



# The Blue Beret

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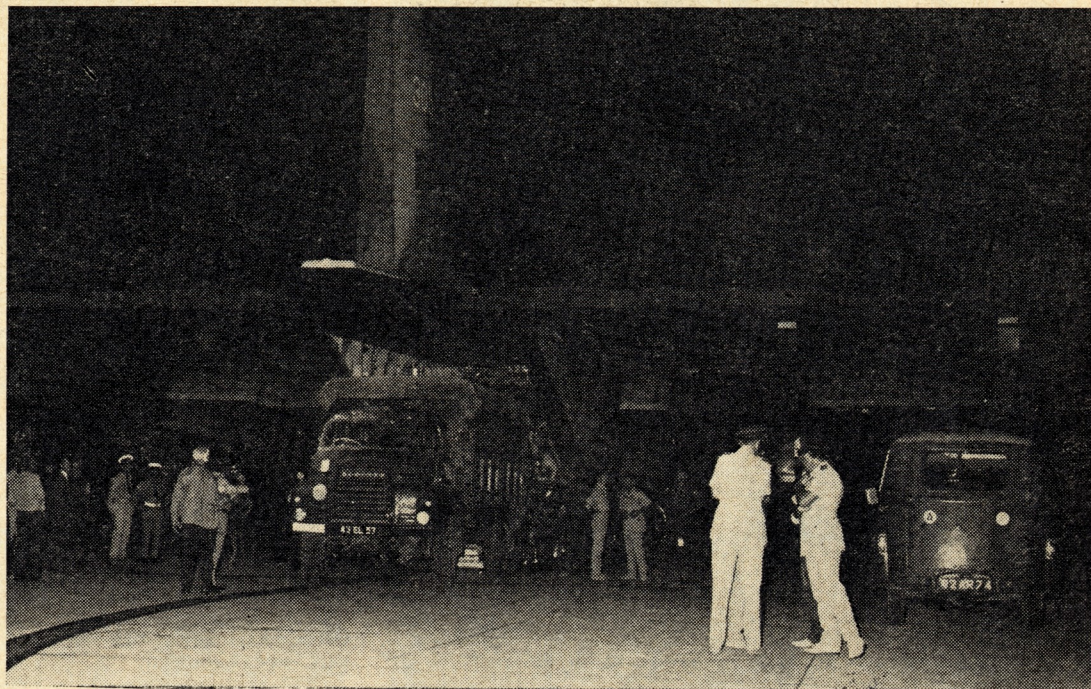
## OPERATION DOVE

During the period 25th to 30th October 1973 the General Transport Troop of 65 Squadron RCT 4 ton vehicles covered a distance of 13,486 accident free miles. This mileage was totted up by the Troop in ferrying troops and freight to Royal Air Force Akrotiri from their various locations before they left Cyprus to form the advance part of the UN Emergency Force.

This is no mean achievement when it is taken into consideration that the average age of the drivers is only 18 years of age. Some have not driven in convoys since their basic driver training.

Everyone pulled his weight and appeared to enjoy the break from the normal routine of delivering rations and stores for the Force. Rations were, however, still delivered. This was done by breaking the drivers into two shifts.

Special mention must be made of Lance Corporal (Por-



● A 4 ton vehicle of 65 Squadron RCT being off-loaded on to an RAF transport aircraft at RAF Akrotiri.

ky) Munro who, although he did not leave the Camp compound during the whole operation, did an excellent job of

co-ordinating the Troop transport.

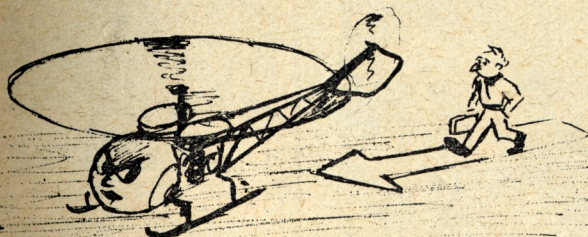
A big "Thank you" also, to the Senior NCOs of the 1st Bat-

talion The Parachute Regiment for the great assistance they gave to the Troop and the units moving to Akrotiri.



