

1933/36 - Malta Zeppelin Mail

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Confirmation Zeppelin Flight cachets on Malta Mail

1933.1st S.A.F

6-17 May



Blue

ROMFART Flight

29-30 May



Blue, Green
Violet, Black



Orange

Friedrichshafen arrival

30 May



Green

2nd S.A.F

3-13 June



Green

Berlin-Friedrichshafen



Red

3rd S.A.F-

1-17 July



Blue

6th S.A.F-

2-12 Sep



Black

3rd S.A.F

3-13 June



Violet

7th S.A.F-

16-26 Sep



Blue

4th S.A.F

5-15 Aug



Red

Berlin

Friedrichshafen



Red

5th S.A.F

19-29 Aug



Red

8th S.A.F

30 Sep-3 Oct



Indigo

14 - Oct - 2 Nov 1933, 50th Ocean crossing Flight to the Chicago World Exhibition, via: Brazil (Recife-Pern) 17/10, Recife - Rio de Janeiro 18/19, Rio - Recife 19/20, Recife - Miami 21/22, Miami - Akron 1st Landing-Chicago 23/25, Chicago - Akron 2nd Landing 26, Akron - Seville 28/31, Seville-Friedrichshafen 1/2 November 1933.



During 1933, only mail for the 2nd and 7th South America Flights L.Z 127 “Graf Zeppelin” to have been endorsed also, with the Berlin Frankfurt connecting Flight cachet, has been recorded up till now.

1934

Recorded Mail out of Malta recorded endorsed with the confirmation L.Z.127 cachets.

All Flights in 1934 had the same confirmation cachet except the 3rd-Argentina Flight, and 12th South America, Christmas Flight.

2 nd	4 th	6 th	11 th S.A.F	3 rd S.A- Argentina
9-19 June.	21-31 July.	18-28 Aug.	27 Oct 11 Nov.	23 June-6 July.



* b



* c



Violet

Both * b & * c in the cachets, mean that they were applied at Friedrichshafen prior to boarding.

1935

12th S.A. F
8-19 Dec

4th S.A.F
19-29 May

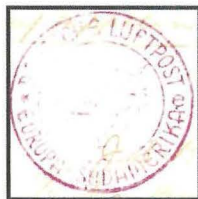
6th S.A. F
21 June

7th S.A.F
29 June 9 July

Christmas Flight



Green



* e Red



* c Red

Both * e and * c in the cachets, mean that they were applied at Friedrichshafen prior to boarding.

1936 L.Z. 129, “Hindenburg” 6-9 Sept 1936 to USA (Lakehurst)

1936 (6-9 Sept) There is no L.Z.129 “Hindenburg” confirmation cachet on this letter.

Mail to Malta

On the 18th of September 1928, the new dirigible, flying for the first time, was named “**GRAF ZEPPELIN**”, in honor of the Count.

On the 12th Oct 1928, at 07.30 am local time the **L.Z. 127 “Graf Zeppelin”** inaugurated its first long-range voyage crossing the Atlantic, to Lakehurst, New Jersey, U.S.A., completing the journey of 8050 km, without any problems, in 81 hours and two minutes.



The return flight **Lakehurst New Jersey to Germany** took place on the **28th October 1928**, arriving in **Friedrichshafen** on the **1st Nov 1928**.



Ex G. Coates, T. Camilleri

Return Flight 28 Oct 1929, of LZ 127 “**Graf Zeppelin**” from **Lakehurst New Jersey. NY.USA.**, to **Friedrichshafen - Germany**, showing the **FIRST FLIGHT AIR MAIL confirmation cachet in VIOLET**, arriving on the **1st Nov 1928**, in **Friedrichshafen** - on to **Malta**, arriving in **Sliema - Malta**, on the **5th Nov 1928**, as per arrival hand stamps on back, together with the postman’s personal number 32.



A. Fenech

1929 (22 AP) Germany (Magdeburg) - Seville (Med Flight)—Malta

Post card from Magdeburg Germany, with *on board post mark* 22nd April 1929 of the *L.Z. 127 Graf Zeppelin*, & *Zeppelin confirmation cachet in RED*, of its 1929 *Med Flight*, dropped at Seville Spain, and machine cancellation SEVILLE 24.4.29 on back, addressed Mr. F. Bentley, arriving in Malta on the 1/5/29. Mr. T. Camilleri has recorded a similar card.



T. Camilleri

1930 Pan American Flight, Friedrichshafen – Seville, First Landing -18/19 MY 1930

1930 (28 AP), Card posted in Wien on 28 AP 1930, machine cancellation.
 1930 (18 MY), left Friedrichshafen, showing confirmation Zeppelin cachet in RED, of - 1930 Pan American Flight, (SUDAMERIKA FAHRT) on to Seville, where it landed, on the 19th May at 17.17 hrs, delivering this card there for onward transmission to Malta, arriving in B'Kara - Malta on the 26 May 1930. A similar card has been recorded.

1931 (9-13 April) EGYPT Flight



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1931 (10 AP), L.Z. 127 "Graf Zeppelin" return Flight from Egypt.

1931 (10AP), Cover endorsed in manuscript "By Graf Zeppelin" sent from Cairo-Egypt bearing 27mils Egyptian stamp overprinted in violet "GRAF ZEPPELIN" AVRIL 1931 /100 cancelled by the special 10 AP 31 10-P/CAIRE/GRAF ZEPPELIN. Back stamped FRIEDRICHSHAFEN/ 13 4 31/7 - 8/ *BODENSEE*, arriving in Cospicua – Malta on 16th AP 31. It bears on the back also the post man's personal hand stamp No 15.

The following L Z 127 *Graf Zeppelin* cover is one of a set of four, addressed to Egypt's King Fouad, flown on the Palestine round trip, bearing the RED confirmation PYRAMID German Zeppelin Flight Cachet, franked with the 27 mils Egyptian Air Mail stamp overprinted in violet "GRAF ZEPPELIN"/ AVRIL 1931/100", and cancelled by the special 10 AP 31 19-P/GRAF ZEPPELIN / Cairo, or Port Said, or Alexandria, or Suez, both on the stamps and on the cover.



Ex Harmer – Gauss 2005

MAIL OUT OF MALTA

1933 (6-17 May), 1st South America Flight

L.Z. 127 "Graf Zeppelin" MALTA - BRAZIL (PERNAMBUCO)

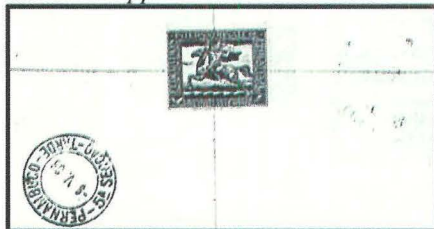


Ex Ancrim USA, ex G. Coates, T. Camilleri

1933 (6 May), This cover was sent to Malta by Mr F Buchal of Bad Salzalmen, Bad Magdeburg, who franked it with the Maltese and German stamps, handed it to the Welkenraedt Post Office, in Germany, to be sent *under cover to the Post Master General in Malta*, who on receiving it cancelled the Malta stamps with the double ring/killer block spacers - VALLETTA / MALTA / AP 19 / 33, and endorsed it in RED

"Posted at Welkenraedt / under cover to the Post Master General",

who posted it back to Germany, boarding the L.Z. 127 "Graf Zeppelin", 1st S.A.Flight on the 6th May 1933. The German stamps were cancelled by the black double ring FRIEDRICHSHAFEN /*BODENSEE*/ 6.5.33 20-21, and the confirmation Baron Zeppelin portrait cachet in BLUE applied.



Mr T. Camilleri has recorded a similar cover of the 1933 1st Flight, provenance unknown.

1933 (29-30 May) Italian ROMFAHRT FLIGHT MAIL TO MALTA

1933 (29 MY), the L.Z.127 “*Graf Zeppelin*” began its voyage bound for ROME – the “ROMFAHRT”.

It flew from *Friedrichshafen* over *Basle, Bescanon, the Rhone Valley and Marseille*. From there it traveled the coast crossing *Nice, Genoa, and Leghorn*, where it dropped mail, and landed at *Ciampino Airport* outside Rome at 4.30pm.

The “*on board post office*” delivered its mail to the Italian authorities and took on mail as well.



T. Camilleri

Card posted in the Netherlands, ROTTERDAM / 15.V.1933, and put on the L.Z. 127 “*Graf Zeppelin*” flight to Rome on the 29TH May 33, as per the FRIEDRICHSCHAFEN / Bodensee hand stamp, together with the confirmation Orange Romulus & Remus Graf Zeppelin ROMFAHRT- 1933 cachet.

It arrived in Malta 1st June 1933.

The Malta postman’s personal hand stamp “No 36”, is on the front.

At 7.30 pm the airship departed for Naples, but dropped mail over *Nettuno* instead, because of approaching nightfall. This mail was taken to Naples by other means.

For the Italy –ROMFAHRT return Flight, Italy issued six stamps with values 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, and 20 Lire. The Italian colonies of Cyrenaica, Tripolitania, and the Aegean Islands, each issued six stamps, with the same values as the Italian Issue. San Marino issued the same six values, and Greece issued 30,100, and 120 drachma stamps.

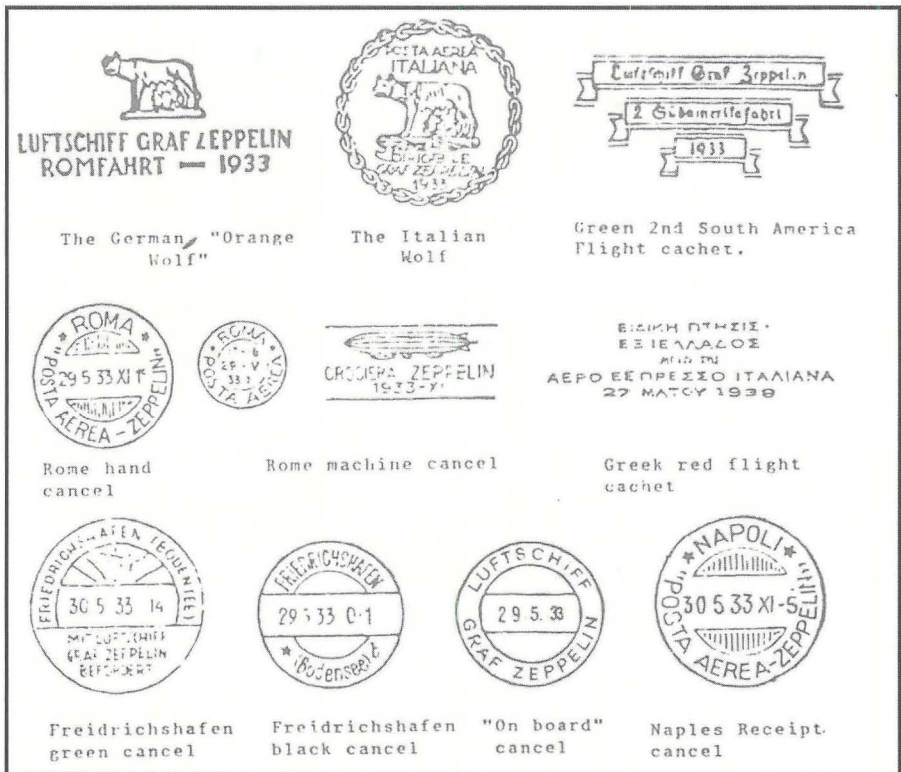
MAIL FROM MALTA TO EUROPE

Mail from Malta, for Europe, and for the second L.Z. 127 South America Flight, was loaded on the return Italian - Romfahrt Flight.

