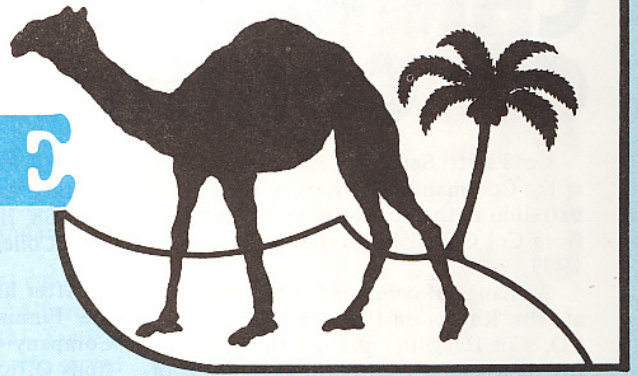




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CHANGE OF COMMAND

Col Pertti Seppänen has assumed duty as the Commanding Officer of the Finnish battalion in the Mission area. He took over from Col Gustav Hagglund on 1 February 1979.

A change of command parade was held at Abu Rudeis on that day. The outgoing CO, Col Hagglund praised the contingent for their support during his tenure of office. Col Seppanen, the new CO, in an address to the troops, exhorted them to cooperate with him to ensure a successful tour.

Col Seppanen was born on 31 May,

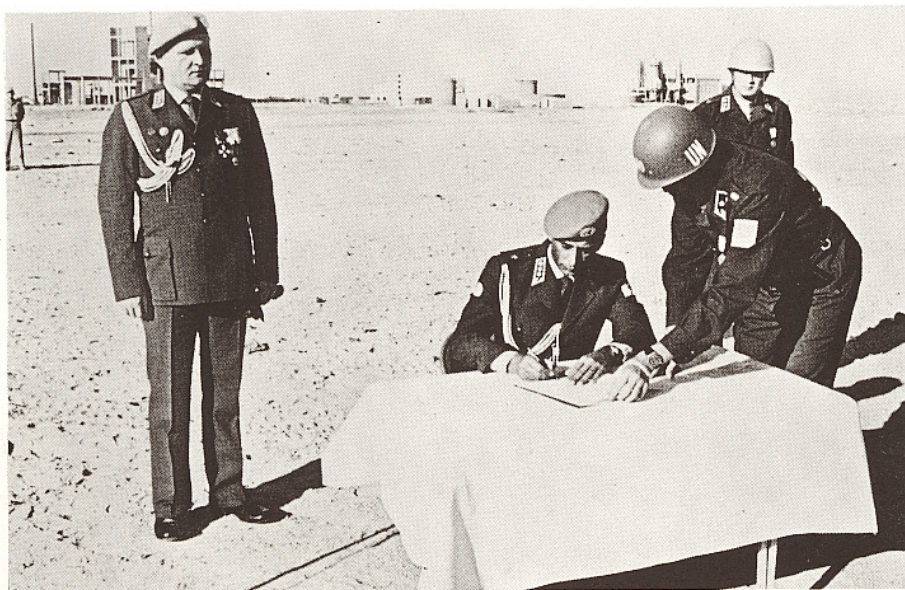
1935 in Finland. He attended the Finnish Military Academy in 1956 and graduated in 1958. He later on attended the General Staff College between 1967 and 1969.

After his commission he had served in the Finnish Army as a Platoon leader, Company Commander and Senior Operations Officer in various Military Districts. Before his present assignment with UNEF, he was the Deputy Commanding Officer for Warrant Officers Institute.

Col Seppanen is married and has two children. His hobbies are fishing and hunting.



Colonel Pertti Seppänen, the new Commanding officer of Finbatt



Col. Hagglund signs the Handing Over Certificate. Looking on is the new Commanding Officer, Colonel Pertti Seppänen.

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 To the Golan Heights!
 A new task and operative area for Finbatt.

NEW BRANCH HEADS

CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER

Lt-Col R. Bruce Morris is the new Chief Signal Officer of UNEF HQ. He took over as the Chief Signal Officer on 31 January, 1979 from Lt-Col Ron H. Smedmor who has since left the Mission area for Canada on completion of his tour of duty.

Lt-Col Morris was born in 1938 and raised in Toronto, Ontario in Canada. He graduated from the Royal Military College in 1960 and was commissioned into the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals.

He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Queen's University, Kingston in 1961. In 1968, he concurrently earned his Master of Science degree in Electronic Engineering in digital communications while lecturing at the Royal Military College. He is a holder of PFSC qualification which he obtained from the Canadian Forces Staff College in 1971.

Since he was commissioned, he had served in various appointments. He was an Adjutant in the 1st Canadian Regiment, Signal Staff Officer and "rules maker" in



Lt-Col R. Bruce Morris, Chief Signals Officer UNEF HQ.

the War Games Section of Land Operational Research; Squadron Commander, Operations and Deputy Commanding Officer with the 1st Canadian Signal Regiment.

He served three successive tours in National Defence HQ as the Director of Base Planning and Development, a Senior computer system engineer and finally as the Programme Manager, Base ADP System involving the installation of 38 minicomputer system of CF bases in Canada and Europe.

Lt-Col Morris is married with 2 children.

CHIEF AIR STAFF OFFICER.

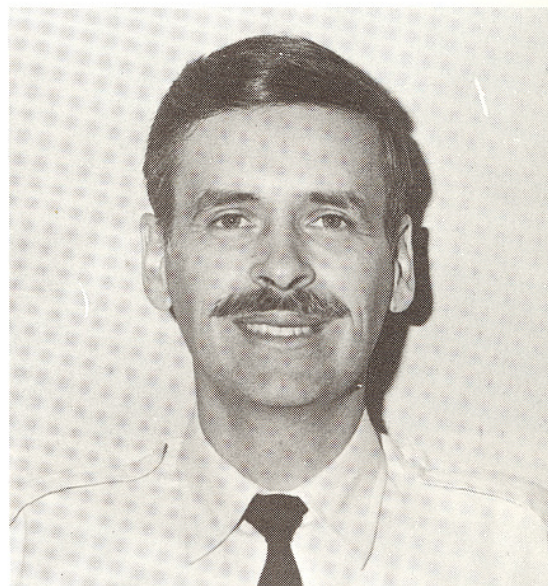
Lt-Col Larry Crabb replaced Lt-Col Joe Couillard, the former Chief Air Staff Officer (CASO), who has since returned to Canada. He joins UNEF HQ as CASO from 1 Canadian Air Group (I CAG) at Baden Sollingen, West Germany, where he was

the D/CO of a fighter Squadron assigned to NATO.

Lt-Col Crabb is a native of Saskatchewan in Canada and it is there that he obtained his Civil Engineering Degree. He then joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1963, and following wings graduation he became a jet flying instructor at Moose Jaw.

In 1967 he was posted to Central Flying School in Winnipeg as a Standards Evaluation Officer.

