THIMAYYA MOURNED

Tributes to late Commander from all over world

FAREWELL. The cortège escorting the late Commander's body arrives at the airport (BELOW) and stops after filing through representative detachments of contingents serving with UNFICYP. At RIGHT, pallbearers from the Canadian Contingent, with Capt. Fateh Singh, the Commander's ADC, walk slowly past Guards of Honour provided by the 2 Bn The Canadian Guards and the Cyprus National Guard to the aircraft that took General Thimayya's body from Cyprus. ABOVE, final tribute by (left to right), Capt. Singh; Mr. S. Sen, Indian High Commissioner; Col. Arvind M. Jater, MVC, Commander, Indian Contingent, UNEF; Mr. Carlos A. Bernardes, Special Representative of the Secretary-General; Col. J. L. Drewry, DSO, CD, Deputy COS; and Brig. A. J. Wilson, MBE, MC, Force COS.
MANDATE EXTENDED

Security Council agrees extension for six months

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In 1964, Sgt Wallace McAuley of Kilconny died while serving with 41st Infantry Battalion in Cyprus.

Last week, in a simple but moving ceremony, the camp of A Coy, 5th Infantry Group, at Leifa was renamed — Camp McAuley, as a tribute to the memory of this fine soldier from many of his former comrades. The rename was carried out by the Adjutant, Capt (ret) Denis McDonagh (right) at the entrance to the camp. The new sign was painted by Sergeant Bonner.

A solemn moment at noon in the Leifa Camp of 'A' Coy as the company bugler, Trooper Eugene Keenan sounds the Angelus.

Mail-call at Leifa. Sergeant John Barnes of Dublin, distributing the mail, is watched by hopeful members of 'A' Coy.

Coy Sgt Don Shochan looks on critically as Company barber, Private Eddie Reilly, gives Lieutenant Shary Duffy a short "back end sides."

"If it sizzles, paint it!" —Trooper Tony Dinga of D Coy and Private Peter Lavlor, both of the Medical Corps, find out about another type of operation.

The finishing touches to the newly built cookhouse at Leifa are, left to right, Trooper John Vickers, Dublin, Cpl John McLaughlin, Athlone and Trooper Tony Finaney, Cork.

In the new kitchen of 41st Infantry Battalion at Camp McAuley, Leifa, which has been formally placed under the command of Capt (ret) Denis McDonagh (right). The new sign was painted by Sergeant Bonner.

Irish Christmas

For the Irish Troops serving in Cyprus, Christmas will be a time of separation from family, comrades and friends in Ireland. Undoubtedly, feelings of loneliness and longing will be experienced, particularly by those small groups of men who must still man the lonely and well-nigh inaccessible observation posts, high in the Troodos Mountains in the sensitive Leifa District which is the operational responsibility of 5th Irish Infantry Group. For these men there will be no question of the usual Christmas Day festivities. To relieve many of these observations posts, a new round of 6 hours by hand-rever in the base camp will not suit them. But Christmas will be celebrated in its true spirit, the festive atmosphere will not be lost.

At the base camps of Xeros, Leifa, Limassol and Troodos, Christmas trees are being erected, decorations where they can be placed being improvised, and choirs are in training approaching concert pitch!

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THE BLUE BERET

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Chefen for de Forenede Nationers styrke paa Cypern, general R.S. Thimmaya dovede pludselig af et hjælpeord lige tæt på det tidligere område, hvor han tidligere havde været. Han udsatte sig for at holde en form for kontaktpunkt, hvor han talte direkte til generalløjtnant E. Lorentzen.


Julehilsen fra chefen for DANCON

Jeg sender et personligt julehilsen fra DANCONs kontingent paa Cypern.

DANCON er et kontingent fra Danmarks Hjemmefront, der er istand til at bistå med mulige nødstilfælde i Cypern.

Brand i Messen

For at sikre bedre forsyning i grundlæggende vogne, forsyning i stedet for at kæmpe med de, der er i stand til at hjælpe, kan vi bare angiveligt, da vi forventer, at vognene vil hjælpe i den tilfælde, at der opstår et nødstilfælde.

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LAST MESSAGE TO THE FFC

Following is the Christmas message by which General K.S. Thimeyya had written on 7 December, the day before he suffered heart attack.

"During the past ten years the United Nations Force in Cyprus has continued to work hard to keep the peace and to do its best towards the restoration of normal conditions on the island. Thanks in no small measure to these efforts, the situation has improved very considerably and the general atmosphere is undoubtedly better and more hopeful than a year ago.

The Secretary General, in successive reports to the Security Council, has warmly praised the work of the FFC and the UNFICYP, and these tributes have been echoed by all of you, the President and the Government of Cyprus, the leading members of the United Nations Force, the local population and many other organizations.

I am most grateful for the support that you have given me and I wish you, the UNFICYP and the Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot communities more success in your efforts to achieve peace and to build a just and lasting peace in Cyprus.

The FFC has done much of the best work and I wish to express my gratitude to all members of the Force, and to everyone throughout the island who has contributed to the work of the UNFICYP. The FFC has, by its very presence, inspired confidence and created an atmosphere of stability that has enabled the local population to carry on with their daily work and to enjoy a better standard of living.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and cooperation, and I am confident that, with your continued support, the FFC will be able to achieve its objectives of maintaining peace and promoting stability in Cyprus.

