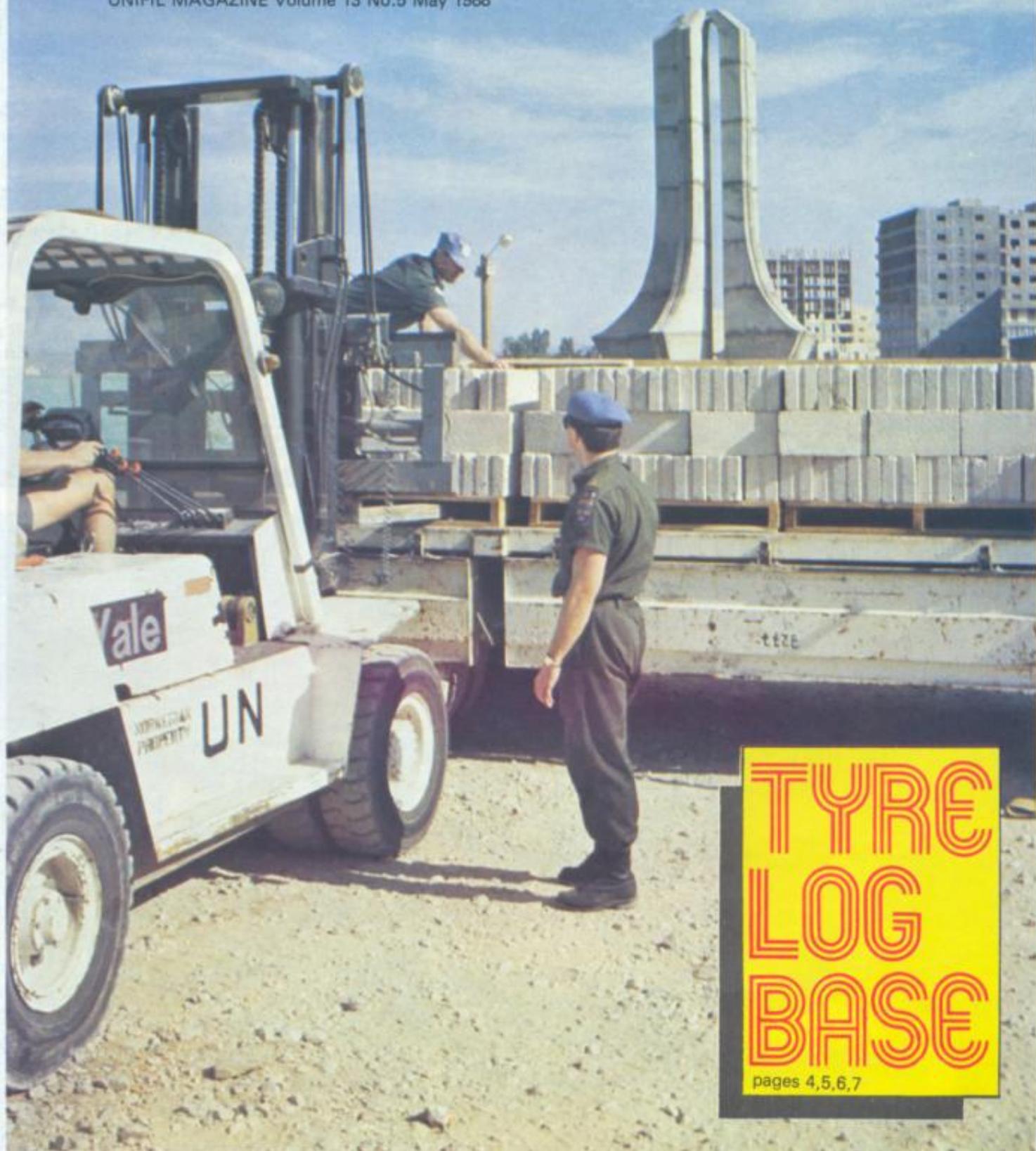


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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



In the March issue of LITANI a proposal was made whereby a column will be created in the magazine to publish the views, opinions and suggestions from

readers. This, in effect is an attempt to improve the magazine and make it more interesting.

It is however, disheartening to note that for two months now not

a single article has been received from the reading public. Yet at the publication of the LITANI, quite a number of telephone calls are received indicating among other things, complaints, suggestions etc exactly what the LITANI column "LETTERS TO THE EDITOR" is meant to do. If for any reason the writer wants to remain anonymous, LITANI on its part can just do that. But it should be remembered that all the articles submitted must be signed and properly addressed so that the Editor on his part can reply without much difficulty.

The office of the LITANI remains open for your contributions. It is noteworthy to realise that the magazine is for all of us soldiers and civilians alike. By your contributions you make UNIFIL go round.

## FROM THE

# Litani FILES

Assessments on the situation in Southern Lebanon and of prospects of developments in a broader context are frequent these days. Anyhow, UNIFIL must look upon its own role within such contexts, as a means of correctly defining the values and yields of its presence in the area. This discussion has to be an ongoing process — and it certainly is.

From LITANI Magazine of July, 1986, we scissored this story, brought under the headline: "UNIFIL must stay!"

... "UNIFIL must remain deployed in southern Lebanon. This was the overall assessment made by most of the participants at an international workshop on UNIFIL held in Oslo, the Norwegian capital, from July 1.-4. 1986. The workshop was organized by the Norwegian Institute for Foreign Affairs, which has for the last two years been running a research project on peace-keeping in the Middle East. Among the several distinguished participants at the seminar were Lt-Gen E.A. Erskine of Ghana, the first Force

Commander of UNIFIL, Lt-Gen E. Siilasvuo from Finland, former COS of UNEF II and the coordinator of the UN peace-keeping missions in the Middle East. Furthermore the UNIFIL spokesman, Timur Goksel, took part in the workshop.

The workshop attempted to raise the question of UNIFIL in a

broad context, and ended with a discussion on the future of the Force. "Even if the UN Force in southern Lebanon has not as yet managed to fulfill its mandate, it can prove difficult to withdraw it due to the unforeseeable consequences", the former UN Under-Secretary-General, Brian Urquhart, said at a press conference in connection with the workshop.



... "UNIFIL must remain deployed in southern Lebanon. This was the overall assessment", concluded in LITANI of July 1986, after an international workshop on UNIFIL, held in Oslo, the capital of Norway in early July, 1986.

# TYRE LOG BASE



Officer-in-charge at Tyre Log Base, Capt Jon Are Gran (right) and his second in command, WO1 Sven Lyden on the roof, overlooking the harbour under the UN flag.

## The Base Where UNIFIL

The shelter of Tyre Log Base is still being kept fully equipped — with dry food rations sufficient for the entire staff for at least eight days. The memories of 11 August 1986 are still among the darkest in the recent history of UNIFIL. However, at present there is nothing to indicate that the UNIFIL base in Tyre should again be attacked the way it was done when militiamen started firing at the base one and a half years ago. Today the UNIFIL base in Tyre carries out its daily duties without such ado and press coverage.

**T**he Log Base is handling huge amounts of goods of almost every description — every day and week. For over two years, that the Tyre Logistics Base has been operational — it has always been the ultimate objective to prepare for future use the Tyre harbour as a place for handling goods and stores intended for UNIFIL. The tasks are to handle the goods in transit and ready to serve as forward depot to the Swedish Supply Company.

### SHOWING THE UN FLAG

— It is equally important that we in this manner, on a daily basis, show UNIFIL's presence, that we are waving the UN flag, so to speak. We have a very good relationship and contact with the people of Tyre and surroundings, says the Officer-in-charge, Captain Jon Are Gran to LITANI.

With Summer season in sight, the staff of 23 from four nations are already in light working

uniforms as temperatures climb to 30 degrees centigrades in peak hours about noon.

This is an important relief for from Naqoura after lunch are packed with delicacies and necessities alike, and of course, the roomy mail sack, company dailies and magazines with the latest general news...

— This is an important task for all of us three times a week says Capt Gran. — Our work is exciting and we have variations and surprises every day. Anyhow, the mail is always of a particularly significance to those of us who are living in the "province", says the Captain.