Lt-Col Crabb completed the CF-5 and CF 104 courses in Cold Lake, Alberta in 1971/72 and was posted to 421 Tactical Fighter Squadron in Germany. He served as A/CO of the squadron before returning to Canada for eleven months to attend Staff College at Toronto. On completion, in 1975, he was assigned to the 4th Allied Tactical Air Force HQ at Ramstein, West Germany, as an Attack Operations Officer. In August 1978 he was posted once again to Baden Sollingen as D/CO of a CF 104 squadron.



*Lt-Col Larry Crabb,
Chief Air Staff Officer, UNEF HQ.*

MEDALS DAY PARADE

CANLOG

Monday, 19 February, 1979, was a day to remember for approximately 150 Canadian Forces men and women serving with the United Nations Emergency Force. That was the day that they were presented with the UNEF Peace Medal by Maj-Gen Rais Abin, Force Commander, in recognition of the services and dedication which they had profoundly shown during the course of their tour.

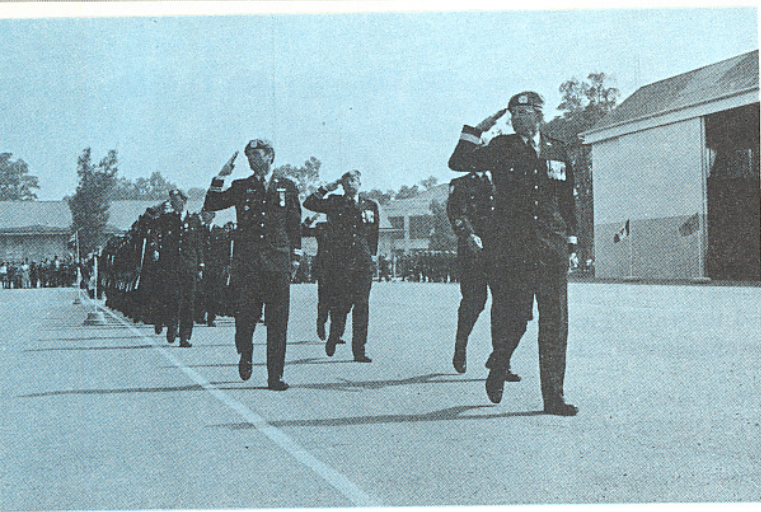
The Force Commander, who also reviewed the parade, in an address to the troops expressed his appreciation for the significant contribution being made by Canlog to the Peace Keeping Mission efforts in UNEF.

The parade was commanded by the Commander of the Canadian Contingent, Brig-Gen J. Evraire and was attended by many guests representative of all UNEF Contingents.

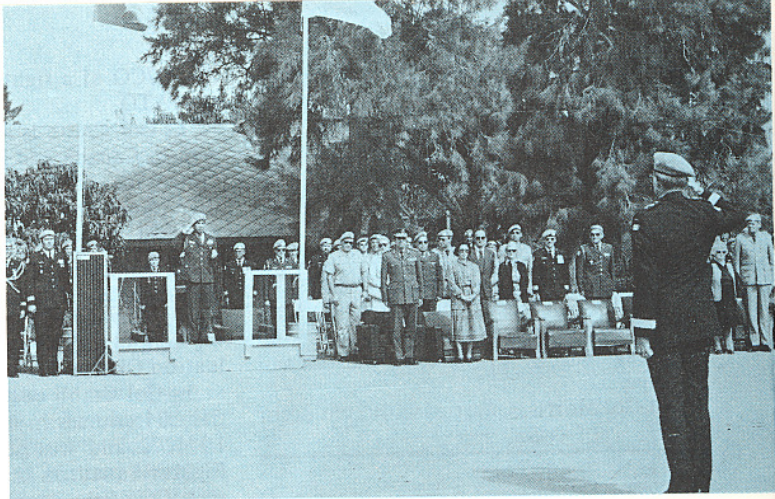
Music was provided by the Pipes and Drums of Canadian Forces Base (CFB), Lahr in Germany and the reception entertainment was by the courtesy of the Ghanbatt Band.



The Force Commander congratulates Capt Harry Mayne after presenting him with the UNEF Peace Medal.



B-Gen J. Evraire leads the Canadian Contingent past the reviewing stand.



Maj-Gen Rais Abin takes the salute from the Canadian Contingent Commander, BGen Richard J. Evraire.



Music provided by the Pipes and Drums band from CFB Lahr, Germany.

INDBATT

Indbatt held its Medals Day Parade on 13 February, 1979 at Wadi Reina. The parade was commanded by the Commanding officer of the contingent Colonel At-manto. It was a grand occasion and attracted fairly large number of spectators including a number of VIPs. Notable among the VIPs were Chief of Staff of the Indonesian Army Gen Widodo and the Indonesian

Ambassador to Egypt.

The salute was taken by the Force Commander, Maj-General Rais Abin, after which he presented the UN Peace Medals to members of the contingent on behalf of the Secretary General. In his speech to the troops the Commander praised the contingent for their invaluable contribution to the Peace Keeping effort of the world body. The Commander observed

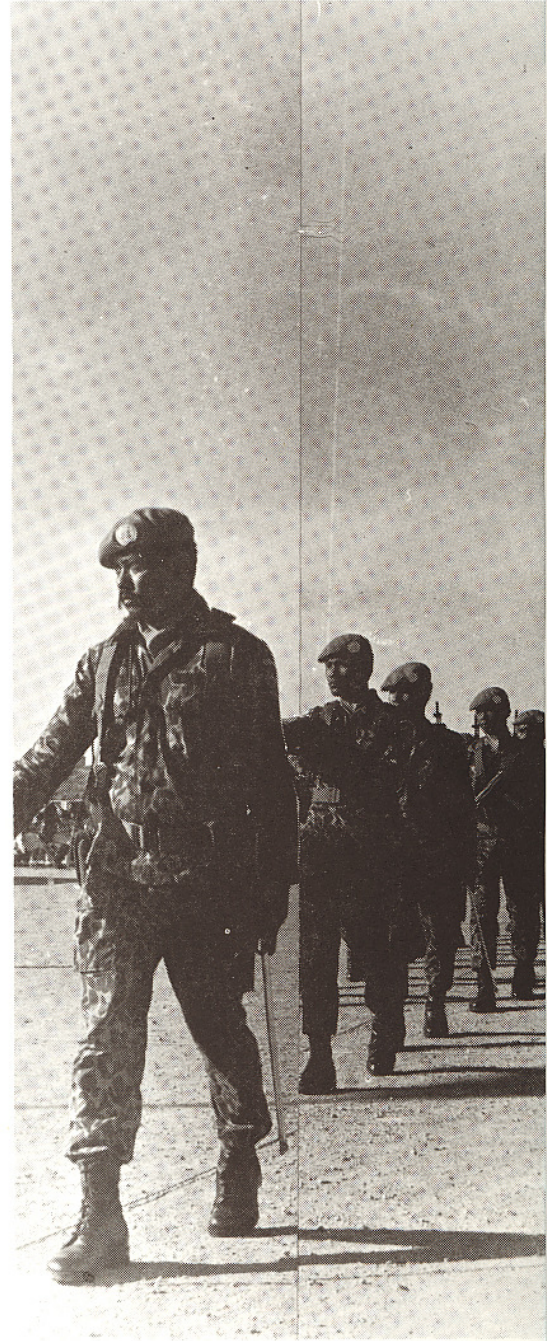
that much of the work being done now by the contingent is routine and therefore they must find means of fighting boredom. He ended his speech by reminding the contingent of its obligation to be impartial, fair but firm in dealing with the parties in order to ensure continuation of the tranquility which presently exists. He wished the contingent further success in their endeavours and a safe return to their home country.



