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	2016	45	1	12	Stamped covers to Malta from pre-unification Italian states.
	2017	46	2	2	WW II Nazi and Fascist Malta propaganda postcards.
	2019	48	3	33	Select Malta mail of the French Navy in WW I.
Bonnici Dr. Alfred	2009	38	3	32	More Malta Zeppelin Mail discovered.
	2010	39	2	31	Commemorative Souvenirs.
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	2013	42	1	2	Giorgio Peresso graduating in Master of Arts in History, University of Malta.
	2014	42	2	47	Silver awards in Australia 2013.
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	2019	48	2	2	The President of the Republic of Malta.
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Bugeja Ignatius L.	2014	43	3	5	PPH 9 Type 'E 1' (First Issue)
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# AN INTERESTING BATCH OF POSTAL EXAMINATION PAPERS, 1930

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A recent donation of documents to the Malta Postal Museum has shed light on the general procedure and examination process of applicants wishing to join Malta's postal service. The documents belonged to Paul F. Gasan who in March 1930 applied to join the General Post Office (GPO).

Paul F. (Fenech) Gasan was born in Valletta in November 1906, the eldest of four children, offspring of Calcedon Fenech and Matilde Gasan. At the age of 24 he applies to join the GPO and sits the required examinations for the grade of Postal Clerk Second Class. Later in life Gasan drops the Fenech part of his surname retaining the 'F' (which he changes to Francis), but that is a story for some other time. This is the story of his application to join the GPO.

In chronological order the documents are as follows: On 4<sup>th</sup> March 1930, Paul F. Gasan receives a notification [Fig.1] from John Bonett who had become Postmaster General the previous year. In it, he is informed of the forthcoming examinations of

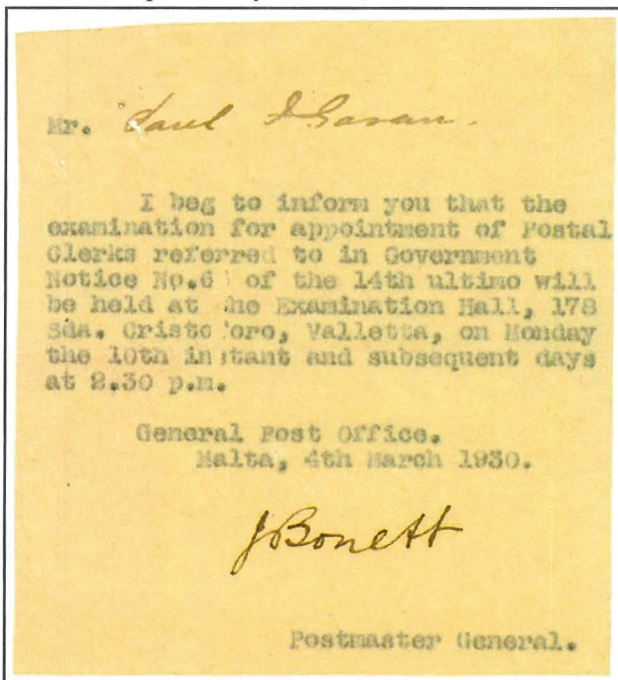


Fig.1

Postal Clerks referred to in Government Notice No.65 stating that the sittings will be held at the Examination Hall, 178 Sda. Cristoforo, Valletta on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> instant and subsequent days at 2.30pm.

Three weeks previously, Government Notice no.65 of February 14<sup>th</sup> 1930 spells out the usual requirements one would expect to fill the vacancy of Postal Clerk Second Class but interestingly limits the applicants' age to between 18 and 26 years. Clearly they were looking for *young* men. In

the middle of the Notice is a list of obligatory subjects: English, Italian, Arithmetic and Handwriting. This is promptly followed by three optional subjects: French, Geography and Book-Keeping. It would seem the postal authorities expected much of their employees. Applications were to be received by no later than the 25<sup>th</sup> of that month and had to be accompanied interestingly, by an admission fee of 5/-.

At some stage between March 4<sup>th</sup> and the first exam March 10<sup>th</sup> a timetable headed *Competitive Examination for Second Class Postal Clerkships – 1930* [Fig.2] is sent to all candidates. This stipulates the specific days on which each of the exams are to be sat. English (Composition and Translation – *from Italian into English*) is first up.

**COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR  
SECOND CLASS POSTAL CLERKSHIPS—1930.**

**TIME TABLE**

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**Candidates will assemble at the Examination Hall,  
178 Strada Cristoforo, Valletta, on Monday, 10th March, at 2.30 p.m.**

MONDAY,	March 10	English (Composition & Translation)	3. to 6 P.M.
TUESDAY	" 11	Italian ( do. do.	2.30 to 5.30 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	" 12	Arithmetic...	2.30 to 5.30 P.M.
THURSDAY	" 13	Handwriting	2.30 to 3 P.M.
FRIDAY	" 14	French (Translation & Dictation)	2.30 to 5.30 P.M.
SATURDAY	" 15	Book-keeping	2.30 to 5.30 P.M.
MONDAY	" 17	Geography	2.30 to 4.30 P.M.

ARTH. GALEA,  
Chairman Board of Examiners.

Fig.2 Examination Schedule



All papers are between 2-3 hours duration with the exception of Handwriting which is understandably, a mere half hour. The total score per paper for English, Italian and Arithmetic is 200 points, 100 each for French, Geography and Book-Keeping; and 50 points for Handwriting - bringing the total number of available points to 950.

The examination papers themselves are rigorous, reflected, I suppose in the calibre of their clerks and overall reputation of the GPO. Just as an example, I reproduce here the content of the Arithmetic paper [Fig.3] with Paul F. Gasan's markings in the right hand side margin.

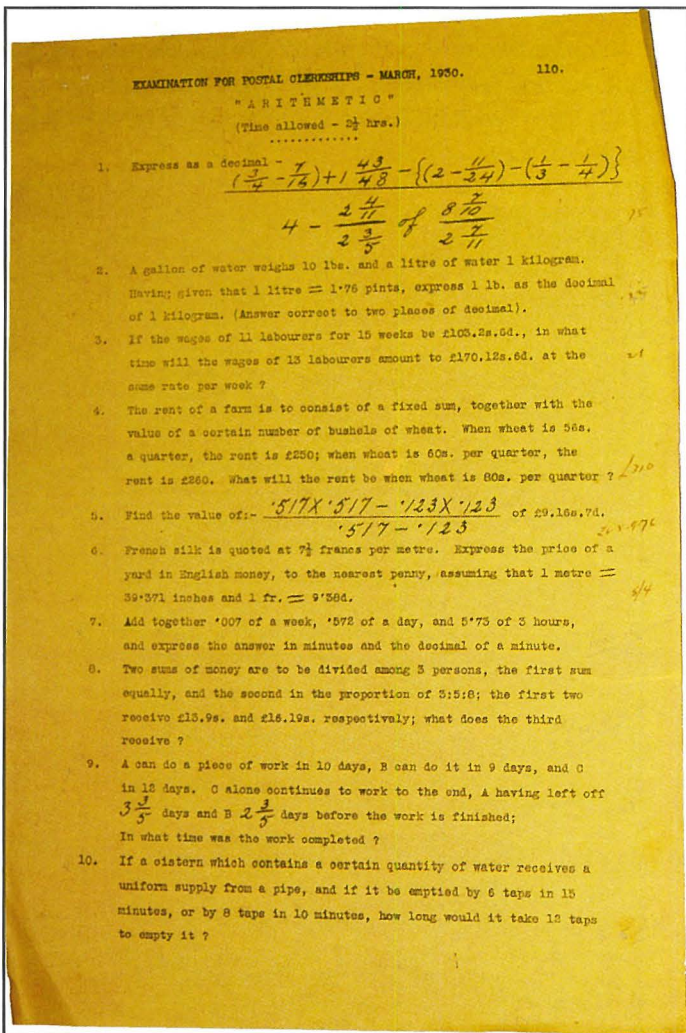


Fig.3 Arithmetic paper

The French, English and Italian papers are not to be sniffed at either. In one way or another, they emphasize dictation, composition and translation. But it is Geography [Fig.4] that really catches my attention.