### VIGILANT OUTLOOK

In all there are 19 military UNIFIL staff and four civilians at

the base. Two of the military staff belong to the Movement Control (Movcon) — among them the Officer-in-Charge. Five staff members come from the Swedish Logistics and constitute an effective supply team at the Tyre Log Base. Twelve "watchdogs" from Ghana's contingent take care of the gate checks and are continuously on the outlook for any unusual developments outside.

— All incidents are to be reported to UNIFIL OPS. Our responsibility is also to organize the defence of the base, and this is done in accordance with the SOP, says Capt Gran.

Part of the Logistics Base operations is always unloading and loading of goods for UNIFIL, very often in the form of transfer from civilian onto military UNIFIL



Supply convoy coming into the base in Tyre. In the first vehicle are sitting Pte Ken Henriksson, Sweden and Pte Ofo-su from Ghana. In the second car are Cpl Hamid Appaah, Ghana and Pte Peter Granath, Sweden. Guard: L/Cpl K. Nzimah from Ghana.

# L Supplies Are Secured

vehicles for further transportation.

## CHARTERED CONTAINER SHIP

Says Lt-Col Lars Weghagen, Commanding Officer of Movement Control at the UNIFIL Headquarters: — Our objective plans for the utilization of Tyre Log Base is two fold. First we have to see to it that our planned chartering of M/V "Evangelis" for regular transport to Tyre from Cyprus shall be effected without any hindrance. The idea is that most of the weekly supply needs from Cyprus are catered for by this 838 tonnes DW container ship.

— Secondly the land transports, from Tripoli and Beirut and also from Sidon, are to be made more effective by making the information system more efficient. The Tyre Log Base should



Second in command, WO I Sven Lyden (left) inspects the incoming supply convoy from Naqoura. Convoys like this come to Tyre three times a week.

# Enhancing The Harbour Activities



*Pte Eriksson from the Swedish supply team in Tyre unloads a truck, assisted by one of the cooks at the base, Appiahkubi from Ghana.*



*The road passing Tyre Log Base and leading to the harbour is now being reconstructed. This will provide better access route to the harbour than before.*

always be informed when a truck from Beirut is expected to arrive. The telephone lines may be down sometimes, and this makes it difficult to communicate, says Lt Col Lars Weghagen, Movcon.

— The Tyre staff enjoys good relationship with the civilian population. For instance, when a crane is being put to UNIFIL's disposal by the official authorities of Tyre harbour. (Presently, the harbour at present is not at UNIFIL's disposal.

## RICE AND VEHICLES

When the LITANI team arrived, a Lebanese ship was unloading large quantities of rice at the pier. The ship from Beirut had been at the location for a couple of days. At times large ferries also come in to off-load including brand new vehicles as well as second-hand ones. The cars are sold in Tyre harbour rather cheaply, so that one might wonder how it's possible for dealers to keep prices at such an enviable level. Between four to eight ferries per month dock at the Tyre harbour.

Cement and other necessities are also brought in shiploads, but generally the harbour activity is low.

— The roads are not the best for lorry transport either, said the second in command at the base, WO I Sven Lyden to LITANI. A new road outside the base is now being constructed, so that some of the traffic will ply between the base and the shore of Tyre. Long distant traffic is still hampered by bad road conditions, not forgetting the stretch from Tyre to Naqoura.

— A very important part of the job is to keep machines, trucks and equipment of the base in good shape. Swedlog cater for the transport and that is not a headache for us. But we have to see to it that the base itself is properly maintained. This implies keeping the generators intact for electricity supply on a continuous basis and also the water supply. sometimes it becomes a necessity for water to be brought by tank from Normaintcoy in Tibnin, said Sven Lyden.

# Once Again on High Alert



— very interesting spot, and we know we do an essential work, says the Officer in-Charge, Capt J. A. Gran.

## 220.000 BUILDING BRICKS

— We have to check everything. As to vehicles reloading it's our job to check the document properly so that no mistake comes about. Right now 220.000 burnt bricks are being reloaded from civilian tractors and trucks in the Tyre area onto UNIFIL vehicles for further transport to Naqoura.

On the 7th April there was a tense situation again in Tyre, however not as tense as in August

1986. But the recent fighting between militias in the Tyre area necessitated putting every body in the base on alert.

— Normally we enjoy a quiet and peaceful life here. And tonight we shall again have a grill-party in the garden. Just to celebrate Summer, says Capt Jon Are Gran.

**Text and Photos:**  
**CAPT E.K. HOLTET,**  
**D/CMPIO**



Clearing after another supply trip, Pte Soderberg and Pte Karstrom of Sweden.



Summertime and hot air and thirsty soldiers everywhere in the area. This requires beer... Good beer, says Pte Karstrom, handling the valuable supplies.

# Camp Command Awarded Medals

Soldiers of Camp Command were decorated with the UN Peace Award at a medal parade held on Tuesday, 29 March 1988, at Camp Tara, Naqoura.

The Force Commander Maj-Gen Hagglund in a speech said that he was giving the award in recognition of their services to the United Nations by virtue of the fact that they have left their families and friends and have come to Lebanon to play their part in bringing peace to a land that has for too long had to live with trouble and strife.

He observed that Camp Command has changed through the years. Originally, he recalled, that Camp Command was made up of two contingents — Irish and Ghanaian but due to changes in the force structure, with the exception of one Ghanaian all were redeployed elsewhere in the AO. The Irish contingent, he remarked, was reduced in size but yet this vital unit continues to function and to carry out all duties assigned to it in a most satisfac-

tory manner.

Maj-Gen Hagglund said that administrative support may not be the most glamorous of jobs but yet it is essential to the smooth running of headquarters. He wondered where would an organisation be without its clerks, typists, drivers, cooks, storemen and radio operators who keep the communication going between the HQ and all the personnel operating throughout the AO. All these, the FC observed, don't just happen. They are made to happen by the members of Camp Command.

"Today's medal parade is small only because most of the 99 personnel who make up Camp Command have served in UNIFIL before," observed the FC.

To those who have received the UNIFIL medal for the first time, General Hagglund advised that they should wear the medal with the same pride that their colleagues wore theirs.

"You have earned it and you



Proudly receiving his medal from the Force Commander is Sgt Edward O'Neill.

deserve it for it is not easy to leave home and family and travel to a strange land in the hope of bringing peace to a part of the world that has known little peace this past ten years," the FC exhorted.

Concluding, Maj-Gen Hagglund said their service is recognised by all peace-loving

people and that he was grateful to them for the contribution which they have made to the smooth running of the headquarters.

Go raibh maith agaibh go leir. (I thank you all very much.)

WOI . ADI  
LITANI Reporter

## GHANBATT EXCELS AT MEDAL PARADE



The FC inspecting the parade. Left is the CO. Behind the CO is the RSM WOI Owusu Enin.

Friday, 8 April 1988, was the day when Ghanbatt Headquarters, Marakah, became the centre of attraction to UNIFIL personnel, foreign dignitaries, and the Lebanese people as well. The atmosphere at Marakah was indeed agog with elegance. The reason for the grandeur was the medal parade for Ghanbatt 29.

Four contingents were on parade. As early as 0925 LT contingents under the command of the Commanding Officer, Lt-Col Tom Nguah, took their positions at the parade square waiting for the start of events. For those who have seen Ghanaian troops on parade, it was just an extension of an unbroken string of immaculate turn up on parades of this nature. The turn out was unquestionable. Well polished boots topped by well ironed olive khaki green, and the well trimmed haircut, neatly tucked under the blue beret added colour and grandeur to their posture on parade.

The drill was a spectacle to behold. Marching in slow and quick time, and command coming

in distinct military voice, troops responded with immaculate footwork and accurate movement, digging the heels and swinging the arms to the tune of military songs provided by a detachment of the central band of the Ghana Armed Forces.

The whole scene was one of excitement and admiration which drew generous applause from the numerous spectators and who included a high-level delegation among whom were Ghana's Chief of Staff, at the PNDC HQ Lt-Col (rtd) E.K.T. Donkor and Mr. S.K.D. Kportufe from the Defence Ministry of Ghana.