Force Commander, Major-General Rais Abin, inspecting the Indonesian contingent at parade.



The invited guests at the Indbatt Medals Day Parade.



Indonesian Contingent marches on parade.

FINBATT

Abu Zenima, the traditional Medal Parade grounds for the Finbatt, host the Finbatt medals parade on 14 March, 1978. The parade attracted a fair number of important personalities including Finland's Ambassador to Cairo, His Excellency Mr Ahlholm and Mr Hartung, the Director of the Sinai Field Mission.

The parade was reviewed by the Force Commander, Maj-Gen Rais Abin. Speaking

to the troops after presenting them with the UN Medals on behalf of the Secretary-General, the Force Commander praised the contingent's contribution to UNEF for the past years. He went further to say:

"I am very proud to know that your contingent has been selected to temporarily assist another peace-keeping mission – if I am not wrong, this will be the first Finnish assignment in the Golan Heights. This is positive recognition of your capabilities".

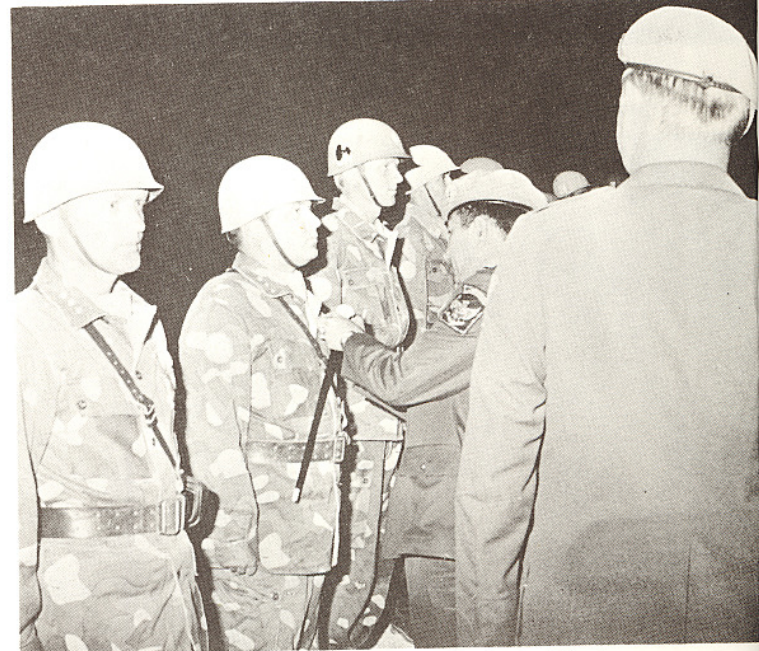
He expressed his confidence in the contingent's ability to live up to expectation in Peace Keeping mission anywhere.

After the address, the contingents marched past the saluting dais.

The day was rounded off with a dinner and a dance at the Supply Company Athletics Hall. Two Entertainment Groups, Ghanbatt Band and an Egyptian dancing and circus troupe, entertained the guests and the troops with exotic music and oriental show.



Force Commander inspecting the parade accompanied by Colonel Seppänen, Co Finbatt.



Force Commander pins a UN peace medal on the chest of Capt. Hulkkonen.



VIP guests to the function includes His Excellency, Mr. Ahlholm, (centre) seen sharing a joke with other guests.



The oriental troupe entertained the guests.

VISITS



UNEF continues to attract a number of distinguished visitors to the Mission area and the months of February and March 1979 were no exception. On 6 February a group of students and staff from the Ghana Armed Forces College led by the Commandant, Air Commodore J.E. Barnor visited the UNEF HQ. The group was briefed by the HQ staff on the UNEF operations and later on visited the Ghanbatt area of responsibility in the Buffer Zone. The tour in the Buffer Zone included visits to the SFM and positions in Ghanbatt location. The visitors have since returned home.

Another visitor to UNEF in the month of February was General Widodo, Chief of Staff Indonesian Army, accompanied by a delegation of high ranking officers including Maj-General Soehodo, Brig Gen. Ismail and Rear-Admiral M. Hatta. The delegation, at the UNEF HQ, called on the Force Commander, Maj-Gen Rais Abin on 12 February and had discussions with him. The visitors were later on given a full scale briefing on UNEF organization and tasks by the staff.

The General and his entourage were at the Indbatt HQ at Wadi Rienna to acquaint themselves with operational and other problems of the troops. They also inspected Indbatt positions and attended the Indbatt Medals Day Parade on 14 February. The General in the company of the Force Commander, paid a visit to Ghanbatt HQ the Finbatt HQ and the location of 2 Coy of Finbatt at Ras Malab where a luncheon was organised in their honour. CO Finbatt at the end of the visit presented his command's knife as a friendship gesture to Gen Widodo.

At the time that the Indonesian delegation was in UNEF, another august visitor was also around. He was in the person of Hon Mr. R.C. Kutter, a member of Australian Parliament and Chairman of the Sub Committee on Defence of the Australian Parliamentary Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs who visited UNEF HQ on 13 February. He was accompanied by the Australian Ambassador to Egypt His Excellency Mr P.M. Hutton.

On 2 March Brig-General E.O. Hardie, Director General of Supply Services Canadian Armed Forces accompanied by Lt-Col W.P. Whelam and Capt Ritichie visited UNEF HQ and paid a courtesy call on

The Defence Minister was taken round various Swedbatt locations in the Buffer Zone.



Mr Lars de Geer, the Swedish Defence minister, takes the salute at Baluza.



The Swedish Defence Minister and his entourage being introduced to Swedish officers at Baluza on their arrival there.



There was a formal dinner in honour of the Minister when he visited Swedbatt.



the Force Commander. The Director General also visited Canlog and other logistics installations in the mission area.

The Legal Counsellor of the Finnish Parliament, Mr Jorma Aalto with an entourage comprised of Secretary General Mr Kyosti Tolvanen and Liaison Officer Maj Niilo Mohell were the next to visit UNEF HQ on 5 March. The normal briefing of the UNEF operations was given by the Staff after the Legal Counsellor and his team had called on the Force Commander.