This is broad in scope and unusually detailed requiring a thorough knowledge of world geography way beyond our limited shores. There are ten questions in all and one would assume that all were compulsory, to be answered within the stipulated two-hour time frame. With limited access to knowledge books and absolutely none of today's tools such as the internet, the questions posed seem unusually difficult. Take for example the first question: 'Where and what are the following:- Pomona, Carpentaria, Griznez, Landes, Huron, Agulhas, Dwina, Cervennes, Lemberg, Lofoten?' The answers (which I had to look up) range from cities, gulfs, capes, regional departments and lakes to mountain ranges and archipelagos in far flung places. I think that today, without Internet use, many of us would be hard pressed to answer just a few of these correctly!

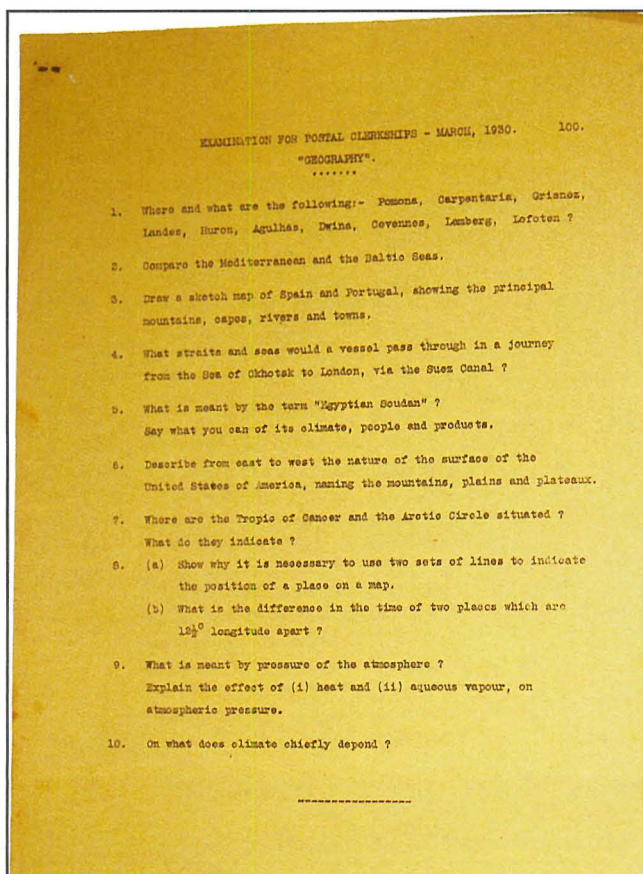


Fig.4 Geography paper

Paul F. Gasan scores well in the examination and out of the 100 applicants listed in the Result Sheet dated 26 March 1930, he places 4<sup>th</sup> with a decent total of 664 points. It is clear that his *forté* is Italian.

His letter of appointment arrives at 21 Sda. Vescovo on 4<sup>th</sup> April 1930 and is signed by R. E. Hamilton, Minister for Posts. His annual salary is set at £72 rising to £120 by yearly increments of £6 as was the norm. A newspaper cutting dated 18 April 1930 (in pencil in Paul's handwriting) congratulates 33 of the 100 applicants on qualifying in the Examination for Postal Clerkships. Their names are given in order of merit. Thus, on 1 April 1930, Paul F. Gasan together with Iginò Xuereb and Walter Castillo<sup>1</sup> join the GPO as Postal Clerks Second Class.

Paul F. Gasan enjoys 23 years of employment within the GPO, however between July 1941 and December 1949 he is seconded for duty with the British Intelligence Service, specifically REME<sup>2</sup>. He spends most of this period in East Africa, some of which in a POW camp as an Italian Interpreter, Employment, Records and Pay Officer. Clearly his Italian serves him in good stead.

On his return to Malta in 1949 one would assume that he resumed his duties with the GPO for a few years more. A letter dated 13 November 1953 and signed by the Postmaster General Alg. C. Crockford refers to the following: *'During tenure of office as a Postal Clerk he has given efficient and faithful service, and his conduct was without blemish. He retired on pension on the grounds of ill-health as certified by the statutory Medical Board'*.



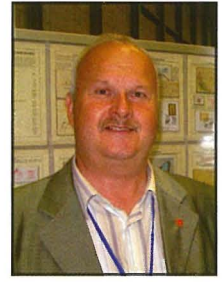
Fig.5 Paul F. Gasan in Cairo, signed and dated 22 December 1941

<sup>1</sup> In the Blue Books and indeed in this cutting, no mention is made of Spiro Farrugia who in fact placed first in the March 1930 examinations.

<sup>2</sup> Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

# INTERESTING OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE SMALL TORTOISESHELL BUTTERFLY

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The Small Tortoiseshell butterfly may have been present on Earth longer than any other butterfly species - a mid-Miocene fossil of *Aglais karaganica* estimated at 15 million years old is so similar to the modern day *Aglais urticae* as to be virtually indistinguishable! 16th century English naturalist Thomas Moffett once said that colourful, gem-studded Small Tortoiseshell butterfly showed off ‘the elegance of nature’.

The Small Tortoiseshell (*Aglais urticae*) is a colourful eurasian butterfly in the family Nymphalidae. The Small Tortoiseshell butterfly is a rare resident species for the Maltese Islands (**Figure 1 – Stamp of Malta 2000 with the Small Tortoiseshell butterfly**). But this species is well known and widespread from the Atlantic coast of



Figure 1

Europe through to the pacific coast of Asia. The wingspan is generally 45-60mm. The upper side is dark red with black and yellow stain like markings (**Figure 2 – Colour error and normal stamp of Poland 1967 with the Small Tortoiseshell butterfly**). The slightly scalloped wings have a series of blue spots close to the side and hind margins. The undersides are



Figure 1

less colourful, the pattern on the forewing being a duller reflection of the upper-side (**Figure 3 – Imperforated stamp of Great Britain 1981 with the Small Tortoiseshell butterfly**). This species resting with its wings closed but will open and close them rapidly, flashing their bright colours to confuse and alarm predators. The wings of Tortoiseshell butterflies help conceal them extremely well from predators. When closed, their wings look like leaves, helping them to hide. On the ground, it may take birds up to 30 minutes



Figure 3

to see them. In addition to this, when discovered, tortoiseshell butterflies will flick their wings open to reveal bright colours. While they don't have eyespots like many other butterflies, these bright contrasting colours can often scare a predator, giving the tortoiseshell butterfly ample time to escape. Not only does this colouration tend to frighten birds, it can also act as a warning. The bright red colouration serves as a cautionary sign to the predator about the poor taste of the butterfly. Tortoiseshell butterflies tend to be unpalatable to birds. If a bird sees this bright red colouring, then they will be less likely to eat the butterfly.

