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FORCE COMMANDER VISITS KYRENIA

The Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand recently

paid a visit to the AUSTRIAN UN CIVPOL Substation at Kyrenia, and is seen below meeting some of the Officers.

During the visit he was briefed by the Kyrenia District Commander Major Maier and was shown around the accommodation by the Commanding Officer Major Beier.



AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR VISITS HQ UNFICYP



On Wednesday 29th January, the Austrian Ambassador, to Athens, Dr Ludwig Steiner, paid a courtesy visit to Head quarters UNFICYP, where he met the Special Representative, Mr B.F. Osorio-Tafall and Major General D. Prem Chand, the Force Commander.

● Our picture, above, shows Dr Ludwig Steiner (right) talking with Mr B.F. Osorio-Tafall.



MEDAL PARADE AT XEROS

On Friday, 30th January 1970, a medal parade was held at Xeros Camp for the Irish Contingent. Medals were presented by Major General D. Prem Chand, the Force Commander. On his arrival at Xeros he inspected the Guard of Honour.

● The Force Commander inspecting the Guard of Honour accompanied by Lieutenant K. Kelly. (Picture right).



CANADIAN AMBASSADOR FLIES IN

His Excellency the Canadian Ambassador to Greece, and Mrs H. F. Feaver, arrived at Nicosia airport on Monday 2nd February, for a two day visit to Cyprus.

Our picture, above shows the Canadian Ambassador (left) being met at the airport by Brigadier-General E.M.D. Leslie, DSO, CD, Chief of Staff UNFICYP and Mr Jean Back (centre), the Principal Information Officer.



OS. Svane i gang med undervisning.

HALLO DANCON

Vi er så vant til at gribe en telefon og forlange et af de næsten utallige tjenestesteder el. kvarterområder, der hører til DANCON, og omgående er forbindelsen der.

Vi tænker ikke meget på hele den organisation og alt det arbejde, der ligger bagved, og som her skjuler sig under navnet "signaldivingen". Mange tænker på mad og drikke og gode frokoster, når de hører det ord. Well: uden mad og drikke, duer helte ikke. Den sandhed kender de gode signalfolk, - det ved vi alle, men her har OS Svane forsøgt at give en lille orientering om alt det, vi andre ikke ser, men bare benytter.

LINIETJENESTE

Linietjenesten på Cypern kan ikke sammenlignes med den linietjeneste, der udføres i Danmark. Feltkablet lægges ud på samme måde, som det lokale cypriotiske telefonselskab lægger sine kabler. I den forbindelse er det nødvendigt



Signalkonventet i arbejde.

for liniefolkene at have et dybtgående kendskab til det lokale telefonnet samt til automatcentralers virkemåde. Det viser sig også,

TUNGE OPGAVER

SG. Andersen må i den fælles velfærds interesse tit påtage sig mange tunge opgaver. Her risikerer han (næsten) alt for at få Louis agency til at skaffe plads på fly til Libanon.

Ih, hvor er han ked af det! - Eller mon han nyder det?



tilfældet på Cypern. Det kabel, der i øjeblikket hænger ude, er afskrevet således at forstå, at i det tilfælde, en linie skal nedlægges, bliver kablet taget ned og kasseret. I DANCON's område er der op-hængt ca. 200 km feltkabel.

CENTRALTJENESTE

Der er to hovedcentraler i DANCON's område, DANCON og Nicosia Club. Endvidere findes der et 10 liniers bord i A-COY samt et 30 liniers ct-bord i C-COY. Bordene i DANCON og NC er begge 30-liniers.

Udover de anførte linier er der adskillige parttelefoner. Det er nødvendigt for at behovet for kommunikation kan tilfredsstilles.

