BRITISH PRIME MINISTER’S STATEMENT

The following statement was made by Mr. Heath in the House of Commons on Tuesday 2nd March during a debate on defence policy.

... "I want now to turn to the broader issue, which is the question of United Nations Peace Keeping Forces. We have endeavoured to support the United Nations in this, but for too long a United Nations Force has been needed in Cyprus. We wish to see a settlement there and an end to the need for a peace-keeping operation. A more determined effort is now required to solve the differences which took the Force there seven years ago. For one reason, namely that there are other possibilities of peace-keeping forces being required in other parts of the world. I do not believe that we shall be able to persuade other countries constantly to support the United Nations in peace-keeping endeavours if they find that a peace-keeping force is not a means to resolve a situation and to give time for diplomacy to work, but is merely a permanent commitment which seems to be unending. This is our view about the Force in Cyprus, but in the meantime we are maintaining our contingent there."

OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that we announce the death on 4th March, of Lance Corporal Keith Trusswell, a member of the British Contingent. He died from multiple injuries sustained in an accident while parachuting at Kingsfield airstrip Dhekella.

Lance Corporal Trusswell, who came from Aldershot, was aged 21 and married. He was a member of the Royal Army Medical Corps and was attached to the Medical Centre at HQ UNFICYP. He had been serving with the Force for 5 months.

At the request of his Next of Kin, his body has been repatriated to the United Kingdom.

FINNISH NATIONAL PRESENTATION

On 3rd March, members of the Finnish Contingent gave a presentation entitled "Finland" to a representative audience drawn from all the different national contingents in UNFICYP. The guests were welcomed by Lieutenant Colonel E.T. Lehtovirta.

Major B. Lagerström began by tracing the history of Finland and was followed by Lieutenant J. Sillanpää who illustrated his talk on the Finnish economy with a film. The third speaker was Major P. Pirkonen who explained the Finnish Political system.

In a lighter vein, Finnish hospitality was amusingly illustrated by a Sauna comedy sketch. At the conclusion of the presentation, more orthodox refreshments were available for the enjoyment of the guests.

The presentation provided a fascinating glimpse of a beautiful country and was much enjoyed by those who attended.

REPEAT PERFORMANCE

When Major General D. Prem Chand presented Warrant Officer I Olof Bergius with his UNFICYP medal at Famagusta last Saturday, it was just like old times. For Olof Bergius it was the second medal that he has earned as a UN peace-keeper. The first was for service in the Congo, and the Force Commander recalled that he himself had also presented the Swedish Warrant Officer with his medal on that occasion. — More pictures of the Swedcon Medal Parade on page 9.
GAVIZERNAN
Når man fra Nicosia kører mod vest til Xeros, møder man i Gavizernan den første OP i Dancoms område. Her i Gavizernan befinner en GRP/KMP sig med et stort af ogpavere. Foruden den store og dygtige vaktgruppe, der befinder sig skulre ved vejen, hvorfra vognen overfører trukken i tværs, skal GRP højvekti-gardsols ved midten, forfærdsel med tårgasser af ØP Limpkins. GRP har vel nok en af de mest krævende ogpavere i området, men her løber disse med vanskel enhed i et altid smittende humør. For at tyle disse gatter bringes her nogle biler fra deres hverdag.

FOBDOLD
I Dancon "landsdiger" spillet i den forfedtige operation i FC, der afvikles som en capturerning. Modstanderne var holdet fra FC, som dog ikke var de modstandere som var blevet bygget på en ret dårlig hane. Da Dancon fik orden, så det overhovedet sagt, så det ikke blev udarbejdet nu fordi strenge afvisninger i de kommende kamp. Modstanden var for ringe til, at man virkelig kunne helderne holde ud af denne, så det er i en position at se det på Curve.

DANCON NYT

På ØP Limpkins, får man sig en refleksion og en byggede skudbed med kæmperne om de sidste sykron.

