

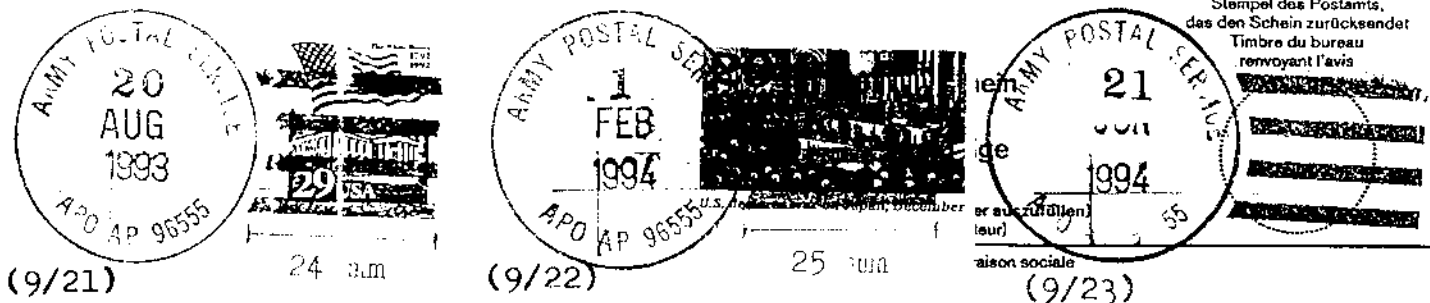
KWAJALEIN APO AP 96555 - THE CURRENT FOUR BAR DATESTAMPS - Bernd Neuhaus

There appear to be three very slightly different 4 Bar datestamps currently in use at Kwajalein. These can be differentiated as shown in the chart below:-

Illustration Number	Dates Seen	Apex of 'A' of APO in relation to the continuation of a line drawn along the base of the year slug.	Length of the Bottom Bar of the 4 bars.
9/21	20 Aug 93(P)	2 mm Below	24 mm
9/22	14 Dec 93(P) 1 Feb 94 (P) ***	1 mm Below	25mm
9/23	21 Jun 94(C) 9 SEP 94 (C) 24 Aug 94(P)	Touches - 3 mm between month and year	25mm

- * -- 'C' - Commercial Covers.
- 'P' - Philatelic Covers
- *** -- George L. Machado cover commemorating the invasion of Kwajalein Atoll on Feb. 1 1944

It should be noted that while these differences appear to be constant the devices are made of rubber or a similar compound and the differences may be due to changes in the shape of the devices caused by wear.



GUAM GUAN, GU 96914: This Post Office closed during October, 1994 and was still closed on 17th April, 1995 according to the "C.S. Supervisor" at Guam Main Post Office.

REPUBLIC OF PALAU:

The Republic is actively planning to re-locate the capital from Koror to a new site in Melekeok state. Melekeok state is about half way along the eastern side of Babeldaob, the large and comparatively undeveloped island to the north of Koror. (President Nakamura's State of the Republic Address to the nation on April 13, 1995) Could this be the site of a second Post Office in Palau?

CLIFFERTON ISLAND STAMP CENTENARY is the title of an article by O.W. Newport appearing in the June 1995 edition of Gibbons Stamp Monthly. The article gives a description of the islands history e.g. Claimed by U.S. under the Guano Act of 1856, French sovereignty accepted, U.S. Airbase during WW II with military Post Office using Navy 950 datestamp, and includes illustrations of covers from the island including U.S. Ships, French Ships, the U.S. WW II Base and commercial and scientific organisations occupying the island from time to time.

TINIAN, MP 96952 (SAN JOSE BRANCH) NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS: This adds a little more to the reference to this office published in the last edition of this publication (Edition Number 8). While checking through "The U.S. Pacific Islands Newsletter" published in Hawaii by Michael Nochiizuki in the 1980's I came across a note in the August/September 1984 edition which said that despite the U.S.P.O. Bulletin announcing the opening of a Post Office here on July 1, 1984 it was believed that the office did not open until September 1 1984. Michael and a number of his correspondents had apparently sent covers for post-marking on the opening day and these had been datestamped on September 3 1984. I would appreciate photocopies of any cancellations from Tinian dated before September 1 1984 for illustration in this publication.

Each illustration in this publication is given a unique number. For instance Illustration 9/3 indicates the third illustration in edition No. 9 of the "Bulletin".

The "U.S. PACIFIC ISLANDS BULLETIN" is issued 4 times each year by Eric Baxendale. A contribution of 50p U.K., 1.00 Europe or \$1.00 (70p Sterling) rest of the world is requested to cover printing and postage costs for each issue. (U.S. \$1 or 25 bills or U.K. or US/FSM stamps to 50c please from outside the U.K.)