The Force Commander in a speech commended the Ghanaian contingent which has resolutely supported UNIFIL since they first joined the force in 1978. He said he was awarding the UN medal in recognition of the sacrifices they have made in leaving their homes,

families and loved ones to come to this strife-torn part of Southern Lebanon, and their contribution to peace in Lebanon. The Force Commander did not hide his feelings when he said, "The job of peace-keeping is not an easy one. As one former Secretary-General once said, 'The job of peace-keeping is not a job for soldiers, yet only soldiers can do it.'" "The Ghanaian contingent," Maj-Gen Hagglund said, "has shown that they are up to the job." He was also delighted about the constructional progress made by rebuilding and reinforcing their position and maintaining the standards which are required from Ghanaian soldiers.

The Force Commander congratulated the contingent for the smart turn out and the immaculate drill which he said are a reflection of high standard and personal attention to detail.



No. 1 Contingent on the march with eyes turned right as they march pass the saluting dias. In front is the C.O. Lt-Col Tom Nguah.

What is more after treating the audience to this extraordinary pageantry, the Ghanaians entertained them with a wonderful display of silent drill. Later the audience were entertained to cultural drumming and dancing.

WOI E. Adih  
Litani Reporter



With their traditional drums and other gadgets the people of the northern region of Ghana also entertained the guests to traditional drumming and dancing.



Lt-Col (rtd) E.K.T. Donkor pinning a medal on the chest of a soldier.

# THE "MIKE PAPAS" DECORATED

The Force Commander, Maj-Gen Gustav Hagglund, on 6 April 1988 presented to the Military Police Company the United Nations medals for peace recognition of their services in UNIFIL.

In presenting the awards the FC commended the MP. Company for its uniqueness in UNIFIL in view of the fact that its members are drawn from all contingents of the force. He observed that because of its international composition MP Coy is indeed a unit in the best tradition of the United Nations. Maj-Gen Hagglund thanked the Commanding Officer, Lt-Col Aasheim and his staff for their dedication in moulding the company into an efficient and harmonious unit to the ultimate

benefit of UNIFIL.

He said the Military Police Company's role in UNIFIL is wide and varied. It includes the enforcement of UNIFIL's regulations, directives and the carrying out of tasks which require tact, diplomacy and on certain occasions the strict application of discipline. This, he said, does not exclude setting the highest example to all members of UNIFIL. To the Officers, WOs and NCOs of the Company the FC expressed his appreciation for the very good work they have performed during their tour of duty.

Their work, General Hagglund noticed, can take them as far away as Beirut, Tel Aviv and Metulla, and though they are out of sight they are not out of mind



The FC pinning a medal on the chest of an MP recipient, Cpl Uhre of Norway and that their hard work did not go unnoticed, he remarked.

To the medal recipients the FC advised them to wear the medal with pride as they are a symbol of

all peace-loving nations' gratitude to them.

Finally, to those who are returning home in the near future he extended his best wishes to them and thier families.

# FORCE COMMANDER VISITS GHANBATT

**O**n 28 March 1988, the Force Commander, Major-General Gustav Hagglund paid a one-day inspection visit to Ghanbatt 29. He was met on arrival at Irishbatt Check Point 8-23A by the Ghanaian Contingent Commander Col RB Commey and the Commanding Officer Lt-Col Tom Nguah.

From there, the team drove to position 8-23 at As Sultaniyah in the Alpha Sector. Position 8-23 is one of the trouble spots within the Ghanbatt AO where AEs wishing to get to SLA and IDF positions within the Ghanbatt often attempted to force their way through. It used to be just a small post manned by five troops whose duty was merely to show UN presence. Since taking over, Ghanbatt 29 had reactivated it into a check point.

Somewhere on the road between posn 8-23 and posn 8-1A the FC was treated to a typical Mowag snap road-block demonstration by a troop of Battalion Mobile Reserve under the command of Capt Emmanuel Tetteh-Akunor.

The next place of importance visited was Kafr Dunin the former Ghanbatt Headquarters where the Ghanbatt Maintenance Company is still located.



The FC discussing a point with COY OC, Capt A. Asibi, with baton in hand is the C.O Lt Col. Tom Nguah second left is the contingent commander Col R.B. Commey. (Photo on top)

Here, the CO and the OC, Major Apana gave the FC a detailed briefing on the plans for movement of the company to a sight close to the Charlie Company Headquarters. They also took him to the spot in the Camp where a bomb exploded last December in which a Lebanese youth was killed. After this the FC and the team toured Charlie and Bravo Com-

pany positions including the Ghana Engineers Company positions at Jwayya, where they were given operational briefing by Company, platoon and post commanders.

The tour of the company positions ended with a mortar demonstration at 8-47A. The FC, a mortar officer himself, showed

great interest, moving from one gun position to the other stopping them intermittently to ask questions and to check readings on the sights and to see whether the bubbles were being levelled correctly.

From the companies the FC came to the Ghanbatt Headquarters where he inspected a colourful guard of honour mounted for him by the Headquarters company.

Later, at a reception organised for him in the Officer's Mess, Major-General Hagglund expressed his appreciation for the high standard of efficiency and professionalism the Ghanbatt had achieved within the short period that they were on the ground.

The Commander also used the occasion to meet with the AMAL leadership during which they had fruitful discussions of mutual interest.

The visit ended with both the FC and the AMAL leaders taking a stroll to the RAP to visit Cpl Amankwaah who was recovering from gunshot wounds he received when his vehicle was attacked by AEs last February.



The FC checking the readings on a gun at mortar posn 8-47A. (Bottom)

JK AGBOTSE  
Major PIO GHANBATT

# The Day Italoair Stopped Flying

**E**ven the famous dog in box a very special kind of flying dog) stopped wagging its tail: it was almost getting on the helicopter, when suddenly the order to cancel every flight was issued. With a sad look, the dog that had been booked on the flight to EBEL, went away from the heli with its handler.

No, this is not a novel, but on March 23rd morning it happened to the helicopter I was about to fly to EBEL. Five minutes before, Italoair was given instructions from Italy, 10 around all helicopters. One helicopter of the same make and model had crashed earlier in Italy and the reason was a failure an oil pump.

All of us know well that in such cases it's necessary to conduct checks in order to avoid the possibility, of a similar accident. Immediately work was started in earnest. While flying mechanics were dismantling one engine at time, an Italian Air Force aircraft was already taking off from Rome with the needed spare parts for the replacement. This is one of the miracles that sometimes happen. New oil pumps were coming to Naqura in only one day, the same day that the instructions were issued to ground all helis. And what about medevacs? It's an important matter. What would you have done? Yes, Italoair did the same.....

The 12 flight engineers were split in two teams, with shift of 4 hours nonstop; so, also the hangar normally quiet during the night, now has good friends. They broke the silence with the typical noise of a workshop in session. Under the careful check of the Chief of maintenance D'ANGELI and the Chief of

Workshop W03 PIGA, working at an incredible speed enabled two helicopters to be made ready on March 26th, and all the others after Monday March 28th.

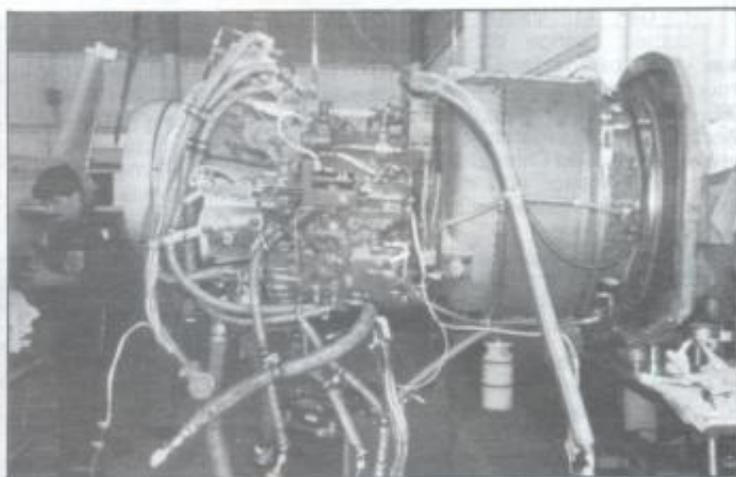
Now a look inside the 1400 hp of our Agusta Bell 205, and you will discover what actually happened. A small failure, really small. Due to this failure the helicopter went down and was destroyed without any heavy damage to the crew. After careful checks the decision taken in Italy by the technical authorities was to change all the oil pumps which in the helicopters AB 205 was responsible for the accident. Also it was to ensure that all the models were rendered safe for flying. To effect this change, it was necessary to strip down all the engines from the main frame of the helicopter. This was not all that difficult, but it took a long time and much patience due to the large number of screws, bolts, little rods, support etc, that would have made the puzzle easier. The flight engineers of Italoair are well trained on this kind of puzzle, and they are able to make up this mosaic in a guinness record time. Now only the test flight was missing to confirm that all was OK. Those flights don't disappoint, so now we can again open flight regularly.

