

MALTA — A DIARY

May – December, 1992

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7-5-92

A special hand-postmark was used on the occasion of the participation of the Malta Post Office in the IXth International Stamp Fair – Essen '92 which was held in Essen, Germany, from the 7th to the 10th May, 1992.

The postmark is inscribed as follows: "Essen '92 — 7-10.5.92 — Malta — Post Office."

The postmark which also incorporates the emblem of the above mentioned exhibition, was used on the 7th, 8th and 9th May, 1992, at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO from 8.00am to 12.45pm and at the Central Mail Room from 8.00am to 6.30pm.

An identical postmark was used at the Malta Post Office stand at Essen '92.



25-5-92

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Deaf Awareness Week 24-31.V.92" was used, on and off, during the period 25-30 May, 1992 at the Central Mail Room. The slogan also incorporates the logo of the National Association for the young deaf.

25-5-92

A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded: "Parrocca Marija Annunzjata Tarxien — 1592 - 1992" was used, on and off, during the period 25-30 May, 1992 at the Central Mail Room.

The slogan means: "Parish Marija Annunzjata Tarxien — 1592 - 1992". The slogan also incorporates the emblem of the Tarxien Parish Church.

28-5-92

A special hand-datestamp was used for the cancellation of philatelic mail at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO and at the Central Mail Room, from 8.00am to 12.45pm and from 8.00am to 6.00pm respectively from the 28th to the 30th May, 1992.

The datestamp is inscribed: "Zjara tal-M.T. Ir-Regina Elizabetta II — 28-30.V.1992 — Valletta — Malta" and it also incorporates the logo of the George Cross Island Association.

The slogan means: "Visit by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II — 28-30.V.1992 — Valletta — Malta."



10-6-92

A Sub-Post Office was opened at "Serena Aparthotel", Atena Street, Xlendi, Gozo VCT 115, on Wednesday, 10 June, 1992.

A metal hand-datestamp with the words "Xlendi SPO – Gozo" is used at this Sub-Post Office. The telephone number at this Sub-Post Office is 553719.



15-6-92

A special hand date-stamp was used for the cancellation of philatelic mail at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO and at the Central Mail Room, from 8.00am to 12.45pm and from 8.00am to 6.00pm respectively on the 15th June, 1992.

The date-stamp is inscribed: "50 Anniversarju Mill-Mewt Ta' Mro. Carlo Diacono — 15-VI-1992 — Valletta — Malta" and it also incorporates a musical motif.

The inscription means: "50 Anniversary from the Death of Mro Carlo Diacono — 15-VI-1992 — Valletta — Malta".



22-6-92

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Bid-Droga Tixtri l-Mewt Bin-Nifs — Drugs Buy You A Slow Death" was used, on and off, during the period 22-27 June, 1992, at the Central Mail Room.

22-6-92

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "European And Mediterranean Archery Championships Malta 1992" was used, on and off, during the period 22 to 27 June, 1992 at the Central Mail Room.

24-6-92

The "XXV Olympiad 1992" set, issued today. A special handstamp was used for cancellation on the first day of issue.

28-6-92

A Temporary Branch Post Office was opened at the International Fair of Malta, Naxxar, from Sunday 28 June to Sunday 12 July, 1992, from 6.00pm to 9.30pm for the transaction of the following business:

- a) sale of stamps and postal stationery
- b) registration of postal articles
- c) issue and encashment of postal money orders



- d) encashment of postcheques
- e) posting of letters, printed matter and EMS Datapost items.

Postal articles posted at this Temporary Branch Post Office were post-marked by a date-stamp inscribed as follows: "35th International Fair of Malta — Naxxar — Malta".



30-6-92

In today's Govt. Gazette a call was issued for applications for the post of Sub-Postmaster at Marsaxlokk.

Applications were to be received up to noon on Friday, 24 June, 1992.

6-7-92

A metal hand date-stamp was put in use at the Xewkija Sub-Post Office with effect from Monday, 6 July, 1992.

