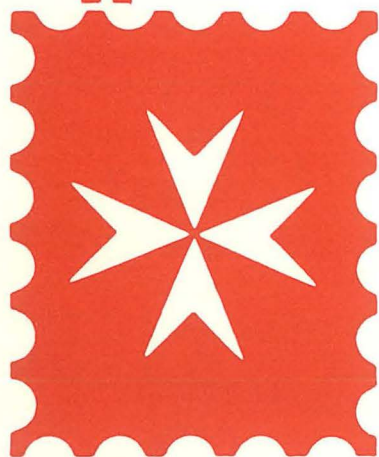


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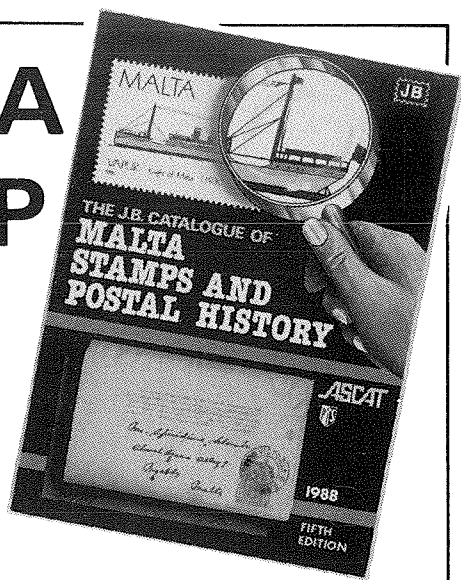
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Diary of the Plague Epidemic of 1813; continuation.



NOTIFICAZIONE.

STAMANE è stata portata l'informazione al Comitato di salute che ad un Fernajo di nome Giovanni Stellini abitante in Strada S. Cristoforo No. 92 era morta una figlia di 15 anni, e che un altro di lui figlio era moribondo, come infatti dopo poche ore cessò di vivere. Si seppe che questi erano attaccati da una forte febbre avanti jeri. Dal Rapporto dei Medici dopo fatta l'ispezione de' Cadaveri, appare che s'uno morti di Peste. Per seguitare le stabilite precauzioni, il rimanente della famiglia composta di tre persone fu trasportata in Forte Manuel.

Un Greco di cui si ebbe notizia questa mattina trovarsi febbricitante, morì a mezzo giorno. Questo anche si riconobbe esser morto di Peste.

Una Ragazza d'anni 8 di nome Antonia figlia di Michele Aquilina abitante in Strada Pozzi N.º 25, è stata assalita da una febbre molto accesa con perdita di sentimenti. La casa fu in conseguenza messa sotto osservazione custodita da guardie.

In punto si seppe trovarsi in una camera No. 2 in Strada S. Giuseppe, Paolo e Maria conjugi Mizzi, il primo di anni 25, e la seconda di 19 ammalati con forte febbre, con tumori nell'inguine, voglia di vomito &c. Le moglie è stata indisposta fin da due giorni, ed il marito venne attaccato stamane, e questo sta molto abbattuto.

Una Ragazza Mora dell'età di anni quattordici abitante in Casa Num.º 19 Strada S. Giovanni, trovavasi indisposta con alcuni sintomi di sospetto.

Il Ragazzo Borg il di cui furunculo venne supurato, e deterse l'insuppamento della glandola inguinale, si nudrisce; e camina senza essere sostenute.

Gravia Pisani d'anni 18. annunciata jeri, il cui bubone scoppiò nel decorso della notte, dando fuori una materia purulenta condensata, trovavasi di buon aspetto con appetito, e più agile nel camminare.

Giovanni Human continua nella sua fissazione senza altri sintomi.

Paolo Rocchi Romano dal suo aspetto dimostra che la febbre continua, laggiandosi sempre d'un dolor laterale.

Il Comitato rileva con dispiacere che le precauzioni da esso raccomandate di tempo in tempo al pubblico furon troppo necessarie onde si crede in dovere di nuovamente incutere che ognuno debba incaricarsi dell'importante critica circostanza, ed eseguire esattamente le debite precauzioni di contumacia, poichè il Comitato considera che tutta la Popolazione trovavasi nel massimo pericolo di essere generalmente infetta dalla Peste.

Malta, Comitato di Salute, 16 Maggio 1813.

J. CASTRO MILLER Seg.º

J. THOMAS, Presidente.



NOTIFICAZIONE.

Il Comitato di Salute continuando le sue solite notificazioni, si fa un dovere rendere inteso il Pubblico dello stato attuale delle persone notate negli scorsi giorni, come altresì quelle dei Rapporti di questa giornata.

Antonia Aquilina Strada Pozzi rimane nello stato febbrile, e con perdita di sentimenti ma non peggiora.

I Coniugi Mizzi altrevolte abitanti Strada S. Giuseppe seguitano abbattuti dalla malattia.

La Mora che abitava in Strada S. Giovanni è in eguale stato d'abbattimento.

Il Ragazzo Borg, e Grazia Pisani promettono guarigione.

Giovanni Haimo peggiora di molto, ed è abbattuto dalla debolezza, perché non si nutrisce.

Il Sig. Arcangelo Deleata persona che è stata fin dai primi giorni condotta in Forte Manoel per aver avuto comunicazione con Maria Agius sua Cognata, venne attaccato oggi da una forte febbre, dolori di capo, accensione di volto, e stimolo al vomito, ed essendosi riservato gli si trovò verso la regione sacra lumbire un Carburcolo concretao.

Il Comitato attese le attuali decisive critiche circostanze vede essere suo dovere replicare al Pubblico le sue raccomandazioni, onde prendere le serie necessarie precauzioni per evitare l'ulteriore propagazione del morbo.

Il Comitato per vieppiù animare la popolazione di dar rapporto di qualunque Malattia che potrà manifestarsi nelle rispettive case ha stimato opportuno di far noto al pubblico la determinazione stata oggi presa cioè, che manifestandosi il contagio in alcun individuo delle famiglie abitanti in case bastantemente comode, ed in cui l'infetto potrà segregarsi dal resto de' suoi coabitanti, non sarà alcuna di queste persone rimossa dalla Casa, la quale sarà messa sotto guardia in contumacia.

Avendo a cuore il Comitato vedere la quiete del Pubblico, si fa carico di fargli l'interpretazione della voce sparsa stamane cioè quella di doverci chiudere le porte della Città, l'idea di S. E. e del Comitato si restringe soltanto ad impedire l'ingresso a tutte quelle persone che non hanno alcun affare in Valletta, e specialmente per i forestieri di qualunque nazione che si trovano ad abbordo de' rispettivi bastimenti, o in altre contrade.

Malta, Comitato di Salute, 17 Maggio 1813.

J. THOMAS, Presidente.

J. CAST.º MILLER Seg.º



PROCLAMA.

SUA ECCELLENZA il Regio Civile Commissionario informato dal Comitato di Salute che molti per timore di essere portati in Lazzeretto, o in Forte Manoel e così per non essere soccorsi con vantaggio di loro stessi, e di tutta la Società nascondono ai Deputati de' Quartieri, ed a chiunque le malattie da cui vengono talora attaccati, la qual cosa non v'è chi non debba conoscere, qual pregiudizio arrechi, ed agli ammalati medesimi ed al Pubblico in generale ponendosi fuor di caso di essere soccorsi, e fomentando una malattia, che trascurata ingigantisce, e diventa vieppiù micidiale; considerando altresì S. E. che gli ordini dati per usarsi le dovute precauzioni non sieno stati da tutti ben intesi, ed eseguiti, considerando inoltre di quanto pubblico universal pregiudizio sieno in queste circostanze i furti dalle case sospette, e considerando infine che sia interessante sopra ogni altra cosa il rinvenir l'origine, ed il mezzo dell' introduzione del contagio ordinò, e comanda quanto segue.

1. Che qualunque persona informata che si vada tenendo nascosta la malattia di alcuno degli individui di qualche famiglia, debba tosto informarne il Comitato della Salute, e tale persona tanto benemerita della Società sarà non solamente premiata, ma anche tenuto celato il di lei nome.

2. Che qualunque Capo di famiglia avendo individui della sua famiglia ammalati, non debba tacerlo ai Deputati de' Quartieri, ed avvenendo che la malattia sopravvenga dopo finito il giro de' Deputati, debba tosto renderne informato il Comitato di Salute altrimenti sarà punito colla pena dell' ultimo supplicio.

3. Che colla medesima pena dell' ultimo supplicio sieno puniti coloro che avranno il temerario ardire di rubar cosa alcuna anche minima dalle case, o altri luoghi sospetti, che devon riguardarsi come esistenti sotto la più speciale protezione del governo.

4. Che si abbiano per proibite ovunque, fino a nuovo ordine, le Scuole di ragazzi, e ragazze in case private nella stessa guisa che lo sono le Scuole pubbliche.

5. Che si abbia per specialmente invitato ognuno a procurar di conoscere la vera causa per mezzo della quale il contagio che affligge colla sua apparenza questa popolazione, si è introdotto, assicurandosi intanto chiunque renderà al Pubblico questo interessante servizio che non solamente sarà considerato come benemerito della Patria, e del Governo, ma appena giustificati i propri rapporti al Comitato o a S. E. gli sarà pur dato il Regalo di Scudi Mille, e se sarà egli stesso reo di qualche contravvenzione alle leggi della Sanità, o complice de' rei, o in altra qualunque maniera ingerito avrà inoltre il perdono intero del suo misfatto.

Segreteria del Governo 17 Maggio 1873.

D'ordine di S. E. il Regio Civile Commissionario

F. LAING
Segretario Pubblico.



NOTIFICAZIONE.

Il Comitato di Salute si trova nel penoso dovere di partecipare al Pubblico che la malattia contagiosa seguita tuttavia a far progresso mentre si rileva dalli Rapporti de' Signori Medici di questa giornata essere state attaccate dal morbo le qui sotto persone.

Giuseppe Alif Siracusano abitante in Strada S. Paolo.

Vincenzo Zerusa Soldato dei Veterani.

Giovanni Zammit Id. Id. merto.

Giovanni Dalmus Strada Pozzi No. 20.

Margarita Baldacchino Strada Id. ivi.

Salvadore Briffa in Forte Manuel.

Grazia Caruana di Casal Gudia Morta.

Le altre persone accennate nelle antecedenti Notificazioni sono' porzioni nello stesso stato ed altre peggiorano.

Il Pubblico vede chiaro la necessità di usare le più strette precauzione per impedire per quanto sia possibile l'ulteriore progresso della terribile malattia, nulladimeno però il Comitato non si stancherà mai di fare le più alte raccomandazioni per l'eseguimento di quanto replicate volte inculcò-

Maita, Comitato di Salute, 18 Maggio 1813.

J. THOMAS, Presidente

J. CAST.º MILLER Seg.º



NOTIFICAZIONE.

VOLENDO continuare il Comitato di Salute la sua solita Notificazione giornaliera, con scmmo suo dispiacere partecipa al Pubblico, che dai Rapporti dei Sig. Medici fatti oggi si rileva esser morti di Peste le seguenti persone.

| | | |
|---|---|-----------|
| Salvatore Cuschieri Ragazzo. Nel Manderaggio. | } | Valletta. |
| Anna Calleja nell' Ospedale delle Femmine. | | |
| Maria Arasud Piazzante in D. | | |
| Giovanna Dalmas notificata jeri. | | |
| Vincenzo Zerafa Id. | | |
| Sig. Arcangelo Delicata in Forte Manuel. | | |
| Giuseppe Aliff Id. | | |
| Salvatore Bondin Soldato dei Veterani attaccato jeri, e morto oggi. | | |

Inoltre dagli stessi rapporti Medici risulta essere stati attaccati dall'istessa malattia.

Bernardo Manduca in Forte Manuel.
Giuseppe Falzon Id. Id.
Pietro Falzon Id. Id.

Il Comitato si lusinga, che il funesto quadro esposto, da se stesso mostra la necessità che esiste, di usare le serie più volte raccomandate precauzioni.

Malta, Comitato di Salute, 19 Maggio 1813.

J. THOMAS, Presidente.

J. CAST.º MILLER Seg.º



NOTIFICAZIONE.

Crescendo sempre più la necessità delle precauzioni SUA ECCELLENZA il Regio Civile Commissione prese in considerazione diverse rappresentanze, e suggerimenti del Comitato di Salute ha ordinato ed ordina quanto segue,

1 Che qualunque Capo di famiglia debba fra ventiquattr'ore aver affissa alla Porta di sua Casa una lista contenente il nome e l'occupazione di tutte le persone componenti la sua famiglia, le quali persone a richiesta de' Deputati del Distretto dovranno farsi vedere ai medesimi, sotto pena corporale, o pecuniaria da arbitrarli dal Magistrato di Pulizia contro i disubbidienti.

2 Che in conseguenza delle premurose istanze fatte dal Comitato di Salute si abbia per particolarmente raccomandata a chiunque l'esatta esecuzione de' suggerimenti di esso Comitato pubblicati li 10 del corrente Maggio Art. 4 5 6 7 8 9 che saran in piè della presente riportati.

3 Che ogni uno procuri d'astenersi al possibile dall'uscir di Casa, altrimenti chi non potrà render conto di un ragionevole e ben fondato motivo per cui si trovi fuor di Casa, potrà esser come disubbidiente punito dal suddetto Magistrato di Pulizia.

4 Che in particolar modo si usi ogni possibile cautela nell'atto di comprare, e vender ogni sorta di commestibili, ed altro, specialmente con non involgere gli effetti in carta e far passare sempre il danajo per l'acero.

