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ROTATIONS AGAIN

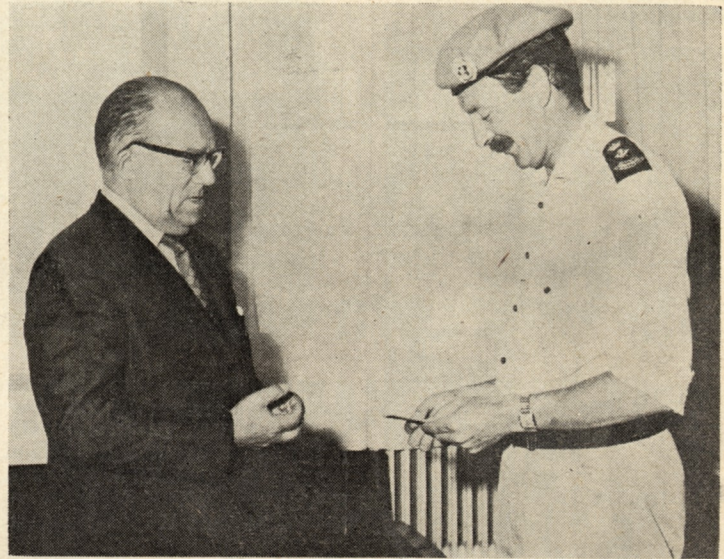
The month of April has again been a busy time for the contingents serving with the United Nations Force in Cyprus. Four contingents completed their rotation.

In the beginning of the month, 2 Battalion Royal 22e Regiment (Cancon) was replaced by Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) in the Nicosia District under the command of Lieutenant Colonel J. A. Fox.

In Larnaca Sector, 22 Irish Infantry Group took over from 21 Infantry Group last week. The new Irish Contingent is commanded by Lieutenant Colonel D. Hurley.

Two more rotations were completed last week; Swedcon, named 48 C Battalion and commanded by Lieutenant Colonel J. E. Liedgren, and a partial rotation of the Finnish Contingent comprising 115 men, all ranks. Fincon remains under the command of Lieutenant Colonel E. T. Lehtovirta.

In May, there will be two rotations. Britcon starts in few days time and next week the rotation of the Danish Contingent commences.



SPECIAL REPORT

The following is the full text of a special report submitted by the Secretary-General to the Security Council on 28 April 1972 as Document S/10564/Add. 2.

"The Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Mr. B. F. Osorio-Tafall, and the Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, have informed the Secretary-General that the improved arrangement for the safe storage and supervision of the arms and ammunition imported by the Government of Cyprus in January 1972 and described in the previous special report to the Security Council (S/10564/Add. 1) has been put into effect.

Owing to technical difficulties relating to safety, it has not yet been possible to remove the fuses from some of the high explosive munitions. For the time being, therefore, these remain fused and stored under double lock and key at the Cyprus Government Police Headquarters in Athalassa. A solution which will meet the requirements of safety is being explored at the technical level."



RANGERS DONATE TO UNICEF

The 1st Battalion the Royal Irish Rangers who are coming to the end of their six months tour with UNFICYP recently made a presentation of £50 to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). Mr. B. F. Osorio-Tafall, the Secretary General's Special Representative, is seen receiving the cheque from Lieutenant Colonel M. N. S. McCord, Commanding Officer of the Irish Rangers. The cheque has been sent to the Executive Director of the Fund, Mr. Labouisse at HQ UN, New York.

UNICEF assists with programmes for children in over 120 countries of Africa, Asia, Europe, the Americas and the Eastern Mediterranean area, in such fields as health, nutrition, social welfare, education and vocational training. UNICEF was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1965.

The donation was made as a "thank you" gesture by one hundred men of the Rangers to the Canadian Contingent who kindly flew them to Germany, on their weekly flights on a fill up basis, to visit their wives and children during their leave period.

FIRST AND LAST

On 24 April the Royal Irish Rangers (Right) completed their final guard at HQ UNFICYP and handed over the duties, for the first time, to the Strathcona's (Left). Each Contingent provides the guard for a one week period throughout the six month tour.

AUSTRIAN BATTALION ARRIVES IN CYPRUS

The Austrian Contingent of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus has been augmented by the addition of a battalion of ground troops. The Austrian Battalion arrived in Cyprus by sea on 25th April 1972 and has taken over responsibility of Paphos District.

