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Departure of Editor Blue Beret



● Lt Col John D. Woodhouse, MC, left headquarters UNFICYP on Tuesday 2 December 1969. During the last 14 months he has been employed as The Military Public Information Officer and Editor of the Blue Beret. Our picture shows Lt. Col Woodhouse (right) being presented with a small token of thanks by Maj L.O. Hallberg (AMPIO) on behalf of members of PIO and MPIO branches.

A Step Towards Nuclear Disarmament

The Secretary General has welcomed the Simultaneous ratification by the United States and the USSR of the 1968 Treaty against the further spread of nuclear weapons.

He said he considered this to be one big step towards the goals of general and complete disarmament.

A UN spokesman added that this Treaty which had been negotiated over a period of years and had been endorsed by the Assembly in early summer 1968 is designed to prevent emergence of nuclear military powers other than the present five.

It has been signed by over a hundred nations and ratified by some twenty including one nuclear power, Britain.

TREATY RATIFICATION

The UN spokesman further stated that ratification by USSR and the USA are required along with Britain's for the Treaty to go into effect. Forty non nuclear ratifications are also needed. Two other nuclear powers France and the Peoples Republic of China have declined to adhere to the Pact.



VISIT OF GOC NEARELF



On Tuesday 25 November the GOC NEARELF, Maj Gen M.W. Holme, CBE, MC visited the units of the British element with Headquarters UNFICYP.

While he was at the HQ he met the Chief of Staff, Brig-Gen E.M.D. Leslie, CD, Colonel D.B. Riddell-Webster (Commander Britcon) and members of 644 Signal Squadron, UN Flight AAC, Ord Det and REME Wksp.

He then departed for a tour of the Green Line in Nicosia and paid a courtesy visit to the Danish and Finnish contingents.

Our picture shows the GOC being greeted by Brig-Gen E.M.D. Leslie (COS) (left) and Col D.B. Riddell-Webster (right).

Secretary General's Announcement

"The Secretary-General announced with regret that Lt General Ilmari Armas Eino Martola has decided for personal reasons to relinquish his post as Commander of UNFICYP on 20 December, 1969, a United Nations spokesman said at a regular briefing in New York on Friday 28 November.

General Martola has served as Commander of UNFICYP since 17 May 1966. During that time, General Martola has fulfilled his duties as Force Commander with great devotion and distinction and has made an outstanding contribution to the United Nations' effort in Cyprus and to the great improvement in the situation in the island which has taken place since his arrival in 1966.

If, as expected, the Security Council decides to extend the Force for another period when it meets on the matter in December, the Secretary General will announce General Martola's successor as Commander of the Force.

General Martola will be coming to New York in early December to be present at the Security Council during its discussion on Cyprus and to take his farewells.

Visit of Swedish Ambassador

On Monday 1 December 1969, His Excellency Mr Ake A. Jonsson, made a brief courtesy visit to Headquarters UNFICYP.

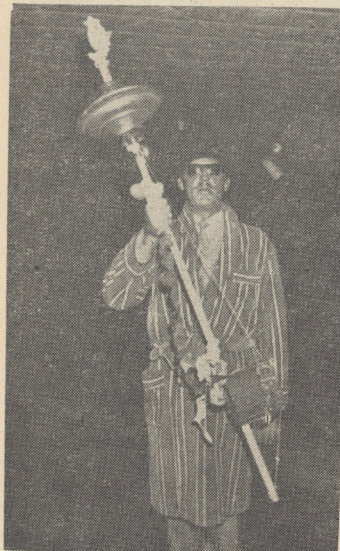
He had talks with Mr B.F. Osorio Taffall, the Secretary General's Special Representative in Cyprus, and Lt Gen A.E. Martola, the UNFICYP Commander.

● Lt Gen A.E. Martola (left) the Force Commander talks with his Excellency Mr Ake A. Jonsson the Swedish Ambassador (right).

UGENS

LΦB

fandt den endelige overdragelse sted mellem DANCON XI og DANCON XII. Det skete i stabsmessen. OL Ib Vase takkede alle på hold XI og ønskede DANCON XII held og lykke på vejen fremover. OL C.H. Christensen takkede sin forgænger og udtalte ønsket om, at DANCON XII vil gå med sko, der er store nok til at udfylde sporet, som DANCON XI har trådt.



