

REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

KWAJALEIN & ROI-NAMUR APO's - (AIR MAIL CACHETS): Bernd Neuhas has been studying the "AIR MAIL" cachets used at Roi Namur and Kwajalein APO's. He notes that while the cachet or cachets appearing on mail from Kwajalein measures 40mm in length (See Illustration 13/26) a cachet measuring 37mm (See Illustration 13/27) almost always appears on mail from Roi-Namur. He suggests this can be useful in helping to identify the origin of covers from Kwajalein and Roi-Namur with unclear datestamps. This is especially useful in the case of Roi-Namur which has from time to time used datestamps showing the Kwajalein APO code. However he notes that Air Mail cachets measuring 40mm have, very infrequently, appeared on mail known to have originated at Roi-Namur. These may be applied in transit at Kwajalein or Roi-Namur may hold two Air Mail cachets - one measuring 37mm and one 40mm. { My Kwajalein and Roi-Namur collection includes a number of covers bearing the AIR MAIL cachets applied in red. All covers in my collection known to have originated in Roi-Namur and bearing an AIR MAIL cachet have the 37mm cachet. The first Roi-Namur cover bearing this cachet is dated October 30 1990. No Roi-Namur covers prior to this date have the AIR MAIL cachet applied. Most covers in my Kwajalein collection dated on and after 31 Dec 1991 bear AIR MAIL cachets and all these measure 40mm. Only two earlier Kwajalein covers in my collection bear AIR MAIL cachets. A commercial postcard dated Mar 23 1982 showing a photograph of Bucholz Airfield Air Terminal Kwajalein bears a 39mm AIR MAIL cachet while a Registered commercial cover dated Jun 8 1983 bears a 40mm AIR MAIL cachet. } Comments from readers would be appreciated.

Illustration 13/26
 Kwajalein APO

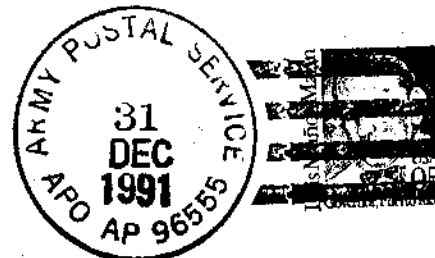


Illustration 13/27
 Roi-Namur APO



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BIKINI & ENEWETAK AIR SERVICES: Commenting on the item which appeared on Page 4 of "Bulletin" # 12 Michael A. White writes: "The fact that there may be scientists at Kwajalein wouldn't be the only (or even the most likely) reason for Air Marshall Islands to stop there on the way to Bikini and Enewetak; the Kwajalein Airport also serves Ebeye, the Marshalls' second-largest population center, and the home of a good number of Bikini and Enewetak people. Also, the Majuro-Kwajalein traffic helps fill the flights, which is another reason why most of the flights to the "outer islands" stop at both places." I am grateful to Michael for his clarification.

AMERICAN SAMOA

The April, 1996 edition of "Pacifica" the journal of the Pacific Islands Study Circle of Great Britain contains an item titled "American Samoa - Censorship in advance of Declaration of War?". The subject is a cover from Tutuila Sta. addressed to Milwaukee, cancelled by Murphy Fig 1.1 dated September 8, 1941 and with a "Passed By Naval Censor" handstamp applied in blue. This handstamp is of a type different to any illustrated by Burge in his book "The Postal History of the Samoan Islands - Part II 1914-1989". The Editor of "Pacifica" asks if anyone can explain why this cover has been censored - some months prior to Pearl Harbor. Any suggestions?



Your letters are welcome. News about the islands, corrections and additions to anything appearing in the "Bulletin", copies of interesting covers from your collection etc. --- all are welcome for publication in the "Bulletin"

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