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Contribution By Greece To UNFICYP Costs

Greece has made a further voluntary contribution of \$300,000 to help meet the cost of the UN Force in Cyprus —this time for the three-month period from 26 December 1967 to 26 March 1968.

In a letter sent on 18 March to the UN Secretary-General, the Permanent Representative of Greece to the UN, Mr Dimitri S. Bitsios, points out that the total of Greek contributions to UNFICYP since its inception now amounts to \$5,950,000.

Ambassador Bitsios also says that he would like "to express to you once again the sincere appreciation of the Greek Government for the efforts made by UNFICYP to help maintain peace in Cyprus".

CONSISTENT SUPPORT

NORDIC COUNTRIES PLEDGE PEACE-KEEPING ELEMENTS

Norway, Denmark, Finland and Sweden last week informed the UN Secretary-General and the UN Committee on Peace-keeping Operations that they had placed at the disposal of the United Nations national standby forces, especially trained and equipped for peace-keeping operations.

The forces made available by the four Nordic countries total nearly 6,000 men, and are so organised as to be able to operate in close coordination either independently or with elements from other countries.

The Committee on peace-keeping has been asked by the UN General Assembly to make a study of the question of facilities and personnel that UN Member States might provide in accordance with the UN Charter for peace-keeping operations.

UN BLUE FOR GREEN JACKETS



First to receive his UNFICYP medal from the Force Commander, Lt Gen A. E. Martola, was appropriately Lt Col F. E. Kitson, OBE, MC, Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion The Royal Green Jackets. On his left is Major E. W. Leask, who was the Parade Commander. (See story on page 5).

21 MARCH 1960

DAY MARKS ANTI-RACIAL DISCRIMINATION TRAGEDY

International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination was commemorated on 21 March at a special meeting at UN Headquarters in New York to

which representatives of all UN Member States were invited.

Annual observance of the day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in 1966 to mark "the anniversary of the massacre of peaceful demonstrators in Sharpeville, South Africa, who were protesting against the racist policies of the Government of South Africa" in 1960.

Speaking at last week's gathering, the UN Secretary-General U Thant, said the tragedy of Sharpeville could not be forgotten, and that racial discrimination must be viewed as a world problem to be solved at all costs and peacefully.

