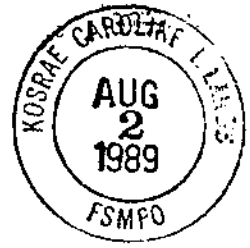
F.S.M. The Four Main P.O.'s (Cont.)

Group 3 Double Circle APDS - New FSMPS type:
Illustration 12/7: May 23 1988 to May 14 1990
(Note : There may be two of these datestamps - On May 23, 1988 the date was misplaced in relation to the lettering)
Group 3 4- Bar - New FSMPS type:
Illustration 12/8: January 1, 1988 to August 16 1988
Group 4 Pictorial type:
Illustration 12/9: May 22 1989 to January 18 1991
Illustration 12/10: February 12 1992 - (Currently in use - appears to be Illustration 12/9 in a damaged state)
Group 5 Revised Double Circle APDS:
Illustration 12/11: May 20 1993 - Currently in use (First reported in "Bulletin" as Illustration. 3/7)

TO BE CONTINUED.....
Please check your collection - additions to, or corrections of, the above would be welcomed.



Illust. 12/7 Illustration 12/8

Illust. 12/9 Illustration 12/10

AMERICAN SAMOA

PAGO PAGO AS 96799: Illustration 12/12 and 12/13 show the 4-Bar and machine datestamps in use on commercial mail at Pago Pago in late 1995 kindly supplied by Mathew Stoll. Illustration 12/12 appears to be the datestamp shown as Illustration 9/3 while Illustration 12/13 appears to be the machine cancellation shown as Illustration 9/7 both in "Bulletin" # 9. This machine cancellation continues to be used without the day or month slugs in place - or at least not registering. Illustration 12/14 shows the meter mark PB 1881513 used by the AMERIKA SAMOA BANK.
Mr. Stoll is resident in American Samoa and has kindly supplied an update on the current postal situation in American Samoa:-
"Not much has changed since Robert T. Murphy published "A Postal History/Cancellation Study of the U.S. Pacific Islands (including the Trust Territory)" in 1983. The **PAGO PAGO** Main Office still operates. Mail from sub-stations is normally postmarked here with the "Pago" postmark regardless of where actually posted. Hand cancelling devices for the sub-stations are probably located here for Leone and Faga'itua."

Illustr. 12/11

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Illustration 12/13 >>>>>>>>>>>>

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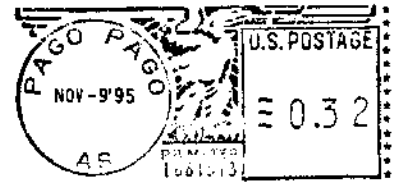

Illustration 12/14

"LEONE DISTRICT POST OFFICE was knocked out by Cyclone Val in December 1991. This Post Office should be re-opening during the first half of 1996. At present, mail is delivered to Post Office boxes, but there is no postal counter for selling stamps or postmarking covers." (This seems to confirm that the datestamps shown as illustrations 10/3 and 10/4 in Edition # 10 of the 'Bulletin' were applied at Pago Pago. [EB])
"FAGA'ITUA DISTRICT POST OFFICE - also knocked out by Cyclone Val in December, 1991. At this point I have not heard of any plans to re-open it."
"SWAINS ISLAND: There are about a dozen residents. Every 3 or 4 months a boat from the American Samoa Government Department of Marine & Wildlife Resources goes out to check on the people. I have tried several times to have mail stamped, but to no avail. All mail is "privately" picked up and delivered. Usually one or two family members join the expedition and hand carry mail, books, magazines and so on. They also hand carry mail coming out of Swains."
I am very grateful to Mr. Stoll for his contribution. He has supplied some further information about the postal situation in the **Manu'a Islands.** This will be incorporated in coverage of this area in the 'Bulletin' later this year. Would readers please check their collection and let me have details of any covers they have in their collections with dates after 1981 or with datestamps which do not appear in Murphy. Many thanks !