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MALTA DAMAGE MINOR DESPITE ROME CLAIMS

Valletta, Malta, Sept. 9 - Persistent heavy air bombings of ancient Malta by Italians are proving ineffective despite Italian claims that the island is virtually 'in ruins."

A correspondent visiting the island aboard a destroyer during the reinforcement of the British Mediterranean fleet saw only one small building along the Grand Harbor demolished by a bomb.

Expert gunnery by Maltese anti-aircraft batteries is forcing Italian raiders to fly extremely high, causing practically all their bombs to fall into the sea.

Determined to prevent the Itaians from gaining a foothold on the island, the Maltese are pursuing their daily task, despite upwards of half a dozen raids daily.

Valletta, Malta, Sept. 9—A luge formation of Italian bombors raided Britain's mid-Mediterranean island fortress of Malta yesterday, but was beaten off after fierce air fighting in which one of the raiders was shot down. The Malta command admitted that "slight damage" had been wrought by fascist bombs to naval property.

Valletta, Malta, Sept. 17— Italian bombers raided the British irland of Malta twice today, causing damage to goverment property. Three raiders were reported shot down.

Valletta, Malta. Sept. 23—One civilian was killed and many houses were razed Sunday when Italian bombers, escorted by fighting planes, raided this city

Valletta, Malta, Sept. 28-Ground-defense batteries and fighter planes on the British Mediterranean Island of Malta engaged Italian fighter and bomber planes late Friday, and one bomber was reported shot down. Bombers were reported to have caused some damage to goverment property, but there were no casualties.

Valletta, Oct. 4—Royal Air Force fighters brought down one Italian plane and severely damaged another in a brief encounter this morning, the first in eight days, the British reported. The fight began after Italian formation had been forced to break order by anti-aircraft. The raiders caused no casualties or damage.

R. A. F. COMMUNIQUES FROM CAIRO

Cairo, Egypt, Sept. 3—A formation of enemy bombers and escort fighters attempted to raid Malta. No damage was caused by the heavy bombs used.

Cairo, Egypt, Sept. 18—In Mediterranean operations the RAF announced four planes were shot down, two of which were German Junkers participating in an attack on the British sea base at Malta.

Cairo, Egypt, Sept. 23—Ten houses were damaged in Valletta during a Fascist air attack on Malta.

Cairo, Egypt, Sept. 28-Enemy

bombers escorted by fighters

attacked Luga airdrome at Malta,

slight damage resulting. Hurri-

cane fighters shot down one CR-

42 and one S-70 with no loss to

Geneva, Sept. 22—It is appar-

ent that the long expected in-

vasion of England has been aban-

doned for the time being. The bid

for Spain's help and appearrance

of German bombers over Malta,

indicate a possible shifting of the

war theatre to the Mediterranean.

MALTA THANKS DETROIT GROUP

Valletta, Malta, Sept. 4-The

Governor of Malta today asked

the British Red Cross to transmit

his thanks to the Maltese com-

munity of Detroit, Mich. for its

rift of \$3,000 for relief. This gift

followed one of \$5,000 received

from Maltese in Australia.

ourselves.

ITALY'S NAVY FLEES AGAIN BRITAIN'S FLEET REINFORCES MALTA

GERMAN PLANES SHOT DOWN OVER MALTA

Cairo, Egypt, Sept. 18—Although not directly concerned with the Italian advance in Egypt, a highly significant incident occurred at Malta, where a German Junker Model 87 bomber ioined in an attempt to dive bomb the British bases. The debut of the German was not impressive, however, for Hurricane and Gladiators fighters shot down the Junker and one accompanying Italian fighter.

Two Italian pilots who escaped by parachute were rescued at sea by the British.



This photo taken from one of a Squadron of Italian planes during a bombing attack on Malta shows clouds of smoke rising from area on the island struck by the explosives. Times Wide World, Passed by Italian Censor

> ANOTHER FASCIST LEADER KILLED IN AIR BATTLE OVER MALTA

Rome, Sept. 13—The Italian wireless in a broadcast today announced the death of Tonin Chiodi, a member of the Fascist Grand Council, in an aerial battle over Malta some time ago.

