3/11 Regiment Sports
1967 GARRISON OFFICERS’ BOAT RACE
THE VICTORIOUS CREW
Record time of 6mins 17.2 secs (still unbeaten)
3/11 REGT RMA (T)
3/11 REGT RMA(T) OFFICERS' ROWING TEAM 1967


Lt. Col. J.M. Cremona (C.O.) Capt. A Booker (Cox) Lt. C Psaila (2) Lt L Vassallo Cesareo (Bow)
3LAA Regt 1956 Hockey Team at Tigne Barracks

Patrick Beacom
Wilfred Zarb Cousin
George Pace Balzan
Alex Booker
Leo Vassallo Cesareo comments:
We were the best, in fact on that day we set a NEW record which stands to this very day. June, 2013
3LAA Regt. Tennis Team 1955/1956
Marsa Stadium 1956: Inter-Services Athletics Championships. Lt. Alex Abela winning the Long Jump event for The Army.
1962 Command Regatta, Marsamxett Harbour - Officers’ Boat Race, 11 Regt crew
Lt. Leo Vassallo Cesareo, Capt. Renè Formosa and Lt. Michael Camilleri
Ivan M. Consiglio comments: In the background: the current Armed Forces of Malta's Maritime Squadron base at Haywharf, Floriana right below the Ospizio. Rock hewn tunnels by the Knights and the Brits lead through magazines and fuel caches from there to right behind the new SHQ recently inaugurated. Pity they ain't yet utilized at all for 'future commercial interests' one architect giving a tour once told an audience of visiting history buffs. A rowing gig adorns the Officers' Wardroom on the base as a fond reminder of the successful record of rowing gig wins by the AFM Task Force teams of 1st Regiment over the years in the annual Grand Harbour regattas.
SOCcer

The competition for the MLF(TA) Inter-Unit Football Shield was revived this year after a lapse of four years. The game was played on 24th April in a roaring gale and inclement weather. I KOMR won the match with a score of 2-1 after extra time.

3/11 Regt RMA(T) Football Team

Front: 775 Gnr Curmi J, 18135934 Gnr Abela M, 7772 Gnr Camilleri G, 182 Gnr Borg L, 261 Gnr Guzman J, 6925 Bdr Briffa A.

Hockey

The following were selected to represent the Malta Land Force Hockey XI vs. British Army (Cyprus) on March 7th:
Captain E.W. Galea (RMA(T)) 19 Ldr Tanti O — 20 Bty
Lieut J.B. Miller (RMA(T)) 261 Gnr Guzman J — RHQ
THE MALTA GARRISON OFFICERS’ BOAT RACE

3/11 Regt. RMA(T) make rowing history on Tuesday 18th, July 1967

The Times of Malta reporting on the Malta Garrison Officers Boat race of 1967 headlined its report on the race as follows:

“3/11 RMA win superb race in record time – favourites KOMR left gasping”

The Malta Garrison Officers’ Boat race was a traditional race rowed across Marsamxett Harbour, starting from Tigne Point and finishing at Ta’Xbiex Point. It saw its beginning in the late eighteenth century and stopped being held when the British Services left Malta.

In 1967 the regiment competed for the second time since the amalgamation of the two artillery territorial regiments – the 3 Regt RMA(T) and the 11 Regt RMA(T).

1 Bn KOMR were firm favourites for the 1967 boat race as they had won it in the previous four years, setting also an all time record for the course of 6 min. 19.1 sec in 1964. However for the 1967 race, 3/11 Regt carried out some vigorous training on a daily basis, with emphasis on strong finishing power in the last 1 ½ minutes of the race.

There were three crews taking part in the race – 3/11 Regt, KOMR and 2 Regt RMA which was a regular unit.

It was a gruelling race with first place alternating from one crew to another throughout the race. 3/11 Regt timed it just right, and at what was commonly known as ‘the five minute buoy’, they jumped into the lead and pulled away from KOMR, maintaining their lead to the finish, beating them by half a length, with 2 Regt RMA in third place. In the process they set an all time record for the race at 6 min. 17.2 sec, beating the previous record held by KOMR by 1.9 seconds. The record still stands.

The victorious crew were:

Lieut. J. Miller; Capt R.H. Formosa; Lieut. N.A. Curmi; Lieut. J.J. Galea; Lieut. L. Vassallo Cesareo; Lieut. C.A. Psaila.
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