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TREAT YOURSELF RIGHT IN THE SUN

With the arrival of the hot weather and the possibility of members of UNFICYP going to the beaches in their off duty hours it is time for the Blue Beret to bring to everyone's notice several points of common sense relating to the sun and the sea.

DO NOT:

get sun burnt — the ultra violet rays are strong in Cyprus, expose yourself to them gradually until your body is accustomed to them. Over indulgence not only causes pain to yourself but may mean that some one else has to do your duty.

OBEY:

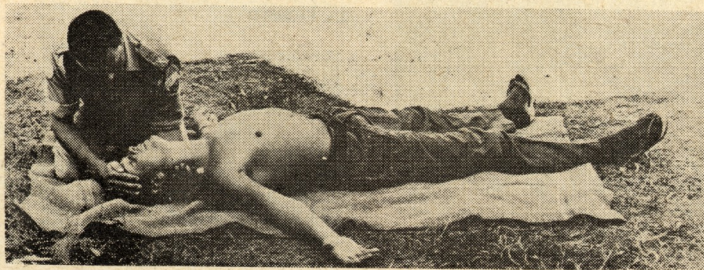
the UNFICYP and CYPRUS Governments regulations on the use of speed boats they are:

1. Ensure that the boat has a harbour authority licence and obey local regulations.
2. DO NOT use areas where there are swimmers.
3. DO NOT use out of bounds

5. If water skiing, ensure that there are two people in the boat. One of whom should keep a close look out for other boats, swimmers and snorklers.

OBEY:

UNFICYP and Contingent



● Put one hand under his neck and the other hand over his forehead and tilt the head backwards. This will open the air passages. Keep this position all the time.



● When you start to breath air into the mouth of the casualty, hold his mouth open all the time and cover it with your own mouth. With your cheek cover up his nose to prevent the air escaping. All the time keep an eye on his chest to see if he starts to breath again.

areas. These are usually marked by red bouys. 4. Ensure that the boat is covered by a marine insurance policy.



Standing Orders on Swimming. They are common sense rules, for example:

● Continue breathing in air without a break. Keep calm and repeat at a speed of 12 to 16 breaths per minute. Keep the position with hands at neck and forehead. Check his chest all the time. When he is conscious, take care of him as best as you can while you wait for the doctor to arrive. At this stage, talk to him, GIVE HIM NOTHING TO DRINK.



Never swim alone, particularly when snorkling.

Do not drink and swim.

Swim only in safe waters.

Keep a look out for speed-boats.

FINALLY:

know the life saving techniques depicted on this page and remember to **TAKE YOUR RUBBISH** away with you when you leave the beach.



● An accident has happened out in the water, and the casualty has been brought ashore. Turn him on his side so that as much water as possible runs out of his body. Check the air passages and clean out his mouth which may be filled with sand or slime.

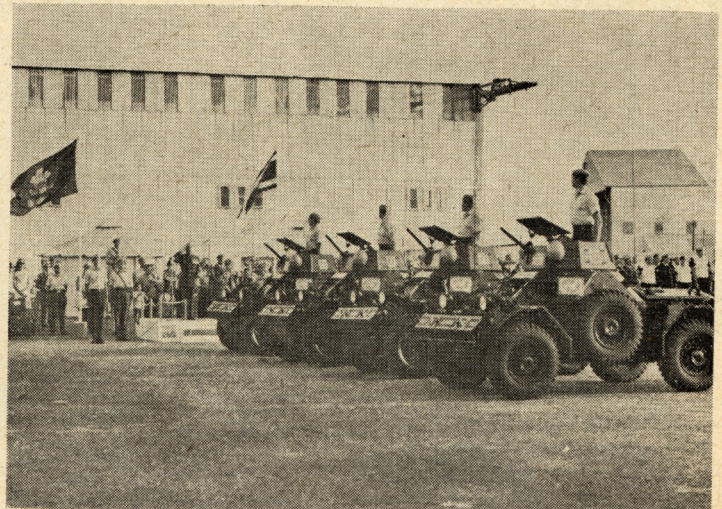
COMBINED MEDAL PARADE

On Thursday 18th May, The Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, presented UNFICYP medals to B Squadron, The Royal Hussars (Prince of Wales' Own), 7 Squadron, Royal Corps of Transport and Camp UNFICYP personnel, at a joint parade held at Airfield Camp, Nicosia.

The parade was held in the late afternoon and took the form of an inspection, medal presentation, advance in review order and march past.