Butterfly is found throughout temperate Europe, Asia Minor, Central Asia, Siberia, China, Nepal, Sikkim Himalayas in India, Mongolia, Korea and Japan, wherever common nettle, which their larvae feed on, is found (**Figure 4 – Imperforated stamp of Hungary 1961 with the Small Tortoiseshell butterfly on nettle background**).



Figure 4

This lovely butterfly is probably one of European's most familiar butterflies because appears in early spring. The species has one of the longest seasons of any Eurasian butterfly, extending from early spring to late autumn. Adults overwinter in hibernation, emerging on the first warm sunny days of the year to mate and breed. This is one of the few butterflies that hibernate as adults. Typically this butterfly will try to hibernate in dark sheltered locations such as tree crevices or outbuildings like garages and sheds. During hibernation tortoiseshell butterflies are able to supercool in order to keep from freezing. In sheltered areas, these butterflies can stand up to -21 degrees Celsius without freezing.



Figure 5

Small Tortoiseshells are one of the prettiest, and luckily one of the commonest butterflies which have shown little overall change in range (**Figure 5 - Old envelope of Germany post passed in 1871 and decorated with the image of the Small Tortoiseshell butterfly**). Small



Figure 6

Tortoiseshell larvae (caterpillars) eat the leaves of nettles. Adults feed on nectar from a wide variety of flowers, using their long proboscis like a drinking straw

to suck up nectar. An avid feeder, it will take nectar from flowers wherever they are found frequently in gardens and towns (**Figure 6 – Booklet of Alderney 1997 with**

**feeding the Small Tortoiseshell butterflies).** In order to obtain the nectar, the butterfly must be able to recognize distinct floral aromas and colours. The small tortoiseshell butterfly is able to differentiate between various flowers through visual signals. Tortoiseshell butterflies in particular tend to prefer colours at both ends of the visible light spectrum for humans, 400 nm and 600 nm. These correspond to the colours violet and red respectively. This ability comes from their compound eye. The flowers depend on the butterflies for pollination, so it is a mutually beneficial relationship.

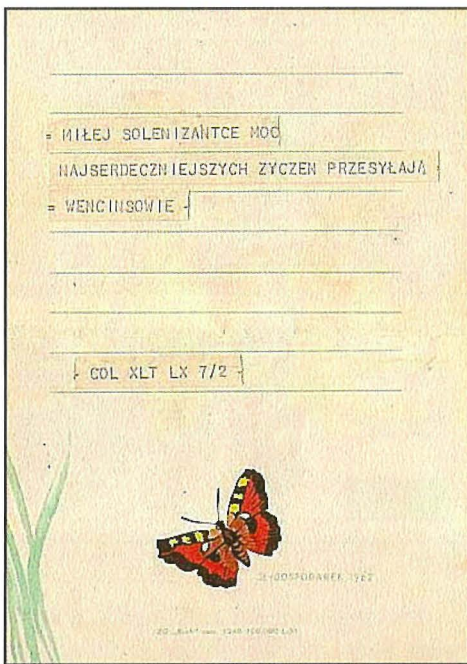


Figure 7

The Small Tortoiseshell is a highly mobile species which can occur in almost any habitat, including woodlands, grasslands, heaths, gardens, country lanes, and even in city centres. It is a strong flyer, with high powers of dispersal, reaching remote islands and high mountain peaks (**Figure 7 – Stationery card of Japan 1998 with the Small Tortoiseshell butterfly flying in mountain snow**). Adults have been recorded at altitudes as high as 3000 m in the Alps, and in the Himalayas at an altitude above 5000 m above sea level.

The Small Tortoiseshell is also a migrant butterfly. During migration, tortoiseshell butterflies position themselves in accordance with air

Figure 8



currents; they only start migration at certain wind speeds. They are able to do this because of an extra sensory organ in their antennae. Because their host plants grow in widely distributed areas, tortoiseshell butterflies tend to move around more than some other butterflies (**Figure 8 - Telegramme of Poland 1962 with flying the Small Tortoiseshell butterfly**).

The common name ‘tortoiseshells’ refers to the upper side of the wings of the butterflies (**Figure 9 – Unadopted original artwork of Mongolia 1963 with yellowish brown colour of the upper side of the wings of the Small Tortoiseshell butterfly**) resembling the mottled yellowish brown ‘tortoiseshell’ of some sea turtles, which is sometimes used for making combs. This butterfly’s scientific name, *Aglais urticae*, is partly

derived from *urtica* meaning stinging nettle. *Aglaia* was one of the three Graces, a daughter of Zeus admired for her beauty, and the choice of this name reflects the elegance of the Small Tortoiseshell butterfly.



Figure 9



Figure 10

The Small Tortoiseshell is among the most well-known butterflies in Europe. The striking and attractive patterning and its appearance at almost any time of the year in urban areas and in the countryside have made it a familiar species. Since it is also a very beautiful and eye-catching butterfly, it was chosen as the national butterfly of Denmark in 1991 (**Figure 10 – Stationery card of Denmark 1993 with the indication National Butterfly the Small Tortoiseshell**). It is one of the first butterflies to be seen in spring and in the autumn it often visits garden flowers in large numbers.

Famous Russian painter Alexey Gavrilovich Venetsianov, renowned for his paintings devoted to peasant life and ordinary people, painted the painting “The Reapers” with the small tortoiseshell butterflies in 1820 (Figure 11 – Maximum card of USSR 1968 with the Small Tortoiseshell butterflies on the painting of Venetsianov “The Reapers”).

Once among the most common butterflies in Europe and temperate Asia, this butterfly is in very rapid decline, at least in Western Europe. This decline can be explained by environmental degradation, air pollution, contamination by pesticides. This butterfly may then be sensitive to global warming (Figure 12 – Fascinating the Small Tortoiseshell butterfly on the stamp of Bahrain 1994).

The visual elements in natural environments such as sunsets, streams, and especially beautiful butterflies (Figure 13 – Entire postal of USSR with beautiful Small Tortoiseshell butterfly) are reduce stress and mental fatigue. Fascinating but not too demanding, such stimuli promote a gentle, soft focus that allows our brains to wander, rest, and recover from so named the “nervous irritation” of city life.