The Italoair's fleet apologise with the flight "customers" for the drawback due to technical problems, but she is glad to welcome again everybody on her helicopters.

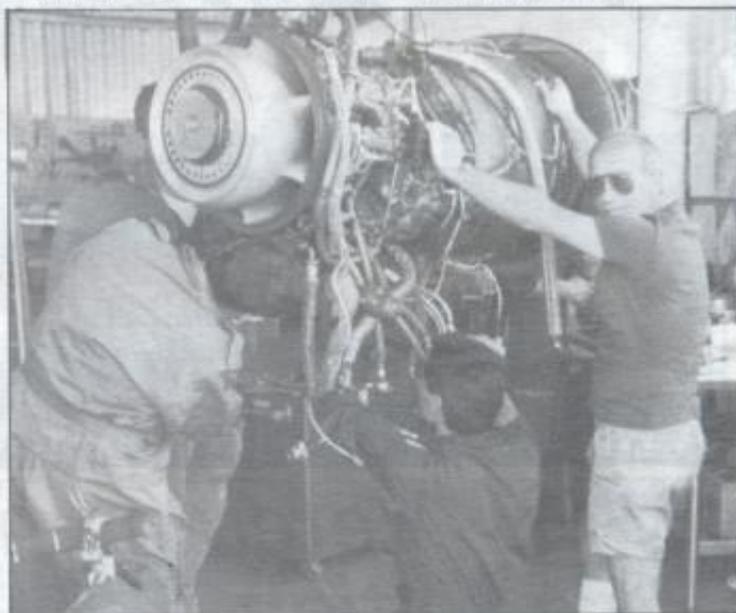
I am sorry, but I nearly forget to render my personal apology to the dog in box.

Have a nice flight.

**CAPT ANTONIO POLLINO  
PIO ITALAIR**



An engine of one of the helicopters completely stripped ready to be checked and oil pump replaced. In the picture is Anaschi Ferdinando, a technician.



Engineers and technicians busily engaged on a helicopter engine during the check.



Two of the helicopters on training exercise.



Two engineers satisfy themselves that the overhauled engines are properly in place before a test flight.

# CHANGE OF COMMAND AND MEDAL PARADE FOR OGL

**L**t. Gen M. Vadset conducted change of command parade for Observer Group in Lebanon on 15 April, 1988, at UNIFIL Headquarters, Naqoura. The change over was between the Acting Chief of OGL, Comdt Pat Fingalton and the incumbent Lt. Col Mueller Fenback. The change over apparently became necessary because of the abduction in February this year of the substantive chief of OGL, Lt. Col William Higgins.

Lt. Gen Vadset could not help but to observe that the year 1988 has proved to be a trying and testing time for UNTSO. He recalled the loss of Capt Peter Mc-

Carthy in January and the abduction of Lt. Col William "Rich" Higgins in February which he rightly described as tragic occurrences.

"While it is gratifying to see the determination to return to normal, we should always be mindful of the risks we face especially so in Lebanon, and it is of course absolutely essential for every body to continue to exercise utmost caution and strictly abide by existing directives concerning travel in Lebanon", the General advised.

Continuing Lt. Gen Vadset said that UNTSO has been operating for almost 40 years in the Middle East, and that their observers carry out their duties on the basis



Signing the handover certificate is Comdt Pat Fingalton. Waiting for his turn (sitting left) is Lt. Col. Mueller Fenback. Looking on is Lt-Gen M. Vadset.



The Chief of UNTSO Lt. Gen Vadset pinning the UN medal on the chest of a recipient.

of strict neutrality and without any aims or objectives other than those established by the Security Council of the United Nations. Their effort in UNTSO as in other UN missions, he said, is independent on understanding the principles of how UN works and on the acceptance and cooperation of the people in the mission area. Concluding the Chief of Staff said, "We are here not to discipline any one but to assist every one-if we are allowed-in bringing peace"

Gustav Haggland and UNIFIL heads of departments.

On the same day at 1415Hrs Israeli time, a medal presentation parade was organised at Rec House, Nahariya, where medals were presented to deserving officers by Lt. Gen Vadset.

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LITANI REPORTER  
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Present at the function was the Force Commander Maj. Gen

**"A Will and a Way to keep on fighting for Peace":**

## UNIFIL Veterans have got their Organization

**T**he UNIFIL veterans have established their own organization with Headquarters in Paris. The organization, "Soldiers of Peace International Association", wants to inform the people in contributing countries — and others — about the peace-keeping operations led by the United Nations and their capability in the building of a more civilized world.

The organization was originally created by young UNIFIL veterans in Lyon, France. Hence its official name has the French following:

"Association Internationale des Soldats de la Paix" (AISP). Its motto is: "A Will and a Way to keep on Fighting for Peace".

In order to make known and appreciate the actions of the Blue Berets, the AISP wishes to develop and increase the cooperation between existing or forthcoming UN vets national associations. This way, a better information could be given to the population and a mutual friendship could be raised in people's relations.

Secondly the AISP wants to

keep on taking part in humanitarian activities led by UN or Non-governmental organizations. For such operations the AISP could be a "men of good will tank" and could bring some help in offering volunteers to fight for peace again.

The AISP is already working for humanitarian purposes in Lebanon. It is at the same time a crossroad where UN Vets can meet and contribute to preparing a better world by improving international solidarity and friendship. — Any UNIFIL veteran is most

welcome to becoming a member in our organization, says Olivier Massard to LITANI. Massard has been elected President of the international organization and will take up this duty with effect from 1 July this year.

For more information one could write to:

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# OPERATIONAL REPORT

**D**uring the Past four weeks, many Irish and Nepalese positions were hit in crossfires when IDF/SLA manned security zone positions returned fire to attacking resistance groups. Two Nepalese positions near Siddiqine were hit with stray bullets in Amal-Hizballah clashes earlier in the Month. In the same period, SLA militia men fired 11 times into Irish positions around Beit Yahun, Haddatha, Tireh and once to an Irish patrol. IDF troops fired once to a French vehicle at Ras el Bayyada and once into an Irish position near Beity Yahun. Amal militiamen fired once into a Fijian position at Malkiyah.

During the past four weeks, Unidentified armed men issued threats against a Fijian position Ayn Baal and a Finnish position near Srifa. Gunmen identified as the believers resistance threatened a nepalese position east of Siddiqin. Israeli personnel caused problems at a Norwegian checkpoint near Kaoukaba and SLA militiamen at Norwegian checkpoints near Blate and kaoukaba. All these incidents related to vehicle checks at UNIFIL checkpoints.

Six anti-tank weapons, eight handgrenades and 36 rifles/machineguns were voluntarily surrendered by private individuals or armed men affiliated with variety of groups to UNIFIL checkpoints in all sectors.



# MR. DIMITRIOS TSOUROS, Chief Procurement Officer

**T**he Chief Procurement Officer (CPO), Mr. Dimitrios Tsouros, is about to retire after almost 28 years of service with the peace-keeping missions of the United Nations: UNEF I, UNEF II, UNYOM, UNIDOM, UNMOGIP, UNTSO, UNDOF, and UNIFIL. He has been serving UNIFIL for the last 10 years. Mr. Tsouros is a Greek national married to an Irish lady, Teresa, and has two daughters, Patricia and Athina.

