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SWEDENS SUPREME COMMANDER VISITS CYPRUS



General Rapp inspecting the Guard of Honour at HQ UNFICYP on 16th September 1968.

On 14—17th September the Supreme Commander of the Swedish Armed Forces, General Torsten Rapp, visited Cyprus and inspected the Famagusta Zone. He was accompanied by Colonel R. G. Svartengren and Lt Col B Selander.

This was the first visit by the General to Cyprus. Sunday was spent in Famagusta and Larnaca, and Monday in Nicosia. Whilst in Nicosia the General met His Beatitude, the President of the Republic, Archbishop Makarios, and later in the day the Vice-President, Dr Kuchuk. General Rapp also had talks with the UNFICYP Force Commander, General Martola, and with Dr Osorio-Tafall.

General Rapp was appointed Supreme Commander in 1961. During the years since then he has taken many of the initiatives in the co-ordination and reorganisation of the Swedish Defence Forces. He is putting a great effort into long term planning, which he considers a very important task. He also considers Sweden's participation in missions similar to the Swedish contribution to UNFICYP natural for a neutral country like Sweden. — "It is one of our country's means of assistance to peace in the world".

Pictured below is General Rapp talking to Dr Osorio-Tafall. The Swedish Charge-de-affairs, Mr Thunberg, is seated on the right.



OAU Conference

U THANT CALLS FOR SETTLEMENT IN NIGERIAN WAR

U Thant, United Nations Secretary-General, on 13 September, 1968, called on the Organisation of Africa Unity to bring about a settlement in the Nigerian conflict and warned that the continuance of the crisis would hinder African unity.

Addressing the opening session of the OAU's fifth summit conference, U Thant said the Nigerian conflict had already "created difficulties in relations between the African states, and its continuance is bound to affect badly-needed cooperation and unity among African countries".

He said last year's OAU summit resolution pledging faith in the Nigerian Federal Government and recognising Nigeria's territorial integrity, was the basis for his approach to the problem "and I believe that the OAU should be the most appropriate instrument for the promotion of peace in Nigeria".

U Thant said he hoped that fruitful negotiations would take place leading to a just solution, which would guarantee the security of all the people of Nigeria.

There was an urgent need for greater efforts and fuller cooperation on the part of those bearing responsibility in the areas of the conflict as regards facilities for the movement and distribution of supplies.

Four OAU members — Gabon, Ivory Coast, Tanzania and Zambia — have dissociated themselves from the OAU stand on

Nigeria and have recognised the breakaway Eastern Province of Biafra as an independent state.

Host president, Houari Boumediene, told the summit conference that Algeria would continue to work with its sister states so that the dignity of Africa was preserved and its prestige enhanced.

MORE CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFICYP FUNDS

The following are the text of letters sent to United Nations Headquarters from, Australia, Singapore and Greece:

AUSTRALIA

26 August 1968 to the Secretary-General, U Thant, from the acting Permanent Representative, of Australia, Kenneth Rogers.

With reference to your appeal of the 27 June 1968, for voluntary contributions to provide the necessary financial support for UNFICYP, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Australia has decided to make a further voluntary financial contribution of approximately \$US 62,000 towards the costs incurred by UNFICYP for the six-month period ended 26th June 1968. This voluntary contribution is of course additional to the costs which the Government of Australia has met in maintaining its police contingent in Cyprus during the period mentioned.

SINGAPORE

28 August to the Secretary-General, U Thant, from the Permanent Representative of Singapore to the United Nations.

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CYPERNS VINE

September måned er vinhøstens tid på Cypern. Druklaserne plukkes af ferme kvindehænder i vingårdene på bjergskrånningerne. På æselryg transporteres de i kurve ud til landevejene, hvor store lastvogne, ofte gamle busser, venter på den saftige last. Men hvad der videre sker med vindruerne er tildels en familie- eller fabriks hemmelighed.

Det tidligste vi kender til Cypern, såvel i skrift som i sagn, er nøje knyttet til vin og vindyrkning. I Cyperns episke sange, som tilskrives digteren Stassinus, skildres tre døtre, der optræder i det digt, som beretter om øens tilblivelse. Navnene på de tre søstre, Ino, Spermo og Elaid er afledede af tre ord, der betyder vin, hvede og olienolie. De tre søstre er således opkaldt efter tre af Cyperns vigtigste kilder til velstand.