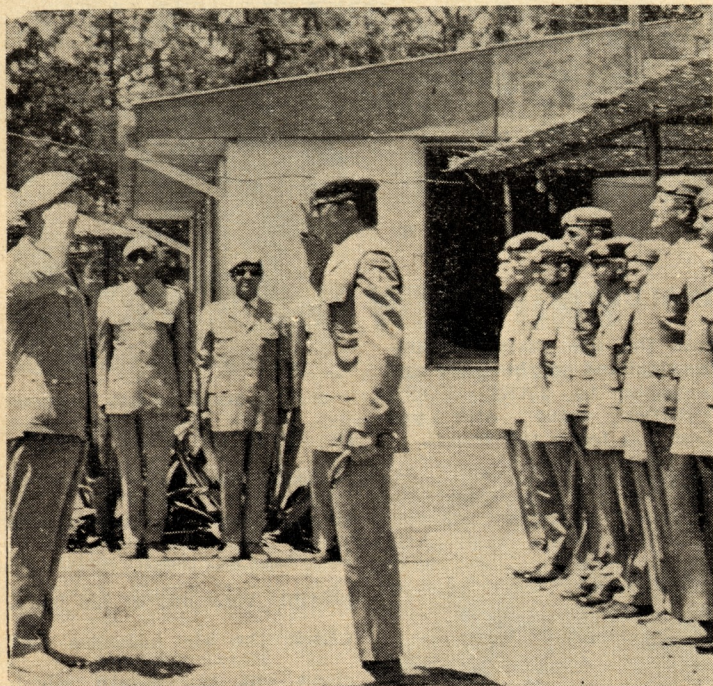
The parade was watched

and much enjoyed by a large crowd of guests who heard the Force Commander thank members of the parade for their excellent record of service to UNFICYP.

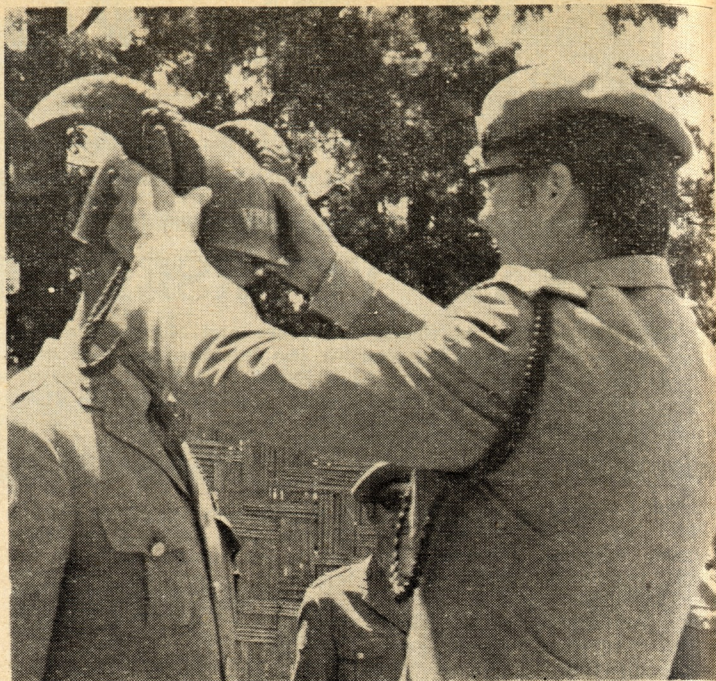


DANCON XVII TILTRÆDER

Den 15.5.kl.12.00 fandt overtagelsesceremonien sted i Viking Camps officersmesse. Traditionen tro modtog CH Dancon vikingehjelm, et symbol på udnævnelse til overviking for Dancon XVII. OL V. Ubbe takkede de gamle vikinger for god indsats, og bød de nye velkommen til at tage deres tørn efter nu at være hjulpet godt på gлед af de gamle.



●MAJ F. Hansen afgiver den sidste melding til CH Dancon.



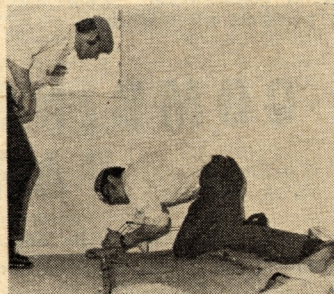
●CH Dancon XVII, OL V. Ubbe modtager vikingehjelm af MAJ F. Hansen



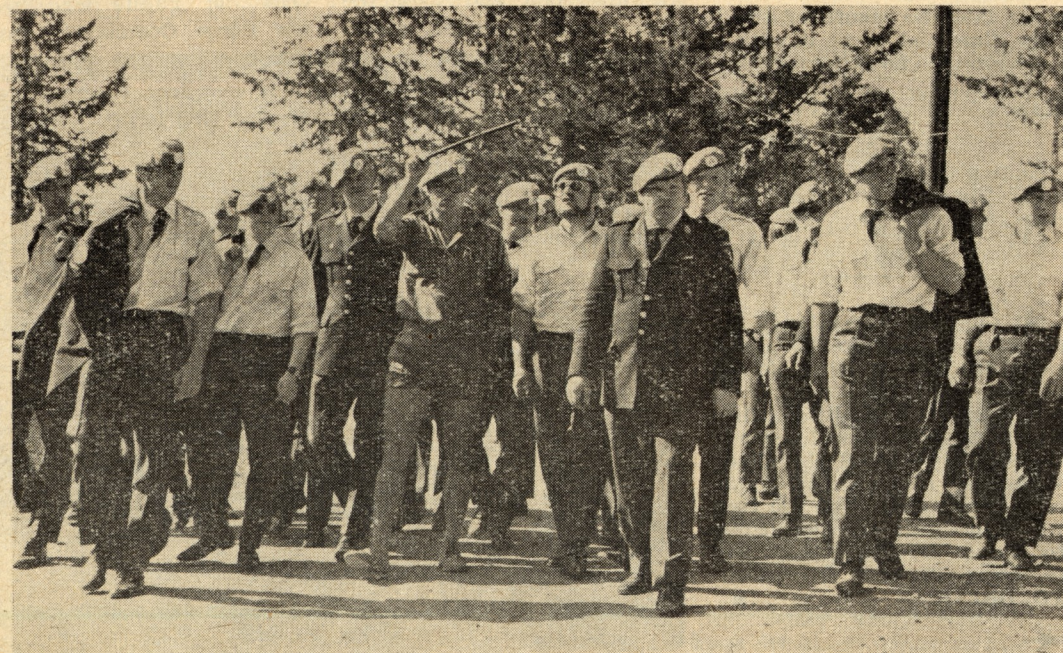
●"Depotfar", PRLT Madsen udleverer inder-uniformer til de nyankomne. Fra venstre: OSG Jacobsen, KS P. Jensen. Bagerst: KS H.C. Andersen, "Digteren", KS F. H. Jensen.