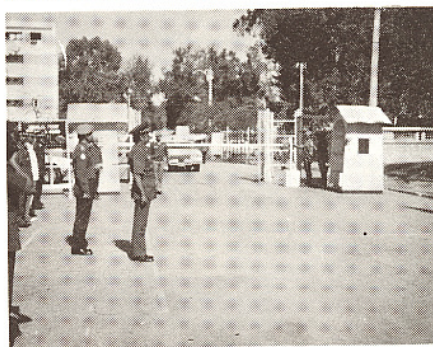
Between 8 and 10 March, the Swedish Minister of Defence Mr Lars de Geer visited UNEF. He had in his entourage the Swedish Chief of Defence Staff, Vice Admiral Bengt Schyback, Secretary of State Mr Gunnar Petri, Rear Admiral Carl Fredrick Algeruon and four others.

On 8 March the visitors were at the UNEF HQ where they had discussions with the Force Commander and were briefed on UNEF operations. During their stay, they visited a number of positions in Swedbatt area of responsibility and held discussions with both officers and men. The visit was rounded off with a dinner organised for the team at the Swedbatt Officers Mess at Baluza by the CO Swedbatt.

On 23 March, Maj-Gen P.J. Carrol, Adjutant-General Irish Army and Maj-General M.J. Murphy, Quartermaster-General accompanied by Comdt T.V. Hynes, a staff officer, called at UNEF HQ to acquaint themselves with the operations of the UNEF. The Chief of Staff, Brig-Gen S. Nihlen briefed the visitors on the UNEF organisation, task and activities of the UNEF.



Brig-Gen Hardie being briefed by UNEF Staff officer at UNEF HQ.



An honour guard presents Arms on the arrival of General Widodo.



General Widodo made a presentation to the Force Commander at UNEF HQ.



Mr. Kutter being welcome on arrival at UNEF HQ



Mr. Kutter takes the salute as UNEF Guard presents honour guard.



Mr. Kutter and his entourage at UNEF HQ during a formal briefing by UNEF HQ Staff.

UNEF COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE – PREPAREDNESS FOR A NEW BUFFER ZONE DEPLOYMENT

By: R. Bruce Morris, Chief Signal Officer.

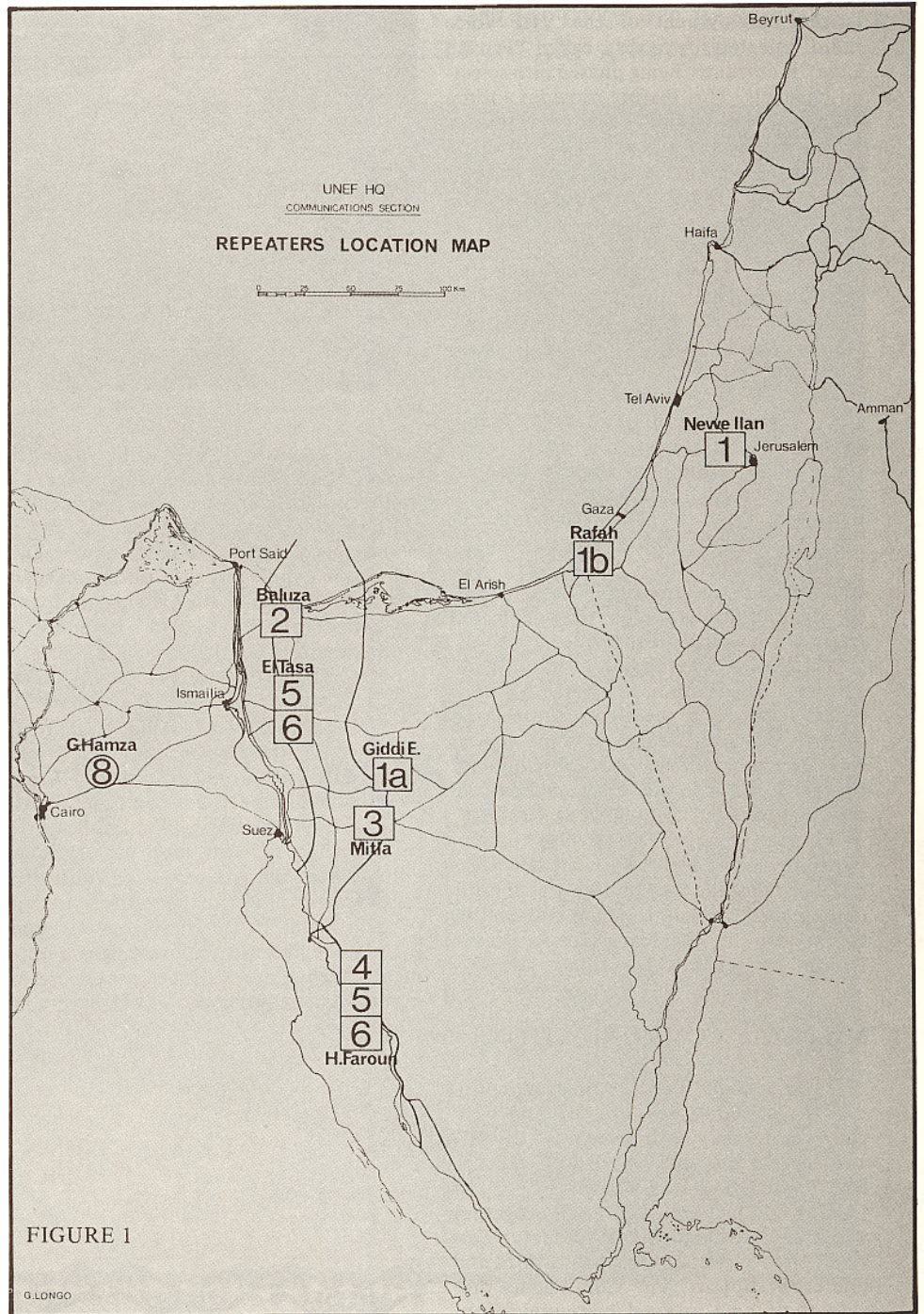
INTRODUCTION

The UNEF Communications Services were described in the December, 1977 issue of SAND DUNE. The non-military communications provided under the Chief Communications Officer, Svend Rom, were described in considerable detail in the first section of the article. The military portion of the total communications were described briefly in terms of the support rendered by 73 Canadian Signal Squadron's organizational elements. Readers are urged to review that article as a background for the update to the status in December, 1977.

This article highlights the flexibility inherent in both non-military and military communications existing in UNEF to cater for redeployment from the current Contingent dispositions.