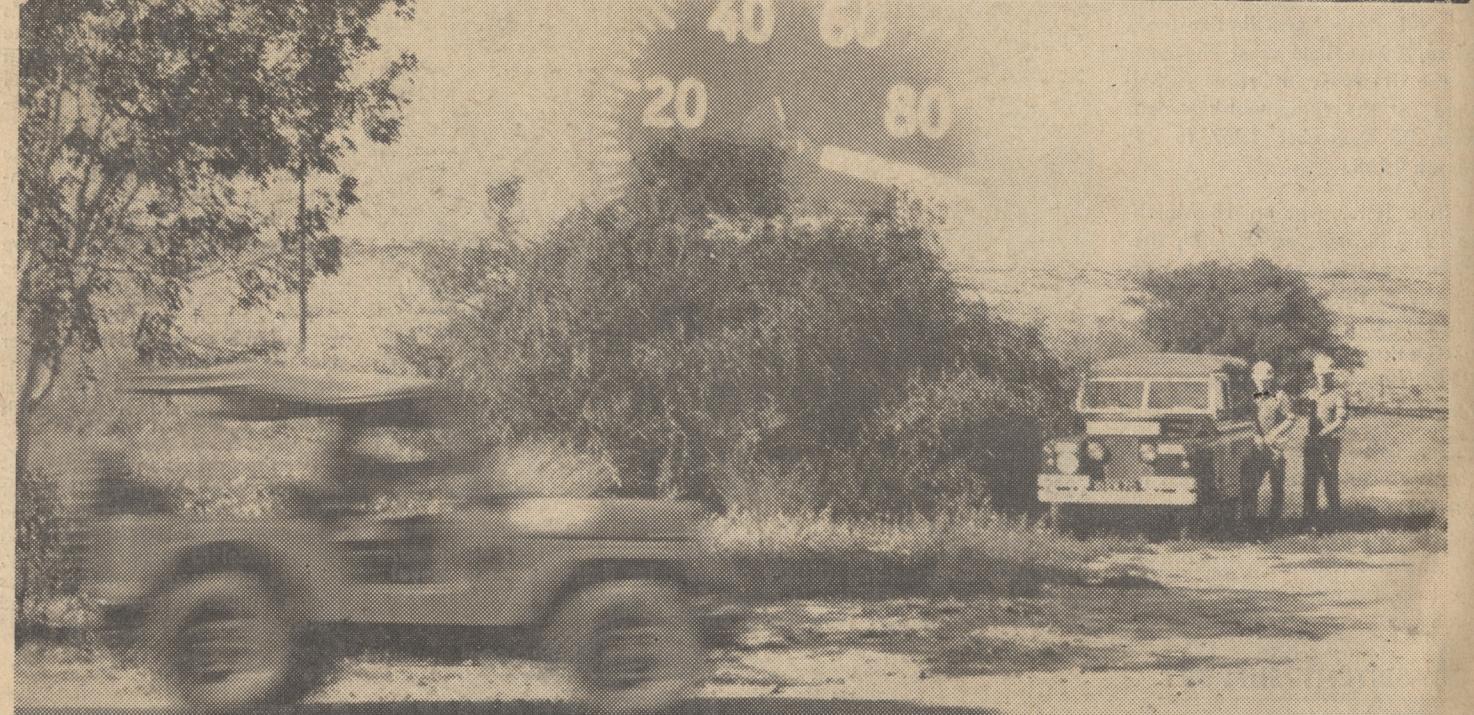
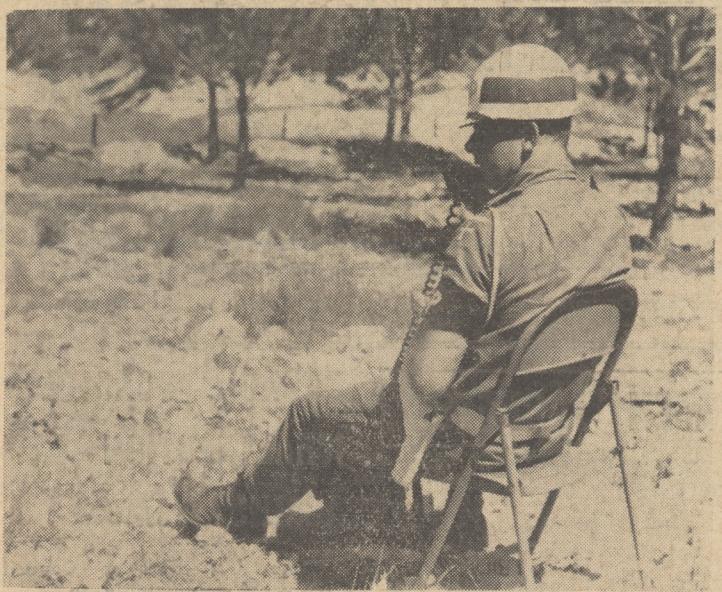
UN Committee to Study Peaceful Use of Sea Bed

The UN Secretary-General, U Thant, last week opened the first meeting of the Special UN Committee set up to study the peaceful uses of the sea bed and ocean floor.

U Thant urged international cooperation to ensure that the exploration and exploitation of the ocean floor be conducted in accordance with the principles of the UN Charter, in the interest of maintaining international peace and security, and for the benefit of all mankind.

The Committee, set up by a unanimous vote of the UN General Assembly last year, was asked to prepare a study of past and present UN and other international activities relating to the ocean floor and of relevant international agreements.

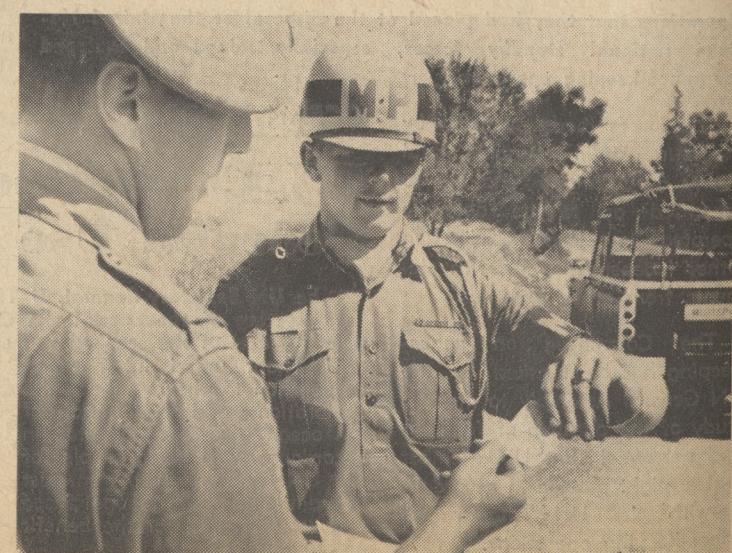
MILITÆRPOLITIET — i aktion —



Pas På-

-MP'erne er på vagt!

