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● Picture below shows the UN Under Secretary-General for Special Political Affairs being met on his arrival to HQ UNFICYP by Mr B.F. Osorio Tafall, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Major General D. Prem Chand the Force Commander.

● Our picture above shows (1 to r) Mr B.F. Osorio Tafall, Major E.F. Garcia, Mr Jose Rolz-Bennett, H.E. Mr Mene-laos D. Alexandrakis, Mr S. Kyprianou and Mr Erucment Yavuzalp.

● Picture right shows Mr Rolz-Bennett inspecting the Guard Of Honour provided by the Finnish Battalion of Headquarters UNFICYP.



ROLZ-BENNETT ARRIVES IN NICOSIA

Mr. Jose Rolz-Bennett U.N. Under Secretary-General for Special Political Affairs arrived at Nicosia on 19 February at 19.15 from Addis Ababa.

He was met at the airport by Foreign Minister Spyros Kyprianou, Bibiano Osorio-Taffal, Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Major-General Prem Chand, PVSM, Force Commander UNFICYP, H.K. Nidai representing the Turkish leadership, members of the Diplomatic and U.N. Officials.

Mr. Jose Rolz-Bennett told correspondents his present visit to Cyprus was coincidental, as he was returning from a visit to Addis Ababa where he had addressed, on behalf of the Secretary-General, a conference of African editors convened by the United Nations' Office of Public Information. He stated he intended to stay in Cyprus for the better part of a week.

Tafall and Major-General Prem Chand.

Mr Rolz-Bennett left for New York at 10.15 a.m. 24 February.

When asked the Secretary-General's opinion on the present intercommunal talks, he stated that the Secretary-General wished them to continue as they offered a good path for a solution.

Mr. Jose Rolz-Bennett was received on 20 February by President Makarios and Foreign Minister Kyprianou and on 21 February by Vice-President Kuchuk. He also had talks with Mr. Osorio-

OBITUARY

We deeply regret to announce the death of the previous Commander of Dancivpol, Supt K.K. Jensen, who died in a car accident in Denmark on Saturday last, the 21st of February. K.K. Jensen left Cyprus in the middle of January after his six months tour as Commander of Dancivpol.

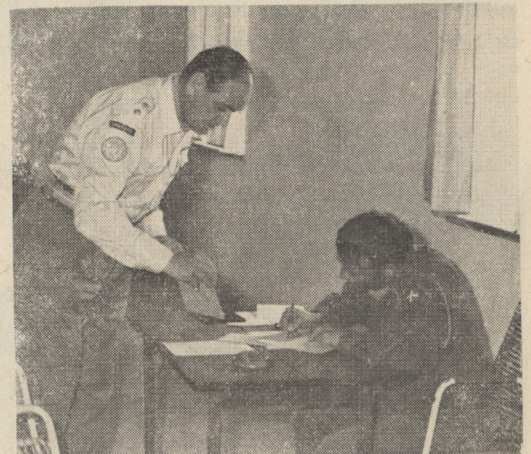


DANISH MUNICIPAL ELECTION

A regular Municipal Election will be held in Denmark on Tuesday next 3rd March.

Also Danish soldiers serving with UNFICYP have the right to vote and the election in Cyprus took place on Thursday, 19th February at the Nicosia Club.

Our picture right shows the Contingent Commander, Lieutenant Co-



lonel C. H. Christensen, delivering his voting paper to

Major J. Cortes, Commander Headquarters Company.

VAGTAFLØS- NING PÅ "DEN GRØNNE LINIE"

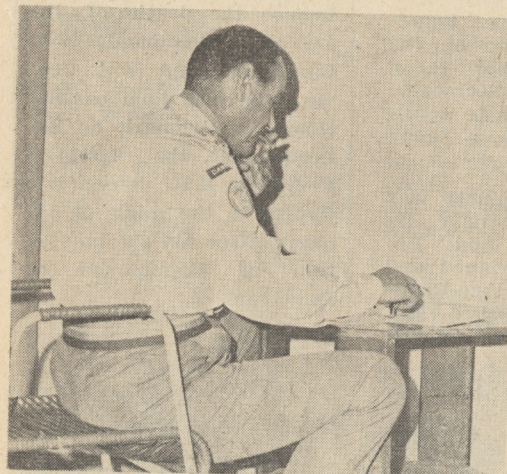
Ja, så er det sket.

