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NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR VISITS HQ UNFICYP



On Wednesday, the 22nd of April, His Excellency Karre Ingstad, the Norwegian Ambassador to Cyprus, paid a visit to Mr. Osorio-Tafall. He is seated on the left talking to the Special Representative.

The Danish Souvenir Canteen

The Danish Souvenir Canteen has changed its opening hours. In future the canteen at Xeros Camp will only be open on Tuesdays and Saturdays, between 0830 and 13000 hrs.

The monthly Signal Convention was held Friday, 24th of April at HQ UNFICYP.

The picture shows members of the contingents discussing communication problems with the Commander of the 644 Signal Troop, Captain J. Cox.



Pompadour Commander Hands Over

Lieutenant Colonel K. Burch, Commanding Officer, 3rd Royal Anglian Regiment, has handed over his battalion's responsibilities in the Polemidhia and western Cyprus area

Lieutenant Colonel Burch (left) outside his Orderly Room with his successor before he left Polemidhia.

to the 3rd Light Infantry under command of Lieutenant Colonel R. B. Robertson.

Colonel Burch is spending a few days well earned leave in Cyprus before returning to the United Kingdom.

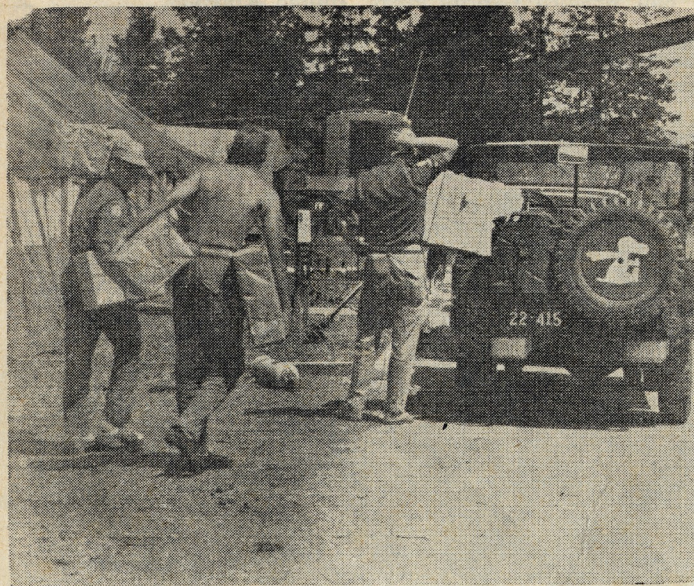




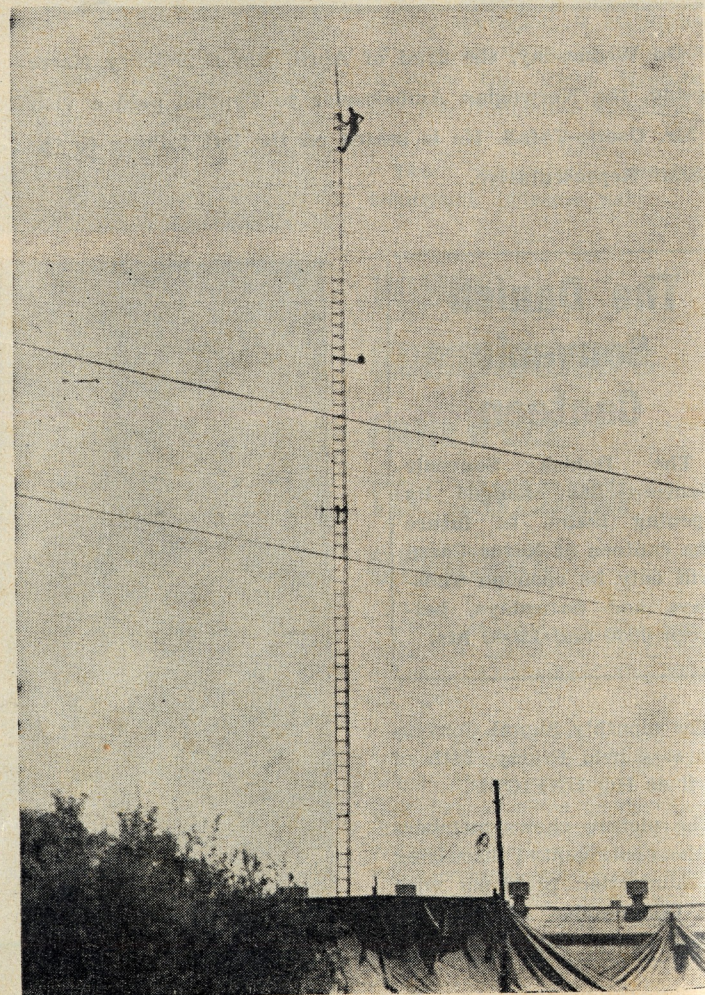
DET SKØNNE GAZIVERA



Hvordan får vi plads til pakkerne . . . ?