UN soldiers taking part in the very popular Marching Exercises!

Captain Gary Lewis and Corporal Don Maynard of Cancon each donated a pint of blood in an emergency transfusion to several accident victims at a local hospital.



DONT COME IN FROM  
BEHIND!

DICK.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Owing to the departure of the Austrian, Finnish, Irish and Swedish Contingents to UNEF some temporary adjustments within UNFICYP have taken place.

Dancon and Cancon have taken over responsibilities in Kyrenia District. Britcon has taken over Paphos District and Force Reserve, Larnaca Sector.

The new Swedish Battalion which arrived soon after the 50th Swedish Battalion left for UNEF has reassumed responsibility for Famagusta District.

The UNFICYP Christmas Card will shortly be on sale in the Secretariat at HQ UNFICYP. Further details next week.



Brigadier R. Forenbächer, Department QMG, recently visited the Austrian Battalion and Austrian officers at HQ UNFICYP. He is seen here paying a courtesy call on the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, PVSM.





Fra OP Saddle. Fra venstre OS Gertsen, KS E. A. Nielsen, SKLT Niemann og den finske PRLT Seppo Rautiovaara.

## DANCON I KYRENIA DISTRIKT

Kl. ca. 1100 blev II Del i LIM-NITIS alarmeret. Vi fik at vide at finnerne var på vej til Suez, og at vi måske skulle til Kyrenia og bemande deres område som består af 1 lejr—6 OP'er.

Kl. 1120 fik vi en ordre til at vi skulle køre kl. 1130 og vi begyndte at læse 2 RLW'er med personlig udrustning, nødrationer, ammunition, vand, øl og sodavand. KS østergård var Chefdriver og kørte i en landrover med MAJ P.E. Frederiksen, en anden landrover blev kørt af OS J. Jensen, og med den var SKLT Niemann, OS E.B. Christensen og OS K. Gertsen. I XEROS sluttede yderligere en RLW til, med OS W. Højbo plus 6 mand.

Kl. 1230 kørte fra XEROS 3 RLW og 2 Landrovere med kurs mod Kyrenia, hvor vi ankom kl. 1410 og straks begyndte at inddelen i 6 OP vagthold, og dette var afsluttet kl. 1435, og præcis samtidig ankom de 2 helikoptere, som skulle sørge for rotationen til alle OP'er.

Rotationen forløb udmærket, og kl. 1515 havde vi fået bemandet alle OP'er og fået de finner ned, som var blevet efterladt på OP'er.

Så kom problemerne, hvilke opgaver havde vi så deroppe? Det var lidt uklart i begyndelsen da alle fortegnelser og skitser stod på finsk, og de få finner, som var tilbage, var der kun et par stykker, som kunne lidt engelsk, og det var meget dårligt, så der var noget at gå i gang med for MAJ Frederiksen, SKLT Niemann og OP-førerne.

Kl. ca. 1900 fredag aften ankom fra LIMNITIS kogerne med boller i karry til folkene i lejren, det var forsent at køre ud til OP'er med mulje, da man jo på det tidspunkt ikke var klar over, hvor de lå, det blev man først klar over i løbet af lørdagen, hvor SKLT Niemann, OS Christensen, PRLT Jacobsen, OS Samuelsen plus 3 drivere kørte ud og ved hjælp af kort fandt frem til dem, og det kan nævnes, at der er sauna på

alle OP'er, men man kan også tydeligt se, et det ikke er DANCON OP'er, det mangler der for meget kalk og maling til.

