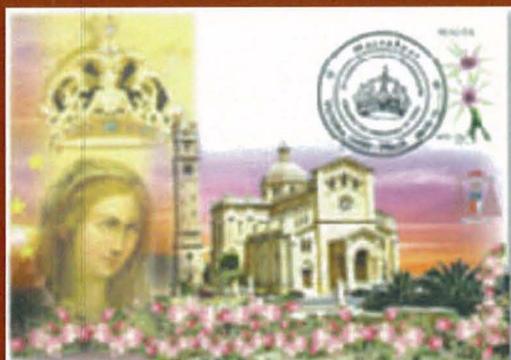




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*Our latest cards issued on the occasion of a special postmark commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Crowning of the altarpiece of Our Lady of Ta' Pinu, the issue of a Gozo related postage stamp "Feast of St George" and a commemorative card postmarked on the last day of postal services from the Victoria P.O at 129 Republic Street Victoria.*

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**ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!** Members who wish to take part in our Annual Exhibition are cordially invited to contact A. Grech by email ([linton3@maltanet.net](mailto:linton3@maltanet.net)) and state in what section/s and how many items they wish to exhibit.

### *GOZO PHILATELIC SOCIETY*

Founded on 3 September 1999 for the promotion of the hobby,  
the provision of a point of reference and co-ordination.

(59) *G. P. S. Diary*

Antoine Vassallo  
Gozo Philatelic Society Secretary  
Antoine Vassallo GPS Secretary VO/657



**24 May 2015** German member and supporter Peter Hansen came for a short visit - and gave GPS more interesting items

**June** issue of the Italian periodical *Filatelia Religiosa Flash* (number 65), issued by the Turin-based *Gruppo di Filatelia Religiosa "Don Pietro Ceresa"*, again refers to our productions.

**7 June** Monthly Members' Meeting at Victoria Scouts HQ

**12 June** Committee decides on Exhibition Traditional class theme: "Post & Postmen"

**16 June** Anthony Grech produces cover (jointly with *IL-HAĠAR*) for St George Culture stamp

**20 June** Anthony Grech produces cover for Ta' Pinu anniversary handstamp

**23 June** Anthony Grech produces cover for last day of Victoria BPO location

**5 July** Monthly Members' Meeting at Victoria Scouts HQ

**10 July** Committee continues preparing for November Exhibition and joint venture with Canberra PS.

**10 July** Anthony Grech begins Wednesday sessions at the Don Bosco Summer Club.

**31 July** Committee discusses next events

**2 August** Monthly Members' Meeting at Victoria Scouts HQ

**28 August** Committee continues to prepare for the exceptionally-long Exhibition

#### EXHIBITION 2015.

With this News Letter we are sending you the application form for participation in the next Annual Philatelic Exhibition. The Exhibition is to be held from 6 to 27 November 2015 at the Gozo Ministry Exhibition main Hall. Applications are to reach the Secretary not later than Monday 26 October 2015. Late applications will only be considered if space is available. Items to be exhibited are to be presented at the Exhibition Hall by not later than 4 November.

**YOUR COOPERATION IS MUCH APPRECIATED.**

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

100 th. Anniversary of the beginning of World War I  
Patriotic postcards of some of the not so known armies that took part in  
The Great War –World War I.

28 July 1914 - 11 November 1918.

A small tribute to the. more than 9 million combatants and 7 million  
civilians who died as a result of the war.

*Anthony Grech*



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## Yet another “Philatelic” Saint?



St. Paul of Tarsus, better known in the Maltese Islands as St. Paul, Our Father (*San Pawl Missierna*) corresponded with communities and individuals, by sending letters. These epistles contain high spiritual teachings and are an essential part of the New Testament. St. Paul is always shown with a sword in one hand and a book in the other, symbolising his martyrdom at *Tre Fontane* in Rome, his love for Christ and His teachings and the strength and power in his messages distributed across the known world of his time and to the world today.



Malta, the spiritual daughter of St. Paul, can boast that it was the first country ever to issue a stamp dedicated to him. In fact the first pictorial set of stamps included one showing the shipwreck of this Saint in Malta. Issued in blue-black and as the highest value in the set, this 1889 10/- was adapted from

an engraving by Gustave Dorè. This stamp design was repeated another four times with little or no difference in colour and frame. The one issued in 1919 is the most rare and expensive stamp in the Malta collection. The same design was repeated for revenue use but in red.

Saint Paul’s life can be divided into four main episodes; (1) his birth and love for his Hebrew religion, (2) his conversion and love for Christ and Christianity, (3) his writings, preaching and voyages and (4) his martyrdom at Rome’s *Tre Fontane*.



A stamp by his native nation, Israel, was issued in 1952 showing the wolf emblem of the tribe of Benjamin from which St. Paul descended.

