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GETTING READY FOR XMAS



Christmas is coming! The Force Commander, Lt-Gen A.E. Martola ensures that this year's plum puddings have a good mix of mature Cyprus sunshine products. Seen pouring the brandy is the youngest soldier in HQ UNFICYP Dvr George Cook from Ramsgate, Kent, who is a clerk with 65 Sqn RCT. Technical supervision is being effected by Mr Carlos Georgiou, and Sgt Jack Green ACC. The third cook's hat belongs to Pte Michael Dick, ACC of Peterborough, who celebrated his 21st birthday only 10 days ago. Carlos has been an Army cook for 13 years of which some time was spent in Aden.

UN ASSEMBLY HAILS BIRTH OF SOUTHERN YEMEN REPUBLIC

THE UN General Assembly, currently meeting at UN Headquarters in New York with the participation of all 122 States members of the Organisation, last week wished Aden peace and prosperity

upon its accession to independence as the People's Republic of Southern Yemen following 126 years of British rule.

Expressing hope that South Arabia would consolidate its independence in unity and harmony, the Assembly reaffirmed the unity and territorial integrity of the whole territory, including Perim and other off-shore islands and spoke out against any action aimed at disrupting it.

Taking exception to reference of the islands, Great Britain said she had just taken decisions based on the expressed wishes of the islanders. Accordingly, Perim and other islands would remain with the new Republic, but Kuria-Muria would revert to the Sultanate of Muscat. A number of African-Asian delegates said this bore out their warnings of British intentions to dismember the territory.

S. YEMEN APPLIES FOR UN MEMBERSHIP

UN Secretary-General, U Thant, received last Monday an application from the newly-formed Peoples Republic of Southern Yemen for membership in the United Nations.

The application was in the form of a cable signed by President Qahtan Asshabbi of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen, which became independent on 30 November after 128 years of British rule.

CYPRUS, GREECE, TURKEY RESPOND TO S.G. APPEAL

Following two weeks of intensive international consultation on the recent crisis over Cyprus, the UN Secretary-General, U Thant, on Sunday last, formally proposed that Greece and Turkey act immediately to end any military threat against each other or Cyprus — and as a first step, promptly withdraw from the island their forces in excess of the limits agreed to in 1960.

U Thant also suggested that — subject to UN Security Council approval — the mandate of the UN Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus be enlarged so as to give it broader functions in regard to the realization of quiet and peace in Cyprus. He thought its broader functions could include supervising disarmament and devising "practical arrangements" to safeguard internal security, "for the benefit of all people of Cyprus". The Secretary-General said his "good offices" would be available for this purpose.

CYPRUS REPLY

Cyprus on Monday last, provided a detailed and largely favorable answer to the Secretary-General's peace appeal which had been immediately accepted by Greece and Turkey.

In his letter, President Makarios said the pull out of Greek and Turkish Forces over 1960 levels should be a 'first step' towards the complete withdrawal of all non-Cypriot armed forces other than the United Nations Force, currently numbering about 4,600 men. Archbishop Makarios welcomed U Thant's appeal for the prompt ending of any milita-



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ry threats in the area. He said the menace against his country — which charged two weeks ago that a Turkish invasion was imminent — had been the main danger to peace in the Eastern Mediterranean during the present crisis. The Cypriot President added that the Security Council should provide effective guarantees for Cyprus' security.

As to the United Nations Force, the Archbishop looked forward to the measures to be taken with its help to establish peace and security for all Cypriots. President Makarios specified that any enlargement of the UN Force's mandate would have to be considered by the Security Council, with due regard for Cypriot sovereignty and past UN decisions. Finally, Archbishop Makarios accepted the Secretary-General's offer of good offices on issues such as supervision of disarmament.

GREECE AND TURKEY

The previous day, Sunday evening, both Greece and Turkey accepted the Secretary-General's proposals made earlier that day, and promised to carry them out expeditiously.

Prime Minister Demirel of Turkey also recorded his full support

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MORE UN OBSERVERS FOR SUEZ CANAL AREA

UN Secretary-General, U Thant, has announced that, following consultations with the Governments concerned, he has begun recruiting for 47 additional UN observers from countries acceptable to both the United Arab Republic and Israel, to serve in the Suez Canal sector.

The Secretary-General recommended to the Security Council last October that additional observers be sent to the Canal sector.

At the same time, he suggested that arrangement be made for UN helicopters and water patrols to supplement ground observers.

