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THIS COULD HAVE BEEN YOU



FINCON Observes Finnish Defence Forces Anniversary

The 50th Anniversary of the Finnish Defence Forces was celebrated yesterday with solemn military ceremonies organised by the Finnish Contingent serving with the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

The main body of the Finnish UNFICYP Battalion lined up in front of HQ Nicosia East District in the eastern part of Nicosia at 9.00 sharp. The Force Commander, Lt Gen A.S. Martola, inspected the troops together with the Battalion OC, Col J.A. Jyrhämä.

The Force Commander then spoke to the troops, in Finnish. In his address, General Martola surveyed the fifty-year history of the Finnish Defence Forces and emphasized the new and valuable task they have been called to undertake: peace-keeping within the framework of United Nations operations.

Following the Commander's address, FINCON troops performed a march past which was reviewed by the Force Commander and Col. Jyrhämä from a reviewing position on Lytra Street. The parade force consisted of 36 officers, 76 NCO's and 220 other ranks. The parade music was provided by the 1st Durham Light Infantry Band.

Among other ceremonies

organised for this occasion, was a reception offered by the Commander of the Finnish

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S-G's Special Representative, Force Commander Leav For N.Y.

The Special Representative in Cyprus of the Secretary-General, Mr. B. F. Osorio-Tafall, and the Force Commander, Lt Gen A.A. Martola, leave Nicosia today for a visit to UN Headquarters in New York in connection with the preparation of the report which the Secretary-General will submit to the Security Council before it meets later this month to consider the extension of UNFICYP's mandate. Both UN officials are expected to return to Cyprus at an early date, although it is probable that Mr. Osorio-Tafall will remain in New York until the Security Council meets.

ROAD SAFETY WEEK SET FOR 17-24 JUNE

AN UNFICYP ROAD SAFETY WEEK INVOLVING ALL FORCE VEHICLES will be held Island-wide from 1200 hours 17 June to 1200 hours 24 June. This important event, aimed at reducing traffic accidents and driving offences within UNFICYP, has been organised by the UNFICYP Road Safety Committee.

Defensive driving on the part of every UNFICYP driver is the main theme of the Road Safety Week. In this connection, the Committee has informed the BLUE BERET that there will be intensive UN speed traps and observations carried out during this period. Consequently, drivers are cautioned to drive according to the CYPRUS Highway Code, with particular attention to speed limits in and out of built up areas. — with special care taken concerning the right of way of pedestrians.

Remember, it takes two to make an accident, don't be one of them!

GUNNERS' MARK DATE



Last week the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery celebrated its 113th birthday. To mark the occasion, a special birthday party, with cake of course, was held at the Coeur de Lion Officers' Mess in Kyrenia. The guest of honour and charged with the cutting of the cake was His Excellency T. Wainman-Wood, Canadian High Commissioner (right). With him are Lt Col R.P. Bourne, senior member of the Regiment on the Island (left) and Col H.C.F. Elliot, Commander Canadian Contingent. (Story and picture page 7).

PAULUS I PAPHOS

Apostlen Paulus, ham med brevene og rejserne, var født i Tarsus i Lilleasien, lige nord for spidsen af halvøen Karpas i den nordøstlige ende af Cypern. Han var jøde af fødsel og omrent jævnaldrende med Jesus. Det siges at han var udlært som teltmager, men noget tyder på, at han var af velhavende familie, så han behøvede nok ikke at leve af sit håndværk. Som ung var han tilknyttet farisæernes parti, men mærkelig nok var han samtidig romersk statsborger - hvilket indebar den behagelighed i datidens barske liv, at han var friget for at blive pisket, han kunne ikke udsættes for at blive korsfestet, og han kunne appellere enhver dom lige til den romerske kejser.

I Jerusalem er Paulus glødende anti-kristen, men under en rejse til Damascus omvendes han pludselig, og herefter bliver han vor religiøs første og største missionær. Hans omvendelse vækker stor harme blandt jøderne, man stræber ham efter livet, men det lykkes ham at flygte ud af byen i nattens mulm og mørke ved at lade sig fire ned fra bymuren i en kurv. Flugten går til Jerusalem, men også herfra må han fortrække. Senere finder vi Paulus i menigheden i Antiochia, og det er herfra hans første missionsrejse udgår, og det er omkring år 45.

