

**GUAM**

**AGANA, GUAM:** was the First Day location for the 32¢ stamp issued by the USPS on September 29, 1995 to honour the Republic of Palau. The First Day of Issue postmark is shown here by courtesy of Brad Arch. (See Illustration 13/12). The Zip Code shown - 96921 - is that of the Main Post Office (MPO) at Barrigada. The Zip Code for Agana is 96910.

**GUAM - PAQUEBOT:** Illustration 13/13 shows a 'Paquebot' marking reported as used in Guam during 1995. (Reported in T.P.O. - The Journal of the T.P.O. & Seapost Society, Autumn, 1995)

**YIGO, GUAM GU. 96929:** Illustration 13/14 shows a U.S. POSTAGE PAID label used at Yigo Guam on August 11, 1995. It seems likely that these labels are replacing the postage meters used on the counters of some U.S. Post Offices. Reports of useage at other offices in our area of interest would be appreciated as would any comment on their use. If Yigo has enough business to support their use I guess they are also in use at the MPO at Barrigada, at Agana and possibly Tamuning. Other offices in our area of interest which might have enough business to support their use are Saipan and APO 96555 at Kwajalein.

**AGANA GUAM:** Illustration 13/15 shows a datestamp (in reduced size) appearing in the price list of the Guam dealer Gregory Todd Hall. The main difference from other Agana Double Circle datestamps lies in the use of the letters USA rather than USPS. It was used, dated July 21, 1994, on a cover commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the liberation of Guam from Japanese occupation. (July 21 1944 was the date U.S. forces landed. The liberation was not completed until August 10, 1944) I enquired of Mr. Hall and the Postmaster at Agana if the postmark was a special commemorative postmark or was it in regular use at Agana. The Postmaster at Guam MPO has written to me as follows: - "The postmark you have is from a private collector.....all of our postmarks have USPS on the bottom"

**U.S. NAVY FPO 96540:** I recently wrote to the Clerk-in-Charge of USPS M.O.U. # 1 at the U.S. Naval Regional Medical Facility, Guam using the Zip Code FPO AP 96540. Zip code 96540 had appeared on two Utility/APDS used as backstamps on undeliverable letters, one addressed to the U.S. Naval Station on Mar 16 1992 (See Illustration 13/16) and the other to the Naval Communications Station on Mar 13 1992. I had assumed FPO AP 96540 to be the correct Military Postal Address for those U.S. Navy Facilities on Guam which had used the Military Zip Code SF 96630 prior to the reorganisation of military Zip codes on 1 July 1991. I was surprised to receive the cover back cancelled with a 4-Bar reading U.S. NAVY/FPO 96540. (See Illustration 13/17). Four U.S. Navy Facilities on Guam are known to have USPO counter facilities provided by the USPS Guam. These are U.S. Naval Station Guam, U.S. Naval Regional Medical Facility Guam (M.O.U. # 1), the Office of the Commander Naval Forces Guam (M.O.U. # 2) and U.S. Naval Communications Guam (M.O.U. # 3). I understand that none of these USPS facilities routinely cancel mail but all will cancel covers on request with their APDS/Utility handstamps. On seeing Illustration 13/16 I had assumed that incoming mail addressed to FPO SF 96630 or FPO AP 96540 was handled by U.S. Navy postal staff at a central point on Guam (Perhaps the Naval Station) and distributed to the addressees through Naval Channels but that outgoing mail was collected by the USPS on Guam and handled through the MPO at Barrigada. The appearance of the U.S. Navy/FPO 96540 4-Bar (Illustration 13/17) cancelling outgoing mail seems to suggest that at least some mail posted at Navy facilities on Guam is handled (and datestamped) by the Military Postal Authorities and is put into the USPS mail stream at Honolulu (The cover bearing Illustration 13/17 also bears a Honolulu machine datestamp for 27 Feb 1995.) Can any reader comment on, correct or add to my assumptions or comment on the postal services at U.S. Navy facilities on Guam. ? The APDS/Utility handstamps in use at the 4 USPS offices located at Naval facilities on Guam at shown here as Illustration 13/18, 13/19, 13/20 and 13/21.

**PAQUEBOT**

Illustration 13/13



Illustration 13/14

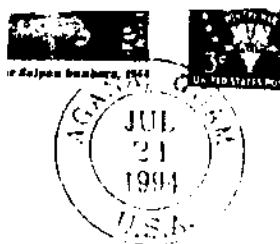


Illustration 13/15



Illustration 13/16

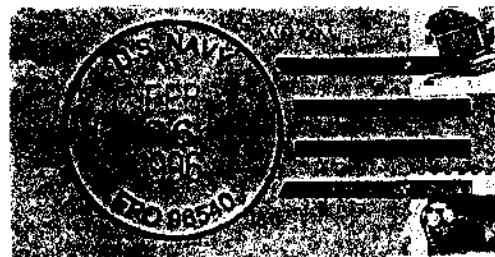


Illustration 13/17



Illustration 13/18

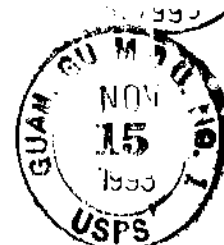


Illustration 13/19



Illustration 13/20

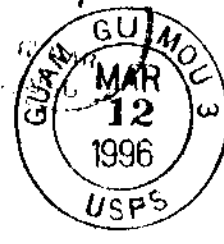


Illustration 13/21

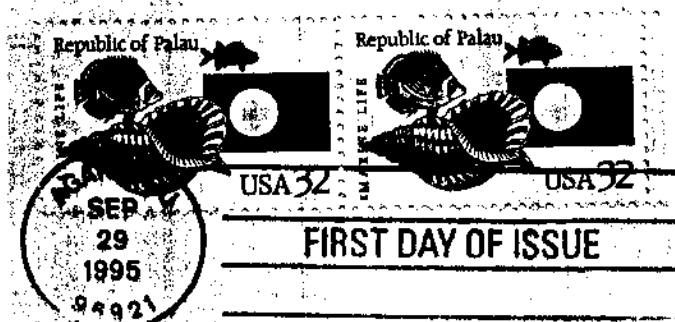


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