4 af OP'er får daglig kørt mulje op fra lejren, og de to sidste Hill Top og Pilæri skal have sendt det op pr. helikopter, og det kan medføre problemer som f.eks. i dag onsdag kunne Hill Top ikke få noget mulje på grund af, at helikopteren ikke kunne gå der op for tåge. Lørdag fik vi besøg Force Commander og OL L.M.K. Skern og begge udtrykte deres tilfredshed med at rotationen var gået så hurtigt.

Lejren er bemandet med Major Frederiksen og 7 konstabler til bemanding af hovedvagt i lejren, 2 mand i køkkenet, 3 drivere, 3 signalfolk og KS N.O. Nielsen, som tager sig af kostmeldinger fra OP'er og i det hele taget sørger for at de får, hvad de skal bruge (vand, gas, benzin, kantinevarer, vasketøj, post m.m.).

## TIDSPLAN FOR OVERTAGELSEN

0430 VO DANCON modtager fra HQ signal om at FINCON, AUSCON, SWEDCON skal forflyttes til mellemøsten, og at der er indkaldt til Chief Of Staff møde klokken 0800.

0600 OL L.M.K. Skern underrettes om ovenstående.

0730 Det daglige O-møde afholdes, hvor det besluttet at beredskabsdelingen skal holdes klar til indsættelse et eller andet sted.

0800 Der kommer signal fra HQ om at vi skal besætte følgende OP'er i KYRENIA DISTRIKT: Hill Top, Martisn Mound, Oneisha Farm, Piliri, Saddle, Kings Nest samt Tjiklos Camp.

0900 Forbindelsesofficer fra DANCON sendes til Tjiklos CAMP.

1100 Maj Frederiksen underrettes af OL L.M.K. Skern om at han skal være Distrikt Commander KYRENIA DISTRIKT.

1230 Beredskabsdelingen er nu på vej til KYRENIA DISTRIKT under ledelse af SKLT Niemann.

1430 Mandskab transporteres pr. helikopter til OP'er fra Tjiklos CAMP.

1555 Meddelelse fra MAJ Frederiksen til VO DANCON, at OP'er er besat, Og Tjiklos CAMP overtaget af den nye Commander.



Commander Kyrenia District. Major P.E.S. Frederiksen.

## DANCON NYT

## SIGNAL - DELINGEN I KYRENIABJERGENE

Eftersom samtlige funktioner i Kyrenia-distriktet skulle besættes, blev også signaldelingens frihed inddrages, hvortil hurtigt samlede man det nødvendige signalmateriel. Net-

ordre m.v. var klar hos SGO. PRLT Jacobsen Radiovognen blev pakket til bristepunktet med udrustning, materiel, tre KS, en OS og SGO. Alt var stadig på vognen

da vi ankom til Tjiklos-Camp, og vi kørte straks op til helikopterpladsen, hvor OP-mandskabet fik udleveret radioer og batterier. Kort efter forsvandt det hele med helikopter op til de respektive bjergtoppe. Derefter kørte vi til centralen for at overtage pladsen. Vi gik let hen over hvordan det gik til, men det skal bemærkes, at finsk ikke minder det mindste om dansk, og derfor blev finnen siddende lidt endnu mens vi satte os ind i installationerne, telefonnet og det materiel, der var efterladt til os. Vanskelighederne var dog ikke større, end de kunne overvindes. Det viste sig dog, at finernes antenner ikke stemte med vore radioer, så dagen efter måtte SGO og OS på tur i bjergene for afstemning. Det var dog ikke nok, man måtte afsted endnu en gang. I DANCON

har vi mange ufremkommelige veje, men de er autostradaer i sammenligning med vejene i Kyrenia, så det var et par belastende ture SGO og OS var ude på.

OP Saddle i 700 meters højde giver et godt billede af områdets karakter. Vi skrumplede langsomt derop, passerede berømte udsigter. Hilarion på højre side var pyntet med flag i anledning af Tyrkiets befrielses dag. Den finske antenne måtte ned, og en ny timeter mast blev samlet af et par pools, ground-planes antenne og barduner af feltkabel blev monteret, og med hjælp fra OP folkene fik vi masten rejst og fæstnet til vagtskuret, hvor radioen står. Forbindelsen til den OP var etableret, og således fortsatte det fra OP til OP, og efter ca. 7 timer var forbindelserne fuldt ud etablerede.

