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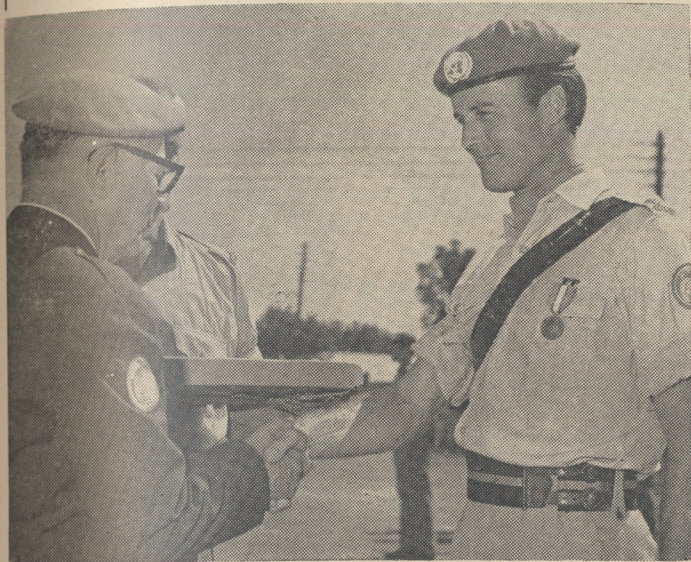


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4/7 MEDAL PARADE



Lt Gen A.E. Martola, the Force Commander, presents Maj P.K. Cracroft, Squadron Leader, C Sqn 4/7 RDG's with the United Nations Peace Keeping Medal. The parade took place on Friday, 11 October, 1968, at Zyyhi Camp. (Another Picture on page 8.)

UN ROAD TRAFFIC CONFERENCE

About 300 people representing more than 60 Governments and interested international and national organization met in Vienna on 7 October at the Kongress Zentrum, Hofburg, when Franz Jonas, Federal President of the Republic of Austria, opened the United Nations Conference on Road Traffic. Janez Stanovnik, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission

for Europe (ECE), will represent the United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant.

The Conference, scheduled to last five weeks, will seek to establish throughout the world a closer uniformity in rules of the road, road signs, signals and markings and in technical safety provisions for vehicles used on the roads.

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NATIONAL GUARD COMMANDER AT HQ



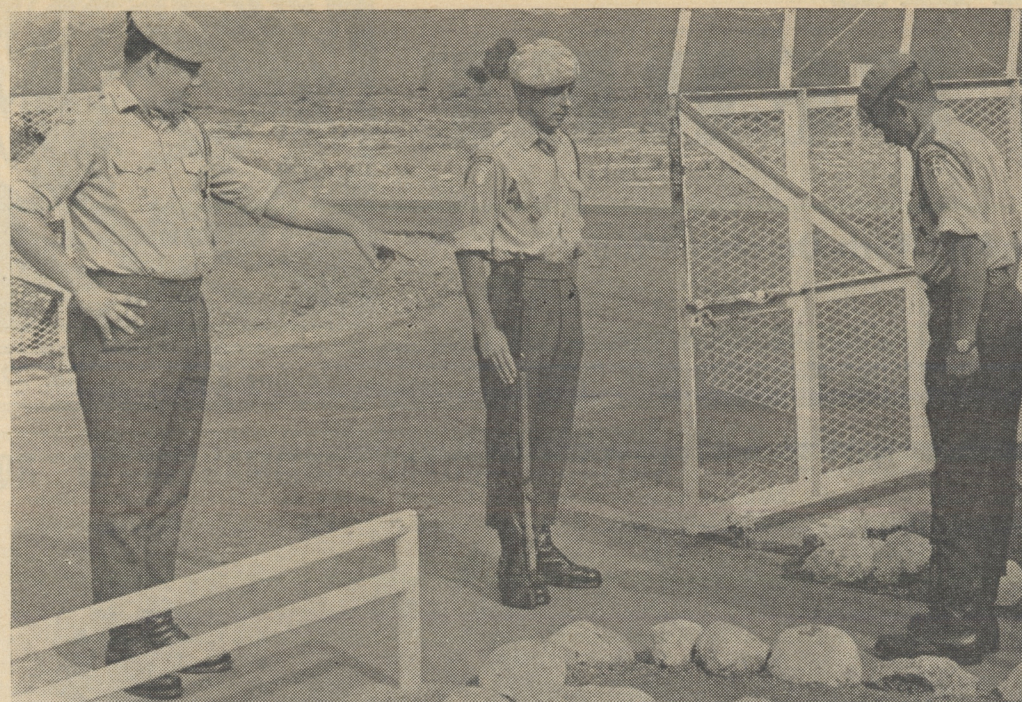
On Thursday 10 October, Lt General George Moronis, Commander National Guard visited Lt Gen A.E. Martola, Force Commander, at HQ. After holding discussions, Lt Gen Moronis was entertained in the Officers Mess.

