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Għaddew kważi sitt xhur minn meta s-Sur John Rizzo ġie appuntat Kummissarju tal-Pulizija li ħa post s-Sur George Grech li minn hawn nixtiequ nirringrazzjawh tax-xogħol li wettaq għall-ġid tal-Korp fis-snin li serva minn meta ingaġġa bħala kuntistabbli sa ma spiċċa fil-kariga ta' Kummissarju tal-Pulizija.

Is-Sur Rizzo ħa l-ħatra ta' Kummissarju tal-Pulizija fit-2 ta' Novembru, 2001. Xhur li kienu ferm impenjattivi. Wara ftit jiem mill-ħatra kellu l-qtil brutali ta' seħibna Roger Debattista (li ma ninsew qatt), il-qtil ta' omm u binta li seħħ f'B'Bugia u l-għejbien ta' omm u bintha li wara instabu fil-baħar taċ-Ċirkewwa fis-sitwazzjoni li kulħadd jaf. Dawn il-każijiet flimkien ma xogħol ieħor li ġab miegħu l-uffiċju l-ġdid ħalla lill Kummissarju impenjat siegħat twal, anke sa tard bil-lejl sabiex jiġu solvuti, speċjalment id-delitti, kif fil-fatt sar. Minn hemm il-quddiem, is-Sur Rizzo ma ħarisx lura u kompla bil-ħidma tiegħu fis-setturi kollha f'ħdan il-Korp tal-Pulizija billi żamm laqgħat ma diversi uffiċjali tal-korp fejn iddiskuta u spjega l-veduti tiegħu dwar dak li jrid issir fil-korp tal-pulizija. Barra dan ix-xogħol, il-Kummissarju ħa ħsieb li jkun hemm modernizzar fid-diversi sezzjonijiet tal-Korp bħal ma qed isir fil-Kavallerija, Sezzjoni tal-Klieb u fid-diversi għases tal-Pulizija f'Malta u Għawdex. Ma dawn irrid insemmi l-ftuħ taċ-Ċentru ta' detenzjoni ta' l-Immigranti illegali f'Ħal-Far li sar ħafna xogħol fih. Dan kollu juri l-ħeġġa u l-impenn li bih daħal għax-xogħol l-Kummissarju.

Dan żgur li jawgura tajjeb għall-Korp tal-Pulizija biex ittejjeb l-impenji tiegħu lejn iċ-ċittadin Malti.

Minn din il-paġna, l-Bord Editorjali tal-Magazine 'Il-Pulizija' jawgura lill-Kummissarju tal-Pulizija s-Sur John Rizzo aktar snin ta' ħidma b'riżq il-membri tal-Korp u s-soċjetà Maltija.

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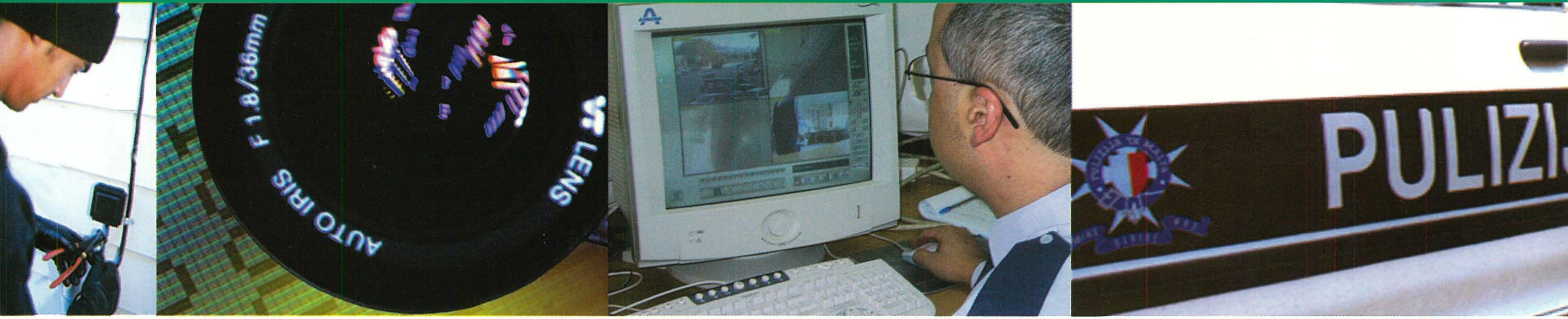

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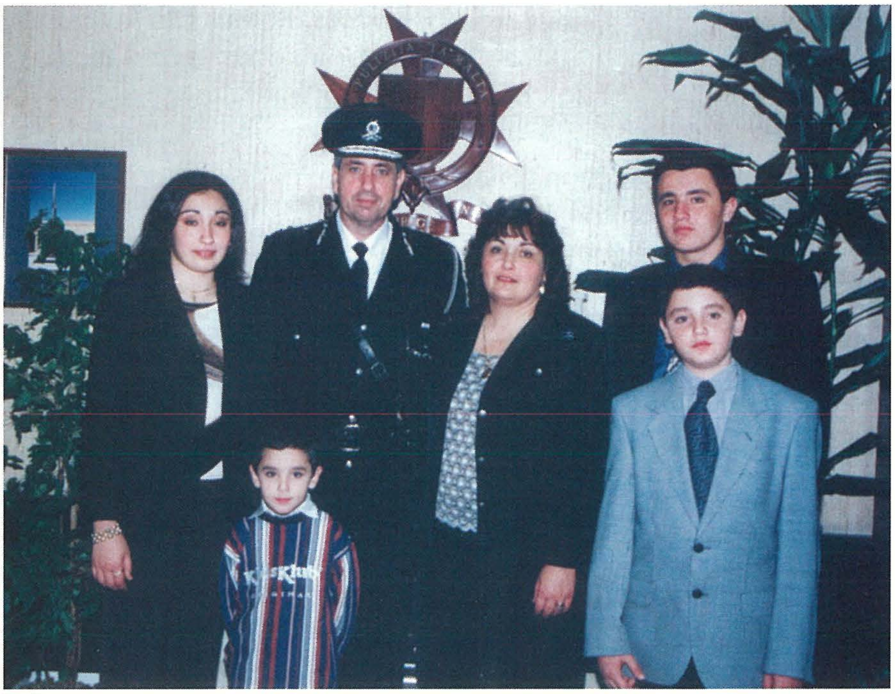

Commissioner of Police Mr. John Rizzo with his family

John Rizzo: Commissioner of Police

John Rizzo, son of Gerald and Concetta nee Ear was born on 10 May 1956 in Cospicua. He is married to Catherine and has four children, Elaine aged 18, Keith aged 16, Jeffrey aged 10 and Kurt John aged 4.

He received his primary education at the Cospicua Primary School and his secondary education at St Joseph Secondary School, Paola.

In 1976 he joined the Malta Police Force as a constable and performed district duties in the Valletta and Cospicua Police Stations. In 1980 he was promoted to Sergeant and in 1984, following a competitive examination, he was promoted to the rank of Inspector.

In1986 he obtained a Diploma in Law and Administration from the University of Malta. In 1991, Mr Rizzo was posted to the Criminal Investigations Department. While serving in this post, he attended a European Homicide Investigation's course for senior detectives from European Police Forces at this Police Staff College in Branshill, UK. He also carried out duties with Metropolitan Police officers, investigating unsolved murder cases.

In1996 Mr Rizzo was promoted to the rank of Superintendent and in 1997 as an Assistant Commissioner. In 1997, he attended a familiarization visit to several section of the Metropolitan Police Services, while in 1998, he attended a training course in International Law Enforcement Cooperation at the National Police Agency in Japan.

Mr John Rizzo was appointed Commissioner of Police on 2 November 2001.

The Hon. P.M. Dr. E. Fenech Adami, with Home Affair Minister Dr. T. Borg together with the newly appointed Commissioner of Police Mr. John Rizzo.

Inaugurating of the New Immigration Reception Centre in Hal-Far

The immigration reception centre was inaugurated on the 15th February, 2002 by Home Affairs Minister Dr. Tonio Borg LL.D. , in the presence of the Commissioner of Police Mr. John Rizzo, refugee Commissioner Mr. Charles Buttigieg and ranking

Police Officers. This building was formerly used by British Forces and left abandoned in 1979 with the end of British Force on the Island. Praises goes to the Police trade section who refurbished this new premises with sanitary facilities, recreational Basket ball court facilities, a small clinic and laundry room with kitchenette. This is far better than the uncomfortable conditions that the illegal immigrant where kept in at the detention centre at Ta' Kandia with all staying in one dormitory with few facilities. The new building can accommodate 90 illegal immigrant and around 36 refugees. Rooms can take up to 8 people, does giving them some privacy.

Diskors tal-Kummissarju tal-Pulizija

Kif konna ghedna fil- 21 ta' Dicembru, 2001 meta konna ltqajna f'dan il-post, il-Pulizija kellha l-hsieb li tiftah dan ic-centru ta' detenzjoni ghall-Immigranti llegali u persuni ohra li jkunu qed ifittxu status ta' refugjati. Post li jixraq ghal dawn il-persuni fiz-zminijiet tal-lum. Post li huwa aktar dinjituz milli kellna s'issa. Dan huwa centru li ghandu kapacita li jospita fih sa 120 persuna.

Minn dak in-nhar sa llum komplejna ghaddejjin b'hidma kontinwa biex inlestu dan ic-centru fl-iqsar zmien possibli. Dan il-post kien fi stat ta' abbandun. Sar xoghol kbir kemm strutturali, xoghol ta' tikhil, ilma, dawl , showers, toilets u ghamara. Inbnew facilitajiet fejn dawn il-persuni jkunu jistghu jirrekrijaw ruhhom. Ix-xoghol li hawn, f'dan ic-centru huwa xoghol li sar mit-tradesmen tal-Pulizija. Nixtieq nirringrazzjhom ta' dan il-kontribut.

Dan huwa post li ahna stess se nitghalmu minnu, u jekk ikun hemm il-bzonn inkomplu intejbu l-facilitajiet li diga jezistu.

Diskors mill Onor. Ministru ta' l-Intern Dr. Tonio Borg

Il-htiega biex jinbena bini bhal dan li fih se jkun qed jospita l-immigranti li jidhlu f'dan il-pajjiz hija parti mill-isforz kollettiv li l-Gvern qed jaghmel biex filwaqt li jhares lil pajjizna minn immigrazzjoni llegali u jharrax il-pieni kontra dawk li jisfruttaw lill dawn l-immigranti jittratta lill dawn l-immigranti llegali b'mod dinjituz.

Il-Kappillan tal-Pulizija jbierek iċ-ċentru ta' l-Immigrazzjoni.

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Il-Ministru Tonio Borg u l-Kummissarju tal-Pulizija John Rizzo idwaru lill-gurnalista madwar ic-centru

llegalment u kemm dawk li jkunu hawnhekk u jkollhom talba pendenti ghal status ta' refugjat. Id-distinzjoni bejn immigrant klandestin hija netta u ghandha tkun cara ghal kullhadd.

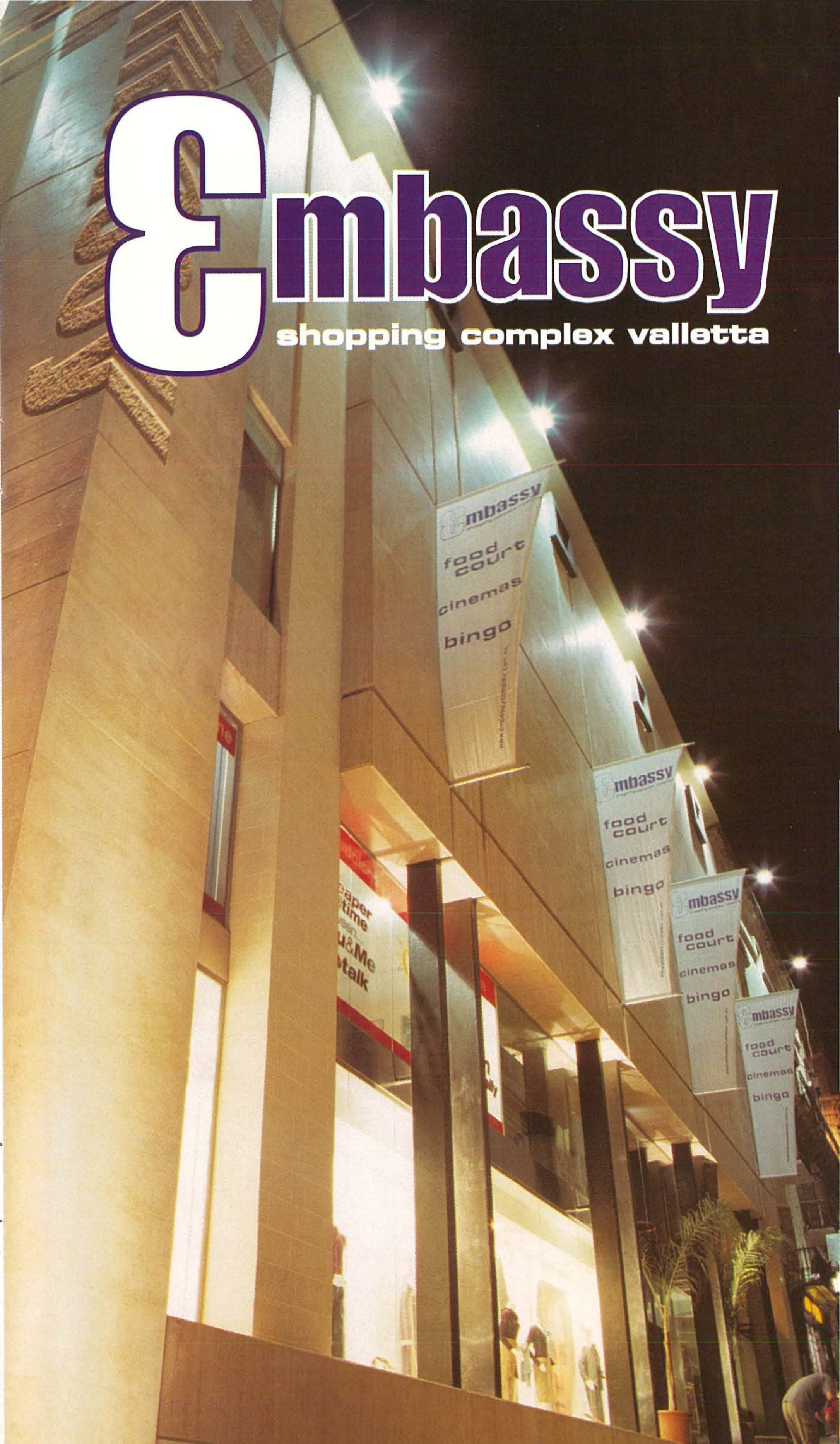
Sa ftit tas-snin ilu,l-immigranti llegali kienu jitpoggew il-habs jew jithallew ghal- xhur shah fic-celel tad-Depot li kienu ntizi ghal akkomodazzjoni ghal-massimu ta' 48 siegha, u anke ghal tali detenzjoni qasira tal-post kien gie kkundannat anke mill-Qrati Maltin. Fil-fatt anki r-rapport tal-Kunsill ta' l-Ewropa kemm 1990 kif ukoll 1995 kien appellaw lill Gvern sabiex jirrimedja ghal din is-sitwazzjoni peress li dawn l-immigranti ma setghux jitqisu bhala kriminali.

