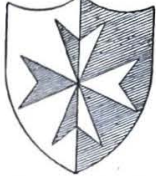


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War Communiques from Malta

VALLETTA, Malta, April 11.—Two German Messerschmitts were shot down and one Junkers 88 and two Italian CR-42 fighters probably were destroyed in air fights over this island fortress today.

VALLETTA, Malta, April 14.—A large number of enemy aircraft, mostly Junkers 87's and 88's came in waves at intervals last night. Searchlights were very active and the ground defenses engaged the raiders with results not yet known.

Damage done was slight, although some houses were destroyed and one person was seriously hurt and others injured slightly.

Early this morning enemy offensive and reconnaissance planes, accompanied by fighters at a great height, were engaged by our ground batteries. Two civilians were slightly injured, although no bombs were dropped.

VALLETTA, Malta, April 15.—In the course of last night enemy aircraft carried out a succession of attacks, bombs falling on various localities.

There was no damage to government property and no service casualties.

It would appear that the country hospital was singled out as the object of the main attack, bombs dropping in and around the building and one ward sustaining severe damage. One patient was killed, nine were seriously injured and three slightly injured.

Other areas received minor damage, one only slightly. In an area where bombs fell the sole result was that one tree was brought down on government property.

VALLETTA, Malta, April 22.—Late Monday afternoon gunfire drove off an enemy bomber escorted by fighters. One fighter was destroyed by ours and a second probably destroyed.

In the early hours of Tuesday morning enemy aircraft dropped flares followed by bombs in various localities. Damage was superficial and there were no casualties.

Later in the morning other bombs were dropped, but there was no damage or casualties. Following a reconnaissance flight dropped in an afternoon raid.

VALLETTA, Malta, April 23.—On Tuesday evening a large number of German Messerschmitts

circled off the coast of Malta to distract our defenses while a single Junkers 88 approached and dropped some bombs into the sea.

Later single aircraft flew over high in reconnaissance.

During the night there was a heavy raid by a large number of aircraft, Junkers 88's Heinkel 111's. A large number of flares were used and many bombs and mines were dropped.

Considerable damage was done to civilian property, a number of houses being demolished. One person is missing, believed buried under debris. Four persons were seriously injured.

One Junkers 88, held by searchlights, was damaged by anti-aircraft guns, which were active throughout the raid.

This morning two alarms sounded. Junkers 88's on reconnaissance, supported by a large number of fighters, were in the vicinity of Malta but did not cross the coast. Anti-aircraft defenses engaged the raiders without known results.

This afternoon there was no alarm. Enemy aircraft were in the vicinity of the island but did not cross the coast.

VALLETTA, Malta, April 25.—German planes made a mass attack on this British island last night, turning the night into day with hundreds of flares and damaging civilian property in several areas. Several houses collapsed under the bomb attack, but no casualties were reported.

VALLETTA, Malta, April 27.—Following a quiet night, the enemy Sunday morning carried out high-level reconnaissance, followed by fighter patrols. One of the latter made a machine-gunning attack on the seaplane base.

VALLETTA, Malta, April 28.—Three alarms sounded. On each occasion fighter-escorted reconnaissance planes were engaged by our batteries. During the first incursion the defending fighters intercepted the enemy, probably destroying one Messerschmitt 109. Its crash was unobserved, but pieces of the fuselage flew from it. Our fighters landed unscathed.

Small casualties, despite the fierceness of the German recent night attacks, are attributed to the excellence of the rock shelters.

Malta Urges Rome Bombings

8 Killed, 19 Injured, 41 Entombed Rescued in Severe Air Attack on Valletta

VALLETTA, Malta, April 30.—Angry residents clamored tonight for the Royal Air Force to warn Italy that Rome will be bombed unless Axis planes relent from their merciless bombing of this historic city, which was attacked four times this morning after a six-hour Blitz raid Tuesday night.

Eight persons were known dead and nineteen injured. The small casualty list was attributed to the excellent shelters in this frequently-bombed city. Thirty persons were entombed in one place and eleven in another, but all were rescued uninjured.

MALTESE IN A GRIMMER MOOD

VALLETTA, Malta, April 30.—The incessant Axis savage raids on this island are arousing hate against all Germans and Italians.