Chiodi. well known as an airplane builder and flyer as well as a figure in Fascism, participated in the trans-Atlantic flight to Chicago with the late Marshal Italo Balbo in 1933.

ITALY NABS STRAY BRITISH BOMBER

Rome, Sept. 18—A British bomber crew attempting to reach the British Island base of Malta in the Mediterranean made a mistake in navigation and landed on the airport of the fortified Italian island of Pantelleria, 150 miles north-west.

The crew of three was captured.

London, Oct. 3—Another "runout" was charged to Premier Mussolini's fleet tonight when the Admiralty reported that scouting planes of the British Mediterranean forces had sighted a strong Italian force steaming toward its base at such high speed is was impossible to force an engagement.

The fleeting glimpse, so-called, occurred during a four-day British "sweep" of the eastern and central Mediterranean during which additional troops landed at Malta. It was the third time, according to Admiralty records, that the Italian fleet had fled.

Italian planes, the Admiralty said, thrice attacked British warships but inflicted no damage. Three Italian planes were said to have been shot down Sept. 29 and another Oct. 1

MALTESE JOURNAL CORRESPONDENT JOINS R A F

The Malta correspondent of the Maltese Journal, Mr. Romeo L. Psayla. has joined the R A F. He left Malta on June I and arrived at Alexandria on June 4.

For the notice of our readers who had previously corresponded with him we herewith publish his address: Romeo L. Psayla, R A F, 776494. A. C. 2, Hut 153, S. Hq., R. A. F. Helwan, Nr. Cairo, Egypt.

"WYOMING" OPENS TO CAPACITY CROWDS

"Wyoming" starring Wallace Beery, the "good-bad man" of the screen, opened at the Criterion, N. Y. C., Oct. 2, and at Loew's in Newark and Jersey City on Oct. 3 to capacity crowds.

Filmed on location at Jackson Hole, Wyo., the picture portrays Beery as a reformed train robber who in protecting a girl and a small child from Indians and cattle rustlers, becomes leader in bringing law and order to a primitive region.

Ann Rutherford and Bobs Watson play Beery's dependents and an eliborate cast includes Lee Bowman, Leo Carillo, Joseph Calleia. Marjorie Main, who as the "lady blacksmith" is the object of Beery's affections: Paul Kelly, Russell Simoson and Sara Haden, Hundreds appear in battle of Indian and General Custer's cavalry.

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"VALIANT ISLANDERS" SAYS CHURCHILL

Mr. Winston Churchill in his speech of September 5 in the House of Commons said:

"In particular a few days ago, we found it possible almost to double the effective strength of our fleet in the Eastern Mediterranean by sending out some of our most powerful vessels to reinforce the flag of Sir Andrew Cunningham, the Admiral in the Eastern Mediterranean. This movement, plainly visible to the Italians, was not molested by them.

Some of our great ships touched at Malta on their way and carried a few things which were needed by those valiant islanders and their garrison, who under the remarkably resolute Governor General Dobbie are maintaining themselves with the utmost constancy.

We have every intention of maintaining our positions there with our utmost strength and of increasing our sea power and the control which follows from sea power throughout the Mediterranean, not only in the eastern basin but in the western basin.

In this way, both at home and, abroad, we shall preserve along our course, however, the winds may blow."

PROSPERITY'S GIFT TO MALTA WAR RELIEF FUND

Mr. John Azzopardi, president of the "Prosperity Cleaners Inc." has made a generous gift of over 100 garments to the Malta War Relief Fund.

In view of the many offers of clothing and other necessities by members of our New York community, the Fund is now contemplating the setting up of a Denartment to handle donations of this sort.

Clothes in good condition and clean are accepted for shipment to Malta at the British War Relief Society's shipping office. 486 L xintion Ave., New York City.

COPS SECOND PLACE IN

ART CONTEST

Mr. Eleno Baldacchino, 30 West 16th Street, New York City, a graduate of the Federal School Inc., again brings home the bacon by pulling down the second prize in Story Illustrations. Along with a certificate of honor Mr. Baldacchino received a handsome check.

