

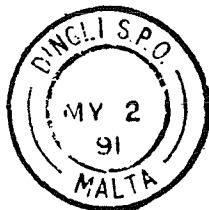
# MALTA — A DIARY

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## 2-5-91

A Sub-Post Office was opened at "The Dingli Stationery" in Misrah Frenc Abela, Dingli, on Thursday, 2nd May, 1991. A hand metal date-stamp with the words "Dingli S.P.O. — Malta", is used at this Sub-Post Office. The telephone number at this Sub-Post Office is 459439.



## 6-5-91

A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded: "Your Career Choice — Your Future — National Careers Week — 6-10 May 1991" was used during the period 6th to 10th May, 1991, at the Central Mail Room.

## 7-5-91

In today's Govt. Gazette it was stated that the Department of Posts will be launching a Postcode system for the Maltese Islands and has compiled a Postcode Directory for this purpose. Those interested in the printing and publishing of the Postcode Directory on an exclusivity basis, subject to conditions, were invited to submit their quotations not later than noon of Wednesday, 15th May, 1991.

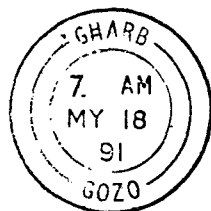
## 18-5-91

A Branch Post Office was opened at Our Lady of Visitation Street, Gharb, Gozo, on Saturday, 18th May, 1991, at 11.00am.

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 18th May, 1991, postal articles posted in street letter boxes in the areas served by the Gharb Branch Post Office, were to be postmarked by a date-stamp inscribed "Gharb — Gozo".

Post Office Private Delivery Boxes are available and may be rented on application. The telephone number of the Gharb Branch Post Office is 560746.



## 22-5-91

A special hand postmark was used on the occasion of the Philatelic Week for the cancellation of philatelic mail at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO and at the Central Mail Room, from 8.00am to 12.45pm and from 8.00am to 6.00pm respectively from the 22nd to the 25th and the 27th to the 29th May, 1991. The date-stamp is in-



scribed: "1966-1991 Philatelic Society – Philatelic Week – 22-29.V.1991 – Valletta-Malta".

The date stamp also incorporates the logo of the Malta Philatelic Society.

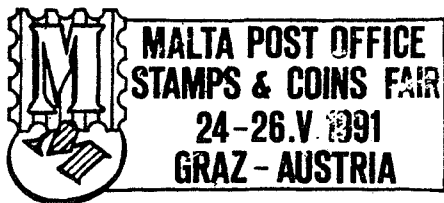
### 24-5-91

In today's Govt. Gazette it was stated that with reference to the call for quotations for the printing and publishing of a Postcode Directory which appeared in the Govt. Gazette of the 7th May, 1991, the PMG notified that all quotations received have been rejected and a fresh call for quotations was being issued in today's Govt. Gazette.

### 24-5-91

A special hand postmark was used on the occasion of the participation of the Malta Post Office in the Stamps and Coins Fair which was held in Graz, Austria, from the 24th to the 26th May, 1991.

The postmark is inscribed as follows: "Malta Post Office – Stamps And Coins Fair – 24-26 May 1991 – Graz".



The postmark, which also incorporates the emblem of the above-mentioned exhibition, was used on the 24th and 25th May, 1991, at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO from 8.00am to 12.45pm and at the Central Mail Room from 8.00am to 6.00pm. Any postal article postmarked with the Stamps and Coin Fair Special Hand Postmark Cancellation posted on Sunday, the 26th May, 1991, and cleared from street letter boxes during the first cancellation on Monday the 27th May, 1991, was not taxed but backstamped in the normal manner.

An identical postmark was used at the Malta Post Office Stand at the Fair in Graz, Austria.

### 31-5-91

In today's Govt. Gazette a call was issued for applications for the post of Sub-Postmaster at Ta' Xbiex. Applications were to be received, up to noon of Friday, 28th June, 1991.

### 1-6-91

A special hand-datestamp was used for the cancellation of philatelic mail at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO and at the Central Mail Room, from 8.00am to 12.45pm and from 8.00am to 6.00pm respectively on the 1st June, 1991. The date-stamp is inscribed: "150th Anniversary – Foundation of Sceberras Testaferrata Orphanage Senigallia – 1.VI.1991 – Valletta – Malta".



