

ANTHONY de GIORGIO

By Adrian 'Paddy' Patrick, June 2020

Anthony (Antonio) de Giorgio was an avid collector of picture postcards (PPC) during the early years of the 20th century. Approximately 250 items have been catalogued, but many more are to be processed.

The majority (200+) of his incoming correspondence received a Malta Postman's Handstamp (PHS) number 4, with the occasional stand-in applying their own:

PHS 2	11 th , 25 th & 29 th September 1916 & 15 th October 1918
PHS 11	18 times between March 1912 and October 1918
PHS 17	3 rd October 1913 x 3 & 23 rd October 1914
PHS 30	14 th June 1912
PHS 50	25 th July 1913 x 3

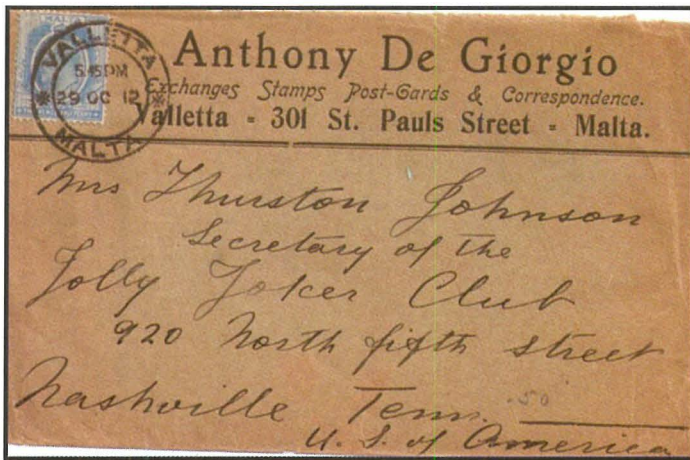
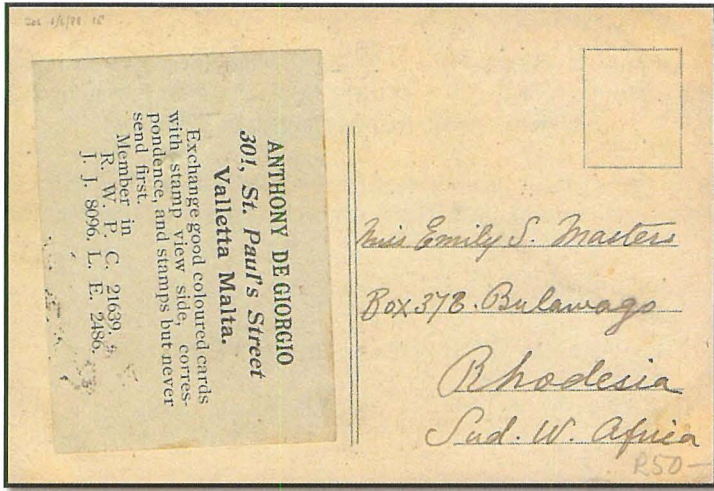


Fig 1 - 29th October 1912, based at 301 Strada San Paolo, Valletta

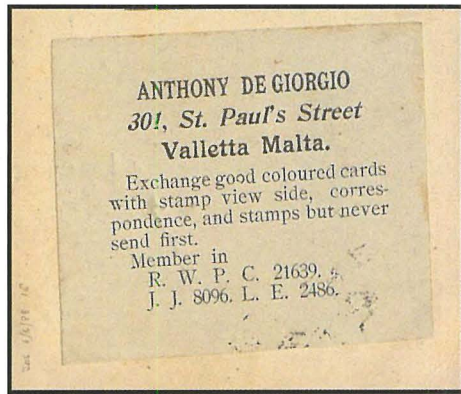
It is interesting to note that, even when Italian street names were the norm, Anthony used the anglicised version on his personal envelopes.

REQUESTS FOR POSTCARDS

To describe his collecting fields and memberships/affiliations, Anthony used specially produced stickers to advertise his hobby.