On the occasion of General Moronis's visit, a Guard of Honour was provided by 'A' Coy 11 Inf Group.



MEDAL PARADE

On Thursday 10 October, 1968, a Medal Presentation Parade was held at FINCON HQ. Pictured left is the Force Commander, Lt Gen A.E. Martola, inspecting the parade. On his right is the Commander Finnish Contingent, Col A. Purhonen, on the left is Capt L. Karlsson, ADC to the Force Commander. (More Pictures on page 7).



Dancon havde i sidste uge vagten ved Headquarters Unficyp for sidste gang paa dette hold. Før irerne afløste os, tog vi et billede af en dansk vagtaåbning. Vagtkommandøren, sergent H.C. Christensen, Charlie, retter her paa konstabel J.V. Knudsen, Charlie, mens konstabel J.N. Christensen, Stabskompagniet, ser til.

SEJR I CYKLING OG HAANDBOLDLANDSKAMP



Sergent E. Petersen stryger i maal som sikker vinder.

DANCON NYT



De tre danske ryttere efter løbet. Fra venstre er det sergent E. Petersen, MP-korporal E.D. Andersen og sergent S.L.N. Olsen.

Dancons idrætsfolk fejrede store triumfer i weekenden, og det blev til sejre i "haandboldlandskampen" mod arvefjenden Swedcon i lørdags, samt i et 32-miles cykelløb søndag formiddag.

Haandboldsejren blev saa overlegen som 21-13, saa sejren føles som et lille plaster paa saaret efter to nederlag paa fodboldfronten. Der var aldrig tvivl om udfaldet i haandboldkampen, dertil var vi for overlegne. Kampen blev spillet paa banen bag A-kompagniet.

Søndag formiddag viste danskerne, at cykelløb er en af deres favoritgrene, idet sergent E. Petersen, Charlie, vandt et landevejsløb Nicosia-Lysi og retur, en strækning paa 32 miles eller ca. 50 km. To andre danskere, sergent S.L.N. Olsen, Stabskompagniet, og MP-korporal E.D. Andersen, deltog ogsaa, og det blev til en fornem tredieplads

til sergent Olsen, hvorimod korporal Andersen maatte udgaa efter en punktering.

De tre danske ryttere var hele tiden med fremme og prægede i høj grad løbet paa trods af, at de kun har trænet i ganske kort tid paa Cypern. Cykelsport er en ret ny idrætsgren paa øen, og der køres kun faa løb om aaret. Søndagens løb, der var arrangeret af en cyprisk klub i Nicosia, havde ca. 30 deltagere, deriblandt engelsk deltagelse.



Overlæge, major O.B.Grove behandler her en patient, major J.M. Terkildsen, paa Dancons infirmeri.

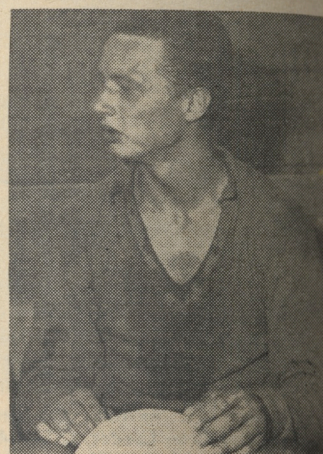
FODBOLD-FINALE

Fodboldmesterskabet paa Dancon 9 afgøres fredag den 18. oktober. Den dag mødes turneringens to førende hold, som er Charlie-kompagniet og Stabskompagniet.

