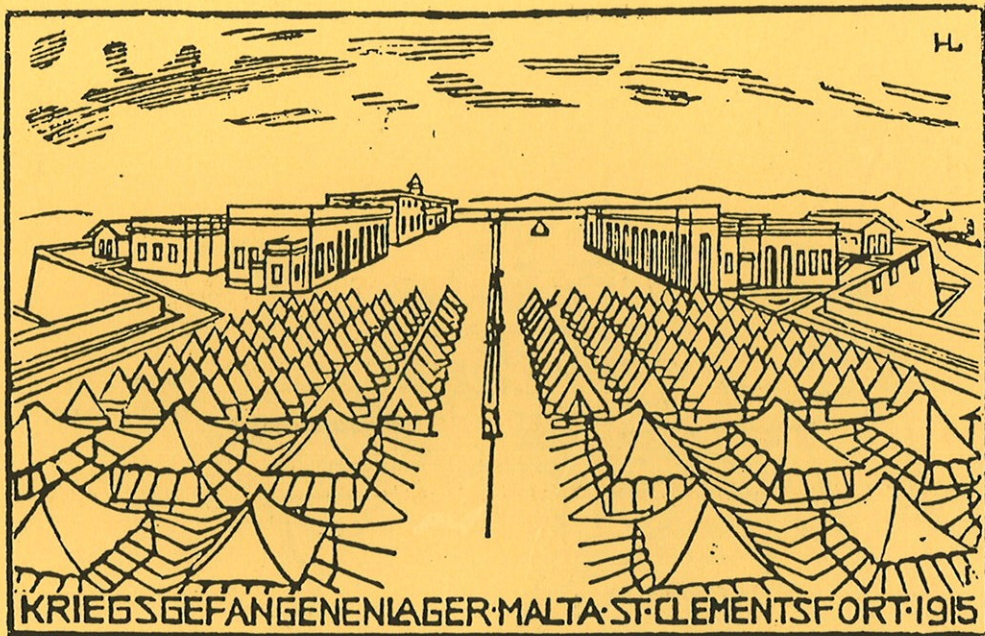


# PRISONER OF WAR MAIL



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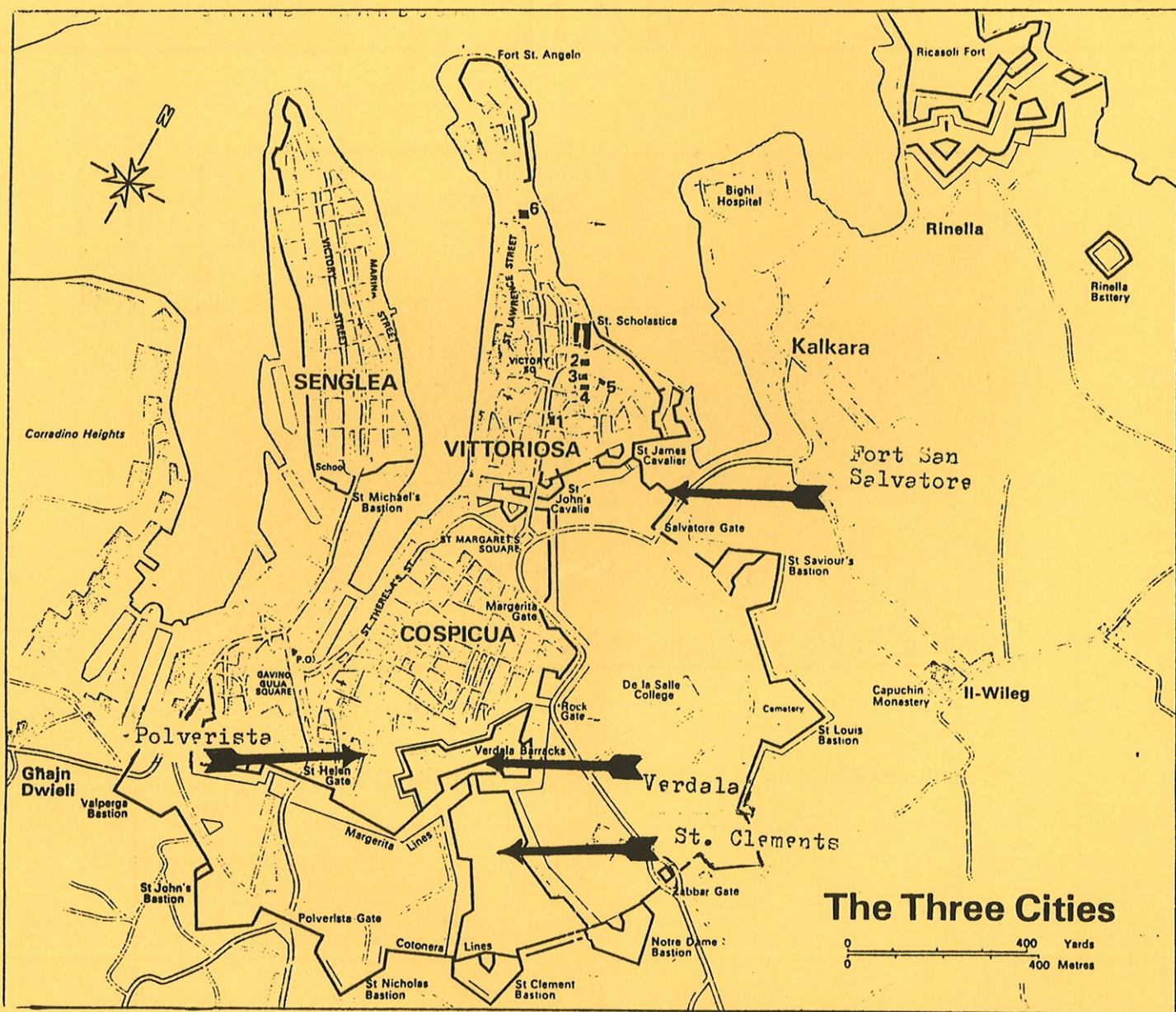
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# WORLD WAR I

## APPROXIMATE LOCATIONS OF PRISONER OF WAR CAMPS



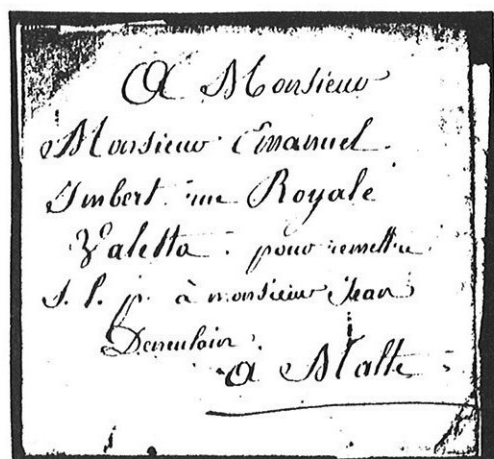


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The earliest records of prisoners of war being held in Malta are those relating to Turkish prisoners captured by the Knights of St. John. The prisoners were imprisoned in dungeons around the Grand Harbour - many of them serving as galley slaves during their captivity. In 1812, during the Napoleonic war, there were approximately 1200 French prisoners of whom about half were at Fort Chambray in Gozo with most of the others at Verdala Palace. It is not known how those (presumably a small number), who could read and write, corresponded with their families and, if so, how effective were their means of communication. Although there is no record of any P.O.W. mail sent from Malta at that time it is probable that such mail would not bear any distinctive markings. The earliest date of a letter sent to a prisoner in Malta is one dated 16th January 1816 addressed to "M. Jean Deneulain, Prisonnier Francais embarque si devant sur a champion due Capne Cholac a Malthe". Later letters sent to Jean Deneulain were sent to him "in the service of the Commissaire of Prisoners" identified as Captain Chilcott at Rue Britannia 17e 61 Valletta. Illustrated opposite is an 1816 letter, to Jean Deneulain, which has a M.31 T2 straight line charge mark.



## WORLD WAR I 1914-18

Following the outbreak of the first world war, enemy nationals and, perhaps, pro-German Maltese as well as seamen serving in ships then at Malta were probably interned within a very short time after the commencement of hostilities.

On 1st October 1914 a proclamation was issued in Egypt requiring all German and Austro-Hungarian subjects, including diplomats and consular representatives to register. Following this registration any male under 48 years of age and fit for military service was interned in Alexandria before being deported to Malta. It has been recorded that 1651 detainees were sent from Egypt to Malta between 1st November and 17th December 1914. There was a camp at Comino where the majority of prisoners were civilian internees.

