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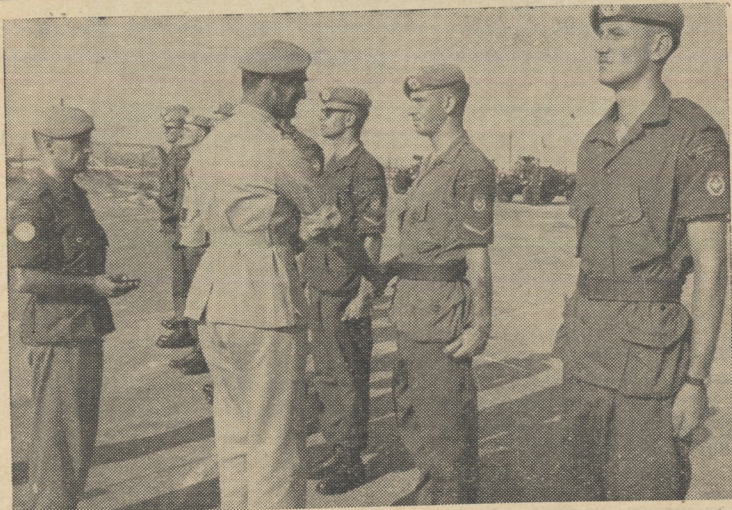
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ROLL PAST — by "B" Squadron of the 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's) Group led by Major J. A. St Aubin squadron commander. Brigadier N. M. Harbottle takes the salute.



INSPECTION — of "B" Squadron, 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's) Group by Brigadier N. M. Harbottle, prior to presenting UN medals to the squadron.



UNITED NATIONS MEDALS — being awarded by Brigadier N.M. Harbottle, Force Chief of Staff. Lt J.A. MacDonald of Ottawa, Ontario escorts the Brigadier as he presents the UN medal to members of "B" Squadron, 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's) Group. Shaking hands after receiving his medal is Lance Corporal S. R. Clarke of Winnipeg, Manitoba and standing by is Trooper G. W. Tenhoop of Belleville, Ontario.

"ROLL PAST"

WHILE THE BAND PLAYED "Road to the Isle" more than 100-men of "B" Squadron 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's) Group and their attached Reconnaissance platoon from the 2nd Battalion, the Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) rolled past in their ferret scout cars and jeeps following an inspection by UNFICYP COS, Brigadier N. M. Harbottle, deputising for the Force Commander, Major-General Armas Martola.

Taking place yesterday (Tuesday) morning at Force HQs the occasion was the presentation of the United Nations medals to the squadron and its attached "Rece" platoon which has been on Cyprus peace keeping duties since April 1966.

Commanded by Major J. A. St. Aubin, 36, of Montreal, Quebec, the squadron was inspected and then fourteen officers and men received their UN medals on behalf of the 141-man squadron and platoon.



PIPES AND DRUMS — of the 2nd Battalion of the Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) played accompanying music while Brigadier N. M. Harbottle inspected the 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's) Group prior to presenting UN medals to the 100 man squadron and the 41 man Reconnaissance platoon from the Black Watch attached to the squadron.



Brødrene Andersen er ikke i en uendørs sportsforretning for at se paa fodbolde, men paa grøntorvet for at købe vandmeloner. Christian, til venstre, er konstabel fra Dronningens Livregiment og forretter tjeneste ved C-kompagniet Arne, til højre, er MP-korporal fra Jyske Trænregiment og gør her tjeneste ved MP-kommandoet. En tredje broder, Ole, var i Gaza i vinteren 1964-65.

HVEM VAR AFRODITE?

HVER ENESTE SPRAGLET turistbrochure for Cypern tager Afrodite til indtægt. Men hvem var hun egentlig? og hvad har hun med Cypern at gøre? — Turistbrochurerne besvarer ikke spørgsmålene, og rejsehaandbøgerne giver ofte flere vild- end vejledende oplysninger. Den blaa Baret's historiske medarbejder har paataget sig at raade bod paa dette og reder i den følgende artikel traadene ud.

Afrodite er mytologiens kærlighedsgudinde. Hun var, ifølge Homer, datter af gudernes konge Zeus og gudinden Dioni.

Kører man ad kystvejen fra Limassol mod Ktima, skal man standse op paa stedet, hvor et par vældige klipper ligger i havstokken. Her siger myten, at havet kastede Afrodite ind paa kysten. Stedet er meget smukt og absolut værdigt for en kærlighedsgudindes fødsel.

