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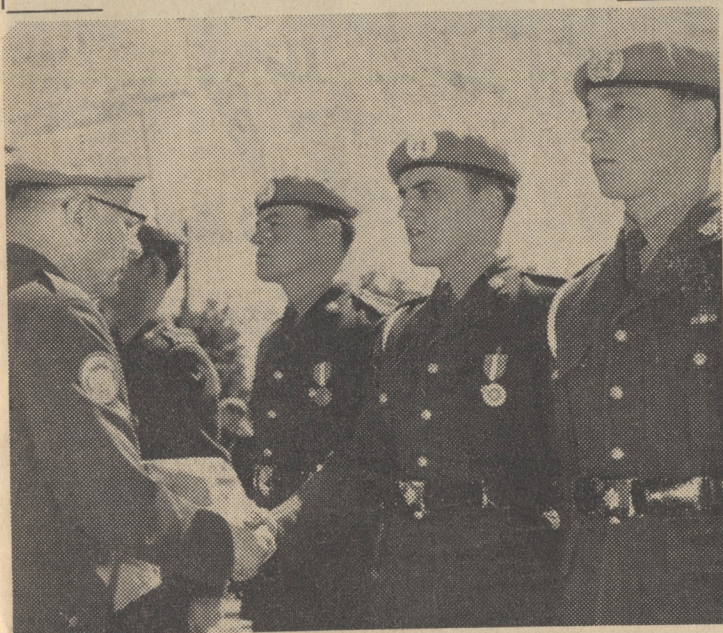


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UNFICYP MEDAL FOR DRAGOONS



The Force Commander, Lieutenant-General A. E. Martola, is seen presenting the UNFICYP Medal to Trooper Dick Rothera, from Huddersfield, who is flanked in the picture by Troopers. Dave Slater (left) also from Huddersfield and Vic Jones (right) from Halifax — three Yorkshiremen. (See story on P. 4).

COUNCIL TAKES ACTION ON SW AFRICAN TRIALS

The UN Security Council last Thursday unanimously adopted a resolution threatening "effective steps or measures" against South Africa if she did not promptly free 33 South West Africans tried and sentenced under her "Terrorism Act".

The UN Secretary-General was asked to follow the matter closely and report back on its implementation by the end of this month, with the Council keeping the issue open on its agenda.

The resolution was based on an African - Asian - Latin American draft, whose wording was modified in the course of intensive consultations in order to obtain unanimity.

It censured the Government of South Africa for her "flagrant defiance" of the United Nations on the trial issue. Both the UN General Assembly and the Council had earlier urged that the trial be halted and the accused set free on the grounds that South Africa had no jurisdiction over South West Africa since her old League of Nations mandate was ended by the UN in 1966.

The Council called upon UN Member States to cooperate with it in order to obtain South Africa's compliance.

UN BODY TO DEBATE RHODESIA EXECUTIONS

The UN Security Council, prompted by a request from the 36-nation African Group of Member States, was scheduled to meet this week to consider sanctions required to bring down the white minority regime of Mr Ian Smith and to ensure self-determination for the country.

The African Group said in its letter of request that the selective mandatory economic sanction imposed by the Council over a year ago against the regime of Mr. Smith had been ineffective — as African nations had feared when they were decided on in December of 1966.

"The failure of these measures," the Group said, "has been dramatically demonstrated by the recent tragic assassination of political prisoners by the racist regime in Rhodesia. More such assassinations are planned and expected."

Security Council Extends UNFICYP Mandate

The 15-nation UN Security Council last Monday extended the stay of the 4,700-man UN Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus for another three months with the hope that progress towards a settlement of the Cyprus question during that period would allow it to be substantially cut or withdrawn entirely.

The Council acted on the recommendation of the UN Secretary General, U Thant, who reported last week that chances for a genuine peace between the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities had never been better since civil strife erupted at the end of 1963 — but that the UN Force sent to the island four years ago was still needed.

Monday's Council resolution, unanimously adopted (see full text of resolution, P. 8), urged the parties to the dispute to act with the greatest restraint and to use the present auspicious opportunities to achieve peace objectives.

The Council's debate was marked by satisfaction at the great improvement in the situation in Cyprus, following last November's crisis that brought Turkey and Greece into an ominous military confrontation.

There was also general endorsement of the Secretary-General's plan to have his Special Representative in Cyprus, Mr B. F.