The earliest communication addressed to a prisoner or internee in Malta is a card dated 28th October 1914 addressed to Floriana Barracks; that from a prisoner on 26th August 1914. It is possible that prisoners were held at Floriana before being allocated to other camps; that at St. Clements was established by 9th November 1914.

"The Standing Orders for P.O.W.s in Malta", (bearing the Camp's C.O.'s datestamp of 1FEB1918), includes information to the effect that the internment area was:- Verdala Barracks, St. Clement's and adjacent camps of Salvatore, New Verdala and Polverista. Another paragraph refers to New Verdala Married Quarters.

Franz Joseph, Prince of Hohenzollern, served in S.M.S. "Emden" and, when that ship ran aground following a naval action, the crew were captured and later interned in Malta. Extracts or summaries from a book detailing his experiences follow.

"The gates had scarcely shut behind us when we were approached by a number of people and we were, at once, asked if we were the Emden's crew. An affirmative called forth a storm of greetings from the civilian prisoners, consisting of shop keepers and employees of hotels and big diema in Egypt and at Malta. There was also a number of captains, officers and men of German and Austrian ships that had been captured. The English had also interned here (Malta) nationalist Egyptians and Arabs and pro-German Greeks.

In the days following our painful entry into captivity we settled down in the rooms given us. To make the rooms inhabitable a number of articles had to be supplied. We then found out the disposition of the different camps.

Our section was the Verdala Barracks which comprised part of the old fort barracks and were about 218 to 240 yards long and 44 yards wide. On the west front the buildings continued at a right angle in a block 76 yards broad and 55 yards long. The buildings thus opened on a court, the other walls being part of the Margarita Lines, first built during the time of the Knights of St. John and extended by the British in the late 19th century. The barracks accommodated 350 soldiers in peace time but 650 prisoners were confined here. POW-G22 (on page 7) depicts the camp. Adjoining the Verdala Barracks to the south was:

St. Clement Camp which was the main one where the majority of the 850 men were accommodated in four metre tents - three to a tent.

The next prisoners' camp, which was specially reserved for female prisoners, was the Polverista Barracks where there were very few prisoners at the beginning of the war. (Turkist pro-nationalists were interned there from the spring of 1920 until October 1921 - see later).

The Emden's subordinate officers and men were accommodated at Fort San Salvatore. Officers' servants were allowed to live at Verdala Barracks.

A ward in the Cottonera Hospital was reserved for the medical treatment of prisoners; some patients suffering from lung complaints were treated at Imtarfa. However, on two occasions when Prince Franz Joseph was sick he had a room to himself at Cottonera but on the following occasion, which was during the influenza epidemic in 1918, (when eighty per cent of the prisoners were sick), he was at Imtarfa. It is possible temporary arrangements were made to accommodate the sick prisoners at other hospitals.

In the course of time, within certain hours prisoners from St. Clements could visit Verdala and vice versa. Later on, officers from Verdala could also visit Salvatore".

In 1918 there was an increase in the number of prisoners owing to the arrival of men from S.M.S. Breslau as well as officers and men from East Africa.

Otto Liman von Sanders, in command of the Turkish army until it was defeated by Allenby in 1918, was interned in Malta until the summer of 1918.

From August 1915, the 1st (Garrison) Bn. The Northumberland Fusiliers stationed at Polverista, with their H.Q. on Manoel Island in Marsamuscetto Harbour, as well as the 1st (Garrison) Bn. West Yorks at Porte des Bombes, provided detachments for guard duties at Verdala and St. Clement camps. It has not been established when they relinquished these duties but the Royal Malta Artillery assumed this responsibility from January 1919.

Prisoners of War at Malta during First World War were allowed to send two letters per week as well as postcards but at some time they were counted as letters unless they bore only the name and the address of the sender. A German P.O.W. writing on 25th February 1915 said that "until further notice we are allowed postcards with only thirty words each". The language in which the letter had been written had to be indicated on the envelope as well as the sender's name and address. A manuscript letter, (E, F, G, I and It, T and Gk are known), appears on the front of some correspondence which indicates the language (English, French, German, Italian, Turkish, Greek Etc) which had been used. As a matter of interest "D" was also used for Deutsch. Prisoners could receive parcels which were opened and examined in front of the addressee. The contents of undeliverable parcels were distributed to other prisoners in accordance with the decisions of a committee formed from the prisoners.

During the first few years all manner of paper was used for external and internal correspondence and it was not unusual for prisoners to ask for paper when writing home. The "non-official" stationery resulted in greetings cards and impressed and painted stamps being used by prisoners. In addition to camp made stationery, (handpainted, printed and photographic cards), the prisoners used Malta and foreign picture post cards as well as foreign stationery. However, following the escape of a prisoner, private correspondence paper could not be sent through the post but its use was permitted within the internment area. This order was contained in the "Standing Orders for P.O.W. Camps, Malta".

It would seem that the censoring of mail was carried out at St. Clement's Camp after the first few months as incoming mail tended to be addressed there even though the prisoner was interned at one of the other camps. Of course, it is possible that the addressee had changed camps since notifying his address to the sender of the letter. The British Government Report concerning "Overseas, Dominion and Protectorate Censorship" stated, with regard to Malta, that "All enemy prisoner of war matter was examined under the authority of the Assistant Provost Marshall unless it had already been censored in the U.K. but all this matter was censored in London from November 1917". Although it does not say so, it may be that this applied to mail sent, via the U.K., to the prisoners; letters sent direct to Malta, (e.g. from Italy, Egypt etc.) or posted from there were still censored in Malta. Tie-on labels reading "The Commandant, Prisoner of War Camp, Verdala Barracks, Cottonera" with "From Postal Censor G.P.O. Valletta" may have been used on sacks of mail received from the U.K., and which had already been censored.

An O.H.M.S. envelope bearing a Cospicua cds of 11 FE 18 has a circular "FROM PRISONER OF WAR P C MALTA FREE" cachet and, on reverse, a framed "COMMANDANT'S OFFICE / PRISONER OF WAR CAMP / MALTA / 11 FEB 1918 / No ....". The envelope is marked "Examiner's cancellations" and is addressed to Chas. Beck, 137 Sda. Mercanti, Valletta.

The prisoners in Malta anticipated early repatriation following the armistice in November 1918 but, apparently, neither the British nor German authorities made any arrangements. It would seem that no difficulties were placed in the way of those prisoners who could afford to travel home at their own expense. Prince Franz Joseph left Malta on 12th November 1919 for Syracuse and travelled via Messina, Naples, Rome, Milan then on to Switzerland and Germany arriving home on the 19th. An Austrian P.O.W. writing on 1st December 1919 from Verdala Barracks said "the Italian government had stopped the passage of all prisoners because the forty Germans who left Malta with the Austrians on the 12th had no permission for a passage through Italy which was granted for the Austrians only."

Shortly after the Great War there was a national uprising, in Turkey, which was led by Kemal, (later Kemal Ataturk), against the Sultan who had the support of various allied powers. On the 16th March 1920 British troops and, later, French and Italian forces, occupied police stations, military posts and other public buildings; parliamentary deputies and other pro-nationalists were arrested and, subsequently, deported to Malta. They were interned at the former P.O.W. camp at Polverista until October 1921 when they were released following an agreement between Britain and Turkey.

Two lined 'PASSED CENSOR' cachets have been recorded on mail to and from all camps between 3rd July 1915 and 18th November 1916. There are also two boxed single straight line 'PASSED CENSOR' rubber handstamps applied to incoming mail from 12th December 1918 until 5th January 1921. Unboxed single line cachets 'PASSED CENSOR' marks have been seen on an incoming letter dated 10th July 1916 to St. Clements, on a postcard dated 23rd April 1918 from Turkey as well as on a postcard to Polverista Camp from Rome which has a MALTA cds of 7th April 1921.

The latest reported date of a letter sent from Malta bearing a P.O.W. mark is dated 23rd March 1921 to Rome with a POW-75 mark. The latest known inward P.O.W. communication - a postcard - was sent from Rome to Polverista bears a MALTA c.d.s. of AP 7 21 with a strike of a straight line "PASSED CENSOR" handstamp but not one of the usual P.O.W. cachets.

