



The Blue Beret

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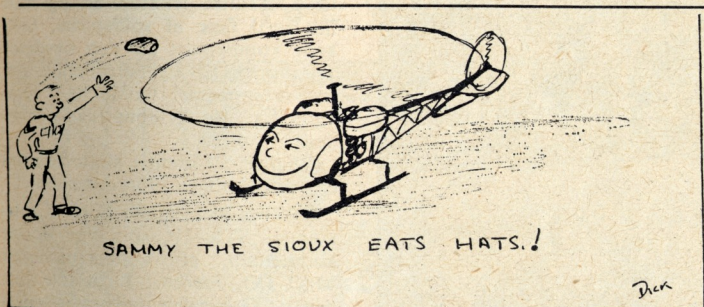
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UNFICYP CHRISTMAS CARD

The UNFICYP Christmas card, pictured on the right is on sale in the Secretariat at HQ UNFICYP. The face of the card is white and the flags are in the colours of the nations serving with UNFICYP. Inside the card, the words, "Seasons Greetings" are printed in the languages of the Contingents. The cards are 50 mils each. All profits will go to the Force Welfare Fund.

Wherever possible Contingents/Units are requested to place bulk orders on behalf of their personnel.



ACCIDENTS

The main cause of this week's accidents is again "Driving without due care and attention". So be careful and remember if you keep to the left you are right but if you keep to the right you are wrong.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFICYP

During the last week it was announced that Iran had made a contribution of US \$ 4000 towards the UN Peace Keeping Force in Cyprus.



• Lieutenant General Sir John Sharp KCB, MC, Military Secretary, British Ministry of Defence, recently paid a visit to HQ UNFICYP. He was received by the Chief of Staff, Brigadier F. R. Henn, CBE, and in the photograph he is inspecting a Guard provided by 65 Sqn RCT.



• The new Contingent Commander of The Swedish Contingent, Lieutenant Colonel Bengt Medin and his Chief of Staff Lieutenant Colonel Curt Sjöo. The contingent includes 261 men of all ranks.

NEWS IN BRIEF

During the night of Wednesday 7th November and the morning of Thursday 8th November, the Finnish Contingent of UNFICYP was fully replaced by the move in of 215 men of all ranks of the YKSP 20 Finnish Battalion.

The Contingent will re-assume the responsibilities previously held by the Finnish Contingent which moved from UNFICYP on Friday 26th October to join UNEF, The UN Middle East Peace Keeping Force.

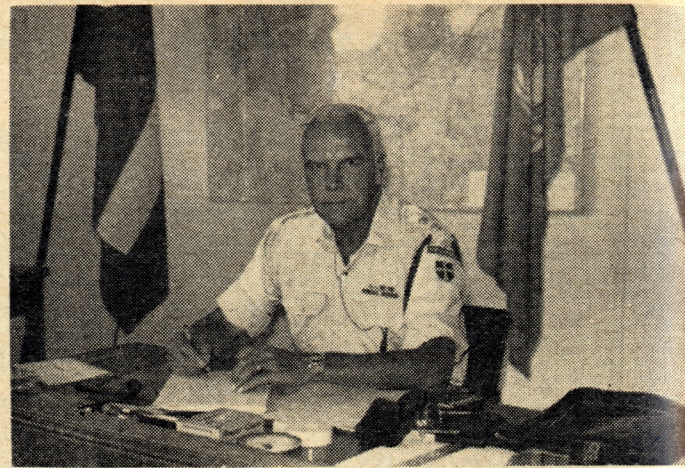
DANDON XIX NÆRMER SIG SIN AFSLUTNING

Tiden er fløjet af sted siden vi, DANCON XIX, overtog ansvaret for LEFKA District. Da vi kom herved, tænkte de fleste af os vel nok, at seks måneder er noget nær en evighed, men sommeren går allerede på hæld, for ikke at sige at efteråret er over os. De tider, hvor vi om natten sparkede lagnet af os og lå og pustede af varme, er ovre. Enkelte sweaters anlægges, i hvert fald i morgentimerne.

Hvad har vi så fået ud af tiden? Det vigtigste for alle er jo helt klart løsningen af den opgave, som vi har fået lagt på vore skuldre. Vi har ikke haft de store opgaver det meste af sommeren, men de opgaver, som vi har mødt på vor vej, har været klaret til alle parter tilfredshed. Nu her på det sidste fik vi pålagt en større opgave, nemlig overtagelse af hele den nordlige del af Kyrenia District efter Finerne, da de pludselig blev sendt til Mellemøsten for der at indgå i

en ny FN-operation. Fredag den 26. oktober kl. 11.00 sluttede ordregivelsen for forflytningen i HQ DANCON og 4 1/2 time efter var DANCON detachementet under major Frederiksen på plads i det nye område med alle OPer besat. Det var en præstation, som virkelig var professionelle FN-soldater værdig. Jeg var ikke overrasket, for den hurtighed og den effektivitet, som prægede operationen, var helt på linie med de kvaliteter, som alle grader og alle tjenestegrene indenfor DANCON XIX stedse har vist. Denne lille operation viste også, at alle har forstået og efterlevet, hvad jeg sagde i den første udsendelse i DANCON-radio, at alle uden undtagelse har deres opgave og deres ansvar for løsningen af vor opgave.

Dertil kommer, at vi har haft en god sommer sammen, med en venlig tone, som efter min opfattelse



Chef DANCON XIX Oberstløjtnant L.M.K. Skern.

har præget vort daglige liv. Efter lidt uundgåeligt smågnidder i begyndelsen fandt gangangere og nyankomne hurtigt sammen, så DANCON XIX virkelig har udgjort et team med godt sammenhold

og kammeratskab.

