

MALTA – A DIARY

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9-1-89

The Sub-Post Office at 34, Marina Street, Marsascala, was transferred to “Tiffany”, Dun Tarcisio Agius Square, Marsascala (Tel. 829186) with effect from Monday, 9th January, 1989, until further notice.

The date-stamp which was currently used at the Sub-Post Office was to continue to be used at the temporary new premises.

19-1-89

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: “International – Mediterranean – Top Twelve – Table Tennis Tournament – 20-22 January 1989” was used from the 19th to the 21st January, 1989, at the Central Main Room.

28-1-89

A set of six stamps, to mark the 25th Anniversary of the attainment of Independence, was issued today. A special hand postmark was used on the first day of issue. Fig. 1

13-2-89

The PMG notified that a Sub-Post Office was to be opened at, “Claire’s”, Misrah French Abela, Dingli, on Monday 13th February, 1989. A hand metal date-stamp inscribed with the words “DINGLI SPO – MALTA” was to be used at this Sub-Post Office. The telephone number at this Sub-Post Office is 649439. Fig. 2

13-2-89

A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded: “Wirja Filatelika – Muzew ta’ l-Arkeologija – 16-28.2.89” was used, on and off, during the period 13th – 28th February, 1989, at the Central Mail Room.

The slogan means: “Philatelic Exhibition – Museum of Archaeology – 16-28.2.89”.

13-2-89

With reference to the arrangements made by Govt. Notice No.15 of the 6th January, 1989, the PMG notifies that the Sub-Post Office which was temporarily housed at “Tiffany”, Dun Tarcisio Agius Square, Marsascala, was to be transferred back to the premises at 34, Marina Street, Marsascala, with effect from 13th February, 1989.

16-2-89

The PMG notified that a Temporary Branch Post Office was to be opened at the Museum of Archaeology, Valletta, from Thursday, 16th February, 1989 to Tuesday, 28th February, 1989, to commemorate the Philatelic Exhibition on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the Independence of Malta, during the hours indicated hereunder:

16th February, 1989 – 1.00pm to 6.30pm

17th to 28th February, 1989 – 8.00am to 6.30pm

At this Temporary Branch Post Office, the following business was to be transacted:

- (a) sale of postage stamps and postal stationery
- (b) registration of postal articles
- (c) issue and encashment of postal orders and money orders.
- (d) encashment of postcheques
- (e) posting of letters and printed matters.

Postal articles posted at this Temporary Branch Post Office were to be postmarked by a date-stamp inscribed: "Indipendenza ta' Malta 1964-1989 – Wirja Filatelika – Valletta". Fig. 3. The Slogan means: "Independence of Malta 1964 - 1989 – Philatelic Exhibition – Valletta". A postal card was also issued and was available for sale at 25c from this Temporary Branch Post Office up to the 28th February, 1989, unless stocks were previously exhausted. The card designed by Frank Portelli and printed by Printex Limited, has imprinted thereon the 25c stamp which forms part of the set of six stamps issued on the 28th January, 1989. The card has also reproduced thereon, in an enlarged size, the 6d. stamp which was included in the Independence commemorative set of six stamps issued on 21st September, 1964.

24-2-89

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

Applications were to be received up to noon of Thursday, 30th March, 1989.

28-2-89

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

Applications were to be received by noon of Thursday, 30th March, 1989.

7-3-89

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

Applications were to be received up to noon of Tuesday, 4th April, 1989.

13-3-89

The PMG notified that a new hand date-stamp was to be put in use, at the Branch Post Office, Gzira, as from Monday, 13th March, 1989.

The new hand date-stamp is inscribed "GZIRA – MALTA". Fig. 4. The old hand date-stamp, which was replaced, was withdrawn from use at the close of business on Saturday, 11th March 1989.

25-3-89

The "Emblem of Malta" Postage set was issued today. A special hand postmark was used on the first day of issue. Fig. 5.

27-3-89

A machine stamp cancelling slogan inscribed: "Commonwealth Amateur – Wrestling Championships – Malta – 31 March - 2 April 1989" was used at the Central Mail Room from the 27th to the 30th March, and on the 1st April, 1989.

3-4-89

A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded "National Council – Of Women (Malta) – 25th Anniversary – 1964-1989" was used at the Central Mail Room from the 3rd to the 8th April, 1989.

The slogan also incorporates the logo of the National Council of Women.

