

military force, was set up initially to secure a cease-fire and the withdrawal of hostile armed forces. It was not intended to engage in hostilities except in self-defence.

Since 1956, UNEF has served as a buffer between Israel and the United Arab Republic and as a calming influence generally in the Middle East.

In its method of operation, UNEF has established fixed posts in a buffer zone in the Gaza Strip. It has carried out patrols on foot, in armoured vehicles and in aircraft. Part of its job has been to prevent infiltration and border incidents; part has been to protect United Nations personnel and installations in the area; part has been to prevent disorder within its area of deployment. In many respects UNEF personnel have acted not unlike the policeman on his beat in one of our Ontario towns.

In 1958 in Lebanon, the United Nations assumed yet another role of observation. While primarily the Observation Group was intended to prevent the infiltration of personnel and arms from outside Lebanon, inside the country United Nations personnel helped to reconcile differences4/