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ANYBODY FOR A WALK?



Pictured above WO 3 Manner crossing an obstacle with a brisk jump.

FINCON Fitness March Honours Won by 1-Coy

A demanding fitness race consisting of two parts, took place in the FINNISH CONTINGENT on 29 April and 3 May.

The first part was a fitness march of about 12.5 km., which was won by the team of the 1 Coy.

The second part of the race was held in the Battalion's own obstacle course when the good basic condition and conscientious training of the 1 Coy became obvious. Both races were team races.

The obstacle course is in its versatility very exacting. On it one has to run fast, keep one's balance on a bar, dig a dug-out and refill it, jump from one stone to another and then proceed by hanging from a rope between the ground and above in various positions. Besides strength and speed, the obstacle course de-

mands both strong nerves and an accurate ability to concentrate.

WORLD HEALTH AGENCY MARKS 20th ANNIVERSARY

UN Secretary-General, U Thant, paid tribute on 7 May to the World Health Organisation for an "altogether remarkable" contribution toward the improvement of health and the reduction of human suffering throughout the world during the past 20 years. The occasion was the 20th anniversary of the UN specialised agency.

The commemorative date was marked by a special

Security Council Weighs Situation in Jerusalem

The 15-nation UN Security Council continued last week to examine the situation in Jerusalem in the light of Jordan's protest that Israel was defying UN General Resolutions calling on her to rescind measures taken to change the status of the city.

Ambassador Muhammad El Farra of Jordan said Jerusalem was the victim of continuing Israeli expansionist moves and that the Council must call a halt to them lest the prospect for peace be irretrievably damaged. He asked the Council to condemn Israeli violations and fix a time limit for compliance with the Assembly resolutions.

Ambassador Yosef Tekoah of Israel said Jerusalem had returned to its normal state of unity after 19 years of tragic

artificial division, and that Jordan wanted paralysis to replace normal development and to restore the ruins and barbed wire. Jerusalem, he said, was today a venture in co-existence.

For the United States, Ambassador Arthur Goldberg said the Council should not deal separately with the Jerusalem problem, but should try to promote a peaceful and accepted settlement embracing all aspects of the Middle East conflict as set forth in its resolution of November which provided for the current peace mission of Ambassador Jarring.

U Thant Sees Paris Talks Leading to Peace

In a brief statement issued at UN Headquarters on Friday morning, the Secretary-General, U Thant, said he hoped the Paris talks which opened last week between the United States and North Viet-Nam "while only a first step" would be fruitful and "lead to a just and peaceful settlement of the tragic war in Viet-Nam".

The Secretary-General was scheduled to address the University of Alberta, in Edmonton, Canada, on Thursday. He was expected to refer to the question of Viet-Nam in his speech.

LEBANON CHARGES ISRAEL SHELLED BORDER VILLAGE

In a letter to the UN Security Council made public this week at UN Headquarters in New York, Lebanon charged that Israel has shelled the Lebanese village of Hula for 15 minutes during the night of Saturday to Sunday, killing one woman and wounding another and a child.

Lebanon declared that the shelling was a wanton act of premeditated aggression that followed eight days of Israeli threats and provocations.

In its letter, Lebanon said that it had been ascertained that no "Fedayyin" — Arab guerillas — had crossed the 1949 Armistice Line in either direction.

FORCE COMMANDER BACK FROM FINLAND

Lt. Gen. A.E. Martola, Force Commander, returned to Nicosia on Tuesday evening, following a brief visit to Finland.

