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On Wednesday of last week the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, PVSM, made his first visit to the Swedish UN Battalion in Famagusta. He was met by Lt Col Svante Kristensson, the Commanding Officer of the 215 Swedes serving in the Famagusta District. After inspection the Force Commander was briefed on the present situation in the area. He also inspected OP Othello Tower near the harbour before he took off in a helicopter to the Swedish OP Chatos. In our picture he is seen arriving at Chatos where he was met by the local commander, Captain Per Hedlund. Behind the Force Commander is the Swedish Chief Ops Officer, Lt Col Olsson and Lt Col Kristensson.

WATCH YOUR DRIVING

In April there were 25 traffic accidents involving UN vehicles and although this is one less than in March, there are still far too many accidents.

After eight months without an accident the UNFICYP Military Police Company had their first accident.

The percentage of accidents for private or privately hired vehicles was 12% and in 50% of all the accidents the UN drivers were to blame.

One of the many tasks of 644 Signals Troop is manning the telephone exchange at HQ UNFICYP. In our picture Signalman Pat Daly is seen working in the exchange in Blue Beret Camp. More pictures and story on page 4.

PROTECT YOUR SKIN AGAINST THE CYPRUS SUN

Summer and warmer weather are now upon us and with them an increased risk of sunburn and prickly heat.

The fair Northern European skin is not well suited to long exposure to the Cyprus sun. It is well to remember that midday in the northern summer would equate roughly to a June morning in Cyprus before 8 a.m. or the evening after 4 p.m. The period of intense sunlight should be avoided by confining sunbathing to early morning or late afternoon and only for short periods initially. Gradually periods of sunbathing may be extended.

Sun lotions do reduce the burning effect of the sun's rays but delay tanning and are most useful for only one with a sensitive skin.

Sun worshippers should be aware that the long term effect of exposure is the destruction of the elastic tissue of the skin with consequent production of wrinkling!

REMEMBER THAT ESPECIALLY NEAR THE SEA ONE CAN BE VERY SUNBURNT INDEED EVEN ON A DULL DAY.

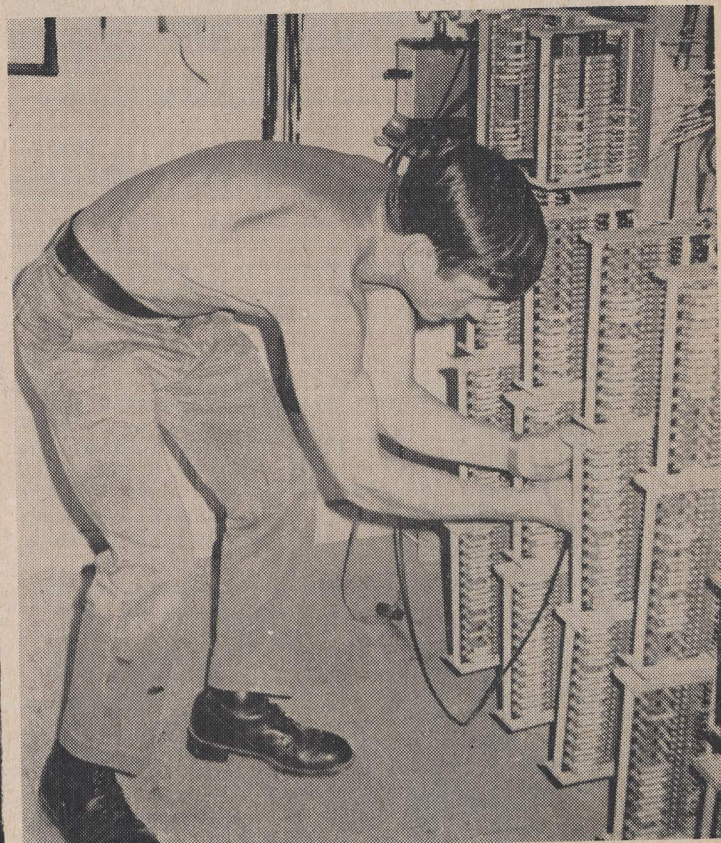
Prickly Heat

A fine superficial rash which is accompanied by a prickling sensation.