På siden af en kylix, en drikkeskål med to hanke, fra omkring år 550 før Kristus, som blev fundet i den nordvestlige del af Cypern, står skrevet, CHAIRE KAI PIEI EY, det betyder frit oversat, drik og vær glad.

Men Cypern var ikke alene berømt for sine vine, også vindruerne og vinrankerne havde ry for imponerende størrelse. Den romerske forfatter Agronius omtaler således, at vindruerne fra Cypern er større end i noget andet land, og i Ephesus på Lilleasiens kyst var der en stige op til taget af Diana-templet, som var dannet af en enkelt vinranke fra Cypern. Strabo skildrer i sit geografiske værk Cyperns rigdom på vine, og Plinius, der var fra Italien, sammenligner Cyperns druer med dem i sit hjemland til Cyperns fordel. Det hævdes, at vinstokkene i Frankrig, der bærer de druer, som bliver til Champagne, oprindeligt importeredes fra Cypern.

Med korsfarerne oprandt en glanstid for vinen. Tempelher-

terne havde et landområde hovedsagelig indenfor Limassol distriktet, som blev kaldt "Grande Commanderie", det store kommandantskab. Det var her at vindyrkningen fik størst betydning, og vinen opkaldtes efter stedet, Commandaria.

I begyndelsen af 1300-tallet overtog Johannitterne Tempelherrenes besiddelser, og vinproduktionen steg yderligere. Commandaria vin er blevet fremstillet lige siden her på Cypern, og vinen er af type den samme i dag som dengang - utvivlsomt verdens ældste uafbrudte tradition på vindyrkningens område med sit særlige navn, Commandaria.

En tysk præst, der omkring år 1340 besøgte en af Cyperns berømteste vingårde skrev, "En-Gedi har ikke sin lige i hele verden. I denne vingård gror mange slags vine. Nogle druer er små som bønner, andre er store som kopper. Mange ranker bærer mørke druer, andre omtrent hvide eller røde. Nogle er uden stene, andre er næsten gennemsigtige og nogle er aflange som agern. Men der findes endnu flere forskellige vindruer i denne vingård. Jeg har hørt mange erfarne mænd udtale, at der ikke findes nogen smukkere ædlere og mere vidunderlig juvel under solen, skabt af Gud til menneskers velbehag. Thi som der står i Salomos Højsang: Min elskede er for mig en drueklase fra En-Gedis vingårde".

