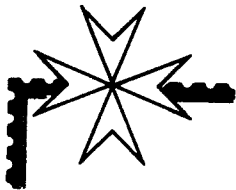


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Tel: 2134 2189. Fax: 2134 6069. Further details will be announced later.

**Hand Obliterator – Malta – ? Maritime Mail –
Dated – 2.10.06,
on – Raphael Tuck & Sons – Maltese Lady –
Oilette post-card.**

by Dr. A. Bonnici KM, MD


This beautiful oilette post-card, of a Maltese Lady, wearing the *ghonnella* or *faldetta* which was worn by Maltese Ladies pre 1940, and later becoming part of the ladies section dress, of a lay Maltese Religious Organisation, (M.U.S.E.U.M.), was addressed to *MR. MOLLAR* in Lyon – France, and was returned, presumably back to Malta, endorsed in manuscript red ink, as having an *incomplete and unknown address*, together with a **6** also in manuscript red ink, which probably was the Postage Due.

It bears the following (?) unrecorded / unpublished / unusual, multiple hand obliterator(s), which, according to my analysis has the following features.

The same multiple obliterator was applied in three different places on the card:

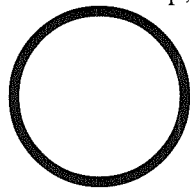
1. Used to *cancel* the India KEVII. One Anna, stamp overprinted *On. H M S* (S.G. No. 54.)
2. On its own *in the middle of the back of the card*, and
3. again on the *right top part of the front of the card*.

The sequence of the application of this interesting multiple obliterator applied probably is as follows:

First the word **MALTA** flanked on either side, by a triangle, and from its tip, emerging the tip of a spear head, was applied. 

Then a circle was applied to frame MALTA,
and finally the date **2.10.06** tying the circle.

This date was also applied on its own *in the right hand bottom corner of the back of the card*.



The sender addressed the card in thick blue ink to Mr MOLLARO in Lyon France, signing his name on the right hand side of the back of the card, and writing “*Malta / 2.10.06 / and initialling it*” on the *front left top corner of the card*.

The card was returned, because “*address was incomplete and unknown*”.

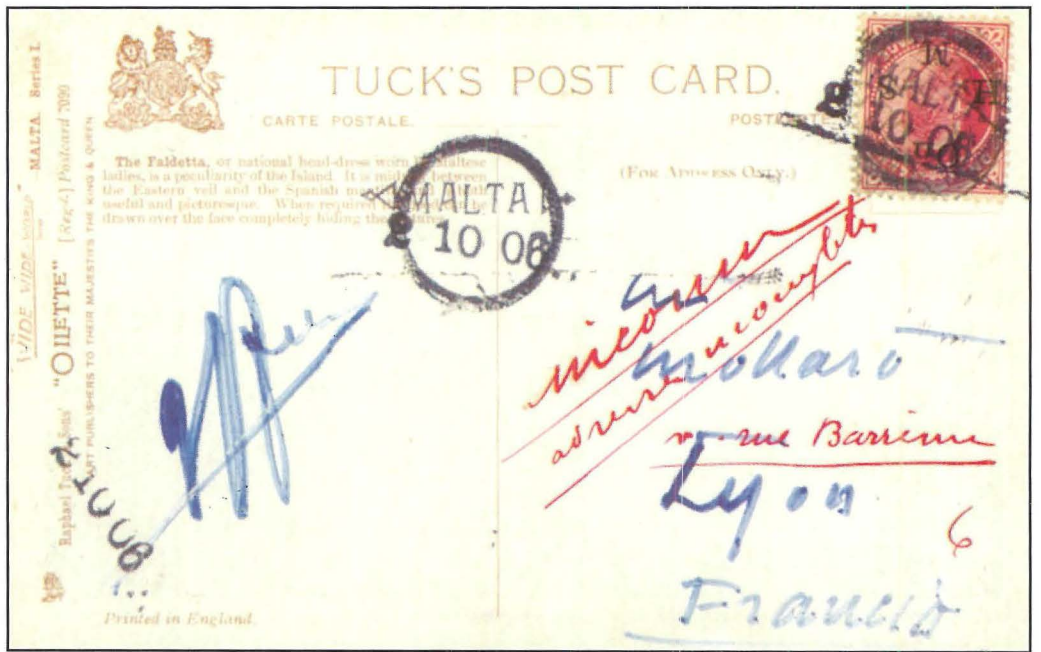
Comments.

This post-card was bought in Malta, by, probably an Indian sea man, or a passenger, on board the P & O ship named “Malta”, who had in his possession, the Indian stamp, which he used as postage, posting the card on board the ship “Malta”.

Have any of our members come across this multiple hand stamp. Your comments would be appreciated, as in my opinion this obliterator falls under Maritime Mail.



A MALTESE LADY WITH FALDETTA



TUCK'S POST CARD.

CARTE POSTALE.

POST

The Faldetta, or national head-dress worn by Maltese ladies, is a peculiarity of the Island. It is made to enclose the Eastern veil and the Spanish mantilla. It is both useful and picturesque. When required it may be drawn over the face completely hiding the features.

(FOR ADDRESS ONLY.)

WIDE WIDE WORLD - MALTA Series I
 Raphael Tuck & Sons' "Oilette"
 SOLE PUBLISHERS TO THEIR MAJESTIES THE KING & QUEEN

Printed in England.

~~M. G. Mollaro~~
 rue Barthelemy
 Lyon 6
 France

British Guiana AIR MAILS to MALTA in the 1930-1934 period

by Dr. A. Bonnici K.M., M.D.

On the 13th December 1927 Charles Lindberg made a two month long survey, starting from Washington D.C. through Mexico to the Canal zone, then running the Spanish Main, and back through the Antilles and Cuba.

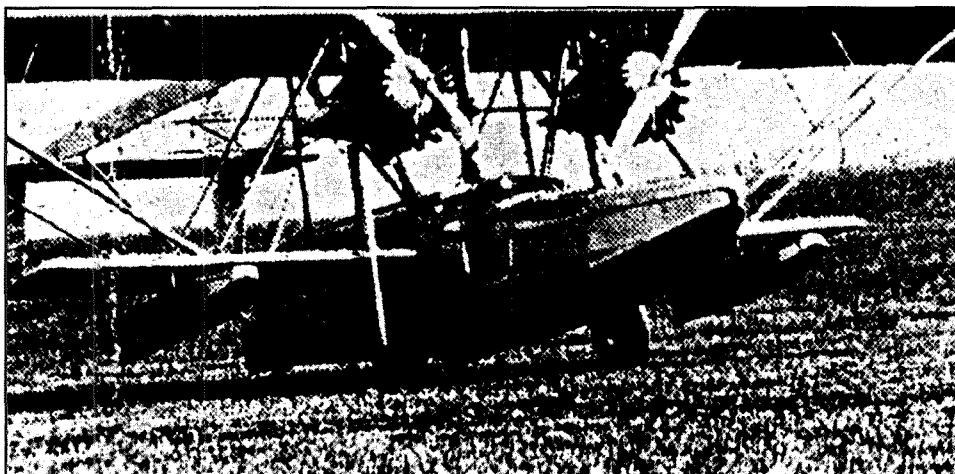
Lindberg favoured land planes, but was forced to conclude that for this region, amphibians were the logical choice.

PAN AM bought Sikorsky S – 38'S mostly for the Caribbean.

Juan Tripp lost no time in expanding PAN AM's Caribbean bridgehead astutely expanded from West-Indian Aerial Express. A succession of additional foreign air contracts quickly followed and the British Guiana sector started on the 29th Sept 1929. (This information was obtained from PAN AM brochure courtesy of E.B. Proud.)

Edward B. Proud in his excellent publication Postal History of British Air Mails, states that, "Air Mails from British Guiana to UK, via New York, started in April 1930, but no Air Mail covers were seen by him for the period Aprl 1930 to the 22nd Feb 1931."

The route taken from British Guiana was via Porto Rico San Juan, where the violet Registered hand stamp was applied, on to Miami, then by rail to New York, where the NEW YORK. U.S.A./FOREIGN hand stamp was applied, then across the Atlantic by boat to UK, and finally to Malta by boat... between 15 - 18 days.



This versatile aircraft, equally at home as an amphibian on land or water, was the backbone of Pan American's fleet during a critical period, laying the foundations of the Caribbean and Central American network in 1929 and 1930. (PAN AM)

The following reproductions on piece, are of this period, and cancelled by the Double ring AIR MAIL G.P.O./ BRITISH GUIANA with the date in the middle.



5th May 1930.