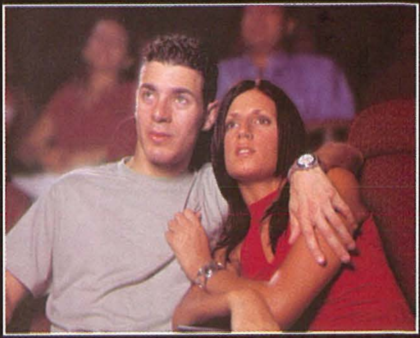
Kien ghalhekk li l-Gvern iddecida li jirranga post dilapidat li qabel kien f'idejn is-servizzi sabiex jakkomoda l-immigranti u dawk li japplikaw ghal status ta' refugjat. Ta min jghid li sa ftit taz-zmien ilu dan il-post kien kompletament abbandunat u fi stat dilapidat.

Fil-fatt, mill-1979 sal-lum dan il-bini ftit li xejn intuza. Minn meta inghata lill-Korp tal-Pulizija sar hafna xoghol fih u hawnhekk nixtieq nifrah lit-trade section li taht it-tmexxija tal-Kummissarju ghamlu l-almu taghhom kollu biex joffru post dicenti u uman ghal dawk kollha li jsibu ruhhom fih. Dan il-post huwa hafna ahjar minn dak li kien hemm Ta' Kandja li kien tajjeb ghal numru limitat ta' immirganti izda meta kien ikun hemm influss kbir kien johloq problemi ta' sovraffollament.
Ic-centru l-gdid jilqa fih madwar 100 persuna u fih il-facilitajiet kollha li wiehed ghandu jsib f'post ta detenzjoni. Bhalissa f'Malta hawn madwar 70 immigranti,li l-parti l-kbira taghhom applikaw ghal-status ta' refugjat.
Nixtieq niehu din l-opportunita sabiex infahhar il-hidma tal-Pulizija ta' l-Immigrazzjoni ghal hidma ta' dawn l-ahhar xhur kontra l-immigrazzjoni llegali. Ta' min ifakkar illi 2001 gew rifjutati fl-Ajruport u fis-Seaport 2266 persuna barranija, 731 persuna ttellghu l-Qorti biex jigu deportati. Minn dawn madwar 60 persuna ghadhom Malta minhabba li ghandhom talba pendenti ghal status ta' refugjat.
Fl-ahharnett ta' min ifakkar li kif weghdna fil-White Paper, il-Parlament approva klawsola li biha kull min jinqabad iwettaq ir-reat tat-traffikar fl-immigranti jehel; piena ta' hames snin (qabel kienet sitt xhur) u jew multa minima ta 10.000 lira Maltin u ma tistax tinghata sentenza sospiza, piena anqas mill-minimu, jew 'probation'. Dana oltre il-piena applikabli f'kaz ta' hsara li ssir fuq il-persuna ta' l-immigranti.

Il-Gvern huwa kommess li l-postijiet bhal dawn jkunu jirrispettaw id-dinjita tal-persuna, rrispettivament minn liema parti tad-dinja tkun gejja u tkun xi tkun ir-raguni ghaliex tkun qed tinzamm hawnhekk.

Il-Kummissarju tal-Pulizija John Rizzo jispjega lill gurnalisti prezenti dwar ix-xoghol li sar biex il-post gie rinnovat.

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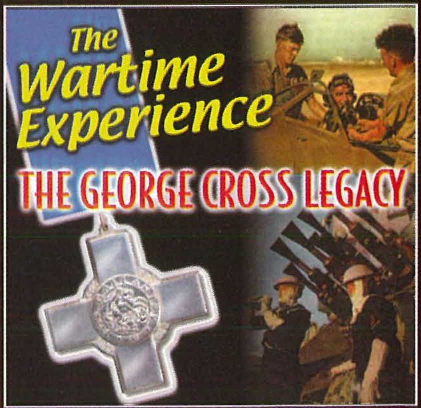

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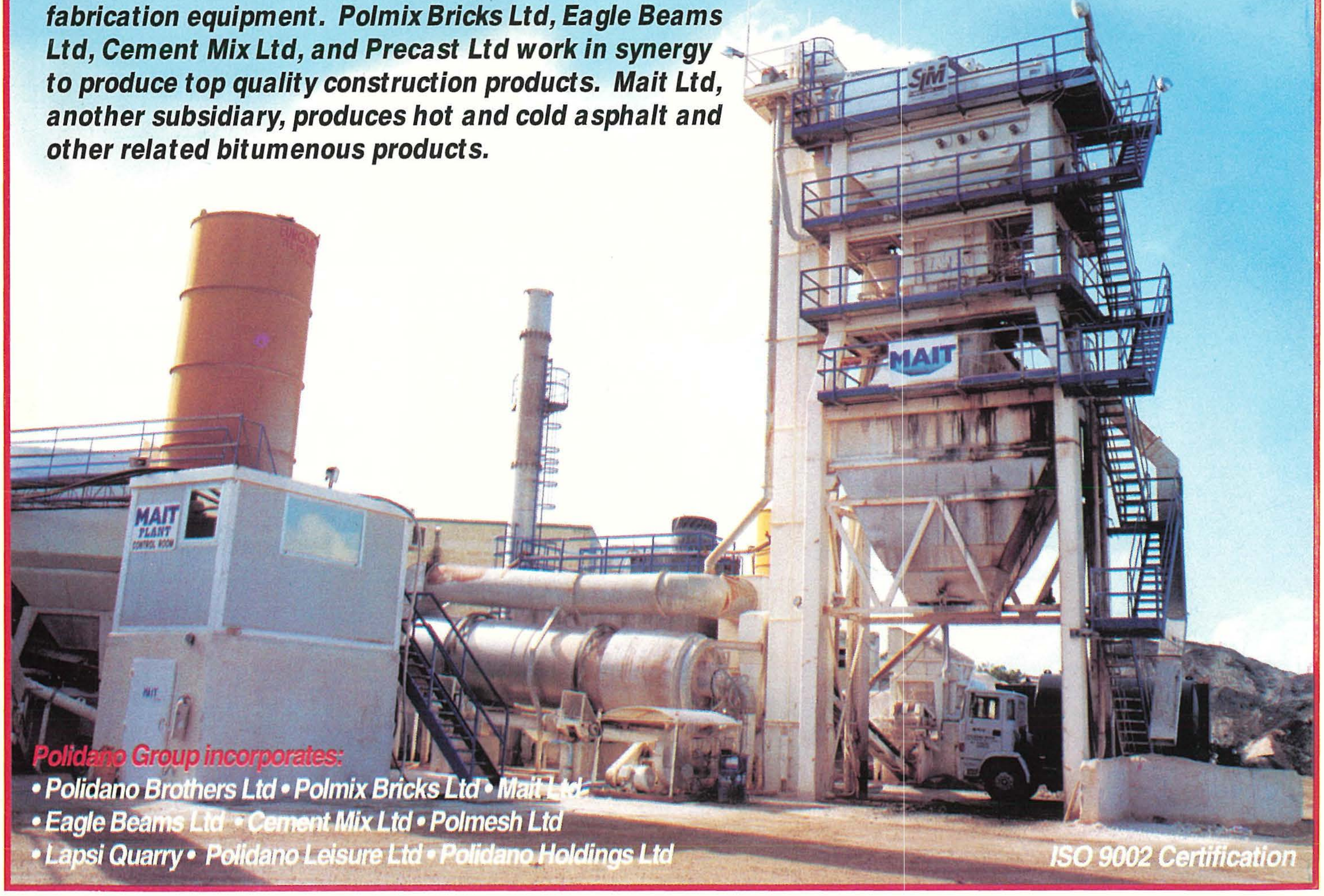

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Diskors tal-Kummissarju

Mill-bidu tal-ezistenza ta' dan il-kumpless kient inħasset il-ħtieġa li jkun attrezzat b'Gymnasium fjen ikun jista' jsir it-taħriġ fiżiku li tan huwa mportanti fil-qadi tad-doveri tal-Pulizija speċjalment għall-skwadra speċjali bħalma hija l-Special Assignment Group. Ħafna drabi membri ta' din l-iskwards jiġu msejħa fuq operazzjonijiet seċjali, difficċli u b'sogru kbir għall-ħajja kundizzjoni fiżika. Mal milja taż-żmien inħasset il-ħtieġa li l-gymnasium ezistenti jiġi mkabbar u attrezzat b'aktar apparat modern. Fil-fatt kif qed tgħaraw inbena dan il-Gim fjen fih wieħed isib apparat modern għat-taħriġ fiziku. Ta' min isemmi li dan ix-xogħol tista' tgħid li sar kollu minn membri tal-istess skwadra. Jiena nifirħilkom ta' dan ix-xogħol li għamiltu, inħeġġeġ mhux biss lill-membri talS.A.G. imma lil kull membru tal-Korp Halli jsib il-ħin u jagħmel uzu minn dawn il-faċiltajiet li jeżistu f'dawn il-kwartieri u oħrjan li għadna ġewwa l-akkademja. Issa nistieden lill-Hornorevoli Ministsru tal-Intern, Dr. Tonio Borg sabiex jgħid kelmtjen ta' l-okkazzjoni.

Grazzi.

Diskors Tal-Ministru

Sur Kummissarju, Sinjuri

Il-membri tal-Korp tal-Pulizjia għandhom wieħed mill-aktar xogħolijiet diffiċli. Il-Pulizija għandu jieħu ħsieb is-sigurta' pubblika. Izda għandu l-poter ukoll li juża l-forza biex jipproteġI lill-ħaddieħor. Il-Pulizija qegħdin hemm biex jipproteġuna mill-kriminalita', Iżda fl-istess waqt għandhom jipproteġu wkoll id-dritijiet tagħna.

Biex jagħmlu x-xogħol tagħhom b'mod effettiv, il-Pulizija jridu jiksbu l-fiduċja u r-rispett tal-komunita' fejn iservu. Huma għandhom jizviluppaw relazzjoni ta' sħubija maċ-ċittadin li jipproteġu.

Fundamentali wkoll fix-xogħol tal-Pulizija huwa t-taħriġ. Illum il-ġurnata bis-saħħa ta' l-Akkademja tal-Pulizija kull rekluta ġdid li jissieħeb fil-Korp jgħaddi minn perjodu ta' taħriġ kemm akkademiku kif ukoll fiziku. L-Akkademja, matul is-sena torganizza wkoll refresher courses għall-Pulizija fil-livelli kollha.

Dan il-gym ta' l-SAG li qed ninawgura illum, huwa ta' importanza kbira biex il-membri ta' l-SAG ikomplu għaddejjin b'taħriġ fiziku li għandhom bżonn biex ix-xogħol tagħhom jibqgħu jagħmluh kif jixraq. Ix-xogħol ta' l-SAG huwa x'aktarx l-aktar wieħed skabruż tal-Korp, Huma jservu ta' pulizija kontra r-rewwixti, ta' skorta għall-VIP's u jakkumpanjaw it-traspost u l-esibizzjoni ta' oġġetti prezzjuzi. Iservu wkoll ta' gwardji ma' ambaxxati u postijiet oħra ta' importanza strateġika – xogħol li l-volum tiegħu zdied ħafna wara l-attakki tal-11 ta' Settembru.

Dan il- gym jintuza wkoll biex fih isir taħriġ fl-arti marzjali. Fill-fatt instructors kwalifikati jagħtu taħriġ, mhux biss lill-membri ta' l-SAG, Iżda wkoll ill-Pulizija tal-Mobile f'dixxiplini bħal ma huma l-Akido u l-Judo. Tajjeb li wieħed jenfasizza li x-xogħol kollu li sar fil-bini u l-attrezzar ta' dan il-gym, għamluh il-membri stess ta' l-SAG.

L- okkazjoni tal-lum qed isservi wkoll biex ninawguraw uffiċjalment dawn is-seba; muturi li nxtraw għall-pulizija tal-mobile. Minbarra dawn il-vetturi l-ġodda u oħrajn bħalhom, inxtrat il-magna li taqra l-fingerprints b'mod awtomatiku, ġiet stallata sistema ta' trucking ghall-vetturi kollha, inxtraw għadd ta' bullet proof vests u se jinxtraw oħrajn, u nbenew kwartieri ġenerali għodda għat-taqsimiet kollha tal-Korp. Dan kollu kien possibbli permezz tad-deċizjoni li ħa l-Gvern, li fl-ewwel budget tiegħu wara l-aħħar elezzjoni, kien zied il-vot kapitali tal-Pulizija b'40 fil-mija u dan il-vot inzamm konsistenti fil-budgets sussegwenti.

Din turi l-konsistenza u l-impenn min-naħa tal-Gvern biex ikompli jwettaq il-wegħda tal-programm elettorali biex jiġu attirati l-aħjar nies lejn il-korp, u jingħaaw aktar taħriġ spċjalizzat kif wkoll l-aħjar tagħmir għax-xogħol tagħhom.

Pulizija maqtul f'Hold-Up f'bank

PC494 Roger Debattista, missier ta' tlett itfal żgħar bniet u li għandu 34 sena minn Birkirkara, stazzjonat fit-Taqsima tal-Klieb, nqatel kiesaħ u biered, b'tif ta' arma tan-nar, waqt hold-up li spiċċa f'delitt fahxi, li seħħ fil-fergħa tal-Bank of Valletta f'Ta' Farsina, f'Hal Qormi.

Dettalji dwar kif seħħ dan id-delitt ingħataw aktar tard fil-għaxija, waqt konferenza ta' l-aħbarijiet indirizzata mill-Kummissarju tal-Pulizija, John Rizzo. Kommoss għall-aħħar b'din il-ġrajja traġika li laqtet il-Korp tal-Pulizija, il-Kummissarju Rizzo spjega li l-qtil seħħ għal ħabta tal-10.45 a.m.

Huwa fisser kif dak il-ħin, quddiem il-fergħa tal-BoV, li tinsab fi Triq il-Ħelsien, waqfet karrozza Lada Samara ħamra bin-numru tar-reġistrazzjoni JBA-497 b'erba persuni ġo fiha u li minnha niżlu tlieta minnhom. Huma kollha kienu mgħammda, wieħed b'maskra, ieħor b'tights u ieħor bi balaklava sewda. Weħed mill-ħallellin kien armat b'senter tal-kaċċa.

