

# ROYAL AIR FORCE CALLS

## Malta Recruits Wanted UNDER BRITISH CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

ENLISTMENT IN THE ROYAL AIR FORCE FOR THE DURATION OF THE WAR IS NOW OPEN TO MALTESE UNDER THE SAME CONDITIONS OF SERVICE AND PAY AS FOR BRITISH AIRMEN.

The Royal Air Force, though by far the youngest of the three Services, has amply proved its importance. On it will depend to a very great extent the final victory of the Empire and its Allies. Much of the history of these the first five months of the war have been written in the air. There can be no doubt that Malta's response to this call will be as heartening as was its response when the Army made its call.

exist in the following trades for which the daily rate of pay will be as follows:—

### Group 1.

Aircraft Fitters and Riggers; Instrument Maker and Repairer; Fitter Armourer; Wireless and Electrical Mechanic; Metal Worker; Machine Tool Setter and Operator;

A.C. 2.	A.C. 1	L.A.C.	Cpl.	Sergt.
3/9;	4/6;	5/6;	7/6;	9/6.

der 35 for other trades, and will be of Fitter and Electrician, and unrequired to produce:—

- (i). A reference as to character from a responsible person.
- (ii). A trade reference from present employer, if unemployed from late employer.
- (iii). If an ex-service man, all discharge papers.
- (iv). A certificate of Education. "Family Allowance" will be at the following rates:—  
Wife only. 8/6d. per week.  
Wife and 1 child 11/-d. " "  
Wife and 2 children 12 6d. " " "  
and 1/- per week for each additional child.

No rations will be issued to families of Maltese airmen whose families are resident in Malta.

For further information apply to the Royal Air Force, Recruiting Officer at No. 1 Sda. S. Andrea, Valletta, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

## Syren Testing

The new air raid syren will be tested out at St. James' Cavalier between 10 and 12 a.m. on Monday, 26th February, 1940.

All are warned that no air raid precautions will be necessary on hearing this alarm.

### AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS

#### Mobile Gas Chamber at Qormi

The Mobile Gas Chamber will be at Qormi, near the Police Station, on Sunday next between the hours of 10 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

It is hoped that the people of Qormi, under the direction of their local Air Raid Wardens, will avail themselves of this opportunity to test their Respirators in a tear gas concentration, and that heads of families will accompany their children to be instructed how to fit and adjust the respirators which were issued to them in September last.

### MALTA COMMAND APPOINTMENT

Acting Captain K.F. Bloomer, Royal Engineers, has been appointed Adjutant.

## Police Capture

### BLACK-OUT NUISANCE RUN TO EARTH

A few days ago Joe Borg challenged the Police Patrols and attempted to effect a hold-up in a small way at the Marina, Valletta.

After a few days' investigation, the Police traced their man who was charged with the crime in the Courts of Magistrates yesterday, and sentenced to three months imprisonment.

## Naval Comforts Fund

### DANCE AT QUEEN'S HALL

Grand Dance in aid of the Naval Comforts Fund will be held on Friday, March 8, at the Queen's Hall, Sliema, under the patronage of Lady Cunningham.

Dancing will start at 8.30 p.m. to music provided by the well-known Royal Marine Dance Band, and will last till 12.30 a.m. There will be "Spot" Waltz prizes.

Gentlemen 1/6. Ladies cordially invited. Rights of admission will be strictly reserved.

The usual buses to outlying districts will run after the dance.

Everyone is urged to support this attempt to help a very deserving

### MR. HARRY BEARD

Mr. Harry Beard, the well known English baritone, is leaving Malta to-day for Alexandria, Egypt, after a stay in Malta, during which he gave a highly successful recital of English and Italian songs at the British Institute, and also on the Rediffusion system.

Mr. Beard is going to Egypt to sing for the Egyptian State Broadcasting Company, and will later proceed to Palestine.

Mr. Beard first started studying music when an undergraduate at Oxford, and later under the guidance of Madame McTavish in London. He studied singing with Cecchini in Rome, and opera under Govoni of the Reale of Rome.