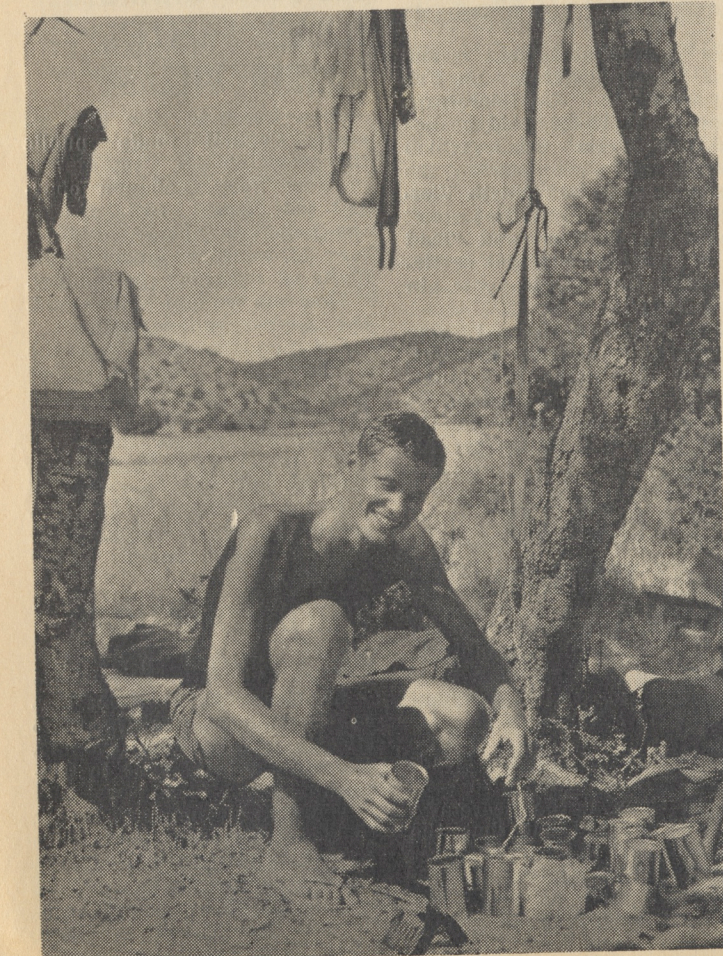
The Force Commander went to his native country ten days ago to participate in the annual ceremonies organised by the Finnish Red Cross. General Martola is President of the Red Cross in Finland.

Så er det sket. De første "Pinkier" har overrasket af varmen sat deres fødder på Cypern, og de, der skal hjem, tæller dage og timer. Med andre ord: Rotationen er i fuld gang, og det varer ikke længe, før DANCON VIII er slut, og DANCON IX er begyndt. Derfor vil redaktionen af The Blue Beret sige sine læsere tak for det for-gangne halve år og samtidig over-bringe pennen til DANCON IX's redaktion med ønsket om en god tid samt alt vel for fremtiden. Good Luck!

DANCON NYT

Nu er sommeren kommet til Cypern, og DANCON-personellet i alle aldersklasser har fået øjnene op for campinglivets charme. Et yndet mål for campingturene er den østlige spids af Cypern (Cape Andreas), hvor man efter indhentet tilladelse kan slå lejr. Der er pragtfulde store strandarealer med "gryder" og dejligt frisk havvand, og med de muligheder for madlavning, der ligger i konserver, kan man få alletiders tur ud af det. Når mørket falder på, tændes lejr-bålet, og man sidder rundt om med hver sin pølse på spid - synger og har det: Åh - Åh! så dejligt. En dejlig adspredelse fra det daglige liv, hvor man lærer kamme-sjukkerne at kende fra en helt anden side.

KS N.A. Rasmussen, C-KMP.



For at krydre tilværelsen under vort Cypern-ophold har englænder-

ne tilbudt personallet ved DANCON at deltage i et faldskærmskursus. Det blev til 7 mand, der turde vove springet. Efter et kort instruktionskursus på Dhekelia-basen blev de 7 mand sendt op med fly fra R.A.F. Der var indrettet en "drop-zone" bag HQ-UNFICYP. Alle kom velbeholdne ned efter deres første lufttur, hvilket dog ikke foregik uden dramatik. KS F. H. Kreiser fra Alfa havde fået retning mod en fårefarm, som han forsøgte at styre udenom. Det lykkedes iførste omgang. Men i stedet fik han retning mod et beboelseshus, som han med nød og næppe undgik. En anden af udspringerne havde

fået retning mod en bulldozer i en grusgrav, hvor man var i færd med at læsse en lastvogn. Her var det kun den skræmte dozerførers snar-rådige handling, der bevirkede, at faldskærms soldaten ikke landede i dozerens skovl, idet han i sidste øjeblik slog bak. KS J. Christiansen fra Alfa var så heldig at lande ved siden af en tjørnebusk. Skær-men vikledes ind i busken, men en engelsk hjælper kom straks til stede og befriede Christiansen.



