

MALTA – A DIARY

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1-7-89

A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded: “World Day – Of – Architecture – 1 July 1989” was used from 1st to the 4th July, 1989 at the Central mail Room. The logo of the International Union of Architects is also incorporated in the slogan.

1-7-89

The PMG notified that a Temporary Branch Post Office was to be opened at the International Fair of Malta, Naxxar, from Saturday 1st July to Saturday, 15th July, 1989 from 6.00p.m to 9.30pm for the transaction of the following business:

- (a) Sales of stamps and postal stationery
- (b) registration of postal articles
- (c) issue and encashment of money and postal orders
- (d) encashment of postcheques
- (e) posting of letters and printed matter.

Postal articles posted at this Temporary Branch Post Office were postmarked by a date-stamp inscribed as follows: “XXXII Fiera Internazzjonali Ta’ Malta – Naxxar” meaning “XXXIII International Fair of Malta – Naxxar”. (Fig 1.)

7-7-89

A commemorative postal card was issued on the occasion of the participation of the Malta Post Office at the “Philexfrance ’89” International Philatelic Exhibition which was held in Paris, France, from the 7th to the 17th July, 1989.

The Card has imprinted thereon the two stamps of the Europa 1989 postage set and an appropriate motif. The price of the card was 45c and it was available for sale from the GPO and from all BPOs and SPOs, from the 7th to the 17th July, 1989, unless stocks were previously exhausted. The card could have been purchased in mint condition or with the stamps cancelled with a special hand-postmark inscribed: “Post Office Malta – 7-17.VII.89 – Philexfrance ’89” and which incorporates the Emblem of Malta and the Postal Horn. (Fig.2) This postmark was also used at the stand of the Malta Post Office at the “Philexfrance ’89” 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 7th to 17th July, 1989. Cards cancelled with the “Philexfrance ’89” hand-postmark, posted after the 17th July, 1989, must have additional postage stamps affixed thereon to cover the required postage.

10-7-89

A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded: “Korp tal-Pulizija – Ta’ Malta – 1814-1989 – 12 Ta’ Lulju” was used, on and off, during the period 10th to 15th July, 1989 at the Central Mail Room.

The slogan means: “Police Force – Of Malta – 1814 - 1989 – 12th July”.

10-7-89

A machine stamp cancelling slogan inscribed: “CMTU – 30 Sena Servizz – Ghal-Haddiema Maltin”, was used, on and off, during the period 10th to 15th July, 1989 at the Central Mail Room.

The slogan means: “CMTU – 30 Years Service – For Maltese Workers”.

12-7-89

A special hand postmark was used to commemorate the 175th Anniversary of the Malta Police Force. The postmark is inscribed as follows: "Korp Tal-Pulizija Ta' Malta – 1814 - 1989 – 12-7-89 – Valletta – Malta". The postmark which also incorporates the logo of the Malta Police Force, was used on the 12th July, 1989 at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO from 7.30am to 12.45pm and at the Central Mail Room, from 8.00am to 6.00pm.

The slogan means: "Malta Police Force – 1814 - 1989 – 12-7-89 – Valletta – Malta".

(Fig.3)

17-7-89

A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded: "Centinarju – Tat-Twaqqif – Ta' L-Unjoni – Interparlamentari", was used from 17th to the 22nd July, 1989, at the Central Mail Room. A motif is also incorporated in the slogan.

The slogan means: "Centenary – Of the Foundation – Of The Union –

1-8-89

A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded: "Niltaqghu – Ma' Hutna – L-Emigranti – Ta' Xbiex 8 Ta' Awissu 1989" was used from the 1st to the 8th August, 1989, at the Central Mail Room. The slogan also incorporates the motif "Merhba 89".

The slogan means: "Meeting – Our Brothers – The Emigrants – Ta' Xbiex 8th August, 1989". The motif "Merhba 89" means "Welcome 89".

16-8-89

The PMG notified that a Sub-Post Office was to be opened at "Classic Video Centre", St Nicholas Street, Siggiewi, on Wednesday, 16th August, 1989. A hand metal date-stamp, inscribed with the words: "SIGGIEWI S.P.O. – MALTA" was to be used at this Sub-Post Office. The telephone number at this Sub-Post Office is 643951 (Fig.4).

26-8-89

The Malta Post Office was represented by its authorised Philatelic Agent for Italy and Switzerland in the "XLI Fiera Internazionale Del Francobollo" which was held at Riccione, Italy, from the 26th to the 28th August, 1989. To commemorate the occasion, a special hand-stamp inscribed: "Malta Post Office – Riccione – 26-28. VIII. 89" and including an appropriate motif was used at the Counter Hall of the GPO on the 26th and the 28th August, 1989. An identical hand-stamp was used from the 26th to the 28th August, 1989 at the Exhibition Stand at Riccione. (Fig.5)

7-9-89

The PMG notified that a Sub-Post Office was to be opened at "St Bees Stationery", 6 Jubilee Esplanade, Mgarr, Malta on Thursday, 7th September, 1989. A metal hand date-stamp inscribed with the words: "MGARR S.P.O. – MALTA" was to be used at this Sub-Post Office. The telephone number at this Sub-Post Office is 474343. (Fig.6)

14-9-89

On the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of Independence a machine stamp cancelling slogan was used, on and off, at the Central Mail Room, from the 14th to the 20th September, 1989.

