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Randon, Sir Agostino K.C.M.G., LL.D. — one of H. M. Judges — (1774-1853)

Born in 1774 during the rule of the Order; appointed one of His Judges on July 27, 1814; Judge of the Criminal Court 24/2/1819; Civil Court 27/2/1820 Member of the Supreme Court of Justice on 1/6/1829 and member of the Court of Appeal on 6/8/1833. Retired on pension on July 1, 1839 after the appointment of his junior, Sr. Ignazio Giovanni Bonavita as President of the Court of Appeal. Died aged 79 years on the evening of Sunday, March 13, 1853, at 5 pm.

Randon Dr Luigi Arnaldo, LL.D., B.A. — Professor of Criminal Law — (1875-1942)

Born ^{in Vittoriosa} on June 10, 1875; graduated in laws at the Malta University in August 1901; appointed Professor of Criminal Law, Malta University on July 1, 1909 retired on pension on July 1, 1939. Was one of the representatives of the Chamber of Advocates at the National Assembly in 1919; elected Senator for the Port Division (Nationalist) in 1927 and in 1932; was one of the most popular lecturers in the University; Died aged 67 years on March 17, 1942. Married on April 5, 1921, Emilia Said (born 17-11-1891 — died 22-12-1955) by whom he had two daughters, Winnifred (b. 24-11-1923) and Galvy (b. 22-5-1926)

Randon, Dr Nicolò — (1773-1837) — Physician — the Malta Govt.

Gazette, recording his death, wrote: "Dr Randon was a person of much learning and experience in the medical profession, who having obtained by means of a regular examination the situation of 1st Class Physician in the French Army, after practicing for many years with great credit in various hospitals, returned to Malta at the general peace (1813) and continued to the day of his death to employ his talents and remaining energy in attending the sick, as Principal Physician of the Government Dispensary for the Poor.

Died in Valletta, aged 65 years, after a very short illness of 12 hours on the 10th January 1837.

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Raggio, Mr. Angelo - (1852-1928) - Rector of St. Philip's - was held in the highest reverence for his zeal as apostolic missionary, and was remarkable for his intense love of the Blessed Sacrament, as well as for his austerity to the end of his saintly life. Died on Saturday, 29th September 1928

Rapinet Richard - (1882-1916) - civil servant - son of the late Mr. Charles Rapinet, former Superintendent, Water & Electricity Dept. joined the service on the 11th July 1898; promoted 1st Class Clerk, Posts Dept. where he served for a long time, on the 20th April 1909; died in the service aged in his 34th year, at his residence in Floriana, at 2.30 pm on Saturday, January 15, 1916.

Raffaele, Padre, da Malta - Capuchin monk - was a celebrated writer on lectures of ~~the~~ theology, who flourished in the 17th century. In 1602 he was elected Provincial Guardian of the convents of his Order in Syracuse, Sicily and later Vicar General of the province of Palermo, and was selected by the General of the Order to assist the Chapter of Messina. Died in Syracuse in 1628 the 54th year of his veneration.

Randon Agostino - (1840-1919) - a leading authority on agrarian matters and member of the Malta Agrarian Society & a frequent contributor to the press on the subject; educated in Malta and at Fiesole; died aged 49 years at his residence in Tarsien on January 24, 1919. Buried in the family vault in the parish church, Tarsien.

Ramsay, Colonel Marmaduke - (1837-1893) - Grand Master of the Freemason Lodges of the Mediterranean, who for many years wintered in Malta. Born in 1837; Ensign in Bengal Native Infantry, March 1855; Lieutenant, 31 May 1857; Captain, Bengal Staff Corps, 20-3-1867; Major, 20-3-1875; Lt. Colonel, 20-3-1881; retired with the honorary rank of Colonel, 22-10-1882; served in Indian Mutiny and Mutiny at Jubbulpore & subsequent pursuit; medal. Died in Malta on Monday 23 Jan. 1893 after a severe illness, aged 56 years. Buried at Ta Braxia Cemetery, Jan. 25.

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Reid, Sir William (1791-1858) - Major-general royal engineers, and
governor of Malta. The eldest son of James Reid, minister of the established
Church of Scotland at Kinglassie, Fifeshire, and his wife Alexandrina,
daughter of Thomas Byss, chief engineer in Scotland, was born at Kinglassie
on 25 April 1791; entered the Royal Military Academy West Point in 1806;
qualified 2nd Lt. royal engineers, 10 Feb. 1809. Lt. 23 April 1810. Served in
the Peninsular War and France; had Orleans expedition on 4 Jan. 1815.
In 1815 took part in the march on and capture of Paris. Served in Ireland
and on 8 Dec. 1831 embarked for Barbados. On 7 Sept. 1835 formed the
British Legion of 10,000 raised in England for service of the queen regent of
Spain against Don Carlos; on 10 Jan. 1837 promoted Lt. Col. In Jan. 1839 he
was appointed Governor of Bermuda, where he effected important agricultural
reforms. In Dec. 1846, he transferred from Bermuda to Barbados, to be Governor
in chief of the Windward Is. Returned to England in Sept. 1848 and on 1 Jan. 1849
resumed military duty as commanding 4th Lt. engineers at Woolwich. On the
27 Oct. 1851, Reid was appointed governor & commander in chief of Malta
& on 11th Nov. 1851 brevet Col.; major general on 30 May 1852. His governorship
of Malta coincided with the Crimean War; founded an agricultural school &
improved agricultural implements; introduced and spread of cotton thread &
re-established barometer in public places to warn shipping and fishermen.
introduced modern books on Public Library. Returned to England in the
summer of 1850 and died on the 31 Oct. 1858 at his residence 117 (later 95)
Gloucester Terrace Hyde Park Garden. Married on the 5th Nov. 1818, at Clapham,
Sarah (born on 16 Oct. 1795) youngest daughter of John Holland Esq. Lady
Reid died at St Leonards, Sussex on 19 Feb. 1859, nine months before her
husband. Five daughters survived them; of whom Charlotte Cayley married
General Sir Neville Chamberlain G.C.B., G.C.S.I.