Nu er det snart rotation og alle skal have sendt alt det ragelse, som de i et halvt år, ja måske op til flere halvår, har fået samlet sammen. Resultatet var, at postteltet var ved at blive sprængt af pakker, og de stakkels postmænd var på sammenbrudets rand. Det viste sig også, at da Scacy-pén skulle læsses, måtte man tage en masse pakker med tilbage.



ARBEJDSSTYRKE – ET VÆMMELIGT ORD

Arbejdsstyrke i Nicosia, Xeros, og arbejdsstyrke her og der. Alfa er efterhånden omdannet til en stor arbejdsstyrke, så friugernes dage er talte på hold XII.

Som dette billede viser, er Alfa i fuld gang med at flytte fra Lefka til Xeros-lejren, hvor man nu skal indrette sig, indtil man kan flytte ud i den nye lejr.

Åbenbart er det ikke alle, der har lige travlt i denne tid, (som det fremgår af billedet) men med den energi, Alfa-folkene lægger for dagen, må man håbe for dem, at de har et øldepot i nærheden.

DANCON NYT

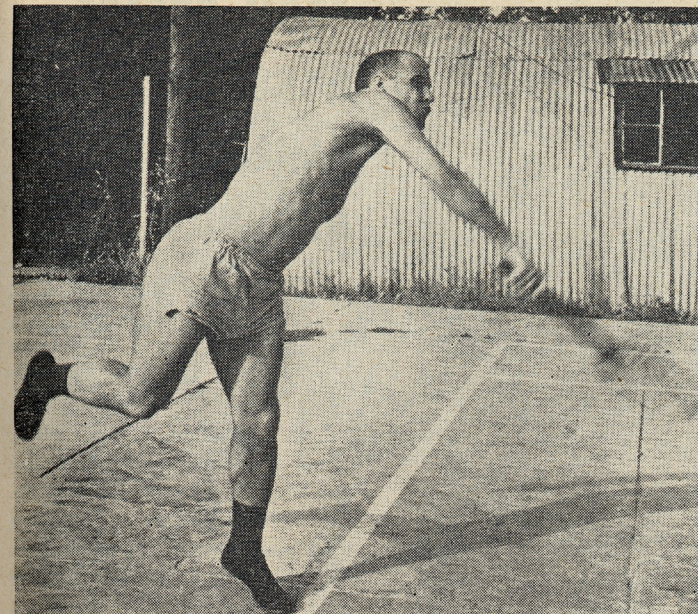
Det er ikke altid lige ufarligt at være et af de udvalgte medlemmer i signaldelingen. Her har vi en af disse brave folk, helt oppe i toppen af den enorm store mast, vi har i "Cereslejren".

SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos

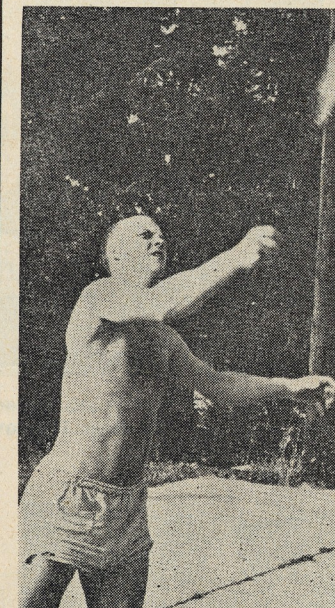
PÅ LATA LATITUDER . . .

■..vilar denne unge man, Sten Wahlgren, Höör. Numera väl hemmastadd på Lyckliga gatan 55 på CGC. Lektur? "Till varje pris". Betecknande, kanske.



