

MALTA - A DIARY

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1-9-82 The Malta Post Office participated in the "Centenario del Primo Intero Postale" which was held at the Palazzo Dei Congressi, San Marino, from the 1st to the 5th September 1982.

To Commemorate the occasion, a special handstamp inscribed:- "Centenary of The First Postal Stationery Issue - San Marino" was used at the Counter Hall of the G.P.O. from the 1st to the 5th September 1982.



During the same period, a special cover was on sale for the occasion at the price of 5c. An identical handstamp was used during the same period at the Malta Post Office Stand, San Marino.

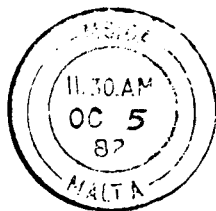
6-9-82 A Machine Stamp cancelling slogan worded:- "St. John Ambulance - Association - Malta Centenary - 1882 - 1982" was used on and off at the Central Mail Room during the period from 6th to 11th September, 1982.

22-9-82 A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded:- "World Maritime Day - 23rd September 1982", was used on the 22nd and 23rd September, 1982, at the Central Mail Room.

23-9-82 A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading:- "World Tourism Day - 25th September 1982" was used during the period 23rd to 25th September 1982, at the Central Mail Room. The Logo of the World Tourism Organisation is also incorporated in the slogan.

5-10-82 The Postmaster General directed that a Branch Post Office be opened at Guardamangia Hill at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, 5th October 1982. With effect from 5th October 1982 postal articles posted in the area served by the Msida Branch Post Office will be postmarked by a date-stamp inscribed "Msida-Malta".

Postage Paid/Msida Malta Hand Stamps in red of 1c, 2c, 3c, will also be used.



Post Office Delivery Boxes are available and may be rented on application.

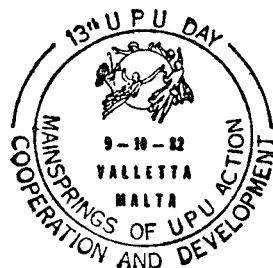
The telephone number of the Msida B.P.O. is 603825.

5-10-82 In to-day's Government Gazette, the P.M.G. notified that with immediate effect, the Postal Administration of Great Britain will not accept irregularly shaped postcards for local delivery or for transmission by post overseas. Only postcards which are rectangular in shape, with corners that are either square or round to a maximum radius of 10mm will be admissible. Cards of any other shape must be enclosed in an envelope.

8-10-82 "Xmas Set" issued today. A special Handstamp was used for the cancellation of philatelic mail on the first day of issue.



9-10-82 A special hand-postmark was used at the Counter Hall of the G.P.O. and at the Central Mail Room on the 9th October 1982, to mark the 13th Universal Postal Union Day. The hand-postmark incorporates the emblem of the U.P.U. and is inscribed:- "13th U.P.U. Day - Mainsprings of U.P.U. Action Cooperation and Development - 9 - 10 - 82 Valletta - Malta".



18-10-82 A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading "International Year Mobilization For - Sanctions Against - South Africa", was used, on and off, from Monday, 18th October to Saturday, 23rd October, 1982, at the Central Mail Room.

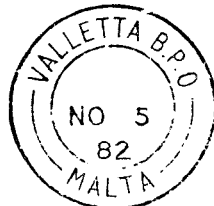
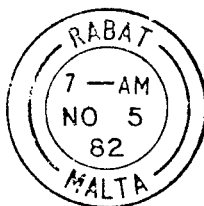
5-11-82 The Postmaster General notified that on Friday, 5th November, 1982 four metal hand date-stamps were to be put in use as follows, the old ones being withdrawn from use at the close of business on Thursday 4th November.

Branch Post Office

Number of Hand date-stamps

Gzira
Rabat
Valletta

2
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1



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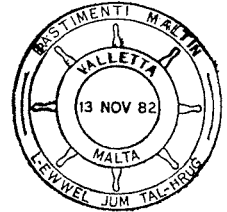
The Malta Post Office participated in "Philatelia '82" International Stamp Exhibition which was held in Hannover, West Germany from the 13th to 17th Nov 1982. For the occasion a special hand stamp inscribed:- "Philatelia '82 - Hannover Malta Postal Administration", and incorporating the "Philatelia '82" logo, was used at the Philatelic Counter of the G.P.O. Valletta, from the 13th to 17th November 1982, as follows.



Saturday 13th November 1982 from 8.00 a.m. to noon and from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Sunday 14th November 1982 from 8a.m. to noon.

Monday 15th to Wednesday 17th November 1982 from 8.00 a.m. to 1.15 p.m.



13-11-82

"Maltese Ships Set" issued today. A special hand-postmark incorporating a line drawing of a ship's helm was used on the first day of issue.

27-12-82

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading:- "1 Jan '83 - Jum - Il-Paci - Peace Lab Malta" was used at the Central Mail Room, Castille from the 27th to the 31st December 1982. The slogan also incorporates a line drawing symbolizing peace and friendship.

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