Finalen spilles - som de øvrige kampe - paa banen ved KIH, og der ventes naturligvis mange tilskuere til den spændende dyst. Sidst de to hold mødtes vandt Charlie med 5-3, saa Stabskompagniet tørster efter revanche.

Før den afgørende kamp er stillingen den, at Charlie har et point mere end Stabskompagniet. Holdet kan derfor nøjes med uafgjort og saa blive mester, hvorimod Stabskompagniet skal vinde for at faa den flotte pokal.

Den vil blive overrakt det vindende hold af generalmajor P. Winkel, der er paa besøg ved Dancon i denne uge.



En af stabskompagniets nøglespillere, løjtnant Jørgen Petersen.



Ovan: Civpolaren Sten Hansson, Luleå, gick inte att muta. Försök till detta gjordes dock av bl a Hans Eriksson, Karlstad; Gunnar Lundin, Östersund samt Rino Danielsson, Malmö. T h: Vid entrén satt resp stod Eskil Gahnström, Hejnum, och Gunnar Björklund, Avesta, och fifflade med något.

"VAD VÄNTAR VI PÅ?"

Ja, vad väntar vi på? Säsongens (—Bataljon 40 C:s)sista kompaniaf ton på Carl Gustaf Camp gav inte svaret på den frågan men gav i stället så mycket annat. Många kommer säkert att minnas denna höstliga underhållning som något mycket angenämt och uppsluppet.

Grabarna hade gjort det bra Alltifrån medlemmarna i festkommittén och aktörerna själva till dem som var med om grovjobbet vid uppförandet av "festplatsen".

Att "civpolarna" kunde spela, det visste vi. Men vi visste inte att andra kompaniets musikaliska gossar var av samma goda klass.

SWEDCON NEWS

T h: "Kock och Turk-Anders", d v s Gert och Roger Andersson spelade och sjöng. Nedan: Erik Ryde, Borlänge, och Bo Lidberg, Sigtuna, trängdes med många andra vid spelautomaterna.



RIKSPOLISCHEFEN HÄR

Högste chefen kom i måndags på besök hos svenska poliser i FN-tjänst på Cypern - dvs högste chefen hemma i Sverige. På hemväg från en internationell poliskonferens i iranska huvudstaden Teheran mellanlandade rikspolischefen Carl Persson i Nicosia för att tillbringa några dagar på ön - främst naturligtvis i Fam Zone.

Rikspolischefen, som på sin resa åtföljs av avdelningschef Magnusson och departementsrådet Joelsson, har genom samtal

och rundresebesök informerat sig om svenska civila polisens arbete på medelhavsön. Innan planet lyfter fredag fvb Sverige, har "the Supreme Commissioner of the Swedish Police" också hunnit med samtalskontakter i Nicosia.

Det är nu inte första gången, som Carl Persson besöker Cypern. Redan sommaren 1966 medföljde rikspolischefen justitieminister Herman Kling, då denne gästade svenskarna på ön.





Left Watch your speed, Lcpl Gibbon.

Right Cpl Brough advises SSM Whelan on how to run the Squadron.

Bottom left 'Dimpy' complete with medal ribbon on collar, earned in the service of peace in the 'Wheel Em In', is fed by Cpl Johnson!



Some drivers in 'B' Troop, go through bad patches, but none more than a driver who wishes to remain anonymous. Whilst out in the country his car was charged by a vicious donkey, so vicious that the driver in question decided to desert the car and find some camouflage and concealment. The donkey continued its crazy course and collided with the car. If that was not enough whilst returning to HQ Nicosia an impatient horse whose master was doing business, decided to reverse his cart into the road. Guess who was driving past? The cart went straight into the passing car. A word of advice from the O.C., "He is not to go on detail to Salamis, there are camels up there!"