Il-Kummissarju John Rizzo, b'demgħa f'għajnejh fisser li din kienet l-aħħar azzjoni li wettaq PC Debattista, għax kien f'dan il-mument li wieħed mill-ħallellin, li kien armat bis-senter, kif raħ isakkar il-bieb, resaq qrib il-bieb, poġġa l-kanna tas-senter viċin il-ħġieġ tal-bieb fil-baxx u spara tir fid-direzzjoni ta' PC Debattista.

Minħabba li huwa kien eżatt wara l-bieb biex ma jħalliex lill-ħallellin jidħlu ġewwa, it-tir faqa l-ħġieġ, bil-konsegwenza li PC Debattista ntlaqat fuq in-naħa t'isfel tal-lemin ta' ġenbu, liema tir nifed ukoll il-pulmun. Mat-tir, Debattista mexa żewġ passi lura, waqa fl-art u spiċċa minxur fl-art f'għadina demm.

Kif ħadu l-flus, fis-serqa li damet biss minuta, il-ħallellin, qabel ma ħarġu l-barra, ħadu wkoll l-arma tas-servizz minn fuq PC Debattista. Huma rikbu fil-karozza fejn abbandunawha fi Triq id-Deheb Fin, li tinsab ftit kantunieri biss il-bogħod mill-bank. Minn hemm il-ħallelin ħarbu b'karozza oħra li kienet ipparkjata fl-istess post, tant li kienu evidenti marki friski ta tyers. S'issa din il-karozza għadha ma nstabitx.

Malli sar magħruf li seħħ il-hold-up, fuq il-post bdew jaslu għadd kbir ta' Pulizija mill-Iskwadra tal-Mobile u tad-Distrett. Kif waslu hemm huma sabu lill-kollega tagħhom, PC Roger Debattista, f'għadina demm jokrob b'uġigħ kbir. Huma ċemplu għall-ambulanza li ħadet lil Debattista l-Isptar San Luqa fejn iddaħħal minnufih fit Taqsima ta' l-Emerġenza biex jiġi operat. Madankollu huwa miet ftit tal-Hin wara, kawża tal-ġrieħi serji li ġarrab bit-tir.

Malli kienu nformati bil-każ, fuq il-post waslu dawk tad-Distrett immexxija mis-Supretendent Pawlu Sammut u l-Ispettur Paul Bond, flimkien mas-Surġent Joseph Magnani. Ftit ħin wara waslu wkoll l-Assistent Kummissarju Michael Cassar u s-Supretendent Pierre Callejja li qegħdin imexxu l-investigazzjonijiet min-naħa tad-Dipartiment ta' l-istħarriġ Kriminiali. fuq il-post imexxi l-investigazzjonijiet mar il-Kumissarju tal-Pulizija, John Rizzo u d-Deputat Kummissarju, Joe Cachia.

Il-Maġistrat ta' l-Għassa, Dr Noel Cuschieri kien ukoll informat u mar fuq il-post biex imexxi inkjesta maġiesterjali. Huwa ħatar lill-Perit Richard Aquilina u lil Dr. Mario Scerri bħala esperti tal-Qorti u lil Brigadier Maurice Calleja bħala espert ballistiku, flimkien mal membri tal-Laboratroju Forensiku mmexxija mill-Ispettur John C. Ellul u s-Surġent Joseph Farrugia.

PC949 Roger Debattista daħal fil-Korp fit-12 ta' April, 1986 u kien stazzjonat fit-Taqsima tal-Klieb. PC Debattista kien pulizija eżemplari u kien iħarreġ il-klieb iż-żgħar u kien ukoll joħroġ mal-kelb tiegħu Max kull meta jkun hemm theddida ta' bomba, mal-membri tal-Bomb Disposal Unit tal-Forzi Armati.

PC Debattista kien miżżewweġ lil Simone u kellu tlett itfal bniet - Kelsey ta' tmien snin, Chanice ta' sitt snin u Jeżmine li hija tarbija ta' 15-il xahar. Il-bierah stess Debattista għalaq 15-il sena u timen xhur fil-Korp tal-Pulizija. Fil-fatt Debattista ma kienx xogħol, iżda daħal extra għassa mal-Bank bil-ħsieb li jaqla lira żejda għal ġid tal-familja tiegħu.

Il-Kummissarju Rizzo sellem lil PC Roger Debattista u anke offra l-kondoljanzi tiegħu u tal-membri kollha tal-korp lill-familja tal-pulizija. Huwa wiegħed li se jsib lin-nies li kienu responsabbli għal dan id-delitt u jitressqu quddiem il-ġustizzja. Għall-Kummissarju Rizzo d-delitt kien ta' xokk kbir għalih u esperjenza ta' diqa kbira għall-Korp tal-Pulizija.

Lill-Seħibna Roger Debattista P.C. 949

Stajt kont jien li qlajt it-tiri,
Stajt kont jien mixħut hemm fl-art,
Però Alla ħa lill-Roger.....
ħalli jżommu taħt dirgħajh.

Kien mal-bank biex jaqla lira,
Il-ħalliel ġie jisraq l-bank ...
Kien kodard u b'tir ta' senter
Lill-seħibna naxar fl-art.

Roger kien kollega dħuli ...
B'rieda soda daqs il-blat
Tilef ħajtu waqt li dmiru ...
Kien qed jaqdi f'dak il-bank.

Roger ħaqqu l-prosit tagħna ...
Talli għamel mill-aħjar,
Biex isalva lill ħaddieħor ...
Malli twettaq da'l-hold up ...

Roger, sieħbi insellimlek ...
Nagħtik kelma minn din l-art ...
Li sejrin nagħmlu minn kollox:
Biex MIN QATLEK JIEHU L-ĦAQQ!!!

Ma nixtieqx li ngħidlek aktar ..
Għax biżżejjed dan li għidt ....
J'alla l-Bambin iżommok qribu ...
Saħħa Roger .... Mingħand kullħadd.

Assorba l-ħażen biex ħaddieħor ma jiġrilu xejn

Il-poplu Ħamruniż il-bieraħ filgħodu nġabar fil-Knisja ta' San Gejtanu u anke fit-tirq prinċipali li tagħti għall-knisja biex ta l-aħħar tislima lil-Kunstistabbli tal-Pulizija Roger Debattista, li nhar it-Tnejn inqatel kiesaħ u biered minn erba' persuni waqt il-hold-up li seħħ fil-fergħa gal-BoV f'Ta' Farsina, Ħal Qormi.

Madankollu kien il-messaġġ imqanqal li wassal Fr. Noel Grima, fl-omelija li għażel waqt il-quddiesa presente cadavere, li bi ftit kliem, iżda b'mod ċar, wera x'dedikazzjoni kellu Roger Debattista għax-xogħol pulizjesk li kien tant iħobb.

"Dak li għamel Roger, għamlu f'isimna lkoll. Hu ħa fiħ l-effetti tal-ħażen biex jiddefendi lill-ħaddieħor. Assorba l-ħażen biex ħaddieħor ma jiġrilu xejn. Ħabb il-familja tiegħu, ħabb lill-ġenituri tiegħu u intom ħabbejtuħ. Ħadem kemm felaħ għall-familja u Roger miet b'unur kbir."

Il-funeral beda għal xi t-8.00 a.m. meta fi Pjazza Fra Diegu waqa skiet kbir li taqtgħu b'sikkina, hekk kif waslet il-karozza tal-mejtin, iġġor it-tebut bil-ġisem ta' Debattista fih. Xeni ta'swied il-qalb ħakmu lil dawk il mijiet ta' nies li nġabru f'din il-Pjazza u tu Triq San Ġużepp il-Kbira. Iżda malli t-tebut tniżżel minn ġol-karozza biex jinġarr sal-Knisja, is-skiet spiċċa f'bikja kbira mill-qraba tal-vittma u omm il-vittma, Suzanna, hekk kif rat it-tebut infexxet tgħajjat, "dawn l-affarijiet ta' l-imġienen, għaliex..."

Jakkumpanjaw il-ġisem tal-kuntistabbli Debattista lejn il-knsija biex issir il-quddiesa presente cadavere fuq quddiem nett tal-korteo ken hemm il-Banda tal-Pulizija li daqqet marċi funebri u warajha stakkament żgħir mill-iskwadra tal-precision dril. quddiem it-tebut mexa l-kappillan tal-Korp tal-Pulizija wara t-tebut imxew mart il-vittma, Simone, il-ġenituri tiegħu Suzanna u Joe, ħutu, qraba u ħbieb.

Fl-ewwel parti tal-korteo, it-tebut inġarr minn sitt pulizija reffiegħa. Iżda malli waslu nofs triq, dawn inbidlu u sal-knisja it-tebut inġarr minn sitt kolleġi tal-PC Debattista li kollha huma stazzjonanti miegħu fis-sezzjoni tal-Klieb. Id-dieqa fuq dawn keient waħda kbira - jibku għax jafu li qegħdin jiġørru lill-seħibhom li għal ħafna u ħafna snin ħadmu miegħu.

Hekk kif it-tebut wasal quddiem il-Knisja ta' San Gejtanu, intlaqa b'ċapċip kbir minn dawk preżenti. Fil-knisja wkoll ma waqafx iċ-ċapċip, mill-mijiet ta' persuni oħra li mlew kull rokna, fosthom membri tal-Korp tal-Pulizija. Iżdaċ-ċapċip waqaf ħesrem hekk kif Suzanna - omm Debattista - bdiet tgħajjat, "ħalluni nbus lil ibni, ħalluni nbusu għall-aħħar darba" u f'dan il-mument hija ntegħet tgħannaq it-tebut, taf li hemm ġew hemm binha li rabbiet u li llum jinsab mejjet.

F'dan il-ħin tah ħass ħażin iz-ziju tal-vittma li kien bil-qiegħda ħdejn it-tebut. Tul il-quddiesa kollha, Simone Debattista baqgħet il-ħin kollu tħares ċassa lejn l-altar, fil-waqt li misssieru Joe, daqqa baqa jħares lejn it-tebut u daqq iżomm id martu.

Fl-omelija tiegħu, li kienet waħda imqanqal, Fr. Grima fakkar kif, "din hija t-tieni darba f'temp ta' 13-il xahar biex li din il-Knisja ospitat funeral ieħor ta' bniedem maqtul. It-tnejn, meta kienu tfal, kienu jilagħbu fit-toroq li jdawru din il-knisja u d-destin ried li t-tnejn li huma temmew ħajjithom f'qasir żmein. It-tnejn spiċċaw maqtulin b'konnessjoni max-xogħol tagħhom f'bank."

Huwa kellu wkoll kliem iebes għall-qattiela u staqsihom "Int min int, u int fejn int, ejja ara x"għamilt. Għandek familja u tfal id-dar? Għandek ommok u missierek? Ejja mela ara x'għamilt."

Huwa żied jgħid li għalkemm jinsabu fi knisja, li hija d-dar t'Alla, xorta waħda ninsabu hawn ġewwa fil-preżenza tal-ħażen u qegħdin nieħdu sehem fl-effetti tal-ħażen għax il-ħażin jeżisti. "Iżda Roger għamlilna unur għax għamel dak li Pulizija għandu jagħmel meta tasal is-siegħa tal-prova. Kunu kburin li kellkom lil Roger," temm l-omelija tiegħu Fr. Grima.

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Korp tal-Pulizija, fiċ-Ċimiterju Santa Marija Addolorata. Għall Funeral tal-Kuntistabbli Debattista attendew l-għola awtoritajiet tal-pajjiż, fosthom il-President ta' Malta Guido de Marco, il-Prim Ministru Eddie Fenech Adami u l-Kap ta' l-Oppożizzjoni Alfred Sant, kif ukoll l-uffiċjali għolja kollha tal-Korp tal-Pulizija mmexxija mill-Kummissarju John Rizzo, sħab u kollegi ta' Debattista fit-Taqsima tal-Klieb u pulizija oħra mit-taqsimiet l-oħra. Preżenti wkoll kien hemm uffiċjali mid-dipartiment tal-Protezzjoni Ċivili, Forzi Armati, mill-Faċilità Korrettiva ta' Kordin, il-Ministru ta' l-Intern Tonio Borg, il-Ministru Austin Gatt, is-Segretarju Parlamentari George Pullicino u d-Deputati Laburisti Anglu Farrugia u Gavin Gulia.

Bili-każ tad-delitt ta' dan il-kuntistabbli tal-pulizija tressqu l-Qorti erba persuni - Andy Calleja ta' 21 sena mix-Xgħajra, Ian Galdes ta' 19-il sena minnn Ħal Qormi, Mark George Falzon ta' 25 sena mill-Ħamrun u Mario Borg ta' 32 sena minn Ħaż-Żebbuġ - u kollha kienu mixlija bil-qtil tiegħu u bil-hold-up.

Dan il-każ kien solvut f'inqas minn 40 siegħa minn meta seħħ, wara investigazzjonijiet intensivi li saru mill-Kummissarju John Rizzo, l-Assistenti Kummissarji Alfred Abela u Michael Cassar, is-Supretendenti Pierre Calleja u Paul Sammut, flmikien ma' l-Ispetturi Jeffrey Cilia, Carmelo Bartolo, Anġlu Caruana, u David Saliba. Huma waslu biex ressqu lil dawn l-erba' persuni wara li l-għada tad-delitt, f'Santa Venera, instabu l-flus misruqa fil-hold-up, l-arma tas-servizzi li kellu l-Kuntistabbli Debattista u anke nstabu l-ħwejjeġ li kienu lebsin waqt il-hold-up.

Il-Kabinett jesprimi solidarjetà

Waqt li kien qed jiltaqa', il-Kabinett ġie infurmat bid-delitt serju ta' qtil ta' Pulizija Roger Deattista (PC 949), waqt hold up f'bank hal Qormi. Filwaqt li l-Kabinett esprima solidarjeta' mal-qraba tal-vittma, u l-kundanna ghal dan ir-reat fahxi, huwa sahaq fuq il-htiega li min kien responsabbli ghal dan id-delitt, jingieb quddiem il-gustizzja, halli jiehu dak li ħaqqu.

L-impenn tal-Korp tal-Pulizija fil-glieda kontra l-kriminalita' ghadu u sejjer ikompli. Il-Kabinett awgura li ma jdumx ma jigi solvut dan ir-reat.

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Stqarrija mill-Ministru ta' l-Intern

Il-pajjiz kollu hu xxukkjat bil-qtil barbaru tal-Pulizija Roger Debattista li kien xogħol għassa ma' bank f'Ħal Qormi, meta sparawlu persuni kriminali li wettqu hold-up fuq l-istes bank.