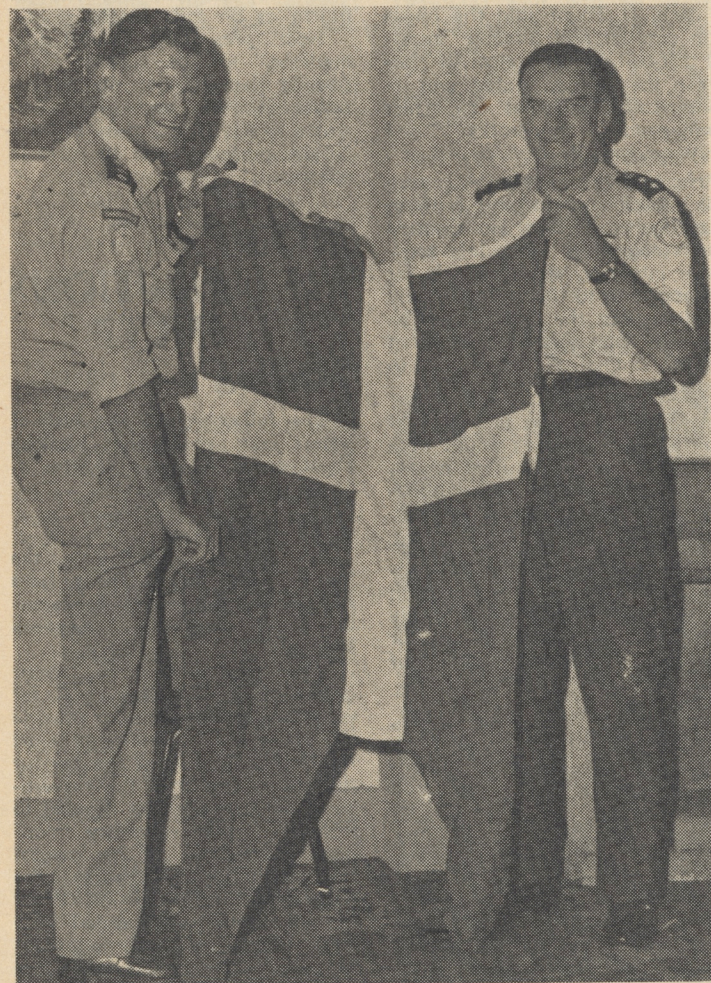
DANCON NYT



I sidste uge har DANCON haft besøg af et filmhold fra Minerva film. Holdet er ved at optage en film for Hærkommandoen. Fra venstre ses direktør cand. polit. Ingolf Boisen, filmsfotograf Peer Lidholm, filminstruktør Kai Reinhardt, konstabel Erling Rasmussen og konstabel S.E. Kristensen.



Med SCACYP'en onsdag den 11 September ankom oberstløjtnant J. Hansen-Nord fra Gardehusarregimentet. Oberstløjtnanten er udsendt til at skulle være chef for DANCON X, og er kommet til Cypern for at orientere sig om forholdene. Oberstløjtnantens besøg vil vare til den 26 September. Ved ankomsten til Nicosia lufthavn blev oberstløjtnanten modtaget af chefen for DANCON IX, oberstløjtnant O.M. Athion.



Ved en lille højtidelighed forrige tirsdag overrakte den afgående chef for DANCIVPOL, kriminalkommissær Børge Larsen et Dannebrogflag til UNFICYP's politirådgiver, superintendent G. Davidson. Kriminalkommissæren var så uheldig at sprænge sin achillesse under en fodboldkamp for nogen tid siden, og måtte derfor forlade Cypern med SCACYP'en sidste onsdag. Kriminalkommissæren er blevet afløst af politikommissær K.I. Rønne, der tidligere har været chef for DANCIVPOL. Politikommissæren startede sin tjeneste med at lade sig indlægge på hospitalet i Dhekelia med blindtarmsbetændelse.



SWEDCON NEWS

Söndagsförmiddagen ägnade general Rapp åt Carl Gustaf och Goldfish camps. Här på rundvandring på CGC tillsammans med chefen, överste Lars Lavén samt kapten Kristian Bernstone.

ÖB - besöket:

JÄKTIGT - MEN VILKEN UPPLEVELSE!

Så har då vår ÖB varit här. Tre dagar varade besöket, tre dagar av intensiv verksamhet. Ankomst till Nicosia på lördagskvällen, färd till Famagusta strax därpå, inspektion av OP 104 på vägen ner. Söndagsförmiddagen ägnades åt Famagusta, eftermiddagen åt Larnaca och tredje kompaniet. Måndagen tillbringades i Nicosia och Trypimeni-området.

En rad sammanträffanden ägde rum. Besök hos president Makarios, vice-president Kuchuk, UNFICYP:s Force Commander, General Martola, samt hos Cypernmedlaren Osorio-Tafall.

Det var verkligen ett späckat program dessa tre dagar - och tiden gick så fort. Men det var en nöjd och belåten överbefälhavare, som vi såg lämna Nicosia på tisdagseftermiddagen.

General Rapp är född i Stockholm den 20 april 1905. Efter student-examen 1923 började han sin militära bana vid flottan, där han blev fänrik 1926 och löjtnant 1928. Som flera andra sjöofficerare vid denna tid övergick han till flygvapnet, där han utnämndes till kapten 1937. Han blev major 1942, överstelöjtnant 1944 och överste 1947. 1955 utnämndes han till generalmajor och 1960 till generallöjtnant. 1961 blev han som överbefälhavare general.

General Rapp har under sin karriär innehaft en rad olika befattningar ute på förband och inom



staber. Bland de högre befattningarna kan nämnas souschef för flygförvaltningen 1957-60. Detta år blev han chef för flygvapnet för att året därpå utses till ÖB.

