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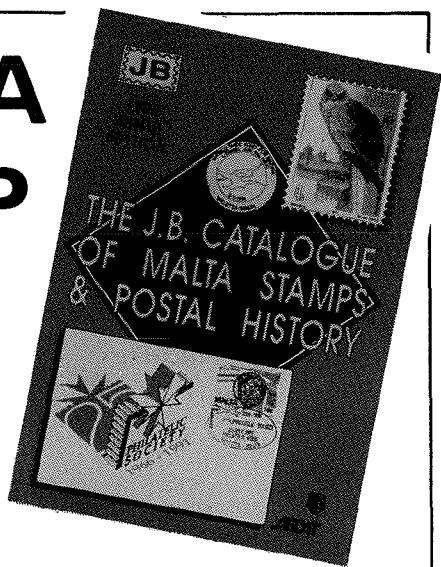
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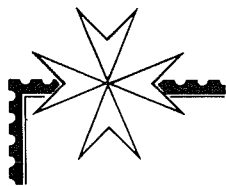
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A STUDY ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF POSTMEN'S PERSONAL HANDSTAMPS

By
Elizabeth and Paul Saliba

We thank Mr Hadrian Wood for his continuous encouragement to publish this study and our brother in law, Mr D.J. Agius, for his help.

Since we started collecting Postmen's Personal handstamps we have decided to study deeply into this important section of postal history.

Our aim is to study each individual number separately, collecting information from every item that we come across, such as the addresses and the receiving dates together with the corresponding PPH. Then, we draw our conclusions. But the work is very taxing and time-consuming, both the items and the relative information are hard to acquire and we hope that one day we will be able to finish our work. Our final goal is to trace the postal delivery route of the PPH during the period of their use. As a prologue to our long assignment we thought we might as well publish a short study with some information we think is vital to the postal historian and collectors of PPH.

The Postmen's Personal Handstamps started to be used in 1889 and the last recorded item is dated 29th September, 1949. They were issued for security reasons, to avoid abuse and mishandling of letters and as a source of information for the addressee to know who was the postman who delivered his mail. Each recruit was issued with a personal handstamp to mark all mail and documents which he had to deliver. The postman's uniform bore the same number, worn on the neckband. Most often the postman retained the same number until he retired, but there are recorded cases when the same postman had three different handstamps during his service. In cases where postmen were transferred to another post office, they carried with them the same personal handstamps. Even so if their handstamps became worn due to use or got lost they were issued with the same number, maybe this time slightly different in shape and dimensions.

In this very short study it is not our intention to deal with each and every handstamp. There are seven types generally classified from Group A to Group F or Group 1 to Group 7. A good percentage of the numbers appear in different types since when they were replaced they were issued in a different form.

Probably, each set of handstamps was issued as one batch but there may be

cases when a postman claimed for his stamp to be changed due to wear or loss and his particular handstamp was ordered separately, maybe identical to or different from the last batch issued.

When the need to expand the system arose such as when the PPH's were introduced in the villages, or there was need for more postmen, a new batch with new numbers was issued, maybe including some old ones from the previous sets that were claimed to be nearly worn. Otherwise, when an individual handstamp had to be replaced, the new handstamp was either unique in style, (such as N° 63 or N° 12 – Fig.2– which although resembling type B – circular handstamps– it is somewhat different from all the others of its group) or identical in shape to the last set of handstamps.

Speaking of N° 12, was it possible that the handstamp, primarily type A (ovals with large numbers) was lost or worn out, then re-issued, this time the type of frame being circular, then lost again and further re-issued resembling again type A? (See figures 1, 2, and 3).

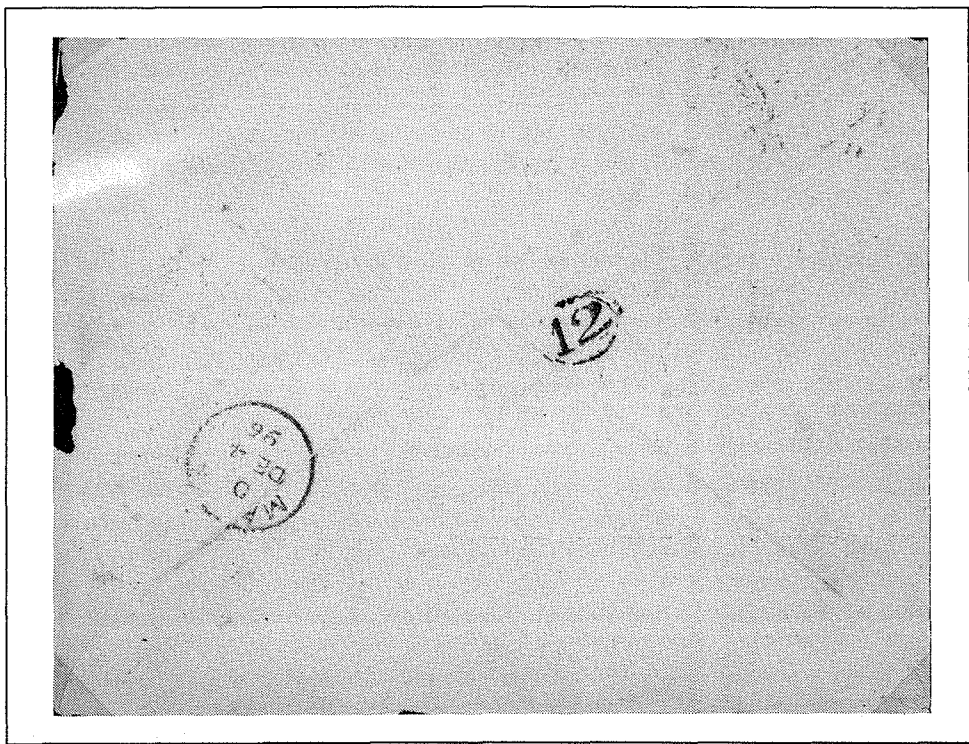


Fig. 1 PPH N° 12 type A 14 x 10.5mm dated 4th Dec 1896 envelope addressed to Strada Marina, Valletta

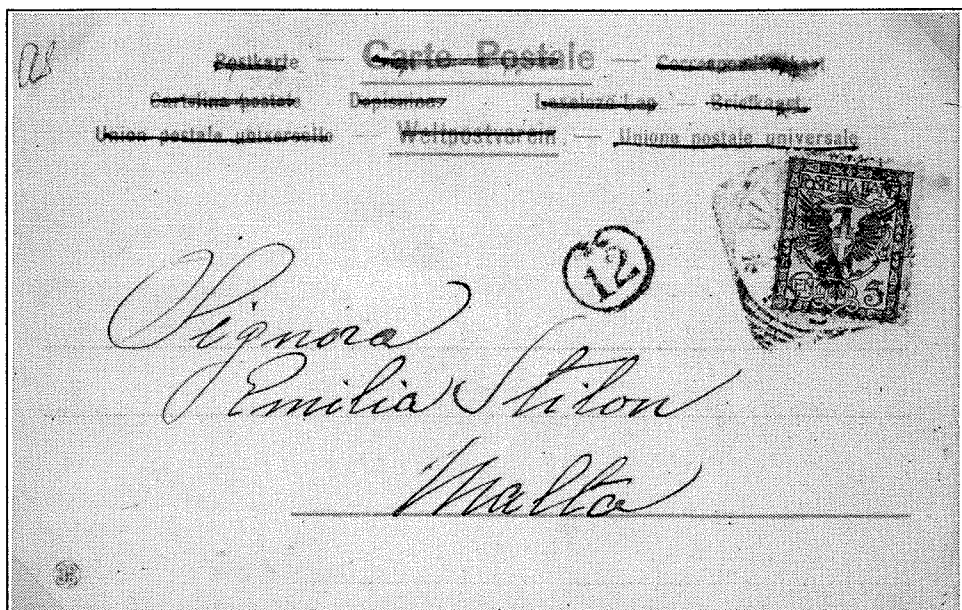
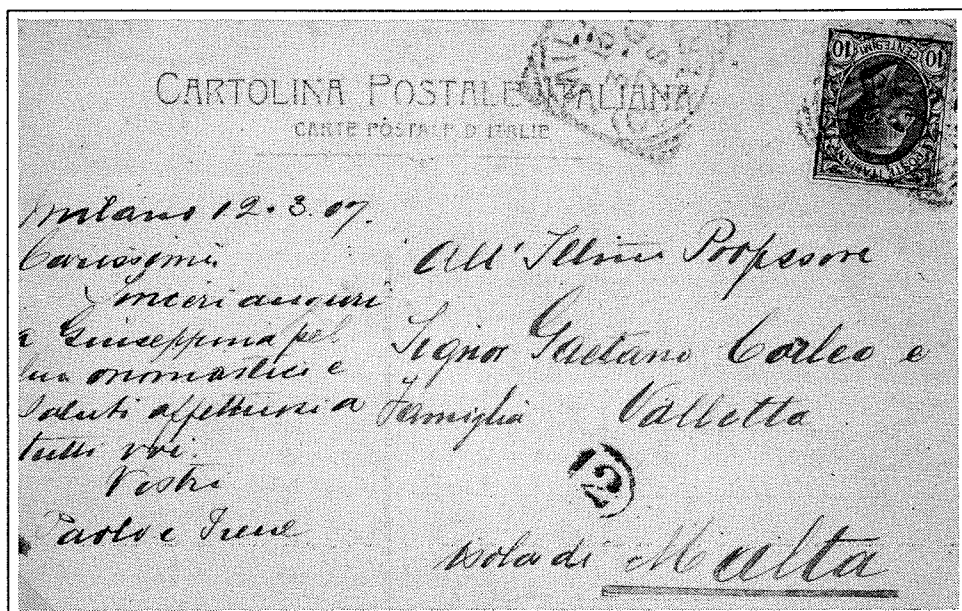


Fig. 2 PPH N° 12 (frame somewhat similar to type B) 12.5 x 11mm dated December 1903 postcard addressed to Valletta