Osorio-Tafall, bring Greek and Turkish Cypriot leaders together to seek a settlement.

Ambassador Zenos Rosides of Cyprus spoke of a moving rebirth of amity between the two communities and hoped for a positive response from the Turkish Cypriots to President Makarios' recent lifting of existing restrictions.

For Turkey, Ambassador Orhan Eralp said the "relatively optimistic" prospects today resulted largely from the withdrawal of Greek troops above the Treaty limits from the island after last year's crisis.

The Greek Representative, Ambassador Bitsios, said his country had steadfastly supported the cause of peace, and had recently opened talks with Turkey on contentious issues that could be dealt with bilaterally.

Among other speakers, Lord Caradon of the United Kingdom and Ambassador George Ignatieff of Canada said their countries would maintain their units with the Force. Lord Caradon also pledged one million dollars to help defray the Force's costs.

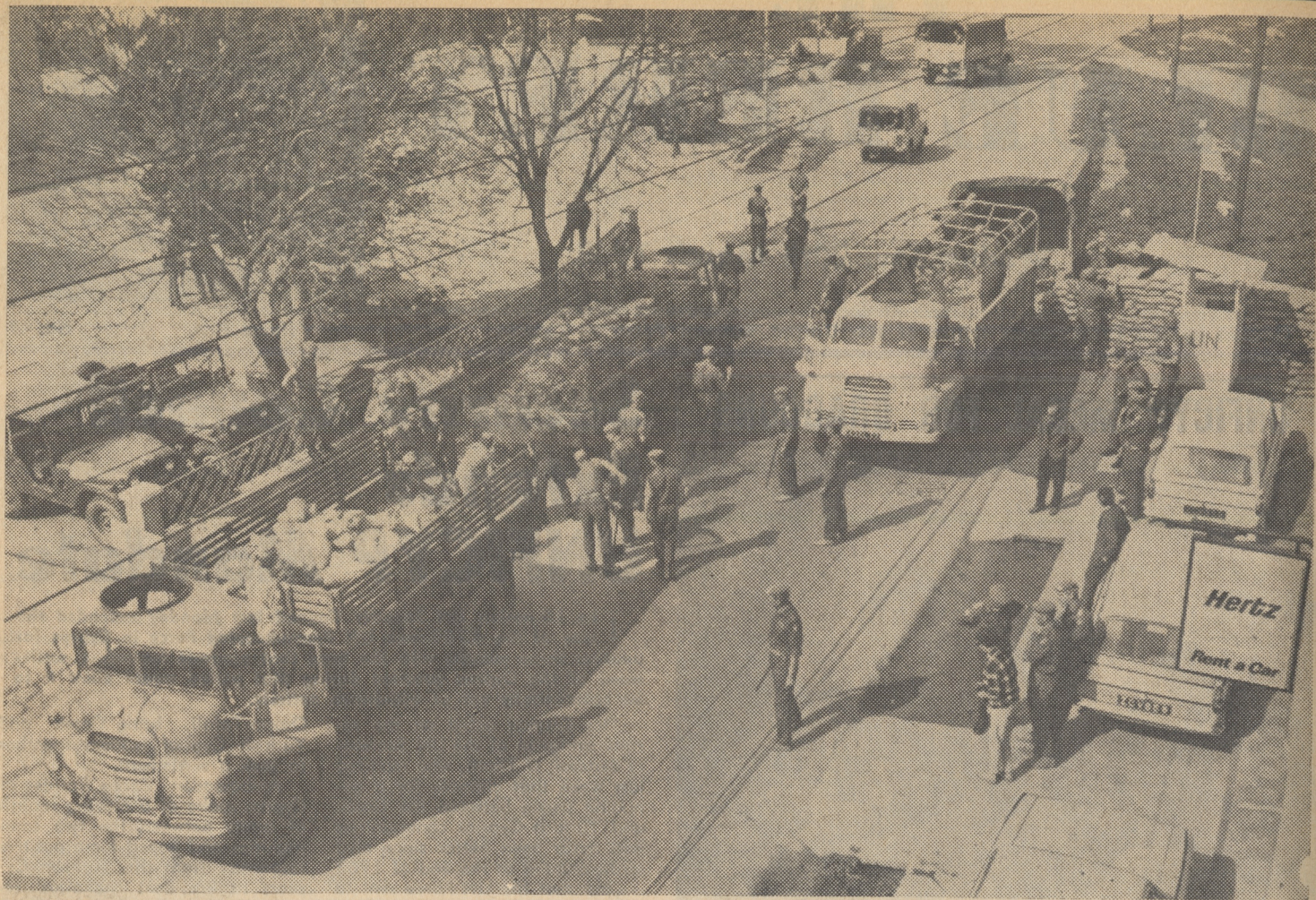
Ambassador William Buffum of the United States, the major financial contributor to the Force, said this support would be maintained. He noted the continuing deficit in the Force's budget, and joined Ambassador Ignatieff in urging nations that had no contributed to do so. Financing of the Force is on a voluntary basis.