### 3-6-91

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Droga? Le... – U Kburi – Zghazagh Kontra D-Droga" was used at the Central Mail Room, from the 3rd. to the 6th and 8th June, 1991. The slogan also incorporates an appropriate motif.

The slogan means: "Drugs? No... – And Proud – Youth Against Drugs".

### 21-6-91

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "World Diabetes Day – 27.VI.1991" was used at the Central Mail Room, on the 21st and 22nd and from the 24th to the 27th June, 1991. The slogan also incorporates a motif.

### 28-6-91

A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded: "World Day – Of – Architecture – 1 July, 1991" was used on the 28th June and on the 1st and 2nd July, 1991, at the Central Mail Room. The logo of the International Union of Architects is also incorporated in the slogan.

### 1-7-91

The third in a series of Year Packs, was issued on Monday, 1st July, 1991. The 1990 Year Pack, which features a view of Mdina on the outer cover, is made up of a descriptive colour folder in four languages (English, French, German and Italian) and contains all postage stamps released during 1990. The Year Pack is available for sale at the price of Lm4.00,0 from the GPO and from all BPOs and SPOs in Malta and Gozo.

### 1-7-91

A Temporary Branch Post Office was opened at the International Fair of Malta, Naxxar, from Monday 1st July to Monday 15th July, 1991, 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 postal and money orders
- d) encashment of postcheques
- e) posting of letters and printed matter
- f) posting of EMS Datapost items

Postal articles posted at this Temporary Branch Post Office were postmarked by a date-stamp inscribed as follows: "XXXIV Fiera Internazzjonali Ta' Malta Naxxar", meaning "XXXIV International Fair of Malta Naxxar".



### 8-7-91

A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded: "Nghozzu Wirt – Ghawdex – Sajf

1991" was used, on and off, at the Central Mail Room, from the 8th to the 13th July, 1991. The slogan also incorporates the logo of Wirt Ghawdex.

The slogan means: "Safeguarding Gozo's Heritage – Summer 1991".

### 11-7-91

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Albert Einstein – Congress On Peace IV – Malta – 11-18 July 1991" was used, on and off, during the period from the 11th to 18th July, 1991, at the Central Mail Room.

### 19-7-91

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Inharsu l-Wirt – Folkloristiku – Ta' Pajjizna", was used, on and off, during the period from the 19th to the 31st July, 1991, at the Central Mail Room. The slogan also incorporates the logo of the "Ghaqda tal-Folklore".

The slogan means: "Safeguarding the Folkloristic Heritage Of Our Country".

### 22-7-91

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Bi-Centinarju Tal-Kwadru Titulari – Tal-Katidral T'Ghawdex – 1791-1991" was used at the Central Mail Room, from the 22nd to the 27th July, 1991.

The slogan means: "Bi-Centenary Of The Titular Painting – Of The Gozo Cathedral – 1791-1991".

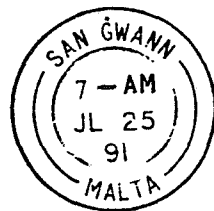
### 25-7-91

A Branch Post Office was opened at 7, Naxxar Road, San Gwann, on Thursday, 25 July, 1991, at 10.30am.

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

With effect from 25th July, 1991, postal articles posted in street letter boxes in the areas served by the San Gwann Branch Post Office will be postmarked by a date-stamp inscribed "San Gwann – Malta".

Post Office Private Delivery Boxes are available and may be rented on application. The telephone number at the San Gwann Branch Post Office is 374191.



### 26-7-91

A special hand-datestamp was used for the cancellation of philatelic mail at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO and at the Central Mail Room, from 8.00am to 12.45pm and from 8.00am to 6.00pm respectively on the 26th July, 1991. The datestamp is inscribed as follows: "Battle of Valletta 26th July, 1941 – Valletta – Malta 26.VII.91", and it also



incorporates the logo of the Royal Malta Artillery.

### 29-7-91

A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded: "Niltaqghu Ma' Hutna – L-Emigranti – 1 ta' Awissu, 1991 – Mgarr – Gozo – Malta" was used at the Central Mail Room, from the 29th to the 31st July, 1991 and 1st to 3rd August, 1991.

The slogan means: "Meeting Our Brothers – The Emigrants – 1st August 1991 – Mgarr – Gozo – Malta".

