

THE BLUE BERET



Wednesday, 13th September 1967

Issued by the Information Office of the United Nations Force in Cyprus

Volume Five

No. 22

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR



U THANT TO
ADDRESS OAU
MEET IN
KINSHASA

SECRETARY-GENERAL U THANT announced on 8 September 1967, plans to leave New York on 12 September 1967, to be present at the closing session of the summit conference of the Organization of African Unity, which is meeting in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo, from 11-14 September 1967.

He is scheduled to return to New York on 15 September 1967.

U Thant is going to the meeting in response to invitations from President Mobutu of the Congo as well as from Diallo Telli, Administrative Secretary of the Organization of African Unity, and from the Congolese Foreign Minister, as the President of the 9th session of OAU Council of Ministers.

On Friday, 8 September, Dr. Fazil Kuchuk visited one of UNFICYP's camps in the Nicosia area: 2 Company of the Nicosia East District. In photograph above, the Vice President accompanied by the Force Commander, Lt. Gen. A.E. Martola, and Col. V. Rusanen, Commanding Officer of Nicosia East District, tours the camp area; he later met the senior officers of the Zone command and was briefed on UNFICYP's task and deployment in the area.

SOUTH AFRICA URGED TO ACT ON SW AFRICA

THE UNITED NATIONS COUNCIL FOR SOUTH WEST AFRICA has approved a letter to be sent to South Africa asking what measures she proposed to take to transfer the administration of South West Africa to the United Nations Council.

The letter requested an early reply as soon as possible so that the Council might report to the General Assembly session opening on 19 September 1967.

ROAD SAFETY

RAINY SEASON MEANS MORE CAREFUL DRIVING

THE RAINY SEASON IS APPROACHING AND YOU WILL SOON FIND YOURSELF CONFRONTED BY DEEP POOLS OF WATER ON THE ROAD. These conditions cause a number of hazards. If possible you should:

- 1) always wait until the way is clear of other vehicles.
- 2) engage the lowest possible gear
- 3) drive slowly and steadily through the most shallow parts.

Rain always brings problems for drivers. Automobiles are pretty well prepared these days to meet most conditions. The important thing is to adjust ourselves to these changed circumstances.

For example, the business of starting in slippery weather can be quite a problem. Only remember to engage the clutch very slowly, and push down on the accelerator pedal gently. But stopping is even more a problem. First of all begin to slow down at quite a distance from where you want to stop, releasing the accelerator pedal slowly. Press the brake lightly at first and release it almost at once. Then press again and release quickly. In this way, you do not leave the brakes on long enough or hard enough to lock the wheels. By a series of brief, moderate brake actions, instead of one continuous pressure, you gradually reduce speed and can usually stop without skidding.

Remember, treat every slippery curve or turn as though it were going to be a

stop. Approach them using the same system of short, moderate brake actions. Reaching a curve, you are going so slowly that you can actually give the engine a little gas. With a little power turning the wheels, you are not so likely to skid. But it must be a little power, because too much would make our wheels spin and that might start a skid.

If a skid does start, turn the front wheels briefly in the direction the car is skidding. This helps bring the car under control. And remember not to slam on the brakes, because you have no steering control with locked wheels.

UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO RECONVENE

THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON 8 SEPTEMBER 1967 NOTIFIED ALL MEMBER STATES THAT THE EMERGENCY MIDDLE EAST session of the General Assembly, which was adjourned temporarily on 21 July 1967, would be reconvened on the morning of 18 September 1967.

This will be one day before the opening of the 22nd regular session of the Assembly.

The date for the resumption of the emergency session was decided upon by the Assembly President, Abdul Rahman Pazhwak of Afghanistan, following consultations with various groups of members, when it decided on a temporary adjournment, the Assembly authorized the President to reconvene the session as and when necessary.

Meanwhile, nine UN members have called for a renewed debate on the issue of the Chinese representation at the forthcoming regular session of the Assembly.