The Squadron views its record with pride. It can provide its own

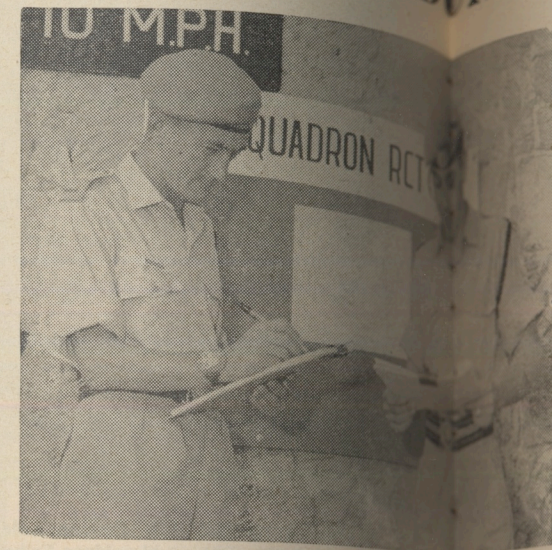
sports teams and entertainment, and is forever looking for new opposition in football, hockey and soon Rugby. The Wheel-El-In Club is run by Cpl Terry Johnson and Dimpy the bitch, the latter now cured from blood shot eyes and a throbbing head, as her staple diet used to be beer. This Club is for members of the Squadron to meet and entertain over a drink, has very pleasant surroundings and is kept spotless. Cpl Johnson takes over £200 a week over the bar, of which 10% goes to the Squadron Fund.

Now as a Squadron they have half a million miles "on the clock". Soon it will be medal parade time and the feeling that they're 'over the hill', of their third tour.

One thing is certain, that by maintaining their service to the Force, and the broad sense of humour of 42 Sqd the coming days will flash by quickly.

BRITCON NEWS

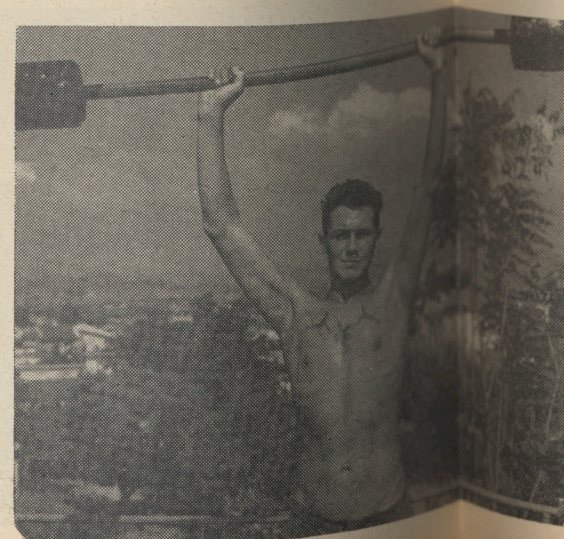
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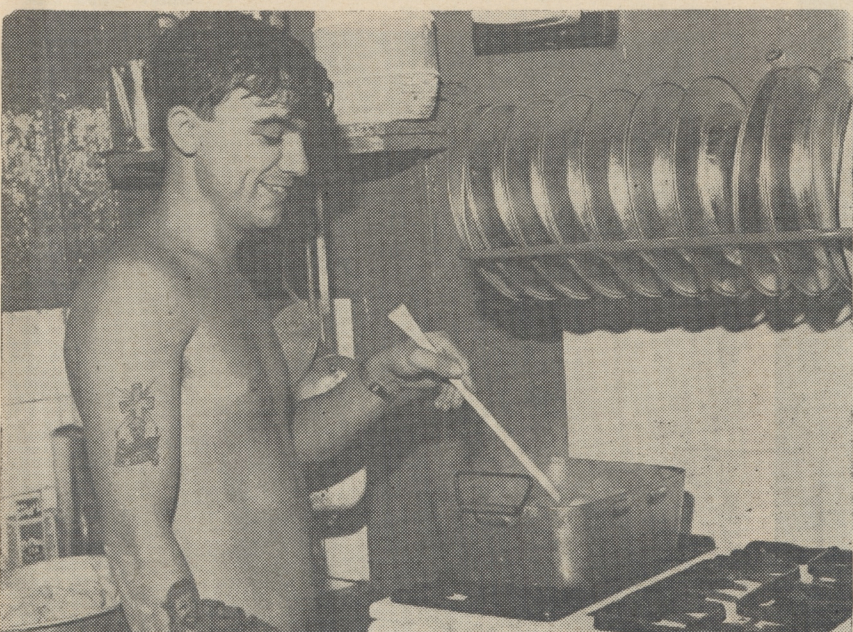
This could well be the motto of 'B' Troop, 42 Sqn who with sixteen leaders and thirty-four cars try to keep everyone content. Supplies sometimes run low and the same voices continually pester Ext 327 for recreational transport. As the old cry is, use your initiative, someone in the Squadron did just that. Lcpl Norman Gibbon set off on UN 134, to do his detail. The machine he drove had been on the secret list in the Squadron and has revolutionary low running costs. It is chain driven, just like a Rolls-Royce, has an efficient dynamo, which does not drop off, and servicing costs are low.