REMODELS STORE

We paid a visit to Friedman's Men's Wear, 244 Eighth Avenue, the other day and were very pleased with the modern alteration made lately by our community haberdasher. The first class store front installed is eyed by every passerby and often a crowd gathers to inspect the high class merchandise on display in the streamlined window. We urge you to visit this store for we are sure that once you make a purchase there you will be satisfied and surely you'll call again.

MOST POPULAR RELIEF WORKER

Cecilia Mall'n of 1581 Madison Avenue, New York City, has been voted upon as the most popular Maltese Relief worker in the community by a straw vote rendered on September 25 in the headquarters of the Malta War Relief Fund.

PROMISING YOUNG ARTIST

Mr. Joseph Cauchi, the young artist who contributed his time to the Malta War Relief Fund by painting several posters and other work, has been summoned by another committee charged with War Relief advertising.

Mr. Cauchi's work has been commended by many artists of note and it has penetrated even the exclusive club house of the Society of Illustrators.

CONTRIBUTES MOROCCAN HASSOCK

Mr. Angel Fren the Caloe-American and Sons of Gibraltar representative to the British Empire Circle has contributed a beautiful hand made Moroccan leather hassock to the Malta War Relief Fund.

The committee of the Malta War Relief Fund takes this opportunity to thank the donor of this fine gift Mr. Fren who had spared no effort toward the alleviating of suffering ever since the beginning of the war.

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NEW YORK

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

The Friendship Lunch, 321 East 28th Street, City, which was formerly owned by Mr. P. P. Cassar, is now under new management. The new proprieters Ellul & Mallia, are contemplating the streamlining of the premises. We are sure that the modernizing of the east-side beanery will amply repay the new management.

INJURED WHILE VACATIONING

Mr. John Attard of 29 Convent Avenue, City, while vacationing up state was injured in a fall from a bicycle. He was taken to St. Luke's Hospital 114 Amsterdam Avenue, City on Sept. 4.

Mr. Attard is slowly recovering and we are sure that he will deeply appreciate a visit from his many friends. The visiting hours are as follows: 1:30 to 2:30 P. M. Friday, Sundays & Holidays.

Mr. John Swain, the President of the Maltese American Democratic Club of New York, has met with an automobile accident on his return trip from a Southern vacation during which time he visited our Community of New Orleans.

The accident occured near Detroit and he emerged with both legs broken. Mr. Swain was rushed to New York by plane.

A BIG CATCH AT SOUTHAMPTON

A photo which reached us early in September reveals an exceptionally big catch of fish by three members of our community sojourning at the summer resort. The happy faces of Messrs. Jos. Pisani, Arthur Vassallo, (both exball players of the defunct Melita) and Gerald Faremouth and a string of from forty to fifty 'big ones' is now registered in our album for future reference.

BEGINS STUDIES AT ST. LAWRENCE

Mr. William Schembri, an honor graduate La Salle Catholic High School, left New York on Seot. 7 to start his studies for the priesthood at St. Lawrence College, Mt. Calvary, Wis. William who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Schembri of 152 Eighth Ave., City and whose alertness won him year after year highest honors in his pre-college days, is a credit to our community.

WEDDING

Miss Rosalia. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Triboli, and Mr. Ray Ebeyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Ebeyer, both of New York City, were married on Sept. 15th, at St. Theresa's Chapel. Brooklyn. Msgr. R. A. Cioffi, officiated at the ceremony.

The newlyweds motored to Shohola, Pa., where they spent their honeymoon.

SAN FRANCISCO

HOLD OUTING FOR BENEFIT OF MALTA WAR RELIEF FUND

The Maltese community of San Francisco organized a pic-nic on Sept. I for the benefit of the Malta War Relief Fund.

The pic-nic, which was held at Menlo Park, California, was immensely enioyed by the several hundred people attending.