The Battalion, consisting of 19 Officers and 261 Other Ranks, is under command of

Lieutenant Colonel Alfons Kloss. The increase of the Austrian Contingent follows the recent reduction from 391 to 145 in the strength of the Irish Contingent of UNFICYP. The Austrian Field Hospital and the Austrian unit of the UNFICYP civilian police, which have been in Cyprus since the inception of the United Nations operation in 1964 continue as part of UNFICYP.



• CYPRUS NEXT! That is what many of the new arrivals to the contingents have said as they prepared to leave their mother country. Two members of Swedcon's new battalion, Privates Alvar Johansson and Kjell Eriksson, were only happy to be on their way to the "Island of Sun" leaving behind them a snow covered Sweden.

DANCON-MARCH

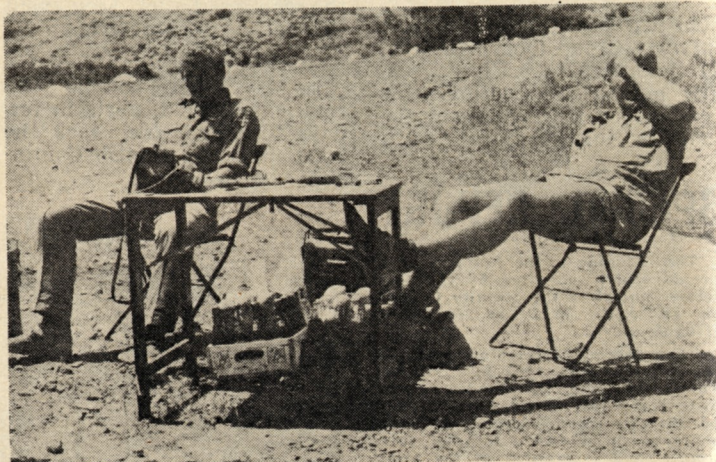
Anden runde af "Den første Dancon-march" blev gennemført i week-enden den 22-23 april. 16 mand med 10 kg oppakning stillede op om lørdagen og gennemførte den 25 km hårde march. Det meste af tiden kæmpede man sig gennem udtørrede flodlejer og opad stejle bjerge.



● Medaljetagerne fra Limnitis Camp. Fra venstre: Maj P.K. Jensen, OS P.W.R. Christiansen, OS B. Mikkelsen, OS F.L. Rasmussen, SG L.H. Gormsen, KS J. Andersen, KS J.P. Jensen, KS K.E. Mikkelsen, KS W. Madsen, KS J.B. Hansen.

VELFÆRDSNYT

Så er biblioteket igen åbnet i Viking Camp. Der er udlån i velfærdskontorets åbningstid. Hvis nogen af dem, der skal hjem, har bøger, de vil af med, kan de afleveres på kontoret. Vi vil blive meget glade for dem.

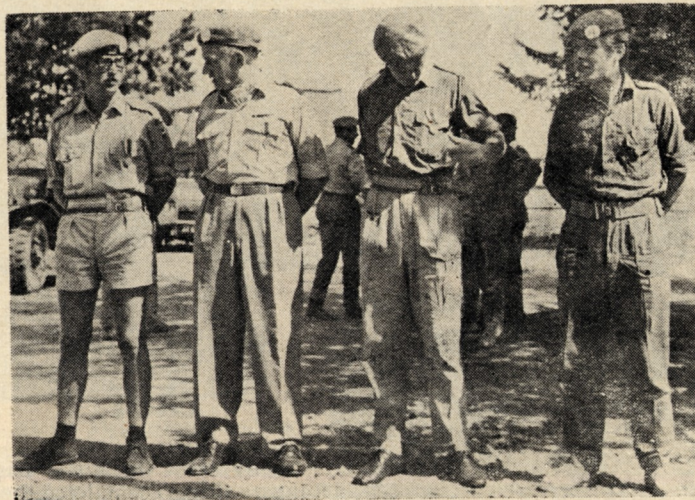


● KS Gjelstrup og KS Bertelsen, LKMP, sørger for læskedrikke.

DANCON NEWS

● Medaljetagerne fra Xeros Camp. Fra venstre: SKLT L.B.K. Olesen, Pol Drostrup, Dancivpol, KS M.J. Pedersen, KS F.E. Jensen 2. del, Xeros.

