

# MALTA AND THE SECOND WORLD WAR

## SOME ADDITIONS TO DR. GALEA'S BIBLIOGRAPHY

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Dr. Joseph Galea has done an excellent piece of work in compiling a very extensive bibliography relating to Malta in the 1939-45 war (1). He stated that he could not hope for completeness, and so varied and scattered were the writings about Malta, especially throughout 1942 that he would be rash indeed who would claim completeness for any list. At one time it was more difficult to find a paper or a magazine which did not mention Malta than one which did so. That was our finest hour, those were the days of our glory. For all this, Dr. Galea managed to include a very good deal, but I have come across further references which are listed hereunder. Like the original bibliographer I am quite sure this list could be extended and whoever is in a position to do so should indeed contribute further. Here is my own contribution:

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