Rejto, Rev. Canon Di. Michele (1780-1834) - Canon of the Cat.
legiate Church of Gozo, died aged 54 years on the 5th September
1834.

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Reynaud, Paolo, P.L. - (1861-1918) - Solicitor - Born in 1861 and took his warrant of legal Procurator at the Malta University; practised in the Courts of Judicial Police where he was known as one of the ablest solicitors in the Island. Died aged in his 57th year at his residence, No. 52 Sta Lucia, Valletta on Thursday, the 14th November, 1918. Survived by his son, Edgar Reynaud P.L., and his daughters, Emma, wife of Giovanni Russo P.A.A.

Refalo, Mrs Mary, née Debono - (1879-1917) - wife of the hon. Prof. Guichangelo Refalo B.A., M.D., Crown Advocate, and daughter of Mr. G. D. Debono P.A.A., died at her residence in Sta S. Lucia, Valletta, at 3.15 pm. on Saturday the 17th March 1917 aged 38 years. Survived by her husband, five young children, her father, two sisters and a brother. Buried at the Addolorata Cemetery at 5 pm. on Sunday, March 18.

Reynaud, Mrs. Frances - (1854-1949) - widow of Henry Frederic Reynaud - died at Casa Bonavita, Attard, aged 95 years on March 16, 1949, and buried at the Attard parochial Cemetery. Survived by her son Dr. Joseph H. Reynaud, former Public Prosecutor and Senior Crown Counsel (ret.); and his daughters Mrs. John Bonavita, Mrs. John Salomone and Mrs. Albert D. Lafusa.

Reynaud Capt. Edward Henry, M.B.E., R.M.A. (ret'd) - (1875-1948) - Born in Valletta in 1875, son of Henry Frederic Reynaud and Frances née Vella; appointed 2/Lt. in the Royal Malta Regiment of Militia on November 9, 1895; and transferred to the Royal Malta Artillery on January 5, 1895; retired on reaching the age limit. Died of Cancer of the rectum at the Blue Sisters Hospital, St. Julian's, at 8.20 am. on the 8th February 1948, aged 73 years; buried at the Addolorata Cemetery. Survived by his aged mother (an aunt) his brother Dr. Joseph H. Reynaud M.D., and his sisters, Mrs. J. Bonavita, Mrs. J. Salomone, and Mrs. A. V. Lafusa.

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Refalo, Sir Michelangelo, Kt. LL.D. - Chief Justice & President of the Court of Appeal (1876-1923) - Born in Rabat, Gozo, on June 14, 1876; educated at the Jesuit Seminary, Gozo and the Royal University; matriculated in 1892; B.A. in 1895 and graduated LL.D. in 1898; Professor of Commercial Law and History of Legislation, 1908; Assistant Crown Advocate, 15 Feb. 1910; Crown Advocate and ex-officio Vice-President of the Council of Gozo, Nov. 15, 1915. Chief Justice and President of the Court of Appeal, Aug. 26, 1919. Died at his residence, Viller Refalo, Attard, on December 20, 1923, aged 47 years. Sir Michelangelo Refalo was the youngest man to hold the post of Chief Justice Mrs Maria Refalo, nee Debono, his wife, died on Saturday, March 17, 1917.

Reynolds John - Assistant Rector, Malta University & Deputy Director of Public Instruction - (1849-1925)

Born in 1849 at Bunde, Scotland; educated in private schools; appointed as a pupil teacher in St. Stephens Roman Catholic School, Bunde; gained Queen's Scholarship in 1868 and proceeded to the Training College, Hammersmith, London which he left at the end of 1870 as "top man"; holds prizes, certificates and a bronze medal from the Science & Art Dept. South Kensington; for first years taught under the Jesuit Fathers at Finsbury, London, England; was appointed to a new school opened at Hessel near Ipswich, London, by the Oblate Fathers of St. Charles, Baywater; came to Malta and was appointed in the Govt. service on Jan. 1, 1882, in the Education Dept. as teacher of English, Mathematics & Physics; became Head of the Training School for the instruction of Elementary School Assistants; Examiner in English and Maths to the Special Faculty of Literature & Science, Malta University, for about 10 years; appointed Assistant Rector, Malta University, on 26 October 1899 and later Deputy Director of Public Instruction; retired on pension in 1913; died at the Blue Sisters Hospital, aged 75 years on Monday the 31st August, 1925.

Reynolds Francis - Director of Elementary Schools - (1874 - 1920)

Son of John Reynolds (see above); Born in 1874; educated at the Gymn, Malta; entered the Govt. service on 20-2-1891 as clerk, Monte di Pietà; transferred to the Post Office the same year; transferred to Elementary Schools Dept 1898; As. Insp. of Schools, 1900

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Inspector of Schools, 1904; transferred to office of Lieutenant Governor, 1913; Director of Elementary Schools, 1914; * died of heart failure on the rocks at Fort Stadio, Sliema, while bathing, of heart failure, aged 46 years, on the 12th August 1920. He was unmarried.

Reynaud, Paolo, L.P. - Solicitor - (1861-1918)

Born in Birkirkara in 1861, son of Salvatore Reynaud and Anna Lalle; took his warrant of legal Procurator at the Malta University. Died at his residence, no. 52 San Yusev, aged 57 years on the 14th, 1918. Survived by his son, Edgar Reynaud L.P., his daughter Emma, and his brother-in-law, Giovanni Jesso P.A.A.

Reid, Sir William - Governor of Malta from 1851 to 1858 - distinguished British soldier and scientist; saw service in the Peninsular War with the Royal Engineers; former Governor of Bermuda and later of Barbados; appointed Chairman ^{of the Examiners' Committee} of the Great Exhibition in Hyde Park in 1850 for which service he was awarded by a Knight-hood in the Order of the Bath; Vice President of the Royal Society, in 1849. Died at his residence at Glanuskier Park, Hyde Park, London on the 3rd October 1858. His wife, Lady Reid died on Feb. 19 of the same year.

Refalo Edward, Ph.C. - (1909-1941) - Milk Analyst, G. M. U.