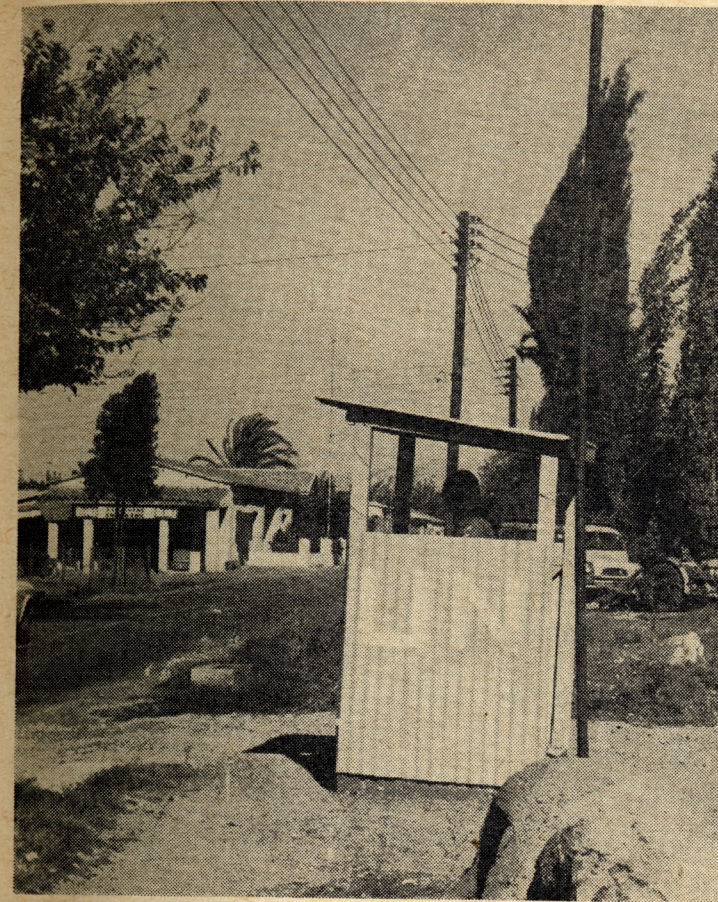
Tak til alle uden undtagelse for en pragtfuld sommer og - specielt til gangangerne på DANCON XX, gør DANCON XIX ære.

L.M.K. Skern.

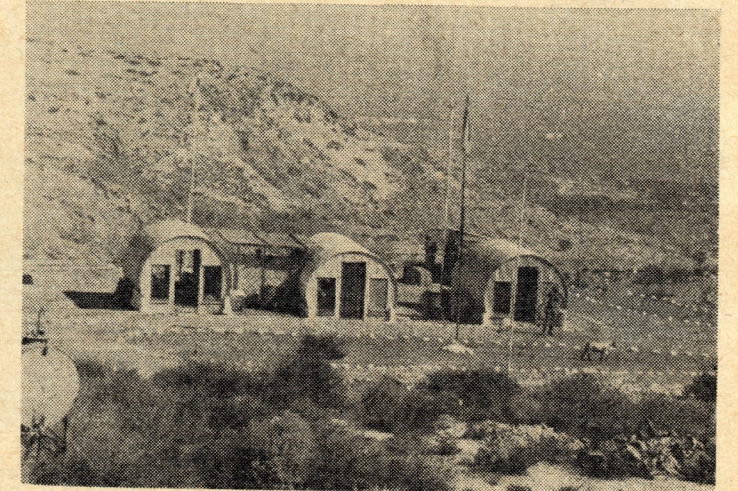
OP LIMEKILN OG GHAZIVERAN !

Ovennævnte OP'er er beliggende henholdsvis syd og øst for XEROS og bemandede af OPDEL/STKMP. 1. OP LIMEKILN bemandedes med 1 KP og 3 OKS og sørger som andre OP'er for at der ikke sker brud på status quo.

OP GHAZIVERAN vel nok den bedst kendte OP, idet den har sit OP-skur liggende op til NICOSIA vejen. Tjenesten på OP GHAZIVERAN bestrides af en OS/SG og 7 OKS/KS, hvoraf den ene er driver. Posten ved vejen er bemannet fra solopgang til solnedgang, derefter patruljeres der på vejen gennem byen, samt i lejren. Foruden disse opgaver, varetager man fra OP'en også den daglige patruljekørsel i den østlige del af distriktet. Desuden køres der BEACH-patruljer.



OP Ghaziveran



OP Limekiln

FORCE COMMANDER SIGER FARVER TIL DANCON XIX



KC/STKMP MAJ J.O. Jensen melder af til Force Commander.

Besøget indledtes ved LKMP i Limnitis, hvor Chefen for DANCON XIX Oberstløjtnant L.M.K. Skern modtog Generalen ved helipad'en. På stillepladsen var Kompagnikommandøren kaptajn K.K. Pallesen klar til at aflevere LKMP til Generalen, som efter at have skridtet fronten af og talt lidt med flere af soldaterne, takkede kompagniet for den særdeles veludførte OP- og patruljetjeneste, som kompagniet havde haft ansvaret for i de forløbne seks måneder.

Besøget i Limnitis sluttede med en forfriskning i officersmessen.