Dancon har overdraget ansvaret for den grønne linje og for det øvrige Nicosia West District til Cancon, og vi har overdraget Louroujina til Ircon, medens vi selv er midt i udflytningen til nye opgaver i Lefka District.

Det har måske nok været en smule vemodigt at skulle forlade Nicosia, der nu i en årrække har været skueplads for Dancon's virke her på øen, men vi glæder os samtidig over de nye opgaver. Tilbage står at ønske vore afløser på den grønne linje held og lykke til at bære det ansvar, de har fået overdraget.



■ I overværelse af MAJ Kolls, CH/CHARLIE og hans canadiske kollega overdrager KS E. Petersen her vagten på post 14 til sin canadiske afløser.



Sådan en rotation kan nok give en noget at tænke på. Vi ser her OL Christensen i tænkeboksen for at greje nogle af de utallige problemer, der melder sig i disse dage. Vi andre, der bare skal følge de givne ordrer, har det på mange måder lettere end dem, der sidder med hele ansvaret og skal udarbejde "køreplanerne".

DANCON NYT

DRIVER'S CHOK

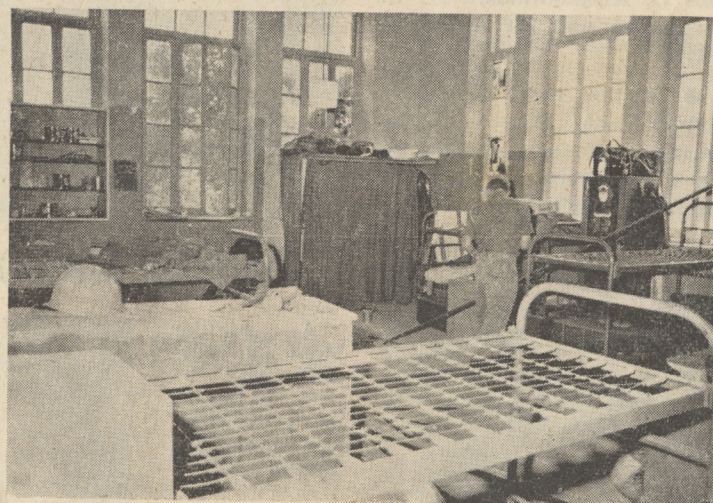
Driver Christensen fra motorpuljen, en af vore mange trofaste læsere af "DRIVER'S CORNER", fik et grimt chok forleden.

Han holdt torsdag d. 18. febr. kl. 1105 udfør infirmeriet, da han så en ældre gentleman i åben sportsvogn komme drønende nede fra signaldelinger og forsøge at dreje ind til HQ/DANCON.

At farten var uforsvarlig høj i forhold til det glatte føre, sås af de udskriddende bremsespor og af den kendsgerning, at vognen med dens rutinerede fører først blev bragt til standsning, da den næsten stod køler mod mur.

Dybt chokeret, men også lettet over, at en af præstens engle så åbenbart holdt hånden over den uforsigtige, fortalte driver Christensen vor udsendte medarbejder om hændelsen.

LÆS DRIVER'S CORNER!



■ Cirkus Charlie rømmer vinterhiet. Selv madrasserne skal med. Afsked med "Apotheket".



Fredag d. 20. kunne man se det ene selskab efter det andet drage ned ad den grønne linie. Alle stilede de med målbevidste skridt mod samme mål: Det lille Apothek

Det var så helt åbenbart, at det faldt svært at sige farvel til denne lille oase, hvor de i årenes løb har fundet så megen trøst og lægedom mod alverdens ondskab.