Han har følge af Barnabas, som stammede fra Cypern. Først tager de til Seleukia, og herfra sejler de så til Salamis nord for Famagusta. Efter at have forknyttet guds ord i synagogerne i Salamis fortsætter rejsen tværs over Cypern til Paphos hvor øens højeste myndighed, den romerske statholder Sergius Paulus den gang boede. Statholderen er interesseret i at høre, hvad Paulus og Barnabas har på hjerte, og han inviterer dem derfor til sig. Imidlertid har statholderen også en stjernetyder og denne forsøger at hindre statholderen i at komme til troen.

Paulus og Barnabas sejler så ud fra Paphos og kommer til Perge i Pamfylia på sydkysten af Lilleasien nordvest for Cypern.

Blandt biblens mange beretninger om omvendelser er dette den første, hvor det drejer sig om en højststående øvrighedsperson, og Cypern bliver således det første land i verden med en kristen statholder.

I nye Paphos nedenfor Ktima står i en indhægning en lav søjle. Den lokale tradition hævder, at Paulus stod bundet her og modtog 40 piskeslag på et nært, men det Nye Testamente, der ellers beskriver liget og få det bjerget i land. Efter formaliteter på hospitalet i Nicosia blev båren ført til Nicosia



Under pressebesøget fra Kolding Folkeblad arrangeredes en udflugt sammen med nogle af befalingsmændene fra detachment Louroujina til bjergtopklosteret, Stavrovouni. På en terrasse, hvorfra man har udsigt over omrent halvdelen af Cypern, blev dette billede taget. Fra venstre ses journalist Ole C. Jørgensen, løjtnant P. Larsen, en af klostrets fire munke, oversergent P.B. Pålsson og løjtnant F.H. Madsen.

TRAGISK ULYKKE

Sidste onsdag eftermiddag modtog vi meddelelse om, at konstabel Rasmus L.G. Gissel fra B-kompaniet måtte befrygtes druknet under badning fra stranden cirka 10 km øst for Kyrenia. En større efterfølgning blev straks iværksat, men uden resultat, og på slutningen af dagen blev det på grund af det hårde vejr nødvendigt at indstille efterfølgningen.

Tidligt torsdag morgen blev efterfølgningen genoptaget. Søen var nu roligere og vandet var klarer.

Det lykkedes ret hurtigt at lokalisere liget og få det bjerget i land. Efter formaliteter på hospitalet i Nicosia blev båren ført til Nicosia



I den sparsomme skygge fra en palme i spejdervognsdelingens område er oversergent H.R. Zoega fra Jydske Dragonregiment ved at instruere i radiobetjening. De opmærksomme elever er også alle droner. Det er fra venstre konstablerne L.S. Christensen "Hurup" fra Snedsted; V.B. Knudsen "Silkeborg" fra Hjerm og H.J. Hansen "Vejrup" fra Tarm. Oversergent Zoega har nu været et år på Cypern og desuden har han haft et halvt år i Gaza på hold XIII. Det er muligt at vor udsendte medarbejder hørte forkert, men på et vist tidspunkt lød det som om en af konstablerne sagde om oversergenten: "Hvad han ved om radiobetjening, det er ikke værd at veid".

Seks regimentskammerater fra B-kompaniet stod æresvagt ved konstabel Gissels båre. Efter højtideligheden bar de samme seks kisten til den ventende Landrover.



TV härnäst?

BATALJONEN PÅ SCEN OCH I RADIO

I veckohelgen fick bataljon 40 C tillfälle att visa sina framfötter under rubriken underhållning, och trots att det inte var tal om någon "allmän mobilisering" av förmågor, så bådar det gott för framtidens. Den kompaniafton som drabbade Carl Gustaf Camp på lördagskvällen var glad och uppsluppen. Glada och uppslupna var även de tolv ur civilpolisen, som hade infunnit sig till Cyperns radio för inspelning av det radioprogram som sedan sändes på söndag kväll.

Civilpoliserna spelade så vackert ute på Cyperns radio, att de kvinnliga teknikerna där helt förlorade sina hjärtan och satt och lyssnade och njöt och lovade förlängning av inspelningstiden bara de ville förtätsa. En röst hördes för övrigt avslöja, att detta var vad Cyperns TV skulle behöva - dvs civilpoliserna sjungande "Vi gå över daggstänka berg..." och så vidare. Säkert var det också många utöver männorna i bataljonen, som sedan uppskattade civil-polisens insats när programmet sändes på söndagskvällen.