12th May 1930



8th May 1930



14th August 1930



27th February 1931
via Trinidad



6th March 1931



9th August 1931



10th August 1931



13th August 1931



14th August 1931



14th August 1931



20th December 1931



16th August 1932



10th August 1932



AIR MAIL/BRITISH GUIANA/ 5th March 1931 – SAN JUAN, P.R. / REGISTERED 8th March 1931 – NEW YORK, U.S.A./ FOREIGN/10 March 1931. No Malta arrival date stamp.

The following probably unique are British Guiana Registered Letter Envelopes sent to Malta via this route.



Par Avion
By Air Mail

BRITISH GUIANA REGISTERED LETTERS
MUST BE GIVEN TO AN OFFICER OF THE POST OFFICE REGISTERED, AND A RECEIPT BE OBTAINED FOR THEM.

THE SECRETARY
INTERNATIONAL
TURF CLUB
VALETTA
MALTA

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SENDER.
Joseph J. Read
25 Broad Street
New Amsterdam B/C
British Guiana.

BRITISH GUIANA 23c
BRITISH GUIANA 9c

BRITISH GUIANA REGISTRATION
DANUS PETRIUS
REGISTRATION
REGISTRATION
REGISTRATION

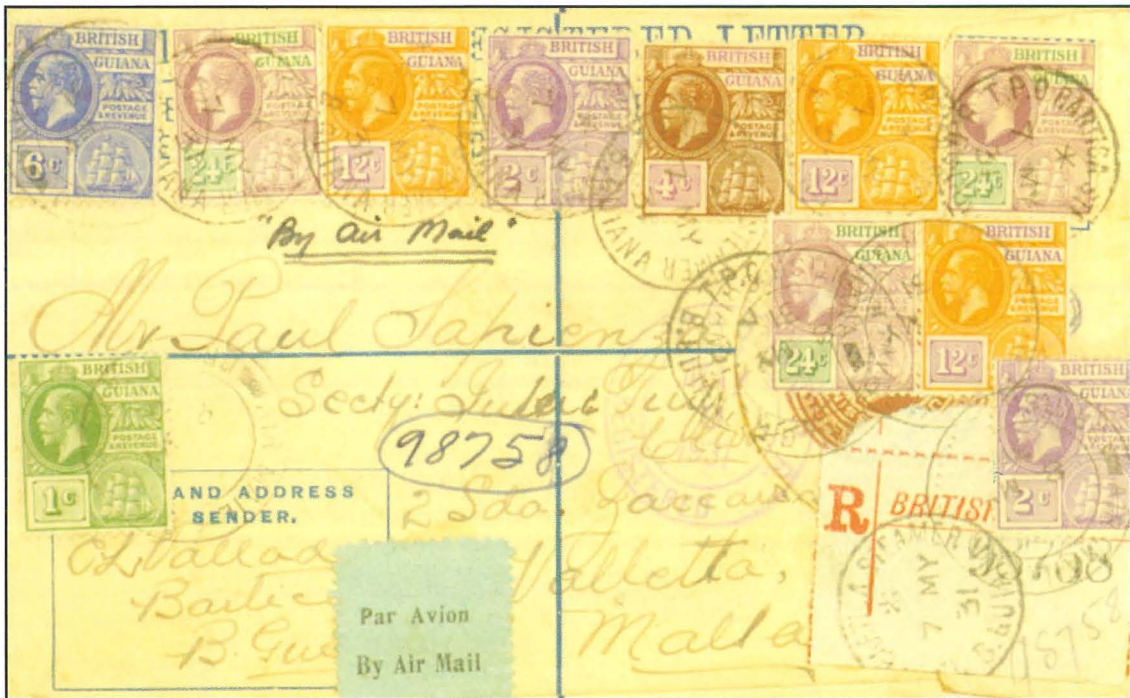
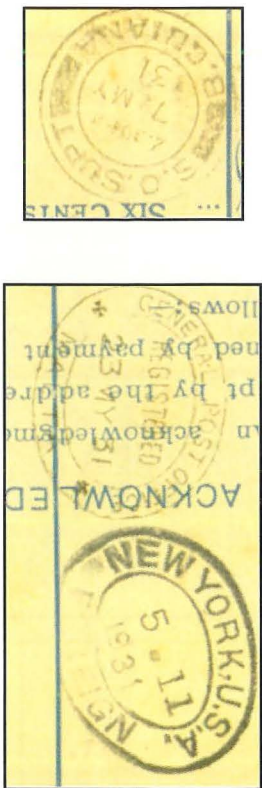
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m/a

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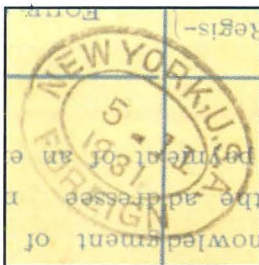
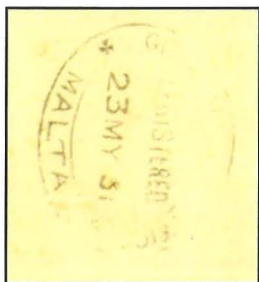
An acknowledgment receipt by the addressee obtained by payment of a fee follows:

MFW AMSTERDAM/B.GUIANA 5 MY 31 - SAN JUAN. P.R./REGISTERED MAY 9 1931

Back. AIRMAIL. G.P.O. / 1.30.AM./5MY/31 BRITISH GUIANA - S.O. SUPT.1.30/5MY/31. /B.GUIANA - NEW YORK. U.S.A. / 5-11/1931 /FOREIGN - GENERAL POST OFFICE/REGISTERED/23 MAY 31./MALTA... 18 days.



T.P.O. Bartica Steamer / * / 7 MY/31 / B Guiana – San Juan.P.R. / May 9/1931.
 Back S.O.SUPT / 1.30.AM / 7MY / 31 B. GUIANA – NEW YORK.U.S.A. / 5-11/1931. FOREIGN – GENERAL POST OFFICE /
 REGISTERED / 23 MY 31. / MALTA ... 16 DAYS.



BRITISH GUIANA REGISTER

THIS LETTER MUST BE GIVEN TO AN OFFICER OF THE POST OFFICE TO BE REGISTERED, AND A RECEIPT BE OBTAINED.

Messrs P. Sapienya
 International Turf Club
 2 Strada Yaccaria Valletta
 Malta.

Par Avion
 By Air Mail

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SENDER.
 MRS. H. R. CHUNG
 Lombard Street
 Georgetown, Demerara
 British Guiana

BRITISH GUIANA 60c
 BRITISH GUIANA 1c
 BRITISH GUIANA 60c

BRITISH GUIANA REGISTERATION FEE SIX CENTS
 DAMUS PERITUS VICIUS
 AIR MAIL
 MAY 19 1931
 R BRITISH GUIANA 36208

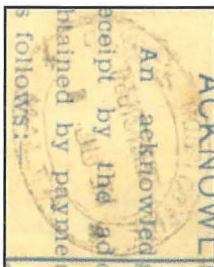
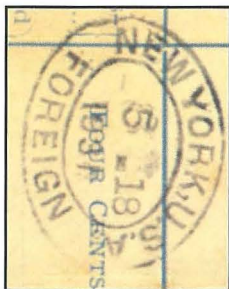
Air Mail GPO/8 MY /31/ British Guiana – San Juan.P.R. /May/9//1931

Back. NEW YORK.U.S.A. / 5-11 / 1931. FOREIGN. GENERAL POST OFFICE / REGISTERD / 23 MY 31 / MALTA ... 15 DAYS.



via Great Britain in manuscript

AR. – Blairmont / * / 13 My/31 / British Guiana – San Juan.P.R. / May / 16/1931
Back AIR MAIL / 11.00 AM / 31 BRITISH GUIANA. – NEW YORK.U.S.A. / 5-18 / 1931/FOREIGN. – GENERAL POST OFFICE / REGISTERED / 1 JU 31 / MALTA... 18 DAYS



BRITISH GUIANA REGISTERED

THIS LETTER MUST BE GIVEN TO A REGISTERED AIR MAIL AGENT TO BE REGISTERED, AND A RECEIPT MUST BE OBTAINED FROM HIM.

*International Turf Club,
2, Strada Zaccaria,
Valletta,
Malta.*

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SENDER.

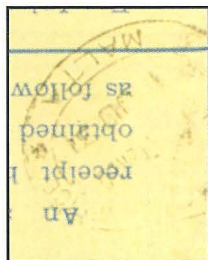
*C. Vincent,
34, Plaisance,
E.C. Demerara,
Br. Guiana.*

R BRITISH GUIANA
36269

Par Avion
By Air Mail

Air Mail G.P.O./15 MY 31 / British Guiana. – San Juan.P.R. / May 16 1931 / Registered

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BRITISH GUIANA REGISTER

THIS LETTER MUST BE GIVEN TO AN OFFICER OF POST OFFICE TO BE REGISTERED, AND A RECEIPT BE OBTAINED

The International Surf Club

R **BRITISH GUIANA** 36261

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SENDER.
J.B. Harris
 28 Lombard St.
 Georgetown, Dem.
 British Guiana, S.A.