Ställföretredar'n tyllde år och fick en gäva av en get

Det finns förvisso två inom bataljon 40 C (se bilden), som kommer att minnas måndagen den 6 maj så länge de lever. Det var nämligen den dagen, som bataljonens ställföretredande chef, överstelöjtnant Lars Lundquist, fyllde 48 och uppvaktades av officerskamrater, getabock, under-officerare och underbefäl.

Måndagen började för ställföretredar'n så vackert med trumpet-fanfarer, leven, hyllningssånger, skålar och en gäva av den fina getabocken.

Getabocken hade aldrig varit med om något liknande.

Den stod där inne, nedanför överstelöjtnantens säng, och svettades och fick ingenting att dricka.

Magen svällde, den drog ihop sig och svällde än en gång. Och ut på mattan nära sängen trillade en liten korv, och sedan ännu en som la sig ovanpå den första.

Det kändes skönt! Det kunde alla minsann se på getabockens min!

Och Lasse Lundquist, ja, han låg enligt vittnesmålen kvar i sängen och stirrade förfärat. Han kunde inte göra mycket, ty i sin ena hand höll han ett glas, och i den andra handen höll han änden av det rep som satt kring getabockens hals.

När getabockens sätt att gratulera väl var över, och alla andra gratulanter hämtat sig från överraskningen, då kom en man med sop och skyffel och tog bort den lilla bruna hög som getabocken åstadkommit.

Det var egendomligt, tycktes getabocken vilja säga. Får inte karl'n behålla det jag kommit med.!



NU HITTAR DE!



- Det var lite bekymmersamt i början, det där att lära sig hitta i Famagusta och Nicosia, tyckte dessa båda drivers från STR-komp, Svante Wiinikka från Pello och Kurt Hollström, Olofström. Men nu går det bra!

NU SKA DET SPORTAS...

Vem av oss har väl inte allt för ofta hemma i Sverige längtat efter längre somrar, varmare vatten i badvikarna och mindre regn - med andra ord ett vänligare klimat! I dessa dagar kan väl ingen av oss klaga, och de sportintresserade inom bataljonen torde väl inom kort få många av sina önskedrömmar uppfyllas. Det är nämligen ett övervältigande sportprogram som nu har lagts fram.

I ett klimat som det vi nu befinner oss i utövas många idrotts-grenar som är sällsynta hemma, eller som blott under en kort tid kan komma i fråga på nordligare breddgrader. Vattenskidåkning, t ex, en dyr sport hemma men mycket billigare att utöva här ute. Undervisning kommer att ske i grupper med 4 - 6 deltagare i varje med lektioner oftast på morgonen.

De simintresserade torde ha hamnat i paradiset. De andra UNFICYP - nationernas medlem-mar avundas svenskarna, som enligt många har haft förstånd att lägga beslag på zonen med de bästa badstränderna. Men när det blir aktuellt med organiserade simtävlingar talas det om simbas-sängen vid Ledra Palace Hotel i Nicosia. Det är möjligt att UNFICYP - mästerskapstävlingarna kommer att förläggas dit.

Sportdykning är en annan gren som hör dessa vatten till. Synd bara att utrustningen är dyr och

svår att hyra. Här, om någonsin bör man veta vad man ger sig in på, ty det finns mycket skräp i handeln. Köp därför ingenting för sportdykning utan att veta något om de krav som bör ställas på utrustningen!

Fotboll, skytte, orientering, terränglöpning, fri idrott och tennis står naturligtvis också på programmet. Och mycket annat.

