

# Establishing a Blood Bank

The Maltese Association of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta in cooperation with the Metropolitan Chapter is shortly to establish a blood transfusion service and blood bank. The Association will thereby fulfil the promise which it made two years ago on the occasion of the centenary celebrations of the Great Siege.

A statement issued on behalf of the Chancellor said that "one need not stress the utility of such a service as today it is common knowledge that in certain diseases and accidents blood transfusion may be a matter of life or death."

The statement added that the project envisaged is in accordance with the most modern standards of technique and will cost a considerable sum.

The Metropolitan Chapter will be contributing the larger share in the purchase of the equipment and furnishing of the laboratories and will sustain the whole financial burden of the maintenance of the service which will run into thousands of pounds.

The Maltese Association of the Order will provide the premises, and the technical

side of the project.

The blood will be supplied free of charge to all those who will need it on the recommendation of a medical practitioner.

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