Par Avion
 By Air Mail

Malta
J.P.O. Box No 36

Postage stamps: 6c (British Guiana), 12c (British Guiana), 3c (British Guiana), 1c (British Guiana).

Postmarks: Georgetown, British Guiana (15 May 1931); Malta (16 May 1931).

Air Mail / 15 My 31 / British Guiana. – San Juan.P.R. / May / 16 / 1931

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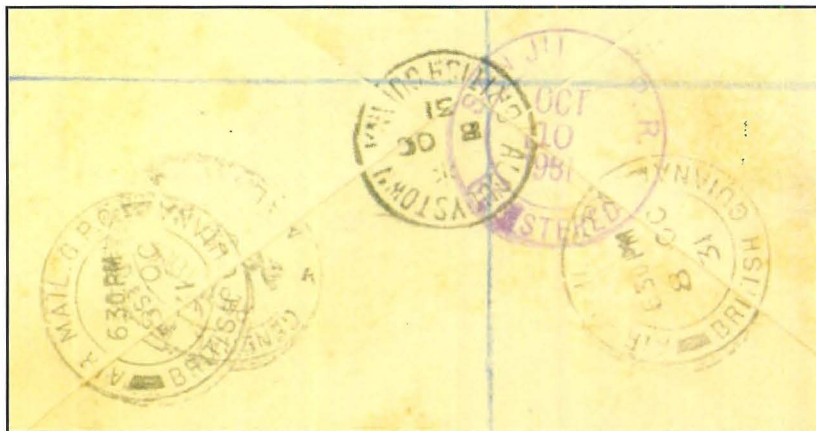
Air Mail.

Par Avion
By Air Mail

R BRITISH GUIANA
9939

From
John DeSilva
22 Evans St
Georgetown

The Secretary,
International Turf Club,
2 SDA, Zaccaria, Valletta,
Malta.



ALBUOYSTOWN /* 8 OC 31 / BRITISH GUIANA WITH Albuoystown in manuscript registration label

Back. AIRMAIL / 6.30.P.M. / 8 OC 31 / - ALBUOYSTOWN /* 8 OC 31 / BRITISH GUIANA - SAN JUAN.P.R. / OCT 10 / 1931. GENERAL POST OFFICE / REGISTERED / 26 OC 31 / MALTA... 18 DAYS.

Par Avion
By Air Mail



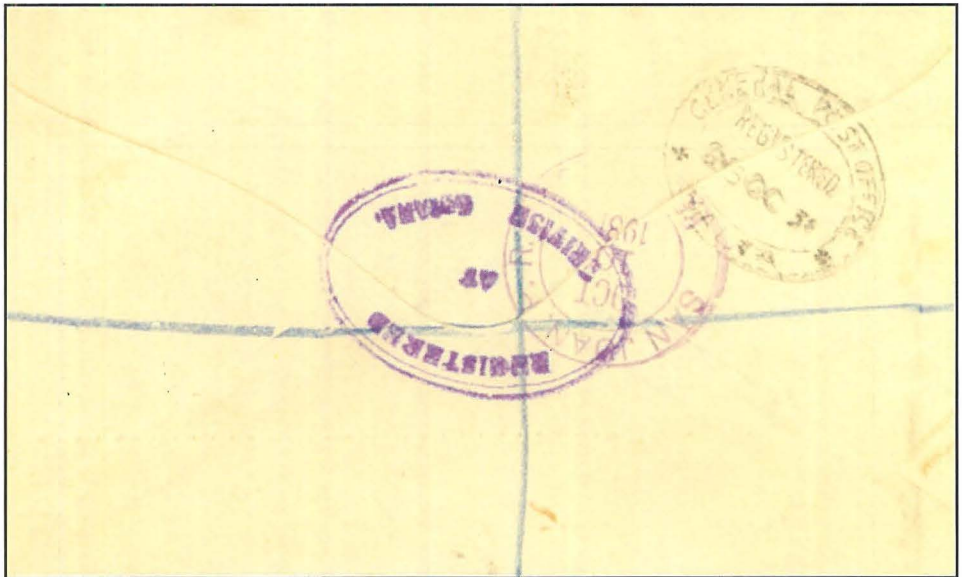
The Secretary,

International Turf Club,

G. P. O. Box. No. 36.

Valletta - - MALTA.

R BRITISH GUIANA
99450



REGISTRATION / * / 8 OC 31. / BRITISH GUIANA.
Back SAN JUAN.P.R. / OCT 10 1931. REGISTERED - GENERAL POST OFFICE /
REGISTERED 26 OC 31. / MALTA... 18 DAYS.

Expertising Stamps and Other Philatelic Items

Anthony Fenech

The F.I.P. "Fakes and Forgeries" Commission met in Madrid last year to elect its Bureau Members and to establish the key criteria required in expertising a stamp or a philatelic item. The Malta Philatelic Society was represented at the Congress by Anthony Fenech, a Member on this Commission.

Mr. Paolo Vollmeier, the outgoing President, pointed out that the rules for expertising varied considerably between National Federations. He stated that many certificates are little more than Auction descriptions. Mr. Vollmeier recommended that strong efforts should be made to standardise the criteria and descriptions to be used on certificates on a world-wide basis.

The newly elected President, Mr. Patrick Pearson promised that he and the Bureau Members would tackle this problem wholeheartedly. Dr. Helena Obermuller Wilen, the Swedish Delegate was asked to be the point of contact with individual experts. She very kindly distributed among the Commission Members a sample of certification where the **standard** is based on **figures**.

Expertising Criteria

1. The **first figure** refers to the **quality** of the stamp or philatelic item:

- *5** • Highest possible luxury
- *4** • Extra Fine
- *3** • Very Fine
- *2** • Fine
- *1** • Average
- *0** • Inferior copy

2. The **second figure** refers to the **centering**:

- *5* • Perfect centering
- *4* • Extra Fine centering
- *3* • Fine/Medium Fine centering
- *2* • Nearly off centering
- *1* • Off centered
- *0* • Error of perforation

3. The **third figure** refers to the **gum** or the **cancellation**:

- **5 • Unmounted Mint (never hinged) or luxury cancellation
- **4 • First hinge or excellent cancellation
- **3 • At least half of the original gum intact or a very good cancellation
- **2 • Less than half of the stamp with original gum or good cancellation
- **1 • Without gum or with acceptable cancellation
- **0 • Inferior cancellation



SG 96 - JB 65

Would you be more than happy to have your next acquisition certified as 4**; **5; *5* that is: "An Extra Fine copy, Unmounted Mint and having Perfect Centering?"

Good Luck and Happy Hunting!