Fig. 3 PPH N° 12 (type A) dated March 1907 postcard addressed to Valletta

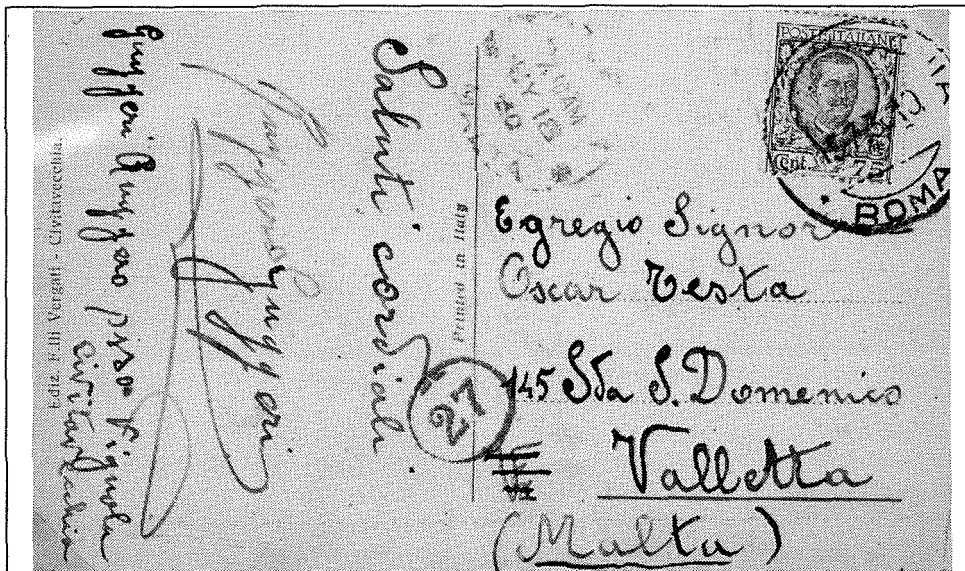


The PPH N° 27 was more straightforward. First, it was issued in the form of type B (circular handstamps), being the second set of handstamps issued, then type C, (elongated ovals with small numbers) and then type D (large ovals with large numbers). (See figures 4 and 5)



Fig. 4 PPH N° 27 (type B)

Fig. 5 PPH N° 27 (type D)



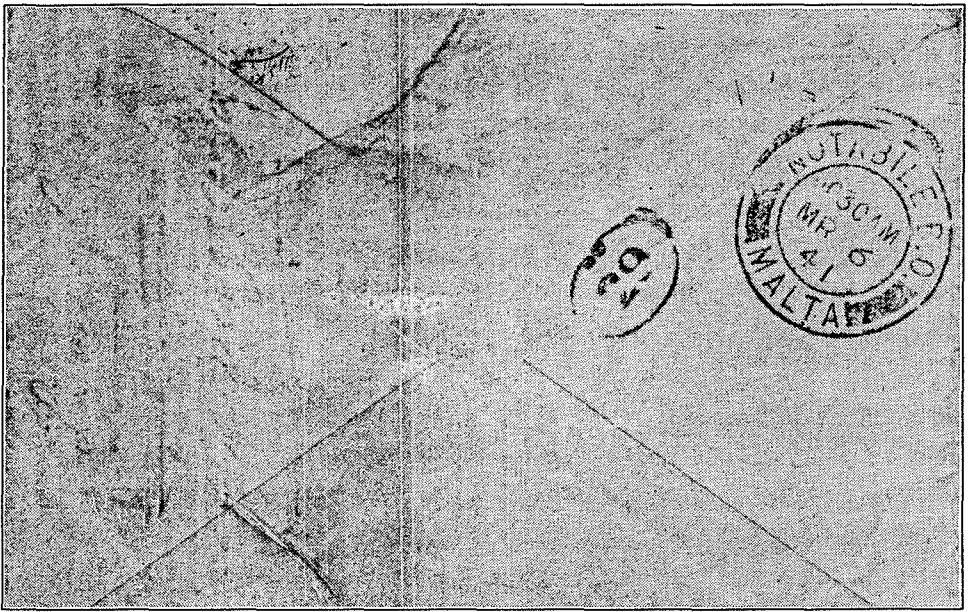


Fig. 6 At first we were convinced we had added PPH N° 29 type C (which is most scarce, if it ever existed) to our collection. Then after a closer look we found out that it is PPH N° 63 type G.

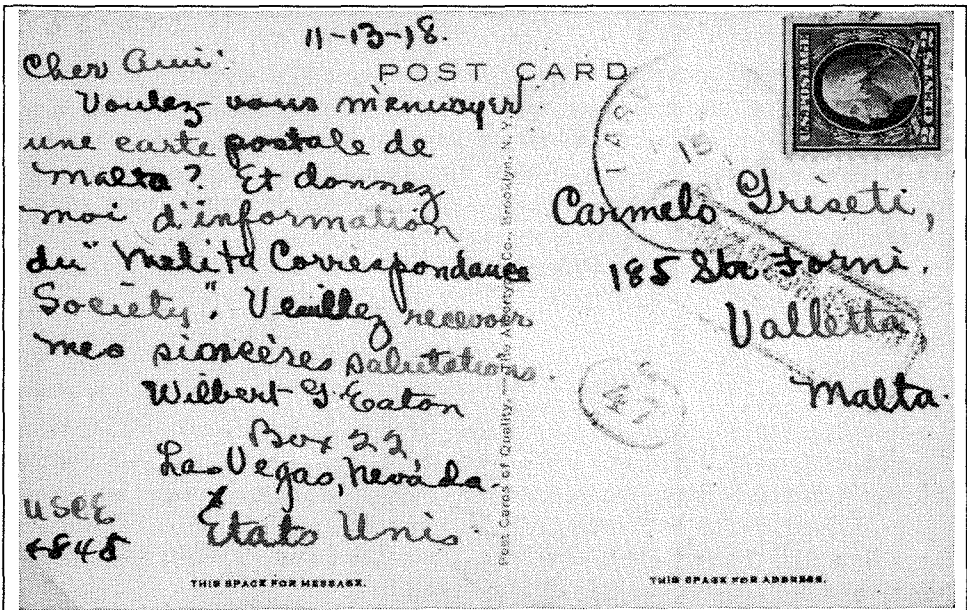
The drawing of conclusions whether a handstamp of the same type has been either withdrawn and re-issued or become different in shape due to use is sometimes difficult and controversial to decide. What follows with regards to PPH N° 47 and PPH N° 33 is an example. These handstamps were either changed or become different due to continuous use and when cleaned became slightly different in shape and size. Even the stamping and the density of the ink used by the postmen results in giving different impressions of size and shape of the same handstamp used in the same time.

Only one type of PPH N° 47 as far as we know is recorded. It is of type C. Yet, although N° 47 in all the three items depicted in figures 7, 8 and 9 is infact of type C, a close study of the handstamps will show that all three differ from each other. In figure 7, frame of PPH N° 47 is more eliptically-shaped than the frame shown in figure 8, which is flatter on all four sides. Even so the ends of the breaks are highly different, in figure 7 curling elegantly inwards while in figure 8 the breaks are in line with the outside border. Figure 9 shows another PPH N° 47 which differs from both shown in figure 7 and in figure 8.



Fig. 7 An early PPH No 47 (type C) 17 x 12.5mm dated 25 Oct 1912 postcard addressed to Strada Marina, Valletta

Fig. 8 PPH No 47 (type C) 16 x 11.5mm dated 1918 postcard addressed to Old Bakery Street, Valletta



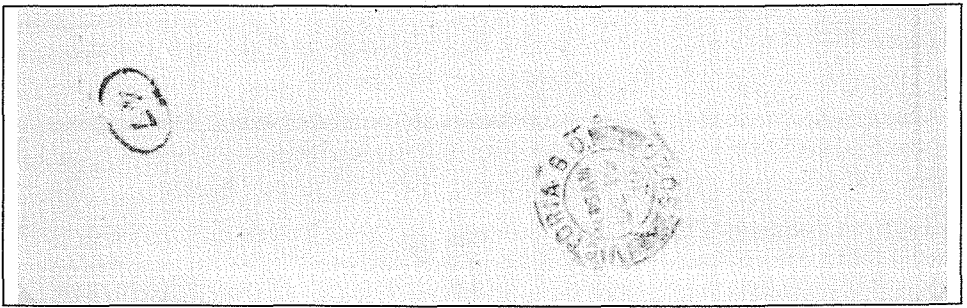


Fig. 9 PPH N° 47 (type C) 16 x 11.5mm dated 15 Dec 1939 cover addressed to St Ursola Sqr, Victoria, Gozo

One must be very careful when one tries to identify a new re-issue of a PPH of the same type, since due to continuous use the number tends to flatten and hence both shape and size tend to differ. Also when the handstamps used to be cleaned after continuous use, the filing of the surface would make the number slightly smaller, especially the first set (type A PPH N° 1 to 24) since they were of a conical shape.

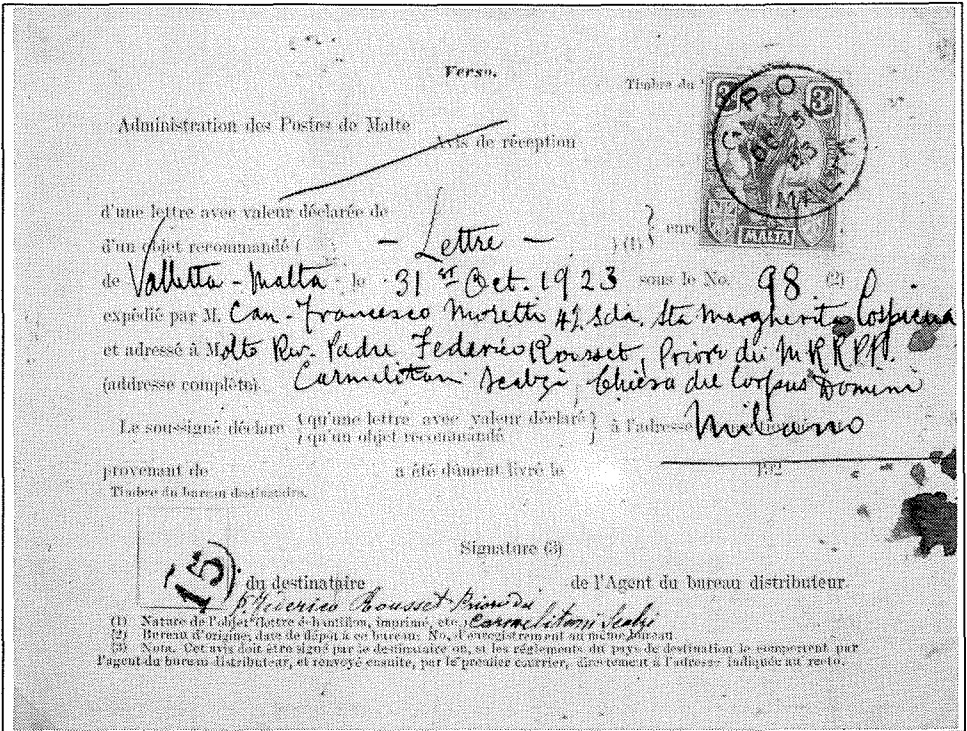


Fig.10 PPH N° 15 on AR card re-addressed to St Margaret Street, Cospicua dated 1923

Similar to the case of PPH N° 47 our study of PPH N° 33 is worth mentioning. Just as N° 47 there is only one type yet recorded of PPH N° 33 and it is also type C, that is small numbers in an elongated oval frame.

