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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 Leave 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

A 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 omtrent 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 fritaget for at blive pisket, han kunne ikke udsættes for at blive korsfæstet, 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 religions 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 Antiokia, 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 forkyndt 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.

Men så ruller Paulus sig ud og giver spåmanden det glatte lag: "Din djævlunge, fuld af fup og fidus, fjende af alt, hvad der er ret! Herrens hånd skal komme over dig, og du skal blive blind". Og miraklet skete, stjernetyderen blev blind og famlede omkring for at finde nogen til at føre sig ud. Men da statholderen så dette, troede han, slået af forundring over Herrens lære.

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 indhegning en lav søjle. Den lokale tradition hævder, at Paulus stod bundet her og modtog 40 piskeslag på et nær, men det Nye Testamente, der ellers beskriver hændelserne i Paphos ret udførligt, nævner intet om at en sådan afstraffelse skulle have fundet sted her.



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 omtrent halvdelen af Cypern, blev dette billede taget. Fra venstre ses journalist Ole C. Jørgensen, løjtnant P. Larsen, en af klosters fire munke, oversergent P.B. Pålsson og løjtnant F.H. Madsen.

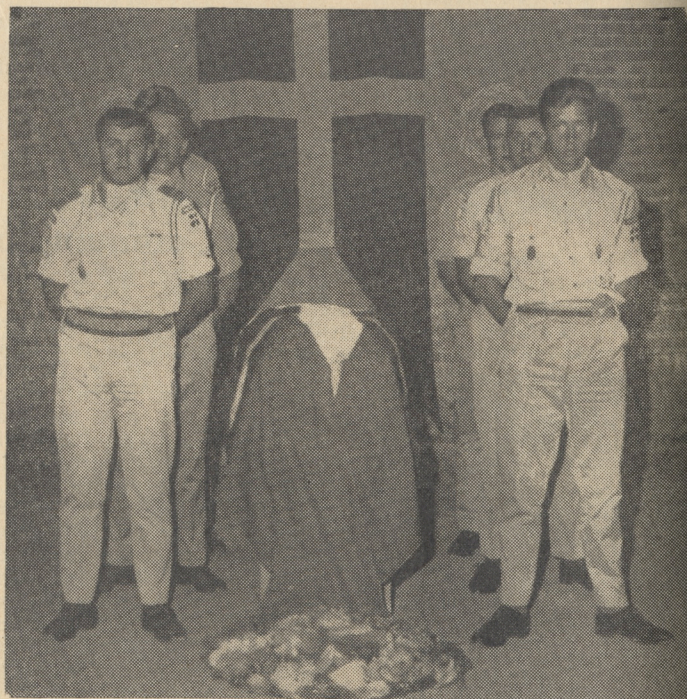
TRAGISK ULYKKE

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

Tidligt torsdag morgen blev eftersøgningen genoptaget. Søen var nu roligere og vandet var klaret. Det lykkedes ret hurtigt at lokalisere liget og få det bjerget i land. Efter formaliteter på hospitalet i Nicosia blev båren ført til Nicosia

Club, hvor der fredag aften kl 19 holdtes en enkel, men smuk mindehøjtid. Feltpræsten, pastor Wolfhagen lyste velsignelsen, kontingentchefen, oberstløjtnant Acthon udtalte et "ære være hans minde" og seks kammerater, der både havde været sammen med Gissel i stabskompagniet ved Prinsens Livregiment og nu også gør tjeneste i B-kompagniet, bar den dannebrog-smykkede kiste til den ventende Landrover.

Sent om aftenen førtes kisten ombord i et fly - konstabel Gissels tjeneste på Cypern var afsluttet.



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



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

TV harnäst?

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 bådär det gott för framtiden. Den kompaniaften som drabbade Carl Gustaf Camp på lördagkvällen 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 fortsätta. En röst hördes för övrigt avslöja, att detta var vad Cyperns TV skulle behöva - dvs civilpoliserna sjungande "Vi gå över dagstänkta berg..." och så vidare. Säkert var det också många utöver mannarna i bataljonen, som sedan uppskattade civilpolisens insats när programmet sändes på söndagskvällen.