In his latest report, he states that consultations with the parties are continuing on these questions.



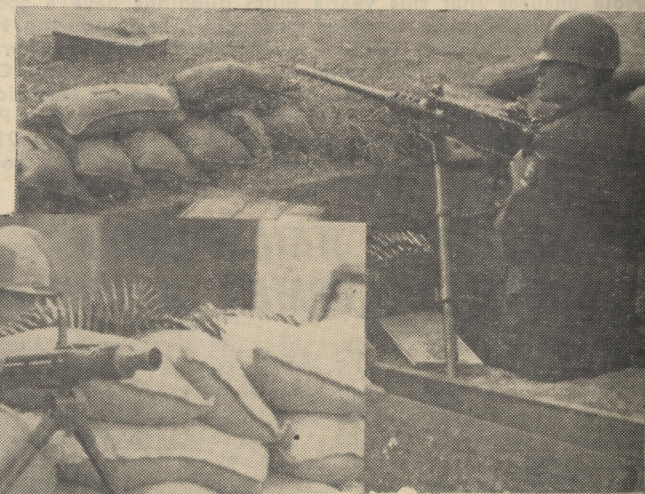
CHEFEN PÅ PATRULJE

Til daglig afpatruljerer spejdervognsdelingen hele området, og i de sidste dage har delingen også patruljeret på den grønne linie. Her har CH/DANCON OL C. J. K. Severinsen med fast hånd taget kommandoen.

MED FORØGET SPÆNDING...

så man hen til udviklingen af den sidste uges politiske uro om Cypern-problemet. Dette førte til mange forskellige foranstaltninger

ved DANCON, idet blandt andet hullerne blev bemandede, og andre sikkerhedsforanstaltninger iværksat



I skyttehullet bag en 12,7'er står KS Mogens Larsen på vagt ved B-KMP's kommandostation.

KS Gunnar Ostensen ved rattet og KS Peter Wulff som skytte har på denne fiks måde lavet deres egen "go-cart" til B-KMP's "udryknings-tjeneste".

SG E. Olsen (Velfærds-kontoret) tager sine forholdsregler mod alle eventualiteter. Eksemplet blev fulgt af mange andre.

DANCON - NYT

ARBETE OCH FRITID

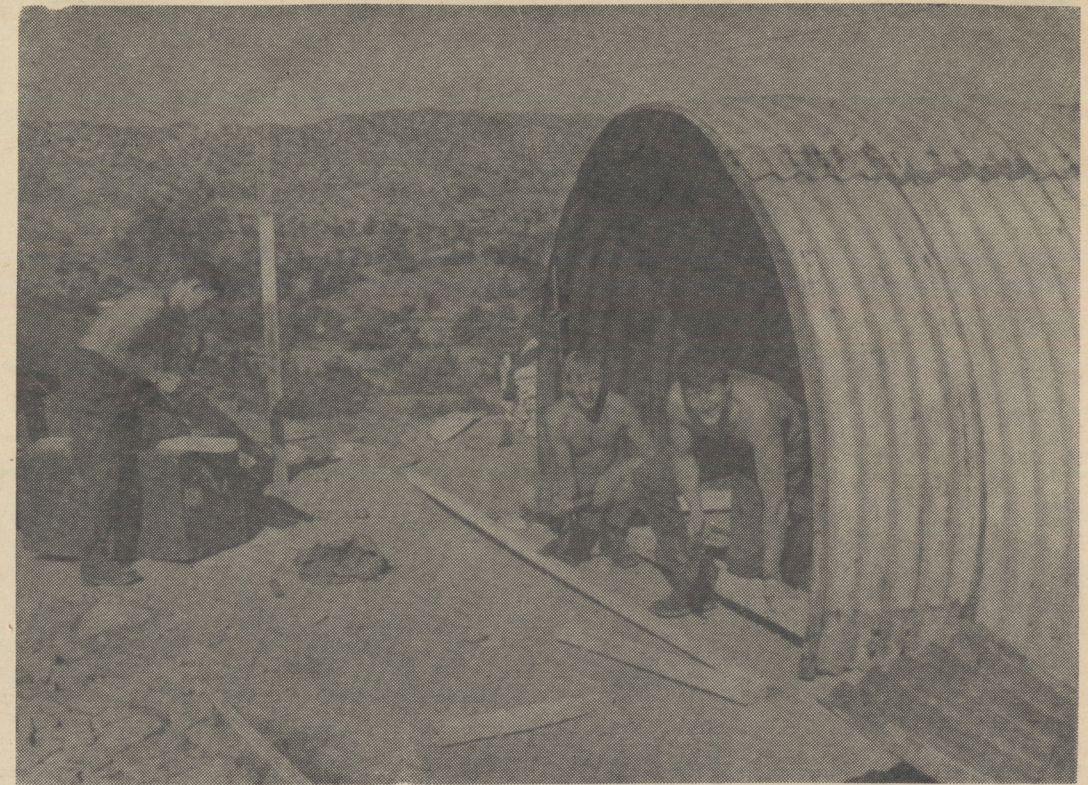
Arbetet på svenska bataljonen flyter vidare. Tjänst och fritid lagom blandning.



