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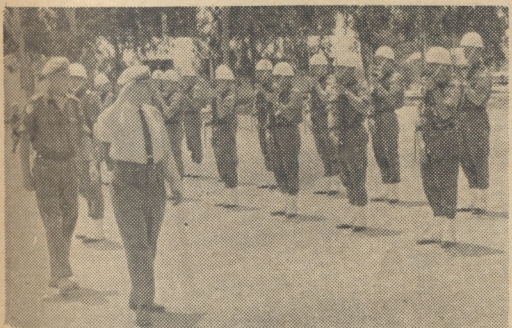
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The new Force Commander pays a courtesy call on His Beatitude Archbishop Makarios, President of the Republic, at his palace in Nicosia.



With CANCON — Major General Martola talks to Lance Corporal MacNeill of the 2nd Battalion, The Black Watch, (RHR) of Canada at Pileri post in Kyrenia District.



Accompanied by Colonel Lars Lavén, left, Commander SWECON and Famagusta Zone, the Force Commander prepares to inspect a Guard of Honour at Carl Gustaf camp.



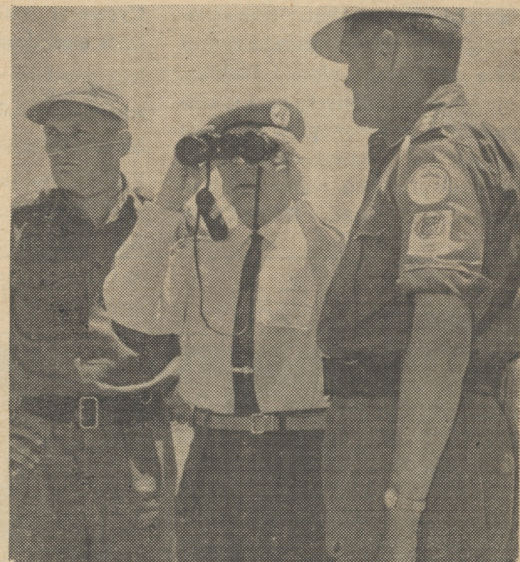
General Martola, accompanied by Colonel Lavén, left, is briefed by Major J. Rabber, OC 1 Coy, SWECON, in one of the 34C Battalion's posts overlooking the harbour at Famagusta.

BUSY FIRST WEEK FOR NEW FORCE COMMANDER

The first week as Commander of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus has proved to be an extremely busy one for Major-General Ilmari Martola. On the move almost non-stop, he has travelled the length and breadth of the Island by helicopter and car. He has called on President Makarios and on Dr. Fazil Kuchuk, Vice President, and has visited nearly all the six major contingents of the Force to gain first hand impressions and on the spot briefings and to meet the Commanders and men of the various Zones and Districts. 'BLUE BERET' photographers accompanied the Force Commander during many of his visits and these are some of the pictures they brought back of the General's first busy week with UNFICYP.



General Martola also met with leaders of the Turkish Cypriot community. He is pictured here with Dr. Fazil Kuchuk, Vice-President (right) and Mr. Cemal Muftuzade. On extreme right is Mr. Carlos A. Bernardes, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Cyprus.



With his own national contingent — the Force Commander accompanied by Captain P. Kämäri, 2 IC, 2 Coy (left) and Colonel U. Koskenpalo, Commander YKSP 5, is briefed on a local position near East District headquarters.

FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO MEET UNFICYP COSTS

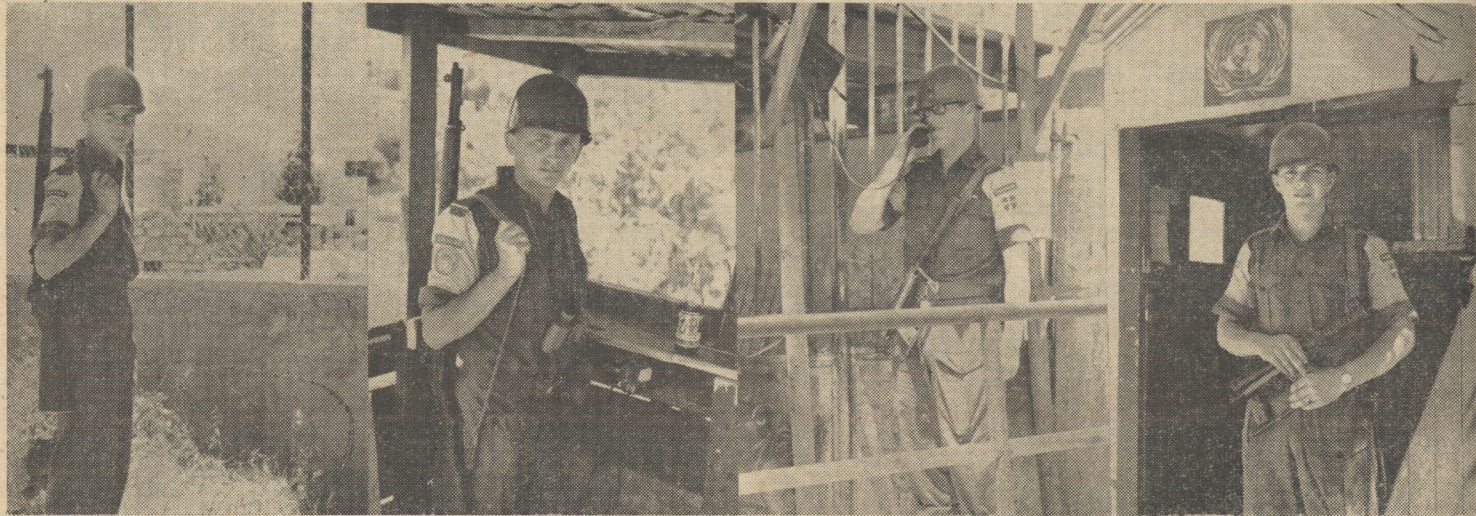
SWEDEN AND TURKEY GIVE \$ QUARTER MILLION

SWEDEN and Turkey have responded to the appeal made last March by the UN Secretary-General, U Thant, for further voluntary contributions from UN Member States to help cover the expenses of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus.