Grabbarna på Carl Gustaf Camp ska också ha heder av sin insats, trots att det hela var lite hastigt påkommet och hopskrälat. De kommer igen i midsommar, har de lovat, och under tiden fram till dess ämnar redaktören av denna sida i The Blue Beret hålla sig undermåttad om vad som händer på repetitionsaftnarna. Säkert blir det inga problem att fylla nästa halvtimmesprogram i bataljonsradion, som ju ska sändas söndagen den 23 juni, alltså på midsommar-dagen, kl 19, 30 och över Cyperns radio.

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

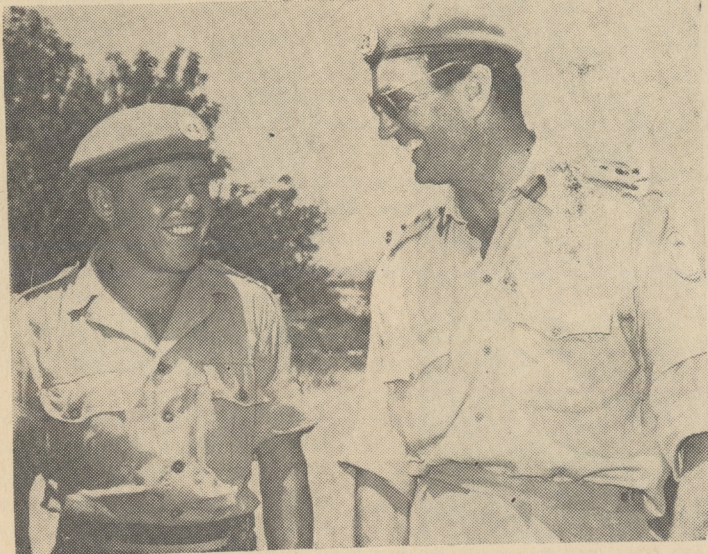


Jan Erik Larsén (längst t h) var programvärd på lördagskvällens kompaniaften. Lars Alexandersson, Bengt Åke Carlsson, Lars Pettersson, Mogens Hellvig och Eskil Gahnström (fr v räknat) svarade för en del av inslagen. Nedan: Och så bjöds det på kaffe och tårta.



SWEDCON NEWS

COMBRITCON's Farewell to 'B' Squadron



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

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.



Having a yarn with the squad Brigadier Harbottle had an appreciative audience as Corporal Sydney Pugh, 1 DLI, from Newcastle and Brian Leahy from Bradford.

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.

BRITCON'S 'WINGS' CHAT HEADQUAS



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

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!

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 band in a once-in-a-lifetime rendering of the "The Minstrel Boy". Another incident that still tickles Bill's fancy occurred on the occasion of a trip by the band from Goma to Leopoldville. The members of the band in tunics, kilts and streamered black glengarrys had a routine deplaning at Stanleyville but when the natives there, touchy at the best of times, saw the peculiarly-clad military arriving they developed an "invasion" complex and only the almost instant music on the hastily grabbed pipes saved the band from being mobbed. Ironically the tune played on that occasion was — "The Dawning of the Day".

Danny has his memories of the Congo too and the one he is not likely ever to forget had nothing to do with pipe-playing. During the fighting in Elizabethville, while playing a supporting role to the infantry, he with two other bandsmen, were captured and taken to Jadotville where for 6 long and tension-filled weeks, they with many others were held prisoner... and he hadn't even his drum with him for company!

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.

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

CUE CHAMP



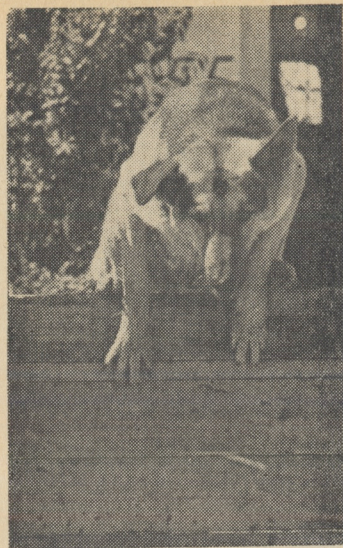
One glance at his orderly well documented stores is sufficient to indicate that CQMS. Billy King has not had an ill-spent youth of which, according to the old maxim, proficiency with the cue is proof positive. How proficient he is, CQMS King proved lately when he won both the billiards and snooker titles 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



Kaikki koirat pitävät kuumalla säällä kylmää vedestä. Tässä nautiskelee Lasse, letkua pitelee jääk Tarvainen.

