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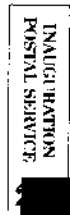
ULITHI POST OFFICE, YAP FM 96943

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OPENING DAY ULITHI RURAL POST
OFFICE, FALALOP ISLAND, YAP FM

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(Illustration 8/1)

Ulithi Post Office is situated on Falalop Island, one of the Ulithi Islands, around 100 miles North East of Colonia, the administrative centre of Yap State. The 1970 census showed the population of the Ulithi Islands to be 1684 of whom 425 lived on Falalop Island. 1995 populations are unlikely to be higher due to the movement of populations to the administrative centres. Ulithi Post Office opened for business on March 23, 1988 with two clerks, Modesta Tauwl and Albertha Dipwek. Illustration 8/1 shows a day of opening cover prepared by Honolulu dealer George L. Machado Jr. The stamp is cancelled by an "Official Opening Day" datestamp. George was only able to obtain 14 of these covers. Subsequently mail was cancelled using Illustration 8/2. This is almost certainly the datestamp shown at 8/1 but with the "Official Opening Day" inscription removed. Examples of 8/2 almost always show two lines above the "AR" of Caroline which appear to be the base of the letters 'G' of Opening and 'D' of Day. It is assumed that 8/2 was in use from March 24, 1988 but the first reported sighting is Aug 24, 1988. Reports of earlier sightings would be appreciated. Ulithi Post Office closed on January 29, 1991 following a burglary which left the office unuseable (@). The office re-opened on February 12, 1993 with new postal clerks, Juanita Yatchdar and Ayrilla (Sera) Inlsemal. (@). A new datestamp, Illustration 8/3, appears to have been supplied to the re-opened office. This was first seen on Sep 22, 1994 on a George L. Machado Jr. cover marking the 50th Anniversary of the Occupation of Ulithi Atoll by U.S. Forces. Reports of earlier sightings of 8/3 would be appreciated. Illustration 8/2 was seen used on Feb 25, 1992. It is assumed this was applied by favour at Yap Post Office.



(Illustration 8/2)



(Illustration 8/3)

References: (@) Letter from Carmen M. Tun, Postmaster Yap to George L. Machado Jr. dated Sept 16, 1994. By thanks to George L. Machado Jr. and George M. Baka for their help in preparing the above.