Ambassador Jacob Malik of the Soviet Union — back at the UN after an absence of 15 years — said he did not oppose the three-month extension since the Government of Cyprus and the other parties agreed to it. However, he declared, a settlement required the elimination of all foreign forces and bases.

Ambassador Armand Berard of France told the Council that the UN Force's further mandate must not justify any delay in reaching a settlement.

The African Group said that the Rhodesian situation continued to threaten international peace and declared that the Council should envisage the necessary sanctions to enable the Zimbabwe people to exercise the right to self-determination.

In its letter, the African nations said it was regrettable that Great Britain had not entered into negotiations with the leaders of the African political parties with the view to setting up a legitimate Zimbabwe Government.



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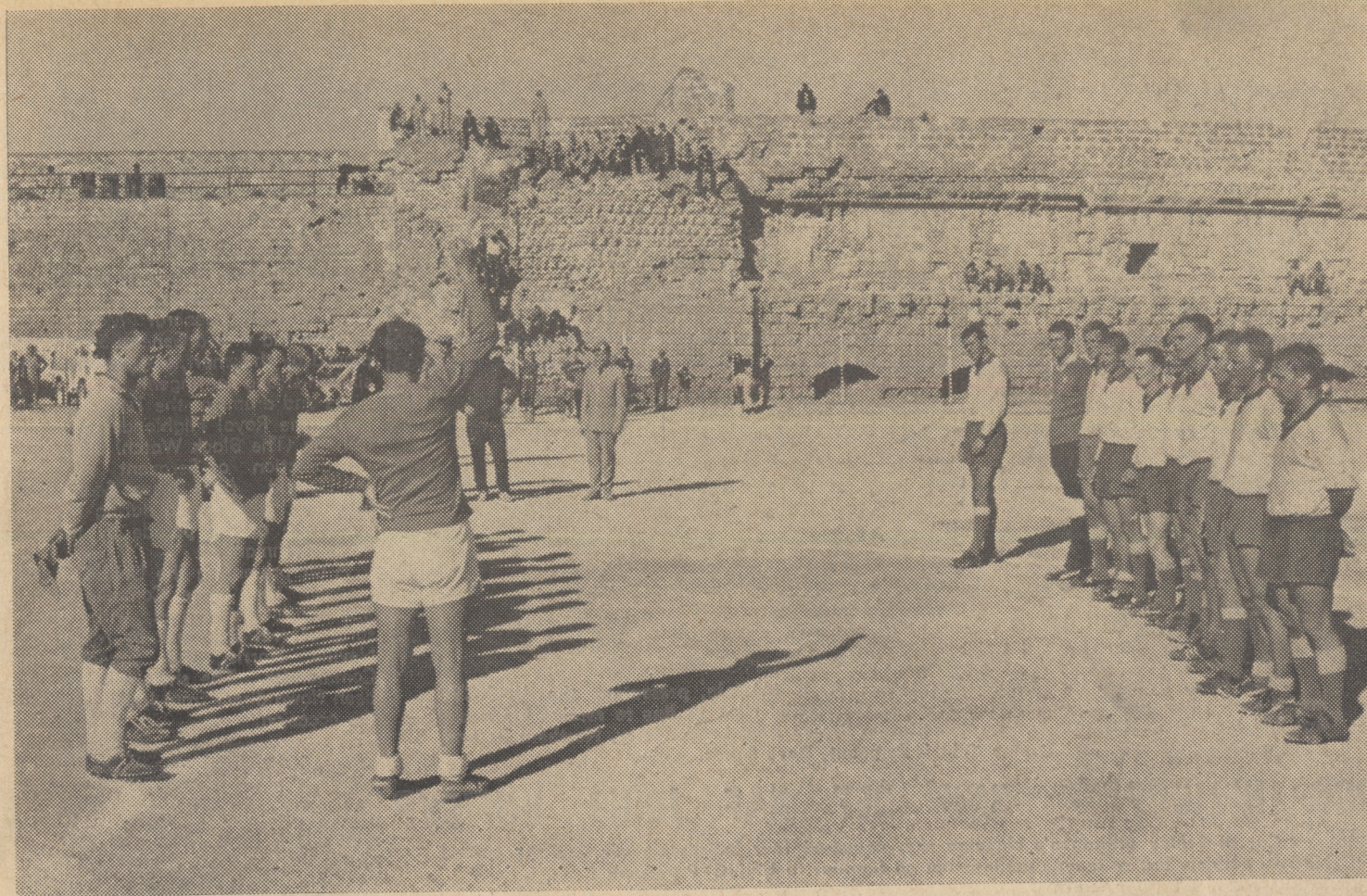
— Væk!