It had the following franking.

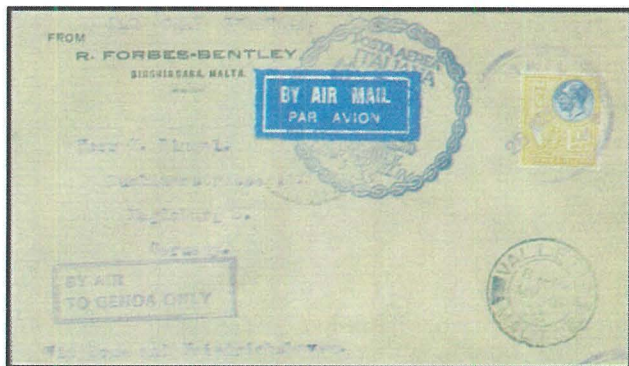
- Malta franking only for Europe.
- Mixed franking for Europe.
- Mixed franking for 2nd South America Flight via Rome & via Berlin.

These are the hand stamps found on the L.Z. 127 "Graf Zeppelin" ROMFAHRT – 1933 Flight to Rome and back to Friedrichshafen, for the connecting 2nd South American Flight.



MALTA – ROME – GERMANY (Friedrichshafen)

Malta franking only for Europe



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1933(26 May), Malta–Germany by Air to Genoa only, on to Rome, to board the Italian - ROMFAHR return Flight to Friedrichshafen, (29.5.33) and then on to Magdeburg.

It is franked only with one 4½d K.G.V, MALTA stamp.

No additional Italian stamps were added, either in Malta or in Rome.

Endorsed by the confirmation - ***VIOLET Romulus & Remus Italian Cachet***

Transit cancellations and Magdeburg arrival hand stamp on back.

Mixed franking for Europe



Provenance unknown

1933 (23 May), card sent from Malta to Rome, with mixed franking. The Malta KGV 2½d, cancelled by the ***VIOLET AIR MAIL / MALTA/ 23 MAY 1933***, endorsed with the ***VALLETTA*** dater in black hand stamps, to board the return flight (29.5.33), L.Z. 127 “Graf Zeppelin” ROMFAHRT-1933, endorsed by the confirmation ***Romulus & Remus cachet in Green***, and ***Friedrichshafen Green***, arrival hand stamp, the additional Italian 3 Lire Zeppelin & Vittorio Emanuel 75 cents stamps cancelled with the double black Italian ring ***ROMA / POSTA AEREA – ZEPPELIN***.



Ex Christies R.Lowe 1993, Ulrich Felzman 2006

1933 (23 May), Letter sent from Malta – Genoa – Rome - Germany, franked with K.G.V., ½d, & 6d Air Mail stamps cancelled by Violet AIR MAIL / MALTA / 23 MAY 1933 hand stamp, and black VALLETTA dater, by Air to Genoa only, which accidentally catches slightly the additional Italian 50c stamp, which proves that the Italian stamps were applied in Malta before departure. The Italian stamps were then cancelled by * AMB GENOVA MILANO* 5E Z B, to board the L Z 127 “Graf Zeppelin” ROMFAHRT-1933 return flight to Germany, confirmation Romulus & Remus GREEN cachet applied.



Ulrich Felzman 2006, T. Camilleri

1933 (23 May), Registered letter No 608, Malta - Rome, franked by K.G.V., ½d, 3d, 6d Air Mail, cancelled by Violet AIR MAIL / MALTA / 23 MAY 1933, plus additional Italian stamps, to board the return ROMEFHART -1933 Flight, with confirmation GREEN Romulus & Remus cachet, & Friedrichshafen Zeppelin (30.9.33) arrival hand stamp in green.



T. Camilleri

1933 (26 May), letter from Malta to Magdeburg / Germany, franked by KGV 4½d, stamp, cancelled by Violet AIR MAIL / MALTA, bearing VALLETTA dater, and Violet BY AIR to Genoa only, together with additional 5 Lire Italian Zeppelin stamp, cancelled by ROMA / POSTA AEREA - ZEPPELIN on 29th, to board the L.Z. 127 *Graf Zeppelin* return ROMFAHRT flight to Friedrichshafen, endorsed with the confirmation BLUE Romulus & Remus cachet, and on the back by the special Italian machine cancellation, and the GREEN arrival 30th Friedrichshafen post mark, arriving at its destination Magdeburg on the 31st.

1933 (3-13 June) 2nd South America Flight

Mixed Franking Malta–Rome–Friedrichshafen–Brazil(Pernambuco) via return of the ROMFAHRT - 1933 Flight (29.5.33), *but without the 2nd South America Flight Cachet in GREEN (German script)*



Ex Ulrich Felzman 2006, T. Camilleri

1933 (26 May), Reg letter No 880, sent from Malta to Pernambuco / Brazil via Rome, to board on the 29.5.33, the ROMFAHRT L.Z. 127 Zeppelin return Flight to Friedrichshafen (29.5.33), and connect with the 1933 Second South American Flight.

No hand stamp of this South America Flight was applied on this cover.

It left Malta with a mixed franking of KGV 6d stamp cancelled with the Violet AIR MAIL / MALTA / 26 MAY 1933 hand stamp, and a block of four of the Italian 3 Lire Zeppelin stamps cancelled at Rome, with the ROMA / POSTA AEREA – ZEPPELIN / 29 MAY 1933 hand stamp, where the BLUE Romulus & Remus Cachet was applied.

1933 (26 May) Malta - Brazil (Pernambuco)

Franked with K.G.V Malta 6d and 12 L Italian stamp, for the return ROMFAHRT L.Z. 127, with the confirmation Violet Romulus & Remus cachet to connect with the 1933 2nd S.A. Flight, Brazil (Perm.) at Friedrichshafen.

Mr. G.Orlandini has recorded an identical letter with Reg VALLETTA (MALTA) No873



Ex Harmer 1995, Ulrich Felzman 2006

He states that letters exist with L3, L5, L10, L15, L20, probably with Reg Nos 874 to 878. No 2nd South America cachet in Green (German Script) was endorsed on these letters.

Malta – ROME – LIMA / PERU



Ex Harmer 1995, Ulrich Felzman 2006

1933 (26 May), letter from Malta to LIMA / Peru, franked K.G.V., 6d, and cancelled by the VIOLET AIR MAIL / MALTA / 26 MAY 1933, to board the ROMFAHRT – 1933, L.Z. 127 “Graf Zeppelin” return flight, bearing additional Italian 20 Lire Zeppelin stamp, cancelled by the ROMA / POSTA AEREA - ZEPPELIN, together with the VIOLET Romulus & Remus to Friedrichshafen to connect with the 1933, 2nd South America Flight. This 2nd South America cachet in GREEN was not applied.

1933 (3-13June) Mixed Franking 2nd South America Flight, via Berlin, confirmed by, 2nd Anschluss Berlin / Friedrichshafen connecting Flight cachet in RED and the Three Line German Script South America cachet in Green.



Ex R. Lowe 1993, T. Camilleri

1933 (26 May) Malta to Pernambuco / Brazil, via BERLIN franked by KGV, 4½d cancelled by AIR MAIL / MALTA / 26 MAY 1933, and dated. This letter went via BERLIN, receiving 1933, 2nd Berlin / Friedrichshafen Flight connection cachet in RED. The 12 Lire Italian Zeppelin stamp is cancelled by the three line German script confirmation cachet of the 2nd South America Flight in GREEN. Pernambuco arrival date stamp–5.VI.33 Tarde(evening). As it was not collected it was sent back to Malta by the Poste Restante 26/6, “NON RECLAME”.





Ex Harmer 1995, Ex Gauss 2005

1933 (26 May), Letter from Malta to Pernambuco/Brazil, via Berlin bearing KGV 2½d Melita (Postage), pair K.G.V 1d, together with 10 & 3 Lire Italian Zeppelin stamps. The Melita stamp is cancelled faintly by the Violet Air Mail Malta hand stamp which also touched the 10 Lire Italian stamp. This proves that the Italian stamps were already on the envelope when posted in Malta, contrary to what was believed so far that they were franked in Rome, plus Malta datar. Same postal characteristics as the previous one.



Ex Harmer 1995

1933 (26 May) Malta to Brazil (Pernambuco), via Berlin, bearing Malta KCV 4½d, cancelled by the Violet Malta Air Mail, one 3 Lire & pair 5 Lire Italian Zeppelin stamps cancelled by the German three line script, 2nd South America Flight cachet in GREEN, and endorsed by the 1933 2nd Berlin / Friedrichshafen connection Flight cachet in RED. The Malta datar 26/MY/33 overlaps clearly the side of the Italian stamp. This proves that the Italian stamps were already on the envelope posted in Malta. Mr. G. Orlandini has recorded four other similar letters via Berlin having the same postal characteristics as the previous ones, but having different Italian franking, (block of 4 of the 5L, 5 & 10L, 12L, 15L).

The previous seven, and the following five letters, all have the mixed franking of **Malta and Italian stamps**. The Malta stamps cancelled by the **Violet Malta Air Mail** and the letters endorsed with the **Valletta** dater going first to **Berlin** where they were endorsed with the confirmation **1933, 2nd South America - Berlin / Friedrichshafen connection Flight cachet in RED**, and the **Italian - Zeppelin stamps** cancelled by means of the **2nd South America** confirmation **three line in German script cachet in Green**. They were addressed by **Mr Forbes Bentley to himself, c/o Poste Restante in Pernambuco – Brazil**, and as they were not collected, the Brazil P.O, on the 26th June, returned them to him. Air Mail back to Malta was not paid so they crossed the Air Mail Label to save on postage back to Malta, endorsing them (**NON RECLAME**) etc.