● Parti fra ruten.



● KS H.O. Andersen, STKMP, kontrollerer marchdeltagerne i Lefka by.



FRÅN SNÖN I SVERIGE. . .

Titta det snöar, titta det snöar!

Så kunde svenska FN-soldater brista ut i sång bara timmar före första avgång mot sydligare och varmare nejder: Cypern.

Sverige drabbades av ett ovanligt sent och intensivt snöfall - att det är i det närmaste full snöstorm natten till den 24 april låter som ett värre april-skämt. Nu orsakade knappast snöfallet för vårt vidkommande annat än glädje hos FN-soldaterna, glädje över att få resa iväg.

På bilden är det Ak-skytten Alvar Johansson och korpralen Kjell Eriksson som med "fredliga" medel avverkar en sista (?) snöbollsstrid denna vinter som på Cypern redan förvandlats till sommar.

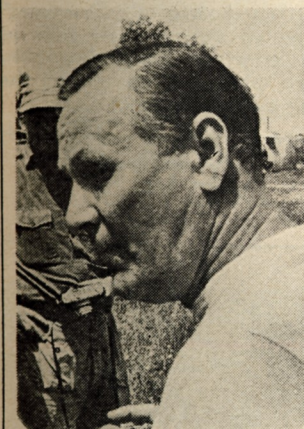


LYCKA TILL

Chefen för armén gav huvudstyrkan ett hjärtligt lycka till på färden till Cypern fredag den 21 april.

Det var gråruggigt i luften - åtskilliga såg långtande söderöver - när generallöjtnant Almgren på P 10 i Strängnäs inspekterade truppen. Han hoppades på bättre väder på Cypern och passade på att säga att "inga nyheter är goda nyheter". Det är bättre ju mindre som händer när man är i FN-tjänst....

Generallöjtnant Almgren passade också på att bekanta sig med en del av grabbarna - åtskilliga kunde visa fram att de varit ute i FN-tjänst tidigare. Träffen avslutades med (enligt då tjänsteförrättande dagofficer) "mindre taktfast marsch" till Svälten-läget i och för slutinstruktioner inför färden till Cypern.



BEKANT RÖST

Det är inte alltid vi har nöjet presentera kända röster på den här sidan. Radiomannen Sven Jerstedt har de flesta hört någon gång - färre har sett honom i verkliga livet. Sven Jerstedt besökte tillsammans med ett TV-team från Sverige oss i onsdags. Sven fungerar som intervjuare i programmet. Han passade också på att vandra runt Carl Gustaf Camp och träffa en del av de nyinryckta från bataljon 48 C.



TV-BESÖK PÅ CGC-CAMP

Besök av svensk TV på Carl Gustaf Camp är inte så vanligt. Just i rotationen mellan 47:e och 48:e svenska FN-bataljonen kom dock TV på besök. Under en veckas tid har ett team från TV 1 följt en svensk handikappgrupp som kommit till Cypern för att både få rekreation och studera landet. Det är första gången som så svårt handikappade kommit på besök till Cypern, säger radiomannen Sven Jerstedt. Programmet som vi gör är avsett att ge en bild av hur en svårt handikappad med fullständiga rörelsehinder upplever sin situation och hur det känns att möta nya miljöer och nya människor för honom.

Resan till Cypern ingår som ett led i den samhällsundervisning som handikappade får som går på Furuboda Ungdomsgård i Skåne - en filial till Önnestads folkhögskola.

-Det är inte alldeles lätt att ordna ett sådant här besök på Cypern, säger Sven Jerstedt. Ön är inte speciellt handikappvänlig, här finns många svåra trappor och trottoarer, stranden har inga landgångar och mycket annat gör det besvärligt för en handikappad.

Bland dem som gruppen fick möta under sitt besök här märks

ärkebiskop Makarios, som under någon timme på torsdagen tog emot gruppen.

De handikappade leds av rektor Ernst Skog som i den grupp TV filmat har 36 personer med. En andra grupp med 27 personer från Sverige kommer denna vecka att besöka Cypern.

Det svenska TV-teamet leds av producenten Bengt Åke Kimbré från TV 1. Som medhjälpare har han intervjuaren Sven Jerstedt, fotografen Sven Brodin och ljudbitrådet Jan Pariola.