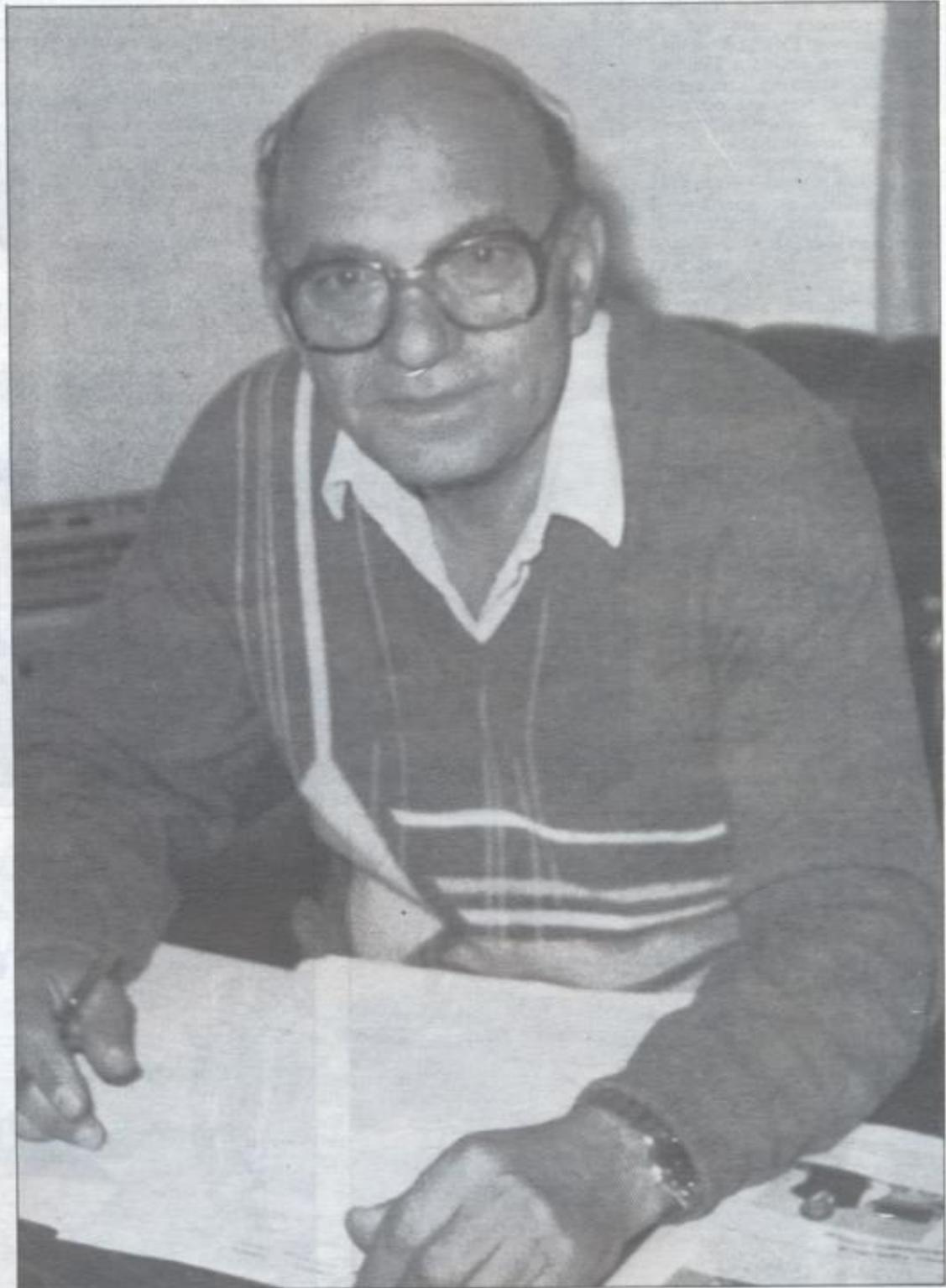
He particularly remembers the difficult days of hard work during the initial stage of setting-up the mission with various problems encountered, but he recalls that the support, guidance and assistance provided to the mission by the Field Service Operations Division during this time as a major factor for to smooth operation of procurement activities.

He believes that now with the introduction of the computer system which is presently being actively pursued, the various branches will improve in efficiency and increase in productivity benefitting the mission and the United Nations as a whole.

He stated that the Procurement Section is a vital part of the mission's logistic support. It provides for the requirements of the Force, and that the success of such an operation largely depends upon good planning and organization by logistics staff and other self-accounting managers and, the day-to-day close contact and cooperation between civilian and military elements. To this, the CPO had only praise for the civilian and military staff, and the Branches/Sections Chiefs for their cooperation and the professional manner that business has been conducted. He would like to express his appreciation and thanks to all of those he had worked with over the years.

Although Mr. Tsouros departs UNIFIL, he leaves a definite mark from his relentless work effort and his various contributions to the missions and UNIFIL where he has served as a dedicated United Nations civil servant.

We bid farewell to Mr. Tsouros and wish him and his family the best of luck and contentment during his retirement years.



*Behind his desk, Mr. Dimitrios Tsouros smiling away 28 years of hard work with the U.N.*



A group photograph of the staff of Procurement Section with the retiring Chief procurement Officer, Mr. D. Tsouras sitting in the middle.

**Send**

*A Phenomenon*

*Litani*

**Home**



It is living  
 Scientists find it a phenomenon  
 politicians' find it a topic  
 Rebels take it as a reason to rebel  
 It binds society  
 And yet segregates it  
 It is sensitive  
 It shudders along with pain  
 And radiates with joy  
 It arouses the innermost love  
 A love that invokes hatred  
 Hatred that infers a curse  
 And yet a love that infers privilege  
 It can incite emotion causing a commotion  
 But yet suppress it to a chilling whisper  
 Nations have discussed it and remained puzzled  
 It is a Psychological, Sociological, Biological phenomenon  
 It is a bank of emotions  
 What can this puzzling phenomenon be?  
 Ha! It is only a mere skin.

**The Poet's  
 Corner**

By Jean-Pierre Leonard Kwaku  
 March 22nd 1988

KNOW THE WORLD,



KNOW

# NORWAY

What comes to your mind when Norway is mentioned? Snow, polar bears, mountains, fishing vessels and shipping? Certainly, all these are relevant imaginations. However, in order to convey a more exact picture of Norwegian reality, there could be added a few things. In barely three quarters of a century, Norway has developed into a highly industrialised country. From fairly low standards at the beginning of the 1920s, the Norwegians have developed their industries, their agriculture and other areas into a "welfare society" with less than 2% unemployment and a gross national product which is among the highest in Europe.

## FACTS ABOUT NORWAY

LOCATION: 13° 13' 17" NORTH-SOUTH  
26° 39' 51" EAST-WEST  
ON THE SCANDINAVIAN PENINSULA.  
COASTLINE: 54.984 KM  
DISTANCE FROM NORTH CAPE TO OSLO (THE CAPITAL), THE SAME AS FROM OSLO TO ROME.  
THE FOURTH LARGEST COUNTRY IN EUROPE, EXCEPT FROM USSR AND TURKEY. POPULATION: 4.2 MILL.

