

**REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS (Continued)**

**UNICOVER MAILINGS: George L. Machado Jr.**

George writes "I may as well get my 2c in on UNICOVER mailings and offer my opinion. If you will look and examine all UNICOVER FDC's for the Marshall Islands and Federated States of Micronesia, tilt it and you will notice clamp markings across the stamps which leads me to believe that the stamps are first mounted (pre-arranged spots depending on stamp format-single, blocks, strips) then run through the press where the cachet and cancel are added. You can also detect the markings by running your fingers over the stamps. I also believe that UNICOVER commercial mail is expedited in the same manner. The postal cards would be rather easy since the stamp is already imprinted and should not be a problem to set the machine so that the cancel would be constant".

**UNICOVER DATESTAMPS:** Brad Arch sends two further examples of the Majuro "Unicover" datestamps dated Oct. 14 & Oct 15, 1996. [See **Illustration 16/12 & 16/13**] These appear to be identical to Illustration 15/13. The two datestamps appear on postal cards advertising respectively the Henry Ford stamps & Steam Locomotives stamps and \$5 coin. I do not see details of Marshall Islands stamp issues and am not therefore able to say whether the two stamps printed on these cards are copies of stamps actually issued by the Marshall Islands Postal Service.

**RECEIVED DATESTAMP ?:** **Illustration 16/14** appears on the reverse of a cover from Pohnpei addressed to the Bank of the Marshall Islands in Majuro. The outer ring prints in Red while the inscription and date inside the inner ring are in blue. Is this a postal markings? Steven Zirniski has shown me a number of covers from other countries and addressed to Majuro, including one to the Bank of the Marshall Islands, but none bear this marking.

**MAJURO, MP 96960:** William S. Tuffs reports receipt of a cover from Majuro bearing **Illustration 7/7** with the date completely inverted in relation to the lettering. See **Illustration 16/15**. Bernd Neuhaus reports sight of a similar datestamp with the lettering in two different relationships to the date. **Illustration 16/16** shows the position of the 'H' of Marshall in relation to the date on covers dated Jan 11, 1996, Aug 8, 1996 & Nov 19, 1996 while **Illustration 16/17** shows the position of the 'H' of Marshall in relation to the date on covers seen on Jun 26, 1996 and Sep 10, 1996. How many of this datestamp are there? - or is it just possible that the datestamp can be assembled with the date at any position in relation to the date? This datestamp, in its various forms, has been illustrated in the "Bulletin" as **Illustrations 7/7, 10/12, 12/27 & 12/28**. So far the EBEYE version of this device has shown a constant relationship between the lettering and the date.

**JALUIT, MP 96961:** Bernd Neuhaus has received a cover from Jaluit dated Dec 4, 1996 and cancelled with **Illustration 6/2** [the "Postal Branch Opening Day" datestamp.] This proves conclusively that **Illustrations 6/2 & 6/3** are completely different datestamps. i.e. **Illustration 6/3** is clearly NOT **Illustration 6/2** with the "Postal Branch Opening Day" slogan removed. See **Illustration 16/18**.

**REPUBLIC OF PALAU:**

**NEW DATESTAMP FOR KOROR:** Thanks to William S. Tuffs for a photocopy of a Koror datestamp not previously reported in the Bulletin - See **Illustration 16/20**. The datestamp was used on Nov. 29, 1996.

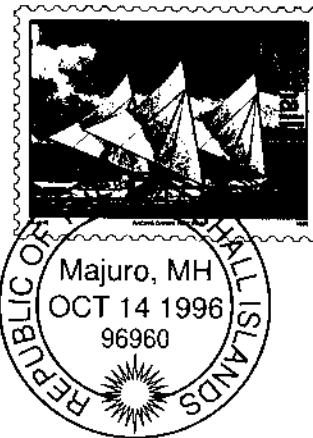
**DEALERS STOCKING MATERIAL FROM OUR AREA OF INTEREST**

This continues the listing started on Page 3 of Bulletin # 15. The introductory paragraph applies. Cy has been a supporter of the "Bulletin" from the first edition.

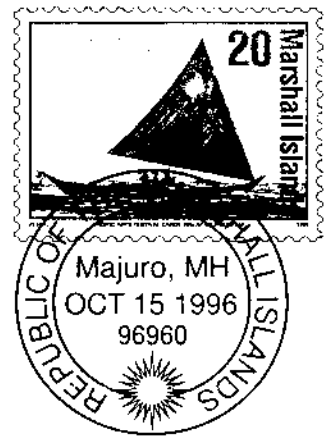
**Cy Kitching**, 39, Marine Road, Penrhyn Bay, Llandudno, Gwynedd, United Kingdom LL30 3NA has been a collector of the U.S. Pacific islands for very many years. He carries stocks of Military material and Pacific islands covers with the emphasis on the U.S. Pacific islands and Pitcairn. He tells me that he is prepared to look out for material for collectors. Let him know your interests.

**MIDWAY ISLAND:** The U.S. Naval Station on Midway Island is in the process of being demolished and will be decommissioned during 1997. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service will subsequently take responsibility for the island. [BBCTV Wildlife programme called "Global Sunrise" transmitted on 1 January, 1997.] Will this mean the end of the Midway Island Post Office?

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**Illustration 16/12**



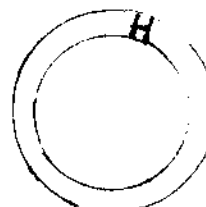
**Illustration 16/13**



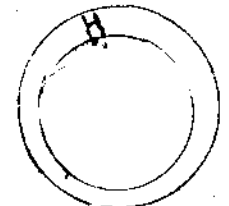
**Illustration 16/14**



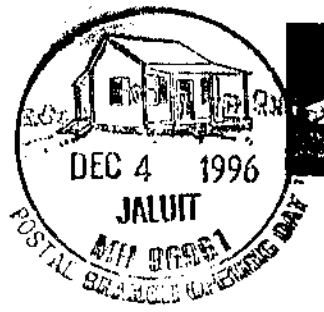
**Illustration 16/15**



**Illustration 16/16**



**Illustration 16/17**



**Illustration 16/18**



**Illustration 16/20**

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