

4.2.2 PALM PRODUCTS

The Asian and Pacific Coconut Community urges us to ...

East Coconut  
Drink Coconut  
Use Coconut



Little of the coconut is wasted.

Coconut cake or *poonac*  
(after the oil is extracted)  
is excellent cattle feed.

The husks are retted and woven into ropes and mats.



collecting latex



The empty shells have many uses ...

sake flasks



ground up for a mild  
abrasive to internally  
clean jet engines ...



... or pulverized into a powder and used as an inert filler in plastics.





4.2.2 PALM PRODUCTS

Although the quality of Tongan coconuts, *Best in the Pacific*, is well-known to copra dealers, stamp collectors know Tonga better for its self-adhesive coconut stamps. A brief philatelic study of the three issues: five values in each set, 6 - 10 senti.

Large Coconut

Issued 9-June 1970. Embossed on gilt foil  
White Backing Paper

Issued 30-Sept 1972. Embossed on paper  
Brown Backing Paper

Small Coconut  
29-Sept 1978  
Coil Format



Regular

Official



Regular

Official



Regular



Official



30 cent Air Rate to USA  
23 MR 1973

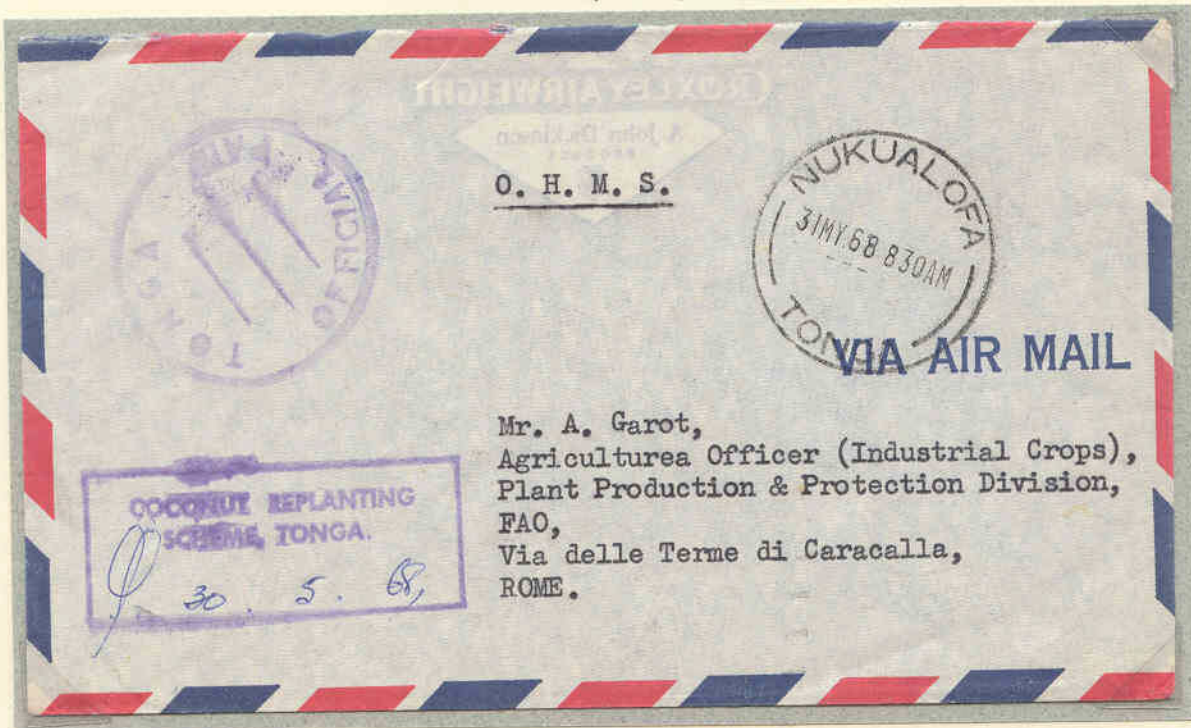




### 4.2.3 PALM RESEARCH

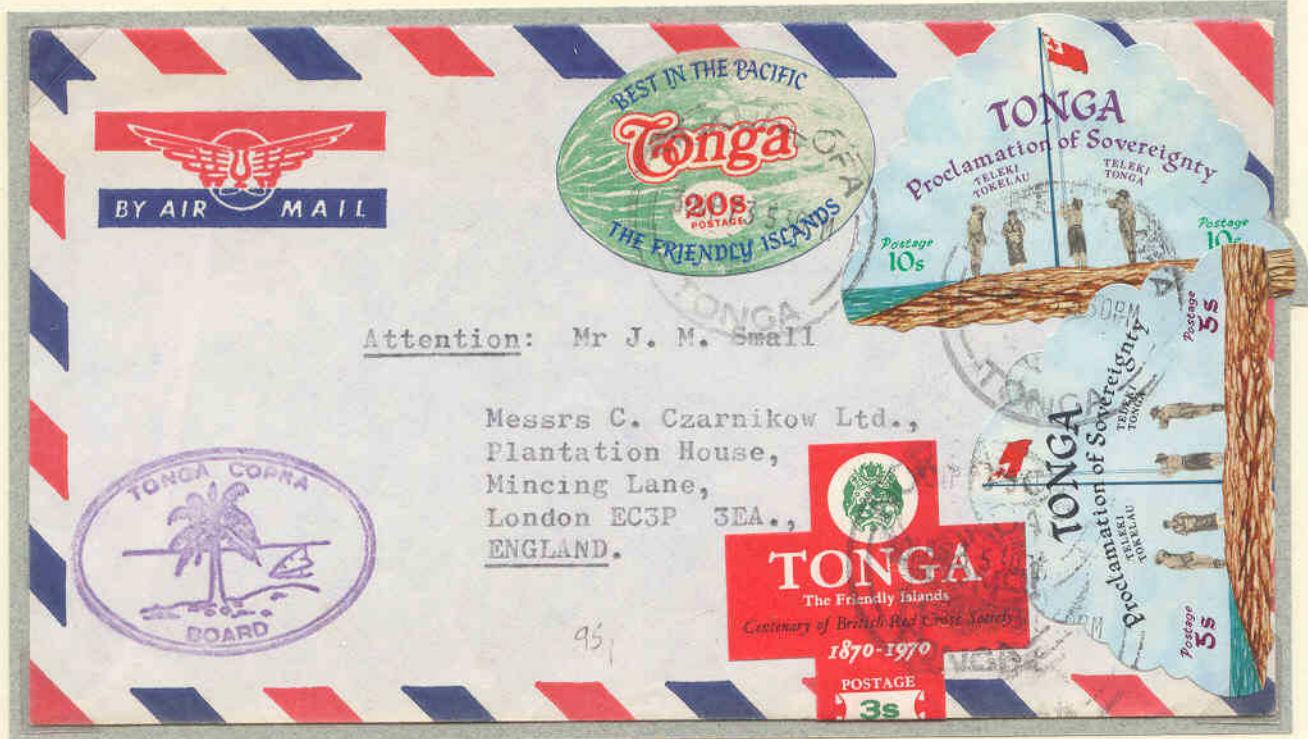
