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IRCON'S MEDAL PARADE



The Irish Contingent held its first medal parade of the year last week. The presentation took place in the Force Commander's office to the sound of Irish music. On this occasion the Force Commander Major General J. J. Quinn presented United Nations Peacekeeping medals to Company Sergeant P. Sweeney, Sergeant E. Berkenheier and Sergeant S. Masterson. The presentation to these latest recipients was made in the presence of the Contingent Commander Lieutenant Colonel D. O'Carroll. This Contingent which is the smallest military contingent in the Force continues to man the important Economics Branch and to provide staff clerks for both the Operations and Logistics Branches of the Headquarters.



The Force Commander was pictured with the recipients above and presented a medal to Sergeant Berkenheier (left) and to Sergeant S. Masterson (right).



DANES BEAT SWEDES AT FOOTBALL

Football is more important than handball when it is a matter between Danes. It was a tough exciting match, but there was no doubt the Danes were the Winners, 2 goals to nil.

Private N. C. Stenderup is seen in a duel against one of the Swedish players.

INSPECTION OF FERRET TROOP

Commanding Officer Force Reserve, Major B. Bale accompanied by 2 Lt Bodian inspected on 4. February his Ferret troop stationed at B Coy Camp in Skourotissa. Sergeant Ian Dane and Staff Sergeant L. Stavso commanded the combined British/Danish Guard of Honour.



TWO PAYMASTERS
The "Old" and the "New".



DANCON Paymaster, I. Lt. E.B. Olsen is sure that the cash account balances. He has counted carefully (watch his smile and his finger) before he hands over the cash in hand to his successor I. Lt. S. Kvolbæk who wants to make sure himself that no mils are missing.

EVEN A SMALL TRAFFIC ACCIDENT
is an traffic accident too much.



Private J.L.B. Person is trying to explain how it happened to Military Police Sergeant F. Jacobsen.

DANCON



NEWS

UN AMBASSADOR VISITS THE SWedes

The Swedish UN ambassador, Mr Anders Thunborg, visited his countrymen in sector 5 during his fact finding tour to Cyprus and the Middle East. He also discussed the Cyprus problem with the Greek and Turk Cypriot negotiators, Mr Papadopoulos and Mr Onan. He was briefed about the situation by UN representatives and had lunch with Greek Cypriot Foreign Minister, Mr John Christofides.

SWEDCON E W S



Mr Thunborg was in a great hurry and unfortunately had little time to listen to MTO, Nils Lahti, and EME, Emil Gäddman.



But as a former speedway star in Sweden in the early 60's he simply had to admire Hans Andersson's giant bike.



The ambassador and the Swedish Commander met by a guard of honour consisting of Ulf Andersson, Anders Nilsson, Anders Jaas and Göran Larsson.



The ambassador was accompanied by his military adviser, Col Stig Waldenström, SWEDCON Commander and Mr Pär Kettis. Here they are shown the new OP, S 61, by WO 2 Mats Drugge.



Mj Björn Sörensen-Rangi shows the ambassador the workshop at Camp Victoria.

BRAVERY REWARDED



Chief Clerks Change in the Headquarters



Trooper Stephen Coole's initiative and personal courage during the fire at the Carton Factory last October were recognised last week when he received a Commander in Chief's Commendation for brave conduct from the Administrator of the Sovereign Bases, Air Vice Marshal R. D. Austen-Smith CB, DFC, RAF.

Trooper Coole was among those involved in fighting the fire that threatened to set fire to the Carton Factory. On his own initiative he went in between two burning bales of paper, to hold the fire brigades hoses under the surface of the water in the emergency water tank, and despite the intense heat continued to do this for an hour and a half.

He is seen left being presented with his certificate by Air Vice Marshal Austen-Smith.

WO1 Newman came to the end of his tour as the Chief Clerk of the Operations Branch of the Headquarters last week. He was pictured left with his relief WO2 Nicolas who has come to the Force from Berlin. Mr Newman has now left the Island to go to a similar post in Germany.

