

**GEOGRAPHY MATTERS.....  
.....IN AVATION**

**The start of Aviation in Malta: the Kalafrana Seaplane base, Pavilion**

**Malta Aviation Museum in collaboration with the Geography Department  
Department of Geography, Faculty of Arts**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 14.00 -15.00, Pavilion**

**Aviation in Malta saw its beginnings in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century when seaplanes were tested by the British Services in Maltese waters. With the First World War in full swing and conflict on land and sea was joined by that from the skies it was apparent that an aviation base was needed in Malta. In 1916 Kalafrana within Marsaxlokk Bay was turned from a secure inlet to a seaplane base. The series of photos being shown in the presentation demonstrate the initial changes made to the inlet to accommodate the seaplanes, workshops and other ancillary facilities.**



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**.....IN COMMEMORATING THE FIRST WORLD WAR (1914-1918)**

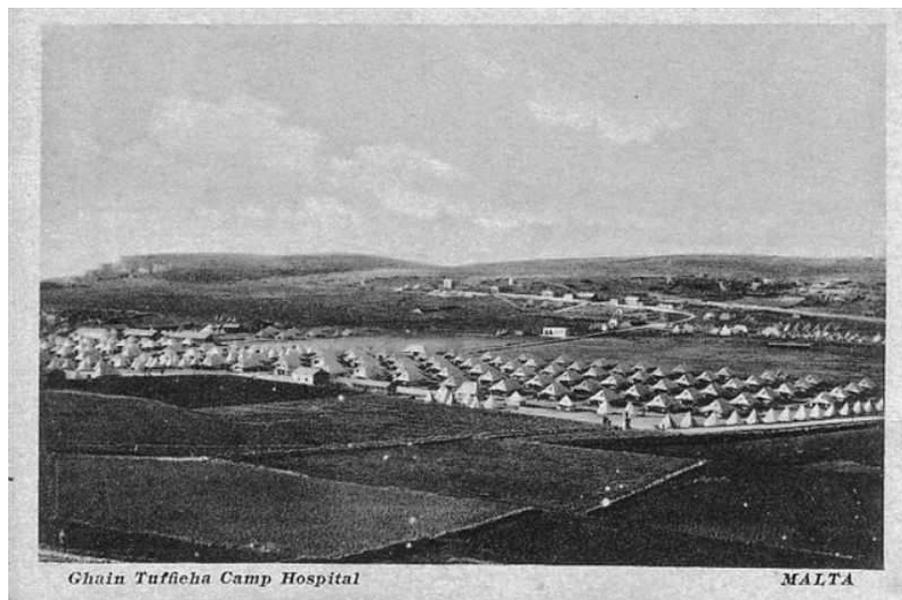
## **Malta as “The Nurse of the Mediterranean”**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 12.00-14.00hrs**  
**Students’ House, Common Room**

**Department of Geography, Faculty of Arts together with**  
**Għaqda tal-Malti, Università**

The Department of Geography at the Faculty of Arts is planning to commemorate this event during Discovery Week at the university. The programme will aim to concentrating on the multidisciplinary aspect of Malta’s part in the First World War. This will include, amongst others, presentations on the changing geographies, aviation milestones, selected music, and local literature pertaining to the war, its immediate aftermath, and as it shaped the century.

Within the local scenario Malta was spared the direct conflict experienced in Europe but faced the harsh realities of the effects of modern industrial warfare by having the island used as a base for refurbishing the British and Allied naval and merchant fleets, caring for the injured coming from the Mediterranean theatres of war and used as a convalescent camp for the troops. As a result, and as in previous occasions, the hostilities generated a degree of economic well-being and also earned Malta the title of “Nurse of the Mediterranean”.



*Ghain Tuffieha Camp Hospital*

*MALTA*

**GEOGRAPHY MATTERS..... IN POSTERS PRESENTATION**  
**Research posters by all members of staff**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 10.00-11.00 hrs**

**AND**

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 12.00-13.00hrs**

*The Department of Geography at the Faculty of Arts has developed a research agenda that spans the human and physical geographies with an emphasis on Malta. A method of presenting this research in a concise way is to show a number of posters that were presented at conferences and workshops over the last few years. Members of staff of the department team up with foreign counterparts in most of the research projects.*

## **GEOGRAPHY MATTERS ....IN HISTORICAL CARTOGRAPHIC SKETCHES**

An early 20<sup>th</sup> century series of cartographic sketches of urban and coastal areas in Malta and Gozo

Department of Geography, Faculty of Arts

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 11.00-12.00hrs, Students' House, Common Room**

The Department of Geography is at present examining in detail a series of sketches to evaluate their importance within the cartographic story of 20<sup>th</sup> century Malta. Representing of the urban and coastal geographies, through the surveyors' skills and technical free-hand scales, together with the depiction of the coastal geology and geomorphologies, the sketches are also an important contribution to the theme of lost landscapes.

The sketches represent an important find that the department is proud of and, together with the National Archives, is combining this study to a series of early 20<sup>th</sup> century photographs and archival material in the preparation and presentation of a range of activities. These include the publications for popular and scientific appreciation.



Cala S. Giorgio [St George's Bay, limits of Birzebbuga]

Detail from 1907 sketch showing jetties, marine boat yard and proposed promenade