RUNDTUR I DE NYE OMGIVELSER

"Kogeren", SG Isaksen viser de nyankomne rundt i lejren, og gør dem bekendt med forholdene - derunder placering af de forskellige bygninger m.v.



●KS B.D. Mark forsøger at samle en feltseng - det dan oplyses, det lykkedes i. 4. forsøg!



DANCON NYT

FAMILIEFLY

Måske ses vi! Som omtalt i velfærdsmeddelelse nr. 13 er man igang med at søge gennemført familiefly i sommerferieperioden. Velfærdstjenesten har tilrettelagt følgende rejsemuligheder hver vej: Afgang Kastrup, d. 15. og 25 JUL og hjemrejse fra Nicosia, d. 16, d. 26. JUL eller d. 5. AUG. Mødetidspunkt: Kastrup 23.45 og Nicosia 05.45 (cyp. tid). Tilmeldingsskemaer fås på kompagnikontoret, hvor de afleveres snarest, så de kan være AD i hænde TIR 30 MAJ.

TRÄNAD I LUFT

Att kunna fungera under helikoptertransporter är en av de många nya övningar som svenska FN-soldater får vara med om på Cypern. Under ett 4-timmarspass brukar normalt en pluton få god träning i hur man skall fungera i en helikopter.

Träningen är synnerligen realistisk med utbildning i hur man anträr en helikopter fullt stridsutrustad, hur man kan hissas upp i en helikopter, hur man hoppar ner från marken medan helikoptern svävar någon meter upp och mycket annat.

Övningen hör till de mer uppskattade - den ger bl a soldaterna en chans att få se en del av Famagusta från luften. Samtidigt har det visat sig att just helikoptertransporter ofta måste tas till för truppörflyttningar i spända lägen. Nu är de nya svenska FN-soldaterna tränade för den uppgiften.



SVENSK VISIT

Svenske FN-ambassadören Åke Jonsson och hans maka Gunnel har under ett par dagar gästade den svenska FN-kontingenten. De har bl a besökt några av de svenska observations-platserna. På bilden ses ambassadör Åke Jonsson under besöket i Chatos tillsammans med bataljonschef överstelöjtnant Liedgren.

Ambassadörsparet ägnade merdelen av tiden åt besök vid bataljonens enheter. En del av tiden ägnades åt besök och luncher hos de svenska civilpoliserna. Dels besöktes stationen i Angastina och dels polisens högkvarter i Famagusta. På båda platserna redogjorde polischefen Folke Ericsson för svenska civil-

polisens arbete. På fredagen inspekterade ambassadören den svenska truppen i Carl Gustaf Camp. Han passade också på tillfället att ge soldaterna en kort redogörelse för ambassadens verksamhet. Cypern hör till det område som täcks av den svenska ambassaden i Beirut, där ambassadör Jonsson är chef.

Under sin vistelse på Cypern har ambassadören och hans maka också gjort en rad officiella besök i Nicosia. På torsdagen besökte han den svenske generalkonsuln i Larnaca.

Under de två dagar som ambassadören till större delen ägnade åt de svenska styrkorna på ön fick merdelen av våra OP besök.



FÖR SÄKER DRIFT på våra bilar fordras noggrann kontroll och uppsikt. Det är Transportcentralen som svarar för driften - ser till att varje bil är körklar när den lämnas ut.

Olja, vatten, bensin, däck, strålkastare och blinkers kontrolleras bl a. varje dag av TPC. I den nu fortgående förarutbildningen ingår också att varje förare skall vidta viss kontroll före färd.

På bilden ser vi några ur TPC-gänget i färd med kontroll av en Land-rover. Det är fr v 293 Sandkvist, 631 Svedin, 624 Darelus och chefen för TPC rustmästare Stålhandske.



FRITIDSAKTIVITETERNA har nu börjat komma igång på allvar. På bilden ovan ser vi 298 Håkan Pettersson från Umeå köpa sig lite svalka under matchen mellan EPA, Larnaca och engelska Aston Villa. Matchen slutade med storseger 6-0 för Aston Villa. 45 svenska FN-soldater mötte uppe och såg på

matchen.