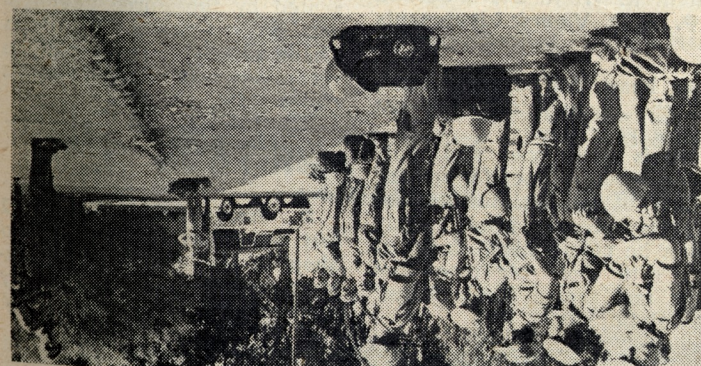


Signaldelingen igang med at opsætte antenne paa OP Saddle



Fra OP Kings Nest. KS G. Kolze skifter ud med KS R.B. Nielsen mens KS J.M. Jensen spejder ud over dalen mod Kyrenia

## SWEDISH 50 BATTALION PACKING TO GO TO EGYPT



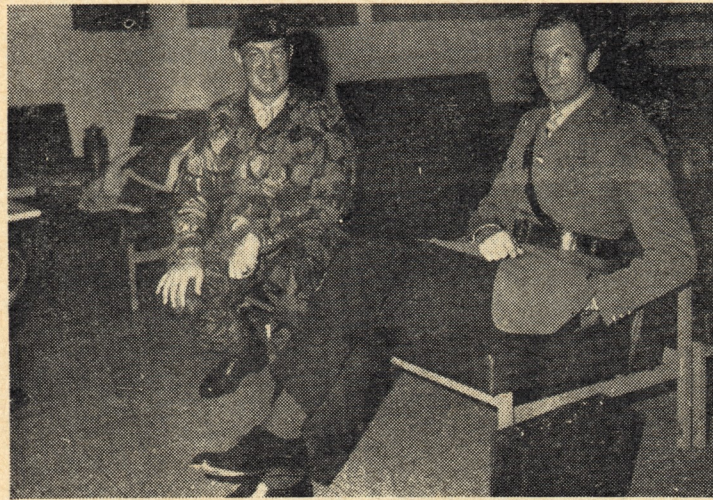
The Photographs shows the 50th Swedish Battalion packing before going to UNEF. They were flown to Cairo from Akrotiri.



Ankomst til Kyrenia distrikt. Fra venstre KS H. K. Christensen KS G. Kolze, KS E. A. Nielsen, KS B. E. Hansen og KS M. Poulsen.



## 5 INNIS DG ARRIVE IN CYPRUS



● The Commanding Officer of the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, Lieutenant Colonel R. C. Keightley, and the RSM, Warrant Officer Class 1 Moxham, relax in the lounge at RAF Akrotiri after their flight from England.



● Troopers of the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards make their way to the airport terminal on their arrival in Cyprus.



● He moves us here; he moves us there; he moves us everywhere! 65 Squadron RCT mover extraordinary — Staff Sergeant Mike Ross.



● A group of Officers from the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards take the opportunity to quench their thirst. They are from left to right; Captain R. W. R. Blott, Second Lieutenant E. B. Smiley, Captain P. M. D. Vigors, Lieutenants W.C. Booth, C. M. Munro

### WHAT IS A SOLDIER?

Between the security of childhood and the insecurity of second childhood we find a fascinating group of humanity called "Soldiers".