Sua Eccellenza vuole inoltre che il Pubblico sia prevenuto, che all'oggetto sempre di evitarsi al possibile ogni affollamento e per esservi meno occasione d'allontanarsi dalle proprie case un piano circa lo stabilimento di otto mercati uno cioè per distretto, e circa la maniera di fare andare per tutte le strade esposto alla vendita pane, olio, formaggio, ed altro, sarà ben tosto messo in esecuzione.

TENORE DEGLI ARTICOLI CITATI NEL §. 2.

4. Che per effettuare questa generale purificazione il vino ed il più essenziale mezzo sarà quello di raccogliere tutta la biancheria ed altri roba sporca da vestire e di lavarla immediatamente in acqua bollente, ed in ogni possibile istanza di ballare quegli articoli almeno per un'ora con una porzione di sapone o Cenere di Soda mischiata coll'acqua. Siffatta operazione sarà quasi un certo metodo per distruggere qualunque infezione che potessero contenere tali robe, e proteggere il qualunque pericolo la persona che in appresso sarà per usarle.

5. Tutti li panni vecchi non usabili e ceci di qualunque descrizione debbonsi raccogliere ed esser brugiati senza alcuna eccezione. E che alcuno privato interesse, favore, od affezione dovrebbe impedire la più stretta esecuzione di questo atto di tanta importanza poichè in esso consiste la salvezza. Ed il Comitato spera che tutti li Capi di famiglia presteranno la loro più attiva assistenza per vedere tutti li presentati regolamenti messi in esecuzione.

6. Il seguente passo essenziale sarà di lavare ben bene con acqua tutti gli appartamenti senza eccezione alcuna, come anche qualunque Articolo di mobiglia, porte, e finestre.

In fatti ogni articolo debba passare questa purificazione poichè il Pubblico possa sperare d'essere in sicurezza: e questo Comitato istantemente prega l'assistenza di ogni individuo della Società di eseguire con sollecitudine li presentati regolamenti poichè per ogni ora che si perde cresce il pericolo.

7. Privechè si lavano la Camere, le muraglie, o li tetti, come anche qualunque articolo di mobiglia dovebuonsi pulire dalle fulghe e dalla polvere, e l'operazione di purificare e lavare le mobiglia dovebessi fare all'aria aperta, oppure sulle rispettive Terrazze delle case.

I quadri e gli ornamenti pendenti nelle muraglie dovebensi calare dal di loro luogo, e pulire bene le muraglia dalla polvere &c. &c.

8. Nel mentre che queste preliminari operazioni si van mettendo in esecuzione, tutte le famiglie residenti nelle Mezzanini, e negli appartamenti a pian terreno, dovrebbero procurare delle Scope da biancheggiatori ed una quantità di Calcaia sufficiente per biancheggiare le muraglia delli loro appartamenti.

9. Questa è una operazione tanto semplice, che qualunque individuo potrà facilmente da per se solo metterla in esecuzione i giovani ed i vecchi potranno assistere, che si ricchi diano l'esempio ai loro vicini poveri, personalmente esistenti ai loro servi nel travaglio, e se sarà necessario di dar loro i mezzi per eseguire questa tanto desiderabile purificazione con comprar loro quanto li farà di bisogno a tal uopo.

Segreteria del Governo 19 Maggio 1815.

D'Ordine di S. E. il Regio Civile Commissione;

F. LANG.
Segretario Pubblico.



NOTICE.

THE Board of Health inform the Public, that from the Report of the Medical Gentlemen made this Day, there have Died of the Plague between Men, Women and Children Ten Persons, and that Eleven others have been taken ill it is feared with the same disease.

NOTIFICAZIONE.

IL Comitato di salute partecipa al Pubblico che dalli Rapporti Medici di questa giornata si rileva essere stati morti di Peste il numero di Dieci persone trà uomini, donne, e ragazzi, ed altre Undici attaccate dalla stessa malattia.

Malta, Comitato di Salute, 20 Maggio 1813.

J. THOMAS, Presidente.

J. CAST, MIELER Seg.^o.

CONSERVATORY,
Friday, 21st May 1813.

SOCIETY for the Relief of the distressed and suffering Poor, in consequence of the Dreadful Malady prevailing.

MAJOR GENERAL LAYARD, President.

COMMITTEE.

Commissioner Larcom,
Colonel Phillips,
Lieut. Colonel Burrows,
R. P. M. F. V. Portelli, Paroc. di S. Maria di P. Salvo.
Can. D. G. Xerri, Curato di S. Paolo,
M. Denison,
G. T. Jackson,
D. Grant,
H. Zimelli,
Salv. Gatt,
J. Charnaud,
F. Lavoratori,
A. Ducci,
J. Chabot, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

RESOLVED,

That a Subscription be opened to fulfil the objects of the Society, and that Lists of the Subscribers be preserved and ultimately published,

That Handbills be printed announcing the formation of the Society and inviting all persons to subscribe, and pay their subscriptions to those appointed to make domiciliary visits, who are requested to receive and solicit subscriptions, and to give lists of Subscribers, and pay their subscriptions, between half past Ten and half past Eleven o'clock every morning, when the Committee or Seven of its Members, which are declared a Quorum will attend at the Conservatory.

That those Persons who have not the opportunity of paying their subscriptions to those appointed to make the domiciliary visits, may attend at that hour to offer their subscriptions, when they will be received and registered.

That the Parochi and Lungotenente of the respective Cities, Casali, &c. be requested to solicit and receive subscriptions from any persons who may be disposed to promote the objects of the Society, and to forward the Lists of Subscribers and the amount subscribed to the Committee at the hour of its daily attendance.

That the object of the Subscription be for the purpose of relieving the urgent wants of the necessaries of life to poor persons, suffering in consequence of the present malady.

That the Secretary do immediately write a Letter addressed to all the Gentlemen making domiciliary visits, to acquaint them of the formation of the Society, and to request the favour of their supplying instantly a proper quantity of Bread and Oil, to any poor persons who may be actually suffering from Hunger, and to acquaint the Committee with such information as they may deem expedient, and in respect to the mode best to be adopted, of distributing Relief.

Dollars.

Amount Subscribed at the Sitting of the Committee 1480

J. CHABOT,
Secretary and Treasurer.

CONSERVATORIA
Venerdì 21 Maggio 1813.

SOCIETA' per il Sollievo delli Poveri miserabili e sofferenti a motivo delle critiche circostanze di malattia contagiosa.

IL MAGGIOR GENERALE LAYARD PRESIDENTE

COMITATO.

Il Commissionario Larcom
Colonnello Phillips
L.^t Colonnello Burrows
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Ettore Zimelli
Salvadore Gatt
J. Charnaud
F. Lavoratori
A. Ducci
J. CHABOT Segret. e Tesoriere.

RISOLUTO,

Di aprire una Sottoscrizione per adempire le viste della Società, e che una lista delli contribuenti sia fatta e pubblicata.

Che avvisi pubblici siano fatti per annunciare la formazione della Società e per invitare tutte le persone a contribuire e pagare le somme sottoscritte ai signori deputati per visite domiciliari, li quali sono pregati ricevere e sollicitare contribuzioni, e di dare la lista delli contribuenti, e far pagare l'ammontare sottoscritto tra le ore dieci e mezza, ed undici e mezza ogni mattina, quando il Comitato, o sette delli suoi Membri che sono colla presente dichiarati sufficienti si raduneranno alla Conservatoria.

Che quelle persone che non avranno il mezzo o l'occasione di pagare le somme sottoscritte ai Signori deputati per le visite domiciliari, possano offrir e pagarle al Comitato all'ora della seduta, in qual tempo saranno ricevute e registrate.

Che li Parochi e Lungotenenti delle rispettive Città, Casali, &c. siano pregati domandare e ricevere contribuzioni da tutte le persone disposte per aiutare la vista della società, e di far consegnare al Comitato la lista dei contribuenti con l'ammontare, al tempo della seduta giornale.

Che l'oggetto della Contribuzione sarà per il sollievo degli urgenti bisogni per conservare la vita delli poveri attualmente soffrendo in conseguenza della prevalente malattia contagiosa.

Che il Segretario immediatamente debba scrivere una lettera indirizzata a tutti li Signori Deputati per le visite domiciliari avvisandoli della formazione della Società e pregandoli di fornire istantemente una giusta quantità di Pane ed Olio a quelli poveri che vanno soffrendo di fame e di comunicare al Comitato quelle informazioni che crederanno expedienti ed anche sul modo che penseranno il meglio per la distribuzione dei sollievi.

Nella Seduta d'oggi è stata contribuita la somma di Pezze 1480.

J. CHABOT
Segretario e Tesoriere.

Finding a Treasure Trove of Information

Part 2

by Paul and Barbara Kayfetz

MELITA ISSUES 1922 – 1926

The duty frame plates are present for all values. The vignette key plate for the high (shilling) values is present but not that for the low values.

¼d Duty Plate (Photo No. 18) – This relief plate contains two side-by-side panes of 80 images each. Each pane contains eight rows of 10 stamps each. The plates are copper with an approximate thickness of 2mm; the (relatively small) image portions are on raised sections for each value tablet and each country tablet. These sections are an additional 3mm tall. A Jubilee Line surrounds each of the panes. These are in a thin ridge protruding above the base level of the plate. Each pane consists of four segments that are separate and which are attached by screws through holes cast in the plate.

The Jubilee Lines are formed by what appears to be a continuous cast ridge which has been cut after the copper plate was cast. The incisions made at intervals to break the line are ragged and rough in nature. Extending across the flange from each are scratch marks indicating that a tool similar to a saw blade was used to cut these gaps. Similar marks appeared in all of the Duty Plates for this issue.

The 18mm thick mahogany board on which the plates are attached has approximately 20mm borders top and bottom and 3mm on each side. The board consists of four pieces which have been connected with splines.

Punched into the lower right-hand corner of the right-hand pane is the date “27/8/22”.

½d Duty Plate (Photo No. 19) – This plate is generally similar to the ¼d described above. However, each pane consists of 16 separate components which have been attached onto the backing board in proper relationship to each other.

At the lower right-hand corner at the left-hand pane is its punched date “29/6(?)22”.

It should be noted that these plates contain interleaving boards of the same material as the pictorial set. These are descriptive notations in the same hand and blue crayon. Clearly, therefore, these notations and interleaving boards were prepared at a date later than the actual use of each plate. This could have been in preparation for transmission of these plates to the government of Malta or at a time of storage organization.

1d Duty Plate (Photo No. 20) – This plate is identical in configuration to the ½d described above. It bears the date “22/6/22”.

1 – ½d Duty Plate (Photo No. 21) – This plate is generally similar to those described above. However, the left-hand pane was combined from 10 pieces and the right-hand pane from 9. There is no date punched into this plate.

2d Duty Plate (Photo No. 22) – This plate is generally as described above. The configuration of each pane has been assembled from four parts. It should be noted that the gaps between the parts extend through the Jubilee Line and therefore appear in the finished stamps as wider gaps in the Jubilee Line than those which are cut into the Jubilee Ridge within each segment of a pane. Throughout this issue the segmentation of the Jubilee Lines is not necessarily coextensive with the sides of the stamps.