The Author is ready to help for philatelists in creating of

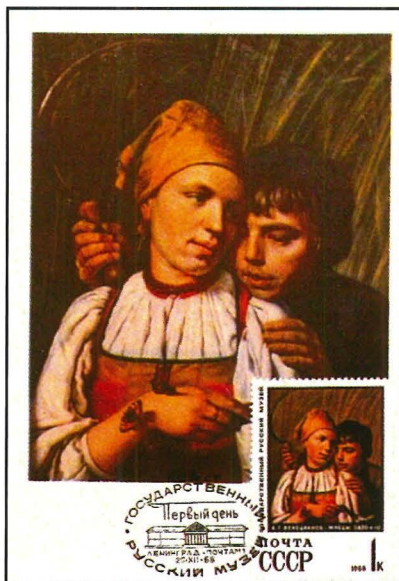


Figure 11



Figure 12



Figure 13

philatelic exhibits on butterflies and moths. His address: Vladimir Kachan, street Kulibina 9-49, Minsk-52, BY-220052, Republic of Belarus, E-mail: vladimirkachan@mail.ru



# ANTHONY de GIORGIO

By Adrian 'Paddy' Patrick, June 2020

**Anthony (Antonio) de Giorgio was an avid collector of picture postcards (PPC) during the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Approximately 250 items have been catalogued, but many more are to be processed.**

**The majority (200+) of his incoming correspondence received a Malta Postman's Handstamp (PHS) number 4, with the occasional stand-in applying their own:**

PHS 2	11 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> September 1916 & 15 <sup>th</sup> October 1918
PHS 11	18 times between March 1912 and October 1918
PHS 17	3 <sup>rd</sup> October 1913 x 3 & 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 1914
PHS 30	14 <sup>th</sup> June 1912
PHS 50	25 <sup>th</sup> July 1913 x 3

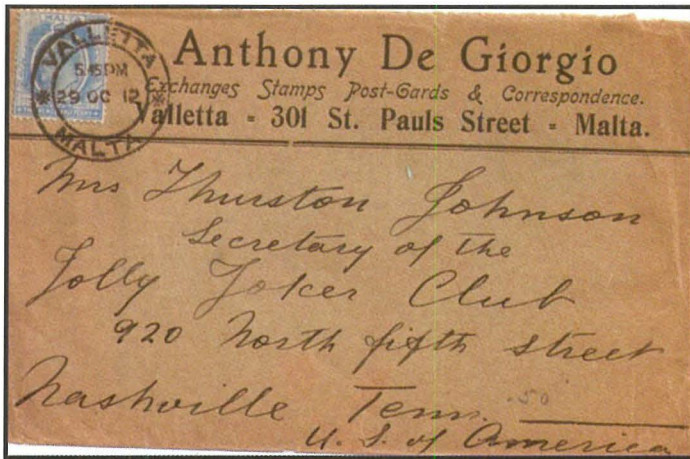
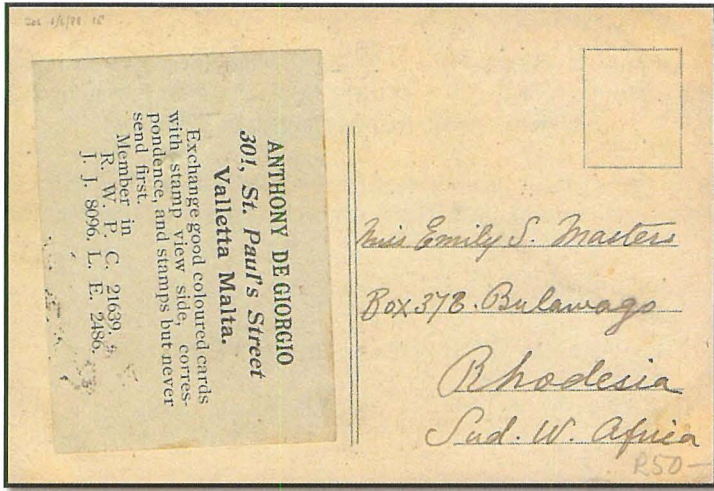


Fig 1 - 29<sup>th</sup> October 1912, based at 301 Strada San Paolo, Valletta

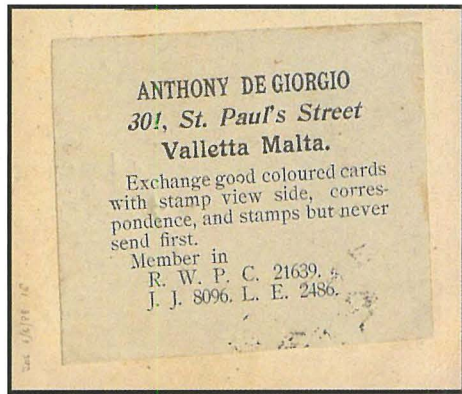
**It is interesting to note that, even when Italian street names were the norm, Anthony used the anglicised version on his personal envelopes.**

## REQUESTS FOR POSTCARDS

To describe his collecting fields and memberships/affiliations, Anthony used specially produced stickers to advertise his hobby.



Figs 2 & 3 - A PPC of Città Vecchia (Mdina), Malta despatched to Rhodesia (Zimbabwe), South West Africa on 20<sup>th</sup> February 1913



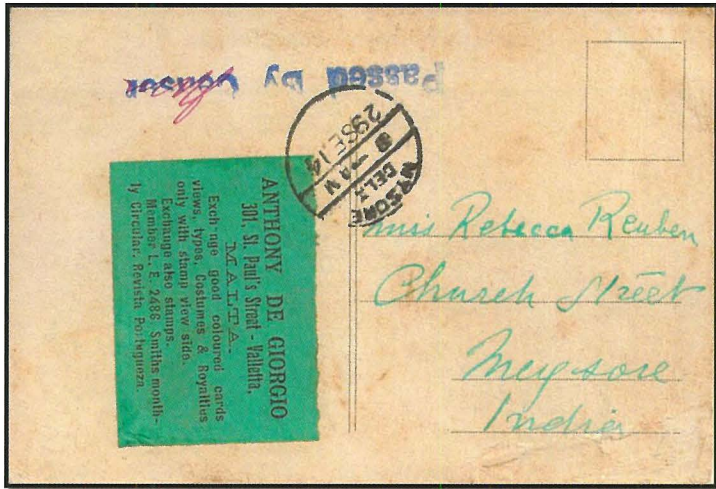
This sticker indicates that, even during the early stages of his collecting, he was a member of three postcard clubs/societies:

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JJ Member 8096

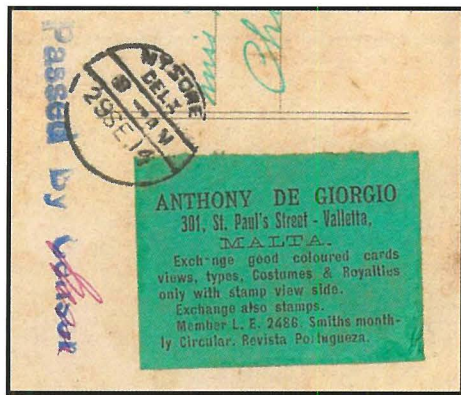
LE Member 2486

((probably The Latvian Exchange))



**Figs 4 & 5** - A PPC of Mgarr harbour, Gozo despatched to Mysore, India on 9<sup>th</sup> September 1914

((Note the very scarce censor handstamp, CSL-3, only known from 5<sup>th</sup> September to 7<sup>th</sup> October 1914))



**An orange version of this sticker has also been noted.**

Anthony not only used specially produced stickers to advertise his hobby, he also had rather impressive handstamps.

