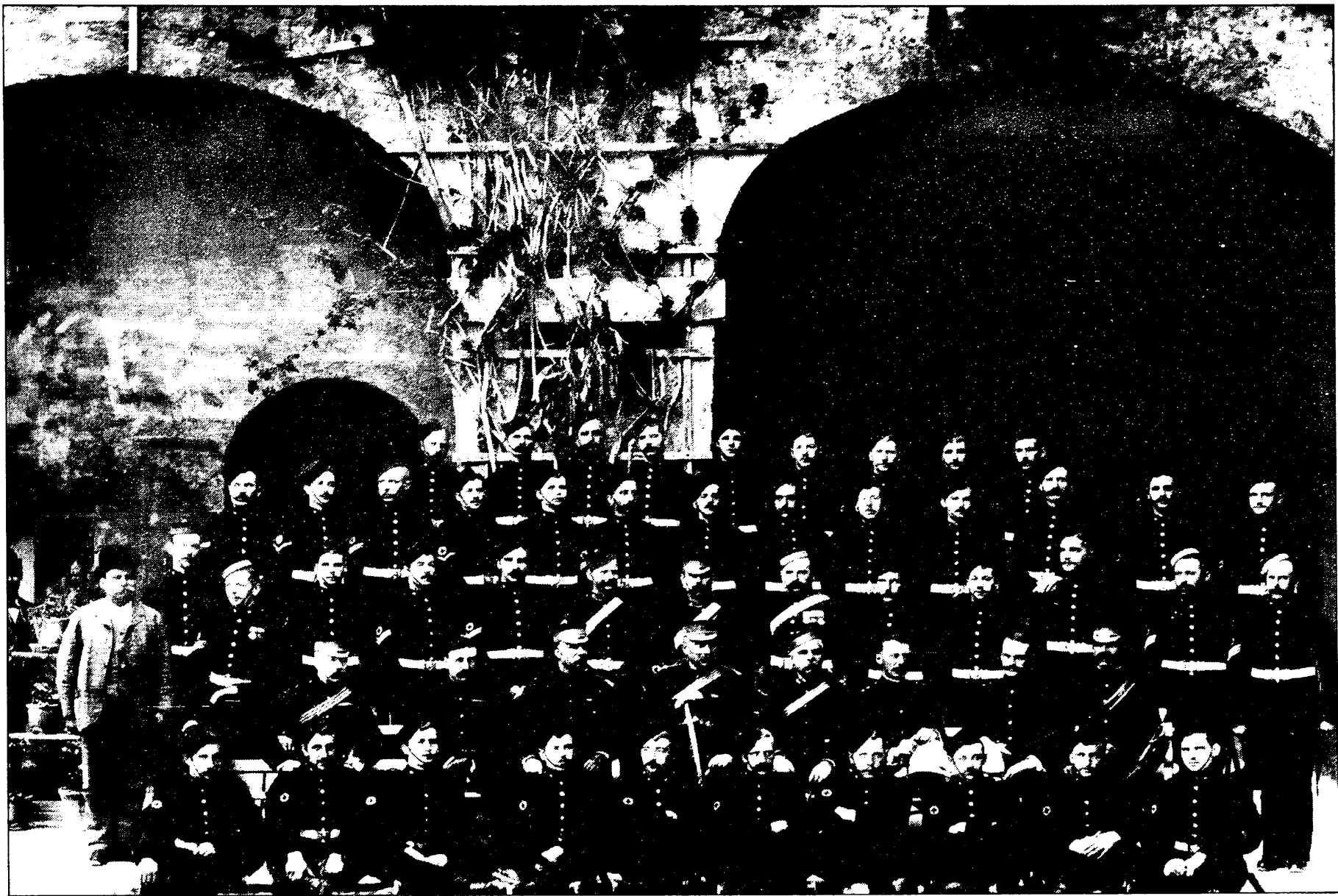


## TIMES PAST



This Valletta military hospital group was photographed back in 1894 by R. Ellis. The hospital was located at the former Sacra Infermeria which today houses the Mediterranean Conference Centre. The photo was taken in the courtyard which is now the main auditorium.

Seated fourth from right is Surgeon Major (later Surgeon Lieutenant Col.) Lorenzo Manché of the Royal Malta Artillery, a noted Maltese ophthalmologist. Second from right, also seated, is Surgeon Captain Matthew Louis Hughes, an early pioneer of what was then known as 'Malta fever'. He changed its name to 'undulant fever' so as not to stigmatise Malta with the disease which was also found in other Mediterranean countries. Dr Hughes died a hero's death five years later in the Boer War.

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