Mr. Sverder Astrom, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations, in a letter addressed to the Secretary-General, said that his Government had decided to make a contribution of 90,000 dollars towards meeting the costs of UNFICYP for the 27 March — 26 June period.

In a letter, dated 17 May, received by the Secretary-General from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the UN, Mr. Orhan Eralp, the latter informed U Thant that the Turkish Government had decided to make a voluntary contribution of 150,000 dollars to the UNFICYP expenses for the current period (26 March — 26 June 1966). In his letter, Mr. Eralp said that Turkey was making this contribution in response to the Secretary-General's appeal "and as a further token of its ardent desire to seek a peaceful settlement and an agreed solution of the Cyprus problem".

MED DANCON V PAA POST I NICOSIA



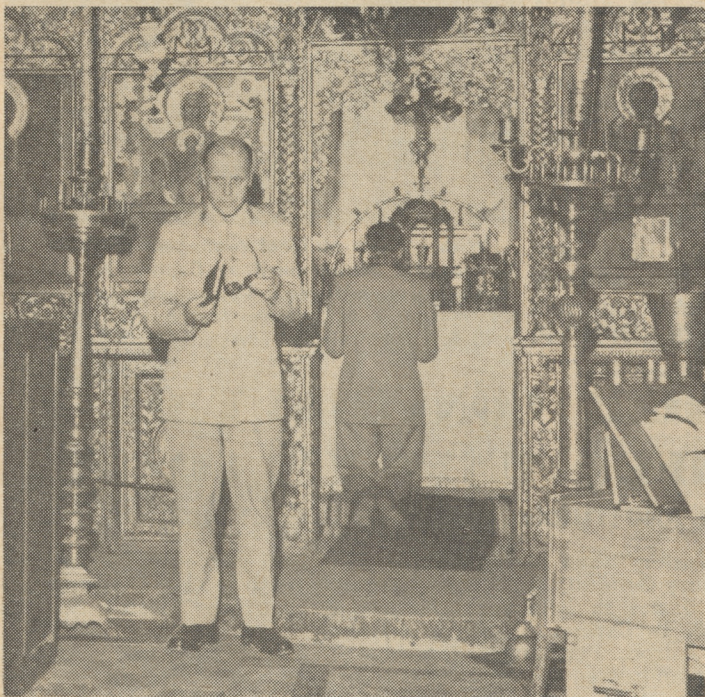
Udenfor hegnet til svømmebasinet ved Ledra Palace Hotel i A-kompagniets område står konstabel M. Nielsen på post. Han er fra Ringsted og civilt uddannet som malersvend. Endnu har han ikke afsluttet sin værnepligt, som indtil turen gik til Cypern forretdes ved Falsterske Fodregiment. Han meldte sig ikke til FN-tjeneste for at skele efter brune piger i bikinier, men for at få lidt afveksling i værnepligtstiden, og for at opleve lidt andet og mere end Vordingborg og omegn kan byde på. Han regner dog ikke med at blive her udover DANCON V

På taget af den høje ufuldendte bygning ved indkørslen til B-kompagniet er konstabel F.G. Larsen placeret som på en kommandobro, og det er meget passende, for han er fra søværnet. Iøvrigt er han "genganger" fra DANCON II og III og regner nu så småt med at bive på Cypern et årstid. Han er godt tilfreds med tjenesten, som han finder lettere end den var tidligere, og indkvarteringsforholdene er jo den rene luksus mod gamle dages telte, udtaler F.G. Larsen, der stammer fra Hille-rød.

Ved C-kompagniets kommandostation melder konstabel P. Jacobsen "intet at bemærke" på felttelefonen. Han er kommis i det civile liv, men har udover sin soldatertid i Danmark været et halvt år i Gaza på hold 18 og er således godt kendt med Melle-møsten. Nu er han altså her, dels for at se hvad han ikke nåede medens han var i Gaza, dels for at tjene penge til at betale sin skat med, så han regner faktisk med at blive her et årstid. Vagtjenesten er hårdere her end i Gaza, mener Jacobsen, som er fra Kongens Fodregiment.

Posten ved indkørslen til Nicosia Club er besat af konstabel B.L. Jacobsen fra pionerdelingen. Han er civilt tømrer fra Nørre Snede og pioner fra Jydske Ingeniørregiment. Pionerdelingens folk har 8 timers vagt hver femte dag ved siden af deres tjeneste i delingen. Jacobsen har meldt sig til FN-tjeneste på Cypern for oplevelsens skyld, men samtidig med planer om at spare lidt penge sammen. Han tror dog ikke, at han vil blive her mere end et halvt år, ellers risikerer man bare at blive rodløs, siger Jacobsen.