CIRCUS I BYEN

I gl. dage var det er ubedrageligt tegn på, at sommeren var nær, når de store, festlige, tungt læssede cirkusvogne begyndte at rulle hen ad landevejene fra by til by. Der var unægtelig noget af den samme eksotiske stemning tilstede, da cirkus CHARLIE fra vinterhiet på den grønne linie satte kurs mod Limnitzt. Der er ingen tvivl om, at deres prægtige hestedressur under "Cigar's" kyndige ledelse bliver et at sommerens "sturre 'numre".



DRIVERS CORNER

Det går rimelig godt med kørslen. Dog er der stadig nogle, der kører for stærkt. Den nye "t" SKLT. Kristensen har afløst PRLT Sommer på posten, men har desværre også overtaget Sommers vanskeligheder med at afholde "Karen Blixen" fra at sparke med bagbenene.

(Red. vil dog i denne forbindelse henvise til et andet indlæg her på siden og råde "T" til selv at klappe hesten).

Vi flytter nu snart ud til et typisk BJERGOMRÅDE med masser af HÅRNÅLE-sving, DERFOR:

Kør langsomt i svingene
Hold helt ud til venstre
Vær ikke bange for at bruge hornet

Pas på får og geder. Lad ejeren afgøre, hvornår de skal slages til KEBAB

Vær omhyggelig med eftersyn af vognen.

GOD JAGT.

TREDJE LÄMNA LARNACA

Sista fanan halad



■ Krp Lars Johansson var siste svensk på post i Larnaca. I söndags avlöstes han av irländarna. I bakgrunden den irländske kompani-chefen, commandant J.P. Coyle och mj Torkel Olsson.

SWEDCON NEWS Swedish Forces Photos

Zonmästerskapen i bordtennis för singel, dubbel och lag är avslarade. Inte helt oväntat la civpol beslag på förstaplatserna i samtliga tre tävlingar och 2 komp andraplacingarna. Men det satt hårt åt för civpolarna. I singel krävdes det fem set innan finalmatchen avgjordes mellan S. Johansson och 2 komp:s K. Jansson, och i dubbeln behövde civpols S. Johansson/S. Sandström fyra set mot 2 komp:s K. Jansson/Ch. Ask.

RESULTAT

Singel:

S. Johansson, civp - K. Jansson, 2 k, 21-12, 21-18, 10-21, 23-25, 22-20
S. Sandström, civp - G. Andersson, 2 k, 21-10, 22-20, 22-20

Dubbel:

Johansson/Sandström, civp - Jansson/Ask, 2 k, 21-14, 21-18, 13-21, 21-15

Johansson/Eriksson, civp - Söderström/Edholm, STR, 23-21, 17-21, 21-13, 10-21, 21-17.

Lag:

	vunna	matchkvot	poäng
1. Civp A	5	30-4	10
2. 2 komp A	3	25-18	7
3. STR A	3	22-18	6
4. Civp B	2	15-22	4
5. 2 komp B	1	15-26	2
6. STR B	0	10-29	1

Stavrovounimarschen gången för sista gången



Civpolarna vann överlägset pingis



■ Övl Sven-Erik Roos delar ut medaljerna till de tre bäst placerade lagen i dubbel.

■ Först upp till toppen blev men Hans Engström när den antagligen sista Stavrovounimarschen gick i fredags. Tvåa blev krp Lars-Åke Olsson och trea serg Evert Svedlund. (tv).

■ Så här lite grand från ovan ser fru Gun Wåhlin (th) så lycklig ut som bara den kan som under någon timmes tid strävat efter att nå toppen, och just är på väg att lyckas.

Eventuellt kommer en ny marschväg att användas någonsstans i Kyrenia-kedjan. Men bara kanske. Inget är ännu klart.