Bil-mewt tal-Kuntistabbli Roger Deabbista, joħroġ l-impenn u r-rieda tal-forzi ta' l-ordni li jiddefendu s-soċjetà u jiġġieldu l-kriminalità. It-tama hija li lkoll kemm aħna nsiru aktar konxji tax-xogħol siewi li jagħmlu l-Pulizija u l-perikli li jgħaddu minnhom.

Dan il-qtil kiesaħ u biered diġa' ħoloq ħidma intensiva biex jinġiebu quddiem il-ġustizzja u jieħdu dak li ħaqqhom il-persuni li wettqu dan ir-reat. Kull omiċidju hu reat serjissimu; meta jiġi mwettaq fuq persuna bl-uniformi minħabba t-twettiq tad-dmirijiet tiegħu, ikun iktar gravi.

Il-Ministeru jesprimi solidarjetà mal-familja, qraba u ħbieb tal-Kuntistabbli Debattista, b'mod partikolari ma' martu u tliet uliedu. Min-naħa tal-Pulizija ser ikun hemm l-impenn sħiħ sabiex dan ir-reat jiġi solvut.

Lill-membri tal-Korp tal-Pulizija, l-Ministeru jibgħat messaġġ ta' kuraġġ; il-poplu qiegħed warajkom fil-ġlieda kontra il-kriminalità, japprezza x-xogħol li qed tagħmlu, u l-Gvern u l-poplu jesprimu fiduċja fikom.

Ir-risposta ta' l-Istat u tal-Korp tal-Pulizija kontra l-kriminalità se tkun aktar soda u determinata. Il-ġlieda kontra l-kriminalità mhux talli mhux ser tiddgħajjef iżda se tissaħħaħ bil-mezzi kollha possibbli.

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Tifkira ta' l-Aħħar Ċena fil-Kwartieri Ġenerali tal-Pulizija

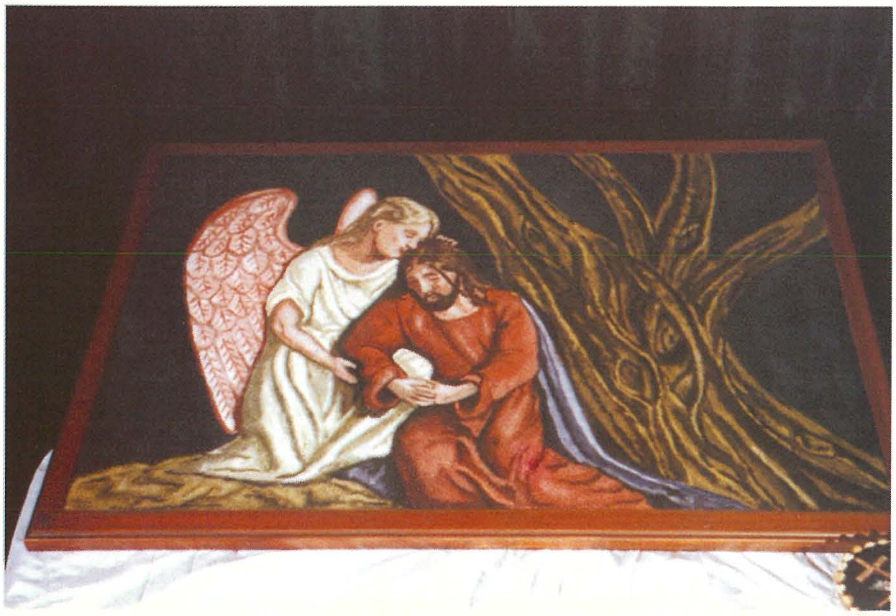
Mis-Supretendent Raymond Vella Gregory

Nhar il-Ġimgħa 22 ta' Marzu 2002, l-Onorevoli Ministru ta' l-Intern Dr Tonio Borg fil-preżenza tal-Kummissarju tal-Pulizija is-Sur John Rizzo, fetaħ uffiċjalment dik li aħna insibu bħala l-Mejda ta' l-Appostli li għal sena oħra ġiet mtella' fis-sala Vilhena fil-Kwartieri Ġenerali tal-Pulizija. F'kelmtejn ta' l-okkażżjoni, kemm il-Ministru kif ukoll il-Kummissarju urew is-sodisfazzjon tagħhom għal livell għoli f'dak li hu xogħol ta' arti esebiti f'din il-wrija l-aktar meta wieħed iqis li dan ix-xogħol isir minn żewġ membri tal-korp, u cioè is-Surgent Mario Ebejer u l-Kuntistabbli Pierre Bugeja.

Wara id-diskorsi, kien imiss lill-Kappillan tal-Pulizija Patri Raniero Zammit OFM biex ibierek il-Mejda. Patri Pawlin Cremona Karmelitan, spjega it-tifsira ta' l-ikel li kien preżentat fuq il-mejda u x'inhu is-sinifikat ta' din l-ikla. Kien ta' sodisfazzjoni kbir li għal din iċ-ċerimonja attendew numbru sabiħ ta' fizzjali u membri oħra tal-Korp.

Forsi wieħed jistaqsi jekk wirja bħal din għandix tittella; fil-Kwartieri Ġenerali tal-Pulizija. Personalment ngħid li iva, wirja bħal din mhux biss għandha postha fil-Kwartieri tagħna imma hemm wkoll rabta bjen il-messaġġ li twassal din il-wirja max-xogħol tal-Pulizija.

Bħal ma jaf kulħadd in-natura tax-xogħol tagħna kultant, jew aħjar ħafna drabi, timpedina milli nieħdu sehem sħiħ fiċ-ċelebrazzjonijiet liturġiċi li jsiru fil-bliet u l-irħula tagħna. Għalhekk dawn iċ-ċirkustanzi jgħaqduna f'komunità. Naħseb li kulħadd jaf li l-kappella li għandna fil-Kwartieri Ġenerali hija kappella ħajja u fiha tiġi ċċelebrata quddiesa kull nhar ta' Ħadd, fil-festi kmandati u pubbliċi u kull l-ewwel Ġimgħa tax-xahar. Jiġu ċċelebrati b'mod solenni festi oħra bħal l-Milied, Maria Addolorata, Ħamis ix-Xirka, l-Ġimgħa l-Kbira, l-Għid il-Kbir u l-festa tas-Salib li tiġi ċċelebrata fil-Police Day.



Iżda fejn hi r-rabta bejn il-messaġġ tal-mejda u x-xogħol tagħna? L-ikel li nsibu fuq il-mejda jissimboliza tbatija u tama, it-tbatija li għaddew minnha il-Lhud taħt il-ħakma Eġizzjana u t-tama ta' ħajja aħjar. Fix-xogħol tagħna wkoll hemm it-tbatija kemm dik personali kif ukoll ta' persuni li jisfaw vitmi ta' xi reat. Imma jrid ikun hemm it-tama li bix-xogħol tagħna, anke jekk kultant b'sagrifiċċju, is-sewwa u l-ġustizzja jirbħuh. Per eżempju fuq il-Mejda nsibu bajd iebes li apparti li jfakkarna fil-qalb iebsa

tal-Farawni xorta fih messaġġ ta' tama, ta' ħajja ġdida bħal meta l-fellus joħroġ mill-bajda. Barra minn hekk, fl-Aħħar Ċena Sidna Ġesu Kristu għamel diskors li fih mhux biss waqqaf is-Saċerdozju iżda wkoll għamlilna kmandament ġdid meta qal "Nagħtikom kmandament ġdid, li tħobbu lil xulxin, bħal ma ħabbejtkom jien, hekk ukoll ħobbu intom lil xulxin". U dan il-kmandament żgur li jgħodd għal kull wieħed u waħda minna, meta bi kliemna jew b'egħmielna inkunu se ngħamlu ħsara lil xi kollega jew forsi nkunu aħna vitma ta' ħsara.

Indur lura għal din il-wirja li kif għidt qabel grazzi għal ħila u dedikazzjoni tal-kollegi tagħna, ix-xogħol ta' arti kien wieħed ta' livell għoli. Kemm is-sett ta' statwi kif ukoll ix-xogħol tal-melħ fil platti u fit-tilari ġie mfaħħar minn dawk kollha li żaru il-wirja. Nista' ngħid mingħajr tlaqliq li n-numru ta' nies li ġew din is-sena jiżboq konkorrenzi ta' snin oħra. Fil fatt kien hemm ġranet li fihom ma stajnix inżommu mal-ħin ta' l-egħluq kif stabbilit fil-programm u dan minħabba l-fatt li n-nies baqgħu ġejjin. Din is-sena, fuq inizzjattiva tal-Kummissarju is-Sur John Rizzo, is-sala ġiet imdawwra bi drapp iswed li daħħal lil kull min ġie aktar fl-ispirti ta' meditazzjoni. Interessanti l-fatt li waqt li kienu qed isiru l-aħħar preparamenti kif wkoll meta l-wirja kienet miftuħa, kien hemm diskussjoni kontinwa dwar kif nistgħu insebħu il-wirja u xi xogħol ieħor li jista' jsir fil-ġejjieni kemm għal żmien il Ġimgħa l-Kbira u l-Għid kif wkoll għal festi oħra.

Kien ukoll ħsieb sabiħ u nobbli minn naħa tal-Kummissarju li id-donazzjonijiet li jingħataw minn dawk li jzuru l-wirja imorru b'riżq Dar Nazzaret fiż-Żejtun immexxija minn Dun Anġ Seychell.

Dun Anġ kien il-predikatur fl-eżerċizzi spiritwali għal membri tal-Korp din is-sena, u min hawn nixtieq minn qalbi nirringrazzjah ta' dan is-servizz.

Għal darba bdejt bir-ringrazzjamenti, tajjeb li nkompli nuri l-apprezzament sinċier tiegħi lejn dawk kollha li b'xi mod jew ieħor mhux biss taw il-kontribut tagħhom biex il-wirja tal-Mejda ta' l-appostli tkun suċċess imma li matul is-sena kollha jgħatu s-sehem tagħhom biex il-kappella tagħna tinżamm fi stat tajjeb kif wkoll inżommu ħaj l-ispirtu nisrani. Nibda biex nirringrazzja lill-Kummissarju tal-Pulizija għall-għajnuna u l-inkorraġġiment tiegħu, lid-Deputat Kummissarju, lis-Supretendent Andrew Logan, lis-Surġent Mario Ebejer, lil Kuntistabbli Pierre Bugeja, u lil kollegi tagħna tat-Trades Section, tat-taqsima tal-Fotografija u tas-CMRU. Lil Patri Pawlin Cremona Karmelitan li kull sena jgħatina l-assisstenza tiegħu. Lill-abbatini tagħna li matul is-sena kollha jgħatu is-sserviz tagħhom u li huma Paul Logan, Marcus Cachia u Sara Cachia. Fl-aħħar iżda żgur mhux l-anqas lil kappilan tal-Korp, Patri Raniero Zammit OFM għad-dedikazzjoni tiegħu lejn il-Korp u għax-xogħol siewi li qed iwettaq f'din il-parti ta' l-għalqa tal-Mulej u flimkien miegħu hemm Patri Franġisk u Patri Raymond li wkoll nirringrazzjhom.

Għalik li ħadt paċenzja taqra dan l-artiklu u li forsi s'issa għadek qatt ma ħadt sehem f'xi funzjoni jew forsi qatt ma tajt is-sehem tiegħek, tibqax lura. Tinsix li dak li ngħamlu ma ngħamluhx għal glorja tagħna imma għal glorja ta' Dak li għalina fetaħ dirgħajh u miet, Dak li lilna qed izommna u jmexxina għax aħna nemmnu bis-sħiħ fil-motto tagħna DOMINE DIRIGE NOS.

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18 members of the Force donate blood

A group of Police Officers who called to donate blood

On Wednesday 30th January 2002, the Mobile Blood Donation unit was parked opposite Police Headquarters for members of the Force wishing to donate blood.
25 members called on the day to donate blood of whom 18 members were allowed to donate blood.
It was considered as a success by the management of the National Blood transfusion Department

Thanks Letter

Thanks from the National Blood Trasfusion

Sir,
On behalf of the management of the National Blood transfusion Department, I would like to thank you for the permission and the organization to donate blood and all those who called to donate blood. We consider this drive as a success.
I thank you once more and hope that we hear from you again to organize a similar event.

Best regards.
Angelo Degiorgio
Nursing Officer, Donation Area
National Blood Transfusion Service.

National Blood Transfusion Service

Members of the Force during the process of donating blood in the Mobile Blood unit.

SERVIZZI OFFRUTI MINN DATATRAK

Introduzzjoni

Datatrak Systems Ltd (DSL) giet stabillita formalment fis-27 ta' Frar 1998. Hija giet iffurmata minn grupp lokali ta' investituri privati flimkien mal-Maltacom plc u s-Securicor International Holdings. F' Awwissu 1998, il-kumpanija hargitilha permess mill-Ministeru tat-Telekommunikazzjoni sabiex tuzha network dedikat bi frekwenzi allocati apposta ghalija. L-ghan principali ta' din il-kumpanija kienet l-istallazzjoni, l-izvilupp u l–operat f'Malta tat-teknologija zviluppata mis-Securicor Information Systems gewwa il-Gran Brettanja.

F' Mejju 2000, Siemens, wahda mill-akbar kumpaniji fil-qasam elecroniku, xtrat lis-SIS minghand is Securicor plc u inbiddel isimha ghall-Siemens Datatrak Location and Information Systems Limited. Hafna mill-apparat li gie intuzat biex issostni in-network tad-Datatrak kien provdut mis-Siemens u ghalhekk l-istrategija ta' din il-kumpanija baqa' fuq l-izvilupp ta' din in-network f'ambitu globali.

In-Network

Is-sistema tad-datatrak hija network mifruxa madwar il-gzejjer Maltin li tiprovdi management ta' vetturi u ta' apparat. Fil-bidu, is-Securicor kienu zviluppaw sistema ta' tracking sabiex ikunu jistghu jimmoniterjaw bl-aktar mod effetiv il-vetturi li jgorru il-flus. SIS giet iffurmata u uzata sabiex jigu zviluppati applikazzjonijiet aktar kritikali ghall-servizzi ta' emergenza u management ta' flottot.

Ghalkemm il-kuncett ta' lokazjoni ta' vettura ilu maghruf ghall-numru ta' snin, jezistu relattivament ftit sistemi li joffru dan is-servizz. Hafna minn dawn is-sistemi jidetterminaw il-posizzjoni tal-vettura, imma, is-sistema idejali hija dik li taghqad informazzjoni dettaljata tal-posizzjoni tal-vettura ma' mezz ta' komunikazzjoni efficenti u li jista' jigi interpretat f'mod viziv.

