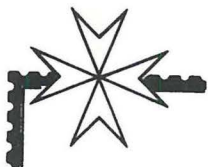


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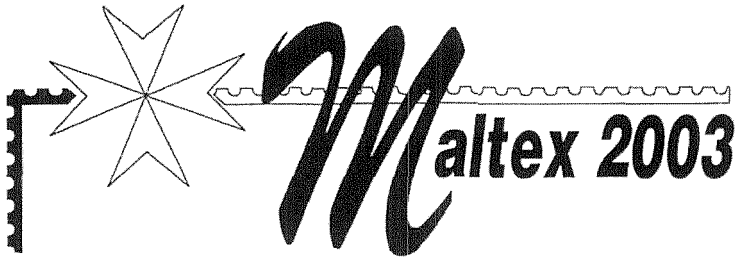
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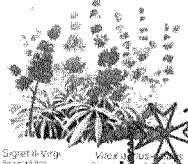
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**St. Publius Hall,
50, St. Publius Street,
Floriana**



*Mr J. Buttigieg, Mr T. Camilleri, Mr H. Wood,
Mr W. Rizzo, Mr A. Fenech, Dr A. Bonnici, Mr J. Cardona.*

Maltex 2003 organised by The Malta Philatelic Society was held from 10th to 12th October in St. Publius Hall, Floriana. On Friday 10th and Sunday 12th October, the Show was open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on Saturday 11th October from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Maltex IV was officially inaugurated by The Transport and Communications Minister Censu Galea who acted as Patron of the Exhibition. The opening function for Society members and participants was held on Friday evening. Mr Robert Lake, Maltapost CEO, Mr Frank Dimech, Maltapost Chairman, Members of The Stamps Design Advisory Board and senior officials of Maltapost attended the Official Opening Ceremony which was followed by a very pleasant reception.

The theme of this year's exhibition was "Knowledge through Philately". The exhibition opened on Friday morning specifically to welcome school children and teachers. I feel certain that the Organising Committee and Members of The Malta Philatelic Society were more than satisfied watching more than four hundred school children thronging St. Publius Hall on Friday morning and studying the exhibits very closely. The Education TV Channel 22 filmed several school children while they were going round and observing the wealth of philatelic material displayed in the various exhibiting frames set up in the Hall. The radiant faces of some of the students while they were being interviewed by the TV crew mirrored their

satisfaction of having expanded their knowledge through this philatelic extra curricular activity.

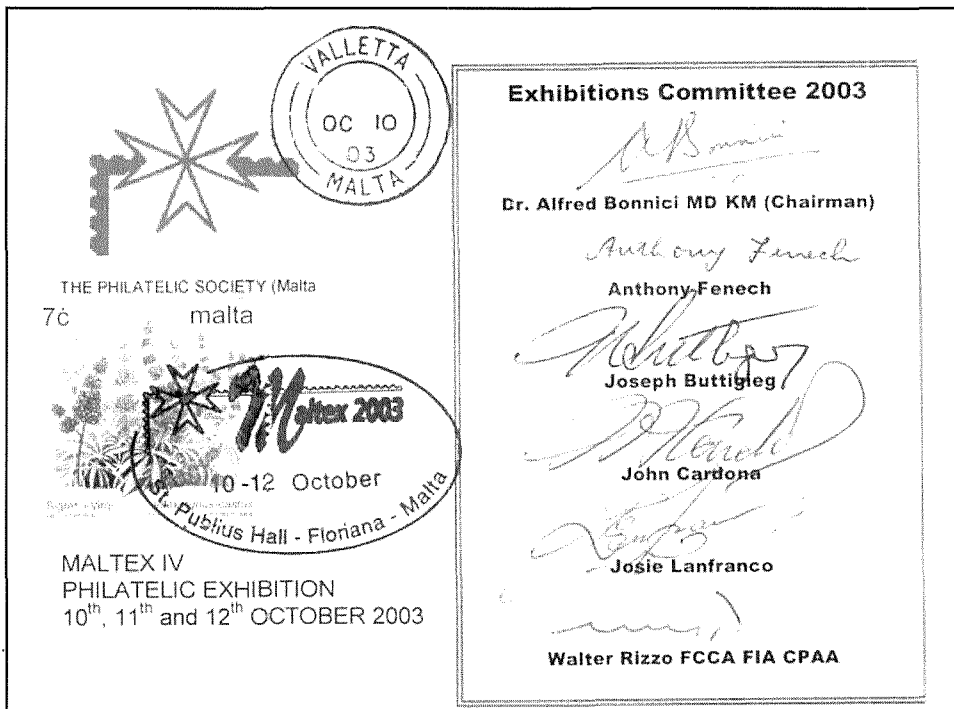
In his address of welcome, Chev. Dr. Alfred Bonnici, President of The Malta Philatelic Society and Chairman of Maltex IV Organising Committee told the distinguished guests present for the Opening Ceremony that his Society strongly believes that Philately can be a subtle way how to improve and expand one's knowledge. He assured Maltapost top officials of the Society's full support and cooperation and expected that Maltapost would in turn acknowledge, reciprocate and support the Malta Philatelic Society's endeavours in promoting philately in the Maltese Islands and abroad. The Hon. Censu Galea congratulated The Malta Philatelic Society for its efforts in holding such a prestigious Show and augured further successes in the future.

After the Exhibition had been blessed by Father Anthony Galea S.J., the Chairman and Members of Maltex IV Organising Committee invited the Hon. Minister and other distinguished guests to admire closely the wealth of philatelic material displayed in the various frames set up for the occasion.

There were fifteen exhibits in total, of which eight were of Malta; the standard was up on the previous years. Dr. Alfred Bonnici displayed documents and letters dispatched during the last years of The Order, Siege letters of the French Occupation and letters of the Early British Period. Among the letters displayed, one stood out most for its historical importance. The letter is dated September 6, 1800, sent by an Army Officer, Capt C.J.Riddle to his brother describing how, while in Malta the previous day, he took possession of Fort Tigne' with 100 men and having hoisted the first British flag on the Island. This exhibit also included another set of letters written by Archpriest Cassar, Commander in Chief of the Gozitan resisting Forces, to his Commanders at the time of the French Siege of Gozo.

The visitors admired Mr Anthony Camilleri's Gozo Village postmarks – the elusive Ghainsielem strike and Garbo PM (both ex. Peter Buttigieg) and the rare Gozo village strikes on cover which would make one's mouth water! Mr Hadrian Wood's Civil Internee covers during World War II were also an attraction. The postal history of Zebbug Postal District was ably portrayed by Mr Carmel Scicluna Bonnici himself hailing from Zebbug. Mr Anthony Fenech displayed Malta Postal Stationery exhaustively. Mr Hadrian Wood also displayed one frame of his favourite Postal Stationery items with very scarce Reply Paid Postcards and a unique miscut KG VI 1 ½ d Postal Stationery Card.

The thematic exhibits revealed a wealth of philatelic material. Mr Carmel G. Bonavia excelled in his "Papal Journeys – on the recurrence of the XXV Year of the Pontificate of His Holiness Pope John Paul II" contribution. Hats off to his late brother Fr. Emanuel Bonavia who for many years had collected the information and literature on the Pope's journeys, parts of which had been expounded



Souvenir envelope produced by Mr John De Battista.

by “Karmenu” in his rich and informative display. Mr John Cardona very aptly chose to display the 1949 Universal Postal Union British Commonwealth Omnibus sets issued to celebrate the 75th Anniversary since the U.P.U. Foundation. Incidentally on the eve of Maltex IV Exhibition, Maltapost had issued a commemorative handstamp to commemorate U.P.U. World Post Day.

The visitors to Maltex IV admired also the lovely displays by Prof. Lino Cutajar “That was the Age of the Tram – It got you there!” and the History of the Omnibus on stamps. Maltese philatelists will be regaled next year with a stamp issue by Maltapost commemorating the History of The Tram in Malta. Mr Joe Cachia’s thematic collection of U.S.A. stamps issued to commemorate the Main Events, Achievements and Personalities of The Century was admired by the many visitors who were attracted to the frames he had displayed. Another exhibit that had enthralled the visitors was the thematic array of stamp issues commemorating the 60th Birthday of Queen Elizabeth II presented by Joseph A. Zahra.

Favourable comments were showered on two other thematic exhibits - “The Sede Vacante – Habemus Papam!” displayed by Mr John Micallef and “Tennis on Stamps” presented by Mr Joseph Fenech. As Dr. Alfred Bonnici had expressed in his ‘Forward’ to the Maltex IV Souvenir Program distributed complimentary to

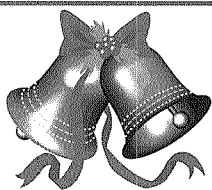
all the visitors to the Show: “The Thematic Section of The Exhibition educates us and expands our knowledge on the themes displayed.”

It is very satisfying that three Junior exhibitors, Max Schembri Wismayer, Matthew Zahra and Luke Zerafa covered the following topics in their exhibits: Ships, Religion on Stamps, Pope John Paul II’s Visits and Maltese Traditions. We hope that in future Maltex National Stamp Exhibitions, more Junior exhibitors will participate.

A Maltapost Temporary Branch Post Office was set up at the Exhibition offering a special Maltex 2003 cancellation plus other normal postal services such as sale of stamps and postal stationary and registration of letters. All young visitors to the T.P.O. were given a small complimentary pack of cards and stamps.

Maltex IV had also attracted the local leading stamp dealers – Messrs Sliema Stamp Shop, Emmanuel Said Ltd and Fryent Stamps, who very kindly offered free stamp packets or thematic sheets to school children visiting their Stand. Besides, International Stamp Dealers – Messrs John Curtin Ltd. and Geoff Milsom from U.K. and Dr. Luciano Cruciani and Coll-It (Vincenzo Maselli) from Italy held Stands where visitors could buy quality stamps, covers and collections. Messrs John Curtin Ltd. also offered free valuations of private collections during the week-end Show.

This year’s Maltex Stamp Exhibition was a success. It was well attended and the visitors were very appreciative. All looked forward to future Maltexes. The Organising Committee should be congratulated on putting on such an excellent show!



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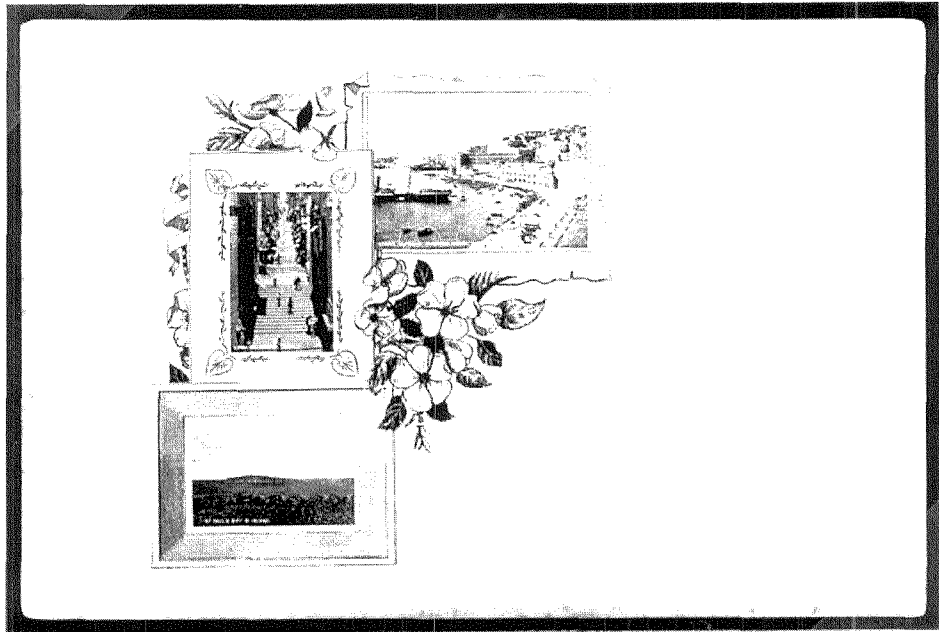
When did Malta first print its own Picture Postcards?

by Mr Hadrian Wood.

Which were the first picture postcards printed in Malta, and when were they issued? These are questions occasionally asked by serious collectors and students of old Maltese postcards. In the absence of any known records, one can only speculate.

The picture quality of four early postcards in my collection, suggests that they may have been locally produced. Three of these come from one series, and the fourth, which is smaller than the normal postcard, and roughly the size of what is termed a court card, appears to be a one-off (p.10). None of these cards have been postally used, so it is difficult to date them accurately. But since all have “undivided backs”, it would be safe to assume they were issued prior to March 1906. None give any indications of printer or publisher.