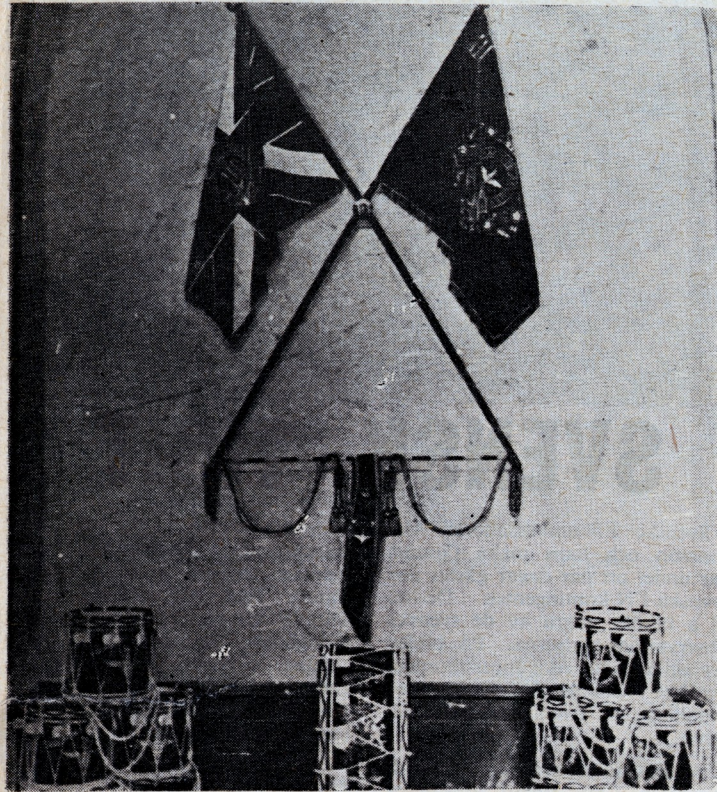
I veckan har också ordnats bataljonsafton och resa till en konsert i Salamis. Rundturerna med buss har också fortsatt så att nu de flesta av svenskarna har hunnit få en första titt på de historiskt välkända platserna på Cypern.

3rd BATTALION THE PARACHUTE REGIMENT

On 2nd June 1940, less than three weeks after Dunkirk, Mr. Winston Churchill ordered the formation of a force of 5000 parachutists. With the Commonwealth more on the defensive than ever before in its history, Churchill was for ever seeking ways of seizing the initiative. By September 1941, the First Parachute Brigade was formed.

In the same year the initial British parachute operation was mounted from Malta. A group of thirty-one men dropped into Southern Italy and destroyed the Tragino

The Parachute Regiment consists of three regular battalions, the First, Second and Third, and three Volunteer battalions the Fourth, Tenth and Fifteenth (Scottish). The



Aqueduct over the River Sele.

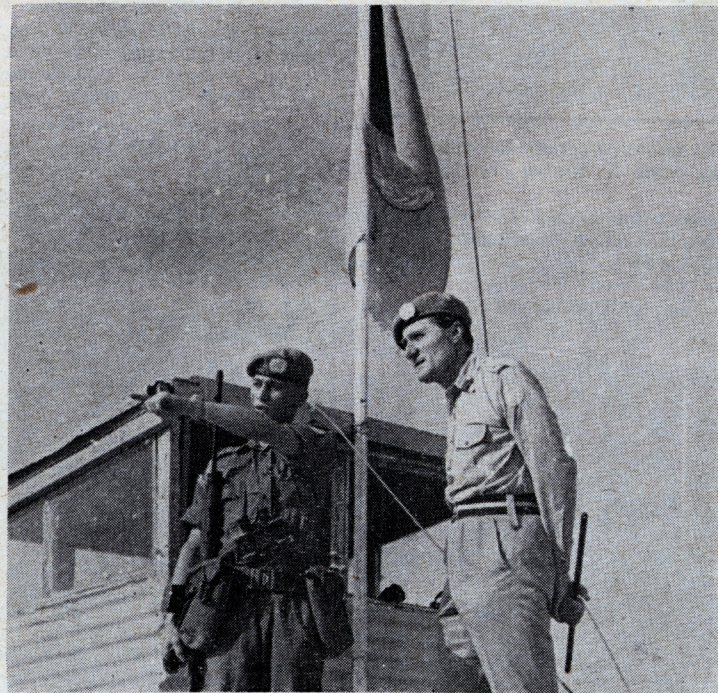
Later, the First Parachute Brigade went into action in North Africa in 1942, where their distinctive berets caused the Germans to refer to them as the "Red Devils". Subsequently they led the Allied invasion into Sicily and Italy.

In 1944 on the night 5/6 June, the Sixth Airborne Division dropped into Normandy to secure the left flank of the Allied Beachhead. September brought operation "Market Garden" where the First British Airborne Division fought for eight days to hold the bridge at Arnhem.

By the time the Sixth Airborne Division had crossed the Rhine at the head of the victorious Allied Armies in March, 1945, nineteen parachute battalions were in existence, some operating in Greece, Burma and Java.

Since the war the Regiment has served in Palestine, West Germany, Egypt, Jordan, Cyprus, Kuwait, Bahrain, Trucial States, Borneo, British Guiana, Aden, and Anguilla. The Third Battalion led the parachute assault onto Gamil Airfield during the Suez crisis. It was again in action in the Radfan mountains in 1964, and in Borneo a year later.

Regimental Headquarters and Depot are in Aldershot.



Colonel D.E. Thornton, ComBritcon recently paid a visit to the 3rd Battalion The Parachute Regiment based at Polemidia. Upon arrival he was met by Lieutenant Colonel S.G. Lorimer and inspected the Guard of Honour. Colonel Thornton is seen here, during the tour of the Battalion positions, talking to Private Budgie Burgess at Kophinou.



