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## UN Truce Officer Killed In Egypt

Major Bo Roland Plane (37), a Swedish Artillery Officer serving with the UN Truce Supervision Organisation in the Suez Canal region, died as a result of wounds received during an exchange of artillery fire between Israeli and Egyptian forces on 27 July. The shelling took place in the southern sector of the Canal.

The Secretary General has expressed his "concern and regret" at the death of Major Plane. A UN spokesman said that U Thant "was considering the matter most seriously".

According to UN information, Major Plane was in a U.N. Observation Post when he was hit by a shell at 11:35 a.m. on Sunday last. He is the first U.N. Military Observer to be killed in the Suez Canal sector — since the June War of 1967.

Major Plane's wife and two daughters have been in Cairo since June.

### UN Report On Swedish Casualty

A report from the post where Major Plane was fatally wounded, said there had been an artillery exchange but that the Egyptian firing had ceased a quarter hour before the incident while Israeli fire continued.

Norwegian Lieut General Odd Bull, Chief of Staff of UN Truce Supervision Organisation in the Middle East, said an investigation was now in progress and further details would be reported later.

### No Indication of Pull Out

Seven countries — Austria, Argentine, Chile, Finland, France, Ireland and Sweden contribute observers to UNT-

SO. Approximately 90 observers are posted on both sides of the Suez Canal and the same number in the Golan Heights of occupied Syria.

It will be interesting to see what response this incident will have on the future of UN presence in the Canal area, in view of U Thant's recent warning of July 7th, when he said he might ask the Security Council to withdraw their observers if they continued to come under fire.

A UN spokesman told reporters on Monday that there had been no indication that any of the countries furnishing observers wished to pull out and that this possibility was not under discussion.

He added that some pro-



## UNCIVPOL SERGEANT DIES IN ROAD CRASH

Sergeant L.J. Thomas of the Australian Uncivpol Element was killed, when his UN vehicle was involved in an accident early on Saturday morning 26 July, 1969. It appeared that his vehicle had run out of control and somersaulted several times fatally injuring him.

The accident occurred on the Nicosia — Limassol main road near Governors' Beach turning. No other vehicle was involved.

Sgt Thomas arrived in Cyprus in May this year and was stationed at Ktima. His body is being flown home to



Sgt L.J. Thomas

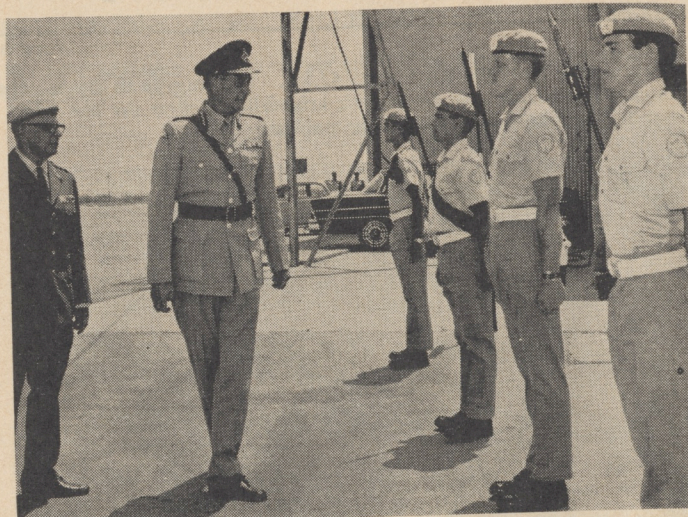
New South Wales, Australia, for burial.

gress had been made in strengthening observers' shelters.

It was also reported that there had been no progress in another U Thant proposal that the two sides remove their military installations from the vicinity of posts.

### Swedcon Pays Tribute

The Swedish Contingent serving with Unficyp paid its tribute to the killed Swedish UN observer yesterday Tuesday last. At the morning parade each company and sub-unit saluted Major Plane with a minute's silence.



On his arrival last week at HQ Unficyp, to see the Force Commander, the GOC NEARELF Maj Gen M.W. Holme CBE MC inspected a Quarter Guard, which was provided from the HQ Unficyp Main Guard.

## General Officers' Visits To HQ Unficyp

Brigadier Sven Widegren of Sweden, who was last week on a visit to the Swedish Contingent serving with Unficyp, called on the Force Commander Gen Martola on Monday last 28 July.

Brig. Widegren, who visited Unficyp as a representative of the Swedish Army Chief, was accompanied by Lt. Col Einar Schaltz of the Swedish Army Staff.