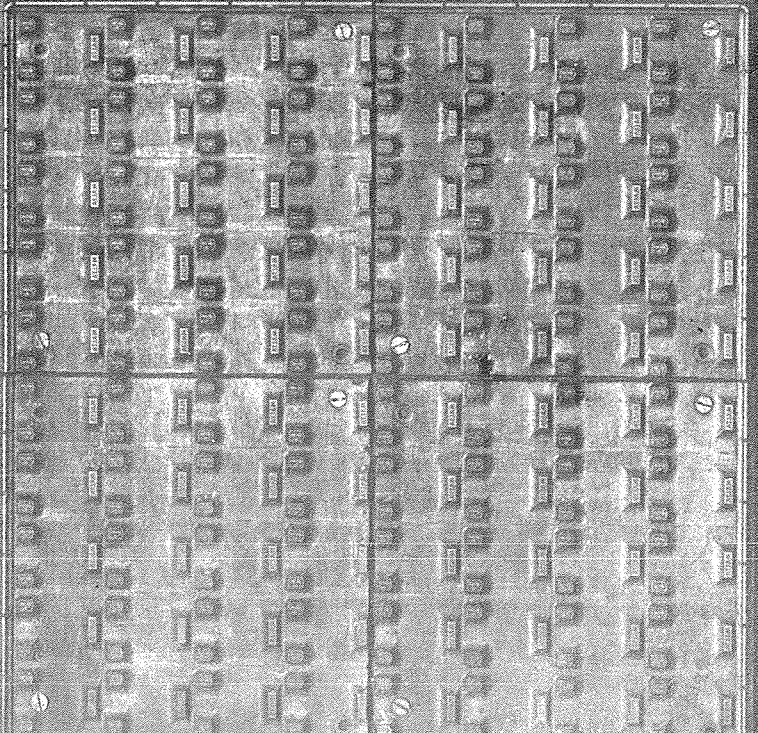
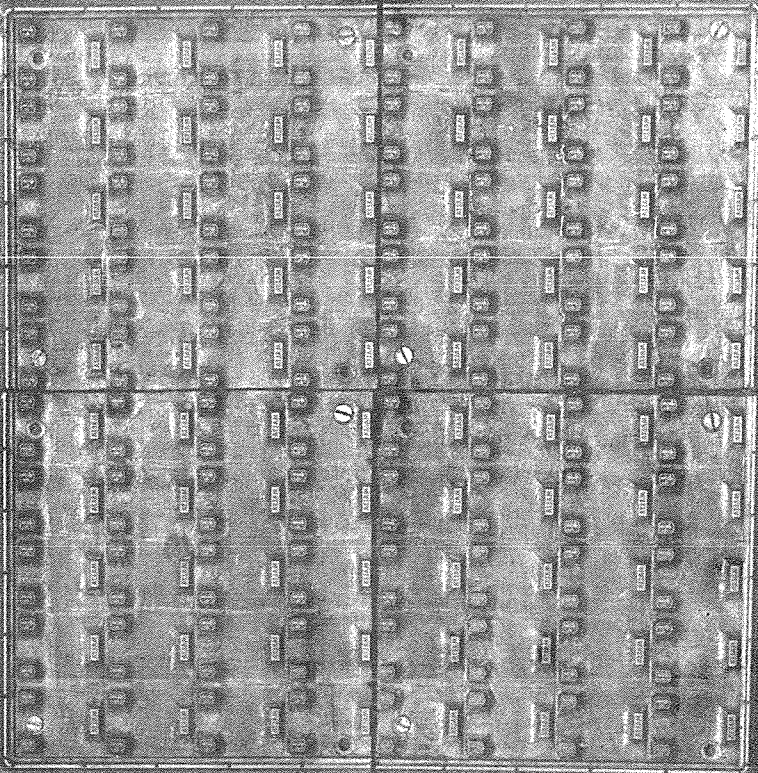
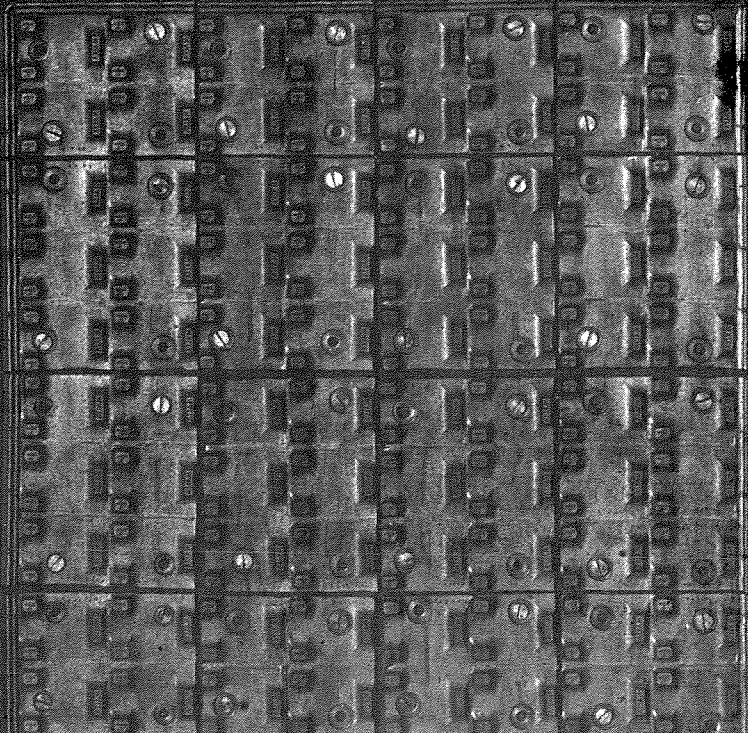
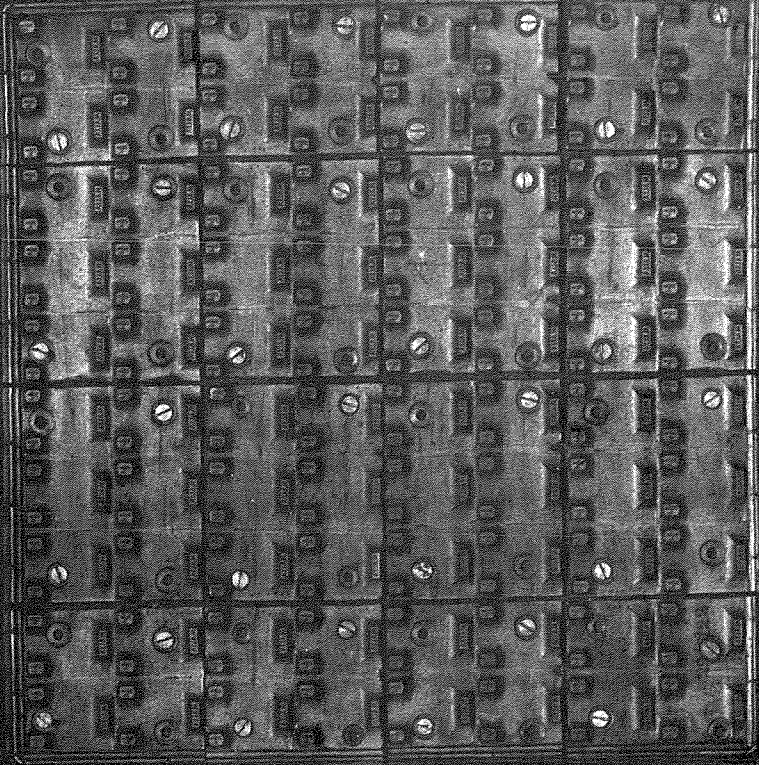
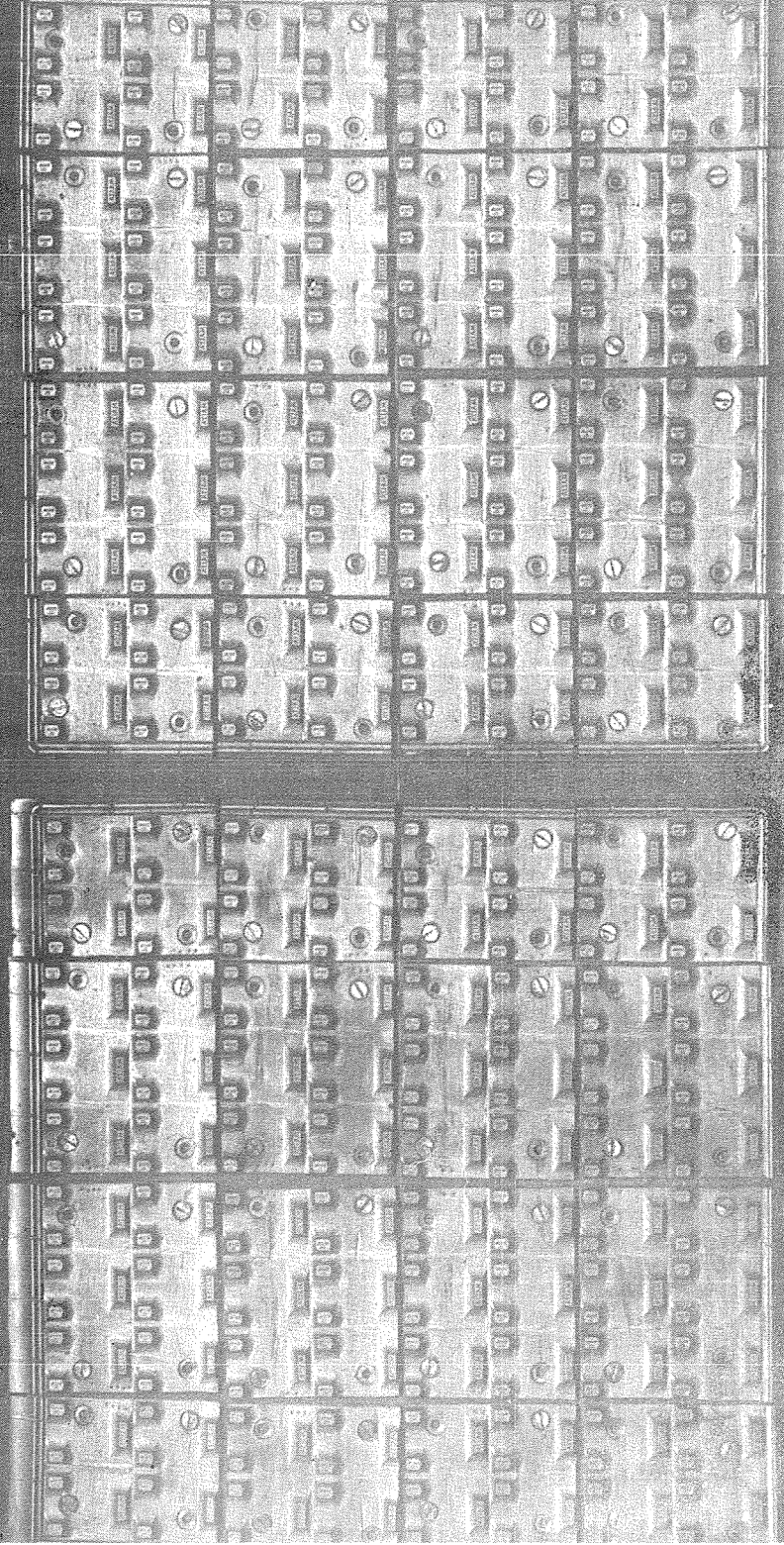


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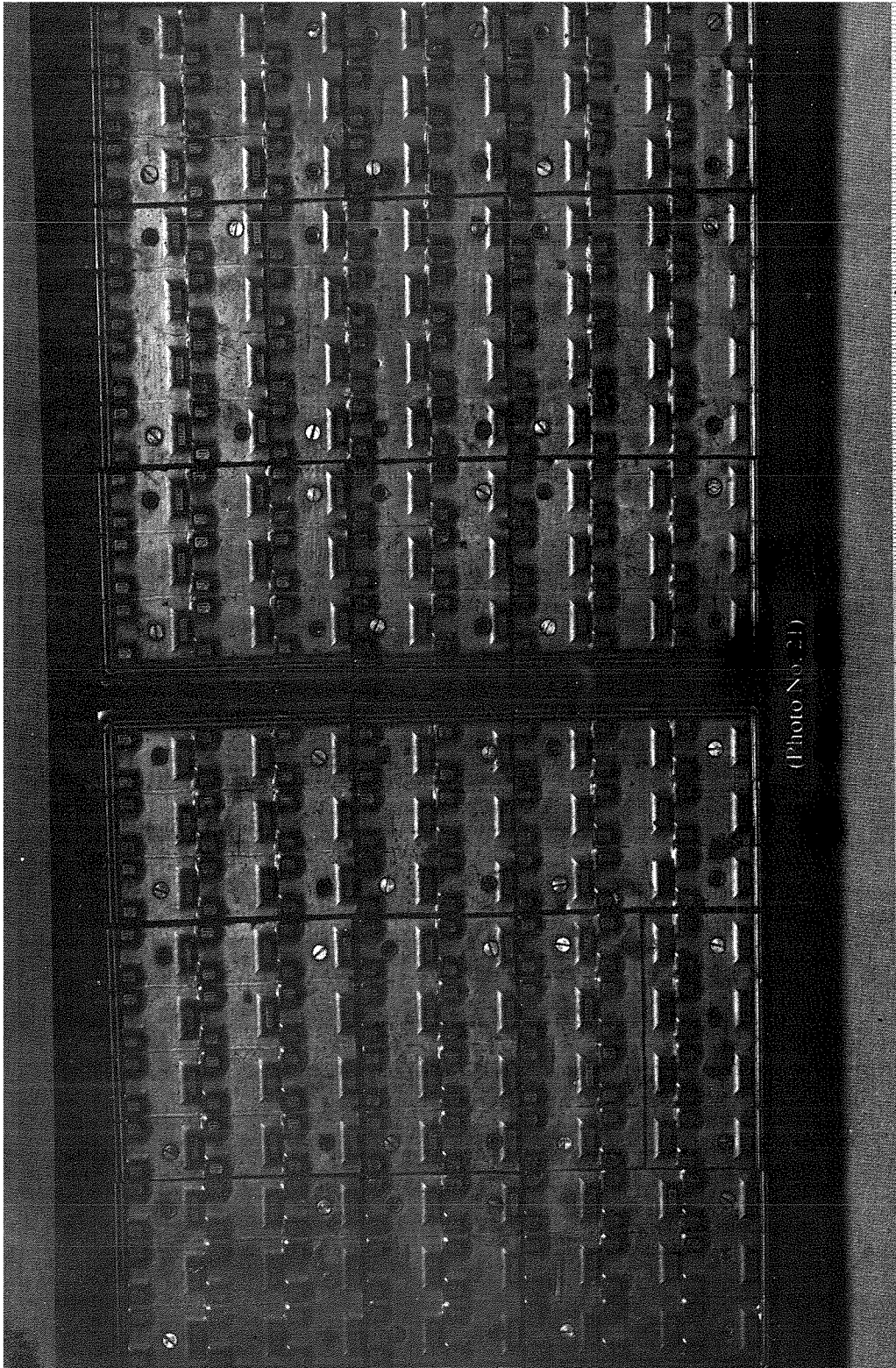
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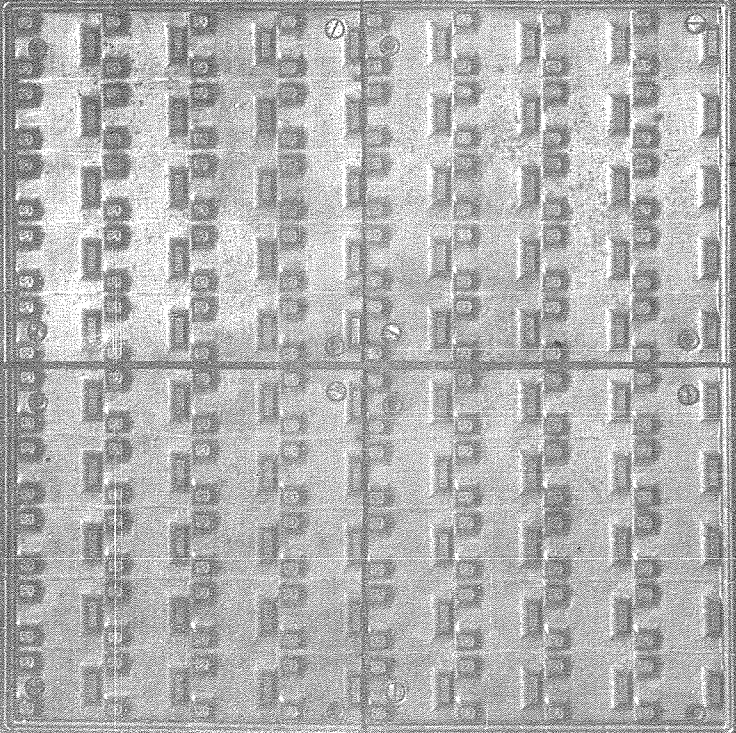
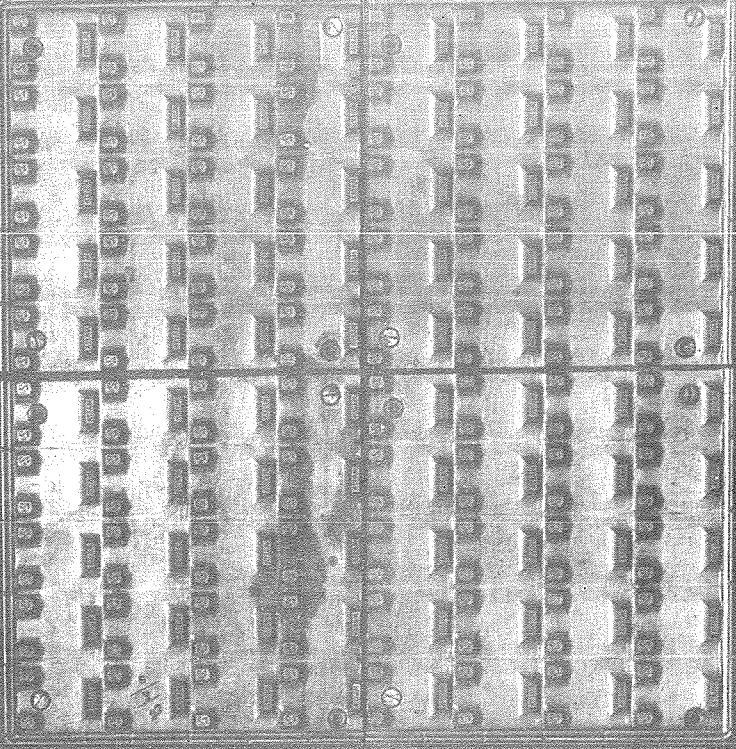


