IRCON MEDAL PARADE

The presentation of the UNFICYP service medal to members of the Irish contingent, 10 Inf Group, took place at XEROS on 3 July 1968. The parade was taken by the Force Commander, Lt-Gen A.E. Martola who is pictured above presenting the Contingent Commander, Lt-Col R. O'Sullivan with his medal. (More pictures on page 4).

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

"More could be done to help"
Says U Thant

UN Secretary-General, U Thant, has warned that the failure on the part of the United Nations to act in bridging the gap between have and have-not nations, of the world was an invitation to violence.

In an address to the opening session of the UN Economic and Social Council in Geneva, on Monday 8 July, 1968, U Thant said, "The poor were

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NEW AUSTRIAN FIELD HOSPITAL COMMANDER

On Thursday 4 July, Lt-Gen A.E. Martola visited the Austrian Field Hospital on the occasion of the rotation of the medical staff. Accompanying the General, left, Lt-Col Leo Effenberger, new commander of the AFH, and right Lt-Col Robert Wech the outgoing commander.

UNFICYP FINANCES

U THANT APPEALS FOR CONTRIBUTION OF 20 MILLION DOLLARS

UN Secretary-General, U Thant, last week, made another urgent appeal for contributions to the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus.

In a letter to all member states, U Thant said, "The force operated on voluntary contributions and that this remained an unsatisfactory method of financing".

"The present state of the force", he said, "showed this to be true".

New pledges of some 19,136,000 dollars ($8 million) must be received", he declared, "if the United Nations was to honour in full its past commitments to the states providing contingents to the Cyprus force and to cover the other costs involved in maintaining it until 31st December of this year. U Thant emphasized it was absolutely essential that the new pledges be forthcoming if the premature withdrawal of the force was to be avoided.

In his appeal for contributions, the Secretary-General said "The estimated costs of the operation from it's beginning in March 1964 to December 1967 totalled about 100,000,000 dollars ($40 million)".

Amounts paid or pledged by states to cover these costs", he said, "came to little over 80,000,000 dollars as of last month."

FORCE COMMANDER ON LEAVE

Lieutenant-General A.E. Martola, Commander of the United Nations Force in Cyprus, left Nicosia yesterday Friday, 12 July 1968, for a period of home leave in Finland.

The Commander will return to Nicosia on 14 August 1968. During his absence, Brigadier M. N. Harbottle, OBE, Chief of Staff, will be officiating Commander of the Force.

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The Editor regrets the delayed publication of Blue Beret this week - which was due to a dispute in the printing industry.

On Wednesday, 26th June the new commander of the Austrian Field Hospital, Lt-Col Leo Effenberger MD, landed in Cyprus with his medical staff, to relieve Col Robert Wech and his staff at the end of their tour.

Lt-Col Effenberger has had three tours on the island, and he is delighted to be back again. It took only three days before he was called upon to practise his medical skill, when, as he was returning in his car from a mile beach events took a dramatic turn...

A lady who had seen the red cross on the side of Lt-Col Effenberger's car had driven after him hoping she could get medical assistance. Her husband who was in the car, had had an accident with a harpoon which had sunk deep into his chest and could not be withdrawn because of the barb on the end. First aid equipment in the
ENKIGE GODS GRAV


Søsrene husker, at kongen som gutter, almindeligt blev betragtet af befolkningen. Dog er det en bejbet forfatter, men mærker vi, at det er en bejbet fortælling om en konge.


200 VILL LÄRA SIG HOPPA


Det blev ingen revue for frihånden når de på demomrupen i Xeros drabtlige sammen med det svenska bataljonen i fotball for andre gingen lot Warner i Dortig, i det første måneds våningsskrivaren med 2-0. Den här gingen, den 3, var Sveriges överläggsnamn än så care. 4-0 blev resultatet.


Somm det berättades var det ingen stor mät, dock störrerevet det på mycket. Sverige består av en ganska värdigt, om än inte samspel, manuskript, som med sitt makt, det energi som äktener har visst chanser att ge även andra konst- gammar bärliga discipliner.

200 VILL LÄRA SIG HOPPA
**IRCON MEDAL PARADE**

During the week the return match versus Swedcon was played at Letto. In a hard fought game the visitors were more than a match for the home side and went on to win four goals to nil. Our photos show:

(Right) The bell clades the outstretched hands of goalies Shaughnessey for Swedcon's third goal while Lieut Moore and Capt Bartley helplessly look on.

(Below) Home team (left to right)
Front row: Pte O'Reilly, Sg Tognon, Capt Crowy, Capt Pte Constable and Capt Bartley.
Back row: Capt O'Leary, Lieut Moore, Pte Tighe, Pte Shaughnessy (goalkeeper), Pte Bartley, S/Csg Foyatgy, and Pte Norton.