CAPITAL: OSLO.  
CURRENCY: NORWEGIAN KRONER (105 DOLLARS 6,18 KROWN)

### OIL AND GAS EXPORTER

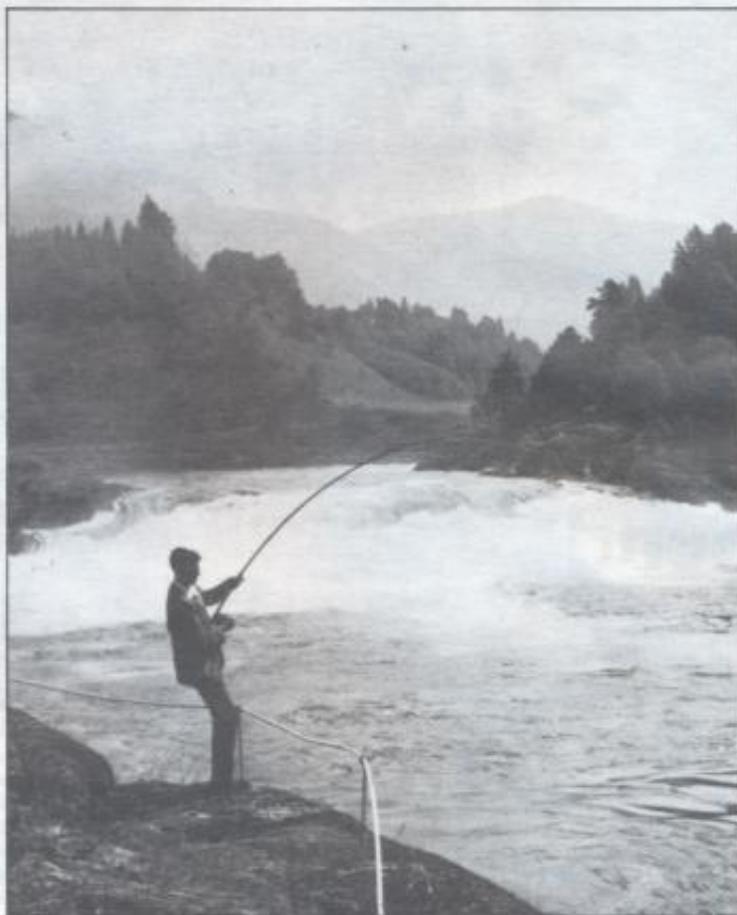
In recent years, Norway has become an oil exporter as well. Since 1968 the oil industries have grown immensely. But what seemed like becoming a "Golden Age" 15-20 years back is a unstable income today. Oil is dependent on international politics and developments. And as a consequence of widespread economic crises in the world and of turbulent currency conditions (the fall of the dollar) — the petroleum prices have become equally unstable. Anyhow, the export of oil and gas is still an adequate supplement to the Norwegian economy.

### SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMMES

It is already said that Norway has become a highly industrialized country. To boost export, the Norwegians have realized that more industrial research is a must and therefore must spend one billion Norwegian kroner every year in sophisticated research programmes in the fields of information technology, biotechnology, offshore and advanced materials.

### INTO THE SPACE AGE

Since July 1987 Norway has become a member of the European Space Agency (ESA) and by now takes part in its many promising space programmes.



*For sports fishing enthusiasts, Norway is an El Dorado with its countless rivers and waterfalls where the salmon is rife and mighty...*

Among the items exported by the various Norwegian industries are ships and maritime equipment, electronics, chemical products, minerals, fish and fish products, paper and aluminium.

The Norwegian fishermen

caught 2,4 mill tons of fish last year. New techniques and boats are reducing the number of workers in this industry every year. The new thing is aquaculture, on "farms" where the fish is being cultivated, mostly



*Norway has become one of Europe's major petroleum producers and its export profit is an adequate supplement for Norway's national income.*

salmon and rainbow trout, and this industry is growing fast. About 5% of the world's merchant fleet is Norwegian.

#### **THE HISTORY**

When the ice left the

Norwegian mainland, about 12,000 years ago, the first settlers came to hunt and fish, and populated the country. From 1380-1814 Norway was united with Denmark and Sweden at dif-

ferent times. In 1814 the Norwegian constitution was enacted on the 17. May, a day to be celebrated as our National Day, also among the Norwegians in Lebanon.

Norwegians in Lebanon. Norway has borders with Sweden, Finland and USSR in East. In North there is the Arctic Ocean, to the West the Atlantic Ocean and in the South the North Sea.

## A KINGDOM

Norway is a kingdom, ruled by a Parliament. The religion is Protestant. The language is Norwegian, and is part of the Germanic group of language.

Elementary education is given to everybody for nine years, and everyone is expected to learn two foreign languages, English and German.

After these nine years they are given to choose between technical studies or high school, and then university.

We asked you what comes to your mind when Norway is mentioned? Snow, icebears, mountains, shipping, fish? Concerning snow, Norway have got a lot of it. Usually the winter lasts from november until April in most parts of the country.

In the North and in the mountain areas sometimes longer, in the South and the coastal areas for shorter time.

## NO POLAR BEARS

Polar bear in Norway is a fairytale, they have never been there, except for the island of Svalbard that lies in the Arctic Ocean almost closer to the North pole than to the mainland of Norway. More than half of Norway's 386,000 km<sup>2</sup> are mountain area and mostly uninhabited.

Norway is a member of NATO. The Norwegian defence forces include the Army, the Airforce, the Navy and the National Guard. Norway's contribution to the UNIFIL is NORBATT and Normaintcov. The first year in



*The agricultural policy of Norway has been very active and supportive in recent years, and the country is self-sufficient in agricultural products*

Lebanon Norway also supported UNIFIL with the helicopter unit and the medical unit.

The number of Norwegians in UNIFIL today is 830 men and women.

2. Lt Olaf Torvik  
PIO NMC



*A highly industrialised country, Norway has had an immense growth in the last 3-4 decades. The city of Tromsøe in the Northern part is a good example of rapid growth.*



*Norway's national day is May 17, and the day is celebrated all over the county. This picture shows the children's march in the main street of Oslo — right up to the Royal Castle (upper right corner).*



# HIGH DISCIPLINARY STANDARD!

The Military Police Company at Naqoura is now "complete" in the present UNIFIL context with nine nations representing a staff of 78 men. Latest to join the "MP Force" was Italy who provided three carabinieri with effect from March this year.

— I am pleased with the fact that our MP Coy now reflects the international set-up at this stage of UNIFIL development, says Lt Col Olav J. Aasheim, Force Provost Marshal to LITANI.

— While the battalions themselves still have the overall responsibility for relevant MP matters in "their" areas of operations, we need our headquarters and detachments to be staffed and equipped to a minimum says, Lt Col Aasheim.

The MP Coy of Naqoura deals with a wide and varied range of tasks of which the traffic sector requires by far the heaviest workload of them all. — In one

week there are only 6 reported traffic accidents, and even though the figures show a satisfactory downward trend since 1982 one can not deny that much lower numbers of accidents is worthwhile aiming at. — And we aim at that, says the Force Provost Marshal. — wherever possible we stress the need for safe driving. And when accidents occur with civilians involved it is quite imperative that the report is issued promptly to ensure a proper handling of a possible claim. The insurance companies require an MP report in all the traffic cases, says Lt Col Olav J. Aasheim.

— What about disciplinary matters? Picture bright or dark?

— Bright, says the Marshal emphatically. — Even if we do not at the HQ have the full survey of matters in the battalions I have the impression that things are going fairly well around there. Remembers there are about 6000 soldiers in UNIFIL as a whole and

more than 4000 in Naqoura alone. Then look at the monthly figures. Not bad, comments Lt Col Aasheim.

LITANI picked the month of January 1988, which reflects a relatively accurate yearly reality in UNIFIL. Theft cases top the list with 13 cases. Loss of ID cards (12 cases) and speeding (with vehicles) 6 cases. Accidental damage is four on the list (5 cases). Common assault: 2 cases.

— Many incidents can be avoided, declares the Provost Marshal. — A large number of MP cases handled by the detachments and HQ's MP COY are due to drunkenness. Some cases will result in disciplinary actions being taken against offenders. A few will result in insurance claim for damage. However, the disciplinary actions are always handled by the various national contingents underlines the Colonel. — as Military Police we investigate cases according to nor-

mal procedures in a military set-up.

— The major problems arise when personnel are on leave, normally in Israel which is the nearest "leave-country" for UNIFIL. During weekends in Israel we usually have a certain amount of trouble. As a rule it is the UNIFIL MP which takes over such cases, since the Israeli police cannot keep UNIFIL personnel in custody for a longer period of time.

— I am happy to say that the incidents are relatively few. I am proud to say that UNIFIL personnel generally behave well. We have fine soldiers and I am proud of that, says the Force Provost Marshal. — Grave criminal acts are practically non-existent. And the minor trouble we know of could be avoided only if the rate of drunkenness could be reduced a little.

Text: Capt E.K. HOLTET  
D/CMPIO



Two Military Police officers using a hand-operated radar to check over-speeding of UNIFIL vehicles in the AD.