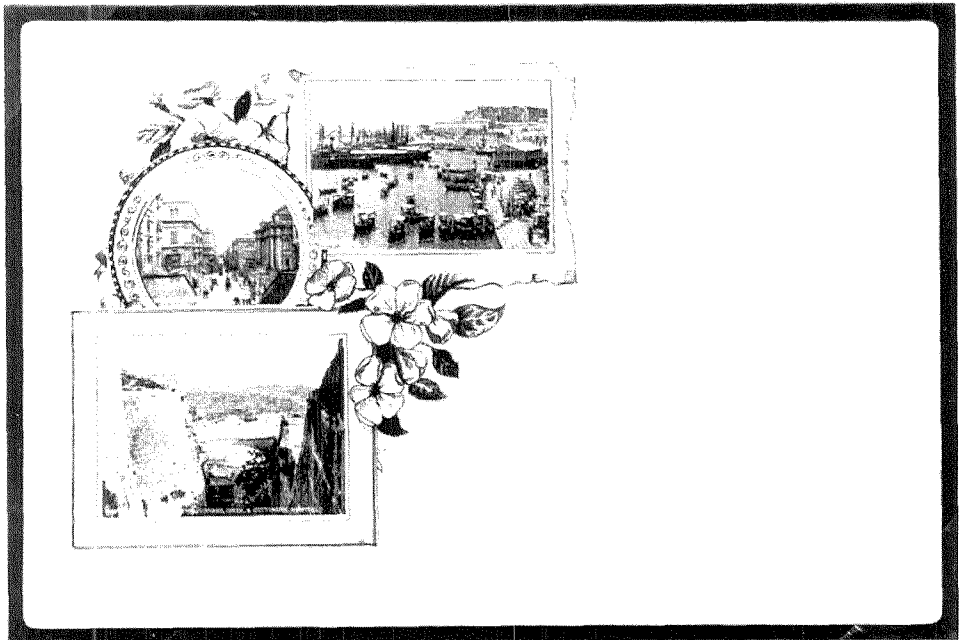
At a time when most of the picture postcards produced were of a high standard, by comparison, the printing quality of these cards leaves much to be desired. Lack of sophisticated printing equipment is evident in spite of obvious efforts to make



Top insert - Grand Harbour showing Upper Barracca.

Centre insert - Strada Santa Lucia.

Bottom insert - St. Paul's Bay and Island.



*Top insert - The Marina. Round insert - Strada Reale.
Bottom insert - Porta Reale Ditch showing Dockyard Creek and Cottonera Hospital.*

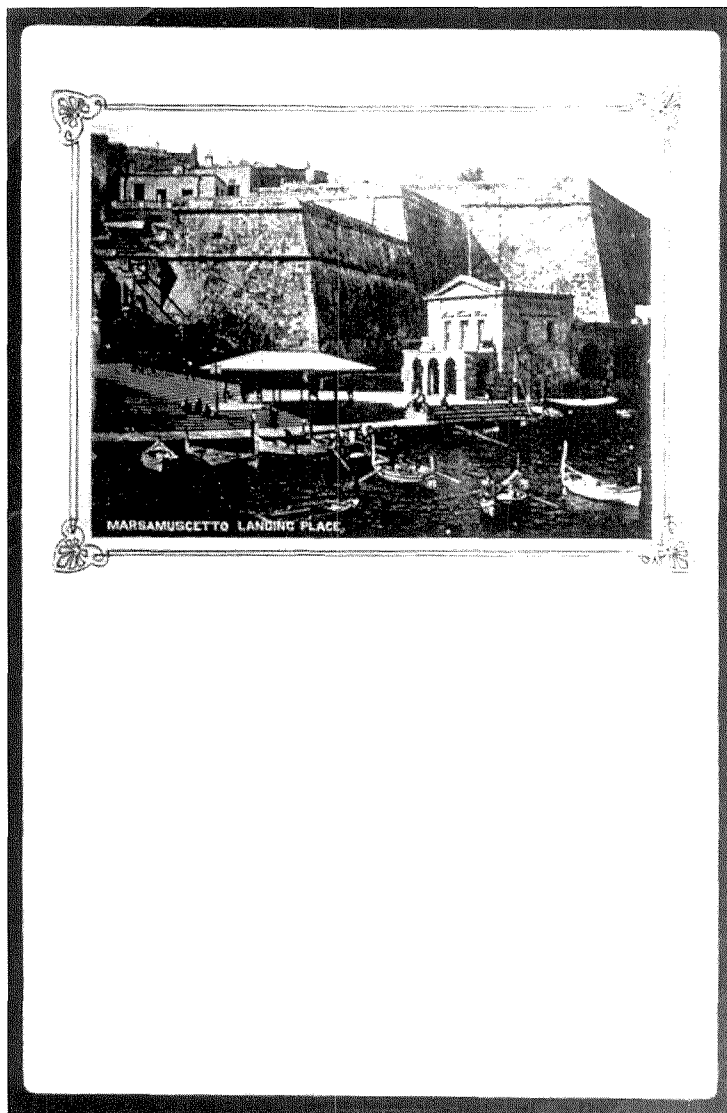
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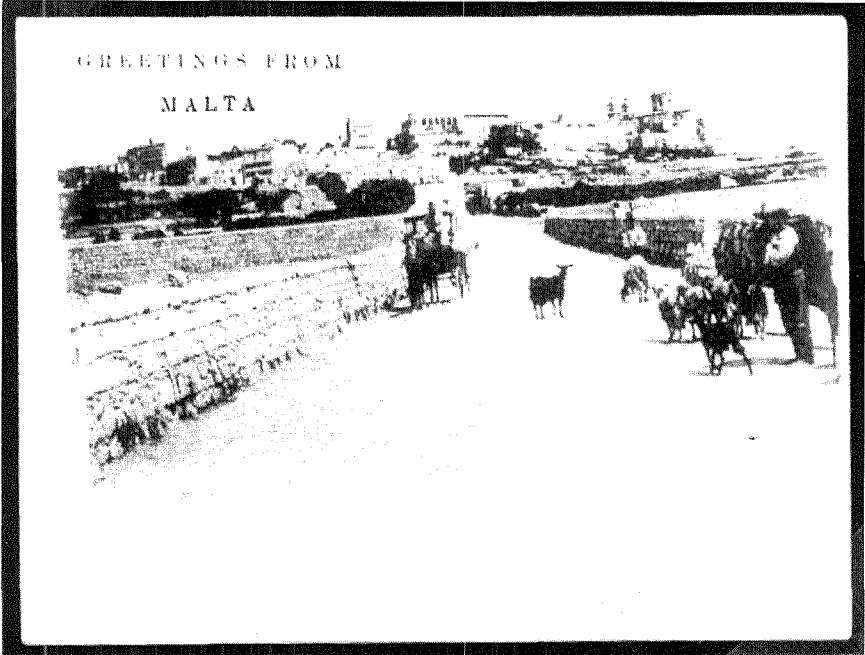
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the picture side as attractive as possible. Judging by the extreme rarity of these four postcards today, they are unlikely to have been issued in large numbers.

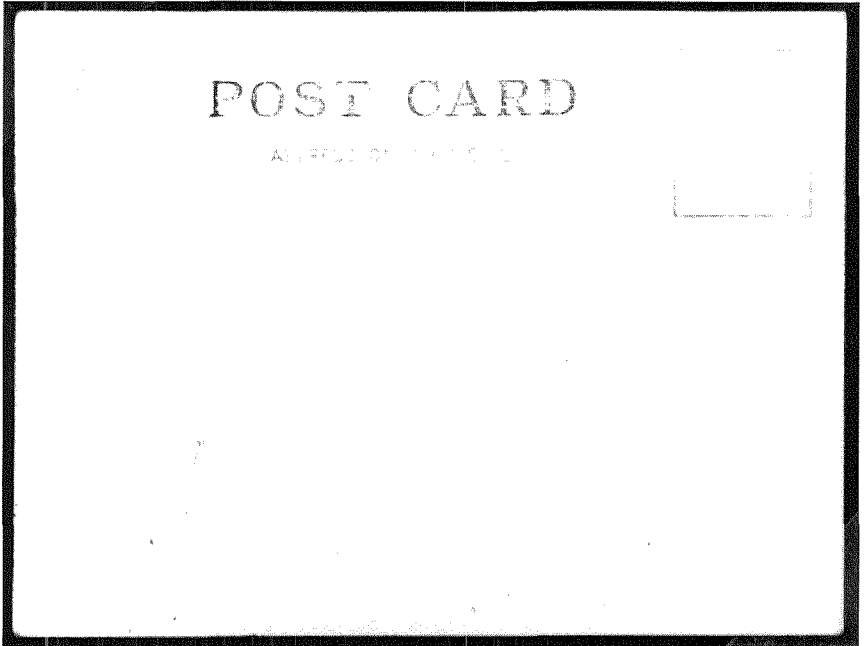
Could it be that an enterprising Maltese publisher, whilst trying to capitalize on the postcard boom of the time, tested the market with a few home made cards? If so, were these cards, in fact, the result of Malta's first attempt at printing its own picture postcards?



Marsamuscetto Landing Place



Malta Citta Vecchia (Cassar Photo)



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Divided-Back Post Cards. A Clarification

by Chev. Dr. Giovanni Bonello. LLD. KM.

To the best of my knowledge, collectors and historians believed that, in Malta, it was only in March 1906 that the postal authorities started allowing a written message, besides the address, on the back of picture postcards. Before that, the back of the postcard could only be used for the address; any other message or communication would have to be crammed on the picture side. If the sender wrote anything else on the back, besides the address, the postcard would be charged at the full letter rate. This restriction explains why, at the turn of the century, postcards did not have a dividing line printed on the back.

On March 2, 1906, a notice in the *Malta Government Gazette* officially relaxed this rule (*Fig. 1*). Postcards mailed in Malta and addressed overseas could hence forth be sent prepaid at the postcard rate, even if a message was written on the left hand side of the card's back. This rule applied to cards sent from Malta to many overseas countries, but not all. The Postmaster General warned specifically that the USA and Japan did not allow this, and would tax such cards as 'insufficiently paid letters'. The Government notice listed those countries that accepted 'divided-backs'.

The same notice also allowed postcards mailed in Malta for local delivery, to have both the message (on the left hand side) and the address (on the right). Finally the divided-back acquired legitimacy.

It has already been noted elsewhere that the prolific photographer Saverio Lorenzo Cassar had, since 1905, started marketing postcards printed with a divided back, probably sensing the reform in the air. But those seen used before 1906 went through the mail as normal undivided-backs (not with standing the printed central line), i.e. the address was written across the whole card, disregarding the central line, and no message was included (*Fig. 2*). These Cassar postcards have, on the top of the left hand segment, the inscription "For Inland Postage only, this space may be used for communication". Despite Cassar's premature instructions, the official government notice allowing this use, had not yet been formally enacted.

Similarly Malta cards by Raphael Tuck & Sons printed in the U.K. had divided backs possibly as early as 1902; but, again, those known postally used in Malta before 1906 are known only with the address handwritten on the back, over the (by then still useless) central line.

Recently, in a private collection, I came across an S.L. Cassar item, fully and properly used as a divided-back postcard (message on the left, address on the right). It is posted in Valletta and addressed to Sliema. Though the stamp has unfortunately been removed (it was cancelled by a Valletta cancellor), two very clear circular

date-stamps applied in Sliema, show conclusively that this card was, for all intents and purpose, used as a full "divided-back" as early as the end of May 1905 (Fig. 3). The final delivery, for some unknown reason, only occurred on June 8, 1905. Maybe the puzzled postman waited for instructions from head office.

This is the only card I know of used as divided-back a full ten months before the revolutionary Government notice of March 2, 1906.