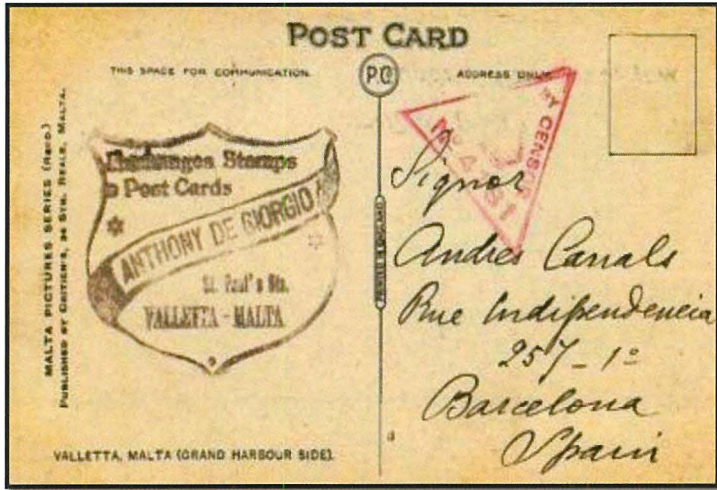


Fig 6 - A decorative handstamp stating that Anthony 'Exchanges Stamps & Post Cards' ((Note the censor handstamp, CS-T1(4181), used from 14<sup>th</sup> July 1916 to 30<sup>th</sup> July 1919))

The example above only has the street name, but the one below has number '301'.

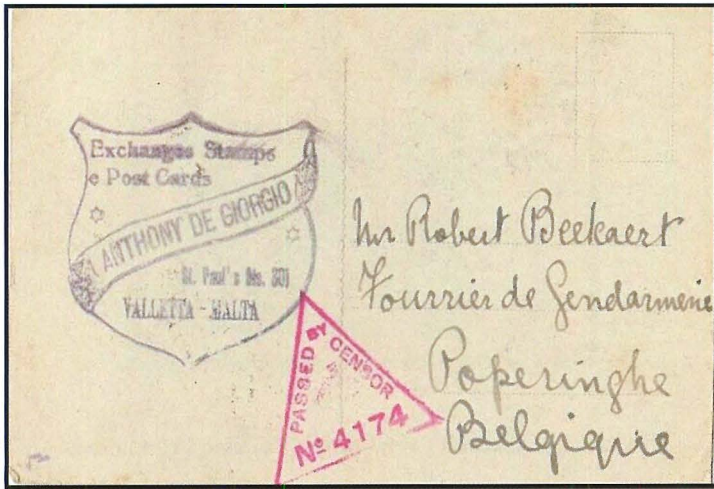


Fig 7 - A slightly different version of the decorative handstamp, posted on 18<sup>th</sup> September 1916 ((Note the censor handstamp, CS-T1(4174), used from 31<sup>st</sup> July 1916 to 20<sup>th</sup> May 1919))

## STRADA SAN PAOLO (ST PAUL'S STREET), VALLETTA

Between late December 1916 and 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1917, Anthony's mail address changed from 301 to 57 Strada San Paolo, Valletta. He was a partner, with John L. Apap, in the firm 'John A. De Giorgio Company'. They were Dry Goods Merchants and Commission Agents operating from 56-57 Strada San Paolo.



Fig 8 - 301 Strada San Paolo, known as Theuma House in October 2013



Fig 9 - 57 Strada San Paolo in October 2013

## COMPANY DETAILS

On one item, we have confirmation of the Company name, partnership, address and type of business.

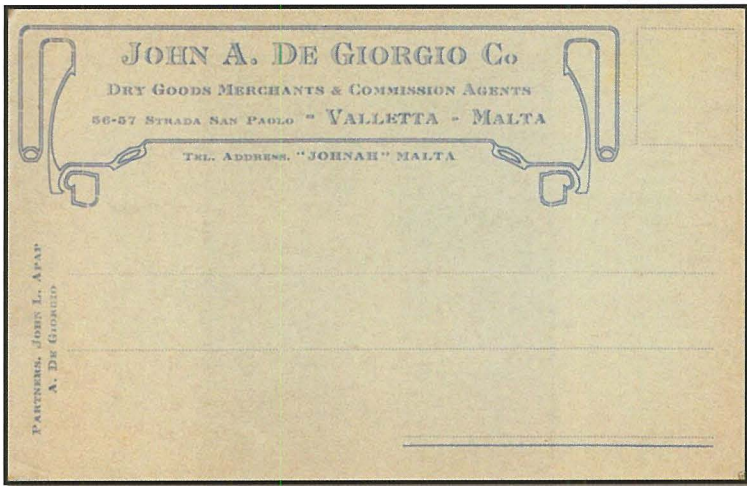


Fig 10 - Company Business Card

An interesting form of the address was written on this PPC from Milan, Italy.

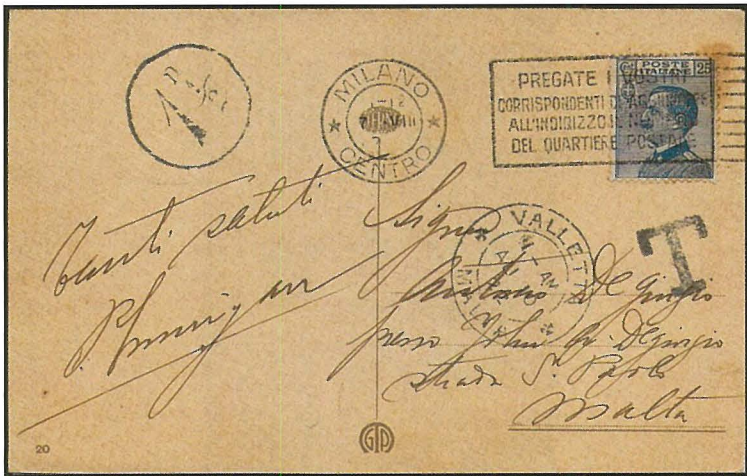


Fig 11 - To Antonio De Giorgio, presso ((at)) John A. de Giorgio.

Received on 10<sup>th</sup> August 1922

((Note the scarce postage due handstamp, PD-1½2, used from 1901 to 1923))

ANTHONY'S COLLECTION

He received PPCs from at least 58 countries/territories. The earliest recorded postcard for his collection was sent from Sweden in May 1911 and probably arrived during the first week of June.

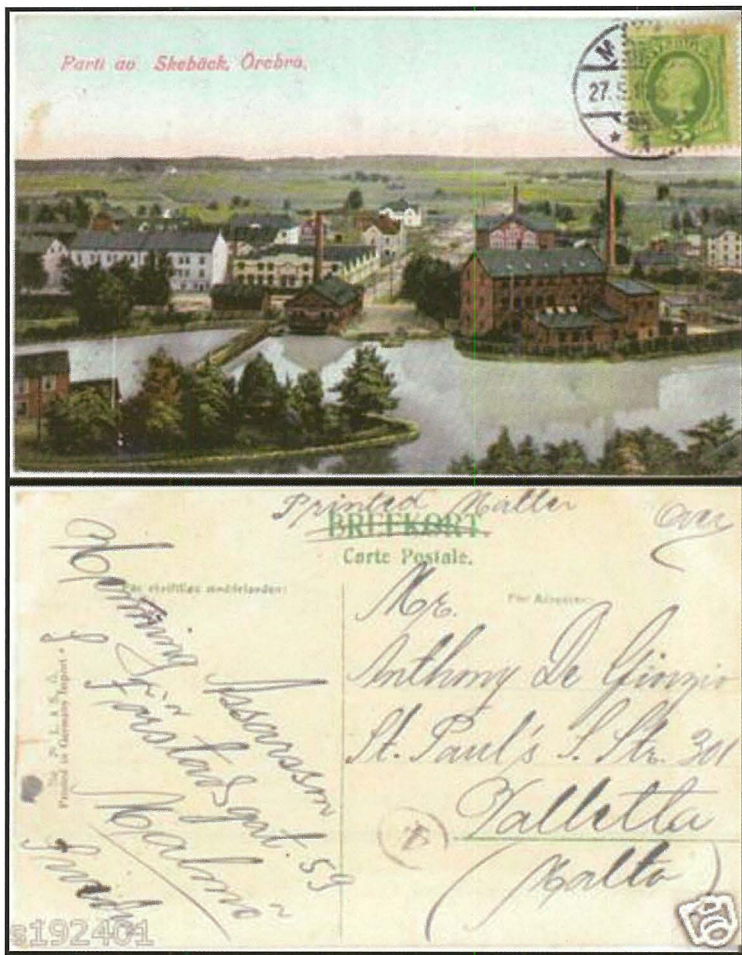


Fig 12 - PPC from Malmö, Sweden posted on 27<sup>th</sup> May 1911

His latest recorded PPC was received from Warsaw, Poland on 13<sup>th</sup> June 1920.