The slogan reads: "25 Sena – Malta Indipendenti – 21 ta' Settembru – 1964-1989"

The slogan means: "25 Years – Malta Independent – 21st September – 1964-1989".

15-9-89

The PMG notified that the Malta Post Office will be issuing Year Packs containing the sets of stamps issued the previous year. The first year pack in the series, containing all postage stamp sets issued in 1988, were to be put on sale on Friday, 15th September, 1989. This Year

Pack which features the Grand Harbour on the outer cover, is made up of a descriptive colour folder in four languages (English, French, German and Italian) and contains all stamps mounted in clear acetate strips. A colour print of the 10c stamp of the 1988 Uniform set depicting a Field Officer of the 1st Maltese Provincial Battalion – 1805 is also included.

The Year Pack which is enclosed in a clear plastic slipcase was to be available for sale at the price of Lm3.50 from the GPO and from all Branch and Sub-Post Offices in Malta and Gozo.

18-9-89

A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded: “World – Maritime Day – 22 September 1989” was used, on and off, during the period 18th - 25th September, 1989 at the Central Mail Room.

19-9-89

The PMG notified that a Branch Post Office was to be opened at Sanctuary of Our Lady of Loreto Square, Ghajnsielem, Gozo, on Tuesday, 19th September, 1989 at 10.00am.

The hours of business and the business to be transacted at the Ghajnsielem Branch Post Office shall be those laid down in the VIth Schedule to the Inland Post Office Regulations, 1985, as amended by Legal Notice 104 of 1989. A hand metal date-stamp inscribed with the words: “GHAJNSIELEM – GOZO” was to be used at this Branch Post Office (Fig.7). Post Office Private delivery boxes are available and may be rented on application.

The telephone number at this Branch Post Office is 558295.

19-9-89

The PMG notified that the Mgarr Branch Post Office at 58, St Anthony Street, Mgarr, Gozo was to close down with effect from Tuesday, 19th September, 1989 and transferred as a Post Office to Mgarr Quay. This Post Office was also opened on Tuesday, 19th September, 1989 at 10.30am. The hours of business at the Mgarr Post Office shall be those laid down in Schedule VI to the Inland Post Regulations, 1985, and the following business shall be transacted:

- (a) sale of stamps and postal stationery
- (b) issue and encashment of postal orders
- (c) issue and encashment of money orders
- (d) registration of postal articles
- (e) posting of parcels
- (f) encashment of postcheques
- (g) payment of telephone bills
- (h) any other business as transacted at Branch Post Offices which the PMG may from time to time direct.

The delivery of postal articles which used to be handled by the Mgarr Branch Post Office will now be taken over by the new Branch Post Office at Ghajnsielem.

It is of interest to note that the Mgarr Branch Post Office at 58, St Anthony Street, was opened on 27th November, 1957.

The telephone number at the Mgarr Post Office is 556391.

20-9-89

The PMG notified that a Temporary Branch Post Office was to be opened at the Independence Arena, Floriana, From 5.00pm of Wednesday, 20th September to 1.00am of Thursday, 21st September, 1989 for the transaction of the business indicated hereunder:

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

(e) posting of letters and printed matters.

Postal articles posted at this Temporary Branch Post Office were to be postmarked by a special hand postmark inscribed as follows: "XXV Anniversarju – Ta L-Indipendenza – 21.IX.89 – Floriana Malta 1964-1989".

The slogan means: "XXV Anniversary – Of Independence – 21.IX.89 – Floriana Malta 1964-1989" (Fig.8).

20.9.89

A special commemorative cover was issued to mark the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of Independence. The covers were sold at 5c each and were available for sale at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO from 7.00am to noon on the 20th September, 1989 and from 5.00pm on the 20th September to 1.00am on the 21st September, 1989, at the Temporary Branch Post Office, Independence Arena, Floriana.



Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig. 3

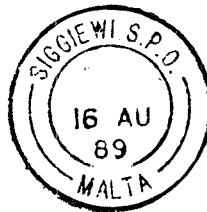


Fig. 4



Fig. 5



Fig. 6

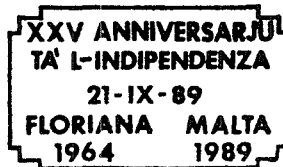


Fig. 8



Fig. 7