His conversion and then his love for Christ and Christianity is shown on several stamps from different countries. The Vatican in 2008, the Sovereign Military Order of Malta in 1984 and other countries issued stamps showing St Paul at the moment that he heard Christ’s



Stoning of St. Stephen. Vatican 2003



voice on his way to Damascus. This was the turning point for Saul. His letters, preaching and voyages have been depicted by, among others, Marshall Islands (1979), Cyprus (1982), the Republic of Tchad (1969), the Vatican (1983) and Greece (1951).



Paul's voyages have also featured on stamps. For example, his journey to Rome was commemorated, also through special cancellations and covers by Italy in 2004, by the Vatican in 1961 and by other countries.

subject.

Malta has obviously issued several stamps and sets showing "her" Saint: the original design (with slight variations) in 1889, 1919 and 1922, and then 1927, 1928, 1930, 1938, 1948, 1960 (set of 6), 1967, 1990, 1994, 2001, 2004 (miniature sheet), 2008 (set of 3) and 2006 (miniature sheet).



In my personal opinion the set issued on the occasion of the 1900<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his shipwreck in Malta was the most artistic of all Malta stamps. This set (which was accompanied by an attractive special postmark) was designed by the master stamp designer and artist Chev Emanuel Vincent Cremona.



Naturally innumerable other stamps and commemorative postmarks with subjects related to St. Paul were issued by several countries but it is impossible to list all items here — that would take up all pages of this Newsletter!



I thus strongly recommend perusal of the exhaustive bilingual book 'Filatelia di san Paolo' by Giancarlo Rocca (*Edizioni Paoline, Roma 2008*).



## . MALTA OVERSEAS

local connections on foreign stamps (21)

*Antoine Vassallo.*



What has this Argentine stamp issued for 1967 Navy Day got to do with Malta?!

The ship shown (the sloop *Invencible*) took part with just two others in an engagement on the River Parana, about two miles downstream from the town of San Nicolas. In total, they had only 33 guns, together with exactly two hundred crew members!



The Battle of San Nicolas occurred on 2 March 1811, during the war with Spain: the revolutionary junta in Buenos Aires had risen against the Spanish forces in the previous year, expelling the Spanish Viceroy of the River Plate.

Unsurprisingly, the outcome was a crushing defeat for the outnumbered insurgent flotilla!

The basic reason why such an event is commemorated by the losers (also on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1961 **OV2**) is that it was the first time any Argentine ship had been engaged in battle. In fact it was as a result of this battle that a permanent naval force came into existence to defend the shores of the newly-independent colonies after the war of freedom.

And Malta?



The *Invencible* was commanded by Juan Bautista Azopardo, born in Senglea on 19 February 1772. The waterfront there boasts of a bust commemorating the “Founder of the Argentine Navy”. One should note that this Maltese fortified town was awarded the title of *Città Invicta* (= the Invincible city, just like his ship!)

Juan was granted a scholarship to study naval architecture in Toulon and later served with the French and British Fleets. His connections with Argentina started in 1799 and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in the Buenos Aires Militia in 1808. President Saavedra of the Junta enrolled him in the Corps of Gredaniers soon after the 1810 Revolution and Azopardo formed and organized the first naval squadron.



“First Naval Combat” Monument where the remains of Juan Bautista Azopardo are found.

After being captured in this naval battle and imprisoned, he was liberated in 1820 - returning to Argentina as a national hero. He participated in other battles and in 1824 became Navy Colonel. He died at the age of 76 on 23 October 1848, leaving his wife Maria Sandalia Perez



Monument dedicated to Juan Bautista Azopardo, in his hometown Senglea.

Rico and son Luis Alberto. His name is still held in high esteem: Argentine ships have been named in his honour, together with numerous sites throughout the country. On the centenary of his death, his remains were taken to a monument honouring his adopted country’s “First Naval Combat”



The G1 ‘Juan Bautista Azopardo’, Argentina Coastguard ship that served as a school training ship at sea, conducted patrols and participated in various marine operations.

You are invited to send write-ups (or even just suggestions) about other foreign stamps with themes or designs related to Malta

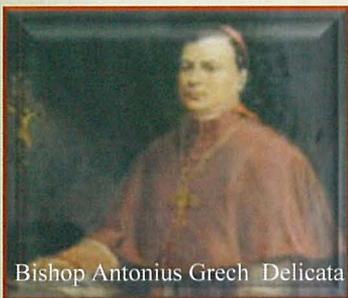


## FROM A BISHOPS' PALACE TO A POST OFFICE

*Anton F. Attard*



The first Bishop of Gozo, Mgr. Michael F. Buttigieg, who administered the Diocese between 1864 and 1866, and his successor, the Apostolic Administrator Fra Paul Micallef, O.E.S.A, Bishop of Citta di Castello, who ruled the Diocese of Gozo between 1866 and 1868, both lived in a large house situated in an alley, called Dandalona's Alley, at Mgr. Giuseppe Farrugia Street, in Victoria.



