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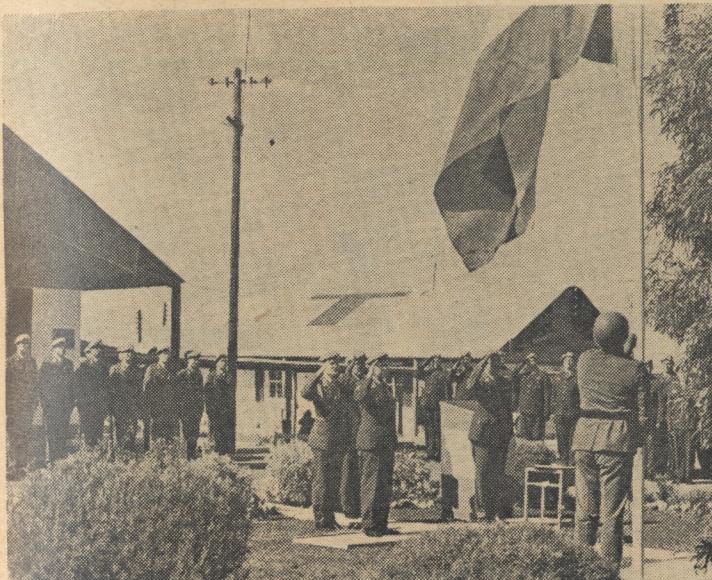


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AUSTRIANS MARK DATE



NATIONAL DAY — Austrians serving with the United Nations Force in Cyprus observed on 26 October, the anniversary of their National Day marking the end of post-war military occupation. The main ceremony was held at the Austrian Field Hospital (see photo, above) where the Force Commander, Lt Gen A.E. Martola, joined the Austrian elements in rendering tribute to the Austrian national colours. In the photo, left, the Force Commander, accompanied by Col. Robert Wech, Austrian Field Hospital CO, and Maj. B. Beier, Commander of the Austrian UNFICYP Civilian Police element, review an honour guard.



BELGIUM CONTRIBUTION TO UN FORCE COSTS

Belgium is making a voluntary contribution of 11 million Belgian francs to help offset the operation costs of the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

In a letter sent to the Secretary-General, U Thant, dated 19 October, Belgium informed the United Nations that her contribution should be apportioned earmarking six million francs for the ninth period of operation of UNFICYP, and five million for the

tenth and eleventh periods (27 December 1966 to 26 December 1967).

In making this contribution, Belgium said it wishes to emphasize that it intends to "reserve its position with regard to any future participation in the financing of UNFICYP, if it should appear that the interested parties do not demonstrate the will to reach a negotiated solution within a reasonable period of time."

UN AGREEMENT SOUGHT IN MIDDLE EAST CRISIS

The ten non-permanent members of the 15-nation UN Security Council continued private consultations at UN Headquarters in New York this week in an effort to achieve preliminary agreement on a draft resolution for Security Council action on the Middle East.

Discussions have centered on the possible appointment of a U.N. mediator and alternative proposals have been put forward regarding the mandate that such a mediator would have.

The UN Secretary-General, U Thant, answering questions from press correspondents over the week-end, indicated he did not feel an effective compromise was likely to be reached which would enable the Council to act in the immediate future. He suggested that, if this were the case, some members of the UN General Assembly might request a full-scale Assembly debate on

the Middle East situation, perhaps even this week.

Last week, the Security Council unanimously condemned recent cease-fire violations in the Middle East and demanded strict compliance with its resolutions ending last June's Arab-Israeli hostilities. Action taken by the Security Council followed a two-day debate on last week's Israeli-U.A.R. artillery clash in the Suez area — with reported heavy damage to Egyptian oil and other installations — as well as on the previous week's naval incident during which an Israeli destroyer was sunk by U.A.R. missiles.

CAMEROON CHIEF OF STATE AT U.N.

The President of Cameroon, H.E. Ahmadou Ahidjo, visited United Nations Headquarters in New York last week.

On this occasion, the UN Secretary-General, U Thant, was host at a luncheon in his honour which was attended by the President of the General Assembly, Mr Cornelius Manescu, other officers of the current session of the General Assembly, and a number of United Nations officials.

MANDATORY ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA, URGED

Last week the Dependent Territories Committee of the UN General Assembly currently meeting at UN Headquarters in New York with the participation of the 122 Member States of the Organisation, called for total and mandatory sanctions, backed by force, against the illegal Southern Rhodesia regime.

The Committee accepted a resolution which also urged the United Kingdom to expel South African armed forces from Rhodesia and secure the release of African nationalists detained there, by 90 votes to 2, with 18 nations abstaining. South Africa and Portugal voted against.