The slogan also incorporates an appropriate motif with the words "Merhba '91", meaning "Welcome '91".

### 1-8-91

A special hand-postmark was used for the cancellation of philatelic mail at the Mgarr Post Office, Gozo, on Thursday, 1st August, 1991. The date-stamp is inscribed: "1st August 1991 – Mgarr Gozo Malta" and it also includes an appropriate motif with the words "Merhba '91".

For this purpose the Mgarr Post Office, Gozo, was on the 1st August, 1991, open for business from 5.30pm to 9.30pm to transact sale of stamps and registration of envelopes.



### 9-8-91

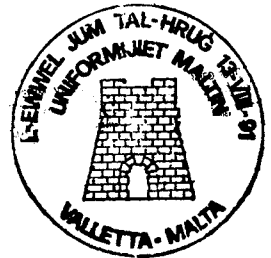
In today's Govt. Gazette a call was issued for applications for the post of Sub-Postmaster at Ta' Xbiex. Applications were to be received up to noon of Monday, 26th August, 1991.

### 13-8-91

In today's Govt. Gazette a call was issued for applications for the post of Sub-Postmaster at Kalkara. Applications were to be received up to noon of Wednesday, 4th September, 1991.

### 13-8-91

The "Maltese Uniforms 1991" postage set, issued today. A special hand-postmark, incorporating a motif, was used for cancellation on the first day of issue.



### 16-8-91

A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded: "Id-Droga – Problema Taghna Lkoll – Drugs – Are Everybody's Concern" was used, on and off, at the Central Mail Room, from the 16th to the 24th August, 1991.

### 23-8-91

A supplement to the Govt. Gazette N° 15472 of the 23rd August, 1991 contained

new regulations amending the Overseas Post Regulations. The new regulations are as follows:

Post Office Act  
(Cap.254)  
Fees Ordinance (Cap.35)  
Overseas Post (Amendment) (N<sup>o</sup> 2) Regulations, 1991

- 1) These regulations may be cited as the Overseas Post (Amendment) (N<sup>o</sup> 2) Regulations, 1991 and should be read and construed as one with the Overseas Post Regulations, 1989, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations".
  - 2) These regulations shall come into force on the 30th August 1991.
2. For the Ninth Schedule to the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following new Schedule:

"Ninth Schedule"  
(Regulations 108,110)  
Part A

Rates of Postage, Maximum Sizes and Weights on Expedited Mail Service. A list of seventeen countries then followed, giving the cost of the first half Kg, each additional half Kg up to 5 Kg, and each additional half Kg above 5Kg up to a maximum of 20Kg for each country. The maximum and minimum sizes were also given.

Part B

Towns and Postcodes served in Italy

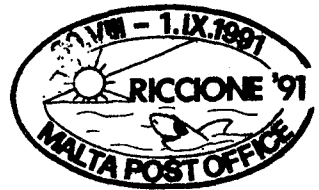
This part consisted of a list of 32 towns, and the particular postcodes in each town, being served by EMS.

**30-8-91**

The Malta Post Office was represented by its authorised Philatelic Agent for Italy and Switzerland, in the "XLIII Fiera Internazionale Del Francobollo" which was held at Riccione, Italy, from 30th August to the 1st September, 1991.

To commemorate the occasion, a special handstamp inscribed: "Malta Post Office – Riccione '91 – 30.VIII-1.IX.91" and including an appropriate motif, was used at the Counter Hall of the GPO on the 30th and 31st August, 1991.

An identical handstamp was used from the 30th August to the 1st September, 1991, at the Exhibition Stand at Riccione.



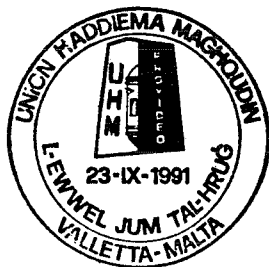
**9-9-91**

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading "Festazghazagh '91 – 9-15 September – Naxxar – Youth – A Time To Live – A Time To Give", was used at the Central

Mail Room, from the 9th to the 14th September, 1991.

### 23-9-91

The "25th Anniversary Union Haddiema Maghqudin" postage stamp, issued today. A special hand-postmark, incorporating a motif, was used for cancellation on the first day of issue.