I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas, and I look forward to continuing to work with you in the years to come.

Sincerely yours,

General K.S. Thimeyya"
**Heraldry in Cyprus**

By Michael O.H. Mathiasou

**Christmas in Briton**

A lion rampant holding a flower in its paw; possibly Pisani of Venice.

A right hand holding a flower; possibly Verdizotti of Venice.

**Fusiliers trade Christmas duties for Hogmanay**

The Royal Highland Fusiliers will continue normal peace-keeping duties over the Christmas period but will celebrate the passing of the Old Year and the arrival of the New in traditional Scottish style.

By mutual arrangement between the Fusiliers will be taking on duties normally carried out by the "A" Squadrons, 11th/12th Hussars, to enable as many Kypriotes as possible to celebrate Christmas. "A" Squadrons will then reciprocate by taking over as many of the Fusiliers tasks as they can, over the New Year celebration period.

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Lucia-Basta Cypern-minnes-
for EN-veteranen
Jerring

Jerring var material för de årliga ceremonier av den nationala minnesberättelsen "Vernas" och dess fortsättningsarbetare och medlemmar av "Härskärna". Han var en av de få som kunde berätta om den historiska inslagen i Cypern strider.

Detta berättar med hänsyn till det med hög syn- och den orimliga minnet med ens och alla troende av den civila staten vistat. Jag vill göra påslag på tillfredsställelse tillsattar och alla är det för att känna till och att se det gamla äta. Vad fram- tidens mån kan bli i sitt samarbete med allt vill be nära och besluta om allt tidigt försvar för detta.

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FORCE COMMANDER DIES

AT AIRPORT. The coffin bearing the body of General Thimayya, carried by a detachment from the Canadian Contingent, with Capt. Fateh Singh, ADC to the General walking alongside, is taken to the daos at the foot of the aircraft that took it to India.

OF HEART ATTACK

General K.S. Thimayya, Commander of the United Nations Force in Cyprus, died in Nicosia early Saturday morning of a heart attack. He collapsed in his home and was rushed by his ADC, Capt. Fateh Singh, to the Nicosia General Hospital where efforts to revive him failed.

Last tributes paid at airport ceremony

The Secretary-General's Special Representative in Cyprus, Mr. Carlos A. Bernardes, and the Force Chief-of-Staff, Brigadier A.J. Wilson, and other officers of the Force, went immediately to the hospital.

The body of the late Commander remained in the hospital until Sunday morning, when — at 0930 hours — it was taken to Wolsey Barracks escorted by four armoured cars of the Royal Canadian Dragoons.

The coffin was received at Wolsey Barracks by a Guard of Honour and band and pipes of The Royal Highland Fiddlers. (General Thimayya served with the Highland Light Infantry after he received his first commission).

Heavy rain was falling at this time and the rain persisted until just before the arrival of the cortege at the airport later in the day.

The body of the late Commander remained in state at Wolsey Barracks until close to 1300 hours.

At 1020, Mr. Bernardes placed a floral wreath, on behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, U Thant, on the late General's coffin which was draped with the Indian and United Nations flags. This private ceremony was attended by senior military and civilian officers representing all national contingents and branches of the Force.

A few minutes later, the Indian High Commissioner, Mr. S. Sen, who had flown to Nicosia from Beirut on Saturday afternoon, placed a wreath on behalf of the Government of India. This was followed by Captain Singh placing on the coffin the General's medals, his blue beret and cane.

At 1030 hours, the President of the Republic arrived at Wolsey Barracks to pay his respects to the late Commander and place a wreath on his coffin. The ceremony was also attended by a number of Ministers of the Government, of the Cyprus Armed Forces, General G. Grivas, Commander and other high officials, as well as members of the diplomatic corps in Nicosia who also paid tribute and placed floral wreaths on behalf of their Governments.

Twenty minutes later, a delegation representing Vice-President Fazil Kuchuck and the Turkish Cypriot community, consisting of Dr. Nazli Mavera, Mr. Fazil Plumer, Mr. Bjemal Muftizade, Mr. Umit Suleiman and Mr. A.M. Berbegolu, also paid their respects and deposited a wreath.

From 1100 to 1240 hours, the general public and officers and men of all the contingents serving with UNFICYP filed past the coffin in silent tribute to the memory of the late Force Commander.

At 1250 hours, a cortege was formed to escort General Thimayya's body from Wolsey Barracks to the airport.

At the approach to the landing field, the route leading to the aircraft was lined by representatives of all national contingents serving with UNFICYP. The gun-carriage, on which the General's body was carried to the airport, filed past the detachments who presented arms.

At the end of the approach, it stopped and the coffin was then carried slowly by ten members of the Canadian Contingent between the ranks of two Guards of Honour provided by the 2nd Bn The Canadian Guards and the Cyprus National Guard, and placed on a dais at the foot of the aircraft steps. Indian buglers, members of the Indian Contingent with the United Nations peacekeeping force in the Middle East (UNEF) who arrived from Gaza on Saturday, sounded “Last Post” as Mr. Bernardes, Brigadier Wilson, the Acting Foreign Minister of Cyprus, Mr. Andreas Araouzos, and Ambassador Sen, paid their last respects to General Thimayya.

A few minutes later, the pall-bearers carried the coffin up the steps of the aircraft which left for Beirut at 1345 hours on the first leg of the former Commander's final trip to Bangalore, India, his homeland.