The normal re-sealing censorship labels used in Malta were inscribed 'OPENED UNDER MARTIAL LAW'. An undated letter from Cottonera Hospital to Sliema which bears strikes of handstamps POW-1 and 'PASSED BY CENSOR' had been opened and re-sealed with such a label. However, incoming mail to POWs is known to have been opened and re-sealed with 'OPENED BY CENSOR PW75', 'PW93 or 'PW110' labels; this mail was also marked 'Hospital' in manuscript. These re-sealing labels have not been seen on mail other than that so marked and it has been suggested that 'PW75' etc. indicated the hospital or ward.

## CACHETS

During the first few months the boxed POW cachet applied to outgoing mail was usually accompanied by the 'Crown-in-circle' No 1074 (CS-C1-1074) censorship mark with, sometimes, a manuscript 'P.C.' in a circle. Incoming mail is usually seen with POW-4. Circular and oval Prisoner of War cachets have not been seen with censorship marks. It would seem that the majority of the P.O.W. markings had a dual role of franking and indicating censorship on outgoing correspondence. Most of the handstamps incorporated the letters "P.C." which, it is thought, stand for "Passed Censor". Their known colours, (which it is thought to have no significance), and other information are shown in Appendices A and B - the former being a schedule prepared by Mr. Peter Hansen. All the cachets, with the exception of POW-5b, are illustrated in Appendix A.

The earliest cachet (POW-1) consists of a small rectangle, (18 x 21mm), with the words "FREE FROM PRISONER OF WAR" with a dotted line - probably for initials. Used from 26th August 14 to 24th September 15. It was also been recorded used on 27th February 1918 on a postcard from a POW in Hungary to Hamrun; it may be that the Malta authorities applied the handstamp to indicate that the addressee was not to be charged postage. The word 'FROM' is known altered to 'TO' (POW-1a) and was used on mail from Malta to British or Maltese POWs in captivity abroad.

A circular triple ring with a "toothed" outer ring reading "FROM PRISONER OF WAR - FREE" with "P.C." and a straight lined "MALTA" in the centre of the handstamp (POW-2a) and has been seen on mail between 17th December 1914 and 3rd July 1915. A similar cachet but without the toothed edge (POW-2b) is known used in 1916.

POW-3 is similar to POW-2b but with a curved "MALTA" and "(A)" below the "P.C.". One strike is on a piece of an O.H.M.S. envelope bearing a c.d.s. of "COSPICUA E MY 20 20". Another strike has been reported but details are now known. It may be that this handstamp was introduced when the Turkish detainees were in Malta 1920-21.



There are two single ring handstamps with peripheral inscriptions:- POW-4a with "POST FREE PRISONERS OF WAR" with "P.C." in the centre, (used 1914 and 1915) and POW-4b "POST FREE\* PRISONERS OF WAR" used dates reported, 17th December 1914 until March 1916. A mark similar to POW-4b appears on an envelope which shows the sender's address as "Prisoner of War ERNEST FAUL Gibraltar" and which was sent to Rotterdam - date of arrival 12-12-14.

A single ring with "P.C." in its centre (POW-5a) used between 28th October 1914 and 1st December 1919. POW-5b - two inward letters in December 1916 were franked with a circular cachet with the same dimensions as POW-4a but without the peripheral censor marks - just P C in the centre with two asterisks. Both cards have foreign censorship marks but it is believed that POW-5b strikes were applied in Malta. (illustration page 5).

An oval shaped mark reading "FREE FROM PRISONER OF WAR - MALTA" with "P.C." in the middle of the mark, (POW-6); used 28th January 1915 to 6th December 1918.

There are six similar marks to POW-6 but with tailed crosses instead of hyphens; one is unnumbered (POW-70) and the other five are numbered 1 to 5 under the "P.C." (POW-71 to 75). It has been reported that there are two dies of POW-70; the second one being slightly larger with smaller lettering but it is possible that this reported second one is a strike of POW-6. The earliest and latest dates of the handstamps are:-

POW-70	15. 3.15 - 17. 9.17	POW-71	5. 8.15 - 17. 7.19
POW-72	28. 1.15 - 7.10.20	POW-73	.12.15 - 17. 8.20
POW-74	2. 8.15 - 12. 8.20	POW-75	8. 7.20 - 23. 3.21

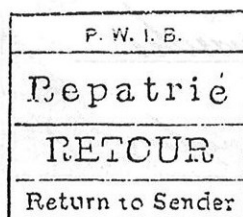
There is an oval shaped handstamp similar in size to POW-7 but reading "PRISONER OF WAR MALTA" with the customary "P.C." in the centre - known used on a cover to France with a Valletta cds 26th March 1919.

During 1920/21 unboxed two lines marks reading "CENSORED E.S." and "CENSORED R.S." were used in conjunction with POW-7 marks. They were overstruck on the POW-7 marks and are known on mail from Turkey to Malta as well as on a postcard from Turkey to Malta which does not bear any other marks or postage. It has not been established where the "E.S." and "R.S." marks were applied as they have only been recorded on mail which was forwarded by, or through, the British High Commissioner in Constantinople. However, as mentioned earlier, communications to Polverista from Rome in 1921 only bear a strike of a "PASSED CENSOR" handstamp.

Some miscellaneous marks are known:-

Stamp, Removed, By, Censor  
Free, To, A, Prisoner, Of, War

POW-M1. A two line handstamp reading "Stamp, Removed, By, Censor Free, To, A, Prisoner, Of, War". The punctuation marks gives rise to the supposition that it was manufactured in a "non-English" country, but it has been said that it was a Malta cachet. It is not known where this mark was applied but it was struck, in red, on an Austrian postal stationery card dated Vacz 5th September 1917 and was sent from Budapest to Hamrun. The card originally had a postage stamp affixed but it had been removed, presumably, for censorship purposes.



POW-M2

POW-M2. "P.W.I.B. Repatrié RETOUR Return to Sender" enclosed in a box and struck in black about October 1918. It is known on a cover from Breslau to Malta despatched on 11 June 1918 where it arrived too late as the addressee had already left there on 4th October.

CSL-SHT-1. "Shorthand, Please censor and return" in manuscript on a label printed "MAJOR Chief Postal Censor (Malta)" but it is thought that this mark was not confined to P.O.W. mail. It is presumed similar labels were used in respect of certain other languages, the manuscript "Shorthand" being replaced as appropriate.

## OFFICIAL STATIONERY

It was mentioned earlier that private correspondence paper could not be used for external mail and the following official stationery was used from 1916.

POW-S1 Envelopes with "Prisoners of War" underlined in the upper centre of the envelope with "No Stamp Required" in a rectangle in the upper right corner. Four different sizes known:- (a) 127 x 102mm, (b) 152 x 92mm, (c) 121 x 89mm, and (d) 121 x 96mm. Earliest date of use 6 Feb.1916.

POW-S23 Three part sheet with two folds; the first part bears similar wording to POW-S1; the second and third folds are both inscribed "NICHT HIER SCHREIBEN". The first part has on its back "Nicht zwischen die Zeilen Schreiben" and the whole of the back has horizontal rulings 11mm apart.

POW-S24 A four part sheet - with three folds - folding to 154 x 91mm; the first part has similar wording to POW-S1; the second part was marked "Absender" and was used for the sender's name and address; the third and fourth parts were both inscribed "NICHT HIER SCHREIBEN" and the reverse of the sheet was used for the prisoner's message. At least two types are known:- the length of the line under "Prisoner of War" being (a) 62mm and (b) 58mm. Earliest use noted 20 Dec.1916.

POW-S3 Apparently on arrival in Malta a prisoner was issued with a card which after completion was sent to his next of kin. It was inscribed "Meine Adresse ist ..... Kriegesgefangener, Malta", (left side) and "Druch und Verlag der Camp Nachrichten Non fur die Adresse" (right side).

## UNOFFICIAL STATIONERY

Postage was not normally charged on P.O.W. mail but it may be that the prisoners in order to raise money for camp funds produced postcards and facsimile postage stamps for use on external mail and, perhaps, on letters exchanged between the various camps.

The listing of the hundreds of unofficial POW stationery items is far beyond the scope of this paper which is mainly concerned with the censorship cachets applied, in Malta, on POW mail. However the following is a small selection of those recorded.

