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Peacekeeping important part of Canadian Forces responsibilities

The Canadian Forces took part in seven United-Nations-sponsored observation, truce supervision or peacekeeping operations in 1978. Defence 1978, a publication of the Department of National Defence, provides the following details of Canadian involvement in this important responsibility:

Canadian participation in the UN Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP) underwent a phased reduction from nine officers to one by year's end. In the Far East, one officer and a non-commissioned officer represented Canada on the UN Command Component, Military Armistice Commission, Korea (UNCMAC) until mid-1978 when a newly appointed Canadian Forces attaché to South Korea assumed this duty.

The greatest contribution to UN peacekeeping efforts continued to be in the Middle East and Cyprus.

Middle East

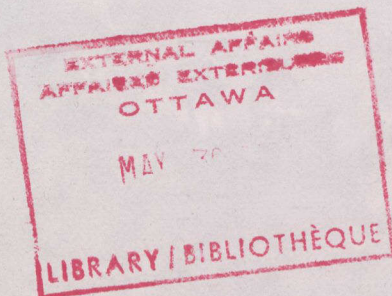
During 1978, Canada's Middle-East peacekeepers numbered about 1,200 Canadian Armed Forces men and women, serving in four United Nations contingents, in a

variety of roles, in Egypt, Syria, Israel and Lebanon.

The contingents were: UN Emergency Force (UNEF), Egypt, comprising approximately 880 Canadians; UN Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF), about 172 Canadians serving in Syria and Israel; UN Truce Supervisory Organization (UNTSO), serving in Egypt, Israel and Syria, numbering 20 Canadians; and, UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), 120 Canadians.

UNEF — Egypt: Set up in 1973, UNEF has its headquarters in the city of Ismailia, on the Suez Canal, about 170 kilometres northeast of the capital city of Cairo. Its task is to police the Sinai Desert buffer zone between Egyptian and Israeli forces.

Members of the Canadian contingent serve at El Gala Camp, on the outskirts of



One-hundred-and-six years ago today... Parliament passed an act establishing the North-West Mounted Police, which became the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in 1920.



Canadian private about to enter United Nations vehicle in the Sinai Desert.

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