Bishop Antonius Grech Delicata

Subsequently, Mgr. Anthony Grech Delicata became bishop of Gozo in 1868. Being descended from a noble family he did not like at all to go and live in the house left by Mgr. Buttigieg to serve as Gozo Bishops' Palace, since it was situated in an alley and in a very old and unimportant environment. It also lacked several amenities and therefore Bishop Grech Delicata considered it not fit at all as a residence for a high ranking prelate as a Diocesan bishop.

Therefore Bishop Delicata rented a house in Racecourse Street, now Republic Street (in 2015 house No. 126), where in 1948 there was the Imperial Hotel, known to the local people as Rosanna's Hotel.

After some time, he acquired the house adjacent to it, bearing the numbers 128 and 129 (then 56 and 57). It appears that this house was ceded on temporary emphyteusis by Baroness Francesca Depiro to Mgr. Grech Delicata in virtue of a deed drawn in the Acts of Notary Dr. Vincenzo Paolo Frendo of 3rd October 1870. Later on the temporary emphyteusis was changed to perpetual emphyteusis by means of another deed drawn in the Acts of Notary Saviour Galea Balzan of 29th May 1894, that is three years prior to the demise of Bishop Grech Delicata.

At this point in time it is pertinent to say that Bishop Grech Delicata made several alterations in this house and added the top storey.

Bishop Grech Delicata died in 1876 and the division of his inheritance was carried out on 26th May 1894 in the Acts of Notary Gioacchino Cardona and this houses was assigned to Sister Josphine Grech Delicata, who at that time was living in Rome and whose procurator was her nephew Mgr. Emmanuel Debono Cassia.

The procurator thereafter sold this house to Judge Joseph Cremona on 27th May 1898. This house still has a pious burthen of £1 per annum or €2.33 payable to the Cathedral Church of Gozo for the celebration of a Mass for the repose of Bishop Grech Delicata's soul on the anniversary of his passing away.

This house remained as Judge Cremona's residence until he died and thereafter on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1935, it was rented to the Government of Malta, in the name of the Director of Posts, at £52 per annum (€121.13), to be used as Post Office of Victoria.

It was given on lease by his son Professor Felice Cremona, in his own name and in the name of all the other heirs. Subsequently, following the establishment of Maltapost p.l.c. it was supposed that in terms of the Act regarding Postal Services (Chapter 254 of the Laws of Malta) these premises were to be transferred to Maltapost p.l.c. Therefore the address of this house should have been listed along with other similar properties in Legal Notice No. 211 of 1998 to be validly and legally transferred to Maltapost p.l.c. However, for some unknown reasons the address of the Victoria Post Office was omitted. Therefore, the transfer to Maltapost p.l.c. of this house resulted in a subletting without the owners' consent in terms of Article 1614 of the Civil Code. In view of this and other grievances MaltaPost p.l.c. lost the Court Case instituted against Maltapost *et al.* by Marise Cremona Hodgins *et al.* (Cit. No. 965/2008) and was ordered to vacate the premises.

This Post Office was closed down at 12.50 p.m. on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2015, following a judgment given by the Civil Court presided by Judge Joseph Azzopardi on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

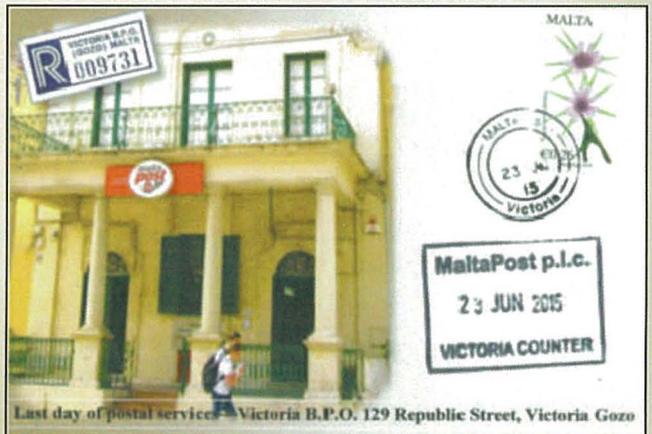


Last registered letter at 12.48pm from the Victoria Gozo Post Office at 129 Republic Street. Registration number RR541809839MT

**MaltaPost p.l.c.  
Victoria Branch  
129, Triq ir-Repubblika,  
Victoria,  
VCT 1013.**



To commemorate the closing down of this post office the Gozo Philatelic Society issued a limited edition of 100 postcard cancelled with the last postmark dated 23 June 2015



With Sympathy



**Demise of GPS Secretary's Mother**

I have to report that Mrs Maria Vassallo went to meet her Lord and Creator on 3 August 2015, at the age of 91.

A widow for almost thirty years, she had six children including two sons: Antoine, our secretary, and John who contributes the regular Australian Malta feature in our Newsletter.

The Gozo Philatelic Society remains grateful for hosting Committee meetings and other events at her home; moreover the GPS Library is housed there too since we do not have our own premises.

I invite members to remember Maria Vassallo in their prayers.



**Demise of GPS Chaplin's Mother**

We deep grief we inform the sad demise of Mrs Mananni Buhagiar 85 years. She left to her heavenly abode on 17 September 2015.