Ex Ulrich Felzman, 2006

1933 (1-17 July), 3rd South America Flight

The Malta Government Gazette No 196, of 2nd JUNE 1933, announced the following new Air Mail rates:

[No. 196.]

It is hereby notified that His Excellency the Governor in Council, availing himself of the powers vested in him by Article 12 of the Post Office Act 1924, has been pleased to direct that the air mail fee, in addition to postage, payable on mail matter posted in these Islands for transmission via Rome by the "Graf Zeppelin" air service to the undermentioned places be fixed as follows:—

To Brazil	Letters and Postcards { or fraction thereof. Other Articles { or fraction thereof.	2/4 for every 5 grams
		2/4 for every 25 grams
To Argentine Republic, Bolivia, Chili, Paraguay and Uruguay	Letters and Postcards { or fraction thereof. Other Articles { or fraction thereof.	2/9 for every 5 grams
		2/9 for every 25 grams

Air mail fees may be paid in ordinary postage stamps.

2nd June, 1933.

SALVAT. BORG OLIVIER,
Minister for Posts.

Si rende noto colla presente che Sua Eccellenza il Governatore in Consiglio, in esercizio dei poteri conferitigli coll'Articolo 12 dell'Atto Postale del 1924, si è compiaciuto di ordinare che la sovratassa, oltre l'affrancatura ordinaria, pagabile su corrispondenze impostate in queste Isole per trasmissione, via Roma, col servizio aereo "Graf Zeppelin" alle località qui sotto elencate sia fissata come segue:—

Per il Brasile	Lettere e Cartoline { o frazione. Altri oggetti { o frazione.	2/4 per ogni 5 grammi
		2/4 per ogni 25 grammi
Per l'Argentina, la Bolivia, il Chili, il Paraguay e l'Uruguay	Lettere e Cartoline { o frazione. Altri oggetti { o frazione.	2/9 per ogni 5 grammi
		2/9 per ogni 25 grammi

La sovratassa aerea può essere pagata mediante francobolli ordinari.

2 giugno, 1933.

SALVAT. BORG OLIVIER,
Ministro delle Poste.

This meant that as from the 2nd June 1933, Mail was going to be accepted at the Malta GPO, for the F.Z. 127 "Graf Zeppelin" - 3rd South America Flight, postage to be paid as per published rates for the whole trip for the first time.

Malta – Brazil (Pernambuco) 1 - 4 July.



Provenance unknown

Mr. F Buchal, of Bad Salzellen / Magdeburg the sender of this **Third Flight cover** was unaware of notice No 196, so he continued doing as he did in the past, (1933 1st Flight) by going to the **Post Office at Welkenraedt**, hand the cover with the mixed Maltese and German stamps on, to be sent "**under cover to the Post Master General in Malta**".

This envelope was received by the Post Master, Malta, who registered it **R. VALLETTA (MALTA) No 163**, giving the *sender* a Reference Number which was written in manuscript black ink, and recorded in a special register, - **G.P.O. Malta. Ref.1522/33. Letters posted in one batch belonging to the same individual all had the same reference number.**

Endorsed it with the red hand stamp

Posted at Welkenraedt,

Under cover to the Postmaster General

cancelled the Maltese stamps by the single black 24mm ring **G.P.O / MALTA/ JU 16 /33**, sending it back to Germany first by Air to Italy, then by train, the German stamps being cancelled by the oval train post mark (**FRANKFURT- BASEL / BAHNPOST /2.85 - 19.6.33**), boarding the *Zeppelin* on the 1st July as per confirmation cachet in **BLUE** of the 3rd South America Flight.

All the characteristics of this cover are the same as that on the 1933 1st South America Flight, and the 1933 4th South America Flight, but this cover was handed at Welkenraedt.

Malta - Germany. – Barcelona (Spain) - Germany.



T. Camilleri

1933 (20 JU), Letter sent by Mr. E Deckart, Sliema. Malta, by Air Mail to Mr. Fritz Gotzger, of Lindau, Germany, franked K.G.V 6d Air Mail, 2/- & Melita 2½d, 1d, cancelled by Violet AIR MAIL / MALTA, 19 JUN 1933, arriving in Rome on the 20th, Milano 21st, confirmation 3rd South America Flight cachet in BLUE and 1st July Friedrichshafen hand stamp applied. It traveled only up to Barcelona, as per RED hand stamp Friedrichshafen (Bodensee) Barcelona. Endorsed on back Barcelona 3 July, and arriving at destination Lindau 6 July 1933.

1933 (8JU), Malta - Barcelona - Switzerland

A similar cover, stopping at Barcelona, but sent to Mr. P Greis in SWITZERLAND, Registered VALLETTA / MALTA No 568, franked with KGV ½d, 6d, 6d Air Mail, 1/-, Melita 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d



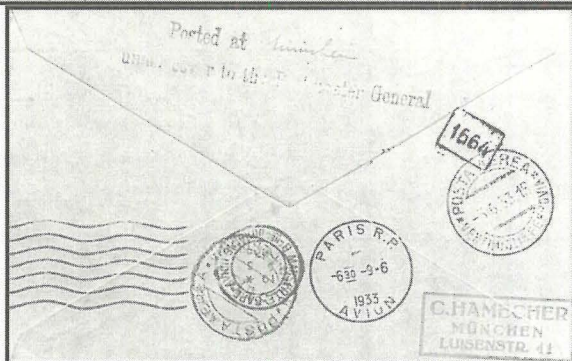
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MALTA-ARGENTINA(Buenos Aires) Rate 2/9 per 5 grams
 (1st July 1933) via Fried-Rio de Janeiro 5-6th, Rio-Buenos Aires 8th



A. Bonnici

1933 (1Ju) Cover MALTA - ARGENTINA (Buenos Aires), franked with KGV 1d, (2)4½d, 2/- = 2/10 cancelled by the Violet AIR MAIL / MALTA 1 JUN 1933, and dater VALLETTA / MALTA 8-PM / JU 1 33, leaving Rome on the 20 JU, and endorsed on the 1st July at Friedrichshafen together with the 3rd South America Flight Blue cachet. The letter was delivered at Brazil-Rio de Janeiro for onward transmission by hydroplane. It arrived in Buenos Aires - Argentina on the 8 July 1933.



Ex G. Coates

1933 (2 JU), Letter MALTA – ARGENTINA (Buenos Aires), written by Mr. C.HAMECHER, of Munich Germany, who handed this letter already franked with KGV Malta stamps - (3) 1d, (2) 1½d, 3d, (4) 6d, Air Mail, (correct rate 2/9) to the Munich Post Office, to be sent under cover to the Post Master General in Malta, who endorsed it:

Posted at München
Under cover to the Postmaster General,

Gave it a *G.P.O. Malta Reference No 1118/33*, hand written on the envelope in manuscript black ink, and registered it in a special register set up for this purpose.

The Malta stamps were cancelled with the Malta VIOLET AIR MAIL / MALTA / 2 JUN 1933 hand stamp, and the letter went back to Germany via Rome - 3.6.33., where it was taxed 50 cents, - T- T50c, - Marseilles - Paris 9.6.33, boarding the L. Z. 127 *Graf Zeppelin* on the 1st July 1933, as per FRIEDRICHSHAVEN hand stamp, and the confirmation 3rd South America Flight BLUE Cachet applied.



A. Fenech

1933 (26 JU), Malta UPU Post Card to – Argentina (Buenos Aires), addressed to Mr. R.F Bentley, franked with K.G.V, 1½d, 3d, 2/6 = 2/10½d, cancelled ring VALLETTA / MALTA / 8-PM /JU 26 / 33, endorsed at Friedrichshafen where the confirmation 3rd South America Flight cachet in BLUE was applied. Mr. J. Pullicino has recorded a similar card Reg No 412, to Mr. Davies franked 1½d, 3/-=3/1½d, cancelled G.P.O/Malta. A Reg. letter Valletta No. 416 to J. Davis franked K.G.V., 3/- & 2½d has been recorded. **MALTA – BRAZIL (Rio de Janeiro) 1-6 July F 315/6, Rate 2/4 per 5 grams**



A. Bonnici

1933 (26JU) MALTA–BRAZIL (Rio de Janeiro), Registered VALLETTA / MALTA. No 432, franked with KGV, ½d, 3d, 2/6, = 2/9½d cancelled by G.P.O/ MALTA / JU 26/33 endorsed at FRIEDRICHSHAFEN on the 1st July 1933, together with the confirmation cachet of the 3rd South America Flight L.Z.127, in BLUE, arriving in Brazil (Rio de Janeiro) on the 5th JULY 1933, as per hand stamp on the back Six other similar letters bearing Reg No 433 to 438 have been recorded.



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1933 (30 JU), MALTA – BRAZIL (Rio de Janeiro), Registered VALLETTA (MALTA) No 212, franked by KGV 1½d, 6d Air Mail, 2/- = 2/7½d stamps cancelled by G.P.O. / MALTA / 30 JU 1933, endorsed at Friedrichshafen on the 1st July 1933, together with the Confirmation 3rd South America – L. Z. 127 Graf Zeppelin Flight cachet. It bears in manuscript black ink G.P.O. Malta /Ref: 1408/33.

MALTA – BRAZIL (Recife) 1-5 July F 315, Rate 2/4 per 5 grams



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1933 (30 JU) MALTA – BRAZIL (Recife), Registered letter VALLETTA (MALTA) R. 220, franked KGV 1½d, Air Mail 6d, 2/- = 2/7½d, cancelled by G.P.O. / MALTA / 30 JUN / 33, by Air to Rome, endorsed on the 1st July 1933 at Friedrichshafen, confirmation 3rd S.A. Flight cachet in Blue. & black ink Reference No, G.P.O. Malta / Ref: 1408/33. Brazil-Recife arrival date hand stamp on back. Mr. John Pullicino has recorded two similar letters, to same person, one Reg No 217 franked K.G.V. 1½d, 6d, 2/- = 2/7½d, and the another Reg No 112, franked K.G.V, 6d, 2/6 with same postal cachets.