## STAMPS

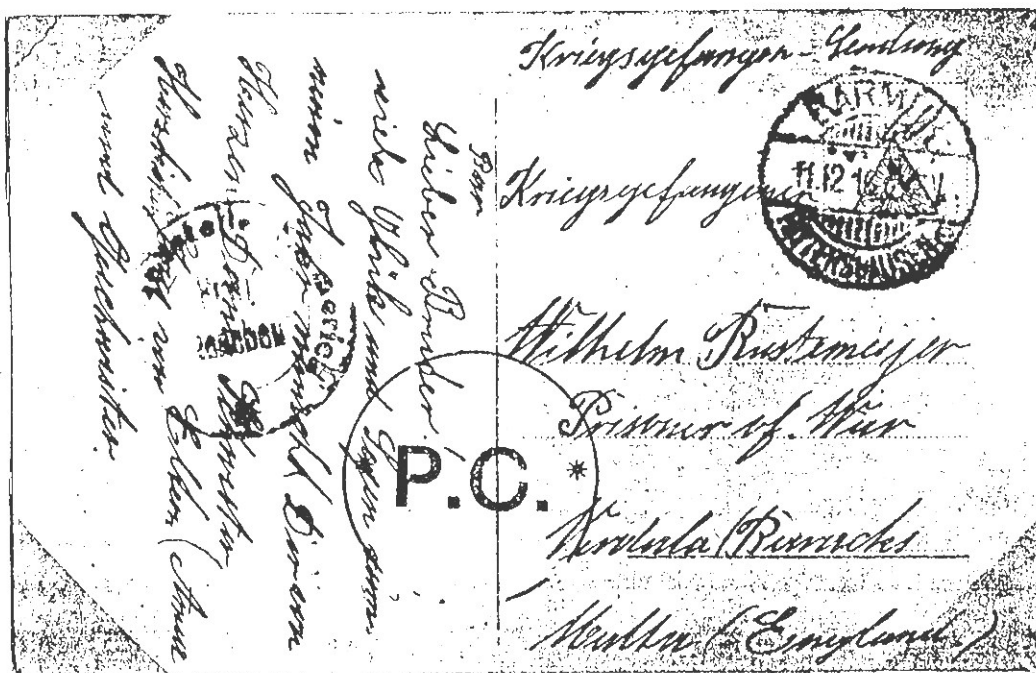
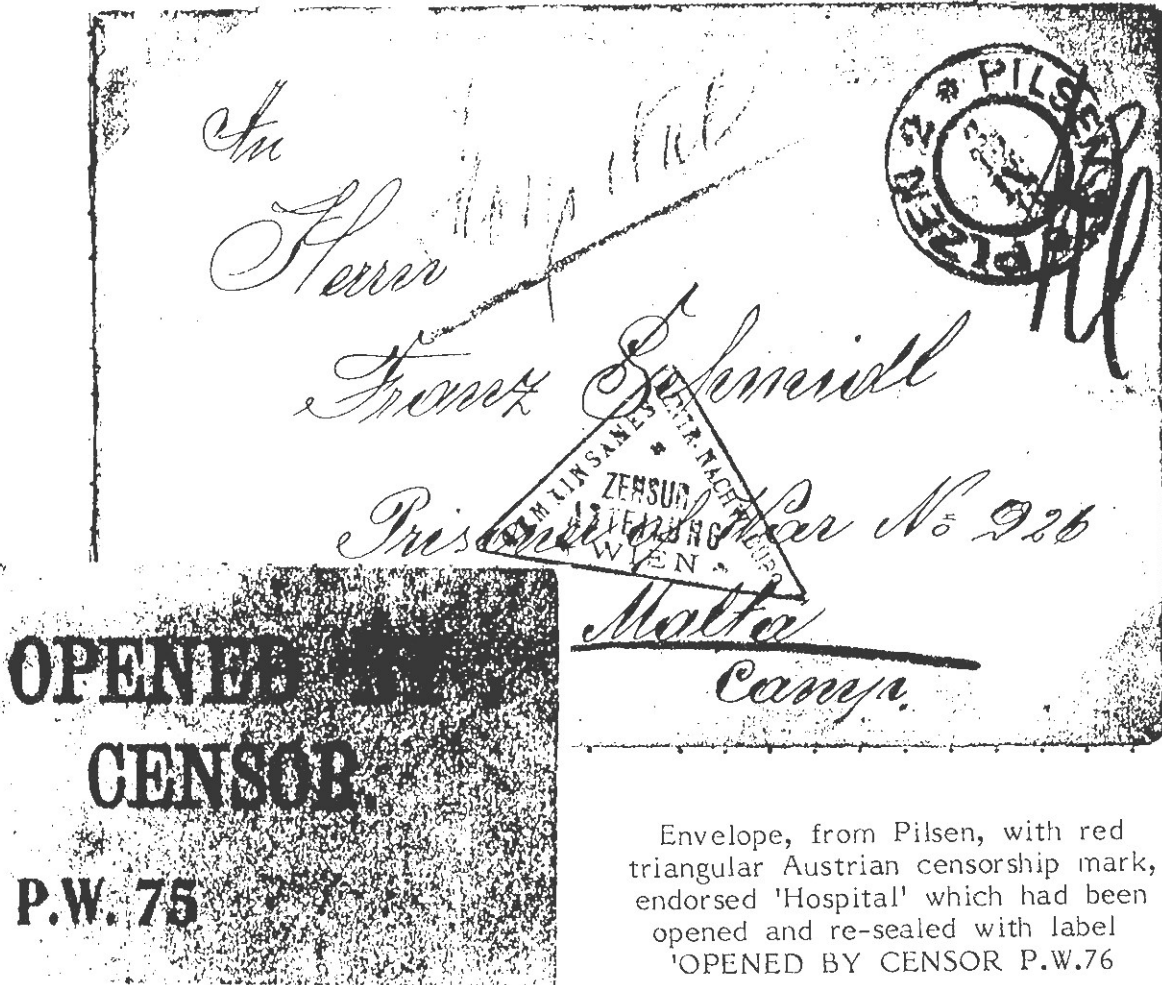


U1



U4





Cachet POW-5b seen, from 1916, on incoming mail to all camps.



POW-U1 An impressed stamp with a surround inscribed KAMP POST MALTA, a post horn and two Maltese Crosses, oval centre shows tent and a watch tower. Most examples are unused and appear in the following colours:- Slate & buff, Blue & yellow, Black & yellow, Maroon, Grey-brown, Brown, Purple & yellow, Blue, Green & yellow-brown, Red and Green & pink. A few have been reported used, one with POW-2b and received at Zurich on 4 MY 16, another with POW-6 received at Zurich on 19 AU 16 and a third one back stamped FIUME 915 DEC 23 VII.

POW-U2 An impressed stamp showing tents, struck in red or brown with the inscription "KAMP POST 1 PENNY ST. CLEMENTS MALTA" with a two ring stamp inscribed "KRIEGSGEFANGENENLAGER ST. CLEMENTS MALTA" with the date 1 V 1915.

POW-U3 An impressed stamp showing a view of tents and a view of barracks in a circle with the inscription "MALTA 1916", two Maltese crosses at the foot of the design, in dull blue or blue & yellow.

POW-U4 A red, green and blue impressed stamp apparently hand painted showing tents, known on a postcard dated Malta 1 JY 15 with POW-6.

POW-U5 An impressed stamp showing a view of tents and a Xmas tree and with the inscription "WEIHNACHT 1915 MALTA WAR PRISONERS POST", blue grey & yellow or blue & yellow.



U6



U7

POW-U6 An impressed oblong stamp with a view of barracks with railings in the foreground with the inscription "War Prisoners' Post 1914-15 Vordala Barracks Malta" on unused post card, said to be hand painted in ochre, red, orange & black.

POW-U7 As POW-U6 but another view of the barracks, hand painted in the same colours.



U8



U9



U10

POW-U8 A vertical impressed stamp with a view of tents with "WAR PRISONERS POST" at the top and "MALTA 1915" and two Maltese Crosses at the bottom in red, green & blue, appears to have been handpainted, sent to Zurich with POW-6. Others recorded  
(a) to Alexandria 19 April 15 with POW-6,  
(b) to Alexandria 17 April 15 also with POW-6.

POW-U9 Similar picture and wording to POW-U8 but frame is different with "WAR PRISONERS POST" in a curved frame at the bottom of the stamp. "1915", "MALTA" and one Maltese Cross appears in the upper part of the design.

POW-U10 Vertical handpainted stamp, inscribed "NEU-JAHR 1916 MALTA WAR PRISONERS POST" on a postcard to Bucarest. One of these stamps is partly hidden by a Rumanian 20 Bani Postage Due label cancelled October 1915.