Updated List of Malta Forwarding Agents

by Dr. Luciano De Zanche

MALTA

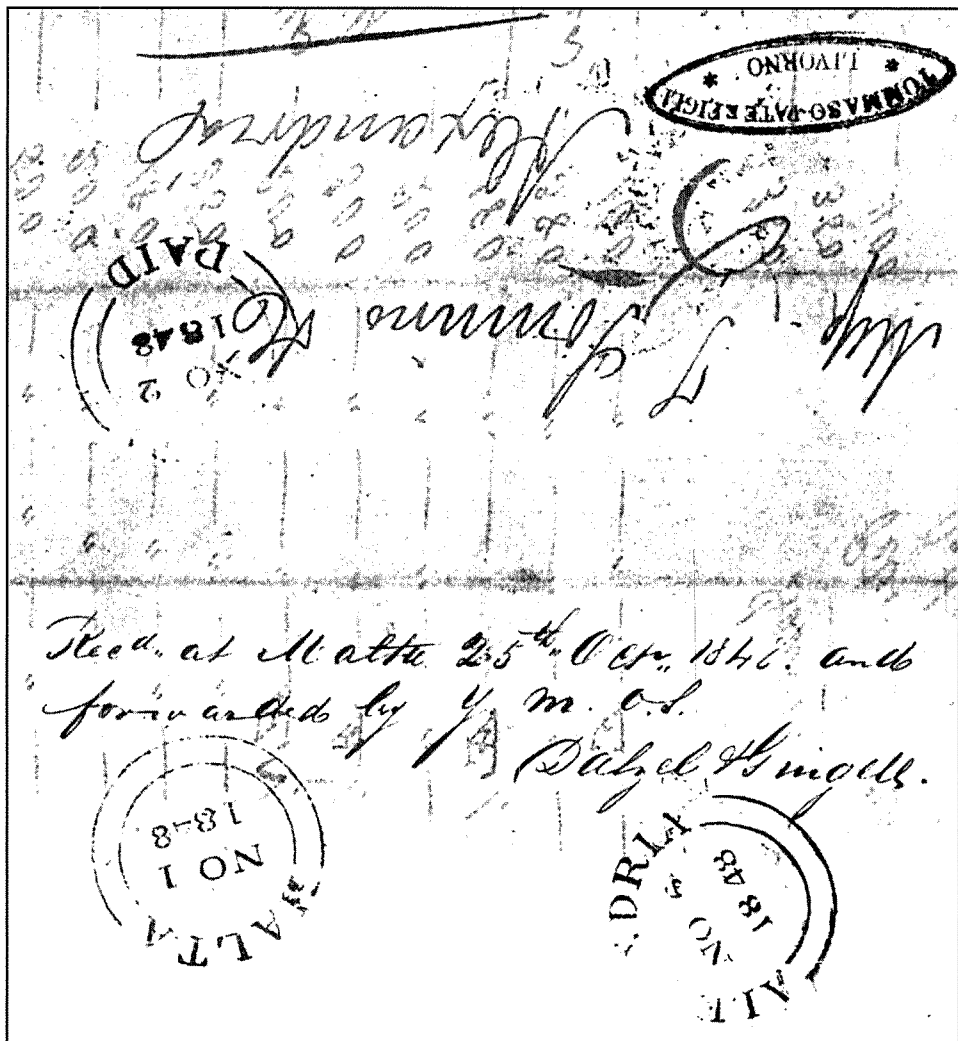
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1707	J.L. Olivier	Cairo - Livorno	MS	7
1809	T.W. Sartorio	?	MS	
	J. Chabot & Co	Fiume - Norwich	MS	5
	Moore & Wilkinson	?	MS	5
1811	Lee & Son	Cospoli - London	MS	5
1812	Edw. Hayes & Co	Smirne - Rochester	MS	5
1815	E.E. Puslow	?	MS	
1816/18	Denison Higgins & Co	Smirne - London	MS	5
1820	J.C. Ross	Cairo - London	MS	4
1823	David Grant & Co	Smirne - Geneve	MS	4
1824	Rev.d Temple	New York - Gerusalemme	MS	5
1824	Consolato Generale Sardo	Tripoli (Libia)-Nizza	MS/B	6
		Tripoli (Libia) - Trieste		
		Tripoli - Marseille		
		Hong Kong - Torino		
1835	R. Stych	?	MS	4
	D.K. Mc Dowall	Malta - London	MS	4
	E. Zammit	Livorno - Alessandria	MS	4
1836	Consolato Olandese	Tipoli (Libia) - Livorno	B	6

1836/44	Tagliaferro	Cairo - London Zante - Marseille Tunisi - Marseille	MS/B	4
1836/48	Malta Post Office	Vercelli - Tunisi	B	6
1837	Schembri e figli	Livorno - Alessandria	MS	4
1837	Gio Farrugia	Rapallo - Tunisi	MS	4
1838/57	Agostino Portelli	Tripoli (Libia) - Marseille Napoli - Tunisi Livorno - Alessandria Creta - Marseille	B	4
1839/49	P. Eynaud & Co	Trieste - Palermo Cairo - USA Zante - USA Zante - Marseille Harward - Catania Palermo - USA Patras - Marseille Palermo - Livorno	MS/B	4
1839/80	J. Borges da Silva	Tunisi - Genova Tripoli (Libia) - Livorno Tripoli - Genova	MS/B	4
1840	Cens. di Sunesina	?	MS	
1840/59	James Bell & Co	Alessandria - Napoli Napoli - Cospoli Zante - Gloucester London - Aleppo	MS/B	4
1841	Filippo Agustina	Livorno - Tunisi	MS	4
1842	L. Barber	Gibraltar - Atene	MS	4

20	1841/52	G.mo Tessi	Tunisi - Livorno	MS/B	4
	1842/52	G. Sonnino	Genova - Malta Alessandria - Marseille	MS/B	4
	1843/46	Giacinto di Emilio Taglaferro	Livorno - Alessandria	B	4
		Antonio Farrugia	Zante - Marseille	B	4
			Civitavecchia - Tunisi	MS	4
	1842/49	G. Buttigieg	Trapani - Tunisi		
			Canea - Marseille	MS	4
			Tunisi - Marseille		
		L.P. Vella	Marseille - Malta	B	4
			Livorno - Alessandria		
	1844	F.lli Xerri	Messina - Alessandria	B	4
	1844/46	G. Pisani	Civitavecchia - Tunisi	B	4
		Em. Taglaferro e figlio	Zante - Marseille	MS/B	4
		Petrococchino & Co	?	B	
		Frate Pietro Paolo	Licudia - Tunisi	MS	5
	1845	Briggs & Co	?	B	
		V.M. Mifsud & Sons	Malta - London	B	4
	1846	I.R. Consolato d'Austria	Fiume - Tunisi	B	6
			Lazzaretto di Malta - Malta	B	6
		Lorenzo Farrugia	Napoli - Tunisi	B	4
	1847	Paolo Nicolosi e f.lio	Catania - Malta	MS	4
	1847/56	Eynaud & Pariente sensali di noleggio	Trapani - Tunisi	B	5
			Malta - Tunisi		
			Costantinopoli - Malta		
	1848	Opera Pia della Propagazione della Fede	Tripoli (Libia) - Lyon	B	5
		G. Grant	London - Malta	B (due tipi)	4
		Lavella e f.lli	Livorno - Alessandria	B	4

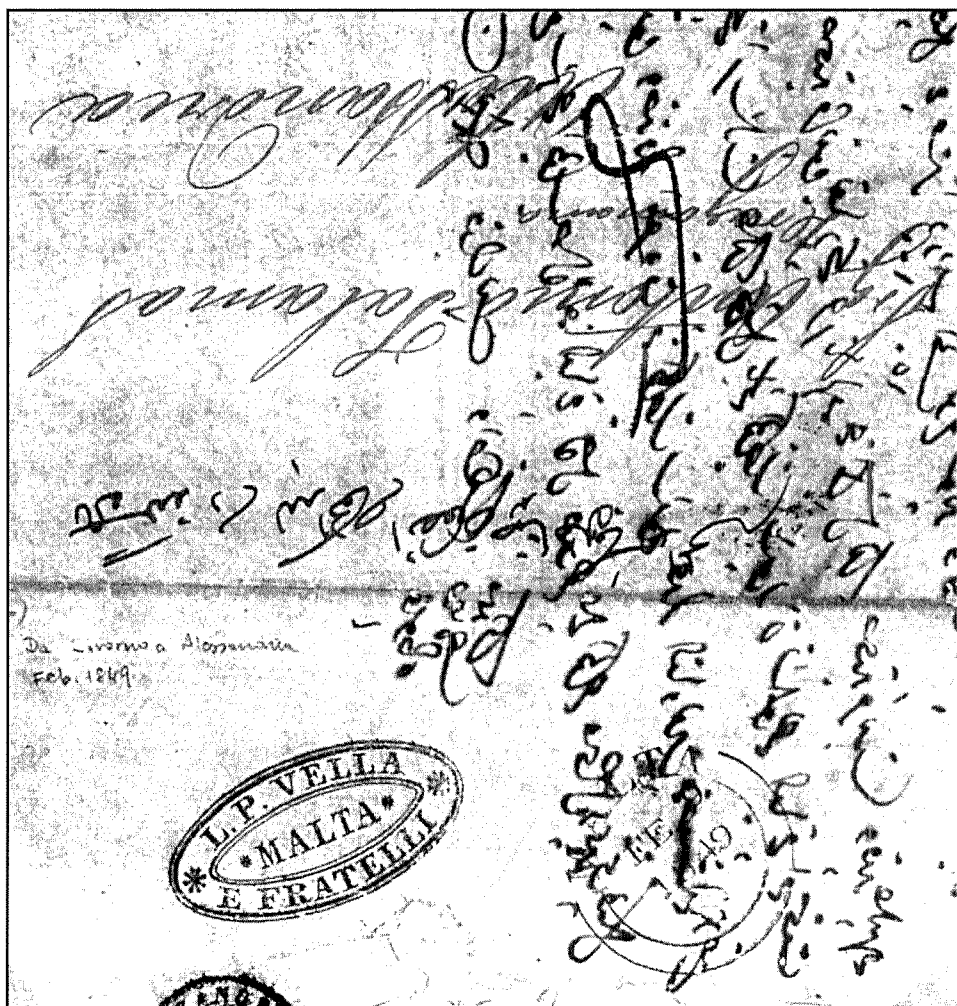
1848/50	Rostand & Co Bismot & Co	? Alessandria - Tunisi Livorno - Malta	B B	4
1848/57	Dalzell & Gingell Ship Brokers	Livorno - Alessandria Alessandria - Livorno	MS/B	5
1850	W.H. Holton	Calcutta - Livorno	B	4
1853	Anchille Camilleri	Marseille - Malta	MS	3
1854	U. Saissy	Tripoli (Libia) - Marseille	B	4
	Giobatta Caruana	Tunisi - Malta	B	4
	Giuseppe Tabone	Catania - Malta	B	4
1855	Mc Dowall & Sons	Crimea - Liverpool	B	4
1857	Woodhouse & Co	?	B	
	G. Scicluna e figli	?	MS/B	
1859	G.as Alamango	Tunisi - Atene	B	4
1859/81	T.G. Micallef	?	B	
1861	De Giorgio & Muscat	?	B	
	Tancred Agius	Alessandria - Messina	MS	3
1861/62	Brazin, Leon Gay & Co	?	B	
	Giovanni A. Avierino	Corfù - Napoli	B	3
1865	Wm. Hearn	?	B (due tipi)	
1868/80	Jacob di Josef Tajar	Tripoli (Libia)- Livorno	B	3
1870	Salomane Nataf	Tripoli (Libia) - Algeri	B	3
1871	G.R. Mirabelli	?	B	
	J. Borgas da Silva	Gerusalemme - Livorno	B	3
1873	Gaetano Grech	?	B	
	R. Soler	Tripoli (Libia) - Genova		2
1875	Demarco & Sammut	Malta (?) - Livorno	MS	2
1876	G.F. Busuttil	?	?	