Contingent Commander, Lt Col R. O'Sullivan, presents Capt Montgomery with his UNFISF medal, while still awaiting their's are Pte Proctor and Capt O'Shaugnessy.

**VESTING DAY FOR THE DLI “FAREWELL THE FAITHFULL”**

On Wednesday 19 July 1963, the Durham Light Infantry became the 4th Bn The Light Infantry. Amongst the guests who attended the Vesting Day ceremony were the Col. G.O.C. British Forces Near East Air Marshal Sir Edward Gordon Jones and the GOV NEARLY Maj. Gen D. Lloyd Owen. The Force Commander Lt Gen A.E. Martino took the salute.

The sun had set over Kitchener Lines at Palaestina when the old flag of the Durham was slowly lowered as the 'Last Post' was sounded by Pte Robert Brown from Sunderland. The Commanding Officer's Bugler.

The still night air was awoken by 'Revellers'.

The new flag unfurled from the top of the mast, The Durham had become the 4th Bn The Light Infantry.

The simple part of moving the regiments is the merging of 210 years Regimental history and tradition into a new Regiment, combining the Somerset and Cornwall Light Infantry, The Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, The Kings Shropshire Light Infantry and the Durham Light Infantry.

At the conclusion of the parade celebrations held in both the Officers and NCO's messes over 300 guests were entertained.

By April next year the Light Infantry will have been reduced by one battalion - the Fourth. The Durham, the Cyprus will be the last overseas country in which the Durham Light Infantry has served. No doubt a move which would make Colonel John Lambricker, who raised the Regiment in 1706 proud of his, but these moves have been planned to streamline the Infantry. It would therefore seem a just tribute to the Durham to salute some of their past deeds, before they fade away.

Recruiters are always coming mainly from the County of Durham. Today, 905 of the soldiers are "Goelies". It was in 1808 that the County Regiment received the honour of being made Light Infantry with the title of Durham Light Infantry.

The regiment was awarded the title "Pathfinders" for their loyal service in the West Indies against the Carib Indians. This title subsequently became the Regimental motto. They fought throughout the Peninsular Campaign under the Duke of Wellington taking a distinguished part in the battles of Salamanca, Vittoria, the Pyrenees, and Orthez. The Duke described the attack led by the 68th and 61st (ROYLI) as "the most gallant and finest thing I've ever witnessed".

In 1964, during the Crimean War the 68th gained the first of thirteen Victoria Crosses. This was won by Private John Byrne, who alongside his Company kinmen at the Battle of Inkerman drove the Russian from the field at bayonet point, in freezing conditions. The anniversary of this day has always been celebrated in the Regiment.

After the Crimean War and the gale in garrison in 1863, the 68th took part in the Maori war in New Zealand. In 1881 an amalgamation took place with the 106th Bombay Light Infantry. This was converted

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**BRITCON NEWS**

Men of the Band and Bugles of the 4th Bn The Light Infantry marching on Vesting Day Parade at Kitchener Lines, Palaestina, Cyprus.

During the week the Force Engineer Officer, Lt Col Jimmy Cooney, handed over the duties of his appointment to his successor, Lt Col Jack Conolly.

During his twelve months stay on the island Lt Col Cooney made many friends who now join in wishing him good luck on return to his homeland.

As his replacement, Lt Col Conolly, we extend a hearty welcome and wish him a pleasant and successful tour of duty on the island.

Col Robert Brown, from Sunderland, Commanding Officers Sgt of the 4th Bn The Light Infantry, just after the last bugle played at the Band and then Revellers were sounded by the Bugler.

Sgt-Maj Kenneth Walker from Gilly Law, Sunderland, presents the Bugles in front of the half-masted Durham Flag with the Light Infantry Flag flying in the background.

British Forces Norway
NEW COMMANDER CANCON

Brig.Gen E.M.D. Leslie BSO was born in Guildford, Surrey, England on October 20, 1918, and was educated in the United Kingdom, Victoria B.C. and Montreal. He began his military career in 1935 with the Royal Canadian Artillery and served as a permanent Active Militia. Commissioned in 1938, he was selected to attend the Long Course at Royal Military College, Kingston, Ont., the same year.

In 1940, he became a permanent force officer in the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery. He went overseas later in the year with the 1st Canadian Infantry Division and served in the United Kingdom, Italy and Northwest Europe. He attended the Staff College, Camberley, England in 1942.

On his return to Canada in 1945, Brig.Gen Leslie trained with the Pacific Force. Later he returned to Europe to serve with the Canadian Army Occupation Force in Germany.

In 1951, he was appointed to command the 1st Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, which he took to Korea in the spring of 1952 and commanded until March 31, 1955, when he was assigned to Army Headquarters, Ottawa.