DANCON - NYT



Militærpolitiet hemmelige hastighedskontrol, der har afsløret mange overskridelser, fortsætter med uformindsket kraft. Her er det finnen MPKP M. Junell og den danske MPKP Bovling, der har gjort en god "fangst". Overst th. sidder MPKP Bovling med sine måleinstrumenter godt gemt bag nogle træer. TV. MPKP Junell, der har lært en del om slørringstjeneste. Her er holdets vogn godt ind under nogle buske, klar til at rykke ud for at "STOPPE"."



Bergsmarscher populärt nöje på SWEDCON

Bergsmarscher har blivit ett populärt nöje på SWEDCON. 1. kompaniet var pionjärer på området, och 2. och 3. kompanierna ville inte vara sämre, så de blev sina egna bergsklättrare. 2. komp lade upp en promenad med start i närheten av Ayios Nicolaos och mål vid Olympos Peak inte långt från Kantara Castle. Allt som allt en liten natt gångväg på en och en halv svensk mil.

Marscherande bjuder på vackra vyer och stärkande luft. Ytterst är det naturligtvis varje mans välbefinnande bergsmarscherna skall befordra. Ett annat ord för välbefinnande är kondition, nog sagt.

I 2. komps andra marsch förra onsdagen deltog 18 man, ledda av sergeant Leif Karlsson från Sundbyberg, som på bilden härintill går i tåten för gruppen till vänster. Högra ledet har kapten Ulf Jarlwall, Kristianstad, som första man, och bakom honom marscherar en av våra civilpoliser, kriminalinspektör Lars Gullberg, Stockholm.

Som framgår av bilden gör man det på intet vis lättare för sig genom att lämna stridspackningen hemma. I utrustningen ingår därtill kameror av alla de slag för att naturscenerna skall kunna förevigas och så småningom förevisas för dem därhemma.

Alla på 2. komp skall före hemresan ha varit uppe i bergen — det är avsikten med marscherandet. Tillfälle ges alltså ännu ett par gånger att falla in i leden som drar upp mot höjderna.



SWEDCON NEWS

SNART DAGS TÄNKA HÖGER



Svensk FN-bat 39 C må ha vilken fin statistik som helst när det gäller trafiksäkerheten på Cypern, men några vana högerbilister är vi förvisso inte. Det kan heller ingen begära, eftersom vi inte hade många veckor på oss därhemma att hänga med i svängarna efter Dagen H. Så här en månad före rotationen är det alltså dags att vi börjar ställa in oss på vad som väntar oss och förväntas av oss på de fosterländska vägarna.

Vår sista tjänstgöringsmånad på Cypern blir full av högertrafikuppläsning. Denna leds av rustmästare Jonas Ericsson, Eskilstuna, som för ändamålet understälts Sektion 3 på zonstabben. Rustmästare Ericsson - polisman i det civila med specialitet att undervisa i skolor - har redan inlett sin turné till de olika kompanierna för att med hjälp av bandspelare och ljudband lära oss högertrafikens regler och finesser.

Bilden härintill är från genomgången på STR-komp. Fr.v. ses Anders Norgren, Köpmannholmen, rustmästare Ericsson, Bo Drackner, Lidköping, Ulf Sehlin, Örnsköldsvik, och Sven Rällskog, Korpilombolo.

Håll till höger - men inte än!