4-4-89

The PMG notified that a special hand postmark was to be 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 6pm respectively on the 4th April, 1989. The postmark is inscribed "National Council of Women – 1964-1989. Valletta - Malta 4.1V.89". It also incorporates the logo of the National Council

of Women and the figure 25. Fig. 6.

7-4-89

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

Applications were to be received up to noon of Monday, 8th May, 1989.

20-4-89

The PMG notified that two new metal hand date-stamps were to be put in use at the Branch Post Office, Sliema, on Thursday, 20th April, 1989.

The new hand date-stamps are inscribed "SLIEMA – MALTA". Fig. 7.

21-4-89

All mail addressed to residents of part of St. Julians, St. Andrews, Paceville, Swieqi, l-Ibrag and the surrounding area will, from today, be delivered from the new post office mustering room in St. George's Road, St. Julians.

These premises will shortly be established as a Branch Post Office. Undelivered registered and ordinary mail, bulky packets and inquiries relating to them will be dealt with at the new premises but the posting of postal articles and the release of parcels and dutiable letter packets will, until further notice, still have to be made from the Sliema Branch Post Office.

22-4-89

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Deaf Week 23-30.IV.89" was used, on and off, during the period 22nd to 30th April, 1989, at the Central Mail Room.

The slogan also incorporates the logo of the Association for the Young Deaf.

29.4.89

A special hand postmark was used to mark the Centenary of the Royal Regiment of Malta Militia which fell on the 29th April, 1989. The postmark is inscribed as follows: "Royal Regiment of Malta Militia – Centenary – 1889-1989 – 29-4-89 – Valletta". Fig. 8.

The postmark which also incorporates the logo of the regiment was used on the 29th April, 1989, 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.

2-5-89

A machine stamp cancelling slogan inscribed: "Council – Of Europe – 40th Anniversary – 1949-1989", was used, on and off, during the month of May, 1989, at the Central Mail Room.

The slogan also incorporates the logo of the Council of Europe.

6-5-89

Europa Commemorative issued today consisting of two stamps: 10c and 35c, and Postal Card. A special hand postmark was issued on first day of issue. Fig. 9.

11-5-89

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Kungress – Tad-Distrett 211 – Itaġja-Malta – 12.14-V-89" was used on the 11th, 12th and 13th May, 1989, at the Central Mail Room.

The slogan also incorporates the logo of the Rotary International. The slogan means: "Congress – Of District 211 – Italy-Malta – 12.14-V-89".

15-5-89

The PMG notified that all machine and hand "Postage - paid" date-stamps of the 2c, 3c and 4c denominations were to be withdrawn from use from all Branch Post Offices in Malta and

Gozo with the exception of those currently in use at the Victoria Branch Post Office, Gozo, at the close of business on Monday, 15th May, 1989.

15-5-89

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "17th May – Telecommunication – Day", was used on the 15th, 16th and 17th May, 1989, at the Central Mail Room.

25-5-89

The Post Office Act 1975 (Act No. XXXV of 1975), Fees Ordinance, Cap 35, Overseas Post Regulations 1989, was published as a Supplement in the Govt Gazette No. 15,132 of the 25th May, 1989, Section B.

29-5-89

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Jum Dinji – Bla Tipjip – 31 ta' Mejju" was used on the 29th, 30th and 31st May, 1989 at the Central Mail Room.

The slogan means: "World Day – Without Smoking – 31st May".

29-5-89

The PMG notified that a Sub-Post Office was to be opened at "The Globe Stationery", 16a Main Street, Attard, on Monday, 29th May, 1989.

A hand metal date-stamp inscribed with the words, "ATTARD S.P.O. – MALTA" was to be used at this Sub-Post Office. Fig. 10.

The telephone number at this Sub-Post Office is 446198

3-6-89

A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded: "World Tourism Organisation – Commission For Europe – XIX Meeting – Malta 5-7 June 1989", was used from the 3rd to the 6th June, 1989, at the Central Mail Room.

23-6-89

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Cannabis – The beginning of My End", was used on and off, from the 23rd to the 30th June, 1989, at the Central Mail Room.

24-6-89

Another "Maltese Uniforms" set was issued today. A special hand postmark incorporating the badge of the Malta Militia was used on the first day of issue. Fig. 11.

24-6-89

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Royal Regiment – Of Malta Militia Centenary – 1889-1989" was used, on and off, from the 24th to the 30th June, 1989, at the Central Mail Room.



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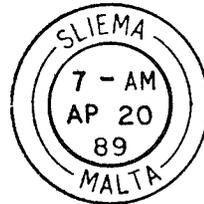


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