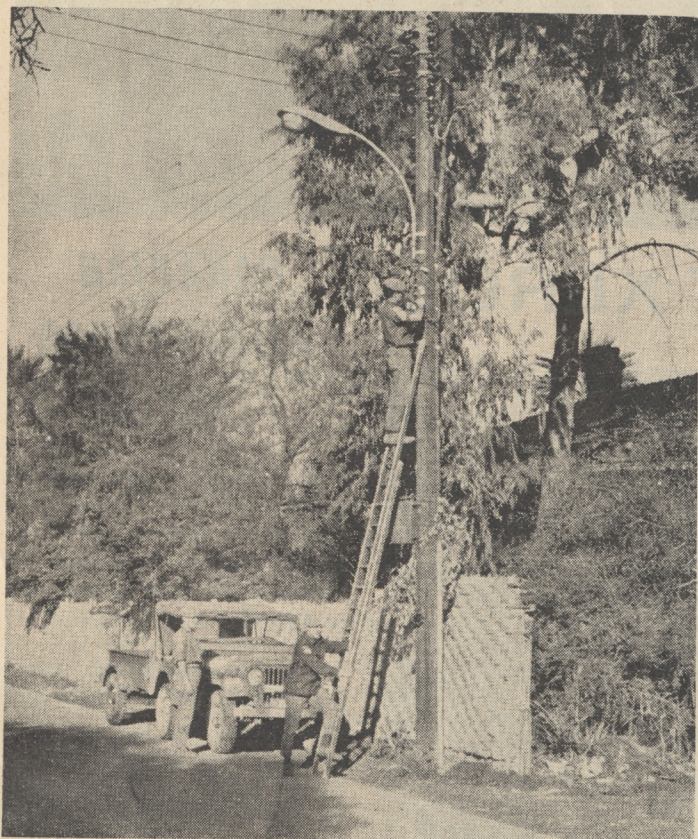
På en travl hverdag ekspederes der fra CT DANCON ca. 600 samtaler og fra NC ca. 400 samtaler. Tid til læsning og kaffedrikning bliver reduceret til et minimum.

I DANCON er der udover centralbordet også to radiostationer, der skal passes side om side med ct-tjenesten, så de stakkels telefonvakter har nok om ørene.

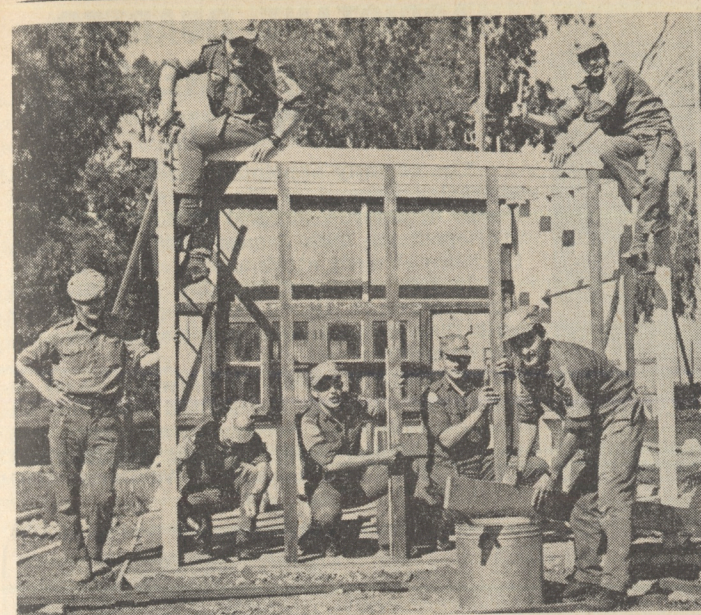
Hver måned holdes et signalkonvent, som skifter mellem hvert kontingent. Signalkonventets formål er at give alle SNCO's (ØBM) en mulighed for at komme sammen og diskutere fælles problemer.



Uden mad og drikke - duer helte ikke.



Vi check'er linjen



■ Litet bo jag sætta vill... Fr v överst, uppflugna på det egna arbetsresultatet men Sven-Erik Olsson och men Lennart Jonasson. Underst, krp Tommy Kjellander, men Sture Nilsson, men Ola "Lilloso" Johansson, men Ivan Albansson och Anders Källsten.

Vaktkur dubbelt stor med sov- och dagrum

-Er'e nødvendigt att slå i dörr'n och snacka så där högt! Jag ska gå på snart! - De orden kommer troligen inte längre att yttras i vaktkuren på Carl Gustaf Camp. F.o.m. den här veckan får den sovalkov och dagrum.

Sedan kurens tillkomst 1965 har inte mycket gjorts åt den. Den vakna och vilande personalen har vistats i samma rum med tytföljande irritationsmoment.