UGENS TIP

Det er jo af temmelig indlysende grunde sjældent, at vor udmærkede fotograf selv optræder på billedet. Men det er endelig lykkedes ham her.

Fotograf Ole Bagger er på indkøb på det græske frugtmarked, der ligger mellem vejene til Limassol og Larnaca på Digenes Akritas. Han siger, at priserne er meget lavere end inde i byen. Man skal dog endelig huske at vaske frugten godt, inden man sætter tænderne i.

Det gælder forøvrigt ikke blot den frugt, der er købt herude. Vi skulle gerne undgå for mange mave-sygdomme.



DANCIVPOL fejrede rotationsfest med mange overraskelser, af hvilke vi her bringer EUNUKEN, alias Jørgen Borch Hee i fuldt sving med at vogte døren til alle salighe-derne. (Billedet til venstre)

DANCON
NYT

Det gamle middel!

I ALFA kompagniet's KDO-delning er man i fuld gang med at få pinkierne rystet sammen med de gamle, barske Cypern-veteraner. Selvom vi er langt fra de hjemlige strande, glemmer man ikke hjemmets vaner, men husker, at god mad, godt øl og lidt vin er det gamle middel til at smede folk sammen. Som man ser på billedet forfejlede det gamle middel heller ikke denne

gang sin virkning. ALFA's KDO-delning skal nok stå skulder ved skulder i fremtiden.

For resten! Husk at holde os underrettet om, hvad der i den kommende tid vil ske rundt omkring i kompagnierne af sportskampe, fester og andre begivenheder, der kan være af interesse for hele DANCON X11.

Efter "slaget" skåler KS Bjarne Kryer, KS Frank Jensen (også kaldet Lyngby) og KS Villy Bengtson med hinanden og siger: "Py-ha godt det er overstået."



Utrættelige Lyngby følger chef/X1 helt til dørs og serverer et glas champagne i lufthavnen, mens "Lillemule" sørger for at holde sig beskæftiget i FORgrunden.



ALFA-kompagniet lagde ud med sportskampene, idet de trods den korte tid, de har trænet, tappert havde taget imod en udfordring fra det lokale tyrkiske kompagni til at møde dem i en volley-ball kamp. Trods føring i starten slog konditionen ikke helt til, så kampen endte med en fortjent tyrkisk sejr på 3-2. (Billedet herunder)

STREJK FÖRDRÖJDE
CA:S CYPERNBESÖK

Arméchefens, generallöjtnant Carl Erik Almgren, besök på Cyperna fördröjdes i måndags. En strejk vid Nicosias flygfält gjorde det då omöjligt för civila plan att landa.

Arméchefen, som i måndags sedan ett par dagar befann sig i Tel Aviv, skulle ha landat på eftermiddagen i Nicosia. Försök gjordes av Swedcon-ledningen att chartra eller hyra ett plan, som kunde hämta genlt Almgren efter att ha fått tillstånd att landa.

I skrivögonblicket var det ännu ovisst hur länge strejken vid Nicosia-flygfältet skulle vara. Den var i första hand utlyst för 24 timmar, men möjligheten att den skulle räckta längre kvarstod i måndags.

Strejken är utlyst av de civila flyganställdas förbund och utgör ett led i förbundets försök att tvinga fram bättre löner för de anställda vid flygplatsen.



■ Generallöjtnant Carl Erik Almgren.

STR vände
i halvlek

Ett välbehövligt tillskott till det underlag som finns för att utta ett bataljonslag i fotboll fick man efter matchen mellan STR-komp och 3 komp i fredags i Old City, Famagusta.

STR-komp lyckades då vända halvlekssiffrorna 0 - 1 till 3 - 1 som slutresultat. Matchen spelades i förkortad version, 2x30 min., och var mycket just och spelmässigt ganska jämn. Tvåmålsskytt för STR var Jan Pålsson, "MP-Pålsson", medan krp Bo Olofsson hade satt foten på det tredje.

THE BLACK WATCH I SALAMIS



■ The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada spelade och underhöll den svenska kontingenten i fredags i Salamis amfiteater. En stor grupp svenska turister fanns också bland publiken.

Första advent firat i
annorlunda miljö

■ Första advent högtidlighölls i söndags i Ayia Paraskevazis kyrka i Kato Varosha. Kyrkan var fullsatt och bataljonens kyrkokör framträdde för första gången. På bilden går bat pastor Gunter Niemeyer in i kyrkan mellan de församlade leden för att förrätta gudstjänsten.