Figs 2 & 3 - A PPC of Città Vecchia (Mdina), Malta despatched to Rhodesia (Zimbabwe), South West Africa on 20th February 1913



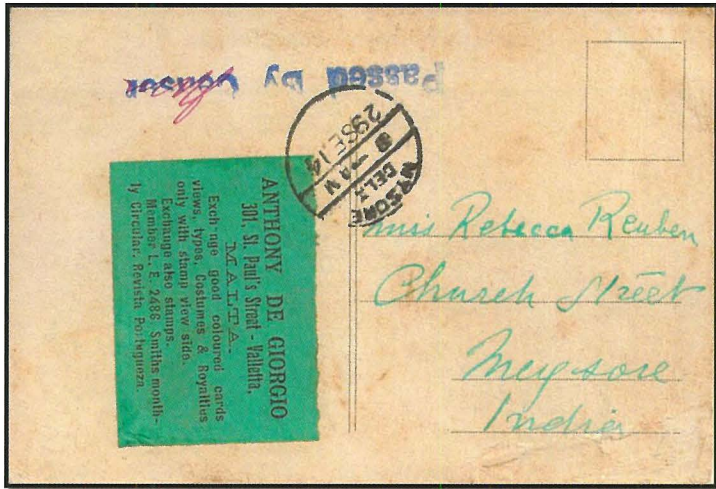
This sticker indicates that, even during the early stages of his collecting, he was a member of three postcard clubs/societies:

RWPC Member 21639

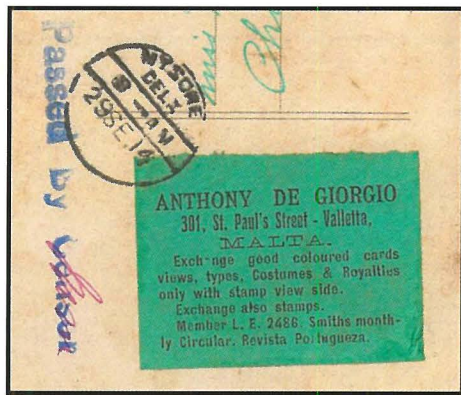
JJ Member 8096

LE Member 2486

((probably The Latvian Exchange))



Figs 4 & 5 - A PPC of Mgarr harbour, Gozo despatched to Mysore, India on 9th September 1914
 ((Note the very scarce censor handstamp, CSL-3, only known from 5th September to 7th October 1914))



An orange version of this sticker has also been noted.

Anthony not only used specially produced stickers to advertise his hobby, he also had rather impressive handstamps.

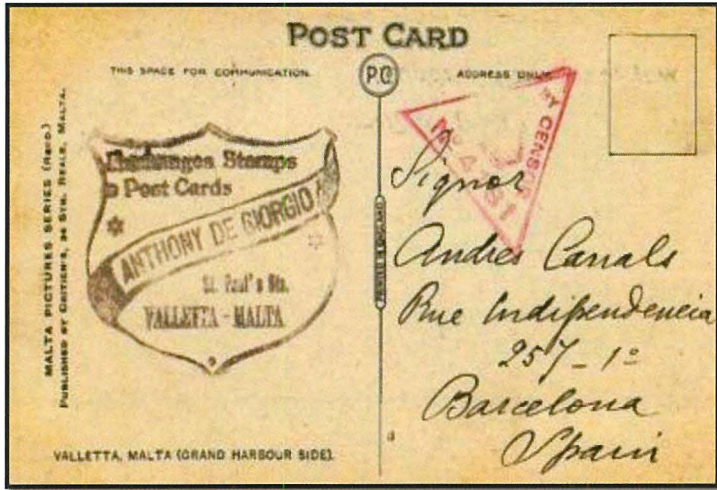


Fig 6 - A decorative handstamp stating that Anthony 'Exchanges Stamps & Post Cards' ((Note the censor handstamp, CS-T1(4181), used from 14th July 1916 to 30th July 1919))

The example above only has the street name, but the one below has number '301'.

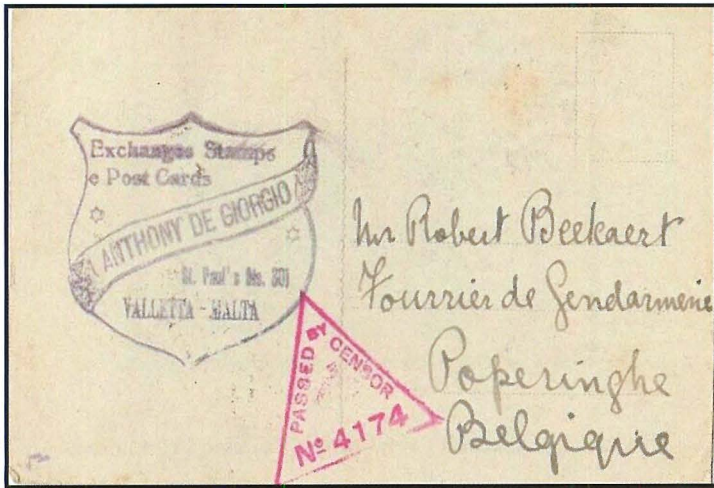


Fig 7 - A slightly different version of the decorative handstamp, posted on 18th September 1916 ((Note the censor handstamp, CS-T1(4174), used from 31st July 1916 to 20th May 1919))

