UNCIVPOL SERGEANT DIES IN ROAD CRASH

Sergeant L.J. Thomas of the Australian Uncivpol Element was killed, when his UN vehicle was involved in an accident early on Saturday morning 26 July, 1969. It appeared that his vehicle had run out of control and somersaulted several times fatally injuring him.

The accident occurred on the Nicosia — Limassol main road near Governors' Beach turning. No other vehicle was involved.

Sgt Thomas arrived in Cyprus in May this year and was stationed at Kythira. His body is being flown home to progress had been made in strengthening observers' shelters.

It was also reported that there had been no progress in another U Thant proposal that the two sides remove their military installations from the vicinity of posts.

Sgt L.J. Thomas
New South Wales, Australia, for burial.

Swedcon Pays Tribute

The Swedish Contingent serving with Unficyp payed its tribute to the killed Swedish UN observer yesterday Tuesday last. At the morning parade each company and sub-unit saluted Major Plane with a minute's silence.

On his arrival last week at HQ Unficyp, to see the Force Commander, the GOC NEARELF Maj Gen M.W. Holme CBE MC inspected a Quarter Guard, which was provided from the HQ Unficyp Main Guard.

General Officers' Visits To HQ Unficyp

Brigadier Sven Widgren of Sweden, who was last week on a visit to the Swedish Contingent serving with Unficyp, called on the Force Commander Gen Martola on Monday last 28 July.

Brig. Widgren, who visited Unficyp as a representative of the Swedish Army Chief, was accompanied by Lt Col Emal Schultze of the Swedish Army Staff.

- Pictured left with the Force Commander are (L to R) Lt Col Schultze, Col Lars Lovén, CO Fama-gusto Zone and Swedcon, and Brig. Widgren.

UN Truce Officer Killed In Egypt

Major Bo Roland Plane (37), a Swedish Artillery Officer serving with the UN Truce Supervision Organisation in the Suez Canal region, died as a result of wounds received during an exchange of artillery fire between Israeli and Egyptian forces on 27 July. The shelling took place in the southern sector of the Canal.

The Secretary General has expressed his "concern and regret" at the death of Major Plane. A UN spokesman said that U Thant "was considering the matter most seriously".

According to UN information, Major Plane was in a U.N. Observation Post when he was hit by a shell at 11:35 a.m. on Sunday last. He is the first U.N. Military Observer to be killed in the Suez Canal sector since the June War of 1967.

Major Plane's wife and two daughters have been in Cairo since June.

UN Report On Swedish Casualty

A report from the post where Major Plane was fatally wounded, said there had been an artillery exchange but that the Egyptian firing had ceased a quarter hour before the incident while Israeli fire continued.

Norwegian Lieut General Odd Bull, Chief of Staff of UN Truce Supervision Organisation in the Middle East, said an investigation was now in progress and further details would be reported later.

No Indication of Pull Out

Seven countries — Austria, Argentine, Chile, Finland, France, Ireland and Sweden contribute observers to UNT-
I TILFÆLDE AF SYGDOM...

"Klinikkamone" KS E.E. Pedersen koncentrerer sig om sit arbejde. Der rores sammen til en fyltning.

DANCON NYT

...og tandlægen fylder KS Langhj ALFA. Læg mærke til stemen. Den stammer fådage tidligere fra et tysk krigsskib. Enhver der har siddet i stilen vil ikke - den er hærd og staudat.

PANG IGEN I GOSHI

Det er bara en vecka sedan Blue Beret i text och bild kunde berätta att Swedcon hittat fram till Goshi. Nu har det snabbt svenska soldater i Goshi igen. De helikopterförbundet långsmärker har åter varit ute på de grävda danna kullen för grundläggande inslag.
- Delft Serg Ulf Carlson leder sin larmstyrka i Goshi. (Nedan).
- En "skandal" bjuderas till riktande ansikts. (T.h.)

Swedcon inspektieras

Som representant för Chefen för Armén besökte och inspektierade jag flera veckor överste Sven Widgren svenska FN-kårningen på Cypern.
- Överste Widgren, som är chef för bataljonens "underregemente 144" i Linköping, fortsatte i tidiga sin resa inrättad för att besöka svenska FN-observationer i Mellanöstern.
- Överste Widgren och FN-soldat Hans Bergqvist i samtal vid Othello Towner. (T.h.)
- Inspektion av vakten på Gold Fish Camp. Överste Widgren besökte 2 kompanjoner. (T.h.)
Camp Administrative Staff At HQ Unficyp

Three members of Camp Staff HQ who contribute to the smooth running of the administrative side are (left to right): Cpl Tom Frazie, Pte Peter Greig and L. Cpl Jim Hutton.

A recently announced pay rise for the services, means extra work for Sgt Ray Reed (left) and Sgt George Tracey of the Royal Army Pay Corps. Here they are seen checking the new pay scales.

GOC INSPECTION IN POLEMEDHIA

The Battalion Quarter Guard of the 1 Wore R being inspected by the GOC Nearnejj, Major General M.W. Holmes, CB, MC, during his recent visit to the Battalion at Polemedhia Camp.