CORRISPONDENTI POSTALI
EUROPA - Malta



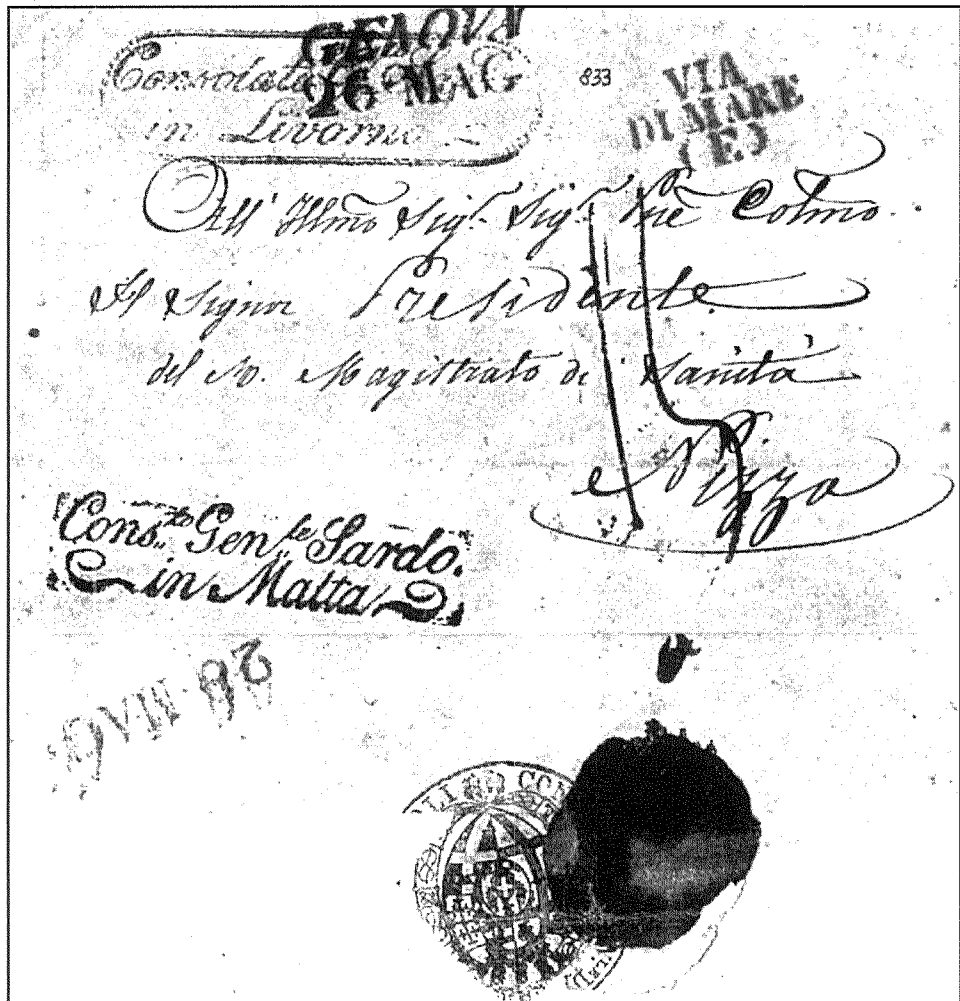
1848, 21 ottobre. Da Livorno ad Alessandria d'Egitto, via Malta, Annotazione del CP 'Rec[eive]d at Malta 25th Oct[obe]r 1848 and forwarded by Y[our] M[ost] O[bedient] S[ervant] Dalzel & Gingell'. Affidata ai vapori inglesi: porto assegnato 5 pence.

CORRISPONDENTI POSTALI EUROPA - Malta



1849. Da Livorno ad Alessandria d'Egitto, via Malta di qui rispedita da L.P. Vella e Fratelli. Al verso bollo di arrivo dell'ufficio francese di Alessandria: la lettera quindi viaggiò con il vapore Egypte delle Messagerie Marittime francesi, in servizio sulla linea diretta d'Egitto. Porto assegnato di 8 decimes.

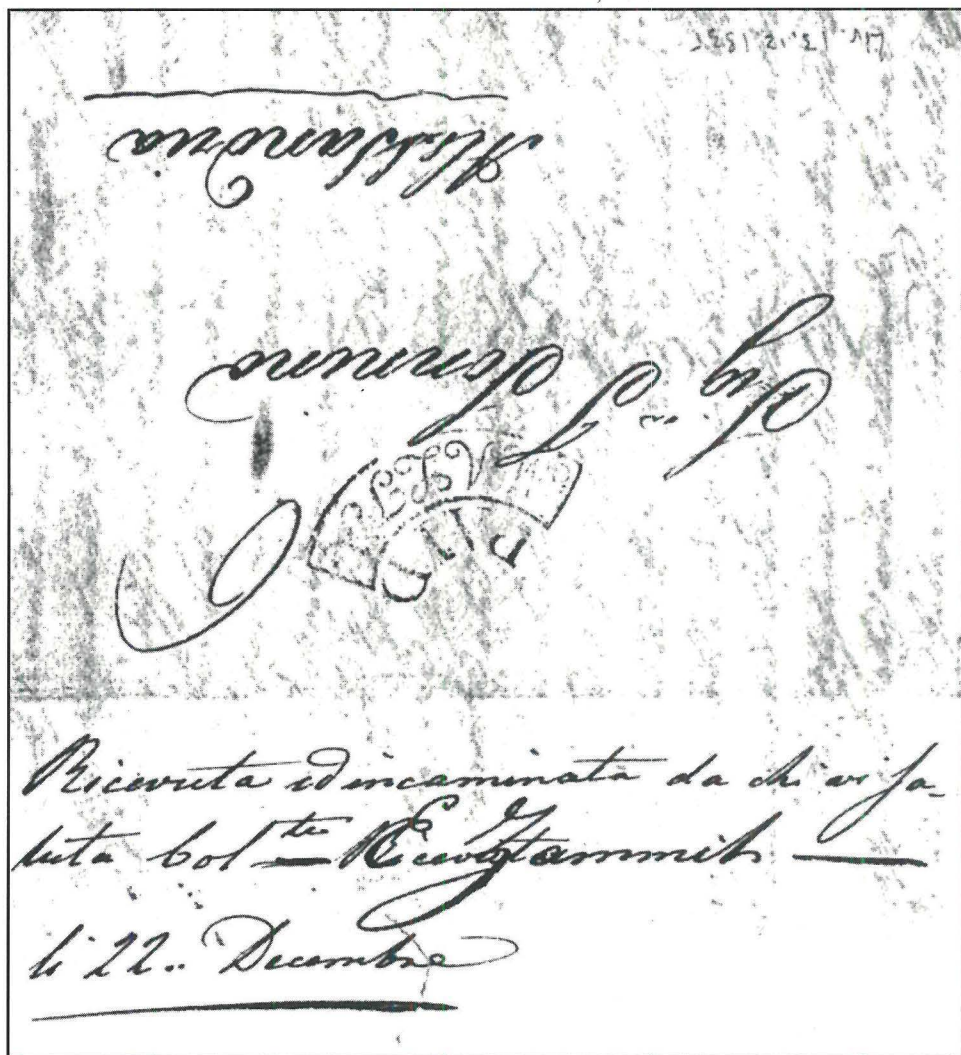
**CORRISPONDENTI POSTALI
EUROPA
MALTA - LIVORNO**



1838, 23 aprile. Da Tripoli di Libia a Nizza Marittima, rispedita due volte: dal Consolato Sardo in Malta e dal Consolato Sardo in Livorno, che apposero i propri bolli a certificazione dell'intervento.

