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THE POSTAL DATESTAMPS OF THE FOUR MAIN POST OFFICES [AMENDMENTS]:

Honolulu dealer George L. Machado Jr. [P.O. Box 240093, Honolulu HI. 96824-0093] has sent a number of amendments to the series detailing the dates of use of the postal datestamps used in the four main Post offices of the FSM since early 1984 which appeared in the Bulletin Editions # 10, 12,13,14, & 15. The datestamps listed below mostly appear on covers George prepared to commemorate various events.

TRUK [CHUUKI]: Illustration 18/1 shows all the cancellations in use at Truk P.O. on July 11, the last day of useage of U.S. stamps, and signed by Postmaster Mayumi Lamongo.

The following amendments to the Cancellation Study in Bulletin # 14 can be made:-

Extend Illustration 14/1 to Jul 11, 1984,

Extend Murphy 2.9 to Jul 11, 1984.

Extend Murphy 2.13 to Jul 11, 1984

The double circle at the bottom left of Illustration 18/1 causes a problem. Although it is very faint the letters 'USPO' do seem to appear in the lower part of the datestamp. The datestamp appears to be Murphy 2.4 but is different from Illustration 14/2. Illustration 14/2 is 30mm across measured from outer circle to outer circle through the day i.e. '11'. BUT the Murphy 2.4 and the APDS on the Jul 11, 1984 cover only measures 28mm in the same position. Looking back through my files I find I copied Illustration 14/2 [together with Illustration 14/3] from a photocopy of another George L. Machado Jr. cover also signed by Postmaster Mayumi Lamongo. All the examples of this datestamp in my collection are closer in size to Murphy 2.4 rather than to Illustration 14/2 although there are very slight differences in the size of each example I have. However another George L. Machado cover addressed to Poste Restante at Truk P.O also bears a clear impression of the 30mm version of this datestamp dated Dec 6, 1983 used on the reverse of the cover as a receiving datestamp. It is of course possible that that Illustration 14/2 and the Dec 6, 1983 example are a result of the device being applied with some force and thereby spreading. Can anyone help - or comment. For the time being I will amend the postal datestamps article in Bulletin # 14 to read:-

Murphy 2.4 - Known to Jul 11, 1984

Illustration 14/2 - Known only on Jun 11, 1985 & prior to Postal Independence on Dec . 6, 1983 [may be the same device as Murphy 2.4]

Murphy 2.4 - Known [subsequent to postal independence] only on Dec 27, 1984

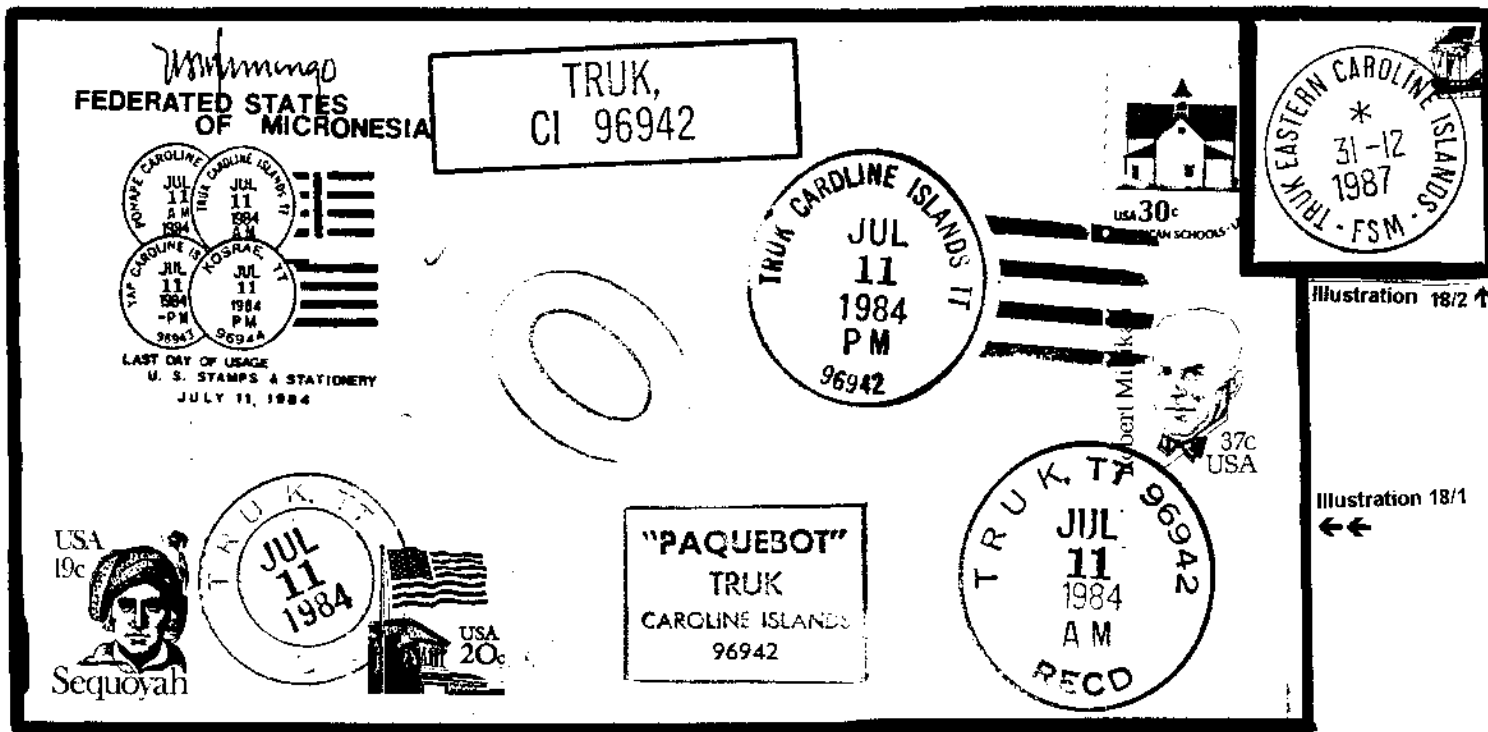
Another of George's covers marks the last day of use of the 4-bar handstamp on April 30, 1986. The cover is datestamped with Illustration 14/3.

Extend Illustration 14/3 to April 30, 1986

George's cover marking the Postal Rate increase on Feb 3, 1991 is datestamped with Illustration 14/6.

Extend Illustration 14/6 to Feb 3, 1991

Extend Illustration 14/4 to Dec 31, 1987. This is illustrated here as Illustration 18/2 because the year slug is different in style to that used in 1986 and may be taken from a 4-bar



YAP:

Illustration 13/2b - extend to Dec 31, 1987 [Appears on a George L. Machado Jr. Cover marking the last day of use of this datstamp]

KOSRAE:

Illustration 12/5 - Extend to Nov 1, 1990 [Seen on a nice multicoloured George L. Machado cover commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the enshrinement of the State Shinto shrine at Koror and bearing an illustration of the commemorative cancellation used by the Japanese P.O. at Kosrae on Nov 1, 1940 (See Illustration 18/3) The Japanese name for Kosrae appears above the date on the original cancellation]

Illustration 12/6 - Extend to Nov 3, 1986

PONAPE:

Illustration 15/1 - Extend to Jan 27, 1988