Born on 1st February 1909, son of Chief Justice Sir Michelangelo Refalo M.A., L.L.B. Obtained his warrant of Pharmaceutical Chemist at the Malta University in 1934; appointed Analyst, Customs Dept. on 1st June 1936; and Milk Analyst, G. M. U., on the 18 Sept 1939. At this time Edward Refalo was already in an advanced stage of pulmonary tuberculosis and his appointment to the Milk Marketing Dept was one of the major scandals of the Crown Colony administration. He retired on medical grounds on 1st April 1941 and died aged 32 years on the 20th July 1941. Survived by his wife, Laura, daughter of Prof. Enrico Basile M.D.

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Rivarola, Lieut. General Count Sir Francis, K.C.M.G., - quondam in the British

Army and former Inspector-General of Police, Malta. - (?1772-1853).
A Corsican by birth, he was appointed Surgeon in the Corsican Regt. (Smith's
Union Brigade) on March 15, 1795; Lt., 1796 and drafted into the 18th Regt and
later into the 22nd Foot; accompanied Abercromby's Egyptian Expedition
in 1800 as A. Q. M. G.; placed in charge of the Maltese Prisoners in 1800 and
served with them in Egypt till 1801; was then employed as Secretary
and afterwards as Brigade Major at Malta. In 1804 he raised 300 Corsicans
& was promoted to a Company of the Corsican Rangers; raised the Royal
Sicilian Regt. in 1806; with part of this corps & part of the Corsican Rangers
he reduced the castle of Reggio and took as prisoners 600 of the French
42nd Regt. of the line. Proceeded to Egypt in 1807 and was present at several
of the engagements; Major on Feb. 6, 1807 and Lieut. Colonel on Feb. 7, 1811.

In 1813 was appointed Inspector-General of Police in Malta (at that
time mostly ad interim) and in 1814, Inspector of the 1st Regt. (1813-22).

On February 11, 1815 he was charged to raise the Royal Maltese
Fusible Regt (which also performed police and coast-guard duties);
promoted Colonel on July 19, 1821, and Colonel Commandant the
R. M. F. Regt in March, 1825; Major-General, 22 July 1830; K.C.M.G.
in 1840 and Lieut.-General on November 23, 1844.

died at Cephalonia on October 10, 1853.

Rigord, Rev. Luigi, S.J. - man of letters - (1739-1823)

Born in Valletta in May 1739, son of Giuseppe Rigord and Clotilde
Joanard; received his education at the Jesuit College, Valletta,
and, wanting to join the Society was sent to Palermo to continue
his studies; when the Jesuits were expelled from the Kingdom of
the Two Sicilies in 1767, the young Jesuit Father Rigord passed
into the secular clergy and went to Rome. He returned to Malta
after many years and died aged 84 years in 1823, and was buried
in the Jesuits Church, Valletta, where a marble tablet marks his grave.

It is said that he was the author of the Latin epitaph on the Trafalgar Monument
in London.

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Rizzo, Brevet-Major Vincenzo - (1802 - 1862) - After service in the Malta Provincial Corps, ⁽¹⁸⁰⁴⁾ was appointed lieutenant and quartermaster in the Royal Malta Fencible Regt. February 25, 1815; lieutenant and paymaster, February 25, 1817; retiring in 1822 with the rank of brevet-major, the oldest member of the corps. Died aged 59 years on November 14, 1862, and was buried in the Carmelite Church, Valletta.

He had been teased throughout his life by his friends on account of his commonplace name "Cousin." Being the owner of two "mazzaroni" in Sta. Marcanuccio, Valletta, he established a "prima quinzana" the condition being that the first born male of his descendant and his should be called after him "Cousin."

Rizzo Victor - (1897-1929) - Son of the late Mr. Edmund Rizzo and Emmanuela Guido Agopardi; died in Tunis, on Wednesday, 25th September 1929, aged 32 years. Survived by his widow, nee Leonardis and an only son.

Rizzo, Edmondo - (1866-1918) - Assistant Registrar, Civil Courts, died aged 52 years on the 25th October 1918. Survived by his four sons.

Ricci, Mro. Cav. Raffaele - Bandmaster of the "Prince of Wales" Band and the "Duke of Cornwall" Band, and Honorary Bandmaster of the "Duke of Edinburgh" Band - died on Sunday, 15th Nov. 1904.

Rispolo, Fra Giovanni Matteo, O.P. - distinguished Maltese Dominican monk who flourished during the first half of the 17th Century; a celebrated preacher and man of letters; was appointed to several important posts in his Order; and was also vicar-general to Cardinal Galamino and theologian to Grand Master Ugo de' Medici. Died in 1638.

Ridler, Captain William - (1838-1885) - Quartermaster, 1st Battalion Hampshire Regt. died at Valletta aged 47 years on April 7, 1885. Buried at St. Baxia Cemetery.

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Registrars - H.M. Superior Courts

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<u>Not. Angelo Alberto Camilleri</u>	- 1st afft. 14-2-24 - afft. Registrar	20-2-1837
<u>Notary Vincenzo Rapinett</u>	"	16-7-1814 " 15-2-1856
<u>Notary Vincenzo Lorus</u>	"	12-11-1836 " 16-5-1864.
<u>Dr. Federico Borghello</u>	"	22-12-1873 " 22-12-1873
<u>Giovanni Xuxub</u>	"	2-10-1857 " 25-11-1878
<u>Notary Ottone Redomenico</u>	"	12-5-1856 " 6-12-1893
<u>Ruggiero Muscat</u>	"	11-1-1856 " 26-4-1900
<u>Leo Benjawan</u>	"	14-2-1881 " 10-5-1910
<u>Robert Lapina</u>	"	29-4-1889 " 26-8-1915
<u>Paul Lupi Guesh</u>	"	9-4-1894 " 14-2-1929
<u>Edgar Staines</u>	"	1-7-1902 " 4-9-1931
<u>Dr. Joseph Vella hhd.</u>	"	27-10-1934 " 23-12-1944
<u>Dr. Edgar Buchajin hhd.</u>	"	29-10-1945 " 29-7-1957.
<u>Dr. Victor Borg Costanzi hhd.</u>	"	14-3-1955 " 2-6-1966