NON-MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS

Since the last article, the most significant enhancements to the non-military communications have been the completion of the automatic switchboard installations with 270 lines in El Gala to serve Pollog and Canlog, 180 lines in Ismailia to serve UNEF HQ with all its interfaces, and a 30 line one in Merryland Villa to serve UNEF elements in Cairo at UNTSO Villa, Badawi Block and Merryland itself, and completion of the early phases of the VHF telephone/teletype backbone sub-system with links from Cairo (Merryland Villa) to Ismailia through a repeater site at Gebel Hamza and on to Forward Logistics Base at El Tasa and Swedbatt at Baluza in the Buffer Zone. The totally integrated dial telephone sub-system currently permits contact between subscribers in any of Cairo, Ismailia, El Gala, or El Tasa or Baluza. The next step is to use the VHF telephone link currently serving Ismailia to Baluza to install a link through UP1 relay to Abu Rudeis to provide both telephone and teletype between Ismailia and Finbatt HQ. The arrival of a new Extel teleprinters expected in June 1979 will permit hand copy message



service to interconnect Cairo, Ismailia, El Gala and Buffer Zone Contingent HQs.

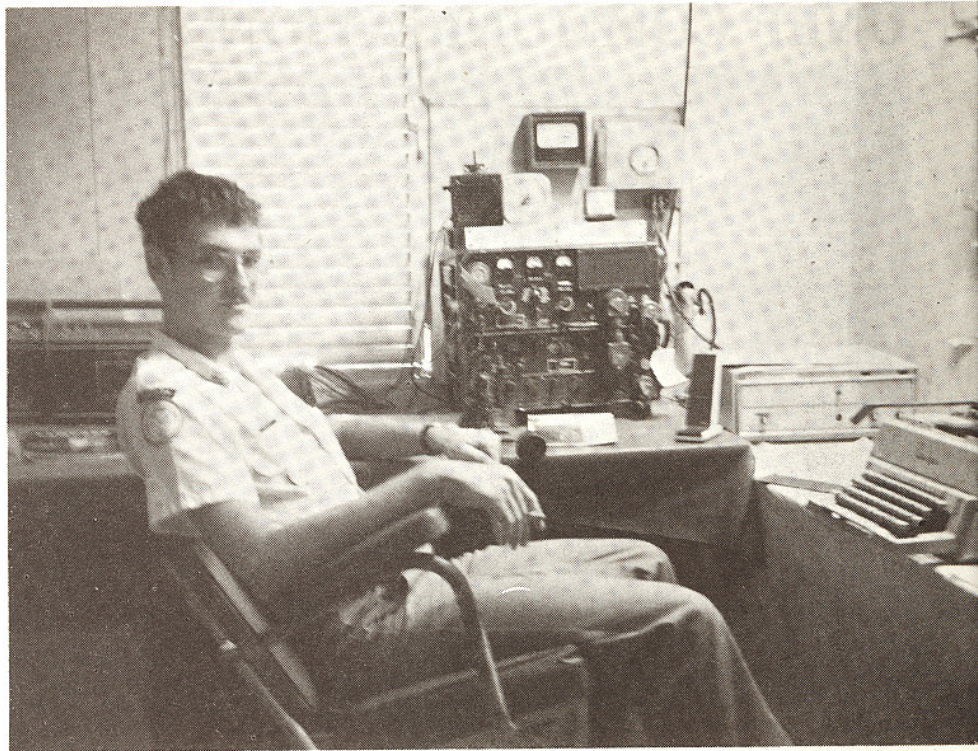
In the Motorola VHF radio sub-system, Channel 7 has had to be withdrawn from use due to severe frequency interference problems. In its place channel 8 with a remote transceiver at Gebel Hamza controlled from base station in Ismailia permits contact between radio equipped sites in Cairo and Ismailia plus those radio equipped vehicles on the move in between. A simplified map in Figure 1 illustrates the current deployment of the VHF voice radio repeaters. A facility called "Private Line" is currently being phased into selected channels. This feature provides a tone-encoded signal from each transmitter which is decoded by only those receivers equipped with that unique tone code to open the receiver for reception. This feature provides for a great reduction in interference from unwanted calls from those VHF sets which happen to share the same frequency in the very crowded VHF radio spectrum.

The UN Radio Workshop has been expanding its rate of activity as progressively as more VHF radios are taken into use: the UNEF backbone trunk system is expanded with more terminals and repeaters and the system begins to require periodic maintenance. Additionally, planning is underway to prepare for the significant burst of activity which will accompany future operations of the UNEF. The transportable nature of the weatherproofed, air-conditioned shelters with dedicated generator installations provides a high degree of rapid adaptability to a new sub-system configuration for both the VHF repeater sites and the UHF terminal and repeater sites. The large antenna towers can also be relocated once preliminary preparations for foundations, anchors and cabling have been completed at new sites.

The earth station for satellite communications with Geneva and Jerusalem has not been installed pending a possible re-deployment of that terminal to Namibia to support the UN Transition Assistance Group being planned there.

MILITARY COMMUNICAITONS

73 Canadian Signal Squadron continues to provide force level HF and VHF voice radio service between UNEF HQ and the Contingents (FINBATT, GHANBATT, INDBATT, SWEDBATT, CANLOG, POLLOG and AUSTAIR) together with the associated Signal Despatch Service, Air/Ground/air communications and line crew support. The Contingents provide their own internal communications



Cpt. J. Lemieux of 73 Cdn. Sqn. Det. on duty

utilizing exclusively VHF radio voice networks. Maintenance and repair services for military signal equipment are provided by 73 Canadian Service Battalion except for some specific national radio equipments which are handled by the Contingent owning the equipment. 116 Air Transport Unit coordinates the provision of UHF and VHF (AM) facilities for the El Gala Air Traffic Control Tower operated by the Egyptians for the airfield.

The existing VHF radio equipment operated by the Contingents is very old and badly worn out. Currently, Chief Communications Officer and Chief Signal Officer are investigating the implications of migrating towards more non-military communications equipment to fulfill the requirements more cost-effectively to that of a program to purchase, operate and maintain replacement military signal equipment. Such a move toward greater use of non-military equipment would have a si-

gnificant impact on the civilian/military ratio of radio and teletype technicians, generator technicians, as well as on the total life-cycle costs of operational spares, spare parts and the associated test equipment. Meanwhile, day to day support of the signal requirements of the contingents as they rotate through the existing deployment continues. UNEF HQ Signal Branch, 73 Canadian Signal Squadron and 73 Canadian Service Battalion personnel continue to strive to render effective signal support through personable assistance, guidance and advice. Contingent signals and operations personnel greatly appreciate that support in siting and maintaining antennas, improving antennas, for fixed sites, keeping generators, rectifiers and battery chargers operational to provide continuous appropriate power, and ensuring adequate grounding for individual safety as well as improved communications.



Guard Changing at UNEF HQ

THE GUARD CHANGING BETWEEN THE CONTINGENTS AT THE UNEF HQ IS A CEREMONIAL AFFAIRS, DRAWING SPECTATORS FROM BOTH IN AND AROUND THE HQ.

ON 1 FEBRUARY, 1979, GHANBATT WHICH HAD BEEN ON DUTY SINCE 1 DEC 1978 HANDED OVER ITS DUTIES TO INDBATT. AS USUAL THE EVENT WAS MARKED WITH FANFARE AND POMP.



