

MALTA – A DIARY

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4.8.95

In today's Govt. Gazette the PMG notified that a set of Christmas postage stamps will be issued in 1995. This set will consist of four stamps featuring a different design. The selection of the four designs will be made after a public competition open to Maltese citizens. The artwork of the stamps should feature Xmas in Malta, preferably in its religious, festive and social aspect.

1.9.95

The Malta Post Office was represented by one of its authorised Philatelic Agents at the 'Riccione 1995' Stamp Fair which was held in Riccione, Italy, from September 1 to 3, 1995. To commemorate the occasion, a special hand-stamp inscribed: 'Riccione 95 – 1 - 3 Sept. – Malta Post Office' and including an appropriate motif, was used at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO and at the Central Mail Room, from 7.30am to 12.30pm and from 7.30am to 6.00pm respectively, from September 1 to 2, 1995.

An identical hand stamp was used from September 1 to 3, 1995 at the exhibition stand at Riccione.



1 - 3 SEPTEMBER 1995
MALTA POST OFFICE

1.9.95

The Malta Post Office was represented by one of its authorised Philatelic Agents at the 'Singpex' Stamp Fair which was held in Singapore from September 1 to 10, 1995.

To commemorate the occasion a special hand-stamp inscribed: 'Singapore 95 – 1 - 10 Sept. – Malta Post Office' and including an appropriate motif, was used at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO and at the Central Mail Room, from 7.30am to 12.30pm and from 7.30am to 6.00pm respectively, from September 1 to 2, 4 to 7, and 9, 1995.

An identical handstamp was used from September 1 to 10, 1995, at the Exhibition stand in Singapore.



29.9.95

With reference to the notice which was published in the Govt. Gazette of August 1, 1995, the PMG notifies that the designs submitted under the nom-de-plume 'Fanali' by Mr H Borg was placed first. The set of designs submitted under the nom-de-plume 'Journey' by Mr T Bugeja and under the nom-de-plume 'Noel' by Mr J Grima have both been placed second. The four designs of

this set will be reproduced on the 'Christmas 1995' postage stamp set.



5.10.95

The 'Treasures of Malta – Maltese Clocks' postage stamp set issued today. A special hand postmark was used for cancellation of philatelic mail on the first day of issue.



9.10.95

A special hand-postmark commemorating UPU Day 1995, was used at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO and at the Central Mail Room. The postmark is inscribed as follows: 'World Post Day – The Post – Your Best Choice – 9-X-1995 – Valletta – Malta'.

12.10.95

As from today a 21mm circular date-stamp, 'BALZAN – MALTA', followed by block of seven wavy lines measuring approximately 50mm x 23mm overall, started being used at the Balzan BPO.

23.10.95

As from today a 21mm double ring machine 'Postage Paid – Gozo' in red, started being used at the Victoria BPO, Gozo.

24.10.95

At the Victoria Branch Post Office, Gozo, a 21mm double ring machine date-stamp, 'Victoria - Gozo', followed by a Malta Cross amid seven horizontal bars, started being used as from today.

27.10.95

A special hand-postmark was used on the occasion of the 11th Malta Book Fair at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO and at the Central Mail Room on October 27, 1995. The postmark is inscribed: '11th Malta Book Fair – 27-29 October 1995 – 27-X-1995 – Valletta - Malta'.



1.11.95

A Temporary Branch Post Office was opened at the Mediterranean Conference Centre from November 1 to 4, 1995, for the transaction of the following business:

- (a) sale of stamps and postal stationery
- (b) registration of postal articles (local and foreign)

- (c) sales and encashment of Postal and Money Orders
- (d) encashment of Postcheques
- (e) EMS Datapost Service

Postal articles posted at this Temporary Branch Post Office were postmarked by a date-stamp inscribed as follows: 'Ind Inter-Parliamentary - (C.S.C.M.) - Mediterranean Conference Centre - Valletta - Malta'.

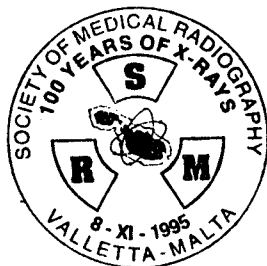


6.11.95

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: 'FAO Regional Seminar - Agricultural Technical Training Institutions - St. Paul's Bay - 6 - 10 November 1995' was used from November 6 to 10, 1995, at the Central Mail Room.

8.11.95

A special hand-postmark was used to commemorate the 100 years of X-Rays. The hand-postmark is inscribed as follows: 'Society of Medical Radiography - 100 Years of X-Rays - (S.R.M.) - 8-XI-1995 - Valletta - Malta' and was used at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO and at the Central Mail Room.



15.11.95

The 'Christmas 1995' postage stamp set issued today. A special hand-postmark was used for cancellation of philatelic mail on the first day of issue.

28.11.95

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: 'Third Maltese Medical School Conference 29-XI - 1.XII.1995' was used from November 28 to December 1, 1995, at the Central Mail Room.



4.12.95

A machine stamp cancelling slogan was used at the Central Mail Room to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Lily Band, Mqabba. The slogan reading: '50 Sena Banda Lily Mqabba - 1945 - 1995' was used from December 4 to 7, 1995.

Note: Information contributed by Mr Anthony Fenech