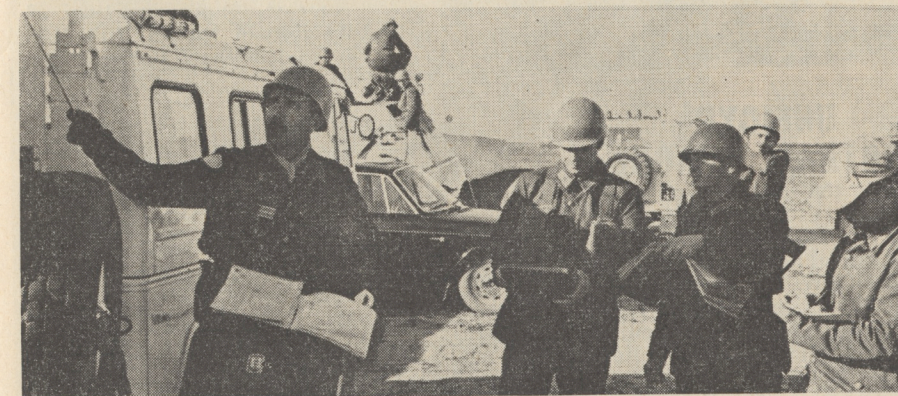
Nu har emellertid en ändring skett. I förra veckan började på byggnadsarbetena och i lördags var väggarna till den nya delen resta. T.o.m. den traditionella taklagskransen hade satts upp.

FN-RADIOPROGRAMMET

var tredje söndag har fått ändrad sändningstid och hörs numera kl 2000 över mellanväg 498 m, 602 kc. Nästa gång sänds programmet den 22 febr och därpå den 15 mars. Historieberättare, musikanter och all sköns löst folk göra sig besvär och hör av sig för inspelning till stabsred., Cypresen, CGC. Medverkande arvoderas på sedvanligt sätt.

SWEDCON NEWS Swedish Forces Photos

TRE FARTYG ur engelska flottan har besökt Famagusta under fyra dagar. 108 kadetter från den Kungliga Sjökrigsskolan i Dartmouth lär sig officersyrket från grunden på de tre fregatterna.



ÖVNING MED SNABB ENHET

■ Mj Steen Sköfman, bitr. ledare vid bataljonens samövning med Force reserve förra onsdagen, informerar rapportkarlarna (fr v) kn Stig Wahlberg, förv Carl Eriksson och Lt Lars Karlsson. Medan de olika kontingenterna är bundna till fasta platser och zoner utgör Force reserve's hundratals man en lätttrörlig styrka som kan sättas in vid eventuella stressituationer. Det var en tillämpad övning i bataljonsförband som Force reserve under befäl av mj Simon Cox deltog i. Den rätta engelska benämningen är, B-squadron of The Royal Scots Greys.

Näsan och enhjuling redskap för balansör

Se opp, Arjeplog! Och se opp, FN-bat 43 C! En enhjulande soldat och bilmekaniker kan ställa alla begrepp om fort-skaffningsmedel på huvudet både på Carl Gustaf Camp och i det lilla samhället i södra Lappland. 645 Ernst Edholm har nämligen, förutom alla fyrhjuliga åkdon han rättat till också satt sprätt på en under 39:an tillkommen fakost.

Omkring en månad, med några gångers träning i veckan, tog det Arjeplogaren att sitta på hjulet utan trygga väggars stöd. Men nu sitter han desto säkrare efter några månaders övning, även om han vinglar till synes betänkligt över farbanan. Men eftersom balansorganen måste inrätta sig efter benens tramp och kroppens svängningar, eftersom det inte finns någon utväxling på cykel utan kraftöverföringen sker så att säga direkt, så är det inte så konstigt.



■ Bäst att balansera med tungan också, tycker Ernst Edholm, när han rider sin enhjulte vän.

Tala om snabbköp i Arjeplog hädanefter. Edholms livsmedel kommer att få sin snabbaste kund i enhjulande sonen Ernst, även om han till vardags också hemma mest sysslar med fyrhjulings invärtes krångligheter.