Registrars - Courts of Judicial Police

<u>Emmanuele Camilleri</u>	- (Civil Court)	afft. 19-1-1835
<u>Carlo Ermanno Bellanti</u>	- (Criminal Court)	" 31-12-1837.
<u>Janiced Pace</u>	- (Civil Court)	" 1-1-1860
<u>Ferdinando Giglio</u>	- (Criminal Court)	" 1-10-1859
<u>Antero Vassallo</u>	- (do)	" 12-2-1870
<u>Not. Ottone Redomenico</u>	- (Three Cities)	" 12-2-1870 (abolished 1-6-1880)

(Post abolished 1-6-1880)

<u>Paolo V. Vella</u>	- 1st afft. 19-12-1876 - afft. Registrar	1-12-1900
<u>Arthur Gala</u>	- " 17-6-1904 - " "	1-5-1914
<u>Janiced Gouher</u>	- " 12-6-1890 " "	6-8-1920
<u>Michael Ciarras</u>	- " 1-8-1894 " "	3-8-1933
<u>Arthur Lora de Petra</u>	- " 23-6-1899 " "	1-7-1934
<u>Dr. Louis Pace hhd.</u>	- " 9-12-1952 " "	11-2-1944

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Registrar, Courts of Judicial Police (cont)

(Post abolished)

Assistant Registrar, C. of J.P.

Joseph M. Micallef 1st Appt. 12-3-1936 - Appt. Ass. Registrar. 16-1-1959.

Registrar, Courts of Judicial Police, Gozo.

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Giovanni Francesco Dimech - 1st Appt. 15-9-1836 - Appt. Registrar 1-8-1849

Dr Antonio Tabone M.D. - " 11-1-1861 - " 11-1-1861

Dr Vincenzo Tabone M.D. - " 10-10-1878 - " 10-10-1878

Alessandro Tabone - " 20-6-1871 - " 1-1-1913

Giovanni Vassallo - " 1-12-1884 - " 17-3-1915

Mr Alfredo Refalo M.D. - " 26-8-1919 - " 27-2-1925

Dr Luigi Pace M.D. - " 9-12-1934 - " 9-12-1934

Christo Agius - Acting Registrar

Dr Arturo Valenzia M.D. - " 1948 " 1948

Dr Victor Borg Guech M.D. - " 4-6-1948 " 4-6-1948

Joseph Cefai L.P. - " 16-11-1956 " 29-4-1957

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Ruggier, Carmelo, Ph.C. — Chemist — (1901-1951)

Born in Cospina in 1901; joined the Course of Law, at the Malta University in 1919, but failed to take his degree; re-joined the Course of Pharmacy in 1930 and took his Baccalaureate in 1933; was the proprietor of Ruggier's Pharmacy in Gavino Giulio Sq., Cospina which was transferred to Via Boscchetto in 1940; died aged 50 years on February 8, 1951 and was buried in the Addolorata Cemetery.

Married Lucia Borg Carrott who predeceased him and had no issue.

Ruggier Antonio Adolfo — (1867-1929) — retired Customs and Excise Officer

died at his residence in Cospina, aged 62 years, after a short illness, on Saturday, 26th October 1929. Survived by his daughter Miss Ruggier and his two sons Dr G. J. Ruggier and Carmelo M. Ruggier.

Rull, Fra Bartolomeo — Bishop of Malta — a native of Naples;

appointed parish priest of the Holy Trinity Church, Valletta, 1725-26; and Grand Prior of the Order in 1738. Proposed to the bishopric by Grand Master Pinto and his Council on April 26, 1757 and sanctioned by the King of Sicily to Pope Benedict XIV, who confirmed his election. He was consecrated Bishop in Reggio, Calabria on May 7, 1758 by the Archbishop of that city, Inq. Domenico Licono, but on April 20, that same year, the General Francesco Ximenes (afterwards Grand Master) had already taken possession of the diocese on his behalf. Bishop Rull made his solemn ingress in the Cathedral on June 27, 1758. He suffered from bad health due to chronic disease, but this notwithstanding he ruled his diocese wisely for 12 years, dying on the 12th February 1769 and was buried in the Cathedral, Valletta after a solemn funeral service in the Church of St. Paul Shepherd Valletta.

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Ruggier, Chev. Dr. Giuseppe, M.D., L.M.R.C.P.I., L.M.R.H.D. — (1893-1949) — Medical practitioner — formerly of Corrales. Born in 1893; graduated in medicine at the Malta University in 1919; died aged 56 years at Paola on the 8th February 1949 and was buried at the Addolorata Cemetery. Survived by his wife Sylvia di Conti Manduca; his brother Carmelo Ruggier M.C., and his sister Maria Assunta Ruggier.

Rull, Giorgio — (1806-1870) — Musician & Teacher of Music.

Born in Valletta on the 15th January 1806, he dedicated himself from childhood to the study of music, specializing on the violin. He was a profound student of the theory of music and was always regarded as one of the best Maltese Counterpointists. He formed part of the Orchestra of Mro. St. Paolo Nani, and he performed sacred music in all those parish churches of which St. Nani was Maestro di Cappella; he was also a member of the Royal Theatre Orchestra, besides being a much sought after private tutor. When in 1850 the Government introduced the study of music in the Primary Schools according to the method of Wilhelm as modified by Hullah, Giorgio Rull was selected as the first teacher, which post he occupied for twenty years to the entire satisfaction of his superiors. A devout man, he was a daily worshipper at La Greca church in Valletta. He died aged 64 years after a long illness on Saturday the 20th August 1870.

Rutter, T. — (1808-1886) — Died in Valletta aged 78 years on Wednesday, March 3, 1886.