Flere Danske nyheder paa side tre



Ved DANCON V's første gudstjeneste i søndags i St. Georgskirken ved Charlie-kompagniets kommandostation læste chefen, oberstløjtnant M. Vesterdal indgangs- og udgangsbønnen, medens felterpræsten, pastor J. Fosdal knælede foran alteret, der i en græsk-orthodox kirke som denne er anbragt bag de gyldne døre i den rigt udskårne skilleveg med helgenbillederne - iconostasis.



Self om kun to mand havde meldt sig gennem velfærdskontoret til byvandringen i Nicosia, lykkedes det ved telefonagitation i løbet af søndagen at få skrabt henved 30 mand sammen til turen. Her passerer selskabet den venetianske søjle, hvis inskription og våbenskjolde blev forklaret og gennemgået af presseofficeren. Turen bliver gentaget på onsdag den 1 Juni med start fra Ledra Palace klokken 15. Tilmeldelse er ikke nødvendig.

TUTUSTUMISKÄYNTÉJÄ

NEUVOTTELUJA JA KIIRETTÄ



Tuokiokuva kiireisen viikon neuvotteluista pääsihteeri Thantin erikoisedustaja Carlos Bernardesin kanssa.



Dansk Nyt

fra side to

GENERAL MARTOLA VED DANCON V I TIRSDAGS

Den nye chef for UNFICYP, den finske generalmajor I.A.E. Martola, besøgte i tirsdags DANCON. Generalen blev modtaget af chefen for DANCON, oberstløjtnant M. Vesterdal foran Ledra Palace. Her var opmarcheret en æresvagt fra A-kompagniet. Efter en orientering på hovedkvarteret blev kompagnicheferne og stabens officerer fremstillet for generalen i officersmessen, og efter en kaffepause kørte generalen en tur ad "den grønne linie".



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JOURNALIST – BESOEG FRA DANMARK

Med SCACYP'en i tirsdags ankom to danske journalister, der vil besøge os indtil den 6 Juni. Det er Svend Aage Mattson fra Dannevirke Hejmdal og Orla E. Frederiksen fra Jydske Tidende. Besøget er arrangeret med hærkommandoens bemyndigelse, og journalisterne vil under opholdet komme rundt til alle kompagnierne.

Perjantaina kenraali Martola kävi katsomassa Famagustan ruotsalaisia. Karl-Gustav leirin kahvittamisilta siirryttiin autoilla vanhan kaupungin turkkilaiskortteleitten läpi sataman sivussa olevaan Othelon torniin. Täällä eversti Lars Laven ja paikallinen kompanian-päällikkö selvittivät sataman tilannetta yksityiskohtaisesti.

Lauantaina odotti komentajaa ryhdikas kunniakomppania Neapolin klinikan edessa. Eversti Koskenpalo toivotti Kenr. Martolan tervetulleksi. Maj Forsman komensi kunniakomppaniaa.

Oikein silmää hiveli katsella komea rivistöä, täsmällisiä kivääriotteita ja kuunnella uljasta vastausta kenraali Martolan tervehdykseen. Operaatiotoimistossa suoritettu lyhyt "briefaus", jota seurasi ajo Vih-Pork Shop Hillin vartiopaikko oli viimeisenä. Siellä kapt. P. Kämäri selvitteli tilannetta niin tältä kuin varhaisemmaltakin ajalta.

Kaikki näytti luistavan hyvin, ilmoitukset olivat terävän ryhdik-

käitä ja kenraali tuntui olevan tyytyväinen maanmiehiinsä.

LEFKA - NIKOSIA - LIMASSOL

Maanantain oli vuorossa Lefka District, jossa komentaja kävi tutustumassa irlantilaisen Xseroksen piiriesikuntaan. Hän piipahti samalla viime syksystä kuuluisuutta saavuttaneessa vartioasema Hotelliin Limnitiksen sillanpääasemassa.



Tiistaina kenraali Martola seurueineen tutustui vanhan kaupungin sokkeloihin naapurissa olevien tanskalaisten toimiessa isäntinä. Väli-päiväksi jätetty keskiviikko oli varattu neuvotteluille ja torstaina tutustuttiin saaren lounais- ja länsiosien walesilaisiin Limasolin sotilashallintoalueella.

Ohjelma on ollut varsin tiivis, mutta kiireitä ei ole riittänyt yksinomaan kenraali Martolalle, vaan myös adjutantti Jussi Lagukselle, joka on saanut heilua kuin heinä-mies.

PRESENTATION OF UN MEDAL

ON Thursday last Brigadier A.J. Wilson, CBE, MC, Chief of Staff and Commander of the British Contingent, of UNFICYP, presented the UN Medal for service in Cyprus to 106 officers, NCO's and men of 'A' Squadron, 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, commanded by Major Mike Swindells, the Squadron Leader. Attached personnel of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, the Army Catering Corps and the Royal Army Pay Corps paraded with the Squadron.