STRADA SAN PAOLO (ST PAUL'S STREET), VALLETTA

Between late December 1916 and 2nd February 1917, Anthony's mail address changed from 301 to 57 Strada San Paolo, Valletta. He was a partner, with John L. Apap, in the firm 'John A. De Giorgio Company'. They were Dry Goods Merchants and Commission Agents operating from 56-57 Strada San Paolo.



Fig 8 - 301 Strada San Paolo, known as Theuma House in October 2013



Fig 9 - 57 Strada San Paolo in October 2013

COMPANY DETAILS

On one item, we have confirmation of the Company name, partnership, address and type of business.

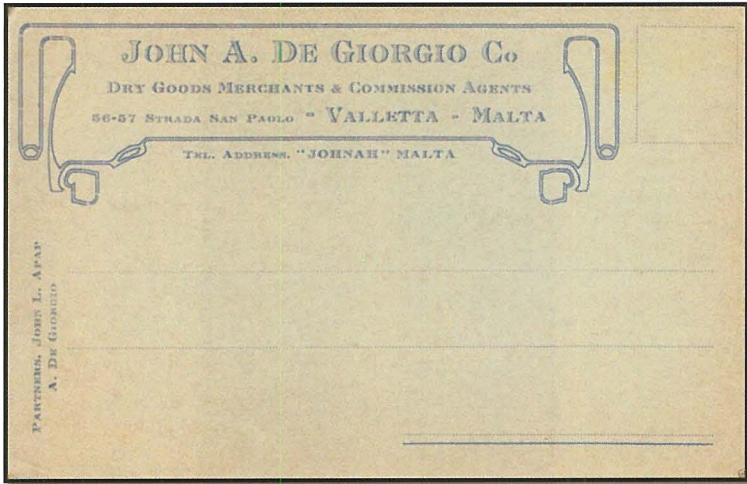


Fig 10 - Company Business Card

An interesting form of the address was written on this PPC from Milan, Italy.



Fig 11 - To Antonio De Giorgio, presso ((at)) John A. de Giorgio.

Received on 10th August 1922

((Note the scarce postage due handstamp, PD-1½2, used from 1901 to 1923))

ANTHONY'S COLLECTION

He received PPCs from at least 58 countries/territories. The earliest recorded postcard for his collection was sent from Sweden in May 1911 and probably arrived during the first week of June.