SNAPS FROM 4 LI

Getting fit for the rigours of UK pte 'Les' Sopp, against a background which will, for him soon be exchanged for the familiar skyline of Sunderland.



Pte John Robinson thinks of home cooking at "Turk HQ", Limassol, as he cooks the midday meal for the men.



THE REFERENDUM

The arrival of Comdt Steve Byrne in Cyprus some days ago brought home to members of 11 Inf Group that Election day in Ireland is drawing near and that each member over 21 years of age is in duty bound to play his part in helping to decide the questions laid down in the much talked of Referendum.

PICTURE LEFT: Comdt Byrne handing over voting papers to Capt Dan Crowley, Adjutant 11 Inf Group at Nicosia Airport.



ABOVE: Voting in progress at Xeros under the supervision of Comdt J. Slye, Camp Commandant and Coy Sgt J. Lee. Members availing themselves of the opportunity to vote are (L to R) Gunner William O'Mahony, Gunner William Dunne (who is voting for the first time) Cpl MI Farrell and Gnr William Clyne. By coincidence all the voters in this case are from the Westmeath/Lonford constituency.

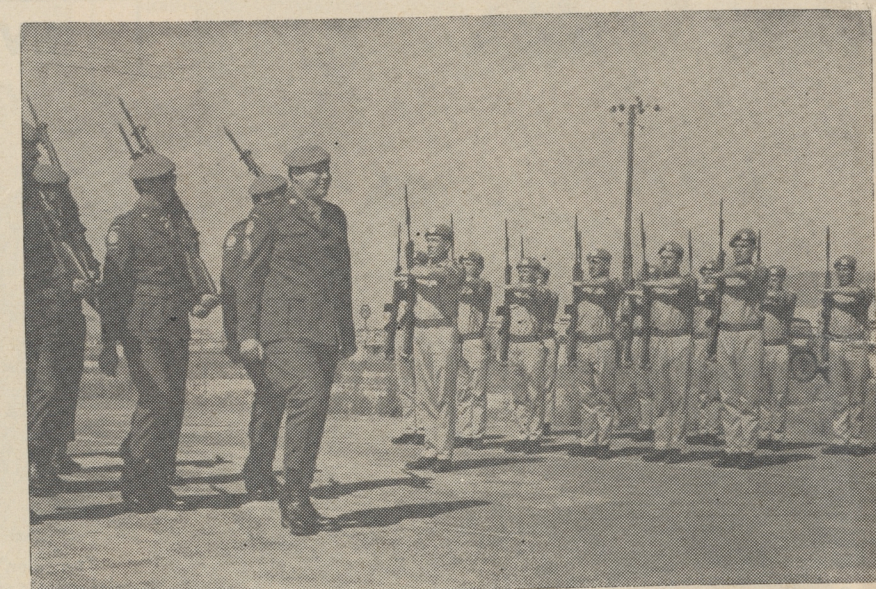
MPIO'S VISIT



Lt Col Woodhouse who recently took up the appointment of Military Public Information Officer paid his first visit to the IRCON Area on Monday last. After being briefed at Group HQs he was taken on a Helicopter reconnaissance of the Lefka district and touched down at two OP's — Ambellico and Juliet — during the trip.

Seen here orienting Lt Col Woodhouse at Op Ambellico is Cpl John Tracy (Left) and Pte Noel Maher both of 'A' Coy.