Among the 18 nations that abstained were the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada, France, the Scandinavian countries and other Western nations.

Before the resolution was voted, the United Kingdom restated its contention that economic san-

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EN DAG MED EN VAGTSOLDAT



Blue Beret har prøvet at følge noget af en vagtsoldats dag. Det gik ud over KS 695217 L. Nielsen, BV, fra Alfas støttedeling.



Dagen starter med opkald kl. 0500 og derefter personlig soignering og morgenspising. Lidt før 0800 trædes der an og lades våben, da vagtdøgnet går fra 0600. Delingen bestriber to vagter forskellige steder samt en telefonvagt, til den fjernehed beliggende vagt har man en cykle til rådighed.



Derefter er der til kl. 0900 nok at gøre med at rydde op, vaske gulv-



pudsé våben-



Breve er gode at få-



Men de skal besvaras!



-og spille kort med KS 543465 B.C. Jensen (i midten) og KS 698768 B. Larsen (th.)



Kl. 0900 er de vagter, der skal tiltræde kl. 1000, nødt til at spise frokost for at være klar til tiden.



- og der blev endda tid til lidt bordtennis.



Så er alvoren der.

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FULL RULLE PÅ 39: AN!

Förberedelserna är slut - arbetet har börjat. Sedan torsdagen den 26 oktober 1100 är det bataljon 39 C som har ansvaret för Famagusta Zone.

38:orna har gjort sitt. När veterarna överlämnade fanan - det är vaktplutonens chef, kapten Sverre Hofgaard som tar emot den på bilden - överlämnade de också en mängd erfarenheter som det gäller för oss att förvalta.

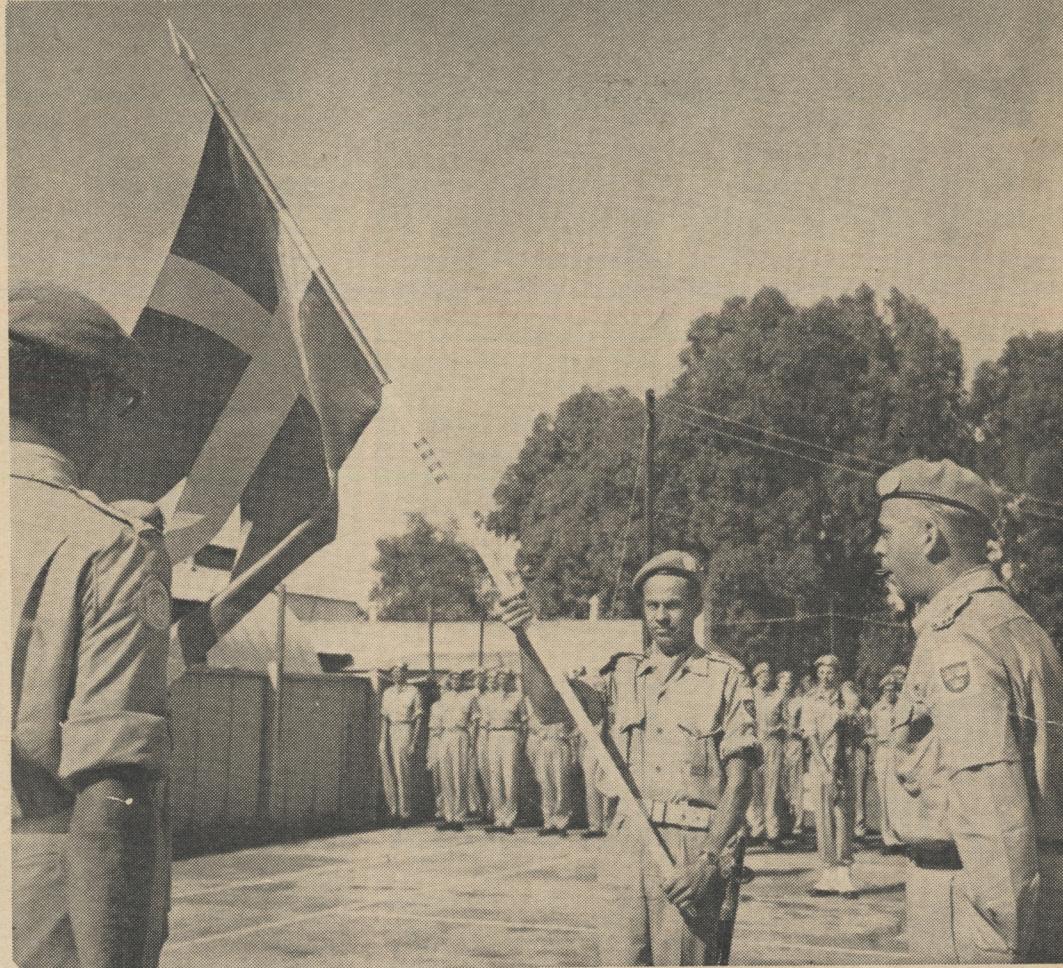
Tack vare det arvet har vi chansen att göra ett ännu bättre jobb än våra företrädare!