Nedan: Det blev ganska packat framför mikrofonen i studion på Cyperns radio, när poliskören samlades och började med sitt program.



Uppvärmning i studion. Anders Jonasson, Kurt Enocksson, Göran Holmberg, Ulf Waxler, Bo Lindeberth och Lårs Gullberg. Ovan: Bo Lindeberth i orgeltagen.

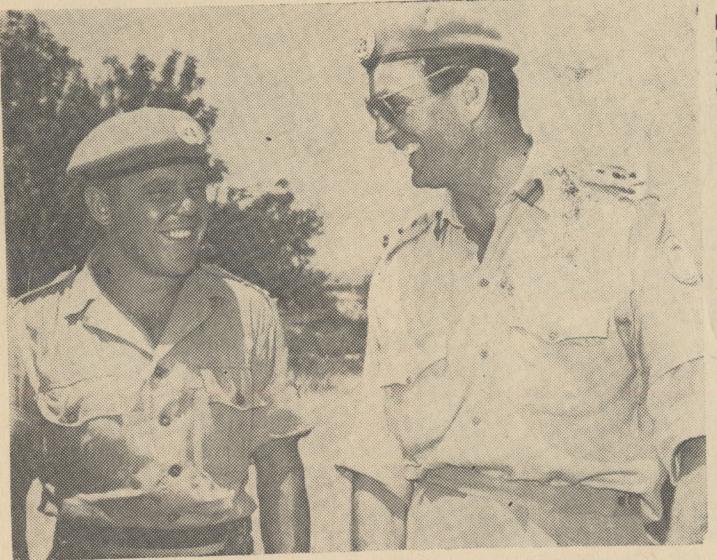


Jan Erik Larsen (längst t h) var programvärd på lördagskvällens kompaniafton. Lars Alexandersson, Bengt Åke Carlsson, Lars Pettersson, Mogens Hellwig och Eskil Gahnström (fr v räknat) svarade för en del av inslagen. Nedan: Och så bjöds det på kaffe och tårtor.



SWEDCON NEWS

COMBRITCON's Farewell to 'B' Squadron



Brigadier Harbottle joking with Corporal Jos Pickering from Distington, Cumberland.



WHAT A WAY TO GO!



Wielding the symbolic axe of the craftsman — so it is understood! — was Sergeant Brian ('Pop') Manders from Todmorden, Yorks, who left for home last week, and whose departure gave a further change of face to UNFICYP Workshop. He was 'towed' out by some of his merry men who were so sorry to see him go that they gave him the soft ride in the bath-chair which Workshops always put into working condition for deserving cases!

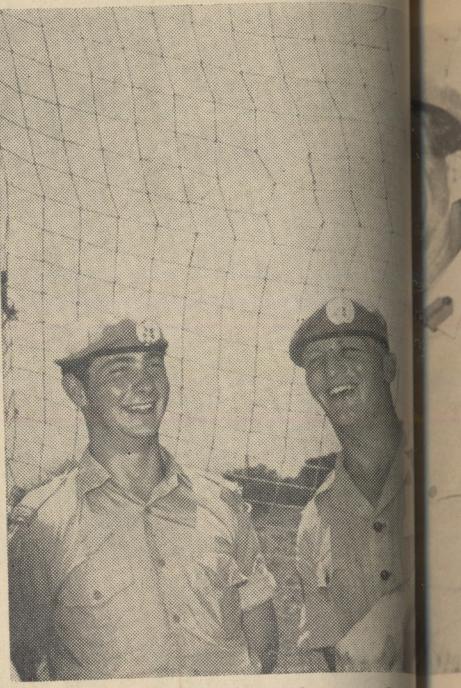
Last week, Brigadier M.N. Harbottle, OBE, as Commander of the British Contingent, paid a visit to Zyyi to bid an informal farewell to 'B' Squadron, 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards whose advance party left for Northern Ireland on Saturday. The main body leaves on Friday after handing over to their colleagues in 'C' Squadron of the same Regiment and whose advance party arrived on Saturday.

The Brigadier saw some of the Squadron being instructed by an officer and some NCOs from near-neighbours, 1 DLI, in infantry drills — strange to the men used to tanks and armoured cars but necessary preparation for battle tests which the squadron must undergo on return to the main unit after leave.