Da Tripoli a Malta la lettera andò con nave privata, da Malta a Livorno verosimilmente con uno dei vapori delle Messaggierie marittime francesi, da Livorno a Genova con nave privata. Giunta il 28 maggio. A Malta venne aperta, disinfettata e richiusa con sigillo di ceralacca illeggibile.

CORRISPONDENTI POSTALI
Area Mediterranea
Malta



1835. Da Livorno ad Alessandria d'Egitto, rispedita da un C. P. di Malta che annotò 'Ricevuta ed incaminata da chi vi saluta cordialmente E. Zammit li 22 dicembre'. Porto pagato a destinazione certificato col bollo arcuato 'PAID MALTA'.

1st July – 31st December 2001

POSTAL DIARY

by *Anthony Fenech*

02 July – Maltapost plc. has informed the public that this summer, with effect from today, until further notice, mail will be delivered earlier. The first collection from letter boxes will be carried out at 6.00a.m. instead of 7.00a.m.

02 July – With effect from this evening a Maltapost Mibile Unit will be stationed at the Fair's principal square, close to the main entrance of the International Trade Fair Grounds, Naxxar. The following postal services will be available:

- sale of stamps and stationery;
- posting of letters and letter packets;
- Parcel Post service;
- Bulk posting;
- Registration of postal articles;
- Issuing and encashment of Money Orders and Postal Orders;
- Encashment of Post Cheques;
- Payment of Bills;
- Sale of Telecards;
- EMS Datapost Service.



All postal articles handled at the Mobile Unit will be postmarked by a handstamp inscribed "44th International Fair of Malta/Mobile Unit/Malta".

02 July – A new International Reply Coupon has been issued w.e.f. to-day. It is in the same format as the previous one, but the "42c" overprint charge replaced by "50c" also in red, but in larger type.

04 July – A machine slogan cancellation – a Maltese Cross amid 7 horizontal bars, followed by boxed "Valletta/Malta/Paid" has started to be used in red ink at the Logistics Section.



06 July – Another new machine slogan cancellation is being used at the Bulk Posting Section. The 21mm die used is inscribed "CMR – MARSARC spacers/MALTA" followed by 7 wavy



lines, and is applied in either red or black ink. The date appears in three lines or sometimes in two lines, in the middle of the die.

16 July – A special hand postmark inscribed “Sena Marjana (1251-2001/750 sena tal-Labtu tal-Karmnu/16-VII-2001/Valetta/Malta” has been used today, at the Counter Hall, Valetta, during office hours.



27 July – A special handstamp has been used today at the Victoria, Gozo Branch Post Office to commemorate the Siege of Gozo Citadel in 1551. The handstamp designed by George Vella is inscribed “Siege of Gozo Citadel/1551 - 27.VII - 2001/Victoria - Gozo - Malta”.



30 July – The newly-introduced Maltapost Mobile Unit which has started operating in different localities is using, with effect from today, a temporary 40mm double ring rubber handstamp with the wording “MOBILE UNIT/long arc spacers/MALTA”.



30 July – The Sub-Post Office at “Midas” Triq ix-Xatt, Marsascalea, will be closed between Monday 30th July and Saturday 11th August 2001, both dates inclusive. During this period, the public may avail itself of services at Żabbar Branch Post Office.

06 August – It has been notified that the following six Sub-Post Offices were to be closed temporarily as follows:

- Kalkara Sub-Post Office from Monday 6th to Saturday 18th August, both days inclusive.
Nearest Branch - Cospicua B.P.O.
- Ta' Xbiex Sub-Post Office from Monday 13th to Saturday 18th August, both days inclusive.
Nearest Branch - Msida B.P.O.
- Tarxien Sub-Post Office from Thursday 16th to Saturday 18th August, including both days.
Nearest Branch - Paola B.P.O.
- Ghaxaq Sub-Post Office from Friday 17th to Thursday 30th August, both days inclusive.
Nearest Branch - Żejtun B.P.O.
- Dingli Sub-Post Office from Tuesday 21st to Thursday 23rd August, on

Thursday 30th and Friday 31st August and from Saturday 1st and Wednesday 5th September.

Nearest Branch - Rabat B.P.O.

- Attard Sub-Post Office

from Thursday 13th and Saturday 15th September, both days inclusive.

Nearest Branch - Balzan B.P.O.

13 August – As from today a stamp cancelling machine has been put in use at the Żabbar Branch Post Office. The impression consists of a 21mm single ring inscribed “Żabbar B.P.O./Malta”, followed by 7 evenly spaced wavy lines.



20 August – The Programme of Stamp Issues for 2002 has been drawn up by The Philatelic Bureau of Maltapost plc. in conjunction with The Stamp Design Advisory Board and with the cooperation of Bundesdruckerei GmbH. The Issues will be:

January - WWF - Seahorses;

February - Malta Film Facilities;

March - Antique Furniture in Malta;

May - Europa (Circus);

June - Moths and Butterflies;

August - Maltese Cuisine;

September - Cacti and Succulents;

October - Personalities;

November - Christmas.

22 August – Today, Maltapost plc. issued a set of 5 stamps “Old Maltese Musical Instruments” designed by Ġorġ Mallia. The stamps whose values are 1c, 3c, 14c, 20c and 25c have been previewed in the “Malta Stamp” No. 190. As from this issue, the Philatelic Bureau Bulletin includes an image on the front cover of a low denomination in the set on which philatelists may affix the corresponding stamp and submit it for cancelling by the special F.D.C. handstamp.



The special handpostmark for this issue was inscribed “Strumenti Muzikali Maltin/ Jum il-Hruġ/22-VIII-2001/Malta”. The set will be withdrawn from the Maltapost plc Counters on the 21st August 2002.

31 August – A special hand-postmark marking Maltapost plc. participation in the Riccione Fair was in use at The Counter Hall, Dar l-Annona, Castille Palace, Valletta on Friday 31st August and Saturday 1st September 2001 during office hours. The handstamp inscribed “Riccione 2001/Palazzo del Turismo/31.08 - 02.09/ Valletta/Malta” was also available on the Maltapost plc. Stand at



Riccione on these days and on Sunday 2nd September. For the occasion, the Sliema Stamp Shop issued a commemorative card (Exhibition Card No. 3 - Riccione 2001) and the stamps franking it were cancelled by the commemorative handstamp issued by Maltapost plc.

01 September – With effect from today, the registration fee on all items of mail with an overseas destination have been increased from 30c to 60c. Registration charges for local mail remain unchanged.

05 September – The public is advised that enquiries relating to problems of a postal nature are to be directed to Maltapost Customer Care, 305, Qormi Road, Marsa GPO 01. Enquiries can also be made on Freephone 0800772244 or through telephone numbers 25961427 or 25961303 or via e-mail on info@maltapost.com.

10 September – A new franking machine was installed at Rabat Branch Post Office. A 28mm double ring canceller inscribed “Rabat B.P.O. /arc spacers/MALTA” followed by five evenly spaced wavy lines started to be used on this machine with effect from today. The day, month and year appear in the middle of the datestamp.



12 September – Maltapost plc. said that due to circumstances beyond its control, as a result of carriage conditions imposed by certain Air Lines, mail to U.S.A. Canada, Mexico, Belgium, Israel and Yugoslavia might be delayed until further notice. Maltapost apologises for any inconvenience.

14 September – The public is advised that, except in instances where an official notice indicates that a mail item is to be collected from a Branch Post Office, under no circumstances can mail be collected by the public from any branch post office.

17 September – Maltapost plc. has issued its schedule for the latest posting dates for Christmas Mail:

Country of Destination	Air Letters	Parcels
Africa - Northern States	3 Dec	19 Nov
Africa - Central & Southern States	3 Dec	19 Nov
Asia - Middle & Far East including Japan	3 Dec	15 Nov
Europe & The United Kingdom	3 Dec	22 Nov
Australia, New Zealand & Pacific Ocean Is.	3 Dec	22 Nov
Canada, United States & Alaska	3 Dec	22 Nov
Central America & West Indies	3 Dec	22 Nov
South America	3 Dec	22 Nov

Parcels (S.A.L.) to Tanzania, India, Phillipines,
U.K., Australia, Canada, U.S.A., Alaska and Brazil

14 Nov

19 September – Part Three of the new Definitive Set (Maltese Flora) has been issued today. The values in this series are 5c, 11c, 19c, 27c, 50c and Lm1. The stamps are designed by Maurice Tanti Burlò. All the philatelic mail franked with any of these stamps has been cancelled by a special First Day of Issue handstamp. The stamps in this issue have been previewed in “The Malta Stamp” Bulletin No. 191 issued by the Malta Philatelic Bureau.