Ett formulär, INTRESSEUNDERSÖKNING, IDROTT, kommer att sändas ut till varje kompani. Det är viktigt att detta formulär ifylles av varje man och att det sker med omsorg. Formuläret kommer nämligen att läggas till grund för organiserandet av de olika grenarna och tävlingarna.

Till sist: Den som har erfarenhet av instruktörsverksamhet m m ställ upp som ledare!

Anmälan kan göras hos bataljonens idrottsofficer, kapten Nils Enqvist.



GROUP COMMANDER'S INSPECTION

Recently the Officer Commanding 10 Inf Group carried out an inspection of sub-units in their various locations. Such was the enthusiasm of preparation that orders had to be issued NOT to scuffle helicopter pads! No wonder that, subsequently, the Officer Commanding, Lt-Col. Reddy O'Sullivan had words of high praise for the turn-out at each centre.



The march-past of "A" Coy in Limnitis.

Preparing to move-off — "C" Coy in Kato Pyrgos.

VARIETY

"Browned — off" is an expression one often hears on the lips of soldiers — "browned — off" with parades, "browned off" with fatigues, "browned — off" with route marches and so on until you're "browned-off" listening to them!

But, in 10 Inf Gp those words are never used and here below are two photos that explain why, since the variety, in even similar tasks, is so great that even if the present one is not so hot, interest is kept alive by curiosity as to what the next assignment will be.

IRCON NEWS



Above on a bare lonely hilltop observation post, look-out man Val Prendergast points out something of interest to NCO in charge of detachment, Cpl Tommy McDonnell. Both are members of 6 Inf Bn. Cpl McDonnell, now married and living in Athlone, is a Ballymahon, Co Longford man who is presently on his fifth tour of overseas service while Pte Prendergast, who comes from Mohill, Co Leitrim, is on his first trip abroad.

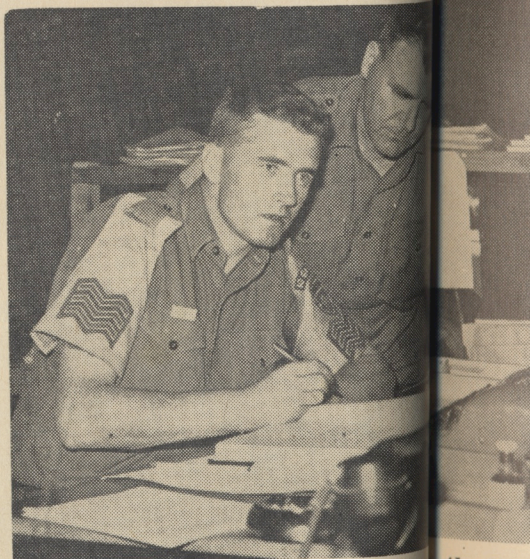


On quite a different setting is Pte Joe Hassett, (above) manning a checkpoint on the main Nicosia-Xeros road and seeing plenty of life. Joe comes from Doneraile, Co Cork and is tasting overseas service for the first time... and apparently enjoying it!



The parade inspection of "B" Coy

PEN - PUSHER!



...yes, but someone must do it — pictured are two men whose pen-pushing smooth running of 10 Inf Group (Ord Room Sgt) and Sgt Kevin Cooper filled a similar post with 6th Group. Cooper is a seasoned campaigner, having served with UN HQ in the Congo and 41st Bn and 6th Inf Group.

TIME OUT FOR A SMOKE



THE FISHERMAN'S YARN

Troopers Brian Bentley (left) and Mike Holland, both from Almondbury, Huddersfield, off-duty from 'B' Squadron, 4/7 DG, admire the local fisherman's catch of a young shark at Zyi. The shark's beady eye seems fastened on Mike's coca-cola which had, it hoped, magic life-reviving powers.



Having a break from patrol by the water's edge at Zyi are Troopers Dave Slater (left) from Paddock, Huddersfield, and Ian Bray from Bradley now living at Corsham, Wilts.