Loving mother of Rev Gerard Buhagiar, Gozo Philatelic Society Chaplin, Mary Louis and her husband Joseph, her neices Bertha and Ruth

and her brothers Fr. George Camilleri S.J., Ġużeppi and Lawrence.

May the Almighty give rest and peace to her soul.

I invite members to remember Mananni in their prayers.



## Australian MALTA (27)

*another glimpse at the prize-winning collection built up by John Vassallo, GPS member in Australia*

### FREE FROM PRISONER OF WAR rectangular marking

The first cachet to be used was the rectangular format marking. This appears to have been a temporary marking as it is first recorded in August 1914. It was used on letters from Prisoners of war housed at the St Clements Barracks in Malta.



A letter sent free of charge to Rene Delaquis in Alexandria, Egypt dated December 1914 from a prisoner of war at St Clements Barracks in Malta. Cachet No: POW1 FREE/ FROM / PRISONER/OF WAR marking in purple was in use in 1914

A letter sent to Germany in March 1917. Cachet No: POW1 in red was in use in 1915 according to the handbook. In this case it shows that this marking was still in use in 1917!



## Hitting the News ..... Again

Louis Bonello



Our Society and productions are often featured in the Sunday Times of Malta Gozo pages: even on consecutive Sundays!

The Covers we produced, respectively, for the end of eighty years at the same location for the Victoria post office and on the occasion of the stamp showing the titular statue of St George were shown as two separate stories on 28 June. Then that for the eightieth anniversary of the crowning of the altarpiece of Our Lady of Ta' Pinu was highlighted on 5 July.

We take this opportunity to express our thanks to the Editor of the Sunday Times of Malta and their Gozo correspondent Mr Charles Spiteri. A special declaration of appreciation is due to the three counter officials at Victoria Post Office Ms Celestina Calleja, Mr Ronnie Grech and Mr Charles Sultana for their constant cooperation, help and patience - particularly when we produce some commemorative card.



## E & O not E (39)

*glances at stamps with design or printing mistakes.  
(well-known or obscure)*

*Antoine Vassallo*

It does happen that designs, though interesting and attractive, may include incorrect details which would hardly be obvious - except for experts. These two “agricultural” examples from Ceylon (the island which is now called Sri Lanka) do require technical knowledge!



The pictorial definitives which began appearing in 1933 included a variety of local scenes, the 2c showing a rubber tapper. Rubber tapping is the collecting of latex from a rubber tree: a cut is made through the latex vessels on the bark to force the latex to flow out so that it can be collected.



Basically, a thin bark layer is removed along a downward half spiral on the trunk to allow the latex to run down to a collecting cup. The tapping is done at night or early in the early morning so that

the temperature is low enough for the latex to drip longer before the cut is sealed through clotting. If done carefully, the process can continue for about five years, after which the opposite side will be tapped while “healing” takes place.

When it became necessary to issue a set showing the new king (George VI), the opportunity was taken to correct certain design imperfections. In fact the original showed a very low inclined downward spiral at the very bottom of the tree trunk. Tapping normally starts at the very top of the bark. Critics still complained that the corrections were not full enough! Again, the tree was devoid of leaves but tapping is not done during such a period.

A tea plucker was on the 9c added in 1936, adapted into the KG6 20c in 1938. This version included numerous adjustments to render the design more realistic. The basket became one which is specifically for tea collection. We see smaller tea leaves and a shorter tea bush. Moreover it was also considered important to add bangles for the tea plucker.



(with acknowledgements to the Philatelic Society  
of Sri Lanka)



## Promoting Gozo Through Philately

John Vassallo

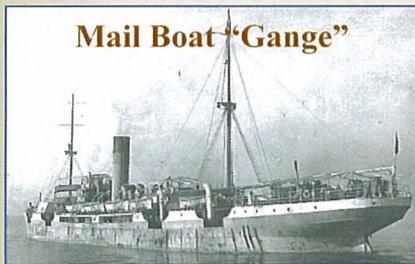
### a Gozitan-Australian Centennial

*An early GPS committee decided that we should endeavour to grasp philatelic opportunities to promote Gozitan personalities and events.*

*Next year being the centennial of the group of migrants variously called “tal-Kaledonja” and “ta’ Hughes”, we used the efforts of Australian member John Vassallo to create a joint venture with the Philatelic Society of Canberra (where he is an officer) to arrive at our first “international” production. The result should be unique double Cards bearing personalized stamps (all designed, together with the cancellors, by our usual Anthony Grech).*

*Full details will be distributed during the GPS Exhibition in November, where orders will be accepted too. In the meantime, here is a background note by John.*

Malta 1916 - 214 Maltese (including a disproportionate number from the Gozitan hamlet of Santa Luċija and other small villages such as San Lawrenz)



boarded the French mail-boat “Gange” to Australia. It was scheduled to arrive in Melbourne (en route to Sydney) on 28 October, the day on which a referendum was to take place to impose conscription in Australia. But the arrival of the boat load of Maltese labourers was exactly the evidence the anti-conscriptionists needed!