Brigadier Harbottle obviously had some good stories to tell as demonstrated by the smiles in the pictures left and right.

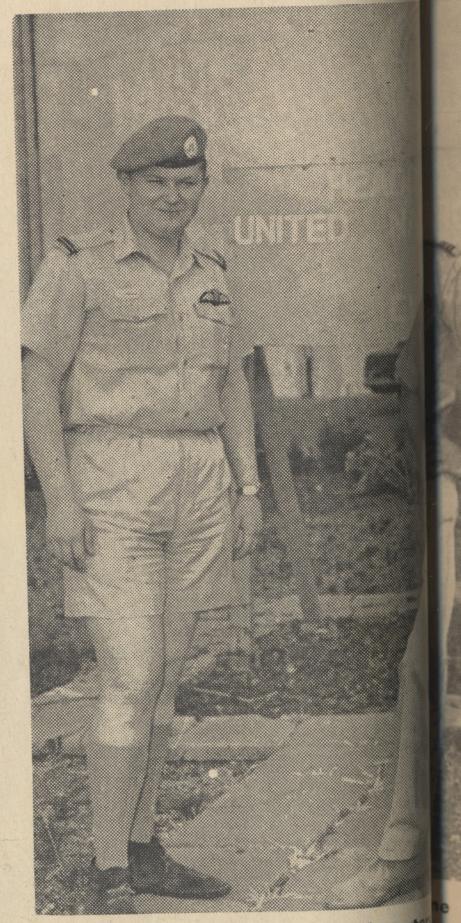
PLEASANTER DUTY

Having a break during their Limassol town patrol — one of 1 DLI's more interesting tasks — and thoroughly enjoying the beverage with the secret ingredient are (left to right) Private Dave Hubbucks from Gateshead, Sergeant John Trotter from Durham City, Privates Arthur Whitelock from Trimdon Village, Co Durham, and Mick Cameron from Thornaby-on-Tees, Yorks.



Having a yarn with the squad un Brigadier Harbottle had an appreciative audience on Corporal Sydney Pugh, 1 DLI, from Newcastle (aper Brian Leahy from Bradford).

BRITCON 'WINGS' CHAAT HEADQUAS



Air Operations in the Headquarters and his clerk, both from the Royal Air Force, saw the officer post change due to rotation to Flying Officer Pat Warne (right) returned to England, having been replaced by Flying Officer Pete Chadwick.

BERET

PIPE BAND BROTHERS

Sixteen years ago, a young man presented himself for enlistment in Cork. He was accepted and trained and in the due course of time was posted to 4 Inf Bn in that City. Because he had been reared in the vicinity of the practice hall of the Old Cork City Pipe Band, the compelling wail of the battalion pipes was a familiar and by now, well-loved sound so he promptly applied for admission and soon was one of its outstanding members.

Such was the enthusiasm of a Nigerian Brass and Reed this young man for his new band in a once-in-a-lifetime found career that four years rendering of the "The Minstrel Boy!"

Another incident that still Another incident that still occurred join the army and the 4 Bn Pipe Band... and so it is possible to present to-day the the band from Goma to Leo- O'Sullivan brothers — Sgt Bill O'Sullivan, who with and Cpl Danny, who with other members of 4 Bn Pipe Band are presently serving with 10 Inf Gp.

While numbering the O'Sullivans amongst its members, the 4 Bn Band has won two of the three Army Pipe Band competitions held to date. It cannot be blamed for not making it three in a row since at the time that particular competition was held, the band was on one of its many overseas trips for Bill is presently on his seventh tour of duty abroad while Danny is only one behind him.

There is no doubt in either brother's mind but that their first overseas trip, that of 32 Bn to the Congo, was the most outstanding and exciting. Bill's first memory of overseas service is of touching down at Goma, shouldering their instruments as soon as their feet touched the ground and playing their way across the airfield. The unusual sound of the pipes instantly surrounded them with such a horde of yelling natives that as he says himself "I nearly swallowed the pipes, bag and all".

He recalled too how, while on a visit to the Irish HQ, the Force Commander, General Von Horn, was so impressed by the playing of the pipe band that he invited it to participate in a intercontinental parade at UN HQ. The invitation was readily accepted and the outstanding moment of the parade was when, without any previous arrangement or practice, the band found it self harmonising with

But there is another honour which Bill O'Sullivan can claim — he is amongst the first group of recipients to be awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, five others of whom are serving with the 10 Inf Gp and of whom more shall be heard presently.