ESKILSTUNA—KURIRENS

reporter, fru Irma Brandt, har återvänt till Sverige efter drygt två veckors vistelse på Cypern.

Hon hann se det mesta av den svenska zonen och hur bataljonen fungerar. I ett antal reportage kommer hon nu att skildra verk samheten. Resultatet ska också vi som är kvar på Cypern få ta del av. Hon har nämligen lovat att skicka ner några exemplar av de nummer av tidningen där reportagen publiceras.

KOMMANDE FREDAG

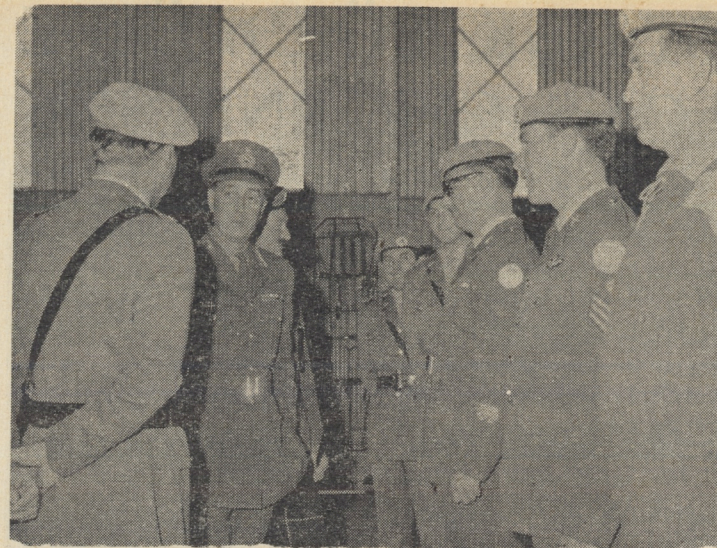
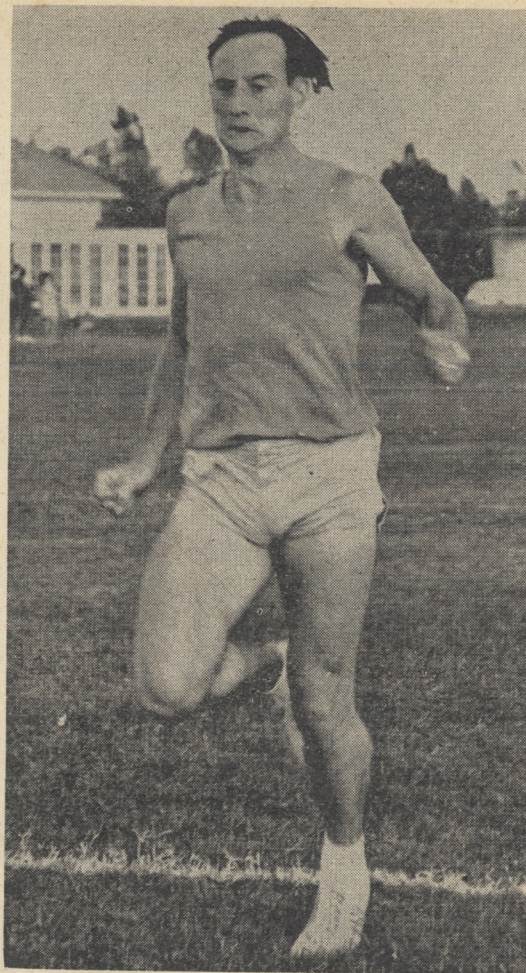
spelar ett bataljonens "Gubblag" mot ett motsvarande turkiskt i Old City, Famagusta.

Cross Country League

Each week during the winter months the Royal Air Force organise Cross Country meetings. Athletes from most of the UN contingents compete in this competition. On 26 November the fifth match was held at RAF Akrotiri. It was a gruelling course consisting of six and a half miles of undulating country and hard baked tracks.

For the second week in succession the race was won by Cpl Mick Nelson of the "Pompadours". This week the match is to be held at RAF Episkopi.

● Cpl Nelson of the "Pompadours" winning the Cross country race on 26 November 1969



UNFICYP Flight Visitor

On Tuesday 25 November 1969 Major General M.W. Holme, CBE, MC GOC NEARELF visited the Headquarters UNFICYP. Our picture shows the GOC talking to members of UNFICYP Flight AAC (left to right) Major J. Bedford-Davies (OC Flight) Maj Gen M.W. Holme, Col D.B. Riddell-Webster (COMBRITCOM), Lt N. Cooke, 2Lt M. Trumble, WO II J.N. Sanderson, Sgt J. Balls and Sgt F. Witham.



