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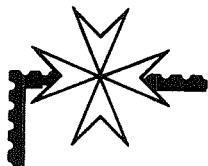


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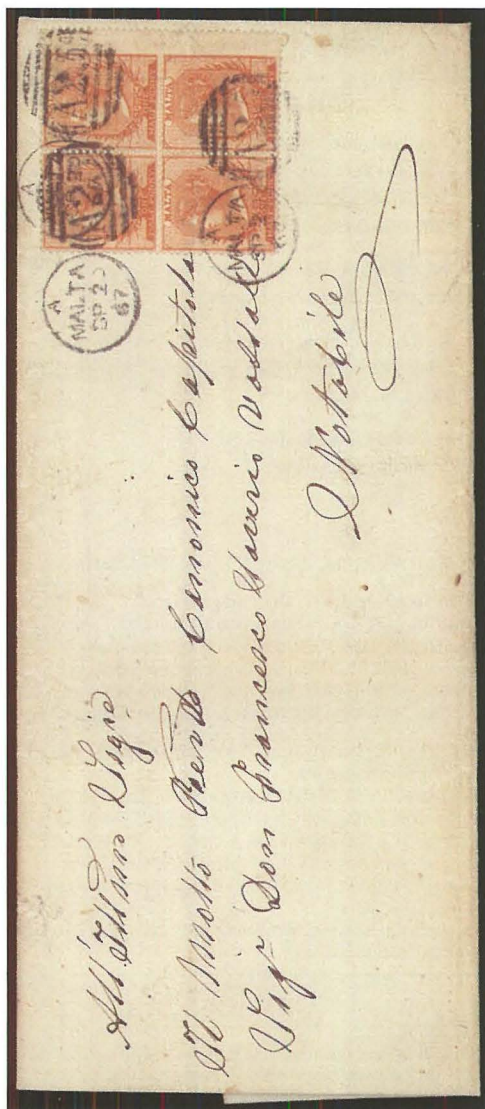


# Village Postmarks (Journal Volume 42/3)

The article Village Postmarks (December 2013 Journal) was written by a friend of R.A. Rostron. Inadvertently this was left out.

## 1/2d Yellow Desireables

by  
Dr. A. Bonnici



Unique block of four 20th September 1867  
Printing No. 21: S.G.17 – yellow





1st March 1879

Printing No. 9: S.G.6 – pail red brown – addressed to Qrendi village

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## French Siege Letters in Gozo carried by hand 12th June 1798 – 8th September 1800

by

Dr. A. Bonnici

The convention drafted by Napoleon whereby Malta was seeded to the French Republic, was signed on board the Orient on the 12th June 1798 and Malta passed under French rule.

Grand Master Ferdinand von Hompesch left the Island on Monday 18th June 1798.

On Sunday 2nd September 1798 an auction took place where gold and silver articles belonging to the convent of the Franciscan Friars of Rabat were auctioned, as a consequence the revolt of the Maltese against the French started.

Medina was captured by the Maltese on the 3rd September but the Siege of Floriana / Valletta and the Kottonera lasted up to 8th September 1800 when the French surrendered to the British.

On Sunday 28th October 1798, the French in Gozo surrendered and the capitulation was signed.

# French Siege Letters in Gozo carried by hand

by

Dr. A. Bonnici

Siege letter written in Gozo on the 13th October 1798 and signed by Arch Priest Rev. Dr. Saverio Cassar Head of the Provisional Government in Gozo to Officer Commanding Casal Caccia, Liberato Grech in Gozo.

Stating the following:

*" I learn from your letter all that happened last night, whilst I thank you for your prompt attention in dealing with my worries. This morning the two Canons have allowed themselves to be taken to **Fort CHAMBRAI**, where they are being kept prisoners. Therefore, I no longer need the reinforcements which were thought to be necessary to effect their capture. Once they are kept out of the way, they will be powerless to corrupt the people.*

*I feel sorry for what happened to **Notary Pace**, and have duly written to the people in **NADUR** to let him be.*

*My well founded suspicions, lie with his sons, the Advocates Luigi and Daniele, both of whom I would be glad to arrest.*

*I learn with great dismay that the spinster daughter of Notary Pace was taken to Casal Caccia, and when released was sent away without any clothes.*

*Make no mistake, these things will not only catch the eye of our country men, but also of foreigners. They are things unworthy of the - **TURKS** - and other heretics.*

*Warn the people not to go to excesses, as they will be abandoned by God, and will also loose the protection of the friendly powers.*

*Let us make sure, that in this uprising, our people will conduct themselves as true Christians, and not leave memories of atrocities like those which have been perpetrated by the French, who have already earned the hatred of the whole world.*

*You would do well to get together in preparation to liberate Rabat- (Gozo) from the enemy. It has suffered some damage, but, thank Heaven, this is not too bad"*

*Al Sig. Comandante  
Liberto Grech  
Caccia*



•  
Sig. Comandante Liberto Frick

Sento dalla Vostra lettera ciò tutto, che si ac-  
caddo jeri a notte. Io vi ringrazio dell'attenzione,  
e protezione nelle mie incombente. Questo mattina  
li due Canonici si persuasero di andarsi caruanti  
nella città di Siambo, e sono già spediti, e  
pertanto il Corpo di gente più non mi necessita  
per l'esecuzione dello Catturando, e giacché questi  
due sono al sicuro, e non possono praticare  
gente non potranno catturarla.

Mi dispiace di ciò, che si fece al not.º Pae;  
Io già scrissi alli Madurini di lasciarlo in vi-  
gio; mentre il mio rispetto fondato è contro  
li suoi figli; L'art. Luigi, e Daniele, che  
avrò il piacere di arrestare.



Sento con mia sorpresa, che la Figlia Titella  
del notaro Paoz è stata in Casale Caccia  
condotta, e poi rimandata ignuda; apiccu-  
rari, che queste cose darai all'occhio  
non stamenti alli Saciani, non anche  
alli Toscani, e sono cose, che ne anche  
le fanno li Turchi, o altri Eretici; avuta  
al Popolo, che non faccia simili eccessi, pe-  
sari abbandonati da Dio, e della posterità  
della Poterze ancora; Incuiamo, che il Popolo  
in questa rivoluzione si diparti da vero Cristiano,  
e non lascierà memoria di qualche barbarie  
come fecero i Francesi, che hanno conciliato  
l'odio di tutto il mondo.

Voi altri facete bene di conoscere più  
 tocare il Castello al Duomo, che ho  
 fatto di novo, una guisa al cielo non  
 a se uitate: Sinf.

li 13. d'Aprile 1798.

aff. suo tel.  
 Avv. J. Capor.



Fort Chambray constructed on the initiative of Grand Master Manoel Pinto de Fonseca in 1749, architect Louis François d'Aubigné de Tigné, and paid for by Balli Fra Jacques de Chambray, and so the fort began to be called by that name.

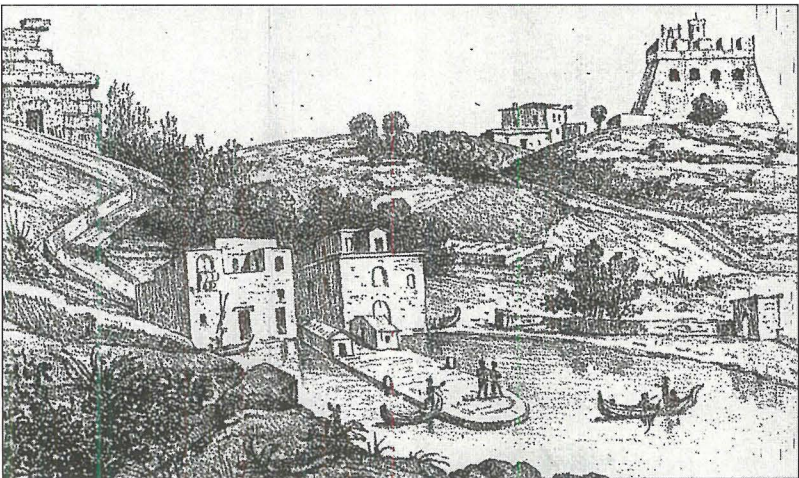


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Stating the following:

*"In reply to your letter, and about Notary Pace's problem, I wish to make it clear that I have given no orders that he should be arrested, and yet, whilst I was dining, I was informed that he was arrested and taken to the hill, (in Caccia the head quarters was on top of a hill), on the pretext that the letter he produced was not the same one that he had received from Clement. (Clement was another village commander)  
I have not given any instructions to your men, but said only that it was up to your Officers to deal with Notary Pace, against whom, to this day, I have no suspicion.  
However I did urge your men to arrest, if possible GIO ANDREA PULLICINO, and Advocate LUIGI PACE, son of Notary Pace, both of whom are known revolutionaries, and that it would be best, to keep them locked up in Garzes Tower to stop them from communicating their evil intentions with others"*



A handwritten signature in brown ink on aged, yellowed paper. The text reads "Al Sig. Comandante Liberato Grech Caccia." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



Garzes Tower



No 3

Sig. Comandante

3

Risponde alla vostra lettera; ed intorno  
 al fatto del Sig. not.º Pave sbattuto Ve  
 dico, che io non ho dato ordine veruno  
 per la sua cattura, ma nel momento  
 che giungavo nei si disse, che per i  
 Soldati vostri era condotta nella montagna  
 adducendo p motivo di voler catturarlo, che  
 la lettera presentata dalla stessa not.º Pave  
 non era quell'interce, che aveva ricevuto  
 da Clemente; Io nullas ordinej alla vostra  
 gente sbattuto gli disse, che era arbitrio  
 dell' Comandanti loro di trattare al detto  
 not.º Pave contro cui Io nullas fin adesso

ho di sospetto. Ordinaj si alla vostra gente  
se gli sarà possibile di catturare il Do:  
nadro Pulliano ed all' avv. Luigi Pace  
figlio di detto notaro avendo questi ma:  
nifesti rivoluzionari, ed è agev. essere di  
metteli in prigione nella Torre d'Arzes, per  
non comunicare la loro cattiva intenzione  
con alcuno, ed è sempre al solito mi:  
protegg.