The metal hand date-stamp is inscribed "Xewkija SPO — Gozo". The metal hand date-stamp which was replaced, was withdrawn at the close of business on Saturday, 4 July, 1992.



27-7-92

The 1991 Year Pack which features a view of Marsaxlokk on the outer cover, was issued on Monday, 27th July, 1992. It is made up of a descriptive colour folder in four languages (English, French, German and Italian) and contains all postage stamps released during 1991 mounted in clear acetate strips. A colour print of the 3c stamp of the 1991 Uniforms set, is also included. The Year Pack which is enclosed in a clear plastic slipcase is available for sale at the price of Lm3 from the GPO and all BPOs and SPOs in Malta and Gozo.

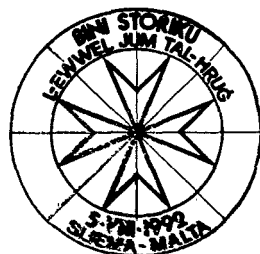
29-7-92

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "4 ta' Awissu 1992 — Merhba '92 — Kalkara Creek" was used from the 29th to the 31st July, and on the 1st, 3rd and 4th August, 1992 at the Central Mail Room.

The slogan also incorporates an appropriate motif with the words "Merhba '92" meaning "Welcome '92".

5-8-92

The "Historical Buildings" set, issued today. A special hand-postmark incorporating a motif, was used for cancellation, on the first day of issue.



11-8-92

In today's Govt. Gazette, a call was issued for applications, for the post of Sub-Postmaster at Dingli. Applications were to be received up to noon of Monday, 7 September, 1992.

14-8-92

In today's Govt. Gazette, it was notified that sealed tenders were to be received up to 28th August, 1992 at 10.00pm for the purchase of a stamp cancelling machine. Forms of tender and further information were to be obtained from the Accounts Section of the GPO.

28-8-92

The Malta Post Office was represented by its authorised Philatelic Agent for Italy and Switzerland, in the XXIII Mostra Filatelica Sandanielese which was held at San Daniele del Friuli, Italy, from 28th to the 30th August, 1992.



To commemorate the occasion, a special handstamp inscribed: "San Daniele Del Friuli – 28-30.VIII.1992 – Valletta-Malta", and including an appropriate motif, was used at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO and at the Central Mail Room, from 7.30am to 12.30am and from 7.30am to 6.00pm respectively on the 28th and the 29th August, 1992.

An identical handstamp was used from the 28th to the 30th August, 1992, at the Exhibition Stand at San Daniele Del Friuli.

28-8-92

The Malta Post Office was represented by its authorised Philatelic Agent for Italy and Switzerland, in the XLV Fiera Internazionale Del Francobollo, which was held in Riccione, Italy, from the 28th to the 30th August, 1992.

To commemorate the occasion, a special handstamp inscribed: "Malta Post Office — Riccione '92 — 28-30.VIII.1992", and including an appropriate motif, was used at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO and at the Central Mail Room, from 7.30am to 12.30pm and from 7.30am to 6.00pm respectively on the 28th and the 29th August, 1992.



An identical handstamp was used from the 28th to the 30th August, 1992, at the Exhibition stand at Riccione.

7-9-92

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Nursing: Sfida U Sodisfazzjon" was used on the 7th, from the 9th to the 12th and on the 14th September, 1992 at the Central Mail Room.

The slogan means: "Nursing: Challenge and Satisfaction".

11-9-92

In a supplement to the Govt. Gazette N° 15,651 of the 11th September, 1992, more countries were added to which the Expedited Mail Service can be used.

Rates of postage, maximum sizes and weights on EMS were given and were to come into force on the 15th September, 1992.

18-9-92

A postal card was issued on the occasion of the participation of the Malta Post Office at the Genova '92 International Philatelic Exhibition which was held at Genova, Italy, from the 18th to the 27th September, 1992.

The card has imprinted thereon the two stamps of the Europa 1992 postage set and an appropriate motif. The price of the card was 45c and it was available from the GPO and from all Branch and Sub-Post Offices from the 18th to the 26th September, 1992 unless stocks were previously exhausted.