Soldater som kan laggarna

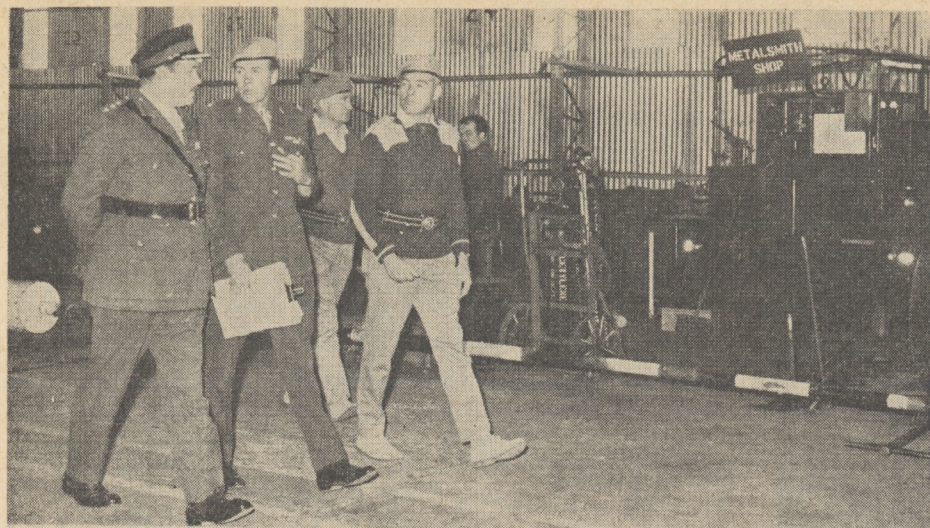


■ Anders Niia



Bo Syde

Två svenska soldater lär engelsmän hålla ihop benen och samla skidorna nerför Troodosbergens branter. Lt Bo Syde och krp Anders Niia är i två veckor instruktörer vid British Leave Centre och gormar goda råd och kommandon i ett par decimeters snö och några graders kyla. Fler svenskar kommer att kommenderas till två veckors-tränare.



ASSISTANT QUARTER MASTER GENERAL VISITS HQ

The recently appointed Assistant Quartermaster General of the British Sovereign Bases in Cyprus, Colonel T.M. Braithwaite, MC, spent the 29th January with the British Logistics element at Headquarters UNFICYP. In the course of the day he visited all departments to thoroughly acquaint himself with the various logistic problems of the multinational force.

● Colonel T.M. Braithwaite, A/Q V NEARELF, touring the REME workshop at HQ, UNFICYP. Accompanying him are (l. to r.) Major D.R. Gilliam, REME, WO I.S. Caldwell and Captain I.W. Dunne (OC Workshops). (Picture left).

TRIUMPH FOR UNFICYP FLIGHT

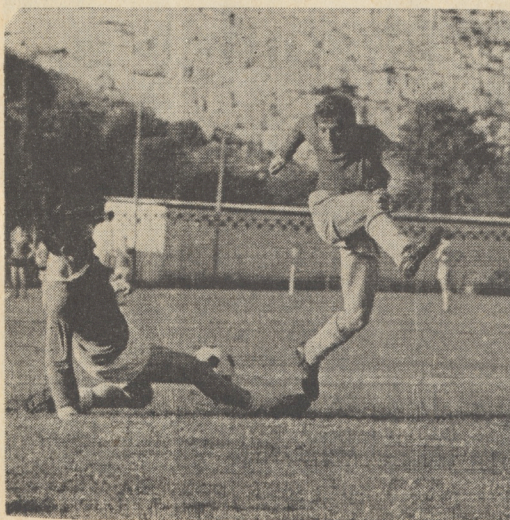
After hours of grueling safety checks and tests the UNFICYP Flight, Army Air Corps, were passed as 100% by the Standards and Flight Safety Teams who arrived from England on 30th January.

This standard can only be achieved by constant training, by day and night, and vigilant supervision. The pilots were checked in all the flying drills and emergencies, whilst the Flight Safety team delved into the thousand and one aspects of Flight Safety.

The Flight, specifically formed for UNFICYP in August 1966, consists of three officers, four seniors, and ten rank and file. They provide the pilots, mechanics, and staff to operate and maintain the Flights' four Sioux helicopters.

Serving with the United Nations, in the year 1969 the Flight flew 1275 hours altogether.