Seen above are Sappers Barney Rooney and Don Read of 9 Independent Parachute Squadron, Royal Engineers, about to correct a spelling error on the sign which they have just painted (is it one 'S' in Limassol or two?) during part of the installation and redecorating programme at Zyyi Camp.

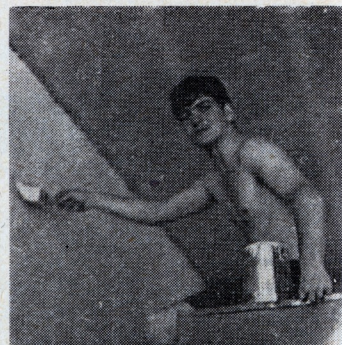
For almost two weeks soldiers of C Company, part of D Company and Support Company 3rd Battalion The Parachute Regiment have become 'home decorators' with 9 Independent Parachute Squadron, Royal Engineers providing our enthusiastic amateurs with the skill and advice, while tackling the bigger jobs themselves.

Based at Zyyi is a section of 9 Independent Parachute Squadron, Royal Engineers commanded by Sergeant Tony Roberts. It comprises a plumber, sign writer, carpenter, welder, electrician and technical Storeman. So far the Engineers have constructed, with little other than scrap pipe and an old tin hut, a block of 12 showers and two bathrooms. Particular tribute here to the plumber and welder. Also installed are several handbasins, hot water tanks and of course correctly spelt UN Signs. The lads of 3rd Battalion The Parachute Regiment at Zyyi Camp are extremely grateful, and from them — well done 9 Independent Parachute Squadron.

BRITCON NEWS



MODERN ART!!!



"I'm painting my pad", says Private Clint Kirkwood of Support Company 3 PARA based at Zyyi Camp, as he eagerly redecorates his accommodation.

FORCE COMMANDER VISITS IRCON

On Friday 12th May, the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand paid his first visit to the 22nd Infantry Group now stationed at Wolfe Tone Camp Larnaca. He was accompanied by the Irish Liaison Officer, Commandant J. Croke.

The Force Commander was met at the helipad by Lieutenant Colonel D. Hurley and Commandant J.T. Martin. After inspecting a Guard of Honour under Lieutenant Peter Ryan he addressed the members of the 22nd Infantry Group and welcomed them to Cyprus. He mentioned the fact that many of the men of the 22nd Infantry Group had served with him before both



The Force Commander inspecting the Guard of Honour.

PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

This week we feature Reverend Father Colm Swan, chaplain to the 22nd Infantry Group. This is the chaplain's fifth time overseas, having served once in the Congo. Father Swan who comes from Stillorgan in Dublin joined the Army in 1961. He lived in New York from 1955 to 1960 where he worked as a Curate. Recently he has been doing great work renovating the church at Wolfe Tone Camp. Father Swan's sporting interests are Tennis and Squash.



Major General D. Prem Chand being greeted at the Helipad by Lieutenant Colonel D. Hurley.

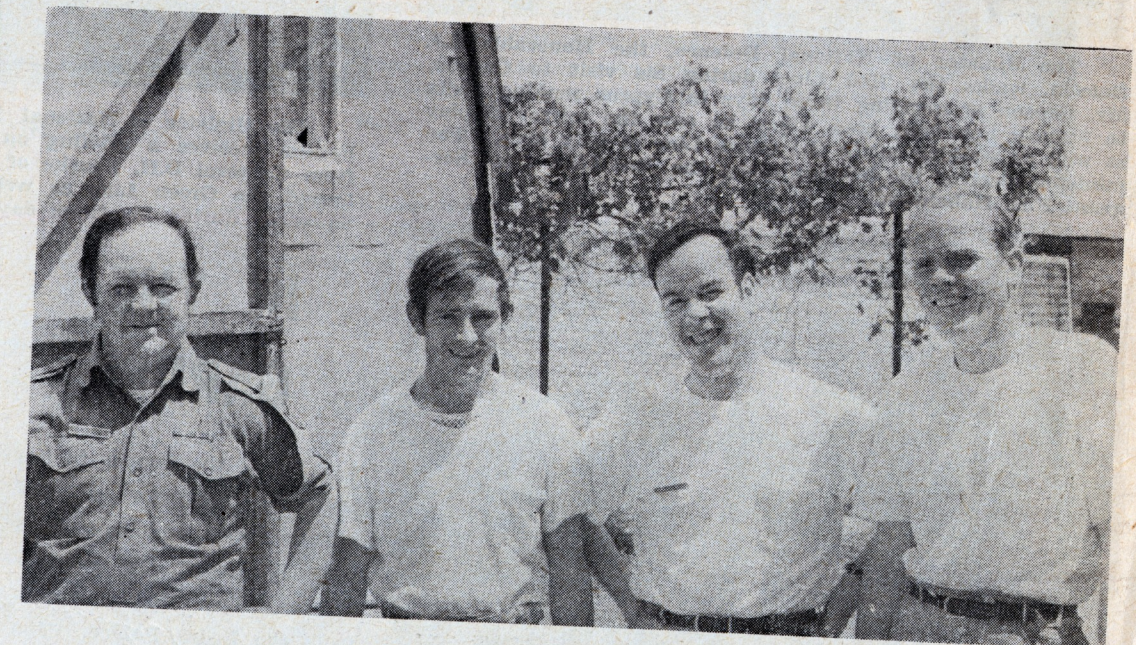
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in Cyprus and the Congo. He wished everyone a successful tour of duty.