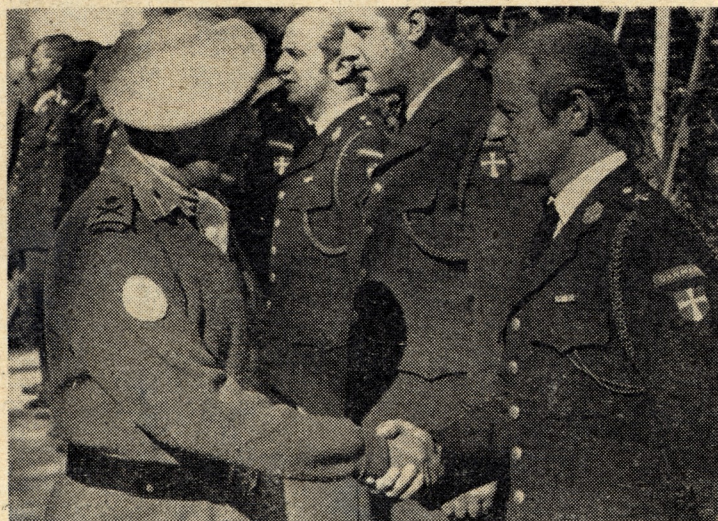
I Xeros inspicerede Force Commander STKMP, som var under kommando af kompagnichefen MAJ J.O. Jensen. I sin tale her berørte Generalen nødvendigheden af et effektivt virkende fagligt apparat for at operative operationer overhovedet kan foregå og sluttede med at takke STKMP for veludført arbejde.

Tirsdag den 06 NOV var Force Commander General D. Prem Chand, PVSM, på besøg i Lefka District for at sige farvel til DANCON XIX.

Besøget ved DANCON sluttede med, at Force Commander hilste på Staben i officersmessen i Xeros.



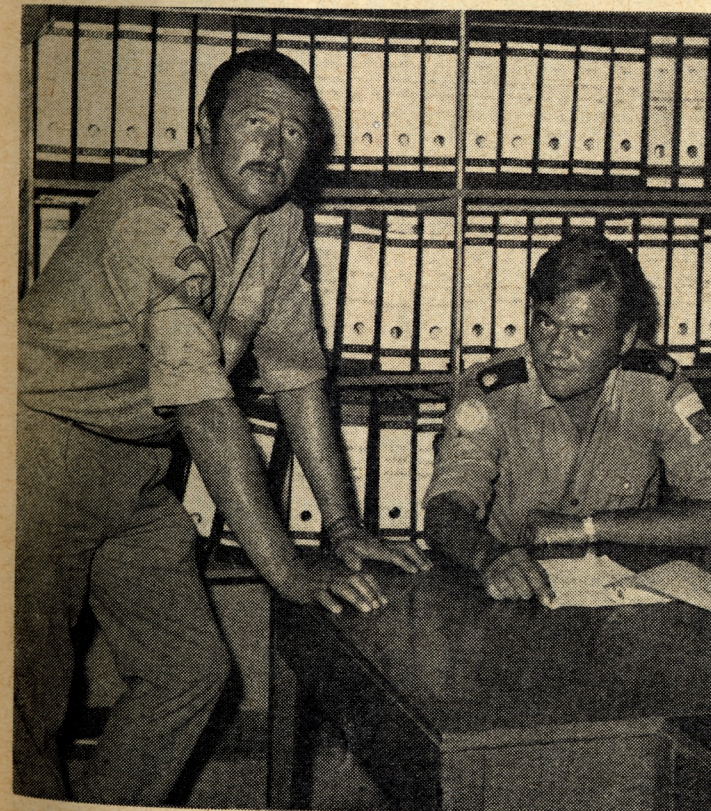
Force Commander stiller KS Mindested et par spørgsmål om hans arbejde i STKMP.



Force Commander siger farvel til Feltpræsten Pastor Gelardi.

DANCON NYT

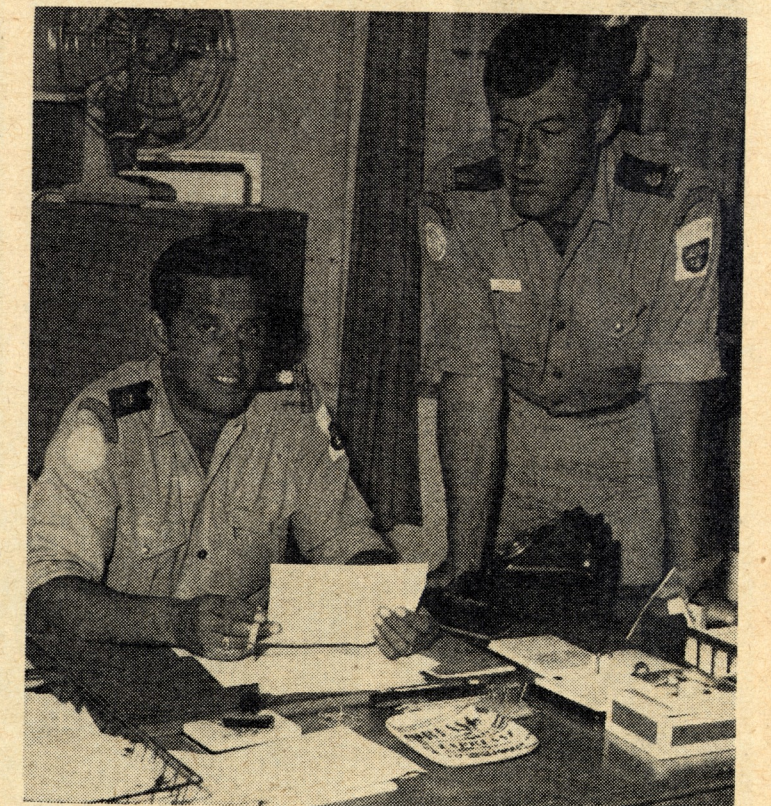
NEWS FROM UNCIVPOL



In our picture we have Inspector Rolf Gustafsson of Swedcivpol handing over his duties at the Registry to Inspector Bjorn Forsberg. Inspector Gustafsson has just completed his third tour in Cyprus. He previously served here in 1967, 1969-70 and his present

tour which was for twelve months.