In the early stages of this war the Maltese did not grumble when the R.A.F. swapped leaflets for bombs. They remained buoyant when German raiders began raining fire and destruction on the historic Island base while the R.A.F. concentrated on the supremacy of the Mediterranean. Then they thought of war as waged against the symbol of Mussolini and Hitler rather than against the Italian and German people. Now their mood is in process of change to a cold, implacable, destructive hatred directed not only against Mussolini and Hitler and their war machine but against the Italian and German people as well.

Signs posted all over the Island read "BOMB ROME NOW" and "BOMB BERLIN." The bitter hatred of people for people, which has always been one of the uglier and more lasting corollaries of war, thus now is springing up fast in this island.

Despite the severe recent Axis air attacks, Malta is still a base of British sea and air power.

**MAKE YOUR
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CHARITY BALL
NOW**

VALLETTA, Malta, May 1.—Early Wednesday evening Junkers escorted by Messerschmitt 109's caused slight damage during a high-level attack.

Malta during the night had its third successive Blitz, with the enemy coming over in two waves with the aid of many flares. They both times were harassed by anti-aircraft batteries and often were turned away by accurate barrages.

Undoubtedly the harbors were the main enemy targets, but no casualties were reported from military or R.A.F. although some civilians were injured seriously, a few dying later.

Early this morning gunfire destroyed one Junkers-88 and twice later our fighters fought inconclusively with the enemy, which did not drop any bombs.

VALLETTA, Malta, May 4.—Axis planes attacked this British base in two heavy overnight raids, causing damage to civilian property and a hospital. Two Junkers bombers were shot down and another was reported to have been damaged.

VALLETTA, Malta, May 7.—Three German planes attacking this British island base were shot down last night by British fighters. Damage to civilian property was fairly heavy and a few persons were killed and several seriously injured.

Bambrick to Give Up Job

James J. Bambrick, who pleaded guilty to the theft of \$10,000 in union funds, will resign as president of Local 32B of the Building Service Employees International Union, A. F. of L., before he is sentenced May 14, his associates disclosed yesterday. Arthur L. Harckam, first vice-president of the local, will take over leadership of the organization as acting president. The next regular election of new officers is scheduled for mid-September. No plans for a special election before that date has been made.

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THE HEROES OF TODAY

In this strange and different kind of war which is now being desperately fought in ancient Europe, the greatest revelation is the fortitude, the courage, and the capacity for suffering of the common man and woman. In other wars it was the soldier on the field of battle who won all the glory and bravery. In this modern war it is not the soldiers who are chiefly involved, but civilians.

Since the outbreak of the war thousands of homes have been destroyed and families broken up, by death, injury, or evacuation, with heartaches beyond imagination. But despite all the suffering and sorrow, these ordinary people, these fathers and mothers, and children, too, are revealing extraordinary and unsuspected qualities of courage, endurance and real bravery in the face of mortal danger.

The good people of Malta are being hit the hardest, for unlike London and the great cities of Southern England, the boundaries of the island are very limited and evacuation mean so little safety.

Again the people of Malta, as in those historic days of 1565, crave to be given an opportunity to defend their home. The feeble, the aged, the strong and the young, denied the opportunity to fight man to man, simply look into the blue skies with fire in their eyes watch the hit and run Nazi Stukas, destroy their homes, and murder their kin folk.

The feeble, the aged, the strong and the young — heroes all, unknown and unsung, but not indeed unhonored!

THE POWER OF FEAR

The most powerful weapon in the world is fear, and no death dealing plans for destruction can equal its force. And the dictators are using this power to make small nations break beneath its

MOTHER'S DAY

During this month this country celebrates "MOTHER'S DAY"—some considering it exceptional and on the whole rather a meritorious thing. He who has that feeling for the day is a long way this side of semi-civilization.

"MOTHER'S DAY" should be like a birthday, with emphasis on constant affection and emphatic renewed proof of it.

Let him whose mother still lives prove to her in new ways the depth of his affection and appreciation. The prosperous son should prove his affection to his mother by showing kindness to other mothers less fortunate than his own and to their children.

He who no longer has his mother knows well how much more he might have done and should have done for her happiness while she lived. To make up for any such lack or neglect in the hurry of life, let him do for other mothers that are poor whatever he may have failed to do for his own mother and in full measure. That would delight her heart more than anything he might do for her.

You judge a man's character by his integrity; you judge the value of his soul by his love for his mother.