SLÅN AGUS FAILTE

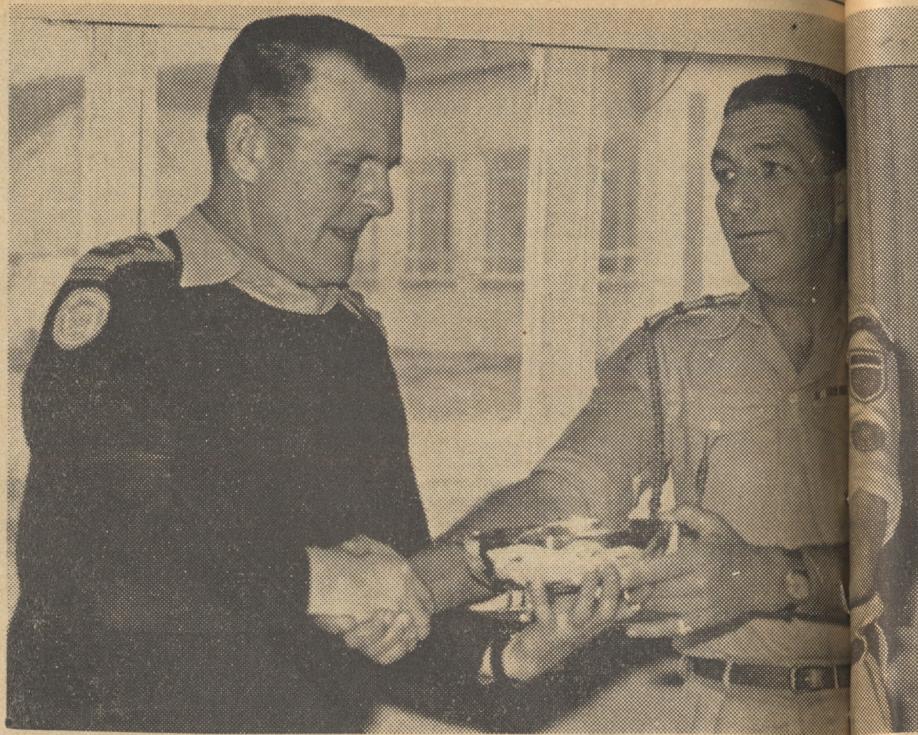
ROTATION OF IRCON UNITS



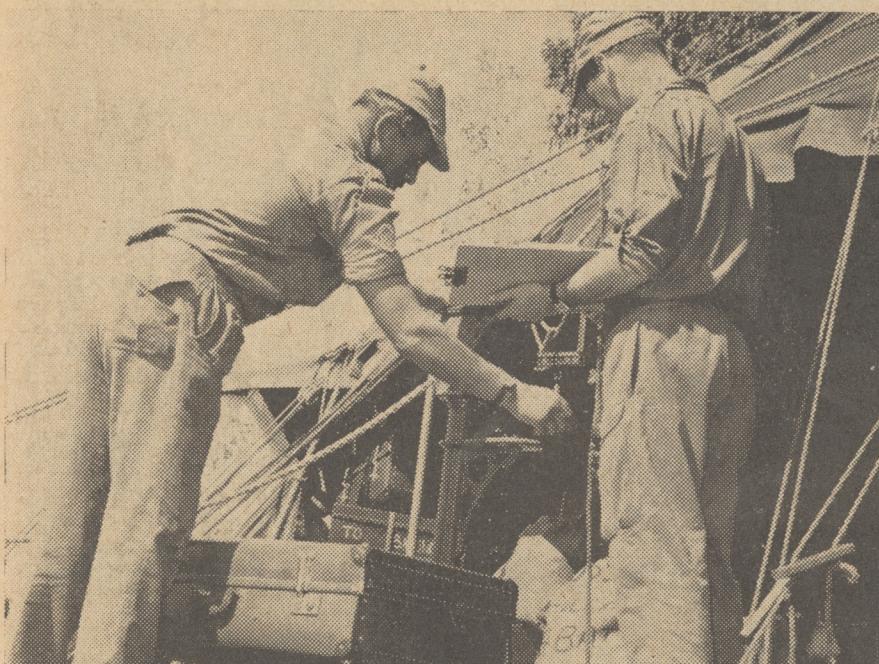
During the week, the main body of 9th Inf Group departed for home and was replaced by that of 10th Inf Gp.

While regretting the departure of our many friends in the old unit whose co-operation for the weekly production of this page was so essential, we hasten to welcome the new one and take this opportunity to wish its Commanding Officer, Lt Col R. Sullivan, and each and everyone of his officers and men a successful and satisfactory tour of duty.