Medaljparad på Carl Gustav Camp
Førstesætning var det medaljparad i Carl Gustav Camp for de nederlæs- mer, som fulgtet sin dagens prædiket gavet af FC-følgerne i CFC, og det blev kvalificeret sig for FN-mobil.


DUSSON NEWS

Swedish News

Sundet i dag fiasko med 2.00 i Dussa Coup-turneringen i femme.

den uvidtelig gennemgåe af rentmæssige Bengt-Arne Norrhol und Bengt Bernfalk. Den forudsige vandt sin markov program som han tog i vinter. Efter kampveget udarbejder i axten blev det råt spillet i skilfersten.

Rapport:
SPORTING

SUCCESSES

FOR 3 RGJ

BOXING...— in the NEAR-
ELF Boxing Championships
held at Famagusta on the 17th
and 18th February, the 3 RGJ
team virtually swept the
board. In the finals, the team
were victors in no less than
nine of the twelve bouts which
they contested, and of these,
four were wins by a knock-
out. The battalion team is to
be warmly congratulated
on their success.

--- AND COUNTRY ---
In the UNFICYP Cross Coun-
try Competition held at Nicosia
on 14th March, the Green Ja-
cets achieved another convinc-
ing victory. With four runners
in the first six places, the
battalion team had a clear
win over Sweden, the runners
up, by 13 points to 39.

- Corporal Dick Laurence
who completed the 5 mile
course in 26 minutes is seen
here receiving the prize for
the best runner.

- Riffman "Gawdy" Overell
seen here with the cup for the
Best Boxer.

LIMASSOL

CARNIVAL

One of the star attractions
of the Limassol Carnival Pa-
rade was the band of the 3rd
Royal Green Jackets, who got
a spontaneous and enthusiastic
reception from the crowds all
along the route. Despite the
pouring rain, the streets of
Limassol were packed for this
great and carfree occasion.

BROTHERS TOGETHER

Captain David Roe (left) and
Captain Peter Roe (right)
have a bond both on and off
duty. It is not unusual to
find two brothers serving
together in the same regiment,
but when they are both officers,
and both filling the only two
Captain appointments in the
same squadron — then you have
a story.

Captain David Roe has only just joined 47 Squadron The
Royal Hussars in Nicosia. He was just in time to be able
to congratulate his brother Peter on becoming the 47th
NEARELF Squadron Champion. In the finals he beat Captain
M. Conroy, the Medical Officer attached to 3 RGJ.

--- GOC VISITS ---
1 SQN RCT

Driver J.M. Webster (left)
and Driver G.D. Batsdale
(right) get words of encou-
agement from Major General
M.W. Hume, the GOC NEAR-
ELF, who was touring the
heads of 1 Squadron RCT
during his visit to Britain
units serving with HQ UNFI-
CTP 4/Lieutenant Mark Bow-
dall keeps a watchful eye on
the homeward

--- MEDAL PRESENTATION TO IRCON ---

On Thursday 25th February
members of the 19 Infantry
Group, who are on their first
tour of overseas service in
Cyprus, received their UN medals
from the Force Comman-
der, Major General P. Prem Chand
in a colourful ceremonial
parade at Ziyi Camp.

On arrival he was met by
Lieutenant Colonel Tom Tra-
cy, Officer Commanding 19
Infantry Group, and inspects
a Guard of Honour under the
command of Lieutenant Per-
gus Marshall. After Major
General P. Prem Chand pre-
mented medals to a represen-
tative body of officers, NCOs
and men and addressed the
troops on parade.

He congratulated the 19
Infantry Group on an excel-
lent parade, and expressed his
satisfaction on the way in
which all ranks have carried
out their duties since their
arrival in Cyprus. Music for
the parade was provided by 19
Infantry Group Pipe Band.

After the ceremony the
Force Commander and guests
were entertained in the Offi-
cers Mess.

- Major General P. Prem
Chand inspects the Guard of
Honour escorted by Lieutenant

- The General has a word with Signalman Eddie
Murphy during the presentation of medals.