The government of Tonga actively promotes both the growing of coconuts and the marketing of coconuts through ...

... the Coconut Replanting Scheme ...



Note Official Mail Frank in use before the Official coconut self-adhesives (9 Jun 1970).

... and the Tonga Copra Board.



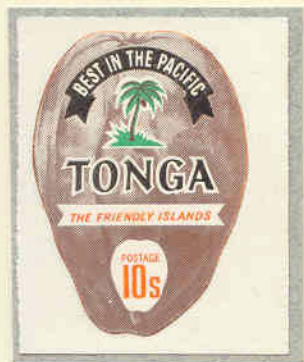
Note use of regular stamps by Official agency in April, 1973.



### 4.2.3 PALM RESEARCH

Coconut palm research centres in the tropics work to improve both the ...

quality and quantity



of the nuts produced by the trees.

The Coconut Research Board of India is a world leader in these efforts.



Several Malaysian institutes are also actively involved in coconut research.

The Palm Oil Research Institute of Malaysia is active in coconuts and oil palms (*Elaeis guineensis*).



The Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MARDI) is headquartered in Kuala Lumpur, the capital.



Applied Research Units that directly assist growers are located in smaller cities like Sungei Buloh.



# 5. DECORATIVE & SYMBOLOGY

## 5.1 DECORATIVE

Two coconut palms grace the coast of arms for the Anglo/French Condominium of New Hebrides



Coconut palms enhance the philatelic portraits of queens, shieks, and kings...



even when the portrait is missing,  
as on this plate proof ...