After an operational briefing the Force Commander visited The Custom House Complex and the Artemis Road area. Later he flew by Whirlwind Helicopter to Ircon's UN Camp at Louroujina.

Congratulations

We would like to extend heartiest congratulations to Private Danny Boles from No. 2 Platoon on the addition to the Family, the birth of a baby daughter.

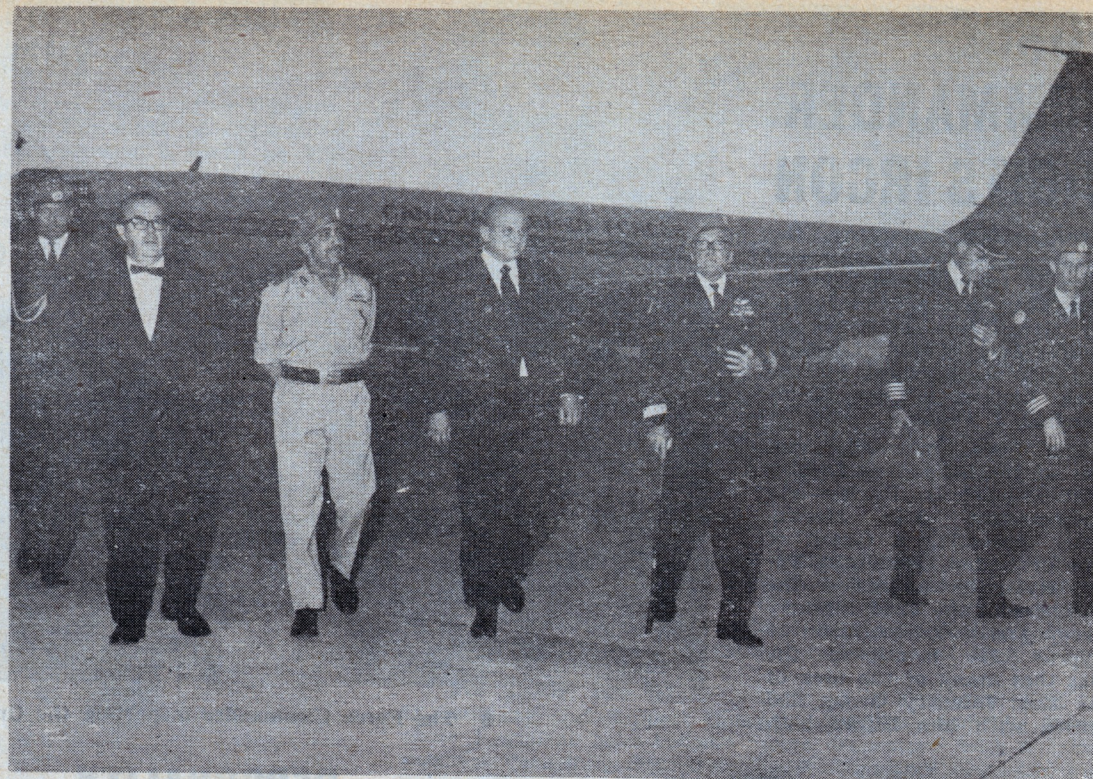


Did not Napoleon say "An Army marches on its Stomach". Well IRCON is no different. Helping to keep the Cuisine at a high standard are from left to right. Cook Sgt Michael Creevy from Army School of Catering, Pte G. McCaughey from Castleblayney Co Monaghan, Cpl M. Connolly and Gunner Furlong J. both from Depot Artillery, Kildare.

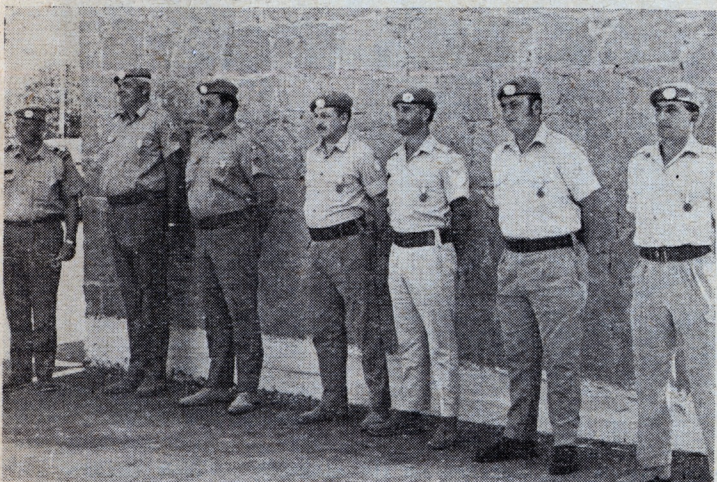
Incidentally, we hear that Sergeant Greevy will be doing a bit of home cooking in the near future.