The card was purchased in mint condition or with the stamps cancelled with a special hand-postmark inscribed: "Post Office Malta — 18-27.IX.92 — Genova 1992" and which incorporates the Emblem of Malta and the Postal Horn. This postmark was also used at the Stand of the Malta Post Office at Genova '92 International Philatelic Exhibition.

The card cancelled with the special postmark, could have been sent through the post at no extra charge provided it was posted during the period 18th to 26th September, 1992. Cards cancelled with the Genova '92 hand postmark, posted after the 26th September, 1992 must have additional stamps affixed thereon to cover the required postage.



25-9-92

In today's Govt. Gazette, a call was issued for applications for the post of Sub-Postmaster at Dingli. Applications were to be received, up to noon of Monday, 26th October, 1992.

1-10-92

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "L-Anzjan Jorbot — il-Prezent — Ma' l-Imghoddi" was used, on and off, at the Central Mail Room, from the 1st, to the 3rd and from the 5th to the 10th October, 1992.

The slogan means: "The Elderly Unites — The Present — With The Past".

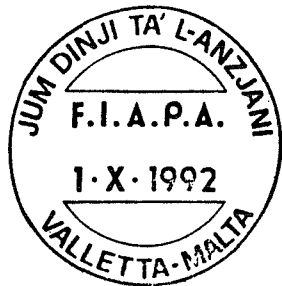
The wording means "World Day of the Elderly — F.I.A.P.A. 1.X.1992 — Valletta-Malta".

1-10-92

A special hand-datestamp was used for cancellation of philatelic mail at the

Philatelic Counter of the GPO and at the Central Mail Room, from 8.00am to 12.45pm and from 8.00am to 6.00pm respectively on 1st October, 1992.

The datestamp is inscribed: "Jum Dinji ta' l-Anzjani — FIAPA 1.X.1992 — Valletta — Malta".



7-10-92

A special hand-datestamp to mark the 150th Anniversary of the birth of Anton Nani, the well-known Maltese Music Composer was used for the cancellation of philatelic mail at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO and at the Central Mail Room, from 8.00am to 12.45pm and from 8.00am to 6.00pm respectively, on Wednesday, 7th October, 1992.

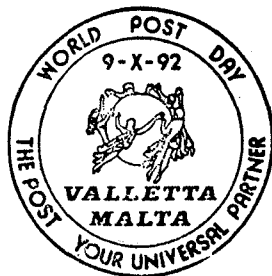
The datestamp is inscribed: "World Gold Medal — 1886 — Requiem — Anton Nani — 1842-1929 — 7.X.1992 — Valletta — Malta", and it also incorporates a musical motif.



9-10-92

A special hand-postmark marking World Post Day was used at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO from 8.00am to 12.45pm and at the Central Mail Room from 8.00am to 6.00pm on Friday, 9th October 1992.

The hand postmark, which also incorporates the emblem of the UPU is inscribed: "World Post Day — 9.10.92 — Valletta — Malta — The Post — Your Universal Partner".



12-10-92

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "World Food Day — 16-X-1992 — Food and Nutrition", was used at the Central Mail Room from the 12th to the 16th October, 1992.

22-10-92

The "Christmas 1992" set, issued today. A special hand-postmark was used for the cancellation of philatelic mail, on the first day of issue.



22-10-92

A Branch Post Office was opened in Zaren Dalli Street, Birzebbuga, on Thursday, 22 October, 1992 at 10.00am. The hours of business and the business to be transacted at

this Branch Post Office shall be those laid down in the Vith Schedule of the Inland Post Regulations, 1985.

With effect from the 22 October, 1992, postal articles posted in street letter boxes in the areas served by the Birzebbuga Branch Post Office were to be postmarked by a date-stamp inscribed: "Birzebbuga — Malta".

Post Office Private Delivery Boxes are available and may be rented on application. The telephone number of the Birzebbuga Branch Post Office is 688820.



26-10-92

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "25th — Anniversary — Malta Development Corporation", was used at the Central Mail Room, from the 26th to the 31st October, 1992. The slogan also incorporates the logo of the Malta Development Corporation.

