

POSTMEN'S PERSONAL HANDSTAMPS

Dr. A. Ganado, Secretry, sends the following information regarding the postmen's handstamps:

According to Study Paper No. 18, published by the Malta Study Circle, the earliest use of the Postmen's handstamps in Malta recorded so far is the year 1893. I have the following handstamps on covers used between 1888 and 1892.

PH — 13 13 x 11 mm.

16 AU 88, Ghar-id-Dud, Sliema (The envelope is addressed to Judge Dr. Luigi Ganado).

PH — 5 14 x 11 mm

Five different covers dated respectively: 9 SP 89; 10 NO 90; (Dec.) 90; 4 MY 91; 8 JU 91. All the covers are addressed to Sir Adrian Dingli, Chief Justice and President of the Court of Appeal, and one only has "Valletta" written on it. I can however confirm that Sir Adrian lived at 3 Strada Forni, Valletta.

PH — 5 14 — 11 mm

9 DE 89. Envelope addressed to S.F. Houswin, Via S. Antonio, Valletta.

PH — 2 14 x 11 mm

Two c.d.s. on the same cover, one dated 26, the other 27 DE 92. Addressed to E.G. Degaetano, c/o Mrs. A. Duncan, Malta, without any further details.

The following are dates extensions and recordings of new handstamps:

PH — 61 17 x 14 mm

16 AP 27 addressed to 47 Strada Marina, Sliema.

PH — 65 14 x 13 mm

1 SP 36 addressed to 103 Strada S. Francesco, Floriana.

PH — 65 24 JA 40 addressed to 22 Piazza Filippo Sciberras, Floriana.

PH — 74 13 x 13 mm

7 JY 39 addressed to Villa Priuli, (41, Main Street), St. Julian's.

Mr. Nick A. Cutajar submits the following date extensions, new types and localities, as well as recordings of new numbers so far 'not yet seen'.

PH — 13 (c) 13.5 x 10.5 mm

9 JY 35 — Chamber of Solicitors, Imperial Courts, Valletta.

PH — 15 (a) 13.5 x 11 mm

13 MR 98 — Piazza Torre, Floriana

PH — 15 (b) 13.5 x 10.5 mm

19 AU 13 — Convento Sta. Margerita, Cospicua.

PH — 16 (c) 18 x 16 mm (new type)

8 AU 36 — Dingli Street, Sliema, and another dated circa 12.5.33.

- PH — 21 ? x ? mm (probably type a)
9 AU 26 — Capucchins Convent, Floriana.
- PH — 28 (b) 16 x 11 mm (new type)
20 JU 33 — R. Forbes Bentley, Birchircara.
- PH — 30 14 x 13.5 mm
15 AU 06 — Dogana, Valletta.
- PH — 34 (b) 16.5 x 11.5 mm
13 OC 30 — Birchircara.
- PH — 53 18 x 15 mm (Never recorded)
Front only locally postmarked "Prince of Wales" to Bristol; triangular censor mark, manuscript "R.L.B." (Returned Letter Branch); large red pencil "P.T.O.", & small black pencil mark "P.T.O./Gone Away".
- PH — 55 18 x 14.5 mm approx. (Never recorded)
Local cover posted from Valletta with the 'Maltese Cross' spacers mark on "OC 12 28" to 17, Brighella Str., Hamrun.
- PH — 65 14 x 12 mm
17 JU 32 — Convento dei Capuccini, Floriana.
- PH — 69 14 x 12.5 mm
3 NO 36 — Melita Street, Sliema.
- PH — 73 14 x 12.5 mm
Two covers dated "SP 12 39" & "SP 19 38" to Britannia Street, Zurrieq.
- PH — 74 14 x 12.5 mm
Local cover dated 18 OC 44 to Old College Str., St. Julian's.
Also the handstamp on a K.G. VI stamp.