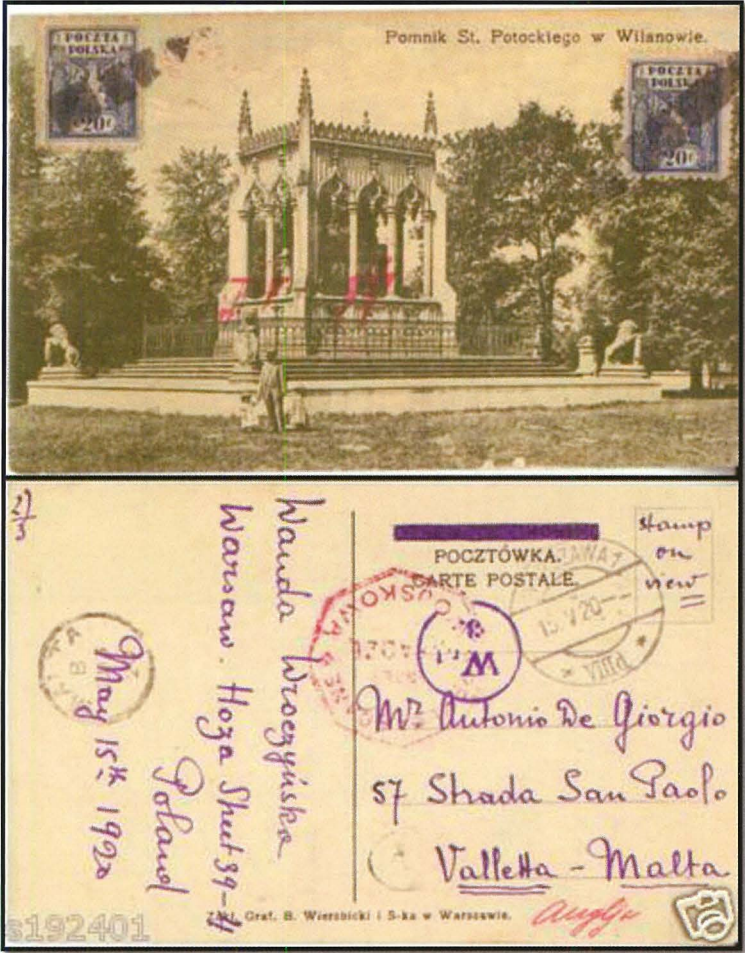
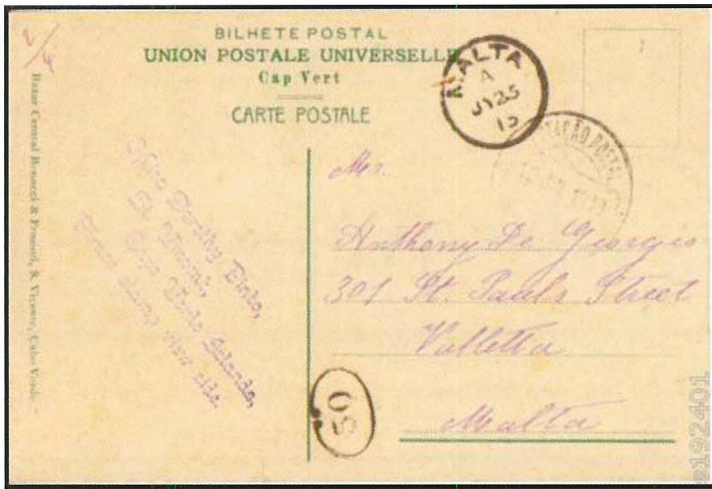


Fig 13 - PPC from Warsaw, Poland posted on 15<sup>th</sup> May 1920

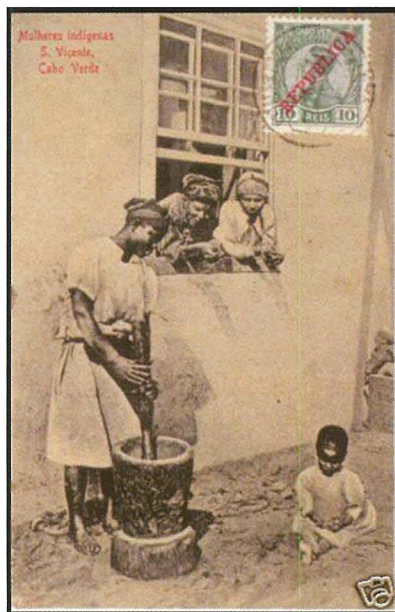


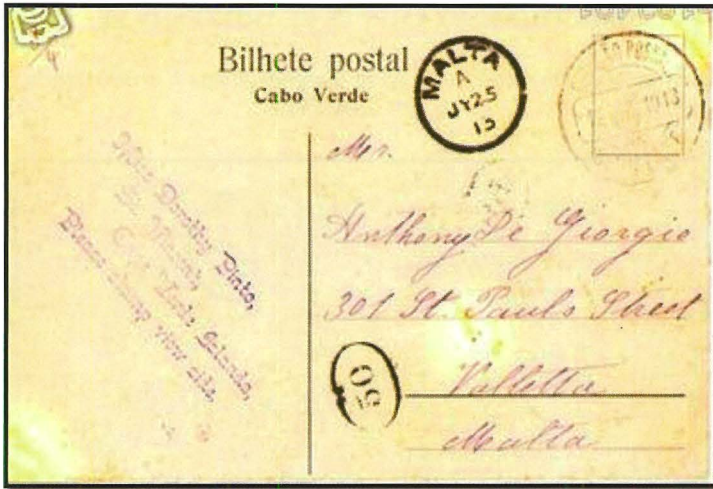
**THE THREE EXAMPLES BEARING PHS 50**

**PPCs from Miss Dorothy Pinto of St Vincent, Cape Verde Islands sent on 12<sup>th</sup> July 1913.**



**Figs 14 & 15 - PPC 2 of 4 from Cape Verde, Atlantic Ocean received on 25<sup>th</sup> July 1913**



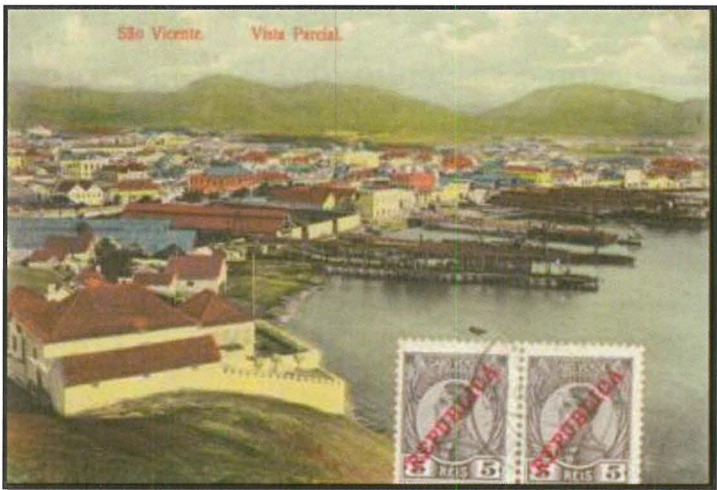


Figs 15 & 16 - PPC 3 of 4 from Cape Verde, Atlantic Ocean received on 25<sup>th</sup> July 1913