Homer fortæller: "En sagte brise fra vindenes gud bragte hende til Paphos ridende paa bølgerne mellem det bløde skum. Paa kysten blev hun smykket med kostelige juveler, og der blev sat en guldkrone paa hendes hovede".

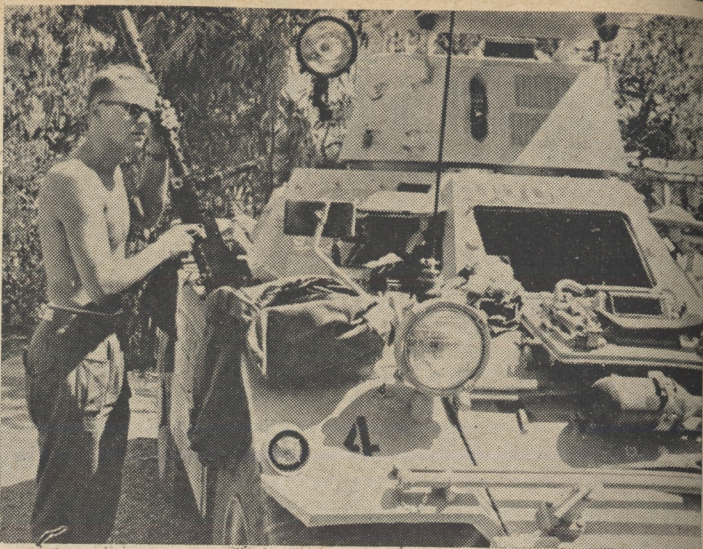
En dag mødte Afrodite helten Adonis i en dal ved Paphos. De blev forelskede, men skæbnen ville, at Adonis blev dræbt under en jagt. Afrodite græd over at have mistet sin elskede, men hvor hendes taarer flød sammen med blodet fra Adonis' saar der spirede de skønneste røde og hvide anemoner frem. I dalene ved Paphos er der stadig om foraaret et pragtfuldt flor af flerfarvede anemoner, og Paphos blev stedet for tilbedelsen af gudinden.

Der bliver medaille - parade den 20 August.



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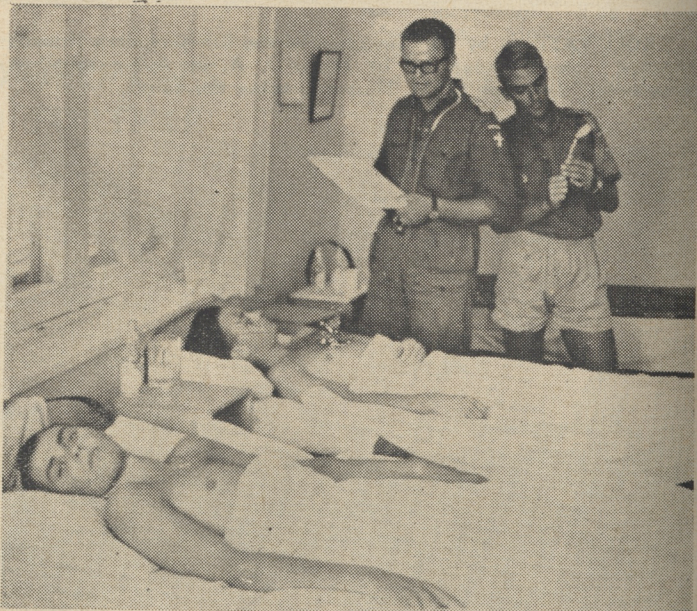
Fortsattes side seks



Spejdervognsdelingen er ikke altid paa farten. Ferret-vognene kræver ogsaa vedligeholdelsestjeneste, og de støvede veje gør, at der er et stort rengøringsarbejde efter hver køretur. Her er korporal Kurt Henriksen i gang med at pudse maskingeværet. Han plejer det som et lille barn, maaske fordi han civilt er uddannet som forsorgs pædagog.



Alfa-kompagniet har i den forløbne uge aflagt 200-meter svømmeprøve med omkring halvdelen af kompagniet. Her ses et hold hovedsagelig fra kompagniets støttedeling før prøven ved bassinet ved Nicosia Club. De bestod alle.



Infirmeriet har haft liggende gæster. Forrest ses konstabel Børge Jacobsen fra A-kompagniet, og bag ham ligger konstabel Niels Pedersen fra Bravo. Begge led af det der populært kaldes jallamave. Dr. Hans Johnsen, der forlod Cypern med SCACYP'en i onsdags, udtalte, at maveinfektioner ofte skyldes, at man har spist frugt, der ikke har været ordentlig skyllet. Oversygepasser, korporal Preben Kristiansen, er klar til at give patienterne en indsprøjtning.