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Roncali, Dr Zaccaria LL.D. — politician — one of H.M. Judges — and one of the most controversial figures of his time — (1839-1918)

Born in Malta on the 27th July 1839 of Gent descent, he graduated in Law at the Malta University in 1862. The story of his entry into politics and his friendship and association first with Dr. Fortunato Mizzi, and secondly his defection from the party line, were related by Dr. Fortunato Mizzi in the "Malta" *giornale mercantile* of June 19, 1886: "Dr. Mizzi had first known Dr. Roncali in 1861 when the first was beginning and the second completing the academical course of law at the University. On Sigismundo Levona's acceptance of the post of Director of Public Instruction on June 4, 1880 had shaken severely the public's trust in the patriotic notions of its political leaders; it was Dr. Roncali who had urged Dr. Mizzi to accept the candidature of the Gozo seat at the election of October 1880 (as a member of the pro-Italian party under the leadership of Dr. Agostino Vassallo opposed to the educational reforms suggested by the Freeman Report). Dr. Mizzi had been elected and nobody was excited than himself that the *clero* Dr. Roncali failed to secure election to the Council of Government; Dr. Mizzi consulted Dr. Roncali on all important questions, and on each occasion his high opinion of Dr. Roncali's abilities were confirmed. (Dr. Mizzi, as the Champion of "Italianity" made his mark immediately in the Council) and at the 1883 election, Dr. Roncali, warmly sponsored by Dr. Mizzi, was returned to the Council. From November 1883 to Jan 1887, both Sir Arthur Barton and Sir J. A. Summons were impressed by the solidarity of the elected bench, but after the latter date, the "Palace Clique" succeeded in enticing and reducing the majority of the elected members. Dr. Mizzi would never believe that Dr. Roncali had "sold" himself — he had been seduced by more subtle means. It was the known pride of Dr. Roncali which

caused him to betray his colleagues. The Palace cliques found of the weak point in his armour and made full use of their knowledge. Dr Roncali was consulted privately on important questions by the Crown Advocate *Sic. Joseph Carboni* and by the Governor himself; he gave his opinion without consulting or informing his colleagues, and his pride compelled him to support measures in opposition to his colleagues; it was his pride which impelled him to oppose *Dr. Niggi* in order to prove that he did not take any orders from his leader. The final breach came in 1885; by this time all the elected members, except *Canon Agius* were all following their own paths, and *Dr. Fortunato Niggi* was left alone in the Council to fight the official majority. Dr Roncali's "reasons" however, were insured that he would never again be elected to the "Council of Government" — and *Dr. Niggi* was as good as his word.

On the occasion of the feast of the 5th September, in 1885, when Dr Roncali was still a member of the Council of Government he addressed the crowd on the Palace square and shouted "Malta è dei Maltesi — fidi lo struzzo!"

This scathing and irresponsible cry, directed even to his own advisers, who obliged him to resign from the Presidency of the "Casino San Giorgio", and erased his name from the list of honorary members of the Casino at *Votabile*.

On the 14th September 1885 he was denounced to the Governor by the patriot, the noble *Saverio Debono*. His charge was embodied in a petition report, wherein it was stated that independent witnesses were ready to substantiate the charge. *Sic. C. Debono* however, merely caused a letter to be addressed to Dr Roncali, dated 14th September 1885 wherein the charge was communicated to him, and added "Having regard to your position as a Member of the Council of Government and of Advocate, His Excellency is of opinion that this is a very serious accusation and it would be most unfair and improper of him to receive it without communi-

caking it to you" - Dr. Roucali was invited to give his explanations. Nothing happened and the explanation is given by Dr. A. V. Kapela ("British Bulletin", II, p. 589) "Roucali, denounced by his leader, became one of the most useful - at least so the Governor thought - if not the most useful of the people's representatives." Agitation for political reform was at its height, and Dr. Roucali, prompted by the Crown Colony and the Palace clique, elaborated a scheme for a new constitution which would give the strict Colonial Government rule a new lease of life - hence his usefulness and the expediency of excusing even audacious utterances.

Dr. Roucali's inconsistencies were also enumerated by Dr. Maggi in the article quoted above - he had chanted "Fidi lo Stannico" on the Palace Square - a short time later proposed in the Council the sale and capitalization of all government (foreign government!) property; he had refused to take off his hat when the National Anthem was sounded at the ceremony of the opening of the Casino San Giorgio, but a few days later accepted the Governor's invitation to the Palace Queen's birthday dinner. On the wall of his Quinman residence, the Babuqa Tower at Jubilee was an inscription "Qui non abitans proci, putane o uominis d'anni"

In spite of his anti-British record, he obtained his first official appointment as advocate for the Poor on September 7, 1888, and during his term of office he defended successfully and brilliantly seven capital cases; on October 1, 1890 he was appointed Judge - in spite of the well-known note in the official "Black Book" - that he should never get such an appointment. Dr. Roucali remained an anglophobe to the last. On one occasion a lawyer inquired of the address of a certain witness; Judge Roucali took down his name but on being told that he lived in a street with an English name he turned to the register and said: "Mr. Registrar, take down this barbarous name yourself." (Kapela, op. cit. p. 58).

In the legal field Dr Roncali proposed that the presiding judge in criminal cases should be precluded from delivering a summation up of the case to the jury - often a real and unreasonable indictment. (See "Risorgimento" 19 March 1906 & A. Muraica "Le Michiando").

Dr Roncali labored in prison on October 11, 1915 and died aged 49 years on February 14, 1918, at his residence, no. 127, Str. S. Lucia, Val.

Roncali, Prof. Demetrio M.D. Eminent pathologist & Professor of Surgery in Italian Universities - (1866-1931)

Born in Malta in 1866, the eldest son of Dr. Zaccaria Roncali; appointed Professor of Surgery at the University of Naples in 1906; died in Naples while he was lecturing at the University there, on November 12, 1931.

Roncali, Dr. Costantino, LL.D. - Advocate - (1876-1920)

Born in Malta in 1876, the younger son of Dr. Zaccaria Roncali; practiced at the Bar in Malta, but having been condemned to 15 days imprisonment for contempt of Court by the presiding judge during the hearing of a case which he was defending, he left the island shortly afterwards. Died after a long illness, aged 43 years on the 29th January 1920.

