

## Malta Special Commemorative Postmarks

### CHRISTMAS 1974

A special 30mm pictorial commemorative postmark for first day of issue facilities was employed on the 22nd November 1974, at the Central Office and all Branch Post Offices in Malta and Gozo. The words "L-EWWEL JUM TAL-HRUG", (First Day of Issue) are inscribed arched in the upper half of the postmark. A "Cremonian" type of star adorns the centre, while the bottom part carries "(name of office) — MALTA", underneath which is the date "22 - XI - 1974".

### PHILATELIC TWINNAGE Firenze-Mdina

As part of the 19th International Philatelic Meeting, organised by the "Circolo Filatelico Fiorentino" on the 23-24 November, 1974, a philatelic twinnage cover was prepared, between Firenze (Italy) and Mdina (Malta). The special cover, (folding type), with a 5c Airmail Definitive stamp in the top-right corner, was cancelled with a special maltese rectangular (42, 5 x 20mm) handstamp. The handstamp carried, in the left part, the coat-of-arms of the two cities underneath which are the respective names of the cities. The words "TEWMINAGG/FILATELIKU/23 - XI - 1974" were inscribed in the right hand section. A few centimetres lower than the Malta stamp, on a grey background, an Italian stamp, the L. 40 showing the "Fontana dell'Oceano", (one of the second series of stamps showing Italian fountains, issued on the 9th November, 1974) was affixed. The stamp was cancelled with a pictorial handstamp reading "FIRENZE/C.P. /Servizzi distaccati/GEMELLAGGIO/FIRENZE/MALTA".

### Dr. Albert Schweitzer

On January, 14th, 1975, a commemorative slogan cancellation was used at the Mail Room, Valletta, to mark the birth Centenary of Dr. Albert Schweitzer. The slogan, which was to the left of the cancellation, read "CENTINARJU/1875 — 14 ta' JAN — 1975" in the upper part, while in the lower part "DR ALBERT/SCHWEITZER".

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### FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT 1973/74 OF THE POST & TELEPHONES DEPT.

The revenue collected during the year exceeded expenditure by £M340,195. Comparative figure for the years 1971/72, 1972/73, 1973/74 are given hereunder:

	1973/74	1972/73	1971/72
Revenue	£M1,014,990	£M1,029,665	£M703,221
Expenditure	674,795	660,900	665,857
Surplus	£M340,195	£M368,765	£M37,364

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