● Pictured left with the Force Commander are (L to R) Lt Col Schaltz, Col Lars Lavén, CO Fama-gusta Zone and Swedcon, and Brig. Widegren.



# I TILFÆLDE AF SYGDOM . . .

.....er vi godt hjulpet. Maaske nok lidt utraditionelt, at tand - lægens "klinikdame" er kedelsmed i det civile og lægens assistent er landmand. Det er ham der tager blodprøverne (det dur lægerne mellem os sagt ikke til).



"Klinikdamen" KS E.E. Pedersen koncentrerer sig om sit arbejde. Der røres sammen til en fyldning.

## DANCON NYT

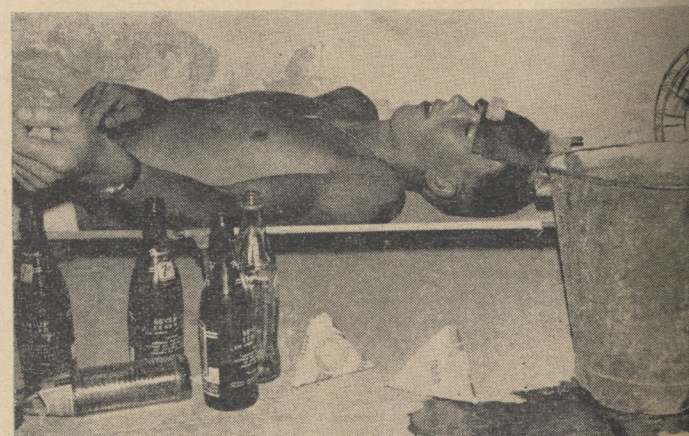
.....og tandlægen fylder KS Langhi/ALFA. Læg mærke til stolen. Den stammer ifølge tandlægen fra et tysk krigsskib. Enhver der har siddet i stolen tvivler ikke - den er haard og staalsat.



Landmanden KS T.S. Hansen "kontrollerer" lægen med sagligt blik.



I alvorligere tilfælde gaar turen til "det østrigske". KS Mogens Hinsen maatte derud en tur med "jallamave".



"Tømmermændene" er aldrig arbejdsløse. Her forsøger en DANCON-soldat at modvirke deres hamren med en isklump paa panden - og et par 7-upper.



■ Svenska FN-soldater rycker fram över Goshis sterila kullar.

## PANG IGEN I GOSHI

Det är bara en vecka sedan Blue Beret i text och bild kunde berätta att Swedcon haft övning i Goshi. Nu har det smält svenska salvor i Goshi - igen! Bat helikopterburna larmstyrkor har åter varit ute på de gråvita dammiga fälten för grundliga övningar.

- Eld! Serg Ulf Carlsson leder sin larmstyrka i Goshi. (Nedan).
- En "skadad" bärs snabbt till väntande ambulans. (T.h.)



- Ordergivning i gräset. Serg Ulf Carlsson med larmstyrka i Goshi. (Nedan t. v.)
- Med påslagna motorer väntar helikoptern för att snabbt förflytta en larmstyrka. (Nedan)



## Swedcon inspekteras

Som representant för Chefen för Armén besökte och inspekterade i förra veckan överste Sven Widegren Svenska FN-kontingenten på Cypern.

Överste Widegren, som är chef för bataljonens "moderregemente" i 4 i Linköping, fortsatte i tisdags sin resa österut för att besöka svenska FN-observatörer i Mellersta Östern.

■ Överste Widegren och FN-soldat Hans Borgnér i samtal vid Othello Tower. (T. v.)

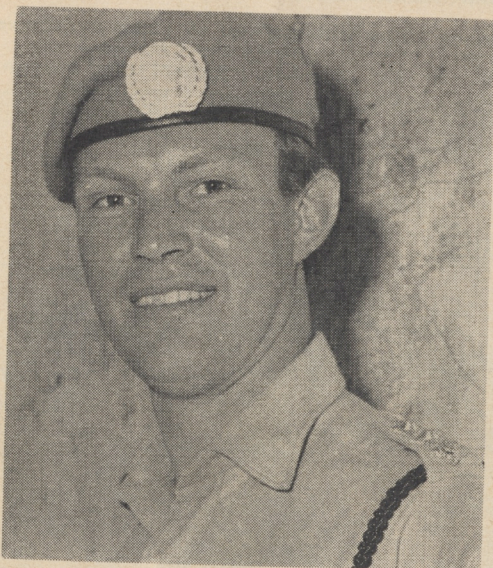
■ Inspektion av vakten på Gold Fish Camp. Överste Widegren besöker 2 kompaniet. (T.h.)