Prime Minister Hughes (pro-conscription)

took prompt action on learning of the French vessel’s arrival off the coast of Western Australia. The anti-conscriptionists went to absurd lengths in promoting the Maltese bogey: even warning of an imminent Maltese invasion of Australia!

Hughes was panic struck, fearing that this might turn the tide against the conscription vote. He resorted to Section 3(a) of the Immigration Act, which stipulated that any person seeking to disembark at an Australian port could be classified as a ‘prohibited immigrant’ if they failed a dictation test in any European language.

So the Maltese were given a Dictation Test in Dutch! They all failed and became prohibited immigrants. They were not allowed to disembark when the ship arrived in Sydney. In early November, the vessel headed off, with its bewildered Maltese passengers still on board, for Noumea, New Caledonia.



**P.M. Billy Hughes**

There, they lived in a nightmarish limbo. Their families back in Malta were poor to begin with, but now languished in a state of near starvation as they awaited non-existent remittances from their husbands. Back in Australia, pressure for the men's return began to increase. The referendum has been held and defeated by the Australian people? How could Hughes now justify keeping them out when his referendum had been beaten? Perhaps the answer lay in the racism that affected Australian society at that time. Indeed, in official policy until 1944, the Maltese were regarded as "semi-white" under the White Australia policy.



**Gerald Strickland**

and were detained there under armed guard. Supporters of the men became more active.

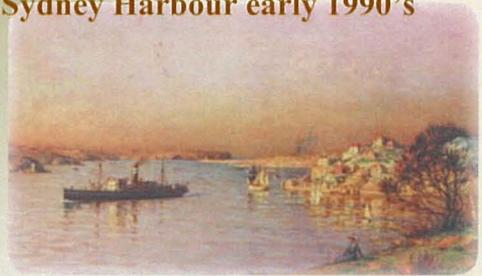
Men like Gerald Strickland, the Governor of New South Wales, worked behind the scenes in his capacity as Governor of the State. Also on the Maltese side were the pro-British elements of Australian society who felt that the bonds of Empire might be weakened if Australian British subjects were seen to be clearly discriminating against Maltese British subjects.

Finally, under such pressure and with no legitimate reason for continuing the men's incarceration on hulk, Prime Minister Hughes agreed to their release and admission into Australia.

Finally, under pressure from the British Colonial Office, which was outraged by the Australian discrimination against the Maltese (who, after all, were British subjects by birth), the Hughes' government arranged for the men's return to Sydney. They had been stranded at Noumea for ten weeks.

At this point, the story should have ended. But a new, more disturbing, chapter begins. On return to Sydney on the "St Louis" the men were transferred to an old hulk in Sydney Harbour, the "Anglian",

### Sydney Harbour early 1990's

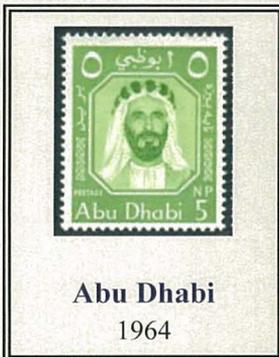


**Map of Australia & New Caledonia**

Anthony Grech

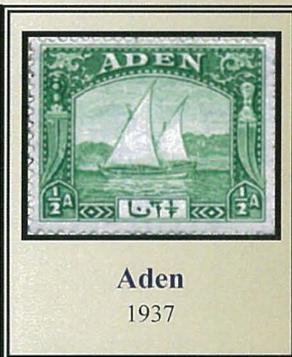


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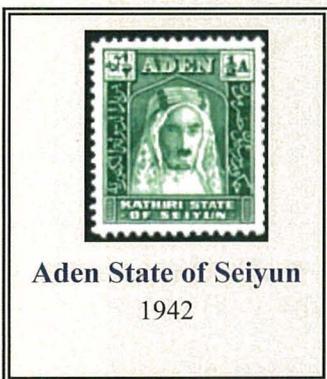
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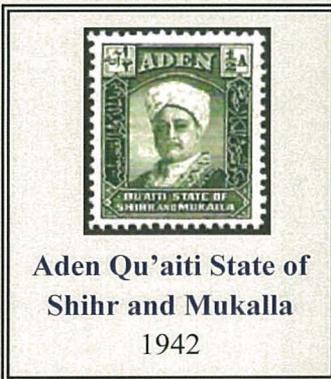
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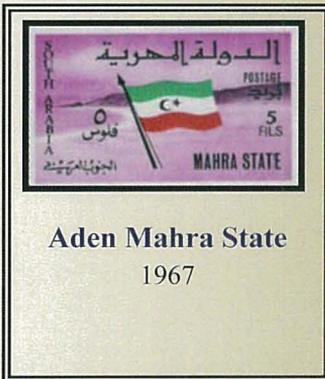
Aden State of Seiyun

