



JALUIT MH 96961 (Continued)

Illustration 6/3: Believed to be 6/2 with the legend "POSTAL BRANCH OPENING DAY" removed. What appears to be the remains of the 'B' of BRANCH remains below the 'M' of 'MH'.  
Seen Nov 16, 1989 to Nov 26, 1991

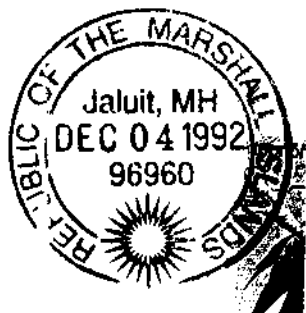
Illustration 6/4: Seen only in Red. It is believed that this datestamp is self inking and since it is sometimes seen in black and sometimes in red this suggests that two datestamps exist. The only difference noted between the two datestamps is in the distance between the date and the Zip Code.  
Illustration 6/4 is applied in RED. Seen Dec 2 1991 to Dec 4 1992.

Illustration 6/5: As above but applied in black. Seen Jul 15 1991.

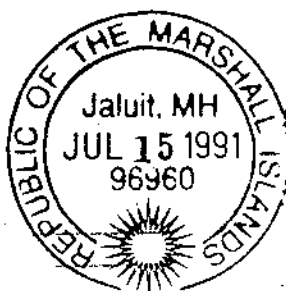
Illustration 6/6: This appeared on First Day Covers of the Germany United stamp issued by Unicover in Cheyenne, U.S.A. It is not known if the datestamp was actually used at Jaluit.  
Seen only Oct 3 1990.



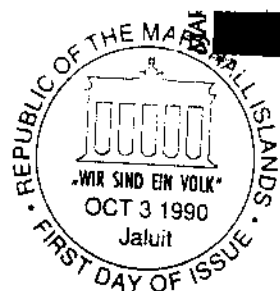
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I understand that Jaluit Post Office was severely damaged in a storm and is at present closed. I do not know the date of closure. This brief survey of the postal markings used at Jaluit Post Office leaves a number of un-answered questions. Can any reader add anything to the above..?

Was the "POSTAL BRANCH OPENING DAY" datestamp used on any date other than April 27 1989 ?

Are illustration 6/2 and 6/3 the same device but with the Opening Day legend removed ?

Are illustrations 6/4 and 6/5 of different datestamps ?

Are illustrations 6/4 and 6/5 self inking datestamps ?

Are both illustrations 6/4 and 6/5 held at Jaluit - or is one retained at Majuro ?

Was illustration 6/6 (or a similar cancellation) used at Jaluit ?

When did Jaluit Post Office close ?

I have been unable to trace much material from this office - I would appreciate hearing about the dates and colours of cancellations in readers collections. A follow up article will appear based on YOUR comments.

(I acknowledge the considerable assistance of Bernd Neuhaus in the preparation of this article)

U.S. POSTAL RATES (and with them FSM, Palau & Marshalls) are set to increase in January 1995 - or so I hear. When the new rates are published I would very much appreciate hearing what the new basic airmail rate to Europe is to be (currently 50c) and will circulate the information immediately to readers in Europe.

KOSRAE TT 96944

On March 15, 1977 Kusaie was made a separate district of the Caroline Islands - at that time part of the United States Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. At the same time the island name was changed back to the native spelling of KOSRAE.

A four bar datestamp reading "KOSRAE, TT/96944" was first seen used on August 6 1977 (Murphy 1.4) (A Postal History/Cancellation Study of the U.S. Pacific Islands by Robert T. Murphy). In Addendum No. 1 to this publication Bob Murphy records a similar datestamp (Murphy 1.5) It had been assumed that one or both of these datestamps (Amended by the removal of "TT" in 1984) had continued in use at Kosrae until the introduction of the new "FM" designated 4 Bar datestamp on January 1 1988. However Joel Fassler has identified a third similar datestamp which appeared in 1984. So far I have identified only 5 sightings of this datestamp April 12 1984 and July 9 1984 (Illustration (6/11)) and with the "TT" removed on Sep 28 1984, Nov. 21 1984 and May 2 1986 (Illustration 6/12)

These three datestamps, Murphy 1.4, Murphy 1.5 and Illustration (6/11) can be differentiated by reference to 4 points.

- A - The distance between the comma following KOSRAE and the bottom of the vertical of the first 'T' of 'TT'.
- B - The length of the top edge of the top bar of the 4 bars
- C - The position of the top bar of the 4 bars in relation to the letters 'TT'.
- D - The distance from the bottom of the vertical of the 'K' of KOSRAE to '11 O'Clock" on the first '9' of 96944.