MALTA – BRAZIL (Recife-Pernambuco) Rate 2/4 per 5 grams



Ex G. Coates

1933 (26 JU), Letter from Mr. S. Davis addressed to himself c/o Messrs H Stoltz, Malta - Brazil, Registered VALLETTA / (MALTA) No 429, franked with KGV ½d, 3d, 2/6 = 2/10½d cancelled by G.P.O / MALTA / JUN 26, by Air to Rome (28.6.33), endorsed on the 1st July by the Friedrichshafen hand stamp and the confirmation 3rd South America BLUE cachet

Transit Italian hand stamps and PERNAMBUCO – MANHA – BRAZIL arrival stamp. Four other identical covers bearing Registration Numbers 425 to 428 have been recorded. Mr. J Pullicino he also recorded an identical one Reg No 96 to Mr. Steinman franked K.G.V. 1½d, 2/6 = 2/7½d.



A. Fenech

1933 (26 JU), 1½d K.G.V, U.P.U. Malta Postal Card addressed to Messrs Herman Stoltz, in Recife Pernambuco – Brazil, plus K.G.V 4d & 2/- = 2/5½d, cancelled by Black double ring VALLETTA / MALTA / 8-PM /JU26 / 33, endorsed on the 1st July 33, by the Friedrichshafen hand stamp and the confirmation 3rd South America Flight BLUE cachet On the front PERNAMBUCO 4/V11 arrival stamp. Mr. J. Pulicino has recorded two more cards to Mr. Stoltz, and a letter franked K.G.V ½d, 2/6 = 2/6½d.



A. Fenech

1933(1 JU) letter from Forbes Bentley to himself c/o Poste Restante, Franked K.G.V, 1d, 4½d, 2/- = 2/5½d, cancelled by AIR MAIL / MALTA / 1 JUN 1933, endorsed on the 1/7 at Friedrichshafen and the confirmation 3rd South America Flight Blue cachet It was not collected NONRECLAME. On the back Rome and PERNAMBUCO 4 /V11 AND Poste Restante hand stamps.

Identical cover has been recorded Robson Lowe 9 Jan 1993 sale Lot No 1473 & stamp auctions April 2006 lot No. 3455, both franked K.G.V., 2/6 & ½d = 2/6 ½d.

Mr. J. Pulicino has recorded a Malta 1½d U.P.U. card same address, franked 4½d, 2/- = 2/5½d with same cachets.

Malta - Brazil (Bahia-Salvador) Rate 2/4 per 5 grams



Harmer London 2006

1933 (26 JU),Malta – Brazil (Bahia), Registered VALLETTA (MALTA) No 223, franked 1½d, 6d Air Mail, 2/- = 2/7½d, cancelled by G.P.O. / MALTA 26 JU 33, endorsed 1 July 1933, Friedrichshafen and confirmation of 3rd South America BLUE Flight cachet, manuscript reference number G.P.O. Malta, Ref 1408/33 endorsed on the back with Italy transit post marks, and Black BAHIA SALVADOR 5/V11/33, AND VIOLET SERVICIO TRANSATLANTICO AEREO / JULHO CONDOR ZEPPELIN 1.9.3.3.

MALTA - BRAZIL (Curitiba) Rate 2/4 per 5 grams



R. Lowe 1993

1933 (26 JU) MALTA – BRAZIL (Curitiba), Reg letter VALLETTA (MALTA) No 222, franked 1½d, 6d Air Mail, 2/- = 2/7½d, cancelled G.P.O / MALTA / 26 JU 33, endorsed 1st July 33 Friedrichshafen, and confirmation 3rd South America Flight BLUE cachet, together with CURITIBA 7.V11.33 arrival hand stamp on front. *It bears the same G.P.O.Malta Ref No as the previous letter to BAHIA, 1408/33, which proves that this Ref No refers to a group of letters handed together.*

MALTA – BRAZIL (Santos) Rate 2/4 per 5 grams



T. Camilleri

1933 (2 JU), MALTA – BRAZIL (Santos), Reg VALLETTA (MALTA) No 90, franked with K.G.V. 1d, 2½d, 2/6 = 2/9½d, cancelled VIOLET AIR MAIL / MALTA / 2 JU 33, by Air to Rome, (3.6.33), to Livorno (3.6), Torino(3.6), Milano (4.6) &(5.6), Endorsed with 1/7 Friedrichshafen, and confirmation 3rd South America cachet. Italian transit hand stamps on back, & Santos 6th July arrival hand stamp, G.P.O, Malta Ref No.825/33. Mr. E. Abela is in possession of an identical letter with Reg. Valletta No. 93. Probably Reg No 91 & 92 also exist. The G.P.O. Ref No. 823/33 is the same.

MALTA – URUGUAY (Montevideo) Rate 2/9 per 5 grams



T. Camilleri

1933 (23 JU), MALTA–URUGUAY (Montevideo), 1½d K.G.V. Malta UPU Card, plus K.G.V, 3/- stamp = 3/1½d, cancelled by G.P.O. / MALTA / 23 JU 33, Reg VALLETTA (MALTA) R405, endorsed in Germany by the 1st July Friedrichshafen, confirmation of the 3rd S.A. Flight cachet in BLUE, & SERVICIO TRANSATLANTICO AEREO / JULIO CONDOR ZEPPELIN 1-9-3-3 Italian transit & Montevideo 6-8th July 1933 on back.

Malta - Chile (Valparaiso) Rate 2/9 per 5 grams

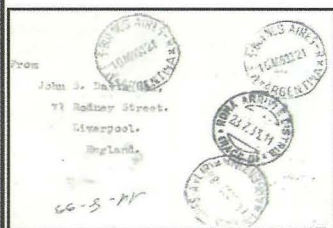


Courtesy of J. Pullicino, provenance unknown

1933 (28 Ju) Malta - Chile (Valparaiso), Letter Reg VALLETTA (MALTA) No. 414 franked K.G.V, 2½d, 3/- = 3½d, cancelled G.P.O.MALTA / JU 28 /33, endorsed at Friedrichshafen on the 1/7/33, and the confirmation 3rd S.A. Flight cachet in BLUE. Transit and arrival hand stamps not seen.

1933 (5-15 August), 4th South America Flight.

MALTA – ARGENTINA (Buenos Aires) Rate 2/9 per 5 grams



T. Camilleri

1933 (25 JY), MALTA – ARGENTINA (Buenos Aires), 1933 1½d UPU Malta Card VALLETTA (MALTA) R No 769, franked with additional K.G.V, 3/- = 3½d, cancelled with the VIOLET AIR MAIL /MALTA/ 25 JULY /33, going via Rome (28/7), endorsed on the 5th August 1933 at FRIEDRICHSHAFEN and confirmation 4th South America Flight cachet in RED. This letter was handed in Brazil-Rio de Janeiro for onward transmission by hydroplane, arriving in Argentina (Buenos Aires) on the 10th August 1933, endorsed on front CERTIFICADOS / 239 / CENTRA.

MALTA-BRAZIL (Recife-Pernambuco) Rate 2/4 per 5 grams



A. Bonnici

1933 (25 JY), 1½d UPU MALTA Post Card addressed to *Messrs Herman Stoltz*, plus 4d and 2/- K.G.V stamps=2/5½d cancelled by the VIOLET / AIR MAIL / MALTA / 25 JUL 33 hand stamp, with *Perforated BLUE LABEL VIA ZEPPELIN / FREIDRICHSHAFEN*, where on the 5th August it was endorsed together with the confirmation 4th South American Flight cachet. Arrival hand stamps on front 8th August - CORREIO AEREO / BRAZIL PERNAM, & PERNAMBUCO / SECCAO / CORR AEREO & CORREIO AEREO / 4a.S.TARDE – PERNAMBUCO

Mr. J. Pullicino has recorded another two cards identical to the one above and another to Mr. Davis, Reg VALLETTA (MALTA) No 771.



Ex G. Coates

1933 (25 JY), MALTA - BRAZIL (Recife-Pernambuco) Letter having the same postal characteristics as the one above, addressed same person, but franked K.G.V, ½d and 2/6, and having the arrival hand stamp of the 8 VIII/ PERNAMBUCO/ SECGAO – TARDE

Mr. J.Pullicino has recorded a similar letter identical in all respects to the above.



Ulrich Felzman 2006.

1933 (27 JY), MALTA-BRAZIL (Recife). Identical card to the previous one, Registered No 349, having the same postal characteristics, franked (2) ¼d, 1d, 1/-, 1/6 = 2/7½d with the same RED G.P.O. Malta Ref: 1659/33, in manuscript RED ink.



T. Camilleri

1933 (20 JY), Letter Malta - Brazil(Pernambuco), from Mr. Buchal who handed it at *Bad Salzgelmen P.O* with Malta K.G.V, 1/- 1/6, Melita 1d and 2½d, = 2/9½, to be forwarded *under cover to the Post Master General in Malta*, who on receiving it, endorsed it, cancelled the Malta Stamps, gave it a Ref No *G.P.O. Malta Ref: No 1555/33*, and sent it back to Germany where it was endorsed on the 5th August at *FRIEDRICHSHAFEN* and confirmation of the 4th South America Flight cachet in Red. Italian transit and *PERNAMBUCO/SECCAO-MANHA / 9 VIII 33* hand stamps.

MALTA - BRAZIL (Curitiba-Parana) Rate 2/4 per 5 grams



Ex R. Lowe 1993, Ulrich Felzman 2006

1933 (25 JY), MALTA – BRAZIL (Curitiba – Parana), Reg letter No 367, franked with K.G.V. (2) ¼ d, 1d, (2) Air Mail 6d, 1/6=2/7½d, cancelled by single ring 24mm G.P.O / MALTA / JY 25 33, endorsed by the 5th August 1933 FREIDRICHSHAFEN and confirmation of the 4th South America Flight cachet in RED. The arrival hand stamp - PARANHA CORREIO AEREO – CURITIBA / 11 VIII 33, was applied on the front. On the back, Italian and South America transit hand stamps.

Mr.J.Pulicino has recorded a similar letter identical in all respects but Reg VALLETTA (MALTA) No 366.

MALTA-BRAZIL (Rio de Janeiro) Rate 2/4 per 5 grams



Provenance unknown

1933 (31 JY), MALTA - BRAZIL (Rio de Janeiro), franked with (2) ¼d, 2d, Air Mail 6d, 2/-=2/8½d, cancelled by VIOLET Air Mail / Malta/ 31 JUL 1933, dater 28 mm VALLETTA / MALTA / 10.30 AM/ JY31 / 33, endorsed with the 5th August 1933 Friedrichshafen, and confirmation of the 4th South America Flight cachet in Red.