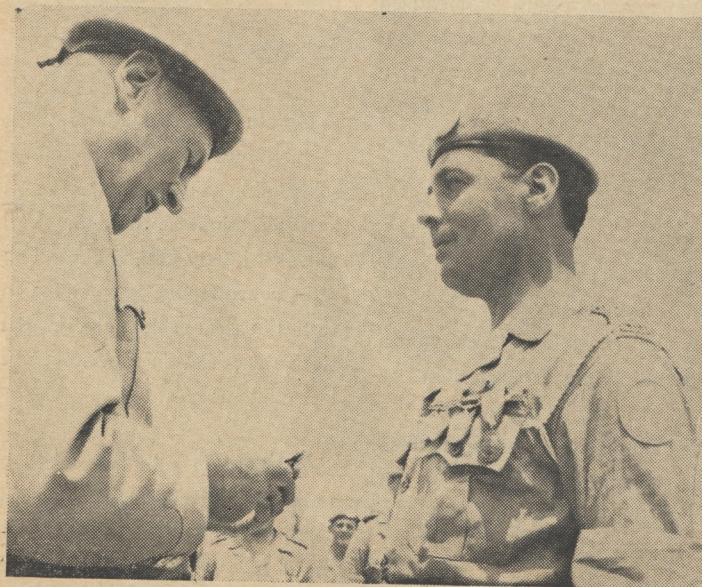
Brigadier Wilson, who flew to Ktima in a Sioux helicopter of 4th Air OP Troop R.A. piloted by Captain Rod Canning R.A., was accompanied by a Staff Officer from HQ UNFICYP, Major David Rowat, 5 R. INNIS D.G., who commanded 'A' Squadron in Aden and Bahrain immediately prior to their arrival in Cyprus.

The parade was held close to District HQ House at Ktima, the Squadron's temporary HQ in Paphos District from whence they will be returning to their permanent base at Zygi on 24th May. Dressed in the United Nations Blue Beret, with vehicles flying the United Nations, Squadron and Troop pennants and bearing the UN and Squadron Crests, the Squadron made a colourful and impressive display with personnel "crews front" of their four troops of Ferret Armoured Cars and Sqn HQ vehicles.

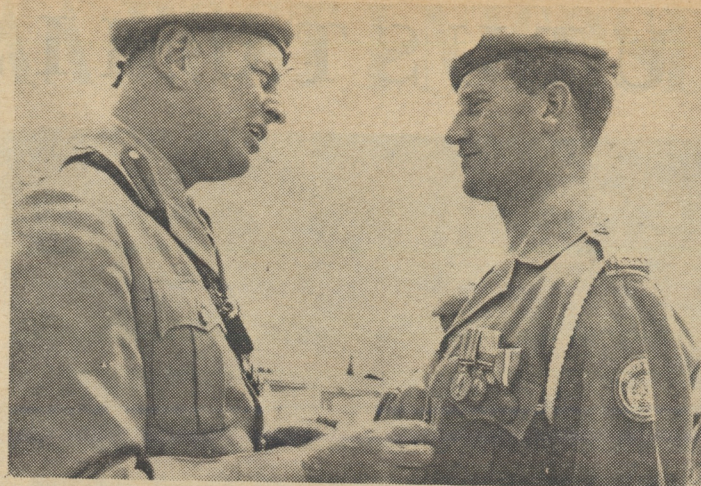
During the presentation of medals Brigadier Wilson paused frequently to talk to NCO's and men of the Squadron, most of whom are now recruited from Northern Ireland. The Squadron then formed hollow square formation for presentation of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to Sergeant P.P.J. Minvalla of 2nd Troop.

Sgt Peter Minvalla, who originally enlisted in the Royal Hampshire Regiment in 1947, transferred to the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards in the same year. He is a trained parachutist who has served in Northwest Europe, Korea, Egypt and Malaya (Borneo & Irian) where he was attached to the SAS for two and a half years. He recently commanded the Recce Troop in the Radfan.

In a speech to all ranks following the presentation of medals, the Chief of Staff reminded those present that the UN Medal was unique in that it was awarded on behalf of the UN Secretary-General and the 117 member countries of the United Nations. The Brigadier also stressed the importance of the inscription on the reverse of the Medal "In the Service of Peace" and thanked Major Swindells and each of his officers and men for the excellence of their contribution towards the achievement and maintenance of peace on the Island.

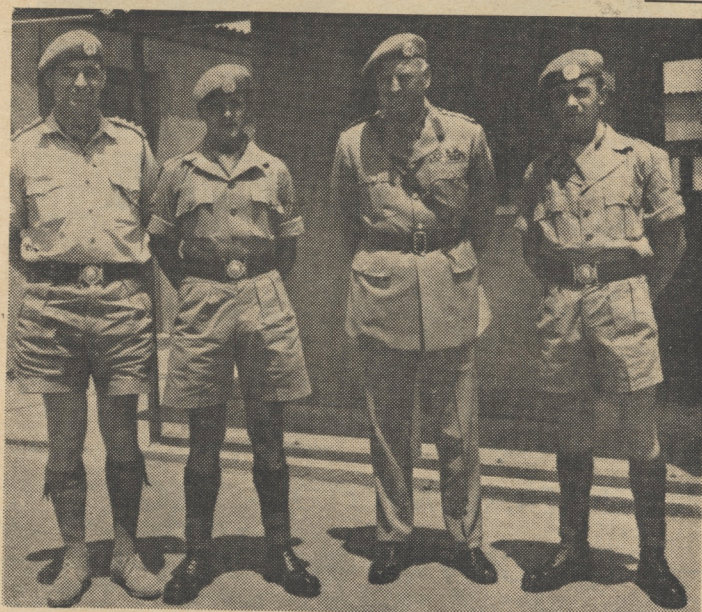


Brigadier Wilson presents the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to Sergeant Peter Minvalla.