They come in all shapes and sizes; in trucks, dirty denims, in various barrack rooms, in love, in pubs and always in debt.

Girls love them, towns tolerate them and Governments support them.

A soldier is laziness with a

pack of cards, bravery with a tattered copy of Hank Janson, and the protector of the earth on half a dozen pints.

He has the energy of a tortoise, the slyness of a fox, the brains of an idiot, the stories of a Sea Captain, the sincerity of a born liar, and the aspiration of a Casanova.

Some of his interests are girls, women, females, dames, birds and the opposite sex.

His dislikes are answering letters, wearing uniform, Provost Sergeants, the RSM and reveille.

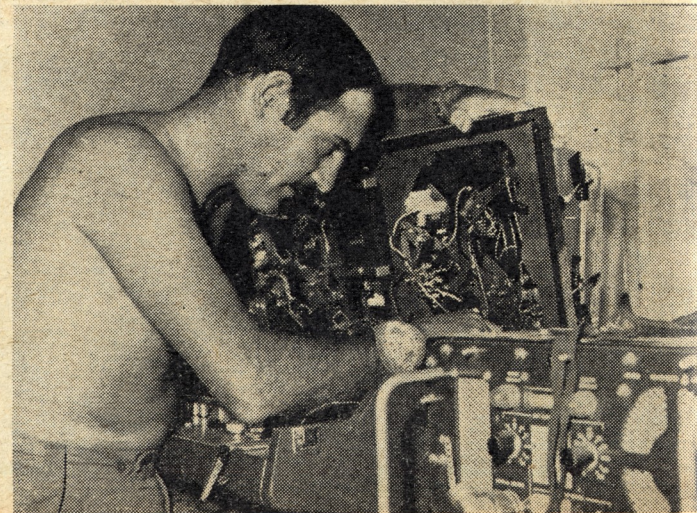
No one else could cram into one pocket a dirty handkerchief, a packet of crushed cigarettes, a picture of his girlfriend, a comb, a bottle opener, an old leave pass and what is left of last week's pay.

He likes to spend money on girls, on beer, some on horses, some on football pools and the rest foolishly.

A soldier is a magical creature; you can lock him out of your home, but not out of

your heart. You can scratch him off the nominal roll, but not out of your mind.

He is your one and only bleary-eyed, good-for-nothing bundle of worries. But all your dreams become whole again when he comes home, looks at you with those big blood-shot eyes and says "Hello Mum" or "Hello Luv".



### NEWS IN BRIEF

The first elements of the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards arrived in Cyprus on Wednesday the 24th October 1973 to take over the duties of Britcon Battalion in the Limasol District from the 1st Battalion The Parachute Regiment.

Duplicate copies of some of the documents destroyed in the recent fire at Camp UNFICYP have started to arrive. On most afternoons teams of clerks may be found busily pushing pens in an effort to bring the documents up to date.

It's Medal Parade time again! Rehearsals are already under way for the main Britcon Medal Parade to be held on Wednesday the 21st of November. The medals will be presented by the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand PVSM. There will be receptions in the various messes after the parade.

### BRITCON NEWS

● Warrant Officer Class 2 Ian Wright of the Tels Workshop in the UNFICYP Workshop REME surrounded by wires.

## UNFICYP SOLDIERS LEAVE FOR UNEF



● Irish soldiers wait on the tarmac before emplaning.



● A Swedish Landrover is carefully backed into the Hercules C 130 at Akrotiri.

● The Swedish vehicles in our picture below were earmarked for UNEF. However, there was so much freight and equipment to be moved that no space could be found on the aircraft and they had to return to Famagusta.



● Members of Ircon board the coach to take them to their aircraft at RAF Akrotiri.

● Captain A Jorgensen, the AMPIO at HQ UNFICYP says farewell to some of the Austrian Contingent before they leave for UNEF.