Our first item is dated 5 June 1913 (figure 11) posted to Rabat, Malta. The oval frame is larger (16 x 12mm) than the examples which followed, or could it be that these examples came from the handstamp in worn-out condition?

Figure 12 shows PPH N° 33 used in Valletta, Strait Street, dated 20 Feb 1925. It is 15.5 x 11.5mm (figure 12). Another example is dated 1926 posted to the editor of the newspaper *Il-Hmara* (Fig. 13) in Valletta. The handstamp used in 1927 and 1928 is even smaller. This time the oval being 15 x 10.5mm. An envelope with this type of handstamp is dated 22nd April 1927 posted to a resident in Strait Street, Valletta (fig. 14) and a postcard was delivered to Old Theatre Street, Valletta dated September 1931 (fig. 15). Furthermore later examples show further differences in the size of the oval frame now being 14 x 11mm; two of the items studied were delivered to the editor of *Il-Hmara* Valletta, dated July 1934 (fig 16) and to Old Theatre Street dated 30 May 1939 (fig. 17).

The postman with PPH N° 33 seems to have retained his route up to the 1940s as letters received in Strait Street, Valletta dated up to 7th Nov 1945 still showed the PPH N° 33, by this time the handstamp shows great signs of wear. Then in 1946 PPH N° 33 disappeared from mail posted to the same address. Maybe the number was withdrawn, never to be re-issued.

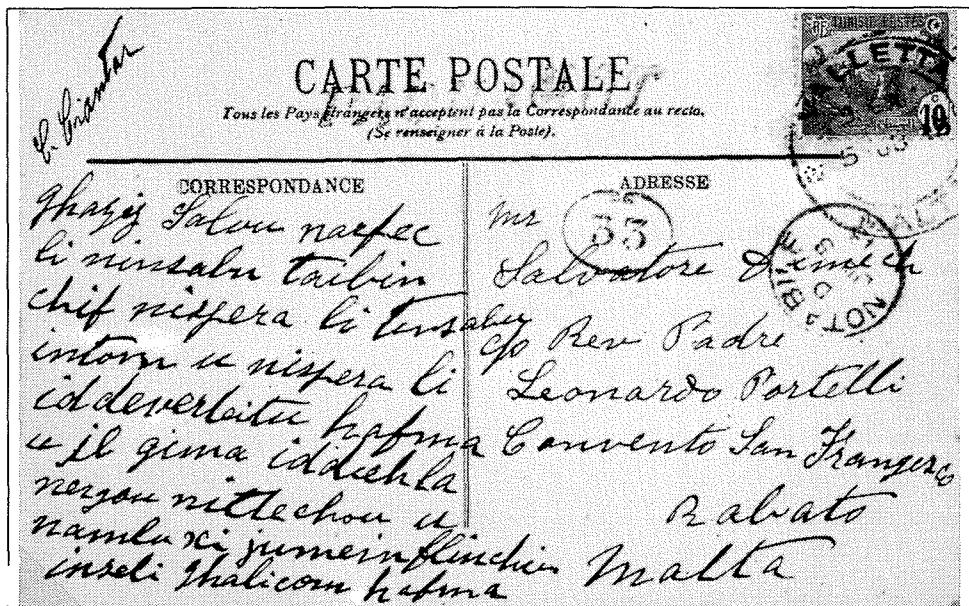


Fig.11 PPH N° 33 (type C) 16 x 12mm back-stamped on 15th June 1913 postcard addressed to Rabat, Malta

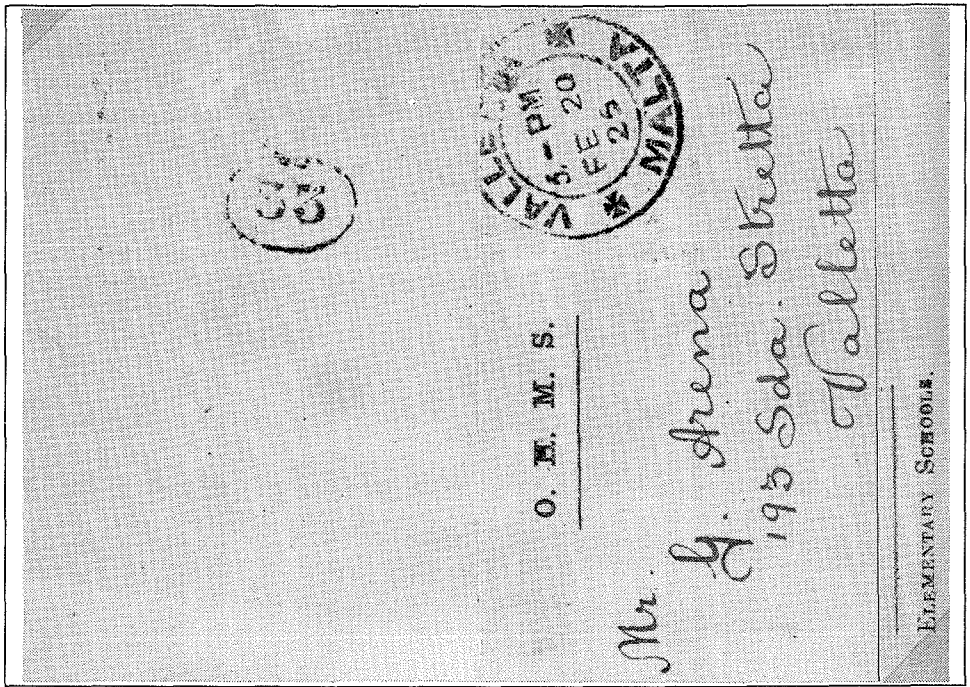
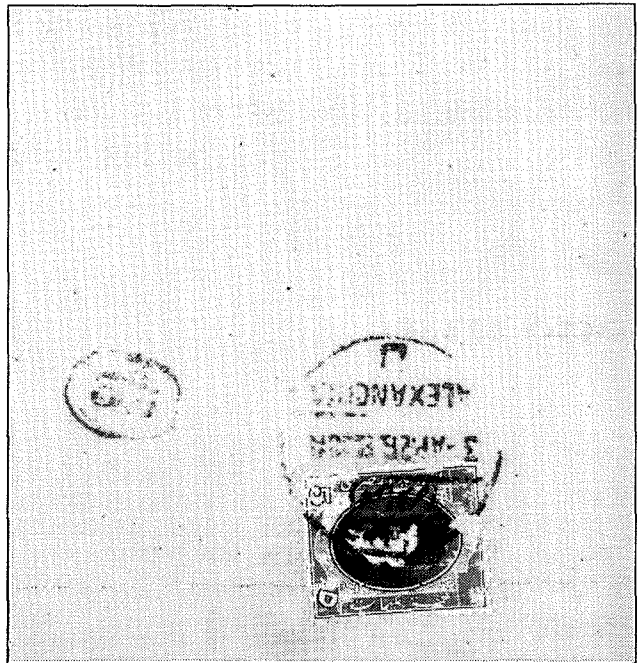


Fig. 12 PPH N° 33 (type C)
15.5 x 11.5mm dated 20
Feb 1925 cover addressed
to Strait Street, Valletta

Fig. 13 PPH N° 33 (type C)
dated April 1926 cover
addressed to the Editor of
the newspaper Il-Hmara
Valletta



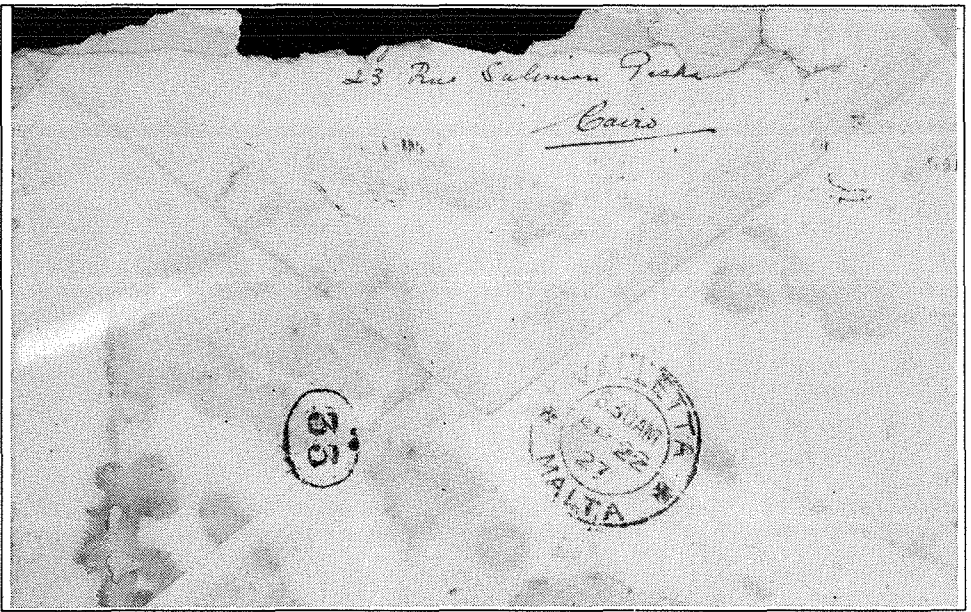
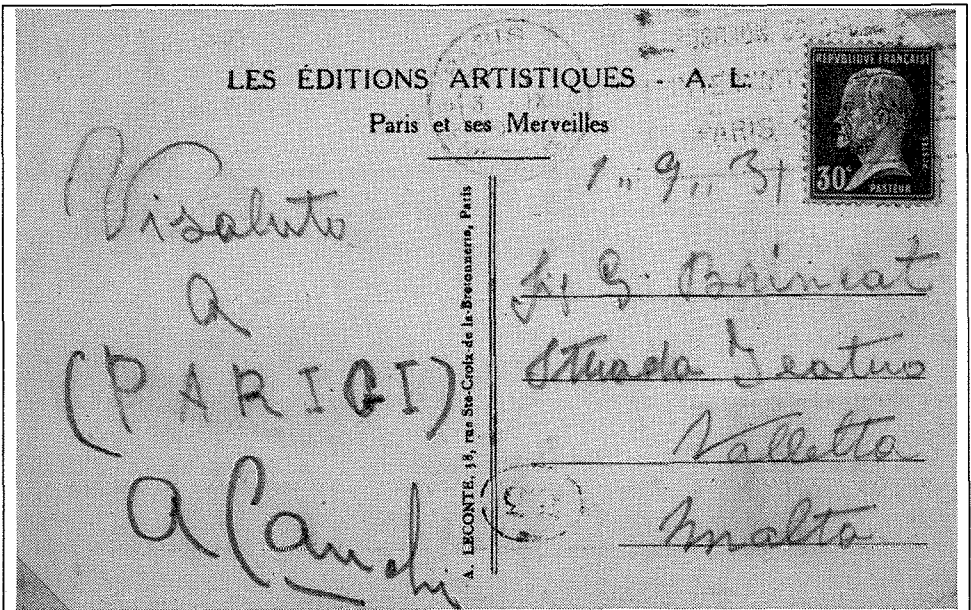