Sergeant George Edwards is presented with his United Nations service medal by Brigadier Wilson.

BRIGADIER CONGRATULATES RAOC FIRE FIGHTERS



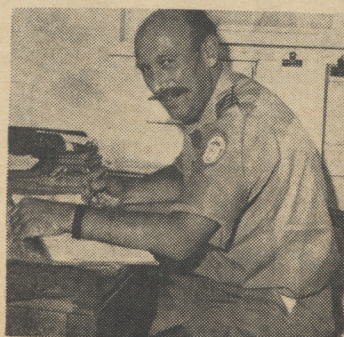
The Chief of Staff of UNFICYP and Commander of the British Contingent, Brigadier A. J. Wilson, CBE, MC recently congratulated and thanked Privates Raymond Gallagher and Stewart Reid of the RAOC (pictured above with Brigadier Wilson and Captain Leslie Marsham, RAOC,) for their prompt and resourceful action in fighting and extinguishing a dangerous petrol fire at the main petrol point in HQ UNFICYP.

Ptes Gallagher and Reid were in the vicinity of the Ordnance Detachment petrol point when they noticed that one of the re-fuelling tanks was ablaze. The fire was concentrated in the motor part of the tank beside which was a compartment containing 500 gallons of petrol. Both men collected foam extinguishers from a nearby fire point and, in spite of the very considerable personal danger, successfully fought the fire to a standstill.

AIR OPS OFFICER COMPLETES TOUR

FLT Lt Peter Keates, RAF, Navigator of 22 Sqn RAF, Valley, North Wales, who is shortly due to complete his tour as Air Operations Officer at HQ UNFICYP. In addition to the tasking of all UN operational, administrative and training flights, he acts as adviser to the Force Commander, Chief of Staff and HQ Staff Officers on all air matters.

Peter has also flown from time to time with Detachments of 18 Sqn RAF on normal duty flights and on emergency sorties.



Flight Lieutenant Peter Keates.

The Staff was met on the Squadron by Major Mike Swindells.

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RECREATION ACTIVITIES

LOCAL XEROS TEAM WIN AGAIN

Soccer. HQ Company made an unsuccessful bid during the week to reverse its previous defeat by the local Xeros team. Cpl N. Coleman scored the only goal for the Irish side. We wish a rapid recovery to Sgt Walter O'Sullivan, the popular pipe major whose leg was injured during the match.

The standard of soccer was unimpressive when B Coy at Kato Pyrgos drew with its out-post camp at Kokkina, the final score being 2-2. On the standard shown at this match, the Company has much headway to make up before they could compete with any hope of success for the Inter Company Soccer Trophy.

Basketball. B Coy attribute their failure on Thursday last, when they were beaten by 30-18 by HQ Coy, to lack of practice, as the court at Kato Pyrgos is not yet ready.

Volleyball. Two matches between A Coy, and B Coy were played at Kato Pyrgos on Tues 17th May. B Coy won the first match by 2 games to nil. In the second, however, A Coy's "over 35s" reversed the previous result with a 2 games to 1 victory.

On Sunday 15th May, members of B Coy had an enjoyable afternoon at the Childrens' Sports at Kato Pyrgos, at which music was provided by three of the Unit Pipe Band.

The three men of Headquarters Coy who had distinction of

Sgt William Delaney of Cork is a fitter in the Transport Section at Xeros where he is seen checking a landrover.



Cpl Tom Gleason testing the water supply for B Company Camp at Kato Pyrgos where he also looks after the generating plant. Cpl Gleason, who is on his fourth overseas tour of duty, is married in Limerick and has two boys and three girls.



Nye Force Commander inspekterar bat 34C

General Ilmari Martola, UNFICYP:s nye Force Commander besöker just nu den olika kontingenternas områden på ön. På fredagen var det svenskarnas tur att ta emot den höge chefen. Han åtföljdes bl.a. av sin ADC, den finnske kaptenen Johan Lagus samt den svenske liaisonofficieren, major Peter Leuhusen.

På plattan välkomnade överste Lars Lavén, Enköping, och övriga stabsofficerare. Efter inspektion av hedersvakten ur vaktplutonen, som stod uppställd på förrådsplatsen vid Carl Gustaf Camp, briefades generalen i chefsrummet. Orienteringarna, som hölls på svenska, föredrogs av bataljonschefen och stabschefen, major Yngve Ekman, Boden.

Force Commander visade stort intresse för bataljonens problem och uttryckte sitt gillande, på det sätt man löst sina uppgifter.

Därefter for man med bil till OP 205, Othello Tower i Old City, Famagusta. Där redogjorde majorerna John Rabber, Skultorp och Sten Öqvist, Malmö, chefer för 1. resp. 2 komp för det aktuella läget samt uppgifterna för kompanierna och posteringen. Efter en tur runt muren och övriga posteringarna avslutades inspektionen på officersmässan i Carl Gustaf Camp. Där presenterades en del officerare samt chefen för den svenska polisstyrkan, kommissarie Hans Lagerhorn, Stockholm, för generalen.

Efter förriskningar och en stunds samtal avreste general Martola med helikopter till HQ, Nicosia.

Besöket i Famagusta uppmärksammades av såväl inhemsk som utländsk press samt TV.