### MP NOTEBOOK ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

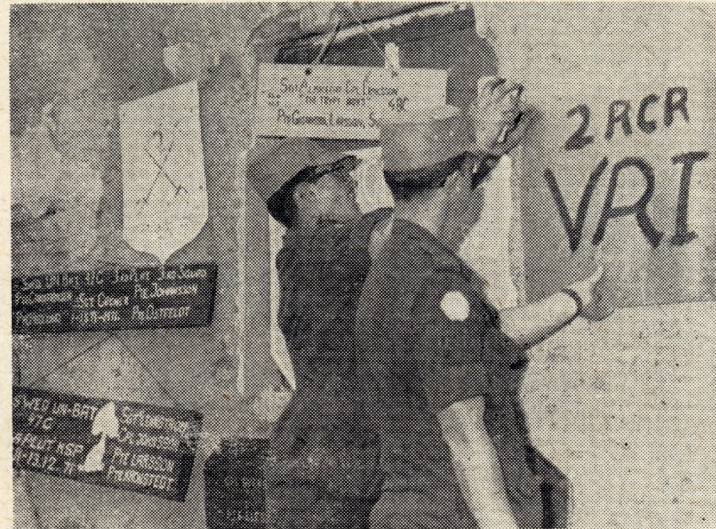
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| 2 Nov 73                | — 10  |
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| Last Year               | — 3   |
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| Same Period             |       |
| Last Year               | — 295 |
| Main Cause of Accidents |       |
| This Week:              |       |
| DRIVING WITHOUT         |       |
| DUE CARE AND            |       |
| ATTENTION               |       |



## AROUND 2 RCR

With the transfer of the Austrian, Finnish and Swedish Contingents from Cyprus to the Middle East, 2 RCR was thrown into the breach to fill the gap left by Swedcon in the Famagusta District and to take control of several OPs in the Fincon area. On Friday morning the 26th of October 1973 warning was given to Suburb Company to be prepared to move to Famagusta and assume operational control by 1400 hours that afternoon. At the same

time City Company was to control all of Nicosia District. The redeployment was swiftly and successfully executed because of the flexibility and co-operation of troops and Company Logistic Support Groups. The Battalion returned to its normal configuration again on Wednesday 31st October at 0800 hours except for the two new OPs in Fincon area added to the list of responsibilities.



● Member of Suburbia Company leave their mark alongside the many others at Trypimeni OP.

## THE BLUE BERET

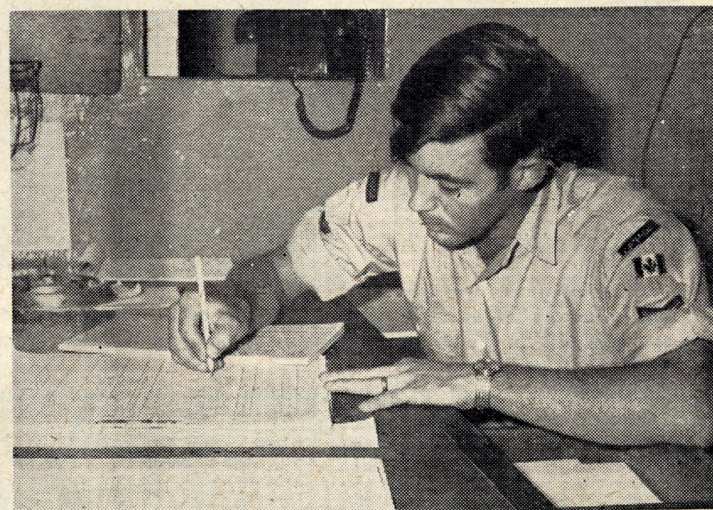
Canadas' soldiers in Cyprus,  
Doing a job, meeting the test,  
To help the people, we'll go  
out of our way,  
We're proud to wear the  
Blue Beret.

Some came here with heavy  
chest,  
They left their homes,  
the ones loved best,  
But when UN gave the call  
They answered the roll, one  
and all.