## Traffic accidents nearly halved since 1982

Once again good news from MP Coy in Naqoura: 1987 brought another record low figure for traffic accidents, making last year the best traffic-year in the history of the Force. — I am very satisfied, said the Force Provost Marshal, Lt-Col Olav J. Aasheim to LITANI. — Moreover, he commented, the initial figures of 1988 indicate that the fine trend continues — like it has since 1982, when the accident rate soared a record high.

The statistic shows the development clearly:

1980: 775 accidents  
1981: 714 accidents  
1982: 821 accidents  
1983: 819 accidents  
1984: 580 accidents  
1985: 568 accidents  
1986: 487 accidents  
1987: 467 accidents  
1987: 467 accidents.

# "MINGEY STREET"

## — and the Story behind a Name

Every day in UNIFIL parlance the word "MINGEY" crops up. We have Mingeys men, Mingeys shops, Mingeys tapes, Mingeys watches. The list is endless. "Mingestreet" is in the focus of everyone working with UNIFIL.

Where did the expression originate?

The first Irish units to serve with UN were deployed to Zaire, then the Congo in 1960 as part of the ONUC force. At the time the Belgian settlers were fleeing the country in large numbers and were anxious to convert their local currency holdings to hard currency. The normal rate was 64 Congolese Francs to \$1. Soon a black market in currencies grew in the area, with rates of exchange as high as 300 to \$1.

This illegal money exchange was conducted on the street corners of Leopoldville and Elizabethville. "Mingeys" was the local dialect for "much", "many", "a lot of". To passing UN soldiers off duty these exchange men called out "Mingeys, mingeys franc for dollar". The exchange rate of the day quickly became known as "the mingeys rate".

For those who engaged in this illegal practise they soon found themselves with pockets bulging with francs. The next logical step was to spend the francs on something. Souvenirs of carved ivory and ebony soon accumulated. These were of course referred to as "mingeys". The traders who sold them became "mingeys men", and when rotation time came around the souvenirs were of course packed in "mingeys boxes".

In 1963 Irish soldiers were redeployed from the Congo to Cyprus as part of UNFICYP. They took with them enhanced skills in peacekeeping. They also took "Mingeys". Very soon Turkish Cypriot tailors were putting "mingeys tailor" signs outside their shops. Good business men that they were, the Greek Cypriots also quickly adopted the word. It was in common use for ten years in Cyprus until the wandering Irish



The "Mingeys Street" at Naqoura, UNIFIL HQ with the rows of shops and stores lining the Street.

peacekeepers came to UNEF II in Sinai. Soon the "mingeys men" of El Arish and El Nagela came on the scene. One notable mingi establishment stood as a lone sentinel in the middle of the desert — beside an Irish camp. By the time the Irish came to UNIFIL in 1978 the word was being used by a second generation of Irish soldiers. The sons of Congo peacekeepers used mingi in everyday conversation, scarcely knowing that it was their fathers who had brought it back from Africa eighteen years before.

Almost immediately the "mobile mingimen" arrived in Tibnine, setting their wares out of the doors of what were of course called

"mingi mercs". As the interim force became a more permanent fixture, more permanent shanties started to appear whose signs read "Genuine Lebanese Mingeys Shop". Ten years have passed. Naqoura has become a city. Mingeys shops cropped up outside the camp. Soon a whole street existed and what could be more natural than to call it "Mingeys Street".

Usage of the word developed also. It was used to describe something which wasn't quite the genuine article. Hence you have "Real Lacoste" and "Mingeys Lacoste". Lebanese electricity which broke down regularly became "Mingeys Power". One

should finish by quoting one Irish soldier talking to another as they gazed up at the crusader castle in Tibnine:

"Do you know why the crusaders built their castle on such precipitous slopes?"

"Defence, I suppose", answered the student of history.

"Sorry, not at all boy! They built them there so that the mingeys men couldn't build their shops up against the wall".

Lt.Col. McMahon,  
UNIFIL, Naqoura.

## Water supply to Ebel es Saqi:

# DAY AND NIGHT SERVICE

A very, very intense sunshine from a cloudless sky. A burning heat that makes the climate unbearable, so to speak. Sweating and dried up bodies, crying for cooling down. What is more natural than having a shower of course. But it's not that easy, when serving with the on. For instance up in NORBATT, where between three and fifteen men has to use the same shower? Problems? That's for sure! Maybe too many of us are very spoiled, compared to Norway, where you can take a shower as long as you want. And where you're not dependent on a big water-tank on



Despite all the working, the boys are always in a good mood. From the left Tore Eliassen, Syen Arild, Olsen, Ote Aas and Morten Hensen, all from the camp command in Ebel es Saqi.

the roof, which has to be filled up when it is empty.

But, of course, the system is so different in UNIFIL. You can ask the "watermen" in NORBATT, driving from early in the morning to late in the evening, just to give satisfaction to bodies "hungry" for a shower.

By the help of two vehicles the four soldiers from the camp command, are driving day and night, delivering a daily average of 30,000 litres to the personnel living in Ebel es Saqi, where the Norwegian HQ is situated. About 300 Norwegians are living in Saqi. There is no wonder that the four boys are begging the personnel to

have no more than one shower a day. Maximum considering that they have to work up to fifteen hours a day. Seven days a week!

**2 LT CHRISTENSEN,  
ex NORCO (A/PIO)**

## A Test-pilot's hobby:

# SILENCE

WO Maurizio Magnolini left Italaire for good after his one year long tour of duty in UNIFIL. Even if not all people can remember his face, we think that everybody has complained at least once because of him and the noise he has produced during several months. In fact he was Italaire's test pilot. When a chopper was very noisy flying during the "siesta time" over Naqoura Camp, it was WO Magnolini who was playing his own game with instruments and flying controls.

1950 he had served in Italian Army since September 1970; he was licenced as helicopter pilot in 1972. From 1979 he became the test pilot in a Maintenance Unit in Rome where he's supposed to continue to produce amounts of decibels.

He's married and he's father of Simone, 15 and Fabrizio, 12.

His hobbies are; cooking, courtizing women (so he says) and SILENCE.

**CAPT ANTONIO POLLINO  
PIO ITALAIR**



To avoid and kill dangerous bacteria in the water, it is of very great importance to add chlorine to the water, even if it is not so very popular. But the bad smell is much better than being ill. And not to forget that the water then is clean, underlines 1LT Per Gylderud, hygiene officer in the battalion. Here he is instructing how to chlorine the water.

Born in Rome on 2nd December,

# FATHER AND SON SERVING IN UNIFIL TOGETHER



THE FATHER WOII S RARASEA IS SERVING IN MP COY AND SON SGT S RARASEA IS SERVING IN FIJIBATT H.Q. WOII S RARASEA IS 50 YEARS OLD AND THIS IS HIS FIRST TIME IN UNIFIL. HOWEVER SGT S RARASEA 25 YEARS OLD IS SERVING UNIFIL FOR THE THIRD TIME. HE CAME HERE FIRST TIME

IN 1982 AS CPL, SECOND TIME IN 1984 AS CPL AND THIRD TIME IN 1988 AS SGT. IN FIJIBATT H.Q.

WOII RARASEA EXPLAINS THAT HE IS VERY HAPPY TO BE HERE AS A PEACE-KEEPER. TO ACHIEVE PEACE HE SAYS, WE (ALL CONTINGENT) MUST WORK, HELP AND LOVE EACH OTHER.



## WOI TAYI YAW

### MUSAH

WOI T.Y. Musah alias Paa Moonson, has been UNIFIL's photographer for the past five months covering the Force Commander's itinerary and most events in UNIFIL HQ and the AOs. A seasoned and energetic photographer WOI Musah is a veteran in peace keeping operations. He served in UNEF II in Sanai as a photographer for Ghanbatt 5 in 1976.

Again he was the photographer in UNIFIL for Litani Magazine in 1981.

WOI Musah was born at Ekpu in the Western Region of Ghana.

He joined the army in 1964 and rose through the ranks to the present rank of Warrant Officer Class One.

At home Paa Moonson is the Chief Instructor at the Photographic Section of the Armed Forces Public Relations Directorate.