Inspector Forsberg is on his first tour in Cyprus. Earlier in his tour he has served in Famagusta and Angastina. He also interchanged duty with Austcivpol at Limassol, Polis and Paphos.



Inspector Jan Andersson, Chief Motor Transport Officer for Uncivpol explains his duties to his replacement, Inspector Tommy Klaar. Inspector Andersson has just completed his first tour in Cyprus. Prior to taking up the duties as Chief Transport Officer he served as Second-in-Command

at Angastina, Swedcivpol Substation.

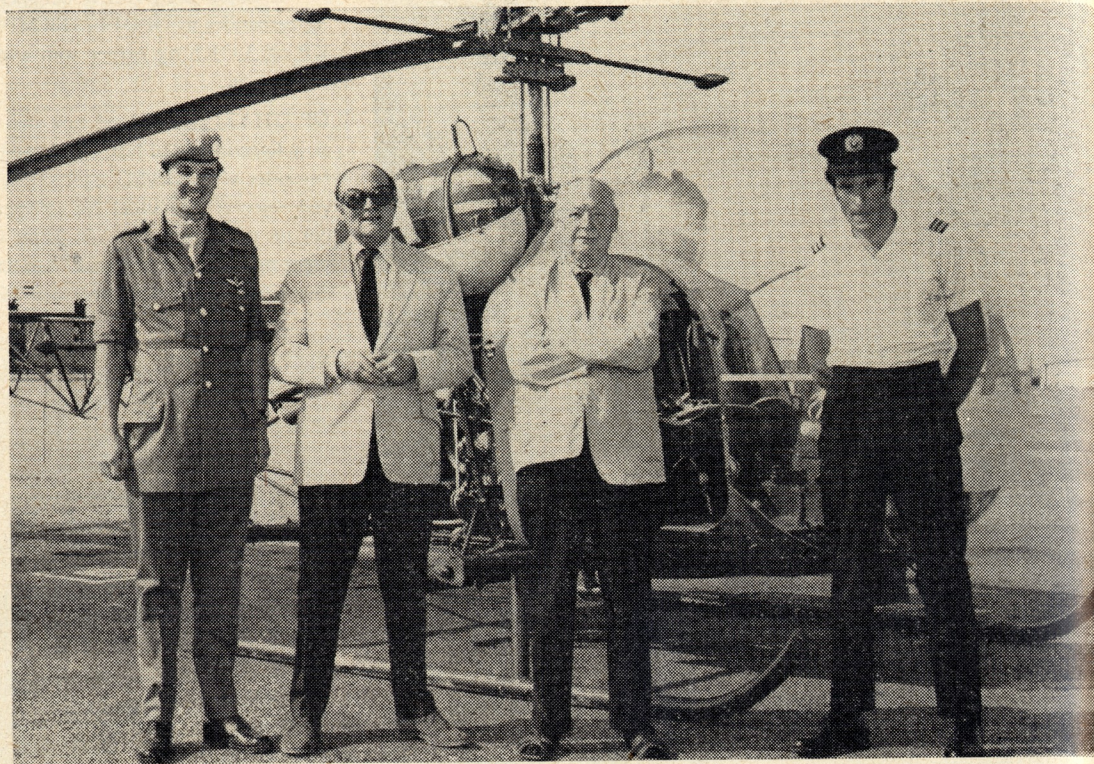
Inspector Klaar is here on his fourth tour in Cyprus. He previously served here as a Military Policeman in 1964, 1966 and 1969. His present tour is for twelve months.

THREE GENERATIONS OF PILOTS VISIT AVIATION FLIGHT

The UNFICYP Aviation Flight recently had the pleasure of entertaining three generations of pilots. Colonel W. Cox, Royal Flying Corps and Black Watch flew Sopwith two seater bi-planes on the Western Front in 1917. Colonel Cox, who was a Territorial Army Officer, later served in the Second World War as a member of the RAF Regiment. He retired to live in Cyprus, near Kyrenia and is a neighbour and uncle of the wife of Commander E.W. Sykes, Royal Navy (Retired).

Commander Sykes was in the Fleet Air Arm from 1938 to 1959 and flew Warlus and Swordfish aircraft from cruisers and aircraft carriers during the Second World War. He was the second pilot ever to fly the Seafire aircraft (a naval version of the famous Spitfire) from an aircraft carrier. After the war he held various staff appointments before retiring to live near Newton Abbot in Devon. Commander Sykes and his wife have a holiday home near Kyrenia.

A neighbour of Commander Sykes in Devon is Mr A.C.K. Gilbert who retired from the Royal Air Force in 1972 to take up an



From left to right; Captain P.E.A. Hope, RA, Commander E.W. Sykes, RN (Retd), Colonel W. Cox and Mr A.C.K. Gilbert.

appointment as a pilot with Cyprus Airways. He also now lives near Kyrenia with his wife.

Mr Gilbert was at school with

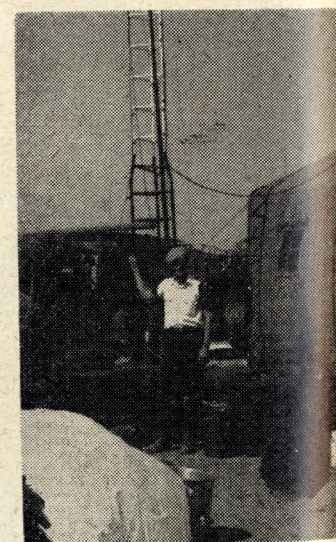
Captain P.E.A. Hope, RA, Second-in-Command UNFICYP Aviation Flight, who was able to arrange the visit.

