

**U.S. PACIFIC ISLANDS BULLETIN**

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An occasional bulletin about U.S. Post Offices in the Pacific area (including the successor administrations in the Caroline, Marshall, and Line Islands.)

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WHAT'S NEW ?

Saipan MP: (1/1)

The cancelling machine is back in use after many years. First seen Feb 24 1993 without the year slug. Has anyone an earlier date ? or with year slug ?



(1/1)



Rota MP: (1/2)

A new double circled date stamp first seen Apr. 2 1993. The previous double circle (1/3) is known Jan 1 1988 to Jun 3 1991 - Can you extend ?



(1/2)



(1/3)

Guam MPO: (1/4)

Is this a new machine cancellation from Guam MPO ? The offset on the back of the envelope appears to read GUAM 969 - but on Feb 10 1993 Murphy 1/7 was in use. First recorded by Bob on Apr. 27 1979.



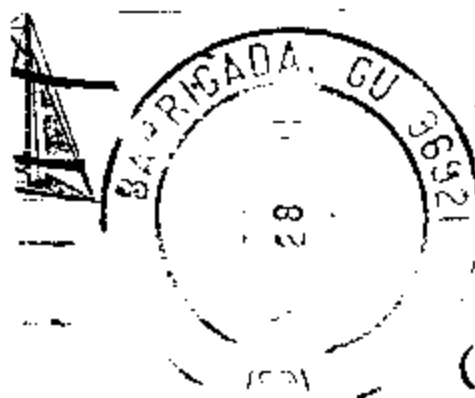
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(Murphy 1/7)

Barrigada GU Re-Born ?

On page 203 of "A Postal History/Cancellation Study of the U.S. Pacific Islands" Bob Murphy records the permanent closure of Barrigada Station on Oct. 6 1978. This was because the Guam Main Post Office had opened within the village limits on April 24 1978. Recently the name Barrigada has made a comeback - apparently as the new name for the Guam Main Post Office. First seen on Mar 28 1991 on a roller cancel (1/6) followed by its use as a return address on a letter from the Postmaster in August 1991 (1/7). Dec 30 1991 saw the use of a double circle (1/8), 27 Feb 1992 as the parent office of Agana Sta. on a double circle (1/9) and Nov 16 1992 as the parent office of Naval Sta. on a double circle (1/10) Anyone seen any more ?



(1/6)



(1/8)



(1/9)



(1/10)

POSTMASTER  
MAIN POST OFFICE (1/7)  
BARRIGADA, GU 96921-9998

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

In 1983 Bob Murphy published his "Postal History/Cancellation Study of the U.S. Pacific Islands." Shortly afterwards he issued Supplement No. one which took the study forward roughly to postal independence in the Caroline and Marshall Islands. Sadly Bob died on the 19th December 1992. Michael Mochizuki continued recording the area with his "U.S. Pacific Islands Newsletter" until January, 1985. Since then no publication has, to my knowledge, attempted to systematically record what is happening postally in the former U.S. Pacific Islands Trust Territory, Guam, American Samoa and (excluding Hawaii) the other U.S. administered Pacific Islands.

This is the role this publication is intended to fill. But it can only do so if other collectors of the area are prepared to contribute information, ideas, short items. In other words to make it a forum to exchange information as well as a journal of record.

I aim to record new postal markings and information about current Post Office activity in the area.

I aim, over a period, to record the postal markings which have appeared since Bob Murphys cancellation study was published.

I aim to record first and last known dates of use of postal markings, including updates on previously published information.

I aim to record the existence of any articles published about the area.

I aim to give each postal marking illustrated a unique identity number. e.g. 1/3 is the third illustration in Bulletin No. 1 while 2/1 is the first illustration in Bulletin No. 2 and so on.

I aim to issue a "Bulletin" 3 to 4 times a year. This first edition is distributed to a small number of people I believe to be active collectors of the area. If you feel it to be a worthwhile venture please photocopy it to your correspondents who collect the area. If enough interest is shown and the Bulletin becomes established I will introduce a subscription system but for the moment as I feel my way I would ask anyone interested to request each edition separately.

NOW IT'S UP TO YOU !

IS ANYONE OUT THERE INTERESTED ?

IS ANYONE OUT THERE WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE INFORMATION ?

IS ANYONE OUT THERE WILLING TO PAY 50p/\$US1 FOR A COUPLE OF SHEETS OF PAPER. This barely covers my costs. I am happy to give my time - but photocopying and postage costs must be covered.

U.S. MILITARY POSTAL ADDRESSES

On 15th July, 1991 the U.S. Military Postal System introduced new Zip Codes for U.S. Military personnel at overseas locations. The old FPO San Francisco type of address is gone, replaced by a two letter designator and a (mostly) new Zip Code. AP indicates the Pacific area so, for instance, the address of the military base on Roi Namur island in the Marshalls is "AP 96557". Below I list the U.S. Military Bases in our area of interest together with what I believe to be their new Zip Code. Can anyone add to or correct any of this information.

BASE	OLD ZIP	NEW ZIP	SOURCE
Midway	96614	AP 96516	Postmark
Johnston	96305	AP 96558	Postmark
Wake	96501	?	Is Wake still a military base ?
Kwajalein	96555	AP 96555	Postmark
Roi Namur	96555	AP 96557	Postmark
Andersen AFB GU	96334	AP 96542	Redirection stamp
Naval Station GU	96630	AP 96540	Datestamp on redirected letter
Naval Air Sta GU	96637	?	
Naval Magazine GU	96630	?	Is this office still open ?
Naval Hospital GU	96630	AP 96540	Guess ?
Comnavmarianas GU	96630	AP 96540	Guess ?
Naval Communications GU	96630	AP 96540	Smudged datestamp-redirected letter