24 September – Maltapost plc. advises the public that as a result of heightened Security procedures following the recent terrorist activity in The United States, mail despatches to and from The United States, including EMS may be subject to delays.

19 October – The Hon. Ċensu Galea, Minister for Transport and Communications inaugurates “Maltex 2001” Philatelic Exhibition organised by the Malta Philatelic Society at Le Meridien, Phoenicia. The Exhibition will be open for the public on the 20th October, between 9.00a.m. and 7.00p.m. and on the 21st October between 9.00a.m. and 5.00p.m.

20 October – A postage stamp set of four stamps (6c, 16c, 19c and 35c) depicting Dogs has been issued today. The stamps are designed by Ludwig Flask and printed by Bundesdruckerei GmbH. A special handstamp inscribed “Dogs/Jum il-Hruġ/20.X.2001/Le Meridien - Floriana - Malta” has been used to cancel all philatelic mail bearing the “Dogs” stamps. Besides, a set of 4 Postcards have been issued to-day, showing the Dogs’ designs. The Malta Philatelic Bureau issued its Bulletin No. 192 to preview the stamps. The “Dogs” set will be withdrawn on the 19th October 2002.



20/21 October – The “Maltex 2001” Philatelic Exhibition opens for the public. A commemorative handstamp inscribed “Maltex 2001/20-21 October/Le Meridien - Floriana - Malta” has been used at The Maltapost Temporary Post Office set up at the Exhibition. On Saturday 20th, philatelists could also avail themselves of the First Day of Issue facilities provided at the T.P.O. A “Jum il-Hruġ commemorative handstamp



showing the locality as “Le Meridien - Floriana - Malta” has been used to cancel philatelic mail franked with the “Dogs” stamps posted at the Exhibition Branch. Most of the services offered at the Maltapost Branches including Registration could be offered on both days of the Exhibition.

22 October – Six letters feared to contain Anthrax powder were intercepted by Maltapost employees in three Branch Post Offices. The Civil Protection instructed Maltapost plc. to keep the Valletta, Balzan and Paola Branch Post Offices closed until further notice. This step has been taken purely as a precautionary measure pending investigations.

23 October – The Rabat and St. Paul’s Bay Branch Post Offices will be kept closed until further notice, following the discovery in these Branches of a few mail items containing unidentified powder. This followed after instructions from the Civil Protection Department.

25 October – Maltapost Branch Post Offices at Balzan, Valletta and Paola, which have been kept closed for some days on orders from the Department of Civil Protection following discovery of suspect mail items, have now been cleared and will re-open for business as from tomorrow, Friday. The St. Paul’s Bay and Rabat Branches are still closed pending tests on other suspect mail items.

29 October – Maltapost announces that following the negative results of tests on suspect mail at the Rabat and St. Paul’s Bay Branch Post Offices, these Branches will now re-open for business with effect from tomorrow Tuesday.

05 November – A new metal postmark is being used at the Mobile Unit as from today. Consequently, Saturday 3rd November was the last day of use of the previous temporary rubber datestamp.



05 November – A machine stamp cancelling slogan is being used as from today 5th November until the 10th instant, at the Central Mail Room in Marsa. The slogan reads: “International Conference/Judaism, Christianity, Islam/ three Religions for Peace/in the Mediterranean/Catania 29-30/11, 1/12/2001.”

28 November – A new stamping machine has been installed at Żurrieq B.P.O. today. The datestamp used on this machine is a 29mm single ring inscribed “ŻURRIEQ B.P.O./arc spacers/MALTA” with the day, month, year and time appearing in a straight line in the middle. The die is followed by 5 wide wavy lines measuring 52mm.



29 November – The “Christmas 2001” postage stamp set of four stamps was issued today. The stamps with values of 6c + 2c, 15c + 2c, 16c + 2c, 19c + 3c were designed by Aldo Gatt (Gattaldo) and printed by Bundesdruckerei GmbH. The 6c + 2c has attached to it a tab reading “L-Isbah Xewqat”.



A special handstamp inscribed “Milied 2001/Jum il-Hruġ 29.XI.2001/Birkirkara/Malta” was used for the cancelling of Philatelic mail on the first day of issue. The Malta Philatelic Bureau issued Bulletin No. 193 to preview the set. Withdrawal Date of this Set of Stamps – 27th April 2002.

10 December – The public has been informed that the latest posting date for local pre-Christmas delivery is Wednesday 19th December. The public is urged to purchase Christmas stamps with surcharges. Profits from this surcharge are used to help children in need.

12 December – A new stamping machine has been installed at St. Julian’s Branch Post Office, with effect from today. A 28mm double ring postmark inscribed “St. JULIAN’S B.P.O./arc spacers/MALTA” followed by five evenly spaced wavy lines has been used on this stamping machine as from today. The date appears in a single line in the middle of the postmark.



21 December – Maltapost announces that next Monday 24th and the following Monday 31st December 2001, the following Branch Post Offices will be opening as follows:

Valletta – Dar Annona, from 8.15a.m. to 2.15p.m.;

Luqa – Malta International Airport Branch Post Office, from 7.00a.m. to 1.00p.m.;

Victoria – Gozo Branch Post Office in Republic Street from 7.30a.m. to 12.45p.m.

G.B. used in Malta by Anthony Fenech published in the PSM Journal Vol. 30/3 (December 2001)

1st Update: Addenda & Corrigenda

Update 2001 (page 35): to include also a recent Harmer’s Auction Lot described as:

1856 6d Lilac with a fine strike of the “M” Cancellation in red (BPA Certificate - 1985) John Birkett Allan refers.

“M” Cancellation and “A 25” Duplex Abnormalities (Pages 35/36)

(a) (Page 35) should read thus:

In 1857, for a few days in September, the year on the dater mark on the back of the entire struck in conjunction with “M” canceller, had the figure “57” reversed to read as “75”.

(f) (Page 36) Varieties with inverted watermarks 4d vermilion (Plate 8).

Besides Plate 8, Graham Pound, a PSM member, has also Plate 9, 12 and 14 with inverted watermarks in his collection

Christmas 1997-----X Commemorations 1997-----Y

* *by J. Farrugia*

	X	Y
Date of Issue	12-11-97	5-12-97
Values	6c, 6c+2c 16c + 3c, 26c + 3c	2c, 6c, 16c, 37c
Stamp Size	44mm x 31mm (6c) 31mm x 44mm (other values)	44mm x 31mm
Art Designer	Harry Borg	Design Section Posta Ltd
Printers	Printex Ltd.	Printex Ltd.
Process	Lithography	Lithography
Perforation	13.9 x14 (6c) 14 x 13.9 (other values)	13.9 x 14
Watermark	Crosses Sideways (6c) Crosses Upright (other values)	Crosses Sideways
Paper	Chalk Surfaced	Chalk Surfaced
Gum	P.V.A.	P.V.A.

Colours:

Issue X – This set was printed in the following four colours: Cyan, Magenta, Yellow and Light Brown. The usual colour black was not used. The progressive sheets were printed in the following order: Light Brown-Cyan-Magenta-Yellow.

Issue Y – The three values, 2c, 16c and 37c of this set, were printed in the four colour process using the standard CMYK (Cyan, Magenta, Yellow, Black) process colours for each value. The progressive sheets were printed in the following order: Black-Cyan-Magenta-Yellow. The other value, 6c, was printed in the two colours, Dark Red and Black and the progressive sheets were printed in the order Black-Dark Red.

Colour checks in the form of coloured discs 3mm in diameter were printed in four different positions on the margins, of each Pane, of each value. They are seen next to the first and last stamps, of the top and bottom rows, in issues X and Y. The colours from top to bottom correspond to the colours used for Pane numbers, from left to right in all positions.

Cumulative totals of progressive columns of stamps, are seen in the bottom margin only, in all Panes, of all values, printed in Light Brown (issue X) and Black (issue Y).

Issue X – The Printed Sheet of each value, consisted of two Panes A and B. Each Pane has fifty stamps made up of ten rows of five stamps (6c value) and five rows of ten stamps in values 6c + 2c, 16c + 3c and 26c + 3c. The 6c value is of the horizontal format whilst the other three values are of the vertical format.