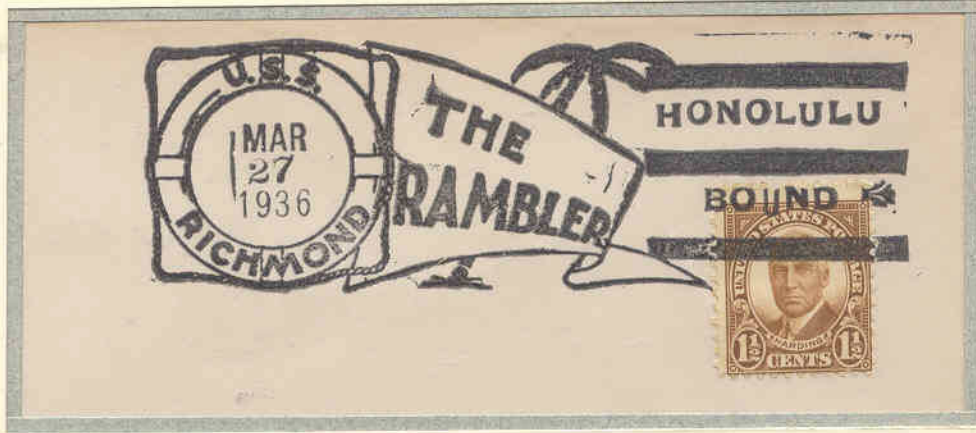
.. or when it is covered  
by an inverted overprint.





5.1 DECORATIVE

The coconut palm was a symbol of wanderlust and adventure for the light cruiser U.S.S. RICHMOND, nicknamed THE RAMBLER.



One of the more unusual uses of the coconut was its use as the symbol for ESMERELDAS '96, the VIII National Games of Ecuador.



The coconut palm has been used to decorate almost anything from ...  
a gravesite ...

... to gasoline pumps in Hawaii ...



... a nightclub in Los Angeles ...

... and a statue of Captain Cook.



## 5.1.1 COCONUT ART

The coconut palm is featured in many paintings of the South Pacific.

Probably the most famous painter of the 'coconut school' is Paul Gauguin.



The coconut is featured in paintings...  
 traditional  
 modern  
 and abstract.



Coconut timber serves as a medium for artisans.

A skilled woodcarver can fashion the tree trunk into statuary to satisfy almost any religious denomination.





## 5.2 AT THE POST OFFICE

From the Caribbean to the Pacific, the coconut shades the post office.



Throughout the tropical world, we find post offices in such 'coconutty' locations as ...

Coconut Island, Hawaii ...



the Cocos Islands ...



... and Coco Beach, Gabon.





## 5.2 AT THE POST OFFICE

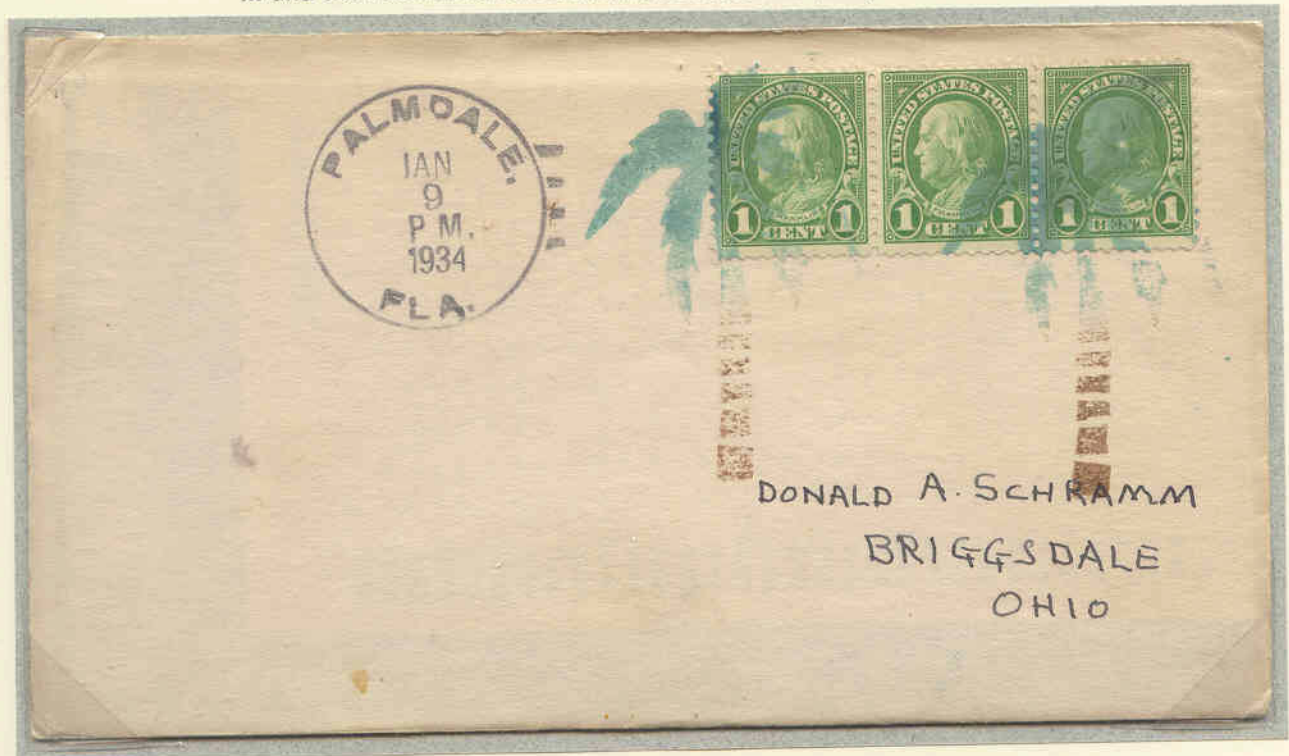
Due to its warm climate, Florida has numerous 'palmy and coconutty' named post offices including ...

