



Philatelic Postage stamp issue – 75th Anniversary 'Operation Pedestal' 1942 - 2017

On the 10 August 2017 MaltaPost will issue a miniature sheet bearing one stamp to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the naval effort 'Operation Pedestal'.

Operational Pedestal, also known as '*Il-Konvoy ta' Santa Marija*', was a World War II naval operation by the Allies aimed at relieving Malta from starvation and a shortage of essential supplies, after the Islands had already suffered two years of incessant bombing by the Axis air force.

The €3.00 stamp which is being issued to commemorate this 75th anniversary, depicts the Siege Bell War Memorial located near the Lower Barrakka Gardens, in Valletta. The memorial was designed by sculptor Michael Sandle and commemorates all those who lost their lives throughout the siege of Malta between 1940 and 1943.

The stamp was designed by Cedric Galea Pirota and measures 31mm x 44mm with a perforation of 13.9 x 14.0 (comb.) bearing the Maltese Cross mark. The sheet measures 120mm x 80mm. Printex Limited printed 20,000 miniature sheets.

This philatelic issue will be available as from Thursday 10 August 2017 from any Post Office, online at www.maltaphilately.com or by mail from the Philatelic Bureau, MaltaPost p.l.c. 305, Qormi Road, Marsa, MTP 1001; Telephone: 2596 1740; email: info@maltaphilately.com.

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Ħarga Filatelika ta' bolli tal-pustagġ - 75th Anniversary 'Operation Pedestal' 1942 - 2017

Fl-10 ta' Awwissu 2017, MaltaPost se tikkommemora l-75 Anniversarju minn meta seħħ l-operat navali 'Operation Pedestal' permezz ta' ħarga filatelika li se tkun tikkonsisti f'*miniature sheet* b'bolla waħda.

'Operational Pedestal', magħruf aħjar bħala 'Il-Konvoy ta Santa Marija', kien operazzjoni navali fit-Tieni Gwerra Dinjija mill-Alleati bl-għan li jtaffi l-ġuħ u nuqqas ta' provisti essenzjali f' Malta, wara li l-Gzejjer kienu digà sofrew attacki mill-forzi ta' l-ajru Axis għal sentejn sħaħ.

Il-bolla ta' €3.00 li se tikkommemora dan l-anniversarju turi s-'Siege Bell War Memorial' li tinsab qrib il-Ġonna tal-Barrakka ta' Isfel. Il-monument kien iddisinjat mill-famuż skultur Micheal Sandle u jfakkar il-persuni kollha li tilfu ħajjithom matul l-Assedju ta' Malta bejn l-1940 u l-1943.

Il-bolla giet iddisinjata minn Cedric Galea Pirotta u hi ta' daqs 31mm x 44mm, b' perforazzjoni ta' 13.9 x 14.0 (comb.) b' watermark bis-salib ta' Malta. Il-folja hija ta' daqs 120mm x 80mm. Printex Limited ipprintja 20,000 *miniature sheet*.

Minn nhar il-Ħamis 10 ta' Awwissu, dan il-prodott se jkun għal bejgħ minn kull Fergħa Postali. Ordnijiet jistgħu jsiru mis-sit elettroniku www.maltaphilately.com, bil-posta mill-Philatelic Bureau MaltaPost p.l.c. 305, Triq Ħal Qormi, Marsa, MTP 1001, bit-telefon 2596 1740 jew permezz tal-e-mail: info@maltaphilately.com.