

EBEYE - MARSHALL ISLANDS 96970 - Updating Murphy

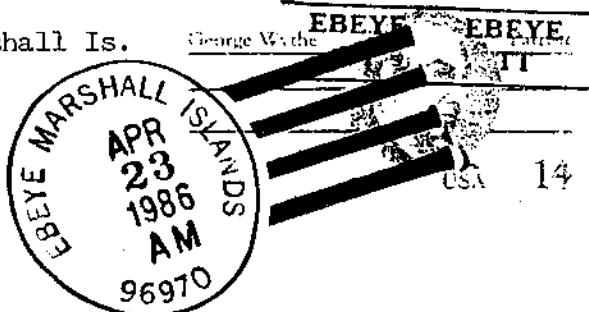
The purpose of this article is to record the last known dates of use of datestamps recorded by R.T. Murphy in "A Postal History/Cancellation Study of the U.S. Pacific Islands" and in his Addenda No. 1. The Marshall Islands Postal Service was established on May 2 1984 and new datestamps were available from that date at Majuro. However Ebeeye did not receive the new datestamps until June 12, 1984. The Oval datestamp used to cancel stamps was damaged in December, 1984 and the USPO datestamps were brought back into operational use. The full story of this interesting period in the Postal History of the Marshall Islands can be found in "The Handstamps and Issue Dates of the Marshall Is. Postal Service" published by George L. Machado Jr. in May 1986.

the relationship of the letters in the word "ISLAND" to the 4 bars remains constant suggesting that there is only one such device. Illustrated below is a card signed by the Postmaster Ebeeye showing the datestamps available on April 23, 1986. Illustration Numbers appear below datestamps.
 Murphy Figure 2.7: (Appears in Addenda) (Illustration 8/5) Jan 27 1983 to May 6 1992
 Murphy Figure 2.4: (BUT with 'USPO' removed.) (Illustration 8/6)
 Known May 1 1984 to June 17 1989.

NOTE: Illustration 8/7 is one of the datestamps provided by the Marshall Islands Postal Service to replace the old USPO datestamps. An article on these devices is planned.
 Also shown below is another card supplied by George L. Machado Jr. showing datestamps held at Ebeeye Post Office on Mar. 4 1987. Illustrations 8/4 and 8/5 still bear the Apr 23, 1986 date shown on the earlier card suggesting they had not been used since that date. Illustration 8/6 however is dated Jun 12 1984 suggesting that there are perhaps 2 identical versions of this datestamp.
 My thanks to George L. Machado Jr. and Bernd Neuhaus for their help in the preparation of this article.

Murphy Figure 1.6: (appears in Addenda) (Illustration 8/4). George L. Machado Jr. records that the 4 bar datestamp was "permanently withdrawn" at Ebeeye on April 23, 1986. This was certainly the last date of operational use but it was applied on request to philatelic covers until at least August 31, 1988. This datestamp appears to be made of very soft rubber and impressions can vary depending on the force used and the angle of application. However

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(Illustration 8/4)

LAST DAY USE OF THE KILLER BAR
 APRIL 23, 1986

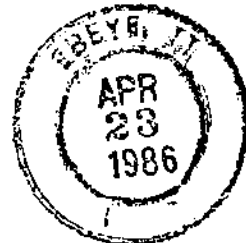
POSTMARKS currently is USE BY THE EBEYE POST OFFICE



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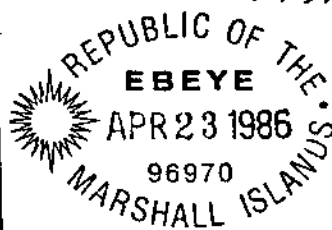
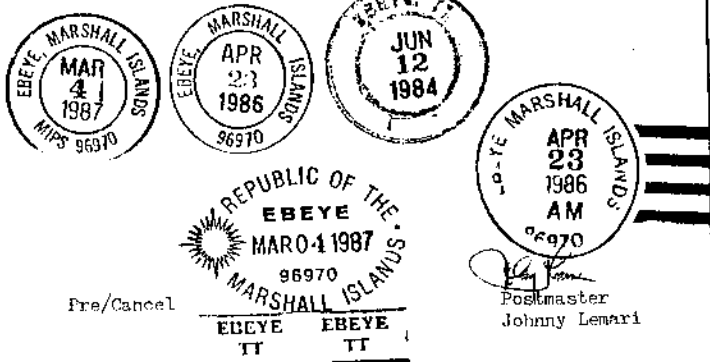


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Postmarks of the Ebeeye Post Office



← Illustration 8/8
 (66% of true size)

Johnny Lemari
 Postmaster
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 4/23/86