BRITCON NEWS

STANDING TO

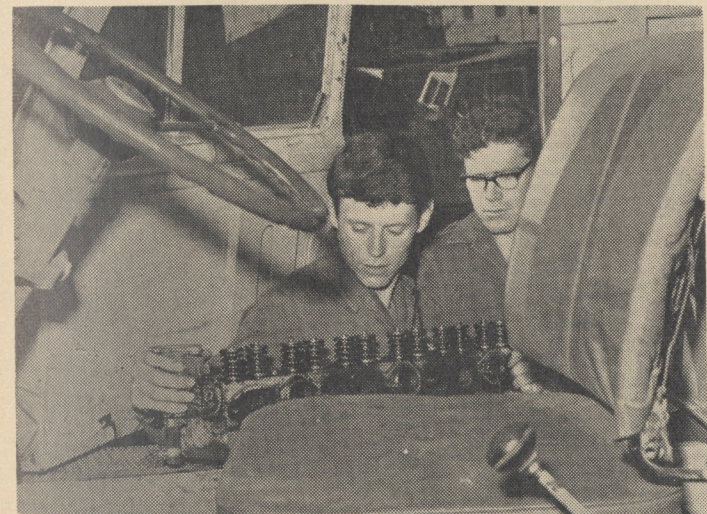


Standing to in a weapon slit on Water Tower Hill is Private Alan Clews from Stanley, Co Durham. The platoon of the Durham Light Infantry to which he belongs is in Ayios Theodoros. Part of the panoramic view of the mixed Greek and Turkish Cypriot village seen from the observation post makes good photogenic material.

CRICKET

The game, which so many outside the British Commonwealth regard as a most odd form of sport, has started with teams from within the Headquarters taking part. 644 Signal Troop, 8 Sqn RCT, the Ordnance detachment and the UNFICYP Workshop have been fielding teams and the Station Commander of nearby RAF Nicosia has kindly allocated the pitch within that unit to UNFICYP for two days per week. Outside games have also been arranged and participation in a minor units league in the SBA at Dhekelia is flourishing. Last Saturday, a representative side from HQ UNFICYP went to Akrotiri to play the Flamingoes. Although well defeated, the match was most enjoyable. Scores: Flamingoes 205 for 9 dec, HQ UNFICYP 62. The Flamingoes were fortunate in having one player, Diaz, who has played for the RAF team in UK as well as in Minor Counties matches — he scored 81 and took three wickets for two runs! Challenges from 1 DLI and the 4/7 DG squadron are welcome.

LOOK WHAT I'VE FOUND!



Two REME Craftsmen Vic Wild (left) and Barry Patrick from Wisbech, Cambridge, serving with 8 Squadron, RCT, are seen examining a three-tonner's inside to find out what is the cause of it not ticking!

1.JK - PATALJOONAN KUNTOKOMPPANIA

Pataljoonan kuntokilpailujen toinen osakilpailu suoritettiin kuntoradalla tämän kuun 3. päivänä. 1.JK oli aikaisemmin jo voittanut ensimmäisen osakilpailun eli noin 12.5 km:n pituisen kuntomarssikilpailun, eikä se antanut yllättää itseään kuntoradallakaan. Voitto tuli siellä ja samalla tietysti myös koko pataljoonan kuntokilpailujen voitto. 1.JK voi täten syystä ylpeillä nimellä pataljoonan kuntokomppania.



Kers Tuomo Räsänen, EK, ei ole vaivautunut kapuamaan ikkunasta. Hän sukeltaa ja varsin tyylipuhtaasti. Pataljoonan valokuvaajan onnenhetki.



Jääk Kähkönen, HK, tasapainotelee puomilla.