## Camp Administrative Staff At HQ Unficyp

Three members of Camp Staff HQ who contribute to the smooth running of the administrative side are (left to right) Cpl Tom Friar, Pte Peter Greig and L cpl Jim Hutton.

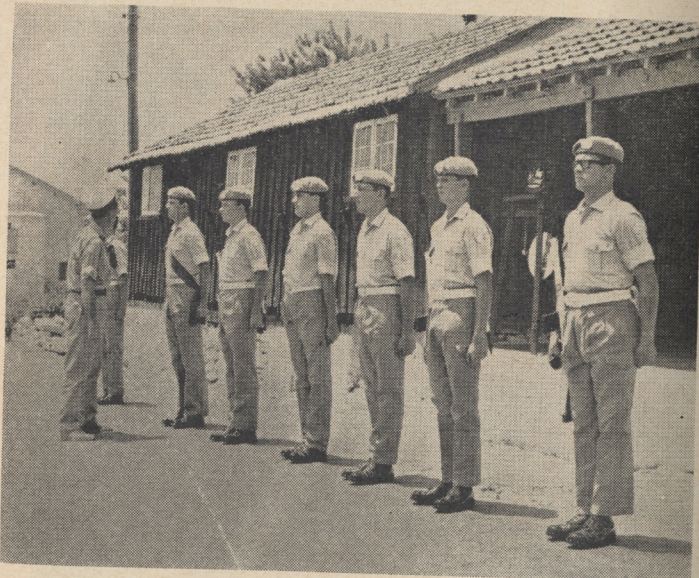


### New Arrival at HQ Britcon

A new arrival to HQ Britcon is Captain R.C. Hylden, RCT, who has taken over the Staff Captain A/Q duties.



### GOC INSPECTION IN POLEMEDHIA



The Battalion Quarter Guard of the 1 Worc R being inspected by the GOC NEARELF, Major General M.W. Holme, CBE, MC, during his recent visit to the Battalion at Polemedhia Camp.

### BRITCON NEWS

#### 1 Worcesters Mount HQ Guard

On Monday, 21st July, a guard provided by the 1 Worc R, was mounted at HQ Unficyp. A number of guests were present, and they were impressed by the drill and turnout of the Guard.

The battalion Adjutant, Captain A.L.O. Jerram mounted the guard and Regimental Sergeant Major A.L.H. Windsor was in attendance. Whilst the Guard was being inspected the spectators were entertained by a display of military music and marching by the Battalion's Regimental Band and Drummers.



A recently announced pay rise for the services, means extra work for Sgt Ray Reed (left) and Sgt George Tracey of the Royal Army Pay Corps. Here they are seen checking the new pay scales.

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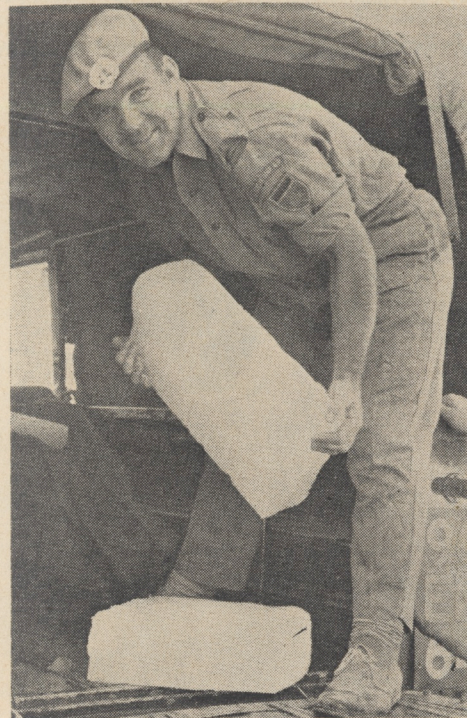
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## Guard Change at Unficyp Headquarters

During a recent change over of the Defence Platoon at HQ Unficyp Sgt Tommy Sheehan (Right) of the outgoing Platoon hands his duties over to his counterpart from Cancon.



## LIMERICK MEN GET TOGETHER



Limerick men to the fore at Limnitis Camp. Group includes Comdt. T.J. Hartigan (Coy Comdt.) and Rev. Fr. Neville (Chaplain).