### 24-9-91

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "1 Ta' Ottubru 1991 – Jum Dinji Dwar l-Anzjani – Lejn Stima Xierqa", was used, on and off, during the period 24th to 28th and 30th September, and 1st October, 1991 at the Central Mail Room.

The slogan means: "1 October 1991 – World Day for the Elderly – Towards Justified Respect".

### 24-9-91

A supplement to the Govt. Gazette N° 15,485, of the 24th September, 1991, contained new regulations amending the Overseas Post Regulations.

The new regulations are as follows:

Post Office Act

(Cap.254)

1. 1) These regulations may be cited as the Overseas Post (Amendment) (N° 3) Regulations, 1991 and shall be read and construed as one with the Overseas Post Regulations, 1989, hereinafter referred to as "The principal regulations".
- 2) In these regulations, regulation 2 shall come into force on the 1st October 1991, whereas regulation 3 shall come into force on the 1st November, 1991.
2. In the Sixth Schedule to the principal regulations, for the items and figures under the heading "Regulation 93 Poundage on British Postal Orders" there shall be substituted the following:

For the face values of 50p and £1	23c
For the face value from £2 to £7	38c
For the face value from £8 to £10	44c
For the face value of £15	52c
For the face value of £20	63c
3. In the Fourteenth Schedule to the principal regulations, for the figure "1c" shown against the item "Aerogrammes" there shall be substituted the figure "2c".

### 26-9-91

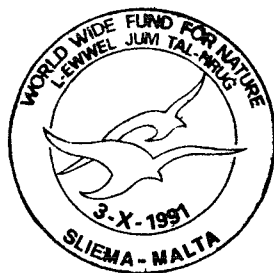
A rubber hand date-stamp was put in use at the Luqa Airport Branch Post Office with effect from Thursday, 26th



September, 1991 until further notice. The rubber hand date-stamp is inscribed "Luqa Airport – Malta".

### 3-10-91

The "World Wide Fund for Nature" postage set, issued today. A special hand-postmark, incorporating a motif, was used for cancellation on the first day of issue.



### 5-10-91

On the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the Hobbies Society, a special hand-postmark was used, at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO from 8.00am to 12.45pm and at the Central Mail Room from 8.00am to 6.00pm on Staurday, 5th October, 1991.

The hand-postmark, which also incorporates the emblem of the Hobbies Society is inscribed: "25th Anniversary – Valletta – Malta – 5.10.91".



### 8-10-91

A Temporary Branch Post Office was opened at the Mediterranean Conference Centre on:

Tuesday, 8th October, 1991 from 3.30pm to 8.00pm

Wednesday, 9th October, 1991 from 9.00am to 6.00pm

Thursday, 10th October, 1991 from 9.00am to noon.

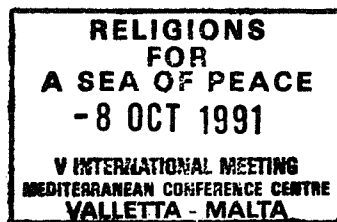
for the transaction of the following business:

- sale of stamps and postal stationery
- registration of postal articles
- issue and encashment of Money and Postal Orders
- encashment of Postcheques
- posting of letters, parcels and printed matter
- posting of EMS Datapost.

Postal articles posted at this Temporary Branch Post Office were postmarked by a date-stamp inscribed: "Religions – For – A Sea Of Peace – V International Meeting – Mediterranean Conference Centre – Valletta – Malta".

### 8-10-91

A special hand postmark worded: "Religions – For – A Sea Of Peace – V International Meeting – Mediterranean Conference Centre – Valletta – Malta" was used from the 8th to the 10th October, 1991 at the Central Mail Room.



### 9-10-91

A special hand-postmark, marking World Post Day, was used at the Philatelic



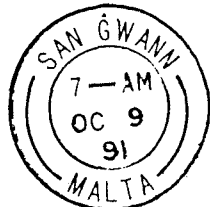
Counter of the GPO and at the Central Mail Room from 8.00am to 12.45pm and from 8.00am to 6.00pm respectively, on Wednesday, 9th October, 1991. The hand-postmark, which incorporates the emblem of the Universal Postal Union, is inscribed: "World Post Day – 9-10-91 – Valletta – Malta – The Post – Your Universal Partner".