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<p>The concession is not, however, universally accepted, and no guarantee can at present be given that such cards will be allowed to pass at the post-card rate in Countries other than those mentioned. In Japan and the United States of America, cards of the kind described are not allowed to pass as post-cards, and any such cards sent to or from those Countries will be liable, as heretofore, to taxation as insufficiently paid letters, unless prepaid at the letter rate. No such contingency arises in regard to cards for the United Kingdom and the British Colonies and Possessions to which the Penny rate of postage applies for both Letters and Post Cards, nor to cards prepaid one half penny and posted in Malta for local delivery.</p>		<p>Tale concessione però non è universalmente accettata, e non può darsi presently alcuna assicurazione che tali cartoline saranno ammesse alla rata di postaggio delle cartoline in altri Paesi oltre i sopra menzionati. Nel Giappone e negli Stati Uniti d'America le cartoline della specie sopra descritte non sono ammesse come cartoline postali e tali cartoline spedite a o da quei Paesi saranno soggette, come per il passato, ad essere tassate come lettere insufficientemente frangiate, anzichè come cartoline affrancate col postaggio delle lettere. L'esistenza di tale circostanza non potrà verificarsi per riguardo alle cartoline dirette al Regno Unito ed a quelle Colonie e Possessioni Britanniche alle quali è applicabile la rata di postaggio di un soldo tanto per le lettere che per le cartoline, né per riguardo alle cartoline affrancate di un mezzo soldo e impostate in Malta per essere consegnate localmente.</p>																																																																																																																		
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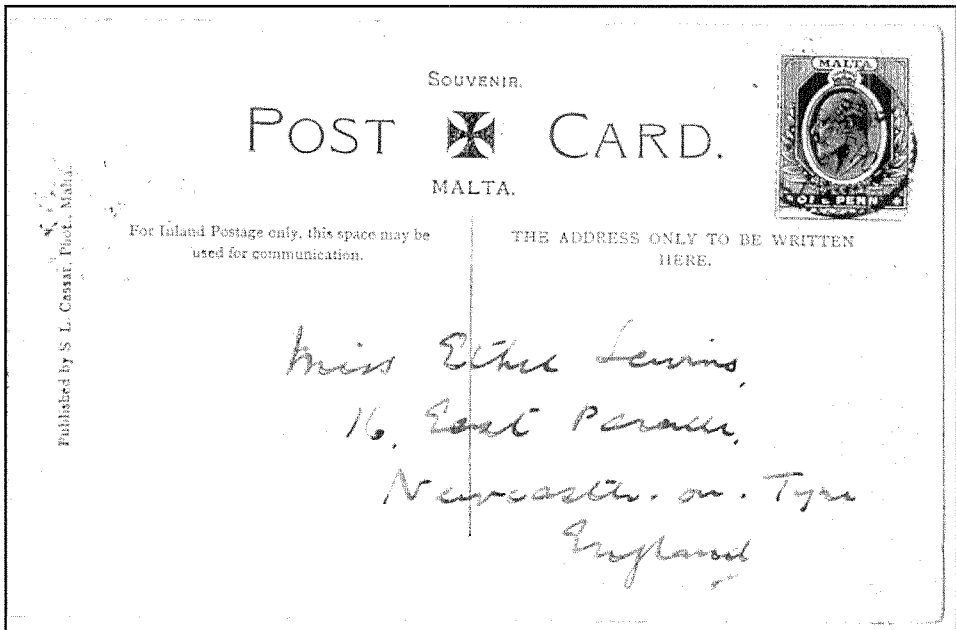


Fig. 2. Divided-back postcard used in 1905 as undivided back (author's collection)

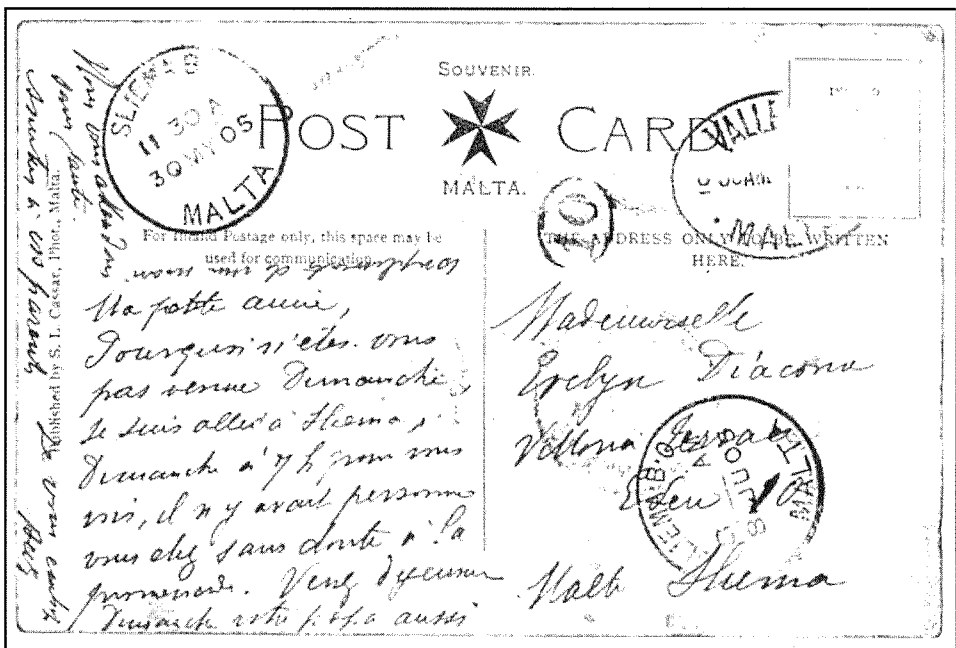


Fig. 3. Divided-back postcard used in 1905 (private collection, Malta)

Gold Coast Registration Labels & Handstamps

Mail To Malta 1931-34

by Chev. Dr. Alfred Bonnici. KM. MD. MRPSL.

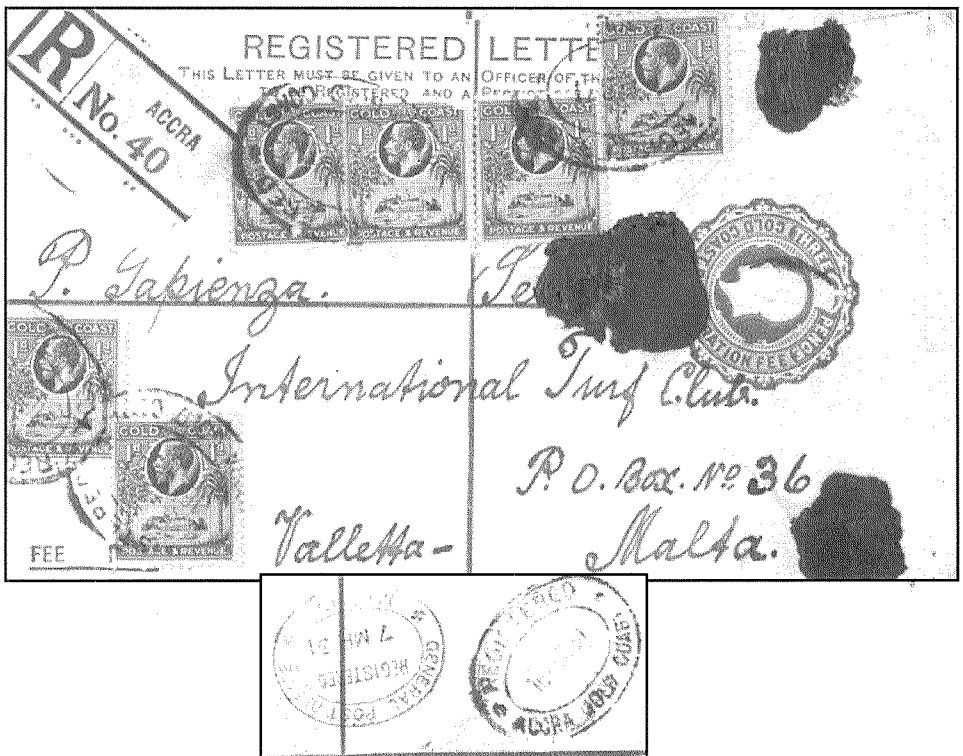
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During 1931-34, the Gold Coast did not make use of the French Air Mail service to Europe, so no Air Mail covers have been recorded to Malta from the Gold Coast during this period. Mail coming to Malta from the Gold Coast came via Plymouth - U.K.



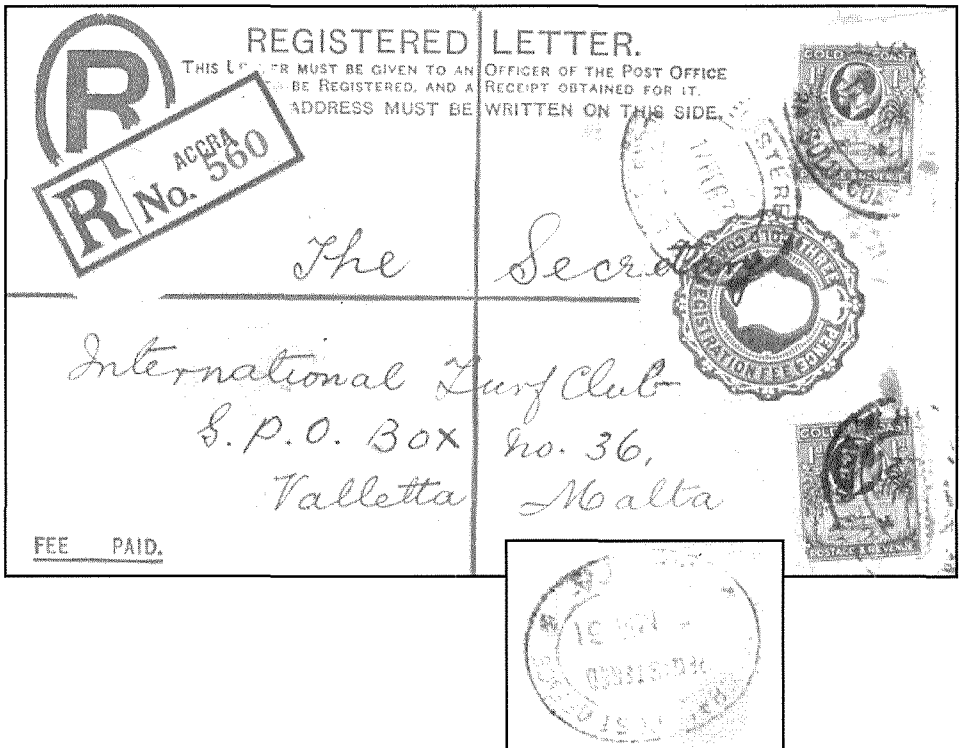
ACCRA.

(Proud) R10 (16.9.38)- S.U. 5.3.57

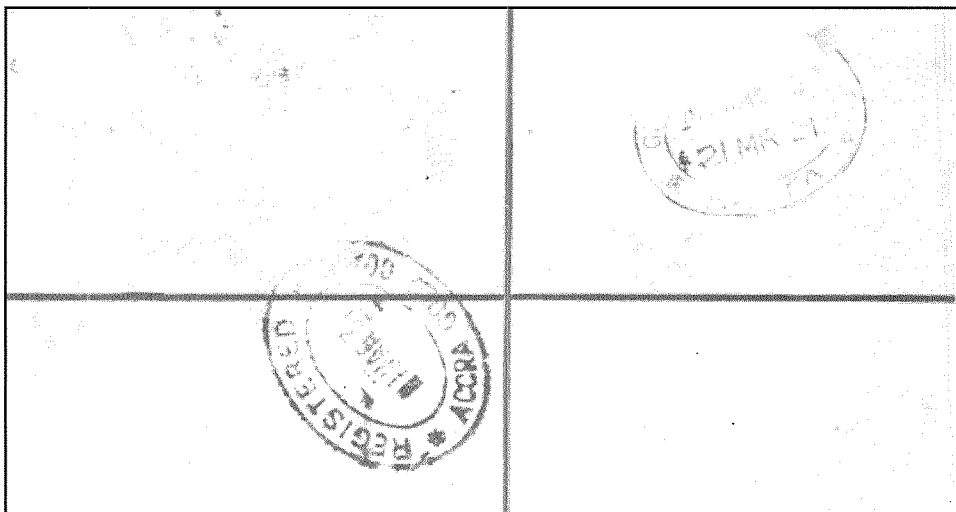
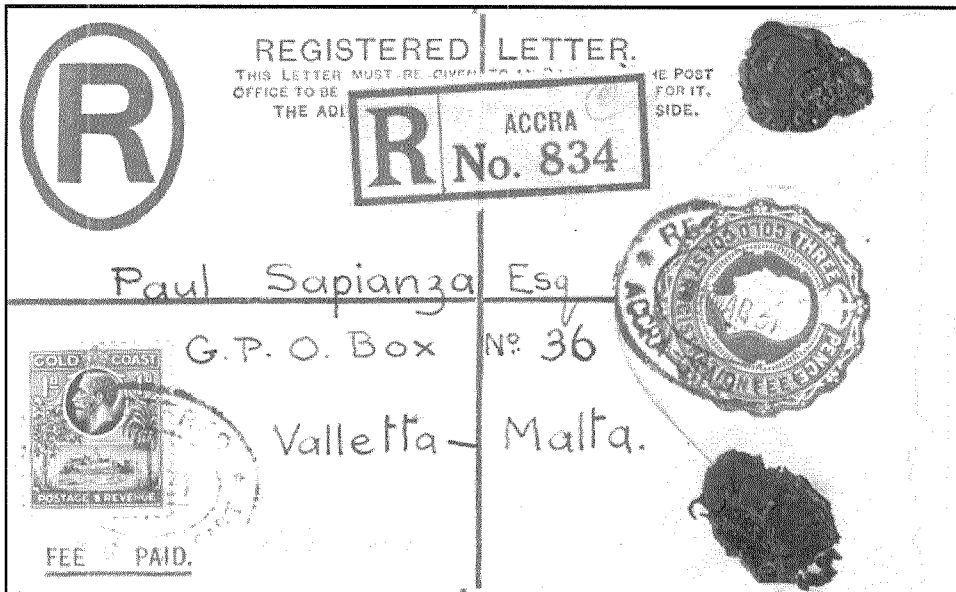


152 X 93mm, King George V. Brown Three Pence, Registered envelope, bearing perforated **DARK BLUE (40 x 15mm)** Registration label – with (C) in *blue* written on perforated Registration label - **R / ACCRA / No 40**, together with six 1d red-brown 1928, G.V. stamps, cancelled with black oval double ring hand stamp (***REGISTERED** * / **16 FEB 31 / ACCRA GOLD COAST**), (Proud R10) repeated on the back together with the ***GENERAL POST OFFICE*** / **REGISTERED / 7 MR 31 / MALTA**, arrival hand stamp.