CHANGING THE GUARD



A platoon from 'A' Coy 11 Inf Group took over Guard duties at UN HQs from the Danish Contingent on Monday. Seen above are the Irish Guard under Sgt Joe Scott presenting arms as the Danes march off after the hand-over ceremony is completed.



IRCON NEWS

WELCOME R22eR (VAN DOOS)



Members of the 3rd Battalion Royal 22e Regiment arrive in Cyprus to take up duties with the United Nations Force in Cyprus. The R22eR will replace the 1st Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

PRESS VISIT



Canadian Press and Television Crew visit Canadian Observation Post Saddle. Explaining the situation in that area is Cpl Tom Holland.

CANCON NEWS Canadian Forces Photos

RIGHT:

It is not often that you grab a candid shot of all the commanders involved in an operation, but it happened during one of the rotation flights of the Canadian Contingent. Major-General Hull, Commander of Air Transport Command arrived as an observer at Nicosia and was greeted by L to R: Major R. Redknapp, senior staff officer CANCON, Lt Col W. Little, Military Attache, Canadian High Commission, Lt Col J. Riffou, Commanding Officer of the 3rd Battalion, Royal 22e Regiment, who have just arrived, Lt Col A. Potts, Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry who are on their way home, Brigadier General E.M.D. Leslie, UN Chief of Staff and Commander Canadian Contingent and Major General Hull.

FAREWELL PPCLI



After six months duty with the United Nations Forces in Cyprus the 1st Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Infantry bid farewell to Cyprus and board the aircraft for the trip to Canada.

EVERY LITTLE HELPS



The men's canteen Hillside Inn held a raffle, and the proceeds were donated to the Sick Children's Hospital in Kyrenia. Handing over the money is Cpl Rex Einarsson of the PPCLI. Miss Hilda Bufton, Matron of the hospital said the money will go towards furniture for the children.

COMMAND GROUP



MITALIT JA ILTAHARTAUS



Kenrl A E Martola puhuu mitalinsaajille. Taustalla seisovat sotpast S Lavi, pataljoonan komentaja, ev A Purhonen ja kenraalin adjutantti, L A Karlson.



TULIVAT



Tulivat parisen tuntia ennen sovittua aikaa niin etteivät avio- ja sulhasmiehet ehtineet kentälle halaamaan. Kysymys on siis YK-sotureiden omasta ja tulevasta omasta, jotka tulivat maanantaina 7.10. Suomesta pariksi viikoksi Kypokselle tervehtimään miehiään ja ystäviään. - THE BLUE BERET toivottaa saapujat tervetulleeksi saarelle. Viihtykää mahdollisimman hyvin.

Järjestyksessä kolmas YKSP 9:n toimintakautena tapahtunut mitalienjakotilaisuus pidettiin ~~T~~torstaina 10.10.1968 Suomen Pataljoonan esikunnan kentällä.

Tilaisuus noudatteli tutuksi tulleita kaavoja. Ensiksi evl A Järvillehto ilmoitti joukot pataljoonan komentajalle, eversti A Purhoselle, joka jakoi mitalit komppanioiden päälliköille. Päälliköiden toimesta jaettiin mitalit eri yksiköiden rauhanturvaajille. Tämän jälkeen komentaja ilmoitti mitalinsaajat Yhdistyneiden Kansakuntien Kypoksen rauhanturvajoukkojen komentajalle, kenrl A E Martolalle, joka joukot tarkastettuaan jakoi mitalit yksiköiden edustajille. Kenrl Martola puhui.

Tavallisuudesta poikkeavasti tilaisuuteen oli tällä kertaa yhdistetty iltahartaus. Sotilaspastori S Lavi puhui. Tilaisuus päättyi lipun laskuun. Musiikista vastasi englantilainen 4LI-soittokunta.

FINCON NEWS



Yksiköitten edustajat ovat saamassa mitaleitaan. Kenrl Martola kiinnittää mitalia ltn Lehtisen rintaan. Ev Purhonen ja kapt Karlson avustavat.

Road Safety Corner

GOOD DRIVING

We are giving you twenty points of good driving which have been prepared by a panel of experts.

In the past two weeks we passed on the first ten points. Here are five more:-

1. BRAKING

Sudden hand braking not only ruins tyres but it is the best way to induce a skid. Ideally speed should be adjusted with the throttle — which is misnamed the accelerator pedal — its decelerating functions are equally important.