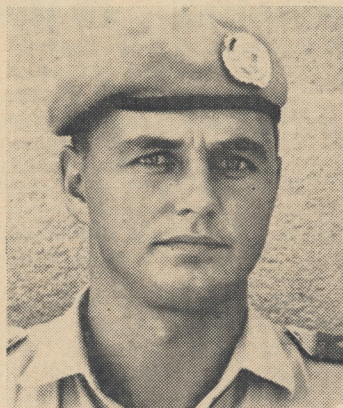
Sponsoring the item are: Albania, Algeria, Cambodia, Congo-Brazzaville, Cuba, Guinea, Mali, Romania and Syria.

DANCON NYT

LIDT OM MOVEMENT CONTROL

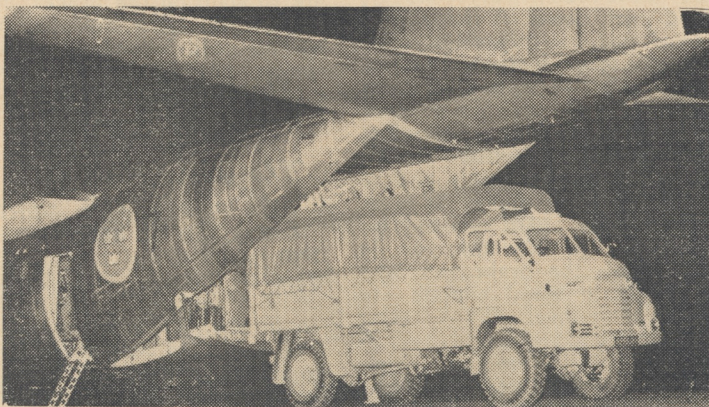
Movement Control ved HQ/UN-FICYP er en af de vigtige, konkrete opgaver, som siden styrkens oprettelse på øen er blevet varetaget af danskerne. Force Movement Control tilrettelægger og udfører rotationer for forskellige kontingenter under nært samarbejde med de respektive transportofficerer. Arbejdet består i klarering, losning og lastning af fly på Nicosias lufthavn samt i mange tilfælde varetagelse af UN-FICYP's interesser i Famagusta havn ved losning af lastning af UN-gods. Holdet består af PRLT(R) M. Steincke, STRR; SG N. Meyer, JTRR; KS O.R. Nielsen, JTGR og KS H.E.S. Pedersen, LG. PRLT(R) M. Steincke fortæller, at Movement

Controls arbejde er meget interessant og afvekslende, f. eks. havde man en vanskelig opgave under minikrigen i JUN, hvor den pludselige evakuering af GAZA-styrken samt mange civile skulle iværksættes. Inden for en tre-ugers periode mellem landede 46 fly, og 2600 passagerer samt 170 tons gods blev ekspederet fra Nicosias lufthavn. Gennemsnitlig er der ca. 15 fly pr. måned, men i denne måned skal både IRCON og FINCON rotere, derpå skal SWEDCON rotere i OKT, så der bliver en del at se til fremover også.



SG N. Meyer, der også har været i Congo i 9 måneder, hvor han også forrettede tjeneste ved Movement Control.

PRLT(R) M. Steincke



Sidste SCACYP kom natten mellem 05 og 06 SEP. Bedforden giver et godt indtryk af C-130's store dimensioner.



Der var ca. 60 passagerer med, hvoraf størsteparten var til DANCON. Her forplejes de nyankomne i Nicosia Club.



Her er to svenske soldater ved at læse noget af den svenske last af.



SCACYP-arbejde om natten er måske ikke lige det mest spændende, men man kan da læse de nye aviser for alle andre. OS B.B. Jessen, STKMP, læser her ivrigt.



AD, PRLT J. Hvidegaard, ses her under instruktion af de nyankomne, der blev hentet af de respektive KMP i Nicosia Club.