IRCON NEWS



At the conclusion of his unit's tour of duty, Lt J. Murphy, OC, 9 Inf Gp, receives from his Sgt Major, Bill Jackson a presentation on behalf of the NCO's of the unit.



At Xeros Camp, during the rotation of units, Sgt R. Connolly (left) and Sgt P. Hogan, both of HQ Coy, 9 Inf Gp, check in unit baggage for the home bound trip. This is the same Dick Connolly who, in 1957, walked from the ring having gone the full 3 rounds with present European heavy eight champion Carl Mildenberger.



Getting the organisation up to date in Lefka Camp is Sgt Cyril McSweeney of B Coy, 10 Inf Gp.



Pte James Cummins (left) and Pte Larry Sheehan have more to smile about than just the linen they are handling in the QM store at Lefka for they both play gaelic football for the same club back home in Glanmorth and each has won 4 North Cork Junior Championship medals. In addition, Pte Cummins holds 2 Junior and 1 Senior All Ireland Cross Country Championship medals.



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Back on his second tour of duty in Cyprus, Cpl Con Healy takes over the telephone switchboard in Lefka Camp.



The Force Commander, Lieutenant-General A. E. Martola, inspects the parade before presenting UNFICYP Medals at Polemidia Camp. Also in the picture, left to right — Brigadier M. N. Harbottle, OBE, (Commander BRITCON). Major E. W. Leask (Parade Commander), Captain P. Sarvanto (ADC to FC), Lieutenant-General Sir John Mogg, KCB, CBE, DSO, (Colonel Commandant of The Royal Green Jackets) and 2nd Lieutenant Jack Dill.



Capt Nigel Sale, Adjutant of the Battalion, receives his UNFICYP Medal from the Force Commander, Lt Gen A. E. Martola. The Adjutant is flanked by the Parade Commander, Major Erik Leask, and Corporal Alan Newman from High Wycombe, Bucks.

ROYAL GREEN JACKETS RECEIVE UNFICYP MEDALS

On the same day as the Security Council of the United Nations was meeting in New York and extended the UNFICYP mandate, members of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets, received their UNFICYP medals.

These were presented by the Force Commander, Lieutenant General A. E. Martola at a parade held at Polemidia Camp. He was accompanied by Brigadier M. N. Harbottle, OBE, Commander of the British Contingent.

On arrival, General Martola was greeted by Lieutenant General Sir John Mogg, KCB, CBE, DSO, and Lieutenant-Colonel F.E. Kitson, OBE, MC, the Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion.

General Mogg was visiting the battalion in his capacity as Colonel Commandant of the Royal Green Jackets.

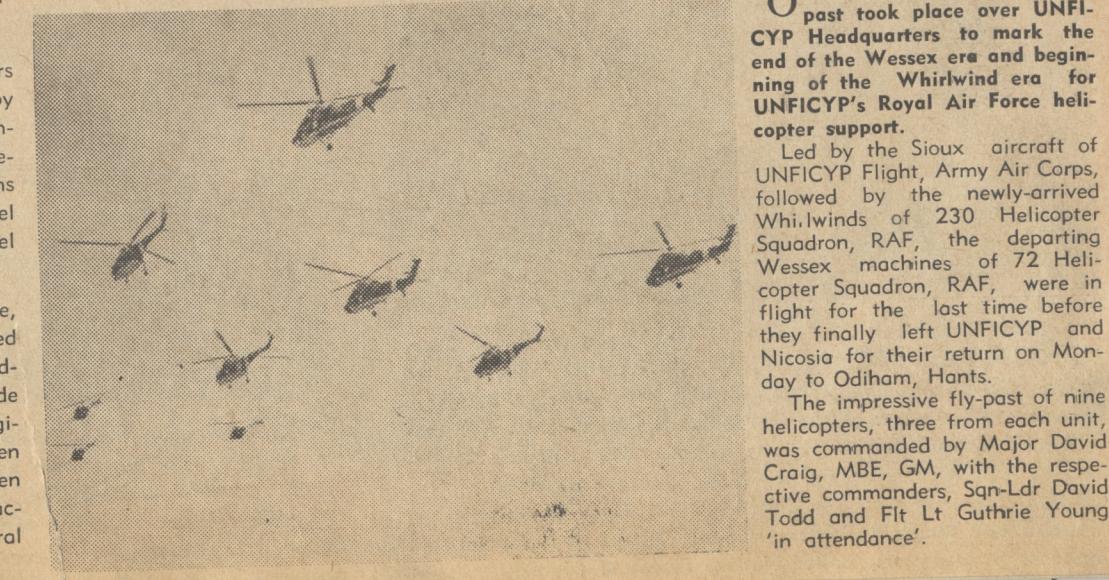
The full band of the battalion was on parade dressed in their impressive dark green dress uniform which includes the shako hat, an attractive feature of British military bands.