COCOANUT GROVE, FLA  
(spelling later changed to COCONUT)

... and one could view both coconuts  
and Sabal palms from PALMVIEW, FLA



... and the Postmaster of PALMDALE, FLA used this fancy cancel in 1934.



5.2 AT THE POST OFFICE

Even a solitary palm tree or coconut can rate a post office name...



... and coconut palms are found on Palm Beaches from Florida to Queensland.



R.P. = Royal Poinciana Hotel

Coconuts were a popular souvenir as evidenced by this parcel post mailing tag.



West Palm Beach, FL to Philadelphia, PA Distance under 1000 miles - Zone 5  
 Mailed between 4/15/25 and 7/1/28 at rate of 10 cents for first ounce and 6 cents for each add'l ounce.

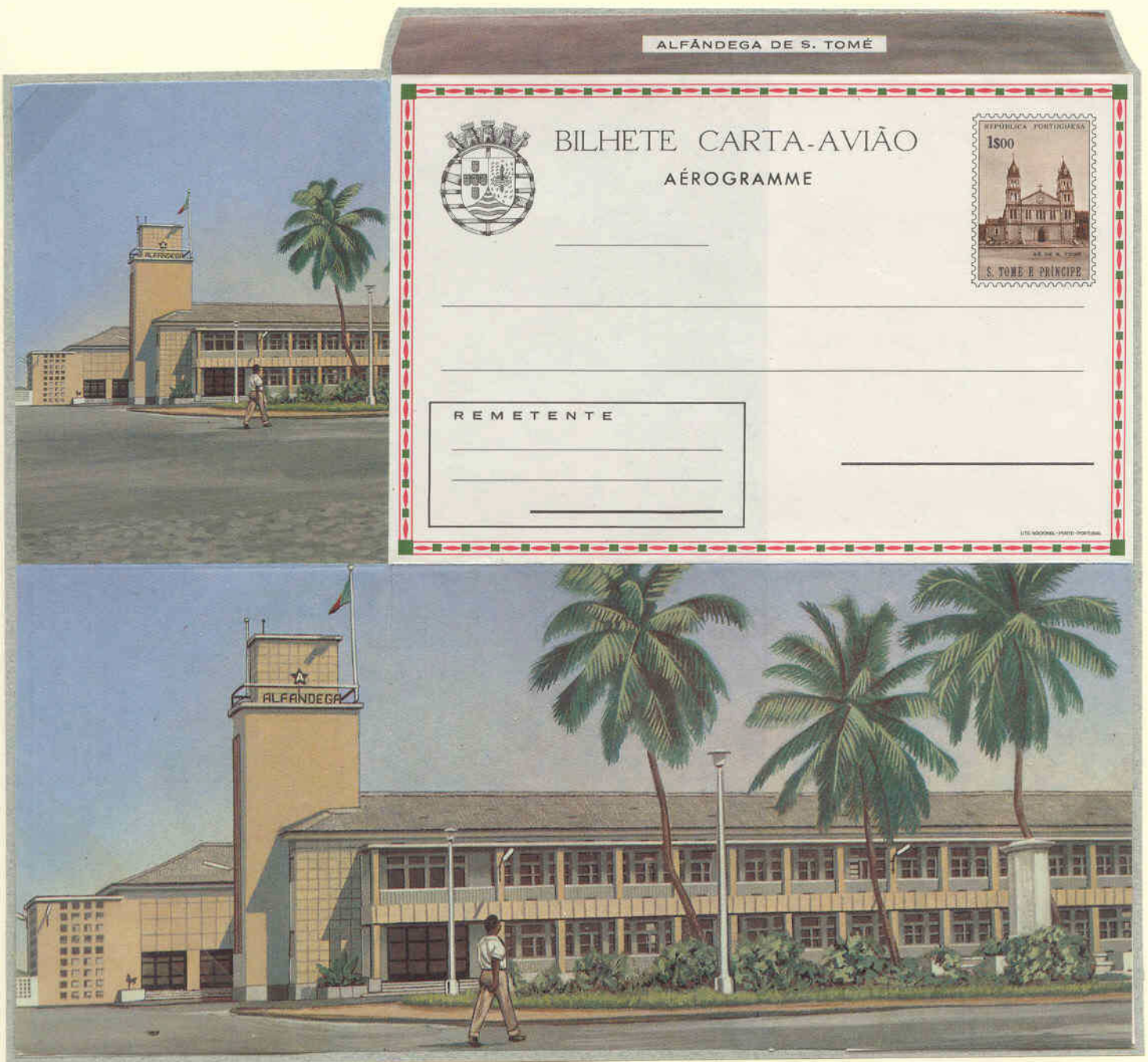


## 5.2 AT THE POST OFFICE & CUSTOM HOUSE

Post offices and custom houses throughout the tropics are shaded by coconut palms.



Just watch for falling coconuts or you may wind up in the next subchapter.





### 5.3. AT THE HOSPITAL AND CLINIC

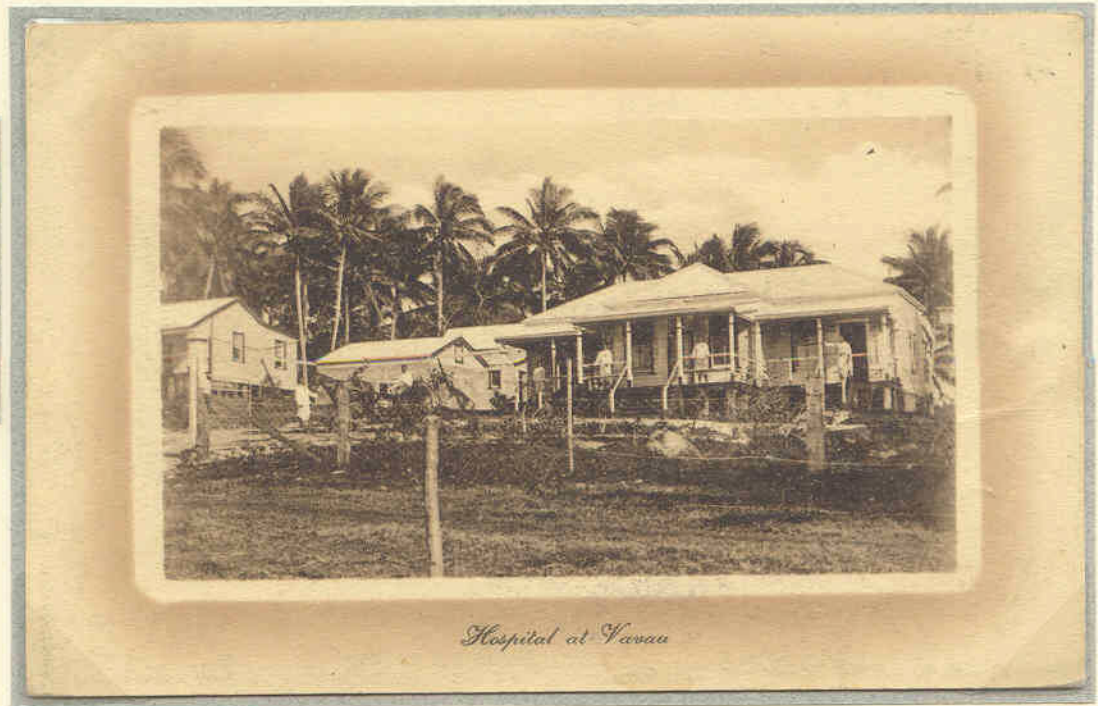
Many clinics, hospitals, and dispensaries are located among tall stands of coconut palms.