SWEDCON NEWS



En snabbtitt på bataljonen visar också att det sannerligen råder full fart på alla verksamhetsområden. Allt är kanske ännu inte perfekt, inte finslipat i alla detaljer men det bör inte ta många dagar till innan allt klaffar.

Skall vi komma överens om en sak? Hugger vi alla i litet extra och med extragott humör så kommer de närmaste sex månaderna att bli bra månader. För oss. För Förenta Nationerna. Och för Cypern.



Alla är välkomna som medarbetare!



Meningen med den här svenska sidan i Blue Beret är inte att den skall konkurrera med bataljonens egen tidning Cypressen. En sak har BB och Cypressen gemensamt - båda behöver medarbetare.

Alltså hör gärna av Dig. Med kritik och ännu heller med uppslag och tips. Kontakta stabsredaktören, dra Dig inte för att berätta för stabsfotografen om platser och män stabsfotografen om platser och män i bataljonen som är värdar i bild.

Ju fler medarbetare vi får, desto hyggligare kan vi göra våra FN-tidningar! Vi kan naturligtvis inte svälja alla uppslag. Det finns vissa regler, precis som hemma i Sverige, vad vi kan skriva om och inte. Men låt oss diskutera saken.

Vet Du inte telefonnummern till bataljonens pressmän så kan säkert kompani-expeditionerna hjälpa Dej

Bara glada miner trots 1001 prylar i trunken — Jan Magnell, Hudiksvall, Karl Gustav Nordin, Mariedam, Närke och överfurir Sten Erik Oeberg från Sollefteå flyttar in. (Konstig stävning? Det är bara saettaren som inte är fin på svenska...)

COLONEL COMMANDANT ROYAL SIGNALS VISITS 644



On Saturday 28th October, the Colonel Commandant Royal Signals, Brigadier R.H.E. Robinson C.B.E., E.R.D. visited CSO Branch HQ UNFICYP, and also inspected 644 Signal Troop. Brigadier Robinson was welcomed by the CSO HQ UNFICYP Lt Col Robert Wythe and after inspecting members of 644 Signal Troop, was conducted round the communications centre where he spoke to duty personnel on shift.

BRITCON NEWS

Humorous interlude — Brigadier Robinson has a laugh with Sgt Rick Cousins who is DSO in the Comcen.

MAJOR GENERAL T.H.F. FOULKES C.B., O.B.E., VISITS UNFICYP

During a recent visit to the provements to living accommodation in the nearby OP's in preparation for the coming winter, the Representative Commandant Royal Engineers also paid a visit by Lt Col S.H. Clark, Chief Logistics Officer and Lt J. Crow who to the United Nations RE detachment based at Kophinou, where commands the Royal Engineers detachment.

Being briefed on Tango Hill OP. Cpl Dare 1 DWR, indicates points of interest to General Foulkes. On the left are Lt Col Clark and Lt Crow (nearest camera).



UN MEDALS PRESENTATION

At a simple ceremony at HQ UNFICYP on Wednesday 25th October, the Chief Signal Officer Lt Col A. R. Wythe presented United Nations Medals to twenty members of 644 Signal Troop who have completed more than three months service with the UN Force in Cyprus.

The parade was Commanded by Lt R. Ewens R. Sigs who completes his tour on the 20th November and will be assuming an appointment in 2 Division Signal Regiment in Lubbecke.

Receiving his medal from Lt Col Wythe is Lcpl Charles Morley who comes from Durham. On his right is Cpl Mallory, while in the background is Lt Ray Ewens who was also presented with his medal.



Inspecting the Teleprinter room the Colonel Commandant pauses for a word with Lcpl Stephen Watson who is a shift Superintendent.



Military Police on duty in Xeros. (L to R) CS James Barron, senior NCO Military Police Section, 9 Inf Gp, and Sgt Mick Doyle.