-Vi planerar att sammanställa ett 30-minuters program av det här besöket med de handikappade på Cypern, säger Kimbré. Programmet blir i svart/vitt och beräknas bli sänt i höst.

På campen filmade fotografen Sven Brodin den just avlöste stabsredaktören Kjell Edman när han berättade för rullstolsbundna Alf Wiell och Georg Johansson om den svenska FN-bataljonens verksamhet. I TV får vi också se Lars Andersson från Transportcentralen som körde runt en av de handikappades rullstolar på campen.

Handikappgrupperna besökte

TILL CYPERNS SOL OCH VAKTAVLÖSNING

FN-bataljon 48 C har på övligt sätt övertagit plikterna från föregående svenska FN-kontingent 47 C.

Med överlämnandet av svenska fanan och FN-flaggan har den mer formella delen av rotationen mellan de två bataljonerna genomförts.

Nye bataljonschefen överstelöjtnant Jan-Erik Liedgren tar på bilden över FN-flaggan från bataljon 47 C:s ställföreträdande bataljonschef major Karl-Axel Kjellgren, som nu reser åter till Sverige efter väl förrättat värv.

Nye distriktschefen Liedgren har konstaterat att föregående bataljon på ett utmärkt sätt löst sina uppgifter och att bataljon 47 C föredömligt svarat för den förberedelse och genomgång som är nödvändig vid varje rotation.

SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos

NY REDAKTION

Detta är den första sidan i Blue Beret som kommer från Svenska FN-bataljonen 48C. Med planet på fredagsmorgonen för stabsredaktören Kjell Edman och stabsfotografen Rolf Ziegler åter till Sverige. I fortsättningen kommer stabsredaktören Karl-Axel "Kaj" Jansson och stabsfotografen Ronnie Haraldsson att svara för sidan i Blue Beret och de Cypresen-nummer som skall börja komma från mitten av nästa månad. De välkomnar alla tips och bidrag. Märk dem bara Stabsredaktör Jansson, Sektion 3, CGC-camp.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S VISIT

● General Sir H. John Mogg, KCB, DSO, ADC (GEN), the Adjutant General, paid a visit to the Royal Irish Rangers on Friday 21st April. He visited the OPs at Kophinou, Bunker and Skarinou. Later he met members of the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes in Polemidhia. Our picture shows the Adjutant General with Regimental Sergeant Major M. J. Kearny.



FINAL APPEARANCE

The Pipes and Drums of the Rangers made their final appearance in Cyprus at the British High Commissioner's residence, Nicosia, where they played the evening retreat. Our thanks go to them all for the splendid entertainment they have given, in the past six months to delighted audiences all over the island.

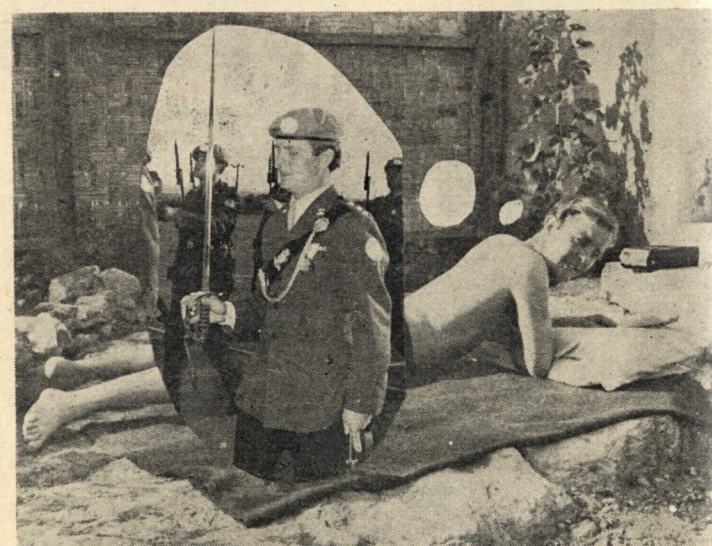


HOMeward BOUND



● Two members of the Rangers band with their complimentary bottle of "Champers" collected during their tour of the Keo winery. Let us hope they open them at home to give the rear party a taste of Cyprus.