Fig.14 PPH N° 33 (type C) 15 x 10.5mm dated 22 April 1927 envelope addressed to Strait Street, Valletta

Fig.15 PPH N° 33 (type C) 15 x 10.5mm dated September 1931 postcard addressed to Old Theatre Street, Valletta



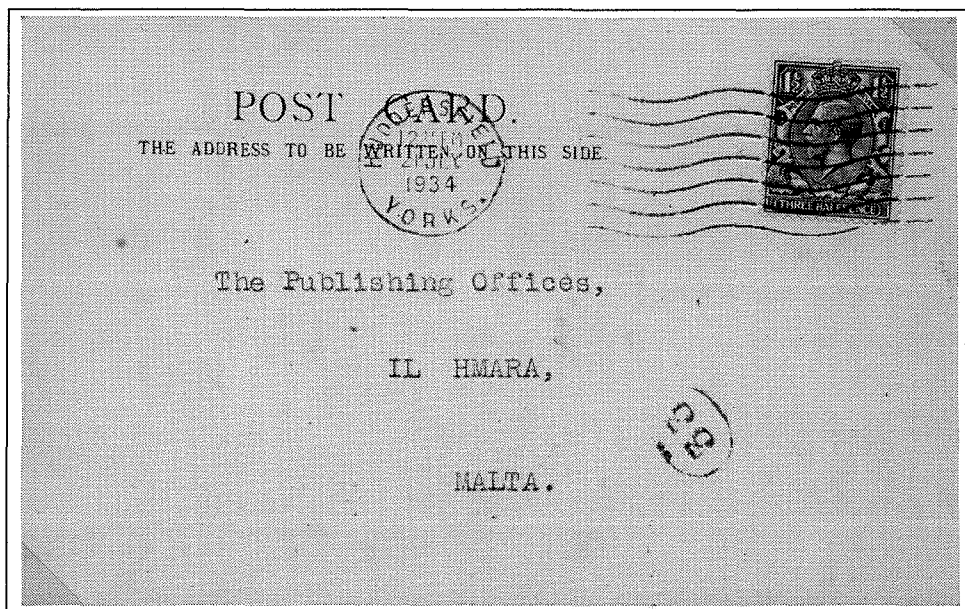
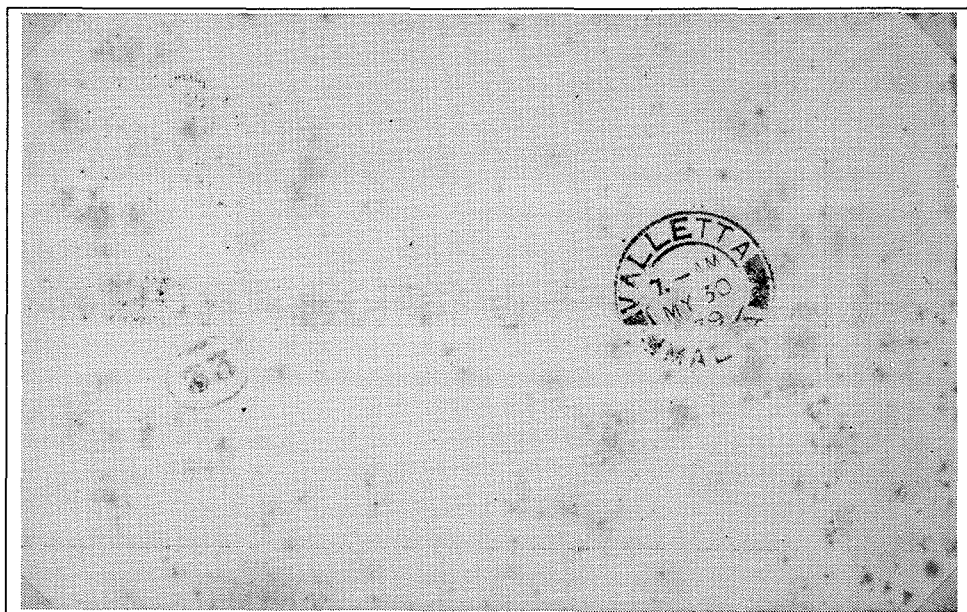


Fig.16 PPH N° 33 (type C) 14 x 11mm dated July 1934 postcard addressed to the Editor of Il-Hmara, Valletta

Fig.17 PPH N° 33 (type C) 14 x 11mm dated 30 May 1939 envelope addressed to Old Bakery Street, Valletta



This study of PPH 33 type C shows the possibility that the handstamp became gradually smaller in size since it originally appeared in 1913 owing to cleaning and filing of the surface.

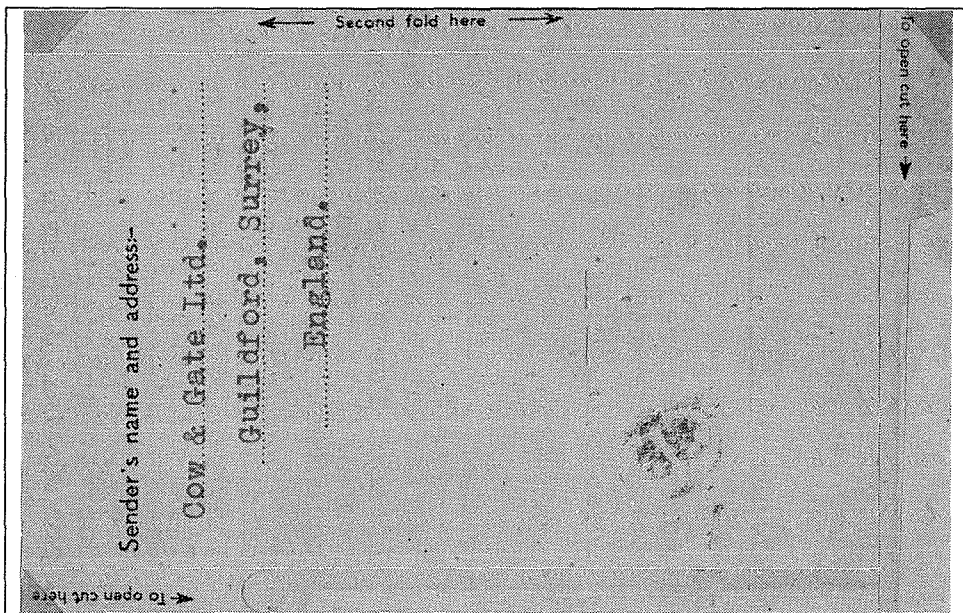


Fig.18 PPH N° 33 (type C). Airmail dated June 1945 addressed to Strait Street, Valletta.

As the study of the PPH is becoming more profound much more new material is coming to light. Type F (small oval with perpendicular breaks) was taken for granted to be straight forward from 64 to 74, being the latest group issued (with the exception of PPH N° 63, Type G, oval frame with a break at the bottom). It incorporates N° 64 to 74. Probably more numbers had to be added due to the increase in the recruiting of postmen. But then the discovery of PPH N° 52 of the same series, about ten years ago broke the continuous rhythm, giving the chance that other numbers of the same type could have been issued in replacement of worn or lost numbers.

Nothing is impossible. PPH N° 25 type E (oval with no break in the outer framework) has also been one of the latest discoveries. (fig. 20).

We know only one cover with PPH N° 51 in existence but one thing has remained unearthed. Where could PPH N° 67 have been used? All numbers, at least from one type or another have been recorded, with the exception of PPH N° 67. Could it be that PPH N° 67 was issued and never used? We have heard claims that one had discovered PPH N° 75, but this claim was quickly withdrawn. A weak impression of PPH N° 73 could be very easily mistaken for PPH N° 75.