A foot patrol of the "Pompadours" led by Cpl "Charlie Ruzchik" of the Foxtrotters.

BRITCON NEWS

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FOOTBALL-HQ UNFICYP v ORD DET



The HQ UNFICYP Sgts Mess played the Ordnance Detachment (Dhekelia) Sgts Mess in the Sgts Mess Cup Competition at RAF Nicosia on Sunday, 30 November 1969.

Ord Det scored first from a free kick but this was soon rectified when Sgt Tony Hoyland of 18 (Amph) Sqn RCT crossed a ball in front of Ord Det's net; a defender, trying to scissor-kick the ball over his head, managed only to put it into this own net.

The ball swung from one end of the pitch to the other throughout the game and it was from these long balls that the score was finally pushed to 3-2 for the Ord Det. This score, we hope, will not deter the spirit of the HQ team when they play the return match.

After a very sporting game the opposition and their families stayed for a buffet lunch which was provided by the HQ Sgts Mess.

Visitors to Ircon at Xeros

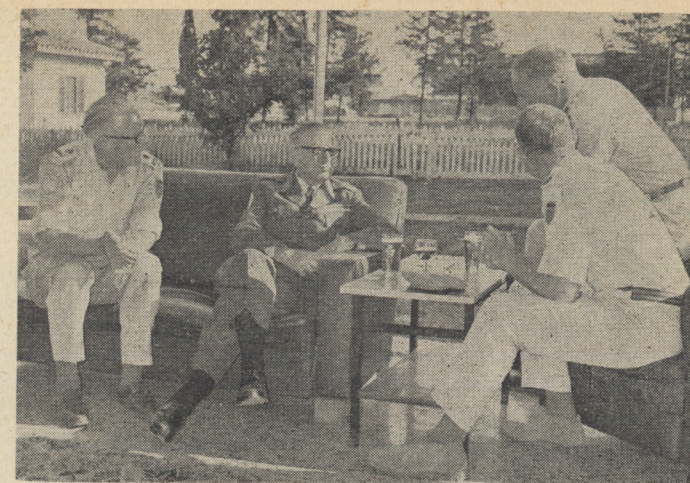
A distinguished visitor to Ircon recently was the Force Commander Lt Gen A.E. Martola.

Here we see him deep in conversation with from left, Comdt J.J. Griffin, Comdt V. Crawford (nearest right) and Comdt J. Delaney. (Picture right)

IRCON NEWS

Brig General E.M.D. Leslie, accompanied by Lt Col A.S. Gundorf, Chief Operations Officer, HQ UNFICYP visited OPs in the Lefka Distr. last week.

The Chief of Staff is seen here inspecting a Guard of Honour under Lt K. Kelly on his arrival to HQ IRCON. (Picture below)



Irish Beauty

Miss Geraldine Keegan a most welcome visitor to Xeros Camp. Geraldine who is seen here with her fiancée, Lt Brian Wickham, is on holiday in Cyprus at present.



Sports Results

Last week Ircon travelled to Akrotiri to play exhibition games of Hurling and Gaelic football with members of the RAF Akrotiri.

Both matches proved very entertaining to watch and an enjoyable time was had by all.

Our Cross Country Team continued with their good form of recent weeks and in the race at Akrotiri last Wed., came fourth in a very close finish for the minor placings. This performance maintained Irons leading position of UNFICYP teams competing in the competition.

Soccer is being very much discussed at present now that the Coy league is nearing a finish.