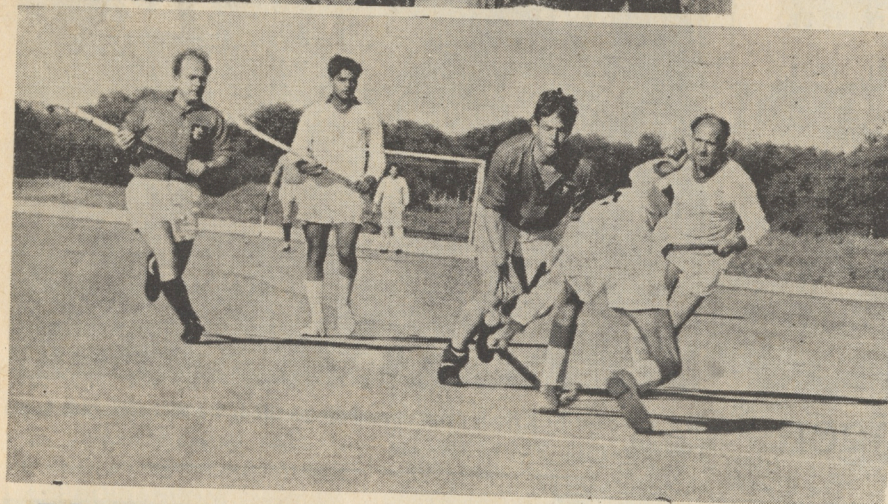


BLUE BERET DOUBLES

Serving with the United Nations for the second time are left to right Corporal 'Scouse' Wills, Driver Mack McGlyn Lance Corporal Bill Rodgers, and centre Staff Sergeant Phil Curran all with 65 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport, the Headquarters Transport Unit.

The Squadron consists of two working troops and a small Headquarters element. 'A' troop has four ton cargo vehicles, and 'B' troop run the civilian hired cars and land-rovers.

The Cyprus veterans who were with the Squadron on its last tour with UNFICYP in 1967 have had no problems in settling down to their tasks here and find that very little has changed.



'POMPADOURS' WIN SBA HOCKEY LEAGUE

During the last four months the hockey team of the 3rd Battalion, the Royal Anglian Regiment has been playing matches in the Western SBA Hockey League.

On Saturday 14th February the final and decisive game was played at RAF Akrotiri against RAF Akrotiri 'Crusaders'.

It was a good and hard fought match between two sides who were evenly matched and it was not until well into the first half after a series of determined attacks by the Pompadour's forwards that a goal was scored by Lieutenant Julian Browne.

The second half continued in the same pattern but the Pompadour's efforts were rewarded again in the closing stages of the game when Browne scored a further goal from a penalty.

Our photograph above shows Lieutenant Julian Browne staring another Pompadour attack. Staff Sergeant Mick Smith is on the left.

The 'Pompadours' final record in the League was:

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	Pts
14	11	2	1	32	11	24



Force Reserve Firing Practice

'B' Squadron, The Royal Scots Greys the United Nations Force Reserve, had a day's firing on the Pistol Range at Dhekelia on Monday 16th February.

Squadron Sergeant Major John Hubbard, Corporal David Boyle and Corporal Mick Convery share a joke while waiting to fire.

Lieutenant Prince Nicholas von Pruessen lines up on the target.



BRITCON NEWS

NEW FORCE ORDNANCE WARRANT OFFICER

WO I Vic Roberts, RAOC, has just recently joined the Headquarters as Force Ordnance Warrant Officer from Command Ordnance Depot, Bicester near Oxford.

Vic took over this appointment from WO I Norman Racher who left Cyprus on Friday 20th February 1970 to return to Headquarters Vehicle Organisation, Chilwell near Nottingham.



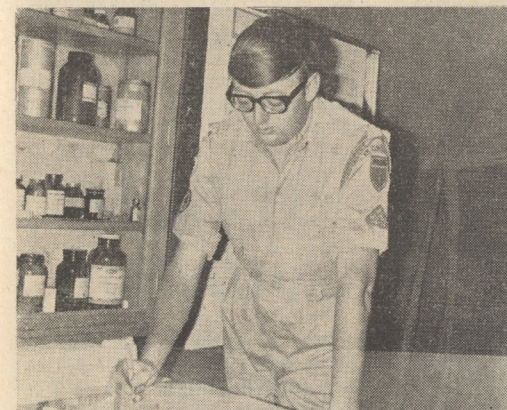
SERGEANTS MESS PERSONALITY

Sergeant Georgie Hunt of the Heavy Mortar Troop is on his fourth trip to Cyprus. He is one of the best known personalities of the 13 Infantry Group and acts as 'mine host' in the Sergeants Mess at Xeros Camp.