1942



Aden Qu'aiti State of  
Shihr and Mukalla

1942



Aden Mahra State

1967

**Aegean Islands—Egeo””**

**Italian occupation  
Individually op. Italian  
stamps  
1912**



GENERAL ISSUE





**Rhodes—Rodi**  
Own issues  
1929



**Afghanistan**  
1893



**Aitutaki**  
Op. New Zealand Stamps  
1903



**Aitutaki-Cook Islands**  
1972



**Aitutaki**  
Own Issues  
1973



**AJMAN**  
1964



**Aland**  
1984



**Alaouites**  
Op. French Colonies  
Stamps  
1925



**Albania - Shqipenia**  
Op. Turkey Stamps  
1913

## Philatelic What & Where (4)

current stamp issuing entities are listed in block capitals

Antoine Vassallo

Readers are invited to suggest additions.

cont from issue 60



**Revalidated** stamp restored to validity after being demonetized (usually overprinted).

**Revalued** given a new denomination.

**Revenue management / protection** recovery of deficient postage or fines.



**Revenue stamps** issued to pay various types of taxes (also called Fiscals) but sometimes used for postage too (not always officially).

**Reversed print** design printed or visible on stamp back.

**Reversed watermark** 1 = inverted watermark.

2 a mirror print when viewed from the face of the stamp.

**Revived** old designs reprised.

**R.F.** = France.



**RFD** = Rural Free Delivery

**Rhetown** US Confederate Postmaster provisionals in Tennessee 1861.

**Rheinland-Pfalz** French Occupation issues for Rhine Palatinate 1947-9 (Germany).



**Rhodesia** (1) African territory, at first administered by the British South Africa Company, with stamps 1890-1925; divided into Northern Rhodesia and Southern Rhodesia in 1924.

(2) The former Southern Rhodesia was so renamed as unilaterally declared independent 1965-79; renamed Zimbabwe.

**Rhodesia & Nyasaland** Central African Federation of Nyasaland, Northern Rhodesia and Southern Rhodesia with stamps 1954-64.



**Rhodos** = Rodi.



**Rial**

currency unit in Oman and Yemen.



**Rialtar Sealdac na Héireann 1922** overprint on stamps of Great Britain for Irish Free State.

**Riau** Indonesian archipelago with overprinted stamps 1954-64.

**Ribadeo** city with local stamps during Spanish Civil War.

**Ribbed gum** adhesive with evenness changed into narrow strips to counteract paper curl

**Ribbed paper** with fine parallel ridges on one or both sides of stamp

**Rice paper** thin hard white paper

**Riel** currency unit in Cambodia and Iran

**Riggsbank Skilling** currency unit in Denmark prior to 1875

**Rigsdaler** currency unit in Iceland prior to 1876



**Rijeka** = Fiume

**Riksdaler** currency unit in Sweden prior to 1858

**Rin** currency unit in Japan. 1876-99

**Ringgit** currency unit in Malaysia

**Rings** numerical obliterator consisting of several concentric circles with or without numerals in the centre

**Rio de Oro** Spanish colony in Northeastern

Africa with stamps 1905-24; renamed Spanish Sahara

**Riogordo** city with local stamps during Spanish Civil War



**Rio Muni** Spanish colony in East Africa with stamps 1960-8; formed Equatorial Guinea with Fernando Poo

**Riotinto** city with local stamps during Spanish Civil War

**Ripon** Colombia local stamps 1930-34

**Ripoll** city with local stamps during Spanish Civil War

**Ripple gum** for non-curling effect

**R.I.S.** Indonesia currency overprint on Netherlands Indies 1950

**Riyal** currency unit in Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE and Yemen

**Riudor de Bages** city with local stamps during Spanish Civil War

**Rizeh** village in Iran with overprinted

Russian POs in Levant 1909-10

**R.L.S.** = Returned Letter Section

**RM** = Reichsmark

**R.M.S.** 1 = Railway Mail Service

2 = Royal Mail Ship

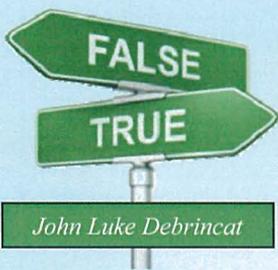
3 = Railway Mail Sorter

**R.O** = *Roumelie Orientale* overprint (Eastern Roumelia)

**ROC** = Republic of China (Taiwan)

**Rocket mail** mail flown in a rocket, often with special labels





## Is it really true that... (3)

### Children were sent trough the post?

*John Luke Debrincat*

This city letter carrier posed for a humorous photograph with a young boy in his mailbag. After parcel post service was introduced in 1913, at least two children were sent by the service. With stamps attached to their clothing, the children rode with railway and city carriers to their destination. The Postmaster General quickly issued a regulation forbidding the sending of children in the mail after hearing of those examples. For more details about this story visit [www.stampshop.com.au](http://www.stampshop.com.au)



## Meeting a Friend and Benefactor.



By Louis Bonello

A few days ago our secretary, Mr. Antoine Vassallo received a phone call from Mr. Peter C. Hansen, one of our German members who was on holiday here in Malta, telling him that he wished to meet some committee members of the Gozo Philatelic Society Mr. Hansen on behalf of "Arbeitsgemeinschaft Malta E.V." (The German/Malta Philatelic Society) when it was dissolved donated to the Gozo Philatelic Society about €400, money which we are using to donate books about philately to children's school libraries..