They flew away, on a big white  
bird,  
And when they'd gone  
only cries were heard,  
Cries from those who loved  
them all,  
Cries for the men who  
answered the call.

They'll be here,  
just for a while,  
With helping hands, and  
a friendly smile,  
They'll help those who've  
gone astray,  
To join their hands again  
someday.

Then they'll know they've met  
the test,  
They've done their job, they  
did their best,  
They'll board that plane again  
someday,  
And leave behind their  
Blue Beret.  
H. L. "Chuck" Connors.



● Corporal Bob Gallant, Transport Platoon Dispatcher, "Juggles" the books.

## HEAD QUARTER COMPANY

Rumors have been floating out of the RP section that Corporal Dave Barrett has finally beaten "The Bull's" running program. According to Dave two games of tennis and a shower equal two miles. However he does not think this formula will meet "The Bull's" approval.

The "Mash Gang" went into operation this week when they treated RSM Myers for a nasty cut in his arm. "Hawkeye" Montague ordered the RSM to be airlifted to Dhekelia and

the helicopter arrived amid a swirl of dust. Corporal "Woody" Woods was filled with mixed emotions, the RSM was finally going to be off his back, but his freshly white-washed curbs would have to be done over again — what a dilemma!

Meanwhile back at the UMS Haukeye was faced with a problem — he could not remember where he hid the brandy — could it have been in the intravenous bottle suspended above the RSM? In any case the RSM has completely recovered.



● Corporal Grant Payne hands Chatos OP back to Sergeant Arne Norman and Private Borge Johansson of Swedcon.

## CITY COMPANY

On 26th of October City Company area of operations expanded to include all of Nicosia District. City Company performance was noted by the Force Commander, Major General D Prem Chand, PVSM, — a feather in the cap of all members of City Company.

The manning of the extra OP was done with a high degree of dedication and devotion to duty. This was particularly evident in the behaviour of Private Paul Parker of 6 Platoon who refused to abandon

his post at the Flour Mill when his relief arrived. It was later discovered that Private Parker had misplaced his key and locked himself in! The Pedios River Patrol is now responsible to feed Private Parker twice a day.

## CANCON NEWS

### SUBURB COMPANY

Suburb Company re-deployed to Famagusta on the 26th of October and took over the District from Swedcon. The Company manned the OPs throughout the District. They re-deployed back to their normal area of responsibility on the 30th October. The Company misses the bright lights of Famagusta and would have been quite content to stay there.

### LOGISTICS COMPANY

Logistics Company was kept busy trying to keep up with all the changes in the sharp end of the Battalion. Transport has been working over-time and Corporal "Crash" Kelly has started his own program to keep it that way. Warrant Officer Keith Toy of the Welfare Office who was admitted to hospital in Dhekelia is doing fine and keeping the RSM out of trouble.



● Corporal Ed Power helps keep Battalion Transport running smoothly.

## KP-BILARNA ÅTER HOS OSS

Efter en fyra dygn lång utflykt kom våra kära kp-bilar tillbaka till campen och slapp därmed att klättra över sanddyner och känna på ökenheten i Mellanöstern. I konvoj för de iväg den 26:e oktober och i konvoj kom de tillbaka den 31. Onekligen har det känts lite tomt på CGC utan dem. I synnerhet den personal som hunnit vara med en tid kände lite vemod och saknad då deras vita "skrov" inte fanns utspridda bland CGC-barackerna.

Men som sagt. Ännu en tid får de tjänstgöra på Cypern. Muck lär det knappast bli för dem i det närmsta laget. Även om en del av dem är veteraner och upplevt mycket kan de säkert göra mycken nytta länge än.

På bilden ses TPC-chefen Rolf Ereback från Uppsala i färd med att kolla att trotjänarna är vid god vigör efter utflykten till Akrotiri dit de fördes av bat 50-s man-  
nar.