Li 12. 8600 1898.

Off. Vostro Let.  
Avv. L. Capor

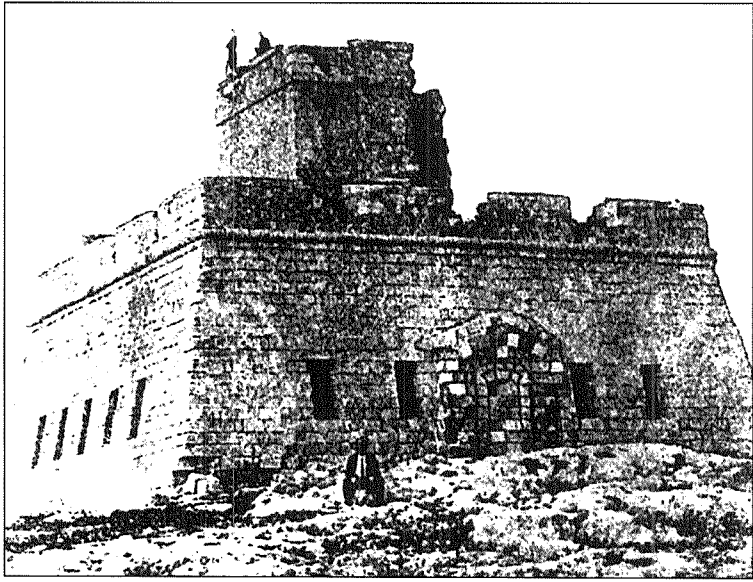
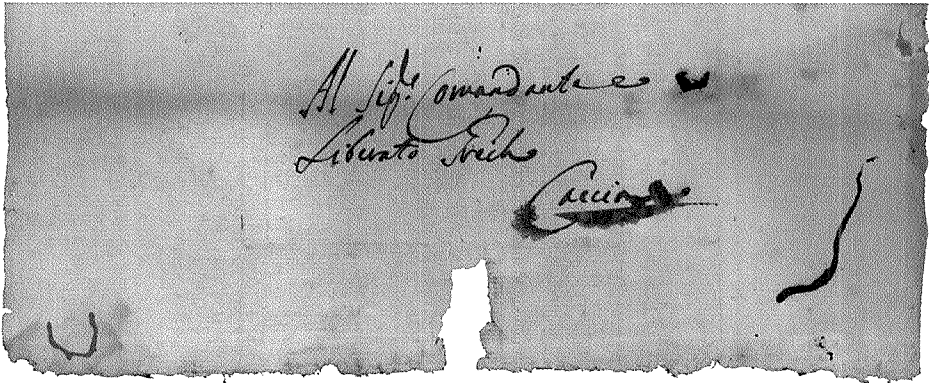


Headquarters in Caccia

Siege letter written in Gozo on the 6th October 1798 and signed by Arch Priest Rev. Dr. Saverio Cassar Head of the Provisional Government in Gozo to Al Sign Comandante Liberato Grech in Gozo.

Stating the following:

*“ I would like you to send me two barrels of powder from Marsalforn Tower. I have only eight very small barrels left which are hardly enough for our guns for two days. Tomorrow I shall send the boat out to the Portuguese Admiral (NIZZA), to have delivery of the powder. I am stationed in Mount Ghelmus. and shall wait for the powder here Please ask the clergy to pray for us.”*



Marsalforn Tower



Sig. Comandante Alberto Deib

Io sono a pregata di farmi mandare dalla  
Torre di Marsalturno due barili polvere, mentre  
la quantità che ho non mi serve p<sup>er</sup> fare  
due giorni di fuoco, cioè oggi, e domani  
trovandomi avere soli otto barili azzejj piccioli;  
domani spedirò la barca all'ammiraglio  
Portoghesi per portare la polvere; Io mi  
trovo nel monte Phelung dove aspetta detti  
due barili polvere.

Divi al Sig. Parvo di fare l'equipaggio  
domani mattina almeno p<sup>er</sup> due ore, affrettate  
nell'adunare il Popolo farli le tue preghiere  
p<sup>er</sup> esultare, e mi dirà.

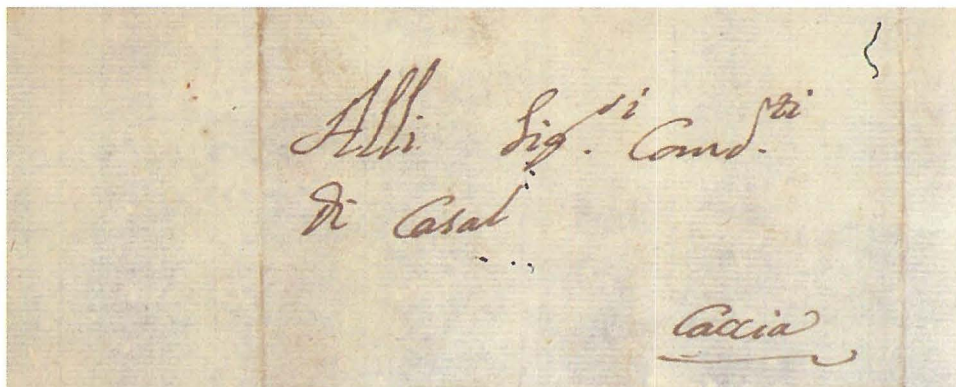
Li 6. 8<sup>vo</sup> 1798.

M. Saponati<sup>o</sup> Tenet.  
Avv. S. Capod

Siege letter written in Rabbato Gozo on the 8th October 1798 and signed by Antonio Mallia Comandente Generale of the Gozitan Forces to the Comandente of the village of Caccia in Gozo.

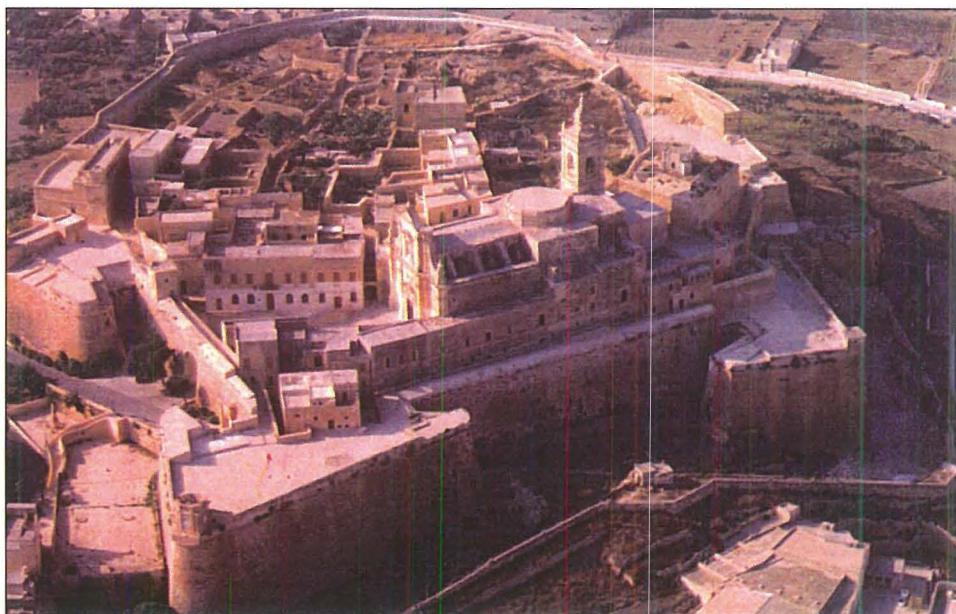
Stating the following:

*“I must ask you to send me, closely guarded by your men and ours, the French Sergeant who has offered to speak to his soldiers now occupying the Citadel, to try and persuade them to surrender. I hope that you will be able to send him at once as the Archpriest also requested this in his letter to me”.*



All. Sig. Com.<sup>te</sup>  
di Casal

Caccia



Cittadella

fig. Cand. Ste

sono a pregarla di mandarmi con cattolico  
dei suoi, e nostri soldati il Sargente France-  
sa, il quale s'offerì di parlare con i soldati  
che stanno nel Gran Castello, per fargli arren-  
dere. Spero ch'ella mi lo mandi d'un subito,  
avendo anche questo il sentimento del fig. Fran-  
cisco, giacchè tanto mi significò per mezzo  
di una lettera. Quest'è quanto, e nell'offerir  
mi mi dico

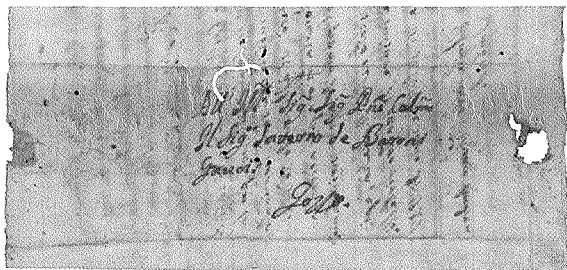
Di U.S.

