

MALTA MEMORIAL DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATION

By John Lander

In 1944, Capt. Robert Ingham, who at the time was serving in the army in Malta, while on leave in the U.K., sought the financial support of many well-wishing persons to fulfil his ambition to organize a domiciliary nursing service, which at the time was sorely needed in Malta.

On his return, Lady Schreiber, the Governor's wife accepted to form a Committee with the object of formally establishing a home nursing organization. The first meeting was held in 1945 and it was decided to dedicate the Association to those who fought, suffered and died in the cause of liberty and justice during the siege of Malta-1940 to 1943.

After much preparatory work the Association commenced offering its services on 7th February, 1947 through qualified nurses seconded by the Queen's Institute of District Nursing in London assisted by local nurse auxiliaries trained by the Association. In due course qualified local nurses became available and replaced the Queen's Institute of District Nursing nurses.

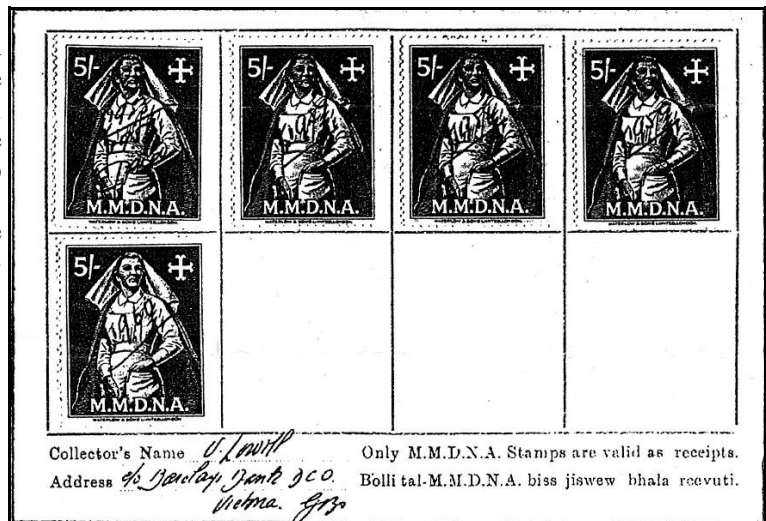
The Association set up a membership scheme and families were encouraged to join for an annual fee. However, as the financial requirements grew, additional funds were sought through fund raising activities and sponsorships. An annual payment was received from the Lady Strickland Trust and for some time an annual grant from the Government of Malta.

In the mid-sixties the Association was facing a financial crisis and a tight retrenchment exercise was carried out, including the replacement of the last Queen's Institute of District Nursing nurses by Maltese qualified nurses. Meanwhile M.M.D.N.A. continued to provide its services to members, a nursing service which was much appreciated.


In 1990, M.M.D.N.A. entered into a contract with the Government of Malta to provide home nursing and midwifery services throughout the Maltese islands on its behalf to persons entitled to free health services. It also managed on behalf of the Department of Health a home help service (Scheme II) and a Scheme for special care to diabetic patients.

The Associate card shown below showing 'used' stamps (ST 3013 MALTA) these being the issued 5/- in green there is also a 1/3d orange. The Waterlow SPECIMEN overprint on the 5/- was on a blue stamp. The owner of this card joined the MMDNA in 1953. The earliest date of the stamp being also that year.

The annual subscription was 5 shillings, and the quarterly rate 1/3, hence the need for the two values.



Associate Card (Front & Rear)



THE MALTA MEMORIAL DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATION

Patron for Malta
HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

President for Malta
HIS GRACE THE METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP

President for Gozo
HIS LORDSHIP THE BISHOP OF GOZO

Deputy President and Foundress
of the Training School
THE LADY STRICKLAND, D.B.E.

Associate Card

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