644 SIGNALS TROOP

644 Signals Troop again extends an open invitation to anyone who would like to visit the Comcen. A full grand tour will be laid on — the hope is, that after a visit the problems the Troop have to face will be seen on the spot. Anyone interested should ring HQ UNFICYP Extension 333 or 325.

ficer Class 2 Bill Cheesman, their Foreman of Signals, Warrant Officer Class 2 George Clark and their Line Sergeant, Sergeant Taff Thorne. In saying farewell the Troop hopes that they all have a good tour back in the United Kingdom.

During the next month the Troop will say farewell to their Yeoman of Signals, Warrant Of-



The Second-in-Command 644 Signals Troop, Captain Bob Prier, pictured at Famagusta New Dock during the last Turkish Rotation.

**BRITCON
NEWS**

FORCE RESERVE TAKE OVER LARNACA DISTRICT

'A' Squadron, 16/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers, currently serving as Force Reserve, and normally based in Nicosia, are now serving temporarily in Inishfree Camp, Larnaca, where they have taken over from the Irish 25th Infantry Group. Ircon were flown out to form part of the Middle East Peace Keeping Force late last month.

On Tuesday the 30th of October the advance party left Gleneagles Camp and by two o'clock

that afternoon operational responsibilities in the Larnaca Sector were fully taken over by the Squadron.

On Thursday the 1st of November the Force Reserve were visited in their new quarters in Larnaca by the Commandant of the Royal Armoured Corps Centre, Brigadier P. B. Cavendish, OBE. The Brigadier toured the camp and spoke to many soldiers before visiting the OPs in the area.



3rd Troop Leader, Second Lieutenant James Evetts briefs three of his soldiers on OP duties. The soldiers in the picture are Trooper John Vickers, Corporal Bernard Bradshaw and Lance Corporal Mick Pritchard.



Brigadier Cavendish with the Officer Commanding Force Reserve, Major Tony Durie and the Squadron Sergeant Major, Warrant Officer Class 2 Ron Usher.

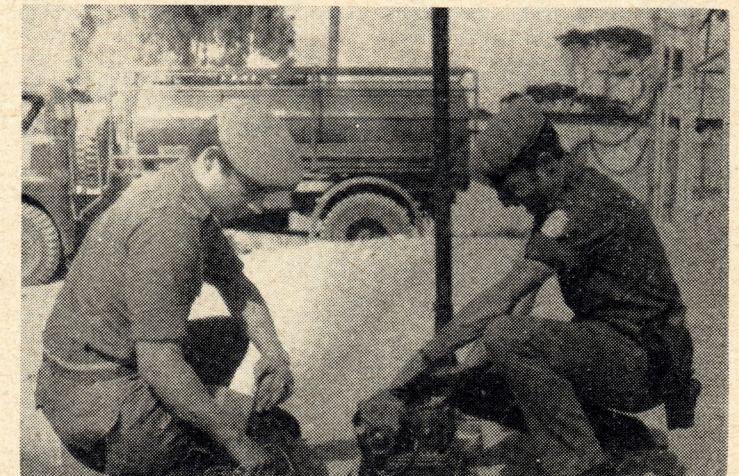


Brigadier Cavendish speaking to Staff Sergeant Walpole, REME, during his visit to Inishfree Camp. The Officer Commanding Force Reserve, Major Durie, looks on.

MP NOTEBOOK

ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

Week Ending		Last Year	— 302
9 Nov 73	— 8	Main Cause of Accidents This Week:	
Same Period		DRIVING WITH	
Last Year	— 7	UNDUE CARE AND	
Total This Year	— 320	ATTENTION	
Same Period			



Trooper Nick Gaitskell and Corporal Clyde Williams work on the communications as Force Reserve take over Larnaca District.



Corporal Clyde Williams from the Comcen Troop sets up communications at Inishfree Camp.



Lance Corporal Andy Bowen looks out from his OP.

FORCE RESERVE FOCUS

Trooper Stephen Gidley, who is twenty years of age, left his employment as a milk salesman in Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, and enlisted into the Army in August 1970. Since then he has served with 16/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers in West

Germany and Northern Ireland. He is now a Ferret Scout Car Driver with 3rd Troop of Force Reserve.

Trooper Gidley is a keen soccer player and is scheduled to move with the Regiment to West Germany at the end of next year.



Trooper Stephen Gidley pictured in his Ferret Scout Car.

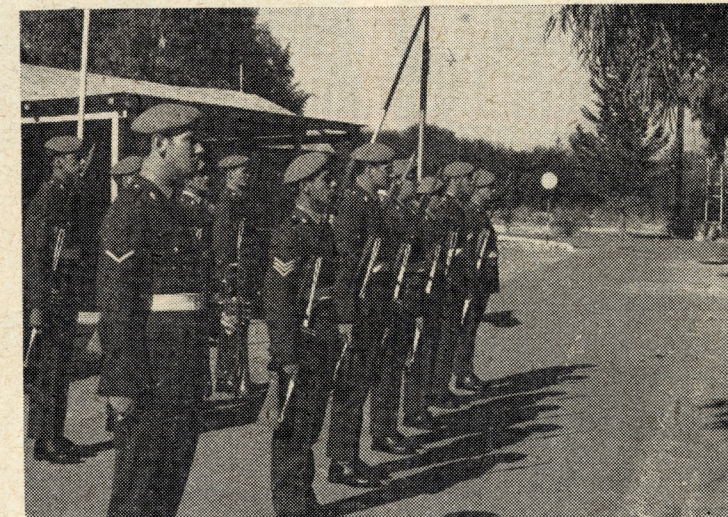


The Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, PVSM, recently visited 644 Signals Troop. He is seen here meeting the Officer Commanding, Captain Richard Smith and the Second-in-Command, Captain Bob Prier.