The parade of 197 officers and men was commanded by Major E.W. Leask and was formed into two companies under respective commands of Captains Christopher Miers and Nigel Mogg, son of the visiting Colonel Commandant.

After inspecting the parade, the Force Commander presented the UNFICYP medals, and addressed the parade. The parade then marched past, to the Regimental March of The Royal Green Jackets, the salute being taken by General Martola, who was accompanied on the dais by General Mogg.



The Force Commander, Lt Gen A. E. Martola, shakes hands with Cpl Chris Bowley, RAPC, from High Wycombe, Bucks, after presenting him with his UNFICYP Medal. Already having received their medals are Lcpls Sid Fletcher ACC (next to Cpl Bowley) from Southsea, Hants, and Colin Simmonds, REME, from Lyme Regis, Dorset. Next in line for their medals are Lcpls Martin Nash, R Sigs, from Oldham, Lancs, and Martin Sheddell, 1 RGJ, from Redcar, Yorks.

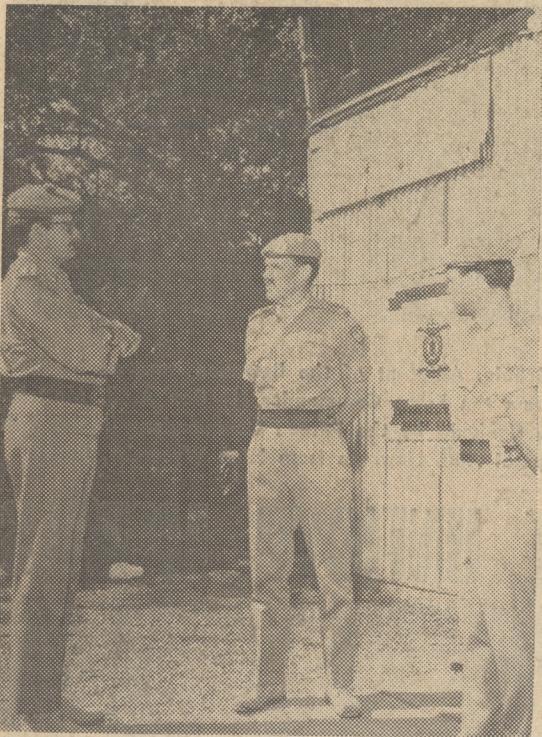


On Saturday, a unique fly-past took place over UNFICYP Headquarters to mark the end of the Wessex era and beginning of the Whirlwind era for UNFICYP's Royal Air Force helicopter support.

Led by the Sioux aircraft of UNFICYP Flight, Army Air Corps, followed by the newly-arrived Whirlwinds of 230 Helicopter Squadron, RAF, the departing Wessex machines of 72 Helicopter Squadron, RAF, were in flight for the last time before they finally left UNFICYP and Nicosia for their return on Monday to Odiham, Hants.

The impressive fly-past of nine helicopters, three from each unit, was commanded by Major David Craig, MBE, GM, with the respective commanders, Sqdn-Ldr Todd and Flt Lt Guthrie Young 'in attendance'.

COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT VISITS THE BLACK WATCH



Colonel J.W. Knox, Colonel of the Regiment, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada, visited his troops last week. At Tjiklos Company he is accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel W.J. Newlands, Commander Kyrenia District and welcomed by Captain I.A. (Ike) Kennedy, Operations Officer.

CANCON NEWS

(Canadian Forces Photos)

REUNION IN CYPRUS



Three Edmontonians, Capt R. L. (Lou) Spencer, Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps (RCOC), Major J.G.W. (Wally) Mills, Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) and Major J.J.B. (Jean) Pariséau (PPCLI) meet at the Headquarters, United Nations Forces in Cyprus. Captain Spencer is attached with the Canadian Contingent as Officer Commanding the RCOC Detachment. Major Mills is a military observer with the United Nations Truce Organization in Palestine and Major Pariséau is Liaison Officer to the National Guard at Headquarters, United Nations Forces in Cyprus.