Som et led i normaliseringsbestræbelserne på Cypern blev UN-vejspærringen ved Ledra Palace den 13. marts nedlagt af A-KMP. Ligesom ved en bedre grundstensnedlæggelse (med modsat fortegn) var det CH/DANCON OL C.J.K. Severinsen, der fjernede den første sæk på slaget kl. 1400. Herefter forsvandt resten af vejspærringen på rekordtid som følge af en glimrende indsats af "mænmerne" fra A-KMP, således at kl. 1425 var vejspærringen væk.

DANCON - NYT



Efter en meget spændende slutkamp i håndboldturneringen mellem C-KMP og A-KMP, som endte 15-13 til C-KMP, overrakte OL C.J.K. Severinsen den udsatte pokal til Charlies anfører SG M. Andersen.



Arvfienden DANCON slagen 4-1 i søndagens fotbollskamp

Vår arvfiende på Cypern - DANCON - slogs tilbage med 4-1 vid en fotbollslandskamp på Stadium i Old City i Famagusta i søndags eftermiddag. I halvtid var stillingen 1-0 till SWEDCON. Bäste man i det svenska laget var centerforward Sture Qvarfordt, från STR-komp och Uddevalla. Han angav segermelodin genom att göra de två första svenska målen. Torsten Bloom, 3. komp och Huskvarna, svarade för tredje målet och Kurt Enoksson, CIVPOL, Norrköping, för det fjärde. Den svenska segern är meriterande inte minst med tanke på att danskarna hade en världsmästare med i laget, Jörgen Pedersen, DANCON:s målvakt. Det skall tilläggas att VM-tecknet som Jörgen Pedersen innehar gäller handboll.

DANCON-laget var klara favoriter när de två elvorna sprang ut på plan, men di svenske ville anorlunda. Sture Qvarfordt inledde med 1-0 i första halvlek och fortsatte med 2-0 i andra. Torsten Bloom ökade på till 3-0 och Kurt Enoksson avslutade den svesnka målfabrikationen med 4-0 innan

det danska reduceringsmålet kom. Landskampen gick i strålende väder med många åskådare utmed arenan. En tupp ingrep i ett skede av kampen men avvisades från planen av den turkcypriotiske domaren, som för övrigt blåste av matchen fem minuter för tidigt. Ordningen återställdes dock och

full tid uppnåddes så småningom. Det svenska laget spelade snabbt och snitsigt. Luftspelet behärskade man dock inte, och detsamma får sägas om de svenska hörnorna. Dessa två saker måste alltså tränas upp till returkampen.