VILKASTA MUNELLA RINTAMALLA

MENNYT VIIKKO OLI vilkas monessa suhteessa. Ensin selvitetiin Moran ja Meloushan tilanteet kiitosta ansaitsevalta tavalla ja sitten iskettiin yhteen pataljoonan sisäisissä koitoksissa urheilurintamalla monella taholla lento-, jalka- ja pesäpallosta Vihreän linjan viestinjuoksuun. Saarella vierailut urheiluauktoriteetti Tahko Pihkala oli mukana kaikessa täydellä sydämellä ja jakoi juoksijoille mitallit keskiviikkona Trakhonaksessa.

Vihreän linjan viestin reitti kulki 1 JK:n komentopaikalta Trakhonaksen kirkolle, sieltä Grazy Corneriin ja edelleen Linjaa pitkin lähitöpaikalle. Juoksuosuuksien pituudet vaihtelivat 100-500 metriin.

VIHRÄÄ LINJAA JUOSTEN.

Kilpailuun oli ilmoittautunut kaikkiaan yhdeksän joukkuetta, jotka myös saapuivat lähtöviivalle ja juoksivat loppuun. Sen tekivät myös Kykkon Mammutit, vaikka Tahvo Pihkala epäilikin heidän välillä jäneen liian pitkäksi aikaa virvoitusjuomalähteen (Coca Cola, 7-UP, Pepsi, Limonada Alpha, Lex jne) ääreen.

Kilpailu saatiin suorittaa hyvissä sääolosuhteissa juuri sopivasti ennen auringon laskua, minkä vuoksi kait se pystyi vetämään katselijoihin suuren joukon pataljoonalaisia ja alkuasukkaita niin reitin varrelle kuin maalipaikallekin. Katselijoitten joukossa olleista arvovieraista mainittakoon Tahkon lisäksi myös everstiluutnantit A A Salin ja Eero Lehtovirta sekä aina mukana kuvassa oleva 'Linssi' Lamminen.

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Pesäpalloarjat ovat kuumimmillaan kuvassa Esikunna Alyn kapteeni Arto 'Tuveva' Salonen keskustelussa ennen ottelua eversti Koskenpalon, ylituomari Kohvakan ja Kakkosen Koitoksen joukkueen kanssa. Ottelutulosa tällä kertaa 25-10 neapolikseläisten hyväksi.



Tahko pesäpällo-ottelun tuoksinassa kanadaisten Doug Yuillin ja Jacques Boiren kanssa. Uuden maailman miehiä taisi kuitenkin Tahvo kiinnostaa enemmän kuin itse peli.



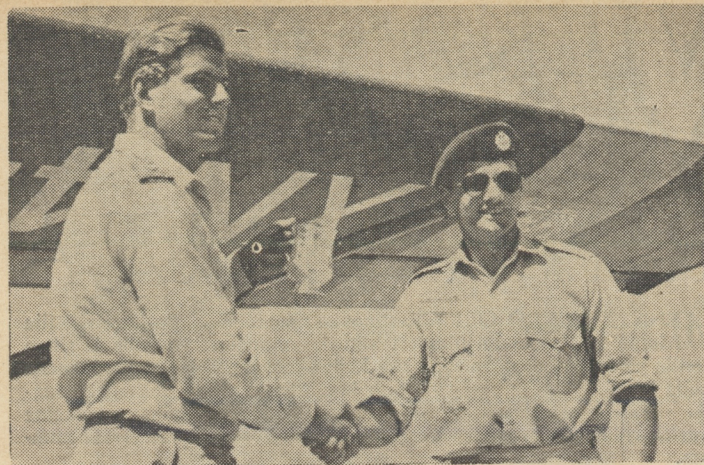
Esikuntakomppanian viestijoukkue ryhmittyneenä onnittelee varten Vihreän linjan juoksussa saavutetun voiton johdosta.



Hannesmaisesti hymyillen saapui Lasse Niemonen maaliin esikuntalaisten voitettua viestin miten tahtoivat. Kakkos ja kolmossijoista kiistelevat juoksijat haamottavat josain kaukana taustalla.

RUOTSALAINEN VIIHDERYHMA

Saarelle saapunut ruotsalainen Viihderyhmä Brita Borg, Allan Johanson, Laila Nyström ja kumppanit tulee esiintymään suomalaisille ja tanskalaisille Nikosiasa maanantaina ja tiistaina 15 ja 16.8. Viihderyhmä on varhemmin menä- ja edellisenä vuonna esiintynyt suomalaisille Kyproksella, jolta perusteella tiedämme heidän taitojensa olevan korkeaa luokkaa. Kannattaa pistää esiintymispäivät mieleen.