MY DAILY PRAYER

*If I can do some good today,
If I can serve along life's way,
If I can something helpful say,
Lord, show me how.*

*If I can right a human wrong,
If I can help to make one strong,
If I can cheer with smile or song,
Lord, show me how.*

*If I can aid one in distress,
If I can make a burden less,
If I can spread more happiness,
Lord, show me how.*

*If I can do a kindly deed,
If I can help someone in need,
If I can sow a fruitful seed,
Lord, show me how.*

*If I can feed a hungry heart,
If I can give a better start,
If I can fill a nobler part,
Lord, show me how.*

myestrious but immense influence.

This shows that we must not create fear in the minds of others, or express doubts of the ultimate victory. Words still hold a place in the world, and whole armies have gone down in defeat because of negative thoughts and talks.

We must support the doctrine of democracy in this nation and stand strong against the invaders of rights and liberty.

Carnations for Mother

We wear carnations for Mother's Day.

The homage that is due her, we try to pay;

A beautiful custom that quickly spread;

Pink for the living, white for the dead.

I pin a white one on my breast
In memory of Mother, now at rest.
There's an ache in my heart nothing can still,

There's an ache in my heart nothing can fill.

If you wear pink for your mother who's living,

Be kind to her, love her, be free with your giving.

Show her you love her in every way.

Make this a happy Mother's Day.

The best of her years to you, she gave;

She sheltered your youth with her love so brave;

The burden were many she had to bear;

Show her again that her children care.

You do the tasks that she used to do,

Give her the comforts that she gave you.

Mothers are sent us from Heaven above;

Show her this day the depth of your love

3,500 EXPECTED AT M.W.R.F. CHARITY BALL

Preparations for accommodating 3,500 persons have been made at the Grand Ball Room of the Manhattan Center, 311 West 34th St., New York City, for the evening of May 31 when the Malta War Relief Fund of New York will stage the most elaborate benefit performance and dance since the campaign opened last June.

The Fund committee represents every part of the community and includes a technical and promotion staff among the volunteer workers.

Joseph Calleia, the honorary in the big city the last week of chairman of the Fund, will arrive May. Many prominent persons are scheduled to be present on that evening including Mr. Godfrey D. N. Haggard, the British Consul General of New York.

OBITUARIES

Angelo Zammit, 39, New York City, April 26, 1941.

Charles Barbara, 45, 1847 E. 34th St., Brooklyn, N. Y., April 27, 1941.

John Mallia, 41, (Royal Navy) Brooklyn Naval Hospital, May 2, 1941.

SUCCESSFUL TORONTO THEATRE PARTY FOR MALTA

A very successful theatre party was held on April 13 at St. Patrick's Hall, Toronto, Ont., Canada, by the Malta Society of Toronto for the benefit of the Malta War Relief Fund.

The "Melita Dramatic Company" under the able direction of Mr. Charles Baldacchini, offered "Pia De Tolomei," a romantic melodrama, and a variety of entertainment.

The hard working parish priest of the community, Father Cauchi, authorized the secretary Mr. Giordmaine to cable \$500 from the proceeds to Malta.

GIORDMAINE AT THE GENERAL BROCK HOTEL

Mr. John Giordmaine, the famous Maltese magician, was featured at the General Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls, N. Y., on April 17, by the Lions Club of that city.

Giordmaine was given the key to the city and everything else in Niagara Falls by the mayor, except the Falls, of course.

Giordmaine has been invited to give a special performance at the 13th Annual Conference of the Society of American Magicians to be held at Providence, R. I., May 30-31, June 1, he is also invited to the Charity Ball of the Malta War Relief Fund which is to be held in New York City on May 31.

BONELLO-STELLINI

Miss Mary Bonello of Toronto, Canada, and Mr. Joseph Stellini, of Detroit, Mich., were wed on April 19 at St. Paul's the Shipwreck Church of Toronto by the pastor Fr. Alphonse Cauchi.

MICHAEL ZARB IMPROVING

Mr. Michael Zarb of Toronto, Canada, who was injured in an auto accident on April 1, although still confined at St. Michael's Hospital, is slowly recovering.

MONEY

Money, no doubt, is a power; but a power of well-defined and narrow limits. It will purchase plenty, but not peace; it will furnish your table with luxuries, but not you with an appetite to enjoy them; it will surround your sick-bed with physicians, but not restore health to our sickly frame; it will encompass you with a cloud of flatterers, but never procure you one true friend; it will bribe into silence the tongues of accusing men, but not an accusing conscience; it will pay some debts, but not the least one of all your debts to the law of God; it will relieve many fears, but not those of guilt—the terrors that crown the brows of Death.