2. PARKING AND STOPPING

Before doing so, think.... Will you cause obstruction, congestion, or block sight lines — if so — don't.

3. AT CROSS ROADS

Unmarked cross roads carrying little traffic are danger spots. Check your speed of approach so as to be able to stop if necessary.

4. AT MAJOR ROADS

You must obey the HALT sign, regardless of what the driver in front does. At a SLOW sign go really slow until you can see the way to be clear.

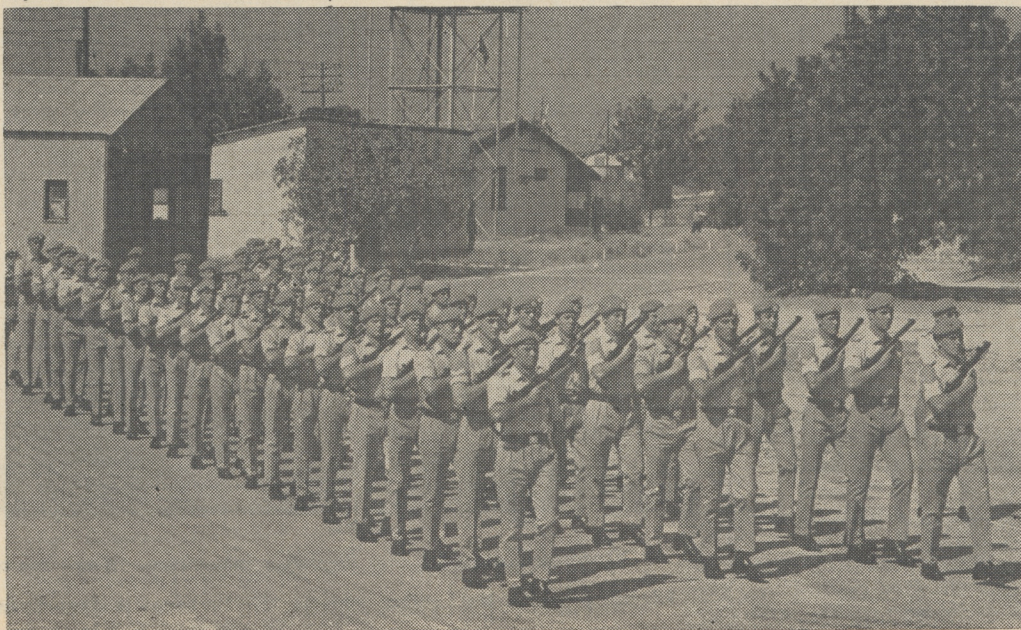
5. TURNING RIGHT

This is one of the most frequent accident situations. The need is for positioning — just left of the centre line, the gradual reduction of speed, avoiding late or hard braking, the selection of a suitable gear in good time and early correct signals.