En af passagererne var redaktør Viggo Jørgensen fra "Fyensborg Avis". Han bliver her til 21 SEP og vil besøge alle KMP m. fl. og dække den danske FN-indsats til danske og tyske aviser foruden sin egen avis. Vi byder velkommen og håber, der kommer et godt resultat ud af det.



SWEDISH CONTINGENT NEWS

"Personnel"

NÖJESSEKTIONEN

Batstab i bild II



Med lagen bakom sig arbetar audiotören, mj Stig Rosen, här sittande på sitt tjänsterum med lagboken framför sig.



Sektionschefen, mj Nils Holmberg, går igenom några ärenden med expeditionsschefen, fv Anders Bäck.



Bataljonspastor Bengt Erikssons gudstjänster i den lilla kyrkan på Carl Gustaf Camp lockar alltid många åhörare.



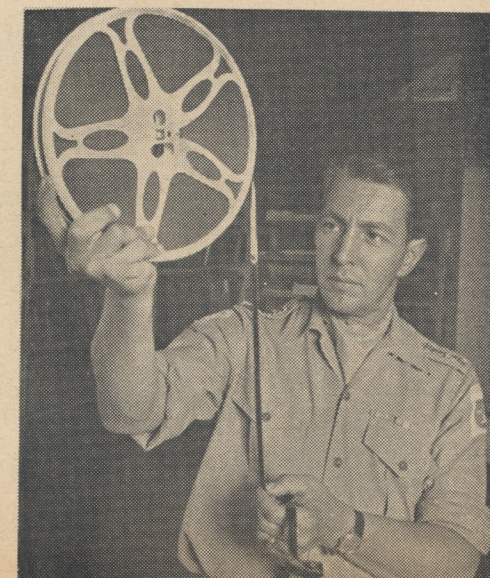
Cyprensens stridbare chefredaktör, Stigbjörn Bergensten, i arbete. Nya sensationella avslöjanden?



Sektionens chaufför och allt i allo: Göran Paulsson.



Med hela världen, nästan, som arbetsfält handhar serg Hans Lindblom bataljonens resebyrå.



En ny film för visning! Bataljonsassistenten, Olle Oscarsson, tjuvtittar på rullen.



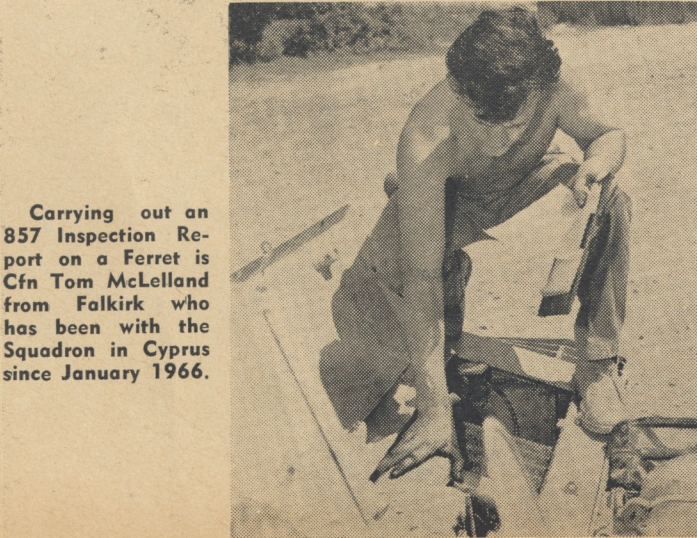
On patrol — Showing the flag on a road near Zyyi are Cpl Bill Sheridan who comes from Newry, Co Down and Trooper John Bishop from Colchester. Cpl Sheridan is in the turret of the ferret armoured car and is acting troop commander at the moment.



Cleanliness comes next to Godliness — Tpr Billy Orr from Belfast hard at work cleaning down his vehicle after finishing his days work.