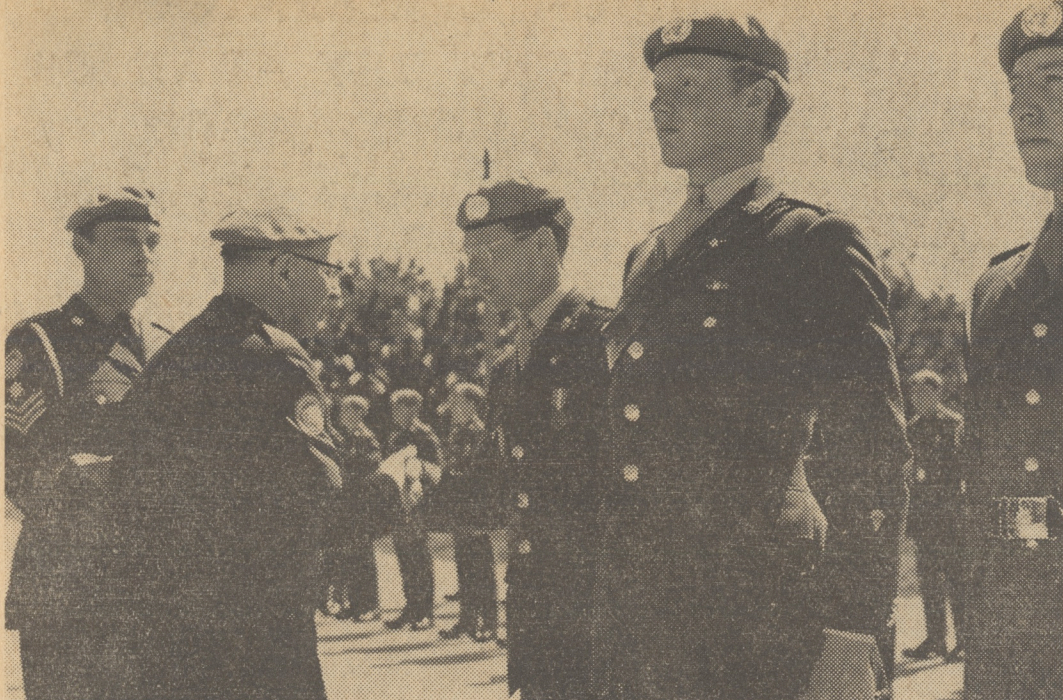
Våra bilder visar överst de båda lagen efter matchens slut. Till vänster är Sture Qvarfordt i aktion



SWEDCON NEWS

och till höger laddar Torsten Bloom för det skott, som gav tredje svenska målet.





The Force Commander, Lieutenant-General A. E. Martola, presenting the UNFICYP medal to the Squadron Commander, Major Neville Harris. Next in line to receive his medal was 2nd Lieutenant Giles Brady. Sergeant Charles Bryson from Londonderry, Northern Ireland, was the Medal Orderly. On extreme right is Sergeant, Dave Sands.

230 HELICOPTER SQN DET RAF JOINS UNFICYP

Out of Friday afternoon's clouding sky, appeared four helicopters carrying the United Nations emblem but of a type perhaps not so familiar to UNFICYP personnel.



Pictured on arrival at RAF Station, Nicosia, is Squadron-Leader David Todd, who had skippered his flight of four Whirlwinds from the UK to Cyprus. He was met by the 'retiring' Wessex skipper Flight-Lieutenant Guthrie Young (centre) and the Deputy Chief of Staff, Colonel H.C.F. Elliot, CD.



Flight-Lieutenant Roger Wain leaving his Whirlwind at the end of nine-hop, two thousand two hundred nautical mile journey from Odiham to Nicosia.

The four flying machines were Whirlwinds of 230 Helicopter Squadron, RAF, under command of Squadron-Leader David Todd. They had flown direct from Odiham, Hampshire, to Nicosia in nine hops after leaving UK on Monday.

The route took them across France, stopping at Orleans-Bricey, Lyons and Nice, on to Italy where they flipped from Pisa to Rome and then Brindisi. The last legs were across the Aegean Sea to Athens, then to the island of Rhodes and thence to their destination — Nicosia.

It was a unique trip for the detachment to undertake and was summed up by Squadron-Leader Todd on arrival when he said "it was great fun"!

The detachment is in the process of taking over duties from 72 Squadron, RAF, detachment, under present command of Flight-Lieutenant Guthrie Young. They will return to the UK along the same route with their Wessex 'choppers' as 230 Sqn's Whirlwinds used — to show that they can do it too!

Welcome 230 and good luck on your return to UK, 72.

BRITCON NEWS



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'B' Sqn 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards' Medal Parade

Last Friday, the members of 'B' Squadron, were presented with their UNFICYP medals.

The Force Commander, Lieutenant-General Martola, with his ADC, Captain Peter Sarvanto, arrived at Kophinou having been met at Kophinou by two of the Squadron's members, The Commander, Britcon, Brigadier M. N. Harbottle, OBE, accompanied the Force Commander.