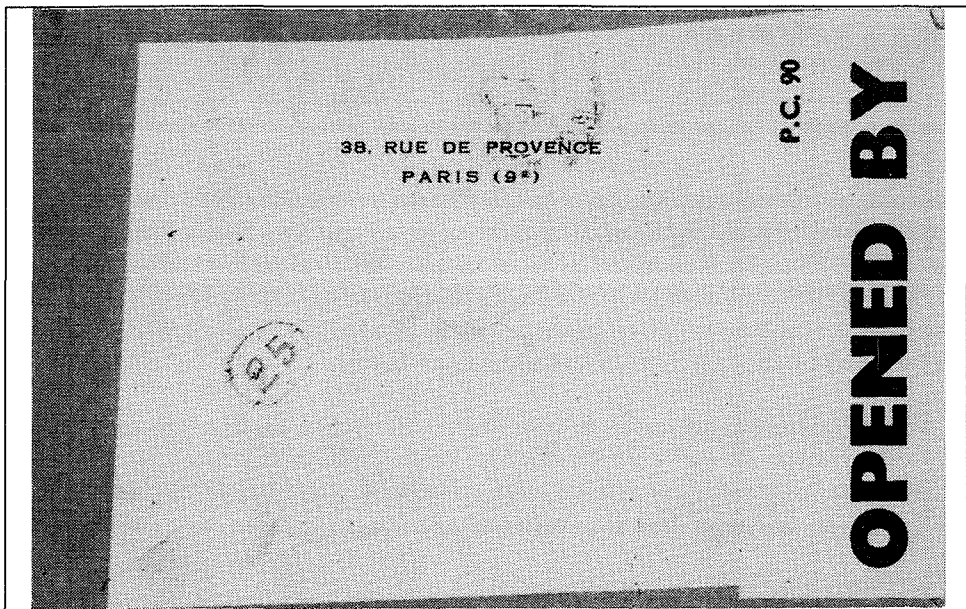
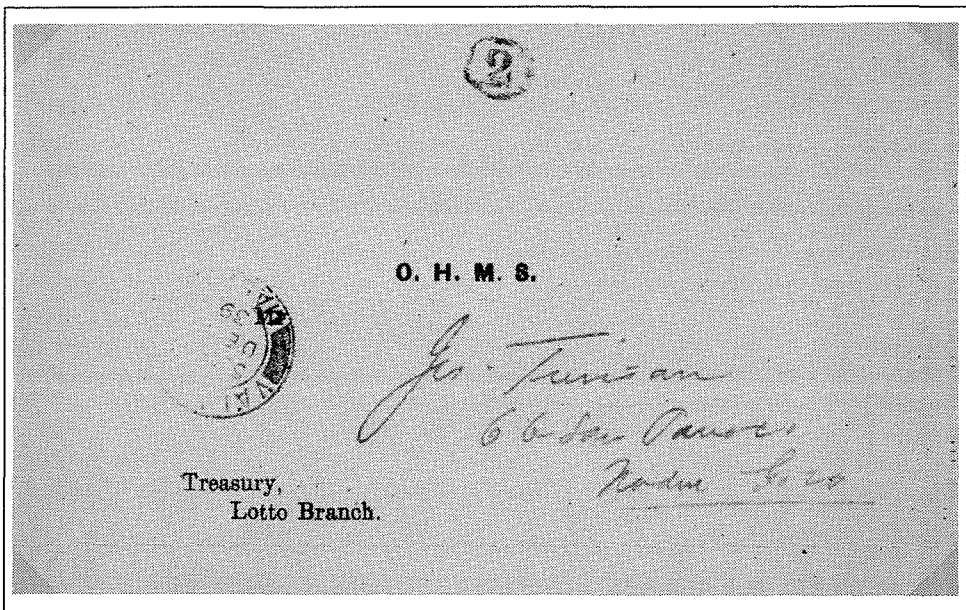


Fig.19 PPH N° 25 (type E) envelope addressed to Kingsway Valletta, now Republic Street.
(By courtesy of Mr Tony Camilleri)

Fig.20 PPH N° 2 type A dated Dec 1939 cover addressed to Nadur, Gozo



The introduction of postmen to deliver and distribute letters to the villages in replacement of the noticeboard on the facade of the Police Station increased the need for more PPH. In some villages where mail was somewhat limited, such numbers are rather scarce but there are exceptions as in the case when PPH N° 2 (fig.20) was used at Nadur, Gozo.

Gozo, which we consider the least studied with regards to PPH due to scarcity of material which has yet to come to light, enjoyed only two Branch Post Offices at Mgarr and Victoria. The other villages, namely Xaghra, Nadur, Sannat, Gharb, Xewkija and Ghajnsielem only had Police Stations to collect mail to be distributed outside the respective village and receive mail from the related Branch Office to be collected by the addressee from the Notice Board.

A postcard worth noting is shown in figure 21 sent to Xaghra formerly known as Casal Caccia. It was backstamped at Victoria BO). on 22 August 1912 and delivered to Xaghra Police Station by the postman with PPH N° 21 (type A) may be later to be collected from the Notice Board.

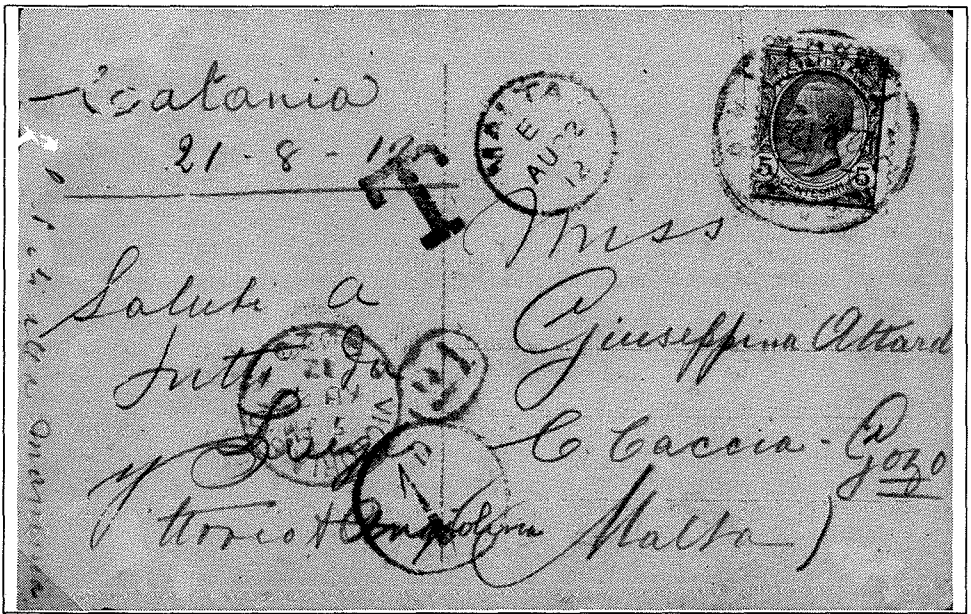


Fig.21 PPH N° 21 (type A) dated 22 August 1912, postcard addressed to Xaghra, Gozo

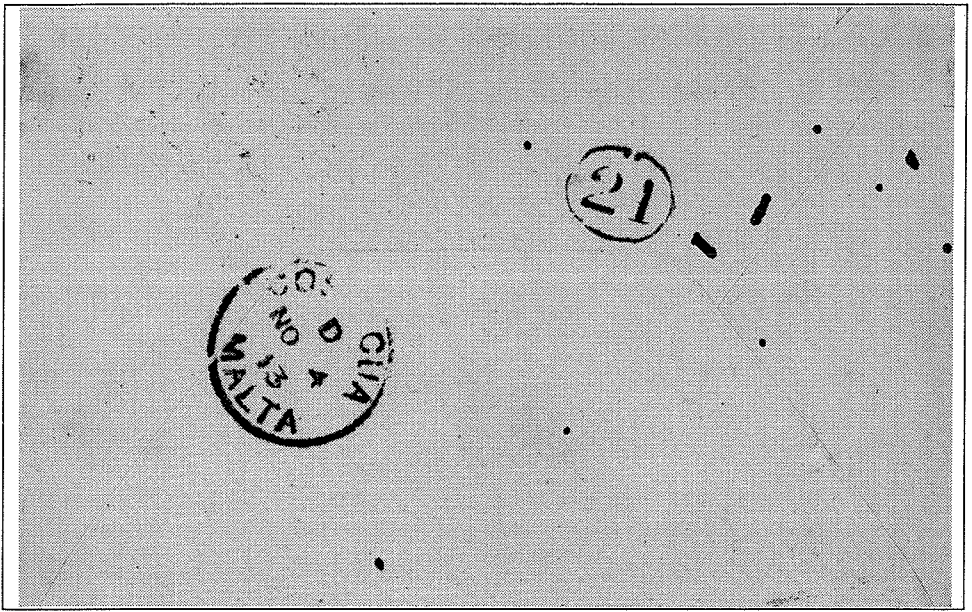


Fig.22 PPH N° 21 (type A) dated 4 Nov 1913 envelope addressed to Cospicua

It is also important to say the PPH N° 21 (type A) was withdrawn from Gozo and in 1913 PPH N° 21 is found to have been used by the postman distributing letters to Cospicua. (see fig. 22)

Needless to say we were overwhelmed with joy when we discovered what had remained concealed since the Postman Personal Handstamps started to be studied and collected, a cover with PPH N° 67 (type F) (see fig.23).

The cover is backstamped at Victoria B.O. and dated 16 August 1940. It was delivered to the addressee at Xaghra Gozo and the postman who carried the letter or telegram bore N° 67.

We decided to go to Xaghra Gozo and ask people there if they remembered the postman who used to deliver mail to their village during wartime. We went to various bars and restaurants at Xaghra and we were amused with the information that we obtained.

Yes, the old folk of Xaghra remember that in the late 1930s and during the 1940s the postman who used to deliver mail in their village used to wear a black uniform with two red stripes running down his trousers. Some remember that he wore a number in his collar. And they also remember his name. They used to call him "Cikku l-pustier".

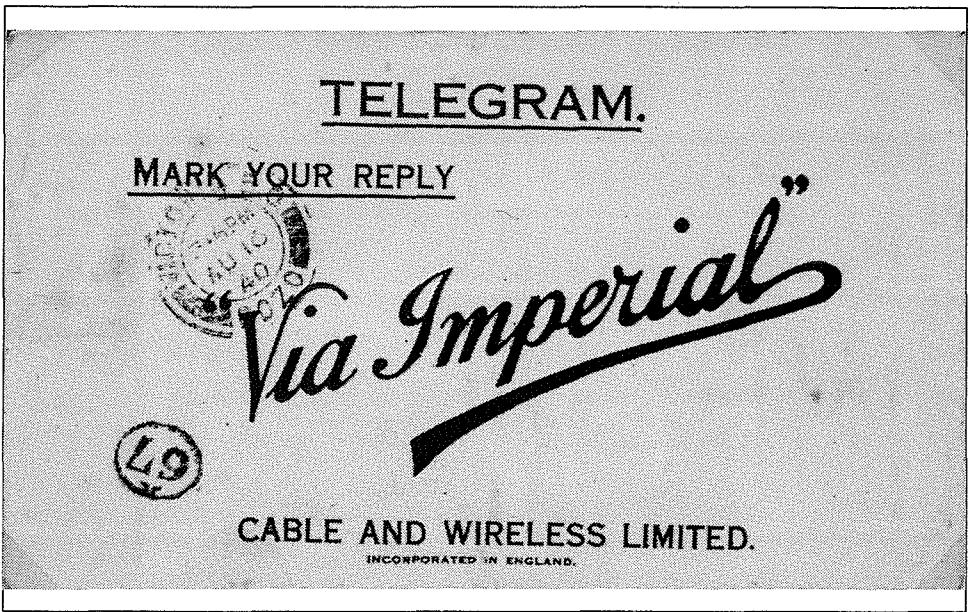


Fig.23 PPH N° 67 (type F) dated 16 August 1940 envelope addressed to Xaghra Gozo. Some numbers in this series also appear in Red

“Of course we remember Cikku l-pustier” one old woman told us. “He used to come from Rabat on his red bicycle and distribute mail in our village”.