(Photo No. 20)





(Photo No. 31)



(Photo No. 22)



A date is raised letters obtained from inscribing the mold for this die with a punch reads: "6/7/22". This is a different configuration for the numbering of the plate since the preceding ones involved numbers punched into the finished plate rather than into the mold.

2 – ½d Duty Plate (Photo No. 23) – Each pane of this plate was assembled from eight components. There are fairly wide gaps in the Jubilee Line in the central gutter due to wide spacing of some of these components. A date is raised relief (therefore punched into the mold) is partially obscured by one of the screw holes used for attaching the plates to the backing board. The portion that appears is: "12/___/___6", suggesting the 12th of some month in 1926.

3d Duty Plate (Photo No. 24) – This plate has been assembled from four components in each of its panes. The date which is in raised letters on the plate is "12/7/22".

4d Duty Plate (Photo No. 25) – Each pane is assembled from four parts. The raised date "14/7/22" appears in the lower left-hand corner of the left-hand plate.

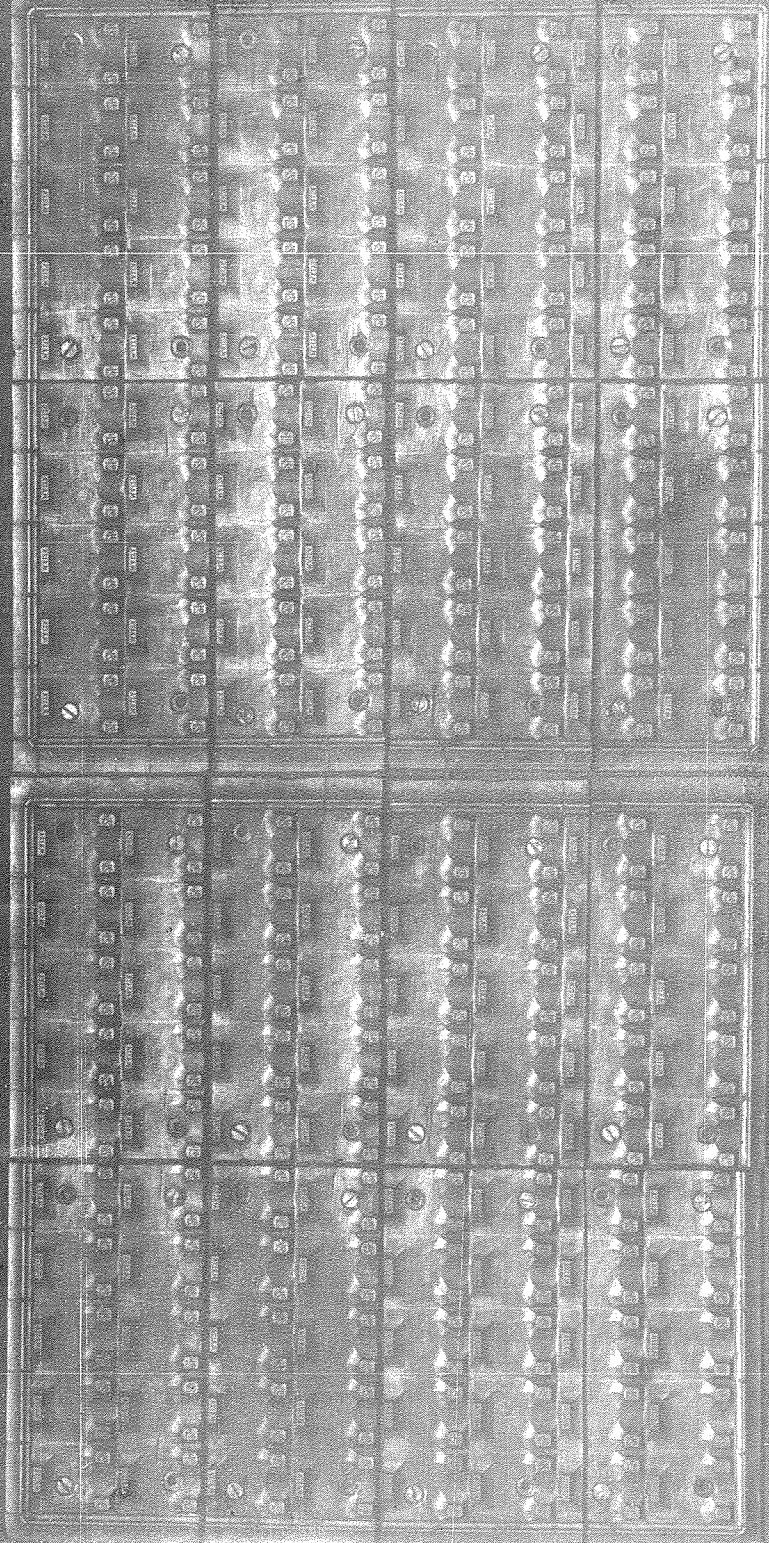
6d Duty Plate (Photo No. 26) – This is also composed of four parts for each pane. The raised date "4/7/22" appears in the lower right-hand corner of the left-hand pane.

High-value Key Plate (Photo No. 27) – This relief plate contains 80 images in eight horizontal rows with 10 stamps in each. The general configuration is similar to that described for the 2d stamp of the set above. However, there are two separate brass plates screwed to the mahogany backboard. The division between the two halves is a vertical line with 40 stamps on the left and 40 on the right. The flange is 10mm in width beyond the Jubilee Line which surrounds the complete block of 80 stamps. There are screw holes at intervals throughout the flange. Screws at each corner and pairs on either side of the division at top and bottom fix the plate to the backboard. The date "2/6/22" appears cast in positive relief in the upper margin on the right half of the plate. The mahogany backboard extends 2mm beyond the plate at the top and the two sides and 8mm at the bottom.

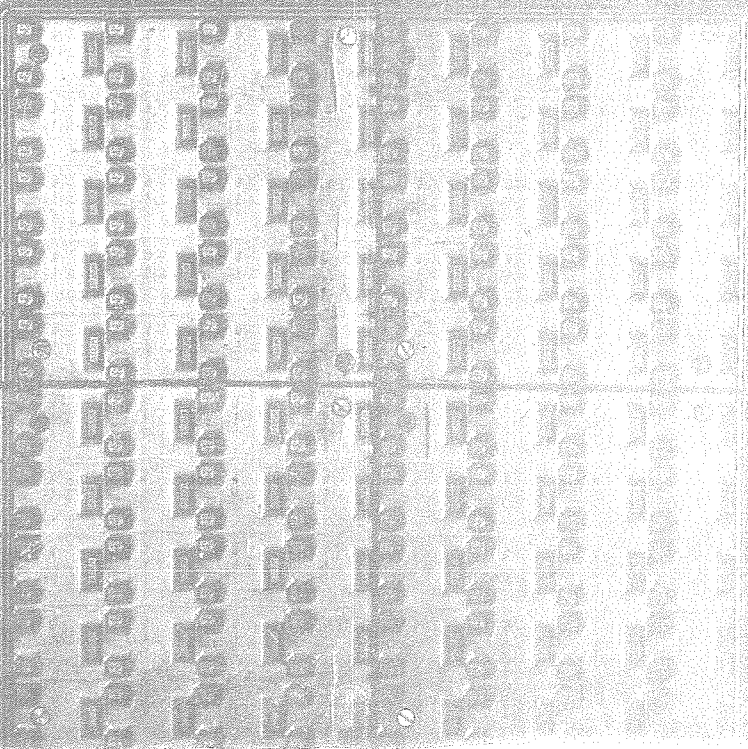
The Malta Study Circle Handbook at page 226 states that in the shilling values the plate number "1" appears above or below the corner stamps of each sheet. However, this plate contains the plate number "1" only below the corner stamps at the bottom of the sheet. These numbers have been soldered onto the cast plate. There are no similar numbers at the top and it is apparent from an examination of the plate that none has ever been attached at the top of this plate.

1/- Duty Plate (Photo No. 28) – This plate contains 80 images and is generally configured as the key plate described above. However, the flange extends 10mm beyond the duty line on each side 13mm at top and bottom. The plate is molded as a single unit. The mahogany backing board is flush with the edges of the plate. There are no holes provided in the flange for attachment of the plate to the backing board. Rather, the attachment is effected with screws placed in holes drilled in the sunken area for the vignette at each corner of the plate. The date "24/6/22" appears in raised relief in the upper border from numerals that were punched into the mold. There are registration devices at the center of each side margin of the type described on the 2/- and 5/- George V definitives above.

There are dark marks of the size and shape of plate number discs above

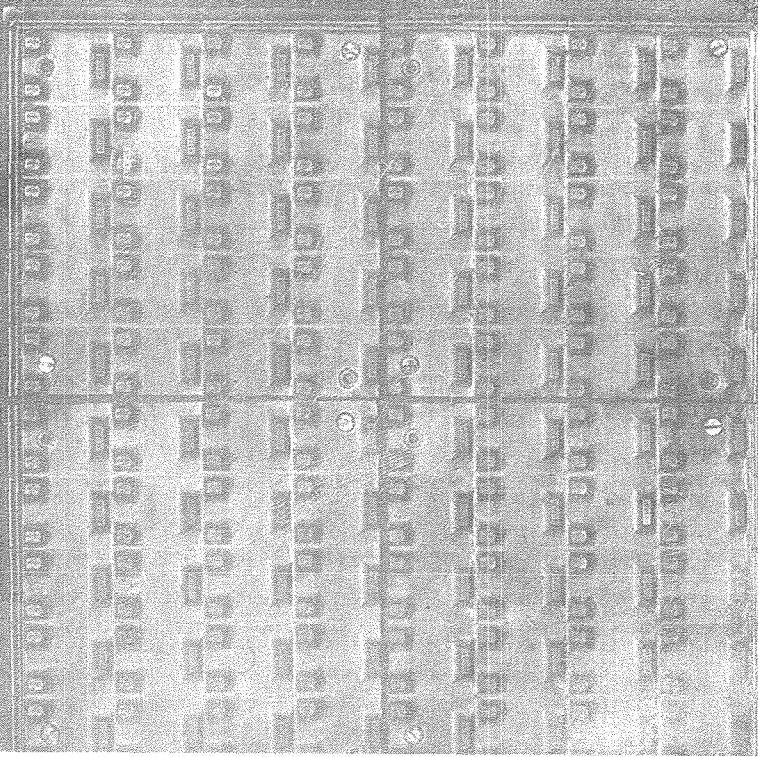
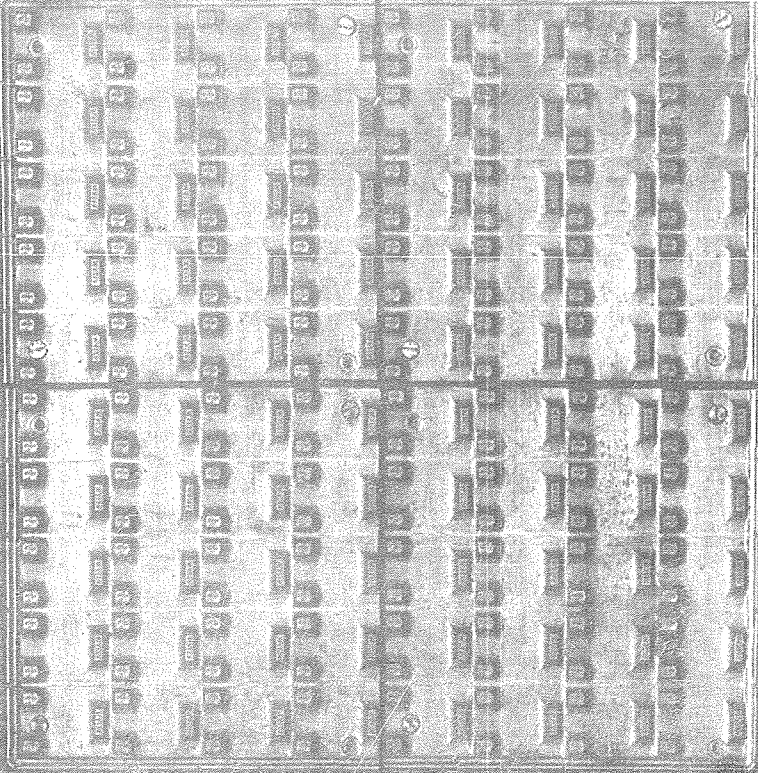