A. Fenech

1933 (31 JUL), Malta – Brazil (Rio de Janeiro), Reg VALLETTA (MALTA), No 1228, franked K.G.V. 2d, 3d, Air Mail 6d, 2/-= 2/11½d, cancelled by the VIOLET AIR MAIL /MALTA / 31 JYL 1933, endorsed on the 5th August at Friedrichshafen, and confirmation of the 4th South America Flight cachet in Red was applied, arriving in Brazil on the 9.VIII.33, as per hand stamp on back.

1933(19-29 August) 5th South America Flight

MALTA – BRAZIL (Recife–Pernambuco) Rate 2/4 per 5 grams



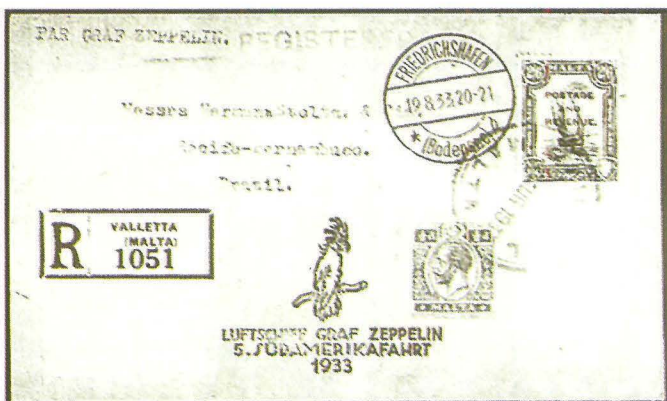
1933 (14 AU), Malta – Brazil (Recife – Pernambuco)

Franked by K.G.V. ½d, and 2/6, stamps = 2/6½d, cancelled by VIOLET AIR MAIL MALTA / 14 AUG 1933, and Malta dater, endorsed with the 19th August 1933 FRIEDRICHSHAFEN and the confirmation 5th South America cachet in RED - "PARROT". It is endorsed on the back by the Italian machine cancellation ROMA – DISTRIBUZIONE – 0-11 16-VIII 33 and PERNAMBUCO – 4A-SECCAO-TARDE(evening) arrival hand stamp.



T. Camilleri

Mr. J.Pulicino has recorded two identical letters in all respect to the above, together with a K.G.V.1½d Malta UPU card franked with additional K.G.V./4d, & 2/- = 2/5½d, and a letter addressed to Herr Stoltz, Registered VALLETTA(MALTA) No 480, franked with K.G.V.1½d, 6d Air Mail, and (2) Melita 1/- = 2/7½d.



Ex R. Lowe 1993

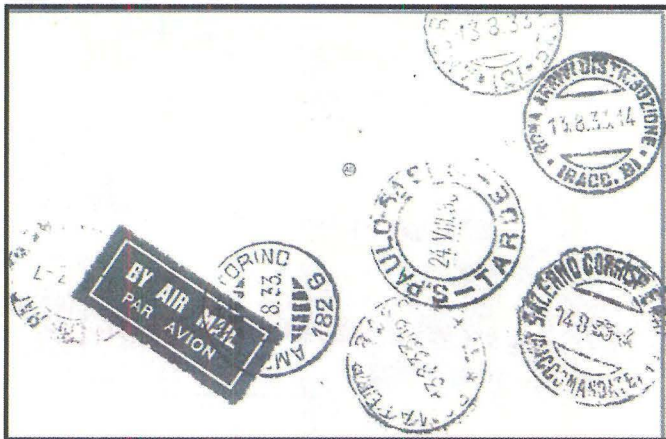
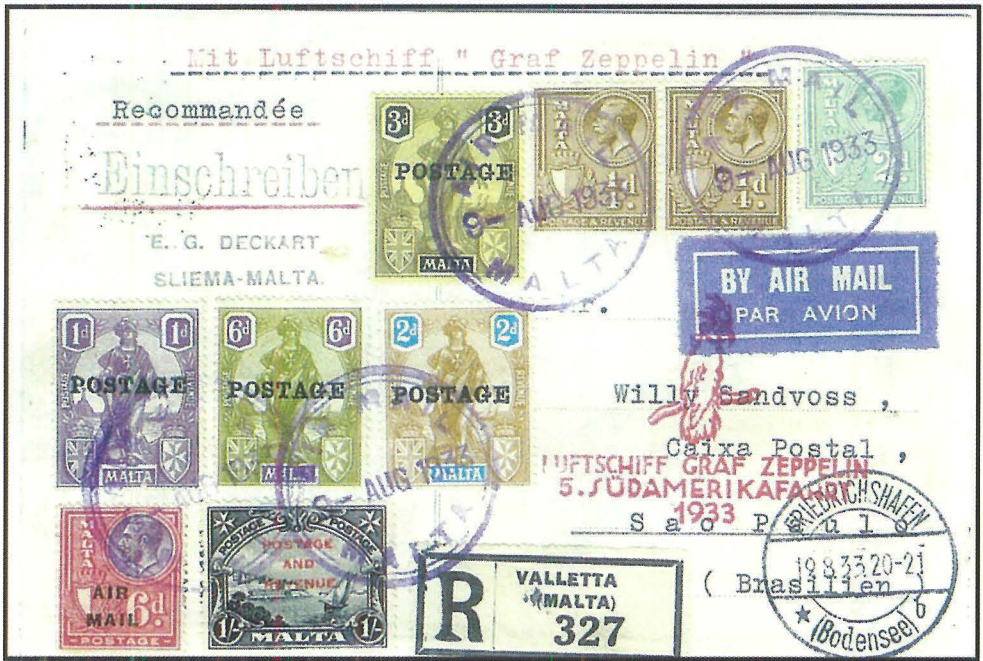
1933 (14 AU), Malta – Brazil (Recife – Pernambuco), Reg Letter VALLETTA (MALTA) No 1051 having the same franking and postal characteristics to previous one. Mr. J Pullicino has recorded a similar letter in all respects to the above but Reg VALLETTA (MALTA) No 1050.



A. Bonnici

1933 (9 AU), Malta – Brazil (Pernambuco), Letter franked with K.G.V 1/2d and Melita 2/6=2/6 1/2d, cancelled with the Violet AIR MAIL/MALTA/ 9 AUG 1933, and Sliema datar, endorsed on the 19th August 1933, at Friedrichshafen, and confirmation 5th South America Flight cachet in RED applied. Roma transit and Pernambuco 22 August 1933 arrival hand stamps on back. Mr. J. Pullicino has recorded another letter franked K.G.V, 1/2d, 3d, Melita 2/6 = 2/9 1/2d, and Registered SLIEMA (MALTA) No 486.

Malta - Brazil (Sao Paulo) Rate 2/4 per 5 grams



A. Fenech

1933 (9 AU), Malta - Brazil (Sao Paulo), Reg VALLETTA (MALTA) No 327, franked with K.G.V. stamps 1d, 2d, 3d, 6d, Air Mail 6d, 1/-, Melita (2) 1/4d, 2d=2/8 1/2d, cancelled by VIOLET/AIR MAIL/MALTA/ 9 AUG1933 to Rome, endorsed on the 19th August 1933 at Friedrichshafen and confirmation of the 5th South America cachet in Red. Italian transit and arrival S PAULO 24.VIII.33 hand stamps on back.

1933 (2 -12 September), 6th South America Flight
 MALTA-BRAZIL (Curitiba-Parana) Rate 2/4 per 5 grams



A. Bonnici

1933 (19 AU), Malta – Brazil (Curitiba – Parana), Reg letter No 460 franked K.G.V, 1½d, and 2/6=2/7½d, cancelled by 24 mm ring G.P.O. / MALTA / AU 19 / 33, Air Mail to Genova (21/8) , Rome(21/8) , Milano (1/9), endorsed on the 2nd September 1933 at Friedrichshafen, and confirmation of the 6th South America Flight Zeppelin cachet in Black, with Reference Reg No G.P.O. Malta Ref No; 1835/33. Curitiba 8.9.33 arrival hand stamp on front. Italian transit and Curitiba arrival date stamps on back.



T. Camilleri

1933 (19 AU), Malta – Brazil (Curitiba – Parana) Reg Letter no 457, from Mr. H.L.S.Adams addressed to Mr. Schneker, having the same franking and postal characteristics as the previous one.

The G.P.O Ref No 1835/33, is the same as the one on the previous cover

The Registration Number on this letter is 457 probably there exists covers bearing Registration No. 458, & 459.

MALTA – BRAZIL (Recife) Rate 2/4 per 5 grams



Ex G. Coates

1933 (19 AU), Malta – Brazil (Recife), Reg Card No 465, franked K.G.V., 1½ d, 6d, 2/-, =2/7½d cancelled by 24mm single ring G.P.O / MALTA / AU 19 / 33, by AIR to Rome, endorsed on the 2 September 1933 at Friedrichshafen and confirmation of the 6th South America Zeppelin Flight cachet in Black. Italian transit and PERNAMBUCO- SECCAO-MANHA, 6.IX.33, arrival hand stamps on front.

MALTA – BRAZIL (to be collected on board)



Provenance unknown

1933 (8 AU), Official (Mit Luftschiff "Graf Zeppelin") card from Malta to be collected by addressee Mr. Alb. Thasler on board the Zeppelin, Registered SLIEMA (MALTA) No 483, franked with Melita, 1d, 2d, and 3d overprinted POSTAGE and 3d overprinted Two pence half penny & (2) 1/- = 2/11, cancelled by VIOLET AIR MAIL / MALTA / 8 AUG endorsed on the 2nd September 1933 at Friedrichshafen, and the confirmation 6th South America Zeppelin cachet in Black.

MALTA – BRAZIL (Pernambuco) Rate 2/4 per 5 grams

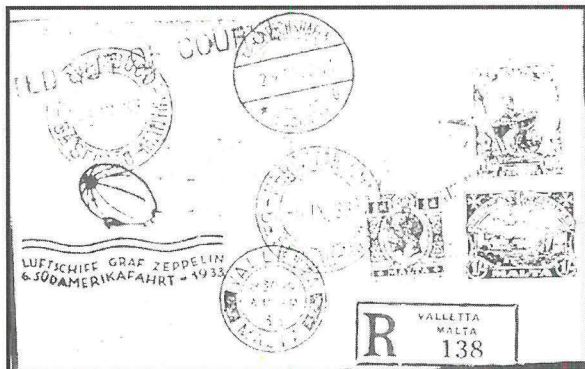


A. Fenech

1933 (9 AU), Malta- Brazil (Pernambuco), Reg letter SLEIMA (MALTA) No 485 franked Melita / Postage 1d, 2/6, 1/2d = 2/7 1/2d, cancelled by the VIOLET AIR MAIL/ MALTA / 9 AUG 1933, dater SLEIMA B.O., endorsed on the 2nd September 1933 at Friedrichshafen and the confirmation of the 6th Flight "Zeppelin" Cachet in black. Pernambuco arrival date stamp 6.IX.33 on front. Italian transit hand stamps on back.