On 24 May, Pentecost Sunday Antoine Vassallo, Anthony Grech and myself went to meet him at Mgarr Harbour Terminal, where we had a coffee and a chat about our hobby and many more subjects. Even this time he was kind enough to donate some philatelic material one of which we are reproducing here. May I point out that Mr. Hansen travels with a walker, and he came all the way by bus from the Plaza Hotel in Sliema to meet us here in Gozo After the meeting, which was quite interesting, he left us to catch the ferry and later the bus to the hotel. On behalf of the committee members and myself I would like to thank Mr. Hansen again and wish him well, and promised to keep in touch. (See also page 23)

# Malta Road, Salt River, Cape Town, 7925, South Africa

By Anthony Grech



This interesting item was donated to the Gozo Philatelic Society by our German member Peter C. Hansen during his visit to Gozo.

It is a Registered King George V envelope sent from South Africa on 2 May

1930 to Germany, arrived and postmarked by German postmark on 21 May 1930.

Franked with 3 South Africa stamps, a ½d. Green/black “Springbok” (S.G.No 114), 1d. Red and black “Van Riebeeck’s Ship” (S.G. No 115) 3d. Black and red “Groot Schuur” (S.G. No 45). The Stamps were cancelled with a double ring MALTA ROAD – SALT RIVER Dater handstamp. This hand stamps was also added on the back of the envelope.



Registration cachet “MALTA ROAD – SALT RIVER and registration number was also applied on the front in black ink.



Malta Road South Africa—Google Satellite map of Malta Road, Salt River, Cape Town, 7925, South Africa.



# MORE ITEMS FROM THE JUNCKER COLLECTION

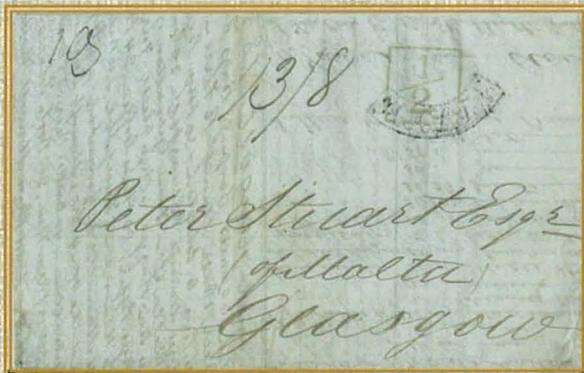
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## MALTA

### PRE ADHESIVES CANCELLATIONS

Double quarter circle in black with "MALTA" in script capitals within the lines. These postmarks were used to mark mail originating from or delivered to the Maltese islands from 1806. They are usually found on folded letters in black or red ink with a black or red seal at the back



Folded letter with remnants of a black seal, sent from Malta in 1833 to Glasgow  
Small loop on the letter "L"



Letter sent from Malta to London on 2/8/1822. Arrived and post-marked at 12 o'clock on 31/8 1822. Large loop on the letter "L"

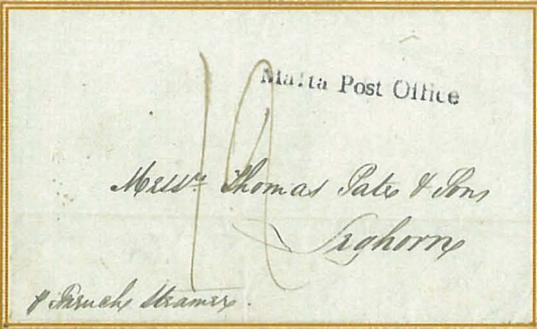




Double quarter circle in red with “MALTA” in script capitals within the lines on undated letter. Introduced in 1809. Folded letter sent to London, England on 1 January 1812. Arrived and postmarked on 9 March 1812.



Double quarter circle in black with “MALTA” in script capitals within the lines and surmounted by “PAID” on undated letter. Introduced in 1809.



Linear “MALTA POST OFFICE” without bars 53mm by 2mm. Folded letter sent from Malta to Leghorn on 16/5/1840. Arrived and postmarked on 20/5/1840. With red wax seal at the back.



Linear “MALTA POST OFFICE” with bars 50mm by 4.5mm. Letter sent from Malta to Bordeaux on 15/12/ 1841. Arrived and postmarked on 26/12/1841 20/12/18414M

## WHO'S (& Was) WHO on Malta's Stamps

An (in-progress) alphabetic list of those connected with Maltese Philately, asking for your help to fill gaps - *do suggest additions (and corrections!)* usually under surname (except saints etc) but some cross-references.

Not to make this survey too heavy, only one example connected with the person involved (usually the first or most prominent) is listed.