IRCON NEWS

One glance at his orderly well documented stores is sufficient to indicate that CQMS. Billy King has not had an ill-spent youth of which, according to the old maxim, proficiency with the cue is proof positive. How proficient he is, CQMS King proved lately when he won both the billiards and snooker titles in these monthly events run by the members of the WO's and Sgt's Mess at HQ UNFICYP, Nicosia.



DESERT RATS...?



No, just "Allen's Angels" as the landrover drivers of "B" Coy line up for a recent transport inspection. There are (L-R) drivers Pte Dennis Ryan, Pte. Mick Dolan, Pte David Joyce, Pte Ned Murphy and Detail NCO, Cpl Edmond Moore. All except David Joyce have previous overseas service and all are experienced drivers as their accident-free record proves.



Jyry ylittämässä estettä.

FINCON NEWS



KOIRAMAISTA

Tämä on tarina sotakoirista, lähemmin sanottuna Kypoksella rauhanturvaamisesta suoritettavista Suomen kontingentin sotakoirista. Päinvastoin kuin mitä paikalliset rakkat, meidän hyvin koulutetut sotakoiramme ovat verraton apu ihmisiille tällä Kypoksellakin, avustajina vartiointitehtävissä aivan omiaan.

Sotakoiramme kuuluvat tiedustelujoukkueeseen, sen sotakoiraryhmään, joka käsitteää viiden sotakoiran lisäksi yhden kersantin ja viisi jääkäriä, jotka vastaavat koirien jatkuvasta kouluttamisesta ynnä huolenpidosta. Kuten sanottu, koiria käytetään vartiointitehtävissä apuna, ne ovat vartiossa joka yö palaljoonan eri puolilla, yksi aina Kikossa asti. Sotakoirilla ei ole ollut rotaatiota, sillä kaksi niistä, tehtäviinsä parhaiten perehtyneet, ovat olleet tällä jo YKSP 1:sta lähtien. On tärkeää, että koiria tottelee isäntäänsä. Siksi koirien kouluttamisessa kiinnitetäänkin juuri tähän puoleen erityisen suurta huomiota. Sotakoirista puheenollen on myös tärkeää, että ne ovat tarvittaessa äkäisiä, ja myös tämä seikka otetaan niiden kouluttamisessa huomioon. Koulutukseen sisältyy mm. esteiden ylitystä, härnä-

Lare ei pidä siitä, että sitä härnätään. Tässä härnääminen kuitenkin koulutusmielellä. Vaemmalla jääk Nissinen ja oikealla jääk Tiainen, jonka hyvin suojuuttu käsi on Laren hampaissa.



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Kuvateksti sisältyy kuaavn.



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113th ANNIVERSARY

Birthday Party for the Gunners: The place — The Coeur de Lion Officers' Mess at Kyrenia, the occasion — the 113th anniversary of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery. And of course, to add an international flavour to the occasion, the Canadian Gunners invited Gunners from other contingents serving on peace-keeping duties on the Island.

During its 113 years of existence, the Regiment has had a colourful and interesting career. The Militia Act of 1855 authorized the first Canadian paid force of 5,000 men which included seven independent batteries of Artillery.

The Regular component of the Regiment was formed in 1871 when two batteries of garrison artillery were authorized and located at Kingston, Ont., and Quebec City.

To-day these originals are perpetuated by batteries in the 1st Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery.



From left to right: Major Madsen (Denmark), Captain G.C. Murphy (Ireland), Major C.F. Burant (Canada), Lt Col Antti Jarvilehto (Finland), Lt Col R.P. Bourne (Canada), Baron C.F. Wrede-of-Elimea (Sweden) and Major D.J. Redknapp (Canada).

CANCON NEWS
Canadian Forces Photos

This Way?



Two members of the Fort Garry Horse Armoured Regiment carry out a last minute check before getting the daily UN convoy under way between Nicosia and Kyrenia. Right is Sergeant Orrie Whyte and Private Dennis Crocker.



TRY YOUR LUCK

Private Tom Smiljanovic (right) and John Sufferon take a few minute off for a game of horse shoes at Beaverlodge outpost. If you care to take the scenic drive out to Beaverlodge, Tom and John will accept any challenge. For one thing they would be glad for the company.

I NAME THIS SHIP!