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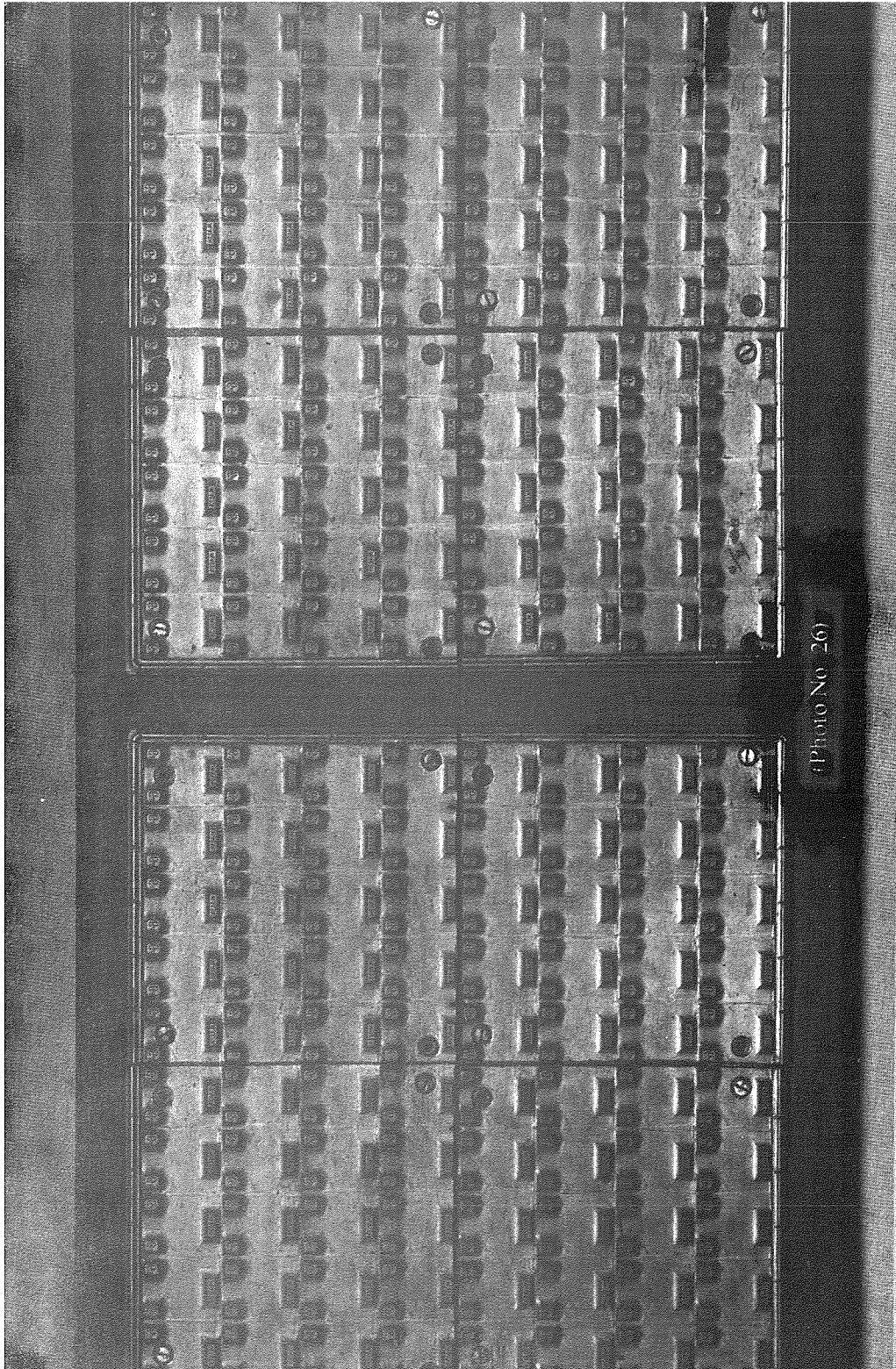


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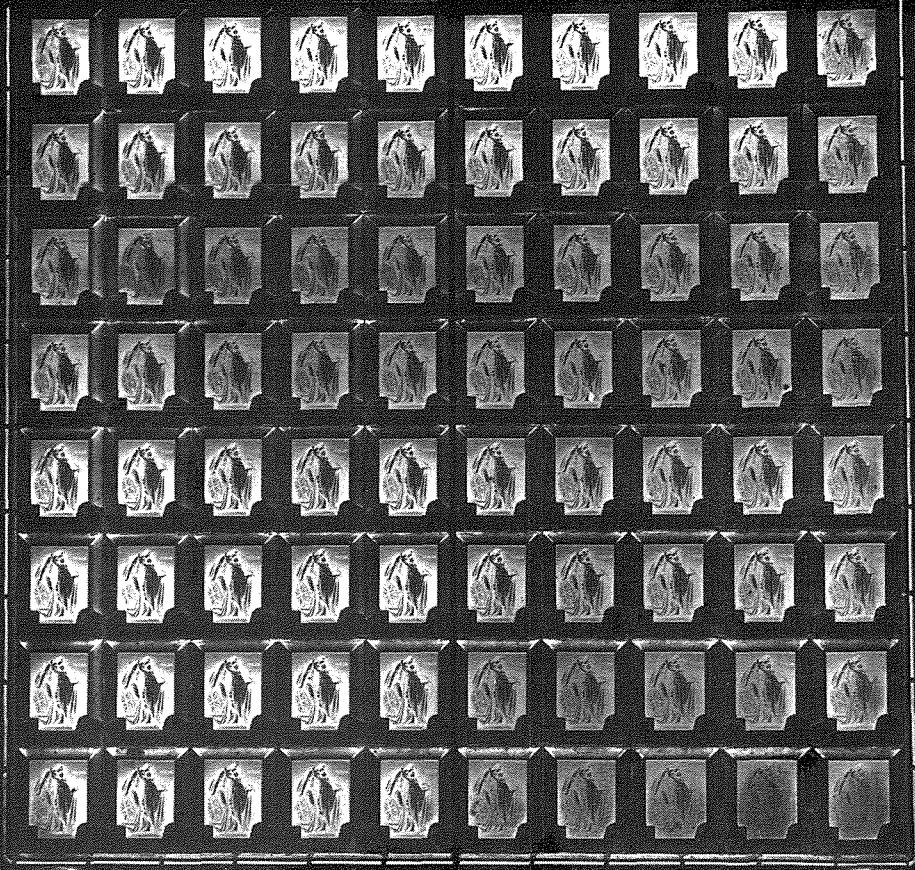


(Photo No. 25)



(Photo No. 26)

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(Photo No. 27)



the second stamp in from the end of each end of the top row. Similar marks appear below the corresponding stamps in the bottom row. These marks are off-center toward the nearest side margin rather than centered above the respective stamps.

Interestingly, the edge of the mahogany board contains a branded notation in 4mm high capital letters which reads: "Cayman Ilds 2 - 1/2". Also, in chalk in back of the board is written the notation: "1/- Border Duty".

2/- Duty Plate (Photo No. 29) - This plate is similar to that described above for the 1/- value except that the margins at top and bottom are cut down. The dark circular marks are not present. The punched date "30/6/22" is at the bottom of the margin. The edge of the mahogany board contains the label "3d Gambia".

2/6 Duty Plate (Photo No. 30) - This plate is identical to that of 2/- . However, the top and bottom flanges have been sawn off so that they extend only 3mm beyond the Jubilee Line. The inscribed date is therefore missing. The board contains the notation on its edge: "3S Cayman Islands". The date "5/7/22" appears punched within one of the vignette areas.

5/- Duty Plate (Photo No. 31) - This plate is almost identical to that described above; the date "11/7/22" is located in one of the vignette areas within the plate. The board contains the notation on its edge: "1/4d Cayman Islands".

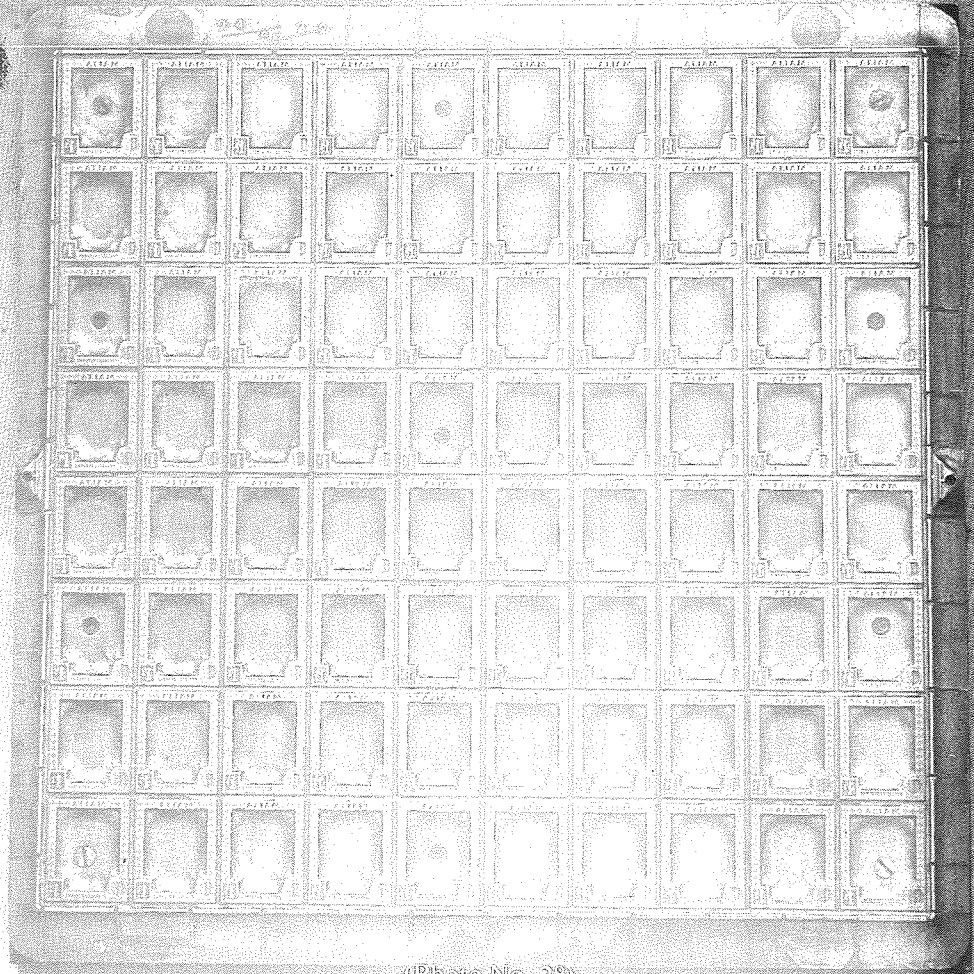
10/- Duty Plate (Photo No. 32) - This plate is similar to the 5/- including the cutting of the flange at top and bottom with the resultant removal of any date that might have been thereon. The board indicates in its label "5d Gambia". The date "11/7/22" appears within one of the vignette areas in the plate.