Roberto G. Geronzi 1798

Il Cand. Sargente  
Antonio Maffei G. G.



Siege letter 4th August 1800 from Baron Ignazio Bonici in Malta, to his brother-in-law Saverio de Baroni Gauci in Gozo. Carried by hand.  
Discussing various ground rents which were due



Stima<sup>ta</sup> Sig<sup>no</sup> Cogniate  
Malta li 4 Agosto 1800

Il mio sommo piacere fu la nuova del vostro felice viaggio, e mi congratulo molto che voi, assieme con vostra famiglia godete quella perfetta salute, che di cuore vi desidero, io per grazia del Sig<sup>no</sup> S<sup>to</sup> Gene Sisolata, e pronto sempre per ricevere li vostri comandi qualora mi velti vale atto.

Inquanto l'affare di Gubibero, in questa oggi andaro insieme col vostro Sig<sup>no</sup> Cognate, e faremo la nostra possibile diligenza per terminarlo.

Inquanto al giardinio detto ta D'agra lo gabballai al figlio del gabballotto del Dattat con due carli, e vanti scudi, ed una buona piazzeria.

Inquanto al territorio detto ta hual il choloh, jeri ho fatto latte, cinnolo in censo per anni 99. al prezzo di £ 1400. riservando la prozia de fatuli.

Inquanto al mandato delle tavole data all' Università non posso riscuotere il denaro, non ostante che M<sup>re</sup> Vincenzo gli fece replicate istanze, onde si priego a spedirli una lettera per sollecitare il pagamento  
perché

perchè stimo meglio aver cento scudi in tasca, che  
due cento in credito; e poi potrà accadere che  
mutando sito saranno a restituirci la nostra  
tavola.

Vi mando tre piccoli sacchi di pane, avrete la  
bontà di darle a Maestro Gio: Paolo Vella.

~~Il nostro bastone~~

Vi ringrazio molto delli poma, e pera che  
vi siete compiaciuto mandarmi, e per fine  
di vero cuore vi saluto, assieme con mia Sig.<sup>ra</sup>  
sorella, ed a tutti di vostra famiglia.

Tutti li nostri interessi di Malta, e di qualsi  
che incaricato, vanno tutti bene, e spero che  
l'istesso sono quelli del Gogo, e se mai  
occorrerà qualche cosa di nuovo, fatemi  
partecipare, che mi ritroverete sempre

Affezionatissimo Cogniato  
Il Signor Ignazio Paolo Dorici.

M<sup>o</sup> Sig<sup>o</sup>

Il vostro bastone l'accommiato subito  
e lo presi in legal della carta per la  
vailora, subito che sarà terminato  
lo manderò vi addimando se mai  
volete dorarla in oro per accompa-  
gnare il pamo di sopra survivormi.

Ieri son stato sulla Mellaha, e pi-  
gliai la misura di quattro virelli.  
per fine vi saluto, e sono di Q.S.T.

Umile servo Vincenzo Andrea  
Imbrill.



Siege Letter 6th August 1800 from A. Pace from Żebbuġ Malta to his cousin Saverio Gauci in Gozo, regarding family property. Carried by hand.

All' Illmo Sig. Sig. Pro Curato  
N. Sig. Saverio Gauci  
Gozzo

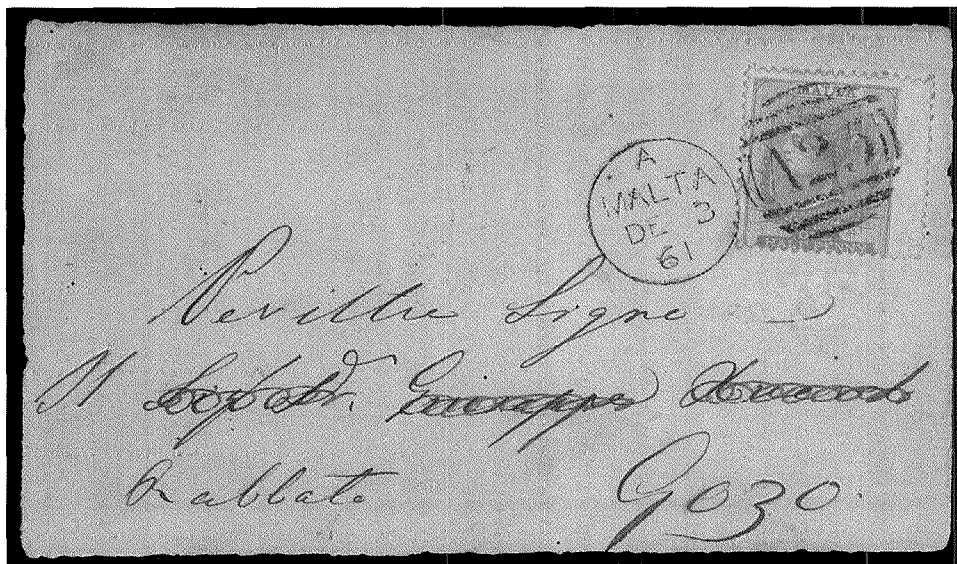
Carissimo Sig. Cugino

Con la stessa verga anvervinta curam? e  
nell'istesso mentre, supplico a V. S. di favor-  
virmi vedermi, che gli censurali si selet-  
ta. Grazia Hair Selam Ebel l'atman  
proprietari a Cergo da Giuseppe Greche e  
suoi figli, presentem? Giry? Bajada Dalji  
Albergo Del Nadur, Domenico Agny e ad altri  
Pertanto brando di vedere l'ultime ricevute  
fatte da Giovanna Pace qimach o veram?  
V. S. se non gli vien incomodo, li chiami  
alli di censurali e vedi i libri con farmi  
nota di tutte l'ultime ricevute con i giorni  
meji ed anno di ciquedunna ricevuta e  
con soddisfare allo scrivano non altro, mentre  
comparica del troppo ardire ad incomodarla  
perche offerendomi alcuni di lei comandi  
V. S. Illmo Żebbuġ li 6. Agosto 1800.

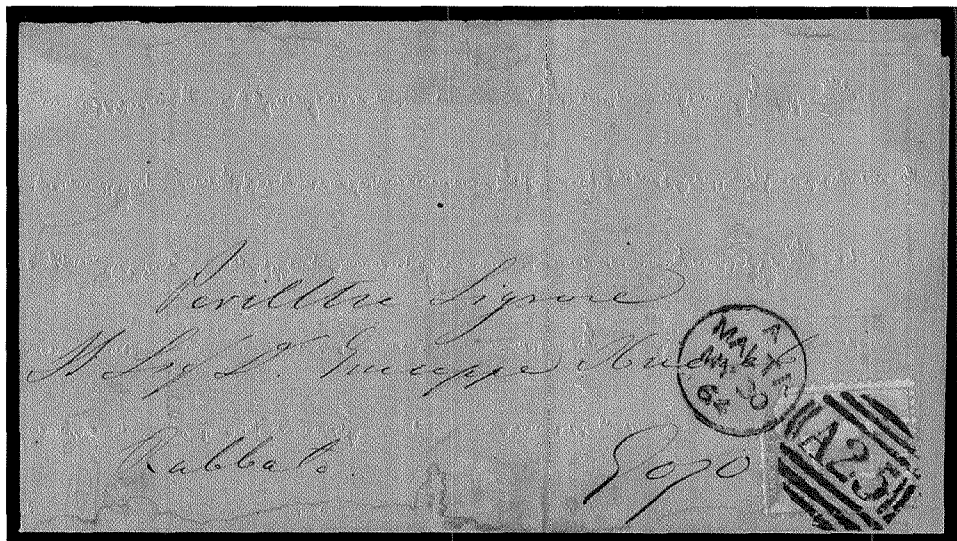
Vostro affmo Cugino  
Antonio Pace

# British Period

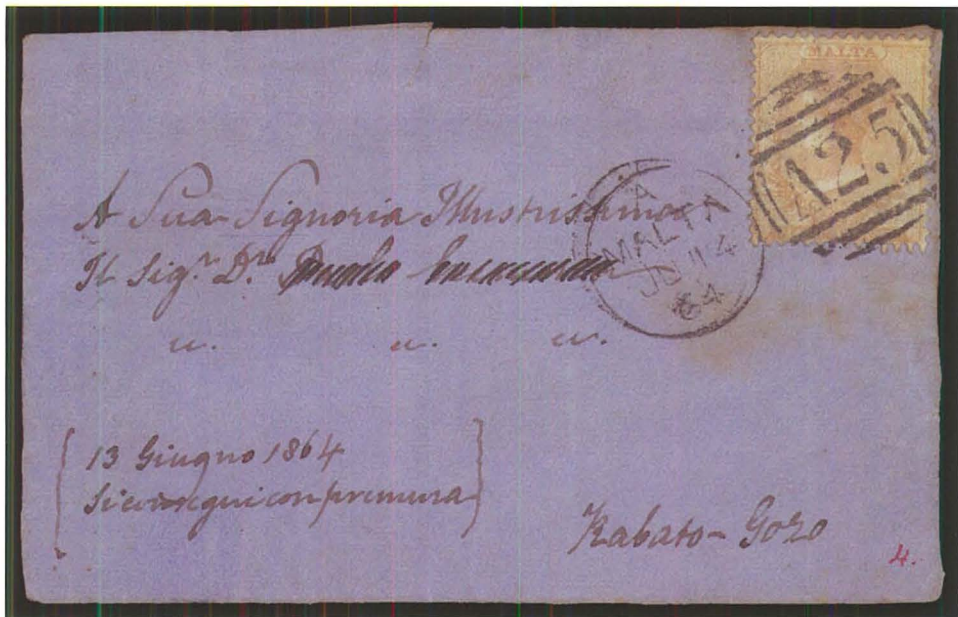
*Letters to Gozo with franked Queen Victoria 1/2 yellow*



*First printing SG1 Blue paper, no watermark, dated 3rd December 1861*



*Fourth printing SG4 issued June 1863. White paper, watermark Crown CC, dated 20th May 1864 (latest recorded date).*



5th printing SG4, pale brown, white paper, watermark Crown CC, perf. 14, dated 24th June 1864.



