

MALTA — A DIARY

May-September, 1994

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5-5-94

A commemorative postal card was issued on the occasion of the participation of the Malta Post Office in the Xth International Stamp Fair – Essen '94, which was held in Essen, Germany from May 5 to 8, 1994. The card has imprinted the two stamps of the Europa '94 postage set and an appropriate motif.



The card could have been purchased in mint condition or with the stamps cancelled with a special hand-postmark inscribed: "Post Office — Malta — 5-8.V.94 — Messe Essen '94".

The postmark was used on May 5, 6 and 7, 1994, at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO from 8.00am to 12.45pm.

An identical postmark was used at the Malta Post Office stand at Essen '94.

10-5-94

The 'Commemorations 1994' postage set issued today. A special hand-postmark was used for cancellation on the first day of issue.



11-5-94

The Malta Post Office was represented by its authorised Philatelic Agent for Italy and Switzerland, in the "Regiophil XXV Bellinzona" Philatelic Exhibition which was held at Bellinzona, Switzerland from May 11 to 15, 1994. To commemorate the occasion a special handstamp inscribed: "Bellinzona — 11-15.V.1994 — Valletta - Malta" 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 May 11 to 14, 1994.



An identical handstamp was used from May 11 to 15, 1994, at the exhibition stand at Bellinzona.

9-6-94

The "FIFA World Cup 1994" postage set issued today. A Souvenir Sheet was also issued with this set. A special hand-postmark was used for cancellation on the first day of issue.



14-6-94

A Temporary Branch Post Office was opened at the Mediterranean Conference Centre, Valletta, on Tuesday, June 14, 1994, between 8.30am and 6.00pm and on Wednesday, June 15, 1994, between 8.30am and 4.00pm for the transaction of the following business:



- (a) sale of stamps and postal stationery
- (b) registration of postal articles
- (c) issue and encashment of Money and Postal Orders
- (d) encashment of Postcheques
- (e) posting of letters, printed matter and EMS Datapost

Postal articles posted at this Temporary Branch Post Office were postmarked by a hand datestamp inscribed: "European Ministers — Of Justice Conference — Mediterranean Conference Centre — Valletta - Malta" as well as an appropriate motif.

21-6-94

A Sub-Post Office was opened at "Just Jase", 19, Islets Promenade, Bugibba on Tuesday, June 21, 1994.

A metal hand datestamp with the words "Bugibba S.P.O. — Malta" is being used at this Sub-Post Office.

The telephone number at this Sub-Post Office is 571388.

24-6-94

In today's Govt. Gazette it was notified that a stamp design competition was to be held for the Xmas postage set. Rules for the competition were also included in the notice.

26-6-94

A Temporary Branch Post Office was opened at the International Fair of Malta, Naxxar, from Sunday, June 26 to Sunday, July 10, 1994, from 6.00pm to 9.30pm for the transaction of the following business:



- (a) sale of stamps and postal stationery
- (b) registration of postal articles
- (c) issue and encashment of Money and Postal Orders
- (d) encashment of Postcheques
- (e) posting of letters, printed matter and EMS Datapost

Postal articles posted at this Temporary Branch Post Office were postmarked by a datestamp inscribed: "37th International Fair of Malta — Naxxar - Malta".

2-7-94

The "Aviation" postage set issued today. A special hand postmark was used for cancellation on the first day of issue.



12-7-94



A special hand postmark was used to commemorate the 180th Anniversary of the Malta Police Force. The postmark is inscribed as follows: "Korp tal-Pulizija ta' Malta—1814-1994—12.7.94—Valletta - Malta". The postmark, which also incorporates the logo of the Malta Police Force, was used on July 12, 1994, at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO from 7.30am to 12.45pm and at the Central Mail Room, from 8.00am to 6.00pm.

19-7-94

A special hand postmark was used on the occasion of the Colloquium of the World Union of Catholic Teachers which was held in Malta on July 19, 1994. The postmark is inscribed as follows: "UMEC Colloquium — July 19th. 1994 — Rabat - Malta — Union Mondial — Des Enseignants — Catholiques". The postmark was used on July 19, 1994 at the Rabat Branch Post Office, from 7.00am to 12.45pm.



20-7-94

The "First Man on the Moon" postage stamp issued today. A special hand postmark was used for cancellation of philatelic mail on the first day of issue.



21-7-94



A Sub-Post Office was opened at Briffa Stationery, 68 Archbishop Gonzi Square, Kalkara, on Thursday, July 21, 1994.

A metal hand datestamp with the words "Kalkara SPO - Malta" is used at this Sub Post Office.

The telephone number at this SPO is 661903.

22-7-94

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Niltagghu — Ma' Hutna — l-Emigranti — Qawra - Malta 26.7.1994" was used on July 22 and 23, and on 25 and 26, 1994 at the Central Mail Room.

The slogan reads: "Meeting — Our Brethren — The Emigrants — Qawra-Malta 26.7.1994".