Captain Mike Sumner who is attached to 4 Air OP Troop RA, seen receiving a silver tankard to mark Auster XN442s' last flight and his hundredth mail run with the aircraft.



A seriously injured Greek Cypriot being carried to a waiting ambulance by Greek Cypriot National Guardsmen at Wolseley Barracks, Nicosia, having been evacuated from Kato Pyrgos by a Wessex helicopter of the detachment 18 Sqn RAF piloted by Master Pilot Cliff Padden.

TWO CASEVACS

ON 26th July Master Pilot Cliff Padden of 18 Sqn RAF detachment carried out two urgent "casevac" operations with his Wessex helicopter. The first involved a Greek Cypriot of Kato Pyrgos with a

severely fractured skull sustained while tree felling. The other was a Turkish Cypriot from Louroujina who was suffering from acute appendicitis. Both patients were moved to hospitals in Nicosia without incident.

TWO NEW FACES AT FORCE HEADQUARTERS

THE NEW CAMP COMMANDANT, MAJOR JOHN DAMANT, QOH.

Major Laurie Kemp, RCT, has recently handed over to Major John L. Damant, QOH, as Camp Commandant. Major Kemp has completed a six month tour and is due to take up an appointment in Chester in September this year. Major Damant has just finished an eighteen month tour on the staff of the Royal Armoured Corps Junior Leaders Regiment at Bovington.



Major David Rowat, 5 INNIS DG, has just finished his tour as "Pers 2" and returned to the UK to attend the Joint Services Staff College. His successor is Major Geoff Plunkett, RA, who has come from 5 Field Regiment in Germany.

END OF THE LINE FOR UNFICYP'S AUSTERS

ON 27th JULY Captain Mike Sumner of 4 Air OP Troop RA completed his hundredth mail run flight. It was also the last flight of his Auster aircraft which has been withdrawn from service in Cyprus.

The Auster has been in service since the early 1940s. The present Mark 9 was introduced in 1955.

To mark this double occasion the Troop gathered on the tarmac in front of its' Sioux helicopters to await the arrival of Captain Sumner. This was announced by an impressive low swoop over their heads followed by landing. The Auster taxied to a halt and as Captain Sumner stepped from his plane he was presented with a silver tankard.

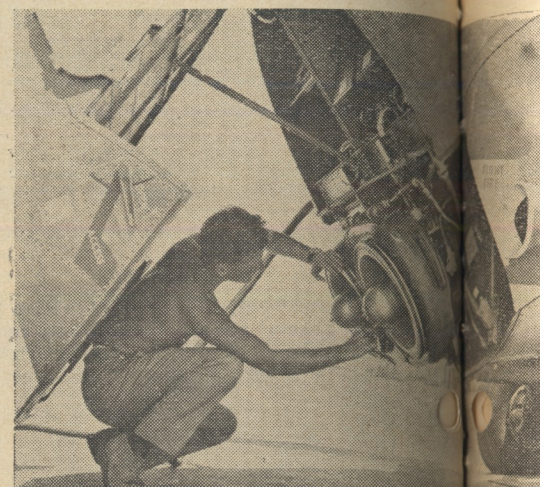
Captain Sumner has been flying Austers for two and a half years with seven and half months of that time in Cyprus with the UN Force.

RWF take to the water...

EVEN though life in UNFICYP is pretty hectic the 1st Bn The Royal Welch Fusiliers still manage to find time for a little relaxation and sporting activities. The battalion believes in taking every opportunity to keep themselves fit.

Last weekend the cricket eleven scored two victories against teams from the Episkopi SBA and the football team also beat the RAF Troodos team.

Swimming is an increasingly popular sport and the battalion has a number of underwater enthusiasts. The Paphos



Cpl Jock Skene of the detachment of 18 Sqn RAF, seen here bleeding the fuel system of one of the Wessex helicopters.



area is ideal as there are still some remains of antiquity around the coast; quite a few interesting fragments of amphorae have been brought up.

Two volleyball teams were brought to the island and they have become immensely popular.

Basketball and volleyball are played locally and the battalion will become challenges from the contingents.

2/Lt Oliver Cadogan and Fusilier Williams 53 coming up for a breath of fresh air after underwater exploration near Paphos.



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Husars run Troodos jeep rally

On July 1st Squadron 8th Canadian Hussars conducted a jeep rally in the South-eastern area of the Troodos Mountains.