Georgie also plays an active part in the Sporting Life of the Group. He is the 'Matt Busby' of the Group soccer team and he steered the Headquarter Company team to victory in the Inter Company Cup Competition. He has also led his company into the final of the Volley Ball Cham-

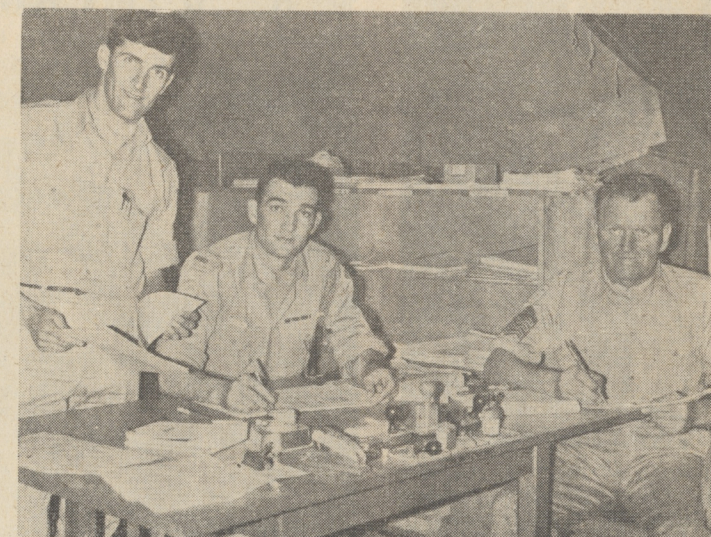
pionship.

Sergeant Hunt is a master of repartee and has acted as MC at many of the functions in the Mess. He is the proud father of three children and is now looking forward to seeing all the family next month.



MEDICAL ORDERLY

Private Seamus Murphy, Army Medical Corps, from the Military Hospital Curragh, keeps the records straight at the medical hut Xeros. (Picture left).



FAREWELL TO XEROS

Ircon is very proud of the excellent co-operation and understanding that is in existence between Dancivpol, Lefka District, and themselves. All have played their part in this very satisfactory state of affairs — none more so than the Dancivpol Commander, Inspector Henrik Petersen.

Picture right shows Commander Vincent Crawford, Ircon, with Inspector Petersen (Right) who has now completed his tour of duty with UNFICYP.

The Inspector called last week (prior to his departure for home) to say good bye to all at Xeros.



Q BRANCH IRCON

The 'Q' Branch is a hive of activities these days preparing for redeployment and also the group rotation which is coming up next month. However, with such a wealth of overseas experience between them Corporal Tim Durney (left) Battery Quartermaster Sergeant John Barnes (centre) and Company Quartermaster Sergeant Gerry Fogarty are making light of the work involved. (Picture above).

IRCON NEWS



FIRST DUTY

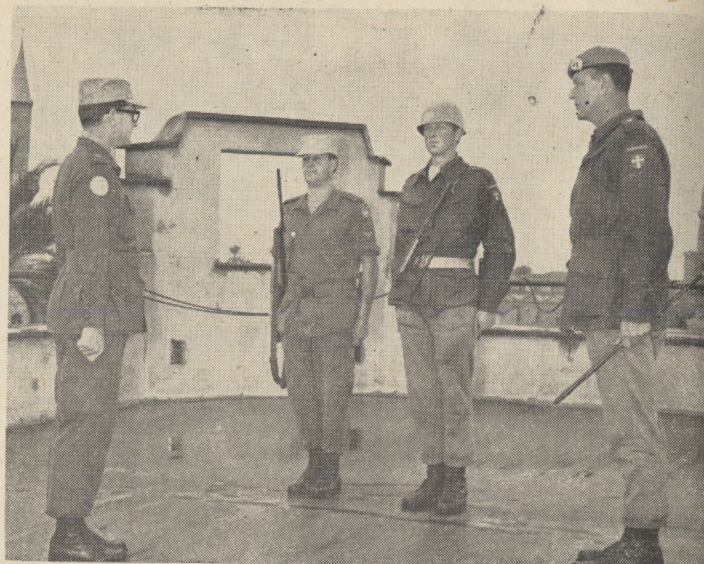
NEW OBSERVATION DUTIES

Corporal Harold B. Bessy, "A" Company, 2RHC, in Nicosia District after the recent take over from Dancon. (Picture left).