WOI Musah is about to end his tour of duties and will be returning home to assume his former duties as Chief Instructor at the Photographic Section.

His hobbies are boxing, football and listening to music.



# Goodbye to Maj Serriconi

It is always sad to say goodbye especially when one is leaving friends, relatives and colleagues. Here in UNIFIL, where the environment makes both military and civilian personnel feel like one big family, it is indeed memorable when one is leaving the mission area.

This is the nostalgia Major Francesco Serriconi, the pilot and also the Press Information Officer (PIO) for Italtair will have now that he is back home in Italy after his tour of duty with UNIFIL.

Major Francesco, as he is popularly known, served with Italtair for one year. As a pilot he undertook several flying missions and contributed immensely to the Litani magazine. On the occasions he performed duties at CASO office he was full of smiles. When asked why, he replied: "smiles are the trademark of every pilot, whether military or civilian. One has to be cheerful because you cannot put on a moody face before flight otherwise you will confuse the flight control panel yourself." When questioned about his experiences in UNIFIL he had this to say: "Honestly and sincerely, I would like to confess that my tour with UNIFIL has



Major Francesco Serriconi (second from right) with WOII, Pinadi Giovanni (extreme right) and WOIII Fausto Livi (extreme left). The C.O. Italtair Lt-Col. Detto is third from the right. Apart from the C.O. all have left UNIFIL for Italy.

been most rewarding. Before coming to the mission area I was in doubt whether I would be able to cope, especially when my proficiency in the English language was suspect. However, on my

departure I realised that I have been able to improve my 'little' English and now can communicate without the fear which, entertained at the beginning," he concluded.

Major Francesco Serriconi has now left for Italy but those of us who worked and flew with him will remember him. We all wish him well in his new appointment in Italy.

## From President Gemayel on UNIFIL's anniversary

Even though the tenth anniversary of UNIFIL passed without any fanfare, many dignitaries including President Amine Gemayel of Lebanon sent a message of goodwill to the force. Below is the full text of President Gemayel's message:

**"General GUSTAV HAGGLUND**  
commander-in-chief  
United Nations interim force

On the tenth anniversary of the United Nations interim force in Lebanon, I am pleased to extend my warm greetings to the commander, officers, and soldiers of the force and to express my deep gratitude for the efforts of UNIFIL in maintaining peace and security in South Lebanon.

I greatly appreciate the role you are playing at this delicate period of

Lebanon's history and I look forward to the day when these forces are enabled to fulfill their mandate in accordance with the resolutions of the security council.

I take this opportunity to recall the valor of those brave members of your forces who have given their lives in defense of the rights of my people and in defense of international commitments for these rights.

I will be grateful if you will kindly transmit to the officers and soldiers of your force my thanks for your efforts and my admiration for the wisdom and courage with which you are performing your mission in South Lebanon.

Sincerely yours  
**AMINE GEMAYEL**  
President of the republic  
of Lebanon

# FAREWELL... FAREWELL... FAREWELL...

A FAREWELL PARTY WAS HELD IN THE OFFICERS CLUB ON THE EVENING OF 11TH MARCH '88 BY THE OFFICERS OF FRENCH HQ, FRENCH GENDARMES OF UNIFIL MP COY AND FRENCHLOG. FOLLOWING THE TASTING OF SANGRIA, LOCAL WINES AND SAVOURING SOME SPECIAL FRENCH MEALS. A PRESENTATION TO ACOS OPS, COL. B. PELTIER, CO UNIFIL MP COY AND FPM LT-COL. O. AASHEIM AND CO FRENCHLOG LT-COL. J.L. SUBLET BY MEMBERS OF THE FRENCH CONTINGENT OF M.P. COY. GUESTS EXPRESSED THEIR REGRETS ON SEEING THEM LEAVING AND SAID THEM: 'AU REVOIR'.



*Lt-Col. O. Aasheim, CO MP Coy being presented with a plaque.*



*A group photograph of the French military police personnel.*

**PROFILES**  
UNITED NATIONS  
INTERIM FORCE IN LEBANON



**L**t. Col. Lennart Johansson the new Chief Medical Officer, was born on 22 January 1948 in Vasteras, Sweden.

After completion of his preliminary education he entered the Uppsala and Linköping universities where he obtained an M.D. degree in medicine in 1973. He was confirmed medical officer in 1974 after serving a one-year housemanship and became specialist in general surgery in 1981. In 1983 he took a Ph.D. degree with thesis in intestinal injuries in abdominal trauma. Lt. Col. Johansson is also a graduate of the Nordic U.N. Staff Officers course in 1987. He studied neuro surgery and anaesthesiology for six and eight months respectively. His special field of interest is emergency and disaster medicine, having attended conferences in Pittsburg,

Rome and Jerusalem as well as disaster drills in New York Rome, Jerusalem and Sweden.

Lt. Col. Lennart Johansson served as a junior surgeon at the Motala hospital from 1974 to 1977, and then at the University hospital of Linköping from 1977 to 1983. He became Chief Medical Officer of the Swedish Automobile Sports Federation in 1984. From 1984 to 1985 he was Assistant Medical Director at the Medical Board of the Swedish Armed Forces.

He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in 1985 and appointed Medical Director at the Life Grenadier Regiment and Defence District Staff of Ostergotland, Linköping.

Lt. Col. Johansson is married with three children. His hobbies are folk dancing and music.



The new Commanding Officer of Frenchlog is Lt. Col. Jean-Louis Pujo. Born in Tarbes, France in 1943, Lt. Col. Pujo enlisted into the French Army in 1962 and was commissioned in the infantry battalion in 1967.

Appointments held since commissioning include Platoon and Company Commander, Instructor at a military academy, Staff Of-

ficer in an armoured division and Operation Officer in an Alpine battalion. He is a graduate of the Staff and War College in France.

Lt. Col. Pujo was made a Knight of the French National Merit Order in 1985. He is married with three children. His hobbies are skiing, mountain climbing, tennis and sailing.



**HUMOUR IN UNIFORM:**

Our Adjutant was extremely sticky about giving leave to anybody. If a jawan said, "Sir, my father is seriously ill," he would say, "Yes, yes, my father was seriously ill last year, but I didn't go on leave" Or if somebody said he had to attend his sister's wedding, the Adjutant would retort, "My sister also got married, but I didn't take leave for her wedding"

Hence, it surprised all of us when a Sergeant had his leave sanctioned. Curious, we asked him how he had managed it. "I told the adjutant that my wife had eloped with my neighbour in the village," said the Sergeant with a big wink, "and that my mother had asked me to return home at once."

Adjutant: "Did you shave this morning, GC?"

GC: "Yes, Adjutant."

Adjutant: "Well, next time stand a bit closer to the razor."

First soldier: What made you go into the army?

Second soldier: I had no wife and I loved war, so I went. What about you?

First soldier: Well, I had a wife and loved peace, so I went.

**THE VETERAN OF 'DEVIDUTT'**

Before coming to Lebanon, Hon Lt SIVAJI BISTA so called Subedar Major was promoted to the present rank. The rank of Hon Lt awarded to him is for his long dedicated service of 31 years in the Royal Nepalese Army. During his service he took part in many operations like the action during internal disturbances in the country. Duty with the Royal Guards, at the Royal Palace and with UNIFIL in '78.

Our hand some, strong and cheerful Veteran retires immediately after completion of his peace keeping duties in Lebanon. (NEP BATT 14 Wishes him every success in the years ahead).

PIO Major R.B. VAIDYA

PIO NEP BATT



#### **INSIDE FRONT COVER**

*It is rotation period now. This picture depicts troops lining up for inspection at Rosh Haniqra border.*

*At the Swedlog Gate, a UN jeep is being allowed into the HQ after it had benn checked by the guards.*

#### **INSIDE BACK COVER**

*A Ferret scout car on patrol in Irishbatt AO.*

*Italair continues to fly for peace in Lebanon. An Italair helicopter on a peace mission somewhere in the AO.*

#### **BACK COVER**

*The Colour Party marching briskly pass the saluting dais during Ghanbatt Medal Day Parade. On occasion troops anxiously wait to be presented with their UNIFIL medals.*