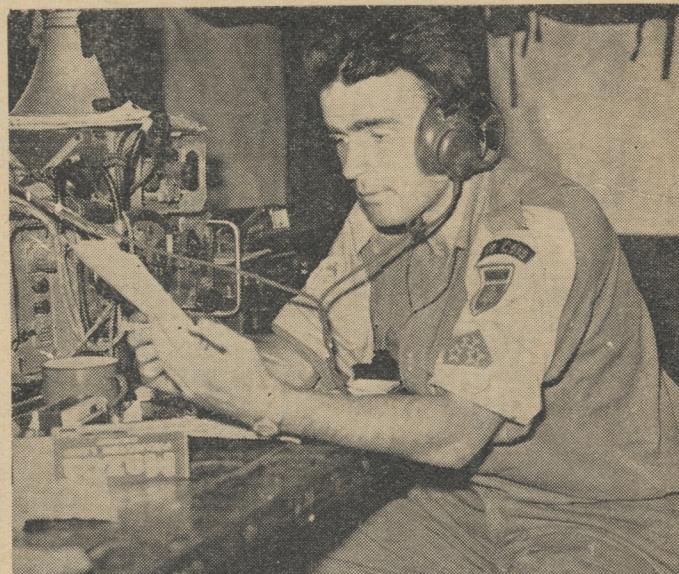
IRCON NEWS



The joys of motoring. Pte J. Ryan changing a landrover wheel. During his service with UN he has changed many a wheel in the Congo and Cyprus.



UNFICYP Military Police being briefed at Wolseley Barracks Nicosia prior to going on patrol. (L to R) Sgt James Graham IRCON, Cpl S. Best CANCON, Cpl P. Hargreaves BRITCON, Cpl Joe Rossiter IRCON, Cpl N. A. Peterson DANCON, Sgt S. Lehtonen FINCON, Cpl J. Poulsen DANCON, and Cpl P. Kivela FINCON.



Signalman Noel Mullins wireless operator at Signals Centre 9 Inf Gp Headquarters reading his mail from home.



Pte Thomas Kirwin, Cpl Ronnie Birmingham, transport fitter and Cpl Michael Hegarty NCO i/c transport carrying out the vehicle maintenance check at Limnitis Camp.



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CANCON NEWS

(Canadian Forces Photos)

A Cypriot riding a donkey passes a Fort Garry Horse Reconnaissance Squadron patrol in Kyrenia district. The cars, on a patrol in Kyrenia district, cover about 120 miles each time. Similar scout cars are also used in escorting daily convoys between Nicosia and Kyrenia.



NEW "RECRUIT" — Two Nova Scotia soldiers on duty at a United Nations outpost in Kyrenia pause with their mascot "Tramp." Pte Bernard O'Brien, (left) Halifax, and Pte Robert MacLellan, River Ryan, Cape Breton, are both members of 1 Battalion, The Black Watch, now on a six-month tour of duty with United Nations Force.



Tpr Garry Wood and Sgt Don "Thunder" Storms pause during a long-range patrol into the Kyrenia district. Both are members of the Fort Garry Horse Reconnaissance Squadron which travels about 20,000 miles each month while carrying out their UN duties.



Pomegranates obtained during a pause while on a long-range patrol in the Kyrenia district are enjoyed by Tpr Darcy Lamoureux and Tpr Ed Howard. Both are members of the Fort Garry Horse Reconnaissance Squadron.



ON DUTY IN KYRENIA — Pte Ron Simons, of Bathurst, N.B., (left) and Cpl Matt Billard, of Glace Bay, N.S., keep a close watch on the area surrounding their outpost in Cyprus. Both are members of 1 Battalion, The Black Watch, which took over UNFICYP duties in Kyrenia last month for a six-month tour from 2 Battalion, The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada.



VÄLILLÄ ROVILLÄRIN..

"Viiden kuvan stoori"

Tapahtumapaikka: Goshi Field, ampuimata ja harjoittelualue

Tapahtumaiska: Joskus viime viikolla, lokakuussa 1967

Esiintyjät: Suomalaisia rauhanpuolustajia

Näytökset: -Asemaanmeno
-Asemassa
-Maali näkyvissä
-Ohi on
-Kertaus - oppimisen
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FINCON NEWS



GREEN JACKETS: FROM QUEBEC TO BORNEO

THE 43rd WERE RAISED, IN 1741 AND THE 52nd FOURTEEN YEARS LATER. The battalion's first battle honour was the capture of Quebec in 1759. At Bunker Hill in the American War of Independence the two battalions fought side by side for the first time.

In 1803 the two battalions were together again when Sir John Moore formed the battalions with the 95th Rifles into the Light Brigade. It is from this time that the battalions called themselves the 43rd and 52nd. They learnt fast movement and drill, to take orders from the bugle and high grade marksmanship. This training was put to a gruelling test in the Peninsula War against the French. Many fine feats of arms were carried out in this war by the battalion and to this day the cap badge of the regiments bears the word "Peninsula".