Id-datatrak f'Malta

Datatrak Systems Ltd ilha topera fis-suq lokali minn Ottubru 1999 u irnexxilha tikseb reputazzjoni tajba billi toffri firxa ta' applikazzjonijiet differenti ta' din is-sistema. Dawn qed jigu offruti lill-pubbliku bhala erba' prodotti distinti:
Fleetrak – dan kien l-ewwel servizz offrut mid-DSL immirat lejn kumpaniji li ghandhom bzonn sistema efficenti li tiprovdi informazjoni dwar il-vetturi taghhom. Dan is-servizz joffri lill-klijent il-posizzjoni tal-vettura kif ukoll informazzjoni ohra relatata mat-tragit ezempju, distanza, direzzjoni, speed, etc. Zvilupp li jista' jsir f'din is-sistema twassal ghall-komunikazzjoni mill-vettura ghall-klijent u vici versa.

Alarmtrak – din is-sistema tiprovdi sistema ta' kommunikazzjoni billi tintegra ma' l-apparat ta' sigurta. Li jkun hemm installat fuq il-post Il-vantagg ta' din is-sistema fuq sistemi ohrajn hija illi il-klijent jigi provdut b-informazzjoni differenti skond it-tip ta' alarm li jkun iggenerat: sgass, tbghabis mas-sistema, panic alarm, nuqqas ta' provista tad-dawl u hruq. Id-datatrak ghadha kemm introduciet fis-suq sistemi ta' CCTV digitali li tista' tigi integrata ma' din is-sistema ta' l-Alarmtrak.

Is-sistema tas-CCTV ghandha il-facilitha li ittella' alarm meta jkun hemm bdil fl-istampa u dan l-alarm jista' jigi mibghut lill-klijent. Barra min hekk il-klijent jista' jidhol fis-sistema min postijiet remoti permezz tat-telefon jew l-internet u jara dak kollu li qed jidhol gewwa is-sistema.

Boatrak – Din is-sistema tiprovdi serhan tal-mohh lis-sidien tad-dghajes meta jkun f'nofs bahar. Is-sistema tiprovdi buttuna li meta tigi mghafusa tiggenera sinjal li jigi intercettat mill-Bureau tad-Datatrak. Dawn mhux biss jaghddu is-sinjal ta' emergenza lill-awtoritajiet ikkoncernati izda jkunu jistghu jaghtu il-posizzjoni ezatta tal-vettura tal-bahar.

Trakbak – Din hija applikazzjoni ohra li timmira s-suq tal-vetturi privati. Dan is-servizz jigarantixxi il-privatezza ta' l-individwu filwaqt li jipprovdi sistema ta' sigurta soffistikata.

Minbarra dan kollhu, il-kumpanija ghamlet kuntratti essenzjali ma' entitajiet publici u awtorijtajiet ta' l-ghola livell.

Settur importanti huwa dak tal-Pulizija fejn giet installata is-sistema fil-vetturi tal-Pulizija. Hafna mill-vetturi tal-Pulizija ghandhom is-sistema tal-Fleetrak u dan qed jiprovdi informazzjoni siewja sabiex ikun jista' jsir management ahjar tal-flottot li jkunu barra fit-triq. Ghal-dan il-ghan gie installat gewwa il-Control Room software specifiku li jipprovdi l-informazzjoni tal-pozizzjoni tal-flotta tal-Pulizija fuq ritratti ta' Malta. Ghalhekk, meta jkun hemm il-htiega, il-vetturi jistghu jigu iggwidati b'mod aktar strategiku mill-Control Room. Ftehim iehor li ntlahaq bejn id-datatrak u l-Pulizija huwa li l-intrusion alarms u il-panic alarms tal-klijenti tad-datatrak li ghandhom installat kemm gewwa il-vetturi kif ukoll gew bini, jigu imtella fuq dan is-software. Ghalhekk, f'temp ta' seba' sekondi, il-pulizija ikollha l-informazzjoni necessarja tat-tip ta' alarm li telgha (u dan jinkludi il-puzizzjoni tad-dar, informazzjoni tal-kuntatt li jrid issir, etc). Fl-istess hin, din qed tiprovdi l-informazzjoni necessarja tal-vetturi tal-pulizija li qeghdin madwar dak l-alarm.

Barra mis-sistema provduta lill-Pulizija, id-datatrak qeghda taghmel negozjati mal-Protezzjoni Civili. Hafna mill-vetturi u d-dghajjes tal-Protezzjoni Civili qed jigu installati bis-sistema tad-datatrak u fil-futur qarib kull alarm li ghandu x'jaqsam mal-Protezzjoni Civili, bhall-hruq jew salvatagg, jigu mtellghin direttament fic-Control Centre tad-DCP. B'hekk kull attivita li tinvolvi il-Protezzjoni Civili jkunu jistghu jigu indirizzati b'mod aktar efficenti fl-inqas hin possibli.

Konkluzzjoni

Datatrak Systems Limited taghmel ricerka kontinwa sabiex tizviluppa l-applikazzjonijiet taghha kemm minn naha ta' apparat kif ukoll minn naha ta' software. Zvilluppi maghrufa li saru tas-sistema jinkludu ic-cinturin tal-gwardjan, sistema li tiprovdi informazzjoni b'kuntatt dirett bejn il-Gwardjan, il-Kunsilli Lokali u t-Tribunal. Il-kumpanija zviluppat applikazzjoni ta' Telemetrija minn u ghal postijiet remoti bi prezzijiet kompetitivi. L-impenn tad-Datatrak Systems Ltd huwa li toffri soluzjonijiet zviluppati skond il-bzonn tal-klijent.

Diversi pajjizi joperaw is-sistema tad-datatrak fosthom l-Inghilterra, l-Awstrija, l-Argentina, il-Belgju, l-Olanda, il-Lussenburgu u l-Afrika t'Isfel.

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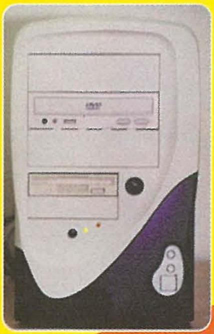

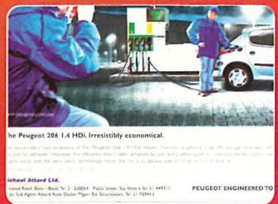

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The Public Perception of the Malta Police Force

by P.S. 691 Charles Abdilla (Bachelor in communication studies (Honours) at the Communications Technology of the University of Malta

Public expectations from the Police

Every group in society seeks competent policing that addresses its concern. The Police Force is not only interested in identifying what ,local communities expect from it, but also wants to identify how well they are meeting those expectations. The Police have a principal function of maintaining law and order. They have a highly organized mobile response capacity immediacy and they have the symbolic and legal power to take action. Moreover, they fulfill public expectation that the service they render be both effective and fair.

Since the Police are the subject of public scrutiny, particularly through their regular exposition to the media, it is an integral part of policing that they have an understanding of the way in which they are perceived. The Malta Police Force is not an exception. This dissertation explores these issues. It deals with the overall satisfaction that the way Police attend to their duties, the public's knowledge of police activities and justification of Police errors. The research examines knowledge of the extent of community satisfaction by measuring public expectations of the Police Force. The study also explores the nature of the public's t demand for a visible police presence.

For the purpose of this study a quantitative research was used. Such research required the variables under consideration be defined, operationalised and measured. This study focuses on the socio - economic grouping of the Maltese society, from 18 years onwards. A sample of 320 participants was selected randomly from the telephone list of exchange working lines as registered with Maltacom.

After designing the questionnaire and before administering it, the researcher carried out a pilot study in order to see whether or not it was likely to get the desired results. The collection of data was undertaken during a two month period between January and February 2001 through telephone interviewing. Data was primarily produced through random digit dialing (R.D.D.) SPSS program was used to highlight the findings from the data collected. The response rate was 93.4 percent and descriptive one way analysis of variance, chi-square tests, cross tabs, and correlation were used as to check whether their was a relationship between different frequencies.

The research has shown that the overall public opinion of those interviewed responded positively towards their perception of level of satisfaction with the services provided by the Police Force. This study was based on the number of contacts the public had during the past year with the Police, And the nature I of such contact. The public's awareness of security during day and night, Police accountability, Police manners and effectiveness. The researcher also tackled the problem of police presence and the public views on key objectives for policing.

The newly appointed Commissioner of Police Mr. John Rizzo, is shown together with Police Sergeant Charles Abdilla during the presentation of dissertation

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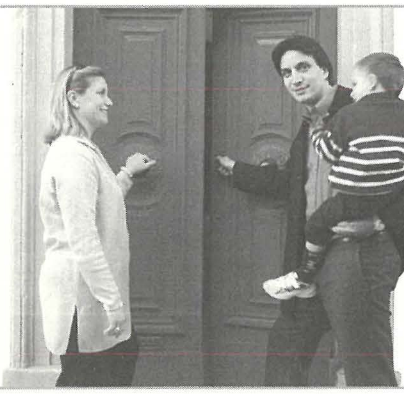

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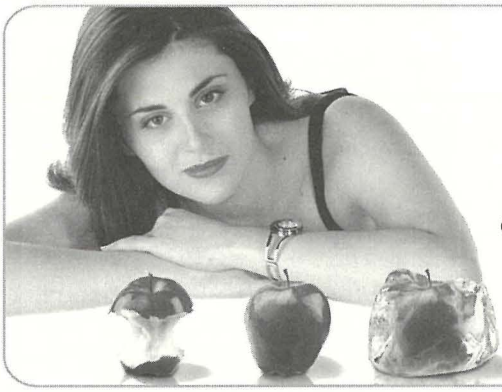

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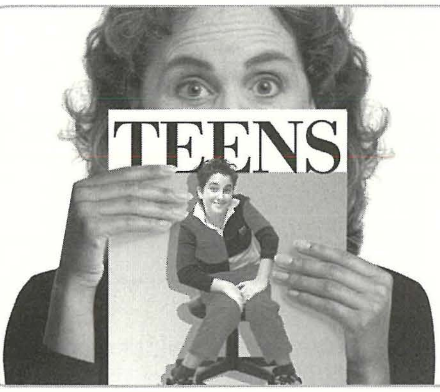

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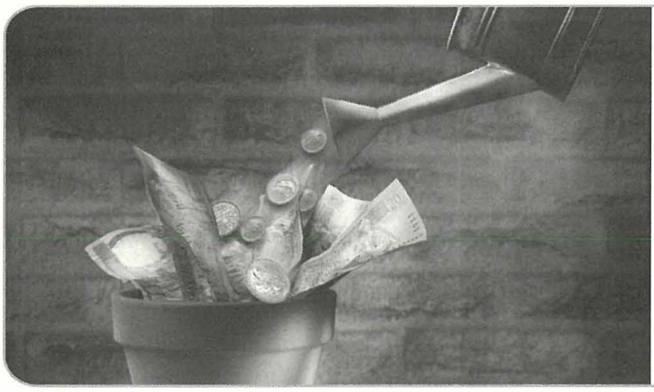

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Għażiż Sur Rizzo.
F'ismi u f'isem l-istaff ta' l-iskola Dun Karm Psaila Żebbuġ, nixtieq nuri l-apprezzament tagħna għal għajnuna li sibna fl-inċident li qam f'dawn il-ġranet fl-iskola taghna. Li kieku ma kienx għal prontezza tal-Pulizija dan l-inċident kien ikollu konsegwenzi ferm iktar koroh. Il-fatt li l-Pulizija ġiet fi spazju ta' żewġ minuti wassal biex il-persuna li aggredit lili u lill għalliema setgħet tiġi ikkontrollata fil-ħin.
Nixtieq nirringrazzjak personalment ta' l-interess li ħadt fil-każ. Nixtieqek twassal din l-ittra lill kull membru tal-Pulizija li kien involut fil-każ, u għadilhom li apprezzajna ħafna il-ħidma effikaċi tagħhom.

Henry Calleja
Surmat. Skola Sekondarja Subien
Dun Karm Psaila Żebbuġ.

Dear Sir,
As a resident from Swieqi, I feel compelled to write to you to thank you for the excellent organization that the Police Corps carried out during the festive season.
For the first time in many years, Swieqi and the surrounding areas enjoyed Christmas without having to endure traffic congestion, irresponsible persons parking all over the place, dangerous driving and general bad behavior.
The Presence of Police Officers, noticeably smart, has definitely contributed towards achieving this result and gaining all round respect.
I also have no doubt that through this excellent organization, you will be rewarded with favorably reduced accident statistics. Once again, thank you and I wish you well in your difficult task.

Yours Faithfully
Kenneth Attard

Għażiż Sur Rizzo
F'isem il-Kumitat Organizzativ tal-Karnival ta'Għawdex 2002 fi ħdan il-Ministeru għal Għawdex, nixtieq nirringrazzjak u nirrakomandalek il-ħidma effiċjenti u ko-ordinata tal-Korp tal-Pulizija f'Għawdex u l-koperazzjoni u s-sehem li taw fiċ-ċelebrazzjonijiet tal-Karnival f'Għawdex bejn il-Ġimgħa 8 u t-Tlieta 12 ta' Frar 2002.

Żgur li mingħajr is-sehem kbir u l-koperazzjoni ta' l-uffiċjali bħas-Supritendent, l-Ispetturi u s-Surġent Anġlu Spiteri, din l-okkażjoni ma kienx ikollha s-suċċess, żgur li kullħadd jaqbel li kellna. Bl-għajnuna tal-Korp tal-Pulizja f'Għawdex din is-sena nistgħu ngħidu li kellna wieħed mill-ikbar Karnivali f'Għawdex f'dawn l-aħħar snin. Nittama li fil-futur jerġa jkollna okkażżjonijiet oħra simili, fejn inkunu nistgħu nerġu nikkoperaw flimkien.
Nitolbok li twassal ir-ringrazzjament tagħna lill dawk kollha nvoluti.

Dejjem tiegħek
Kevin Sciberras
Uffiċjal inkarigat Kultura Għad-Direttur tal-Customer Service.

Sir,
May I, by the present, respectfully bring to your attention the highly commendable performance of some members of the Force involved when I recently had reason to seek assistance in the case of a negligence/cruelty case involving some dogs in Bone Alley, Mriehel.

Insp. Miruzzi, in Administration Law Enforcement as well as Police officers 1209 and 82 were most helpful and co-operative and truly concerned themselves with the matter and this over a period of a few days. Police officer no 77 was also very supportive. Without a doubt, it was their joint dedication and professional involvement that brought about a definite bettering of a rather nasty situation.

The fact that I have their promise that monitoring of the situation will not fail is, of course of the utmost comfort to me and for this I again thank them.

It is my honest opinion that, ensuring Insp. Miruzzi has enough men of like to work with, is also the enduring of a highly successful unit.

On a final note, as I do not mean to take up more of your time, I come to the reason for this letter. May I respectfully as your goodself to convey to the above mentioned good men my greatful thank and appreciation for a job well done as I feel that my own feeble attempts to do this would be nowhere near good enough.