MINDRE LAD

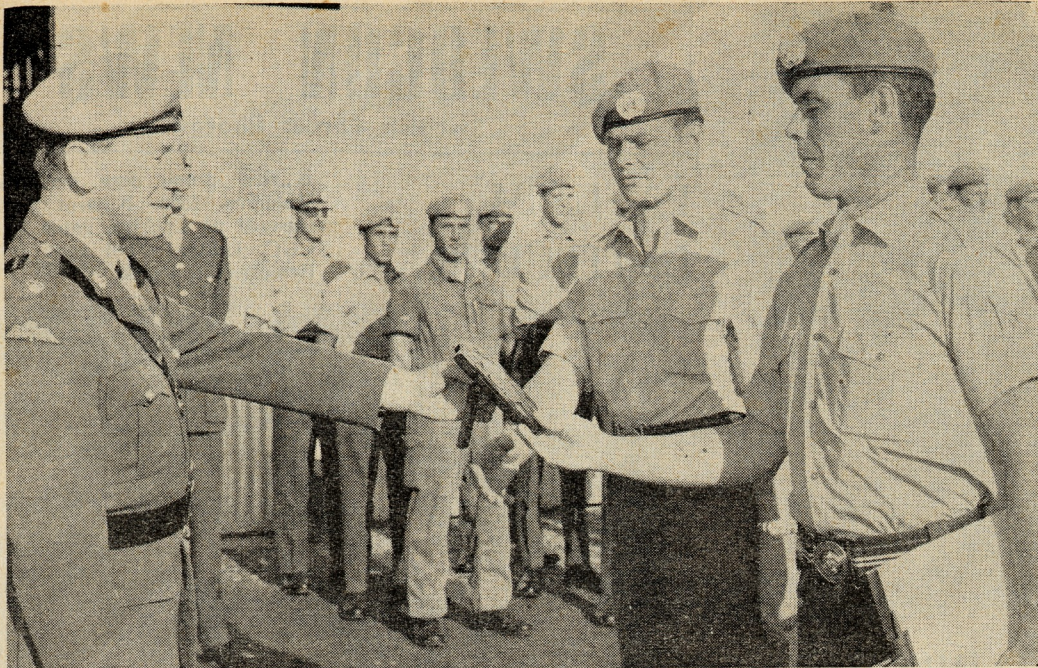
■ var mässuppassare Bertil Karlsson, Bastnärsk, som svettades skönt (?) i serve såväl som i forehand. Kanske en värdig sparringpartner åt chefen?



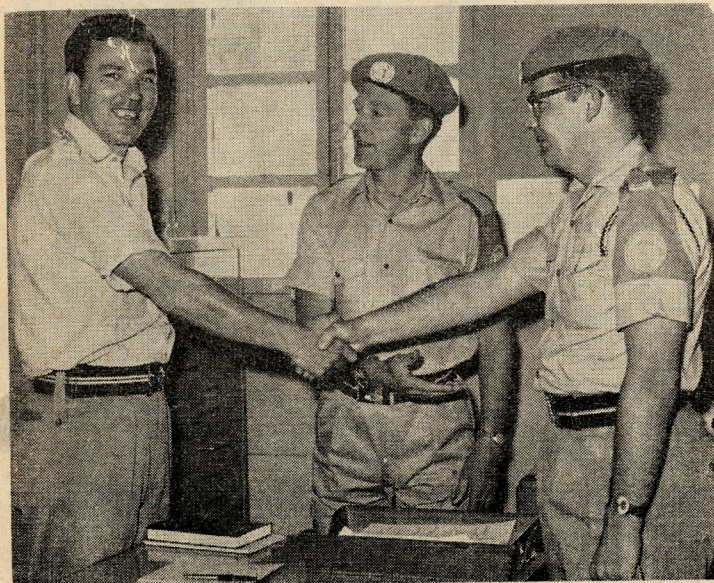
MINNS NI

■ natten då ni kom, ni som anlände med första flighten? Känns fint nu va, en vecka efteråt. Eller hur Olle Hörnsten, Bjurholm. Här ovan ser du en aning slak ut, liksom kompisarna nedan. Har väl vilat ut på OP vid det här laget.





Major J. H. Jordan, RCT, presents Corporal Ratcliffe and Lance Corporal Riley with the Inter-Troop Safe Driving Shield for the month of March. The Squadron covered approximately 75,000 miles with only two accidents, one in each troop, so the shield was presented jointly.



Two new faces in the Pay Office at Headquarters UNFICYP are WO II Frank Ryan and Sergeant Tom Anderson.