ÖSTERREICHER ZEITUNG

Neumann zerbombe die Engländer

Am 7.5.1966 trug die Mannschaft des AFH ein Fussballspiel gegen die "Royal Artillery" (England) aus und landete einen verdienten 7:1 (2:1) Sieg. Die Österreicher boten diesmal wohl ihr technisch bestes Spiel, welches bei grosser Hitze im türk. Stadion von Nicosia ausgetragen wurde.

Im Rot-Weiss-Roten Team gab es diesmal keinen einzigen schwachen Punkt, sodass der hohe Erfolg als verdient angesehen werden muss. Ausserdem klappte diesmal das von den Österreichern praktizierte 4-2-4 System klaglos.

Die Abwehrreihe mit Carlsson, Mikusch, Grill (nach dessen Verletzung Vock) und Reinecke liess dem englischen Sturm keinen Spielraum, sodass sich dieser überhaupt nicht entfalten konnte. Die wenigen gefährlichen Situationen befreinigten Tornüter Meindlhuber und Stopper Mikusch in souverä-

ner Manier.

Angelpunkt der Oesterreicher war diesmal Läufer Eberl, der eine Prachtleistung bot. Auf Grund seiner Spielübersicht, schnellen Vorstösse und den herrlichen Longpasses - er erinnerte dabei an Hirnschrodt (Austria-Wien) - musste er wohl zum besten Spieler auf dem Felde gestempelt werden. Besonders Rechtsausen Neumann profitierte davon und setzte zwei herrliche Vorlagen in Tore um.

Im Sturm selbst gab es diesmal ebenfalls keinen schwachen Punkt. Er zeigte ein herrliches Angriffsspiel und vergass dabei auch nicht auf herzhaftes Torschüsse. Vor allem Neumann konnte nicht gehalten werden und liess seinen Bewacher immer wieder stehen. Fazit:

Kont. Ziete sieben

På bilden syns major Sten Öqvist, Malmö, som briefar general Martola. Till höger bataljonschefen, överste Lars Lavén.

Ännu oklart om minskning av UNFICYP

Trots frivilliga bidrag har FN ont om pengar till UNFICYP. Vid varje mandats förlängning har detta faktum varit en realitet. Kostnaderna måste därför nedbringas, 60% utgörs av löner. Enda möjligheten att minska kostnaderna är att reducera styrkan. En sådan ägde rum i januari och ytterligare en har annonserats. För svenskt vidkommande skulle det röra sig om drygt 100 man.

Force Commander har meddelat generalsekreterare U Thant att en ytterligare reduktion av UNFICYP skulle vara möjlig under vissa förutsättningar. Hans förslag skall behandlas i FN-högkvarteret i New York. Om man där kommer till samma uppfattning kommer ett förslag att gå till den svenska regeringen. Eventuell reduktion är därför ännu inte beslutad, ej heller tidpunkten för en sådan.

Trolig tidpunkt för en nedskärning av den svenska styrkan skulle emellertid vara vid mandattidens slut den 26 juni. En annan och ur svensk synpunkt betydligt gynnsammare tidpunkt skulle dock vara i oktober vid en eventuell rotation.

Bataljonschefen är personligt engagerad för den senare lösningen.

Idrottsnytt...

Serien bland signalister i volleyboll går vidare. Efter förlusten mot irländarna segra dede svenske mot danskarna med 3-0. Set siffrorna var 15-13, 15-10, 15-6. På fredagen däremot tog finnarna (gamla volleyboll-kämpar) ned oss på jorden ingen och vann med 3-1.

Att idrottsintresset på bataljonen är stort vittnar bl.a. om, utöver fotboll och allmän idrott, det faktum att c:a 25% av bataljonens personal uttryckt ett önskemål om att delta i judokurser.

I Famagusta finns det en judolärare med eget träningsinstitut, som tar emot intresserade elever. Det är en utmärkt lösning eftersom det ställer sig för dyrt för bataljonen att anordna egna kurser.

Avgiften är bara tre pund i månaden och då ingår träning sex dagar i veckan. Dräkten kostar fem pund, vilket ju dock är en engångskostnad.

New WHO stamps available

LIMITED quantities of first day covers of the new WHO stamp will be made available from 25 May 1966 at UNFICYP Headquarters.

Whether you collect stamps yourself or whether you wish to buy for gift purposes make haste to contact U Min Han, UNFICYP Security Officer, UNFICYP Headquarters hangar, room 11. He will look after your needs.

A new supply of souvenir folders of UN postage stamps for 1964 and 1965 has been received at room 11 also. You may come in and inspect them any time between 9 and 12.

The United Nations Postal Administration will issue its first 11-cent airmail postal card for overseas use on 9 June, 1966, as the result of a need for this item of postal stationery.

The stamp to be imprinted on the postal card was designed by Olav S. Mathiesen (Denmark). The design, (red, yellow and orange), is abstract in nature and the words "AIR MAIL" appear alongside the denomination.

The card will be printed by the photo-offset process by Eureka-Carlisle Co., Scranton, Pennsylvania, in an initial quality of 250,000. The UN emblem will appear on the upper left corner and the words "Air Mail Postal Card" will form a border on the left side of the postal card. The size of the card will be 5 1/2" x 3 1/4".

The "Education for Progress" stamp, which was issued on 27 December 1964, will have its last day of sale on 7 June 1966.

The "United Nations Special Fund" stamp will have its last day of sale on 25 July 1966.

When the \$1.00 definitive stamp was re-issued on 25 March 1966, 181,510 covers received first day cancellation.