Han är medlem av försvarsrådet, som under statsministerns ledning ansvarar för samordningen av alla frågor inom totalförsvaret mellan regeringen och de centrala myndigheterna. Han är dessutom ordförande i chefsnämnden, som har till uppgift att samordna frågor rörande det totala försvaret mellan de centrala myndigheterna.

General Rapp har varit en varm förespråkare för en nyordning av krigsmaktens ledning. På det regionala planet har en omorganisation ägt rum under hans ledning inebärande att gemensamma militärområdesstaber tillkommit med personal från alla tre försvarsgrenarna. En annan för krigsmaktens framtida utveckling angelägen fråga är långtidsplaneringen. Denna fråga har haft general Rapps syn-

Ankomst till Goldfish camp.

nerliga uppmärksamhet, vilket tagit sig uttryck inte minst under de gångna årens omfattande debatter om försvarets utformning på kort och lång sikt.

Han är medlem av bl a Kungl Krigsvetenskapsakademien samt är hedersledamot av Kungl Örlogs-

mannasällskapet. Han är också innehavare av en lång rad in och utländska ordnar och medaljer.

Bland hans hobbies märks främst segling och jakt liksom vintersport. Han är gift och har två söner och en dotter.





Cpl Jim Wallwork (left) hands over the outgoing mail to Sgt Ted Wotton of 275 PCCU RE, from Dhekalia.

OLD PROVERB COMES TO LIFE



Three soldiers who eventually sprung a historical surprise! L to R: Ptes Ken Meyrell, Stewart Cothill and Fred James.



BRITCON VERSUS SWEDCON SHOOTING MATCH

On Tuesday 10 September, 1968, a shooting match, between Britcon and Swedcon, was held at Dhekalia.

Owing to lack of space, it is hoped to bring you the full story and more pictures in next weeks 'Blue Beret'.

Britcon won the match by 304 points to Swedcons 267.

Pictured on the left; two of the competitors in the machine gun match.

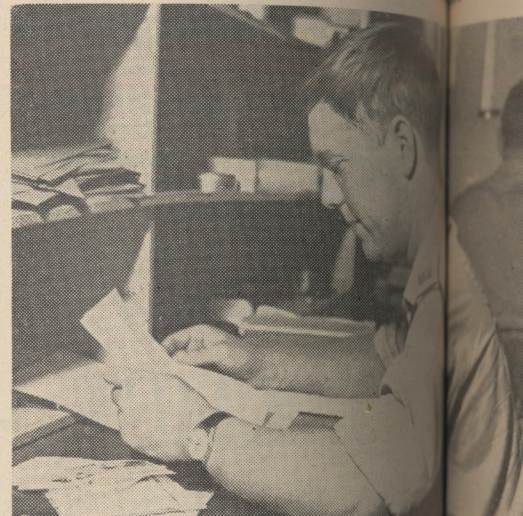
WHO IS CPL WALLWORK? COMINGS...

BELIEVE it or not, but he is perhaps the most popular and sometimes unpopular, NCO in HQ UNFICYP! Cpl Jim Wallwork receives 4,000 letters a week, and sends out 6,000! He is of course the Post Corporal at RE Post Office BFPO 667. Or as it is known amongst the Sappers, he is a member of The Postal and Courier Communications Unit (PCCU).

How did Cpl Wallwork land up there? When, considering a re-allocation of trade, after completing his Junior Leaders Course, in 1963 he discovered at the bottom of a lengthy list — Postal Service. He then moved to Mill Hill, the Army Post Office in London and received a pretty good grounding in liaison between GPO and the RE Postal Service.

Cpl Wallwork explains, that when you look at the posting date on your letter, you probably pause to wonder why it took a few days to reach you. Assume a letter is posted to you from Salisbury on a Monday at 0800. From there it travels by train to London having been sorted out at Salisbury into an "Army bag". On arrival at Paddington Station, the Sapper courier wagon collects the bag, and checks it into Mill Hill Post Office, (registered mail is

placed in a "lock-up"). Bundles are sorted into BFPO numbers, and at a "cut-off", time — say 1300 hrs — the despatch bag for BFPO 667 is "ticked-out", and taken to the airport by 1530 hrs.