New Arrival at HQ Britcon

A new arrival to HQ Britcon is Captain R.C. Hylton, R.C.C., who has taken over the Staff Captain A.Q. duties.

LIMERICK MEN GET TOGETHER

BRITCON NEWS

1 Worcesters Mount HQ Guard

On Monday, 21st July, a guard provided by the 1 Wore R, was mounted at HQ Unificyp. A number of guests were present, and they were impressed by the drill and turnout of the guard.

The battalion Adjutant, Captain A.L. Jerram mounted the guard and Regimental Sergeant Major A.H. Windsor was in attendance. While the Guard was being inspected the spectators were entertained by a display of military music and marching by the Battalion's Regimental Band and Drummers.

GROUP SOCCER

The Group Soccer League was finally decided last week when the team from the Armoured Car Group defeated "A" Coy by 2 goals to 1 after a very exciting game. This match was a replay as the first one ended in a scoreless draw. Scorers for the wins were Tdr Howard and Capt. Whelan while Pte Smith replied for the losers.

IRCON NEWS

The "Ice" Run

In the warm weather that prevails on the Island for much of the year, ice is an essential part of the daily supply to the various units. Pte Frank O'Mahoney is seen here "delivering the goods".

The winning team from Limerick (Chaplain). Group includes Comdt. T.J. Hartigan (Coy).
Down The Hatch

This is not a Ripley’s “Believe-it-or-Not” column, however, it could be. For example, would you believe Canadians serving in Cyprus could devour 34,000 eggs in a month, or, despite the fact not all are of Irish descent, they go through about 16,000 pounds of potatoes in 30 days? If you would like another statistic, just for good measure, we eat close to 13,000 pounds of bread a month.

Feeding such a large group of people does not merely involve the preparation and serving of meals. It requires teamwork in the field of supply of both quantities and distribution to the various messes and the 2nd Battalion, Royal 22e Régiment’s Observation Company.

Roy Fox, a warrant officer in the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, senior cook for the “Van Door”, made a seemingly dubious statement this week. He said, “We handle enough grub to cater to the needs of any of the largest hotels on the island.”

Considering the amount of food eaten by the Canadians each month, it’s not much of an exaggeration after all.

Warrant Officer Roy Fox prepares a menu.

Master Warrant Officer Norman Tomiund (standing) and Corporal Edward Purcell present the month’s ration list.

Corporal Joseph Landry checks his baking. This oven could handle enough roasts at one time to feed 2,000 men.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

SAFE DRIVERS

Many drivers of the 2nd Battalion, Royal 22e Régiment have surpassed the 5,000-mile mark in accident-free driving. Three of them who received their “mugs” and certificates recently, include (left to right) Corporals Jean Yves Paquet, Marcel Glaude and Auselien Blanc. The presentations were made by the officer commanding Support Company, Major Denis Beaulieu.

FINCON NEWS

KUVIEN KERTOMAA

... JA ROTAAATIO JATKUU...

Mikäkin tähän olkii, -nauta samaa... ei koe yksi kaua kerro kontin ensimmäinen kuu tae sat vanta.

ROTAATIOKAAN EI MUUTA TAHTIA

”Mikakasunnetta, tahi hermostumme”.


Rekentämissä pysyy kuitenkin rauhallisena.

Uusi vai valo portaita alaa. Virheviiri on suriin. Kiiä ei ole kiinni kantaa, vaan siiä tulemattomuus 5% nousuu Tervetuloa.
Nicosia Band Concert

The Band and Drummers of the 1st Battalion the Worcestershire Regiment took part in a Guard Mounting Ceremony on the 21st July, outside the Main Hangar at HQ Unficyp. The display was watched by members from the various Contingents and also a number of wives and children.

The Band since their arrival in Cyprus, have played on numerous occasions at locations throughout the Island.

FORCE PHOTOGRAPHERS ROTATE

The Force Photographer, Sgt Ken Feltham (right), the man who has been responsible for producing many of the pictures which have been seen in the Blue Beret, is himself pictured, handing his camera to his relief, Sgt Bob Brooker. On his return to the United Kingdom, Sgt Feltham will be going back to his unit at Larkhill.

The Editor and Staff wish Sgt Feltham farewell, and to Sgt Brooker we say welcome.

UNIFICYP SOCCER LEAGUE

(Result as at 28th July 1969)

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New Secretaries at HQ Unficyp

Two young ladies who have recently joined the staff of Unficyp are shown in our picture below.

On the right is Mrs Miriam Poricleos, who came from London, England, to marry her Greek Cypriot husband, Sitting next to Miriam is Mrs Jane Williams, whose husband is serving with the RAF at Nicosia. Her home in England is near Banbury.

UN PROGRAMMES FROM C.B.C.

The weekly C.B.C. transmission of special programmes for UN Forces are broadcast on 488 metres, 602 kilocycles, as follows:

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Wednesday 1415 — 1445 hrs
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Thursday 2000 — 2030 hrs
Radio HELSINKI production.

Friday 2000 — 2030 hrs
UN Discotheque presented by Sally Bourdillon.

Saturday 2000 — 2030 hrs
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