

**Forged cancels**

We all know forged cancels, especially among the George V high values abound and I know some collectors won't care or are oblivious to the fact but what really surprises me is stamps are listed in consecutive order showing exactly the same date and time stamp for multiple values. The below current series all bear previous known forged cancels, yet all managed to return good realisations.

All the below stamps were sold by the same ebay seller, presumably from the same collection, of course the seller may not be aware and not necessarily the perpetrator, neither would be the collector but someone at some point has supplied these to the collector and again I am surprised suspicions were not aroused but the duplicate post marks ?.

**VALLETTA MALTA 5 PM DE 25 2? (an indistinct year slug)**



£43



£13



£21

**VALLETTA MALTA 10:30 PM OC 10 36**



£58



£14



£16

PARCEL POST MALTA Code G, 23 JUN 25



£76



£11



£32



£255



£82

GPO MALTA DE 25 25



£42

All the below lots appeared from the same seller, if ever there was a give-away that something wasn't right.. but they all sold well ! (didn't record prices)





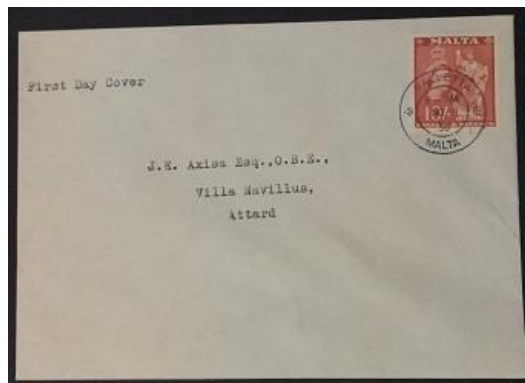
Other indistinct 'to good to be true'? dubious cancels noted :



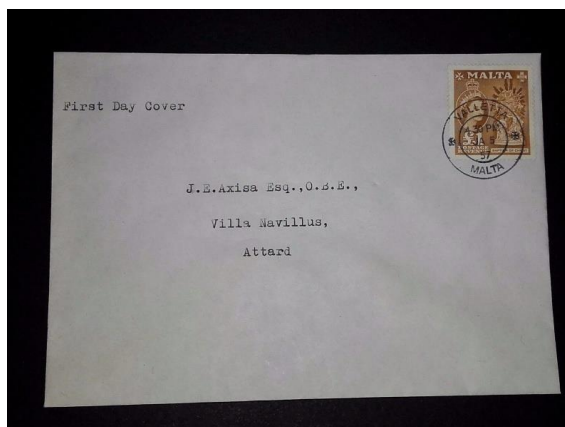
I think this one may be genuine.. ?.. just too good to be true ?

A special mention for the below 1956 FDC cover cancels

These first surfaced several months (nearly a year ago) for the 5s, 10s and £1 values and fetched some very high (£150+) prices, seems another spate. I had a close up view and noted minute ink deposits around the cancel which suggests to be there were done with an ink jet printer.. is this a valid First Day Cancel ?



£67



£46