Lcpl Maurice Poole, 42 Sqn RCT, reads from home. He receives twelve letters a week, which come two to four days to reach him. He buys 5/- worth of stamps every Wednesday and writes twelve letters. Some Lcpl Poole reckons 'Jim' does a good job!

The aircraft arrives at Nicosia at 2200 hrs and is met by a courier from Dhekalia, who takes all the "Brit" mail down to the Base for sorting by the night shift.

By 0730 Tuesday, the mail for HQ UNFICYP, is with Cpl Wallwork, who then sorts out the bag for all the units to collect their respective bundles. He hands over a full bag of mail for post and the whole operation commences in reverse!

This is of course the quickest route possible for a

letter. It is the imagination to see the process of getting the mail across the sea, and no doubt a few breaks, all help to make the arrival of those letters home. A new bag which has come into the post office from Sep. 16th is the 1st of the 5d stamp! You will go 1st Class with a 4d stamp on the 2nd Class, and be sorted

IRCON NEWS

The rotation of the Irish Contingent continued last week with the arrival at Nicosia Airport on Tuesday, 10 Sept of the OP Parties. The contrasting spirit of the groups in the photographs is well reflected in the faces of the individuals.



...and... GOINGS

The homeward bound party, happy in the prospect of rejoining relatives and friends, while the new arrivals display the serious approach to the task ahead.

NEW SNAPPER



Arriving to take over the duties of photographer to the Irish Contingent is Cpl Jerry Sheehan. Be not deceived however by the workmanlike grip on his rifle as he has proved on a previous tour of duty with UNFICYP that he handles a camera with equal dexterity.

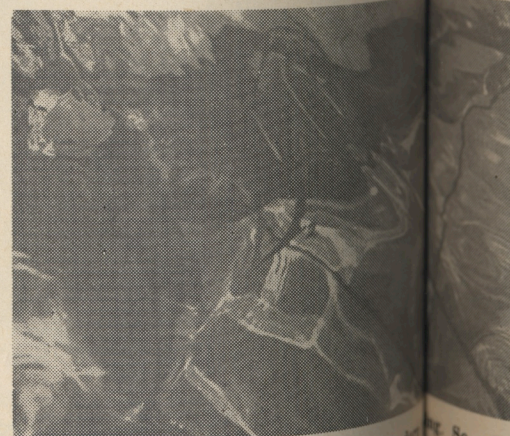
SPECIAL AGENT



At Nicosia Airport on Tuesday night his friends at HQ UNFICYP gathered to wish "Bon Voyage" to Sgt John Kelly (centre, holding bag) of SIU on his departure for home on competition of six months tour of duty with that unit. They are (left to right) Sgt Toney St. Jean, Sgt Ned Heaphy, Sgt Eric Poljanuirto, WO 1 Charles Donnelly, Sgt Malcolm Daigleish, WO 1 Donald Duff, WO 11 Allan Ohlsson.

