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FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

The Postal Datestamps of the Four Main Post Offices (Continued from Bulletin # 13)

TRUK (CHUUK)

Bridging the Gap - Murphy to July 11, 1984

Murphy 1.7 [Roller D.S.] - Extend to July 11, 1984*

[*Reported in U.S. Pacific Islands Newsletter Aug/Sept 1984]

Illustration 14/1 - May 29, 1984 (Note Cardline spelling error)

Murphy 2.4 - Extend to May 29, 1984

Murphy 2.8 - Extend to May 29, 1984



Illustration 14/1

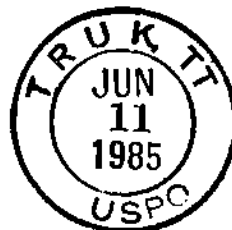


Illustration 14/2

Independence - July 12, 1984 to Date

Group 1 - Double Circle APDS - Old USPO Type

Illustration 14/2 - December 3, 1984 to July 11, 1985

[Appears to be Murphy 2.4]

Group 1 - 4-Bar Datestamps - Old USPO Type

Illustration 14/3 - September 1, 1984 to November 21, 1985

[Appears to be Illustration 14/1 held together with elastic bands.

The location of the elastic bands varies from impression to impression]

Group 2 'French' Type Datestamp

Illustration 14/4* - May 1, 1986 to August 8, 1987

(Also seen May 1, 1986 with top dateline inverted - See *Illustration 14/4a)

Group 3 - Double Circle APDS - New FSMPO Type

Illustration 14/5* - March 8, 1988 to April 27, 1992

[Almost all examples of this datestamp have the date in a different position in relation to the lettering. Early examples show most displacement. Two examples are shown here as *Illustrations 14/5 & 14/5a]

Group 3 - 4-Bar Datestamp - New FSMPO Type

Illustration 14/6 - January 1, 1988 to June 2, 1988

[Also seen used by favour on Nov. 1, 1989]

Group 4 - Pictorial Datestamp

Illustration 14/7 - May 22, 1989 to December 1, 1993

[May 22, 1989 was the Official First Day of Use. Some George L. Machado Jr. First Day of Use covers exist showing 1988 instead of 1989. The datestamp has also been reported used on May 2, 1989]

Group 4 - Revised Pictorial Datestamp - CHUUK

Illustration 14/8 - Seen only on two loose stamps dated March 11, 1992

Group 5 - Revised Double Circle APDS - CHUUK

Illustration 14/9 - Seen July 22, 1993 to [In current use]

Illustration 14/10 - Seen June 11, 1985

[Appears to be Murphy 2.14 - Seen used on Philatelic cover also bearing Illustrations 14/2 & 14/3, both dated June 11, 1985.]

TO BE CONCLUDED.....

Please check your collection - additions to, or corrections of, the above would be welcomed - or indeed any comments.

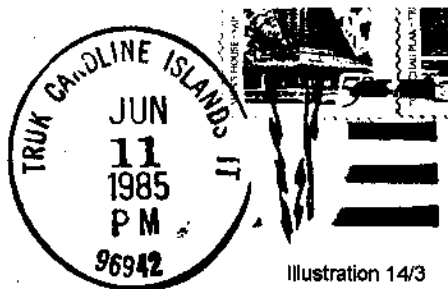


Illustration 14/3



Illustration 14/4

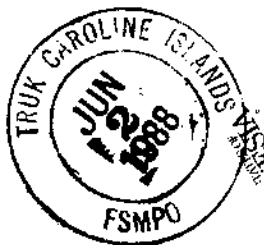


Illustration 14/5



Illustration 14/5a



Illustration 14/4a

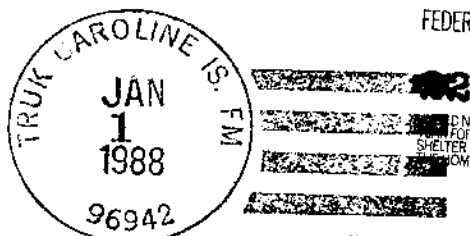


Illustration 14/6



Illustration 14/7



Illustration 14/8



Illustration 14/9

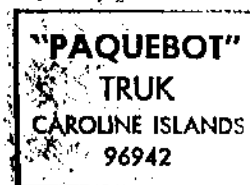


Illustration 14/10