A Petty officer is now a Sergeant in the Canadian Armed Forces, but a sailor — even a land bound sailor — still loves his ship.

There are two sergeants, former Navy petty officers, with the Canadian contingent, United Nations forces in Cyprus, and this spring there was a christening ceremony, "VERY UNOFFICIAL" for Sgt W.E. Cardiff's photographer's jeep.

He called upon his fellow sailor, Sgt R.J. McCall, manager of the contingent's ware-

house, for support in the ceremony.

The battered photo jeep, which has done more than four years' service and clocked 65,000 miles, was honorably named "HMCS SWAN", a nomenclature greatly appreciated by the rest of the contingent.



The photograph above was taken during the inter-denominational Pentecost service held at Salamis on Monday last. In it, the Reverend Mathews (RC of IRCON) is seen reading a lesson. Behind him are grouped the padres of the other contingents.

UNFICYP Contingents Join In Pentecost Prayers

Following the success of UNFICYP'S interdenominational Carol Service at Christmas last year it was decided to hold a similar Service in the amphitheatre at Salamis on the Day of Pentecost, Monday 3 June.

The Service which began at 1900 hours was attended by the Force Commander, Lt Gen A.E. Martola, U Thant's Special Representative in Cyprus,

the Durham Light Infantry.

The Service opened and closed with verses of the hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers" sung in English by the entire congregation. An address by the Force Commander was followed by hymns sung by each contingent in turn with lessons read by their padres.

The service presented a most moving and colourful spectacle and as the evening light faded spot lights around the amphitheatre reinforced the soft light of the afterglow.

A recording of the entire service was made by the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation and excerpts will be rebroadcast on the United Nations Programme on Sunday next (See Box).

FINCON.....

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Battalion in his official residence, which was attended by high UNFICYP officials and military attaches of the foreign embassies in Nicosia who also viewed the anniversary parade.

At 12.00 hours, the joint festive luncheon for all FINCON ranks was held in the dining hall of 1-Coy, FINCON. In the afternoon, a Finnish film — **The Unknown Soldier** — was screened at the Mimosa Cinema for members of the Finnish Battalion and their guests.

In the evening, Col Jyrhämä was host at a two-part reception — first for the NCO's and later for the Officers of the Battalion.

Photographs of the festivities will be published in next week's issue of BLUE BERET.

Road Safety Corner

SPEED KILLS

You have heard and read that before.

LOW SPEED KILLS

THINK....

15 miles an hour on a narrow twisting Cyprus road can be more dangerous than 90 miles an hour on a motor way. There are many other examples you can think of for yourself.

THE WRONG SPEED AT THE WRONG TIME AT THE WRONG PLACE KILLS

Think of those other examples and apply them when you are driving, not just in Cyprus...ALWAYS.

LIMASSOL MOTOR CLUB RALLY



Pictured before the start of the rally — Lcpl Geoff Reynolds (left) from Dover and Cpl Ken (Taff) Dyer from Westcross, Swansea.

UNFICYP Team Almost.....

The Limassol Motor Club in conjunction with the RAC, Cyprus AA and the British Army Motoring Association, recently held their Tiger Rally.

The rally was run over a distance of some 300 miles starting at 1830 hours from Limassol and scheduled to finish at Dhekelia in the early hours of next morning. The course from Limassol ran through the foothills of the Troodos mountains, south through Ktima, thence north, which took them back into the Troodos range, and to Nicosia and finally to Dhekelia.

There were twenty-four starters which included several types of civilian cars, Services staff cars and quarter-ton Landrovers from the Sovereign Base Areas — all except one from UNFICYP which was driven by Lance-corporal Reynolds (UNFICYP Workshop, REME), with Corporal Dyer (8 Squadron, RCT) as navigator. In such rallies, the navigation has to be very accurate as one mistake can add minutes to the all-important running-time.

Corporal Dyer told 'Blue Beret' that the roads were mostly mere

GREECE NORWAY

CONTRIBUTE TO

UNFICYP COSTS

Greece and Norway are making further voluntary contributions to help meet the operating expenses of the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

In a letter sent to the UN Secretary-General, U Thant, the Government of Greece said it was making a voluntary contribution of 300,000 dollars towards UNFICYP's expenses for the March-June 1968 period.

Norway is making an additional contribution of \$60,139.80 towards the expenses of UNFICYP.