The Malta Study Circle Handbook at page 225 discussed the Jubilee Lines. The discussions speaks of standard lengths of line segments with odd lengths "to complete a pane surround usually found in the bottom right-hand corner". It should be noted that the Jubilee Lines were not formed as this implies from pieces of type, but rather through the sawing of gaps in a molded continuous border on the printing plate. (Photo 37A)

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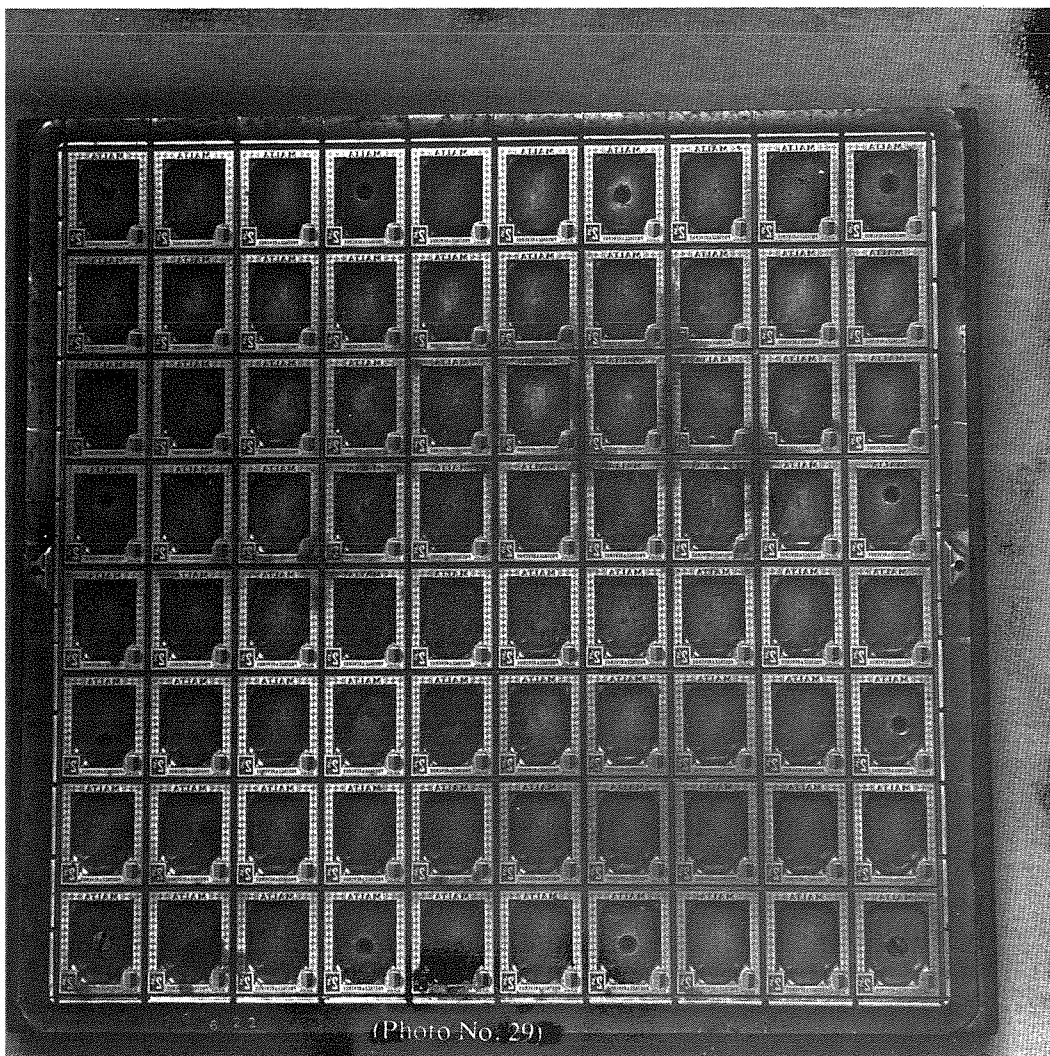
Key Plate Vignette (Photo No. 33) - This engraved plate contains 40 images in four rows of 10. It is a plate for relief printing composed of steel 5mm thick. There appears to be a nickel surface-plating on the steel. Some sort of varnish or other protective coating appears to be on top. The plate is 292mm wide and 165mm high. There are registration crosses which extend all the way to the edge of the plate at the center of each side of the sheet.

Border Duty Plate (Photo No. 34) - This engraved plate is identical in physical configuration to the Key Plate described above. It contains a double-ruled border completely around the sheet of 40 stamps. The lines comprising the border at 3mm apart and are 12mm from the image of the nearest stamp on each side. Registration crosses, similar to those on the Key Plate, run to the edge of the plate.

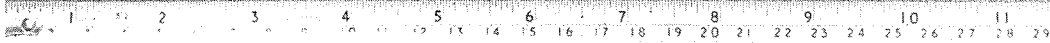


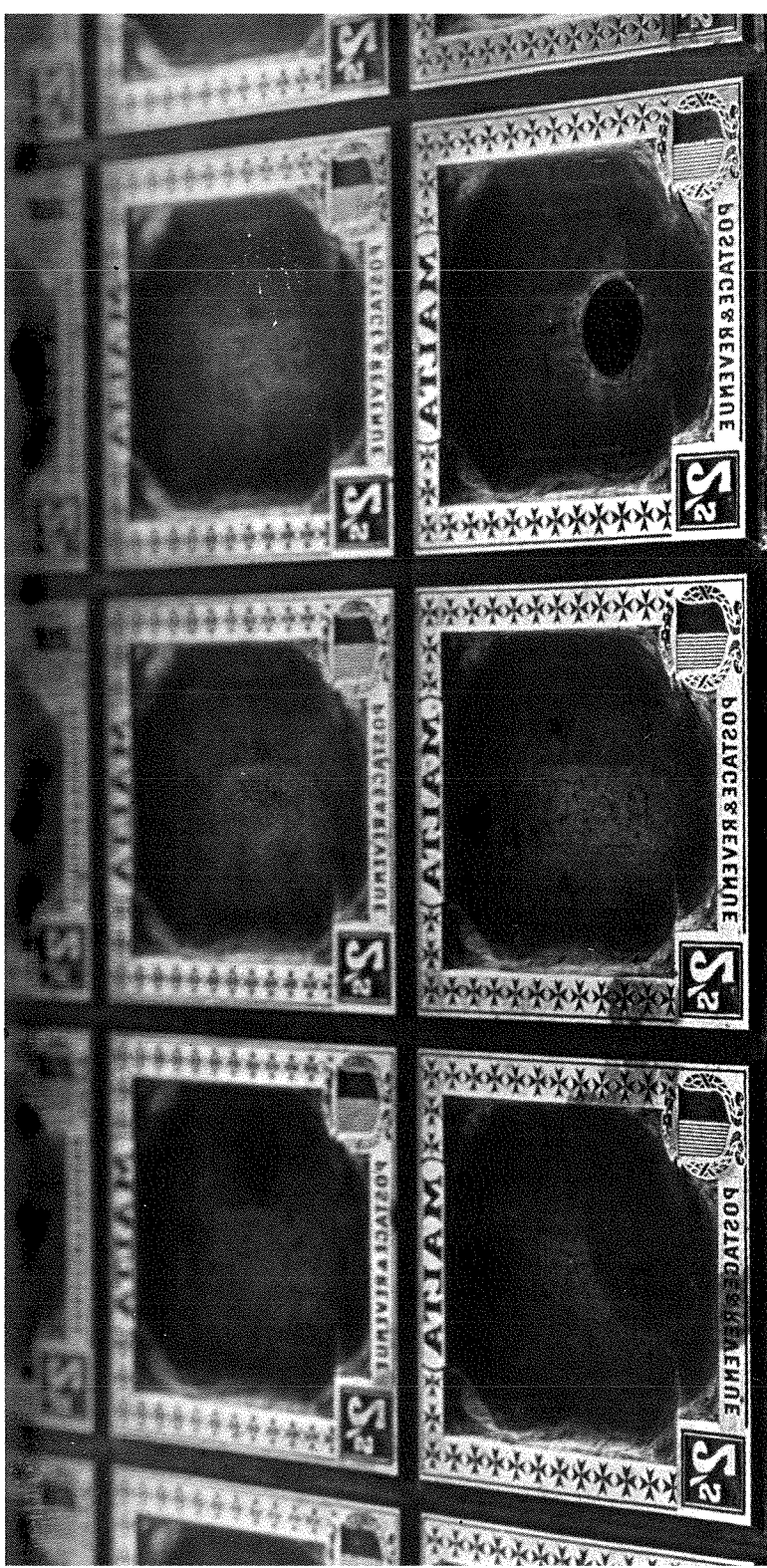
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(Photo No. 29)





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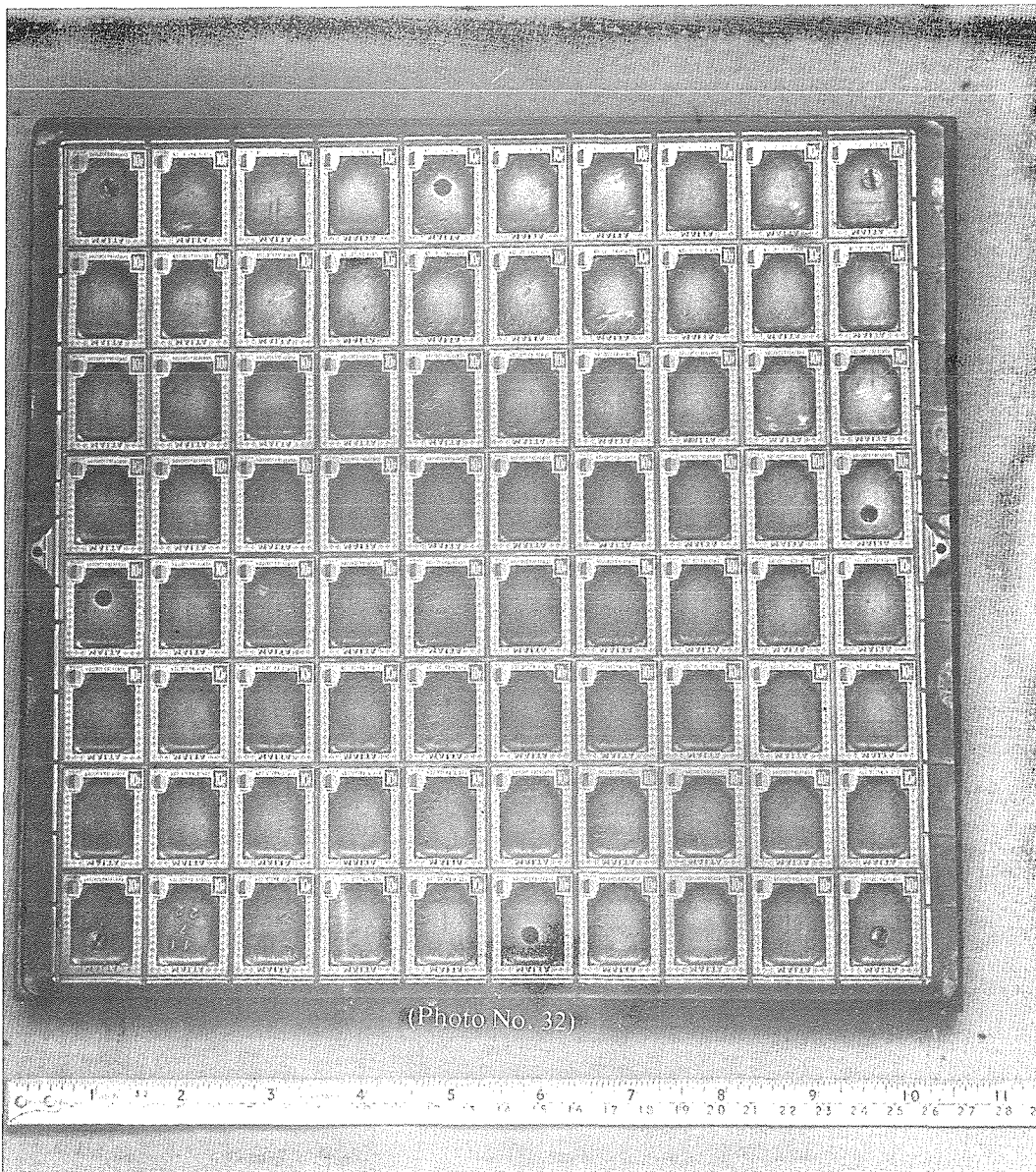


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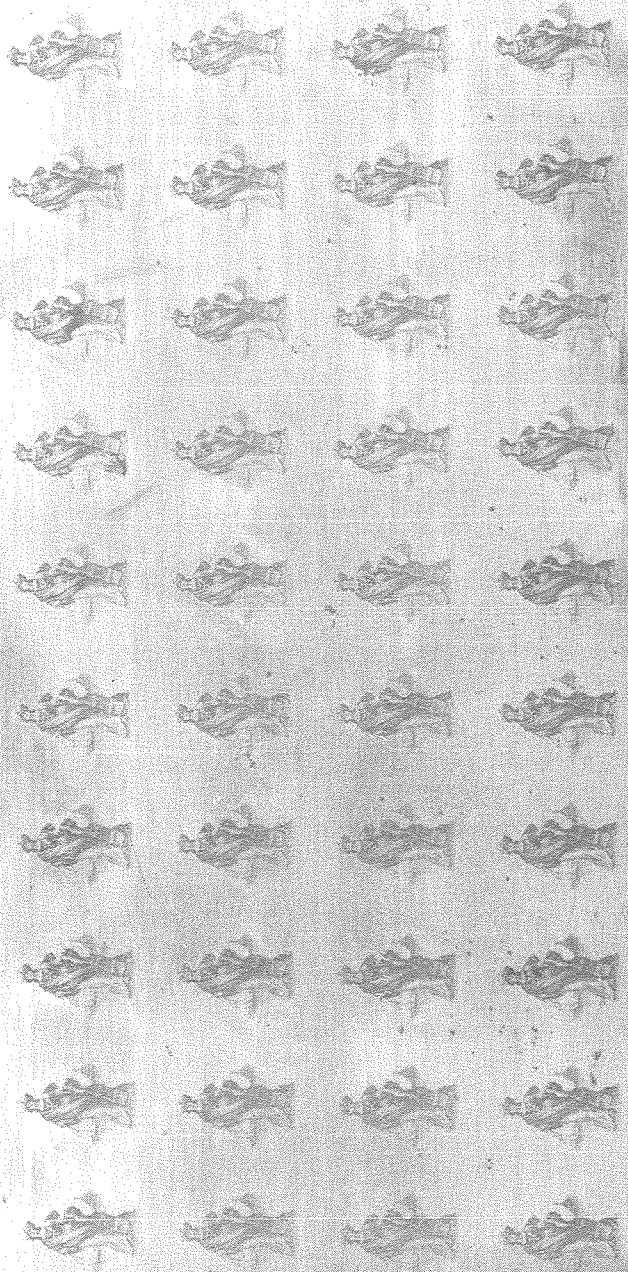