We were informed that the next postman who came after “Cikku l-pustier” no longer wore the same uniform.

We dedicate this study to our son Daniel

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O.H.M.S. CORRESPONDENCE IN THE XIXth CENTURY

By Dr Giovanni Bonello LL.D.

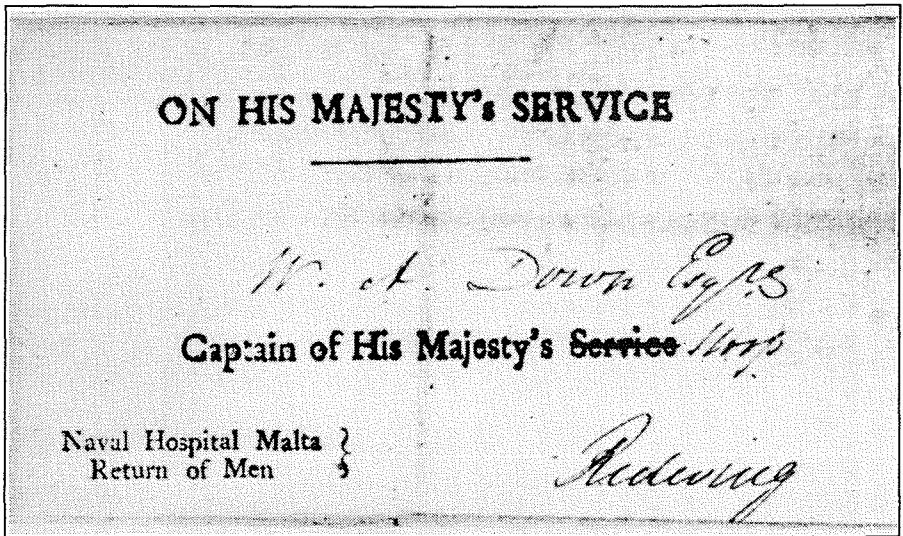


Fig.1 A letter from the Naval Hospital in Malta, dated 30 November, 1810, to W.A. Down, Captain of H.M.'s Sloop Redwing. On His Majesty's Service pre-printed. H.M., in this case, was George III.

Those of us who lived before Independence and the proclamation of the Republic in 1974, will remember that a substantial part of our daily mail was O.H.M.S. — On His (or Her) Majesty's Service. Correspondence originating from a public authority was distinctively marked as such.

In pre-Republican times, the public services existed, at least in political theory, for the Sovereign's use; they were seen as a function exercised by the citizenry for their ruler. Mail thus travelled On His Majesty's Service. The concept that the service of Government existed for the utility of the people, was still in evolution.

In fact, most postal services originated for the benefit, and exclusive use of the central power. It was only gradually that the general public was allowed to place its letters alongside with the official correspondence, to be forwarded by the postal organisation of the state. O.H.M.S. correspondence is the mailing system in its original, pristine function.

Servizio di Sua Maestà

All'Ufficio della Polizia Esecutiva

Dal Carmi 1816 *[Signature]* La Notabile

Fig. 2 Letter from Qormi, 4 June 1816, addressed to the Office of the Executive Police in Notabile (Mdina). Giovanni Casha, Deputy Lieutenant of Qormi states that on a report that wheat had been stolen, he had apprehended Alessandro Attard, pecoraro Gozitano, and found some wheat hidden in his possession. As Attard's explanation proved to be false, Casha put him in ceppi – the origin of the Maltese word cipp for the detention-room at the police station. Letter marked Servizio di Sua Maestà in manuscript.

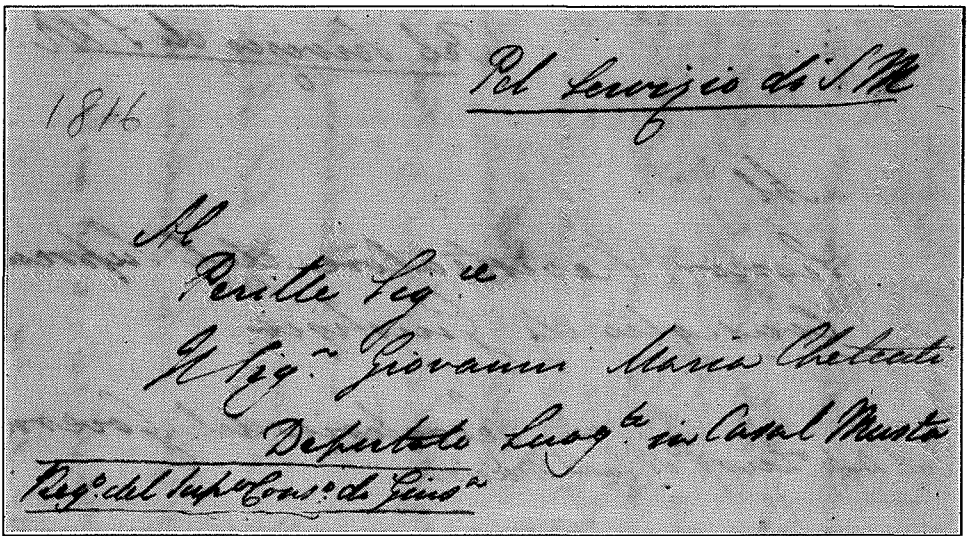


Fig.3 Letter dated 27 August 1816 from Giovanni Maria Chetcuti, Deputy Lieutenant of Mosta village, from the Registry of the Supreme Council of Justice. Carried Pel Servizio di S.M.

This short feature will focus on the nineteenth century in Malta, the first hundred years of the British colonial connection.

It seems that at the outset of the new colonial rule, there came into existence two parallel systems of official mail. The exclusively inward and local mail, on the one hand, and the official rulers' mail on the other. The one exchanged internally, originating from an official Maltese source but addressed to fellow natives was in Italian, and had external Italian markings to indicate that it was on H.M.'s service.

And what a variety of Italian translations! It seems that no agreement could be reached on what the proper rendering for "on" was to be in Italian. Some letter writers avoided the difficulty by merely stating *Servizio di Sua Maestà*. Others ranged through all the prepositions, from *Pel Servizio...*, *Nel Servizio...*, *In Servizio...*, *Col Servizio...*, and even with a charming Maltesism: *Sul Servizio*.

The rest of the official mail, i.e. outward bound, or originating from, or addressed to, British authorities, either had On His (Her) Majesty's Service printed on the outer wrapper or envelope, or had the handsome Royal Arms on a red background, or occasionally both (Fig.8 and 10).

Pel Servizio di Sua Maestá.

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All' Ill^{mo} Sig^{ro}.

Il Sig^{ro}

*Lord Luogotenente
Marchese G. Testaferrata Viani*

sc. sc. sc.

UFFICIO DELL'ISPETTORE GENERALE,
DI PULIZIA.

VALLETTA.

Circular

On His Majesty's Service.

To

sc. sc.

The Marchese Giuseppe Testaferrata Viani

TO

On His Majesty's Service

*Marchese Giuseppe Testaferrata Viani
Lord Lieutenant of the District of Courmayeur*
sc. sc. sc.

sc. sc. 1824

sc. sc. 23

On His Majesty's Service.

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To

*The Lord Lieutenant and
the Magistrates composing
the Court of Sessions of the 5th District*

Fig. 4 Four O.H.M.S. wrappers containing official correspondence and despatches from the Government to the Lieutenant Marchese Giuseppe Testaferrata Viani. The First, dated September 1819 has the imprint in Italian; the others, ranging between 1823 and 1833, are imprinted in English even though the contents are occasionally in Italian. The first three are signed by Richard Palskett, Chief Secretary to the Government.

1836

On His Majesty's Service.

To

M^r Vincenzo Segond

&c.

&c.

&c.

Fred. Hankey,

Palletta

Fig. 5 Envelope to Vincenzo Segond, from Frederick Hankey (c.1830). Sir Frederick Hankey was Chief Secretary to the Governor (1824-1837) and the de facto ruler to whom Governor Sir Frederick Cavendish Ponsonby delegated most of his functions. His Majesty, in this instance, is George IV.

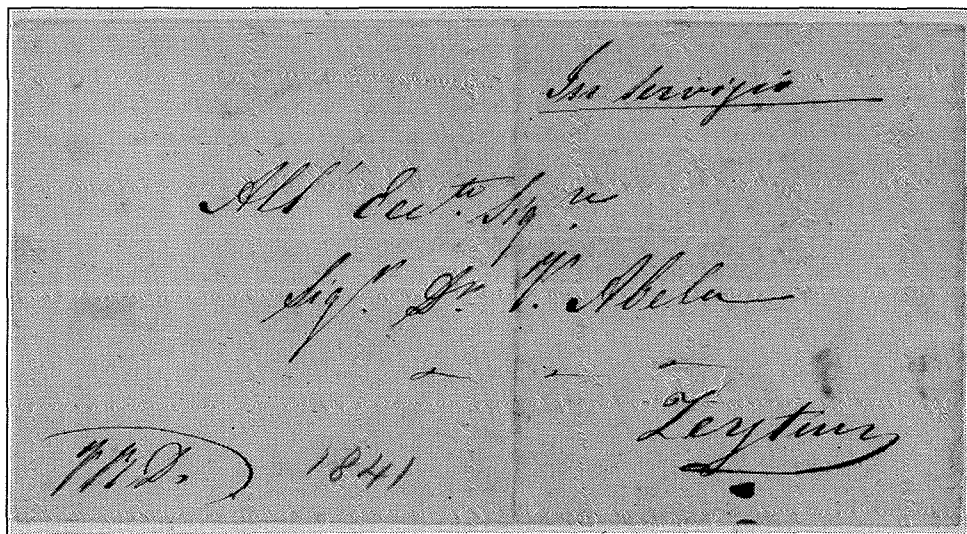


Fig.6 Letter dated 21 January 1840 to Dr Vincenzo Abela, a Doctor and Surgeon from Zejtun. He had asked the Medical Committee to tax his fees for professional treatment in favour of the late Caterina Magro between 1837 and 1840. Dr Abela detailed the various services he had rendered. Dr Gravagna, on behalf of the Medical Committee, readdressed his letter back to him, with the annotation: Fees due to him are dieci lire, otto scellini e quattro pence, and marked it In Servizio.