But look out for falling coconuts !!



Indicium  
(Copy)



Leper colonies are frequently found among the coconut palms.



However, American doctors would prefer to party among the palms at their annual meeting in Miami Beach, FL.





## 5.4 COCONUTY CHRISTMAS

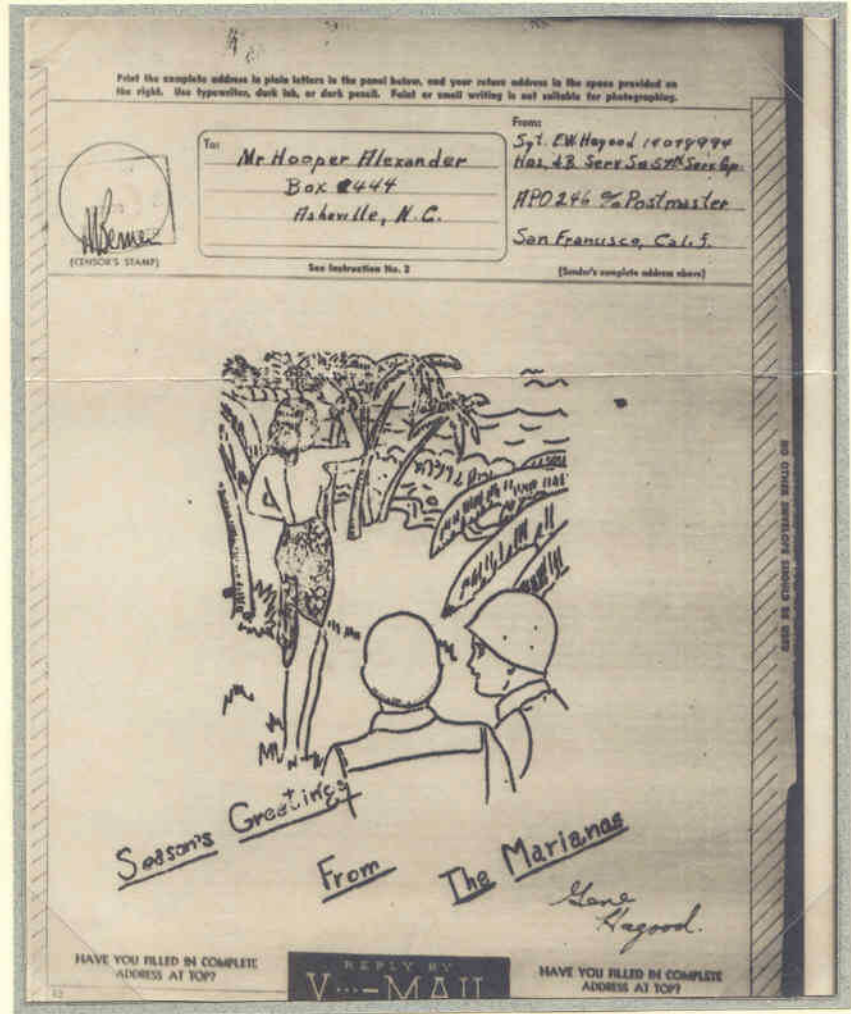
Coconut palms in the tropics are an excellent substitute for the traditional northern fir trees -



The traditional



...and the profane !



Wrong Tree!



Better!



... and the secular.





## 5.4 COCONUTTY CHRISTMAS

Nothing like Christmas dinner on the beach in the shade of a coconut palm ...  
with family... .. and friends.



On Fiji, the Magi or Three Wise Men must travel...

by outrigger boat...

along the beach...

on palm-lined trails...

to find the Christ child in a thatched hut.



On New Caledonia, nothing refreshes Santa more than a fresh coconut!





## 5.4 COCONUTTY CHRISTMAS

The coconut palm provides Christmas peace and serenity for the peoples of the tropics...



... except for the German POW on this printed-to-private-order postal card. He sits glumly by a highly stylized coconut palm as he dreams of Christmas back home.



Docketed  
Amudmayar, India  
Parole Camp



## 5.5 THE MILLENNIUM COCONUT

The coconut palm helped welcome in a new century and millennium in mid Pacific.



What better place to spend New Years Day than at the Four Seasons Resort on Nevis !



The dominant palm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> from left stamp is a Spindle Palm (*Hyophorbe vershaffeltii*); all other palms on the stamps and on the sheet margins are Coconut Palms.