8th printing SG4, pale brown, white paper, watermark Crown CC, perf. 14, dated 13th May 1866.

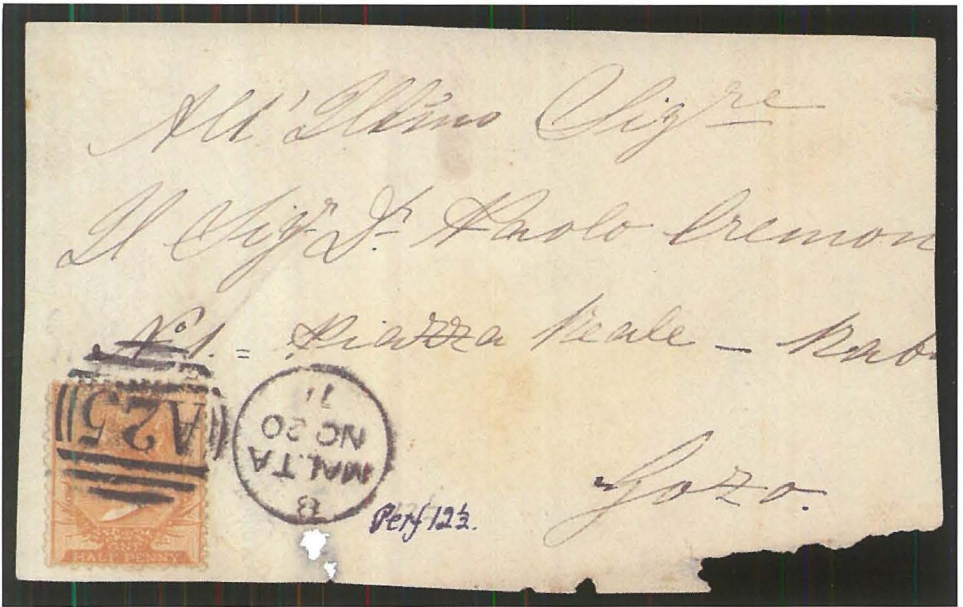




9th printing SG6, pale red brown, white paper, wmk Crown CC, perf. 14, dated 21st May 1868.



11th printing SG7, dull orange, white paper, watermark Crown CC, perf. 14, dated 5th May 1870.



12th printing SG15, yellow orange, white paper; wmk Crown CC, perf. 12 1/2, dated 20th November 1871.



14th printing SG7, dull orange, white paper; wmk Crown CC, perf. 14, dated 11th June 1873.





14th printing SG7, dull orange, white paper; wmk Crown CC, perf. 14, dated 3rd June 1873.



14th printing SG7, dull orange, white paper; wmk Crown CC, perf. 14, dated 17th November 1873.

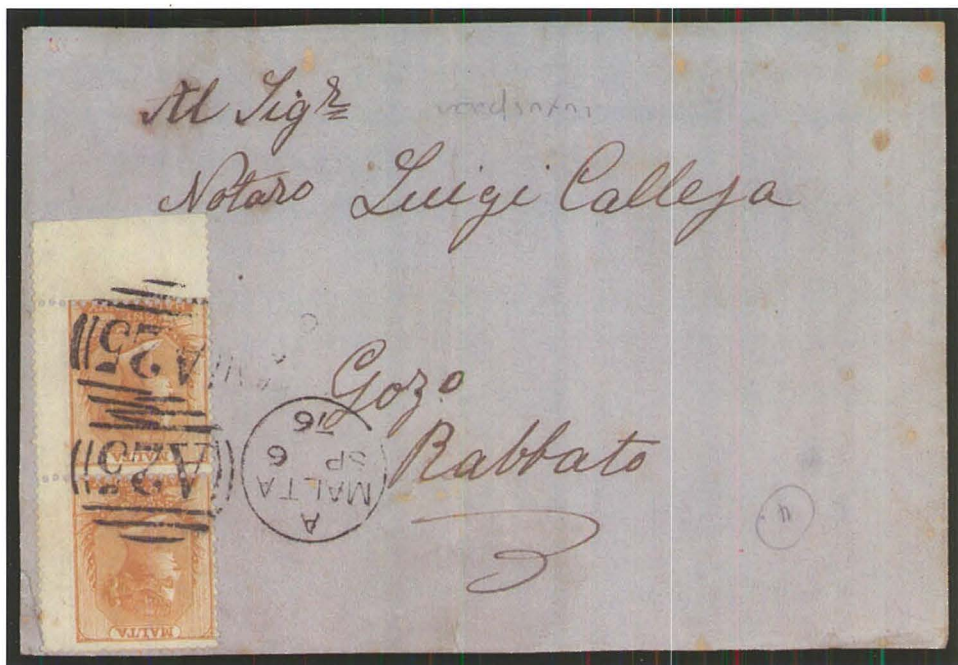




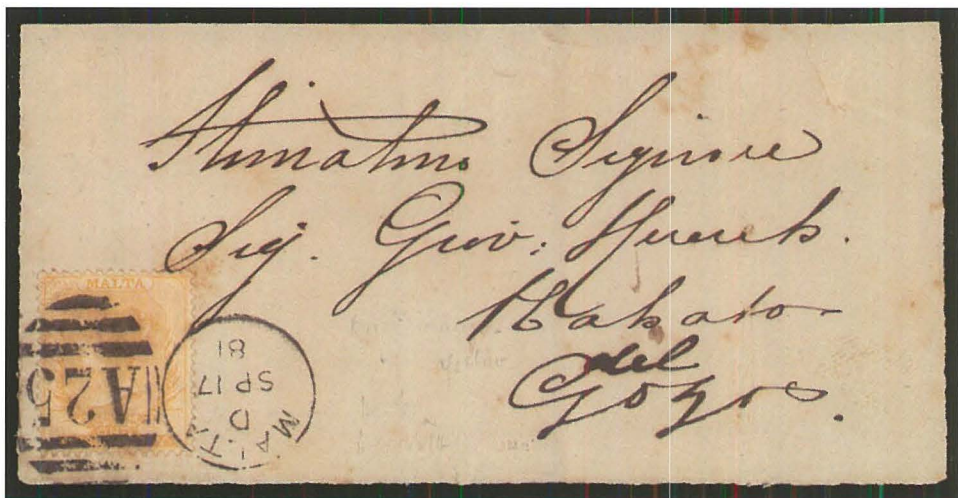
15th printing SG9, golden yellow, white paper, wmk Crown CC, perf. 14, dated 6th November 1874.



15th printing SG9, golden yellow, white paper, wmk Crown CC, perf. 14, dated 10th April 1875.

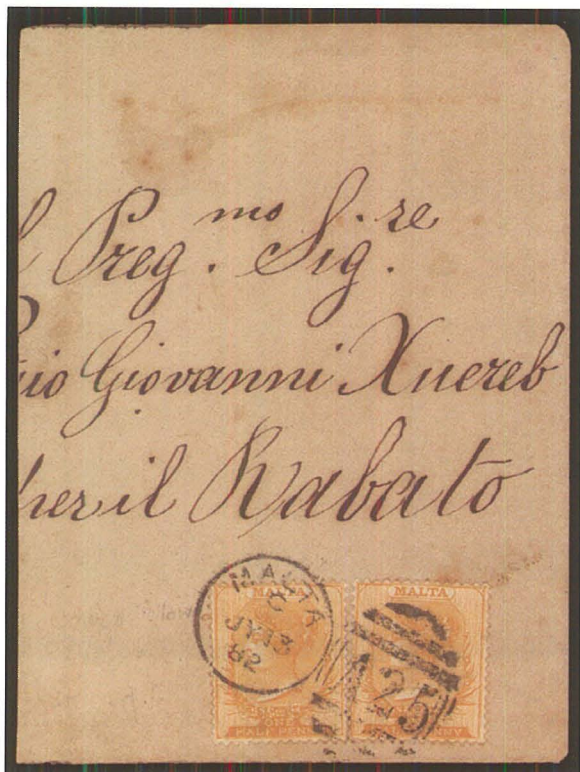


Pair  
 17th printing SG13, yellow buff, white paper, wmk Crown CC, perf. 14, dated 6th September 1876.



24th printing SG13, pail to bright yellow, white paper, wmk Crown CC, perf. 14, dated 17th September 1881.