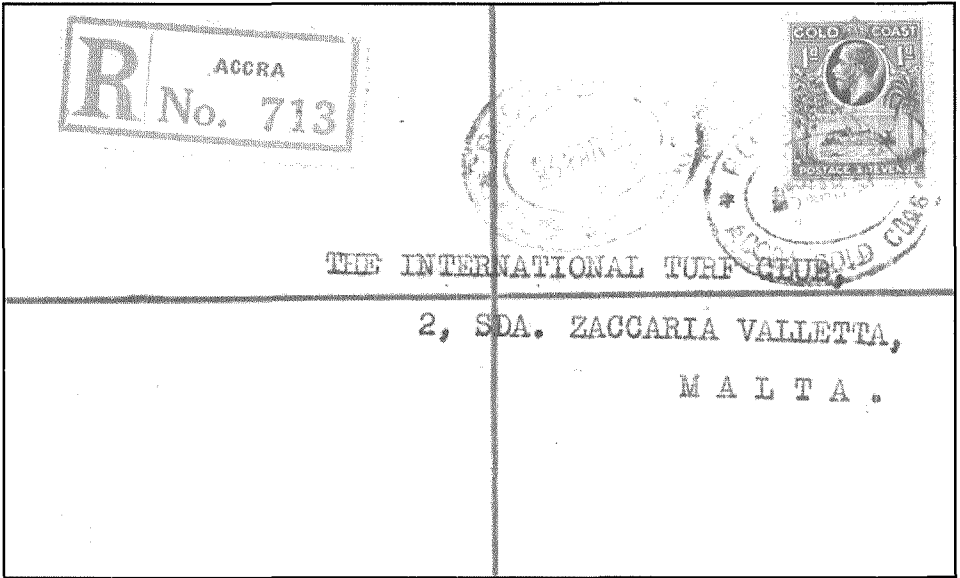
This more open type Accra Registered hand stamp (35 X 27mm) R10 - dated 1931, is seven years earlier than the one quoted by Proud as used from 1938 – (R10.)



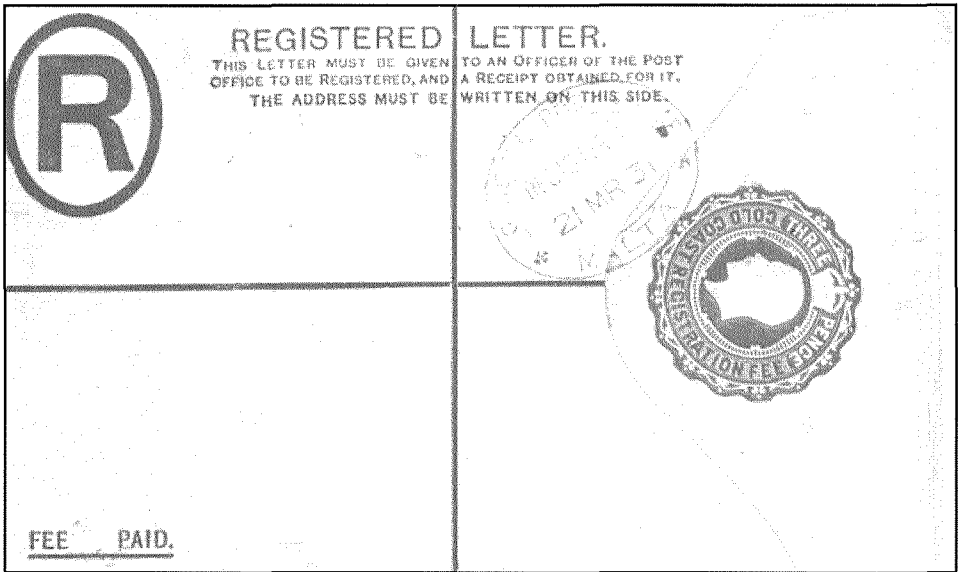
152 X 93mm, K.G.V. Brown Three Pence, Registered envelope bearing perforated **DARK BLUE (40 x 15mm)** Registration label – with (D) in *blue* written on Registration label - **R / ACCRA / 560**, with **560** touching **ACCRA**, together with two, 1d.red-brown 1928 G.V. stamps cancelled with (35 X 27mm) black oval double ring hand stamp (***REGISTERED** * / **17 FEB 31 / ACCRA GOLD COAST**) (Proud R10), arriving in Malta 7 MAR 31.



152 X 93mm King George V. Brown Three Pence, Registered envelope, bearing perforated **DARK BLUE (40 X 15mm)** Registration label - with **(C)** in **blue** written on Registration label - **R / ACCRA / No 834** label, together with 1d red-brown 1928 K.G.V. stamp, cancelled with (35 X 27mm), black oval double ring hand stamp (***REGISTERED* / 1 MAR 31 / ACCRA GOLD COAST**), (Proud R10), repeated on the back together with the Registered Malta arrival date **21 MAR 31**.

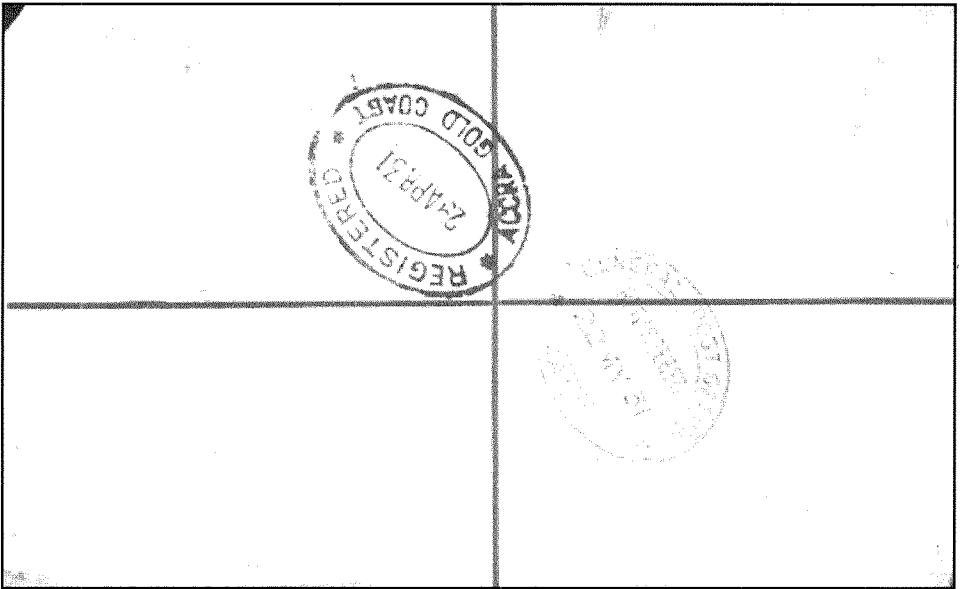
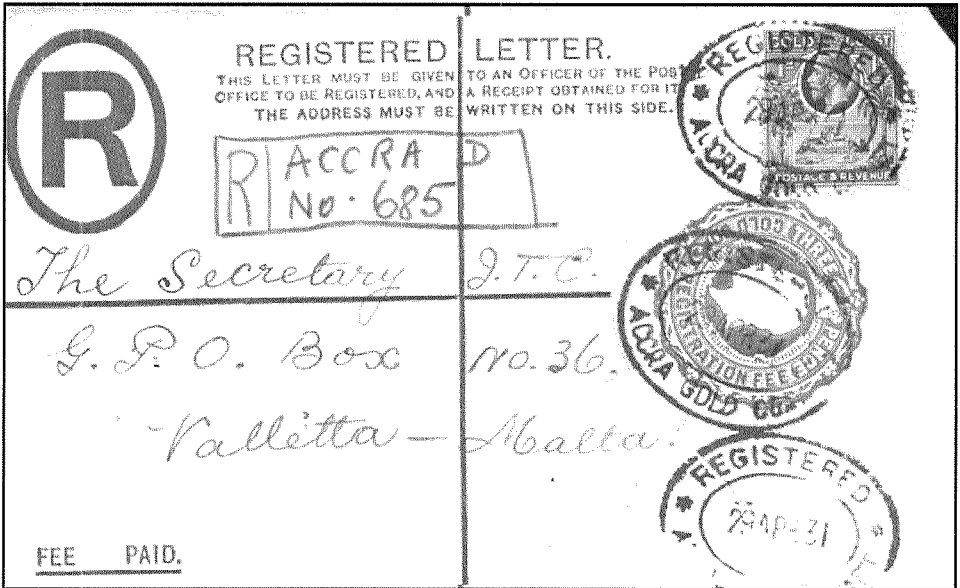


Back of envelope with address, stamp, Reg Label, used as front

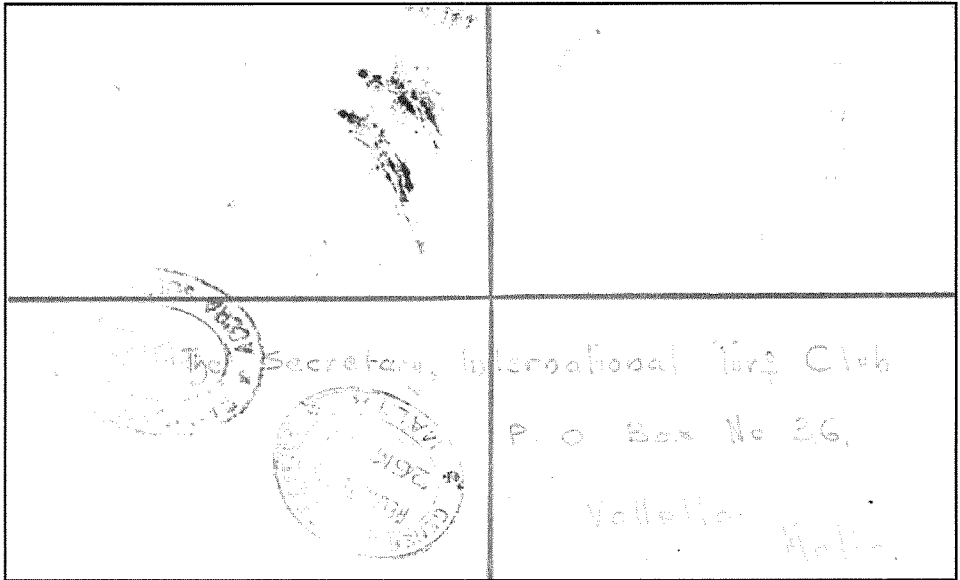
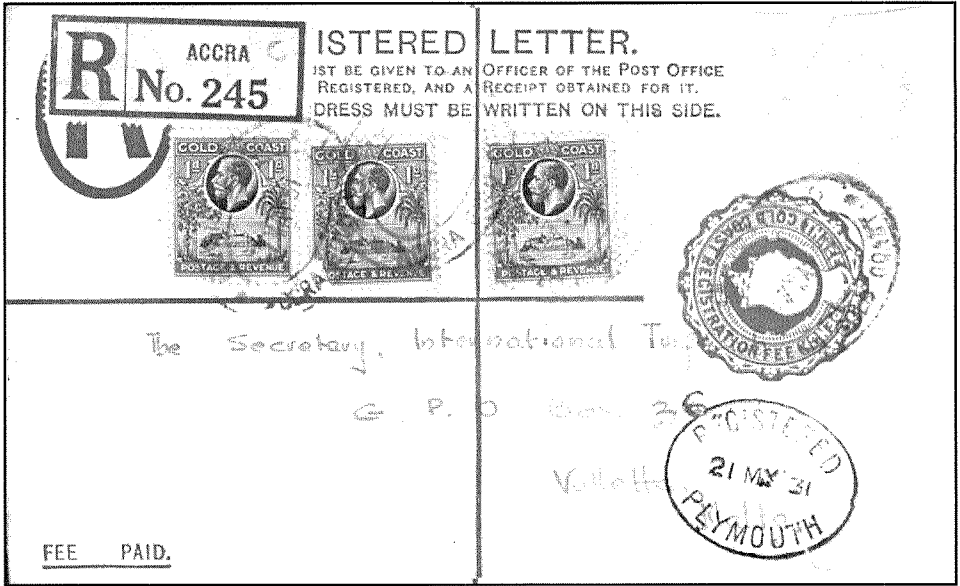


Front of envelope with arrival in Malta hand-stamp, used as back


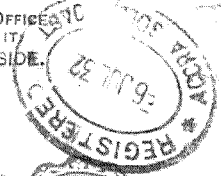
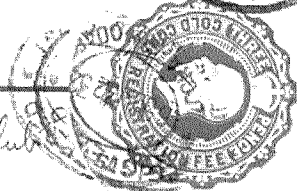



152 X 93mm K.G.V. Brown Three Pence Registered envelope, bearing perforated **LIGHT BLUE (40 x 15mm)** Registration label - **R / ACCRA / No 713**, and 1d red-brown 1928 K.G.V. stamp, cancelled with black oval double ring (* **REGISTERED** * / **3 MAR 31 / ACCRA GOLD COAST**), (Proud R10), arriving in Malta 21 MAR 31.