Nine crews entered in the rally which consisted of seven events. The first event was a normal parade inspection of a jeep and its crew. The second event was a controlled speed move through a series of small villages on the open plain rounded out the driving portion of the rally. After four hours on the hot demanding course the contestants returned to Fort Worthington to complete a last parade on their vehicle. The final event took the contestants to the Nicosia Club swimming pool where they were required to swim five lengths of the pool within a given time. The cool dip was a rather pleasant finale to a hard morning's work.

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Private A. A. MacDonald receives \$100 from Lt Col H. J. Harkes, his Commanding Officer. Pte MacDonald was judged the top driver in 2 RHC in a recent competition held in the unit.

BEST DRIVING RECORD FOR RHC

During June, the drivers of the 2nd Battalion The Black Watch (RHR) of Canada compiled the best driving record in UNFICYP with an accident rate of 130,000 miles per accident. Considering the area in which these drivers are required to work this rate is truly outstanding. A typical day could see a driver fighting the noon rush on Ledra Street in Nicosia and a few hours later he could be driving on a narrow dangerous road winding through the Kyrenia Mountains.

Sergeant Doug Gaul's Battalion Headquarters section drove 77,712 accident free miles to win the overall Unit Safe Driving Award. The Administrative Support Group transport section under Sergeant Walter Kenyon were second with 70,124 miles.

Private A.A. MacDonald who drives the Unit Medical Officer's jeep is the top driver in the unit. He has driven 7,639 miles without an accident since arriving on the island in April.

Sergeant C.W. Somerton's B Company crew had the best record in the rifle companies. His section has completed 47,746 miles without an accident. Sergeant R.H. MacIntyre and A Company placed second in this phase of the competition.

Catholic Chaplain celebrates 13 years with Black Watch battalions

ON SATURDAY last Father Romeo Plourde, the Roman Catholic Chaplain attached to the 2nd Battalion The Black Watch (RHR) of Canada, was presented with his UN Cyprus medal and the Canadian Forces Decoration by Lieutenant Colonel H. J. Harkes, Commanding Officer of the battalion.

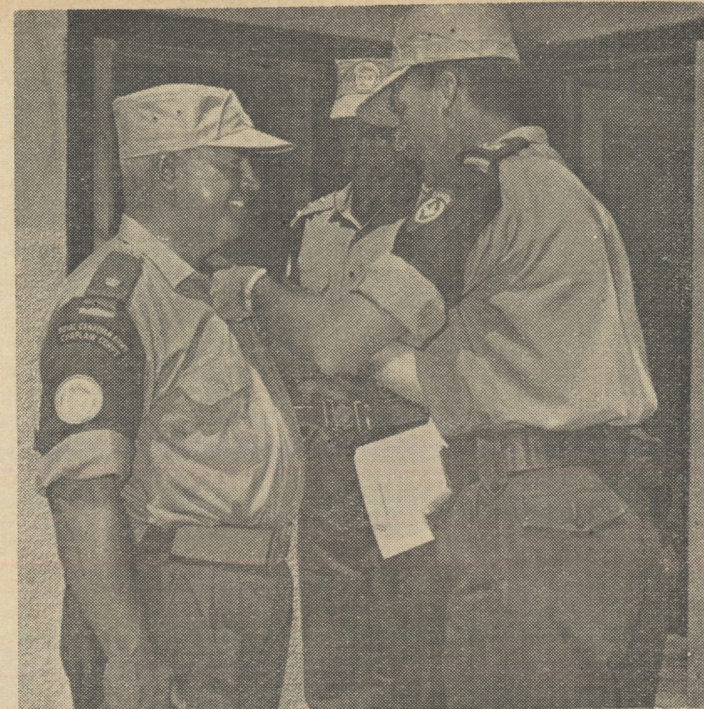
Father Plourde has been associated with the Canadian Black Watch off and on for some 13 years. In 1953 and 1954 he served with 2 RHC on UN duty in Korea. In 1964 and 1965, while serving with the 4th Canadian Infantry Brigade Group on NATO duty in Germany, Father Plourde once again had many contacts with 2 RHC which was a part of the same force. In May 1965 he returned to Canada from Germany on normal rotation, but when he heard that the 1st Battalion, The Black Watch were proceeding to Norway on an exercise as part of the Allied Command Europe Mobile Force he volunteered to accompany them. Shortly thereafter, he learned that the 2nd Battalion of the Regiment would become a part of the UN Force on Cyprus in April and again volunteered to accompany them.