Paper work is always a bind but inspection reports and vehicle records are a necessary evil — S/Sgt Tim Freeman REME, who is in charge of the LAD, Checks through a vehicle inspection report. Having spent the first part of his tour with 48 Command Workshops, Dhekelia, and six months with A Squadron, S/Sgt Freeman will soon have completed two and a half years in Cyprus. His wife and two daughters are living in Limassol.



Carrying out an 857 Inspection Report on a Ferret is Cfn Tom McLelland from Falkirk who has been with the Squadron in Cyprus since January 1966.

BRITCON NEWS

THE IRONSIDES

OFF the main Larnaca—Limassol road near Mari and situated on the coast is the village of Zyyi, present home of A Squadron, 5 Inniskilling Dragoons whose parent regiment is stationed at Benghazi, Libya.

Most members of the Squadron have been in Cyprus for nearly two years and must therefore be the veterans of the Peacekeeping Force. Our pictures show some of the members of the Squadron at their work.

Vehicles like most mechanical objects require frequent overhauls and inspections and of course require repair when they develop faults. It is here that the REME LAD detachment play an important part in keeping the transport effective.

DOCTOR BERT

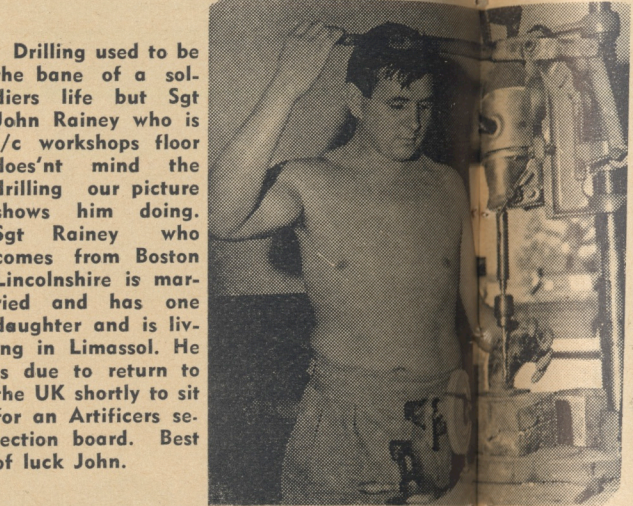
Patching up a cut forehead on a young Cypriot girl is Cpl Bert Kempster from Chertsey. Bert is the Squadron medical orderly and apart from his regimental patients has quite a number of clients from the local population.

UNFICYP "Q" STORE

Seldom appreciated but always in demand is the Quartermaster department of the Headquarters. It is rarely appreciated that most of the equipment, furniture and fittings, essentials and comforts of life are provided through the Quartermaster and his staff.



Keeping an eye on the charging generator is Cpl Peter Lang from Swansea. Cpl Lang is the Squadron Signals Cpl and transferred recently from the Royal Corps of Signals.



Drilling used to be the bane of a soldier's life but Sgt John Rainey who is i/c workshops floor doesn't mind the drilling our picture shows him doing. Sgt Rainey who comes from Boston Lincolnshire is married and has one daughter and is living in Limassol. He is due to return to the UK shortly to sit for an Artificers selection board. Best of luck John.



The "Q" staff pose for a picture in front of the stores. Left to right: Lcpl James Johnson, Gnr J. Riddley, R. Bagley, The Boss Capt Len Horstead, BQMS J. Chapman, D. Mowld, Lcpl P. Spence.

IRISH CONTINGENT NEWS



The OC 9th Irish Inf Group, Lt Col Michael J. Murphy arrived in Cyprus last Wednesday. Photograph shows him (centre) being welcomed at Nicosia Airport by Lt Col J. Beary OC 8th Inf. Group (L) and Lt Col J. Cooney, Force Engineer Officer.