U11



U12



U13

POW-U11 Vertical stamp inscribed "ST CLEMENTS" at the top and "1 PENNY 1" ('ones' in ovals) at the bottom with three tents in the centre of the stamp - sent to Egypt (stamped Cairo 19 IV 15)

POW-U12 View of tents with MALTA in top corner with a Maltese cross in each of the top corners and WAR PRISONERS POST in circular frame with 19 and 15 in the bottom left and right corners respectively.

POW-U13 A view of tents; inscribed 1914 MALTA 1915 at the bottom with 15 in the four corners.



U14



U15

POW-U14 View of Verdala in the centre with "OSTERN 1916", MALTA and WAR PRISONERS POST.

POW-U15 Depicts a sentry and part of the camps; inscribed MALTA 1916 with Maltese crosses in the four corners.

## GREETINGS CARDS

POW-G1 A Christmas 1915 and 1916 New Year's card showing tents, barracks, Christmas tree and star, printed in brick-red.

POW-G2 An Easter Greetings card for 1916 with a March hare, eggs, catkins, envelope and the camps in the background. Known with a censored envelope dated 29th March 1916 and addressed to Bregenz, Bodensee, with POW-6 or POW-7 and a red triangular handstamp from Wein.

POW-G3 A 1917 Christmas and New Year card inscribed at the top "Weihnachten 1918 Neujahr". The top half of the design has a church under snow: the bottom half four men - apparently two soldiers, a sailor and a civilian -- in front of tents. The foot of the card reads "TEURE HEIMAT SEI GEGRUSST".

POW-G4 A 1918 Christmas and New Year card with a view of Malta from the sea at night. The top left corner shows a prisoner and the top right corner his family. Central inscription "Weihnachts u Neujahrs Grusse 1918 1919". Known with POW-6 from Verdala to Altenburg.

POW-G5 1918 Christmas and New Year card printed in green showing Father Christmas carrying a sack and looking at views of an island and a snow covered village. Seen used to Egypt from Verdala with Pow-54, also with POW-6 to Ramleh (Egypt)

POW-G6 Whilst not strictly a greeting card -- this shows an English sentry reporting "all's well" at Verdala Barracks. A version is known with a German inscription added at the foot. (POW-G6a)



- POW-G7 An Easter Greetings card showing rabbits firing Easter eggs from cannon and, in the bottom right-hand corner, a miserable rabbit tied to a stake.
- POW-G8 A picture postcard showing ranks of sailors in white uniform (EMDEN?) from St. Clements Camp 8th November 1916 to a P.O.W. in Camp 472, Alexandria, with POW-6 in red.
- POW-G9 A Christmas and New Year card printed in green with a central horizontal oval showing cliffs over sea in the background and two Christmas trees in the centre foreground. Either side of the oval there is a pattern giving the appearance of curtains. An inscription reads "Herzliche Weihnachts u. Newjahrs Grusse".
- POW-G10 Undated photographic postcard from Verdala Barracks, apparently depicting P.O.W.s in various modes of dress for camp entertainments.
- POW-G11 1916 photographic postcard with framed views of Turken Camp, St. Clements Camp and Verdala Barracks.
- POW-G12 Photographic postcard, showing prisoners in their room at Verdala Barracks, dated 25th May 1916, sent to Vienna.
- POW-G13 Photographic postcard addressed to Egypt, dated 19th June 1916, showing prisoners in the Verdala Barracks "Cafe".
- POW-G14 Photographic postcard of prisoners in the recreation area at Verdala, dated 21st January 1917, addressed to Egypt.
- POW-G15 Christmas Greetings card in black and white, showing three framed views of internment camps. Inscribed "KRIEGSGEFANGENSCHAFT MALTA 1914-17/GESEGNETE WEIHNACHTEN WUNSCHT" and signed Hans Radernacher on the front. Sent from Verdala to U.K., undated, but received Newton Abbot arrival mark, 20th December 1916.
- POW-G16 Incorporating three photographs of different camps with "VIELE GRUSSE Malta 1914-17" sent to Vienna (with POW-70)
- POW-G17 Fir wreath surrounding tents with WEIHNACHTSGRUSSE AUS MALTA - sent from St. Clements to Vienna 24 November 1916 (with POW-6)
- POW-G18 Handpainted - possibly a lino cut, showing tents with "CAMP POST 1915" - to England 29 APR 1915 (with POW-2a)
- POW-G19 Photographic postcard, in grey, showing St. Clement's camp and portrait of H.M. Emperor Franz Joseph commemorating his 86th birthday on 18th August 1916.
- POW-G20 Postcard showing reproduction of a water colour of St. Clement's camp. (Shown on cover).
- POW-G21 Picture postcard posted to Zurich on 26th April 1916 showing prisoners at Verdala Barracks.
- POW-G22 Postcard of 1916 depicting Verdala Camp.

## 1939-1945 WORLD WAR II

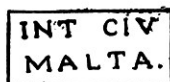
During the second world war the only civilians interned in Malta were Maltese, most of whom were imprisoned after Italy's entry into the war although some forty to fifty known for their strong pro-German or strong pro-Italian sympathies were interned before that event. More arrests were made later but at no time did the number of interned Maltese exceed one hundred and twenty.

The Standing Orders for Internees issued in 1940 stated, inter alia, internees could send two letters or four postcards per week - the former to contain a maximum of forty words including the name and address of the sender, and latter six words excluding the sender's details) and had to be written in Italian, English or Maltese. Mail was delivered to, and collected from, the camp on Mondays and Thursdays.

Fort San Salvatore at Cottonera was the first internment camp for male prisoners and was in use from May 1940 until the 7th July of that year when it was hit by a bomb during an air raid. The inmates were then transferred to the Corradino prison, Pawla. They protested that they should not share accommodation with "common criminals". It was suggested that they should be interned at the Convent of St. Agatha, Rabat and they were transferred there on 17th July 1940.



INT-1



INT-2

A double ring handstamp (INT-1) inscribed INT. CIV. MALTA as well as a squared handstamp (CS-INT-1) reading PASSED CENSOR I.C. was used on the internees' mail. Another handstamp was rectangular INT CIV MALTA (INT-2).

As the war progressed, an imminent invasion by Italy was feared and, for security reasons, the authorities decided to transfer most of the internees to a "safer" country, which turned out to be Uganda. The Deportment Warrant dated 12th February 1942 signed by the Governor listed forty seven names. They left Malta on 13th February 1942 for Egypt where they travelled by train to Bombo, Uganda arriving there on 14th April 1942. The camps in which they were interned were:

Bombo (Internment Camp No.5)	14 Apr 42 - 26 Sep 42
Soroti (Internment Camp No.7)	26 Sep 42 - 14 Apr 43
Entebbe (Internment Camp No.6)	14 Apr 43 - 17 Jan 45

Special handstamps were used; one had "INTERNEES MAIL" at the top left hand corner and ".....Commandant/Internee Camp No.7" at the foot. Mail from the Transit Camps at Cairo and Uganda are known as well as mail from Malta to Uganda.

The few internees left in Malta were transferred to Villa Portelli, Sliema on 24 April 1942; most internees were released by 16th September 1943 - the camp being finally closed on 22 October 1943 when the last four internees were released.

The women were interned in Malta at a camp situated at the Good Shepherd Convent at Balzan.

There were a number of German and Italian prisoners of war in Malta - survivors of shot down aircraft or from naval engagements - imprisoned at a camp near the R.E.M.E. workshops at St. Andrews Barracks, near Sliema.

Covers are known addressed to the International Red Cross Society at Geneva bearing censorship mark DD/25 and a strike of the handstamp "COUPON RESPONSE". This indicated that an International Reply Coupon was enclosed enabling the POW to use it to send a message, (maximum 25 words), to a relative or friend. A letter from the Red Cross addressed to The I.W.G.C., (presumably The International War Graves Commission), Agency, Malta also has censorship mark DD/25 as well as a strike of a handstamp "P.O.W. Post" in red.