### IRCON NEWS

## The "Ice" Run

In the warm weather that prevails on the Island for much of the year, ice is an essential part of the daily supply to such out of the way places as the OPs.

To ensure an adequate supply it is collected early each morning in Nicosia and brought to the Camps from where it is distributed to the various OPs. Pte Gerry O'Mahoney is seen here "delivering the goods".



## GROUP SOCCER

The Group Soccer League was finally decided last week when the team from the Armoured Car Group defeated "A" Coy by 2 Goals to 1 after a very exciting game. This match was a replay as the first one ended in a scoreless draw. Scorers for the winners were Tpr Howard and Capt Whelan while Pte Smith replied for the losers.



# Down The Hatch

This is not a Ripley's "Believe-it-or-Not" column, however, it could be. For example, would you believe Canadians serving in Cyprus could devour 34,500 eggs in a month, or, despite the fact not all are of Irish descent, they go through about 16,800 pounds of potatoes in 30 days? If you would like another statistic, just for good measure, we eat close to 13,000 pounds of bread a month.

Feeding such a large group of people does not merely involve the preparation and serving of meals, it requires teamwork in the field of supply of bulk quantities and distribution to the various messes and the 2e Battalion Royal 22e Régiment's Observation Company.

Roy Fox, a warrant officer in the Royal Canadian Army

Service Corps, senior cook for the "Van Doos", made a seemingly dubious statement this week. He said, "We handle enough grub to cater to the needs of any of the largest hotels on the island".

Considering the amount of food eaten by the Canadians each month, it's not much of an exaggeration after all.



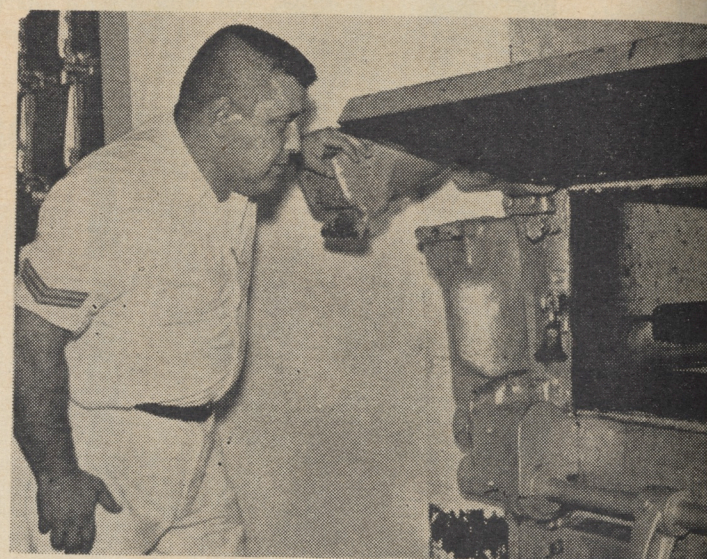
Warrant Officer Roy Fox prepares a menu.



Master Warrant Officer Norman Townsend (standing) and Corporal Edouard Perron (sitting) in the kitchen.



Corporal Patrice Lariviere (left) and Corporal Donat Picotte cut the meat.



Corporal Joseph Landry checks his baking. This oven could handle enough roasts at one time to feed 2,000 men.

## CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos



## SAFE DRIVERS

Many drivers of the 2e Battalion Royal 22e Régiment have surpassed the 5,000-mile mark in accident-free driving. Three of them who received their "mugs" and certificates recently, include (left to right) Corporals Jean Yves Paquet, Marcel Girard and Aurelien Rioux. The presentations were made by the officer commanding Support Company, Major Denis Boiteau.

# ... JA ROTAATIO JATKUU ...

uskokaa tahi alkää, -tuhat sanaa.... ei kun yksi kuva kertoo enemmän kuin tuhat sanaa.

## FINCON NEWS

KUVIEN KERTOMAA



Kakkosvartio ei ole niin hiljainen, miltä se näyttää. Miehet, jotka puuttuvat kuvasta, ovat töissä.



Kakkosetkin vaihtavat vartiota, "vanha" evl Kankaanpää luovuttaa vastuun ja tehtävät "uudelle", evl Kalliolle.

## ROTAATIOKAAN EI MUUTA TAHTIA



Diagnoosi: "Matkakuumeetta, tahi hermostunut".



Releen miehistö pysyy kuitenkin rauhallisena.



Mikä lie aiheuttaa tungosta portailla? Sotilaat, -vanhat lähtevät ja uutta "verta" tulee tilalle. Käsi takertuu käsikassiin, -tiukasti.