152 X 93mm K.G.V. Brown Three Pence Registered envelope, bearing hand written registration label - *R / ACCRA D / No.685.*, and 1d red-brown 1928 K.G.V. stamp, cancelled with black oval double ring, (***REGISTERED*/29 APR 31 / ACCRA GOLD COAST.**),(Proud R10), arriving in Malta, 22 MY 31

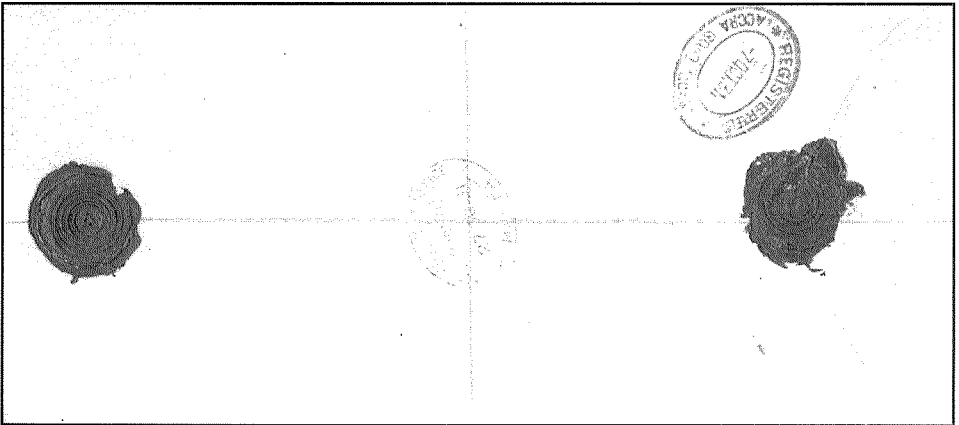
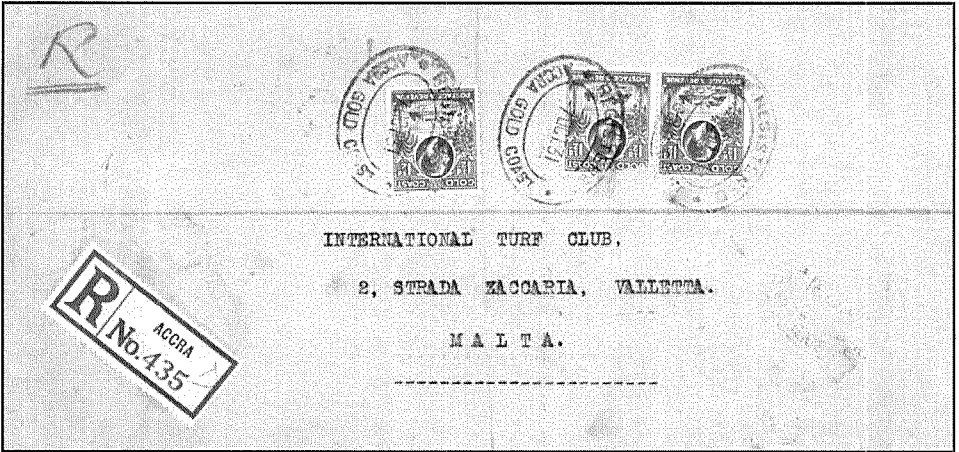


152 X 93mm K.G.V. Brown Three Pence Registered envelope, bearing perforated **DARK BLUE (40 X 15mm)** Registration label, with (C) in **blue** written on Registration label - **R / ACCRA C / No 245**, and three 1d red- brown K.G.V. stamps, cancelled with black oval double ring (***REGISTERED*/17MAY/31/ ACCRA GOLD COAST**) (Proud R10), via **PLYMOUTH / 21 MY 31**, arriving Malta 26 MY 31.

 <p>REGISTERED LETTER. THIS LETTER MUST BE GIVEN TO AN OFFICER OF THE POST OFFICE TO BE REGISTERED, AND A RECEIPT OBTAINED FOR IT. THE ADDRESS MUST BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.</p> <p><i>To The Secretary</i></p>	  
<p><i>International Surf Club</i></p>  <p><i>P. O. Box 36</i></p> <p><i>Palletta, Malta</i></p> <p><u>FEE PAID.</u></p>	

	
	 <p><i>Stamp affixed by sender</i></p>

152 X 93mm, K.G.V., Brown Three Pence Registered envelope, bearing perforated **DARK BLUE (40 X 15mm)** Registration label with **(D)** in **blue** written on Registration label —**R / ACCRA D / No 944**, and one 3d, blue K.G.V. stamp on back of envelope, cancelled with Registration black oval double ring (*** REGISTERED * /6JUL / ACCRA GOLD COAST**) (Proud R10). As the 3d stamp was fixed on the back of the envelope, there is in manuscript (**Stamp affixed by sender**) below the stamp, as it should have been fixed on the front.



228 X 100mm, brown envelope bearing perforated **DARK BLUE (40 X 15mm)** Registration label with (D) in *blue* written on Registration label —**R/ACCRA (D)/No435**, and three, 1 1/2dscarlet K.G.V. stamps, cancelled with Registration black oval double ring (* **REGISTERED** */ **7 OCT 34** /ACCRA **GOLDCOAST**).(Proud R10), arriving in Malta 27 OCT 34.

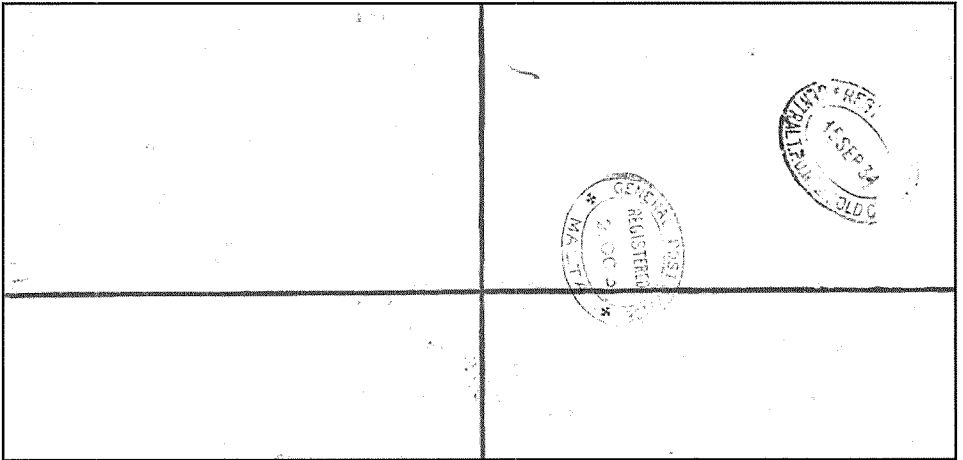
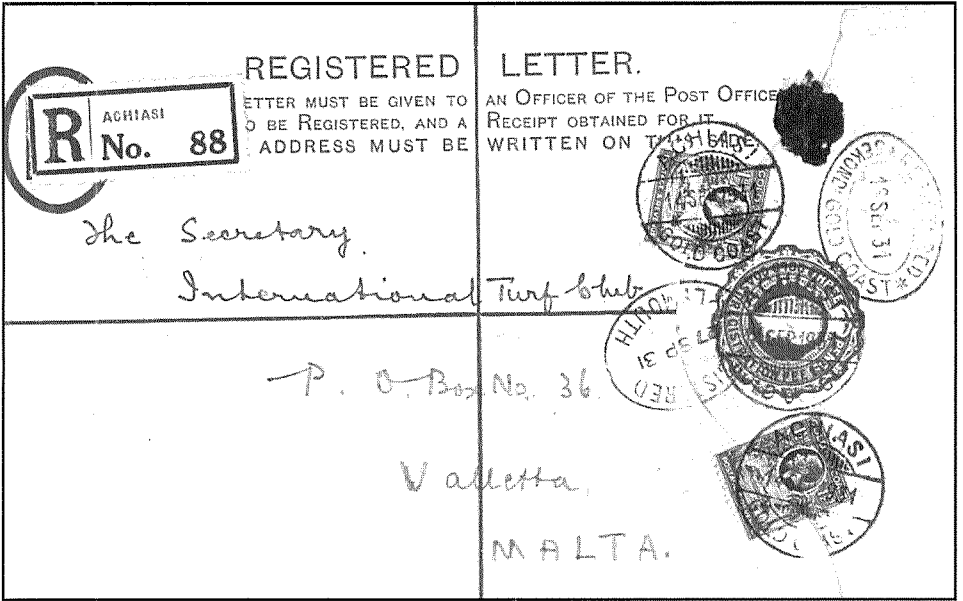
ACHIASI.
TRAVELLING POST OFFICE
 (Registered label
 not recorded by Proud).



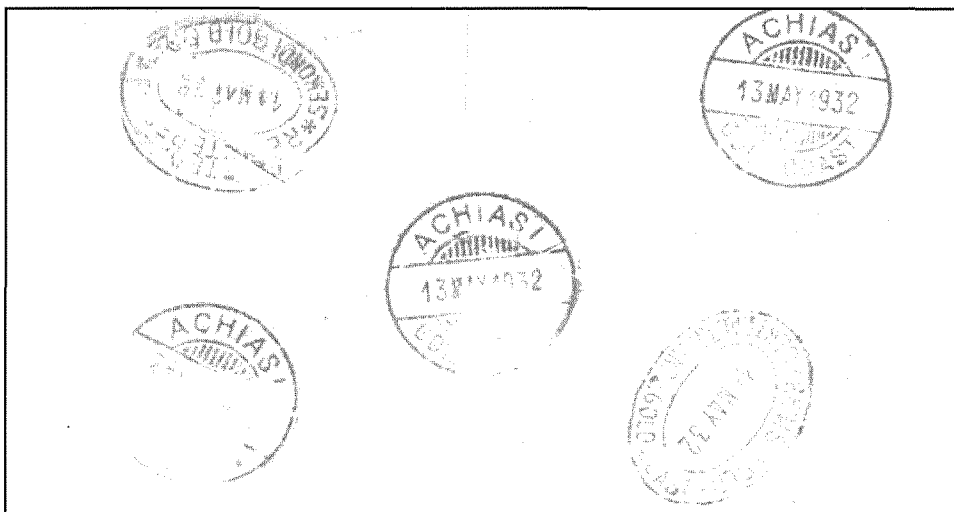
(Proud) R4 (12.4.30)-(11.8.49)



(Proud) D4 (3.2.27)-S.U. 5.3.57



200 X 125mm K.G.V. Brown Three Pence Registered envelope, bearing on front, perforated **DARK BLUE (40 X 15mm)** Registration label —**R / ACHIASI / No. 88** together with one 1d red-brown and one 1 1/2d. scarlet K.G.V. stamps, cancelled by **ACHIASI / 14 OCT 1934 / GOLD COAST** (Proud D4). It also bears **SEKONDI** black oval double ring (* **REGISTERED** * / **18 SEP 31 / SEKONDI GOLD COAST.**) (Proud R4) and **REGISTERED / 27 SEP 31 / PLYMOUTH**, and on the back, black oval double ring **TRAVELLING POST OFFICE * REGISTERED * / 15 SEP 31, / GENERAL T.P.O. No 2 / GOLD COAST**,(Proud R4) arriving in Malta on the 20 OCT 31