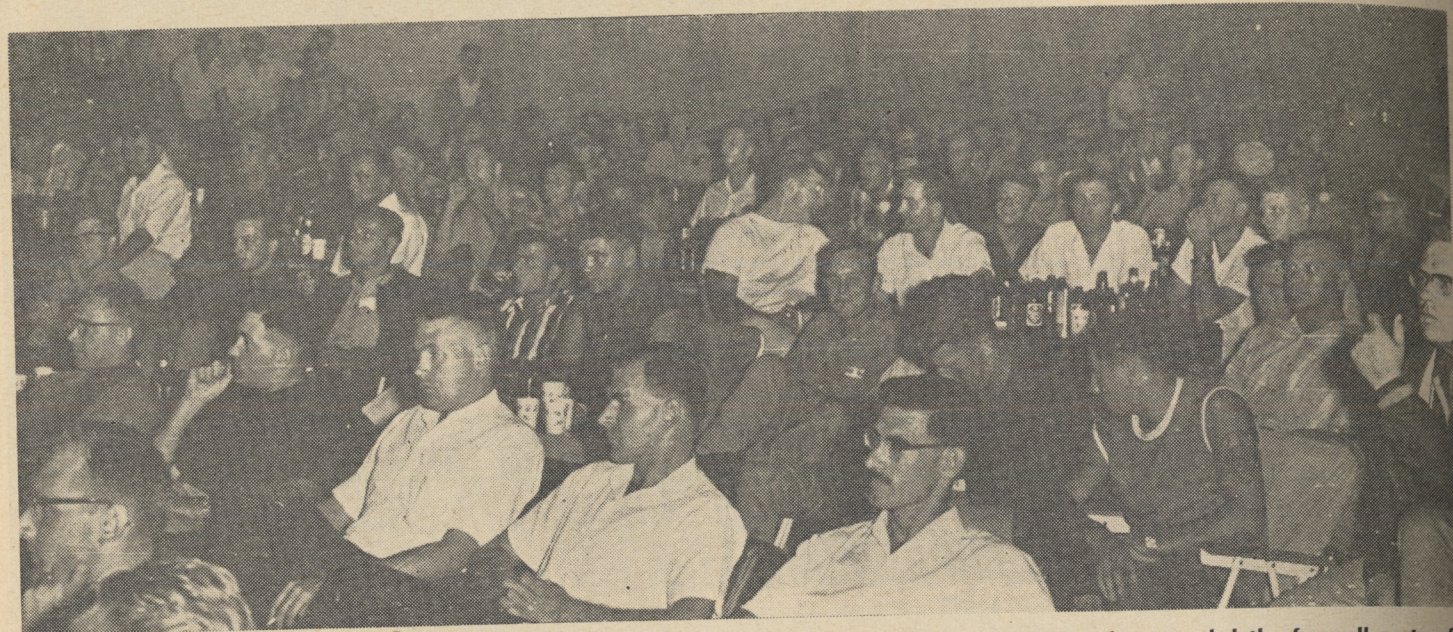
BRITCON NEWS

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It's not a patch of oil, or a machine gun match. The answer will appear on page next.

PPCLI AU REVOIR



Some of the vast audience that attended the farewell party of the 1st Bn. PPCLI at Camp Maple Leaf last week.

BUSY SECTION



With the rotation of the 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry starting, two of the busiest men on the island right now are, left, LAC Mike Montambault and Cpl Garry Farrell.

SCRATCHY TASK



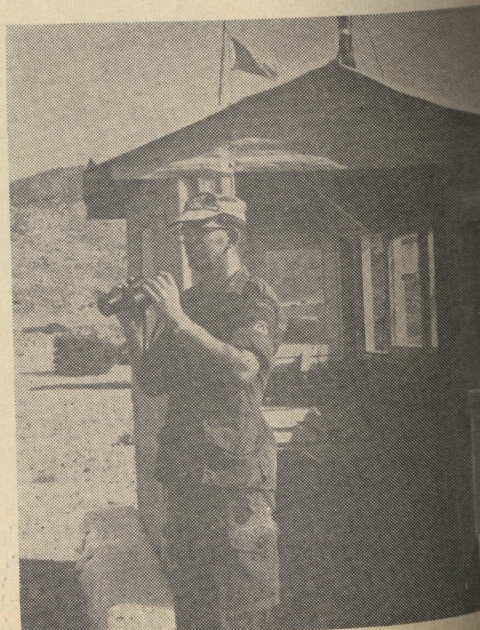
CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

Gathering in old rolls of concertina wire can leave a soldier looking as if he tangled with a mountain lion, but Pte Bill McMaster of 1 PPCLI managed a grin for the photographer.

Despite a forthcoming rotation, the 1st Bn. of the PPCLI, men like Pte Gordon Elgie, still keep a weather eye open for any developing problems in the area of Beaverlodge OP.