- Signalman Murphy is a native of Gin-
negad Co. Cavan and is on
his first tour of overseas

--- FILM EXPERT ---

It is difficult to select a
film that will satisfy all
tastes, and it is almost
impossible to provide good
films continuously. One of the
men prepared to "run the gauntlet" as a film selector is
Corporal Hugh Green (ARQ
Rigs).

--- IRCON NEWS ---

On Saturday 27 Feb the
Commanding Officer, Lieut-
enant Colonel Tom Traacy,
pre-
tended UN medals to the re-
mainder of Ircon personnel at
Ziyi. Photographs show Offi-
cers of Group Headquarters
and Headquarter Company
after the ceremonial medal
parade.

- Left to right Captains
P. Treanor, D. Herasghby, H.
Johnston, Commandant F.
Dunne, Lt. Col T. Traacy,
Lieutenant P. Prem Chand, Captain
J. Murphy, Lieutenant T.
DOWN AMONG THE DANES

They call it Canada Home, and well they might, for its residents are every bit the ambassadors of the country they represent. Located with the Danish contingent, the tri-service radio crew consisting of Air Force Corporal Lenie Davidson, Naval Corporal Terry Fisher, and Army Corporal Ross Hengstler are part of the mixed British-Canadian staffed 444 Signals Troop.

STAR DRUMMER

The transition from the world of entertainment to a military career seems broad and unfruitful, but Corporal Brian Preston has combined the best of two worlds and has given generously to both. The "Fun Jones of the Corps of Drums" is no stranger to the stage. Before joining the Army eight years ago he played the west coast and Toronto night club circuit as a drummer and lead singer with the "Borrowers." "It's a rough life, and hard to understand for a wife with small children," he said. "I like the army, and being able to combine it with what I now consider my hobby is great," Corporal Preston was invited to participate in the Gordon Troop Show when it visited the UN in Cyprus, and he also has appeared in benefit shows on the Island with the Corps of Drums, and Band of the 3rd Regiment PPCUL.

ALL-ROUNDER

He is flexible, confident and equally at ease on the sports field as well as the battle field. After the Medical Officer, Sergeant "Mitch" Mclnchard is number two in the Canadian Unit Aid Station. This French speaking medic is a career soldier, but he is also in his element in the air. The holder of a private pilots license and parachute wings, he is an active air enthusiast with 125 free falls safely behind him. Following his Korean tour, he represented the tri-service weight lifting team for Canada and in 1969 brought the first place to his team then based in Egypt. During his 28 years in the service he has served in Canada's far north, Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

FINCON NEWS

For the past two years Corporal Gord Kitch is been holding the spot of Battalion Photographer. As an infantry soldier, he has received no special training for this specialized task. However, his interest and enthusiasm has made up for it, and since coming to Cyprus he has contributed considerably towards putting the battalion on record.

SUOMI ON PIENI MAA KAUKANA POHJOISESSA

Kyllä suomalaiset ovat saaneet saaran itseään, vaikka moni muuta väritättä-
kö. E:Nauru muistit Suomisuhteiden virallsalle kun yli 9, 110 ja aik. M. Karuno toimittaa aiemmista viereastamis, kers S. Karja, toimistossa
ponte ja sanastopin.

FINCON NEWS

Yksi ja toinen suomalaisen run- hamuravan aihitoa Lähi-idän erityisesti. 71.2. Varaisena sil-
värys eli kansainen apokieltokur-
reakti. K. Kurikan pari toimii
alkaen laajennut myönteisesti
kiineen, saavat turvallen aktiivan
rakkeni, pyytäväkin kaikki het-
kseen työntä. Tämä on kuitenkin
sammautunut jäljennöksi. Siihen li-
painaa rehva järjestelmä mielikin
ja hilpein.
KEEPPING FIT

On Sunday 28th February, "just for the fun of it", a team of 6 members of HQ UNFICYP ran in relay the 48 miles from the Summit of Mount Olympus to Nicosia Airport.