9th Inf. Group Coy Commanders who arrived with their Commanding Officer. (L to R) Comdt J. Hyland "A" Coy, Comdt Michael Heffernan "B" Coy and Comdt Bill Doherty "C" Coy.



Dublin, Ireland's Capital will be the focal point of the Irish rotation. This view looking North shows the principal thoroughfare, O'Connell Street. The River Liffey is in the foreground spanned by the bridge which bears Daniel O'Connell's name and overlooked by his statue. The colonnaded building in the centre of the picture is the GPO.

IRISH ROTATION COMMENCES



The first step in the rotation of the Irish Contingent, which has served with UNFICYP since last March, was taken last Wednesday September 6th. This was the arrival at Nicosia Airport of the Commander of the replacement unit Lt Col Michael J. Murphy. His 9th Inf. Group will take over the Leika area. Lt Col Murphy is a County Clare man, and up to his departure for Cyprus he commanded the 6th Inf Battalion stationed at Athlone on the River Shannon.

Accompanying the Commanding Officer were his three Rifle Coy Commanders. Comdt Jim Hyland of "A" Coy is from Clonmel County Tipperary and served on the operations staff of Eastern Command HQ, Dublin. Comdt Michael Heffernan of "B" Coy is a Kilkenny man serving with the 13th Inf Battalion at Fermoy County Cork. Also from Kilkenny is Comdt Bill Doherty of "C" Coy. He served in his native city with HQ 6th Brigade.

All Company Commanders have previous UN service and one of them, Comdt. Heffernan served in Cyprus 2 years ago.

They were met at the airport by Lt Col James Beary, OC 8th Group and Lt Col J. Cooney, Force Engineer, and other Irish officers.



"Men may come and men may go, but I go on forever". Like Tennyson's "The Brook" so too does the River Liffey seen in an eastward shot from O'Connell Bridge, Dublin. The prominent building is Liberty Hall, HQ of the I T & G W U. It was opened last year. Behind it is the Depot for Provincial Bus Services. The domed building on the right is the Custom House, said to be the city's finest building. It was completed in 1791.

VOLLEYBALL

Last Friday, 8 September 1967, saw a most exciting finish to the CSO's Cup Competition for Contingent Signal's teams, at UN HQ. The semi-finals were decided, Irish 3, Finns 1; Canadians 3, Swedes 0.

Then in a very keenly contested final of 5 sets, the Irish won the first, Canadians the

second and third, the Irish the fourth and the Canadians the decider by a score of 15-11. The CSO Lt. Col. R. Wythe afterwards presented a cup and a set of medals to "Gulfys Outlaws" the Canadian team and a set of medals to the Irish runners-up "St Patrick's Athletic".



Lt. Col. R. Wythe CSO congratulating Cpl Jerry Byrne, the IRCON Volleyball team Captain before presenting medals to his team. Others (L to R) Sgt Don Stone, Lt. Ray Ewer and Capt. No Jones, IRCON Signals Officer.

FINCON NEWS



Perjantaina, 8-9., tohtori Fazil Kuchuk vieraili Nicosia East Districtissä Suomen Pataljoonan 2 Komppaniassa, Ylläolevassa kuvassa Varapresidentti kätelee 1 Komppanian päällikköä, maj Ulfssonia. Kuvassa vasemmalta evl Flittner, maj Yrjölä maj Kinnari, maj Karvinen ja maj Ulfsson.



Avoriviin! Ensimmäinen komppania ampui kovilla Goshissa, josta kuvamme. Ltn Sipari johtaa joukkuettaan.



Kovilla tuntuvat ampuvan myös Krh:n pojat - ainakin mitä päiden asento on tulee.



Suutari!!! Purkamispanosta asettamassa jääkäri Järvinen ja kaitselihaosastona jääk Kiiski, kers Salminen sekä jääk Halme.



Pataljoonan pappi kierroksella - Vantu 1:sta pastori tapasi entisen oppilaansa kers Mobergin.