Pair  
25th printing SG18, pail orange  
yellow, white paper, wmk Crown CA,  
perf. 14, dated 13th September 1882.



26th printing SG18, pail orange yellow, white paper, wmk Crown CA, perf. 14, dated 27th January 1883.



# First Regular Airmail on 9th September 1911

by  
Dr. A. Bonnici



*Photograph of pilot Gustav Hamel, who flew the first regular airmail on 9 September 1911 from Hendon to Windsor for the Coronation Aerial Post.*

## Gustav Hamel

**Gustav Hamel**, one of the most famous pioneer pilots, was born on the 25th of June 1889. He was of Scandinavian descent, his father being Dr Gustav Hamel, M.V.O. He was educated at Westminster School and learnt to fly at Bleriot's School, Pau, France, taking his pilot's ticket on the 3rd of February 1911. He rapidly reached the front rank and it was



only through illness that he failed to win the Daily Mail £10,000 prize for a circuit of Great Britain. He won fame by being the first airman to fly the 1911 Coronation Aerial Post from Hendon to Windsor. He made the first flight with a lady passenger between London and Paris. In 1912 he was engaged by the Daily Mail to give demonstration flights in various parts of the country, and the souvenir postcards, specially cacheted, which were posted at the conclusion of the flights, are amongst the most sought after of British rarities.

Hamel was well known for his exhibition flights and his loss in the English Channel was a sad blow for aviation. The following best typify the regard in which he was held:-

‘It has been decided to suspend the searching operations by flotillas and aircraft which have been in progress for the last 48 hours. In relinquishing this quest the Admiralty desire to place on record their recognition of the services rendered to British aviation by the missing airman. He was without question the foremost exponent in these islands of an art whose military consequence is continually increasing. His qualities of daring, skill, resource and modesty merited the respect of those who pursue the profession of arms, and his loss, if this must be accepted, is received with deep regret by the officers and men of the naval wing of the Royal Flying Corps.’

‘The King and Queen, fearing that the worst must now be realised as to the fate of your son, desire me to assure you how deeply they feel for you in your sudden and grievous sorrow. Their Majesties knew your son personally. They had seen him fly on two occasions at Windsor this year, and were struck by the skill, courage and mastery with which he controlled the aeroplane, no less than by his modest and unassuming bearing. In offering you their heartfelt sympathy their Majesties recognise that in this young, useful life the country loses its most accomplished and experienced aviator. Signed Stamfordham. Dated May 27th 1914.’

I am reproducing pages of the Souvenir Programme issued for the 1912 Exhibition Flights as we are sure Readers will be interested in this Historical Document.





First U.K. Aerial Post Coronation 1911 Flown by Gustav Hamel.

465- 1	Sep. 9	London-Windsor	Violet	Cover	Die	1-4	£10	\$40
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465- 4	9	“	“	“	“	5-6	£15	\$60
465- 5	9	“	Scarlet	Cover	“	1-4	£4	\$16
465- 6	9	“	“	“	“	5-6	£7	\$28
465- 7	9	“	Red-Brown	Card	“	1-4	£1	\$4
465- 8	9	“	“	“	“	5-6	£2	\$8
465- 9	9	“	Dark-Brown	Card	“	1-4	£1	\$4
465-10	9	“	“	“	“	5-6	£2	\$8
465-11	9	“	Olive-Green	Card	“	1-4	£1	\$4
465-12	9	“	“	“	“	5-6	£2	\$8
465-13	9	“	Brown or	Cover	“	1-4	£4	\$16
465-14	9	“	Green	“	“	5-6	£7	\$28

Hamel made flights on the 9th, 11th, 12th, 14th, 18th, 19th, 25th and 26th from London to Windsor and on the 17th and 18th from Windsor to London, but only the violet or privilege items were definitely flown by him. Others may have been flown by his co-pilots E. F. Driver or Clement Creswell. Full information is contained in ‘The Coronation Aerial Post 1911’ by Francis J. Field and N. C. Baldwin.

### A Thrilling Exhibition

At five o’clock, however, Mr Gustav Hamel decided to go up, and gave one of those thrilling exhibitions in which he has no rival. In spite of the strong wind he piloted his machine with all apparent absence of effort. The consummate mastery of his flight was only brought into strong relief a little later, when Lieutenant Spencer Grey ascended in a Deperdussin monoplane and was compelled to alight within a few minutes.

Almost immediately Mr Hamel rose from the ground once more, but this time on a brand-new Bleriot monoplane; shooting up in a wide circle, he steadily for minute after minute the monoplane scarcely advanced suspended almost motionless; at last, with a swift turn, it headed about and shot away before the wind with amazing speed. The haze was now spreading fast, and the aeroplane almost lost from view; later on after his descent Mr Hamel informed me that at this height, some 8,000 feet, he emerged into brilliant sunshine. Then, in two sharp spirals, left and right handed, the aeroplane shot down, finishing up with a steep glide before the wind just over the enclosure, and within a few feet of the crowd – a fine performance, it is true, but one not devoid of the element of danger.



When dusk had fallen, and surrounding objects were scarcely discernible, he ascended for the last time and remained aloft until darkness had almost set in.

*The Times*, Monday, September 30th, 1912.

R. GUSTAV HAMEL flew before the King and Queen at Ranelagh, and was afterwards presented to their Majesties and Princess Mary. He was also presented to the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Family, when he carried the first Military Dispatch from Hendon to Aldershot which had been previously signed by Lord Haldane, and returned to Hendon with reply. He made his way into England from France entirely unobserved from the clouds 11,000 feet high, despite the fact that all Coast Guards and Harbour Authorities were on the look out, and landed safely at Maidstone. He holds the British Circular Special Track record.

## **1911 - THE UNITED KINGDOM CORONATION AERIAL POST**

by

A. Camilleri

The importance of the Coronation Aerial Post is that it was the first sustained air mail service in the world, there being fourteen flights from London to Windsor in which 35 bags of mail were carried and four flights carrying a total of 4 bags of mail from Windsor to London.

The inaugural flight from Hendon aerodrome in North-West London to Windsor Great Park, marking the world's first regular airmail service, took place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 4.55pm when Gustav Hamel bravely took off in a very high wind carrying one bag of privileged mail weighing 23½lbs. It arrived safely just 12½ minutes later. The mail was then taken to the Post Office in Windsor by the cycle Postman, sorted and despatched to London by the 6pm train. The last flight was on 26<sup>th</sup> September. Four pilots were engaged to operate the Aerial Post service with Gustav Hamel performing most of the 1911 flights in his Bleriot monoplane.

The first return flight from Windsor to London was scheduled for Saturday 16th September, but a very strong wind prevented this and the first flight took place the next day, when Clement Greswell in a Bleriot monoplane carried bag number 1 containing 21 lbs of mail.

## WINDSOR FLIGHTS 1911

The invention of a passenger carrying aeroplane by the Wright brothers soon resulted in mail of a souvenir nature often being carried. In 1911 the first official British air mail service operated between Windsor and London. It was organised by Commander Sir Walter Windham who had organised the first official air service in the world, the 1911 Allahabad flights to India. After his return to Britain Commander Windham used his experience to promote the idea of special mail flights established to celebrate the coronation of King George V. He described the events as follows:-

*“When I arrived in England from India in 1911, I applied to the Postmaster General for permission to run the first British air mail. I was met with a difficulty that the P.M.G. was willing to agree but could not see how to overcome the difficulty of charging extra on any letter which might be sent, as it would require an Act of Parliament to alter the existing rules and that a stamp could not be sold over its face value. It occurred to me that this difficulty could be overcome by selling envelopes and postcards at a fixed price to which he agreed. A document, now in my possession, was drawn up giving me sole authority to carry the scheme into effect. The purchaser could take these envelopes away, put on what stamps he liked and post them in the special post boxes which were constructed. The G.P.O. could then collect the letters from these boxes and convey them. As they did, to the western Branch of the G.P.O. and there impress them with the postmark “The First Aerial Post”. From there they could be taken from the G.P.O. to the flying ground at Hendon and flown to Windsor Castle, where I had permission from His Majesty to land the mails.*

*The only great hitch that occurred was that the aeroplanes were not fully equipped for carrying letters and the aviators, having had so little experience of flying that when there was the slightest breeze about refused to go up; in consequence, the mails were hung up in thousands of letters, lying in the Post Office and elsewhere waiting to be despatched. The P.M.G. used to ring up every now and then to ask when I would be getting on with my job, which put me into rather a hole. However, all went well and in time the letters arrived at Windsor. Several incidents happened, such as an aeroplane coming down in a field, and one of the pilots breaking both his legs, etc., but on the whole it turned out a great success.”*

The effect of sending a letter (costing for an envelope 1/- with 1d stamp) or postcard (6½d with ½d stamp) was usually to delay rather than expedite it, clearly the main purpose was to create souvenirs. However it could be mildly interesting for collectors to look for mail addressed to foreign countries, as technically it was the first acceptance of air mail for overseas destinations, even though there was no practical benefit.

A few postcards addressed to Malta were also included on this flight and nowadays they are keenly sought after by collectors, they being extremely rare to come by.