On Thursday 8th November 1973 The Military Secretary, Lieutenant General Sir John Sharp, KCB, MC, visited HQ UNFICYP. After calling on the Force Commander he delivered a lecture to officers of Britcon.

A Quarter Guard was provided by 65 Squadron RCT. In our pictures General Sharp is seen first of all chatting to Driver Johnson and in the second picture the Guard is lined up and ready for inspection.



SOFTBALL

The softball schedule got under way this week with two games played. City Company soundly trounced Suburb Company to the tune of 19 - 3 in a 7 inning game. With a pitching style rivalling the early baseball greats Warrant Officer Don "Flipper" Kemp led his team to a one sided victory. The other outstanding City player was Master Corporal "Sneaky" Oberworth who scored 4 times without a hit! Puzzled? Well so is Suburb Company.

In the other game Logistics Company soundly defeated HQ Company 23 - 6. Pitching for

Logs Company was Corporal "Mighty Jimmy" Dakins. Sergeant "Mad Mat" Billard claims that Logs had a ringer behind the catcher. Sergeant "Tiny" Bayers, the umpire, says he was strictly impartial in all his calls. However, if there was the slightest doubt, the decision was rendered in favour of Logs. Nobody argues with the Logs umpire — especially when it's "Tiny"!

Speculation is running high as to which team will emerge on top. Odds are currently 3 to 2 for City Company over Logs.



Padre Roy White attempts to make first base but Warrant Officer Earl Phillips has him.

PIONEER PLATOON

The platoon is probably the busiest platoon on the Island. As the old sayings go; "Jack of all trades" and "No rest for the wicked". Both are probably appropriate. The "nail-benders" are reported to have themselves in an interesting predicament — they became stranded two storeys up with only half a ladder — the top half — try to imagine that! They had to be rescued by 3 five year old children. They will have a hard time trying to live that one down. Regardless of the work and the dangers of splinters they are prepared to tackle any challenging job with lots of enthusiasm and no skill. However, they deserve a great deal of credit for when the dust settles and the sawdust is swept-up everybody is satisfied.

From the brighter side of the platoon, the electricians are still running into problems, namely, the changing of light bulbs and pulling wires. The 15th—22nd November has been declared as "Be kind to your electrician week". Do an electrician a favour — Don't turn on your lights.

The only cool people in Blue Beret Camp are the refrigeration section and they have kept people

wondering whether they can make an ice cube let alone fix a fridge!

GRAPE VINE

Leonardo de Vinci is alive and well in the Pioneer Paint Shop.



"Number please", Corporal Bob MacPherson of City Company handles all calls. For those who doubt that Flash does not work after 1300 hours, note the clock.

CANCON NEWS

THANKS

The adjutant wishes to thank all subalterns for their splendid efforts in locating his spur.



Master Warrant Officer Barker connects while umpire "Tiny Bayers" looks on.

HOLD FAST THE LINE

Stand fast, hold the line! The Captain cried
As he laid in the mud and slowly died
And his word gave hope as we fought on
Hope that we would see another dawn.

With our bayonets fixed and blood in our eyes
We fought for the freedom we knew as boys
And many who'd never seen manhood's light
Went forth to die in the mud that night.

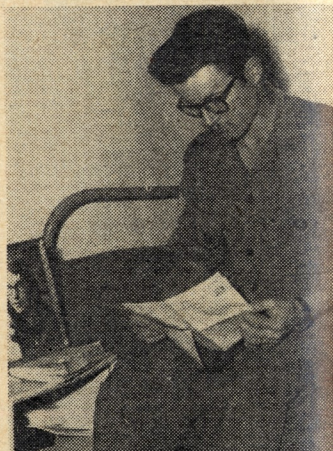
With bayonets fixed and throats strained by cries
We fought for the freedom we knew as boys
And the blood flowed freely onto the dampened clay
And only a few made it through to the next day.

Today is the day that we have all set aside
To remember the men who so slowly died
To give us the freedom which is ours today
May they rest in peace in the cold wet clay.

A poem written to commemorate Remembrance Day by a subaltern in 2 RCR who wishes to remain anonymous.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

The Right Reverend H. F. Appleyard, MC, CD, DD, Bishop Ordinary of the Canadian Forces visited Cyprus during the past week. Bishop Appleyard toured Suburb and City Companies on the 7th November and had lunch with the Sergeants. Bishop Appleyard left for Israel on Monday.



Private Wallace Byrne reads a letter from home. His wife Susan looks on.

LIZARD RACE

The first Annual Lizard Race will be held at 1400 hours on 22nd November on the Dust Bowl in Wolseley Barracks. All entries to be in to the promoter, Sergeant "Mad Mat" Billard by the 15th. Rules — All lizards must be between 6 and 17 inches long — under three years old — Male — have no previous racing experience. If you have a pet lizard and he qualifies, bring him along.

DUBBELBRÖLLOP HOS CIVPOL

En i svensk FN-historia ovanlig högtid och fest ägde på Alla Helgons Dag den 3 november rum vid Carl Gustaf Camp. Två medlemmar ur den svenska Civpol-styrkan passade nämligen på att gifta sig samtidigt. Vigseln genomfördes i campens egen kyrka och vigselförrättare var bataljonspastor Krister I:son Lundin.

Polisman Helge Mauritzon sammanviges med Maud Svensson, båda från Gävle och polisman Roland Svensson med Barbro Berglund, båda från Solna. I det senare fallet var det fråga om en kyrklig välsignelse av en tidigare borgerlig vigsel.

Pastor Lundin gav efter ordinarie vigselakt de nygifta ett par ord på vägen hämtade ur Kärlekens Höga Visa: Kärleken söker icke sitt. Med dessa ord betonade han att det i första hand inte är sig själv man skall tänka på utan den man lovat älska i nöd och lust. Då de nygifta tågade ut ur kyrkan bildade kamraterna från civpol-avdelningen häck.