Frank, who transferred from the Royal Engineers to the Royal Army Pay Corps in 1953, has served in Tripoli, Benghazi, Korea, Singapore, Germany and England before coming to Cyprus.

Tom Anderson transferred to the Royal Army Pay Corps from the Cameronian Scottish Rifles in 1961. He is attached to the United Nations Force in Cyprus for 6 months from the Command Pay Office in Dhekelia.

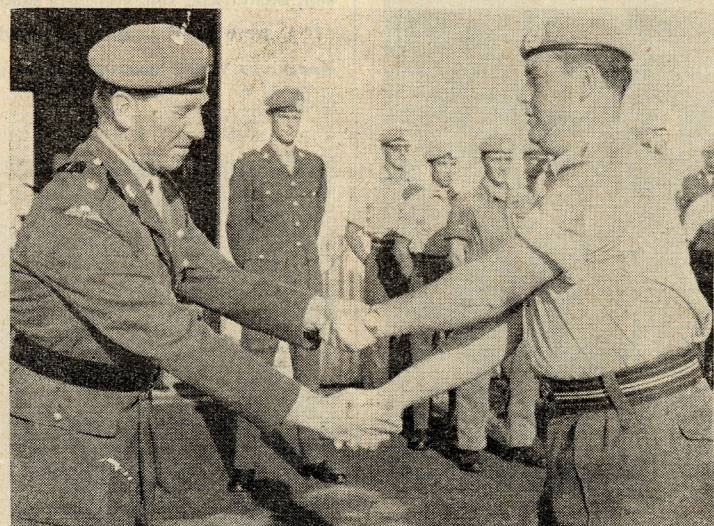
Our photograph shows the Adjutant Captain 'Tony' Swain welcoming the two newcomers to the Staff.



FROM GREASE GUNS TO PARADE GROUND

Despite the demanding task of keeping the HQ UNFICYP wheels rolling, 65 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport still has to keep up with the military skills.

The Officer Commanding holds a parade every Monday morning to provide the Squadron with a chance to practice drill movements in preparation for the medal parade on the 21st of May. It also gives an opportunity for individual efforts in other fields to be rewarded in true military fashion.



Major J. H. Jordan presents Corporal 'Joe' Heaney with the prize for the best improved and best kept garden in the garden competition.

Passenger and driver, both recent arrivals to Operations Branch. On the left Lance Corporal Mervyn (Butch) Wade, he is a member of 65 Squadron RCT, attached to Operations Branch, and Sergeant Thomas Thompson who is a shift clerk in the same branch.

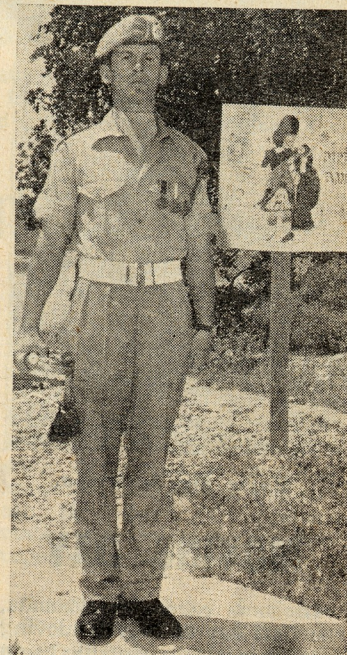
BRITCON NEWS

Corporal Taggy Jones greases the propshaft of a Bedford 4 ton truck during a routine servicing. 'A' vehicles which operate for HQ UNFICYP pass through his experienced hands for periodic servicing, here is one man who can't afford to make a mistake.



Pipe Band On Parade

The 18th Infantry Group Pipe Band brings nostalgic memories of the traditional music festivals or Fleadh- Ceols held all over Ireland. Here we see them on parade on the occasion of the Force Commanders visit to Zyyi Camp.



One man whose music is not appreciated in the morning is Private Edward Burke who is the Unit bugler. He is also a driver which makes him a busy man. However he is happy with his lot and is enjoying his third trip overseas.

IRCON NEWS

SICK PARADE

We are all familiar with sick parades. Here our patient, Private Pat Hayes, has his arm bandaged by Private B. McGowan, while the Medical Officer, Commandant B. O' Riordan, checks the sick lists. There is no truth in the rumour that he is banning high stools in the canteens.