He spent one month in Norway, 200 miles inside the Arctic Circle where the temperature frequently fell to -40 degrees, and returned to Canada at the end of March 1966. Approximately two weeks later he stepped onto the tarmac at Nicosia airport where the temperature was 80 degrees and he is still with 2 RHC. In less than one year he had travelled some 20,000 miles — most of it with the Black Watch.

In the Canadian Forces, it is very unusual, and in fact against policy, for a chaplain to serve more than one tour with any particular unit. However, much to the delight of all members of 2 RHC including those outside the Roman Catholic religion, his re-

quests have met with approval. Since arriving in Cyprus, Father Plourde's dedication to his work and his dynamic personality have been constantly in evidence. The renovation of the chapel in Camp Maple Leaf is but one example of his work. He is constantly on the move visiting soldiers in the outposts at their work.

Father Plourde has gained a reputation among the men of the Canadian Black Watch as a "soldier's padre"; a chaplain who would rather be in the field with the men than in an office or a chapel with a roof on it.



Father Romeo Plourde is shown receiving his Canadian Forces Decoration from Lt Col H. J. Harkes MC, CD, Commanding Officer 2 RHC. Father Plourde was awarded his UN Cyprus medal at the same time. He has received a total of three medals while serving with the Black Watch.

DRAMATIK I MELOUSHA



FN-soldater från tre länder stod under bataljonschefens befäl i Melousha. Vid den kanadensiska ferreten ses fr.v. John Heymans, Ontario, Tommy Persson, Södertälje kapten Pentti Metso, Finland, Graham Russel, Nova Scotia, överste Lars Lavén, Teuvo Pöytakangas, Finland och Kenneth Jarnehag, Mjölby.

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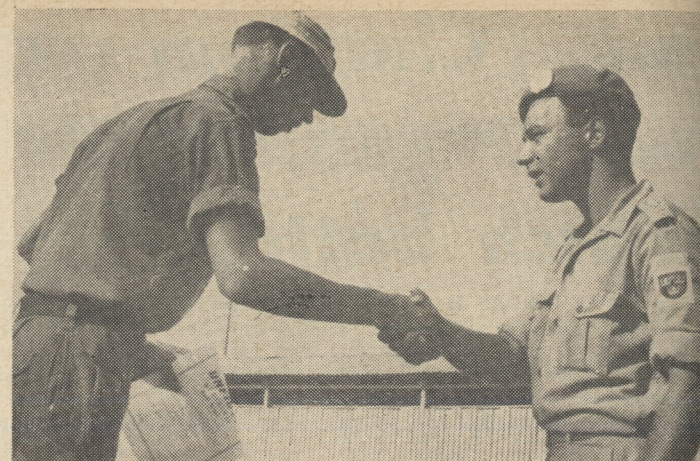


Söndagsmorgon i Melousha. Spänningen har släppt vilket konstateras av bataljonschefen överste Lars Lavén och överstelöjtnant Gösta Streiffert från HQ, UNFICYP. Längst till höger major H. Möller.

"IDYLL" FRAN MELOUSHA



Ivar Eriksson, Köping, Kjell Hagström, Gunnarskog och Roy Gustafsson, Tösse, samtliga från 2. komp tar har en välbehövlig vilopaus under stressen i Melousha



Batpastor Bengt Persson överlämnar här diplommet i äktenskapsskolan till flitige eleven Kenth Nilsson, Vara och STR-komp.

Stort intresse för Äktenskapsskolan

PERSONALVÅRD ÄR ETT viktigt begrepp på en FN-bataljon. Den omfattar förutom ren underhållning i form av film mm, även bibliotek, social rådgivning, leaversor och givetvis kursverksamhet. Sergeant Bo Zachrisson, som svarar för leaversorna, har även varit ledare för en engelsk språkkurs med ca 120-talet deltagare. Det nygrekiska kunnandet har kapten Gunnar Andreasson svarat för och det har säkert för de allra flesta verkat "rena grekiska" i början.

Den avgjort populäraste kursen, som just avslutats har varit den s.k. Äktenskapsskolan. Inte mindre än drygt 150 man har del tagit med största intresse - både gifta och ogifta. 2. komp leder med 65, STR-komp 30 och 1. och 3.komp sammanlagt 50 deltagare. Man har hållit på en månad med en lektion på en och en halv timme i veckan. Enligt batpastorn Bengt Persson som svarat för äktenskapskursens etik, har det hela varit mycket populärt och man kan förmoda att de teoretiska kunskaperna kommer att praktiskt omsättas vid hemkomsten till Sverige. Auditören, major Alvar Leijding har orienterat om juridiken, som inte är minst viktig. Den ekonomiska sidan har belysts av mäsddirektören (vem annars) major Nils-Erik Byström och bataljonsläkaren Sten Jeppsson har naturligtvis svarat för den medicinska-biologiska undervisningen.