# Year end Accounts

by  
Mr. J. Cardona

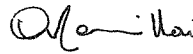
## MALTA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

### BALANCE SHEET

31 December 2013

	<u>Page</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	7	€	€
At Cost	4,304		
Less Depreciation	<u>4,304</u>	0	0
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Fixed Deposit Account	8	4,000	4,000
Current Account	9	<u>4,859</u>	<u>5,570</u>
		8,859	9,570
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Subscriptions paid in Advance		<u>(573)</u>	<u>(585)</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<u>8,286</u>	<u>8,985</u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>			
Excess of Revenue over Expenses (Brought Forward from Page 2)		<u>8,286</u>	<u>8,985</u>

  
John A. Cardona.  
Hon. Secretary & Treasurer.

  
Prof. G.E. Camilleri.  
Auditor 17/1/2014

(INDISPOSED)  
Rev. A. Galea.  
Auditor.

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NOTE: Published above are the confirmed accounts for the year which ended on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2013 and which were approved and adopted at the Annual General Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014. It will be noted that reference is made to a number of pages on the Balance Sheet and a series of notes on the Income & Expenditure Account. These are not enclosed to save space. However, if any member would wish to receive these documents please contact us and we will be delighted to furnish a copy.

# MALTA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

## INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

31 December 2013

<u>2012</u>		<u>2013</u>
€ INCOME	Notes	€
1,593 Subscription receivable	(1)	1,695
14 Interest received	(2)	76
100 Donations	(3)	108
<u>1,829</u> <i>Maltex XIV</i> Philatelic Exhibition	(4)	<u>312</u>
<b>3,536 Total Income</b>		<b>2,191</b>
 <b>EXPENDITURE</b>  		
645 Journal distribution costs	(5)	782
323 Newsletter distribution costs	(6)	477
368 Sundry administrative expenses	(7)	715
298 F.I.P. affiliation fee	(8)	293
224 St. Publius Hall/Oratory or Capuchin Friary - rental	(9)	224
242 Christmas "get together"	(10)	240
0 Move from St. Publius to Capuchin Friary	(11)	150
25 Suffrages		0
<u>12</u> Bank charges	(12)	<u>9</u>
<b>(2,137) Total Expenditure</b>		<b>(2,890)</b>
<b>1,399 (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>(699)</b>
<u>7,586</u> <b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES B/F</b>		<u>8,985</u>
<u>8,985</u> <b>FUND BALANCE AT YEAR END</b>		<u>8,286</u>

(c/f to the Balance Sheet at Page 1)

# Postal Diary

## 1 October 2013 – 31 January 2014

by  
Joseph Fenech

### 1 October 2013

MaltaPost plc informed that between the 1 October 2013 and the 14 June 2014, the St. Julian's Post Office situated within Lombard Bank plc in Triq Paceville, was to open from Monday to Friday, between 8.30am and 2.30pm.

### 1 October

MaltaPost plc informed that between the 1 October 2013 and the 14 June 2014, the Post Office outlet situated within the University of Malta, Msida, was to open from Monday to Friday, between 8.00am and 5.00pm.

### 5 October

On the occasion of the 38<sup>th</sup> Interferry Annual Conference which was held for the first time in Malta between the 5 and 9 October 2013, a special hand postmark was used on Saturday, 5 October 2013, at the MaltaPost Castille Square, Valletta Post Office. The postmark was inscribed “MALTAPOST – CASTILLE SQR. – VALLETTA – MALTA – 05-10-13” in the outer ring, and “INTERFERRY/38<sup>TH</sup> INTERFERRY/ANNUAL CONFERENCE/5-9 OCTOBER 2013” in the inner ring.



### 7 October

In a reply to Parliamentary Question No. 4507 given on the 7 October 2013, the Minister for the Economy, Investment and Small Business gave certain details about the workings of the Stamp Design Advisory Board. This Board, which was first set up in the 1970s, was made up of six members and a secretary. The Board is chaired by Dr. Pascal Demajo, with the members being Greta Apap Bologna, Joseph Said, Martina Zammit, Roger Strickland and Kenneth Zammit Tabona, while the secretary is Mary Grace Simpson. The main function of the Board was to evaluate the designs of the stamps to be issued and to recommend to the Minister which stamp design was to be chosen. The Board meets formally five or six times a year, apart from the communication which takes place between the Board members via e-mail. The Chairman of the Board is paid €3494 per annum, while members are paid €698.81 per annum.



## 10 October

On the occasion of the Mdina Grand Prix 2013 which was staged between the 10 and 13 October 2013, a special hand postmark was used on Thursday, 10 October 2013, at the MaltaPost Castille Square, Valletta Post Office. The postmark was inscribed “MALTAPOST – CASTILLE SQR. – VALLETTA – MALTA – 10-10-13” in the outer ring, and “MDINA/GRAND PRIX/10-13 OCTOBER 2013” in the inner ring, which also included an outline image of Mdina above the text.



## 18 October

MaltaPost plc participated in the 14<sup>th</sup> Maltex Philatelic Exhibition organised by the Malta Philatelic Society at the Green Lounge of the Hotel Phoenicia in Floriana between Friday, 18 October and Sunday, 20 October 2013. The MaltaPost stand was open for business during the opening hours of the exhibition, namely between 9.00am and 6.00pm on Friday and Saturday, and between 9.00am and 12.00 noon on Sunday. All mail posted at this exhibition was cancelled with a special cancellation hand postmark which was inscribed “Maltex 2013/18 – 20 October 2013/Hotel Phoenicia – Floriana – Malta” and also included the logo of the exhibition. A temporary letterbox service was also provided during the opening hours of the exhibition.

For this special event, MaltaPost issued an Occasion Card, a Postal Card, a Maltex Personalised Cover, as well as a Personalised Stamp commemorating the exhibition. The Occasion Card, No. 34 in the series, depicts the Triton Fountain in Floriana, Malta, with the imprinted €0.32 stamp showing the same fountain from the ‘Treasures of Malta Series – Fountains’ set issued on 27 March 2013. This Occasion Card commemorated the Maltex 2013 Stamp Exhibition. The Postal Card, No. 35 in the series, depicts the Lambretta three-wheeler, with the imprinted pair



18 - 20 October 2013



of stamps, of face value €0.37 and €1.19 respectively, from the ‘EUROPA 2013 – Postman Van’ set issued on 9 May 2013. Both cards were individually numbered, and were available for sale in mint or cancelled format. The Maltex Personalised Cover, marked ‘MaltaPost – Personalised Stamp/Cover No. 4/2013’ on the reverse side, included a personalised stamp depicting the Maltex 2013 exhibition logo, cancelled with the special cancellation hand postmark used by MaltaPost during the exhibition.

The Maltex 2013 exhibition, themed “The Post – Yesterday and Today”, was inaugurated by Dr. Giovanni Bonello, former Judge of the European Court of Human Rights, on Thursday, 17 October 2013. Artist Cedric Galea Pirota, who designed the artworks for the ‘Malta Buses – The End of an Era – Series II’ and the ‘Treasures of Malta – Fountains’ stamp sets, was in attendance at the exhibition on Saturday, 19 October 2013, between 2.00pm and 6.00pm, to meet philatelists.

## 21 October

A special hand postmark inscribed “MALTAPOST - VICTORIA, GOZO – MALTA - 21-10-13” in the outer ring, and “GOZO PHILATELIC SOCIETY/14<sup>TH</sup> EXHIBITION/TIMES & THEMES” in the inner ring, was used on Monday, 21 October 2013 at the MaltaPost Victoria, Gozo branch, on the occasion of the 14<sup>th</sup>



Annual Philatelic Exhibition organised by the Gozo Philatelic Society. The special postmark was designed by Gozitan philatelist Anthony Grech. The exhibition was held at the Ministry for Gozo Exhibition Hall, St. Francis Square, Victoria, Gozo between the 21 and 27 October 2013. A special commemorative postcard and a personalised stamp were issued by the Gozo Philatelic Society to mark this edition of the exhibition.

## 25 October

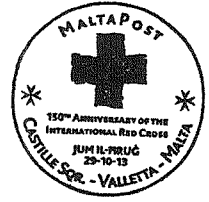
The Sub-Post Office at ‘Midas’, 34, Triq ix-Xatt, Marsaskala MSK 2113, was closed for business on the 25 October 2013.

## 26 October

The Sub-Post Office at ‘Misto Stationery’, Pjazza l-Eroj, Swatar, Birkirkara was closed for business between the 26 and 29 October 2013, both days included.

## 29 October

On Tuesday, 29 October 2013, MaltaPost plc issued a stamp within a miniature sheet to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of the International Red Cross (in 1863) by Henry Dunant. The miniature sheet portrays the image of the said Henry Dunant, while the stamp, bearing a face value of €4.57, depicts the Red Cross, and also includes the dates 1863 and 2013. 30,000 individually numbered miniature sheets were printed. The stamp in the sheet is 48.0mm x 39.5mm in size, with a perforation of 13.9 x 14.0 (comb), while the miniature sheet measures 120mm x 80mm. The sheets, which were designed in-house by MaltaPost, were offset printed on Maltese Crosses watermarked paper by Printex Limited. MaltaPost plc prepared a special commemorative hand-stamp to cancel the stamps on the first day of issue (on FDC No. 9/2013). The hand-stamp was inscribed “MALTAPOST - ----- - MALTA/150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE/INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS/JUM IL-ĦRUĠ/29-10-13”, and also featured an image of the Red Cross in the centre. The MaltaPost Philatelic Bureau featured this miniature sheet in the stamp bulletin No. 314.