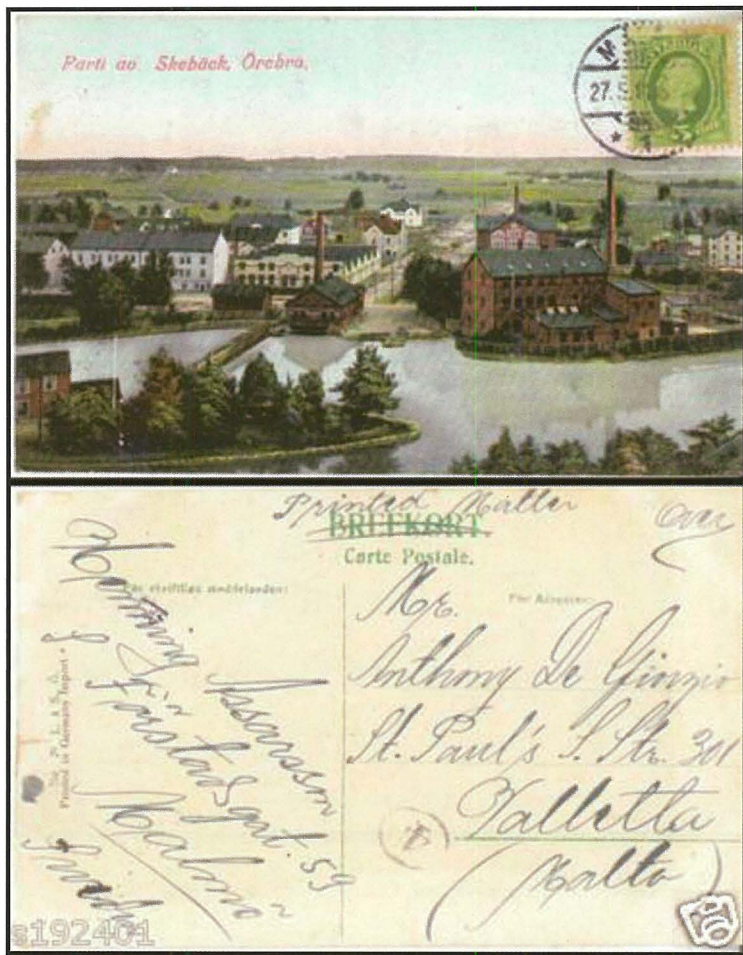


Fig 12 - PPC from Malmö, Sweden posted on 27th May 1911

His latest recorded PPC was received from Warsaw, Poland on 13th June 1920.

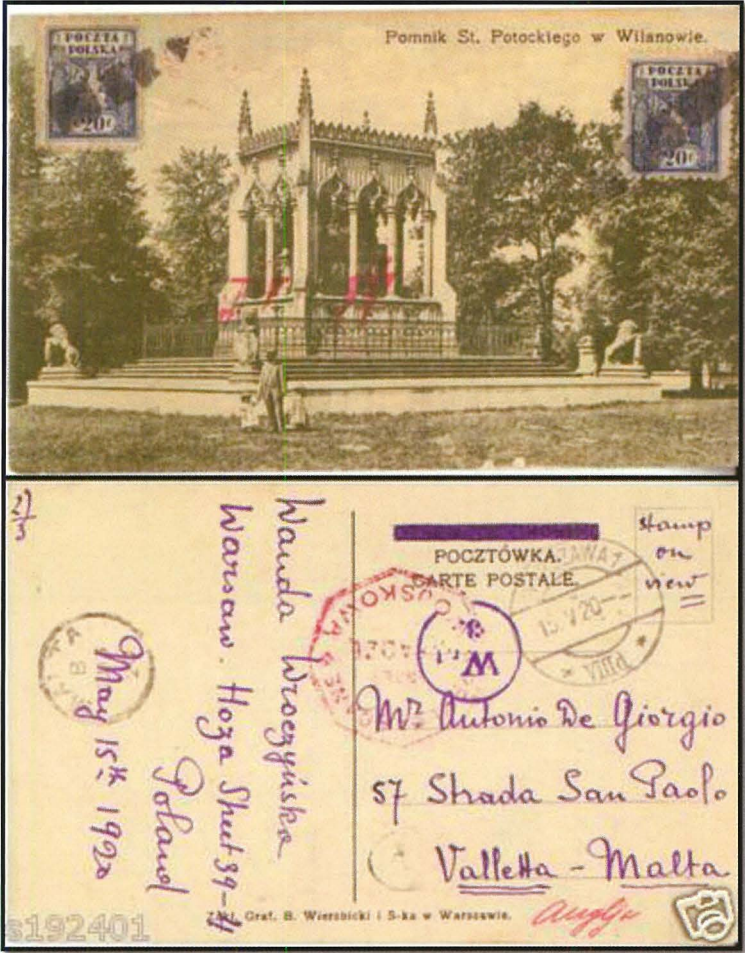
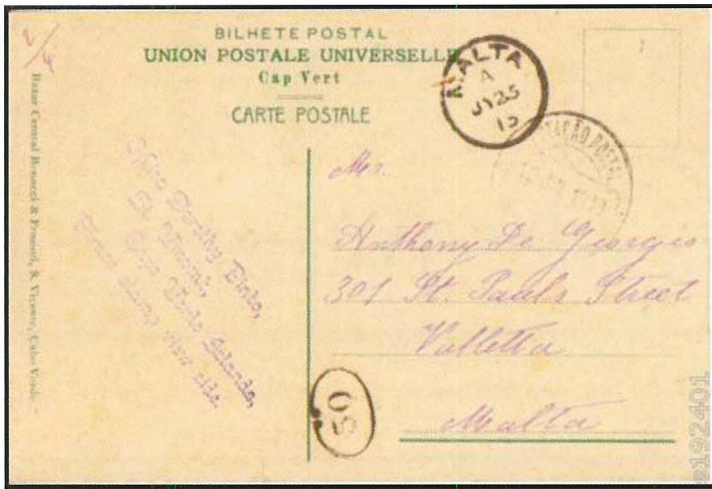