Varje deltagare fick efter genomgången kurs ett diplom, som bekräftar hans kunskaper i de äktenskapliga labyrintherna!

CLAES WOLLIN PÅ CYPERNVISIT

Den svenske ambassadören i Beirut Claes Wollin, som också har Cypern inom sitt verksamhetsområde har nyligen besökt ön. Det är ett av hans regelbundet återkommande rutinbesök och han har bl.a. sammanträffat med Force Commander, general Martola samt mr Bernardes. Han har givetvis också besökt den svenska bataljonen och överste Lavén.

DANCON—NYT

fortsat fra side to

HVEM VAR AFRODITE

foraaret og tiltrak ikke alene gæster fra hele Cypern, men ogsaa fra fastlandet. Festen varede tre dage. Templer og altre var blomstersmykkede. Der var processioner gennem blomstrende haver, og der var musik og dans.

Medens gudsdyrkelsen i begyndelsen havde et alvorligt præg, udviklede navnlig festerne sig med tiden til vilde orgier.

Efter romernes erobring af Cypern aar 58 før Kristus mistede gamle Paphos sin betydning. Dog hører vi, at Titus besøgte stedet i aaret 79, da han var paa vej til Palæstina, og at han følte sig styrket over de gode varsler, der fulgte med hans ofringer ved Afrodites tempel. I midten af 300-tallet beretter en rejsende, at stedet laa hen i ruiner.

... CONTRA



Der bliver medaille - parade den 20 August.



Four recently promoted NCOs, serving with Hqrs, 6th Infantry Group at Xeros, are congratulated by the Unit Adjutant. Pictured, from left Capt H. Crowley; Sgt Liam Murphy (Coy Clerk); Coy Sgt Patrick Moore (Mess NCO); Cpl Joseph Cain (Group Comdr's driver) and Cpl Patrick Gilseman (Tpt Fitter).

Petrol has to be stored carefully in this climate and, below, a new supply for Armd Car Gp, Limnitis, is being transferred to a sandbagged bunker. From left: Truck drivers, Ptes Gerard Brennan and Thomas Flynn of Hqrs Coy and Tpr Thomas Herlihy, Arm Car Gp.

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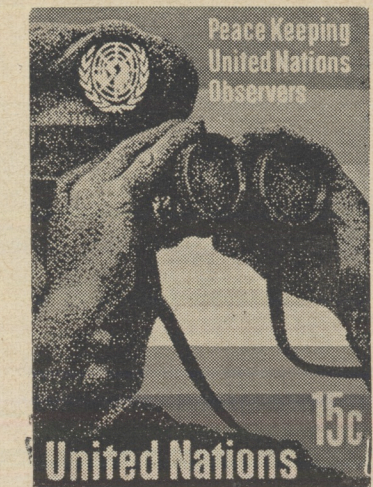
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Many of the OPs are on remote hilltops, accessible only on foot or by helicopter, and the question of supplying the daily needs of the OP party is a problem which is here solved by donkey power. From left: Ptes Christopher Lynch and Thomas Whelan of B Coy, together with the owner, assist the donkey to carry jerrycans of water up a steep slope.

PHILATELIC CORNER



NEW STAMP

HONOURS UN

OBSERVERS

THE UNITED NATIONS Postal Administration announced at UN Headquarters last week that it will issue a new commemorative stamp on 24th October 1966, to pay tribute to United Nations Observers.

The stamp, designed by Mr. Ole Hamann (Denmark), will be printed by Courvoisier, S.A., Switzerland, in photogravure (golden brown, blue and green). It will be printed in one denomination of 15-cents, in a quantity of 2,000,000, and will measure 26 mm. horizontally x 36 mm. vertically, perforation to perforation. Further details about the stamp will be released approximately six weeks before the day of issue.

United Nations Military observers are auxiliary personnel, placed at the disposal of the United Nations on a loan basis by Member Governments, at the express request of the Secretary-General of the United Nations. They represent many nationalities, thus comprising a truly international group.

● The "United Nations Special Fund" stamp, which was issued on 27 December 1965, had its last day of sale on 25 July 1966.

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

● The 15-cent ICY (International Cooperation Year) stamp, issued on 26 June 1965, was sold out on 19 April 1966.

● Don't forget: UN postulation, are available at UNFICYP Headquarters, Nicosia, main hangar, through Min Han, in the Secretariat sege stamps, currently in circulation.