Robinson, Walter Stanley, B.A. - schoolmaster - (1858-1938)

Born in Sheffield, England in 1858, the son of James Robinson and Susan Charlesworth; came to Malta and made the island his permanent home; founded "Robinson's Collegiate School" for boys & girls, at no. 300 Str. Reale, Valletta in 1885 which continued in existence until his death; married Margaret Reed, by whom he had a son John Stanley Robinson; died aged 80 years at the H.G.V. Hospital, Floriana, at 10.35 pm on the 15th August 1938. Buried at La Braxia Protestant cemetery.

Ryan, Sister Winifride - Nun of St. Joseph's Convent, Sliema - (1893-1936)

Born in Limerick, Ireland in 1893, daughter of John Ryan and Alice Mc Dermott; took her vows as a nun of St. Joseph of the Apparition in 1912 and was

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sent to Malta, to the Minna Convent, being transferred to the Paola Convent in the Lake Lucerne. Died aged 43 years at the Blue Sisters Hospital, St. Julian's at 4 pm on the 23rd July 1936 and was buried in the Addolorata Cemetery.

Sister Winifred, a quick tempered Irish woman was extremely popular with the children of the Convent school. She was survived by her parents in Ireland.

Roncali Giorgio - Assistant Treasurer - (1870-1928)

Born on ^{4/6} 1870, son of Dr. Laccaria Roncali M.D. - entered the Government service on 21st December 1892; appointed Third Class Clerk (Treasury) on 15th April 1895; on 23rd April 1927 was appointed Senior Assistant Treasurer - died aged 58 years on Tuesday 9th February 1928 and was buried in the Addolorata Cemetery at 4.30 pm on Feb. 10.

G. Roncali was the house of the wife of Merita, the Italian husband of Mrs. Kuli, Valletta.

Robertson, Sir William, K.C.M.G. - former Chief Secretary and Lieutenant Governor of Malta (1917-1918). He favoured the Nationalists and hated Italian in order to incur better Italian favour; Sir Arturo Mercica describes him as a "gentleman" in his Memoirs; after relinquishing his Malta appointment Sir William was promoted Governor of Barbados (1925-1933) and on his retirement fixed his permanent residence in Gibraltar, where he died on June 28, 1937.

Robertson William - (1780-1835) - Assistant Commissary-General on the Staff of the Malta Garrison died in his 53th year on Monday the 1st June 1835; survived by his wife and a numerous family.

Rossi, Captain Gioacchino - (1758-1838) - of the Department of Marine Police, having for many years attended to his situation with punctuality and honour, for which services he had been awarded a pension which he enjoyed for several years. Died aged 80 years on the 1st November 1838.

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Rowley, Thomas - (1850-1928) - English master, Maltese language - came to this island as a young man intending to England after entering on furlough; for several years was a leader member of the Daily Maltese Chronicle - died at St Thomas Hospital, London, aged 78 years, on Saturday, the 25th August 1928. Published a small book of poems, "Maltese Songs".

Ross, Dr. Francesco Saverio, B.A., M.D. - (1867-1934) - former Quarantine Medical Officer - Born in 1867; graduated in medicine at the Maltese University in September 1895; entered the government medical service on Jan. 11, 1896; appointed Quarantine Medical Officer on July 31, 1919, returning on furlough in 1928; died at Coppena at 4 a.m. on Thursday, 19th July 1934, aged 67 years. Survived by his wife and his daughters, Mary, wife of the Hon. Dr. Carmelo Mifsud Bonnici M.D., Jane, wife of Mr. E. Pace, and Thomas Connie and Kelly Ross.

Rossi, Stephen - (1885-1915) - son of Antonio Rossi, 4th cadet, E. I. C.; for many years established in London; died at his parents residence in Sliema, aged 30 years, on Sunday the 21st February 1915 at 11 p.m.

Rodenas Vincenzo - (1823-1914) - civil pensioner, formerly Keeper of gold and silver pledges at the Monte di Pietà; entered on furlough on Sept. 1, 1893; died at his residence in Sliema, Marsamuscetto, Valletta, aged in his 94th year on the 6th November 1914, having lived during the administration of 2 Generals.

Rowley, Harry - son of Thomas Rowley, late of the teaching staff, Lyceum; Born in Malta, he was occupying a vacation post in Brazil, which he gave up to return to England where he enlisted in the London Regiment; saw service in the Dardanelles, Egypt, France and Flanders in a machine gun company; killed in action in Flanders on Oct. 3, 1917. His brother was also serving at the front.

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Royas, Fra Martino - Bishop of Malta - a native of Castille; doctor of civil and canon law; Vice-Chancellor of the Order, and a man famous for his learning and prudence; was nominated by Grand Master de Valette and his Council and consecrated bishop in Rome by Pope Gregory XIII. He reprimanded the Order of St. John at the Tridentine Council and was on various occasions appointed ambassador by the Order. In 1574, Grand Master de Casiere appointed him Costa as the Bishop's co-adjutor and superintendent. Bishop Royas oppressed by age and trouble, returned to home, where he died on the 19th August 1577.

Rossi, Hector - (1885-1955) - former Swiss sanitary inspector, and for many years, sanitary inspector, Rabat; retired on pension on 5 March 1945; died aged 69 years at his residence in Rabat, on January 9, 1955, and was buried at the Adoration Cemetery. Survived by his wife, Stella; his children Violet, Joseph and Harry; his sisters Stella and Bice; and his brother Emmanuel Rossi.

Rowell, Francis W., C.B., C.M.G., English Commissioner for Egypt; former Director of Contracts at the Admiralty, and appointed Commissioner to enquire and report on the system of taxation in Malta in 1874, which was published on May 13, 1876. Died at the Grosvenor Hotel, London, shortly after his arrival from Egypt on September 4, 1885.

Robertson, Henry Fisher - (1869-1886) - clerk employed with Messrs Woodhouse and Co. died of diphtheria aged 17 years on the 7th February 1886.

Rose, Emma - the third daughter of the late Simon Rose Esq. died on the 17th June 1889 at 4.30 am. at "The Helios" No. 3 Strand Road, St. James, the residence of her sister Mrs. G. L. Jackson.