Den senaste tiden har måhända tjänsten tagit överhanden mer och mer, men välbehövlig fritid och trivsamma upptåg vill till för att grabbarna skall trivas. Dagens bilder får illustrera temat för denna Beret-sida, Arbete och fritid. Festen på fritid inskränker sig som regel till tårta på kompaniaftenen ja, det är givetvis också fest på våra OP när grabbarna tar fram stekpannan och bjuder varandra på öken-macka.

I det här sammanhanget vill vi tacka alla svenska FN-grabbar som snällt och prydligt ställt upp till fotografering när vi hand gästade redaktörer från Sverige på besök.

SWEDCON NEWS



Från OP 156. Grabbarna som är byggmästare heter fr.v. Tord Viklund, Överklinten, Thomas Wård, Rundviksverken och Lars Johansson, Tidaholm.



Kompaniaften på 1 kompaniet. Lennart Haglund, Vedum, längst till vänster och Karl-Erik Olofsson, Grängesberg, matar rustmästare Åke Dahl i mitten med tårta tillsammans med Tord Nygren, Vännäs och Bertil Rohlin, Falkenberg.



Lt Col M.J. Murphy OC 9 Inf Group being introduced to Mr Rolz-Bennett during a reception in the Officers' Mess HQ UNFICYP on Tuesday 28 Nov, 1967.

IRCON NEWS



"If it don't move white-wash it". Pte Brendan Gordon carries on the Army tradition at OP 3.

Penhard Armoured Cars on Patrol at Xeros. Leading Car; Driver Sgt P. Gleeson, (L) Tpr C. Moore, (R) Sgt P. White. Rear Car; Driver Cpl T. O'Brien, (L) Cpl D. Hogan, (R) Sgt M. Kenefick.



Cpl Seamus Quigley, Lefka, happy with tilt of his maintenance check of a battery charging plant.



Pte Charlie Nector and Cpl Jimmy Kennedy fitting the final section of the shelter at OP 3 in position.



Cpl Kevin Miles from Portsmouth (right) recently section commander on Tower Hill at Ayios Theodoros in a weapon slit which has a commanding view of the village. Lcpl Bob Day from Havant, Hants, is operating the wireless link.



Rfn Malcolm Etches from Mansfield and Rfn Ronald Cummings from Southsea sorting the laundry for the Kophinou detachment — it seems that someone has sent an odd item of kit to cause that grin.

BRITCON NEWS



Pte Tony A' Lee, ACC, from Saltash, Cornwall, cutting a side of beef for the enjoyment of the Kophinou detachment.



Lt John A. Crow, RE hands over the Sapper detachment to 2 Lt Harry Boyle, RE. Every Army Book 74 (Plant Record Book to the uninitiated) tells a story; the binder changing hands appears to be telling a funny yarn judging by the smiling faces. The Sapper troop from 3 Field Sqn RE soon returns to Tidworth and a troop from 8 Field Sqn RE arrived on Sunday to take their place in improving and maintaining the camp sites and OPs manned by the Greenjackets.



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What have we got today? asks Rfn Bill Creamer, the section cook on Water Tower Hill. The answer appears to be Y Compo, yet it also seems to beg the question.

Commanding Officer Fort Garry Horse Visits CANCON

Lt Col D.A. Nicholson, Commanding Officer of the Fort Garry Horse, Calgary, visited CANCON Dec 4-7.

During the visit he met senior UNFICYP officials and toured CANCON facilities. In particular he visited the Reconnaissance Squadron of the Fort Garry Horse, commanded by Maj Ian Galbraith, which is based at Camp Maple Leaf, and accompanied Squadron scout cars on patrols.