Kuntorata on varsin monipuolinen. Se kysyy tarkkaa keskittymiskykyä, hyviä hermoja, lihasten hallintaa, nopeutta, malttia sekä myös raakaa voimaa ja jo olemassaolevaa hyvää pohjakuntoa. Kilpailijat joutuvat juoksemaan lujaa, tasapainoilemaan puomilla, loikkimaan kiveltä toiselle, hyppimään



aitojen yli, kaivamaan poteron ja täyttämään sen ja jo kilpailun alkuvaiheissa roikkumaan ja raahautumaan köyttä myöten maan ja taivaan välillä mitä erilaisimmissa asennoissa. 1.JK:n pojat selviytyivät näistäkin tempuista parhaiten. Henkilökohtaisen kilpailun kuntoradalla voitti kylläkin EK:n jääk T Hirvonen, joten kaikki voitot eivät sentään menneet 1.JK:lle. Joukkueena 1.JK:n kilpailujoukkue oli paras. 1.JK:n päällikkö, maj H Haimila kertoi, että heillä oli tarkka kilpailusuunnitelma jo kuntomarssia suoritettaessa. Ensimmäiset pari kilometriä otettiin löysin rantein ja vasta sitten hiljalleen tiivistettiin tahtia. Yhden joukkueen jäsenen oli määrä pudota, kaksi tai kolme sai pudota. Muun joukkueen täytyi pysyä kasassa. Se pysyi, kovasta vauhdista huolimatta, ja lopullisesti 1.JK:n kilpailujoukkueen hyvä pohjakunto ja tunnollinen harjoittelu tulivat ilmi kuntoradalla. Eipä silti, parhaansa tekivät kaikki muutkin, jokainen kilpailemaan kelpuutettu ansaitsee tunnustuksen. Lisättäköön tähän lopuksi maj Haimilan sanat, jotka hän lausui kilpailun jälkeen: Pidän voittoa osoituksena myös henkilöstä kunnosta, epäitsekästä



Voittajan hymy. Henkilökohtaisen kilpailun voittaja kuntoradalla, jääk Teuvo Hirvonen, EK, haluaa ensimmäiseksi maihinnousut pois jaloistaan.

asennoitumisesta sekä halusta työskennellä kokonaisuuden, siis tässä tapauksessa oman yksikön hyväksi.

Pataljoonan kuntokilpailun tulokset (kuntoratakilpailun ja aiemmin suoritettun kuntomarssin yhteisaika):

1.	1.JK	2.51.24
2.	EK	3.05.35
3.	2.JK	3.23.16
4.	3.JK	3.26.40
5.	HK	3.55.25

Parhaimmat onnittelut 1.JK:n kilpailijoille.



1.JK:n kilpailujoukkueen johtaja, ltn Kivistö etenee köydellä ja irvistää rumasti.

FINCON NEWS

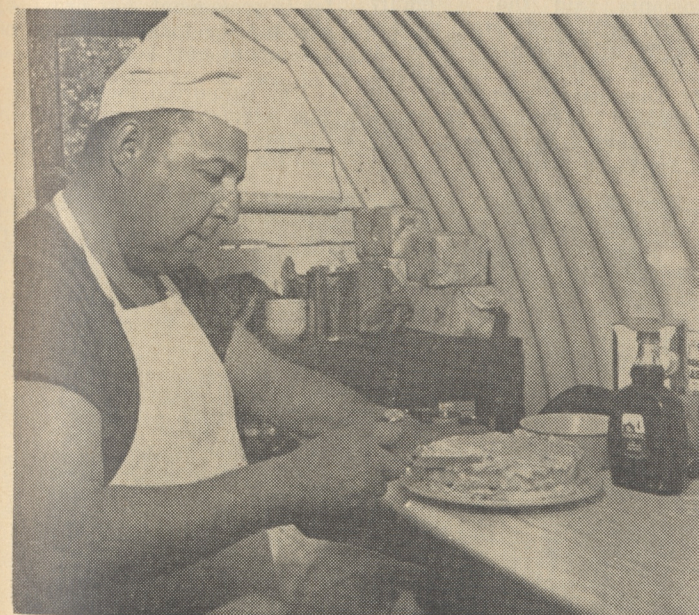
Amerikka näkyvissä? Ei sentään vielä, vaikka kovasti on kers Ahomäki, 1.JK, kaivanut. Ahomäki tuli henkilökohtaisessa kilpailussa kuntoradalla toiseksi. Jääk Veranen katselee.