BRITCON NEWS



UNFICYP FOOTBALL LEAGUE

During the last ten days the "Pompadors" football team have played two matches in the UNFICYP League against SWEDCON and DANCON. The games, played at Famagusta and Happy Valley respectively, were both enthusiastically and closely fought. The results were:

SWEDCON 4. The Pompadors 3 (Scorers, Little, Peck and Taylor).

The Pompadors 3 (Morton 2 and Peck 1). DANCON 5.

● The team captains (picture right) toss for ends in the match at Famagusta. Private Jeff Peck is on the left, the Swedish Captain, Jöran Olsson, right.

● Sergeant Keith Plumb is deprived of the ball by a DANCON defender, B. Anderson (picture left).



Mortar Platoon

On Saturday 24th January the Mortar Platoon of The Pompadors were able to take advantage of the range facilities at Goshi to do some live firing. Starting early in the morning the Platoon spent the whole day practising their drills and firing the 81 mm mortar.

● Our picture (left), shows a mortar team consisting of Ptes Ronald Dudley, Bill Hickles and Michael Burke in action.



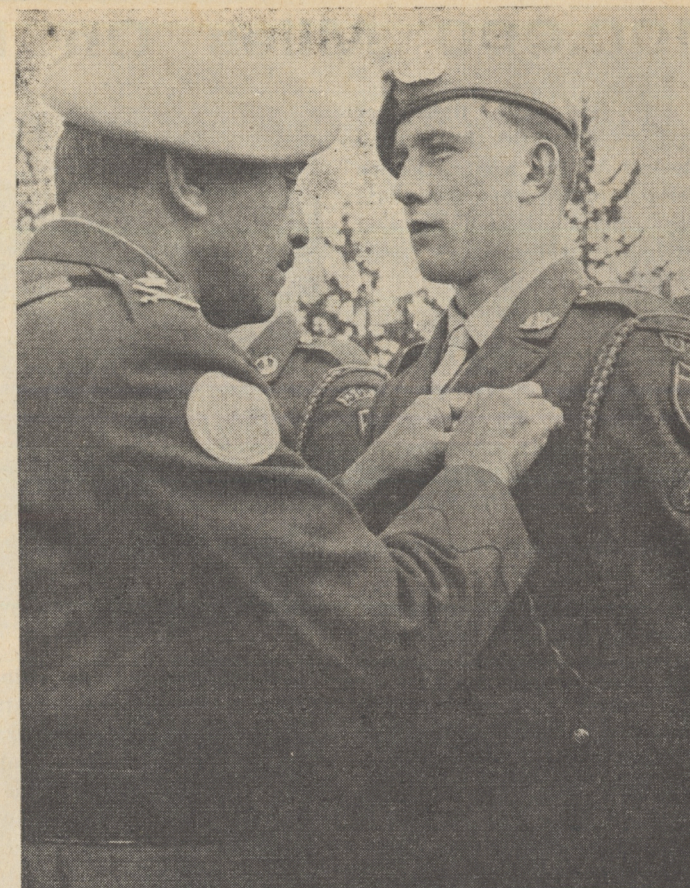
IRCON MEDAL PRESENTATION

On Friday 30 January members of 13 Infantry Group, who were on their first tour of overseas service in Cyprus, received their United Nations Medals from the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, in a ceremonial parade at Xeros Camp.

On arrival General Prem Chand was met by Commandant T. Gleeson, Camp Commandant and inspected a Guard of Honour under Lieutenant K. Kelly. He then presented medals to a representative body of officers, non-commissioned officers and men and addressed the troops on parade. Music for the parade was provided by 13 Infantry Group Pipe Band. After the ceremony the

Force Commander and his party were entertained at a luncheon in the Officers Mess.

Major General Prem Chand presents the United Nations Medal to Signalmán John FRAWLEY of 4 Field Signals, Mullingar, Co Westmeath. Signalmán Frawley whose home address is at 10, St Colman's Terrace, Athlone is on his first ever overseas trip. (Picture right).



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THE HEAVY MORTAR TROOP

The Heavy Mortar Troop, 13 Infantry Group, is stationed with Unit Headquarters at Xeros Camp. Equipped with the 120mm French Brandt Heavy Mortar, it is a most experienced unit with many of its personnel having served overseas on a number of previous occasions. Probably its best known character is Sergeant Georgie Hunt who is on his fifth tour of duty with United Nations. The troop is commanded by Captain Niall Sheridan, 2 Field Artillery Regiment, McKee Barracks, Dublin.