The Indbatt Guards march on Parade to mark the beginning of the take over ceremony.

TIT-BITS FROM THE UNITS

Finbatt

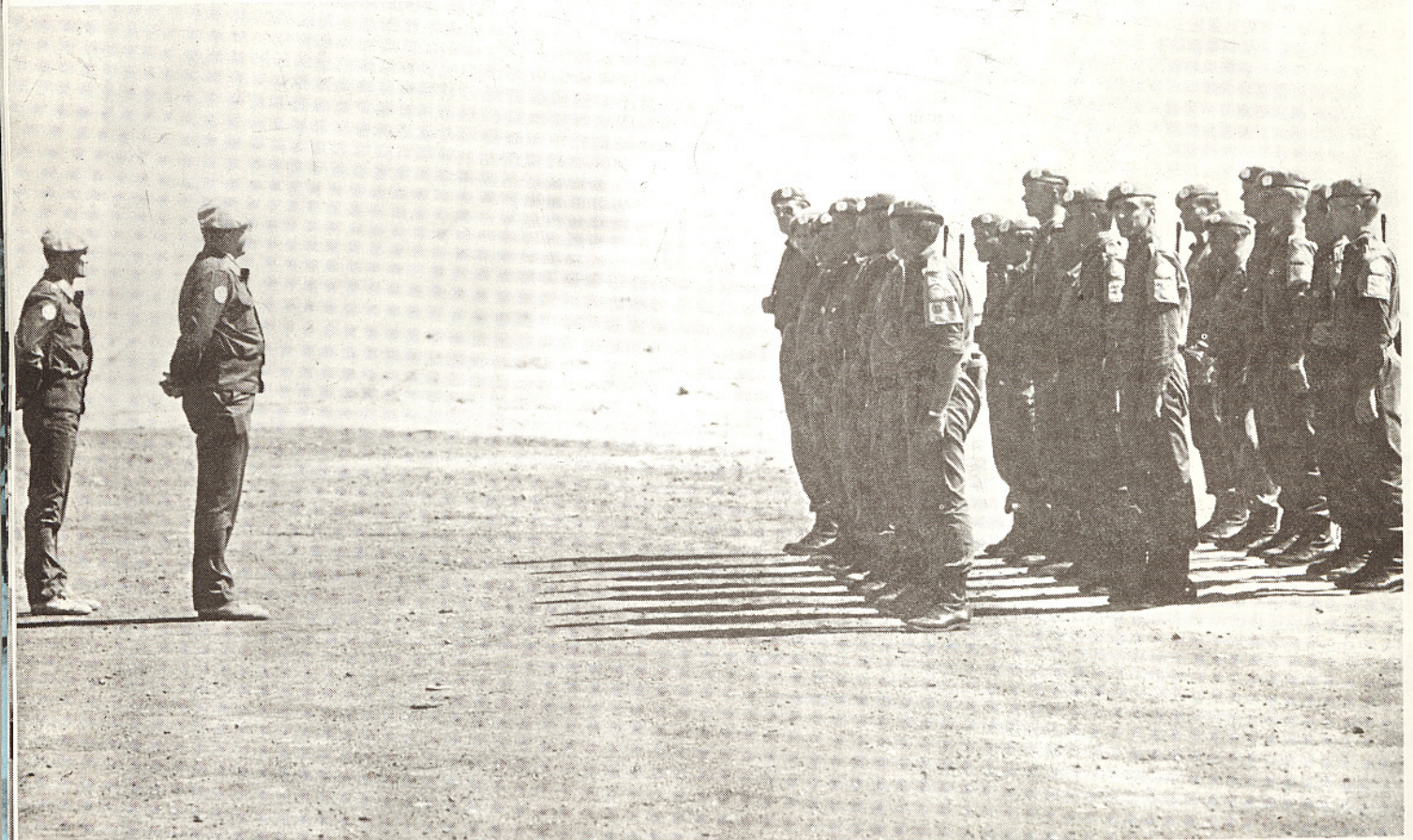
A COY FROM FINBATT ON DUTY AT UNDOF

Iranian Contingent of UNDOF has been repatriated in accordance with the decision of the Provisional Revolutionary and Islamic Government of Iran. The bulk of the Iranian personnel left on 13 March, 1978.

A Company of UNEF Finnish battalion has been transferred to UNDOF as a temporary measure to replace departed contingent.

The Secretary-General of the UN, Mr Waldheim, has expressed his appreciation for distinguished services rendered by officers and men of Iranian contingent during the past three and a half years.

The vehicles which conveyed essential stores required by the Finns on the Golan Heights start their long journey from Abu Rudeis.



Col. Seppanen, the Commanding Officer of Finbatt, giving orders to the troops at Abu Rudeis Airport before their departure to the Golan Heights.

Swedbatt

FORCE COMMANDER'S WIFE AT SWEDBATT

In early March, the wife of the Force Commander, Mrs Rais Abin, despite her heavy schedule, visited Swedbatt HQ in Baluza. It has been her usual practice to visit various contingent locations to familiarize herself with situation over there.

Later on in the day, the Commander's wife visited a Bedouin village in Swedbatt location and had a chat with the villagers. It is part of her charitable gesture to understand Bedouin community. She has a number of friends among them.

SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE

On 14 January one bedouin stepped on a anti-personnel mine at Plastic Road, 4 km north of Baluza and blew his right foot off. The bedouin was rescued by Swedbatt Medical-squad and sent to hospital in Ismailia by Austair helicopter.

On 28 February one ARE soldier stepped on an anti-personnel mine in ARE minefield and was rescued by soldiers and Medical Team from Swedbatt's 2 Coy and sent to Ismailia by a Swedbatt Ambulance.

On 3 March CO Swedbatt was invited by the Governor of Northern Sinai, Mr. *Mohammed Hussein Shawkat* to his office in Quantara. During the visit the Governor expressed his grateful and sincere thanks for the great efforts Swedbatt made to help and rescue those two injured men. He also expressed his thanks for all the medical help that Swedbatt had given the bedouins before. As a memory of this the Governor assigned Swedbatt one Sinai plaque and Six Sinai Medals.



Mrs Rais Abin, the Force Comd's wife, is seen here engaged in a hearty chat with a Bedouin during her visit to Swedbatt area.

The Force Comd's wife is sitting among some Swedbatt troops and Bedouins during her tour.



From left to right Governor Mohammed Hussein Shawkat, Colonel Goran Wetterlundh and Swedbatt's Chief Medical Officer, Bertil Bergwall.



Ghanbatt

In March, Logistic Conference was held at Ghanbatt HQ Mitla. This is a regular affair organized by the UNEF HQ Logistics Staff to review the contingents situation. This ensures that contingents get the best service through Logistics support being provided by the Headquarters.

