

MAJURO, MARSHALL ISLANDS, MH 96960: A new APDS similar to that from Ebeye illustrated as 6/14 in the September, 1994 edition of the "Bulletin" First seen on Aug 30, 1994. Illustration (7/7)



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MIDWAY ISLAND: Robert T. Murphy in his "A Postal History/Cancellation Study of the U.S. Pacific Islands" shows the first Midway cancellation (Murphy Fig. 1.1) as known October 24 1904 to March 31, 1913. The 19-24 October 1994 auction of Richard Wolff's Auctions Inc of San Francisco CA featured a small piece containing part of this cancellation (e.g. without the oval killer bars). The auction catalogue reads "1898 lc Bureau issue tied by rare Midway Island/Jul 6, 1917 R. (Hawaiian) isis cds on small piece, Very Fine & rare cancel". The estimate was \$279 - the piece brought \$264.50 including a 15% fee. Bob Murphy says only 11 covers bearing this cancellation are known. Howard Lee, who drew the item to my attention, points out that this piece was a philatelic usage since the stamp had seen out of use for many years prior to Jul 6 1917. (See illustration 7/8)



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WONE BRANCH, POHNPEI, FM 96941, F.M.S.

In edition No. 4 I illustrated the dat-stamp used at this office. Thanks to George L. Nachado Jr, the "POSTAL BRANCH OPENING DAY" dat-stamp can now be illustrated. This gives the opening day as Oct. 19, 1993. (7/9)



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WENO, CHUK, FM 96942: George L. Nachado Jr. has supplied a clear photocopy of the datestamp (illustration 2/15) which appeared in Bulletin No. 6. (see illustration 7/10). Thanks to George I am also able to show the pictorial datestamp from Weno. (illustration 7/11). This datestamp is on a couple of loose stamps and is dated Mar 11, 1992. So far this is the only reported sighting of this datestamp. The double circle (7/10) has been reported on a number of covers, all commercial, up to and including 21 Oct. 1994. Please note that the correct spelling is WENO - not WENNO as shown in Bulletin No. 6. In Bulletin No. 6 I suggested that Weno was the new name for Woen. There is some evidence for this but one reader has suggested that Weno is in fact an additional Post office. Certainly there is considerable overlap in the use of Woen and Weno datestamp. My last Woen datestamp is for 1 Dec, 1993. I would appreciate the opportunity to record in a future edition of the bulletin (a) any examples of the Woen datestamp during 1994 (b) any use of the Weno pictorial datestamp and (c) any use of the Weno double circle before Jul 12, 1994. Can anyone help?



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COLONIA YAP, FSM, FM 96943: A clear version of the APDS originally illustrated in edition No. 2 of the "Bulletin" (illustration 2/3) is now shown as illustration 7/12.

EBEYE, MARSHALL ISLANDS, MH 96970: Bernd Neuhaus gives an earlier date of use for the new Ebeye APDS illustrated in the September, 1994 edition of the "Bulletin" as 6/14. e.g. July 25, 1994.

SAIPAN: is reported to have suffered two severe hurricanes at the end of October, 1994 (Radio Station WWCR Nashville)

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Murphy Type 2.1. An earliest date seen. At this period, mail appeared to have been carried by Pan American by courtesy to Honolulu, where it entered the mails. 20¢ was the airmail rate by air from Hawaii to the USA. This was an unpublished rate.

Howard Lee, P.O. Box 1705, Plains PA 18705, USA a dealer who specialises in the U.S. Pacific Is. sends the above item. Robert T. Murphy in his addendum No. 1 to "A Postal History/Cancellation Study of the U.S. Pacific Islands" shows the cancel as known from October 31 1938 to November 15 1940. The cover illustrated is reduced by around 20% to fit the page.

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