Also during the visit Lt Col Nicholson renewed acquaintance with another senior Fort Garry officer, Lt Col W.D. Little, Canadian Forces Advisor to the Canadian High Commissioner in Cyprus.



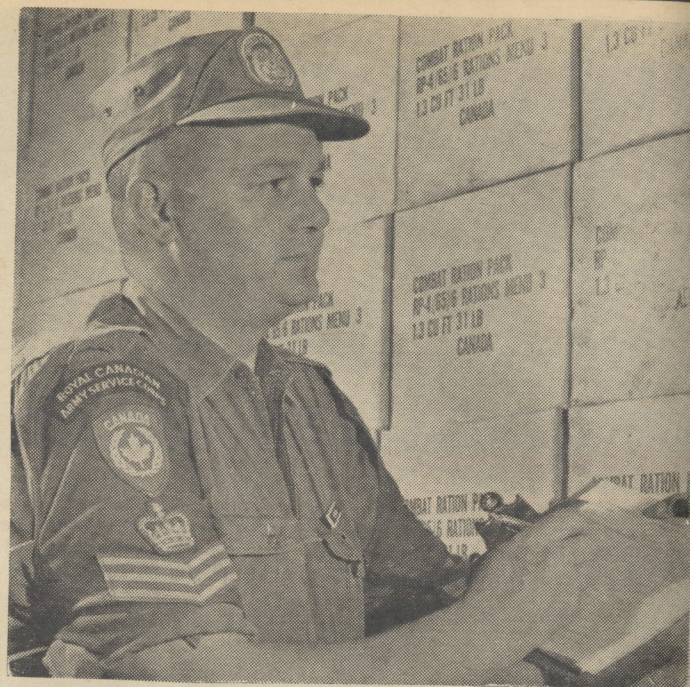
CHRISTMAS MAIL — Cpl Francois Robert, Royal Canadian Army Postal Corps, weighs a parcel for Pte Clarence Trask who prepares to ship Christmas presents home through Camp Maple Leaf. In the background are other parcels ready for shipment.

CANCON NEWS

(Canadian Forces Photos)



HOMESTEADING — Cpl Pete Ryan and Pte Harold Hiscock remove a stump as they improve the road into Pecquin's Hill Outpost. Homesteaders in Canada, however, who carved their homes out of the wilds did not have power saws.



SCORES OF STORES — S/Sgt Leslie Gallagher, NCO in charge of food services for CANCON, checks over the supplies at Camp Maple Leaf.



POINT OF VIEW — Pte Denis Turbide perches on a rock at Saddle Outpost which overlooks the countryside below. Men from 1 Battalion, Black Watch, agree the view from Saddle OP is unique.



RECCE PATROL — Cpl Elwood Lindsay and Tpr Mike Lipp radio their position to headquarters while on patrol in their Ferret scout car. Daily patrols are carried out in conjunction with the Reconnaissance Platoon of the Black Watch.

HOMMA KÄY...

...vai epäileekö joku. Tähän tulokseen on ollut kuitenkin helppo päätyä parin viime viikon perusteella, jos kyllä muutenkin. Puuhaa - välillä jännitystäkin - on riittänyt rauhanturvaamistehtävämme parissa. Mutta niin on elämä taas palaamassa totuttuihin uomiinsa.

Juhlimme siis juuri näinä päivinä viisi vuosikymmentä täyttävää itsenäistä Suomea; muistellemme menneisyyttä, elämme nykyisyyttä ja suunnittelemme tulevaisuutta. Ja niinpä on hyvä muistaa, että meistä on paljolta kiinni, miltä maan ja niin myös meidän oma tulevaisuutemme tulee näyttämään. - Tulevaisuuteen tähyilee myös kuvamme kattovartiomies jääk S Koskela Viestijoukkueesta.

Arkeen palataksemme ja tarkastellaksemme kentällä valittavia tunnelmia valokuvaajamme jääk Puhakainen käväisi Kykon Kartanon touhuja katsomassa. Ja terve poikalapsi kun oli niin tietysti mieli veti koneiden ja muiden vempelien pariin. Niinpä ovatkin sivumme maskotteina tällä kertaa työn sankareista jääk T Haapamäki hitsivehkein saunan-kiuasta rakentamassa sekä jääkärit M Hämäläinen ja J Pellinen Lantikan jarrujen kimpussa. Paljon oli kuulema muutakin puuhaa ja jälki - yleensä - ammattimiehen.