Korkea Vieras Workshopissa

Tohtori Fazil Kuchuk sekä Mr. Muftizade vierailivat YKSP 7:n alueella toisessa komppaniassa 8.9.1967 rauhanturvajoukkojen komentajan kenraaliluutnantti Martolan kutumana.

Vieraat saapuivat Nikosian Workshopiin klo 10.00. Kyproksen Varapresidenttiä ja kenraali Martolan seurueita olivat vastassa YKSP 7:n komentaja eversti Rusanen sekä majuri Lenkkerin johtama kunniasasto. Kunniasaston tarkastuksen jälkeen vieraat siirtyivät 2. JK:n upseerimessiin, jossa heille selvitettiin YKSP 7:n toimintaa ja jossa tohtori Kuchuk ja kenraali Martola pitivät puheet.

Tilaisuuden jälkeen johdattivat 2.JK:n päällikkö maj Lenkkeri ja varapäällikkö kapt Suninen vieraat tutustumiskierrokselle komppaniensa alueelle. Kierroksen aikana vieraat tutustuivat myös komppanian uuteen saunaan, joka oli lämmitetty kylpemiskuntoon. Tohtori Kuchukin aika oli valitettavasti niin tiukalla, että hän ei ehtinyt jäädä nauttimaan saunasta, hänen oli lähdettävä pois heti kierroksen päättyttyä.

IN MEMORIAM

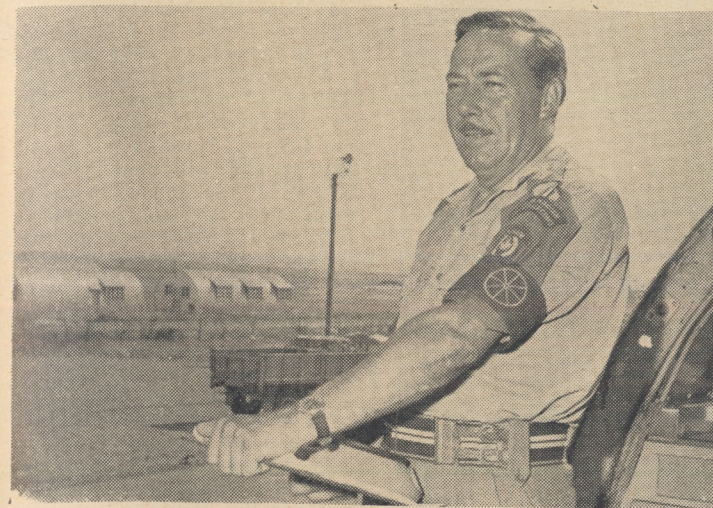
Jääkäri Kalevi Kullervo Kangasmäki kuoli torstaina 7.9.1967 huoltokomppanian alueella tapahtuneessa liikenneonnettomuudessa.

Jääkäri Kangasmäki oli syntynyt 23.9.1945 Pohjaslahdella ja oli naimaton. Huoltokomppaniassa hän toimi ajoneuvokorjaamolla asentajana ja hänet tunnettiin erittäin ammattitaitoisena ammattimiehenä ja hyvänä ystävänä. Seuraavan pataljoonan alussa hänet oli tarkoitus ylentää aliupseeriksi.



CANADIAN CONTINGENT NEWS

(Canadian Forces Photos)



Canadian Contingent Movements Control Officer, Captain Fred Wagner, supervises the unloading of the weekly Yukon aircraft from Canada as one of his many duties.



Beauty Queen RE-VISITED — Cpl Bill Johnston, who won the "beauty queen contest" during the recent Calgary Day celebrations, shows a very un-feminine form during a recent visit to his outpost at the Stampede Corral.



Local Purchase — Sgt Bill Henderson, of the Canadian Contingent Ordnance Detachment compares pipe sizes with Mr. Themis Mikellides of Lanitis Hardware in Nicosia. Bill recently left for Canada after six months in Cyprus during which time he was in charge of local purchase.