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

OFFICIAL HANDOVER



"A" COMPANY QUARTER

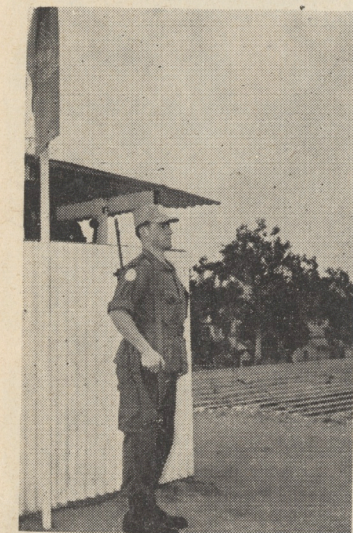
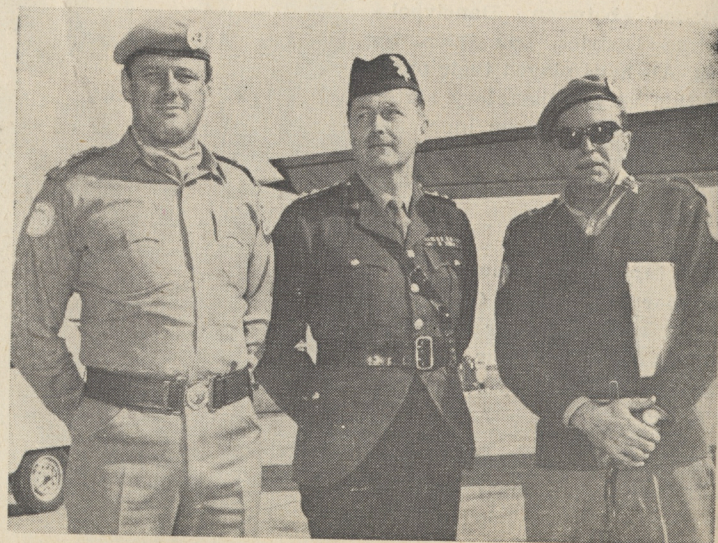


Not really organized as a singing group, but nevertheless enjoying themselves off-duty are (left to right) Master-Corporal W.E. (Bill) Johnson, Corporal E.D. (Danny) Thibodeau, Corporal C.E. Smith and Corporal K.R. Carbery.

"B" Company of 2RHC assumes observation duties in Nicosia District from 'Charlie' Company of Dancon. Participating in the recent ceremony were (left to right) J.S. (Stu) MacAulay, officer commanding "B" Company; Corporal Ernie W. Rose, an acting section commander for "B" Company; Corporal B. Nielsen, Dancon and Major Erik Kolis, officer commanding "Charlie" Company of the Danish Contingent.

OTTAWA VISITOR

The Director of Posting and Careers (Land and Logistics) for the Canadian Armed Forces, Colonel, D.A. McAlpine, (centre), arrived in Cyprus last week to interview personnel of the Canadian Contingent. He and his team of four were greeted at the Nicosia International Airport by Lieutenant-Colonel William B. MacLeod, Commander Nicosia District, (left) and Brigadier-General E.M.D. Leslie, Chief-of-Staff, UNFICYP. (Picture below).



The first 'stag' for Private John Chestnut, "B" Company of 2RHC in Nicosia District.

Press Visit

Mr. Duncan Fraser (left below) Canadian news representative for the Halifax Chronicle Herald in London, England, is briefed by Captain Rod MacAlpine, operations officer for "A" Company of the 2nd Battalion, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada. The company recently re-deployed to Nicosia District from the Kyrenia Mountains.