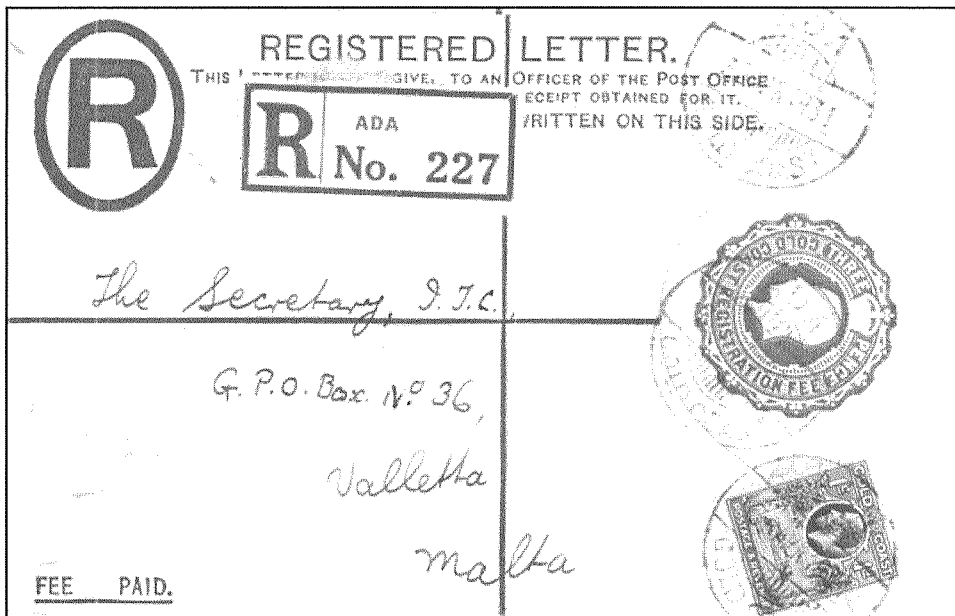


Brown envelope (145 X 95mm), bearing on front, perforated **DARK BLUE (40 X 15mm)** Registration label —**R / ACHIASI / No, 379**, together with two 2 1/2d orange-yellow KG.V., stamps, cancelled by **ACHIASI / 13MAY/1932** (Proud D4), and on the back, black oval double ring, **TRAVELLING POST OFFICE / *REGISTERED* / 14MAY32 / GENERAL T.P. O No 2 / GOLD COAST**. (Proud R4), together with **SEKONDI**. (Proud R4) black oval double ring, *** REGISTERED * / 14MAY32 / SEKONDI GOLD COAST**.

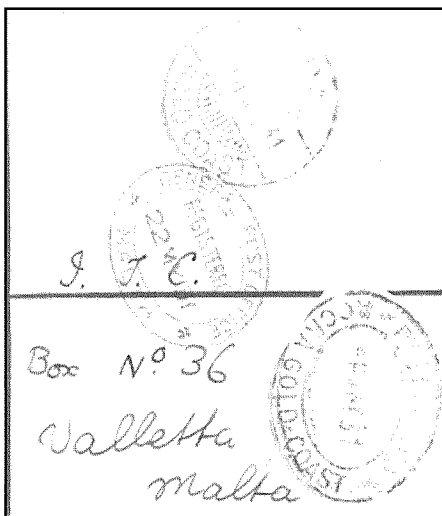


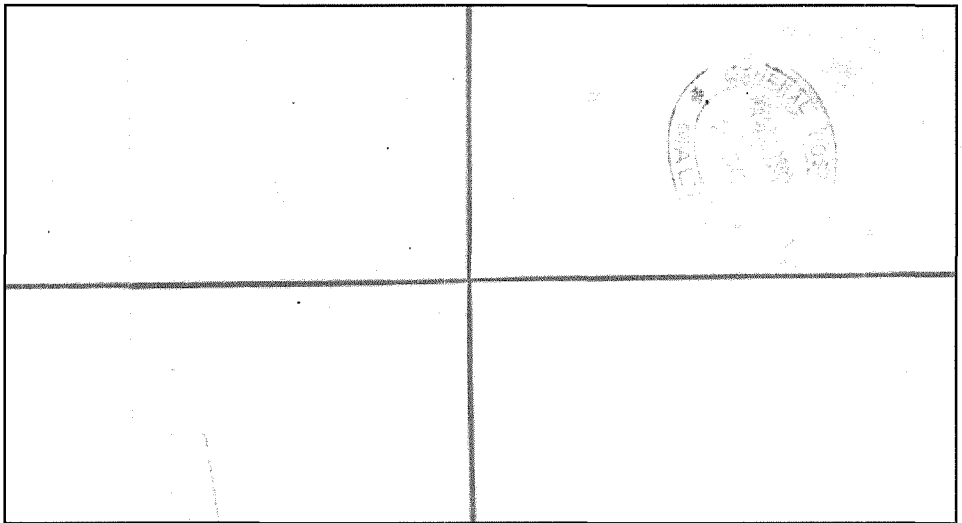
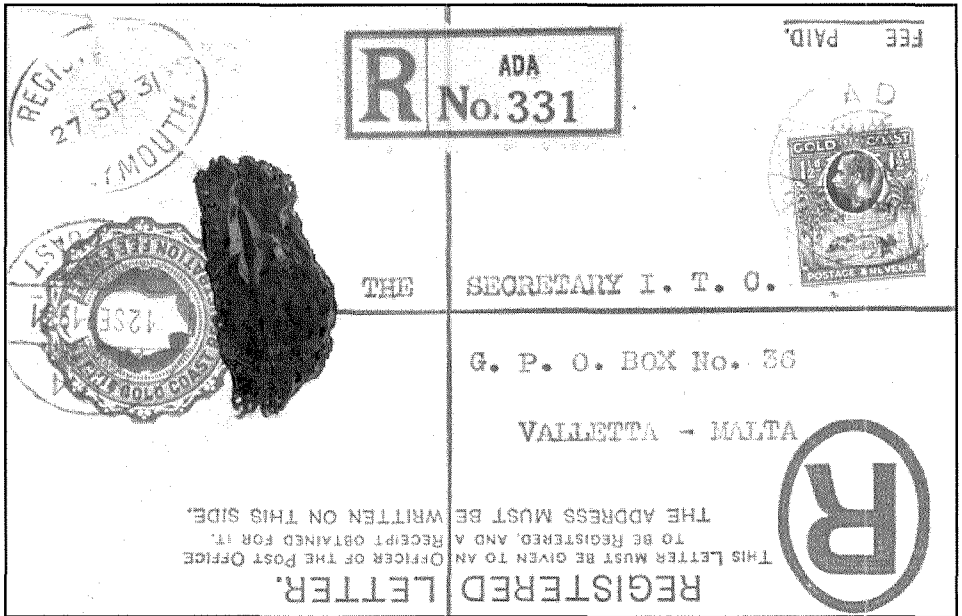
ADA.

(Proud) D16 (8.5.30)-(13.8.55)

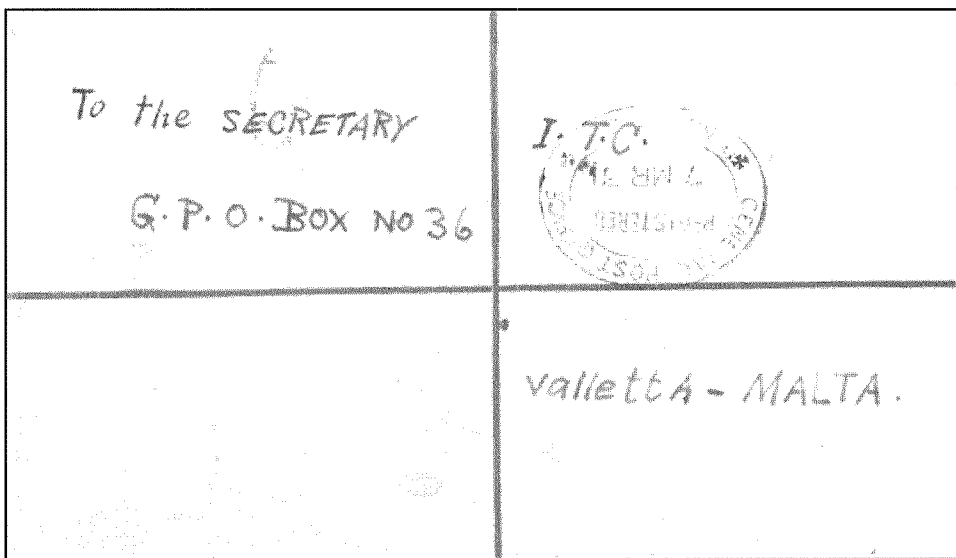
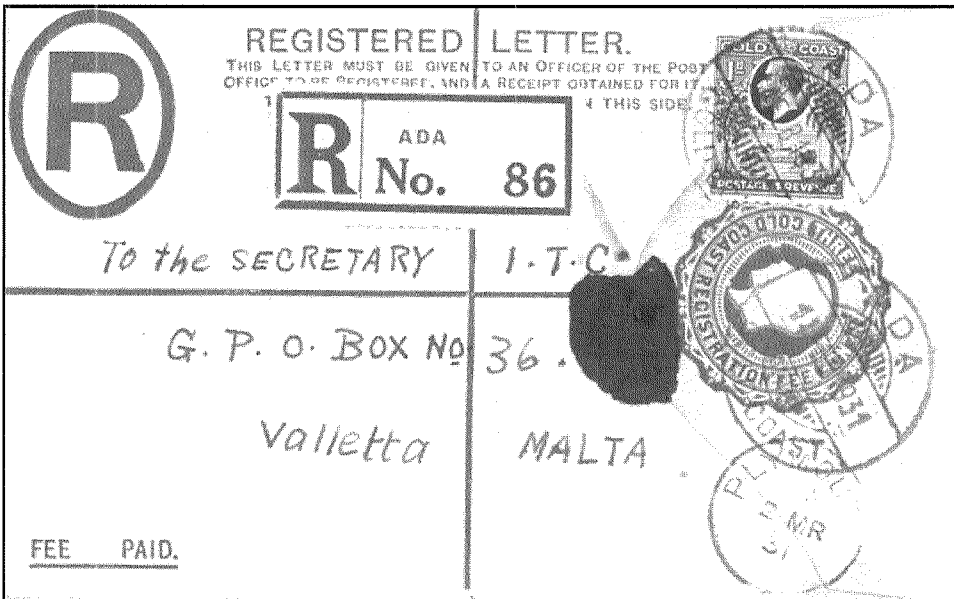


152 X 93mm, K.G.V. Brown Three Pence Registered envelope, bearing on front perforated **DARK BLUE (40 X 15mm)** Registration label - **R / ADA / No 227**, together with one K.G.V. 1d.brown-red, cancelled by **ADA / 30 APR1931**. (Proud D16),and on the back endorsed by * **REGISTERED * / 2MAY 31/ ACCRA GOLD COAST** (Proud R10),and arrival in Malta **GENERAL POST OFFICE / REGISTERED/ 22 MY 31**, oval black hand-stamp.





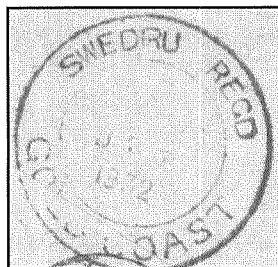
152 X 93mm, K.G.V. Brown Three Pence Registered envelope, bearing on front perforated **DARK BLUE (40 X 15mm)** Registration label —**R / ADA / No. 331**, together with one K.G.V. 1 1/2d scarlet, cancelled by **ADA / 12SEP1931, GOLD COAST**, (Proud D16), and **REGISTERED / 27SP31 / PLYMOUTH**, and on back arrival in Malta **GENERAL POST OFFICE /REGISTERED/ 2OCT31**, oval black hand-stamp.