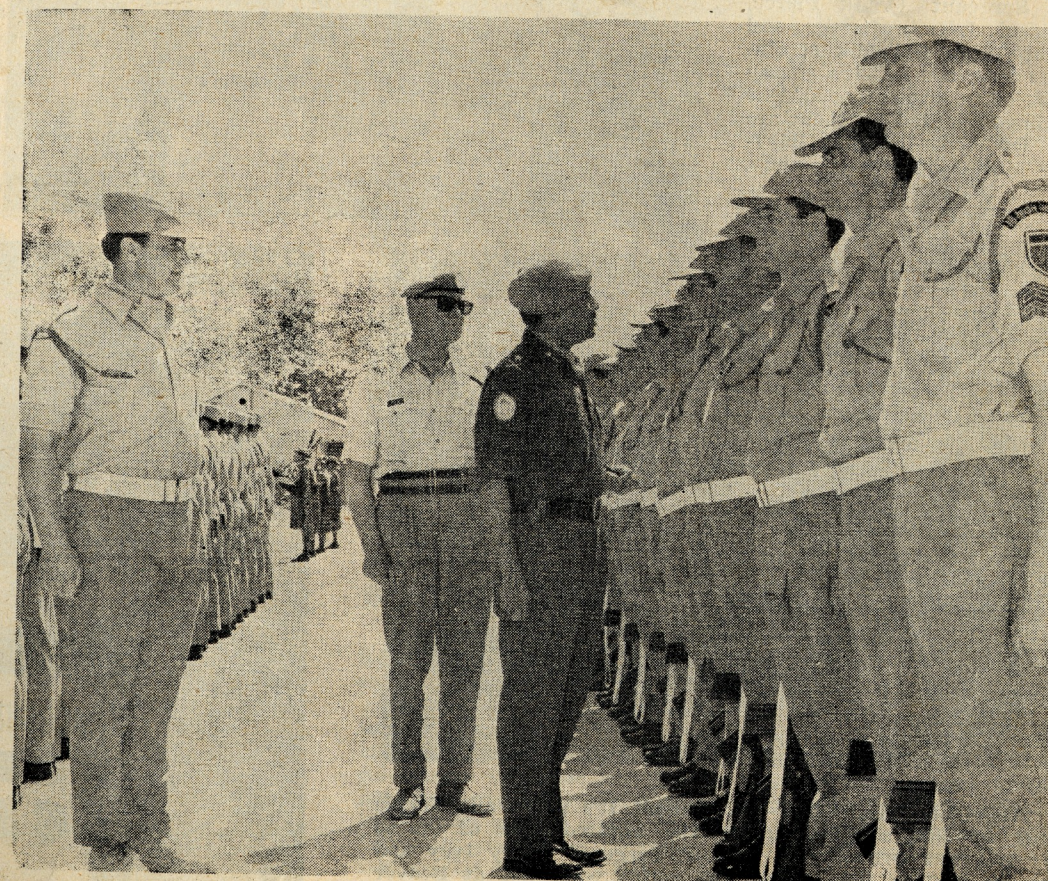


FORCE COMMANDER'S VISIT

On Thursday, 23rd April, the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, accompanied by the Chief Operations Officer, Lieutenant Colonel A. S. Gundorf, paid an official visit to the 18th Infantry Group. He was received at Zyyi Camp by Lieutenant Colonel M. O'Brien, Ircon Commander, and inspected a Guard-of-Honour under the command of Lieutenant Liam Coleman. There were several men on the Guard-of-Honour who had served under the Force Commander in the Congo.

Later the Force Commander visited all the OP's in 'A' Company area, before dining with the officers of Zyyi Camp who made him a presentation to mark the occasion of his visit.

Major General Prem Chand inspects the Guard-of-Honour and speaks to Corporal T. Sheelhan who served under the Force Commander in the Congo.



BASE CONCEPT NOW HERE

The service and support elements of the Canadian contingent are now grouped under a base organization similar to that in effect in Canada.

The change to the "base concept" which took place over the past week is aimed at streamlining the supporting forces into a more functional organization compatible with the system used at bases throughout Canada. As a side effect, the change will make ad-

aptation easier for services and support personnel, when they arrive in Cyprus, who will now step into an organization similar to the one with which they are familiar.

Under this international re-organization, Major Sig Anderson has been appointed Officer Commanding Base Cyprus; responsible to him are the Cancon Finance Officer, the administration elements — most of which are an augmentation to the battalion — and the technical service elements made up of the battalion's support company.