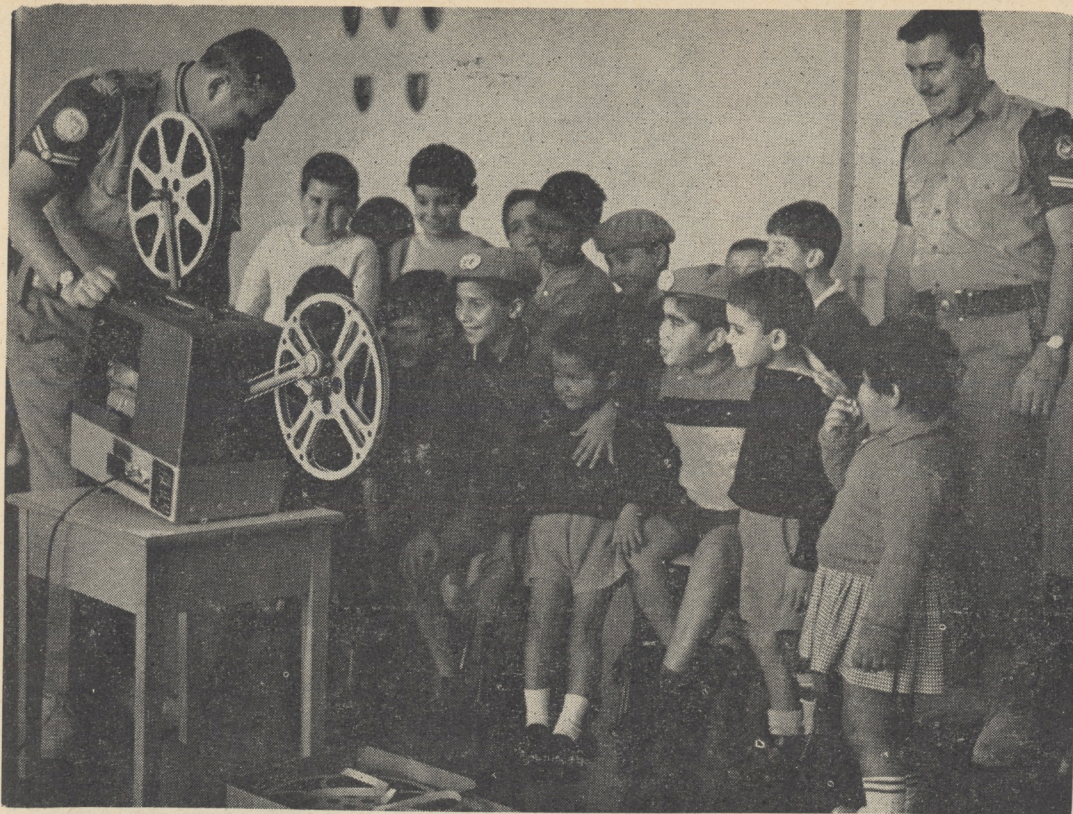
It is said that A Company which shall be nameless has their statistician at the ready to work out vital goal averages should this prove necessary.

The badminton team

were pleased with their display against Dancon last Wednesday for although beaten they fought each game right up to the end. Obviously a little more match practice is needed.

● The Referee starting the match by throwing in the ball. Hurling is the name of the game.





What's On To Day?

Young Cypriots of the Red Cross Crippled Children's Hospital in Kyrenia with an enthusiastic response to a movie sponsored by Observation Company, 2RHC, at Tjiklos. Corporals Lou Hamm and Ross Ayles of the battalion's "A" Company have been regular visitors to the hospital since arriving in Cyprus last October. (Picture left).



THE ONLY WAY TO BLOW

Ulla Lennart, a tourist to Cyprus from Jordan, takes a lesson from Piper Bob Henderson, 2RHC. The Battalion Pipes and Drums played an afternoon concert at Salamis last Friday, heavily attended by SwedCon and visitors to the area.



Water For A Passing Hunter

Private J.R. MacDonald (right) 2 RHC, passes a water-flask to a successful hunter at Observation Post Stampede Corral in the Kyrenia Mountains. (Picture above)



CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

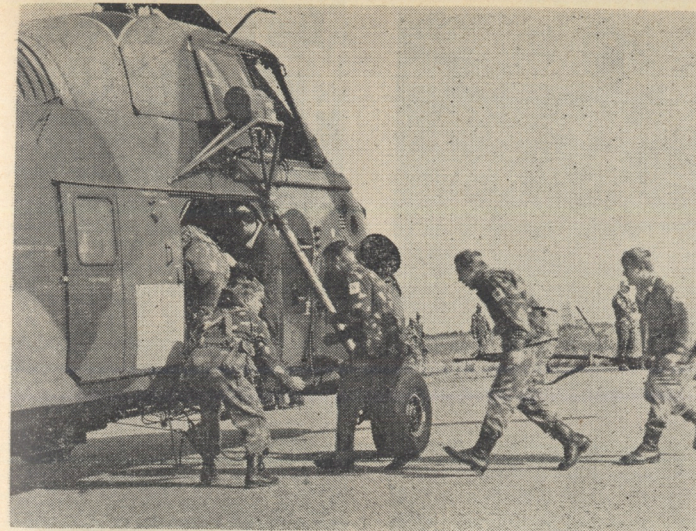
A Letter From Home

Private T.J. DeWolfe catches up on the latest news from his home in Tignish, Nova Scotia. A soldier of 2RHC, he also rotated back to camp Maple Leaf from Martin's Mound last week. (Picture right)

