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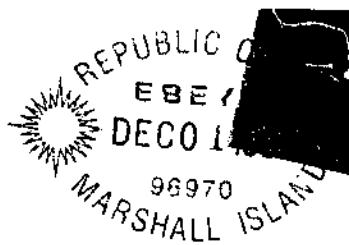
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EBEYE, MARSHALL ISLANDS MH 96970 - THE OVAL DATESTAMPS -

Bernd Neuhaus.

This series of datestamps came into use at Ebeeye on 12 June, 1984. A careful study of examples seen suggests that six different datestamps were used, of which one was used only at the Philatelic Bureau in Washington. (later New York).

TYPE A: (illustration 7/1) This datestamp has the dateline slightly tilted to be higher on the left. The 'D' of 'ISLANDS' is complete. Examples have been seen dated between 12 June, 1984 and 24 August, 1989. During 1984 it was seen ONLY on Philatelic covers.



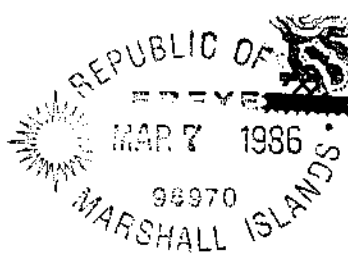
Type A - (7/1)

TYPE B: (illustration 7/2) This datestamp has the dateline tilted to be higher on the right. The top of the 'D' of 'ISLANDS' is damaged. Examples have been seen dated between 12 May 1986 and 1 February 1991. All examples seen are philatelic.



Type B - (7/2)

TYPE C: (illustration 7/3) This datestamp has the dateline set high and not tilted. The second 'L' of 'MARSHALL' has a short foot. This datestamp was used only at the Philatelic Bureau in Washington (later New York). It was available by request and usually only on FDC's - though one non-FDC is known. This was dated June 11 1984 on a printed envelope headed UNITED NATIONS/ FIRST TERRITORIES/IN THE PACIFIC and with a map of the Trust Territory. Examples have been seen dated between June 11 1984 and 31 March 1989.



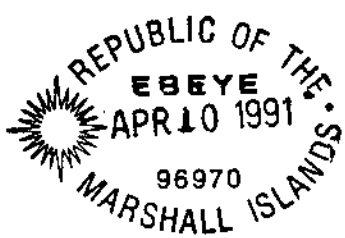
Type C - (7/3)

TYPE D: (illustration 7/4) This datestamp has the dateline set high and clearly tilted to be higher on the right. It appears that the dateline was jammed for the only sighting of this datestamp was on a batch of covers containing Christmas cards from Howard Lee and posted in early December 1991 but with the date shown as April 10 1991.

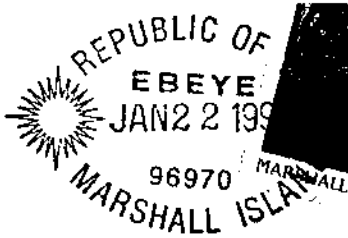
TYPE E: (illustration 7/5) This datestamp is apparently identical to Type D. Examples have been seen dated on Jan 22 1990 and Dec. 5 1991. Both examples, though philatelic, are believed to have been posted commercially.

TYPE F: (illustration 7/6) This datestamp is similar to Type B but the 'D' of 'ISLANDS' is undamaged. Only one date has been seen - April 16 1993. This was long after the oval datestamps had been replaced by the large circular 'star' datestamps. The cover is philatelic.

Comments on the above and/or extensions to dates of use would be most welcome - to Eric Baxendale please.



Type D - (7/6)



Type E - (7/5)



Type F - (7/6)

PAGO PAGO AMERICAN SAMOA: The 10 Dec 1994 auction of Rodney A. Ferry, Melbourne, Australia included an early Pago Pago cover described as "1902 (Mar) 'U.S. Naval Station/Samoa' envelope to Auckland bearing US 5c tied by PAGO/PAGO cds" The illustration however appears to show Murphy 1-1 - the word 'SAMOA' can clearly be seen at the bottom of the cds. Estimate \$A200 - \$A250.

FEFAN TRUK FM 96942: Edition Number 4 of the "Bulletin" contained a cancellation study of this short lived Postal branch. George L. Macnado Jr. reports that he has been told by the Postmaster at Moen, Truk that Fefan was closed because it was little used. Local people regularly visit Moen and preferred to do their postal business at Moen.