MAJOR ALDO MICALLEF

It is with deep regret that we notify the passing away, on the 31st of March, 2017, of Major Aldo H. Micallef (E.D.), aged 93, widower of Emma Maria Micallef, nee Sapiano.

Major Aldo Micallef saw service during the second world war in Malta and abroad, both in the RA and RMA. Post-war in the Territorial Army, he served for a number of years as Officer Commanding 22 Battery. His passing away closes a chapter in the history of 3/11 Regiment, as he was the last surviving officer to serve in the post-war Territorial Army who also had wartime active service.

Aldo leaves to mourn his sad loss his treasured children, Mark Anthony, Rachelle and Martin Manduca, his adored grandchildren, Emma, James and Stephanie, John and Michaela, his sister Rosa Micallef Judge, his brothers Edwin, Louis and his wife Gloria, his in-laws Mariuccia Micallef and Edward Spiteri, nephews and nieces, other relatives and friends.

Lord grant him eternal rest.
3/11 Regiment, Royal Malta Artillery. **Victor Filletti** comments:

I remember him as a kind-hearted officer and being lifted shoulder-high by his men when 22Bty won the inter-Bty competition at Ghajn Tuffieha. He and Major “Zki” Trigona were inseparable not to mention George Pace Balzan. His son Mark, is Malta’s Ambassador to Spain. The last time we met was some years ago at an outing for the Elderly and we exchanged warm greetings. R.I.P. Aldo

**Anthony Caruana** May I ask whether the 22nd Battery belonged to the 3rd LAA Regt RMA (T) because I was part of the 11th HAA Regt RMA (T) and we had the 20th; 21st and 23rd Batteries.

3/11 Regiment, Royal Malta Artillery. Yes, 22Bty was 3LAA. During the early days of WWII, heavy and light anti-aircraft guns were not grouped into separate Brigades, but in the inevitable regrouping which followed, it was decided to raise 3 LAA Regt RMA to absorb the three Maltese batteries then serving with other Regiments, namely -

a) 10 LAA Bty RMA:
A regular battery of 2 HAA Regt RMA commanded by Major E.R. Amato, MC, RMA.
b) 22 LAA Bty RMA(T):
A territorial battery of 11 HAA Regt RMA(T) commanded by Major H.A. Scicluna, MBE. RMA (T).

C) 30 LAA Bty RMA(T), (Dockyard Defence Battery):
A battery of 11 HAA Regt RMA (T) commanded by Major L.G. Bolton, MC, R.A. This Battery functioned on the same basis as the "Factory Batteries" in the UK. It had double the strength of a normal battery so that the men could alternate manning the guns one day with working as civilians in the Dockyard on the following day. The men were recruited exclusively from the Royal Naval Dockyard and were officered entirely by English Dockyard Officials who wore the Royal Artillery cap badge.

Harry Zammit Cordina I remember him well in the Territorial Army. A true gentleman. May his soul rest in peace

Guzi Muscat Sur Aldo was my first Long Time employer in the Printing trade who gave me to courage and belief in my talents to move forward in my trade God Rest his soul he was such a very kind jovial person long will I remember him the former Director of Lux printing press Hamrun

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