KOVAA KOULUTUSTA KYKOSSA

Helikopterit nousivat ja laskivat ahkeraan viime keskiviikkona 26.11. Helikopterikoulutus, joka alkoi Finconissa n. viikko sitten, saate iin päätökseen Kykossa. Koneita oli kaksi ja joka miehelle tarjoutui tilaisuus tehdä lenkki lähimaastoon tosimeissä. Ensinnä harjoiteltiin maassa. Perusteellisesti. Kuinka siirrytään nopeasti koneeseen ja kuinka tullaan sieltä pois. Kuvassa vasemmalla kymmenmiehisen ryhmän viimeiset juoksevat sisään helikopteriin. Turvavyöt kiinni ja ilmaan. Toiminta havaittiin äärettömän nopeaksi. Harjoittelun jälkeen. Joka mies tiesi, mitä piti tehdä ja oli vain muutaman hetken kysymys, kun kone tyhjentyi ja oli jälleen täynnä. Koneeseen noudettiin maasta ja laskeuduttiin kolmella eri tavalla - koneen ollessa maassa, hyppäämällä koneen ollessa ilmassa ja kolmanneksi köyttä pitkin korkealta.

Molemmat "kopterit" samassa kuvassa. Köysi alas ja miehet nopeasti maahan. Hätköimättä. Joka piti liikaa kiirettä tunti sen varmasti kämmenissään. Kaikki pitivät huolta siitä, että osasivat "pelisäännöt" ja koulutuksesta jäi taatusti mieleen olennaisin ja tarvittavin tieto. Mielenkiintoinen ja onnistunut harjoitus.



-Nopeasti sisään koneeseen-

FINCON NEWS

KUVIEN KERTOMAA



KOLME KILOMETRIÄ ...

Kolme kilometriä kovaa vauhtia on pitkä hikinen urakka kovakuntoisellekin miehelle. Kuntoa kysyttiin pataljoonan maastolenkillä ja joka miehellä sitä tuntui olevan. Viisitoista minuuttia kummitteli monen mielessä. Alle sen koetettiin ja parhaat juoksivat alle kymmenen minuutin. Huomattiin, että pikku verryttely ennen juoksua ja tasainen vauhti takasivat parhaan tuloksen. Moni hy-

väkuntainen juoksija huononsi aikansa lähtemällä matkaan kylmiltään ja liian kovaa vauhtia. Kokonaisuutena maastojuoksu oli piristävää ja tervetullut kuntopuntari. Tulokset olivat eräänlainen pohjanoteeraus jokaiselle henkilökohtaisesti oman kunnon tarkailua ja kohentamista varten. Seuraava kerta tuo varmasti tullessaan parempia tuloksia ja kunto kohenee.



Hymy huulilla lähdettiin matkaan. Kolmen kilometrin jälkeen näkyi punaisia, hikiä kasvoja ja maaliviivan tuntumassa hymyiltiin välillä vain sisäistä hymyä. Illoa siitä että matka oli ohi. Suihkuun ja kuivaa ylle ja sen jälkeen oli jäljellä miellyttävä tunne. Juoksu teki hyvää.

TOIMITUS TIEDOTTAA!

Papin kaikki suuntautuu tulevina sunnuntaina Larnacaan, suolaajärvelle ja Hala Sultan Tekken moskeijaan.

Pataljoonan levyt on toimitettava välittömästi komentotoimistoon ylik Salmelalle puhdistusta varten.

Kirjoja ja äänilevyjä lainataan edelleen vanhaan tapaan ja suositel-

laan käytettäväksi.

Kuntoratakilpailut pidetään 9.12. 1969.

Pesäpallosarja alkaa 4.12. ja päättyy 16.12., jolloin pelataan mahdolliset uusintaottelut. Huutosakia kaivataan joka joukkuetta varten. Kannustus saattaa johtaa voittoon.