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

Perforation of Margins:

Issue X – The top margins of Panes A and B in the 6c value, are imperforate. The other three margins of these same Panes are all perforated. In the 6c + 2c, 16c + 3c and 26c + 3c values, the right hand margins of Panes A and B are imperforate. The other three margins of these same Panes are all perforated. The usual printing registration mark was seen at each corner of the Printed Sheet, in all values. Unless eliminated during cutting, they could be seen at the top and bottom of the left hand and right hand margins of Panes A and B respectively in the 6c value, but at each end of the top and bottom margins of Panes A and B respectively in the other three values. Another printing mark consisting of a square 1cm side, enclosing the words “Posta” and “Malta” plus the “Postal Horn”, can be seen in the left and right hand margins of each Pane, in each value. The square and the words “Posta” and “Malta” are printed in Cyan, but the “Postal Horn” is printed in Yellow. In the 6c value it is seen at each end of the fifth row of each Pane, and in the other three values, at each end of the middle row of each Pane.

Issue Y – The top margins of Panes A and B, of all values, are imperforate. The other three margins of these same Panes are all perforated. The usual printing registration mark was seen at each corner of the Printed Sheet in all values. Unless eliminated during cutting, they could be seen at the top and bottom of the left and right hand margins of Panes A and B respectively. Another printing mark consisting of a square 1cm side, enclosing the words “Posta” and “Malta” plus the “Postal Horn” can be seen in the left and right hand margins, of each Pane, in each value, next to the fifth row. The square and the words “Posta” and “Malta” are printed in Cyan and the “Postal Horn” in Yellow, in the values 2c, 16c and 37c. All these are printed in Dark Red in the 6c value.

Plate/Pane numbers:

These like the colour checks, were printed in four different positions, on the margins of each Pane, in all values of issues X and Y. They are seen above the first and last stamps of the top row and also under the first and last stamps of the bottom row, in each Pane.

Issue X
6c = 1A x 4, 1B x 4.
6c + 2c = 1A x 4, 1B x 4.
16c + 3c = 1A x 4, 1B x 4.
26c + 3c = 1A x 4, 1B x 4.

Issue Y
2c = 1A x 4, 1B x 4.
6c = 1A x 2, 1B x 2.
16c = 1A x 4, 1B x 4.
37c = 1A x 4, 1B x 4.

From a study of details given, the Printed Sheets of all values before cutting into Panes, would look as shown in Figure (a) for the 6c value of issue X as well as all the values of issue Y, but as shown in figure (b) for the values 6c + 2c, 16c + 3c and 26c + 3c of issue X. Looking at the Printed Sheets as shown, stamps of all values, of issues X and Y, would be seen the right way up, hence why watermark is Sideways in the 6c value of issue X and in all values of issue Y, but Upright in the values 6c + 2c, 16c + 3c and 26c + 3c of Issue X.

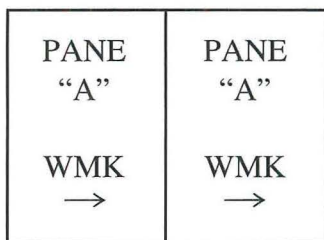


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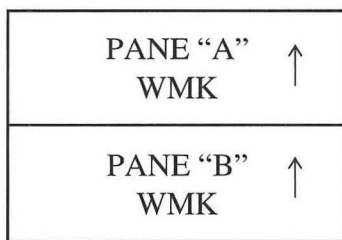


fig. (b)

Perforator ran from top to bottom in figure (a) and from right to left in figure (b).

Imprint Blocks:

The Imprint "Printex Limited Malta" is seen under the middle stamp of the bottom row in Panes of the value 6c of issue X and all the values of issue Y, but under the fifth and sixth stamps of the bottom row in Panes of the values 6c + 2c, 16c + 3c and 26c + 3c of issue X. Letters are 1mm high and printed in Light Brown in issue X and Black in issue Y. An Imprint Block of four, of any value, from issues X and Y, will contain only the Imprint.

A special hand postmark was used for cancellation on the first day of both issues. Stamps of these issues were withdrawn from sale on the 12 March, 1998 (issue X) and on 2 December, 1998 (issue Y), unless stocks were previously exhausted.

On the first day of issue, sales amounted to Lm20,065 (Issue X) and Lm18,377 (Issue Y).

28 February 1998 Treasures of Malta will be published in next issue

Historic Commemoration Issue

Date of Issue	28th March 1998
Values	6c, 6c, 16c, 16c
Stamp Size	44mm x 31mm
Art Designer	Joseph Mizzi
Printers	Printex Limited
Process	Lithography
Perforation	13.9 x 14
Watermark	Maltese Crosses Sideways
Paper	Chalk Surfaced
Gum	P.V.A.

Colours:

This set was printed in the four colour process, using the standard CMYK (Cyan, Magenta, Yellow, Black) process colours. The progressive sheets were printed in the following order: Black - Cyan - Magenta - Yellow.

Colour checks in the form of coloured discs 3mm in diameter were printed in four different positions on the margins of each Pane, of all values. These are seen next to the

first and last stamps of the top and bottom rows. The colours from top to bottom correspond to the colours used for Pane numbers, from left to right, in all positions.

Cumulative totals of progressive columns of stamps, are seen in bottom margin only printed in Black, in all Panes, of all values.

Only two Printed Sheets were used to print the four values issued. One Printed Sheet was used to print two different stamps of values, 6c and 6c, in se-tenant form. The Printed Sheet consisted of two Panes, A and B. Each Pane has fifty stamps or twenty five se-tenant sets, made up of five rows of ten stamps, each row having five se-tenant sets. The se-tenant set depicts “Ferdinant von Hompesch” (6c) and the “Departure of the Order” (6c). The other Printed Sheet was used to print the other two different stamps of values, 16c and 16c, in the same manner. The se-tenant set shows the “Arrival of the French” (16c) and “Napoleon Bonaparte” (16c). All four stamps are of the horizontal format.

Perforation of Margins:

The top margin of Panes A is imperforate. The other three margins of this Pane, and the four margins of Panes B are all perforated. The usual printing mark of a small circle enclosed in an oval, crossed by two lines at right angles, were seen at each corner of the Printed Sheet, but they were too far out, and probably none were seen on Panes after cutting of Printed Sheets into Panes. Another printing mark consisting of a square 1cm side enclosing the words “Posta” and “Malta”, all printed in Cyan, plus the “Postal Horn” printed in Yellow, can be seen in the left and right hand margins of each Pane, next to the third or middle row.

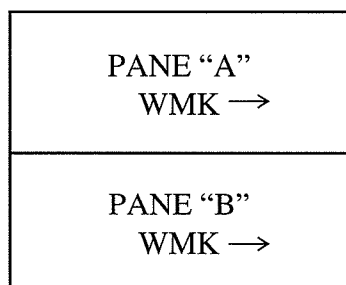
Plate/Pane numbers:

These like the colour checks, were printed in four different positions on the margins, of each Pane. They are seen above the first and last stamps of the top row and below the first and last stamps of the bottom row.

$$6c + 6c = 1A \times 4, 1B \times 4$$

$$16c + 16c = 1A \times 4, 1B \times 4$$

From a study of details given, the Printed Sheet, of each see-tenant set, before cutting into Panes, would look as shown in figure. Looking at the Printed Sheet as shown, se-tenant sets would be seen the right way up, hence why watermark in all stamps is sideways. Perforated ran from top to bottom.



Imprint Blocks:

The Imprint “PRINTEX LIMITED MALTA” is seen below the fifth and sixth stamps of the bottom row, in each Pane. Letters are 1mm high and printed in Black.

An Imprint Block of four will contain only the Imprint

A special hand-postmark was used for cancellation on the first day of issue.

This set was withdrawn from scale on the 17th March, 1999, unless stocks were previously exhausted.

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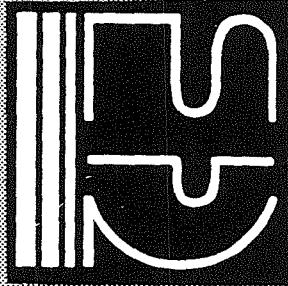


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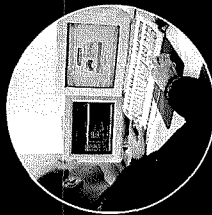
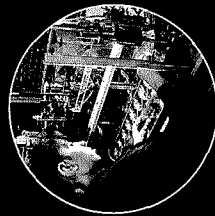
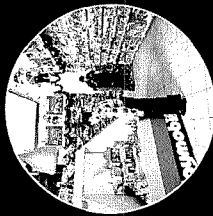
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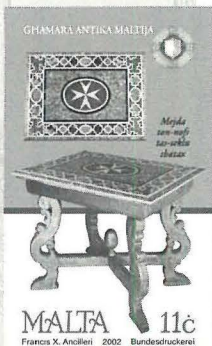
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