

Blood Bank activities

Dr. P. Farrugia, the Medical Director of the Malta Blood Bank (Haematological and Blood Transfusion Centre, erected jointly by the Maltese Association S.M.O.M. and the Cathedral Chapter of Malta, located at 196 St. Ursula Street, Valetta, Telephone No. Cen. 20130) reports the following activities for October:

Blood supplied to patients in hospitals — 49 bottles: St. Luke's Hospital (Government Hospital) — 33 bottles 14,850 c. c., Blue Sisters Hospital (Private Hospital) — 8 bottles 3,600 c.c., St. Catherine Hospital (Private Hospital) — 4 bottles 1,800 c.c., Victoria Hospital, Gozo (Government Hospital) — 4 bottles 1,800 c.c.

Peak days of blood supplied to hospitals: October 15 — 8 bottles (6 bottles to St. Luke's Hosp. and 2 bottles to St. Catherine's.); October 30 — 6 bottles to St. Luke's Hospital.

Blood donors: 53 blood donors gave blood to the centre. This figure includes:- Maltese: males 45, females 3; U.K.: Males 2 females 3; *Donors per district:* 1st. Place — Sliema — 7 donors, 2nd. Place — Valetta — 6 donors.

Blood grouping: 178 persons were blood grouped, — males 91, females 34, expectant mothers 43, boys 5, girls 5. *Percentage of blood grouping:* O Positive — 37.6 per cent, Negative — 1.7 per cent, A Positive — 47.2. per cent, Negative — 2.2. per cent, B Positive — 6.3. per cent, Negative — Nil. AB Positive — 3.8 per cent, Negative — 1.2 per cent.