On arrival, General Martola was greeted with a General Salute played by the smart, eye-catching, sixteen-strong contingent of the pipes and drums of the 1st Battalion The Royal Highlanders of Canada (The Black Watch) under the direction of Sergeant Alec MacDonald from Nova Scotia. The band also played during the inspection of the parade by the Force Commander.

After presenting the UNFICYP medals, the Force Commander was himself presented with a sprig of real shamrock by Major Neville Harris, the Squadron Commander. The shamrock had been flown direct from Ireland for the occasion.

General Martola expressed the parade and the salute at the march by the pipe band playing the regimental march "St. Patrick's Day".

After the parade, Harris said "that it was the first time we have ever marched on St. Patrick's Day" but it was excellent. I am sincere thanks to Lt. General for so kindly giving permission for the band to play the parade."

After the parade, members of the Squadron issued with their sprigs of shamrock in advance of St. Patrick's Day which the Regiment has close links.



After presenting medals to members of the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards, the Force Commander, Lieutenant-General A. E. Martola, took the salute at the March Past of the Regiment at Zyyi.



Traditionally, shamrock is issued to all ranks of the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards on the occasion of St. Patrick's Day. Trooper Brian Summerscales, from Bradford, Yorks, is receiving his sprig from Lieutenant Simon Hicks (centre) and Lieutenant Giles Brady after the Medal Parade on Friday. The picture is Trooper Bob Browne, from Huddersfield, Yorkshire, who is due to adjustment of shamrock!



Comdt T. Roche, District Economics Officer, Lefka District chats with some of the local children during his visit to the village of Elea.

NEW COMCEN AT XEROS CAMP



Lt-Col M. J. Murphy 9 Inf Gp (third from the left), turning the first sod of the new Comms Centre at Xeros Camp, has the plan explained to him Engr Officer, Lieut P. Brunkard (third from the right). Ready to continue the work are (from the left) Cpl Brendan Coleman, Sgt Pat Brerton, Sgt Patrick Conroy and Cpl Brian Copeland.

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IRCON CELEBRATES ST. PATRICK'S DAY AT XEROS



St Patrick's Day Parade. Lt-Col O'Sullivan distributes shamrock to members of 10 Inf Gp at Xeros Camp.

IRCON NEWS



NEW ARRIVALS



Newly arrived with 10 Inf Gp, Cpl Michael Regan chats with Pte Joseph Wilson at Nicosia airport.



CANCON NEWS

(Canadian Forces Photos)

'HOME FROM HOME'



Fifty yards from "A" Tjilios Company in the Kyrenia mountains, two retired British majors have taken over an old farm house and made a very attractive residence. Major Phyllis Heymann (left) MBE (ret'd) served with Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps and Major Betty Hunter-Cowan TD (ret'd) served with the Women's Royal Army Corps prior to taking up residence on the Island. The two hospitable ladies have made a home away-from-home for the officers and men of "A" Company. Major I.H. (Irv) Kerr, the Company Commander discusses some of the merits of retiring on the Island.

'OPERATIONS' SWITCH AT HQ UNFICYP

Major C. F. Burant (seated), Royal Canadian Artillery, Yorkton Saskatchewan, takes over as Operations Officer (A) 2 from Major G. D. Smith, (right) Royal Canadian Dragoons, Montreal, Quebec, during a brief ceremony at Headquarters United Nations Forces in Cyprus last week. Major D. M. Letson, Fort Garry Horse, of Vancouver B.C. will assume the function of operations officer while Major Smith returns to Canada this week.

CANCON ENTERTAINS 'BEAUTY ON TOUR'



(Above) Sgt R.J. Fitzhenry, Medicine Hat, Alta, gets a helping hand from two attractive visitors to CANCON Sergeant's Mess last weekend. The girls: Diane Farris of Edmonton (left) and Maureen Quigg of Duncan, B.C., are on a two-year world tour which commenced during Canada's centennial year.

(Below) Sgt A.R. (Ray) McIsaac, New Waterford, N.S. and Master Warrant Officer D. McDaniel, Margaree Forks, N. S. give the visitors a few pointers on a game — is it pool, snooker or billiards? during the girls' visit to the Sergeants' Mess.

They plan to continue on to Cairo from here as part of the two-year world tour which commenced in Canada in 1967. To prepare

for this tour, Diane and Maureen taught school in the United States for a year and saved sufficient money to embark on the project.