## VÄLBEHÖVLIG HÖSTSTÄDNING

Stora höststädningen bröt ut på CGC när 51-ans personal dragit in och installerat sig i alla mer eller mindre obekräftade plåtskjul, baracker och annat som utgör s k bostäder. Det var personal ur fjärde pluton som gick i spetsen för uppröjningen. Tisdagen 31 oktober såg man fullt men FN-renhållningsarbetare över hela camp-området.

Onekligen behövs det en storrengöring då och då. Detta inte sagt för att kritisera 50-bataljonens ordning. Men naturligtvis uppstod det lite oordning då huvuddelen ur den bataljonen hals över huvud störtade iväg till en ny missio.

I vilket fall som helst så blev campen riktigt prydlig efter stora uppröjningen och många avfalls-säckar fullas. På bilden är det grabbar ur fjärde plutonen som släpar på välfyllda soppsäpar.



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## Då tog 51:an över CGC-Vakten

Med elegans tog bat 51 C över ansvaret för campvakten vid CGC söndagen den 28 oktober. Avlösningen ägde rum i fint Cypernväder. Därmed trädde vinterbataljonen in i en av sina första viktiga uppgifter. Ansvaret för OP:na tog 51:an över tisdagen den 30:e. Därmed kunde kanadensarna som hatt hand om ansvaret i Famagusta distrikt sedan en stor del av bat 50 farit till Egypten återgå till sina uppgifter i Nicosia distrikt.

Det var personal ur andra pluton som inledde som campvakt vid CGC. Ett dygn senare blev de avlösta av tredje pluton. Första 51:a i den ljusblå vaktkuren blev Hans Engström från Örnsköldsvik.

På bilden ses avlösningen. Avgående personal ur bat 50 till vänster och pågående vaktstyrka ur 51 till höger. I bakgrunden dagoff Ulf Eriksson från Stockholm

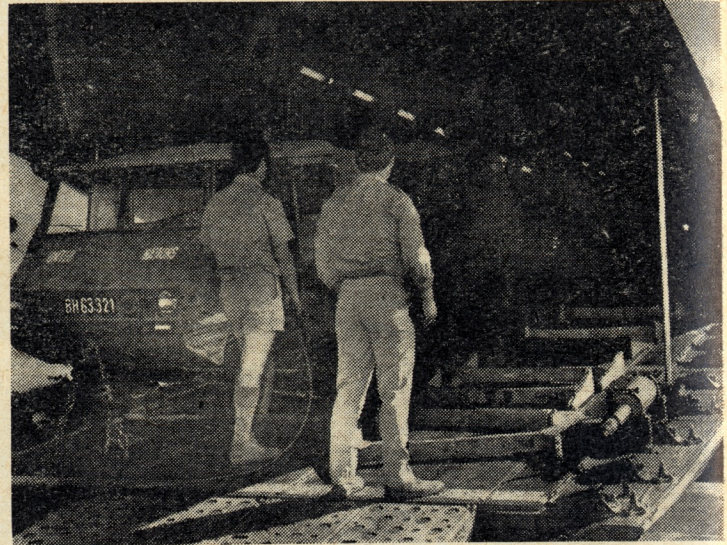




# UNFICYP Soldiers Leaving for UNEF



● One of the Austrian Halfflinger vehicles is driven on-board the RAF Belfast Transport plane at Akrotiri airfield.



● A Belfast with a full load of vehicles and other goods from the Austrian Contingent going to Cairo.



● The last UN soldiers from the Austrian Contingent have taken their seats in the Belfast transport plane and are ready to fly "backwards" to Egypt.



● Personal belongings are loaded onto a Hercules Transport plane at Akrotiri.



● The last group of soldiers from The Irish Contingent boarding the airfield bus, which will take them to the plane bound for Cairo.



● Irish UN soldiers waiting to go to Egypt in the Movement Control Centre at Akrotiri airfield.