On 18th June 1815 the battle of Waterloo was fought. The 52nd played a decisive part in the battle by charging from a flank on Napoleon's last and final thrust by the French Imperial Guard. The Guard broke and a rout followed.

The Regiment then served in many parts of the world including India in the mutiny, New Zealand, South Africa and Ireland. In the 1914-18 war the 52nd repeated their feat of 100 years before by clearing the Prussian Imperial Guard from Nonnenboschen Wood in an audacious charge and inflicting a crushing defeat.

The Regiment fought in most theatres in the 1939-45 war. The two most spectacular actions were the bitter battle at Cassel in 1940 and the D-Day assault on the Bridge over the River Orne in Normandy. This latter action was in the film "The Longest Day".

There was always jealous rivalry between the 43rd and 52nd.



Incoming and Outgoing Limassol Zone CO's pose for their picture at the airport. On the left is Lt Col Kitson whilst on the right is Lt Col Isles who departs on Wednesday 1st November.

In 1947 the two battalions were formed into the one battalion. Since the last war the battalion has served in Palestine, Cyprus, Egypt, Western Germany and the height of the confrontation in Borneo. In the Army reorganisation in 1958 the regiment formed part of the Green Jackets brigade with the 60th Rifles and the Rifle Brigade. Finally in Berlin on 1st January 1966 the Regiment became the 1st Bn The Royal Green Jackets (43rd and 52nd).

The battalion has spent the last six months as part of the Strategic Reserve at Tidworth in England.



The charming air hostesses of Caledonian Airways who looked after the advance party of the Green Jackets during their flight out, pose for a picture in the reception lounge of the Airport.

UN FINANCES PRECARIOUS, U THANT SAYS

UN Secretary-General U Thant, last week warned that the United Nations' financial situation remained precarious all though no immediate crisis threatened.

Speaking in the Financial Committee of the UN General Assembly currently meeting in New York, he urged fresh efforts to liquidate past indebtedness for peace-keeping operations, place future undertaking on a sound financial basis, and arrest recurring budgetary deficits.

U Thant said that on the basis of the lower of two expert estimates, close to 40 million dollars of new voluntary contributions would be needed to restore UN solvency. Continuous and growing deficits, he said, placed unfair burdens on nations who had contributed men and materiel for UN peace-keeping operations in the past and the present, as they could not be reimbursed for the extra costs they had incurred.

The Secretary-General introduced the UN budget estimates for 1968. They run at 141.5 million dollars, an increase of 12.3 million dollars over the 1967 figure. Additional funds would largely go for additional staff in the economic and social fields.

UN SCIENTIFIC PANEL DRAWS GRIM PANORAMA OF ATOMIC WARFARE

A distinguished panel of scientists reported last week that any recourse to atomic weapons could readily get out of hand and kill and maim untold millions of people, as well as inflict unpredictable genetic damage on future generations."

The report on effects of any recourse to atomic weapons was issued by a panel of leading experts from 12 countries, including the United States and the Soviet Union, and also dealt with the impact of such weapons on the economy and security of nations either acquiring them or further developing existing arsenals.

The experts found that nuclear weapons were an enormous economic burden, that they could be put to little if any rational military use, that at best they served only as a latent and terrible threat to deter other nations from employing them, and that at worst they could end man's life on the planet Earth.

The Group urged that all be done to prevent a wider spread or development of atomic weapons, to cut back existing stocks — and to do away with them entirely and ban their use by the way of a general and complete disarmament.

The report was requested by the UN General Assembly last year. It was unanimously adopted by the panel and wholeheartedly endorsed by the UN Secretary-General, U Thant, who had appointed the expert group at the Assembly's request.

On the basis of the experi-

ence of Hiroshima and Nagasaki at the close of World War Two, and of detailed technical and military studies of what the use of atomic weapons would entail, the panel found that even the most restricted employment would bring about widespread death and havoc through the blast, burn, and immediate and long-range radiation. It also reported that it was virtually impossible to draw a line between the theoretical tactical use of atomic weapons on the battlefield and their strategic employment to kill off great cities and their millions in an instant.

RHODESIA

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citions were already proving effective in damaging the Rhodesian economy. It also reaffirmed its opposition to the use of force in Rhodesia.

Portugal declared it had always remained neutral over the Rhodesian question. South Africa defended the presence of its armed forces in Rhodesia. These forces, said the South African representative, were police engaged in intercepting "terrorists" of South African origin heading south through Rhodesia to start terrorist operations in his country.