BRITCON NEWS



● Come on Rangers a caption please. The prize..... well what about a six months extension in Cyprus!! (Apologies to Captain Caghin, Adjutant of 1 RIR).

ROTATION TIME AT IRCON

The 22 Infantry Group have arrived in Cyprus to take over the duties in the Larnaca Sector. We were sorry to see the 21st depart, they were just developing good bronze suntans, the pride of any north European beach but must now return home where a shower of rain a day is the normal occurrence.

When we were training in Ireland before coming out to Cyprus we experienced what amounted to a mini-monsoon. Maybe, it is still continuing?

We wish the boys of the 21st the best of luck in their home station and promise faithfully to remember them with post-cards of sunny Cyprus when

we are fully adjusted to the heat.

Ircon have had a base in Larnaca for some time and have enjoyed a successful peace-keeping record. We will have achieved a large measure of success if we continue the work with the same thoroughness as did the 21st.

IRCON NEWS



● A change of station always seems to precipitate an amount of paper work previously unimaginable. Corporal Jimmy Casey seems to be coping admirably with the chaos brought about by the handover and assures everyone that it will be sorted out before our tour ends in October. He hopes!!!



● Lieutenant Colonel Bill Callaghan (right) is seen handing over Wolfe Tone Camp, Larnaca to the new Sector Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Dermot Hurley.

IF THE CLASS WOULD LOOK THIS WAY...

Sergeant Gartland, our Orderly Room Sergeant, seems to be reminding the cameraman of the importance of fire fighting equipment. In Cyprus the danger of fire takes on new and more menacing proportions. In Ireland the weather is as much a fire prevention agent as asbestos or any other material. We tend to forget the importance of keeping the fire bucket close by. Sergeant Gartland's light hearted pose carries a lesson we cannot afford to forget.



● Sergeant Murphey (left) and Private Goddard take some comfort in the fact that they were handed over a shining ambulance which will not have to be cleaned again for at least (?????) six months.



WHERE'S MY HARP



● The Band "whet their whistles" at the end of a most interesting visit to the Keo Winery in Limassol. "Come on now Patrick give us just one more tune". Members of the Rangers will notice the two expert "fiddlers" who were on loan to the band for the day from Battalion HQ.

STRATHCONA'S REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR

Chief Warrant Officer A.L. Minette was born at North Battleford, Sask. His Army career started in 1944 when he joined the active Army following attendance at schools in North Battleford.



Chief Warrant Officer Minette served in England during World War II until returning to Canada for duty in the Pacific area.

At the end of the war Chief Warrant Officer Minette transferred to the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) in 1946 and has worn the Green and Red shoulder flashes since that time.

He was awarded the Queen's Commendation for Brave Con-

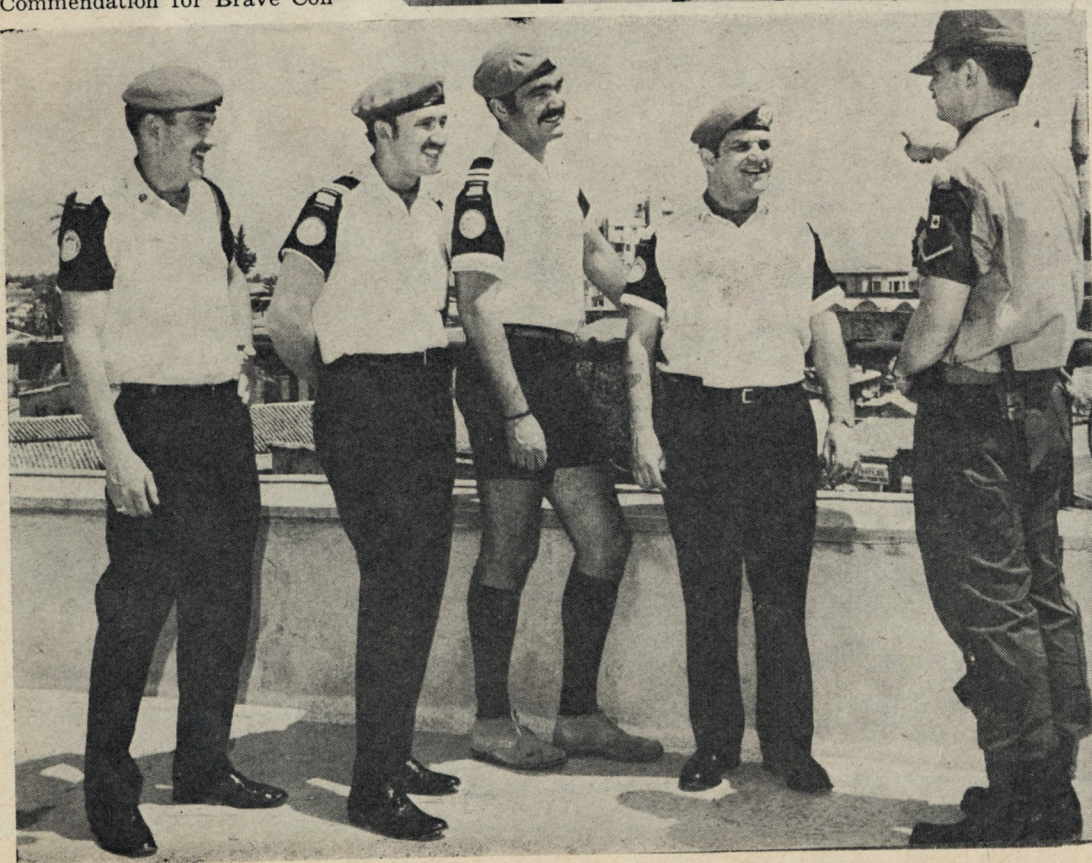
duct while serving with A Squadron in Korea in 1953 — 1954.