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Rosenbusch, Chev. E. - (1832-1890) - Resident in Malta for a long time; the first to introduce electric light for public and domestic purposes, and the telephone in the island. Died at Corinth on the 19th October 1890 aged 58 years. Survived by his widow and six children.

Rizzo, Arthur (Turu) - (1894 - 1961) - Maltese athlete and famous endurance open-sea swimmer. His sporting feats include the following:

- 1) Member of the Malta Water-polo Team which competed at the Amsterdam Olympiad, 1928 (securing the only victory ever secured by a Maltese Olympic Squad - against Luxembourg).
- 2) 17 Oct. 1926 - Endurance swim fr. Ras il Qala, Gozo, to Chetlet Ghas-ir-ud, Sliema - 1st such swim ever attempted.
- 3) 23/24 July 1927 - 24 hours endurance swim in Wicletta Harbour.
- 4) 10/11 Sept 1927 - Swim from Marsalforn Bay, Gozo to Sliema Luzzies - World Open-sea distance record.
- 5) 14/17 Sept. 1928 - World sea endurance record.
- 6) On Thurs. 31 Aug. 1933, Turu Rizzo took to the sea from Pozzallo Harbour, Sicily at 11.37 pm. in an attempted Sicily-Malta Swim. Within 2 1/2 hours he covered 4 miles; in 24 hrs, 20 1/2 miles; 40 1/2 hrs - 31 miles. Malta was sighted on the morning of Sat. Sept. 2.; by noon he was within 13 miles off shore still in a fit condition, and hoping to land early on Sunday morning. On Saturday morning the sea was dead calm, but in the afternoon it became choppy with a strong current, adverse to the swimmer; in 5 hours Rizzo covered only 1/4 mile, and his pulse became weaker with his greater exertions; in a short time Rizzo drifted to a point 22 miles from Malta. At 7.15 the situation became hopeless, and the doctors ordered Rizzo out of the water. In 51 hours, in the open sea Rizzo covered 40 miles; off the coast of Malta the sea was dead calm. The attempt was a failure.

On 31 March / 2nd April, 1938, Rizzo attempted an endurance walk - in rubber-soled shoes. This was another mismanaged failure.

On Sat. 2nd Sept. 1953, Dr. Enrico Rizzo approached his appointment to the post of Physical Teacher (on no establishment) in the Secondary Schools.

Royal Malta Artillery Regt - Officers who commanded the Corps
 (formerly the Royal Malta Fencible Regt., 1815-1861; the Royal Malta Fencible Artillery, 1861-1889; "Fencible" eliminated on 23-3-1889, and the regiment styled Royal Malta Artillery; in 1962 the regiment was constituted into a Transport Service Corps for service in Germany, and departed in April 1962.)

Commanding Officers, 1815-1939.

Lt. Col. Francis A. Rivarola who was charged to raise the Regt, (11-2-1815 - 25-12-1837.)
 Col. Commandant, 3-3-1823; Lt. Col. Count Luigi Gatto, second i/c
 fr. 25-2-1815 to 25-2-1817.

<u>Lt. Col. Marquis S. Depiro</u>	_____	(29-12-1837 - 20-7-1847)
<u>Lt. Col. F. Busett</u>	_____	(20-3-1847 - 23-7-1852)
<u>Lt. Col. S. Baynes</u>	_____	(1-9-1852 - 15-9-1857)
<u>Lt. Col. Antonio Mattei</u>	_____	(15-9-1857 - 5-9-1877)
<u>Lt. Col. G. Lazzarini</u>	_____	(5-9-1877 - 11-11-1882)
<u>Lt. Col. Marquis S. Depiro</u>	_____	(11-11-1882 - 15-4-1884)
<u>Lt. Col. M. Portelli</u>	_____	(16-4-1884 - 13-2-1891)
<u>Lt. Col. Joseph Speranza</u>	_____	(13-2-1891 - 17-2-1897)
<u>Lt. Col. Paul Bernard</u>	_____	(17-2-1897 - -9-1901)
<u>Lt. Col. Antonio Gatt</u>	_____	(-9-1901 - -12-1904)
<u>Lt. Col. Alessandro Mattei</u>	_____	1904 - 1909
<u>Lt. Col. Alfred Trapani M.V.O.</u>	_____	1909 - 1915
<u>Lt. Col. Alfred Vella O.B.E</u>	_____	1915 - 1923
<u>Lt. Col. Walter Dunbar Vella</u>	_____	1923 - 1925
<u>Lt. Col. Charles A. Denaro O.B.E.</u>	_____	1925 - 1932
<u>Lt. Col. Victor C. Micallef O.B.E</u>	_____	1932 - 1935
<u>Lt. Col. Alfred J. Gatt O.B.E., M.C.</u>	_____	1935 - 1939.

Commanding Officers, 1939-1945

1st Coast Regiment, R.M.A
Lt. Col. (later Brigadier) A. J. Gatt O.B.E., M.C
Lt. Col. Charles E. Casolani
Lt. Col (later Colonel) A. J. Dunkerley
Lt. Col. Henry A. Ferro.

2nd Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regt., R.M.A
Lt. Col. Stephen (Ellie) J. Borg
Lt. Col. Joe A. Sammut

5th Coast Regiment, R.M.A
Lt. Col. Henry A. Ferro.

3rd Light Anti-Aircraft Regt., R.M.A
Lt. Col. Edgar J. Salomone O.B.E

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Royal Malta Artillery - 1939-45 (cont)

11th Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regt, RMA

Lt. Col. (later Colonel) W. L. Eastwick. Field M.C.

Lt. Col. Joseph Terreni O.B.E.

Commanding Officers - 1945-19...

1st Regiment, R.M.A.

1. Lt. Col. (later Colonel, and Hon. Col. 11th Regt., R.M.A. (T))

A. J. Dunckerley O.B.E.

Lt. Col. Joe V. Abela O.B.E.

Lt. Col. Joe A. Sammut O.B.E.

