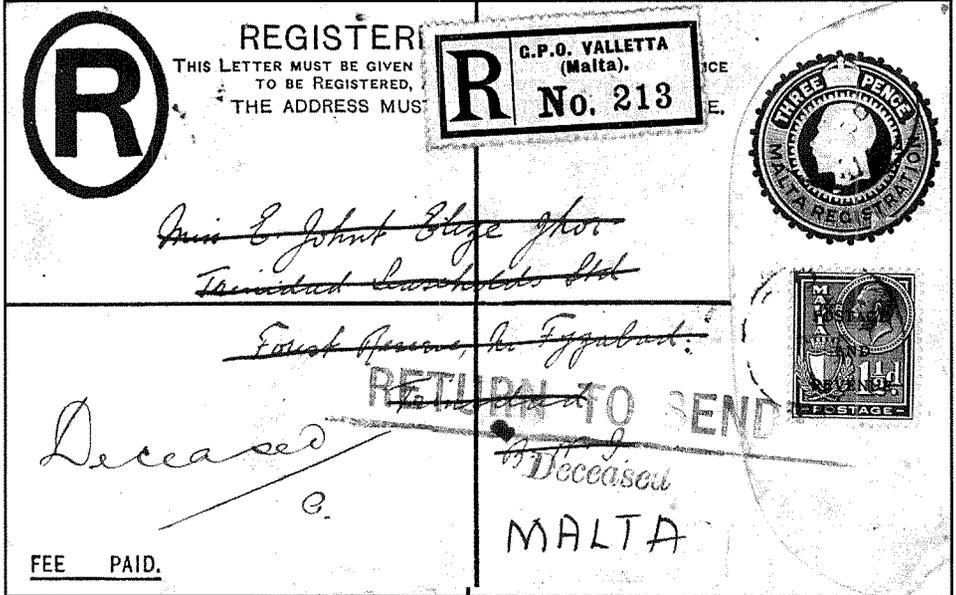


Unusual TRINIDAD B.W.I. Hand stamp

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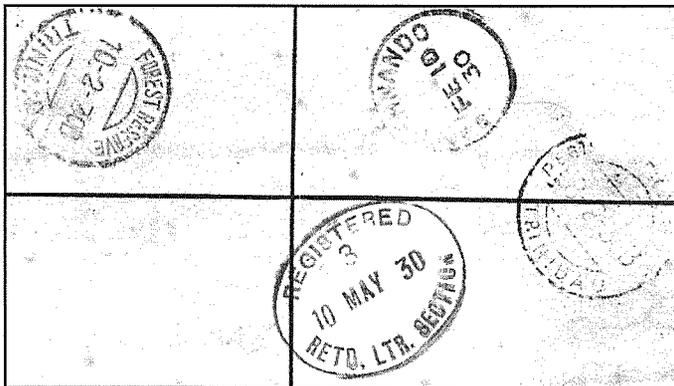
RETURN TO SENDER

Deceased



This Malta 1930 George V, Registered Letter Envelope, was sent to Miss. E. Johnt Elize Jhor at Trinidad Leasehold Ltd, Forest Reserve, Nr Fyzabad, Trinidad. B.W.I. It bears the following BWI – HAND STAMPS.

On the front a Violet **RETURN TO SENDER / Deceased**, hand stamp, together with a manuscript “Deceased” / G., in red ink.



At the back; A double ring REGISTERED / 8 - 2 - 30 B / TRINIDAD; Single ring San FERNARDO / FE 10 / 30; Double ring FOREST RESERVE / 10 - 2 - 30D 5 TRINIDAD.

This Registered letter remained in Trinidad up to the 10th May 30, as per “**VIOLET Single oval ring REGISTERED / 3 / 10 MAY 30 / RETD. LTR. SECTION.**”, hand stamp at the back.

The combination of this **Violet Returned Letter Section hand stamp**, with the **Returned to sender /Deceased hand stamp**, on a Registration letter envelope originating from Malta, makes this Registration envelope unique.

It would indeed be interesting, to have comments about such BWI hand stamps, from my friends of the BWI study circle, both in the UK, and in the BWI.

DAMAGED CROWN FLAW ON THE EDWARD VII MALTA ISSUE

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Doing a spring cleaning job recently through my numerous box files, I came across the following observations, which were sent to me by a UK Malta Study Circle member.

Unfortunately I do not have a record of his name, and so apologise for not being able to mention him personally. The note reads as follows;

“In addition to the well known “CROWN” Flaw of the George V High Value Key plate issue of 1914 there is also a “Damaged Crown flaw” on the Edward VII issue.

Unfortunately one of the major omissions in the DeLa Rue printing plates that were discovered some years ago, was the Edward VII head issues. However from a study of these stamps a “Damaged Crown”, has been found that is constant on all values printed after 1907, with the exception of the single plate printings of the ½d., and 1d (SG 47A & 49).

Following the purchase of a block of 4 (SG63) of the 5/- value (SG63) at Stampex, I found that one stamp had what appeared to be a missing pearl and a broken mount on the right hand side of the crown. This led me to examine the rest of my collection of 5/- stamps, and I discovered a further copy on a used example.

From here I went to the MSC Study Paper 31, which deals with this issue. The diagram on page 31-8, now made more sense to me, and following a study of the 1d value (SG48) I found a similar flaw.

Not only so, but one was on the mint pane that I have, and so a position can be established. The flaw is to be found in Row 7 No 3, on the left hand lower pane.

Since then I have found that it appears on the other values after 1907, that is, on all the Mult CA Watermarked issue, with the exception of the ½d., & 1d single plate printings.



crown flaw



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