Mr. Minette has served a variety of postings throughout Canada and was with the LdSH (RC) in Germany from October 1965 to 1968.

He was appointed RSM of the Strathcona's prior to coming to Cyprus.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos



Strathcona's baseball team started the season against an American team with a win but suffered a loss in their second game. The best of Cancon's baseballers are: Back Row (Left to Right) Jim McGowan, G. Stewart, Mal Kube, Darrel Deleavey, Dave Cook, Ken Bellfountaine, Dave Nobel, Carl Marsh. Front Row (Left to Right) Gord Stockdale, J. Hessian, George Gardner, Mel McLean, Doc Rawnsley and Bill Murray. Two worth a mention but not in the picture are Joe Cotterhill and T.C. Zwicker.

HANDOVER IN THE CORPORALS' CLUB

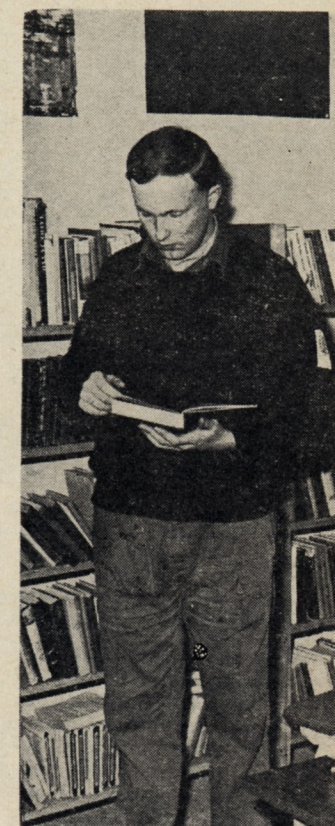
For the past 13 months, 1 week and 3 days, Corporal Norman "Booboo" Rainville has met the arriving 707 Boeing from Canada. Corporal Booboo, Traffic Technician, has now returned to Canada following an outstanding tour in Cyprus. Cpl Rainville was president of the Corporals' Club and extremely active in extracurricular activities. Corporal Rainville turns over the office of president to Corporal John Gilmartin. Master Warrant Officer B. Banderoff also attended the handover ceremony.

DENTISTS ON THE GREEN LINE

Private D.B. Grasser, City Squadron, briefs the Cancon Dental Section on the Paphos II observation post.

The dental section is suffering the throes of rotation with Sergeant Malcolm Allen (left) and Captain Greg Ames the new residents of the dental clinic. Captain Mike Pilon and Sergeant Dick Innis are preparing to return to Canada this month.