Figs 17 & 18 - PPC 4 of 4 from Cape Verde, Atlantic Ocean received on 25<sup>th</sup> July 1913



## WORLD WAR II - 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH 1942

### 300,000kg of Bombs on Malta's "Day in Hell"

Up to this date, the heaviest bombing raid of the war

- 300 tons of bombs on Ta' Qali Airfield in 48 hours
- 146 high explosive bombs target Mosta
- 81 killed and many more wounded
- bombs on shelter in Mosta cause mass casualties

The same person?

On 21<sup>st</sup> March 1942, an Anthony de Giorgio (79) was killed in an air raid on Mosta. Carmela (aged 77) and Maria (34) De Giorgio were killed in the same raid.

# Membership renewal

becomes payable from 1st January,  
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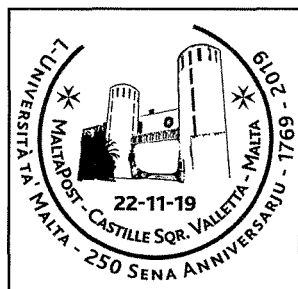
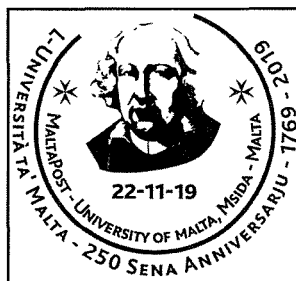
## 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019 – 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019

Compiled by John V. De Battista

### 15<sup>th</sup> November

MaltaPost notified that commemorative hand stamps will be issued to commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the University of Malta. The commemorative hand stamps will be used on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019 at the Msida Post Office, Valletta Post Office (South Street), Sliema Post Office (Manuel Dimech Street) and the Victoria Post Office in Gozo.

The single severed-ring hand stamp used at the Msida Post Office is inscribed “L-UNIVERSITA` TA` MALTA – 250 SENA ANNIVERSARJU -1769 - 2019” along the outside bordering the ring, and “\* MALTAPOST – UNIVERSITY OF MALTA, MSIDA - MALTA \*” bordering the ring on the inner side. At the centre of the hand stamp are the words 250/YEARS, beneath which the issue date “22-11-19” in a straight line is to be found.



The single severed-ring hand stamp used at the Valletta Post Office is inscribed “L-UNIVERSITA` TA` MALTA – 250 SENA ANNIVERSARJU -1769 - 2019” along the outside bordering the ring, and “\* MALTAPOST – CASTILLE SQR. VALLETTA - MALTA \*” bordering the ring on the inner side. At the centre of the hand stamp is an outline drawing of the main entrance to the University, beneath which the issue date “22-11-19” in a straight line is to be found.

The single severed-ring hand stamp used at the Sliema Post Office is inscribed “L-UNIVERSITA` TA` MALTA – 250 SENA ANNIVERSARJU -1769 - 2019” along the outside bordering the ring, and “\* MALTAPOST – MANUEL DIMECH STR. SLIEMA - MALTA \*” bordering the ring on the inner side. At the centre of the hand stamp there is the logo of the University of Malta, beneath which the issue date “22-11-19” in a straight line is to be found.





Finally the single severed-ring hand stamp used at the Victoria Post Office is inscribed “L-UNIVERSITÀ TA’ MALTA – 250 SENA ANNIVERSARJU -1769 - 2019” along the outside bordering the ring, and “ \* MALTAPOST – VICTORIA, GOZO - MALTA \* ” bordering the ring on the inner side. At the centre of the hand stamp there is an image of renowned Catholic orator and humanist, Fra Roberto Ranieri Maria Costaguti (1732-1818), elected to be the first rector of

the University, beneath which the issue date “22-11-19” in a straight line is to be found.

In its second media communication for the day, MaltaPost announced that on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, it will be issuing a set of five stamps depicting the Maltese honey bee.

Apiculture, or as it is commonly known, bee-keeping, is the breeding and keeping of bee colonies in man-made hives, in order to collect their honey and other products. Apiculture is one of the oldest traditions in Malta.



The Maltese Islands have their own indigenous honey bee which, after centuries of breeding and colonisation, has adapted well to the local climate and environment. One biological feature of the Maltese bee, which is small and relatively dark in colour, is that it lays eggs throughout all the seasons.

The stamps will be issued in a sheet of ten, made up of two rows each containing a complete set. Each stamp measures 35mm x 35mm, has a comb perforation of 13.75 x 13.75 and printed on paper bearing the Maltese Cross watermark. The sheets themselves measure 204mm x 134mm and were produced by Printex Ltd in the offset process. This issue consists of 1,000,000 stamps, each with a face value of €0.30. Photography on which the stamps are based is by Abner Joe Buttigieg & Paul Portelli.

MaltaPost prepared an occasion postmark to cancel the stamps on the first day of issue (on FDC No. 15/2019). The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed “APICULTURE IN MALTA” along the outside bordering the ring and “\* MALTAPOST ----- - MALTA \*” on the lower inner side of the ring. The words and issue date “JUM IL-ĦRUĠ/22-11-19” in straight lines are to be found below an outline image depicting a bee in flight about to rest on a flower, positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp. MaltaPost’s Philatelic Bureau featured the issue in Stamp Bulletin numbered as No. 396.

## 19<sup>th</sup> November

MaltaPost notified the public that a commemorative hand stamp will be issued to mark the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Island Insurance Brokers, on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at the Birkirkara Post Office.

The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed “30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY – ISLAND INSURANCE BROKERS LIMITED” along the outside bordering the ring, and “\* MALTAPOST – B’KARA POST OFFICE - MALTA \*

” bordering the ring on the inner side. At the centre of the hand stamp is a stylized number 30, beneath which the words and issue date “YEARS OF/PROUD/SERVICE/25-11-19” in straight lines are to be found.



## 22<sup>nd</sup> November

On the 29<sup>th</sup> November, MaltaPost will be issuing this year’s Christmas set. This set will consist of three stamps featuring figurines of the Baby Jesus found in churches around Malta and Gozo. The set is based on photography by Mark Micallef Perconte.

At this time of year, churches are decorated for the festive season, and a figurine of the Baby Jesus is a must in every church and chapel throughout the Islands. On Christmas Eve, a children’s procession is held in various towns and villages when the figurine of Baby Jesus is carried shoulder-high as children follow through the streets singing Christmas Carols while carrying lanterns and lights. This tradition dates back to 1921 when the Reverend George Preca (since canonised as a Saint) staged the very first procession in Hamrun.