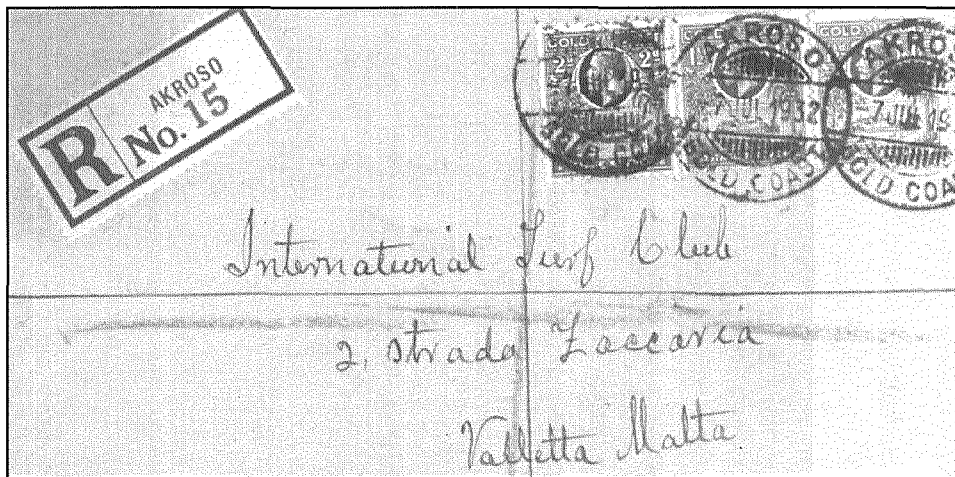
152 X 93mm, K.G.V. Brown Three Pence Registered envelope bearing on front perforated **DARK BLUE (40 X 15mm)** Registration label — **R / ADA / No 86.**, together with one 1d., red-brown, cancelled by, **ADA / 14FEB1931/GOLD COAST.** (Proud D16), and 20mm single ring, **PLYMOUTH / 2MR/31.**, and on back, arrival in Malta **GENERAL POST OFFICE / REGISTERED / 7MR31**, oval black hand stamp.



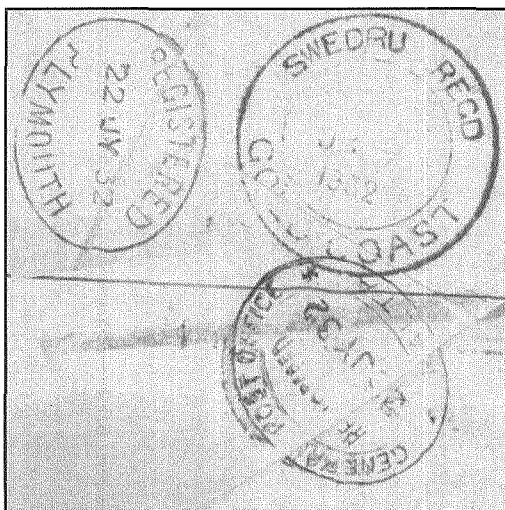
AKROSO
 (Registered label and
SWEDRU REGISTERED,
 not recorded by Proud).



(Prcud) D5 (18.1.30)-(30.9.31)
 (18.10.35)-S.U. 5.3.57



145 X93 mm, brown envelope, with on the front, perforated **Dark Blue (40 X 15mm)** Registration label - **R / AKROSO / No.15.**, together with two 1 1/2d scarlet, and One 2d slate K.G.V. stamps, cancelled with **AKROSO / 7 JUL / GOLD COAST** black double ring hand-stamp (Proud D5) , and on the back, 34mm black double ring - **SWEDRU REGD / JY7 / 1932 / GOLD COAST,** (*NOT recorded by Proud*), together with **REGISTERED / 22 JY 32 / PLYMOUTH.**, and arrival in Malta **GENERAL POST OFFICE / REGISTERED / 30 JY 32,** arrival hand-stamp..





BEGORO - BEGRO
(BEGRO Registered label
not recorded by Proud).



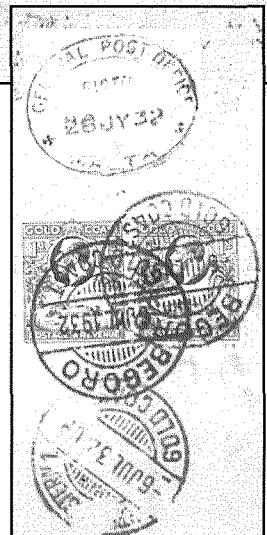
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(2.11.36)-(3.10.38)
(31.12.39)-S.U. 5.3.57

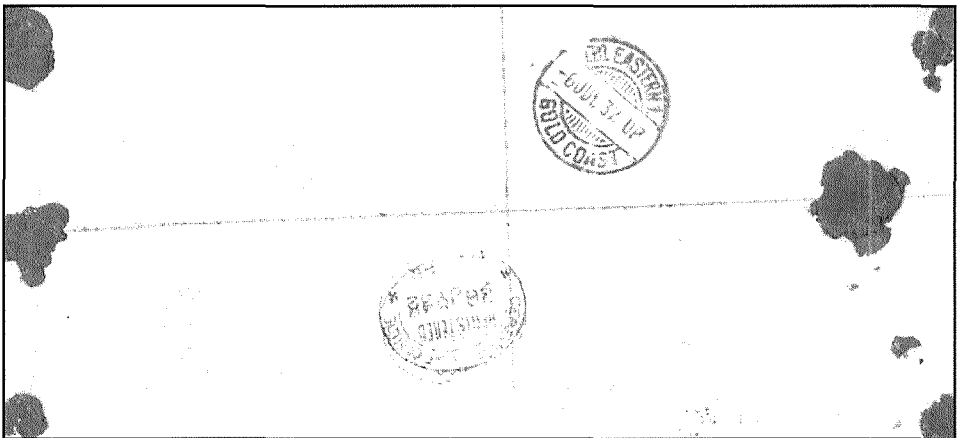
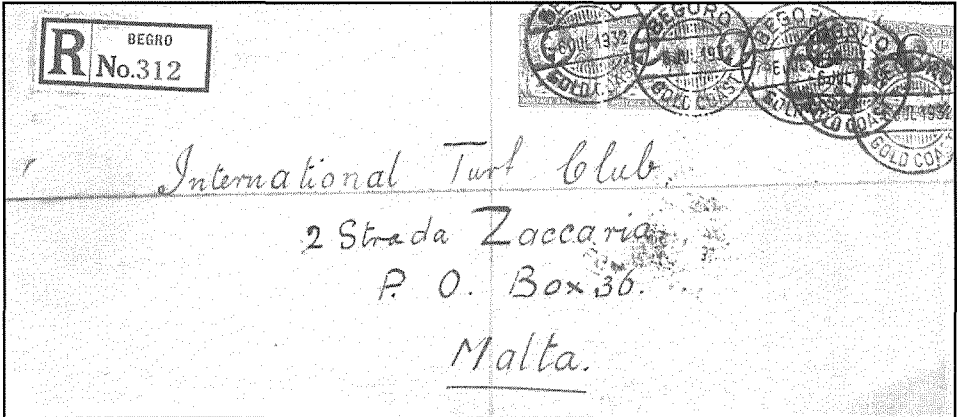
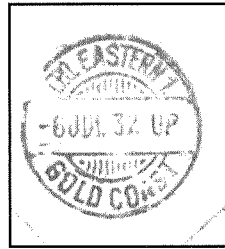
(Proud) D10 (9.7.28)-(29.3.40)
Set with both Up and Down



158 X 102mm brown envelope, with on front, perforated **DARK BLUE (40 X 15mm)** Registration label - **R/ BEGRO / No 313**, having three 1d.red-brown K.C.V stamps, cancelled with **BEGORO / 6 JUL 1932/ GOLD COAST**, black double ring, (Proud D5), and on the back two 1d red-brown K.G.V., cancelled with the same hand-stamp.

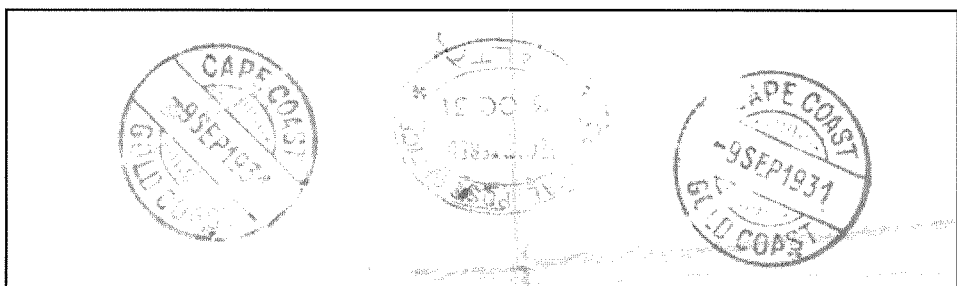
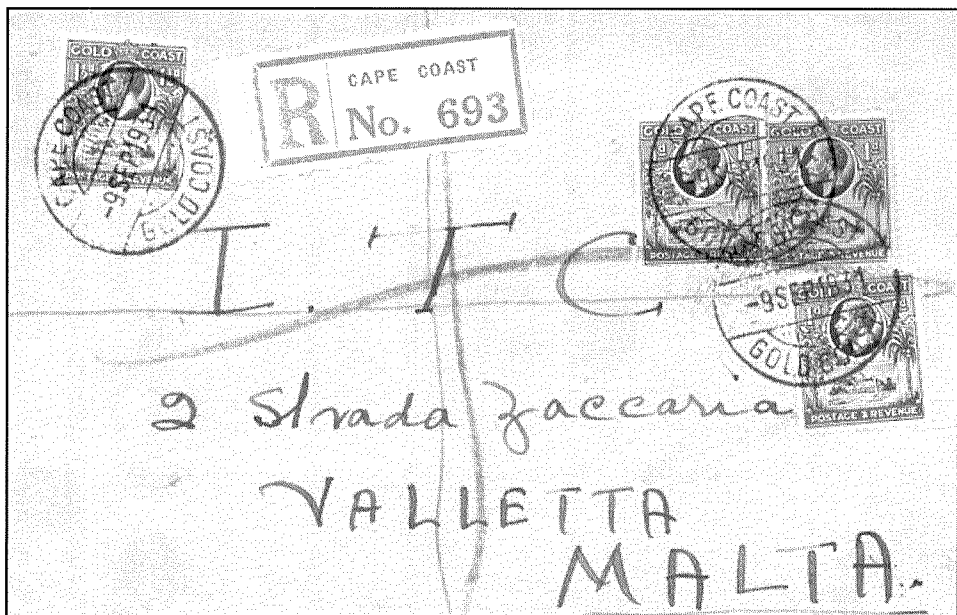
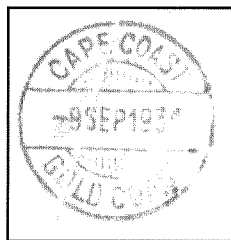
There is also a 27mm black double ring hand stamp, **T.P.O.EASTERN 1./ 6 JUL 32 UP/ GOLD COAST**, (Proud D10), and Malta **GENERAL POST OFFICE / REGISTERED / 29 JY 32**, arrival hand stamp.





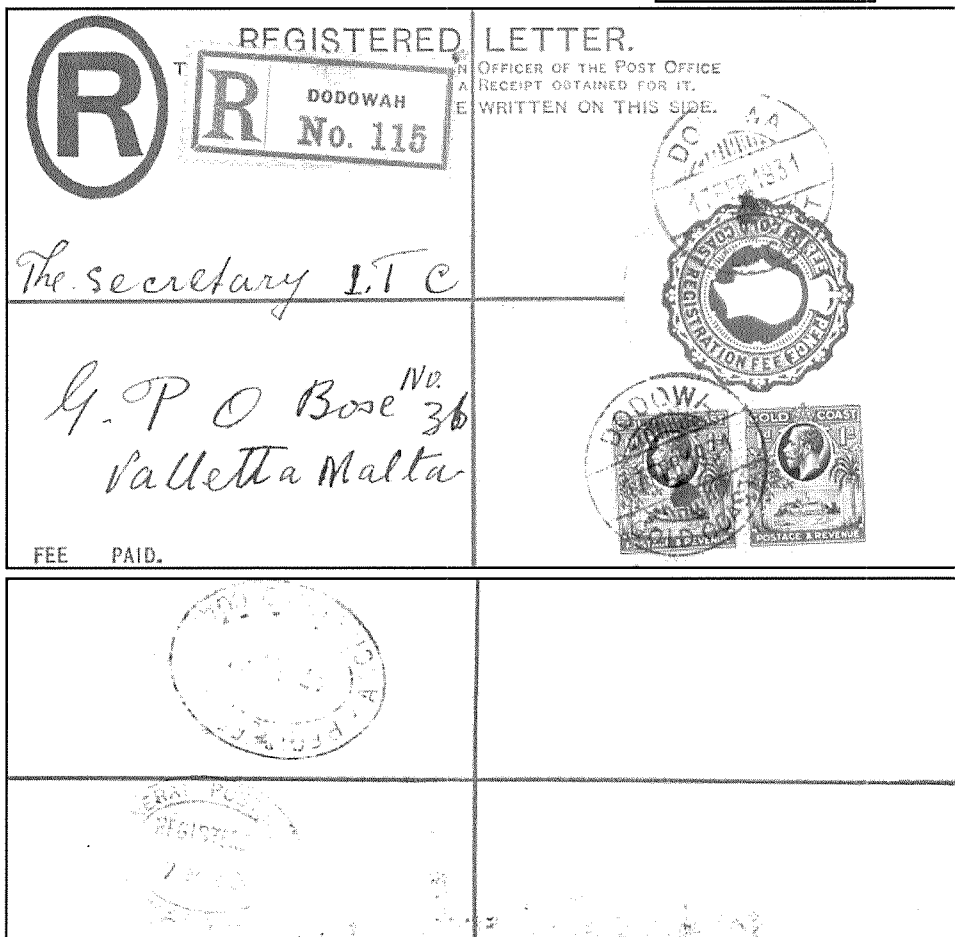
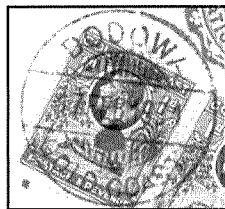
228 X 100mm brown envelope, with on the front having, perforated **DARK BLUE (40 X 15mm)** Registration label —**R / BEGRO / No.312.**, together with four 1d red-brown K.G.V. stamps, cancelled with **BEGORO / 6 JUL 1932 / GOLD COAST**, (Proud D5) and on the back - **T.P.O. EASTERN 1. / 6 JUL 32 UP / GOLD COAST**, (Proud D10), together with Malta **GENERAL POST OFFICE / REGISTERED / 29 JY 32**, arrival hand -stamp.