# LIST OF CACHETS ON P.O.W.-MAIL FROM AND TO MALTA

- based on the examination of 150 items of outgoing and incoming mail considering dated items only -

POW-1



Date	Colour	From	To	Remarks
3.10.14	?	?	Valletta	cachet with censor's initial c.d.s. "VALLETTA/3 OC 14" b/s "12.XII.14"
Nov. 14	Black	Verdala	Alexandrie	-EGY
12.12.14	Black	St. Clements	Alexandrie	-EGY
17.12.14	Black	Verdala	Feuerthalen	-CH with POW-4b
17.12.14	Black	Verdala	St. Gallen	-CH with POW-4b
? 14/15	?	?	Milan	-ITA with POW-4b; m/s "Ark. Mil. 20.1.15"
24. 9.15	Red	St. Clements	Salonique	-GR with CS-CI 1074

POW-1a



14. 7.15	Red	Valletta	Döberitz	-GER to a Brit. POW in Doeberitz Camp c.d.s. "VALLETTA/14 JY 15" + CS-CI 1034
Sep. 16	Red	Malta	Hannover	-GER to a Brit. POW in a military hospital c.d.s. "MALTA/J/SP 27/16" + CS-TI 4174

POW-2a



28.12.14	Violet	Verdala	Pontresina	-CH with POW-4b
31.12.14	?	Verdala	Bremerhaven	-GER
4. 1.15	Violet	Verdala	Pontresina	-CH
7. 1.15	Black	Verdala	Pontresina	-CH with POW-4a
10. 1.15	Violet	Verdala	Pontresina	-CH with POW-4b
18. 1.15	Violet	Verdala	Pontresina	-CH with POW-4b
Jan. 15	?	Verdala	Basel	-CH with POW-4b; b/s "16.II.15"
4. 3.15	Violet	?	Wien	-AUS
11. 4.15	?	Verdala	Zürich	-CH
8. 4.15	Black	?	Schwerin	-GER
15. 4.15	Black	Verdala	Heidelberg	-GER

POW-2b



15	?	Verdala	Györ	-HUN b/s "5. DEC 15"
Feb. 16	Black	?	Zürich	-CH
16	Violet	?	Zürich	-CH imprinted "stamp"

APPENDIX A

POW-3

Date

Colour

From

To

Remarks



..... no item .....

11-44

POW-4a

7. 1.15

Red

Verdala

Pontresina

-CH

with POW-2a; listed there, too



POW-4b

17.12.14

Black

Verdala

Feuerthalen

-CH

with POW-1 ; listed there, too

17.12.14

Black

Verdala

St. Gallen

-CH

with POW-1 ; "

14/15

?

?

Milan

-ITA

with POW-1 ; "

10. 1.15

Violet

Verdala

Pontresina

-CH

with POW-2a; "

18. 1.15

Red

Verdala

Pontresina

-CH

with POW-2a; "

28. 1.15

?

Verdala

Bremerhaven

-GER

3. 2.15

Violet

Fort Salvatore

Sonneberg

-GER

with POW-6 ; listed there, too

5. 2.15

Violet

Verdala

Pontresina

-CH

with POW-6 ; "

15

Purple

Verdala

Bern

-CH

with POW-70; "

15/16

?

Siberia POW-Camp

Verdala

dated "22.11.15"

Feb.16

Black

Wien

-AUS

Verdala

c.d.s. "WIEN/ 12.I.16"

May 16

?

Barmen

-GER

Verdala

c.d.s. "BARMEN/ 22.4.16"

May 16

?

Leitmeritz

-AUS

Verdala

c.d.s. "LEITMERITZ/ 13.IV.16"

Jun.16

Red

Leitmeritz

-AUS

Verdala

c.d.s. "LEITMERITZ/ 7.V.16"

16

?

?

Hannover

-GER

imprinted "Easter-stamp"; dated 22.5.16

6. 3. 19

Black

St. Clements

Zürich

-CH

POW-5

12.12.18

Violet

St. Clements

Berlin

-GER

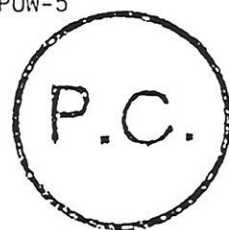
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St. Clements

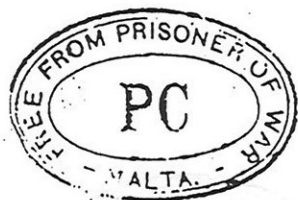
Hannover

-GER





POW-6



Date	Colour	From	To		Remarks
3. 2.15	Blue	Fort Salvatore	Sonneberg	-GER	with POW-4b
5. 2.15	Blue	Verdala	Pontresina	-CH	with POW-4b
18. 2.15	Blue	?	Schönau	-GER	
24. 2.15	?	Verdala	Wien	-AUS	
15. 3.15	Blue	St. Clements	Landshut	-GER	
15. 3.15	Red	Verdala	Zürich	-CH	
18. 3.15	?	St. Clements	Trieste	-AUS	imprinted "stamp"
29. 3.15	Blue	St. Clements	Landshut	-GER	
20. 4.15	Purple	Verdala	Barmen	-GER	
23. 4.15	Black	Verdala	Pontresina	-CH	
3. 5.15	Violet	Verdala	Pontresina	-CH	
6. 5.15	Black	St. Clements	Wien	-AUS	re-addressed in Austria; 10g PD-
13. 5.15	Black	St. Clements	Landshut	-GER	
27. 5.15	?	St. Clements	Slaná	-AUS	
7. 6.15	Violet	Verdala	Neulengbach	-AUS	
7. 6.15	Purple	St. Clements	Landshut	-GER	
14. 6.15	?	St. Clements	Brünn	-AUS	
20. 6.15	?	St. Clements	Landshut	-GER	
24. 6.15	Red	St. Clements	Landshut	-GER	
	15 Violet	?	Darmstadt	-GER	handpainted "stamp" 'CAMP POST 1915'
	15 Purple	St. Clements	Landshut	-GER	
	15 Violet	St. Clements	Genf	-CH	with POW-4b
	15 Red	Verdala	Barmen	-GER	Christmasgreetings
17. 1.16	?	?	Amsterdam	-NL	registered Post card; Reg. handstamp
20. 3.16	Violet	Verdala	Pontresina	-CH	
31. 3.16	Red	Verdala	Marne	-GER	
	16 ?	St. Clements	Wiesbaden	-GER	Eastergreetings
9. 8.16	Red	Verdala	Pontresina	-CH	
16. 8.16	?	Fort Salvatore	Bissersheim	-GER	
12.10.16	Red	Verdala	Pontresina	-CH	
18.10.16	Red	Verdala	Pontresina	-CH	
25.10.16	Red	Verdala	Pontresina	-CH	
8.11.16	Red	Verdala	Pontresina	-CH	
28.11.16	Violet	Verdala	Pontresina	-CH	
14.12.16	Violet	Verdala	Pontresina	-CH	
20.12.16	?	Verdala	Pittsburg	-USA	
21.12.16	Red	Verdala	Pontresina	-CH	
27.12.16	Red	Verdala	Pontresina	-CH	
12. 1.17	Red	Verdala	Osnabrück	-GER	
27. 1.17	Red	Verdala	Pontresina	-CH	
Jan.17	Red	St. Clements	Reichenberg	-AUS	b/s "REICHENBERG/ 2.II.17"
28. 2.17	Red	St. Clements	Berlin	-GER	

cont.	Date	Colour	From	To	Remarks
POW-6	Feb.17	Red	St. Clements	Reichenberg	-AUS b/s "REICHENBERG/ 13.III.17"
	Apr.17	?	Verdala	Zürich	-CH b/s "ZÜRICH/ 20.IV.17"
	7.11.17	Black	Verdala	Freilassing	-GER
	21.11.17	Black	St. Clements	Berlin	-GER
	28.11.17	Blue	St. Clements	Berlin	-GER
	1. 3.18	Violet	Verdala	Altona	-GER
	22. 5.18	Violet	Verdala	Altona	-GER
	29.11.18	?	?	Bautzen	-GER
	19	Violet	St. Clements	Berlin	-GER Eastergreetings
	27. 4.19	Violet	St. Clements	Ibrahimia	-EGY b/s "IBRAHIMIA/ 22 MA 19"
	14. 5.19	Violet	St. Clements	Ibrahimia	-EGY
POW-70	15	Purple	Verdala	Bern	-CH with POW-4b
	16	?	Verdala	Palermo	-ITA
	2. 2.16	Red	Fort Salvatore	Oberdollendorf	GER German Field-Post Card
	9. 3.16	Red	Verdala	Pontresina	-CH
	12. 4.16	Red	Verdala	Pontresina	-CH
	28. 6.16	Red	Verdala	Barmen	-GER
	20. 7.16	Red	St. Clements	Wien	-AUS
	20. 8.16	Red	St. Clements	Berlin	-GER
	9.11.16	Red	Fort Salvatore	München	-GER
POW-71	26. 7.15	Violet	Fort Salvatore	Charlottenburg	GER
	4. 8.15	Blue	Verdala	Darmstadt	-GER
	5. 8.15	Violet	?	Köln	-GER
	25.11.15	Violet	Verdala	Pontresina	-CH
	10. 1.16	Violet	Verdala	Barmen	-GER
	11. 1.16	Violet	Verdala	Pontresina	-CH
	6. 3.16	Violet	Verdala	Pontresina	-CH
	16	?	?	Hannover	-GER imprinted "stamp" 'Easter 1916' + POW-4b
	27. 4.16	Violet	Verdala	Pontresina	-CH
	22. 5.16	Violet	Verdala	Pontresina	-CH
	1. 6.16	Blue	Verdala	Zürich	-CH
	19. 6.16	?	Verdala	Mannheim	-GER
	31. 7.16	Violet	Verdala	Pontresina	-CH
	27. 8.16	?	Verdala	Treysa	-GER
	24. 9.16	Violet	Fort Salvatore	Oberdollendorf	GER
	16.11.16	Violet	Verdala	Barmen	-GER