Största delen av den svenska civilpolisenheten på 40 man hade frigjorts för att få vara med vid kyrkohögtiden och efterföljande bröllopsfirande. Även gäster från bataljon 51 C samt andra civpol-

enheter på Cypren var inbjudna. Samlingen ägde rum i officersmässan på Carl Gustaf Camp och efter vigseln i kyrkan samlades alla åter där för att skåla i champagne och lyckönska de nygifta. Första levet för brudparen utbragade civpol-chefen Sven Hjalmarsson från Göteborg.

Från CGC för hela bröllopsföljet till civpols svenska HQ inne i Famagusta. Där var middagen dukad och man åt något så äkta cypriotiskt som "dolmades" vilket något kan jämföras med svenska kåldolmar. Här har dock kålen bytts ut mot vinblad och innehållet kan bestå av ris, ost, kött, grönsaker o s v. Allt berett och kryddat på cypriotiskt vis. Desserten bestod av glass och frukt och till maten serverades enkelt lantvin.

Arrangemangen kring bröllopsmiddagen svarade naturligtvis civil-



pols kvartermästare Leif Håkansson från Hörby för. Nu visste han redan på förhand att maten säkert blev god. Inhemskt trojänaren Tony fixade det mesta i köket och det han gör misslyckas sällan. Tony är i kock hos civpol i Famagusta och har följt dem nära nog sedan starten här nere.

En annan trojänare som bör ha en eloge för att ha ordnat fram de vackra blomsterdekorationerna och ljusen i kyrkan är Andreas som tjänstgör i off-mässen vid CGC. Kyrkan var onekligen vackert dekorerad — men så är ju Andreas också välskänd för sitt fina handhavande med blommor och andra dekorationer.

Många tal hölls naturligtvis för de nygifta under bröllopsfirandet och man sjöng också cypriotiska bröllopsvisor. Festligheterna fortsatte långt in på natten och stämningen var mycket hög.

Bilderna på denna svenska Blue Beret-sida är samtliga från vigseln

och efterföljande bröllopsfest. Ett par bilder till kommer kanske att publiceras i första numret av Nya Cyperns som beräknas utkomma i slutet av november — om allt går bra.

Överst till höger ses Helge Mauritzon tillsammans med sin fru Maud vid bröllopsmiddagen efter vigseln i campkyrkan. Till vänster ses Roland Svensson komma ut ur kyrkan tillsammans med sin maka Barbro. Civpol-kamrater bildar häck.

Bilden nederst till vänster är från bröllopsmiddagen där naturligtvis civilpolare liksom alla inbjudna gäster åt, drack och trivdes. En som dock inte fick vara med vid bordet var civilpolarnas DO. Han fick troget sitta vid vakthavande-bordet och sköta alla telefoner, radio-apparater och annat. DO på bröllopskvällen var Arne Jansson från Tierp och det är honom ni ser på bilden längst ned till höger.

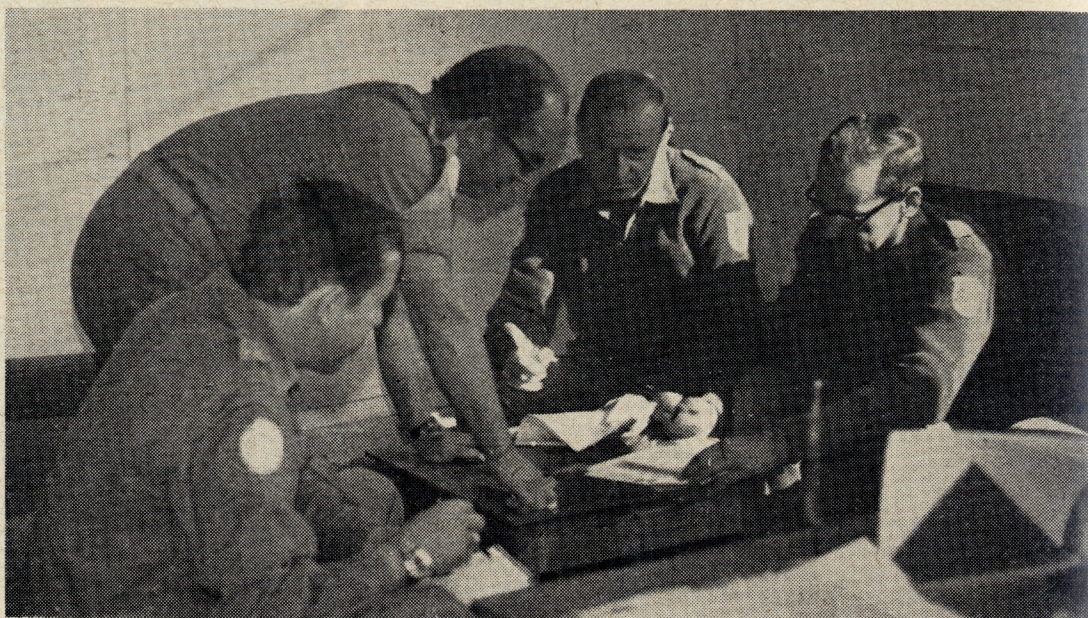
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NATIONALFEIERTAG 1973 - VERLEGUNG DES UNAB 4 NACH ÄGYPTEN

Es sollte eigentlich ein Nationalfeiertag, ähnlich den bisher in der Geschichte des UNAB gefeierten, werden. Die Vorbereitungen dafür waren auch planmäßig verlaufen. Die Einladungen für den offiziellen Empfang waren bereits ausgesandt. Doch gerade dieser Nationalfeiertag sollte für die Österreicher eine überraschende neue Aufgabe bringen.