CBC VARIETY SHOW IN CYPRUS



THE Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (French network of Montreal) in cooperation with the Department of National Defence presented a programme of light entertainment to military personnel of the United Nations in Cyprus as a tribute to their dedication.

Photograph above shows Shirley Harmer, one of the attractive singing stars of the show, while left is Kasimir the Magician, added and abetted by Sandra Little.

The show was warmly received throughout its tour of the Island.



The Reverend George Davidson, (Protestant Chaplain) CANCON, St. Stephen, N.B. and Father J.N.M. (Marcel) Malenfant (RC Chaplain) CANCON, Quebec City, pay a brief visit to members of the Fort Garry Horse Regiment during a ferret Scout Car Patrol. The operator is Corporal S.M. (Stewart) Avery, Calgary, Alta., and the driver is Trooper C.H. (Chuck) Hills, Ottawa, Ontario.



Hyvin syttyi ja paloikin kun alkuun pääsi.



Myös kauniimman sukupuolen edustajia oli nuotioillassa, ja ihan Suomesta asti. Komentajamme, eversti Jussi Jyrhämä on hyvässä seurassa.



Hyvältä näyttää. Miestä kuin meren mutaa on herkkupalan ympärillä, ja voi noita ilmeitä! Lautaset käessä ja suu messingillä siinä katsellaan, kun veitsi uppoaa sianlihaan.

TAPAHTUMAPAIKKANA KYKKÖ CAMP



Vinkuvan pinnasta lohkeaa kohta isoja kimpaleita, sillä kers Ervan teen aikomukset ovat vakaat. Kapt Linkola (vas) ja jääkäri Haapamäki tuskin malttavat odottaa.

Pataljoonan nuotioilta pidettiin maanantaina 18.3. ja missäpä muulla kuin Kykkössä eli suomalaisittain Kikossa. Tunnelma tiivistyi jo heti nuoton sytytysvaiheessa, sytyttäminen tapahtui miltei huomaamatta, kalevalaisten säkeiden siivittämänä, kalkkien muiden valojen ollessa summutettuna. Tehokas avaus.

Pataljoonan komentaja, eversti Jussi Jyrhämä puhui mainitien mm., että täällä Kyprosella me rauhanturvaajina toimivat saamme paljon kallisarvoisia muistoja kotiin viettäväksi, ja että tämä nuotioilta on varmasti eräs sellainen tapahtuma, joka tulee jäämään läsnäolijoiden mielin. Komentajan jälkeen tuli mikrofonin taakse illan sanavalmis kuuluttaja, Aimo Karppanen, joka juonsi iltaa eteenpäin numerosta toiseen. Kikon nuorisoseuran teatteri harjoitti A. Kiven tunnettu näytelmää "Kihlaus", oli harjoitellut ainakin kuukauden. Nähtiin illan vetonumero, nähtiin salakuljettaja Kalle Koukkaja ja pari publiaania, kuoro esiintyi. Pataljoonan komentaja yli Jolkkosen avustamana jakoi palkinnot urheilussa menestyneille. Ohjelma päätti sotpast M Toivaisen pitämään iltahartauksen.

Ilta ei kuitenkaan ollut vielä kokonaan päättynyt. Lähituntumassa oli koko ajan paistettu pientä sikaan, tai suurta porsasta, kummin vain. Myöskävää ja pullaa foli tarjolla.

Nuotto paloi iloisesti räiskyen, luoden tunnelmalliset kehykset yhteiselle illalle. Pataljoonan nuotioilta oli kokonaistuotena varsin onnistunut.



UNFICYP'S

GIRLS - FRIDAY

BLUE BERET editors have been approached on a number of occasions by readers enquiring about the faces of the charming feminine voices with whom they talk occasionally over the telephone when contacting the different UNFICYP offices at HQs. Here, on this page, are a few of UNFICYP's Girls-Friday — not all, as some were a bit shy to appear in public print.