The Heavy Mortar Troop at Xeros Camp; Front Row (Left to Right) Lieutenant Brian Wickham, Captain Niall Sheridan, Troop Commander and Troop Sergeant Frank McGuire.

IRCON NEWS



SURVEYING IN

"All bubbles level" as Lieutenant Brian Wickham 'surveys in' the mortars. Recording the information, on left, is Corporal P. Hogan.



AN 'A' COMPANY PERSONALITY

Almost as well known as his Company Commander, Private Gregory Leech driver to Commandant J.P. Coyle, commander of 'A' Company 13 Infantry Group. Private Leech, who has been in the Army since 1958, is also driver to Commandant Coyle back home in Ireland with 20 Battalion.

100.000 Miles On Patrol . . .

The staggering figure of over 100,000 miles has been clocked by the reconnaissance platoon of the 2nd Battalion, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada since the unit joined UNFICYP last October.

The platoon, commanded by Captain David S. Martin, operate jeep patrols which observe and report any irregular activities of the opposing factions in Kyrenia District.

"We watch closely for signs which would indicate build-ups of defensive positions, and looks out for strange troop movements", Captain Martin stated.

Road patrols are carried out six days a week over a sprawling land area characterized by the rugged Kyrenia mountains and rolling plains. Normal reports are made daily to the operations section of the Canadian Contingent headquarters at Camp Maple leaf.



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The biggest headache facing the platoon is weather and road conditions. It's dangerous driving little-used mountain trails at the best of times, however, these hazards are compounded by rock slides and wash-outs brought about by frequent winter rains.

It's not all bad.

"By and large our men enjoy patrol duties", Captain Martin commented, "they must always be on the alert, they enjoy a change of scenery almost every patrol, and it keeps them away from routine chores around camp".

"After all," he concluded, "Cyprus is an island which reflects many natural beauties not yet spoiled by mankind".



CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces
Photos

Scores of villages are scattered throughout Kyrenia District and each is patrolled regularly by the Canadians. (Picture left).

Rural roads fade quickly into trails not far from the more populated areas of Kyrenia District. However, the jeep, a versatile vehicle, will take on the worst of them. (Picture below).



FINANCE OFFICERS ROTATE

Major Denys Labrecque (standing) officially hands over his duties to Major Douglas S. Bunting who recently arrived in Cyprus. Major Labrecque has just completed his six-month tour on the island. (Picture right).



TAMMIKUUN ROTAATIO

...päättyi Finconin osalta 29.1.1970 klo 11.34 paikallista ja Suomen aikaa. Täsmälleen kymmentä minuuttia aikaisemmin käynnistyivät DC 6:n moottorit. Viileä ja aurinkoinen Nicosia toivotti lähtevät tervehdyslauluksi.



Aamulla saapui kiireinen viesti. Kone tuleekin aikaisemmin mitä ennalta arvioitiin. Pataljoonassa syntyi kiire. Tulinen kiire. Ensimmäisten vastaanottajien joukko huomasi matkan varrella, että kone

oli jo laskeutumassa. Lähes yht' aikaisesti oltiin kentällä ja kaikki sujui salamavauhtia. Samalla kun koneen ovat aukenivat, olivat vastaanottajat asiallisesti portaiden juurella. Kuvassamme yllä oikealla saapuvat ensimmäisinä pataljoonan uusi pastori, Jouko Pulkkanen sekä uusi tiedotusmies, ltn Ilkka Pohjanpalo. Lämpimästi tervetuloa Kypoksen viileeseen astuessaan värisivät karut "Härmäläisetkin". Ja kuva kertoo: Ilmeissä on jännittyneitä, uutta odottavaa iloisuutta. Kuvassa vasemmalla ylhäällä majuri Pippuri kättelee palveluksensa päättänyttä majuri Hemminkiä, sekä muita poislähtijöitä. Ja jälleen kuva kertoo: Työt on hoidettu ja luovutettu seuraajien käsiin. Ilmeet ovat vakaat, rauhalliset. Uutuuden viehätys on poissa, mutta kokemus jäljellä. Asiallinen ja onnistunut rotaatio. Täällä hoidetaan mies hyvin. Sosiaalisesti, henkisesti, ruumiillisesti ja oikeudellisesti. Tässä tapahtumista eräs. Tapahtumapaikkana postikonttori ja kyseessä muiden postiasioiden lisäksi rahanjako.