Who says that the food isn't good at the outposts? Rifleman Smith at Beaverlodge Outpost proves them wrong with this meal. Included were roast beef, mashed potatoes, tossed salad and chocolate cake. Rfn Smith enjoys cooking and his outpost commanders are usually pleased to let him do most of the cooking in exchange for a slightly easier watch.



Two soldiers of the Queen's Own Rifles watch the Kyrenia convoy as it passes below their outpost at Cliffside. Huge Sunday convoys occur during the summer. The largest this year totalled nearly 300 vehicles.

GLOBAL SUPPORT URGED TO FIGHT ILLITERACY

SPEAKING AT EXPO 67 IN MONTREAL, THE UNESCO'S DIRECTOR-GENERAL, RENE MAHEU, appealed for an international effort to reduce and ultimately wipe out, illiteracy by the end of this century.

He stated that the social, psychological, technical and financial conditions were now ripe for such an undertaking if those who had the necessary resources sincerely wished to help the developing countries in this respect.

Mr. Maheu pointed out that such an aid was definitely declining at a time when an increase was most necessary.

The UNESCO Director-General declared that it was a dangerous contradiction that some nations were able to boast that 30 per cent of their young people were receiving higher education, while in others only 3 per cent of the adult population could read and write.

U THANT BACKS LITERACY DRIVE

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL LAST WEEK URGED A WORLD-WIDE support for UNESCO's campaign to eradicate illiteracy.

In a statement issued in connection with observance of international literacy day September 8th, U Thant said those who participated in this effort would be contributing toward international understanding essential to lasting peace, and toward great economic and social objectives of the United Nations.

UN ADEN GROUP NOW IN CAIRO

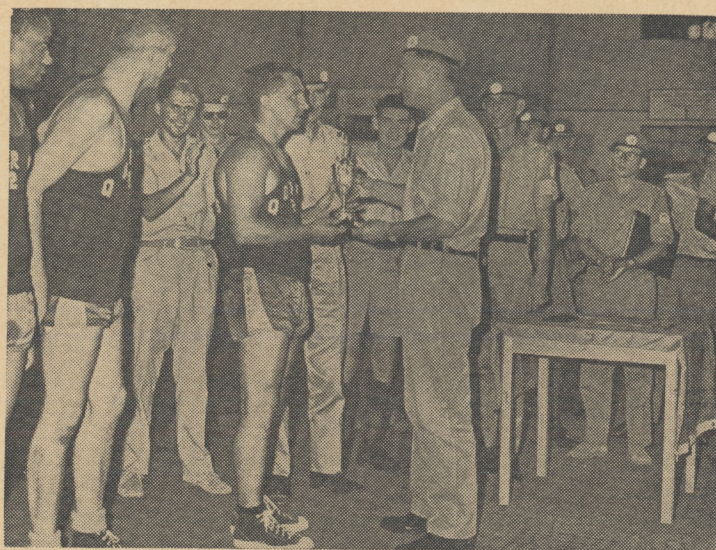
The United Nations Special Mission on Aden went to Cairo from Beirut in order to meet with the representatives of the Front the Liberation of Occupied South Yemen.

The Mission indicated the hope that the representatives of the National Liberation Front would also join the Cairo meetings.



The BLUE BERET is published by the Information Office of the United Nations Force in Cyprus, (UNFICYP)

SIGNALS FINALISTS



Last Friday the final of the Signals Volleyball Competition was played at HQ UN. The CSO, Lt. Col. R. Wythe is shown presenting his cup to Cpl Glenn Wallace of London, Ontario, Capt. of the Canadian team, "Guffy's Outlaws." Partly hidden is Comdt E. Doyle, G2 Sigs.

(see also IRCON news page 5)

WELL DONE!