22-7-94

In today's Govt. Gazette a call for applications was issued for the post of Sub-Postmaster at Swieqi.

Applications were to be received up to noon of Friday, August 19, 1994.

29-7-94

In today's Govt. Gazette a call for applications was issued for the post of Sub-Postmaster at St Julians (Balluta Area). Applications were to be received up to noon of Friday, August 26, 1994.

16-8-94

The Malta Post Office was represented by one of its authorised Philatelic Agents at the "Phila Korea 1994" Philatelic Exhibition which was held at Seoul, Korea, from August 16-25, 1994.

To commemorate the occasion, a special handstamp inscribed: "Phila Korea 1994 — 16-25 August — 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 August 16-20 and from 22-25, 1994. An identical hand-stamp was used from August 16-25, 1994 at the Exhibition Stand at Seoul.

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19-8-94

With reference to the notice which was published in the Govt. Gazette of June 24, 1994, the first three winners were notified in today's Govt. Gazette. The designs submitted under the nom-de-plume "Ilwien" by Mr Harry Borg was placed first. The set of designs submitted under the nom-de-plume "Stained" by Mr Frank Ancilleri and the nome-de-plume "Carioca" by Mr JP Smith have been placed second and third respectively. The designs of the set placed first, will be reproduced on the "Christmas 1994" postage stamp set.

31-8-94

The Malta Post Office was represented by one of its authorised Philatelic Agents at the "Singpex" Philatelic Exhibition which was held in Singapore from August 31 to September 3, 1994.

To commemorate the occasion a special hand stamp inscribed: "Singpex 94 — 31 Aug - 3 Sep — Malta Post Office" and including an appropriate motif, was used at



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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 August 31 to September 3, 1994.

An identical hand-stamp was used from August 31 to September 3 1994 at the Exhibition Stand in Singapore.

2-9-94

The Department of Posts, issued the sixth in a series of Year Packs today. The 1993 Year Pack, which features on the outer cover an internal view of the Grand Master's Palace, Valletta, is made up of a colour folder with a description in four languages (English, French, German and Italian) regarding all stamps issued in 1993, which are mounted in clear acetate strips. A colour reproduction of the artwork of the 35c stamp of the 1993 European Year of the Elderly issue depicting the Red Admiral butterfly is also included.

The Year Pack is sold at Lm4.20 from the GPO and from all Branch Post Offices and Sub Post Offices in Malta and Gozo.

2-9-94

The Malta Post Office was represented by one of its Authorised Philatelic Agents at the "Riccione 1994" Stamp Fair which was held in Riccione, Italy, from September 2-4, 1994.

To commemorate the occasion, a special handstamp inscribed: "Riccione 94 — Valletta — 2-4 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 2-3, 1994.

An identical handstamp was used from September 2-4 at the Exhibition Stand in Riccione.



26-9-94

A Temporary Branch Post Office was opened at the Mediterranean Conference Centre, Valletta, from Monday, September 26 to Wednesday, September 28, 1994, from 8.30am to 5.00pm for the transaction of the following business:

- (a) sale of stamps and postal stationery
- (b) registration of postal articles
- (c) issue and encashment of Money and Postal Orders
- (d) encashment of Postcheques
- (e) posting of letters, printed matter and EMS Datapost



Postal articles posted at this Temporary Branch Post Office were postmarked by a date stamp inscribed as follows: "Commonwealth Finance Ministers Meeting — 26 Sep 1994 — Mediterranean Conference Centre — Valletta - Malta" as well as an appropriate motif.

28-9-94

The Acting Postmaster General notified that a metal hand datestamp "Zurrieq — Malta" was withdrawn at the close of business on Wednesday, September 28, 1994.

29-9-94

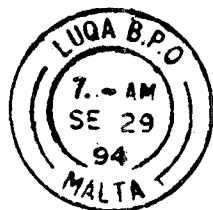
A Branch Post Office was opened at 9th April Street, Luqa, on Thursday, September 29, 1994.

The hours of business and the business to be transacted at this Branch Post Office shall be those laid down in the VIth Schedule to the Inland Post Regulations, 1985.

With effect from September 29, 1994, postal articles posted in street letter boxes in the areas served by the Luqa Branch Post Office are being postmarked by a datestamp inscribed "Luqa BPO — Malta".

Post Office Private Delivery Boxes are available and may be rented on application.

The telephone numbers of the Luqa Branch Post Office are 692491/2.



Corrections

Vol 23. N° 1/2, Page 43, Date 27-10-93:

Temporary Branch Post Office was open on Wednesday and Thursday, October 27 and 28, between 8.00am and 6.00pm

Page 44, Date 29-11-93:

Temporary Branch Post Office was also open on Thursday, December 2, 1993, between 9.30am and noon.

**PLEASE SEND YOUR DUES FOR 1995
IMMEDIATELY TO:
MR. A DIMECH
39 TONNA STREET,
SLIEMA, MALTA**