A "PILOT" AT LAST



A life-time's ambition was realised ten days ago when Major Lettin flew in the front seat of a helicopter. Major Lettin had originally tried to join the RAF as a pilot, but had not succeeded, and, since he is shortly to retire from the Army, 84 Squadron Detachment took him up so that he could see what flying looks like from a pilot's seat.

AUSCON ROTATION



Der Adjutant, Hptm H. Simschitz, bei der ersten Standeskontrolle am Flugplatz in Larnaca. Die Gesichter der Neuankömmlinge verraten die Frage: "Was wird uns hier wohl erwarten?"

The Adjutant Hptm H. Simschitz with the first flight at Larnaca Airport. The expressions on the faces of the newcomers seem to ask "What is going to happen to us here?"



Der Kommandant des zweiten Transportes, Lt Dr. Sperk, meldet die Rotanten dem CO Obstlt Heinz J. Oberwinkler.

The commander of the second flight Lt Dr Sperk reporting to Lt Col Oberwinkler.



Und dann beginnt der militärische Alltag auf Zypern. Vzlt E. Ertl gibt die Rüstung aus.

The usual military arrival routine in Cyprus soon began with Vzlt Ertl issuing equipment to the newcomers.

AUSCON NEWS

GENERALS VISIT CANCON



M Gen G. Kitching presents the Silver Beaver to Major Gord Owen.

COMMANDER 5e CBG VISITS 2 RCR



Brigadier General Doucet Commander of 5e CBG, 2RCR's parent formation paid a recent visit to the Battalion in Cyprus. He visited all the companies and was briefed on the sector opera-



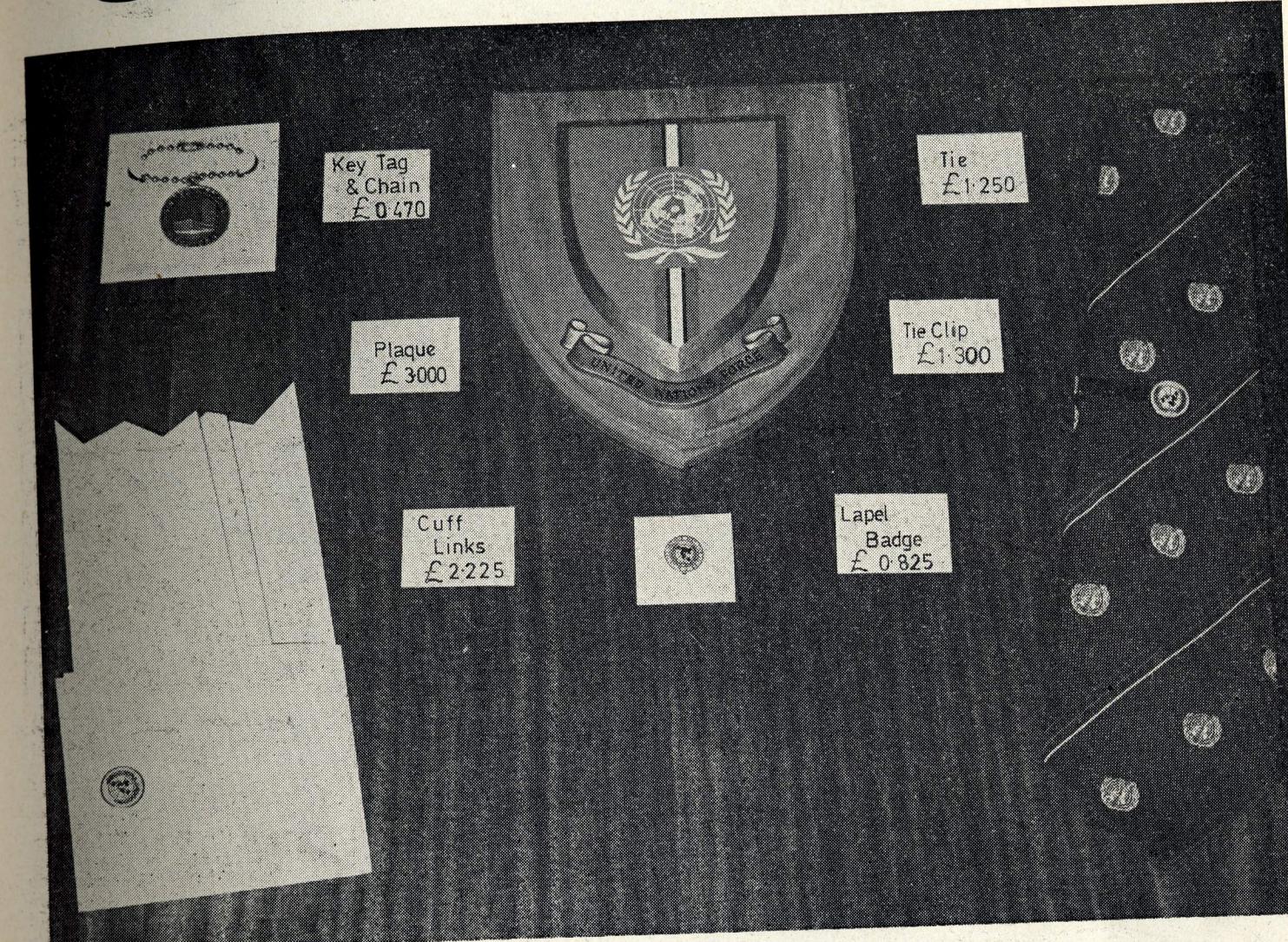
tions. Above left B. Gen Doucet inspects a quarter guard of the Regiment at Wolseley Barracks, while on the right Cpl Doug McGuire of H Company briefs the General at OP Turkey Farm.