Jääk Tiainen contra Lelu. Etualalla näkyy sotakoira Ville, sotakoira vaan noin privaalisti, mutta haluaa kuitenkin osallistua koulutukseen sekin. Normaalisti Ville kuuluu Releen ruokavahvuksiin. Kuvassa se on tekemässä salakavalaa syöksyä kouluttajan jousun lahkeeseen. Ville pelkää kissoja hyvin paljon, mutta on vastapainoksi tappanut mm. viisi kebab'ia Releen maastossa.

KOIRAMAISTA

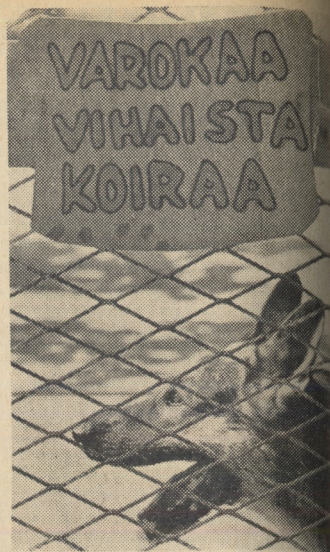
Tämä on tarina sotakoirista, lähemmin sanottuna Kyproksella rauhanturvaamistehtävää suorittavista Suomen kontingentin sotakoirista. Päinvastoin kuin mitä paikalliset rakit, meidän hyvin koulutetut sotakoiramme ovat verraton apu ihmisille täällä Kyproksellakin, avustajina vartiointitehtävissä aivan omiaan.

Sotakoiramme kuuluvat tiedustelu- ja joukkueeseen, sen sotakoiraryhmään, joka käsittää viiden sotakoiran lisäksi yhden kersantin ja viisi jääkäriä, jotka vastaavat koirien jatkuvasta kouluttamisesta ynnä huolenpidosta. Kuten sanottu, koiria käyty, koiria käytetään vartiointitehtävissä apuna, ne ovat vartioidessa joka yö pataljoonan eri puolilla, yksi aina Kikossa asti. Sotakoirilla ei ole ollut rotaatiota, sillä kaksi niistä, tehtäviinsä parhaiten perehtyneet, ovat olleet täällä jo YKSP 1:sta lähtien.

On tärkeää, että koira 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, hännä-

Lare ei pidä siitä, että sitä hännätään. Tässä hännäminen kuitenkin koulutusmielessä. Vasemmalla jääk Nissinen ja oikealla jääk Tiainen, jonka hyvin suojattu käsi on Laren hampaissa.

ämistä ja useammanlaatuista totelevaisuuskokeita. Hännäminen ei ole leikintekoa, sillä loppuun asti ärsytetty saksanpaimenkoira ei ole niitä leppoisimpia kavereita, vaan saattaa käydä jopa hoitajansakin kimppuun ja tehdä pahaa jälkeä. Kuvista käy selville, että kouluttajat käyttävät aivan erityisiä varusteita, eikä pahempia haaveita olekaan päässyt sattumaan.



Kuvateksti sisältyy kuaavn.

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-Elima (Sweden) and Major D.J. Redknap (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 minutes 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 interdenominational 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 festiva 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.

IF YOU MISSED THE SERVICE

Recorded extracts from the whit-Monday Service at Salamis will be broadcast on Sunday 9th June 1968 at 1930 hours, by the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation (603 k/cs — 498 metres), until 2000 hours.

Mr B.F. Osorio Tafall and detachments from each major contingent, the Austrian Field Hospital, UNCIVPOL and family members, totalling about 800. Music was provided by the Band of the 1st Battalion

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.

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.

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

tracks leading up to Troodos and although murderous for small cars, their Landrover coped well. "Travelling along a winding track at about 40 mph, with a drop of 200 feet to one side can be quite breath-taking", he said; a view shared by all drivers in Cyprus!

Unfortunately, the two NCOs had to withdraw at the half-way stage due to an electrical fault in the dynamo, but they managed to nurse their way back to the Headquarters and were thoroughly worn out when they reached there!

Being keen, they went to Dhekelia next day to hear the results of the competition; they found to their chagrin that the organisers had cancelled the second half of the rally. Had they submitted their road card to the marshals at the end of the first half they would have topped the Landrover Class. (There must be a moral there!).