**9-10-91**

A new metal hand-datestamp was put in use at the San Gwann Branch Post Office on Wednesday, 9th October, 1991.

The new hand-datestamp is inscribed: "San Gwann – Malta".



**15-10-91**

A Sub-Post Office was opened at "Jigsaw Stationery" Shop N° 2, Pjazza Ninu Cremona, Iklin, on Tuesday, 15th October, 1991.

A metal hand date-stamp with the words "Iklin SPO – Malta" is used at this Sub-Post Office.

The telephone number at this Sub-Post Office is 415046.



**16-10-91**

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "World Food Day – 16.X.1991 – Trees For Life", was used at the Central Mail Room, from the 16th to the 19th October, 1991.

**18-10-91**

A special hand date-stamp was used for cancellation of philatelic mail at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO and at the Central Mail Room, from 8.00am to 12.45pm and from 8.00am to 6.00pm respectively on the 18th October, 1991. The date-stamp is inscribed: "Council of Europe – 18.X.91 – Valletta – Malta – 30th Anniversary", and it also incorporates the logo of the European Social Charter.



**24-10-91**

A special hand date-stamp was used for the cancellation of philatelic mail at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO and at the Central Mail Room, from 8.00am to 12.45pm and from 8.00am to 6.00pm respectively, on the 24th to 26th October, 1991.

The date stamp is inscribed: "Andersen and Malta – 1841 – 1991 – 24-27.X.1991 – Malta International Book



Fair – Valletta – Malta", and it also incorporates a profile of Hans Christian Andersen.

### 25-10-91

A special hand-postmark was used on the occasion of the participation of the Malta Post Office in Philatelia '91, which was held in Cologne, Germany, from the 25th to the 27th October, 1991. The postmark is inscribed as follows: "Malta Post Office – Philatelia '91 International Stamp Fair – 25-27 October, 1991 – Cologne".



The postmark, which also incorporates the emblem of the above mentioned exhibition, was used on the 25th and 26th October, 1991, at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO from 8.00am to 12.45pm and at the Central Mail Room from 8.00am to 6.00pm.

Any postal article postmarked with the "Philatelia '91" Special hand Postmark Cancellation, and posted on Sunday, the 27th October, 1991 and cleared from street letter boxes during the first collection on Monday, 28th October, 1991 were not to be taxed, but backstamped in the normal manner. An identical postmark was used at the Malta Post Office Stand at Philatelia '91.

### 30-10-91

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "25th Anniversary – Malta Tennis Association – 1966-1991" was used at the Central Mail Room, on the 30th and 31st October and 1st and 2nd November, 1991.

### 4-11-91

A machine stamp cancelling slogan inscribed: "75 – 1916-1991 – Years of Scouting in Gozo" was used at the Central Mail Room, from the 4th to the 8th November, 1991. The slogan also incorporates the logo of the Victoria Scout Group.

### 5-11-91

A Temporary Branch Post Office was opened at the Malta Hilton, St. Julians, as shown hereunder:

From Tuesday, 5th November, to Thursday, 7th November, 1991 from 8.00am to 5.00pm

From Friday, 8th November, to Saturday, 9th November, 1991 from 8.00am to 1.00pm.

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

ders



d) encashment of Postcheques

e) posting of letters, printed matter, parcels and EMS Datapost

Postal articles posted at this Temporary Branch Post Office were postmarked by a date-stamp inscribed: "World Medical Association Inc. – 43rd World Medical Assembly – Malta - Hilton – St Julians".

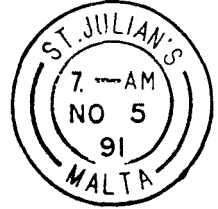
### 5-11-91

A Branch Post Office was opened at Elia Zammit Street, St Julians, on Tuesday, 5th November, 1991 at 10.00am.

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.

A date-stamp inscribed "St Julian's – Malta" is used at this Branch Post Office.

Post Office Private Delivery Boxes are available and may be rented on application. The telephone numbers of the St Julians Branch Post Office are 310953 and 310954.

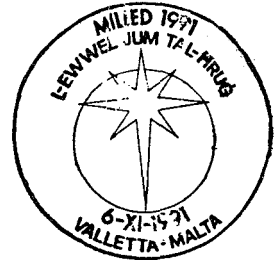


### 5-11-91

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "43rd – World Medical Assembly – 5-9.XI.1991 – Malta Hilton" was used at the Central Mail Room, from the 5th to the 9th November, 1991.

