

Mill-Istorja tal-Mosta Scout Group

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■ Meta spiċċat l-Ewwel Gwerra Dinjija (1914-1918), Dun Edgar Salomone reġa' lura Malta. Hu kien mar jagħti s-servizz tiegħu fuq il-front tal-gwerra fil-lvant ta' l-Ewropa. Issa bil-għied spiċċa rritorna Malta biex ikompli l-ħajja tiegħu f'art twelidu. Dawn huma żewġ moment fil-ħajja tal-fundatur ta' l-iscouts Mostin appena spiċċat din il-gwerra.

Allied Forces H.Q.
Constantinople, A.B.S.
29th Nov., 1919



Il-Musta Oratory Troop, ritratt ta' l-1933

Dear Fr. Salomone,

I am returning your papers recording your services in the Army and at the same time wish to add my written testimony to your valuable and self-sacrificing application to duty. You have always shown a very fine spirit under some very trying circumstances.

My only regret is that the Army Authorities have not been able to recognise your merits by some special honour, but, as you know, more good is often done in the shade than in the limelight.

You can always be sure of my help and sympathy as regards the future, whenever you need it.

Yours very sincerely,
(sgd). L. Lamb, S.C.F.

Senior R.C. Chaplain,
No. 68 A.B.S.
Date, 29th, Nov., 1919.
Army of the Black Sea.



December 21st, 1919.

Embarked for Malta on H.M.T. Orotava. Reached Grand Harbour 5 p.m. Christmas Eve. Landed at 6 p.m. and sent to lazaretto for fumigation. 8.00 Escorted home by a dozen of my Mosta Oratory Boy Scouts on bicycles flanking my Karrozzin. Welcomed home by 9 p.m.

Attended midnight Function at Mosta Dome - in full winter uniform, consigned to Baby Jesus my silver 'death' bracelet - with my identity disc and put on His arm!

LAUS ET GRATIAS DEO OPTIMO AGO !

Wara li spiċċat it-Tieni Gwerra Dinjija (1940-1945) il-Mosta Scout Group reġa' beda jieħu sehem fl-attivitajiet normali fi żmien ta' paċi. Fost dawn kien hemm iż-żewġ okkażjonijiet li ġew irrapurtati fil-gazzetta *Times of Malta*. Għalhekk fl-ewwel sena ta' paċi nsibu dawn li ġejjin:

Tlett Scout Leaders -
Vincent Borg (1916-27),
Mons. Edgar Salamone (Fundatur)
u Carmel Tabone Adami (1932-1935)



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FIFTEEN ROVERS INVESTED

The Mosta Group held their first post-war rover investiture when 15 rover squires were accepted in the Rover Brotherhood.

On the eve of the investiture, the Crew assembled in their chapel. The meeting was opened by the G.S.M. who briefly explained the meaning of the vigil made by the Knights of Malta and that made by rover squires; the A.R.S.M. explained the Fifth Rock (Rovering to Success) and the Group Chaplain, Fr. P. Calleja, referred to the good effects of frequent self-examination. He then read the questionnaire for rover scouts - a questionnaire prepared by The Chief, after which the crew went to confession and the meeting closed.

The following morning, the crew held mass and partook of Holy Communion. Later in the day, the group was inspected by the District Commissioner, Major Cathcart Bruce, after which the crew went to St. Margaret Church where the Group Chaplain opened the investiture with prayers.

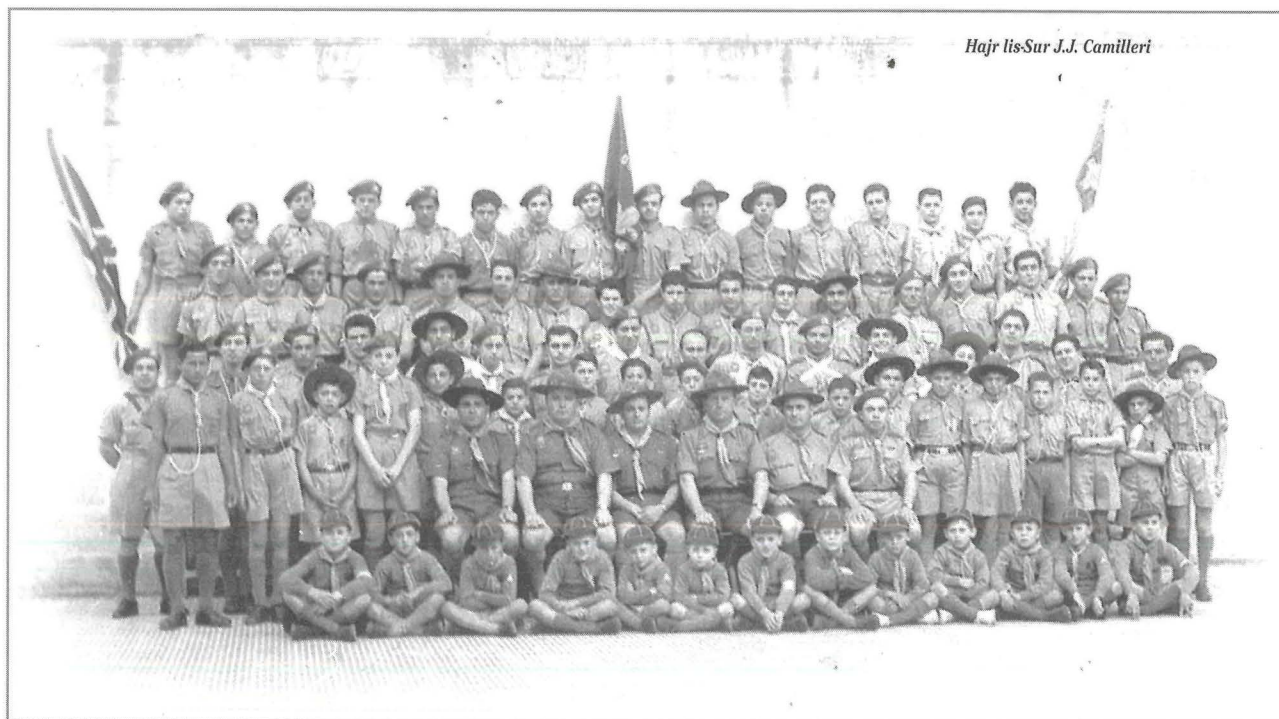
The R.S.M. addressed the squires reminding them of the true significance of the Scout Promise as explained to rover scouts; the A.R.S.L. explained how

during the term of probation of all those who were prepared to make their Promise, made obvious their spirit of perseverance, and finally the G.S.M. explained B.P.'s interpretation of Rover Scouting. The squires, supported by their respective sponsors, were then invested by the G.S.M. After the investiture ceremony, the Crew entertained their guests at the Oratory, amongst whom were: Capt. E.J.F. Price, R.N., I.C., and Mrs. Price; Rev. Father C. Sciberras, Archpriest Mosta; Capt. R. Ingham, Isl. Secy.; Major A. Cathcart Bruce, D.C.; Rev. Father C. Schembri; Capt. Short A.P.U., and Mrs. Short; Dr. Briffa, D.M.O., and Mrs. Briffa.

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MOSTA GROUP IN GOZO

Thirty-five rovers and scouts of the Mosta Group spent three days in Gozo, recently, living at the District Headquarters, Victoria. During their stay, contacts were made with local scouters and scouts, and outings were organised from Victoria to various parts of the Island. The party was inspected by Mr. J.E. Depiro, District Commissioner Gozo, who invited them to go to Gozo more frequently.



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