The committee of the Malta War Relief Fund is made up of the following gentleman: Mr. Joseph Calleja, chairmain, Mr. Joseph Scicluna, vice-chairman, Mr. Joseph Borg, treasurer, and Mr. Charles Bajada, secretary.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL HOLIDAY

The Maltese national holiday of "Vitoria" was celebrated by the entire Maltese community of San Francisco with a stage show on Sept. 7 and a grand dance on Sept. 8 on the premises of the Maltese Club of San Francisco, 1789 Oakdale Avenue, San Francisco, California.

On Sept. 7 the "Melita" Dramatic Company presented the following program: "A still picture" or "Quadru" representing the flag where the Club's band played "The Star Spangled Banner." The Melita Co. under the direction of Mr. Frank Cutsjar then presented "Iddverna Infernali" a popular drama. prologue and 2 acts. The Club band under the direction of Mr. Buckner played selected pieces during the intermission. Miss Mary Fenech played popular selections on her accordion and Miss Josephine Fenech, violinist entertained with several classical pieces. The program was ended by the playing of "God Bless America" by Miss Mary Fenech. The celebrated swing orchestra

The celebrated swing orchestra of Carl Baiada was featured in the Grand Dance of Sept. 8.

MALTESE BAND PLAYS BEACH CONCERT AT SANTA CRUZ

The colorful 40-piece Maltese Band of San Francisco held the spotlight of musical attention when it was featured at the exclusive Santa Cruz Beach on Sept. 22.

The concert marked the second appearance of the famous group in Santa Cruz, their previous engagement there being in 1938. The bass and reed sections of the well staffed band received thundering applause from the large crowd attending the concert at the famous resort.

The concert program which included 12 pieces scrupolously selected by their able leader Mr. A. Buckner, was broadcast over station KDON from 2:30 to 3:00 P. M.

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DETROIT

THE GOVERNOR THANKS MALTA WAR RELIEF SOCIETY

The Governor of Malta sent a telegram of thanks to the Malta War Relief Society of Detroit on Sept. 4. The Society sent \$3,000 to the Malta War Relief Fund Through the British War Relief Society in August.

The Committee of the Malta Relief Society of Detroit is composed of the following gentlemen:

Rev. Michael Z. Cefai, D. D., Chairman, Mr. John Gatt, Secretary, Mr. John Apap, Mr. Dom Meilak, Mr. Ralph Zammit, Assistant Secretaries, Mr. Vincent J. Giorgio, Treasurer, Mr. Jacob Bremann, Mr. Alfred Brincat, Mr. Titus Cassar, Mr. George Formosa, Mr. Emanuel Pulis, Assistant Treasurers, Mr. Anthony Pace, Mr. Anthony Spiteri, Mr. Henry Zammit, Auditors.

Contributions may be mailed to the Treasurer at their headquarters, 2219 Fourth Street, or 844 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

OBITUARY

William J. Lopez, 57, died in Detroit, September I. Mr. Lopez vas born in Senglea, Malta, July 1883. He served in the British Navy in the World War. He was a member of Post 84 Royal Oak, the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League.

He was accorded a military funeral and an honory tribute was paid him by the Knights of Malta Post 129 of Detroit.

He is survived by his wife, four sons, John, Vincent. William and Joseph, and two daughter, Mrs. K. Huber and Mrs. Ingham all of Detroit, Michigan.

BENEFIT BALL

A Grand Benefit Ball, under the auspices of the British War Relief Society and for the benefit of the Malta War Relief Society's fund, will be held on November 9th at the main Hall of the Knights of Columbus, Detroit.

Mr. John Maistre has been appointed chairman of the affair. Fifty others have offered their services to help make the ball a great success.

WEDDING

Miss Margaret Zahra, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Zahra, and Mr. Manoel Spiteri, son of Mr. J. C. Spiteri, both of Detroit, were wed on Sept. 7th, at Holy Trinity Church.

The newlyweds spent their honeymoon at Niagara Falls.

LONDON

TIME OF MALTESE BROADCAST CHANGED

The Time of the Maltese Broadcast from London previously heard on Saturdays at 3:00 P. M. has been changed to 1:00 P. M. Tune in next Saturday, do not miss this broadcast, we are sure that this is a treat to the entire community.