COMBINED OPERATION
—On 23/24 July, an inter-communal incident at Melousha threatened to take on more serious proportions. UNFICYP quickly moved in to interpose itself and avoid a possible recurrence of fighting. In this operation, within UNFICYP Famagusta Zone where the Swedish Contingent is deployed, UNFICYP men belonging to SWECON, FINCON and CANCON worked together as a combined operation under the Zone command. Shown above, left to right: Major J.A. St. Aubin, CO of "B" Squadron, VIII Canadian Hussars; Colonel Lars Lavén, CO Famagusta — UNFICYP Zone; Captain Pentti Metso, CO of the FINCON rifle platoon on the spot; and Major Yngve Ekman, COS, SWECON. In the background, Famagusta Zone chief logistics officer, Major Bengt Landström.

ISRAELI PRESIDENT VISITS UN HEADQUARTERS

The President of Israel, Zalman Shazar, paid an official visit to United Nations Headquarters on Monday, 1 August, where he had private talks with the Secretary-General, U Thant, and was the Secretary-General's guest at lunch.

President Shazar was accompanied on his visit by the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations, Michael S. Comay, and by Colonel Arie Raz, Aide de Camp.

MOSCOW TALKS

U Thant discusses Viet - Nam, Disarmament and other points with Soviet leaders

UN SECRETARY-GENERAL U Thant discussed Viet-Nam, disarmament, and other international problems with Soviet leaders in the course of a five-day visit to the U.S.S.R. last week.

U Thant arrived at the Moscow airport Monday afternoon, 25 July. In a brief statement to reporters, he recalled his previous visit to the Soviet Union two years ago.

"The international situation then was not as bleak as it is today," he said, "although even then there were portents of a gathering storm. Today, the atmosphere is fraught with many dangerous possibilities."

At a dinner in the Secretary-General's honour that night, the acting Foreign Minister, Mr. Kuznetsov, reaffirmed his country's support for a strong and effective United Nations and for the maintenance of peace in accordance with the UN Charter. In his remarks, U Thant spoke of the yearning of the Viet-Nameese people for peace and independence free of any outside interference.

The following day, U Thant conferred with Premier Kosygin for close to three hours on Viet-Nam, disarmament, and European problems. The talks started in Mr. Kosygin's Kremlin office and continued over the lunch given by the Premier in Kathrin Hall, also in the Kremlin.

In toasting his guest of honour, Mr. Kosygin praised U Thant's efforts for world peace and hoped the Soviet Government would be able to welcome him again in Moscow as UN Secretary-General. U Thant thanked Mr. Kosygin for his sentiments, spoke of the difficulties of the Secretary-General and wished the Soviet Unions' people peace and prosperity.

U Thant's term of office expires in November. He has said that he would make a statement

before the end of August on his availability for further service. The United States, Great Britain, and France — as the Soviet Union, permanent members of the Security Council — have already expressed their hope that U Thant would continue as Secretary-General.

On last Wednesday, U Thant had further talks with Mr. Kuznetsov, visited Moscow University, and dined at the Burmese Embassy. That night he went to Leningrad by train for a one-day visit, and then flew back to Moscow on Thursday evening. Originally, he was to leave for New York on Friday, but put off his departure by 24 hours to facilitate talks with Mr. Brezhnev, First Secretary of the Communist Party.

U Thant conferred for an hour and a half with Mr. Brezhnev. Problems discussed were Viet-Nam and UN affairs, including the question of U Thant's availability for a second term as Secretary-General.

Later, the Ukrainian and Byelorussian foreign ministers, Mr. Belokolos and Mr. Gurinovich, discussed UN matters with the Secretary-General at his residence.

U Thant flew back to New York on Saturday.

UNFICYP CONTRIBUTION FROM LUXEMBOURG

Following is the text of a note verbale, dated 25 July, received by the Secretary-General, U Thant, from the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations, regarding the costs of the United Nations Forces in Cyprus (UNFICYP):

"The Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to inform him that the Government of Luxembourg will, within a few days, make a voluntary contribution of \$5,000 towards the financing of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus for the eighth period (26 March to 26 June 1966)."

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SYRIA-ISRAEL DISPUTE: SECURITY COUNCIL MEETS

Security Council continued consideration of draft resolution, sponsored by Jordan and Mali, condemning Israel's recent air attack on irrigation project near Jordan river. On Monday, USSR and Nigeria voiced support for resolution, but other speakers, while stating use of force inadmissible even under provocation said purpose of peace would not be served by condemning Israel. Noting Israel's charges of sabotage raids conducted from Syrian territory, speakers stressed need for fully using available UN Armistice machinery.