The Advance Party of Ghanbatt 11 Arrives

The advance party of Ghanbatt 11, the next battalion from Ghana assigned for the Middle East Operations arrived in the Mission Area to assume duty in preparation for the arrival of the Main Body which is due in early April. The Commanding Officer Lt-Col I.G.M.K. Kpeto, accompanied the group into the Buffer Zone to acquaint himself with the situation. He was accompanied by his Operations and Logistics Officers.

New Junior Ranks Canteen

On 16 March, 1979 a new canteen was commissioned at Mitla for the exclusive use of junior ranks. The opening ceremony was performed by Major N.K. Kpikpitse second-in-command of the contingent. It was a grand day for the Mitla boys had their dance band at hand to grace the occasion. Guests included Officers from Ghanbatt as well as personnel from the Canlog Signal detachment and the Military Observers attached to the contingent.



Friends and working colleagues from Canadian Signals were present at the opening of the Junior Ranks Canteen



The Unit RSM WO I Abu Sadig takes the floor with Master Corporal Brown NCO-in-charge Canadian Signals Detachment at the junction.



As part of measure to ensure that Contingents get the best service through efficient Logistics support, Logistics conferences are held every month for reappraisal of Contingents' needs and problems. CO Ghanbatt Lt-Col Seidu Ayumah sharing ideas with the Logistics Officers after their Conference at Mitla Camp recently.



Check Point Alpha. Lt-Col Kpeto chats with the NCO in charge of the Indbatt Escort Platoon.



With high spirits, they jumped off the bus which brought them from Cairo to Mitla Camp. Troops of Ghanbatt 11 Advance Party debussing at Mitla Camp.

Lt-Col Kpeto stressing a point at one of the OPs.



Some of the officers at the opening of the New Junior Ranks Canteen - seated fourth from right is Major N.K. Kpikpitse.



Finbatt

ELECTION TIME.

Finland held a general election recently to elect a new Parliament. Their voting machinery ensures that all eligible voters are given a chance to express their rights wherever they may be. The troops of Finbatt in the Mission area were not left out. Arrangements were made for them to cast their votes at Abu Rudeis from 28 February to 2 March.



Two Finns are seriously engrossed in filling the required Forms to enable them to vote. "We shan't forget what is going on in our country" They seem to say.



The CO Finbatt presenting a souveniere to Gen. Widodo, during the generals recent visit to Finbatt HQ.

news in pictures



UNEF has been fortunate to have constant array of entertainment groups ready to come over to entertain member of the Force free of charge. Recently the Canadian Piper Band and Dancers came all the way from Canada to entertain members. The four pictures speak for themselves.



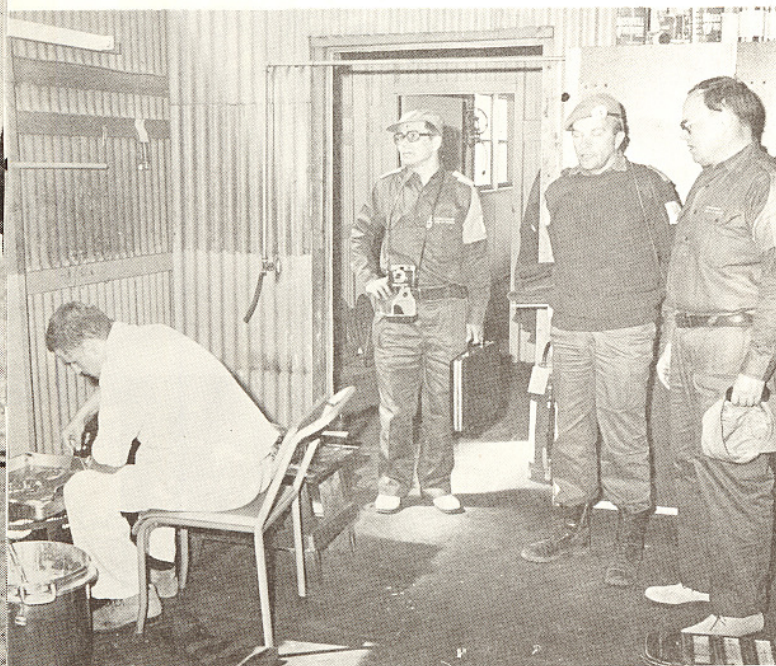
A new Barbershop has been constructed at the UNEF HQ. Here the Force Commander is seen cutting the tape to declare the place open.



UNEF HQ Staff turned out in their numbers to witness the official opening of the Barbershop.



The Force Commander has the honour to be the first guest to have haircut in the new saloon.



The Ombudsman of Finnish Parliament, Mr Jorma Aalto, recently visited UNEF. In this picture, he is seen, at the right, at a visit to a Kitchen at Finbatt location. Is it all right in the kitchen?.



Mr Jorma Aalto, at the left, is seen addressing officers of the Finbatt at their Mess in Abu Rudeis.



Finnish officers are seen going through the procedure at Abu Rudeis with these pretty polling agents to enable them to cast their votes for the election of a new Finnish Parliament.



The Chief Signal Officers' Conference was held at UNEF HQ Ismailia on 25 January, 1979. Participants from the seven contingent and observers from UNIFIL and UNDOF attended.



These Indonesian soldiers are about to board a bus en route to Jerusalem. It is part of recreational visits organized for them to places of interests in both Egypt and Israel.



General Widodo recently visited the UNEF. He is seen, first on the left near a vehicle blown by a mine near Position 855 in Indbatt area. Also in the picture is Col Atmanto, (second from the right,) CO Indbatt.

General Erskine UNIFIL force commander at Ghanbatt



NEW RATION DEPOT FOR UNEF

Until recently, to be precise, 22 February 1979, the main Ration Depot for UNEF was in Cairo. In February new Ration Depot was completed at Ismailia and on 22 February the Force Commander cut

the tape to declare the Depot open in a simple but impressive ceremony.

The new depot, which is holding all UNEF ration including reserve stocks, is equipped with all ultra modern equipment

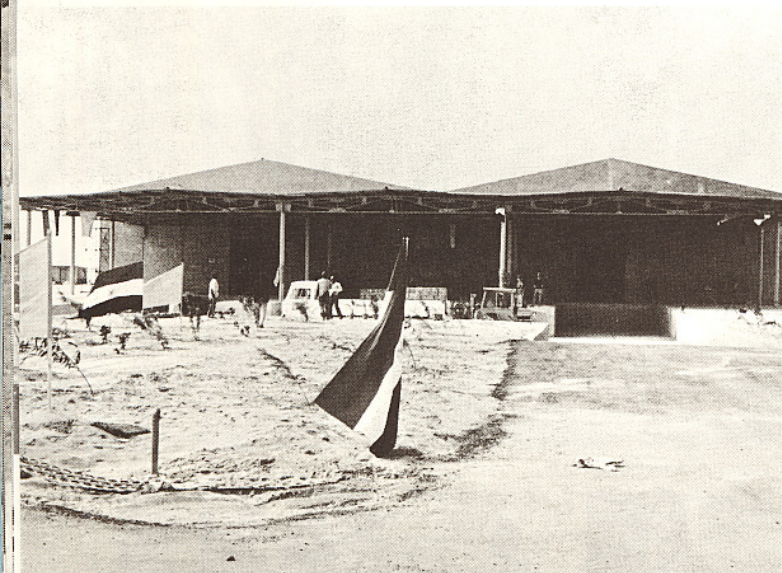
and can hold stocks for the force for anything between a month to two years. In addition to the modern facilities it provides, it is going to save our drivers from the everyday haulage trips from Ismailia to Cairo and back.