Thank you and kind regards.
M. Grotjans

Dear John,
The Terrible news of a Police Constable murdered whilst in the line of duty shocked us all deeply and I can well understand how all members of te Police Corps must be feeling.

During these difficult moments, I would like to register on my own behalf, as well as that of all members of the AFM, the deep awareness of solidarity with our uniformed colleagues and the family of the deceased officer.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sincere Regards
Rupert Pullicino

Dear Mr Rizzo,
I am writing on behoalf of the Board of Directors and staff of the Central Bank of Malta to express our solidarity with the Malta Police at this difficult time after the murder of P.C. Roger Debattista.

As the regulator of the banking system the Central Bank is conscious of the risks incurred daily both by bank employees and by members of the Police force and would like to pay tribute to the memory of P.C. Debattista who gave up his life in the performance of his duty. I would also like to kindly ask you to convey our sincere condolences to P.C. Debattista's family.

Yours Sincerely
Michael C Bonello

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Stephen Mallia
PC 252

Qatt ma kelli dubju mill-kobor tat-talent li hemm fost il-membri tal-Korp. Ħafna drabi jien ktibt dwar l-isportivi, iżda dan l-aħħar sirt naf b'wieħed minn seħibna li għandu talent tassew interessanti. Qiegħed nirreferi għal P.C. 252 Stephen Mallia li jiskolpi u jiżbogħ Figurini Storiċi kif jidher fiż-żewġ ritratti li qegħdin jidhru f'din il-paġna.

Stephen ingaġġa fil-Korp tal-Pulizija, f'Marzu ta' l-1985 u bħalissa huwa stazzjonat B'Kara. Qabel huwa serva ukoll fil-Mobile Unit, Raħal Ġdid u Sliema.

Kif mistenni, l-aktar Hobby favorit tiegħu huwa propju li jibni, jiskolpi u jiżbogħ Figurini ta' livell għoli. Beda jipprattika dan ix-xogħol minn meta kellu 12-il sena, meta beda jibni l-arjuplani.

Chinese General - Tang Dynasty

Fl-1981 inaqgħad mas-Society for Scale Modellers (S.S.M.) fejn għadu membru sal-lum. Fl-1993 ifforma parti minn grupp ta' membri tal-Club li marru jikkompetu għall-ewwel darba barra minn Malta u mill-ewwel il-Maltin bdew jirbħu l-unuri minkejja kompetizzjoni ħarxa minn numru kbir ta' parteċipanti. Mal-bosta unuri li rebaħ il-Club f'din l-ewwel mawra, Stephen ġie fit-tielet post fil-Kategorija tiegħu, minn fost 50 mudell.

Fl-1995, f'kompetizzjoni oħra fl-Ingilterra, l-S.S.M. rebħu diversi unuri oħra u Stephen, din id-darba rebaħ l-ewwl u t-tielet post. Kien f'dan iż-żmien li Stephen beda jinteressa ruħu fil-FIGURINES (kif jidhru fir-ritratti). B'dawn il-Figurines ħa sehem ukoll f'kompetizzjonijiet barra minn Malta meta rebaħ żewġ midalji tal-bronz, fil-World EXPO 2000, (meqjusa bħala l-kampjonati tad-Dinja), Deheb, fidda u bronż fl-IPMS Nationals (kampjonati ta' l-Ingilterra) u bronż ieħor Fl-EURO Militaire, meqjusa bħala waħda mill-aktar shows diffiċli fid-dinja..

Karakithai Nobleman - 11th Century

Bħalissa Stephen qiegħed jipprepara bis-sħiħ biex jieħu sehem fil-Worl EXPO 2002 li ser isiru f'Ruma dalwaqt.

Nawgurawlu li jirnexxilu jtejjeb ir-riżultati li kiseb sa issa. Għalkemm jieħu sehem fil-komptezzjonijiet limitati li jsiru f'Malta, l-akbar interess ta' Stephen, bħal oħrajn fil-Club, jibqa' dak internazzjonali, kif jidher, diġa taħ sodisfazzjon notevoli. Ambizzjoni personali ta' Stephen hija li xi darba jkollu ċ-ċans li juri ħiltu billi jiskolpi xi Figurini għal xi manifattur barrani.

Nawgurawlu li anke f'din ix-xewqa, Stephen jirnexxi wkoll.

Alfred Debattista.

Seminar attended by members of the Law Administrative Law Enforcement

Written by PC 24 Martin Pace.

During June 2001 members of the Administrative Law Enforcement Branch were invited to attend a four days course at the Birdlife Malta Headquarters. Also invited to participate were members of the Armed Forces of Malta, Customs and members of the Department for the Protection for the Environment and security personnel at the Malta

International Airport.

Aim of this course is to compare foreign environmental laws and regulations and methods used by the Scottish police vis-à-vis the Maltese legislation's and field work. Main speakers were Mr Dave Dick officer from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (Scotland) and Mr Alan Stewart in his capacity as Wildlife Liaison Officer with the Tayside Police Scotland. Mr Stewart is a retired police inspector who worked in different branches of the Tayside Police for over two decades. An introductory speeches were made by Mr Justin Vassallo and Mr Joe Sultana both of Birdlife Malta. Mr Vassallo stated that Birdlife Malta (Ex Ornithological Society of Malta) is a non-governmental organisation which have a limit finds available for its running and at present only employs one full time and another part-times person to run its Headquarters at Ta' Xbiex.

Mr Vassallo stated that the reason they felt to organised this course is that they would like to see that government bodies work close to each other and quoting "to work like a chain circle and to combat wildlife crime together".
Mr Joe Sultana an avid environment campaigner explained that in 1962 the then Malta Ornithological Society (Birdlife Malta) was established for the study of birds and nature in Malta. Its main objectives are to create public awareness for the protection of birds habitat for example Ghadira Natural Reserve, for the promotion and creating of new natural reserves like the island of Filfa which was established in 1988.

The society is also involved in educating the general public by means of its publications. Mr Sultana also stated that some of its members are involved in bird ringing , members are also to be covered by a police licence. The speaker also spoke about legal and illegal practise in Malta and also aired the society preoccupation about organised hunting trips to Egypt and Tunisia, but not only. It's interesting to note that in the Maltese's legislation environment/hunting/trapping laws and regulations dates back to May 1492 and new legislation's/ regulations were passed from time to time during the following years:- 1911, 1936, 1980, 1993, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2000. A new Act no XX of 2001 Act to Protect the Environment was recently passed which repealed the previous act of 1991. The present regulations that the Police work on is Legal Notice 146 of 1993 and its subsequent amendments.

Another speaker was Mr Dave Dick of R.S.P.B who addressed the following topics:-History of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. European Wildlife Legislation History of Wild Bird Egg Theft. Taxidermy:- Illegal trade of Wild Birds. The Need for Training.

Use of the Media,

.S.P.B was established at the beginning of the 19 th century when a movement was created against the widespread and indiscriminate shooting for wild birds in the United Kingdom. Hunting was at first done to collect a wide variety of feather from different birds.
These feathers were then used for the manufacturing of ladies hats. It is estimated that it takes between six to eight bird (feathers) to create a normal sized colourful lady's hat. At present R.S.P.B has 1,000 full time employees with around 1 million paying members.

The R.S.P.B works with police forces, customs, army and coast guard patrol around the U.K for prevention of smuggling of wildlife endangers species or by-products. Their expertise is highly valued by the above mentioned forces and sometimes in difficult cases even university lecturers and museums curators turn up to have their advice in this vast subject of flora and fauna.

As police officer we found the lectures of Mr Alan Stewart from the Tayside police Scottish of particular interest. Mr Stewart lectured on the following topics :- History of Police Wildlife Liaison Officers. Police Powers in Scotland.

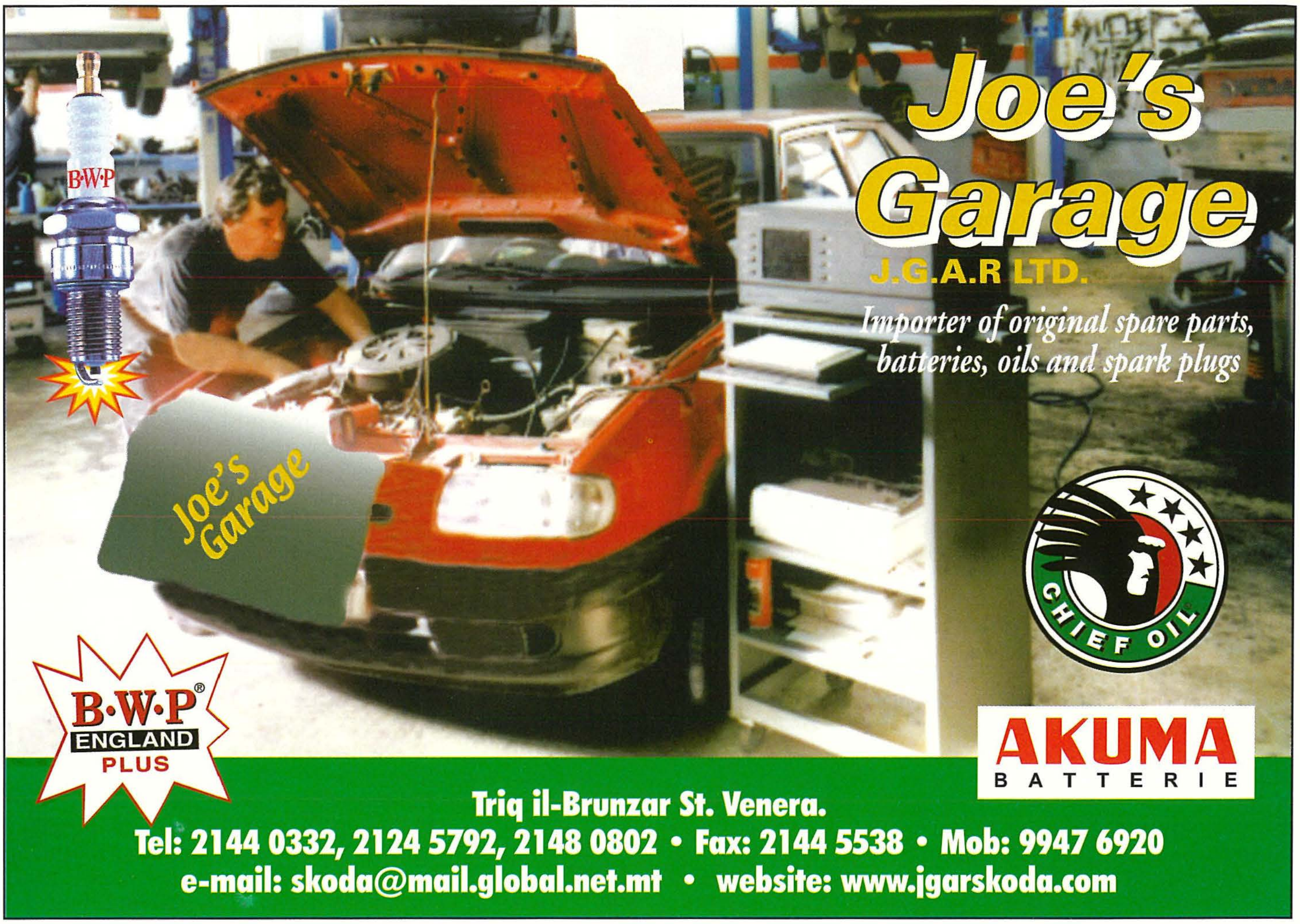
Partnership for Action Agaisnt Wildlife Crime & Improving Scottish Legislation. Operation Easter , a U.K wide operation aimed at egg thieves. Education of the Public, Police Officers Training. Use of the Media.

Training the Public

During these lectures we found out that in Malta we are fortunate to have a branch like the Administrative Law Enforcement which at present is under the responsibility of Assistant Commissioner Mr. Josie Brincat, and helping him are Superintendent Mr Andrew Logan , Inspector Mr Alex P Miruzzi and 22 other ranks (five sergeants and seventeen police constables.). This was emphasised by all speakers in this course.

Instead in the United Kingdom every police Constabulary (district) have its own Police Force Wildlife Liaison Officers. At the moment since England and Wales are divided into 33 different constabularies , thus 33 persons occupies said post of Liaison Officers. Said position is held by different rank from one constabulary to another. For instant the Staffordshire Police is occupied by Deputy Commissioner Mr Dave Johnston whilst that of Hampshire Constabulary is held by Police Constable Geoff Cultertson, and work independently from each other.

In Scotland there are 8 constabularies each having its own liaison officers. The main function of a Police Wildlife liaison officer is to help and assist field officers, since they don't have a specialised environment police unit For example, if for instance the drug squad is to conduct a raid at an area or residence regarding drugs, the Liaison officer should be notified , either to attend personally if person is know to be involved in wildlife crime or to give hints on how to conduct a search for wildlife related offences. It is to be noted that in Scotland most wildlife crime is committed by collectors of wild birds eggs. These so called egg collectors



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are not satisfied to collecting one egg of each species , which by its self is illegal, but they disturb the whole nesting by taking all its contents. Some seized collections amounted to thousand of egg shells.

It was established that our section (A.L.E) comparing to the Maltese islands side and population with that of Scotland is more successful in capturing a non-abide citizen who infringe the bird hunting and trapping regulation and environmental legations. This success vary from one country to another. Firstly Malta have a full time branch (ALE) which does not exist in Scotland , secondly we have a smaller area and population to cover and also our present legislation is severe when infringed and simpler to prove than the Scottish legislation, which in the near future have to be change to European standards.

For instance there is no power to arrest in Scotland for certain infringement of environmental laws unlike legislation in Malta. It is worth saying that our Police Academy should include more in its syllabus / curriculum both at Police Officer cadet level and Other Ranks training courses , studies of legislation regarding the environment.

The Media and its effect was also discussed. A give and take policy was a common factor to established as good relations between the force and media. But sometimes its not possible to answer to all their demands for information. Its needless to say that ALE section relay heavily on the C.M.R.U for press releases and other news value items. There where instances when our ALE men were invited by the media either to participate on T.V or Radio programs or for an interviews with news papers. This is always done by prior approval and permission from the Commissioner of Police. The speaker Mr Alan Stewart have a constant contact with schools all over the Tayside area. Lectures, school outings under police guidance, essays and painting competitions and quizzes are organised regularly by the police to keep pupils from tender age first of all familiar with their area police officers and also with the surrounding habitat for flora and fauna and informing them about present laws and regulations concerning the environment (what's legal , what's illegal). At some degree this is also being done when this section is invited to participate locally. Maybe in the near future similar activities can be organised

An open discussion developed after each topic

by the Police conjointly with the Department for the Protection for the Environment and the Ministry of Education and also with the help of non-government bodies. Again the C.M.R U can give a helping hand to the A.L.E in setting up this idea if it is favourably seen by our superior officers as an idea which in itself is a proactive method which by sacrifice and time in the near future this sort of crime will be minimise considerably.