CALLEIA GIVEN ROYAL WELCOME IN SAN FRANCISCO

MALTA NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Maltese Community of San Francisco, California, gave Joseph Calleia a rousing royal welcome on the occasion of his visit there to appear in a charity ball for the Malta War Relief Fund which was very successfully held at the Masonic Hall on April 20.

A large selected welcome committee met him at the Frisco airport on his arrival there from Hollywood. Saturday morning, April 19, an exceptionally large crowd was ever present to get a first glimpse of their compatriot actor paying his initial visit to his neighboring Maltese community. He was taken to San Francisco's famed "Fishermen's Wharf" for lunch where he deeply enjoyed a special fish dish in the company of an honest-to-goodness hospitable party. In the afternoon he was taken for a tour of the Golden Gate city. The band of the Maltese Club of San Francisco played a special program for him in the evening as he arrived in the hall of the organization. A special program of entertainment by local talent of the community was included in the evening reception at the home of the Maltese Club of San Francisco.

On Sunday morning, after hearing mass at the parish church of St. Paul the Shipwreck, he was introduced to the pastor Father Cachia, and again was entertained at the parish hall by a group of talented juvenile actors, later, he enjoyed a dinner given in his honor.

The Western Riding Club and the band of the Maltese Club of San Francisco lead a parade in the community streets late in the evening taking the honored guest and hundreds of participants to the Masonic Hall for the Grand Ball.

In his acknowledgement speech Mr. Calleia said "Malta never before needed our help so bad" and that it is the sacred duty of every Maltese to help his people in Malta even if it means sacrifice." He was given a tremendous ovation when he sang a song in Maltese. Mr. Calleia was very happy in witnessing the generous response of his compatriots.

Mr. Peter P. Camilleri, the secretary of the committee, in his farewell speech said, "Your memory will linger in our hearts, and will be cherished for a long time to come. We are exceptionally proud of "Our Joe".

OBITUARIES

John Cachia, 945 Labrosse, Detroit, May 3. He leaves a son, Mr. Alfred Cachia, of New York City.



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SUCCESSFUL BUILDING FUND PARTY

The Ramblers Benevolent Club "Building Fund Party" held on April 12 at the Mayfair Ballroom, Detroit, was a huge success. All the Maltese societies and organizations were well represented including the Knights of Malta veteran combination.

DETROIT PLANS CHARITY BALL

The Malta War Relief Society of Detroit, an affiliate of the British War Relief Society, is planning a Charity Ball to be held on June 7 at the Mayfair Ballroom, Detroit.

Mr. Carl Fisher, proprietor of the Hall, has graciously donated the Ballroom to the Society. Jimmy Davenport and his famous orchestra will be featured.

DONATE CHALICE

A very beautiful solid gold plated silver chalice of modern design, was recently donated to the St. Paul's Maltese Church by Doctors Charles F. and William D. Ryan and their mother, Mrs. Kate O'Neill Ryan of Detroit, and was used for the first time at the Easter Solemn High Mass celebrated by the pastor, Father Cefai.

The Ryans for whom the pastor offered his mass, were all present.

\$2,200 FOR MALTA

The Malta War Relief Society of Detroit cabled \$2,200 to the Malta Red Cross on April 10.

The Governor of Malta as head of the Malta Red Cross, and the people of Malta most gratefully acknowledged receipt of the gift of the Detroit Community intended for the civilian population in distress.

MICALLEF-MEILAK

Miss Jennie Micallef and Mr. Dominic Meilak, both of Detroit, were wed at the St. Paul's Maltese Church on April 19.

Mr. John Fenech was best man and Miss Angelina Micallef, the bride's sister, attended to the bride.

A wedding banquet was held at Rossini.

FIORENTINO-FALZON

Miss Mary Fiorentino and Mr. Joseph Falzon, both of Detroit, were wed on April 26 at St. Paul's Maltese Church, Detroit.

Mr. Vincent Falzon, the groom's cousin, was best man and Mrs. Joseph Pace was matron of honor.

The parish church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. A reception was held at the Hotel Seward. The newlyweds motored to Canada for their honeymoon.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Charles Zebra Seicluna, once a popular football player, has survived a difficult operation performed at the Metropolitan Hospital and is now convalescing.

Mr. Paul Farrugia, chairman of the Souvenir Journal, now being edited for the Malta War Relief Fund Charity Ball which is to be held on May 31 at the Manhattan Center, New York City, advises that the deadline for advertising and other matter pertaining to the Journal has been set for May 13. All persons interested in the Journal will kindly communicate with the chairman on or before that date.

