

DELAP STATION MH 96960 [Continued]

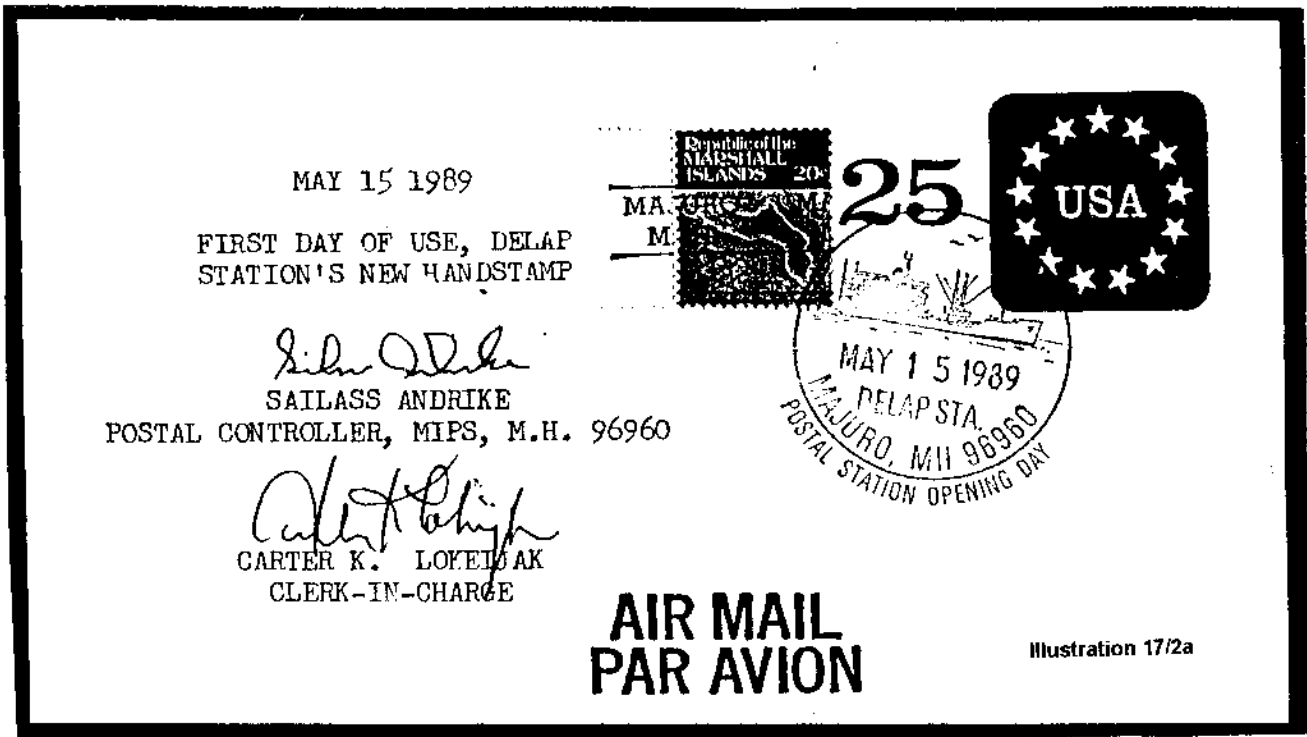


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LIST OF CANCELLATIONS USED AT DELAP STATION:

- Illustration 17/1 - March 14, 1988 to May 14, 1989
- Illustration 17/2 - May 15, 1989 only
- Illustration 17/3 - July 13, 1989 - February 8, 1994 [Presumed in use from May 16, 1989]
- Illustration 17/4 - May 3, 1991 to March 25, 1997 (Presumed in current use)

[Illustration 17/4a clearly shows the four corner 'bars' of this device. These are typical of self inking datestamps - but do not usually appear if the self inking system is working properly. These 'bars' appear on most covers, commercial and philatelic bearing this datestamp in 1996 & early 1997 and suggest that the device is being used as a conventional datestamp because the self inking pad is dry]

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Illustration 17/3

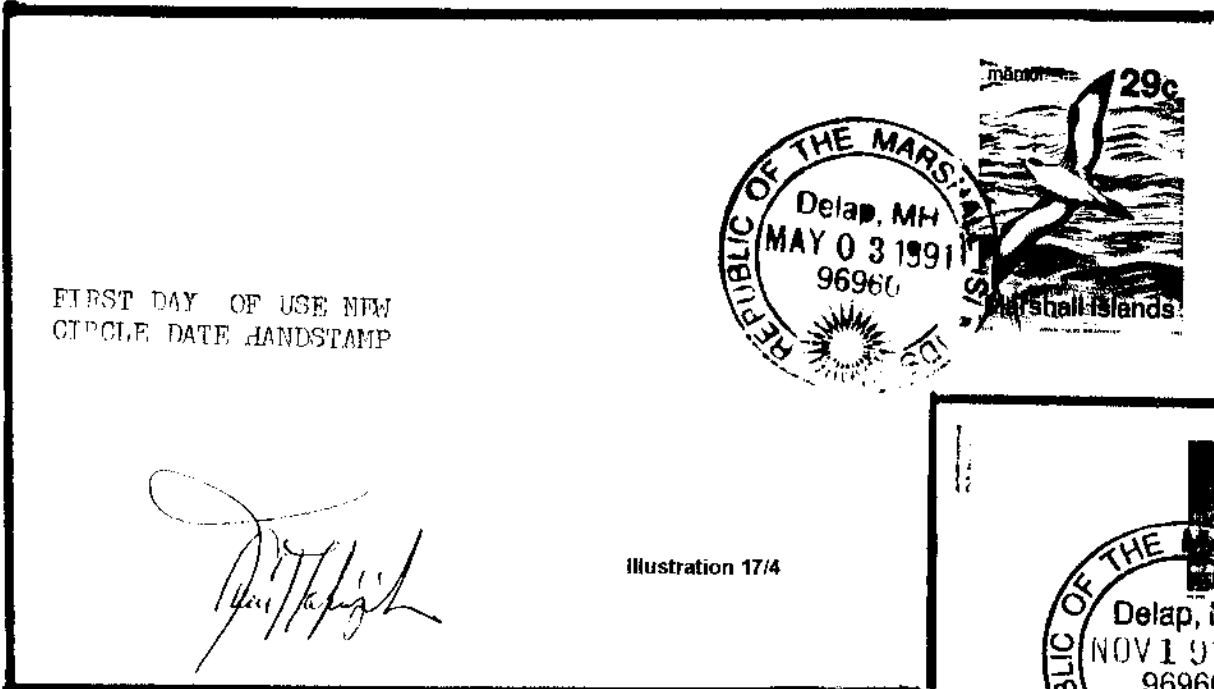


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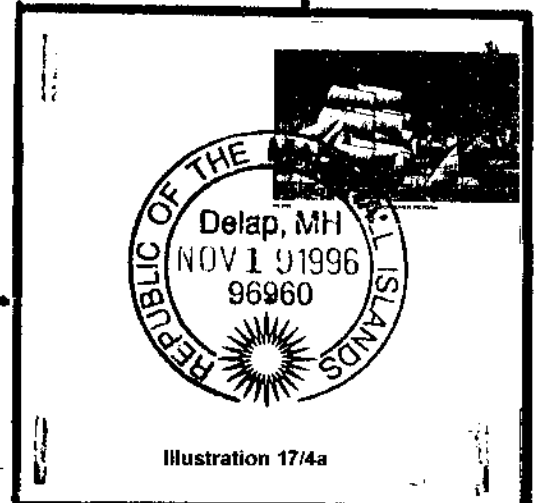


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