*Antoine Vassallo/ cont from issue 60*

- 161 **de La Salle**> John Baptist
- 162 Claude **de la Sengle** (1494 –1557)  
French Grand Master of the Order **26c**  
Grand Masters **2014**



- 163 Ġuże' **Delia** SJ (1900-80) Maltese poet **2000** CHS

- 164 Pietro **del Monte** (1499-1572) Italian Grand Master of the Order **26c** Grand Masters **2014**.

- 165 Piero **del Ponte** (1462 – 1535) Italian Grand Master of the Order **26c** Grand Masters **2014**

- 166 St **Demetrius** (*San Dimitri*) 4<sup>th</sup> century martyr **35c** Europa **1997**



- 167 **de Mondion**> Mondion



- 168 Francesco **de Mura** (1696 –1782) Italian painter **5c** Europa **1975**

- 169 Antoine **de Paule** (c1551-1636) French Grand Master of the Order **26c** Grand Masters **2014**

- 170 Mons Giuseppe **de Piro** (1877-1933) Maltese founder of the Missionary Society of St Paul **3c** anniversary **1983**

- 171 **de Saavedra** > Saavedra

- 172 Didier **de Saint-Jaille** (died 1536) French Grand Master of the Order **26c** Grand Masters **2014**



- 173 **De Soldanis** (Kan GPF Agius Sultana 1712-70) Gozitan historian and philologist **1st** Literary **1971**

- 174 Ramond **Despuig** (1670-1741) Spanish Grand Master of the Order **26c** Grand Masters **2014**



- 175 **Deucalion** (figure in Greek mythology) **26c** Convoy **2012**

- 176 **de Vachon** > Belmont

- 177 **de Valette** > Valette

- 178 Belgrand **de Vaubois**> Vaubois



179 de Verdalle > Verdalle



180 de Vialar > Emilie

181 de Vilhena > Vilhena



182 Carlo Diacono (1876-1942) Maltese composer **16c**  
Christmas **2006**

183 Domenico di Michelino (1417–1491) Italian painter **1976** Christmas  
184 Dimitri > Demetrius



185 Sir Adrian Dingli (1817-1900) Gozitan Jurist **3c** Personalities **2002**

186 St Dominic Savio (1842-57) Italian student of St John Bosco **10c** Religious **1988**



187 do Nascimento > Pele

188 Gustave Dorè (1832-83) French artist **10/-** Pictorials **1889**

189 Dun Karm > Psaila



190 Henri Dunant (1828-1910) Swiss philanthropist **MS** Red Cross sesquicentenary **2013**

191 Darren Duncan stamp designer, with first in 2008

192 Albrecht Dürer (1471 - 1528) German artist - anniversary **1978**

193 Reginald Dwight > Elton John



194 Wenzu Dyer was one of those killed in the  
195 1919 Riots **7c** VII Giugno **1985**

196 Edward VII (1841-1910) King and Emperor  
from 1901 - Defs **1903**



197 Albert Einstein (1879 - 1955) physicist **1991** CHS

198 Elijah (Old Testament Prophet) **1992** CHS

199 St Elisa **26c** Convoy **2012**

200 St Elizabeth mother of John the Baptist **2c** Christmas **1984**



201 Queen Elizabeth II (1926- ) Head of the Commonwealth from 1952 - Visit set **1967**

202 Elizabeth the Queen Mother (1900-2002) wife of King George VI - Coronation set **1937**



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# Scouting on Malta Philately

Nicolai Vella



Since its arrival in Malta in 1908 scout groups served the country in several heroic deeds. Scouts served as messengers, coast watchers and in

other wartime roles.

During World War II scout members used to help the official letter censor. They even were allowed to use their personal handstamp on censored letters. For their help and deeds they were awarded



WW II 1941 Censored letter sent to Gozo and hand stamped with No 2 of a Scout helper

the Bronze Cross in 1943. This event was commemorated with a set of stamps issued by the Malta Postal administration on 21 July 1993. The 3c stamp shows the Bronze Cross and the 35c stamp shows the Governor of Malta



Lord Gort presenting this medal.

For the Scouts Centenary, on 9 May 2007 Malta-Post issued another set of 2 stamps and a postal card. The 16c stamp depicts the Malta District Commissioner Captain J.V. Abela with Chief Scout of the World Lord Baden Powell in 1937 on his last of several visits to Malta, when he was 80 years old.



The 51c stamp shows the Malta contingent marching past Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at the Golden Jubilee Jamboree, near Birmingham, England. This manifestation was held in 1957 to mark the centenary of the birth of Baden Powell and fifty years of the Movement. The Jamboree emblem is the Tudor Rose of England. Both stamps of this set show the emblems of the Scout Association of Malta, the World Organisation of the Scout Movement and the Centenary Badge as adopted by the international membership.

Gozo too had its share in Scouting Philately. On the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Victoria Scout Group MaltaPost issued a commemorative postmark on

17 July 2013 - and the Gozo Philatelic Society with the Victoria Gozo scouts administration issued a commemorative Post Card.



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