200 MALTESE REFUGEES ARRIVE IN LONDON

Some 200 Maltese refugees arrived in London from Marseilles and Bordeaux. These refugees are being well looked after.

MALTESE IN LONDON ASK FOR CHANCE TO FIGHT ITALIANS

A great number of Maltese living in London have been pressing Lt.-Col. A. V. Agius, M. C., T. C., Trade Commissioner for Malta, to be allowed to fight the Italians anywhere in the Mediterranean.

Many Maltese are now doing magnificent work on tramps, minesweepers and in the Royal Navy, many have been on torpedoed ships on more than one occasion. A MESSAGE FROM COL. AGIUS

In a communication from London Lt.-Col. A. V. Agius, M. C., the trade Commissioner for Malta, says: "Kindly convey my best

says: "Kindly convey my best wishes to the Maltese Colonv in New York, and say that I shall be olad at all times to get their news through you. My message to the Maltese community of New York is to keep calm and be of good cheer, as the outcome of this war has never been in doubt."

REQUIEM MASS-LORD STRICKLAND A solemn Requiem Mass was sung on Aug. 26th in Westminster Cathedral. Monsigneur Valentine Elwes officiated and Cardinal Hinsley assisted and gave the obsolution.

It was an impressive, solemn, ceremony, fitting to the occasion. The company that was present to mourn Lord Strickland was fully representative.

AUSTRALIA MALTA WAR RELIEF FUND

The several Maltese Communities in far off Australia are combining their effort into a single unit known as the "Maltese Community Association of Australia" to aid Malta.

Mr. S. Vella, the acting secretary of the newly formed combination, reported on August 20, the activities of the Association. The Malta War Relief Fund, which was initiated by Capt. Curmi, the Commissioner for Malta, receives all the receipts from Maltese Community Association of Australia which has its head office at Sydney, N. S. W. with branches at Innisfail, Pendle Hill and Broken Hill, Innisfail is said to be the most populated community.

In that communication Mr. Vella reports that Innisfail contributed £1 250 or \$5 000. Pendle Hill £400 or \$1,600 and New South Wales £116 or \$464. Returns from many other states were not vet reported although is is said that they are all working hard to aid in this connection.

In the course of the campaign for Relief Funds several spicy patriotic speeches were delivered by prominent members of the communities effected.

Our community there is wellknown in every part of the land of the Southern Cross. Maltese pioneers in that continent have labored hard and prospered. The Maltese immigrant to the land of the Kangaroo has always been very conscious of his Malta and especially so now in these times of hard experience.

MANY THANKS

We wish to thank Mr. Joseph Sammut of 49 Crown Street, E. Sydney, N. S. W. Australia, for his complimentary letter on the Maltese Journal of August 25.



The "Malta Loyalty Float" taking part in Toronto's Labor Day parade. Empire Siudio, Toronto

CANADA MALTA FLOAT IN TORONTO

LABOR DAY PARADE

The Maltese Community of Toronto generously contributed their time and means towards the "Loyalty Float" which was loudly applauded throughout the entire Labor Day parade held in that City on September 2.

The Evening Telegram of Toronto, said "The Loyalty Float of Toronto Maltese Labor was the most beautiful in the parade. A queen sat on a throne, surrounded by her ladies - in - waiting. Sailors, and air force men stood on guard at the base of the throne. As the float entered the grounds, a band struck up "There'll Always Be An England."

A number of Maltese ladies worked on the costumes of Brittania, Canada, Malta, Lord Nelson, Knight of Malta, and other uniforms which were used for the ensemble.

A number of Maltese worked on the float for weeks. The exceptionally large chasis and driver were contributed by Toronto's famous Department store "The T. Eaton Co., Ltd." The entire operation of the float was under the personal supervision of Mr. C. Baldacchine of Toronto.

A sum of money was collected by the Maltese for the "Mavor of Toronto War Fund" and the community is now hard at work to raise a sum for the Malta War Relief Fund.