POW-72



Date	Colour	From	To	Remarks
2. 8.15	Red	St. Clements	Landshut -GER	
16. 8.15	?	St. Clements	Salonique -GR	
18. 8.15	Red	?	Samobor -HUN	
26. 2.19	Purple	Verdala	Ibrahimia -EGY	b/s "IBRAHIMIA/ 17 MR 19"
14. 5.19	Violet	Verdala	Ibrahimia -EGY	b/s "IBRAHIMIA/ 4. 6.19"

POW-73



Date	Colour	From	To	Remarks
2. 8.15	?	St. Clements	Landshut -GER	
5. 6.16	?	?	Leipzig -GER	
16	Violet	?	Zürich -CH	imprinted "stamp"
7. 2.17	Violet	St. Clements	Stolp -GER	
23. 4.17	?	?	Constantionople -T	
4. 6.17	Violet	St. Clements	Berlin -GER	
11. 6.17	Violet	Verdala	Mannheim -GER	
30. 8.17	Blue	Verdala	Zürich -CH	
29. 4.18	Violet	St. Clements	Berlin -GER	
15. 7.18	Violet	St. Clements	Berlin -GER	
21. 8.18	Violet	St. Clements	Berlin -GER	
22. 8.18	Violet	St. Clements	Berlin -GER	
30. 9.18	Violet	St. Clements	Berlin -GER	
31.10.18	Violet	St. Clements	Berlin -GER	
13.10.19	Violet	St. Clements	Berlin -GER	
17.11.19	Violet	St. Clements	Berlin -GER	

POW-74



Date	Colour	From	To	Remarks
8. 7.15	?	Verdala	Aden	to a German POW; re-addressed to India
19. 7.15	Red	St. Clements	Landshut -GER	
18. 8.15	?	?	Trieste -AUS	
30. 8.15	Red	Verdala	Münster -GER	
Sep.15	Red	St. Clements	Genève -CH	b/s "GENEVE/ 20.IX.1915"
3. 2.16	Red	Verdala	München -GER	
1. 2.17	Red	St. Clements	Bad Blankenburg GER	
7. 2.17	?	Verdala	Treysa -GER	
1. 4.17	Red	Fort Salvatore	Bissersheim -GER	
10.5.17	Red	St. Clements	Berlin -GER	
11. 3.18	Violet	St. Clements	Berlin -GER	

POW-75

Date	Colour	From	To	Remarks
Aug.15	Violet	?	Constantinople -T	b/s "25 - 8 - 15" very faint mark, so it might be a POW-73 !

POW-8

Date	Colour	From	To	Remarks
.....		no item	.....	

# ALPHABETIC LIST OF P.O.W. IN MALTA CAMPS

- based on the examination of 216 items of outgoing and incoming mail -

44-15

No.	Name	P.O.W.-No.	Nationality	Camp	Remarks
1	ABICHT, Franz		A	Verdala	
2	ANDRES, Ad.		G	Verdala	
3	BECKENDORF, Carl	2365	G	Verdala	
4	BLECHER, Otto	1210	G	St. Clements	
5	BORCHARDT, Hermann		G	Verdala	
6	BROCKHOF,		G	St. Clements	
7	BRUNS, Peter		G	Verdala	
8	BURIAN, F.		G	St. Clements	
9	CSAHO, Leo		A	St. Clements	
10	DJANBALET, Ismail		T	Polverista	
11	DREISS, Wolfgang	654	G	Verdala	
12	ENGELE, Hermann		G	?	Leutnant
13	ERICHSEN, J.	153	G	Verdala	Captain
14	FALSCHLUNGER, Ernst M.		G	?	
15	FEIG, A.		G	Verdala	
16	FESTOR, S.		G	?	Captain
17	FINCHER, Carl S.		G	St. Clements	
18	FORNACON, Ernst		G	Fort Salvatore	Ob.Masch.Anw./SMS EMDEN
19	FOUK, Bey	2738	T	Polverista	
20	FRESE, August		G	Verdala	
21	FRIEDRICH, Artur		G	Fort Salvatore	Heizer/SMS EMDEN
22	FRISCHENSCHLAGER, Wm		A	St. Clements	
23	GASTELSBERGER, Max		G	Verdala	
24	GERDES, Ihmo		G	St. Clements	
25	GIACICH, Antonio		I	St. Clements	
26	GRANZOW, Julius	1142	G	Fort Salvatore	Ob.Matrose/SMS EMDEN
27	GUGGENASTER, August	457	G	Verdala	
28	HAAß, Hugo	1072	G	Verdala	Marine Ingenieur/SMS EMDEN
29	HENSELER, Peter	1127	G	Fort Salvatore	Ob.Masch.Anw./SMS EMDEN
30	HERRMANN, H.		G	Verdala	
31	HESS, Adolf		G	Verdala	
32	HEZEL, Julius		G	?	
33	HÜGELY, Albert		G	Verdala	
34	HURZAR, G.		G	?	
35	KAIN, Walter		G	?	Doktor



No.	Name	P.O.W.-No.	Nationality	Camp	Remarks
36	KASTEN, H		G	?	
37	KELLER, Georg		G	Fort Salvatore	Oberdeckoffizier/SMS EMDEN
38	KIAMIL, Major	2176	T	Verdala	
39	KIEFER, Franz		G	?	
40	KIEN, Simon Ernst		A	St. Clements	
41	KLACEVICH, Marco		A	?	
42	KLAGES,		G	Fort Salvatore	Masch.Maats/SMS EMDEN
43	KOHN, Alfred		G	Verdala	
44	KOHN, Robert		A	St.Clements	
45	KOLLBECK, Andreas		G	Verdala	
46	KRUMBHOLZ, Robert	806	G	Verdala	
47	KUHN, Eitel		G	St. Clements	
48	KURZROCK, Karl		G	?	
49	LANGER, William	1450	G	St. Clements	
50	LEICHT, Georg		G	Verdala	Oberdeckoffizier/SMS EMDEN
51	LIND, Rudolf		A	Verdala	
52	LINDNER, Hans		G	Fort Salvatore	Signalgast/SMS EMDEN
53	LUSTIG, Heinrich	892	G	St. Clements	
54	MARL, Fritz		G	St. Clements	
55	MARTENS, Hermann	173	G	Verdala	Ingenieur
56	MEYNE, W.	868	G	?	probably Verdala; see next number
57	OSWALD, Hermann G.	869	G	Verdala	
58	NEZAVDAL, Rud.		G	Verdala	
59	NÖLLER, Friedrich	904	G	St. Clements	
60	PALEOGES, Telemaque		GR	St. Clements	imprisoned by mistake? a collaborator?
61	PELLIZER, A		A	St. Clements	
62	PLEIMES, Alfonso	1666	I	Verdala	
63	PLÖTZ, Hugo	1098	G	Fort Salvatore	Ob.Steuerm.Maats/ SMS EMDEN
64	POLLAK, Karl Maria		G	?	Registered Post Card
65	RUSTEMEYER, Wilhelm		G	Verdala	
66	SCHARR, Friedrich		G	?	
67	SCHMIDL, Franz		A	St. Clements	
68	SCHMIDT, W. A.		G	Verdala	Professor
69	SCHWINDL, Hans		G	Verdala	
70	SETZER, Rudolf	1313	G	St. Clements	
71	SIR, J.		A	St. Clements	
72	SOPRANICH, E. J.		A	?	
73	SPIELMANN, Egon	1340	G	Verdala	Bootsmannsmaat/ SMS EMDEN
74	STAMER, Th.		G	?	