## 30 October

On the 30 October 2013, the Malta Communications Authority (MCA) published Document MCA/D/13-1738, the final decision on the market definition of the postal sector in Malta and the consequent conclusions of the market review of the letter mail markets. The MCA had carried out a national consultation process during the period running from the 9 July 2013 to the 13 September 2013. The MCA received only one response, from MaltaPost. In the meantime, the MCA took into account this response and provided further justifications for its conclusion in this final decision. The MCA identified the following postal services markets:

Market 1: Domestic Single Piece Letter Mail Market.

Market 2: Outbound Single Piece Letter Mail Market.

Market 3: Domestic Registered Letter Mail Market.

Market 4: Outbound Registered Letter Mail Market.

Market 5: Domestic Bulk Letter Mail Market.

Market 6: Outbound Bulk Letter Mail Market.

Market 7: Domestic Parcel Post Market.

Market 8: Outbound Parcel Post Market.

The MCA carried out an analysis of these markets, and found out that MaltaPost



enjoyed significant market power (SMP) in all the letter mail markets identified in this review. Given the position of dominance held by MaltaPost in these mail markets identified, the MCA imposed the following regulatory obligations on MaltaPost plc: (a) obligation to provide services at cost-oriented prices; (b) obligation of non-discrimination; (c) obligation of provision of services on an unbundled basis; (d) approval and publication of tariffs; (e) accounting separation.

### **31 October**

MaltaPost plc notified that the Sub-Post Office at Tunny Net Souvenir Shop, Triq il-Marfa, Mellieħa MLH 9063 was to be closed for business between the 31 October 2013 and 1 April 2014.

### **1 November**

On the 1 November 2013, the Malta Communications Authority (MCA) issued the ‘Communications Market Review’ for the period January to June 2013 (Document No. MCA/R/13-1726). With regard to the postal sector, an important milestone for the year was the full liberalisation of the sector. The evolving scenario was especially challenging for the provision of universal services. Here, demand had been gradually falling for a number of years, particularly for letter post services. The principal causes behind this development were the digitisation of communication and e-substitution, although more recent market trends may suggest that e-substitution is becoming less prominent over time as the remaining postal customer base is more ‘paper’ loyal and thus less likely to shift demand away from traditional postal services. In fact, the first six months of 2013 saw an increase in postal mail volumes when compared to the same period a year earlier (1.7% higher, and amounted to 21.1 million items), although it had to be said that the national elections played an important role in boosting postal activity. Also of significant relevance with regard to postal volumes was the contribution of the parcel business, which registered significant growth in line with the increasing popularity of online shopping. Bulk mail accounted for 58.3% of all postal items delivered in the first half of 2013, followed by letter mail at 38.0%, registered mail at 2.5% and parcel mail at 1.2%. The Quality of Service (QoS) targets for the delivery to destination of local ordinary mail and bulk mail on the next day was set at 94%. The QoS targets for the delivery to destination of local registered mail and priority inbound parcels was set at 98%.

### **5 November**

On the occasion of the XI European Marian Network Conference, held in Mellieħa between the 5 and 8 November 2013, a special hand postmark was used on Tuesday, 5 November 2013, at the MaltaPost Mellieħa Post Office. The

postmark was inscribed “MALTAPOST – MELLIEHA – MALTA – 05-11-13” in the outer ring, and “SANCTUARY OF OUR LADY OF MELLIEHA/XI EUROPEAN/MARIAN NETWORK/CONFERENCE” in the inner ring, which also included the logo of the Marian Sanctuary of Mellieha. To commemorate this special occasion, the Mellieha Parish issued a set of five personalised covers, as well as a personalised stamp.



## 5 November

On the 5 November 2013, the Malta Communications Authority (MCA) issued a Consultation Document (MCA/C/13-1743) dealing with a “Market Review for the Postal Sector: Parcel Post Markets – Analysis of Markets, Determination of Market Power and Setting of Remedies”. Following an analysis it had carried out, the MCA concluded that MaltaPost had significant market power in all the standard parcel post markets. Given this position of dominance held by MaltaPost, the MCA was proposing to impose the following remedies: (a) obligation to provide services at cost-oriented prices; (b) obligation of non-discrimination; (c) obligation of provision of services on an unbundled basis; (d) approval and publication of tariffs; (e) accounting separation. The consultation was originally meant to run up till the 16 December 2013, but following a request from an interested party, the deadline was extended up till the 2 January 2014.

## 14 November

On the 14 November 2013, the Malta Communications Authority (MCA) issued a Consultation Document (MCA/C/13-1748) titled: “Consultation and Proposed Decision on a Price Control Mechanism for MaltaPost plc and Revised Postal Tariffs for Financial Years 2014 and 2015”. In September 2013, MaltaPost plc had submitted an updated request for revised postal tariffs. The MCA tested whether this request fitted within the proposed price control framework. The MCA’s assessment of this proposal indicated that some of the tariffs proposed by MaltaPost could be fully accepted (namely, those for domestic single piece letter mail – over 50g in weight, domestic bulk letter mail – over 50g in weight, European outbound mail and local parcels), whilst others could be partly approved (namely, those for domestic registered mail, international registered mail and locally registered newspapers). The consultation was to end on the 12 December 2013.

## 18 November

On Monday, 18 November 2013, MaltaPost plc issued the Christmas 2013 stamp set. This set consists of a miniature sheet bearing two stamps, as well as a set of three stamps reproducing parts of the scenes shown on the two stamps in the miniature sheet. All the stamps feature important sections from the mechanical nativity crib found at the Jesus of Nazareth Institute in Żejtun, which was inaugurated in 1947 and is the work of Paul Pavia. The stamps in the miniature sheet have a face value of €1.00 each, while the other three stamps (issued in sheets of 10) have a face value of €0.26, €0.37 and €0.63 respectively. The stamps were designed in-house by MaltaPost. The stamps in the miniature sheet each measure 20mm x 76mm, while the three single stamps measure 20mm x 38mm each; the miniature sheet measures 105mm x 68mm, with a perforation of 13.6 x 14.0 (comb). The miniature sheet and stamps were offset printed on Maltese Crosses watermarked paper by Printex Limited. 20,000 miniature sheets (each individually numbered) were printed. Besides, 1,600,000 copies of the €0.26 stamp were printed, together with 150,000 copies of the €0.37 stamp and 80,000 copies of the €0.63 stamp. MaltaPost plc prepared a special commemorative hand-stamp to cancel the stamps on the first day of issue (on FDC No. 10/2013 – set of 2 envelopes, marked 1 of 2 and 2 of 2, respectively). The hand-stamp was inscribed “MALTAPOST ----- MALTA/CHRISTMAS 2013/JUM IL-ĦRUGĠ/18-11-13”, and also included an outline image of Baby Jesus in a manger underneath a star. The MaltaPost Philatelic Bureau featured these stamps in the stamp bulletin No. 315.



## 22 November

The Sub-Post Office at ‘Alessio’s Old Cottage’, 12, Triq il-Parroċċa, Mqabba MQB 1511, was closed for business on Friday, 22 November 2013.

## 22 November

On the occasion of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of the Għaqda Mużikali Viżitazzjoni of Għarb, Gozo, a special hand postmark was used on Friday, 22 November 2013, at the MaltaPost Għarb, Gozo Post Office. The postmark was inscribed “MALTAPOST – GĦARB, GOZO – MALTA – 22-11-13” in the outer ring, and “10 SNIN MIT-TWAQQIF/TAL-GĦAQDA MUŻIKALI/VIŻITAZZJONI” in the inner ring, which also included an image of the Għaqda Mużikali Viżitazzjoni emblem in the centre.





## **23 November**

The Sub-Post Office at 'Midas', 34, Triq ix-Xatt, Marsaskala MSK 2113, was closed for business on Saturday, 23 November 2013.

## **26 November**

MaltaPost plc notified that the letterbox number 64 situated at Triq il-Marloċċ, Żabbar, was relocated to Misraħ il-Qalbiena Maltin, Żabbar.

## **28 November**

The Sub-Post Office at 'Midas', 34, Triq ix-Xatt, Marsaskala MSK 2113, was closed for business between the 28 and 30 November 2013, both days included.

## **1 December**

In a publicity brochure it had circulated, MaltaPost plc recommended early posting before Christmas so as to enable MaltaPost to maintain the optimum level of service. The last recommended posting date for letters/postcards/parcels sent to a Maltese address was 20 December 2013, the last posting date for those addressed to Europe was 16 December 2013, while the last posting date for those addressed to the rest of the world was 2 December 2013.

## **2 December**

In order to further enhance the postal service during the Christmas period, MaltaPost plc extended the opening hours of a number of its post offices, between the 2 and 23 December 2013. The post offices in Birkirkara, Mosta, Paola, Rabat, Sliema (Dingli Street) and Victoria, Gozo, were to open between 7.30am and 7.00pm from Monday to Friday, and between 7.30am and 1.00pm on Saturday, while the post office at the Marsa Head Office was to open between 8.00am and 7.00pm from Monday to Friday. All other post offices retained the usual opening hours.

## **4 December**

MaltaPost plc notified that, with immediate effect, the outlet at Xlendi Hotel, 15, Triq San Xmun, Xlendi, ceased to operate as a Sub-Post Office.