MALTA – BRAZIL (Recife-Pernambuco) Rate 2/4 per 5 grams

POSTED OUT OF COURSE



Ex R. LOWE 1993,

1933 (29 AU) Malta - Brazil (Recife – Pernambuco) Registered Valletta (MALTA) No 138, franked K.G.V. 1d, 2½d, 1/- 1/6 = 2/9½d cancelled by the Violet AIR MAIL / MALTA 29 AUG 1933, and dater in black, endorsed on the 2 September 1933 at Friedrichshafen, and confirmation of the 6th South America Zeppelin cachet in black, arrival date stamp PERNAMBUCO/ 5A – SECCAO – MANHA / 6.IX.33. POSTED OUT OF COURSE, hand stamp.

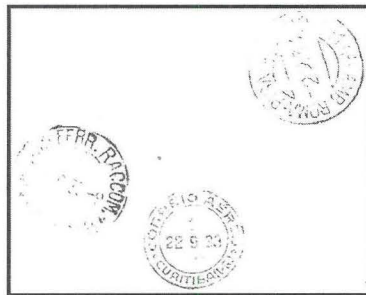


E. Abela

1933 (29 AU) Malta-Brazil (Recife-Pernambuco), franked K.G.V 2d, 4½d, 2/- = 2/6½d cancelled by the Violet AIR MAIL / MALTA / 29 AUG 1933, and dater endorsed on the 2 September 1933 at Friedrichshafen and 6th South America Zeppelin Flight Black cachet. Endorsed on the back, with Italian and arrival Pernambuco hand stamps.

1933 (16 -26 Sept), 7th SOUTH AMERICA FLIGHT

MALTA – BRAZIL (Curitiba) Rate 2/4 per 5 grams

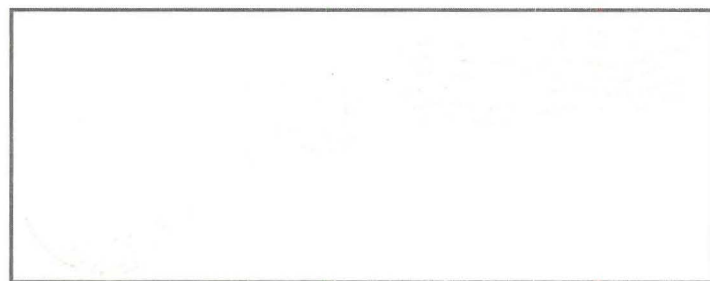


A. Bonnici

1933 (31 AU) Malta Brazil (Curitiba) - Reg Letter VALLETTA (MALTA) No 507, franked K.G.V. 3d, 4½d, 6d = 2/7½d - Air Mail block of four, cancelled Violet Air Mail / Malta, 31 AUG 1933, plus G.P.O. Malta Ref No 1939/33, endorsed on the 16 / 9 / 33 at Friedrichshafen, together with the 1933 7th South America Flight cachet in BLUE, on the back transit and arrival hand stamps.

An identical letter from the same person to the same person, bearing the same postage stamps, and G.P.O. Ref No 1939/33, but without a Registration label, is being shown on page 47.

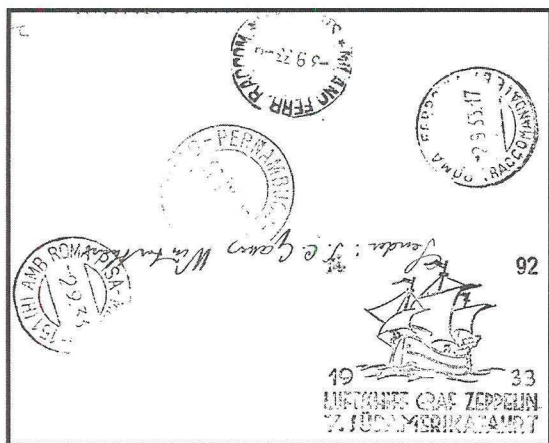
Malta – Brazil (Pernambuco) Rate 2/4 per 5 grams



Ex G. Coates, A. Fenech

1933 (31 AU), MALTA - BRAZIL (Pernambuco), Letter franked by K.G.V, ½d Melita, 2/6, = 2/6½d cancelled by single ring black SLIEMA B.O / MALTA / 10-AM / 31 AU 33, with dater, went to ROME, 3/9, VIA LONDON, (no date) to BERLIN, (no date) by plane to Friedrichshafen where it was endorsed with the connecting 1933 7th SOUTH America Flight - Double "Hexagonal" ANSCHLUSSFLUG 7th South America in CARMINE, to board on the 16 September at Friedrichshafen the 7th South America Flight, where it was endorsed with the Official BLUE Columbus Cachet. Transit Italian and arrival S.A black double ring PERNAMBUCO – SECCAO- TARDE 19.IX.33 hand stamp on back.

MALTA – BRAZIL (Recife) Rate 2/4 per 5 grams



T. Camilleri

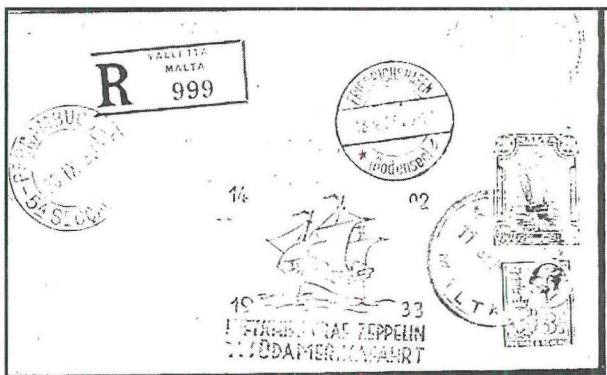
1933 (11 Sep) Malta – Brazil (Recife), Reg card VALLETTA (MALTA), No 700, franked with K.G.V, ¼d, 3d, 2/6 = 2/9½d endorsed on the 16 September 1933 at Friedrichshafen, and Milano transit. On the back confirmation of the 7th South America “Columbus” Flight cachet in BLUE, together with Italian transit, & South America arrival date stamp.

Identical card has been recorded by Ulrich Felzman 2006.

Mr. J. Pulicino has recorded a K.G.V, 1½d UPU card with additional 1d, & 2/- = 2/2½d, and a Reg letter VALLETTA (MALTA) No 778 franked ¼d, 3d, & 2/6, = 2/9½d addressed to Mr. Albert Hasler.

Malta – Brazil Recife-Pernambuco) Rate 2/4 per 5 grams

1933 (11SEP), Malta – Brazil (Recife – Pernambuco), Reg Letter, VALLETTA / MALTA No 999, to Messrs Stoltz, franked with K.G.V, ½d, 3d, and 2/6 = 2/9½d, cancelled by AIR MAIL / MALTA / 11 SEP 1933, endorsed on the 16 September 1933, at Friedrichshafen together with the 7th South America “Columbus” Flight Cachet in BLUE, and the arrival R. Lowe 1993 date in PERNAMBUCO / SECCAO 20th October on FRONT. Italian transit hand stamps on back.



Malta- Brazil (Curitiba- Parana) Rate 2/4 per 5 grams



T. Camilleri

1933 (31 AU), Malta – Brazil (Curitiba)

Identical letter, same address same franking same postal characteristics as the one on page 44.

**1933(30Sep-10Oct) 8th SOUTH AMERICA FLIGHT
Malta – Brazil (Pernambuco) Rate 2/4 per 5 grams**



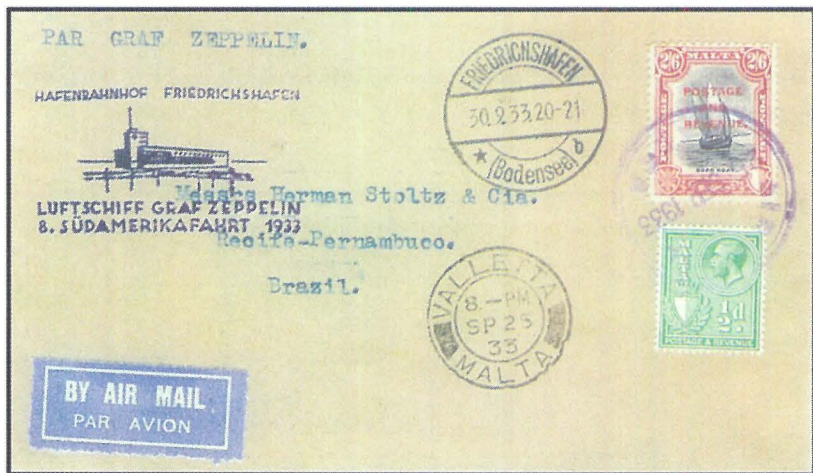
A. Bonnici

Air Mail, Malta/ 25 AUG 1933, and SLIEMA B.O dater, endorsed on the 30th September at FRIEDRICHSHAFEN and the confirmation of the 8th, South America Flight "Railway" Cachet in Violet, arriving in PERNAMBUCO on the 3rd October 1933, as per arrival hand stamp applied on the front.

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Malta – Brazil (Recife – Pernambuco) Rate 2/4 per 5 grams



A. Fenech

1933 (25 SP), Malta – Brazil (Recife-Pernambuco), Letter franked with K.G.V. ½d, 2/6 = 2/6½d, cancelled by the Violet AIR MAIL / MALTA / 25 SEP 1933, endorsed on the 30th September at Friedrichshafen, together with the 8th South America “Railway” Flight cachet in violet, arriving in Brazil Pernambuco on the 3 October 33.