The 15-cent ICY stamp, issued on 26 June 1965, was sold out on 19 April 1966.

The second printing of the 10-cent regular issue went on sale on 19 April 1966.

NEWS FROM FOOT
WORTHINGTON

THE FIRST OF A WEEKLY SERIES OF COLUMNS FROM 8TH CANADIAN HUSSARS DEALS WITH

Regimental History

THE Regiment originated in 1866 from eight independent troops of cavalry. This group was called the "New Brunswick Regiment of Yeomanry". In 1869 it was included in the Canadian Militia.

On 31 May 1872 it was redesignated the "8th Regiment of Cavalry", for the 8th Military District. On 18 July 1884 the name "8th Princess Louise's New Brunswick Regiment of Cavalry" was given. The name was chosen in honour of Princess Louise, daughter of Queen Victoria and wife of the Governor General, the Earl of Athlone.

In 1892 the name "8th Princess Louise's New Brunswick Hussars" was given. In 1900, individuals of the Regiment joined the Canadian Mounted Rifles in South Africa.

During World War 1 (1914-1918) the Regiment supplied one squadron plus reinforcements to the 6th Canadian Mounted Rifles.

The Regiment gained further recognition during World War II. In 1940 it was mobilized as a motorcycle regiment. In 1941 it was allocated to the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps and named "5th (Reserve) Armoured Regiment, 8th Princess Louise's (New Brunswick) Hussars." It was then moved to England; in 1943 to Italy, and to North West Europe in 1945. In 1946 the regiment reverted to militia status in New Brunswick. On 29 Jan 1957 a Regular Army component was authorized under the designation "1/8 Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's), the Militia component being designated "2/8 Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's)". In 1958 the Reconnaissance Squadron was sent to UNEF, EGYPT. From 1959 - 1962 the Regiment was in Germany with 4 Canadian Infantry Brigade Group. In 1960 the names were changed to the present designation "8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's)" and 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's) (Militia)".

In 1964 and again in 1965 a reconnaissance squadron was sent to UNEF Egypt.

On 1 Aug 1965, the Regiment was converted from tank to reconnaissance. Our militia regiment is still a tank regiment.

In 1966 C Squadron was sent to Germany, B Squadron in Cyprus, with the remainder at Canadian Forces Base Petawawa, Ontario.



The 2nd Bn The Black Watch (RHR) of Canada was honoured by the private visit on Friday, May 13th of the Right Honourable Mr. Vincent Massey, the former Governor-General of Canada. Mr. Massey, accompanied by Brigadier Aird Nesbitt of Montreal, a former officer of the Black Watch, paid a visit to Saddle Outpost, near St. Hilarion Castle. Mr. Vincent Massey's party, which included Brigadier and Mrs. Aird Nesbitt, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Vaughan, Madame Louis Beaubien, Colonel Alex Parker, and Professor Henderson, is vacationing in the Mediterranean aboard the yacht Daphne. Pictured above, Corporal HS Pilkie briefs Mr Vincent Massey at Saddle Outpost. Lieutenant Colonel McAlpine, Commanding Officer, 2 RHC is at right.

Variety of tasks for RHC Pioneers

THE tasks of a Pioneer Platoon in an infantry Battalion are many at any time, but the Pioneers of the 2nd Battalion The Black Watch (RHR) of Canada have seldom been called upon to perform such a variety of tasks as they do in CANCON. Divided into electrical, painting, carpentry and masonry sections the pioneers perform all the tasks normally done by the Army Works Service in Canada. They are responsible for maintaining all of the buildings occupied by CANCON and for carrying out emergency repairs of all kinds.

Lieutenant Rod MacAlpine, the Platoon Commander, accepts work orders and after assessing the work required with his advisor Staff Sergeant Tom Peardon of the Royal Canadian Engineers, assigns a team to the task. Sergeant Bob Moore, the Platoon Sergeant, supervises the teams on the job and is also responsible for platoon maintenance.

From Camp Maple Leaf near Nicosia the members of the platoon proceed to all parts of Kyrenia District to perform their tasks. A typical day's work may include the erection of prefabricated installation of water lines, installation and repair of electrical wiring in rented accommodation, house and sign painting and repair of plumbing.



Pictured above is Private Red Walker of the 2 RHC Pioneer Platoon using one of the Platoon's pieces of equipment.

ÖSTERREICHER ZEITUNG

vier Tore!

Da sich auch die übrigen Stürmer - Nemeth, Pichler - in blendender Spiellaune befanden, mussten die Tore zwangsläufig fallen.

Bei den Engländern bot der Torwart eine überragende Leistung und verhinderte eine noch höhere Niederlage. Ausserdem hielt er einen scharf getretenen Penalty von Pichler in der 72. Spielminute.

Entscheidend bei dieser Hitzeschlacht war vor allem die sehr gute Kondition der Österreicher.

Danish gift for UNRWA

200,000 DOLLARS FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING

THE United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) last week announced that the Government of Denmark, through its Secretariat for technical co-operation, is making a donation of \$200,000 for vocational training in 1966, in addition to the Government's regular annual contribution of \$72,000.

The donation is intended mainly to meet the operating costs of UNRWA's teacher-training centre for men in Ramallah, Jordan, towards which Denmark contributed \$100,000 in 1965.

The teacher-training centre at Ramallah was established by UNRWA in 1960. Its capacity was doubled to 400 trainees in 1962 with a world refugee donation of \$145,000 from the Danish Refugee Council.