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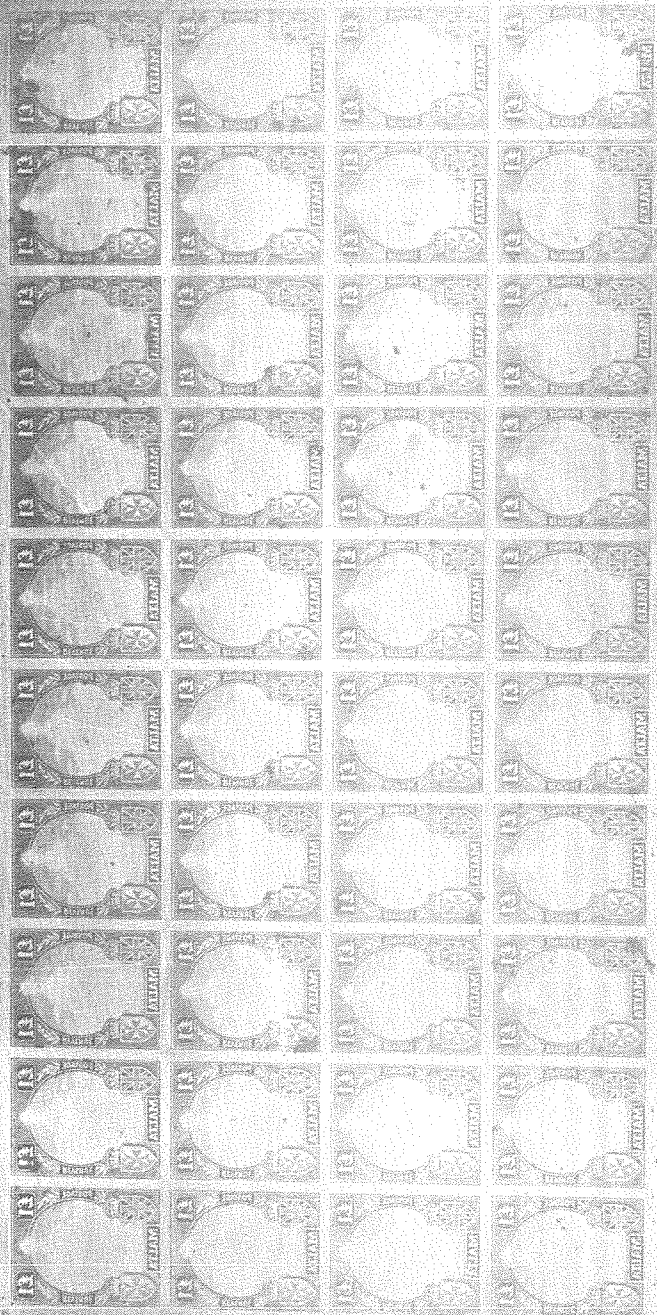


(Photo No. 32)



(Photo No. 33)





(Photo No. 34)



MALTA – A DIARY

July – December 1987

by J. Farrugia

1-7-87

A Temporary Branch Post Office was opened at the International Fair of Malta, Naxxar, from Wednesday, 1st. July, to Wednesday, 15th. July, 1987, 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 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 postmarked by a date-stamp inscribed: "XXX International Fair Of Malta – Naxxar". (Fig. 1)

7-7-87

In to-day's Govt. Gazette a call for applications was issued for the post of Sub-Postmaster at Santa Venera.

Applications were to be received by the PMG up to noon of Monday, 3rd. August, 1987.

14-7-87

In to-day's Govt. Gazette a call for applications was issued for the post of Sub-Postmaster at Attard.

Applications were to be received by the PMG up to noon of Friday, 14th. August, 1987.

21-7-87

In to-day's Govt. Gazette a call for applications was issued for the posts of Sub-Postmasters at St. Paul's Bay and Dingli.

Applications were to be received up to noon of the 21st. August, 1987.

25-7-87

A special hand postmark was used to mark the 25th. anniversary of the death of Dun Gorg Precã.

The postmark was used as follows:

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| Philatelic Counter GPO | 7.30am – 12.45pm. |
| Central Mail Room | 7.30am – 6.00pm. |
| Hamrun BPO | 7.30am – 12.45pm. |

The inscription on the postmark, which also incorporates a portrait of Dun Gorg Precã is "Dun Gorg Precã – 25 Sena Minn Mewtu – 25.VII.87 – Malta" and the name of the respective locality. (Fig. 2)

5-8-87

The PMG notified that a Branch Post Office was to be opened at Sciortino Street, Zebbug, Malta, at 11.00am on Wednesday, 5th. August, 1987. The hours of business and the business to be transacted at this BPO shall be those laid down in the VIth. Schedule of the Inland Post Regulations, 1985. With effect from 5th. August, 1987, postal articles, posted in street letter-boxes in the area served by the Zebbug BPO were to be postmarked by a date-stamp inscribed: "Zebbug – Malta". (Fig. 3)

Post Office Private Delivery Boxes are available and may be rented on application. The telephone number of the Zebbug BPO is 640888.

18-8-87

The "Commemorations 1987" set issued to-day. A special hand postmark was used to cancel philatelic mail, on the first day of issue. (Fig. 4)

22-8-87

The PMG notified that the Mellicha Sub-Post Office at 117, Main Street, Mellicha, was to close down as from Saturday, 22nd. August, 1987.

31-8-87

The PMG notified that a Temporary Branch Post Office was to be opened at the Grand Hotel Verdala, Rabat, from Monday, 31st. August to Saturday, 5th. September, 1987, on the occasion of the holding of the UNESCO International Congress on "The Teaching of Human Rights".

The hours of business of the Temporary Branch Post Office were:

31st. August 1987 – from 11.00am to 4pm.

1st. to 5th. September 1987 – from 9am to 4pm.

The following business was transacted:

(a) sale of stamps and postal stationery.

(b) registration of postal articles.

(c) encashment of postcheques.

(d) issue and encashment of postal orders and money orders.

(e) posting of letters and printed matters.

Postal articles posted to this Temporary Branch Post Office were postmarked by a date-stamp inscribed as follows:

“UNESCO Congress On Teaching Of Human Rights – Rabat – Malta”. (Fig. 5)

7-9-87

The PMG notified that, on the occasion of the Pacem in Maribus XV Convocation which was to be held in Malta, a machine stamp cancelling slogan, was to be used at the Central Mail Room, from the 7th. to the 11th. September, 1987.

The slogan reads: “Pacem In Maribus – XV Convocation – Care For The Future – 7-11 September 1987”.

22-9-87

The PMG notified that a machine stamp cancelling slogan reading:

“World Maritime Day – 24 September 1987” was used on 22nd., 23rd. and 24th. September, 1987, at the Central Mail Room.

22-9-87

A machine stamp cancelling slogan inscribed:

“I.T.U. – Plan Committee Meeting – 23-29 Sept. 1987” was used, on and off, during the period 22nd. to 29th. September, 1987, at the Central Mail Room.

23-9-87

A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded:

“World Tourism Day – 27 September 1987” was used, on and off, during the period from the 23rd. to 26th. September, 1987, at the Central Mail Room.

26-9-87

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading:

“TVM – 25th. Anniversary – 1962-1987”, was used, on and off, on the 26th., 28th. and 29th. September, 1987, at the Central Mail Room.

29-9-87

A machine stamp cancelling slogan inscribed:

“Made In Malta Fair – 1-4 October 1987 – Fair Grounds, Naxxar” was used during the period 29th. September to 3rd. October, 1987, at the Central Mail Room.

1-10-87

Two machine stamp cancelling slogans reading:

“Universal Postal Union Consultative Council For Postal Studies – 1957-1987” and “Executive Council Of The Universal Postal Union – 1947-1987” were used, on and off, during the period 1st. to 8th. October, 1987, at the Central Mail Room.

6-10-87

The PMG notified that a special hand-postmark, marking the 50th. Anniversary of the University of Malta first Dental Students graduation was to be used at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO, from 8am to 12.45pm and at the Central Mail Room from 8am to 6pm on Tuesday, 6th. October, 1987.

The postmark is inscribed: “University Of Malta – First Dental Students Graduation Golden Jubilee 1937-1987 – 6.10.87 – Valletta – Malta”. (Fig. 6)

9-10-87

A special hand-postmark, marking World Post Day, was used at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO, from 8am to 12.45pm and at the Central Mail Room, from 8am to 6pm on Friday, 9th. October, 1987.

The hand-postmark, which also incorporates the emblem of the UPU is inscribed: “World Post Day – 9.10.87 – Valletta – Malta – The Post – Distance No Problem”. (Fig. 7)

15-10-87

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading:

“German – Maltese Circle – 25th. Anniversary – 1962 – 1987” was used on the 15th., 16th. and 17th. October, 1987, at the Central Mail Room.

16-10-87

The PMG notified that a commemorative postal card was to be issued on the occasion of the participation of the Malta Post Office in the “HAFNIA '87” World Philatelic Exhibition which was to be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, from the 16th. to the 25th. October, 1987.

The card has imprinted thereon an appropriate motif and the two stamps of the Europa 1987 postage set. The card was available for sale at 43c, from the GPO and Sub-Post Offices from the 16th. to the 25th. October, 1987, unless stocks were previously exhausted.

The card could have been purchased either in mint condition or with the stamps cancelled with a special hand-postmark inscribed: “Post Office Malta – HAFNIA 87 – 16-25.X.87”. (Fig. 8)

This hand-postmark was also used at the Stand of the Malta Post Office at the “HAFNIA '87” World Philatelic Exhibition.

The card cancelled with the special postmark could have been sent through the post at no extra charge, provided that it was posted during the period 16th.-25th. October, 1987. Cards cancelled with the “HAFNIA '87” hand-postmark, posted after the 25th. October, 1987, must have additional stamps affixed thereon to cover the required postage. Such stamps would be cancelled with the normal metal hand-postmark.

16-10-87 The fifth and final “Maltese Ships” set, issued to-day. A special hand postmark incorporating a line drawing of a ship’s helm was used on the first day of issue. (Fig. 9)

16-10-87

The Malta Post Office issued Maximum Card No.8, on Friday, 16th. October, 1987. The Maximum Card depicts the ferry “Għawdex”. This ferry is also shown on the 13c value of the fifth set of stamps featuring Maltese Ships. This stamp could have been affixed on the image side of the maximum card and cancelled with the Maltese Ships first day of issue postmark.

19-10-87

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading:

“I.C.W. Malta Seminar – 19-23 October 1987 – Women – An Important Force For Peace”, was used from the 19th. to the 23rd. October, 1987, at the Central Mail Room.

19-10-87

A new Sub-Post Office was opened at 78, Main Street, Mellieħa, on Monday, 19th. October, 1987.

A hand metal date-stamp inscribed with the words, “Mellieħa S.P.O. – Malta” is used at this S.P.O. (Fig. 10)

The telephone number of this Sub-Post Office is 470624.

20-10-87

In to-day’s Govt. Gazette, a notice was issued for applications for the posts of Sub-Postmasters at Santa Lucia and Sliema. Applications were to be received by noon of November 25, 1987.

6-11-87

The “Christmas 1987” set issued to-day. A special hand postmark was used for cancellation on the first day of issue. (Fig. 11)

6-11-87

The PMG notified that a special hand-postmark was to be used on the occasion of the participation of the Malta Post Office in PHILATELIA '87 which was being held in Cologne, West Germany, from the 6th to the 8th. November, 1987. The postmark is inscribed as follows: “Malta Post Office – Philatelia '87 International Stamp – Fair – 6-8 November 1987 – Cologne”.

The postmark, which also incorporates the emblem of the above mentioned exhibition, was to be used on the 6th. and 7th. November, 1987, at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO, from 8.00am to 12.45pm and at the Central Mail Room from 8.00am to 6pm.

Any postal article postmarked with the “Philatelia '87” Special Hand Postmark Cancellation posted on Sunday, the 8th. November, 1987, and cleared from street letter boxes during the first collection on Monday, the 9th. November, 1987, was not to be taxed but backstamped in the normal manner. An identical postmark was to be used at the Malta Post Office Stand at Philatelia '87.

(Fig. 12)

16-11-87

The PMG notified that a new metal hand date-stamp was to be used at the B'Kara Branch Post Office on Monday, 16th. November, 1987. The date-stamp is inscribed, "Birkirkara - Malta". (Fig. 13)

23-11-87

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading:

"First - Malta Playing Field - Golden Jubilee - 1937-1987" was used from the 23rd. to the 26th. November, 1987, at the Central Mail Room.

1-12-87

A machine stamp cancelling slogan inscribed:

"L-Għaqda Għall-Istudju - U L-Harsien Tan-Natura - 25 Anniversarju 1962-1987", was used, on and off, at the Central Mail Room during the period 1st. to 5th. December, 1987.

The slogan means: "Society For The Study - And Conservation Of Nature - 25 Anniversary 1962-1987".