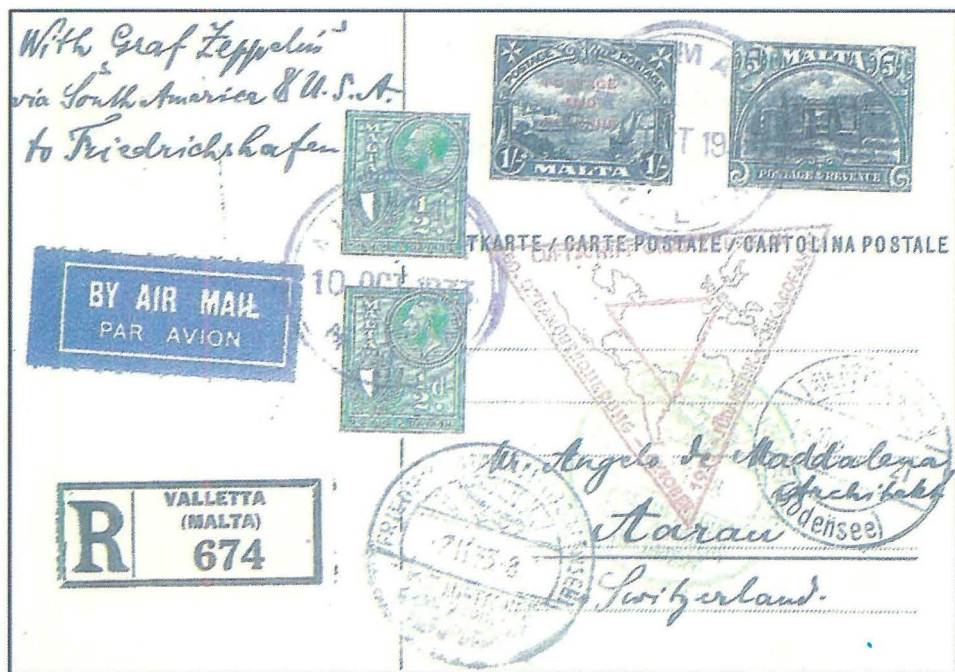


T. Camilleri

1933 (25 SP), 1½d UPU Malta Card addressed to the same person Messrs Stoltz, and having the same characteristics to above, but franked K.G.V. (2) 2d, 2/- = 2/5½d. Mr. J. Pullicino has recorded two identical cards with all the postal characteristics to the one above, but the post marks are in a different position.

1933 (14 OCT–2 NOV) 9th SOUTH AMERICA Flight Known also as Century of Progress Flight,

Mr A. Fenech has recorded the following card which did the round trip;
Friedrichshafen – South America - USA– Friedrichshafen.

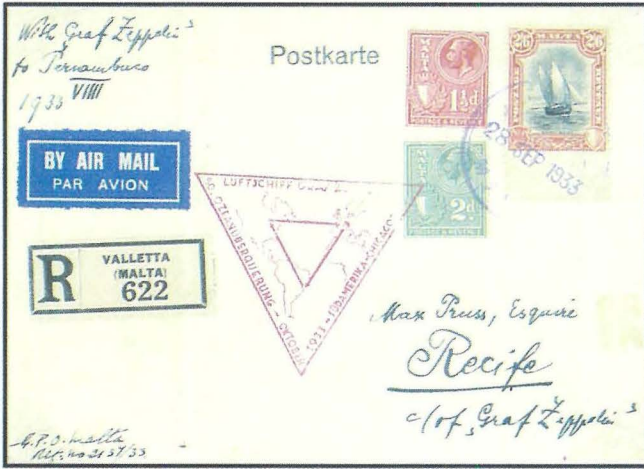


• Provenance unknown

1933 (10 OCT) Card Malta - Switzerland to go via: Friedrichshafen - South America – USA -Friedrichshafen - Switzerland (Aaran.)

Registered VALLETTA (MALTA) No 674, franked K.G.V. (2) ½d, 1/-, 5/- = 6/1d, cancelled by Violet AIR MAIL / MALTA 10 OCT 1933, endorsed on arriving at Friedrichshafen by the Green Friedrichshafen hand stamp(faint), and on leaving endorsed on the 14th October 1933 with the Black Friedrichshafen , together with the Triangular Europe /America /South America cachet in RED, and on arriving back on the 2nd November 1933, by the Friedrichshafen arrival hand stamp in Black. Probably on the back there are other American and South America transit hand stamps, which I did not see.

MALTA – BRAZIL (Recife) Rate 2/4 per 5 grams



T. Camilleri

1933 (28 SEP) Malta Brazil (Recife-Pernambuco) Postcard Reg VALLETTA (MALTA) No 622, franked 1½d, 2d, 2/6, = 2/9½d, cancelled Violet AIR MAIL / MALTA / 28 SEP 1933, with manuscript *G.P.O. Malta Ref: No 2137/33*, by Air via Rome-Pisa 31/9, Milano 1/10 leaving Friedrichshafen on the 14th October 1933, endorsed with the confirmation **Triangular Europe – South America – USA – Europe** cachet in **Red**, arriving Recife Pernambuco on the 17th October 1933.

MALTA – BRAZIL (Recife-Pernambuco) Rate 2/4 per 5 grams



Ulrich Felzman 2006

1933 (8 OCT), Malta-Brazil (Recife-Perna), 1½d UPU Malta Postal Card addressed to H Stoltz, franked K.G.V. 4d, 2/- = 2/5½ d, cancelled with Violet AIR MAIL/MALTA/ 8 OCT 1933, dater VALLETTA 7PM/OC9/33, via Rome, Milano 13/10, endorsed on the 14th Oct 1933 at Friedrichshafen, together with the confirmation **Triangular cachet** in **RED**. Arrival PERNAMBUCO 17th October hand stamp on back. *Similar card but address written in manuscript featured in Koehler Auctions May 2006.*

MALTA-BRAZIL (Pernambuco) Rate 2/4 per 5 grams



A. Bonnici

1933 (7 OCT), Malta – Brazil (Pernambuco), Postal card, to Albert Thasler franked with K.G.V., 4½d, (2) 1/-=2¼d cancelled with Violet AIR MAIL / MALTA / 7 OCT 1933, dater SLIEMA B.O. VIA Rome, Milan 13/10, endorsed on the 14th Oct 1933 at Friedrichshafen, together with the 9th Triangular cachet in Red, arriving in PERNAMBUCO on the 17th as per hand stamps on front.

Malta – Brazil (Recife–Pernambuco) Rate 2/4 per 5 grams



A. Fenech

1933 (8 OCT), Malta –Brazil (Recife –Perm), Letter addressed to Messrs Stoltz, franked ½d., 2/6 = 2/6½d, cancelled with Violet AIR MAIL/ MALTA / 8 OCT 1933, dater VALLETTA/ 7 P.M./ OC 9 / 33, endorsed on the 14th Oct at Friedrichshafen together with Triangular hand stamp, arriving RECIFE (PER) on 17 October 1933. Identical letter has been recorded by Mr. A. Fenech, and Mr. J. Pulicino.

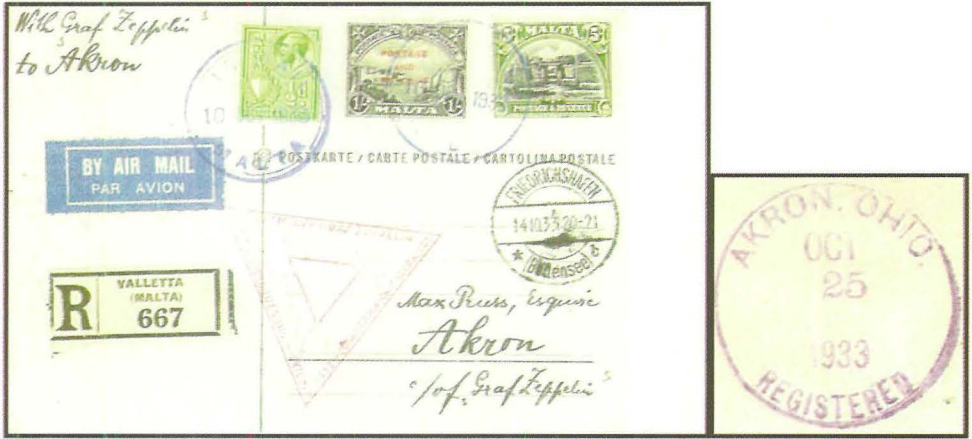
MALTA – USA (Miami redirected to Massachusetts)



Ex G Coates

1933 (9 OCT), Malta - Miami -Massachusetts, Reg VALLETTA(MALTA) No 830, franked 2 ½ d, 2/- = 2/2½d cancelled AIR MAIL/MALTA 9 OCT 1933 endorsed on the 14/10/33 at Friedrichshafen together with the 9th Triangular cachet in RED.

Malta –Brazil – USA (Miami to Akron, 1st Landing - 25 OCT 1933



T. Camiller

1933 (10 OCT), Malta - USA(Akron-Ohio), Reg VALLETTA(MALTA) No 667, card franked K.G.V. ½d, 1/-, 5/-, = 6/-½d, cancelled by Violet AIR MAIL /MALTA / 10 OCT 1933, endorsed on the 14/10/33 at Friedrichshafen, together with the confirmation 9th Triangular Europe – South America – USA - Europe cachet in Red. Ohio arrival hand stamp in Red and Italian transit post marks on back.

Malta – Brazil-USA (Miami-Akron-Chicago 26th October)



Provenance unknown

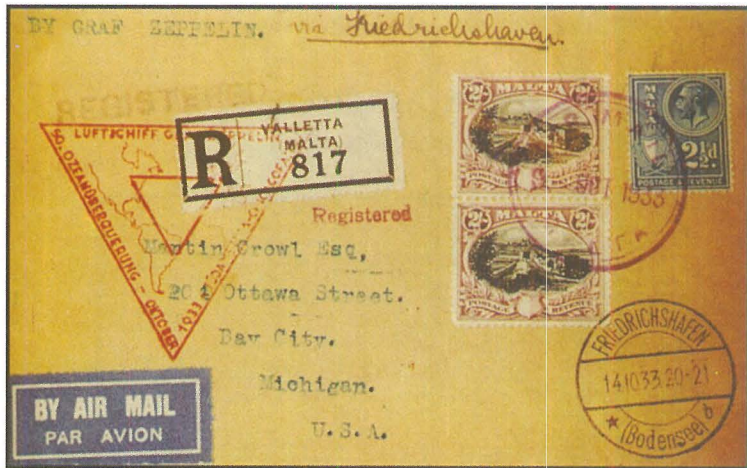
1933 (9 OCT), Malta – USA(Chicago), Reg Letter VALLETTA (MALTA) No 814, franked K.G.V, 2½d, 1/-, 2/- =3/2½d, Forbes Bentley to himself c/o Post Restante, endorsed on the 14 October 1933 at Friedrichshafen together with the confirmation 9th Triangular Europe-South America-USA-Europe cachet in Red. It was not collected, and returned to him “RETOUR – NONRECLAME- Insufficient address”



Ex Harmer 1991, ex Harmer 2006

1933 (9 OCT), Malta – USA (Chicago), Reg letter VALLETTA (Malta) No 816, franked 2 ½ d (2) 2/- = 4/2½ d, from same person having the same characteristics as the previous one, probably there exists another one Reg No 815.