During the course we visited a problematic site at Dingli Cliff area. During the morning session no infringement of the law was observed however this contrasted with the after noon session which was mainly organised for ALE personnel. During this visit a shotgun, and illegal bird trapping and a mist net (ranja: xibka wieqfa) and protected species were seized. Another idea which the Malta Police Force can benefit from , if applied is the making of a video type feature which can be produced by our police personnel since we have the necessary apparatus. Said video is to be shown and used during refreshing course, new recruits and cadets courses. This film should contain legal & illegal activities, how to act and what to find in theses instances. It should also contain present legislation as a form of question and answer format. (This is another method which may be used as police officer with the aim for educating our personnel at the police academy courses.)

The above indicates that as a police force (A.L.E) we are not trailing behind others police forces in enforcement, keeping in mind of our limited resources available. Position may get better for instance if adequate means of transport is provided both at land and sea or from time to time new human resource are employed in this section. In a recent visits by members of the International Animal Rescue, who some years ago donated to this section a dinghy, were most pleased to see that said dinghy is being used and well kept in contrast with others police forces who also benefited from their donation but according to them it seems not to care at all about its maintenance.

An open discussion develped after each topic. Our men went to this seminar to share our experiences and difficulties, we as a branch encounter when enforcement is required in connection with wildlife laws and regulations. It was a seminar worth attending.

Statistical information kept at Ale Office

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
BIRD TRAPPING	1	6	3	3	18	62
ILLEGAL HUNTING	54	99	48	159	274	320
ILLEGAL SEA HUNTING	-	19	19	29	28	31
TAXIDERMY	2	2	1	-	1	1

I.P.A. e-News

Malta Section

Dear IPA friends.

To keep you more up-to-date of what goes on around the IPA world, both locally and abroad, the Executive Committee has decided to introduce another informative system called 'IPA e-News'. We will try and do our best to pass on this information to every member of our association, however as you can make up from the name, those who have an e-mail address registered with us, will receive the information first hand through their computer. We will still be using 'Il-Pulizija' for our articles, to reach those members who do not have an e-mail address. In view of this, we invite all members computer users, who do not have their e-mail addressed registered with us, to do so by calling on one of these numbers 22911052, 21330263 or 21344835.

New Members: Since we started publishing the IPA article on 'Il-Pulizija' and distributing informative material at Police Academy and satins, more police officers are becoming aware of our Association and have joined as members. We are pleased to inform you that two of these new members are the Police Commissioner Mr John Rizzo and his Deputy Mr Joseph Cachia. We welcome all our new members and we look forward to see other joining our Association.

Visiting Members: During the past year a number of foreign IPA friends visited our Island and as we normally do, when requested, we have rendered assistance accordingly. Our IPA colleagues came from Italy, France, Germany, America, Switzerland and UK. On the other hand a number of local IPA colleagues were assisted abroad; unfortunately not all of them were on a pleasure holiday. We had two occasions when assistance was needed on medical grounds. This is what IPA assistance is needed abroad, do not leave your request for the last days, as this will put us in a very embarrassing position. At least we need from one to two months in advance.

Written Article Competition: May I remind all those interested to take part in the article competition that the closing date to hand in your article is on the 10th March, 2002. The article must be on a police or IPA related subject, from 1000 to 1500 words and the winner would be receiving a prize of 1000 CHF about Lm 263.

Presentation of the Arthur Troop medal: On the 24th September 2001, during a courtesy visit to the President of the Republic, Prof Guido De Marco, by a group of French IPA colleagues, the Executive Committee took the opportunity to present his Excellency with the Arthur Troop medal. On informing the International Secretary General, Alan Carter of this presentation, it was established that the Malta Section was the first National Section to present this medal to a Head of State worldwide.

For those IPA members interested to acquire this commemorative Arthur's Troop medal, the Section still has a few medals left for sale at a cost of Lm6.50c. This is a limited edition.

Symposium 'Police and Human Rights 2002'. As we have already informed you the Malta Section has been invited to send two members for a symposium 'Police and Human Rights 2002', at Gimborn Castle Germany, which is being held between Tuesday 21st and Friday 24th May 2002. Thos wishing to attend are kindly invited to submit an application to the Secretary General Romeo Micallef c/o Police Headquarters, Floriana or contact the Treasurer Dione Bugeja on 22911052. At this stage we can say that part of the expenses are being sponsored. The costs to be covered are flight Malta Cologne Malta, and the participating fee DM250.
Application closing date is 31st March 2002.

Donation to Roger Debattista foundation: During the Executive Committee meeting held on the 28th November 2001, it was decided that the Section would donate the sum of LM25 towards the Roger Debattista foundation. On informing the Inter. Secretary General about this tragic death, we received condolence messages from the said Secretary and the International President Michael Odysseous. The Secretary General also informed all PEB members through e-mail.

Associate Secretary for IPA Malta; At the being of this month I have received an e-mail from Mr Philip Hinman from Florida, USA who informed me that he has been appointed Associate Secretary of Malta for IPA (USA). Mr Hinman concluded that if Maltese IPA members need assistance in America, he was more than pleased to help.

Mr Philip Hinamn is a retired inspector with the US Justice Department and he has been in law enforcement for over 40 years. He became member of OPA Region 1, Buffalo, New York in 1958 and while stationed in Canada some years ago he was induced into the Knights of St John of Jerusalem, Canadian Priory.

Upon request by one of our members to visit USA next May, I have contacted Mr Hinman and he has already rendered a service to our Section.

Renewal of membership: Please note that the Year 2002 membership stamps are in hand and renewal of membership for the current year can be affected with the National Treasurer, ex Insp Bugeja, or any member of the committee. Members who still have to pay their arrears are kindly invited to bring their membership up to date. For those interested payment in advance is also accepted. The National Treasurer can be contact on 22911052 during office hours.

Regards

The Executive Committee

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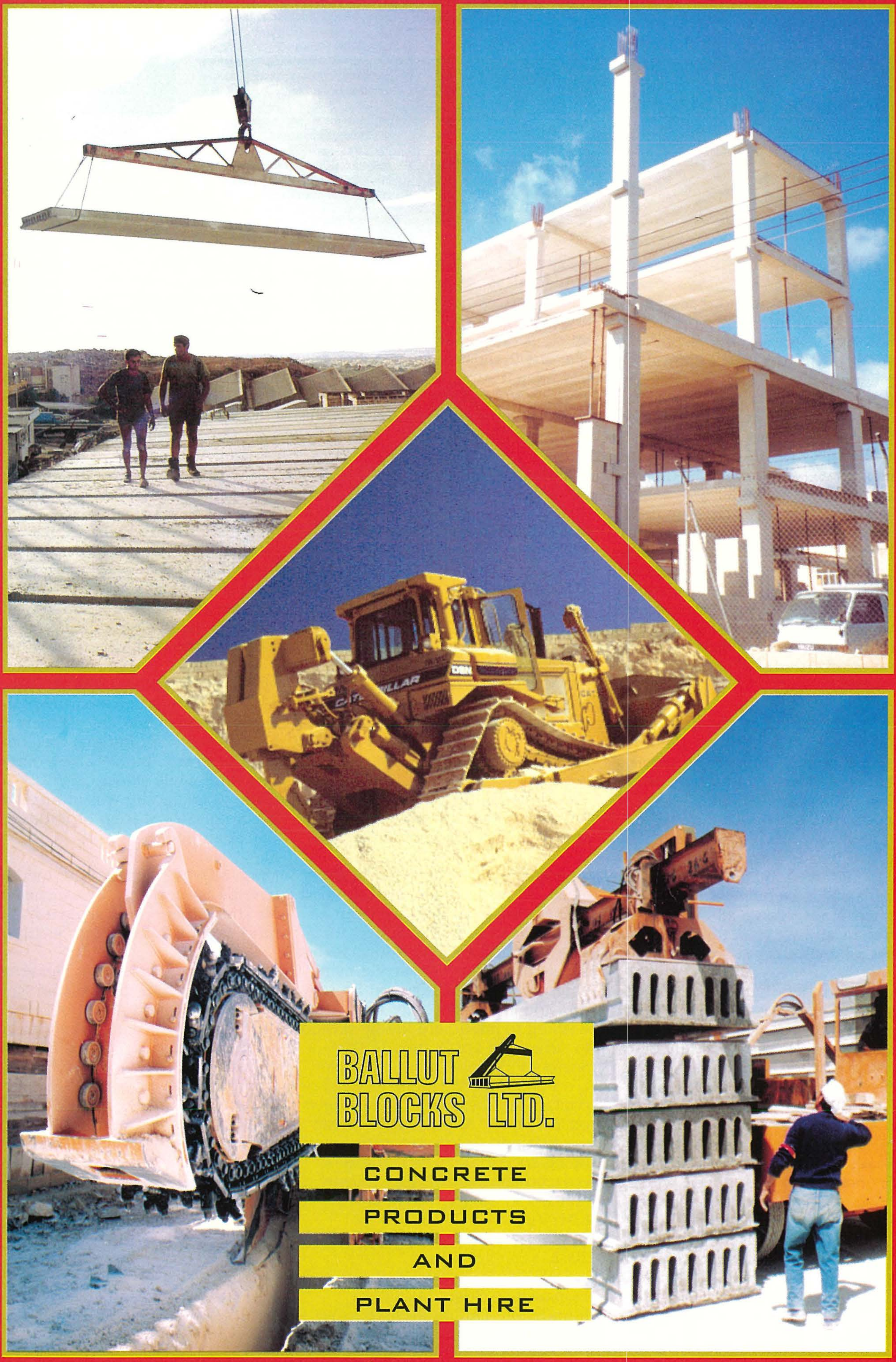

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Ex P.C. 126
Joseph Guazzo

Joseph Guazzo Ex Police Constable No 66 *(Wartime Photos)*

Seħibna Joseph Guazzo għaddili dawn r-ritratti deherli li kien interessanti li nippublikawhom f'dan il-Magazine.

Guazzo ingaġġa fil-Korp f'Mejju tal-1940 u serva għal 25 sena sa ma spiċċa f'Diċembru ta' l-1965. Huwa serva fil-Kottonera, Wied il-Għajn (fi żmien il-Gwerra), Water Police, Ħamrun u Msida fejn qatta' l-aħħar 19-il sena.

Dawn ir-ritratti (kif numerati juru waqtiet interessanti fil-karriera tiegħu:-

1. Guazzo ftit qabel ma ngaġġa fil-Korp.
2. Liebes il-'Battle Dress' bl-ewwel numru li kellu. (Wara kellu numru 695).
3. Jiddieriġi t-traffiku minn fuq 'Traffic Island' fil-Blata l-Bajda
4. Fuq il-Bejt, fi Triq il-Kbira, il-Ħamrun.

5,6 u 7 Fi żmien il-gwerra u PC Persico jfittxu għal mejtin u midruba, wara 'Air Raid"

Inħeġġu lil min għandu dan it-tip ta' ritratti nteressanti biex jibgħathom lili)Alfred Debattista – Tel 21223026) flimkien mat-taghrif meħtieġ biex inkunu nistgħu nippublikahom f'dawn il-paġni

Alfred Debattista P.R.O.

Malta Police Mutual Help Association

Ġurnata wara l-oħra u s-sena 2001 għaddiet wkoll. B'hekk beda jgerbep wkoll il-millenju. Nixtieq lilek u l-familja tiegħek is-sena t-tajba.

Minn hawn insellmu lil dawk ħutna li ħallwena matul din is-sena u nweduhom li niftakru fihom fit-talb tagħna (Alla jagħtihom il-Glorja tal-Ġenna). Kondoljanzi tagħna imorru għal familjari tagħhom.

Tajjeb li nfakkarkom li bħal kull sena fl-ewwel Ħadd tal-Police Week f'Lulju u fl-ewwel Ħadd ta' Novembru fiċ-Ċimiterju ta' Santa Marija Addolorata għal ħabta ta' l-għaxra ta' filgħodu isir tberik, talb u kant fuq il-qabar tal-Pulizija fejn bħal dejjem il-Ministru responsabli mill-Pulizija flimkien mall-Kummissarju, fizzjali u membri tal-korp jagħtu ġieħ lill-ħutna u missierijietna li marru qabila. Issir parata mill-membri tal-Guard of Honour u jindaqq il-Last Post u Revellie mill-buglers tal-Police Band tal-Korp. Il-Preżenza tagħkom tkun apprezzata ħafna.

Bil-pjaċir ngħid li s-sena li għada kif għaddiet issieħbu magħna mat-30 membru ġdid. Dawn kollha irtiraw mill-Korp u bħalkom għażlu li jibqaw membri fil-Mutual Help Association. Fil-fatt issieħbu membri aktar milli spiċċaw. B'hekk ta' l-inqas il-membri mhux jonqsu biss iżda jiżdiedu wkoll.

Il-lista ta' hawn taħt tagħti rendikont ta' xi tħallew lill-familjari ta' ħutna li mietu, mill-fond tal-Mutual Help fis-sena 2001. Għal kull każ, il-pagament kien ta' mhux inqas minn LM670. Il-ħlas totali kien ta' Lm11,390.

Din is-sena b'sodisfazzjon ngħid li l-membri kollha ħallsu s-sħubija, b'hekk bl'appell li dejjem nagħmel jien u bl-għajnuna tal-Għaqda tal-Pulizija Pensjonanti, sabiex dawn ma' jittraskurawx, din is-sena irnexxew.

Faċli li wieħed jinsa u għalhekk għandek tagħmel mezz li kif tirċievi iċ-ċirkolari tibgħat ċekk bil-posta (pagabbli lill-Kummissarju tal-Pulizija) jew ejja inti personali il-Kwartieri Ġenerali fil-Furjana jew fl-uffiċċju ta' l-għassa tar-Rabat, Għawdex (għall-membri Għawdxin) bejn 8.00am u 12.00pm, u ħallas is-sitt liri bħala tiġdid ta' sħubija tiegħek. Bħal dejjem infakkrek li inti mitlub tinfurmana b'xi bdil fl-indirizz tiegħek.

Nixtieq niġbed l-attenzjoni li fi żvista fiċ-ċirkulari li ġa bagħat lill-membri tal-Mutual Help Association, fil-lista tal-persuni li ġew nieqsa matul is-sena l-oħra minflok l-isem ta ex-PC 1108 Domenic Cassar irid ikun hemm ex-PC 288 Carmelo Cassar li huwa il-papa tiegħu stess. Niskużaw ruħna mas-sur D. Cassar ta' l-inkonvenjent u nawgurawlu għomor twil.

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Agħtihom, O Mulej il-Mistrieħ ta' Dejjem

Għaqda Pulizija Pensjonanti Rapport dwar l-attivitajiet ta l-Għaqda

minn Alfred Debattista P.R.O.