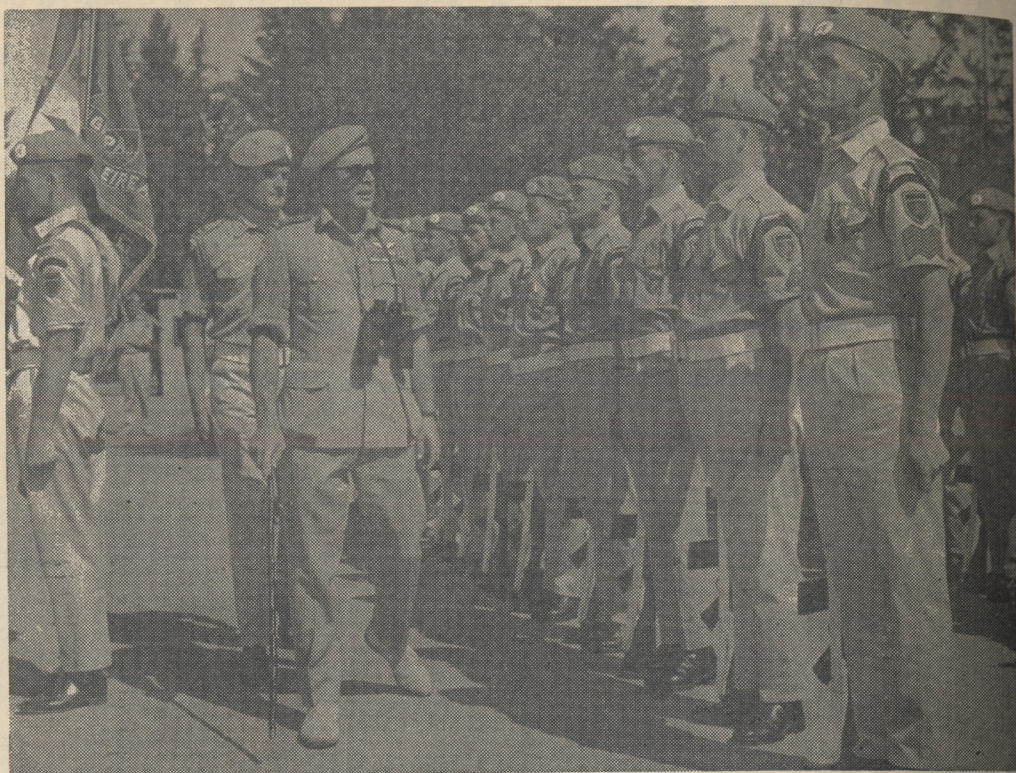
GIVE THESE POINTS THE ATTENTION THEY DESERVE!

MARCH PAST

.....by men of C Sqn 4/7 RDG's at their medal parade held at Zyyhi Camp on Friday, 11 October, 1968.

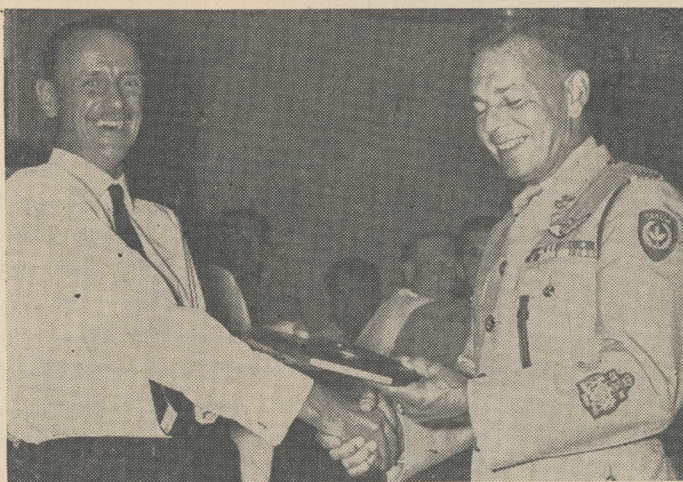


CHIEF OF STAFF'S VISIT



Brigadier General Leslie DSO CD, Chief of Staff UNFICYP paid a duty visit to the Irish Contingent area on Wednesday. He is shown above inspecting a Guard of Honour under Lieut T. Herslip which met him on his arrival at Xeros Camp.

CREST PRESENTATION



During a social evening in the Sgts Mess RAF Nicosia unit crests were exchanged. Accepting the crest from the PPCLI RSM Fred Dodd is Warrent Officer Bill Bush of RAF Nicosia.

ROAD TRAFFIC

(Continued from page 1)

Two draft conventions, one on road traffic, the other on road signs, signals and markings, designed to replace existing agreements now obsolescent, will be used as a basis for discussion at the Conference.

Preparatory work for the revision of earlier agreements concluded in 1949 has been in progress for the last four years in the United Nations Economic and Social Council and in the United Nations regional economic commissions, particularly in the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE).

Symbols for Words

One of the main objectives of the draft on road signs is to substitute symbols for words in countries where the latter are still used, thereby breaking down the language barrier which constitutes such an impediment to drivers travelling in foreign lands.

The draft proposes the adoption of a comprehensive system of road signs, signals and symbols and road markings on the territories of all contracting parties, each of which would undertake to replace or supplement within four years any sign, symbol or marking which has the characteristics of one of those prescribed by the convention, but is used with a different meaning; and to replace, within 15 years, any sign, symbol or marking which does not conform to the system prescribed in the convention.