### 6-11-91

The "Christmas 1991" postage set, issued today. A special hand-postmark, incorporating a motif, was used for cancellation on the first day of issue.



### 11-11-91

A metal hand date-stamp was put in use at the Luqa Airport Branch Post Office with effect from Monday, 11th November, 1991. The metal hand date-stamp is inscribed: "Luqa Airport – Malta".

The rubber hand date-stamp, which was replaced, was withdrawn from use at Luqa Airport Branch Post Office at the close of business of Saturday, 9th November, 1991.



### 19-11-91

A Temporary Branch Post Office was opened at the Mediterranean Conference Centre, Valletta, as shown hereunder:

From Tuesday, 19th November, 1991 to Thursday, 21st November 1991 from 10.00am to 6.00pm and on Friday, 22nd November, 1991 from 10.00 am to 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 date-stamp inscribed: "Clean Seas 91 – Mediterranean Conference Centre – Valletta – Malta" and also incorporating the logo of the "Clean Seas 91".

### 20-11-91

A Branch Post Office was opened at Civic Centre, 21st September Avenue, Naxxar on Wednesday, 20th November, 1991 at 10.00am. 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 the 20th November, 1991 postal articles posted in street letter boxes in the areas served by the Naxxar Branch Post Office were postmarked by a date-stamp inscribed: "Naxxar – Malta".

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

### 25-11-91

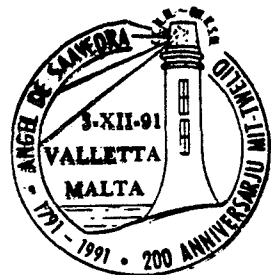
With effect from Monday, 25th November 1991, the Sub-Post Office at 5A, Triq il-Parrocca, Qrendi, was transferred to "Best Mark", Triq Rokku Buhagiar, Qrendi. (Tel. 685872).

### 25-11-91

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading "Aghti D-Demm – Aghti l-Hajja – 25.XI.91" was used at the Central Mail Room, from the 25th to the 27th November, 1991. The slogan means: "Give Blood – Give Life – 25.XI.91".

### 3-12-91

A special hand date-stamp was used for the cancellation of philatelic mail, at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO and at the Central Mail Room, from 8.00am to 12.45pm and from 8.00am to 6.00pm respectively on the 3rd December, 1991. The date-stamp is inscribed: "Angel De Saavedra – 200 Anniversarju Mit-Twelid – 1791 – 1991 –



3-XII-91 – Valletta – Malta" and it also incorporates a motif of a lighthouse with the letters "C.C.H.M. – GH.K.S.M."

### 5-12-91

In a supplement to the Malta Govt. Gazette, N° 15,513 of the 22nd November, 1991 the following Inland Post (Amendment) (N° 4) regulations, 1991, was issued:

1. 1) These regulations may be cited as the Inland Post (Amendment) (N° 4) Regulations, 1991 and shall be read and construed as one with the Inland Post Regulations, 1985, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations".  
2) These regulations shall come into force on the 5th December, 1991.
2. In regulation 7 of the principal regulations:
  - a) Sub-paragraphs (2), (3) and (4) thereof shall be renumbered as sub-paragraphs (3), (4) and (5) respectively; and
  - b) immediately after sub-paragraph (1) thereof, there shall be added the following new sub-paragraph:  
"(2) All locally addressed postal articles may include a Postcode, as indicated by the PMG from time to time on the notice board of the GPO in Valletta, which shall be written immediately after the town or village of the address.  
Provided that although such locally addressed postal articles which do not include such Postcode shall still be delivered, such articles may be delayed in the processing thereof."

### 9-12-91

A new "Definitive 1991" postage set, with the theme "Natural and Artistic Heritage of the Maltese Islands" was issued today. A special hand-postmark was used for cancellation on the first day of issue.



### 26-12-91

A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded: "1 Jan '92 – Jum il-Paci – Peace Lab Malta" was used at the Central Mail Room, from the 26th to the 28th and the 30th and 31st December 1991. A motif symbolising friendship and peace is also incorporated in the slogan.