MOVING PICTURES IN THE PARISH HALL

A special moving pictures was shown on Sept. 25 in the Parish Hall, 3224 Dundas Street, Toronto.

GRAND DANCE AND ENTERTAINMENT

An evening social in which dancing and many varied forms of entertainment will take place is scheduled for October 15 at the Parish Hall, Toronto.

The Great Social Evening, in which Mr. John Giordmaine, the "Houdini" of Canada, will take part, is sponsored by the Catholic Legionaries of Toronto for the benefit of Malta War Relief Fund. OBITUARY

Emanuel Vassallo, 48, of Rabato, Malta, died in Toronto, Canada, September 10. He was a resident of Toronto for over 20 years.

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ACCORDING TO ROME

Rome, Sept. 3—Squadrons of "Picchiatelli" - (Little divers of Flying Fool)-raided Malta twice, damaging an anti-aircraft carrier, a battleship, a cruiser and a destroyer also downed six planes, destroyed Fort Delimara and set fire to a gasoline depot. Three of our planes failed to return.

Rome, Sept. 8—Italian bombers attacked the arsenal at Malta, hit a submarine in drydock, starting fires and shot down 2 planes.

Rome, Sept. 15—The Valletta Arsenal and the seaplane bases at Calafrana were bombed.

Rome, Sept. 15—Halfar airport was attacked by Italian picchiatelli dive-bombers. Two British planes were shot down.

Rome, Sept. 18—Picchiatelli bombed Micabba airport destroying at least three planes on the ground. Two enemy planes were shot down in an air battle. Two of our planes failed to return.

Rome, Sept. 23—The Micabba air base at Malta again was bombed. A dump supply was hit causing a big fire.

Rome, Sept. 25—The Italian Navy has succeeded in severing cable communications between Gibraltar, Malta and Alexandria, it was announced today. The Gazetta del Popolo said that this was the second time an Italian ship specially fitted for the task had cut the cables.

Rome, Sept. 26—Six British planes were reported shot down in yesterday's exchange of aerial blows, while one Italian plane listed as missing in a reconnaissance flight over the British Mediterranean base of Malta.

Rome, Sept. 28—Two of our air formations escorted by pursuit planes renewed the attack on the Island of Malta, bombing airports at Micabba and Halfar. The formations after carrying out the action without disturbance, were counter - attacked by enemy pursuit planes. Two enemy planes wcce seriously damaged and presumably shot down. All our planes returned.

G R A N D B A L L For The Benefit Of The MALTA WAR RELIEF FUND under the auspices of the BRITISH WAR RELIEF SOCIETY Inc. SATURDAY, OCT. 26th 1940 From 8:30 P. M. to 3 A. M.

IRVING PLAZA HALL 17 Irving Place (cor. 15th Street)

New York City Murray Greene and His Orchestra Admission \$1.00

MALTA WAR RELIEF

The Malta War Roliet Committee, with its general headquarters at 246 Eighth Avenue, New York City, is composed of the following gentleman: Mr. Robert Manduca, chairman, Mr. Louis Barlow, treasuer, Mr. Alfred Gauci, asst, treasurer, Mr. Alfred Gauci, asst. secretary, Mr. A. M. Bonavia, Mr. H. O. Zarb, Mr. P. Bajada, Mr. J. Swain, Mr. L. Cilia, Mr. L. Cassano, Mr. N. Schemb:i, observers and Mr. J. E. Doublet, adivser,

Plans for a Grand Dance to be held on October 26, at the Irving Hall Plaza, 17 Irving Place, New York City, have been completed and a record attendance is expected.

A silver Malta Boat will be given away at the dance. It is a gorgeous odd piece as well as a symbolic memento. Mr. Angel Fren, the sons of Gibraltar representative, presented an exceptionally large, beautiful hand-made Moroccan leather hassock to the committee for the fund.

Mr. Victor Ferreri has been appointed to decorate the hall. Mr. P. Vasquez was engaged as

the official photographer. Murray Greene and his well known radio and cosmopolitan New York orchestra will render a varied dance program.