HELMIKUUN

TAPAHTUMIA

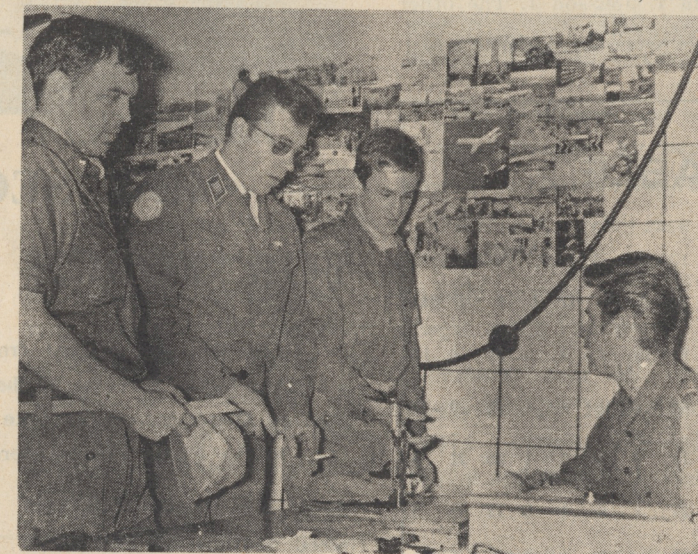
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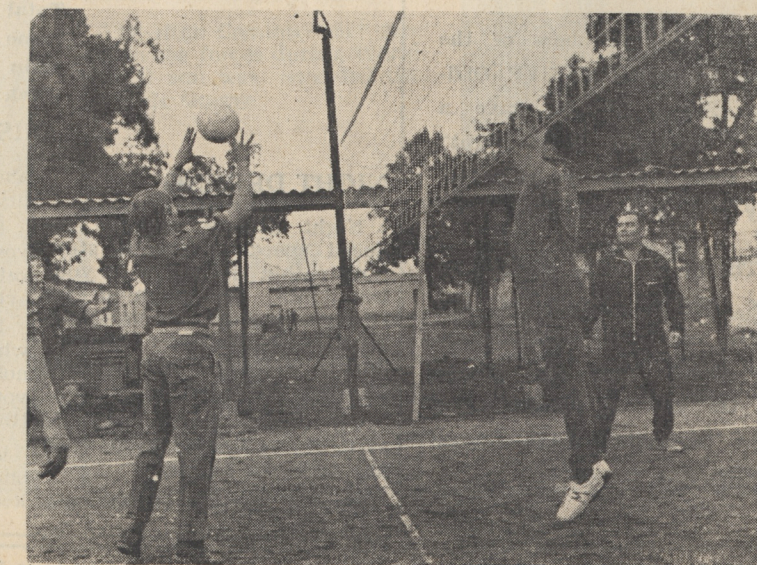
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VASTAISKU - VATSANAHKA - VASTANISKU

Sunnuntaiaamuisin kymmenen aikaan ilmestyy pioneerien majapaikan läheisyyteen epäilyttävän reippaannäköisiä miehiä noissa sinisisä verryttelypuvuissaan. Miesvahvuus vaihtelee 10-20 "jampan" välillä ja kaikki ovat valmistautuneet vastaiskuun. Vastaiskijoina on havaittu lääkäriä ja pappia, jääkäriä ja oikeusmiestä, majuria ja kersanttia ja everstiä. Syitä on monia. Vapaa-ajan vietto, pelaamisen ilo, henkinen levähdys ja vatsanahan kiristys. Ylös, Alas, Löyntejä ja läähätystä. Hiki pintaan ja kaikki päättyy suihkuun ja vastaniskuun. Kuvassamme alla jääkärit "mikro" Lehtonen ja Veikanmaa, sekä majuri A. Virolainen.