We seem to take it for granted that official mail is, with specific exceptions, not stamped. Normal mail originating from a government department only bears an adhesive stamp if it is registered, or addressed overseas, to cover the additional charge. This was not always so. In the Victorian (and Edwardian) era after the half-penny charge was introduced for internal mail in 1860, also local ordinary O.H.M.S. mail started to be duly stamped, though I was unable to find a Tariff regulating this. G.B. stamps have occasionally been seen on O.H.M.S. letters addressed abroad.

Stamping O.H.M.S. correspondence with adhesives was probably resorted to, to prevent abuse of the postal service by unauthorised persons who would have forwarded private correspondence for free through O.H.M.S. covers. (Fig. 8 and 9).

On Her Majesty's Service.

To

The Deputy Commissary General,

*Tender for
Forage.*

MALTA.

Fig.7 An early Victorian O.H.M.S. A tender for the supply of cereals and straw for the bedding in the barracks hospitals. The tender, by Gio. Maria Micallef, dated 28 December 1848, is printed in English on the address panel, and has the offer and conditions printed in Italian on the inside.



Fig.8 Official envelope with Royal Seal embossed white on red, addressed to Mrs Elizabeth Spiteri, a teacher at the Floriana Government School. Although the letter is endorsed *In Servizio di S.M.* in manuscript, it is stamped with a halfpenny yellow, tied by an A 25 duplex dated 11 March 1868.

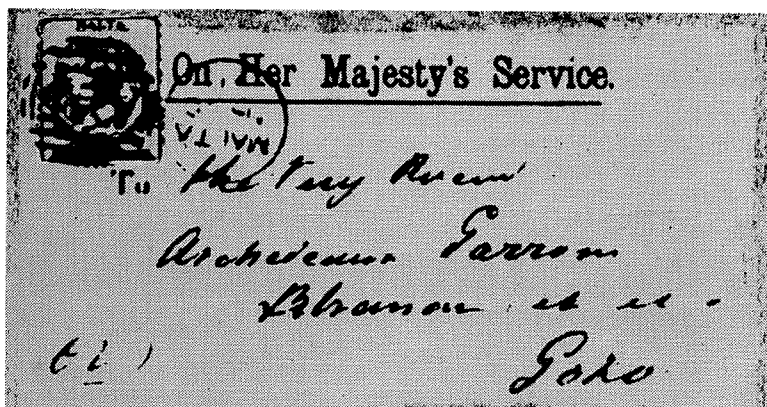


Fig.9 Official stationery envelope, dated 1871, addressed to Archdeacon Garroni in Gozo, stamped with a dull orange halfpenny, CC, perforation 14.

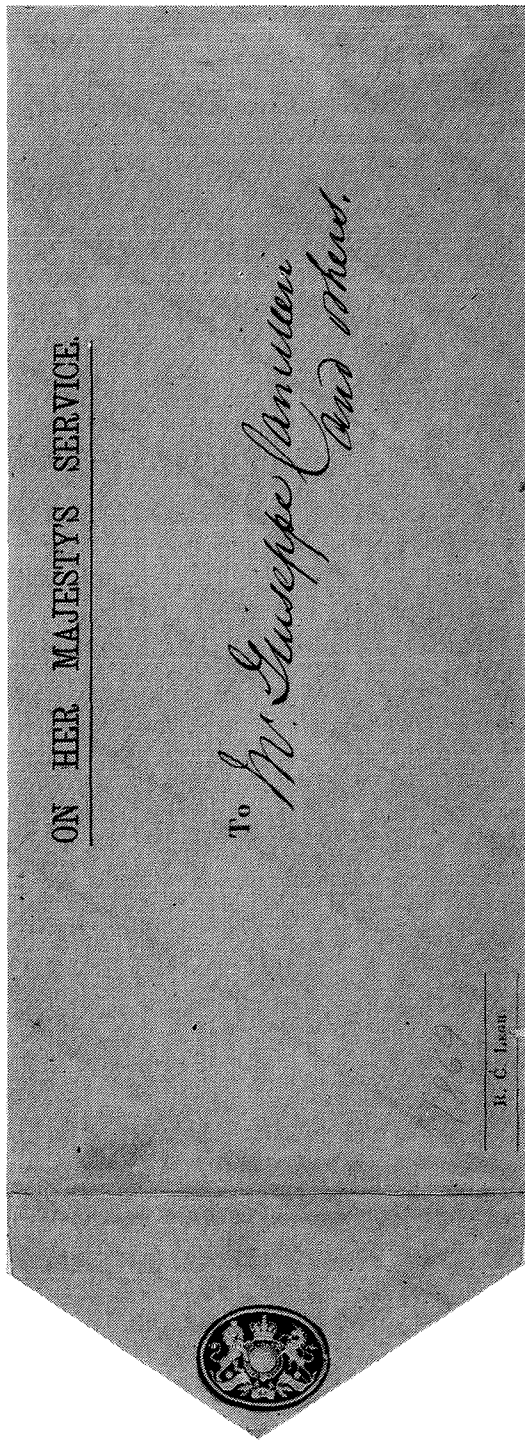


Fig. 10 An official envelope, in stiff sky-blue paper c. 1869, showing both the O.H.M.S. inscription and the Royal seal embossed on a red ground.

Letter from Professor Luciano de Zanche

Padova, 12 th April, 1991

(With apologies for the late reproduction of this letter due to lack of space in previous editions — Editor)

I have just read your interesting article on the MS F.A.'s endorsements on Malta Mail and want to make a few comments.

1. It must be pointed out that the R.A. was **not** a carrier: his intervention was limited to receiving and forwarding letters, entrusting them to private people or official postal services. This is the reason why I cannot agree with you writing (Fig.1 of your text) "the F.A. carried it from Trieste". In my opinion such letter reached Messina privately carried (a vessel, maybe) or 'under cover'.

2. I agree with your remark about the possibility that some times an agent collected and forwarded also internal mail, but in my experience these are only exceptions to a general rule.

3. The inscription 'per 1/2' does not imply that the F.A. bore half of the mailing costs. In Italian, per 1/2 = *per mezzo* – by means of.

4. Re the letter reproduced in Fig.5, T. Rizzo was possibly a F.A. of Constantinople. It is not unusual that both the sender and the F.A. lived in the same town.

5. Re Fig.6 perhaps, the F.A.'s name is Moise Badoer.

6. It is true that in my experience, only in some cases the sender wrote both the addresses, of the F.A. and of the addressee.

I send you herewith photostats of a few pages of the *Bollettino Prefilatelico*, reproducing the list of the F.A.'s I discovered since the publication of my book. I will take advantage of your article when again updating the list.

Yours sincerely
Luciano De Zanche

Malta

1809	J.Chabot & Co	Fiume/Norwich	MS
1812	Edw. Hayes & Co	Smirne/Rochester	MS
1835	E. Zammit	Livorno/Alessandria	MS
1843	L.P. Vella	Marseille/Malta	B
1844/46	Frate Pietro Paolo	Licudia/Tunesi	MS

1844	Fratelli Xerri	Messina/Alssandria	B
1848/57	Danzell & Gingell	Livorno/Alessandria	MS/B
1842/52	G. Sonnino	Livorno/Alessandria	B/MS
		Alessandria/Marseille	
1848/50	Bismot & Co	Livorno/Malta	B
		Alessandria/Tunesi	
1824/57	Cons. Sardo	Tripoli/Nizza	B/MS
		Tripoli/Trieste	
		Hong Kong/Torino	
1870	Salomone Nataf	Tripoli/Algeri	B

Comments by Dr. Giovanni Bonello, LL.D.

I feel very honoured that Professor De Zanche, perhaps the leading European authority on Forwarding Agents, has shown interest in my modest feature on *Manuscript Forwarding Agents' Markings on Malta Mail* carried in the April 1991 issue of this magazine.

Most of Professor De Zanche's comments I accept unreservedly.

Of course a Forwarding Agent was not a 'carrier'. I made that quite clear from the various definitions of a Forwarding Agent which I reproduced. When I used the term 'carried by', I did not wish to imply that the mail was transported personally by the F.A. I used the words in the accepted meaning of 'the act by which something is enabled to be received and/or forwarded'.

The point made by me that there were 'internal Forwarding Agents' i.e., those who operated inside national frontiers, is, I believe, still valid, even if I agree with Prof. De Zanche that national F.A.'s are to be considered quite exceptional; e.g. the Austrian Consulate in Malta which took care to forward the correspondence of its nationals in quarantine, and recorded its intervention on the letter.

It was quite disingenuous of me not to have realised that 'per 1/2' is Italian shorthand for *per mezzo* = through the agency of. I apologise.

Prof De Zanche's intuition about Badoer is proved right. A closer examination of the manuscript confirms that the F.A. was Moise Badoer.

I am unwilling, however, to agree that the sender wrote both the address of the FA and the addressee only in isolated cases. In my experience, this was not such a rare occurrence.

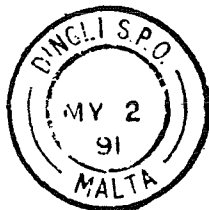
MALTA — A DIARY

MAY-DECEMBER 1991

By J. Farrugia

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.

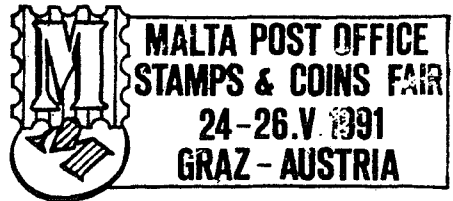
24-5-91

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".

