

# RELIGIOUS COMMEMORATIONS ISSUE—X MALTESE UNIFORMS 5<sup>TH</sup> SET ISSUE —Y

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ISSUE	X	Y
Date of Issue	29-4-91	13-8-91
Values	3c, 4c, 30c	3c, 10c, 19c, 25c
Stamp Size	3c and 30c = 44mm x 31mm 4c = 31mm x 44mm	29mm x 47mm
Designer	Joseph L. Mallia	Luciano Micallef
Printers	Printex Limited	Printex Limited
Process	Lithography	Lithography
Perforation	3c and 30c = 14 x 13.9 4c = 13.9 x 14	14 x 14
Watermark	3c and 30c = Maltese Crosses Sideways 4c, Maltese Crosses Upright	Maltese Crosses Sideways
Paper	Chalk Surfaced	same
Gum	P.V.A.	same

## Colours

These sets were printed in multicolours using the same set of four colours, for each value, in issue X, and another set of four colours, for each value, in issue Y.

Colour checks in the form of coloured discs 3mm in diameter, are seen in the right hand margin, next to the last stamp of the bottom row, in all Panes, of all values, 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 Panes, of all values, in issues X and Y.

Cumulative totals of progressive columns of stamps are seen in top and bottom margins, printed in black, in all Panes, of all values, in issues X and Y.

Issue X — The printed sheet of each value consisted of two Panes A and B. Each Pane has fifty stamps, made up of five rows of ten stamps in the 3c and 30c values, and ten rows of five stamps in the 4c value. The 3c and 30c values are of the horizontal format and the 4c value is of the vertical format.

Issue Y — The printed sheet of each value, consisted of three Panes A, B and C. Each Pane has forty stamps, made up of eight rows of five stamps. All values are of the vertical format.

## Plate/Pane Numbers

These are seen under the first stamp of the bottom row, in all Panes, of all values, in the issues X and Y.

Issue X      3c = 1A X 4, 1B X 4  
                  4c = 1A X 4, 1B X 4  
                  30c = 1A X 4, 1B X 4

Issue Y      3c = 1A X 4, 1B X 4, 1C X 4  
                  10c = 1A X 4, 1B X 4, 1C X 4  
                  19c = 1A X 4, 1B X 4, 1C X 4  
                  25c = 1A X 4, 1B X 4, 1C X 4

### Perforation of Margins

Issue X — The top margins of Panes A in the 3c and 30c values are imperforate whilst the other three margins of Panes A and the four margins of Panes B, of these same values are all perforated. The left hand margin of Pane A in the 4c value is imperforate, whilst the other three margins of Pane A and the four margins of Pane B of this value are all perforated. Other printing marks may have been seen at each end of the bottom margin of Pane B, in the 3c and 30c values, whilst in the 4c value, they may have been seen at the top and bottom of the left and right hand margins of Panes A and B respectively.

Issue Y — The top margin of Panes A, B and C of all values are imperforate, whilst the other three margins of these same Panes are all perforated. Other printing marks may have been seen at the top and bottom of the left and right hand margins of Panes A and C respectively.

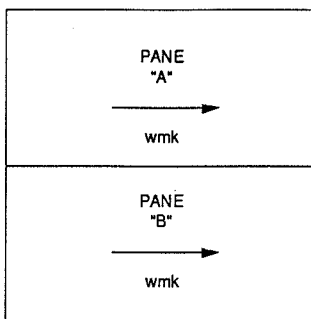


Fig. (a)

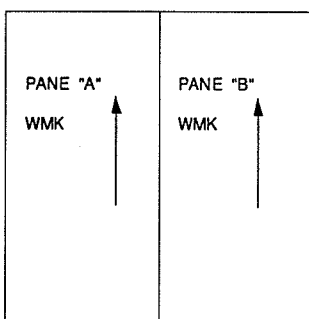


Fig. (b)

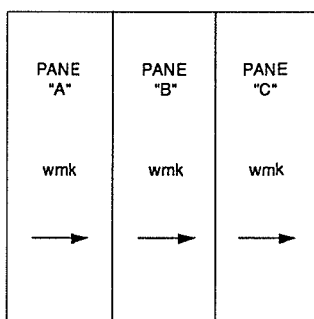


Fig. (c)

From a study of details given the Printed Sheets of all values, before cutting into Panes, would look as shown in fig (a) for the 3c and 30c values of issue X, and in fig (b) for the 4c value also of issue X and as in fig (c) for all values of issue Y. Looking at the Printed Sheets as shown stamps would be seen the right way up, hence why watermark is sideways in the 3c and 30c values of issue X and upright in the 4c value of the same issue. Watermark is sideways in all values of issue Y. Perforator ran from top to bottom in figs (a) and (c), and from left to right in fig (b).

## Imprint Blocks

The Imprint *Printex Limited Malta* is seen under the last stamp of the bottom row, in all Panes, of all values, in issues X and Y. Letters are 1 mm high and printed in black. An imprint block of four will also include the colour checks.

Special hand postmarks, incorporating appropriate motifs, were used for cancellations for the first day of issue of both sets.

By 12.45pm on the first day of issue, sales amounted to Lm24,800 (issue X) and Lm35,478 (issue Y).

Stramps of these issues remained on sale up to Wednesday, 22 april 1992 (issue X) and up to Wednesday, 12 August 1992 (issue Y) unless stocks were previously exhausted.

### Correction:

*In the last issue of our magazine Vol.21 N° 2/3 the figure on the left of page 42 should have been shown thus:*

3c + 1c	3c + 1c	25c + 3c
PANE "A"	PANE "B"	PANE "C"
wmk	wmk	wmk
→	→	→

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