MINISTER VISITS THE CANCON

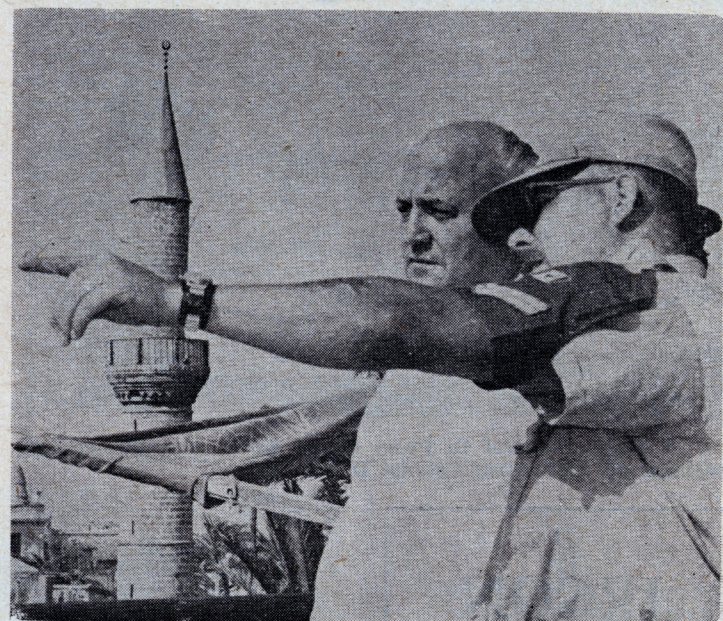
The Minister of National Defence, the Honourable E.J. Benson, (center) is greeted on arrival at the Nicosia airport by His Excellency Charles E. McGaughey, Canadian High Commissioner to Cyprus, (left) Major General Prem Chand, Force Commander, Brigadier General E.M.D. Leslie, Chief of Staff, Lieutenant Colonel J.A. Fox, Commanding Officer Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians). Colonel M.G. Cloutier of the Minister's staff is second from the right.



The Minister of National Defence, the Honourable E.J. Benson, walks the 'Red Line' during his visit to Cancon. Mr. Benson is spending three days in Cyprus making visits to Suburb Squadron area where he saw the mirror display as well as walking along the Green Line in City area. The minister received the briefing along the 'Red Line' from Sergeant F.D. Habelwood.



READY... AIM... — BUT DON'T FIRE... as six members of the Military Police Company, H.Q. UNFICYP stand with their backs to the wall but just to receive the UN medal from their Canadian CO, Major Ross Mooney, (left). The MP company with a strength of more than 50 men has seven detachments based in the various areas of the island.



The Minister of National Defence, the honourable E.J. Benson receives a briefing on the OP duties at Paphos II from Corporal D.H. Fenske of City Squadron. The minister toured the Green Line as well as the Red line in Suburb Squadron during his three day visit to the contingent.

IN THE GARDEN

A Tip of the Topper to the energetic members of the Signals Troop who have been busy improving the exterior of the Sigs House, across from the Ledra Palace. The 25 residents have trimmed, raked and weeded the front and back areas and are now planning to spruce up the interior as well.

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PITKÄ PARTIO

Pataljoonamm etteävänä normaalin vartiointipalvelun lisäksi suorittaa aika ajoin myös partiointia omalla alueellamme. Ensimmäisellä jääkärikomppaniassa on tehtävään ajaa kerran viikossa jonkinlainen lenkki maastossa ja niinpä tämänkertaisen jutun aiheena onkin ns. pitkä partio.

Aamulla aikaisin valmistautuvat partioonlähtijät komppanian pihalle lähtökseen monen tunnin keikalleen. Lenkki kulkee hyvinkin erilaisia tieosuksia pitkin; alku on



hyvää kestopäällystettyä ja leveää valtatietä, sitten käännetään kapeammalle asfaltitiele, taas uusi käännös ja ollaan pölyisellä hiekkasuudella kunnes lopulta ajetaan pitkin pellonpientareita niin että Lantikka vaan keikkuu ja on täysi työ pysyä kyydissä mukana.

Tämänkertaisessa partiassa, jossa jutun tekijällä oli myös kunnia olla mukana, olivat ltn Huhta ja ylik Putkinen, joka on jo moninkertainen partionkiertäjä. Matkamme suuntautui ensin Yerolakkosin kylän ohitse kohti saaren luoteisinta kärkeä, sieltä sitten Kyreniaa päin, kunnes vihdoinkin käännymme etelään Kyrenian vuoriston ylitse ja sieltä sitten Nicosiaan. Tämä "kiertoajelu" kesti yli kuusi tuntia, mutta kuitenkin maksoi vaivan olla mukana.

Tarkoituksellamme nämä parti-

oretkeilyt eivät suinkaan ole. Tämä kuuluu omalta osaltaan myös rauhanturvaamistehtäväämme eli pyrkii normaalien olosuhteiden palauttamiseen ja rauhan ylläpitämiseen omalla alueellamme. Mutta kuvat kertovat paljon enemmän kuin useatkaan sanat. Pienessä kuvassa vasemmalla ltn Huhta kiihkari jotakin mielenkiintoista kohdetta "siellä jossakin". Ylin kuvamme esittää, kuinka aina uskollinen Lantikkakin saa pienet hörpyt matkan kestäessä. Alempi iso kuva taas esittää, kuinka partionkävijät itse ruokkivat itseään. Makara ja pakissa keitetty kahvi maistuvat matkan varrella erittäin maukailta, varsinkin kun löytää varjoisan paikan jostakin vuoristosta. Oikealla oleva pieni kuva esittää, kuinka ylik. Putkinen erään kylän kaivolla täyttää juomavesisammioita.