KEEPING THE PEACE



A high-powered telescope like that one would be great for beach-watching, but Private J.R. (Richard) Lajois and Corporal E.M. (Ed) Fisher (above) have a more serious task to pursue. Both are serving with the 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. Their Outpost is in a lime factory in the Kyrenia UNFICYP District where CANCON has been deployed since 1964. Private Lajois's parents live at 64 Main St., Alymer, Quebec. Corporal Fisher's wife, Beryl, and their three children, live at 15039 106th St., Edmonton.

Corporal: be a MOTHER to me



It may not be a birthday cake like Mother used to bake, but its the best that Corporal A.R. (Hap) Boyer, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, can do. One of his mates at cliffside outpost, had a birthday due during his tour of duty in the Kyrenia mountains, and you know how it is in the army, you can't let a buddy down. Cpl. Boyer joined the army in 1951. His wife Shirley, and their two sons and one daughter live at 215 Berry st., Winnipeg Man.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

The Bush looks Canadian — so do the soldiers — but United Nations uniforms in Canada? How Come? Well, in spite of appearances, that mountain scrub is not Canadian, it's dense undergrowth in the Kyrenia Mountains. Bombardier W.H. (Bill) Comeau and Gunner H.K. (Karl) Bartlett, both of X Battery, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, are on patrol through no-man's land from their United Nations Outpost Cliffside. Canadians have been responsible for keeping the peace in the Kyrenia district of Cyprus since the United Nations mandate began in March, 1964. Bombardier Comeau is from Camp Gagetown, N.B. Gunner Bartlett's wife Vivian lives at 1625 Notre Dame Ave., Winnipeg, Man., and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Bartlett, live in Perth, N.B.



KYRENIA 'PENTHOUSE'

Perched in their United Nations Outpost Cliffside, high in the Kyrenia Mountains, OP commander Sgt. R.V. (Roy) Peever, (left) and his co-commander Sgt. K.G. (Ken) Reeves, both of X Battery, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, keep track of traffic on the strategic Kyrenia-Nicosia highway. Sgt. Peever, who joined the Army in 1955 at Toronto, Ont., is married with one son, and one daughter. His wife Marlyn and their children live at 706 Centennial Drive, Winnipeg, Man., and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Peever, live at RR 4 Barrie, Ont., Sgt. Reeves' wife Elaine and their two sons live at 108 Walnut St., Minnipeg, Man. He joined the Army in 1948 at Winnipeg and his mother, Mrs. Hubert Reeve, lives in Morden, Man.

PEACE - KEEPING VETERANS



Former UNEF Gaza Vehicles Join UNFICYP Transport Ranks

When the UN Emergency Force was evacuated from the Gaza Strip almost a year ago, the vehicles used by the Force were withdrawn to Pisa in Italy.

Some of these vehicles sustained bullet scars especially those that had been at El Arish and Raffa.

It has now been decided to utilise some of these vehicles, mainly comprising 3 ton Bedford trucks and Volkswagen 'Combi' minibuses, for UNFICYP.

After an inspection of the vehicles in Pisa earlier this year by the Force EME Officer, twenty-nine of the vehicles were recently shipped to Famagusta. They were then towed to the Headquarters by vehicles of 8 Squadron RCT. Preparations for renovation are under way and their road-worthiness will then be certified.

The sand-coloured vehicles used until now may therefore soon give way to the white vehicles familiar to many who served with the UN Emergency Force. Pictures show some of the vehicles being manoeuvred into position by members of the Transport Squadron and Ordnance detachment when they arrived at HQ UNFICYP.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEBATE ON S.W. AFRICA CONTINUES

The UN General Assembly — grouping delegations from all 124 UN Member States — continued to debate last week the problem of South West Africa, while its main Political Committee examined the US-Soviet draft treaty against the further spread of nuclear weapons.

The UN Council for South West Africa recommended last week that the General Assembly ask for Security Council action to get South Africa out of the Territory and enable the United Nations to take over in preparation for its independence.