Also, the editors felt that for the boys in the outposts who will say that unfortunately they have no cause to call up the "VIP's", a chance to look into the feminine side of UNFICYP might provide a pleasant change in their BERET reading.

HAVE TYPEWRITER, WILL TRAVEL

How does such an international representation of the "Union of Secretaries" come to be in Cyprus? It's primarily a question of wanting to travel.

Sometimes secretaries join the UN in Geneva — or in New York — or in the many offices that the United Nations operates in different parts of the world. When an emergency breaks out and the UN is called on to set up a field mission office, those secretaries who have expressed willingness to serve with one of these missions are called on to provide the life of the secretarial arteries so important in the proper functioning of such an operation.

An example can be found in Miss Barbara Genn (of New Zealand), who first joined the UN Family in Vienna where she worked with the International Atomic Energy Agency; later moved to Geneva and joined there the UN Office in Geneva. More recently, she was at UN Headquarters working in the Office of Public Information until she was assigned late last year to come to UNFICYP, where Barbara is working as secretary to the Force CAO, Mr W.J.K. Duke.



Fay Garcia - U.K.



Lisa Chang - Fiji



Anne Roberts - U.K.

ROAD SAFETY CORNER

NIGHT DRIVING

Night driving is different. That seems obvious, but many drivers do not understand how different. When darkness falls, they are driving in another world, yet they still use their daytime habits and attitudes. It would be just as sensible to wear summer clothing in winter. Conditions have changed and you need more protection.

What is so dangerous about the early evening hours? Experts say that as daylight fades to twilight and then into darkness, drivers fail to adjust to the changing light conditions. They blunder into a twilight trap in which daylight has faded and artificial light does not do much good.

The ability to drive safely at night depends upon several things but the most important is the driver's own vision. Other factors are illumination, vehicle speed and weather.

RULES FOR NIGHT DRIVING

- 1) Know the visibility range of your headlights.
- 2) Drive so that you can always stop within your visibility range.
- 3) Driving at night demands slower speed.
- 4) Reduce speed when facing the glare from approaching headlights and if necessary stop.
- 5) Drive at the reduce speed until your eyes recover from glare.

Miss Sonya Morris (of South Africa) also worked with the UN Office in Geneva (with Barbara) and later at UN Headquarters in New York, and now with UNFICYP where she is secretary to the Force Commander.

For two and a half years, Miss Lisa Chang (who comes from Fiji) worked in New York with the Field Operations Service — the branch of the UN Secretariat dealing with administrative matters of field missions such as UNFICYP. Now, she is happy to be part of one of these "field" assignments where she is kept busy in the Claims Section of UNFICYP, headed by Mr R. Bruce.

CALL ME ANN, SORRY, ANNE

Of the two Ann(e)s, Miss Ann Valentine (USA) has been with the UN for seven years, most of that time at UN HQs



Ann Valentine - U.S.A.



Barbara Genn - N.Z.

ven years' experience with the UN — most of the time in New York.

BLUE BERET editors hope to convince the other Girls - Friday (and they are charming, too, to say the least) to face the camera to give readers another break from the usual male-operations featured on these pages.



Sonya Morris - S. Africa

in New York until coming to UNFICYP last August, to be secretary to the Secretary-General's Special Representative in Cyprus, Mr B.F. Osorio-Tafall. Miss Anne Roberts (UK) had an assignment in the legendary spring-time haven of Paris — the rest of the year there also proved pretty good! — and is now secretary to Mr. Mok Sen Tan, Chief of UNFICYP's General Services.

And last, but not least, Miss Fay Garcia, (UK) secretary to the Civilian Police Adviser, Superintendent Errol Canney, comes to UNFICYP after se-

SPORTS BRIEFS

Rugby: HQ UNFICYP 11 points to 3 against the Griffons.

Fencing: Major David Simpson, Force Ordnance Officer, won the Individual Foil of the Services Fencing Championships and was third in the Sabre.

Badminton: Staff Sergeant Don Owen, 8 Field Sqn RE det with 1 RGJ, won the Men's Singles in the Army (Cyprus) Championships. With his partner, Capt F. G. Knight, RCT, they won the Men's Doubles.

Walkabout Competitions: Teams from UNFICYP are competing in this Orienteering competition next Friday and Saturday. The winners are expected to return to Episkopi at 1400 hours on 30th March after walking to Troodos and back.