ADVENTTIKIRKKO:

- oli täynnä sotaväkeä. Lähes sata henkeä oli läsnä ja suurin osa joukosta kävi ehtoollisella. St. Paulin kirkossa kajahti voimallisesti suomalainen virsi.

Pataljoonan kuoro esitti Hoosiannan, johon satapäinen kirkkoviikari yhtyi heti kuoron jälkeen. Seuraava suurempi jumalanpalvelus järjestetään jouluna. Joulukirkko suomalaisen, totuttuun tapaan Viime perjantain tilaisuudesta jäi

väkisinkin mieleen hartaansävyinen kuva suomalaisesta soturista, joka kaukana kotimaastaankin pitää kiinni totunnaisista, suomalaisista tavoistaan. Ennen joulua sotilaspastori vierailee yksiköissä järjestäen iltahartauksia.

-St. Paulin kirkko ja suomalaisotilaat-



ANGLO SAXON NIGHT

There's little doubt that the party thrown by Capt Ernie Durey on Friday night last in the Officers Mess HQ UNFICYP, will leave its happy memories in this Headquarters for some time to come.

"Ernie" as he is so well known throughout UNFICYP, decided that he would hold his "Anglo Saxon" night before he departed the HQ at the end of his tour. His idea was to show what a wonderful lot, the Anglo Saxons were, and also to show his appreciation for the other nations in the Force and to say what a wonderful lot of folks they were also.

INTERNATIONAL

His host of international friends turned up in strength to find themselves in the officers mess which once again had been transformed this time into an Anglo Saxon Den. Some excellent sketches illustrating Anglo Saxons through the ages were provided by Sgt Ray Reed of HQ Camp UNFICYP. As usual the guests were made most welcome and were soon fully involved in the evenings entertainment led by the dynamic and never flagging figure of Ernie himself.

The party revolved around Ernie who, always in the centre



of events, kept the tempo of the evening in continuous motion. His sackcloth attired Beat group provided some very good ultra modern Anglo Saxon music and had the guests singing lustily many favourite songs. There is no doubt that the Irish have something when it comes to singing.

ANGLO SAXON GOURMETS

Note was taken by many guests of the typical English dish of fish and chips which were offered among a choice of three menus. It was surprising how many people could read the Danish papers which had been used as wrapping for the

ROAD SAFETY:

Some people learn from experience — others never recover from it.

chips. They had of course been reinforced previously by some remarkable forms of liquid refreshment. One of which had been presented in that most versatile of household furnishings a "Chamber Pot".

Well done Ernie and we all thank you for what you have done for us and for a wonderful party.

Departure of AMPIO HQ UNFICYP

The departure of Major Leif O. Hallberg on Thursday 27 November happened so hastily that we in MPIO were aghast and are now only just realising that he is no longer in the team.



Leif brought into his work in MPIO a real sense of purpose and great journalistic skill. His attention to detail and superior presentation in all he did, was a lesson for us all.

We all saw him as the tall fair and debonair officer with great charm who has been a great asset to MPIO. We all wish him well in his future as a journalist wherever he may chose to practice his profession.

RAIJA

Miss

UNFICYP

No 25

Raija who is the wife of Capt Hakkinen HQ Fincon. She comes from Oulu North Finland and is staying in Cyprus during her husbands tour. They leave for home in January 1970.

Raija has a 5 month old child and her hobby is reading Detective stories.



MP NOTEBOOK

Accidents - Unficyp

Week ending 29 Nov 69:	5
Same period last year:	14
Total this year:	319
Same period last year:	411
Main causes of accidents this week:	

INATTENTION/SPEEDING

The rainy season is approaching and your general driving habits will have to be altered in order to cope with the climatic change. The extremely wet and muddy conditions, which we must endure, will be a constant road hazard and will require more caution. UNFICYP MP Coy traffic accident records reveal that there is a noticeable increase of accidents during the rainy season and that the main cause is from loss of control due to skidding. You must remember that when tire grip fails, skidding occurs and the driver loses control. Skidding is usually caused by:

- Excessive speed;
- Excessive acceleration;
- Excessive braking; and
- Rough steering.

To correct a rear-wheel skid, release accelerator and steer in the direction of the skid.

To correct a four-wheel skid, release the brake. Reapply it gently and increase pressure slowly to avoid locking the wheels again.

To prevent skidding while rounding a curve, reduce your speed before you enter and accelerate gently when leaving it. Stay on your side of the road and in your own lane.