The stamps will be issued sheets of ten stamps, with each stamp measuring 44mm x 31mm, having a comb perforation of 14.0 x 13.9 and bearing the Maltese Cross watermark. The sheets measure 185mm x 115mm and were printed in the offset process by Printex Ltd. The issue consists of 500,000 of the €0.28 stamp, 80,000 of the €0.59 stamp and 28,000 of the €0.63 stamp.

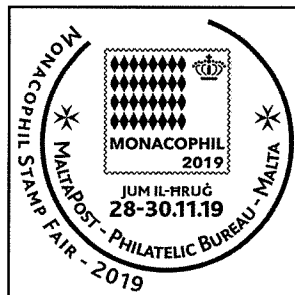
MaltaPost prepared an occasion postmark to cancel the stamps on the first day of issue (on FDC No.16/2019). The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed “CHRISTMAS 2019” along the outside bordering the ring and “\* MALTAPOST ----- - MALTA \*” on the lower inner side of the ring. The words and issue date “JUM IL-ĦRUĠ/29-11-19” in straight lines are to be found below an outline image depicting the Holy Family, positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp.



MaltaPost's Philatelic Bureau featured the issue in Stamp Bulletin numbered as No. 397.

## 26<sup>th</sup> November

MaltaPost announced that it will be participating in the MonacoPhil stamp fair, being held between 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November in Monaco. The stamp fair is an annual event where international postal operators showcase their philatelic items. MaltaPost's Philatelic Bureau will be participating in this fair with a variety of Maltese stamps related to various popular themes.



For this event, the Philatelic Bureau will issue an Occasion Card (Number 58), Personalised Stamp/Cover and a philatelic numismatic cover (4) commemorating the exhibition. The Occasion Card will be available for sale as from Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November at all Post Offices.

Orders for the Personalised Stamp/Cover could also be placed online at [www.maltaphilately.com](http://www.maltaphilately.com) or by snail mail.

For the occasion, MaltaPost also issued an occasion hand stamp. The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed "MONACOPHIL STAMP FAIR - 2019" along the outside bordering the ring, and "\* MALTAPOST – PHILATELIC BUREAU - MALTA \*" bordering the ring on the inner side. At the centre of the hand stamp one finds the Fair's Logo, beneath which the words "JUM IL-ĦRUĠ" and dates of use "28-30.11.19" in straight lines are to be found.

## 28<sup>th</sup> November

MaltaPost today informed that the Sub Post Office at 'D Spiral' Stationery, situated at Triq il-Vitorja, Birkirkara BKR 2691, will be closed on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

On this day, the public was advised that as a nearby alternative it may use the postal services provided from the Birkirkara Post Office situated at 58, Triq il-Wied, Birkirkara BKR 9013.



In a separate media communication, MaltaPost also notified the public that a commemorative hand stamp will be issued to celebrate Christmas in Gozo, on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at the Nadur Post Office in Gozo.

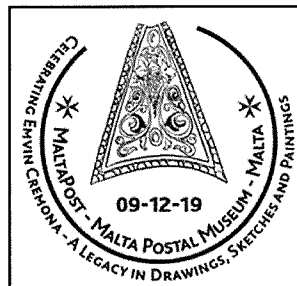
The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed "MILIED F'GHAWDEX" along the outside bordering the ring, and "\* MALTAPOST – NADUR, GOZO - MALTA \*" bordering the ring on the inner side.



” bordering the ring on the inner side. At the centre of the hand stamp is an outline drawing of a nativity scene, beneath which drawing the issue date “30-11-19” in a straight line is to be found.

### **04<sup>th</sup> December**

MaltaPost notified the public that a commemorative hand stamp will be issued for the opening of an exhibition featuring drawings, sketches and paintings of Emvin Cremona on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at the Malta Postal Museum.



The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed “CELEBRATING EMVIN CREMONA – A LEGACY IN DRAWINGS, SKETCHES AND PAINTINGS” along the outside bordering the ring, and “\* MALTAPOST – MALTA POSTAL MUSEUM - MALTA \*” bordering the ring on the inner side. At the centre of the hand stamp is a spiral motif design, beneath which drawing the issue date “09-12-19” in a straight line is to be found.

### **05<sup>th</sup> December**

The public was today informed that the Sub Post Office at ‘D Spiral’ Stationery, situated at Triq il-Vitorja, Birkirkara BKR 2691, will be closed on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. On this day, the public was directed to use the postal services provided from the Birkirkara Post Office situated at 58, Triq il-Wied, Birkirkara BKR 9013.

### **16<sup>th</sup> December**

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at ‘Needs Stationery’, situated at 1, Triq il-Vajrita, Marsaskala MSK 3306 will be closed between Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December and Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December.

On these days, Marsaskala residents were advised to make use of the postal services provided from the Żabbar Post Office situated at the Civic Centre, Triq il-Kunvent, Żabbar ŻBR 1351.

### **17<sup>th</sup> December**

In its first media communication for the day, MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at ‘Step in’, Misraħ ir-Rebħa, il-Birgu BRG 1300, will be closed between Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December.

During this period, the public was advised that if it so wishes it may make use of the postal services provided from the nearest branch, namely the Bormla Post Office at Block No 14, Flat No. 12, Fuq San Pawl, Bormla BML 1910.

The public was today also informed that, by agreement with the Malta Communications Authority, the Parcel Office at the MaltaPost Head Office in Marsa will close at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2019, and the last collection of mail from all letterboxes will be carried out at 1:00 p.m.

## **19<sup>th</sup> December**

MaltaPost announced that the €0.02 stamp of the 2009 Definitive Issue has been reprinted. The reprint consists of 1,020,000 stamps, in sheets of 10 stamps bearing sheet numbers 140001 - 242000 both numbers included. The stamps measure 44.0 mm x 31.0 mm with a comb perforation of 13.9 x 14.0 and have been printed by the offset process by Printex Limited on watermarked paper bearing Maltese Crosses. It was also notified that this reprint will be available from all Post Offices in Malta and Gozo as of 19<sup>th</sup> December, that is the same day of the release of the media communication. For the record, this is the fifth reprint and the third one during this year for this value.

## **20<sup>th</sup> December**

Today MaltaPost released four media communications. The first concerned the notification that the Sub Post Office at 'Fleet Stationery', Testaferrata Street, Ta' Xbiex XBX 1402, will be closed between Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December and Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December. During this period, the public was advised that if it so wishes it could make use the postal services provided from the nearest post office, the Gzira Post Office, situated at 21, Pjazza Meme' Scicluna, Gzira GZR 1120.

Another communication informed the general public that, by agreement with the Malta Communications Authority, the Parcel Office at the MaltaPost Head Office in Marsa will close at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December, and that the last collection of mail from all letterboxes will be carried out at 1:00 p.m.

In the third, MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office situated at the San Lawrenz Local Council, 22A Triq id-Duluri, San Lawrenz SLZ 1261, will be closed between Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December.

During this period, the public may make use of the postal services provided from the Victoria Post Office situated at 5, Triq Sir Adrian Dingli, Victoria VCT 1441.

Another media communication informed the public that the Sub Post Office at 'Higher Grades', 93, Triq Kannea, Attard ATD 2703 will be closed between Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2020. During this period, the public was advised that if it so wishes it may make use of the postal services provided from the Lija Post Office situated at 2, Triq Mikelang Borg, Lija LJA 1440

*(20th December will be continued in April 2021 issue)*



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