No.	Name	P.O.W.-No.	Nationality	Camp	Remarks
75	STECHMEYER, Konrad		G	Fort Salvatore	Ob.Heizer/ SMS EMDEN
76	STELZEL, Alfred		A	Verdala	
77	STROHSCHNEIDER, Ch.		A	?	
78	von VIRAG		G	Verdala	
79	VOGEL, H.		G	?	
80	WALTER, Emil	1328	G	St. Clements	
81	von WEIBMANN, Alois	3156 c	A	Verdala	in June 1916
		1037		St. Clements	from December 1916
82	WERNER, Otto		G	Verdala	
83	WITTE, Louis		A	Verdala	
84	WORM, Waldemar		G	Verdala	

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## APPENDIX B

Mark	Date	Colour	From	To	Mark	Date	Colour	From	To
1	26. 8.14	Purple	Floriana	Sliema		4.16	Blue		Alexandria
	2. 9.14	Purple	Balzan	Valletta		16			Zurich cds 19.8.16
	15.11.14				30. 8.16	Red	Verdala		Sicily
	17.12.14	Black	St.Clements	Vienna (with POW-4)	12.10.16	Red			Engardi
	24. 9.15	Red	St.Clements		11.16				Sicily
	27. 2.18	Red	Hungary	Hamrun	8.11.16	Red	St.Clements		Alexandria
	No date	Black	Cottonera	Sliema	24.11.16	Red	St.Clements		Vienna (on POW-G17)
	No date	Black		Sliema with CS-C1-1074	13.12.16	Violet	Verdala		Hamburg
	No date	Black		Port Said	17	Red			Huddersfield 14.6.17
1a	20. 7.15	Red		Hungary	21.11.17	Purple	New Verdala		
	14. 8.15		Valletta	Brit.POW, Doeberitz, Germany	28.11.17	Violet	Verdala		Weisbaden
2a	30.12.14	Black	Verdala	Alexandria	Xmas 17	Blue	Ft. Salvatore		Dusseldorf
	17.12.14				29.11.18	Violet	Verdala		Egypt
	1. 3.15	Purple	Verdala	Germany	6.12.18	Red	Verdala		Ramleh (Egypt)
	3. 3.15	Purple	Verdala	Cairo	Xmas 18	Violet	Verdala		Germany
	5. 4.15	Purple	St.Clements	Vienna	Xmas 18	Violet	New Verdala		Germany
	29. 4.15	Black		England (on POW-G18)	?	Black	Verdala		
	3. 7.15				No date	Blue	Malta		Kolomea Galicia, & returned to Malta (with POW-4a)
	27. 1.16	Purple	Verdala	Austria	No date	Purple	Verdala		Sliema with PHS 12
	No date	Black		Sliema	No date	Red	Verdala		Palermo
	?	Black	Verdala	Bavaria	No date	Purple	Verdala		Wurtenburg
2b	5. 4.15	Purple	St.Clements	Vienna	No date	Purple			Vienna
	5.16	Violet		Egypt	70	15. 3.15	Red		Vienna
	16	Purple		Zurich	17. 2.16				
	?	Bl.blk		England	26. 4.16	Red			Zurich
3	20. 5.20	Bl.blk			8. 5.16	Purple	St.Clements		Leipzig
	?	P.blue			14. 8.16	Red	St.Clements		Berlin
4a	10.12.14				18. 8.16	Red	St.Clements		Berlin
	28. 1.15	Purple			17. 9.16				Philippines
	2. 3.15	Black	Verdala	Geneva (with POW-6)	?	Red	Verdala		Remleh arr.1.11.16
	5. 5.15	Black	Prague	Verdala	?	Red			POW-G6
	21. 6.15	Black	Niederdorf	Verdala					Vienna (printed envelope)
	No date	Red	Prague	Malta with POW-6					Vienna (on POW-G16)
	?	Black	Vienna	Verdala	71	5. 8.15			
4b	17.12.14	Purple	St.Clements	Vienna (with POW-1)	3.11.15	Violet	New Verdala		Berlin
	5. 5.15		Zizkov	Verdala	16	Violet	Verdala		Zurich (arr.3.11.15)
	16. 3.16				28. 9.16	Purple	Rock Gate		Mannheim
4a	11.15	Red	Austria	Verdala	18	Violet	New Verdala		Hannover
or	16		Austria	KUK Feldpost	18. 4.18	Purple	Verdala		Berlin
4b				Verdala	1. 8.18	Purple	St.Clements		Hannover (Letter sheet)
5a	28.10.14	Grey	Floriana		10.18	Grey	Malta		Cairo (POW envelope)
	28.10.15				2. 7.19				
	15	Black	Austria	Floriana	13.10.19	Purple			Constantinople
	15	Purple	Austria	Verdala	72	28. 1.15			
	16	Violet	Austria	Verdala	8. 9.15	Red	Verdala		Berlin
	17	Violet	Austria	Verdala	16. 8.15		St.Clements		
	5.18	Purple	Austria	Verdala	3.11.15				
	6.11.18	Black	Austria	St. Clements	5.12.15	Red	Verdala		Berlin
	18	Violet	Germany	St. Clements	1. 4.16	Red			Egypt
	30. 1.19	Violet	St.Clements	Germany	11. 5.16	Red	Verdala		Ramleh
	9. 1.19	Black	St.Clements	Berlin	10.16	Blue	St.Clements		Alexandria (POW envelope)
5b*	11.12. 16			Verdala	21.11.16	Red			Cairo - forwarded to Germany 21.11.16 - opened & resealed at Frankfurt.
*see illustration on page 5.					13. 4.19				Egypt
6	28. 1.15				13. 5.19		Cospicua		
	1. 2.15	Blue			18. 5.19		Verdala		
	24. 2.15	Blue			73	15	Purple	St.Clements	Alexandria (24.12.15)
	2. 3.15	Blue	Verdala	Geneva (with POW-4)	12.15		Verdala		Fiume
	15. 3.15			Vienna	1.16	Purple	Verdala		Cairo
	3.15	Blue	Verdala	Egypt	16	Violet	St.Clements		Buenos Aires (18.6.16)
	17. 4.15	Blue	Malta	Alexandria (on POW-U8)	13. 3.16	Purple	St.Clements		Switzerland
	19. 4.15	Blue	Malta	Alexandria (on POW-U8)	10.16	Purple	St.Clements		Zurich cds 27.X.16
	3.15	Blue	Verdala	Egypt	16				Denmark arr 7 OC 16
	15	Red	F.Salvatore	Germany (Leeheim)	16	Purple	St.Clements		Switzerland arr 27 OC 16
	17. 5.15			Zurich	14. 5.17		Verdala		Constantinople
	27. 5.15		St.Clements	Bohmen-Austria	17.10.17	Blue	Verdala		Zurich (Letter sheet)
	6.15	Red		USA (ms 14.6.15)	25.11.17	Blue	St.Clements		Hannover (Letter sheet)
	Xmas 15	Red	St.Clements	Egypt	23. 1.18	Violet			
	Xmas 15	Red	St.Clements	Hamburg	3. 3.18	Violet			
	16			Zurich cds 2.3.16	31. 3.18	Violet			

Mark	Date	Colour	From	To	Mark	Date	Colour	From	To
73	9. 9.18	Violet	St.Clements	Berlin	74	16. 2.16	Red	St.Clements	Cairo
	9. 6.19	Violet	St.Clements	Berlin		16	Red	Verdala	Lbrahimieh (Egypt)
	12. 8.20*	Purple	Polverista	Constantinople with		11. 3.18	Red	Verdala	Alexandria
	No date	Purple	Verdala	E.S.		Xmas 18		Verdala	Egypt
	No date	Purple		Vienna		No date	Red	Verdala	Vienna
				Tirol Austria	75	No date	Purple	Polverista	Constantinople with
* possibly POW-75						No date	Purple	Polverista	E.S.
74	8. 7.15		Verdala					Polverista	Constantinople
	15	Red	Verdala	Palermo (arr 13.8.15)		10. 4.20	Purple	Polverista	without E.S. mark
	25. 9.15	Red		Berlin		12. 8.20*	Purple	Polverista	Constantinople with
	15	Red		Trieste					ES
	15	Red	St.Clements	Hamburg (17.12.15)		23. 3.21		Polverista	Rome
	10.11.15	Red	Hamburg	St. Clements	* reported as POW-73				
	15	Red		Alexandria					
	9. 2.16	Red	Verdala	Egypt					

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