Malta-Brazil- USA (Miami –Akron-Chicago to Michigan by rail)



Ex G. Coates

1933 (9 OCT), Malta – USA (Michigan), Registered VALLETTA (MALTA) No 817, franked K.G.V, 2½d, pair 2/- = 4/2½d, cancelled by Violet AIR MAIL /MALTA / 9 OCT 1933, endorsed on the 14th Oct 33, at Friedrichshafen, together with the 9th Triangular Europe-South America-USA-Europe, cachet in Red. Italian transit, Chicago 26 Oct, arriving in Bay City-Michigan on 28 th Oct at 8 am, on back.

I have recorded another identical letter in all respects Reg VALLETTA (MALTA) No 819.

MALTA – Brazil-Rio de Janeiro to ARGENTINA by “Hydroplane”

Rate 2/9 per 5 grams



Ex R. Lowe 1993, Gauss 2005

1933 (9 OCT), Malta – Argentina, Reg Letter VALLETTA (MALTA) No 810, to Mr Davis, bearing K.G.V, ½d, 2d, 6d, 2/6, = 3/2½d cancelled by the Violet AIR MAIL / Malta 9 OCT 1933, and endorsed by the 9th Triangular cachet in Red - Europe-South America-USA-Europe.

This letter was deposited in Brazil - Rio de Janeiro for onward transmission by hydroplane to ARGENTINA (Buenos Aires).

*CERTIFICADOS*CENTRAL/163 hand stamp on front.

1934 (9 JUN), 2nd South America Flight MALTA – BRAZIL (Recife-Parambuco)



T. Camilleri

1934 (9 JU), Malta-Brazil (Recife-Pernambuco, Letter to H. Stoltz, franked K.G.V. 4d, 2/-cancelled with AIRMAIL / MALTA / 5 JUN 1934, dater VALLETTA / MALTA 8-PM / JU 5 34, endorsed on 9th June at Friedrichshafen (* b), and with the 2nd South America RED Cachet * DEUTSCHE LUFTPOST EUROPA SUDAMERICA b.

**1934 (23 JU), 3rd South America (Argentina) Flight.
MALTA – ARGENTINA (Buenos –Aires). Rate 2/9 per 5 grams**



T. Camilleri

1934 (19 JU), Malta-Argentina (Buenos Aires), 1½d, U.P.U. Malta Postal Card to Mr. E. Arnold, franked with K.G.V Melita 3d, 2/6= 2/10½d cancelled by Violet AIR MAIL / MALTA / 19 JUN 1934, endorsed on the 23 June at Friedrichshafen and with the Violet ARGENTINA Flight Cachet, arriving in Buenos Aires 28.6.34.



A. Fenech

1934 (18 JUN) Malta-Argentina (Buenos-Aires), Reg card VALLETTA (MALTA) No 530, franked K.G.V. (2)½d, ½d, 3d, 6d, 2/6. = 3/4d, cancelled Violet AIR MAIL MALTA/18 JUN 1934, endorsed on the 23rd June 1934 at Friedrichshafen, together with the confirmation 3rd South America, Argentina Flight cachet in Violet, and Italian transit and Argentina 28 June arrival hand stamp on back.

MALTA- BRAZIL (Curitiba-Parana) Rate 2/4- per 5 grams



A. Bonnici

1934 (18 JU), Malta-Brazil (Curitiba-Parana), Letter to E Schneider, Registered VALLETTA (MALTA) No 545, franked with K.G.V, 1/-, 2/- = 3/-, cancelled by Violet AIR MAIL / MALTA / 18.6.33 endorsed on the 23 June at Friedrichshafen and the confirmation ARGENTINA Flight Cachet in VIOLET.

Italian transit and Brazil arrival date stamps 30.6.34 on the back.

A letter also to Mr. Schneider (Provenance unknown, Reg No VALLETTA (MALTA) No 540, franked (2) 1/6, = 3/-, with identical postal characteristics has been recorded.

1934 (21-31 July). A letter of the 4th S.A Flight has been recorded by Mr. A. Fenech.

1934 (18-28 AUG) 6th South America Flight
MALTA – BRAZIL (Recife-Pernambuco) Rate 2/4 per 5 grams



T. Camilleri

1934 (11 AUG), 1 ½ d K.G.V., U.P.U. Malta Card franked with additional K.G.V 1d, 3d, block of four Melita Postage 6d = 2/5½d, cancelled with the Violet AIR MAIL/ MALTA 14 AUG 1934, AND Malta dater, endorsed at Friedrichshafen on the 18th August, together with the confirmation of the 6th South America Flight cachet in RED (b). There is a Blue Air Mail and Via Zeppelin / Friedrichshafen blue perforated label, and all post marks are on the front

1934 (27 OCT – 5 NOV) 11th S.A. Flight
MALTA – BRAZIL (Recife-Pernambuco) Rate 2/4 per 5 grams



T. Camilleri

1934 (21 OCT), 1½d U.P.U. Malta Postal Card franked with K.G.V 1d, 2/- =2/4½d, cancelled with, Violet AIR MAIL / MALTA / 21 OCT 1934, & dater, endorsed on the 27th Oct at Friedrichshafen, and the confirmation 11th South America (* c) cachet in RED. Recife - Pernambuco 30.X.33, arrival stamp on front.

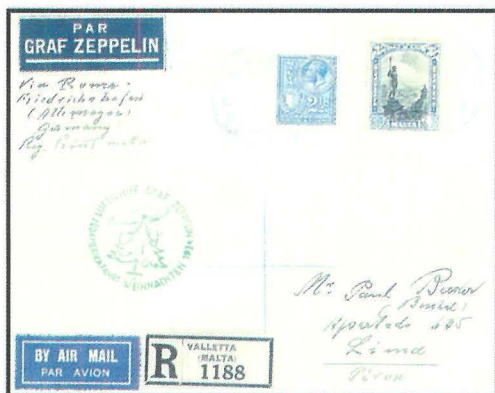
**1934 (8-19 Dec) 12th S. A., Christmas-Flight
Malta- Argentina (Buenos Aires) Rate 2/ 9, per 5 grams**



T. Camilleri

1934 (3 Dec) Malta Argentina (Buenos Aires), franked ½d, 2½d, 3/- = 3/3, Registered VALLETTA/(MALTA / 3 DEC 1934, endorsed on the 8/12/33 at Friedrichshafen together with the confirmation of the 12th South America Flight cachet in GREEN. Transit Italian and 18/12/33 Argentina arrival hand stamp on back.

Malta - Peru (Lima) Rate 2/9 per 5 grams. Not previously listed



T. Camilleri



1934 (3 Dec) Malta – Peru (Lima), Registered letter VALLETTA (MALTA No 1188, franked K.G.V 2½d, 3/- = 3/2½d, cancelled by Violet AIR MAIL/ MALTA / 3 DEC 1933, endorsed with confirmation 12th South America Flight cachet in Green, and back stamped with Italian transit and LIMA 17 Dec 1934 arrival post marks.

1935 (May 19-28), 4th South America Flight

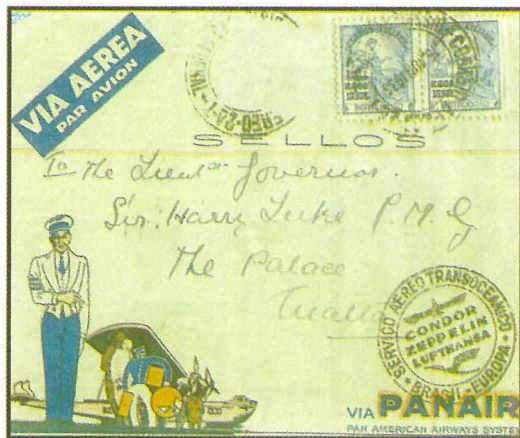
Malta – Brazil (Recife-Pernambuco). Rate 2/4 per 5 grams. Not listed.



T. Camilleri

1935 (18 May) Malta Brazil (Recife Pernambuco, Registered letter VALLETTA (MALTA) No 955, franked with K.G.V Silver Jubilee, 2(6d), (2) 1/- = 3/-, cancelled by G.P.O./MALTA / MY 15/ 35, and endorsed with the confirmation 4th South America cachet in RED (e), leaving Friedrichshafen on the 19th, Recife Pern on the 22nd

1935 (19 JU), 6th South America Flight Brazil Malta.



A. Fenech

1935 (15 JU) letter written on PAN AIR paper, from Brazil to Malta addressed to SIR HARRY LUKE, Lt Governor of Malta during this period. Endorsed with the CONDOR / ZEPPELIN/ LUFTHANSA *SERVIICO AEREO TRANSOCEANICO* BRASIL-EUROPA cachet, arriving Malta on the 26th June 1935.

1935 (29JU-9 JY), 7th South America Flight Malta – Brazil (Recife-Pernambuco). Rate 2/4 per 5 grams



T. Camilleri

1935 (17 JU), Reg letter VALLETTA(MALTA) No 39, franked K.G.V Silver Jubilee, ½d, 2½d, 6d, (2) 1/-, = 2/9, cancelled with Violet AIR MAIL / Malta 17 Jun 1935, endorsed with 7th S.A. Flight cachet in RED,(c), Italian transit and 2.VII.35 RECIF (PER) arrival on back. Mr. J. Pullicino has recorded another one Reg No 40.

L.Z.129 – “HINDENBURG”

1st American Flight: Friedrichshafen - Lakehurst N.Y. 6-9 My 1936



T Camilleri

1936 (27 AP), Malta – USA (N.Y.) via Rome, Reg VALLETTA (MALTA) No 1170, franked K.G.V.2/-, cancelled by metal double ring in BLACK, VALLETTA / MALTA / AP 23/ 33, leaving Friedrichshafen on the 6th May on L.Z. 129 “Hindenburg”, arriving N.Y. on the 9th as per hand stamp. Italian transit hand stamps also on back. The “Hindenburg” was burnt on landing on the 7th May 1937 at Lakehurst, USA.