The Council said it was convinced that "forceful" measures would be needed to bring about South Africa's removal from South West Africa. The report of the Council was presented to the Assembly by Ambassador Anton Vratsa of Yugoslavia, President of the 11-nation organ set up a year ago to assume the transitional administration of the old League of Nations mandated Territory.

A number of African and East European speakers took the floor in the Assembly to denounce South Africa and call for vigorous UN action to break her grip on the Territory. Some argued that support by Western Powers made it possible for her continued defiance.

Ambassador Diaconescu of Romania said the Assembly should call for effective measures by all Member States to prevent aid to South Africa. Mr. Diaconescu said that South Africa's continued repression could lead to racial war in southern Africa.

MIXED VIEWS ON US-USSR NON - NUCLEAR DRAFT PACT

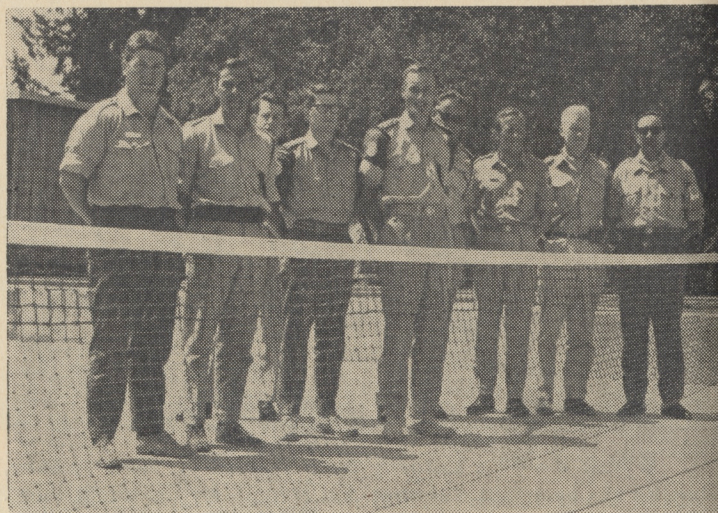
Mixed views on the US-Soviet draft treaty to bar the further spread of nuclear weapons in the world were expressed in the UN General Assembly's Main Political Committee last week.

Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, Denmark, the Ukraine, Austria and the Maldives Islands, among others, urged the prompt endorsement of the pact as the opening of the road to disarmament and enhancing the security of all nations.

Sweden expressed a general support for the draft, although she was critical of the lack of provision for halting the nuclear stockpiling by the atomic Powers.

Nigeria — one of the participants in the Geneva Disarmament negotiations — said that the draft left a lot of room for improvement, but provided perhaps the maximum area of agreement now possible.

Iran supported the draft despite strong misgivings about the proposed security assurances for non-nuclear States.



SWEDCON Hosts Force Sports Meeting

There was a sports meeting on Thursday last week at Carl Gustaf Camp, Famagusta.

Several questions in the field were discussed with special emphasis given to the organization of competitions. Seen here are Lt. A.J. Dalton (Recce Sqn.), Capt Merv McMurray

(Kyrenia H.Q.), Lt E.C. Plovdrup, (DANCON) Comdt A.W. Mulligan (IRCON), Capt P.J. Jolkkonen (FINCON), Capt R.C. Cousens (1. DLI Limassol), Maj D.W. Gent (9 Sig. Regt.) and Lt. Col N.K.J. Brask (H.Q. UNFICYP). Host: Capt Nils Enqvist (SWEDCON).

Road Safety Corner

Keep an adequate distance between vehicles in traffic. A useful rule is to drive on a "distance number".

That is, keep from the preceding vehicle just as many metres distance as the speed is in km./h. multiplied by the "distance number". For example:—

In town you drive on "distance number" x ½.

In the country on "distance number" x 1.

That means for instance, if you drive in a town with a speed of 30 km./h., the distance of the preceding vehicle ought to be at least ½ x 30 m. = 15 m.

A final rule is, that the distance between yourself and the preceding vehicle should never be less than 2 metres.