The team ran in individual legs of 23 miles, so that each runner completed a total of 74 miles. Making an early start, the team encountered very wintry conditions. However, their enthusiasm could not be dampened, and the total course was completed in 5 hours.

Although they were not trying to race against the clock, it was nevertheless a very satisfactory time for "amateurs". The main aim was to get out of camp and see some of the countryside.

RECOVERY ASSISTANCE:

"HOW NOT TO DO IT"

Recovery during silent hours is controlled by UNFICYP Workshop REME assisted by the Force Reserve. An incident occurred recently which demonstrates the problems of language differences and interpretation of terms.

At about 1609 hours on 23 Feb, the Ops Duty Officer received a request from Nicosia District for assistance to recover a "cow" which was drowning in a well. Apparently, due to the odd nature of the request, the BRITCON Duty Officer was asked to pass the message, during which "cow" became "car", and "car" in turn became a truck broken down in a water system. In each case there was said to be a danger of fouling the water system. It was also understood that the Turkish National Contingent had already damaged their heavy wrecker in trying to extricate the casualty. By this time however, "cow" had already been reintroduced into the request, but the workshop, not quite sure that it was not having its leg pulled, had the duty recovery vehicle standing by. The Workshop Commander, innocently visiting the Officer's Mess picked up the discussion and decided to check out the request. It appeared that a cow had fallen down a deep well, one report said 25 feet deep, the other 40 feet deep. It was not clear if this was in water or not, but it was reported that the cow had passed away thereby removing some of the urgency. Remembering the maxim "Time spent on reconnaiss ance is seldom wasted" he went to the scene and found a large crowd surrounding a deep dry brick lined well shaft. At the bottom, the luckless cow (still alive and 8 months pregnant) was being lashed by one horn and one leg prior to recovery by two Turkish National Contingent vehicles. To the interest of the crowd, heedless of the dangers of the winch rope, the animal was brought to the surface and deposited in twelve inches of mud from which, 15 minutes later, it got up and walked away.

 Needless to say the request was unusual, the officers involved soon saw the funny side, and no visible damage was suffered by the cow in the end.

SIGNALLERS LIAISE

The natural terrain of Cyprus, plus the ever changing atmospheric conditions, can create considerable communication problems. Add to this the fact that in UNFICYP there are eight different nationalities, with a variety of equipment, and you have all the ingredients of a signallers nightmare!

It is therefore of the utmost importance that regular inter-contingent discussions take place in order that a high standard of communications can be maintained within the Force.

The most recent Senior NCO's Signal Convention, held at HQ UNFICYP, brought together signallers from as far apart as Tjikko and Polis and Famagusta and Xeros. In his opening address, the Chief Signal Officer, Lieutenant Colonel D. D. Ranft, outlined the importance of inter-contingent assistance plus the necessity to work and liaise frequently with CYTA.

Captain G. Finney then gave a short talk on the role of 644 Signal Troop in UNFICYP, and this was followed by briefs from Sergeant Dick Richardson, 3rd Royal Green Jackets, and Sergeant Ken Boulter, "C" Squadron Royal Hussars, on the signals role of their respective units. The convention was presided over by Warrant Officer II (Y of S) P. C. Wood.

The morning session concluded with a visit to CYTA. This visit was of special interest as CYTA is at present installing a new automatic telephone exchange.

In January 1971 the United Nations Postal Administration began issuing commemorative stamps simultaneously in United States and Swiss denominations. The second of these is on the theme, "International Support for Refugees".

There will be three denominations, 6 c, 13 c, and F 8. 050, and the date of issue will be the 12th March, 1971.

COLLECTORS CORNER

Philatelists will be interested in a special First Day Cover which was produced in February 1970 by 1 Squadron RCT to celebrate its centenary.

A limited number of these First Day Covers are available from the unit, together with the 1970 Commonwealth Games Cover.

Price for the two — 200 mls.