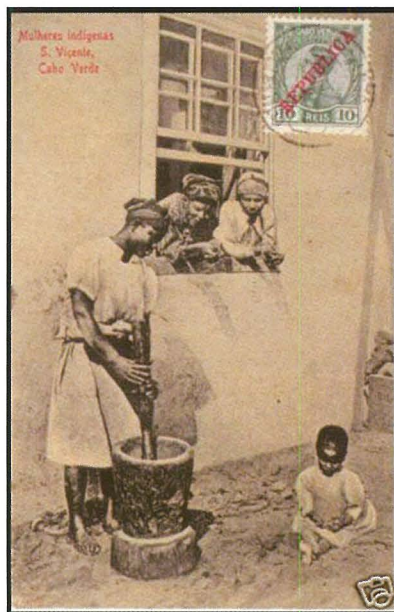
Fig 13 - PPC from Warsaw, Poland posted on 15th May 1920

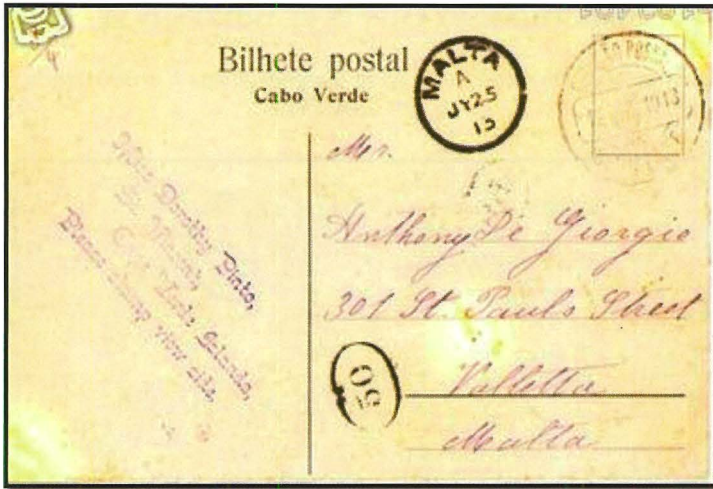
THE THREE EXAMPLES BEARING PHS 50

PPCs from Miss Dorothy Pinto of St Vincent, Cape Verde Islands sent on 12th July 1913.



Figs 14 & 15 - PPC 2 of 4 from Cape Verde, Atlantic Ocean received on 25th July 1913



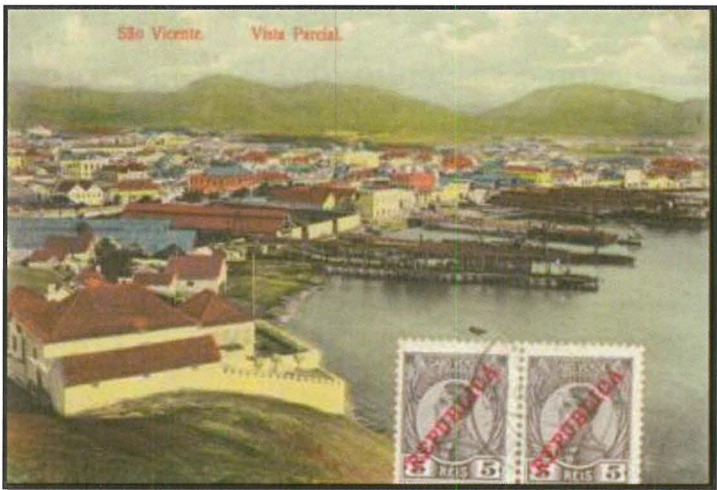


Figs 15 & 16 - PPC 3 of 4 from Cape Verde, Atlantic Ocean received on 25th July 1913





Figs 17 & 18 - PPC 4 of 4 from Cape Verde, Atlantic Ocean received on 25th July 1913



WORLD WAR II - 21st MARCH 1942

300,000kg of Bombs on Malta's "Day in Hell"

Up to this date, the heaviest bombing raid of the war

- 300 tons of bombs on Ta' Qali Airfield in 48 hours
- 146 high explosive bombs target Mosta
- 81 killed and many more wounded
- bombs on shelter in Mosta cause mass casualties

The same person?

On 21st March 1942, an Anthony de Giorgio (79) was killed in an air raid on Mosta. Carmela (aged 77) and Maria (34) De Giorgio were killed in the same raid.

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