STILL WATCHING



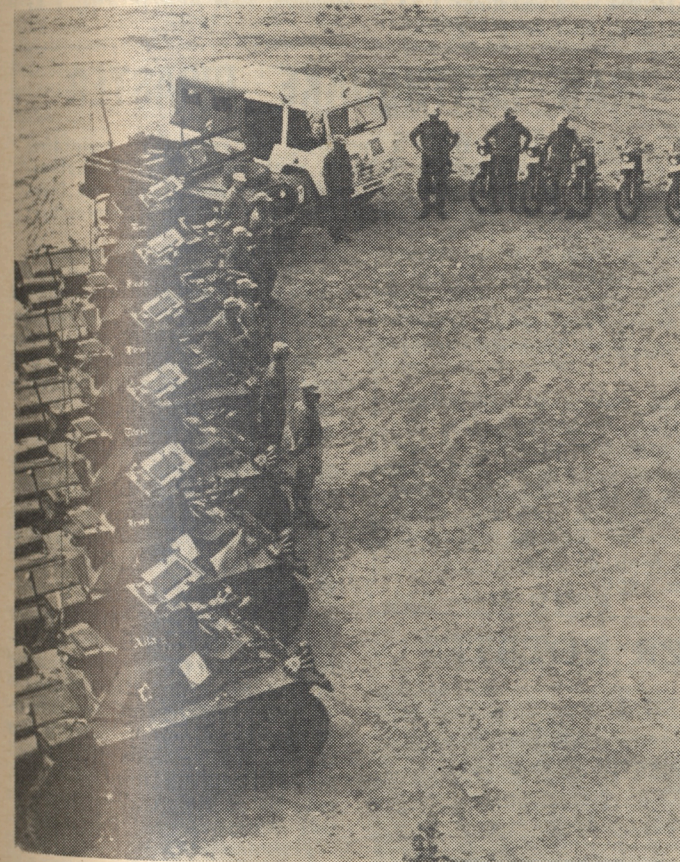
TIEDUSTELU POSEERAA

Tämä sivu on omistettu YKSP 9:n tiedustelujoukkueelle, ennen kaikkea sen käyttämälle kalustolle, vastapainoksi viimekertaiselle, jolloin kirjoitimme vartiomiehistä työssään.

Torstaina syyskuun 12. päivänä 1968 pataljoonan tiedustelujoukkue kalustoineen kokoontui esikunnan kentälle katselmusta varten sekä poseeraamaan valokuvaajille. Mukana oli kuuden Ferret-tytöksen ohella ja lisäksi yksi Volvo, yksi lantikka, kuusi moottoripyörää ja viimeisenä mutta ei vähimpänä kolme julman näköistä saksanpaimenkoiraa.

Mukana oli tietysti myös kaikki

irroittavissa olevat miehet ltn Salorannan ja vääp Leinon johdolla. Hetki oli näille miehille samaten kuin koko pataljoonalle monessakin mielessä historiallinen. Pataljoonan valokuvaajien lisäksi paikalla pyöri epäluukuinen määrä muitakin valokuvaajia ja kaitafilmaajia, joten tiedustelujoukkue tuli varmasti tallennetuksi useammallekin nauhalle.



Aila, Irma, Tarja, Pirjo, Paula ja Eva, kaikki miehineen. - Alakuvassa Jawat.



FINCON
NEWS

KÖYDENVETOKILPAILUT

Pataljoonan köydenvetokilpailut suoritettiin esikunnan kentällä keskiviikkona tämän kuun 11. päivänä. Jännittävän kilpailun tulokset: Raskassarja, mestari 2JK, 2. HK, 3. EK, 4. 1JK ja 5. 3JK. Kevyt-sarja, mestari 2JK, 2. HK, 3. EK ja 4. 1JK.



UNFICYP Medal For DANCIVPOL Commander



Chief Superintendent G. Davidson presents the UNFICYP Peace-keeping medal to DANCIVPOL Commander Superintendent B. Larsen prior to his departure on Wednesday 11 September to Denmark. He left prematurely, due to an injury which he sustained playing football. He hopes to return to Cyprus early next year when his leg has fully recovered.

UNFICYP FUNDS.... (Continued from Page One)

The Permanent Representative of the Republic of Singapore to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to

his appeal on 27 June 1968 concerning the financing of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus, and has the honour to inform him that the Government of Singapore pledges a further contribution of US \$500 towards the cost of the above mentioned Force.

GREECE

3 September to the Secretary-General, U Thant, from the Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations, Dimitri S. Bitsios.