## **6 December**

MaltaPost plc notified that the letterbox situated in Triq it-Turisti, Qawra, St. Paul's Bay, was being closed for an indefinite period due to construction works on site.

## **7 December**

On the occasion of the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of the Confraternity of the

Immaculate Conception of Our Lady, a special hand postmark was used on Saturday, 7 December 2013, at the MaltaPost Victoria, Gozo Post Office. The postmark was inscribed “MALTAPOST – VICTORIA, GOZO – MALTA – 07-12-13” in the outer ring, and “350 SEN TAL-FRATTELLANZA TAL-IMMAKULATA – GĦAWDEX – 1663 - 2013” in the inner ring, which also included an outline image of the Immaculate Conception in the centre. This postmark was designed by George Vella.



## 7 December

On the occasion of the opening of the Museum at Dar Karmni Grima, in Għarb, Gozo, a special hand postmark was used on Saturday, 7 December 2013, at the MaltaPost Għarb, Gozo Post Office. The postmark was inscribed “MALTAPOST – GĦARB, GOZO – MALTA – 07-12-13” in the outer ring, and “FTUH MILL-ĠDID TAL-MUŻEW – DAR KARMNI GRIMA” in the inner ring, which also included an outline image of Karmni Grima in the centre. This postmark was



designed by Gozitan philatelist Anthony Grech. This museum was originally opened on 2 May 1965, but has now been completely renovated. Karmni Grima (1838 – 1922) was a Gozitan spinster who, in June 1883, heard the call of the Virgin Mary in a small chapel on the outskirts of Għarb, where today we find the magnificent Sanctuary of the Blessed Virgin of Ta’ Pinu. The Dar Karmni Grima museum was re-opened on the 7 December 2013, on the eve of the feast of the Immaculate Conception, and exactly 175 years from the birth of Karmni Grima.

## 9 December

On the 9 December 2013, MaltaPost plc issued a Company Announcement pursuant to the Malta Financial Services Authority Listing Rules. Through this communication, MaltaPost stated that the project it had announced previously wherein it was seeking the appointment of a MaltaPost plc subsidiary as an agent for Middlesea Insurance plc, was not to be pursued further. Nevertheless, the MaltaPost Board of Directors still intended to pursue its project of cooperating with other parties in an insurance activity, and would make further announcements at the appropriate time.

## 9 December

On the 9 December 2013, MaltaPost plc issued a Company Announcement pursuant to the Malta Financial Services Authority Listing Rules. Through this

communication, MaltaPost announced that its Board of Directors had approved the published Preliminary Statement of Annual Results as extracted from the Company's Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2013. The Board resolved that these audited Financial Statements be submitted for the approval of the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting scheduled for the 15 January 2014. The Board of Directors further resolved to recommend for the approval of the Annual General Meeting the payment of a final ordinary net dividend of €0.04 per nominal €0.25 share, as well as the option to shareholders of receiving the dividend either in cash or by the issue of new shares. The Attribution Price, at which the number of new shares to be issued was to be determined, had been established at €1.07 per nominal €0.25 share. With regard to the financial year ended 30 September 2013, it was stated that profit before tax decreased by 5.4% to €1.95 million. Turnover increased by 2.5% to €21.64 million. Business generated through e-commerce registered an increase over the corresponding period the previous year while traditional mail volumes declined in line with global trends. Expenses increased by 4.2% to €19.92 million, mainly as a result of higher labour costs, while other operating costs were contained. The Cost-to-Income ratio stood at 92.1%. Total Assets increased by 5.0% to €30.43 million. The shareholders' funds increased by 6.8% to €16.63 million.

### **11 December**

The Sub-Post Office at 'Misto Stationery', Pjazza l-Eroj, Swatar, Birkirkara was closed for business between the 11 and 14 December 2013, both days included.

### **11 December**

On the 11 December 2013, the National Statistics Office issued News Release 239/2013 highlighting the post and telecommunications statistics for the third quarter (July – September) 2013. According to these statistics, in the quarter under review, total postal traffic decreased by 2.1% when compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year, and stood at just over 9.2 million. Total parcels and other items were recorded at 25,741, an increase of 24.6% when compared to the previous year (20,660 parcels/other items sent then).

### **14 December**

The Sub-Post Office at 'Midas', 34, Triq ix-Xatt, Marsaskala MSK 2113, was closed for business on Saturday, 14 December 2013.

### **17 December**

The Year Pack including all the ten stamp issues for 2013, was issued by MaltaPost on Tuesday, 17 December 2013. This Year Pack was presented in a folder which



also included all the technical details of the 2013 issues. The MaltaPost Philatelic Bureau featured this Year Pack in a specific stamp bulletin (unnumbered) issued at the same time.

### **24 December**

On the 24 December 2013, the Malta Communications Authority (MCA) issued document MCA/D/13-1777 – Price Control Mechanism for MaltaPost plc and Revised Postal Tariffs for Financial Years 2014 and 2015 – Response to Consultation and Decision Notice. Through this Decision Notice, the MCA approved certain postal tariff revisions which were to come into force with effect from the 1 January 2014. The MCA directed MaltaPost plc to notify the public of these changes in a transparent manner through the customer channels at its disposal, in close coordination with the MCA.

### **24 December**

MaltaPost plc informed that, in agreement with the Malta Communications Authority, the Parcel Office at the MaltaPost Head Office in Marsa, was to open between 8.00am and 4.00pm on the 24 December 2013.

### **24 December**

MaltaPost plc notified that, in agreement with the Malta Communications Authority, the last collection of mail from all letterboxes was to be effected at 1.00pm, on the 24 December 2013.

### **24 December**

MaltaPost plc notified that, in agreement with the Malta Communications Authority, the St. Julian's Post Office was to open between 8.30am and 1.00pm, on the 24 December 2013.

### **26 December**

MaltaPost plc notified that, in agreement with the Malta Communications Authority, no delivery of mail was to be effected, and all post offices were to remain closed for business, on Thursday, 26 December 2013. Normal service was to resume on Friday, 27 December 2013.

### **26 December**

The Sub-Post Office at 'Future Focus', 9, Triq l-Imħażen, Floriana FRN 1118, was closed for business on the 26 December 2013.

## **26 December**

The Sub-Post Office at 'Fleet Stationery', Testaferrata Street, Ta' Xbiex XBX 1402, was closed for business between the 26 and 28 December 2013, both days included.

## **30 December**

The Sub-Post Office at 'MC Stationery', 33, Triq Ġlormu Cassar, Mosta MST 4117, was closed for business between the 30 December 2013 and 2 January 2014, both days included.

## **30 December**

The Sub-Post Office at C@C Stationery, Trejjet Fleur-de-Lys, Santa Venera SVR 1580, was closed for business between the 30 December 2013 and the 8 January 2014, both days included.

## **31 December**

MaltaPost plc informed that, in agreement with the Malta Communications Authority, the Parcel Office at the MaltaPost Head Office in Marsa, was to open between 8.00am and 4.00pm on the 31 December 2013.

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## **31 December**

On the 31 December 2013, the Malta Communications Authority (MCA) published document MCA/O/13-1779 – A Postal Authorisation Fee Structure for a fully liberalised market environment. This document provides the salient points of the feedback received by the MCA following a consultation exercise on the subject which had been launched by the MCA in September 2013. MaltaPost plc and DHL International Ltd. had submitted their views with regard to the consultation. The document also includes the proposals raised in the said consultation, and the MCA's reflections on the feedback provided. The MCA proposed a revised authorisation fee structure. Postal operators who are licensed to provide postal services within the

scope of the universal service, would be required to pay, on an annual basis, 1.5% of the total gross revenue from postal services within the scope of the universal service, or €5,000, whichever amount is higher. Postal operators who are authorised by way of a general authorisation to provide only postal services which are outside the scope of the universal service, would be required to continue to pay, on an annual basis, €150, provided that an operator whose annual gross revenue does not exceed €24,300 would be exempt from the payment of such a fee. The MCA proposed that the new authorisation fee structure should come into effect on the 1 January 2014. On the basis of the consultation and the related responses received, the MCA intended to propose to the Minister responsible for postal matters, changes to the postal authorisation fee structure specified in the Postal Services (General) Regulations.

## Every Member should enrol another member

### The annual membership rates are:-

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(Junior Members under 16)	€ 2.33
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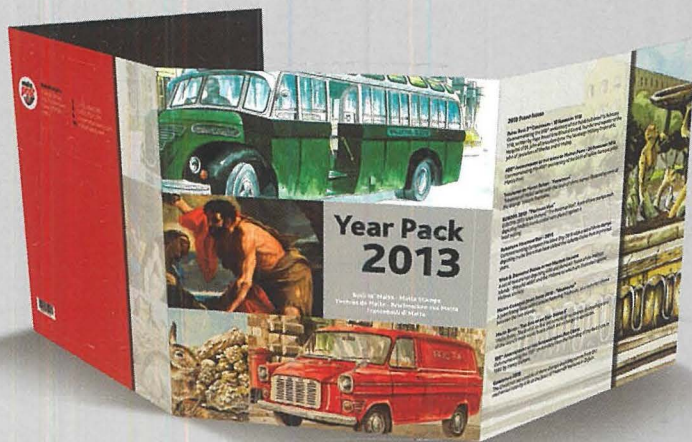


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# YEAR PACK 2013



This Year Pack contains all the stamps sets in mint condition that were issued in 2013.

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