2-11-92

A new metal hand date-stamp was put in use at the Zurrieq Branch Post Office, on Monday 2nd November, 1992.

The new hand date-stamp is inscribed: "Zurrieq — Malta".

2-11-92

A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded: "Pacem in Maribus XX — 2-5.XI.1992" was used at the Central Mail Room, from the 2nd to the 5th November, 1992.

9-11-92

A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded: "14.XI.92 — World Diabetes Day — Malta Diabetes Association" was used at the Central Mail Room, from the 9th to the 14th November, 1992.

The slogan also incorporates the logo of the World Diabetese Day.

10-11-92

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "World Quality Day — 12.XI.1992 — Success Through Quality" was used, on and off, at the Central Mail Room from the 10th to the 14th November, 1992.

10-11-92

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "2nd Maltese — Medical School — Conference — 19-22.XI.1992" was used at the Central Mail Room, from the 10th to the 21st November, 1992. The slogan also incorporates the logo of the Medical Association of Malta.

12-11-92

The "400 Anniversary University of Malta" postage set, issued today. A special hand-postmark incorporating a motif, was used for cancellation on the first day of issue.



21-11-92

The Dingli Sub-Post Office at "The Dingli Stationers", Misrah Frenċ Abela, was closed down with effect from Saturday, 21st November, 1992.

23-11-92

A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded: "Francesca Teresa Parlar — 150 Sena Mit-Twelid — 1842-1927" was used, on and off, at the Central Mail Room, from the 23rd to the 28th November, 1992.

The slogan also incorporates the logo of the Dominican Order.

24-11-92

A special hand datestamp was used for the cancellation of philatelic mail at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO and at the Central Mail Room, from 8.00am to 12.45pm and from 8.00am to 6.00pm respectively on 24 November, 1992.

The datestamp is inscribed: "Francesca Teresa Parlar — 150 Sena Mit-Twelid — Valletta — Malta — 24.XI.92" and it also incorporates the logo of the Dominican Order.



25-11-92

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Aghti d-Demm — Aghti l-Hajja — 25.XI.92" was used, on and off, at the Central Mail Room, from the 25th to the 28th November, 1992.

The slogan means: "Give Blood — Give Life — 25.XI-92".

30.11.92

A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded: "World Aids Day — 1 December 1992 — Community Commitment", was used from the 30th November to the 2nd December, 1992, at the Central Mail Room.

4-12-92

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Mitt Sena Provincia — Karmelitana — Maltija 1892-1992" was used on the 4th and 5th December and from the 7th to the 9th December, 1992 at the Central Mail Room.

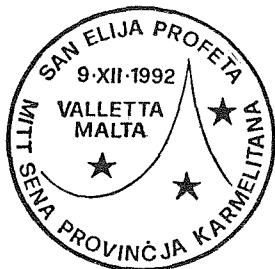
The slogan also incorporates the logo of the Carmelite Fathers.

The slogan means: "Hundred Years Province — Carmelite — Maltese 1892-1992".

9-12-92

A special hand datestamp was used for the cancellation of philatelic mail at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO and at the Central Mail Room, from 8.00am to 12.45pm and from 8.00am to 6.00pm respectively on the 9th December, 1992. The datestamp is inscribed: "San Elija Profeta — Mitt sena Provinċja Karmelitana — Valletta — Malta — 9.XII.92" and it also incorporates the logo of the Carmelite Fathers.

The hand datestamp means: "Saint Elias Prophet — Hundred Years Carmelite Province — Valletta — Malta — 9.XII.92".



19-12-92

A special hand datestamp was used for the cancellation of philatelic mail at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO and at the Central Mail Room from 8.00am to 12.45pm and from 8.00am to 6.00pm respectively on the 19th December, 1992.

The datestamp is inscribed: "World Cup 94 — Qualifying Round — Malta vs Italy — 19.XII.1992 — Valletta-Malta" and also incorporates an appropriate motif.



31-12-92

The Acting Postmaster General notified that the 1973 Postage Due Set was no longer to be used after Thursday, 31 December, 1992.