



MaltaPost To Issue "Operation Pedestal" 70th Anniversary Commemorative Stamp Set

On 10 August, MaltaPost will issue a set of no less than eighty-eight stamps commemorating the 70th anniversary of the arrival at the Grand Harbour of the *Santa Marija* Convoy on 15 August 1942.

This heroic convoy consisted of 13 freighters and one tanker and was escorted by four aircraft carriers, two battleships, seven cruisers, 33 destroyers and several other supporting ships. Each stamp, which has a face value of €0.26, depicts one of the various ships that somehow took part in the historical operation.

The set, titled '**70th Anniversary Operation Pedestal - 1942-2012**', was designed by Cedric Galea Pirotta and will be issued on 10 August 2012 in 11 sheets, each with eight different stamps. Each stamp measures 44.0mm x 31.0mm, has a perforation of 13.9 x 14.0 (comb.) bearing the Maltese Cross watermark. Printex Ltd will print 80,000 sets in the offset process.

A publication giving a detailed account of the operation by John A Mizzi and suitably illustrated is being published by Midsea Books in collaboration with MaltaPost. The stamps and the book will be available from 10 August from all Post Offices in Malta and Gozo. Orders may be placed online at maltaphilately.com or by mail from the Philatelic Bureau, MaltaPost p.l.c. 305, Triq Hal Qormi, Marsa, MTP 1001; Telephone: 2596 1740, e-mail: info@maltaphilately.com



MaltaPost tniedi Sett Kommemorattiv ta' Bolli għas-70 Anniversarju tal-Operazzjoni Pedestal

Fl-10 ta' Awwissu MaltaPost se toħroġ sett ta' mhux inqas minn tmienja u tmenin bolla biex tfakkar is-70 anniversarju mill-wasla tal-Konvoj ta' Santa Marija f'Malta fl-1942.

Dan il-konvoj kien jikkonsisti fi' 13-il freighter u tanker u kienu eskortati minn erba' 'aircraft carriers', żewġ vapuri tal-gwerra, seba' 'cruisers', 33 'destroyer' u vapuri oħra. Kull bolla, b'valur ta' €0.26, turi wieħed mill-ħafna vapuri tal-konvoj li b' xi mod ħadu sehem f' din l-operazzjoni storika.

Is-sett '**70th Anniversary Operation Pedestal - 1942-2012**' gie disinjat minn Cedric Galea Pirota u se joħroġ fl-10 ta' Awwissu 2012 fi 11-il folja, kull waħda bi tmien bolli differenti. Il-bolli għandhom qies ta' 44.0mm x 31.0mm b'perforazzjoni ta' 13.9 x 14.0 (comb.). Kull bolla giet stampata offset fuq karti watermarked bis-salib ta' Malta minn Printex Ltd. Se jkunu stampati 80,000 sett.

Minbarra dan is-sett ta' bolli, se jiġi ppublikat ktieb li jagħti tagħrif dettaljat minn John A Mizzi dwar din l-operazzjoni. Il-ktieb se jkun ippublikat minn Midsea Books bil-kollaborazzjoni ta' MaltaPost. Il-bolli u l-ktieb se jkunu għall-bejgħ mill-Ferġat tal-MaltaPost f'Malta u Ghawdex. Ordnijiet jistgħu jsiru online fuq maltaphilately.com jew bil-posta mill-Bureau Filateliku, MaltaPost p.l.c. 305, Triq Ғal Qormi, Marsa, MTP 1001 - Telephone 2596 1740 - e-mail: info@maltaphilately.com