Major Sig Anderson.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

MOVING DAY

In some areas of Canada, the first day of May is moving day since leases usually begin and terminate on that date. However, here in Cyprus it is only coincidental that the Base Orderly Room personnel chose to beat the rush and move early into Wolseley Barracks in downtown Nicosia. Our photo shows (L. to R.): Sergeant Frank Pierce, Corporal L.R. Parisella and Private Sam Balasnik straining over one of the many pieces of furniture moved. The buildings vacated by them are now the home of the UNFICYP Military Police company.



ARNOLD PALMER? — Not at all. It's WO Wally Turple about to sink a "putt" under the amused eyes of (L. to R.): Warrant Officer Den Bonner, Sergeant Gerry Ivey and Warrant Officer John Bray. The action was shot at Beaver Lodge where a mini-mini golf course is in the planning.



TAKE OVER — Major Bob Hersey (left) Officer Commanding 'A' Company, 1 RCR, presents a plaque to Major Antti Raty of the Finnish Contingent to mark the taking over of responsibilities for the Public Works buildings along the Green Line in Nicosia. The change over is part of the overall re-alignment in areas of responsibilities undertaken about two months ago.

FIVE UP

Five promotions — one to Warrant Officer and four to Sergeants — were announced recently for members of the Canadian Contingent. Stepping up to Warrant Officer is John O'Quinn of 'D' Coy, 1 RCR; the new Sergeants are Don McMullen, 'A' Company; Steve Anderson, 'D' Company; Al Green, 'D' Company; and Dennis Foell, Support Company. In our photo, Lieutenant-Colonel Dan G. Loomis, Commanding Officer, 1 RCR, presents new rank armbands to WO O'Quinn.



Suomalaiset pelastajina Kyreniassa

Jääkärien rohkea toiminta pelasti ihmishenkiä

Ensiluokkaista neuvokkuutta ja rohkeutta osoittaen ja oman henkensä uhalla vetivät suomalaiset jääkärit hukkumaisillaan olleen amerikkalaisen tri John Overback'in ankarassa ristiaallokossa maihin Kyrenian 6 mailin beachillä viime sunnuntaina. Vähän aikaisemmin pojat olivat kantaneet maihin erään nuoren naisen, Janice Charestin, joka myöskään ei olisi kyennyt selviytymään aallokosta ja voimakkaasta ulospäin vievästä musta omin voimin.

Yksi uimari hukkui ja noin 15 joutui hukkumisvaaraan, kun navakan tuulen kääntyessä äkillisesti syntyi noin 3 m korkea ristiaallokko ja ulapalle imevä virta. Hukkunut oli tri Paul Lapp, huomattava amerikkalaisen arkeologi Pittsburgista.



Hengenpelastukseen osallistuneet (vas.) yliv N-O Roth, alik P Mattila, jääk K Tomma, jääk H Mäkipää, kers U Heimonen ja jääk J Nieminen.

Ylivääpeli Nils-Olof Roth oli yrittänyt vetää tri Overback'ia maallepäin, mutta omien voimien uuvuttua joutunut luopumaan yrityksestä. Tällöin hän huusi toisille, että siellä on yksi mies, hakekaa jos saatte ylös. Jääkärit Paa-vo Mattila ja Heikki Mäkipää lähtivät uimaan miestä kohti. Jääkäri Jukka Nieminen, jolla oli uimaräpylät, oli löytänyt rimoista kyhätyn lautan ja toi sen poikien avuksi. Ankarassa aallokossa pojat vetivät miehen lautalle, mutta eivät saaneetkaan lautta liikku-maan rannalle päin vaan virta pakkotti sitä ulomaksi.