The Malta Association of Astoria are planning a big time for the visiting Maltese boys of the Royal Navy on Saturday, May 17. Dancing and entertainment and good fellowship is the order of the day.

Again on May 24 the Maltese Union Club of New York City plans a big night. The record attendance of April 26 paves the way for another big night for the organization. The String quartet of the MUC will entertain.

The Buffet of the MUC has taken new life under the new management of Frank Pisani. Pastizzi and other delicacies par excellence are an attraction rarely equalled in our community.

Funeral Services For Maltese Royal Navy Man

The funeral of John Mallia, who died of a heart attack at the Brooklyn Navy Hospital on May 2 took place May 5, at the Resurrection Cemetery, Long Island.

Mr. Mallia who was 41 and serving as leading steward on H.M.S. Malaya, hailed from Floriana, Malta.

Among the many Maltese members of another Royal Navy ship now in New York. A large representation from the M.A.A. and M.U.C. were also present as well as the Captain, Commander, Surgeon Lt., and other officers of his ship.

Besides his wife, Mr. Mallia is survived by 11 children.

INSTALL OFFICERS AT K. of M. POST 129 GALA NIGHT

The Knights of Malta Post 129, Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League installed their 1941 officers in a Gala Night which was followed by a Military Ball held at St. Andrew's Hall, Detroit, on April 26.

The following are the officers installed in the Gala Night affair: Dom Meilak, commander; Albert Felice, sr. vice-commander; Paul Cini, jr. vice-commander; Henry T. Zammit, Adjutant; Publius Cassar, finance officer; Salvatore Agius, sgt.-at-arms; David Attard, Thomas Agius and John Mifsud, executive committee.

Capt. Wm. S. Brittain Orchestra furnished the music.

The Post has completed plans for an "ALL OUT" night for Malta Relief to be held on May 24 at the Lithuanian Hall, 25th Street and W. Vernor Highway, Detroit.

A very colorful program is planned for the evening which includes trooping the colors by the post members assisted by the crack Harmony Post 128 Drum and Bugle band.

A very large attendance is anticipated by the committee in charge.

M. P. L. OF AUSTRALIA HOLD PIC-NIC

The Malta Patriotic League of Sydney, Australia, held its first pic-nic on March 2 for the benefit of the Malta Relief Fund.

The pic-nic included a two hour cruise of the Harbor of Sydney and a dinner dance on Press Pleasure Grounds.

After bathing on the beautiful Australian beach the participants gathered in a reserved shed to listen to the piano accordion of Bill Urmanoff but before long the goodly crowd started a community singing party.

Ten year old Rita Zammit, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Zammit of 165a Palmer Street, Darlinghurst, attracted the attention of the pic-nickers by giving a masterly performance on the accordion.

M. A. D. C. HOLDS SUCCESSFUL BENEFIT DANCE

The Grand Ball and Entertainment held at the Park Palace on April 12 for the benefit of the Malta War Relief Fund which was sponsored by the Maltese American Democratic Club of 1492 Madison Avenue, N. Y. C., was a very successful affair.

A program of varied entertainment was immensely enjoyed. A sketch representing England, Malta and the U. S. A. was well offered and received the plaudits of the house. The dancing singer of the Cuban Casino and the famous impersonator performed marvelously but the star of the evening was none other than Mr. John Giordmaine, of Toronto, Canada, who trekked all the way to New York City for the special Charity performance. Giordmaine lost no time in displaying his skill in magic. One trick after another and the audience laughed and laughed. The rope trick, of course, was cleverly performed, and the endless stream of water coming from a silver vase was a time tonic for laughter for the audience.

Another guest star, Miss Dell O'Dell, known as the foremost American lady magician, did a Houdini par excellence and restored a badly burnt and demolished piece of cloth to its original size and freshness to the amazement of all.

The actors mixed freely with the audience and showed more talent as the night grew older in several parts of the large hall. Miss O'Dell for instance gave our editor much food for thought, in a jiffy she pulled Mike Mizzi's shirt right off his back, and showed Gianni Darmanin a hole badly burnt in his coat and very skillfully tacked dozens of pencils in the buttonholes of several admirers giving a good many a long tangle for disentanglement.

Mr. Joseph Sammit was the Master of Ceremonies.

The Committee of the affair which was headed by Mr. John Swain deserve the acclamation of the community for their arduous, onerous, task in the promotion of the successful charitable performance for MALTA.

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