Uusi veri valuu portaita alas. Verensiirto on suoritettu. Käsi ei ole kiinni kassissa, vaan sitä terhakammin ylös nousussa Tervetuloa.





# Nicosia Band Concert

The Band and Drummers of the 1st Battalion the Worcestershire Regiment took part in a Guard Mounting Ceremony on the 21st July, outside the Main Hangar at HQ Unficyp. The display was watched by members from the various Contingents and also a number of wives and children.

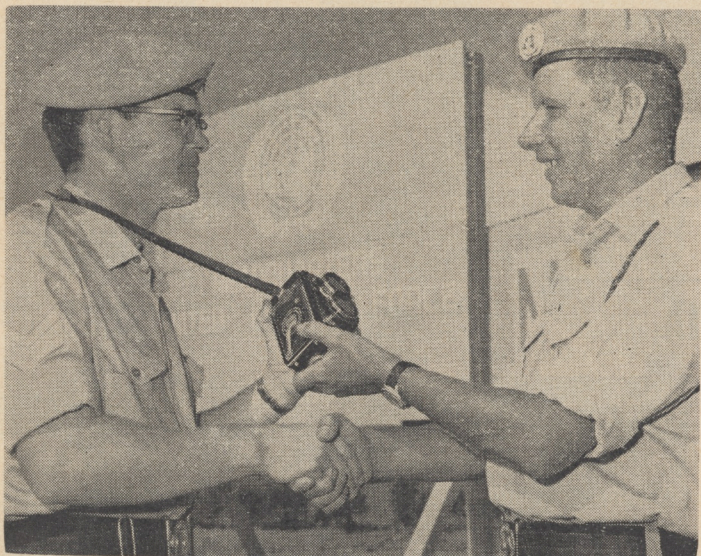
The Band since their arrival in Cyprus, have played on numerous occasions at locations throughout the Island.



## FORCE PHOTOGRAPHERS ROTATE

The Force Photographer, Sgt Ken Feltham (right), the man who has been responsible for producing many of the pictures which have been seen in the Blue Beret, is himself pictured, handing his camera to his relief, Sgt Bob Brooker. On his return to the United Kingdom, Sgt Feltham will be going back to his unit at Larkhill.

The Editor and Staff wish Sgt Feltham farewell, and to Sgt Brooker we say welcome.



## UNFICYP SOCCER LEAGUE

(Results as at 28th July 1969)

DANCON — IRCON

SCORE

6 — 2

HQ UNFICYP — FINCON

3 — 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1. DANCON	4	4	—	—	25	—	4
2. WORCESTERSHIRE REGT	4	3	—	1	15	—	7
3. SWEDCON	4	3	—	—	18	—	11
4. HQ UNFICYP	4	2	—	2	7	—	15
5. QUEEN'S OWN HUSSARS	3	1	—	2	7	—	15
6. IRCON	3	—	—	3	4	—	11
7. FINCON	4	—	—	4	4	—	17

## UN PROGRAMMES FROM C.B.C.

The weekly C.B.C. transmission of special programmes for UN Forces are broadcast on 498 metres, 602 kilocycles, as follows:

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News from CANADA and records.

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SWEDISH local requests.

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Radio EIREAN production.

Thursday 2000 — 2030 hrs  
Radio HELSINKI production.

Friday 2000 — 2030 hrs  
UN Discotheque presented by Sally Bourdillon.

Saturday 2000 — 2030 hrs  
DANISH local requests.

Sunday 1330 — 1400 hrs  
SCANDINAVIAN local productions from each of the Scandinavian Contingents in turn.

News in English can be heard every day at 0830 hrs, 1400 hrs and 1945 hrs.

## New Secretaries at HQ Unficyp

Two young ladies who have recently joined the staff of Unficyp are shown in our picture below.

On the right is Mrs Miriam Pericleous, who came from London, England, to marry her Greek Cypriot husband. Sitting next to Miriam is Mrs Jane Williams, whose husband is serving with the RAF at Nicosia. Her home in England is near Banbury.



"Haskins, if there's any fraternizing to be done around here, I'll do it!"

## Unficyp Press Officers' Conference

On 2 August all Unficyp Press Officers will convene in Nicosia to discuss matters of common interest and concern, inter alia The Blue Beret.

Any ideas, wishes and suggestions to this effect, should be directed before the meeting, to the respective Unficyp Contingent Press Officers.