Tällöin rannalla ollut Roth oli etsinyt käsiinsä joitakin köysiä, jotka kietaistiin yhteen. Jääkäri Kari Tomma otti köydenpäähän käteensä ja syöksyi aaltoihin. Roth karjaisi, että sido se köysi ympärillesi. Tomma ui köysi vyötäisilleen sidottuna läpi tyrskien lautalle, jolloin rannalla olleet miehet vetivät köydestä arvelen Tomman saaneen kiinni lautasta. Tomma pauskautui kuitenkin veden alle missä hän hinautui sukelluksissa lautasta pois päin. Tämän jälkeen Tomman voimat olivat uuvuksissa ja hän oli aikeissa palata rannalle,

mutta kuuli silloin huudon: Perkele, olkaa hiljaa siellä rannalla ja tehkää jotakin. Tämä iskeytyi hänen tajuntaansa ja hän sai voimia yrittää uudelleen lautalle. Jääk Mattila oli tällä välin pitänyt miestä kiinni aaltojen pyyhkiessä heidän ylitseen noin 15 sek välein. Veden alle mentäessä Mattila peitti kädellään miehen suun ja oksensi itse useita kertoja nielemäänsä vettä. Köysi saatiin lopulta kiinnitettyä lauttaan ja miehet vedettyä maihin.

Kauas ajeltuneen tri Lappin toi hukkuneena rannalle muuan moottorivene. Pojat kantoivat vielä hukkuneen paikalle hälytettynä YK:n helikopteriin yhdessä sen miehistön kanssa.

FINCON NEWS



Kun kameran linssi huurtui niin saunojen ilmeet vain kirkastuivat Edessä maj E Houkjar (vas) ja maj K Pippuri, takana (oik.) Chief Insp E.D. Sorensen, Supt R. Thorgensen, maj T Suurkari ja nurkassa pimennossa evl O Savolainen.

Sauna joka paloi mutta rakennettiin uudelleen

Suomalaisten pioneerien tanskalaisille rakentaman saunan virallinen sisäänajo saunomisineen ja

illallisineen tapahtui Xeroksessa 23.4. Tällä kertaa sauna täytti siihen asetetut toiveet ja salli saunojilleen makoisat, kuumat löylt. Toisin oli ensimmäisellä kerralla jokunen aika sitten, jolloin saunan seinät asbestieristeiden puuttuessa leimahtivat liekkeihin ja saunominen jäi siihen. Nyt voitane sanoa, että Danconissa saa kontingenttien parhaat löylt.

Saunakaverit Reka & Chrisse. Ev R K Raitasaari ja evl C H Christensen vilvoittelevat saunan edustalla.



ROTAATIOKONEET OVAT JÄLLEEN PYÖRÄHTÄNEET. Kolmessa erässä on täältä lähtenyt Suomeen kotiutettaviksi yhteensä kolme sataa rauhanturvaajaa ja uusia miehiä tullut tilalle noin satakunta niin, että pataljoonan vahvuus rotaation jälkeen on 273 upseeria, aliupseeria ja miestä. Samanlainen supistus on suoritettu myös tanskalaisien ja ruotsalaisten keskuudessa. Nyt toimikauttaan aloittavaan YKSP 13 jäävät palvelustaan jatkamaan mm. kuvassa esiintyvät lastausryhmän miehet, jotka huiskuttavat hyvästejä Nikosian lentokentältä nousevalle kotimaan lentokoneelle ja siellä oleville kavereilleen. Alarivissä vasemmalta jääk Lehtoranta, yliv Ohberg, yliv Majuri, kers Lyytinen ja ylhäällä jääk Ruotsalainen, jääk Korhonen ja jääk Nissinen.

MAPLE LEAF HOOLEY

The night of Saturday 25th of April saw a magnificent party given by the Canadian Officers of The Headquarters Staff in the Staff Mess, Nicosia.

Typical barbecue fare accompanied the Country Kings Group from 1st Battalion the Royal Canadian Regiment to give the occasion, which lasted into the early hours, that real western atmosphere.

Among the hundred and seventy guests were Major General and Mrs. D. Prem Chand and Mr. and Mrs. Osorio-Tafall.

MP NOTEBOOK

Accidents - Unficyp

Week ending	
24 April, 1970	— 11
Same Period	
last Year	— 7
Total this Year	— 154
Same Period	
last Year	— 115

Main course of accidents this week:

Inattention and Speed too fast for Road and Traffic Conditions.