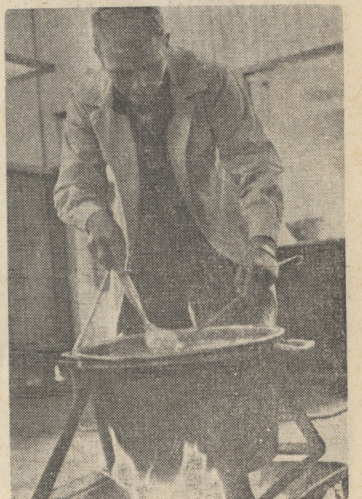
FINCON NEWS



EDUSKUNTAVAALIT ova parhaillaan käynnissä Kyproksen suomalaisille. Äänestyspaikkana on "oikeuspalatsi", jossa vaalihuoneisto on avoinna maaliskuun 7 päivään kaikkina päivinä klo 10.00-13.00. Ehdokaslistojen yhdistelmät ovat nähtävissä vaalipaikalla.

KYPROS-OHJELMA kuullaan täällä äänitettynä lähtöksenä ensi sunnuntaina 1.3. klo 20.00 - 20.30 jaksoluulla 602 Kc. Suomessa äänitetty ohjelma on edelleen kuultavissa torstaisin Kyproksen radion kautta.

BLUE BERET julkaisee myös valokuvauksen harrastajien uutis- tai vapaa-aiheisia valokuvia. Asia- tai kiinnostuneita pyydetään ottamaan yhteyttä tiedotusupseeriin.



Keittiömiehet ovat Tjikloksen uusissa tiloissa loihineet entistä maukkaampia muonia. Soppaa häämmentää jääk Laukkanen.

Muutamassa päivässä suoritettua muuton kiireet alkavat väistyä 3. JK:ssa. Tämän vuoristokomppanian siirtyminen Kyreniaan toissa viikolla olikin aikamoinen rullanssi. Pitkiä päiviä teki lähes jokainen. Automiehet suorittivat tänä aikana miehen työn kapeilla ja jyrkillä vuoristoteillä.

Korkeilla vartiopaikoilla uutuu- den viehätys estää toistaiseksi ikävystymisen. Mitenkä mahtaa olla kuukauden kuluttua. Maise- mat kuitenkin ilmeisesti kevään mittaan senkun paranevat tällä luonnonsuojelualueella.



Convoyn suojuemiehet (vas.): jääk Ritola, kers Jarviö, kapt Karvo, joka toimi yllä Karpisen sijaisena suojuosaston johtajana, jääk Saarinen, ylik Sarja, kers Oksanen, jääk Kosonen, jääk Salermo, väp Hämäläinen, ylik Keskinen.

CONVOY AJAA YHT 1200 KM PÄIVÄSSÄ

Kyproksella oleva Yhdistyneiden kansakuntien erityisedustaja ja YK-joukkojen komentaja ilmoittivat raportissaan 26.10.1964 turvallisuusneuvostolle, että Nikosiasta Kyreniaan kulkeva tie oli avattu liikenteelle. Tämä merkitsi sitä, että tie valvonta oli siirretty yksinomaisesti UNFICYPille.

Samaan aikaan Kyproksen turkilainen kansalliskontingenti suoritti alueella rotaation ja solmittiin Kyrenian tien sopimus. Sopimuksen mukaan alueen läpikulku tapahtuu YK:n asettaman suojuen turvin määräaikoina. Tämä convoy-tehtävä on askettain alkaneen UNFICYPin uudelleenjärjestelyn osana siirtynyt kanadalaisilta suomalaisille. 1.JK:sta muodostettiin erityinen suoju-

komppania, joka on jo toista viikkoa vastannut convoy-toiminnasta. Convoy kokoontuu puoli tuntia ennen lähtöä tarkastukseen jolloin ajoneuvot jaetaan nopeaan ja hitaaseen osaan. Convoyn edellä ajaa ns. recce-auto ja perässä UNCIVPOLin tarkastusautot. UNCIVPOL vastaa mahdoll. rik-

koutuvien ajoneuvojen turvallisuudesta ja tutkii liikenneonnettomuudet.

Nopea osa ajaa nopeudella 30-35 mph. Yleinen nopeusrajoitus Kyrenian tiellä on YK-ajoneuvoille 40 mph. Convoyn ohi ajaminen on kielletty.