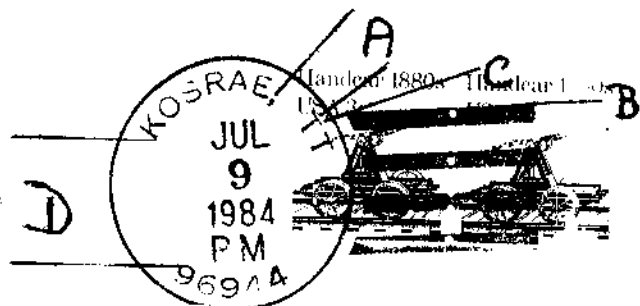
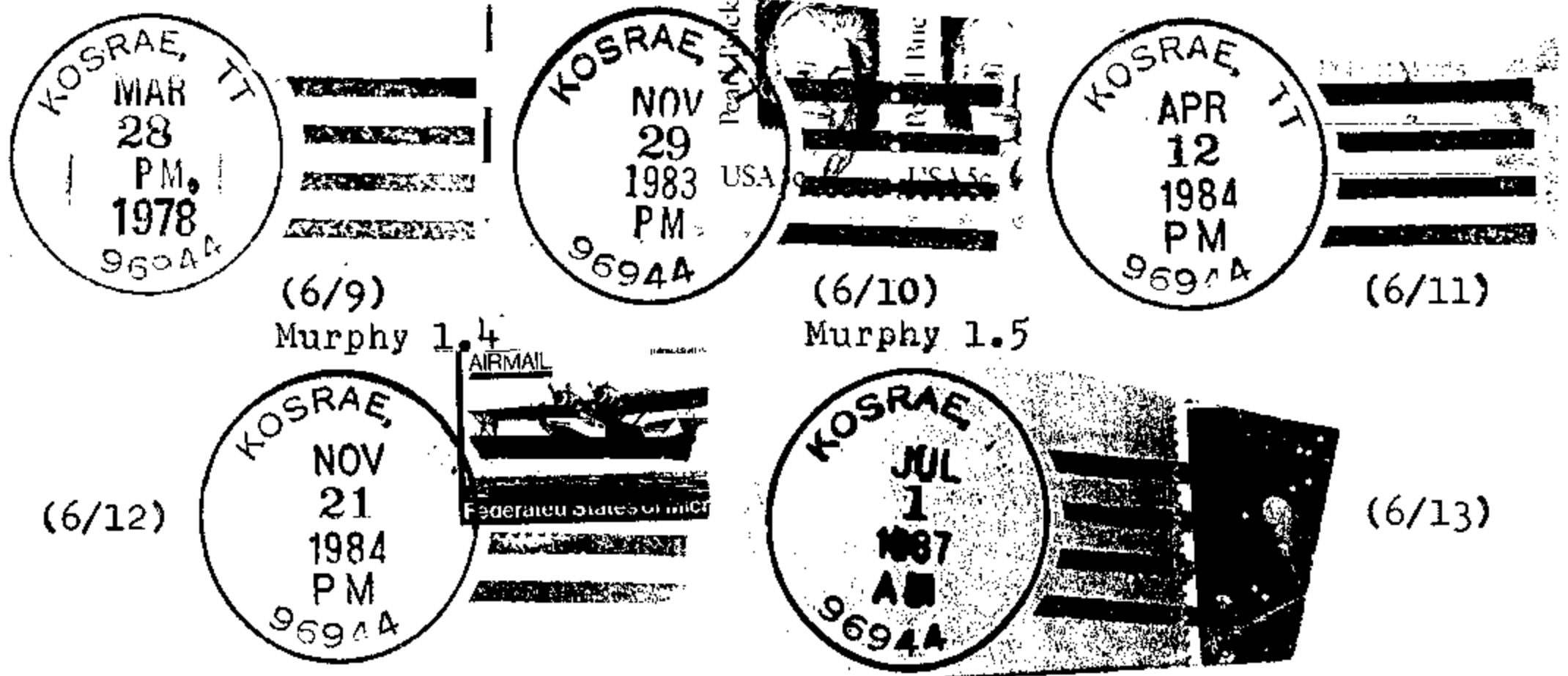


Illustration (6/7)

	A	B	C	D
Murphy 1.4 (6/9) Aug 6 1977 to Jan 24 1984	5mm	22mm	Opposite second 'T'	17 mm
Murphy 1.5 (6/10) Nov 16 1982 to May 2 1986	3½mm	25mm	Opposite second 'T'	15 mm
Murphy 1.5 with "TT" removed Illustration (6/13) Seen Jul 1 1987	-	Not Clear	-	15 mm
Illustration (6/11) April 12 1984 to July 9 1984	5mm	25mm	Opposite first 'T'	17 mm
Illustration (6/12) e.g. (6/11) with "TT" removed Sep 28 1984 to May 2 1986	-	25mm	-	17 mm

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The identification of (6/13) as Murphy 1.5 without the 'TT' and (6/12) as (6/11) without the 'TT' was made using the measurement described and by placing one in front of the other in front of a strong light source. If there are other views on the identification of these datestamps I would be glad to print them. If any readers have material in their collections which can add to the above by for instance pinpointing the date when the 'TT' was removed from these datestamps I would appreciate photocopies and comments.

This item was based on research by Joel Fassler. If any reader has done any research on aspects of the philately of the U.S. Pacific Islands but has not been able to write it up for publication I would be glad to use it in this publication. All contributions whether in the form of items for publication, photocopies of interesting covers or contributions such as Joel Fasslers above are welcome.

EBEYE, MH 96970: A new Utility handstamp seen used on Aug 8 1994. (6/14)

WEENO, CHUUK STATE, FM 96942: A "new" Utility handstamp seen used on a commercial cover dated Jul 22, 1993. The return address is shown as P.O. Box .. Weeno, Chuuk State 96942. Evidently Weeno is the new name for Moen and Chuuk for Truk. Has anyone a better copy for illustration?



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(6/15)

The datestamp appears to read "WEENO CHUUK/FSMPS FM 96942" (6/15)

PALAU - will become independant on October 1 1994 according to a newsbroadcast on Radio Netherlands. Could this be the occasion for extending use of the country name "Belau" to stamps and postmarks? The British Post Office already refers to the country as Belau.

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