-Kun juo liikaa väkeviä luulee tulevansa väkeväksi-

VIERESTÄ VIEDÄÄN

"Vierestä viedään", sanoi entinenkin tyttö ja leukansa alkoi vavista. Päinvastaiset ovat ilmeet hankintavarastolla, vaikka kotimaan "heilaa" viedäänkin ohi. Hankintavarasto lukeutuu kokonaisuudessaan samaan ryhmään kuin lääkäri ja pappi ja oikeusupseeri. Noin leikisti. Hankintavarasto tuottaa ajatuksia pulloissa ja purkeissa. Sekä ruumiin että sielun hoitoa konkreettisella tavalla. Kuvassamme varaston täydennys meneillään. Messit saavat tarvitsemansa määrän varastolta ja messeistä hyödykkeet kulkeutuvat kuluttajien suihin. Jääkäri Kareaho kantaa ja ylikersantti Laurila myhäilee valvojan silmän ominaisuudessa.



Listening for a reply during a communications check is Corporal Alan Lavitt, driver for the officer commanding the reconnaissance platoon.

VIKINGS DO IT AGAIN

VIKINGS 27 — THE HACKLES 0

In this game, played at Famagusta last week, the big question was how many goals could the Vikings score. But for the good goal keeping of the Hackles keeper and the missed chances - which were many - the Vikings score would have been a lot higher in their final game of the Chief Signal Officers Cup Competition.

After halftime with a lead of 11-0 the Vikings kept up the pressure on the Hackles goal but only managed to add another 16 points to their score. The Hackles tried their best to break through the Vikings wall of defence but were unable to find one chink in it.

Both teams gave of their best and played good clean football.

The Vikings goals were scored by Sergeant Olsson 2, Signalmen Nilsson 2, Bergstrom 1, Jonsson 1. The other points were from corners.



NEW SECRETARY FOR FORCE COMMANDER

Irene Simpson arrived from New York, where she was secretary to the Director of the Budget Division in the United Nations Headquarters, to take up her appointment as secretary to the Force Commander.

She has been with the short missions. United Nations for nine years Irene, who comes from London, is a keen movie-maker, enjoys ballroom dancing and swimming. She hopes to take up water ski-ing during her stay in Cyprus.

LEAGUE TABLE

	Home						Away						Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	
Irish Harps (Ircon)	6	4	0	1	75	16	1	0	0	34	0	10	
Vikings (Swedcon)	6	4	0	0	68	16	1	0	1	35	9	10	
Pompadors (Britcon)	4	2	0	0	73	4	1	0	1	20	21	6	
Danish Sig Pl (Dacon)	4	1	0	0	27	1	0	0	3	13	42	2	
Harman Hajyt (Fincon)	4	0	0	2	0	64	1	0	1	20	37	2	
Mercurians (644 Sig Tp)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	12	0	
The Hackles (Cancon)	3	0	0	1	0	19	0	0	2	0	122	0	

IRISH NIGHT

The Irish members of the Headquarters UNFICYP Officers Mess, Nicosia, gave a most successful "Irish Night" for some 120 guests on Saturday last, 31st January.

The guests were greeted by the stirring sound of the Pipes and Drums, 13th Infantry Group. They also played at the end of dinner when that splendid drink Irish Coffee was served.

MP NOTEBOOK

Accidents - Unficyp

Week Ending 31 Jan 70 — 12
Same Period Last Year — 5
Total This Year — 40
Same Period Last Year — 35
Main Cause of Accidents This Week: IMPROPER DRIVING
MISJUDGING CLEARANCE

NIGHT DRIVING

Night driving requires reduced speed to permit stopping within the range of your headlights. Be prepared for emergency stops, for unlighted vehicles, pedestrians wearing dark clothing or animals crossing the road.

On curves your vision is seriously restricted even with the best headlights.

Only a fraction of the road

ahead is illuminated while driving into the curve.

Dim your headlights when you can distinguish two separate headlights on an approaching car.

Keep lights dimmed even when the other driver does not return this courtesy after you flashed yours several times.

Avoid the glare of the oncoming car, reduce speed, keep to the extreme left of

the road and concentrate your left eye on the left edge of the road to prevent the blinding effect.

The risk of an accident increases when both drivers are blinded.

Night driving is considerably more dangerous than day driving. A good rule is to drive two thirds of the speed maintained during daytime.

SLOW DOWN — AT SUN DOWN