RAF Pilot Serving With UNFICYP Gets Commendation

An RAF helicopter pilot who made three hazardous night flights to save survivors from the Britannia airliner which crashed near Nicosia earlier this year is to receive the Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air.

He is Sergeant David Russell Smith, of No. 72 Squadron, RAF Odiham, Hants, who was serving with the United Nations helicopter detachment at RAF Nicosia when the Swiss-owned charter aircraft crashed on April 19th, killing 126 people.

Despite a thunderstorm, torrential rain and low cloud, and guided only by his landing light and the burning wreckage, Sgt Smith landed his Wessex helicopter on rough sloping ground near the scene of the crash, his landing light serving as a guide for the RAF Nicosia Crash Rescue Team which was making its way overland.

He then made three journeys to the United Nations Austrian Field Hospital six miles away, lifting out seven casualties in all, four of whom survived. The whole operation lasted nearly two hours.

Each landing at the scene called for considerable skill and determination in the face

of appalling weather, later the extinction of the fire made location of the landing ground very difficult, says the citation accompanying the award. Sgt Smith's skill, courage and determination was instrumental in saving the lives of four survivors whose chances would have been much reduced had they undergone a lengthy cross-country journey by ambulance from the almost inaccessible scene of the crash.

GEN. BULL SEEKS CHECK ON SUEZ CANAL FIRINGS

GENERAL ODD BULL, CHIEF UNITED NATIONS SUPERVISOR IN THE MIDDLE EAST, reported this week that he was undertaking discussions with Israel and the United Arab Republic in an effort to prevent the recurrence of firing in the Suez Canal area.

In a detailed report on last Monday's flare-up, General Bull said that the UN observers had seen two Israeli torpedo boats and one landing craft circling about three kilometers south of Port Tawfiq jetty and that a UAR officer had said that the boats would be fired upon if they came too close to the unspeci-

More on UNFICYP Financial Contributions

In connection with the story published in THE BLUE BERET of 6 September 1967 on the financial situation of the United Nations Force in Cyprus, the estimated costs of UNFICYP to the Organization mentioned in the article — 79,295,000 dollars from its inception on 27 March 1964 to 26 December 1967 — do not represent the full cost of maintaining the Force in Cyprus.

The above estimates do not provide for final repatriation of contingents and liquidation costs (estimated at approximately 610,000 dollars), nor do they include costs which Governments providing contingents to the Force have agreed to bear at their own expense and which, for the six-month period ending 26 December 1967, have been reported as in excess of three million dollars, as follows:

Austria	\$101,500
Australia	\$152,400
Canada	\$744,444 (+)
Denmark	\$223,575
Ireland	\$595,700
Sweden	\$360,000
United Kingdom	\$1,000,000
(+) Exclusive of the cost of normal pay and allowances.	

Finland is also absorbing certain UNFICYP costs at its own expense.

It will be recalled that the Secretary-General, U Thant, has made a fresh appeal to Governments for voluntary contributions to finance UNFICYP. So far, the amount paid or pledged by 49 Governments to cover the Organization's costs totalled 70,449,867 dollars as at 21 August 1967. Accordingly, new pledges totalling 8,845,133 dollars must now be received if the Organization is to be in a position to honour in full its past commitments to Governments providing contingents to UNFICYP and to cover other costs involved in maintaining the Force to 26 December 1967.

fied "Limit".

The report said a UAR position subsequently fired a shell in the direction of the landing craft which was circling while the torpedo boats were stationary and went astern.

The report added that the vessels were not seen at any time heading towards the channel entrance.

A few minutes later, an Israeli tank fired from the eastern side of the Canal at Port Tawfiq and the exchange of fire spread up the Canal area, with the UN officers ultimately succeeding in securing the cease-fire after several hours.

Communications, articles or enquiries should be addressed to:—

The Editor

THE BLUE BERET

WOLSELEY BARRACKS

HQ UNFICYP

NICOSIA Cyprus