Henkisiä harrastusmahdollisuuksia YKSP:ssä



Pataljoonan näkyvimpiin ja kuuluvimpiin harrastusmuotoihin sisältyy myöskin mieskuorolaulu. Kuoron jäsenmäärä on kasvanut kaksinkertaisesti kvartetista nykyisen pataljoonan aikana 20 mieheen. Kuvassa kvartetin ensiesiintyminen EK:n aliupseerimessissä.

FINCON NEWS

Edellisen pataljoonan aikana kirjasto järjestettiin aihepiireittäin pienempiin kokonaisuuksiin. Tämän ison urakan suoritti jääk Varjorinne EK:sta.

Pataljoonan kirjastossa on n. 1500 nidettä eri elämän aloilta. Siellä on tietokirjoja, oppikirjoja, ammattikirjallisuutta, matkakirjoja, romaaneja ja jännäreitä. Yksiköissä ovat omat pienet kirjastonsa, joita voi vaihtaa Kykkossa olevassa pääkirjastossa. Kuka tahansa voi suorittaa lainauksia ja lukemalla käyttää vapaa-aikansa arvokkaasti ja hyödyllisesti. Kirjastossa on lainauskirja, ohon lainaaja merkitsee nimensä, lainauspäivän ja kirjan nimen. Palautettaessa merkitään lainauksen kohtaan palautuspäivä. Muunakin kuin virastoaikana voi suorittaa lainauksia. Kirjaston avaimen saa tällöin Optstosta. Pastoriin kansliassa on myös melko laaja äänilevyvalikoima, joka on myös vapaasti käytettävissä joko omia äänityksiä tai vain pelkästään kuuntelemaan varten. Levyjen kuittaus suhteen on voimassa samat toimenpiteet kuin kirjoja lainattaessa eli nimi vihkoon (sekä oma että levyn).

Joka torstai tulee Kyproksen radion kautta suomenkielistä ohjelmaa, joka on äänitetty Suomesa. Siinä esitetään terveisiä ja toiveita YK-sotureille. Osoite, jolla tuttavanne ja sukulaisenne voivat teille terveisiä lähettää on Oy Yleisradio Ab, lesäkatu 2 00260 Helsinki 26 ja korttiin tunnus "Kypros-konsertti."

Juhla työntekijöille



Pataljoona järjesti äskettäin kreikkalaisille työntekijöille illan, johon osanotto oli erittäin vilkasta. Kaikki olivat erittäin tyytyväisiä illaan.



● Private J. P. E. Olesen watches Private E. I. Nielsen occupying his off-duty hours with needle work at Kokkina Camp.

VIKING OBSERVATION POSTS

One of the most attractive areas in the island is that of Lefka where the Danish Contingent are stationed. Dancon has one Rifle Company deployed on operational peace-keeping tasks. The Company Headquarters is located at Limnitis in a tented camp. The Battalion Headquarters and administrative staff are based at Xeros where they are in the process of moving into hutted accommodation.

The Company is widely spread having a platoon in the Kokkina area and another at

● Helicopter training is often carried out in Limnitis Camp. A truck represents the hovering helicopter from which the soldiers jump.

the Battalion Headquarters at Xeros, which also mans the



Observation Post at the village of Gaziveran, situated on the Xeros — Nicosia road.

There are some ten observation posts to be manned in the

MP NOTEBOOK

ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

Week Ending		
28 Apr 72	—	8
Same Period		
Last Year	—	6
Total This Year	—	110
Same Period		
Last Year	—	106

Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:
DRIVING TOO FAST



Limnitis and Kokkina areas, which means that most members of the company spend nearly half their tour in these isolated posts. On the whole, almost to a man, they prefer this to being in the base camps, where they have a few days off duty followed by being a member of the standby platoon for a week, then another fortnight on an OP.

Major P. K. Jensen who commands the company and his second-in-command, 1st Lieutenant J. Hjorth, keep the standby platoons fully occupied with continuation training and helicopter drills, the rotations to the OPs being carried out mainly by 84 Squadron Whirlwinds.

What spare time the men have is not wasted. Boat building, needle work, painting and reading for a qualification by correspondence courses are among many of their hobbies.

● Visitors are always welcome in the Kokkina Camp — the cooks do their very best to prepare superb meals. Privates M. Riis and B.P. Kikkenbork are pictured producing, yet again, a gourmet's delight.



● It is very easy to burn one's hand when making a fast rope descent from a helicopter. Continuation training ensures that this does not happen too often.