Convoyn lähtöajat:

KYR/NIC	07.30
NIC/KYR	09.00
NIC KYR	14.30
KYR/NIC	16.00

MUUTON JÄLKEEN TJIKLOKSESSA

Vuoristokomppanian komento- paikan muodostaa tällä hetkellä kourallinen valkoiseksi kalkittuja taloja ja sinisiä tynnyrin puolik-

kaita vihreän luonnon keskellä. Kanadalaisilta perittyä ovat niin ikään jääkaapit, kaasuhellat, huonekalut ja astiat.



SCACYP-lento vie muutamia myöhäisiä muuttajia Suomen pakkasiin. Nikosian lentokentällä lähtijöitä sotpast Hytöstä jääk Nordlingia, ylik Ojaa ja yllä Kokkoa saattoivat nti Maria Raquel ja rva Carmen de Perez HQ/UNFICYPista.

Competition Preparation

"Number 1633, Swedish UN Battalion, Cyprus, "Ready to Go". Destination: Mora".

Private Gunnar Blom, aged 25 years, of the Swedish Battalion 2nd Company will, in the near future, participate in the biggest Ski Competition in the world, the traditional Swedish so-called "Vasa Run". The competition is to take place on the 1st of March in Darlecarlia, Sweden.

Since Christmas Gunnar Blom has trained every day in preparation for the competition and with only one week left before the race he takes every opportunity to practice.

Some 8,000 runners will take part in this competition and the Swedish UN soldier hopes to be among the 1,00



best. The distance is about 60 miles.

HOCKEY - CUP SHOCK

644 SIGNALS TROOP WIN.

In the semi-finals two shocks were in the offing. 644 Signals Troop, playing RAF Nicosia, fought hard and contained the strong RAF side until in the last 3 minutes they went into the lead from a well taken goal by Sergeant Fred Cope-man, quickly followed by another from Lieutenant Fical. The whistle blew and RAF Nicosia, the league leaders, were out of the Cup.

Shock number two came from 65 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport 'B' Team who, despite trailing 'A' team by 3 goals to one at half time, scored five goals in the second half to come out winners by 6 goals to 3.

The League Table shows lit-

tle change with RAF Nicosia remaining top and HQ UNFI-CYP regaining second place by beating 65 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport 'A' Team by 8 goals to 6. REME 'B' moved into third place when they beat a very weakened Lilly-whites team by 10 goals to 3.

REDEPLOYMENT HANDOVERS



On Saturday 21st February, Cancon assumed command of Nicosia West District. The Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, paid a brief visit during the takeover.

The General is seen together with the Danish Contingent Commander, Lieutenant Colonel C.H. Christensen and some other Danish and Canadian officers.

Shortly before the Irish takeover at Larnaca on the 22nd February the Force Commander visited the area.

Our picture (right) shows the General discussing the takeover with the Swedish Contingent Commander, Colonel L.M. Laven.



The last Swedish sitrep at Larnaca delivered by the Commander of the Swedish 3rd Company, Major Thorkil Olsson to the new Irish Company Commander, Commandant J.P. Coyle.

MP NOTEBOOK

Accidents - Unficyp

Week Ending 23 Feb 70 — 6
Same Period last Year — 8
Total this Year — 62
Same Period Last Year — 50

The Causes of Accidents this week were:

- Speed too fast road for conditions (2)
- Unsafe overtaking
- Driving on wrong side of road (2)
- Swerved off roadway.

Traffic Accidents Are Everyone's Concern.

The traffic accidents problem in Cyprus is not the worlds worst. However, it is serious enough to warrant immediate attention, especially when you consider the above statistics.

Reminder: It is **POSSIBLE** and **REASONABLE** to prevent accidents.

Perfect Driving: A Worthwhile Goal.

Obviously the need for better drivers is acute and while you may feel powerless to do anything about the situation as a whole you can begin by evaluation your own driving, us-

ing **PERFECT DRIVING** as a standard.

Perfect driving means that you complete every trip without accident; without traffic violations; without vehicle abuse; without excessive schedule delay; and without discourtesy.