CAPE COAST.



145 X 95mm brown envelope, with on the front having perforated **PALE BLUE (40 X 15mm)** Registration label – **R / CAPE COAST / No. 693**, together with three 1d red-brown, and ONE 1 1/2d scarlet, K.G.V. stamps, cancelled with **CAPE COAST / -9 SEP 1931 / GOLD COAST**, (Proud D19), and on the back, Two (Proud D19), hand-stamps together with Malta **GENETRAL POST OFFICE / REGISTERED / 3 OC 31**, arrival hand-stamp.

DODOWAH
 (Registered label
 not illustrated by Proud).



152 X 93mm K.G.V. Brown Three Pence Registered letter bearing perforated **BLUE (40 X 15mm)** Registration label – **R / DODOWAH / No. 115**, together with two 1d red-brown K.G.V. stamps cancelled with **DODOWAH / 17 FEB 1931 / GOLD COAST**, (Proud No D9), and on the back **REGISTERED / 17 FEB 31 / * ACCRA GOLD COAST ***, (Proud R10), together with Malta **GENERAL POST OFFICE / REGISTERED / 7 MR 31**, arrival hand-stamp.

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POSTAL DIARY (2003)

1 July - 1 December 2003

by Mr Anthony Fenech. MRPSL.

01 July

Issue of the Elton John Souvenir Sheet incorporating four images of the well known pop singer who was giving one of his concerts at the Granaries, Floriana that week and a Lm1.50 perforated stamp — Valletta by night – issued last year as a Postage stamp label. The 125 x 90mm sheet was designed by J.P. Advertising Ltd. and offset printed by Bundesdruckerei GmbH.



A special First Day of Issue handstamp inscribed “eltonjohn - Malta/Jum il-hrug – 01.07.03/—/Malta” was provided by Maltapost plc to cancel the sheets used on First Day. The Maltapost Philatelic Bureau issued its bulletin “The Malta Stamp” (No 210)— July 2003) on this occasion.

16 July

The Maltapost Branch Post Office in Zejtun has been transferred temporarily to the Pastoral Centre, at Dar Santa Katerina, behind the Parish Church.

17 July

Maltapost has issued Postage Paid Envelopes in different sizes showing different Firms logos and addresses on the top left corner.

18 July

Maltapost has today installed three new Frama Stamp Vending machines at its Branches in Sciortino Street, Zebbug, Victory Street, Qormi and in 9th April Street, Luqa. Maltapost also said that the machines in use at The Malta International Airport departure lounge, at Casa Annona Branch, Castille Place, Valletta, at St.Luke’s Hospital and at the entrance to Portomaso would be withdrawn for servicing on the 23 July and replaced by other machines bearing different numbers.

20 July

A special hand postmark—"Bazilika San Gorg * Festi Centinarji * Victoria – Gozo – 20-VII-2003" will be in use at St.George's Basilica, Victoria, Gozo, today Sunday, between 8.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m.



21 July

Maltapost will be using a machine stamp cancelling slogan marking the 30th Anniversary of Technical and Military Assistance by The Italian Military Mission, at the Central Mail Room, Qormi Road, Marsa, from today until August 2. The slogan reads "Missione Italiana/di Assistenza Tecnico Militare/ 1973/ 30 Anniversario/2003/ 01.08.03.



31 July

New Barcoded Registration labels introduced.

01 August

A special hand postmark—"Missione Italiana di Assistenza Tecnico Militare/30 Anniversario" will be in use at the Counter Hall, Valletta today, 1 August 2003, during office hours.

06 August

The delivery Branches of Zejtun, Zabbar, B'Bugia, Paola and Cospicua are relocated at the Southern Postal Delivery Hub at Zejtun.

08 August

Maltapost will be relocating all its P.O.Boxes housed at The Auberge D'Aragon, in West Street, Valletta to new and more convenient premises at The Valletta Market Complex, in Merchants Street. Mail service from Auberge d'Aragon will be suspended as from today.

13 August

The S.P.O. at Tarxien closed temporarily from Wednesday 13 to Saturday 23 August, both days inclusive.

16 August

The public is advised that by agreement with The Malta Communications Authority and The Union Haddiema Maghqudin, all Maltapost Branches in Malta and Gozo will be closed for business today and no mail will be delivered.

18 August

The SPO's at Dingli, Ghaxaq and Mgarr closed temporarily as shown here:

Dingli	(from Monday 18 to Saturday 23 August)
Mgarr	(from Monday 18 to Wednesday 27 August)
Ghaxaq	(from Monday 18 to Saturday 30 August)

20 August

A new postage stamp sheetlet of 16 stamps – Seashells – has been issued today. The sheetlet of 16 (7c) stamps designed by Andrew Micallef depicts Mediterranean seashells. The stamps are offset printed by Bundesdruckerei GmbH. A special handstamp depicting a seashell (Banded cockle) and inscribed – “Seashells/Jum il-hrug/20.08.03/ — —/Malta” has been provided to cancel all the philatelic mail franked with the seashells stamps used on the first day of issue. “The Malta Stamp” bulletin No 211 (August 2003), text by Charles Cachia, featuring the seashells stamps has been issued by The Malta Philatelic Bureau. Two different sizes of First Day envelopes were issued by Maltapost for this set.



20 August

Maltapost plc invites interested parties to submit their proposals for:

- printing of a stamp album
- design, lay out, photography, scanning of a high quality 600 page publication.

Sealed documents are to reach the Purchasing Manager at Maltapost plc, 305, Qormi Road, Marsa, by noon 25 August 2003.

23 August

Attard SPO also closed temporarily from Saturday 23 and Saturday 30 August inclusive.

30 September

The—"Sailing" stamp set designed by Francis X. Ancilleri issued today. The set consists of three stamps valued at 8c, 22c, and 35c offset printed by Bundesdruckerei GmbH of Germany. The First Day special handstamp reads: "Sailing/— —/Malta/Jum il-hrug/30.09.03" and shows a yacht in the middle. This set has been previewed in "The Malta Stamp" bulletin No. 212 (September 2003).



02 October

Maltapost will be using as from today until the 8th instant, a machine stamp cancelling slogan reading "GWU 60 sena ta' hidma/1943 – 2003" at its Central Mail Room, Qormi Road, Marsa.

03 October

A special hand postmark inscribed "GWU – 60 Anniversary" will be in use at the Counter Hall at Dar Annona, Castille Place, Valletta, on Friday 3 October 2003, during office hours.

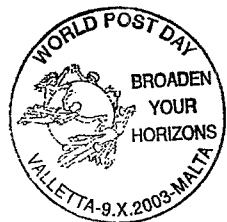


08 October

The delivery Branches at Mellieha, St.Paul's Bay, Mosta, Naxxar, Balzan and Birkirkara are relocated at the Northern Postal Delivery Hub at Lija.

09 October

Another special hand postmark "World Post Day" in use today (9 October) at Dar Annona Counter Hall, Castille Place, Valletta, during office hours.



10 – 12 October

Maltex 2003 Stamp Exhibition open to the public. A temporary Branch Post Office has been set up at St. Publius Hall, Floriana, where a commemorative handstamp reading—“Maltex 2003/10-12 October/St.Publius Hall – Floriana – Malta” is being used to cancel postal items.

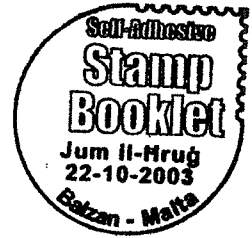


11 October

A machine slogan is being used as from today until the 25 October at the Central Mail Room, Marsa. It reads: ‘Gazzetta “Il-Furjana”/1953 Ottubru 2003’.

22 October

Two Stamp Booklets containing 23 x 23mm self-adhesive stamps, produced in a convenient size to fit in one’s wallet, have been issued today. One booklet contains 12 x 7c stamps for local postage and the other 6 x 16c stamps for postage to Europe and the Mediterranean Basin.



An official commemorative envelope has been provided and a special first day postmark has been used to cancel mail franked with the Booklets adhesive stamps on the first day of issue. The special commemorative postmark read: “Self-Adhesive/stamp booklet/Jum il-hrug/22-10-2003/— —/Malta”.

29 October

A new stamp issue depicting Maltese Windmills issued today. The stamps (values 11c, 27c, and 45c) are designed by Mark.A.Vella and offset printed in sheets of 10 stamps by Bundesdruckerei GmbH. Maltapos: has prepared a special First Day of Issue handstamp reading: “Windmills/— —/Malta/Jum il-hrug/29.10.03.” “The Malta Stamp” bulletin No. 213 (October 2003) has been issued by the Maltapost Philatelic Bureau to preview the stamps.



03 November

The Delivery Branches of Sliema, Gzira, Msida, St.Julian's and San Gwann are relocated at the Sliema Postal Delivery Hub at Gzira.

04 November

Maltapost has today issued the schedule of the latest posting dates for Christmas mail going overseas. The latest posting dates for Christmas mail sent to any destination by air is December 5.

Parcels by air have to be mailed according to country of destination as follows:

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| To all countries in Asia and Japan | — Latest date - November 15 |
| To Northern, Central and southern States in Africa | — Latest date - November 19 |
| To Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Pacific Ocean Islands, Canada, U.S.A. and Alaska, Central America, West Indies and South America | — Latest date - November 22 |

By not later than November 14, letters and parcels can also be mailed by surface air-lifted service to the following countries only: Tanzania, India, Phillipines, United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, United States and Alaska, and Brazil.

10 November

The S.P.O. at Attard closed temporarily from Monday 10 to Friday 14 November (both days inclusive).

12 November

The 2003 Christmas postage stamp set issued today. None of the 4 values (7c, 16c, 22c, and 50c) bears the usual surcharge. This year, as last year, Maltapost has placed collection boxes at its branches instead of putting a surcharge on its Christmas stamps. Money collected from the boxes would go towards helping voluntary organizations and charitable institutions.

This year's Christmas stamps are designed by Harry Borg and offset printed by Bundesdruckerei GmbH. The stamps are previewed in "The Malta Stamp bulletin No214 (December 2003) issued by The Philatelic Bureau. The First Day of Issue handstamp reads:



“Milied/Jum il-Hrug/12.11.2003/— —/Malta”. Maltapost has used the design of the 22c value for its official Christmas Cards.

12 November

A machine stamp slogan reading “Mro Giuseppe Camilleri/Mitt Sena/mit-twelid tieghu/1903-2003” will be used from the 12 to the 18 November 2003, at the Central Mail Room, Qormi Road, Marsa.

12 November

Maltapost plc has announced the issue of the first two sets in the 2004 Stamp Programme namely:

- Letter Boxes — January
- Cats — February

13 November

A special hand postmark will be in use at the Dar Annona Counter Hall, Castille Place, Valletta, today, during office hours. The handstamp is inscribed: –“100 Years Service to the Young – Salesians of Don Bosco, Sliema/13.11.2003/ Valletta, Malta”.

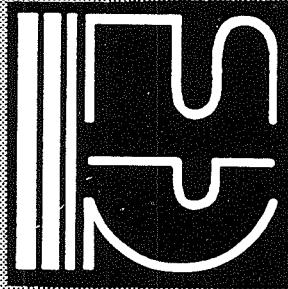


17 November

Between today and the 22 November, a machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: “Centinarju/tat-Twaqqif ta’/ulied il-Qalb ta’ Gesu’/minn/M.Maria Teresa Nuzzo/ 21-11-1903” will be used at the Central Mail Room, Qormi Road, Marsa.

01 December

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: “FIFTH/Maltese Medical School/ Conference/4-6 December 2003” will be used from the 1 to the 6 December, at the Central Mail Room, Qormi Road, Marsa.



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