Bereits in den frühen Morgenstunden war es sicher: Das Bataillon wird nach Ägypten verlegt! Was es bedeutet, ein in Distrikt verwurzeltes Bataillon zu verlegen, kann nur der ermessen, der daran mitgearbeitet hat. Und mitgearbeitet haben alle. Ohne Unterschied des Dienstgrades wurde rund um die Uhr gearbeitet, um das nahezu unmöglich erscheinende doch möglich zu machen. Ein Vorkommando war bereits am Nachmittag abflugbereit. Vom Flugplatz in Akrotiri wurde in rascher Folge der Lufttransport nach Ägypten durchgeführt. Und die Masse des Bat. war 24 Stunden nach dem Verlegungsbefehl soweit. Damit wäre eigentlich die Geschichte des noch ganz jungen UNAB 4 geschrieben wenn -, ja wenn der Einsatz der Österreicher in Zypern damit beendet gewesen wäre und, wenn diese Leistung so gering gewesen wäre um darüber zu Tagesordnung übergehen zu können.



Kommandobesprechung: Major Fritz, Major Bärenthaler, Major Musyl und Oberleutnant Jahrmann bei einer Sitzung des "Krisenstabes".

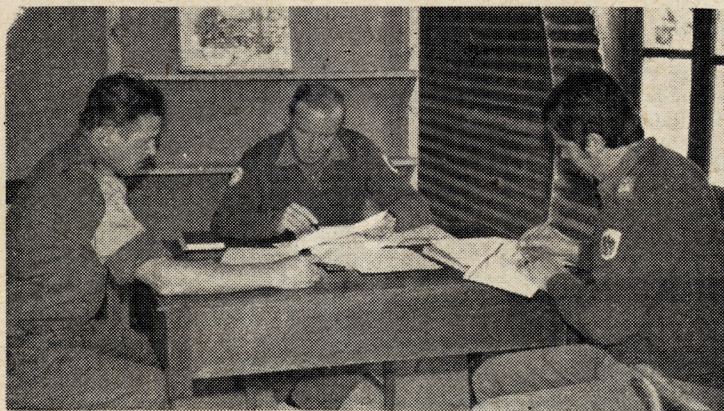
Abgesehen von den Leistungen des Bataillons während seines Einsatzes in Zypern hat sich bei dieser Verlegung so mancher Soldat einen heimlichen Maria-Theresien-Orden verdient. Denn nicht immer war es möglich auf Befehle zu warten. So wurde das selbstständige Mitdenken und Handeln im Sinne des

Auftrages zur Selbstverständlichkeit.

Nicht alle gingen nach Ägypten. Für die Zurückgebliebenen war dieser 26. Oktober die Stunde Null. Ein neuer Beginn im Sinne der UNO-Mission. Was heute noch als Rücklaßkommando im beschränkten Rahmen die schwere Arbeit des Registrierens, Inventierens und Organisierens leistet ist bereits die Keimzelle für ein neues österreichisches UNO-Bataillon in Zypern. Nach einer Periode des Überganges wird in absehbarer

Zeit ein neues Kontingent bereit stehen um die Aufgaben des Abgelöstes zu übernehmen: Im Rahmen der Vereinten Nationen für den Frieden zu arbeiten!

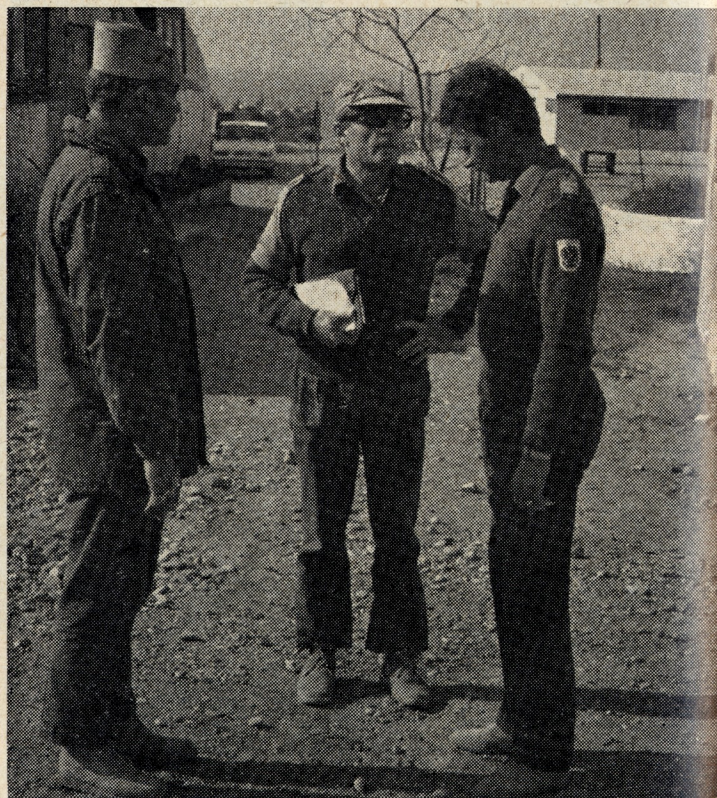
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Verpflegung und Gebühren - Koordination durch den Wirtschafts-offizier. Major Bärenthaler mit Vizeleutnant Langecker und Offizierstellvertreter Katschnig.



Ein Schwerpunkt: Instandsetzung von Gerät. Offizierstellvertreter Fröhlich und Offizier-stellvertreter Fechtner bei der sachkundigen Begutachtung.



Einsatz der Kraftfahrzeuge - Absprache und Planung: Hauptmann Brandtner mit Vizeleutnant Rink und Zugsführer Berger.