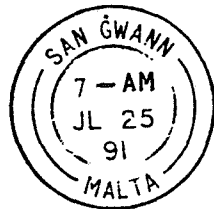
25-7-91

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

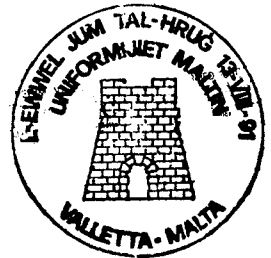
In today's Govt. Gazette a call was issued for applications for the post of Sub-Postmaster at Ta' Xbiex. Applications were to be received up to noon of Monday, 26th August, 1991.

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^o 2) Regulations, 1991

- 1) These regulations may be cited as the Overseas Post (Amendment) (N^o 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

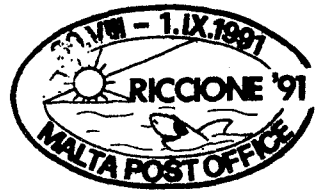
This part consisted of a list of 32 towns, and the particular postcodes in each town, being served by EMS.

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.



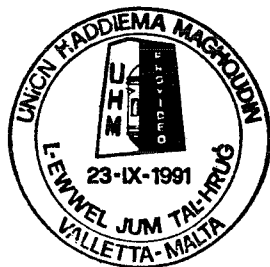
9-9-91

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

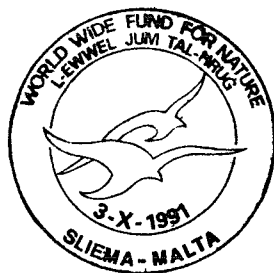
A rubber hand date-stamp was put in use at the Luqa Airport Branch Post Office with effect from Thursday, 26th



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 – Valetta – 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.

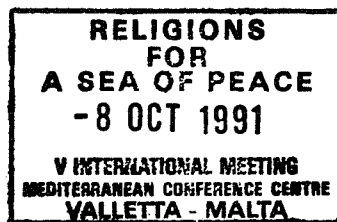
for the transaction of the following business:

- 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, parcels and printed matter
- f) 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 – Valetta – Malta".

8-10-91

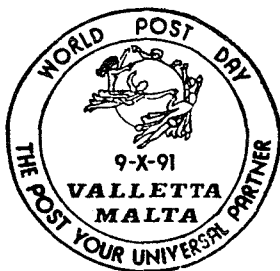
A special hand postmark worded: "Religions – For – A Sea Of Peace – V International Meeting – Mediterranean Conference Centre – Valetta – Malta" was used from the 8th to the 10th October, 1991 at the Central Mail Room.



9-10-91

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

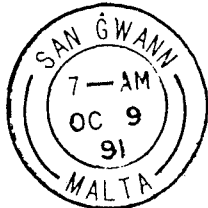
Counter of the GPO and at the Central Mail Room from 8.00am to 12.45pm and from 8.00am to 6.00pm respectively, on Wednesday, 9th October, 1991. The hand-postmark, which incorporates the emblem of the Universal Postal Union, is inscribed: "World Post Day – 9-10-91 – Valletta – Malta – The Post – Your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

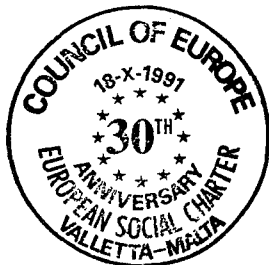


16-10-91

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".

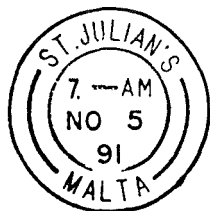
5-11-91

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.

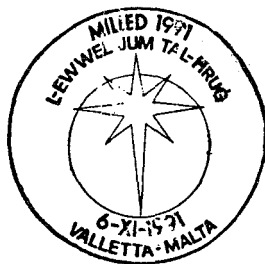


5-11-91

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

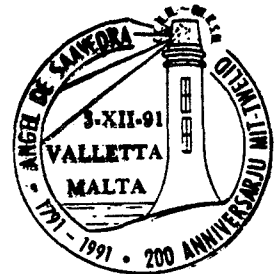
With effect from Monday, 25th November 1991, the Sub-Post Office at 5A, Triq il-Parrocca, Qrendi, was transferred to "Best Mark", Triq Rokku Buhagiar, Qrendi. (Tel. 685872).

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.

FIFA WORLD CUP 1990 ISSUE—X MALTESE UNIFORMS 4TH SET, ISSUE—Y By J. Farrugia

ISSUE	X	Y
Date of Issue	8.6.90	25.8.90
Values	5c, 10c, 14c	3c, 4c, 10c, 25c
Stamp Size	33mm x 27mm	29mm x 47mm
Designer	Tony Bugeja	Luciano Micallef
Printers	Printex Limited	Printex Limited
Process	Lithography	Lithography
Perforation	13.8 x 13.8	13.6 x 13.8

Watermark

Maltese Crosses

Maltese Crosses

Upright

Sideways

Paper

Chalk Surfaced

same

Gum

P.V.A.

same

Colours

These sets were printed in multicolours using the same set of four colours, for each value, in issues X and Y.

Colour checks in the form of coloured discs 3mm in diameter are seen in the right hand margin, next to the last stamp of the bottom row, in all Panes, of all values, in issues X and Y. The colours from top to bottom correspond to the colours used for Pane numbers from left to right, in all Panes, of all values, in issues X and Y.

Cumulative totals of progressive columns of stamps are seen in top and bottom margins, printed in black, in all Panes, of all values, in issues X and Y.

Issue X – The printed sheet of each value consisted of three Panes A, B and C. Each Pane has fifty stamps made up of five rows of ten stamps. All values are of the horizontal format.

Issue Y – The printed sheet of each value consisted of three Panes A, B and C. Each Pane has forty stamps made up of eight rows of five stamps. All values are of the vertical format.

Plate/Pane Numbers

These are seen under the first stamp of the bottom row, in all Panes, of all values, in issues X and Y.

Issue X	5c = 1A x 4, 1B x 4, 1C x 4	Issue Y	3c = 1A x 4, 1B x 4, 1C x 4.
	10c = 1A x 4, 1B x 4, 1C x 4		4c = 1A x 4, 1B x 4, 1C x 4.
	14c = 1A x 4, 1B x 4, 1C x 4		10c = 1A x 4, 1B x 4, 1C x 4.
			25c = 1A x 4, 1B x 4, 1C x 4.

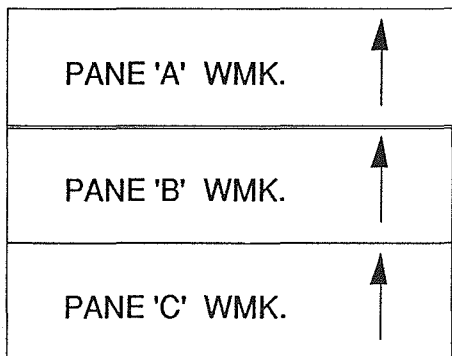


Fig. (a)

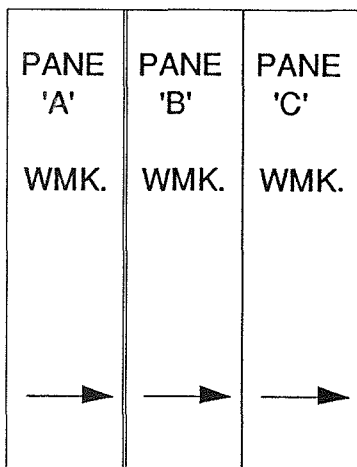


Fig. (b)

Perforation of Margins

Issue X The left hand margins of Panes A, B and C of each value, are imperforate, whilst the other three margins of these same Panes are all perforated. Cutting marks could have been seen on each side of the top margin of Panes A and on each side of the bottom margin of Panes C, of all values.

Issue Y The top margins of Panes A, B and C of each value are imperforate, whilst the other three margins of these same Panes, are all perforated. Cutting marks could have been seen in the top and bottom, of the left hand margin of Panes A, and in the top and bottom, of the right hand margin of Panes C, in all values except the 3c value.

From a study of details given the Printed Sheets of all values, before cutting into Panes, would look as shown in Fig. (a) for issue X and as shown in Fig. (b) for issue Y. Looking at the Printed Sheets as shown stamps would be seen the right way up, hence why the watermark in all values of issue X is upright, and in all values of issue Y is sideways. Perforator ran from left to right in issue X and from top to bottom in issue Y.

Imprint Blocks:

The Imprint "PRINTEX LIMITED MALTA" is seen under the last stamp of the bottom row, in all Panes, of all values, in issues X and Y. Letters are 1mm high and printed in black. An Imprint Block of four will also include the colour checks.

Special hand-postmarks, incorporating appropriate motifs, were used for cancellation on the first day of both issues.

By 12.45pm on the first day of issue, sales amounted to Lm28,200 (Issue X) and Lm22,300 (Issue Y).

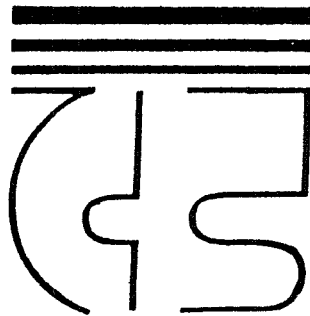
Stamps of these issues remained on sale up to Wednesday, 12th June, 1991, (Issue X) and up to Wednesday, 21st August 1991, (Issue Y), unless stocks were previously exhausted.

Souvenir Sheet:

A souvenir sheet, incorporating the three stamps of issue X and measuring 123mm x 90mm was also issued on the same date. It was also designed by Tony Bugeja and the perforation is the same as that on the normal Panes.

The Printed Sheet of this Souvenir Sheet consisted of sixteen Souvenir Sheets, made up of four rows of four. Looking at the Printed Sheet as shown in the figure, Souvenir Sheets would be seen the right way up, hence individual stamps from a Souvenir Sheet are distinguished from individual stamps of the same value, from normal Panes, by means of the direction of the watermark. As can be seen, the direction of watermark in the Souvenir Sheets is opposite to that in normal Panes.

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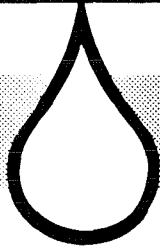
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