Minħabba d-dewmien biex waslitilna l-aħħar ħarġa ta' dan il-Magazine, qegħdin xi ftit lura fir-rapporti tagħna. Ser ikun konċiż kemm nista' biex inwasslilkom informazzjoni dwar il-ħafna attivitajiet li kellna minn wara l-aħħar rappurtaġġ.

Lulju, 2001

L-Għaqda tagħna ħadet sehem attiv fiċ-ċelebrazzjonijiet li fakkru il-187 anniversarju mit-twaqqif tal-Korp. Dawn kienu jinkludu il-Quddiesa u t-tqegħid tal-kuruni fuq l-oqbra tal-Korp fiċ-Ċimiterju ta' l-Addolorata fejn il-President ta' l-Għaqda, is-Sur Joe Azzopardi poġġa kuruna f'isem il-membri. Għall-istess skop aktar tard fl-istess xahar, saret iċ-Ċerimonja tat-tberik tal-Monument (disinn ta' Seħibna PC, Joe Navarro) fuq l-oqbra l-ġodda fiċ–Ċimiterju tar-Rabat, Għawdex) wara quddiesa li saret fil-Kappella ta' l-istess Ċimiterju. Hawn ukoll kellna rappreżentanza ta' ufficċjali u membri ta' l-Għaqda tagħna. Dawn iċ–Cerimonji kienu mmexxija mill-ex Kummissarju, is-Sur Geroge Grech.

Konness ma dan, kellna ċerimonja u Quddiesa fuq l-Oqbra f'Għawdex fix-xahar ta'

Novembru, din id-darba immexxija mill-Kummissarju l-ġdid tagħna is-Sur John Rizzo. Ufficjali ta' l-Għaqda tagħna kienu wkoll preżenti, u l-President tagħna poġġa fjuri fuq l-Oqbra.

Alleanza ta' l-Għaqdiet tal-Pensjonanti.

Din l-Alleanza, li twaqqfet bi skop li l-pensjonanti kollha jsemmu leħinhom bi "front" wieħed, kompliet bix-xogħol tagħha, iklużi laqgħat ma Ministri konnessi mal-problemi tagħna u anke kelliema ta' l-Oppożizzjoni dwar l-istess suġġett, kemm qabel kif ukoll wara li tħabbar il-Budget. Qed jitressqu lmenti dwar punti li setgħu laqtu ħażin lil-Pensjonanti u suġġerimenti għal titjib fil-kundizzjonijiet preżenti.

Fil-laqgħat ta' din l-Alleanza, ir-rappreżentanti tagħna, li huma Vincent Zahra, Ġiġi Muscat u Alfred Debattista, iressqu ilmenti li jikkonċernaw lill-pensjonanti membri tagħna.

L-Alleanza ġiet uffiċjalment introdotta lill-Pubbliku waqt Konferenza Stampa li saret fil-Każin tal-Banda King's Own, il-Belt, fis-26 ta' Ottubru, 2001.

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pensjonanti Salvu Mizzi, Philip Gatt u Anthony Barbieri li jinsabu rikoverati fi djarhom.

Dan huwa ġest ta' solidarjetà li aħna nuru ma sħabna li jkollhom bżonn min iżurhom biex ma jħossuhomx minsija minn dawk ex-kollegi tagħhom li tant ħadmu magħhom meta kienu jservu fil-Korp. Ir-rappreżentanti tagħna jkunu ferm mistennija u milqugħa f'dawn iż-żjarat.

Seminar

Nhar l-Erbgħa, 28 ta' Novembru, 2001, Vincent Zahra, Gigi Muscat u Alfred Debattista, ħadu sehem, f'isem l-Għaqda tagħna, f'seminar organiżżat mill-Għaqda tal-Pensjonanti G.W.U. fil-Jerma Palace Hotel, M'Scala, bit-tema "IL-PENSJONANT U L-UNJONI EWROPEA". Fost is-suġġetti diskussa kien hemm "Il-Vantaġġi u Żvantaġġi għall-Pensjonanti fl-UE" u "X'JISTENNA L-PENSJONANT MILL-UNJONI EWROPEA". Fost il-kelliema mistiedna kien hemm rappreżentanta tal-M.I.C., is-Sur Silvio Parnis M.P. is-Sur Charles Vella kif ukoll l-Hon. Dr. J. Borg, Ministru ta' l-Affarijiet Barranin u Dr. G. Vella, Kelliemi Ewlieni ta' l-Oppożizzjoni.

Ikla għall-membri

Numru sabiħ ta' membri, flimkien man-nisa tagħhom u ħbieb, attendew għall-IKLA li l-Kumitat ta' l-Għaqda organizza fi "Il-FANAL" restaurant, Wied il-Għajn, nhar il-Ħadd, 2 ta'

Diċembru, 2001.

B'kollox konna 118, l-akbar numru s'issa, u nistgħu ngħidu illi dan il-post qed isir żgħir għalina, għal konkorrenza li qed ikollna. L-ikel kien mill-aħjar u l-atmosfera kienet waħda pjaċevoli. Ittellgħu rigali u kellna żewġ nisa li kellhom il-Birthday dak il-jum.

Il-Kunsill ta' l-Għaqda Pulizija Pensjonanti

Weqfin mix-xellug: Publius Cutajar, Joe Calleja, Louis Vella, George Briston, Joseph Monreal, u Joe Caruana

bil-qiegħda mix-xellug: Vincent Zahra, Joe Azzopardi (President), Louis Muscat, Alfred Debattista u John Azzopardi. (Nieqsa mir-ritratt: Joe M. Spiteri)

B'ħas-soltu kien provdut trasport għal dawk li joqgħodu fir-rotta li ntużat għal din l-attività.

Quddiesa u riċeviment tal-Milied

L-aħħar attività għas-sena 2001, kienet il-quddiesa fil-Kappella tad-Depot li saret nhar il-Ħadd 30 ta' Diċembru u wara, riċeviment li sar fil-Vilhena Hall. din hija attività annwali li tkun ferm mistennija mill-membri tagħna u n-nisa tagħhom. Attendenza record ħonqot il-Kappella u l-entratura tal-Headquarters kif ukoll is-Sala Vilhena.

Ġie servut ikel u xorb ippreparat mill-Catering staff tal-Canteen immexxi mis-Surġent Mario Mallia. Fl-aħħar ta' l-attività sar diskors mill-President tagħna, is-Sur Joe Azzopardi li għalih irrisponda il-Kummissarju, is-Sur John Rizzo li attenda għal din l-attività flimkien mas-Sinjura Rizzo. B'hekk għalqet sena oħra ta' attivitajiet għal-GĦAQDA TAL-PULIZIJA PENSJONANTI.

Jidher li dak li qed jiġi organiżżat għal membri tagħna qed jintlaqgħa tajjeb u n-numru ta' membri qiegħed dejjem jiżdied. Infakkru lil min għadu ma ġeddidtx is-sħubija tiegħu biex jagħmel kuntatt mat-Teżorier ta' l-Għaqda, Wigi Vella fuq Tel: 2169 2840.

Intervista ma l-ex Surġent 255 George Muscat

(minn Alfred Debattista P.R.O.)

Illum sejrin inkomplu (u ntemmu) l-intervista li tana l-ex kollega tagħna George Muscat.

George kompla jirrakuntalna ġrajjiet ta' meta kien iservi tas-Sliema fil-bidu tal-gwerra. Kien hemm dak imsejjaħ "Curfew" li miegħu kienu marbuta regolamenti ħorox.

Kien żmien ukoll illi l-Qorti kienet ġiet trasferita għal Ħal Balzan. Semmilna każ ta' tliet suldati li daħlu għand mara fi Triq Prince of Wales fejn anke wieħed minnhom spara tir ta' revolver. Kienu marru fuq il-każ wara telefonata li kellhom u wara l-każ, dawn is-suldati weħlu seba' xhur ħabs kull wieħed.

Mad-dikjarazzjoni tal-gwerra. George u oħrajn minn sħabu Pulizija, kienu ġew iddettaljati biex jaħdmu l-Belt fuq xogħol ta' "shadowing". Kien żmien meta s-Sur Axisa laħaq Kummissarju u s-Sur Ullo sar Kap tax-C.I.D.

Meta l-gwerra kienet qorbot sew (1939) George flimkien ma PC. 37 Vella ġew magħżula biex jinħatru Surġenti. Kien hawn li minn fuq ir-Radio instemgħa Chamberlain jiddikjara gwerra kontra l-Ġermanizi. il-poplu beda jiġi ppreparat għal xi attakki li kien mistennija fuq Malta. Il-pulizija bidlu l-uniformi għal "Battle Dress"a u ġew probduti bil-maskri tal-Gass.

Fil-11 ta' Ġunju 1940, meta kien fl-Għassa tas-Sliema, George irċieva messaġġ biex tindaqq is-Sirena biex tindika l-ewwel "Air Raid" fuq gżiritna. Fit-tieni jum tal-gwerra waqgħet bomba ftit il-bogħod mill-Għassa. Ħafna nies irħewla għall-irħula jfittxu l-kenn u ħafna mid-djar tas-Sliema tħallew battala. In-nies li kienu baqgħu tas-Sliema kienu jiġu lejn l-Għassa ma kull Raid. Hawn inħass il-bżonn li jitħaffer Xelter mill-bitħa ta' l-Għassa fejn in-nies setgħu jsibu kenn.

Minn fuq il-bejt ta' l-għassa George darba ra Ajruplan Ġermaniż ġej minn naħa tal-Belt għal fuq tas-Sliema. Sakemm niżel jiġri jgħid lil sħabu ħdejn ix-xelter, bomba kbira spiċċat fi Triq Prince of Wales, ftit il-bogħod mill-Għassa u għamlet ħerba sħiħa, bit terrapien li ttajjar jasal sal-bitħa ta' l-għassa.

Il-pulizija fid-Distretti kellhom telephone dirett mad-Depot fejn kien hemm stazzjonat stakkament "Stand By" sabiex joħroġ jagħti l-għajnuna fejn ikun hemm bżonn.

Meta l-gwerra battiet xi ftit, għadd ta' Pulizija ġew mgħajjta l-Belt biex jaħdmu xogħol ta' skorta kemm fuq vapuri kif ukoll fuq trakkijiet li kienu jittrasportaw provvisti għal kullimkien, inklużi Barracks tas-Suldati Ngliżi, fi żmien il-"Convoy". Kien hemm

regolamenti ħorox għal min jabbuża. Bejn l-uffiċjali tad-Dwana u l-Pulizija ġew fl-inkwiet u tkeċċew għax fuqhom sabulhom xi affarijeit żgħar li jkunu ddubbaw għal familja.

Dak iż–żµien il-Pulizija ma kellhomx awtorita fuq il-baħar u ma setgħux, per eżempju, jintervjenu fuq serq ta' dgħajjes li kien isir. Kien biss meta l-liġi ġiet riveduta u l-Pulizija bdew jilbsu l-Battle Dress. Bl-istess poteri ta' l-armata li setgħu jipproċedu. B'hekk ukoll, il-Pulizija ġew intitolati għal "War Medals".

Kienet teżisti wkoll problema dwar ta' min kienet ir-responsabilita għall-intervent meta jiġġarraf xi bini. Sa dakinhar, min kien jasal l-ewwel bejn l-A.R.P., il-Pulizija jew tad-Demolision, kien jaħdem u meta tinqala xi problema, kienu jirrispondu l-Pulizija. Wara kien sar qbil illi l-Pulizija jidħlu l-ewwel biex jaraw hemmx mejtin jew feruti u wara jidħlu l-Korpi l-oħra. Minbarra li kienu jifittxu l-identità tal-persuni, il-Pulizija kienu jieħdu ħsieb ukoll li jindukraw xi oġġetti ta' valur u jżommu sorveljanza. Bħalma baqgħet l-użanza anke saż-żmien reċenti, min kien ikun Station Sergeant bħal George kien jieħu ħsieb illi minn fuq ir-Rough Book, idaħħal l-okkorrenzi (u jieħu ħsieb xi nuqqasijiet, għal ġewwa l-"Clean" (C.O.B.)

George isemmi wkoll każ ta' meta darba, waqt "Night Shift", ġie l-Għassa tas-Sliema suldat Ingliż fis-sakra u hedded lilu u lil Orderly b'revolver u kif irnexxilhom jarrestawh. Irriżulta li dak ir-revolver kien serqu mill-Għassa tal-Balluta waqt il-"blackout". Dak iż–żmien, minħabba l-"curfew" kull min kien irid joħroġ mid-dar qabel il-5 a.m. (l-aktar għax-xogħol) kien ikollu bżonn ta' permess speċjali.

Għall-aħħar ta' l-1945 George ġie trasferit għal Hamrun fejn ma naqsux il-problemi li jkollu kull distrett.

Inċident minnhom kien il-Marsa waqt it-tiġrijiet taż-żwiemel meta arrestaw raġel wara feriment. Waqt li kien arrestat biex jitressaq il-Qorti filgħodu, l-Ispettur fdah li jmur jorqod id-dar u dan, minflok, mar f'ħanut l-Imsida u spara w'qatel raġel (mhux lil min ried jolqot). Kien weħel għomru l-ħabs.

George jiftakar ukoll fit-traġedja li kienet saret ir-Rabat meta waqa ajruplan fi Triq San Publiju fejn intradmu u mietu ħafna nies.

George kien għadu kif żmonta f'nofsinhar mill-Għassa tal-Ħamrun meta telgħa ma oħrajn jagħtu l-għajnuna lil sħabhom fir-Rabat. Meta deher li kienu qalgħu lil kulħadd minn taħt it-terrapien, inkluż hu Kuntistabbli, dan ta' l-aħħar qalilhom l i kien għad fadal it-tarbija ta' ta' ħuħ li sa dak il-ħin kienet għada ma nstabitx. George u sħabu komplew ifittxu u sabu lil din it-tarbija li ġiet għalhekk salvata. Kien tifel u ghadu ħaj sal-lum.

Fl-aħħarnett George għaddilna kumment dwar il-Good Conduct medal - waħda minn ħafna - li jidhru fir-ritratt. Huwa spjegalna illi dik fil-fatt ma kienetx tiegħu iżda peress li kien ċert li kienu sejrin jagħtuhilu kien issellef waħda biex f'dak ir-ritratt jidher biha. Sfortunatament din il-midalja baqa ma rċievijiex għalkemm għamel ħafna rappreżentazzjonijiet dwarha matul għadd ta' snin anke wara li spiċċa mis-servizz.

Naħseb taqblu miegħi illi mit-tagħrif li akkwistajna, George kellu karriera mimlija u interessanti.

(Din l-intervista u l-forma tar-rappurtaġġ ħa ħsiebhom Alfred Debattista).

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