During his tour of duty in Korea, Brig.Gen Leslie was awarded the Distinguished Service Order for his outstanding courage, ability and success.

In May 1956, he was appointed General Staff Officer (1st grade) in the Directorate of Staff Duties at Army Headquartes, Ottawa.

On completion of a five-month course at the United States Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Virginia, Brig.Gen Leslie was appointed staff planner, NATO standing group, Washington in July 1969.

In March 1961, he was appointed commandant of the Royal Canadian School of Artillery, Gagetown, New Brunswick, where he remained until January 1964, when he attended the NATO Defence College, Paris, France. He was appointed to the instructional staff at the NATO College in September, 1964.

In August 1966 he was promoted brigadier and appointed commandant, 2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade Group.

WHAT AN ELECTION BET

You can rest assured that Corporal T.R. (Tom) Robinson, a cook with Cancon (left) will think twice about the kind of a bet to place with his buddies at the next election. Now railing an egg over a 75 yard hard surface road proved quite a task for the loser. He nevertheless had encouragement from the winners Corporal H.G. (Harry) Bennett, ration clerk Cancon and Corporal Ron Weber, Cancon Butcher.

MEMORABLE EVENT FOR TWO CANADIANS

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CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

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LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON!

Hospital Commander

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car was insufficient so the in-
jured man was driven down to
Kyroinia hospital, where Lt Col Effenberger removed the,

A Government medical Of-

cier congratulated Lt Col Effenberger on his speedy

action.

Developing

Countries . . .

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becoming increasingly aware
of the gap which separated
them from the rich and were
increasingly impatient at the
denial of adequate help".

"Also", he said, "the limited
results of the recent UN
Trade and Development con-
ferece, which met in New
Dehi, was a matter for grave
concern".

"Developed countries", he
said, "had shown a reluctance
to reserve a part of their
consumption increases for
export to developing states as
well as a hesitancy to ease
the terms under which they
offered those states aid".

"However", he added, "blame
should not rest solely on
industrialized states". "De-
veloping countries, also", he
went on, "often exhibited a
lack of farsightedness in their
policies and deluded them-
selfs with the notion that long-
term benefits could be sacri-
ficed to short-term expedi-
ences".

USA Contribute
To UNIFICYP
Cost

The United States has
informed the Secretary-Gen-
eral that it is prepared to
make a contribution of
up to four million dollars to-
wards the cost of the United
Nations Peacekeeping Force
in Cyprus for the period June 27,

The amount ultimately con-
tributed by the United States
government will depend on
the contributions of other
Governments towards the cost
of the operation and confirma-
tion of the cost estimates.

FAMINE RELIEF

SUPPLIES FOR
NIGERIA BIAFRA

UN Secretary-General, U Thant,
on 11 July, 1968, urged

The vital appointment of
Mess Caterer in any Sergeant's
1959, is held in the hands
UNIFICYP by Staff-ser-
gent John Plumpton, Royal
Engineers from Bristol.

Staff-sergeant Plump-ton
previously served with the Royal
Engineers when 37 Field En-
gineer Regiment occupied Po-
lamidhia Camp in 1957. Whilst
there he was cross-country
running champion for two suc-
cessive years.

His main sporting interest,
however, is aquatic and takes
the form of rowing which he
inherited from both his grand-
father and father.

Both Staff-sergeant Plump-
ton and his father are mem-
ber of the local rowing club
at home and have represented
it in many regattas in the
West of England. He is also
a member of the German Row-
ing Club at Osnabruck where
he won two international level
events at Essen and Hamburg.

because the 106th had kept
a depot in Durham and recruited
for many years. Together
they formed the 1st and 2nd
Battalions. Later, during the
South African War, the 1st Bn
took part in the Relief of La-
dysmith.

During the First World War
37 bns of the Durham Light
Infantry were raised and by
1918, six VC's had been won
by officers and men of the
Regiment. To add to this
already splendid achievement, a
further two VC's were won in
the Second World War. Six
battalions of the Regiment
fought in France, including one
battalion in the rearguard of the
British Expeditionary Force
at Dunkirk, in 1940. These
battalions fought through the
Western Desert and the length
of Europe, and the 9th Bn went
on to Berlin in 1945.

Perhaps Field-Marshana Lord
Montgomery of Alamein, sum-
med up our views in the House
of Lords recently when he
commented that it was impos-
seable to remember all the Re-
giments by name mentioned in
the proposed Defence cuts, but
there was one which could not
go without a mention. The
Durham Light Infantry, which
had taken part in the famous
Alamein to Germany and ne-
ever put a foot wrong.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

At RAF Nicosa on Thurs-
day 11 July, 1968.

42 San RCT - 3
(Whitman, Cooper, John-
stone (penalty) 1.)
BRITON - 1
(Murr.)

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