18-12-87

In to-day's Govt. Gazette, the PMG notified that the design featuring means of communication and the design depicting means of transport, submitted under the noms-de-plume "White Fly" and "London" respectively by Mr. Freddie Fenech, have been placed first. The sets of designs submitted under the noms-de-plume "Fire" and "Skylark" by Mr. Tony Bugeja and Mr. Joe Smith have been placed second and third, respectively.

The set of designs placed first will be reproduced on the "Europa '88" postage set.

18-12-87

The "Resolution Of The U.N. On The Seabed 1967-1987" set issued to-day. A special hand postmark was used on the first day of issue. (Fig. 14)

A Souvenir Sheet incorporating the two stamps of this set, was also issued to-day.

26-12-87

A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded:

"1 Jan '88 - Jum Il-Paci - Peace Lab Malta", was used, on and off, from the 26th. to 31st. December, 1987, at the Central Mail Room.

A motif symbolising friendship and peace is also incorporated in the slogan.



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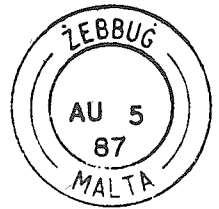


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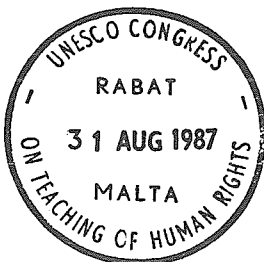


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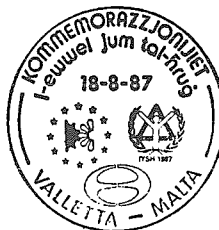


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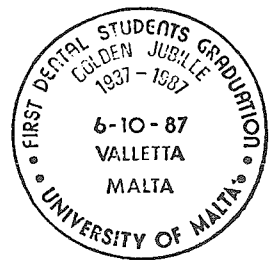


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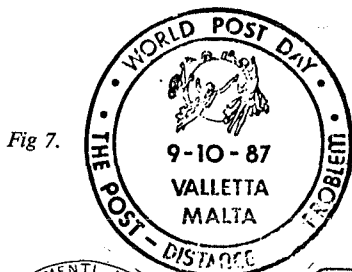


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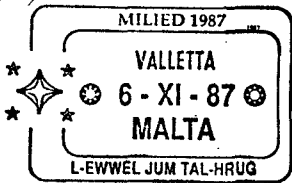


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Detailed Information about:

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| Christmas 1987 Issue | X |
| Resolution Of The U.N. On The Seabed Issue | Y |
| Maltese Personalities 1988 Issue | Z |

| Issue | X | Y | Z |
|---------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Date of Issue | 6-11-87 | 18-12-87 | 23-1-88 |
| Values | 2c + 1c, 8c + 2c, 20c + 3c | 8c, 12c | 2c, 3c, 4c, 10c, 25c |
| Stamp Size | 48mm x 39.5mm | 39.5mm x 48mm | 31mm x 44mm |
| Designer | Richard J. Caruana | Salvu Mallia | Esprit Barthet |
| Printers | Printex Limited | Same | Same |
| Process | Lithography | Same | Same |
| Perforation | 14 x 14 | Same | Same |
| Watermark | Maltese Crosses Sideways | Maltese Crosses Upright | Same |
| Paper | Chalk Surfaced | Same | Same |
| Gum | P.V.A. | Same | Same |

Colours:

Issues X, Y and Z were printed in multicolours.

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 each Pane, of each value, in issues X, Y and Z.

Colour checks from top to bottom, correspond to the colours used for Pane numbers from left to right, on all Panes, of all values, of issues X, Y and Z.

Cumulative totals of progressive columns of stamps are seen in top and bottom margins, printed in black, on all Panes, of all values, of issues X, Y and Z. It is of interest to mention here, that in Pane B only, of the 4c value, of issue Z, under the last stamp of the bottom row, the value Lm2.00 of the whole Pane is missing.

Printed Sheets:

Issue X – The Printed Sheet of each value consisted of two Panes A and B. Each Pane has forty stamps, made up of eight rows of five stamps. All values are of the horizontal format.

Issue Y – The Printed Sheet of each value, consisted of two Panes A and B. Each Pane has forty stamps, made up of five rows of eight stamps. Both values are of the vertical format.

Issue Z – The Printed Sheet of each value consisted of two Panes A and B. Each Pane has fifty stamps made up of ten 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, Y and Z.

Issue X – $2c + 1c = 1A \times 4, 1B \times 4.$

$8c + 2c = 1A \times 4, 1B \times 4.$

$20c + 3c = 1A \times 4, 1B \times 4.$

Issue Y – $8c = 1A \times 4, 1B \times 4.$

$12c = 1A \times 4, 1B \times 4.$

Issue Z – $2c = 1A \times 4, 1B \times 4.$

$3c = 1A \times 4, 1B \times 4.$

$4c = 1A \times 4, 1B \times 4.$

$10c = 1A \times 4, 1B \times 4.$

$25c = 1A \times 4, 1B \times 4.$

Perforations of Margins:

Issue X – The top margins of Panes A and B, of all values are imperforate, all other margins of these same Panes are all fully perforated. Registration marks in the form of a circle in an ellipse, crossed by two lines at right angles were seen in top left hand margin of Pane A and top right hand margin of Pane B, of all values.

FIG. (a)

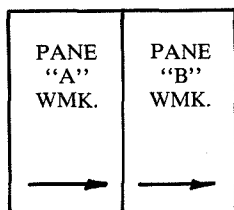


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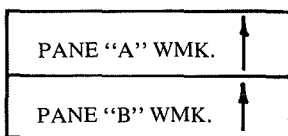
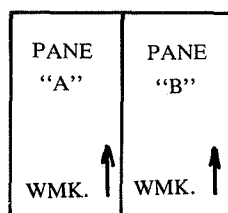


FIG. (c)



The Printed Sheet of all values would look as shown in fig. (a). Looking at the Printed Sheet as shown, stamps would be seen the right way up. Perforator ran from top to bottom.

Issue Y – The right hand margins of Panes A and B of both values are imperforated. All other margins of these same Panes are all fully perforated.

Registration marks similar to those of issue X, were seen in the top right hand margin of Panes A and the bottom right hand margin of Panes B, of both values.

The Printed Sheet of both values before cutting into Panes would look as shown in fig. (b). Looking at the Printed Sheet as shown, stamps would be seen the right way up. Perforator ran from right to left.

Issue Z – The left hand margin of Pane A of each value is imperforate. All other margins of Panes A and B are perforated.

Registration marks similar to those of Issue X or parts of them, were 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 B, of all values. Also a small horizontal line, in the middle of the left hand margin, next to the first stamp of the fifth row from the top, was seen in Panes A only, of the 2c, 4c and 10c values.

The Printed Sheet of all values before cutting into Panes would look as shown in fig. (c). Looking at the Printed Sheet as shown, stamps would be seen the right way up. Perforator ran from left to right.

Imprint Blocks:

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

Special hand postmarks, incorporating a motif relating to the Xmas stamps, (Issue X), a motif relating to the commemorative postage set (Issue Y) and a line drawing of a book (Issue Z), were used on the first day of issue. By 12.45pm on the first day of issue, sales amounted to Lm16,803 (Issue X), Lm20,110 (Issue Y) and Lm23,091 (Issue Z).

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Souvenir Sheet:

On the same day of Issue Y, a souvenir sheet, incorporating the two stamps, was also issued at 20c each.

The size of the souvenir sheet is 125mm × 90mm in a horizontal format. The perforation of the stamps is 13 × 13 and the watermark is maltese Crosses sideways. This means that two stamps of the same value, from issue Y, could have opposite watermarks and different perforation, but one of them would be from a souvenir sheet.

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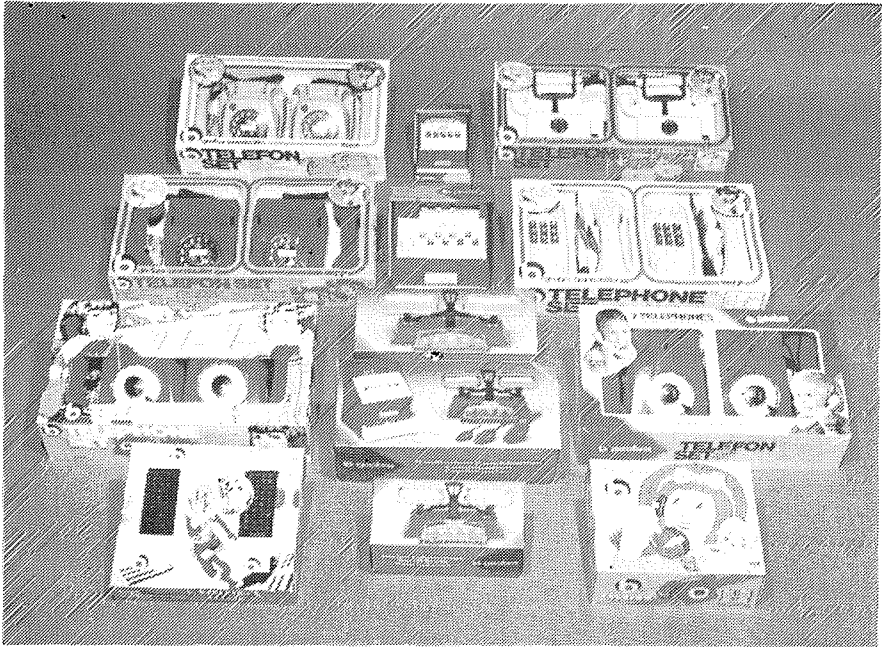
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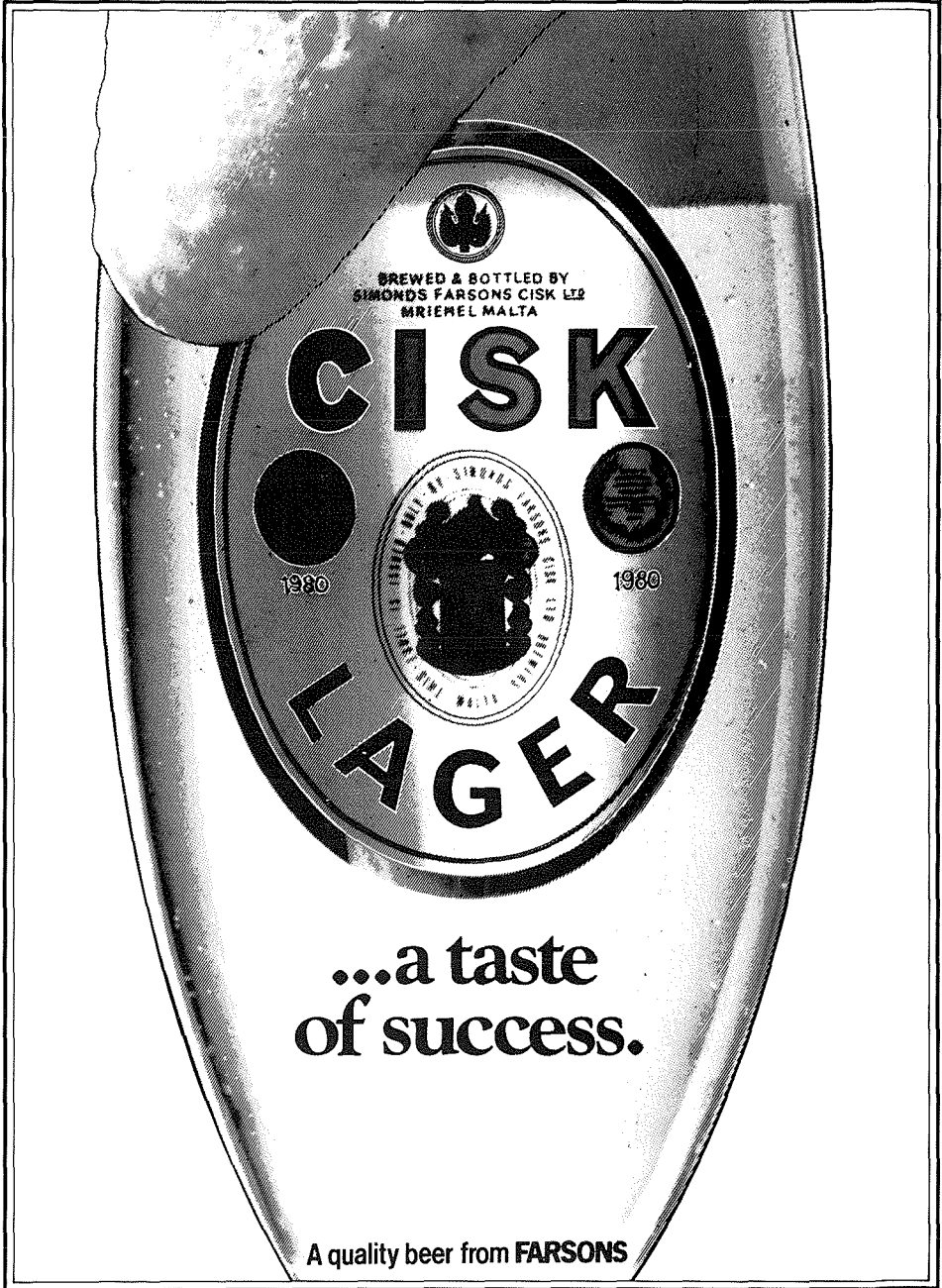


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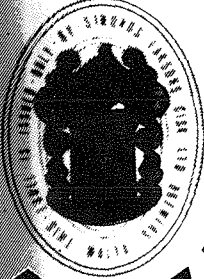


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