His opera repertoire includes Butterfly, Faust, Don Pasquale, Boheme, Pagliacci, Traviata, Favorita and Falstaff. He hopes to return to Malta for a visit next winter.

Mr. Beard is well known in Italy, where his English songs are much appreciated, and hopes to be in Florence for the 'Maggio Musicale' this season.



### MALTESE RECRUITS JOIN THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

The response to the Royal Air Force recruiting call has been very encouraging and recruiting is proceeding briskly. In the picture above is the first of the Maltese recruits to join the R.A.F. and wear the uniform under the new scheme we publish on this page.

### SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AIR'S APPEAL

In an appeal made recently, the Rt. Hon. Sir Kingsley Wood, M.P., Secretary of State for Air, said:

In the past the Royal Navy and the Army together shared the responsibilities for the defence of our country and the protection of our Empire. With the progress of aviation a new Service was born, the Royal Air Force.

This flying arm of the King's Forces has already earned undying fame, and those who wear the distinctive blue uniform may well be proud to do so.

Year by year the Royal Air Force shoulders greater responsibilities. Our island home, for centuries safely guarded from attack by sea, has now also to be protected from attack by air. For this purpose a strong and efficient Air Force is a vital need.

It is the proud duty of the Royal Air Force to guard our home and the Empire, so that all may go about their peaceful occupations safely in the shadow of its protecting Wing. It can, however, only fulfil its duty if it is well and efficiently manned.

Will you come in and do your part?

In a notice issued by the Royal Air Force Recruiting Officer the rates of pay and conditions of service for Maltese recruits are given as follows:

A limited number of vacancies

### Group 2

Armourer; Electrician II; Flight Mechanic; Flight Rigger; Wireless Operator; Photographer;

A.C. 2.	A.C. 1	L.A.C.	Cpl.	Sergt.
3/6;	4/3;	5/-;	6/6;	8/6.

### Group 3

Fabric Worker; Motor Boat Crew;

A.C. 2.	A.C. 1	L.A.C.	Cpl.	Sergt.
3/-;	3/9;	4/3	5/-;	6/6.

### Group 4

Clerk General Duties; Clerk Accounting; Equipment Assistant;

A.C. 2.	A.C. 1	L.A.C.	Cpl.	Sergt.
3/3;	4/-;	4/6;	5/6;	7/-.

### Group 5

Aircrafthand, Aircrafthand over 1 year, Aircrafthand over 2 years. Drivers (Petrol) plus 3d per day (drivers bonus):

A.C. 2	A.C. 1	L.A.C.	Cpl.	Sergt.
2/-, 2/9,				
and 3/-;	3/6;	4/-;	4/6;	6/-.

Candidates who fail to pass the trade test for groups 1, 2 & 3 trades may be enlisted in group 5, and after undergoing a training course, if they qualify they will be remustered in the above named trades.

Candidates must be over the age of 17, and under 42, for the trades

### CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AMENDED

In exercise of the powers vested in him by article 56 of the Customs Ordinance, 1939. (Ordinance No. VII of 1909). His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following amendment to the Customs Regulations published by Government Notice 470 of the 20th November, 1935:

Paragraph 7 of the First Schedule to the Customs Regulations is repealed and the following is substituted therefor:—

7. The landing places at Marsaxlokk, St. Paul's Bay, Ta' Qali and Luqa, as places for the landing of goods arriving by aircraft. Goods which are exempt from duty will be released by the Customs on landing; other goods will be conveyed by the Agent of the Aircraft Company, under Customs Control, to one of the Verandahs in the Grand Harbour for examination and release.

### MASS DE REQUIE

A mass de requie for the repose of the soul of the late Honourable Edgar Arrigo, M.B.E., will be said at the Parish Church of Saint Dominic, Merchants Street, Valletta, to-day Thursday, at 8 a.m.

Relatives and friends are requested to attend.