SILVER BEAVER PRESENTED

On the 23rd of January Major Gord Owen was presented with his Silver Beaver. This is presented to those Officers who have served 10 or more years with The Royal Canadian Regiment on their retirement. Major Owen who is the Operations Officer with Headquarters UNFICYP has served with the Regiment for 28 years. He saw active service with the Regiment in Korea.

Major Owen's beaver was presented to him by Major General G. Kitching, the Colonel Commandant of Infantry in the Canadian Forces and one of the Regiment's most distinguished soldiers.

UN SOUVENIRS



These souvenir items are on sale at the Headquarters. Bulk orders from units and contingents should be sent to the Procurement Officer, Mr J. Amos, with the correct amount of money. All orders will be filled as quickly possible.

RCT RALLY TEAM



The Force Transport Squadron, 1 Squadron RCT, have their own Rally Team which has been competing successfully in local rallies since arriving in the Force last November.

The team consists of a driver, L/Cpl Hodges, a navigator, L/Cpl Hamilton and a back-up crew. So far the team have competed in three rallies and have finished first in their class in two of them, the Tiger and a Handicap Rally.

The whole Team, crew and back-up team were pictured left while L/Cpls Hodges and Hamilton were seen right as they returned from the last rally.



SPORTS NEWS



Major Blount on his way down.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

2 weeks ending 4 Feb	11	Same time last year	28
Previous year	9	Lesson for the month	
Total for this year	22	DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE	

The Near East British Forces Annual Ski Competition took place on the North Face of Mount Olympus last week. A small team from the Support Regiment and HQ Britcon entered to gain some competitive experience before the Force Competition.



Captain P. Hoare of HQ Britcon nearing the end of the Slalom at speed.

The British Forces Ski competition was made up of a number of competitions. The main one was an inter-service and an inter-unit competition. It attracted teams from Malta and individuals from England and the British Forces in Germany. The British team entered both the inter-unit competition and the individual competition, and did much better than they had anticipated. The actual competition consisted of a giant slalom and two ordinary slaloms. At the end of the first race the team were lying 5th and at the end finished in 3rd position — a result that could have been improved had it not been for an unfortunate fall at the end of one of the runs.

The best individual result was obtained by Corporal S. Oswin of the Ordnance Detachment who came 3rd.

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