BOOKS

"MEDICAL WORK OF THE KNIGHTS HOSPITALLERS OF SAINT JOHN

OF JERSULALEM

by

Edgar Erskine Hume, Lieut.-Col. Medical Corps, U. S. Army, Knight of Honor and Devotion of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta.

Published by the Institute of the History of Medicine of the Johns Hopkins University. Baltimore, 1940

With a foreword by His Most Eminent Highness Fra Ludovico Chigi Albani, Prince Grand Master of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta.

Preface by Lieut. Gen. Sir Aldo Castellani, K. C. M. G., Count of Chisimaio, Magistral Knicht of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, Professor at the University of Rome, London and Louisiana. With 130 illustrations.

FURNISHED ROOM— Sunny, heated room 20 min. from Times Square, Cine block to subway. Reasonable - Fred Baron, 95-18 40th Road, Elmhurst, L. I.

NEWS OF MALTA

(Special to the Maltese Journal)

"ECCE HOMO" HEAD COVERS HOLE MADE BY ITALIAN BOMB

Duds from a bomb which fell in the vicinity of the Church of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Zabbar, known to Maltese as "Tal-Fgura", made a hole in the Church walls and caused considerable damage to the statue of "Ecce Homo".



In inspecting the damage it was found that the statue's head was covering the hole made by the bomb, with its face looking out, as shown in the photo above.

The incident caused a large number of people to visit the church and the result of the incident.

MALTESE NAVAL CASUALTIES

In a casualty list published by the Admiralty, appeared the following names of Maltese Naval ratings:

William Goodlip, Ldg Stwd, killed in action. D. D'Agostino, and M. Scicluna, both Ldg Stwds, missing and believed killed in action. C. D'Agostino, cook, J. Bonnici, P. O. Stwd, S. Camilleri, Canteen Manager, C. Coppini, Petty Officer, E. Delesio, Petty Officer, and D. Portelli, Off. Stwd., wounded.

MALTA RELIEF FUND

Latest reports received here reveal that the Malta Relief Fund has exceeded the £25,000 mark.

The Fund, which is receiving contributions from virtually every Maltese in Malta and many Britishers as well from all the communities throughout the world, is expected to go over £50,000, after all returns are made.

CORRECTION

In the September issue of the Maltese Journal we stated that the profit from the Parish excursion of St. Paul's Maltese Church, Detroit, went to the Malta War Relief Society's fund. This is an error on our part. However, the profit from the excursion keno went to the Malta War Relief Society's fund.

INTERNMENT CAMP HIT

IN RAID

The Internment camp at Salvator, Malta, accomodating about 90 prisoners of war 67 of which were under special guard, was hit by a light bomb during an air raid.

No casualties were reported, however, the prisoners were transferred to Hal Bajjad, Rabato, for safety.

GOVERMENT CONSCRIPT

LABOR

In a meeting of the Council of Government it was decided that men from 18 to 55 must register to conform with a labor conscription order issued by the Government.

MALTA HONCUR

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to award the Distinguished Flying Cross to Flight-Lieutenant George Burges, for gallantry and devotion to duty in the air defence of Malta.

THE FIGHTER PLANE FUND

The Fighter Plane Fund, Sponsored by the Anglo-Maltese Club, has now reached the sum of £10,000.

BADGE DAY FOR HAMRUN

REFUGEES

A successful Badge Day for the refugees accompdated at Harmun was sponsored by the Catholic Action of that town.

MALTA SPEAKS FROM

LONDON

The Clear voice of Mr. Sul: 3na, a Maltese teacher in London, and hailing from Gozo, was heard over the B. B. C. in many parts of the world. To Malta it was a real treat, not only because it was the first time Malta heard a broadcast in Maltese from London, but also because he spoke the language of Carthage and Phoenicia as it should be spoken.

Some time in July a Miss Detomenico Hare was interviewed in the B. B. C. weekly Variety Show. The Maltese girl sang a Maltese folk song, "Ghanneit" and was accorded a very warm applause.

Again a second news-letter was heard over the B. B. C. The announcer Mr Gauci, this time introduced a Mr. Michael Camilleri who is in business at Cardiff.