FINCON NEWS



IM FRACHTSCHIFF NACH ZYPERN

Später als die Masse des Bataillons und später als erwartet wurde in der Nacht zum 25. April das Frachtschiff "Skopje" aus dem jugoslawischen Hafen Rijeka geleitet. Unter Deck unser gesamtes Gerät, am Oberdeck unsere Fahrzeuge, insgesamt 125 Tonnen, begleitet und bewacht von einem 7 Mann umfassenden Transportkommando. Immer wieder einsetzender Regen hatte die Verladung nässeempfindlicher Fracht für Beirut und Alexandria verhindert und somit zwei Tage die Abreise verzögert.

Es verdient erwähnt zu werden, daß bis zum sauberen, fertigverpackten Zustand, in dem das Schiff endlich den Hafen verließ, einiges zu tun war. Besonders müssen hier die Leistungen aller Kameraden des S 4 — Bereiches vermerkt werden, die geführt vom Bataillon S 4, Mjr Huber, Unmögliches möglich machten.

Es lief aber nicht immer alles so wie geplant, ja manchmal hatte man den Eindruck, es hätten sich alle bösen Geister gegen uns verschworen.

Das fing schon in Wien mit einem bösen Papierkrieg an und gipfelte mit lautem Knalleffekt im Hafen Rijeka, als ein Verbindungshaken des Schiffskranes ausriss und ein Funk/VW-Bus aus beachtlicher Höhe aufs Schiffsdeck stürzte. Verständlich, dass wir beim Anblick der hoch über uns schwebenden Schwerverfahrzeuge, insgesamt 9 Steyr 680'er, jedesmal froh über die geglückte Landung waren.

Es war auch nicht leicht, die völlig auseinandergerissene Zugsgarnitur (22 Waggonen) und die teilladenen Waggonen Tag und Nacht zu überwachen. Hierbei leistete uns die jugoslawische Militärpolizei wertvolle Assistenz und stellte 4 Mann zur Verfügung.

In freundlichster Atmosphäre versah unsere Mil Streifengruppe gemeinsam mit der jugoslawischen MP Dienst.

Auf dem Schiff gut untergebracht und fürsorglich bet-



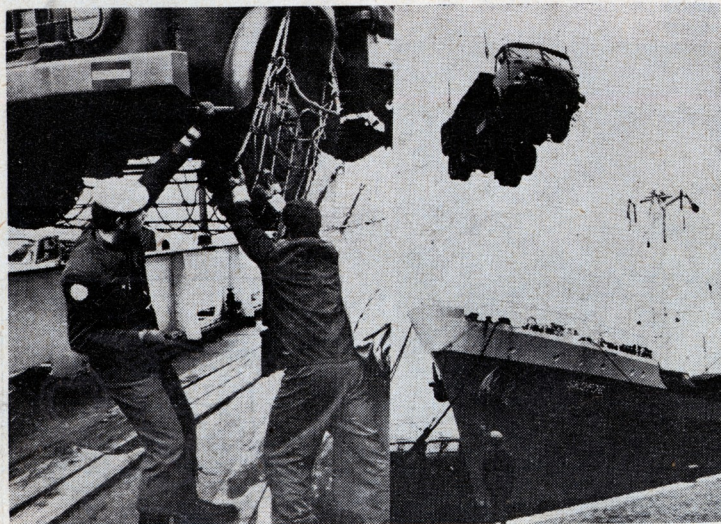
● Vzlt Schmolek am Ausguck, kurz vor seinem unvergesslichen Ausspruch: "Achtung, da vorne sehe ich einen Seehund". Gemeint war natürlich ein Delphin.

reut vom Schiffssteward Mirco konnten wir getrost der ersten Seekrankheit entgegen sehen. Und sie kam auch. Bei Seegang 5 bis 6 nach der 10 — teiligen "Klockerskala" — selbst leidgeprüft von Mjr

Klocker auf der "Liburnja" entworfen — hatten auch wir vom Transportkommando unsere liebe Not. Wir waren schließlich froh, als am frühen Nachmittag des 29. April die Ankerkette rasselte und die "Skopje" in Famagusta vor Anker ging. Leider 3 km vom Pier entfernt, ohne jede Möglichkeit an Land zu gehen. Wir durften wieder zwei Tage warten, bis endlich am 2. Mai mit dem Entladen begonnen wurde.

Mit dem Eintreffen der letzten beladenen 680'er im Camp St. Patrick's fand eine interessante Aufgabe ihren Abschluß.

AUSCON NEWS



● Gelegentlich half auch unsere Mannschaft tatkräftig mit — und wie Spielzeugautos hob der 100-Tonnen Floating-crane unsere 680'er aufs Schiffsdeck.



● Unsere Transportwachmannschaft auf der "Skopje".

Kpl Lürzer — schon von der Betreuung hilfsloser Schwalben auf der "Skopje" als Tierliebhaber bekannt — macht wieder von sich reden.

Er startet eine Versuchsserie, aus herrenlosen Hunden edle Haustiere, vielleicht sogar Wachhunde zu machen. Böse Zungen behaupten, er täte dies nur deshalb, um später einen Wachhund als Ersatz für seine OP-Dienste zu stellen.



MP NOTEBOOK

ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

Week Ending		
19 May 72	—	3
Same Period		
Last Year	—	6
Total This Year	—	122
Same Period		
Last Year	—	121
Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:		
NO MAIN CAUSE		