FINCON NEWS



ASSEMBLY SEEKS DEFINITION OF 'AGGRESSION'

The question of defining aggression continued to capture the interest of the UN General Assembly last week as a number of speakers representing different parts of the world participated in the general debate on this matter.

France spoke of the complexity of the problem and of the divergence of views as to what constituted aggression, and said the matter of legal definition was all the more delicate as the Security Council remained sovereign to determine whether or not aggression had taken place. France emphasized that the definition would have to have the support of the vast majority of the UN membership, including the members primarily responsible for the maintenance of peace.

Hungary, Syria, the United Arab Republic and Iraq urged intensified efforts to arrive at a definition, arguing that this would help the UN to identify an aggressor and serve as a deterrent: for example, the US bombing of North Viet-Nam and Israeli occupation of Arab territory were cited as instances of aggression pointing up the need for definition.

Canada argued that the United Nations Charter left it to competent UN organs to decide what constituted an act of aggression, and that the definition would more likely interfere with rather than assist the Security Council in carrying out its functions.

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FROM CONGO TO CYPRUS



HAPPY REUNION. An unexpected and pleasant reunion occurred in Cyprus during the recent visit here of Mr Jose Rolz-Bennett, UN Under-Secretary for Special Political Affairs. Serving with the Irish Contingent Limnitis Company is Cpl Rolf Coffey (above) who was Mr Rolz-Bennett's driver when the latter was on mission with the UN Operations in the Congo. Small world!

UN POLITICAL COMMITTEE CALLS FOR NEW ANTI-NUCLEAR STEPS

The Main Political Committee of the 122-nation UN General Assembly currently meeting at UN Headquarters in New York, last week called for further and urgent consideration of the question of the banning of use of atomic weapons.

The Committee asked that the Soviet draft Convention and any other proposals be taken up in an international conference, in the 18-nation Geneva Disarmament Committee, or in direct negotiations between States. A resolution with these provisions, sponsored by the Soviet Union and nine other States, was adopted by 56 in favor, none against, and 33

abstentions.

In the last group of votes were those of the three Western nuclear Powers—the United States, Great Britain and France. They hold that, in the absence of effective and supervised nuclear disarmament, the prohibiting of the use of atomic weapons would be unrealistic, would compromise mutual deterrence, and would foster dangerous illusions. The Soviet position is that such a ban would be of definite value in itself—the Geneva accord against poison gas and germ warfare being a precedent — and would also facilitate further disarmament progress.

CYPRUS CRISIS

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for enlarging the mandate of the United Nations Force in Cyprus and enabling it to supervise disarmament. This, he said, should extend to all forces constituted since 1963. The Turkish Prime Minister said general disarmament was indispensable for the security of the Turkish Community outnumbered four to one by Greek Cypriots. Mr Demirel also declared that measures urged by the Secretary-General could not affect the validity of existing treaties nor prejudice a final solu-

UTHANT DEPLORES WORLD NUCLEAR ARMS RACE

U Thant, UN Secretary-General, last week deplored the continuing nuclear arms while stressing the great potential of atomic energy in its peaceful uses.

U Thant's views were set in a statement issued on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the first controlled nuclear chain reaction, which occurred in the United States during World War II.

The Secretary-General said that despite the yearnings of mankind and the great efforts within and outside the United Nations, significant progress had not been made towards the ending of the atomic arms race and the eventual elimination of nuclear armaments. He remarked that armories now in existence were sufficient to wipe out the people of the world many times over.

On the other side of the ledger, U Thant said remarkable progress had been made in the peaceful utilization of the atom in fields such as medicine, agriculture, power, and industry — and that the full range of atoms-for-peace was only now coming into view.

INDUSTRIAL SYMPOSIUM OPENS IN ATHENS

A world-wide dialogue between the developed and developing countries on issues and problems of industrialization began in Athens on last Wednesday, 29 November, where the first International Symposium on Industrial Development opened under the auspices of the United Nations.

The major topics of the agenda include a general survey of world industry, with special reference to developing countries; an examination of the situation in key industrial sectors; questions of industrial policies and measures in developing countries; and an analysis of international development.

tion to the Cypriot dispute.

The Secretary-General met on Monday afternoon with the ten nations furnishing units to UNFICYP. A United Nations spokesman said in New York that this was not related to the recent crisis: such talks normally preceded a report to the Security Council asking for an extension of the Force's mandate, the current one expires 26 December.

No date has yet been set for the Security Council to consider the extension of UNFICYP's mandate.