I have the honour to refer to your Excellency's letter dated 27 June containing an urgent appeal

PERS OFFICERS CONVENTION

Personnel Officers from HQ UNFICYP and all contingents, met on Tuesday 10 September, 1968, for a convention. Pictured



above standing left to right: Maj E. L. Madsen, Adjt/Pers Off/DANCON, Capt M. Pare, Staff Captain/CANCON, Capt P. Sarvanto, FINCON, Capt H. Vesey, Adjt /4 LI, Capt A. P. de Be. Thorold, Staff Captain A/Q BRITCON, Lt Col N.K.J. Brask, Chief Personnel Off/HQ UNFICYP, Capt P. M. Roe, Camp Adjt/HQ UNFICYP, Maj R. J. Boyles, Pers 2/HQ UNFICYP, Capt H. Widenfner, Adjt/AFH, Maj Col K.E.P. Jeremiassen, Deputy Pers Off/DANCON, and kneeling: 1 Lt C. Mangan, Asst Adjt/IRCON, 1 Lt D. C. Bird, Asst Adjt/1 PPCLI.

IRAN EARTHQUAKE DISASTER

Following is the text of a message of sympathy regarding the recent earthquakes in Iran, sent on Sunday, 1 September, by the Secretary-General, U Thant, to the Shah of Iran, Mohammad Pahlavi, and a reply by the Shah sent on 2 September:

Secretary-General's Message

Deeply shocked and saddened by the news of the earthquakes which have left in their wake such a terrible toll in lives and material destruction in the north-eastern part of Iran.

Please accept, Your Majesty, my heartfelt condolences on this tragedy which has befallen your country, and I beg you to extend my sympathy to Her Majesty, and to the Government and people of Iran.

I have requested the Resident Representative of the United Nations. Development Programme in Iran to contact the competent authorities of the Iranian Government with a view to establishing the assistance which the United Nations, within its possibilities, may be able to render to Iran in this emergency.

Reply by Shah of Iran

The Empress and I are deeply touched by your Excellency's very kind expression of sympathy on the occasion of the disastrous earthquake that has ravaged Khorassan.

We would like to convey to you our sincere and heartfelt thanks and those of the people and Government of Iran for this token of solidarity and friendship in this hour of trial.

I also wish to express my appreciation of the steps you have taken in order to arrange United Nations assistance to the victims of this calamity.

Road Safety Corner

An important part of road safety is a good knowledge of traffic signs by all users of the road. In Cyprus the "Continental System" of traffic signs is used and these rely on symbols rather than letters and figures. They are simple to understand and are particularly suited to a community in which more than one language is spoken. But even so not everyone understands them. Recent surveys in England, where such signs are being introduced, show that very few people understand them. The details of the signs are in your copy of the Cyprus Highway Code but remember the three main types of signs —

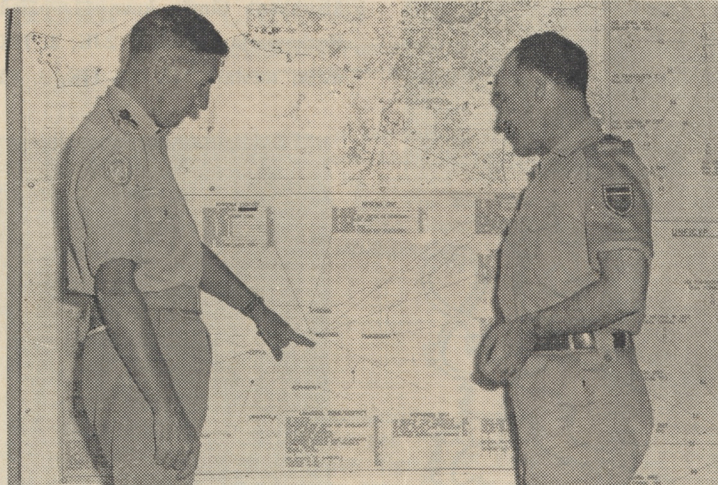
Signs denoting danger within a red triangle (e.g. Road work in progress).

Prohibitory and mandatory signs within a red or blue circle (e.g. NO entry to lorries).

Informative signs — usually square or rectangular (e.g. End of speed limit).

KNOW YOUR TRAFFIC SIGNS

SIG STAFF OFFICER ROTATES



Comdt Ned Doyle (left) Sig Staff Officer, HQ UNFICYP briefs his relief Comdt Bill McDonnell of the latter's arrival to assume the duties of that appointment. The handover in this case was nothing new as Comdt McDonnell handed over to Comdt Doyle in July 1967 after himself having completed a year in the job. Comdt Doyle was due to depart from Cyprus on 18 September.