MGen Rais Abin officially opens the depot.



The new UNEF Ration Depot.



The Ration Depot comes to life as the first rations arrive.



The Force Commander meets the Egyptian contractors who constructed the Ration Depot.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AT UNEF HQ

Social activities at the 101 Mess at the UNEF HQ were in high gear since December 1978. Happy Hours with half-priced drinks were held between 1730-1830 hrs each Thursday. Following the most enjoyable Canadian night late last year, it is now accepted that nationals serving at the UNEF HQ are to sponsor a night as their Contingent Night. The Finnish Night was on the 11 January, 1979 and this was followed by the Polish and Swedish Nights on the 8 February and 22 February respectively. The Indonesian Night was on the 8 March and that of Ghana was on the 22 March.

The purpose of the Contingent Night is to introduce some aspects of each country's life style to the Mess. Members of the mess and their guests indeed had the opportunity to see certain aspects of social and cultural life of the countries involved.

The usual activities included film shows which depicted the social, cultural and economic activities in those countries. The film shows were educative and informative to all those who happened to be present. There was also dinner whereby dishes of the nationals concerned were paraded and members had the chance to taste them. Most of the nights ended up with a dance. The Ghanaian Night which was the last of these social activities, like the others, attracted a large number of officers; and prominent among them were the Force Comd, Maj-General Rais Abin and his wife, the Chief of Staff, Brig-General S. Nihlen and the Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. Patrick W. Beirne and his wife.

The Ghanbatt band popularly known as the "Hotbarrels" treated the large crowd to delightful and entertaining Ghanaian music notably the "Highlife" and other melodious tunes at the Mess garden.

By all indications the contingent night has come to stay.



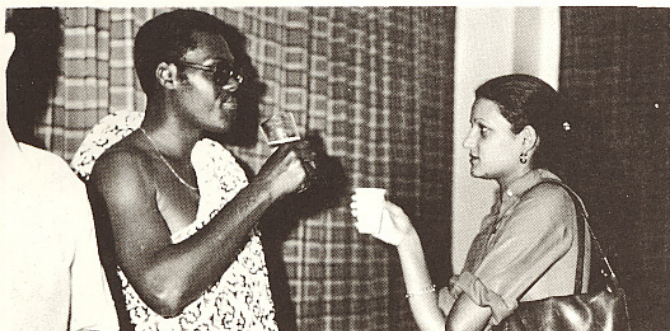
Dancing time for Dancers



Mrs Beirne, the wife of the Chief Administrative Officer, dances with CO Ghanbatt at a dance at 101 Mess;



Force Commander chats with Chief Operations Officer, Col L. Kwaku and other guests at the Ghanaian night.



Miss Anna Maria Hougaz of UNEF HQ chats with Maj. L.A. Larson MIPO designate at 101 mess during a social night.



Brig-Gen Sting Nihlen was not left out. He dances with Miss Marjorie Anderson of Procurement Department at UNEF HQ.



Sgt Larsson, winner of the cross-country competition.

games and sports

VOLLEYBALL

The volley ball took off with a bang. Ghanbatt emerged as winners of the Eastern Zone games with 9 points followed

by Finbatt 6 points, Indbatt 5 points and Swedbatt 2 points. In the Western Zone elimination, Pollog took the first position followed by Canlog, Austair and UNEF HQ.

The finals were played on UNEF Hospital Volley Ball Pitch and the contestants were Pollog, Canlog, Ghanbatt and Finbatt. Pollog were overall winners in the finals, followed by Ghanbatt, Finbatt and Canlog. The detail results are set below.

1. GHANBATT	–	CANLOG	3 : 0	/15:2;	/15:5	15:8/
2. FINBATT	–	POLLOG	0 : 3	/10:15	/16:18:	4:15/
3. FINBATT	–	CANLOG	3 : 0	/15:4:	/17:15:	15:1/
4. GHANBATT	–	POLLOG	0 : 3	/2:15	0:15:	1:15/

Tables:

1. POLLOG	/2/	4 : 0
2. GHANBATT	/2/	2 : 2
3. FINBATT	/2/	2 : 2
4. CANLOG	/2/	0 : 4



The two football final teams – Pollog and UNEF HQ.



CO Pollog presented the soccer challenge cup to the captain of the team.

Biathlon

This competition took place on 1st March, 1978 at Finbatt. Two Swedish and

two Finnish teams participated. The first shooting in lying position took place after 5.1 km, and second shooting standing took

place after 6.51 km. The final event the hand grenade throw took place after 9km. Detail results are shown below:

Results:					
	total time	1st Shooting	2nd Shooting	Grans	Running
1. FINBATT 1	1.08.21	+ 3.30	+ 4.30	+ 2.20	58.01
2. FINBATT 2	1.10.47	+ 3.30	+ 5.00	+ 1.00	1.01.17
3. SWEDBATT 2	1.13.36	+ 1.30	+ 5.00	+ 3.20	1.03.46
4. SWEDBATT 1	1.22.38	+ 6.30	+ 13.30	+ 2.40	59.58

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

The UNEF cross-country competitions were held at Finbatt on 15 March, 1979. Teams from Swedbatt, Finbatt, Canlog and Indbatt participated. The competition was held on both team and individual basis. The detail results are as follows:

Individuals:

1. Sgt Larson	SWE	38.12 mins
2. Pte Murphy	CAN	40.05 mins
3. Pte Mustonen	FIN	41.18 mins

(19 runners in all)

Teams:

1. SWEDBATT	2.04,00 points
2. FINBATT	2.04,30 points
3. CANLOG	2.18,52 points
4. INDBATT	2.37,55 points

SOCCER

The Soccer series started on 15 February. There were two zones. Zone one comprised of Pollog, Canlog, Austair and UNEF HQ while Zone two was made up of Swedbatt, Ghanbatt, Indbatt and Finbatt.

The results of the preliminaries were both interesting and surprising as those of the finals. Finbatt dismissed the much fancied favourites - Ghanbatt with a 2 - 1 win in Zone two; whilst Pollog emerged

as winners in the Zone one.

The over-all winners of the soccer competition was Pollog beating Finbatt 5 - 2 and UNEF HQ 2 - 1 in the finals to win the UNEF Soccer Challenge Cup.



Swedbatt's cross-country winning team after the competition.

A tussle! Finbatt Versus Indbatt Eastern Zone Prelim.



One of the exciting moments of the games as a Pollog has masterly control of the ball.