During an interview they stressed the relatively low cost of such a venture because of the availability in most countries of youth hostels which offer board and room at very modest rates compared to Canadian standards.



TAISTELUAMMUNNAT



Maisemat ovat hieman erilaiset verrattuna kotisuomen soihin ja metsiin. Hyvin näkyy suomalainen jääkäri silti sopeutuvan paikalliseenkin maastoon.



Katselijaosasto. Onnistuneiden ammuntojen hymyilevää johtoporasta: EK:n päällikkö, majuri Niemi, ltn Miettinen ja yll Kahrana.

Häiriö aseessa? Ampujan, jääk Ryynäsen ilme on huolestunut. Takana ampujan apulainen, jääk Saukko.

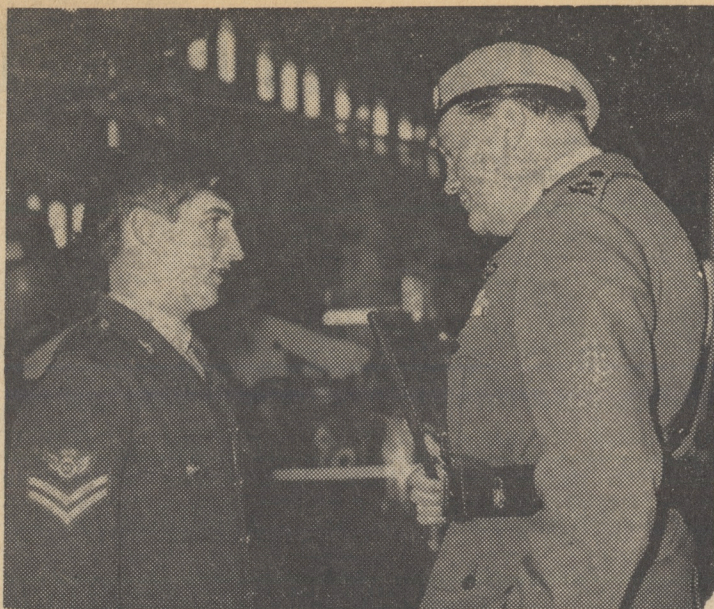
FINCON NEWS



Pataljoonan taisteluammunnat on taas kerran suoritettu, jo viime kuun lopulla Goschfieldissä. Palataan kuitenkin vielä asiaan, ja esitetään pataljoonan valokuvaajan, jääk H. Puhakaisen ottamat, hyvät ja paljon kertovat tilannekuvat tapahtumien tuoksinoista. Kukin komppania oli vuorollaan remmissä, ja tämänkertaisista valokuvista näemme, miten esikuntakomppanian pojat plus johtoporras ovat suoriutumassa urakastaan. Hyvin kaikki sujui, kertoi esikuntakomppanian osuuden johtanut ltn J. Miettinen.

Onnistuneiden ammuntojen johtajana toimi 2.JK:n päällikkö, majuri P. Ropo.





During his visit to the UNFICYP Flight, AAC, Lieutenant-General Sir John Mogg spoke to Corporal Adrian ('Scouse') Carter, REME, one of the Flight's aircraft technicians.

General Mogg Visits BRITCON UN Units

On Saturday, the Headquarters was visited by Lieutenant-General Sir John Mogg, KCB, CBE, DSO, currently General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Command in UK. In April he becomes the first GOC-in C of the newly-constituted Strategic Command in UK.

General Mogg's visit to UNFICYP was in his dual role of Colonel Commandant of the Royal Green Jackets and the Army Air Corps.

ROAD SAFETY CORNER

1. ROUNDABOUTS

At roundabouts or uncontrolled cross roads give way to traffic approaching from the right.

Clear signals, the careful regulation of speed and maximum consideration for others are essential.

2. TURNING ROUND

If you have to reverse your direction in a main road it is safer and often quicker to make a detour to the left, but if this is not practicable, reverse into a side turning on the right where from your driving position you have the maximum visibility ahead and astern.

3. LIGHTS

In poorly lit areas, drive on dipped headlights. Make sure they are adjusted so as to avoid dazzling others. Check that all lights are working and clean before any night journey.

4. FITNESS TO DRIVE

If, for any reason, you feel off colour, tired or unable to concentrate — stop driving. If you need glasses for adequate vision — wear them.

5. MAINTENANCE

Neglect of even minor items of maintenance may start a chain of events leading to disaster. If you know something needs attention — get it done at once.