The Commissioner-General of UNRWA, Laurence Michelmore, has expressed to the Government and people of Denmark his profound gratitude "for this timely and generous increase in Denmark's aid to the Palestine refugees".

This latest donation brings the Danish Government's contributions to UNRWA since 1950 to a total of \$986,363.

AUSTRALIAN CIVILIAN POLICE ROTATION

ROTATION of the 40-man Australian element of civilian police attached to UNFICYP took place on Tuesday, 24 May.

Thirty-eight members who have been with UNFICYP for the past year returned to their permanent stations in Australia. Two members left earlier this month. During their service in Cyprus they served at Headquarters, United Nations Civilian Police, Nicosia, in UNFICYP Lefka District and in the Paphos-Ktima Sector of UNFICYP Limasol Zone.

Outgoing personnel are being replaced by forty volunteers from all parts of Australia.

RHODESIA

SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE CONTINUES

Majority against use of force at this stage

THE Security Council debate on Rhodesia adjourned last Friday until Monday afternoon. The African group is asking that Britain clamp a blockade on Rhodesia, particularly to deny her oil from South Africa and also to use force if needed to bring down the white minority regime headed by Ian Smith which rebelled against the Crown last November. However, a majority of the 15-nation council do not support this course, at least at present, and they favour awaiting the outcome of economic sanctions.

Armed action is favoured by the Soviet Union and Bulgaria; Jordan favours more drastic measures than those being taken.

Ambassador Keita of Mali also denounced the London talks: by catering to Smith, he said, Britain shared responsibility for the plight of four million Africans of the Zimbabwe. Africans' demands, he said, were simple: that Britain should liquidate the Smith regime and establish majority rule and freedom; that the present situation is an insult to all Africa.

Foreign Minister Kapwepe of Zambia, although not a Council member, participated in the debate. He said the Smith rebellion must be quelled before it triggered wider conflict. Relations between his country and neighbouring Rhodesia had reached danger point, he said.

For the Netherlands, Ambassador de Beus said the effectiveness of economic sanctions against Rhodesia should not be underestimated — she has apparently lost sixty per cent of her export market because of curbs imposed by some 70 countries blockading Rhodesia and, intervening by arms against the Smith regime, he said, would require large-scale military operations and occupation of at least some neighbouring territories — and doubtless, the shedding of much blood; but the UN Charter itself said that force should be used only if other steps had failed, which was not the case.

Mr. de Beus favoured taking no action on the African draft resolution pending the outcome of the London talks.

Jordan replies to Israeli charges

REPLYING to charges lodged by Israel, Jordan said in a letter to the Security Council this week that it was Israel who bore responsibility for the incident that occurred on 10 May in the vicinity of the village of Beit Mersim. (See Blue Beret of 18 May 66, page two).

Ambassador Muhammad El-Farra said in a letter that Jordanian Forces had only fired in self-defense after Israeli Forces had opened fire on Jordanian farmers.

Israel charged that Jordanian Forces deliberately attacked an Israeli work party repairing a track north of Beersheba.

Meanwhile, Israel said, in reply to a Syrian letter, that Syria was trying to mask her own primary responsibility for border violence by spreading false rumours about an alleged Israeli threat to Syrian security.

Syria charged Israel with levelling a number of unfounded allegations against her and said such accusations usually preceded new Israeli attacks.

DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE

BRITAIN'S ROLE IN ADEN INDEPENDENCE EMPHASIZED

THE United Nations Committee on Decolonization last week emphasized that Britain was the 'authority responsible for putting into effect the UN resolutions concerning Aden. The Committee urged Britain to carry out these resolutions so that the people of Aden might accede to independence in accordance with their freely expressed wishes and without further delay. It also asked the Secretary General to arrange for an effective United Nations presence in Aden before and during general elections as called for by the General Assembly.

The Committee had been informed earlier that the Government of the Federation of South Arabia had decided to accept the UN resolution on Aden, planned to hold a representative conference to consider how these resolutions could be implemented and requested the appointment of a United Nations Observer at the conference.

Britain told the Committee it had a positive attitude regarding resolutions on Aden, subject to reservations. Britain also said it would welcome UN presence in connection with the elections.

In another action, the Committee approved a proposal by the Soviet Union that the Secretary-General be requested to seek information from specialized agencies on their implementation of UN resolutions seeking to speed decolonization.

Refugee Commission is \$ million under target

THE UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, told a general meeting last week that his office was still one million dollars short of the financial target of 3.9 million dollars for 1966.

More than half of this amount was to be spent on refugee projects in Africa and Asia.

Addressing the Executive Committee to which he is responsible, the High Commissioner warned that failure to finance projects for refugees in Africa could lead to "situations of political friction and instability that would ultimately prove far more costly to deal with".

He said his office had received requests for aid involving

half a million African refugees and added: "There are still people fleeing for their lives".

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RHODESIA

(See this page, main story)

An African proposal that the United Kingdom blockade Rhodesia and use force if needed to bring down the white minority regime of Mr. Ian Smith failed to obtain adoption in the UN Security Council on Monday, 23 May.

Voting for the move were the three African Members — Nigeria, Mali, and Uganda — along with the Soviet Union, Bulgaria, and Jordan. Abstaining were the United Kingdom, United States, France, China, the Netherlands, Japan, Argentina, and Uruguay. New Zealand voted against. Nine affirmative votes are needed for a resolution to be carried in the Council.