3 Lt. Col. (later Colonel) Gerald C. Gatt

4 Lt. Col. (later Colonel) James A. Gatt

5 Lt. Col. Godfrey Zammit Tabona (later Colonel)

6 Lt. Col. George V. Micallef (later Colonel) (228-1-65)

Lt. Col. Alfred Samut Tagliaferro

Lt. Col. A. Stewart (additional Colonel.)

Lt. Col. William Attard (after amalgamation with 2nd Regt)

2nd Regiment, R.M.A.

Lt. Col. Edgar J. Salomone O.B.E.

2 Lt. Col. (later Colonel) Henry A. Ferro

Lt. Col. Harold R. Micallef M.B.E.

Lt. Col. Gerald C. Micallef Eynaud

Lt. Col. Alfred V. Borda

Lt. Col. Edward C. Micallef Eynaud

Lt. Col. Edward J. Gatt

Lt. Col. William Attard (joined to 1st Regt. 1970)

3rd Regiment (Territorial) - Since 1951

Lt. Col. Gerald C. Gatt

Lt. Col. Gerald C. Micallef-Eynaud

Lt. Col. Lewis A. Borda R.M.A.

Lt. Col. Edwin A. Camilleri R.M.A.

Lt. Col. J. Cremona RMA

3/11 Light Air Defence Regt (T.) (formed 24-6-1966)

Lt. Col. J. Cremona RMA.

Lt. Col. Antoine Pace Bonello R.M.A.

Lt. Col. Maurice L. Petrocchino (RMA (T))

(Disbanded on June 31/5/1972)

*1st. Reg. 1966
22-12-1972*

11th Regiment, R.M.A. (Territorial)

Lt. Col. (later Hon. Col. 3rd Regt. R.M.A., (T))

Edgar J. Salomone O.B.E.

Lt. Col. Harold R. Micallef M.B.E.

Lt. Col. (later Colonel) James A. Gatt

Lt. Col. Godfrey Zammit Tabona R.M.A.

Lt. Col. Alfred V. Borda R.M.A.

Lt. Col. Lewis A. Pace Bonello R.M.A. (T)

Lt. Col. R. F. Jacono RMA.

R.M.A. Depot and Training Establishment

(Since 1960)

Lt. Col. Lewis A. Borda R.M.A.

Lt. Col. E. C. Micallef Eynaud

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Richardson, James - (- 1851) - an enterprising African traveller, and journalist who resided for some time in Malabar and published "Harlequin" and the first paper in Malabar - a special number called "Arlecchino" on the occasion of the visit of Queen Adelaide to Malabar, in December, 1838 and some fine numbers of a humorous paper in Malabar called "Il Cicalata Malabar"; later he published and edited the "Malabar Mail". He died on the 4th March 1851, at a small village called Ungurustna, six days distant from Komba, the capital of Bornou. His death was thus described in the "Malabar Times", (Sept. 2, 1851): Early in January James Richardson and the companions of his mission, Dr Barth and Dr Overweg, arrived at the immense plain of Damdegon, when, after remaining a few days, they separated. Richardson shortly after succumbed to fever and on March 5 he became utterly exhausted. In the evening he took a little food and tried to sleep - he became very restless and left his tent, supported by a servant. He then took some tea, and threw himself again on his bed, but did not sleep. His attendants having made some coffee, he asked for a cup, but had not the strength to hold it. He repeated several times "I have no strength", and having pronounced the name of his wife, sighed deeply and expired without a struggle about two hours after midnight. Early in the morning the body wrapped in linen and covered with a carpet, was borne to a grave which was dug four feet deep under the shade of a large tree close to the village, followed by all the principal sheiks and people of the district. The Sultan of Bornou gave orders that all respect and honour should be paid to the grave of the ill-fated British traveller.

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Plater, Rev. Charles Dominic, S.J. (1875-1921) - Famous social worker, lecturer and writer - Born on Sept. 2, 1875. Educated at Stonyhurst College; founded the Catholic Guild Society; came to Malba for a short holiday at a time when hypertension had fixed an early limit to his days. Arrived on December 15, 1920; addressed a meeting of the "Società Operaia Cattolica" at Senglea on January 16, 1921 which was so enthusiastically received by the assembled dockyard workers as to lead to the foundation at that same meeting of the "Unione Douina" on the lines of the C. G. S. The subject of the lecture was "Malba's Opportunity" - on the eve of King George's visit. On December 29, 1920, after the departure of his friend and medical attendant, he took up his residence at the Blue Sisters Hospital, Duma. On Friday, January 21st, 1921 he gave a lecture at the Sacred Heart Convent at 4.30 pm, to the Association of Old Pupils on the "insipidity of the selfish life and the transformation worked in a soul's history by self-dedication to the service of God"; he returned to the Blue Sisters at 6.40 pm. Shortly after his arrival he died suddenly being assisted by Father Milkenny. He was aged 45 years. On Sunday January 23, 1921, after a funeral mass at the Jesuit Church, Valletta he was buried at the Crypt of the Addolorata Cemetery, next to his friend Father Strickland.

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Padovani Robert G. - (1898-1966) - (Clerk and calligraphist) - Born in Nevada on and April 1898; was for some time accounts clerk, NAAZS. entered government service on 18 Aug. 1941; appointed Clerical Officer on 1-4-1949; served in accounts branch, E. St. U.; Education Dept., and from Sept. 1955 in the new C. D. I. Department in the Press Section under my charge; passed on reaching the age limit of 60 in 1958; resided since 1945 at no. 14 St. Paul St. Simons but late in 1965 transferred to Lower Rd. near Leonard St., where he died of heart disease on Monday, 28th Feb. 1966, and was buried at the Addolorate Cemetery. Survived by his wife Lily; his sons Bertram, Ronnie and Mario, and their wives; his daughter Ella and his sisters Adèle and Mary. Was a member of the Casino Club and (these latter made his acquaintance in 1963 and became a regular visitor in the evening, to play rummy with the Pedronis family in their residence in St. Paul St., Simons - which had been grandfather's best residence - during 1918-26, and where both grandparents died in 1923 and 1926 resp. Grandmother Volante Ferreras ne Inglisford had had a stroke of apoplexy in the ground floor living room soon after moving in this house in 1918.