Give these points the attention they deserve!

As readers of the Blue Beret may know, the Chief of Staff, Brigadier Mike Harbottle, belongs to the Royal Green Jackets; the two senior officers therefore renewed more than an old acquaintance. They were together on Friday night when news was received that Brig Harbottle's daughter-in-law had presented him with a second grandchild — a boy!

On arrival at the Headquarters on Saturday morning, General Mogg was greeted by the Force Commander, Lieutenant-General A. E. Martola. He then inspected the smart, kilted, Quarter Guard provided by the Duty Contingent's regiment — the 1st Battalion The Royal Highlanders — of Canada (The Black Watch).

After meeting the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Cyprus, Mr B. F. Osorio-Tafall, General Mogg went to the helicopter pad where he

"Apprehension" Voiced By France on Future UN Peace - Keeping Role

In the Special Committee which is looking into the whole problem of UN peace-keeping operations and their financing, France last week reiterated its conviction that armed force could be used by the UN only on the basis of a decision from the UN Security Council.

Addressing the Committee, currently meeting at UN Headquarters in New York, Ambassador Armand Berard of France said that the study the Committee is called upon to make for the UN General Assembly by July on matters relating to facilities, services and personnel which might be provided for peace-keeping operations, could only bring out the divergencies between the concepts of various Members, and these divergencies concerned the very nature of peace-keeping operations. They were based on varying interpretations of the Charter, and, thus, the study of "practical aspects" could not be dissociated from constitutional problems.

Apprehension was also caused by the fact, he stated, that certain delegations wanted to avoid all controversy over fundamental questions. This led to the conclusion that these delegations could not find confirmation for their theses in the document to which France subscribed along with others.

Formulations regarding "peace-keeping operations by consent" were apt to lead the United Nations towards "dangerous practices".

The precedents of the forces in the Congo and the Middle

East, he went on to say, were reason for prudence regarding a system of rapid and perfect United Nations intervention, which, in fact, would be based on misunderstanding and would create illusions.

France, he declared, wanted to reiterate its conviction that armed force should only be utilized in exceptional cases strictly under Article 43 of the Charter, and could be based only on Security Council decision. Only in such a framework should the Committee undertake the study, he added.

In addition to operations with the use of armed force, there was a whole gamut of activities which the General Assembly could undertake, such as observation, surveillance or inquiry. In this connexion, he supported the suggestion that the Committee examine the means for assuring greater effectiveness for this type of activities.

TEXT OF RESOLUTION

Following is the text of the resolution submitted by the President of the Security Council, Mr. Ousmane Soce Diop of Senegal, adopted unanimously by the Council at United Nations Headquarters in New York on Monday afternoon, 18 March 1968:

"The Security Council,

Noting from the report of the Secretary-General of 9 March 1968 (S/8446) that in the present circumstances the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus is still needed if peace is to be maintained in the island,

Noting that the Government of Cyprus has agreed that in view of the prevailing conditions in the island it is necessary to continue the Force beyond 26 March 1968,

Noting, from the Observations in the report, the new conditions prevailing in the island,

1. Reaffirms its resolution 186 (1964) of 4 March, 187 (1964) of 13 March, 192 (1964) of 20 June, 193 (1964) of 9 August, 194 (1964) of 25 September and 198 (1964) of 18 December 1964, 201 (1965) of 19 March, 206 (1965) of 15 June, 207 (1965) of 10 August and 219 (1965) of 17 December 1965, 220 (1966) of 16 March, 222 (1966) of 16 June, 231 (1966) of 15 December 1966, 238 (1967) of 19 June and 244 (1967) of 22 December 1967; and the consensus expressed by the President at the 1143rd meeting on 11 August 1964 and at the 1383rd meeting of 24/25 November 1967;

2. Urges the parties concerned to act with the utmost restraint and to continue determined co-operative efforts to achieve the objectives of the Security Council by availing themselves of the present auspicious climate and opportunities;

3. Extends once more the stationing in Cyprus of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force, established under Security Council resolution 186 (1964) for a further period of three months ending 26 June 1968, in the expectation that by them sufficient progress towards a final solution will make possible a withdrawal or substantial reduction of the Force".



Lieutenant-General Sir John Mogg is seen speaking to Sergeant John Jacquard from New Brunswick before inspecting the Quarter Guard provided by the Canadian Contingent.