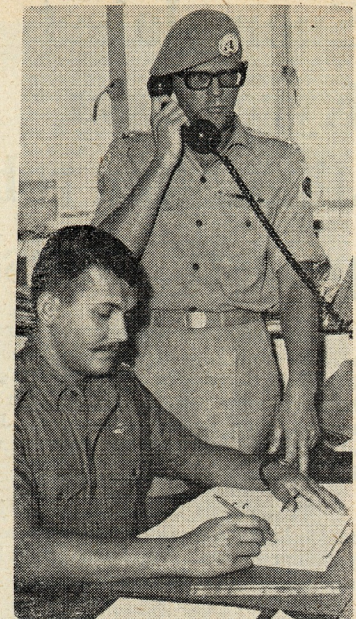
UNFICYP MP Company now in new location, Building 1, Camp Maple Leaf, NICOSIA. For Duty Room — Telephone 74207

ROTATION OF FINNISH CONTINGENT

The rotation of the Finnish Contingent serving with United Nations Force in Cyprus began on Tuesday 21 April 1970, with the arrival of the first of three UN chartered flights to Nicosia.

The main body of the incoming troops arrived today. The new Finnish UN Battalion 13, consisting of 273 all ranks, will replace the Finnish Battalion 12 which has been serving first in the Nicosia East District and then in the Kyrenia District of Cyprus.

There will be no change of command as Colonel Reino Raitasaari will — also command the new Finnish UN Battalion 13 and stay on as Commanding Officer in UNFICYP Kyrenia District.



Swedish Clerks Rotate

Corporal John Johnson, right, Chief Clerk in the Swedish Liaison Office, has handed over his duties to Corporal Stig Ohlsson, Royal Swedish Airforce.

John Johnson has left for home at the end of his second tour of duty in Cyprus. He also served with the United Nations in Egypt and saw active service in the Congo.

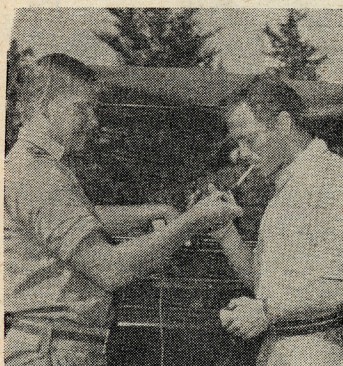
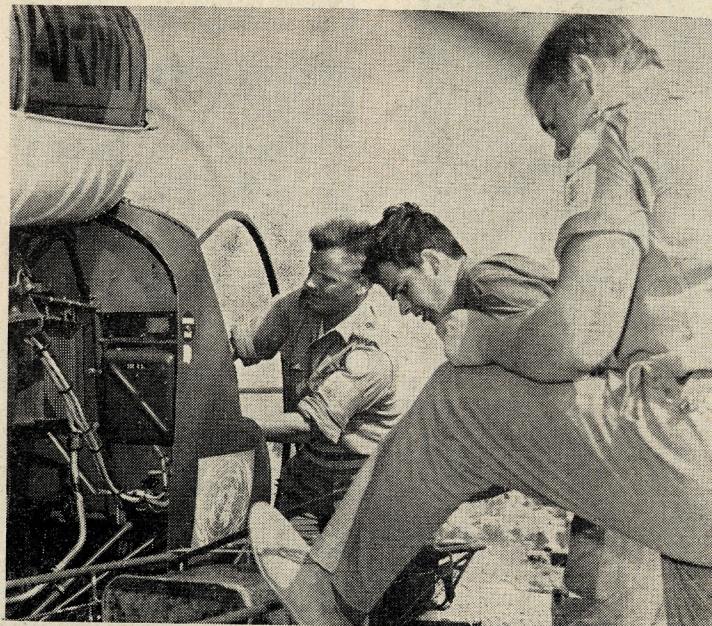
Stig Ohlsson starts his third spell with UNFICYP having been here in 1967 and 1969. A keen pilot, he holds an 'A' licence, he hopes to get some flying in as well as parachuting.

RE-SUPPLY TO OP'S

Twice a week either the UN Flight 230 Squadron, Royal Air Force, or UN Flight, Army Air Corps, alternately lift in supplies to Hilltop, Martins Mound, Parkins Hill and Stampede Corral, all Finnish OP's in the Kyrenia Hills.

Last week, however, Army Air Corps carried out both lifts and it was during one of them that these photographs were taken.

Members of the Finnish Contingent (left to right): Privates Tauno Syrianen and Makku Fetaja and WO III Hannu Siponen seen here loading water supplies into a Sioux helicopter for resupply of OP's.



WO III Hannu Siponen, Supply Base Commander, lights a cigarette for Corporal Brian Boelt, aircraft technician with the Army Air Corps. Sergeant Wilkinson is on the left.

Sergeant Vince Wilkinson is in control of Air Traffic in and out of the supply base, from where the supplies are taken to the observation posts.