It is caused by blocking of the mouths of the sweat glands and is precipitated by wearing unsuitable clothing and working in hot airless offices.

A further cause is loss of normal skin oil by too frequent washing with soap and water.

Prevention is by wearing loose comfortable clothing and by sensible care of the skin.



BADE - REGLER

I sommerperioden er der ikke særlig store problemer med at slå fritiden ihjel. En af de mest populære måder at tilbringe fritimerne på er ved at tage til "stranden" og nyde badelivets glæder. Strand er jo så meget sagt, idet der i Lefka distriktet ikke er strande i den gængse danske betydning med sand og klitter osv. Ikke desto mindre er der masser af vand, som ligger meget tæt på alle tre lejre. Ved indgangen til badesæsonen skal det kraftigt indskærpes, at Cypriotiske badestrande er meget farlige hvis man ikke passer på. Derfor skal de almindeligt kendte baderegler overholdes. (1) Bad aldrig alene. (2) Bad aldrig hvor strøm- og bundforhold er ukendte. På Cypren skal man specielt i blæsevejr være meget agtpågivende. (3) Bad aldrig før mindst en time efter et hovedmåltid. (4) Vær altid iført redningsvest under sejlads i sejl- og motorbåde samt under vandskiløb. Ved efterlevelse af ovenstående



Der sættes sell.

regler og bevarelse af ro og om-tanke skulle der være alle mulighe-der for at tilbringe fritiden på en dejligt afslappet måde ved Middelhavet. God fornøjelse.

DANCON NEWS



Chefen for DANCON XXI, oberstløjtnant C. J. K. Severinsen.

CHEFEN DANCON XXI KOM 16 MAR

Med andet rotationsfly ankom oberstløjtnant C. J. K. Severinsen fra Sønderjyske Artilleriregiment i Varde. Hermed er nu alle officerer fra hold XXI ankommet og bortset fra gengangere, som i øjeblikket er på rotationsorlov, er der nu kun ca. 10 mand i Danmark, som venter på transport til Cypren med det tredje rotationsfly. The Blue Beret byder nyankomne velkommen til øen. Man er også mere end velkommen i disse spalter. Som altid ved udarbejdelsen af et blad for soldater, er det svært at få bidrag netop fra dem, for hvem bladet er skrevet.

Dette forbedres forhåbentligt på hold XXI. Alle ved kontingentet opfordres herved til at komme med indlæg. Evt. artikler afleveres til adjudanten i Xeros. For nyankomne skal det også oplyses, at Blue Beret ikke har den dagsaktuelle nyhedsformidlers karakter, idet bladet af tekniske og redaktionelle årsager bringer stof, der er fra en uge til 14 dage gammelt.

NEWS IN BRIEF

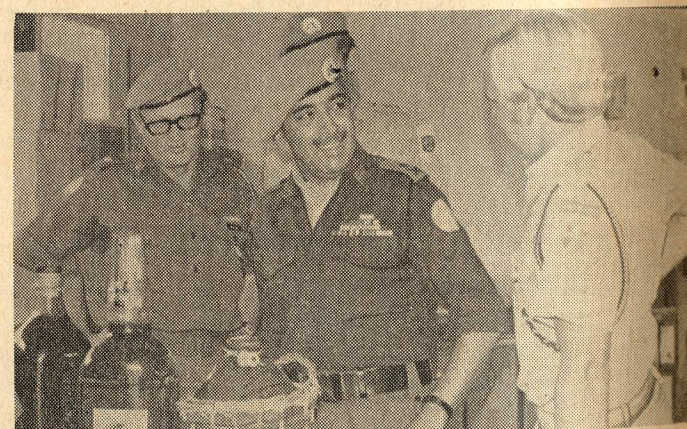
The Contingent Commander of DANCON XXI, Lt Col C. J. K. Severinsen arrived in Cyprus on 6th May 1974. The rotation of the Danish Contingent will be finished on 23rd May, when almost all the officers of DANCON XX return to Denmark on Ascension Day. The Force Commander, Major General D Prem Chand paid a farewell visit to the Danish Contingent on 11th May in order to thank all ranks for their duties with UNFICYP before the return to Denmark.



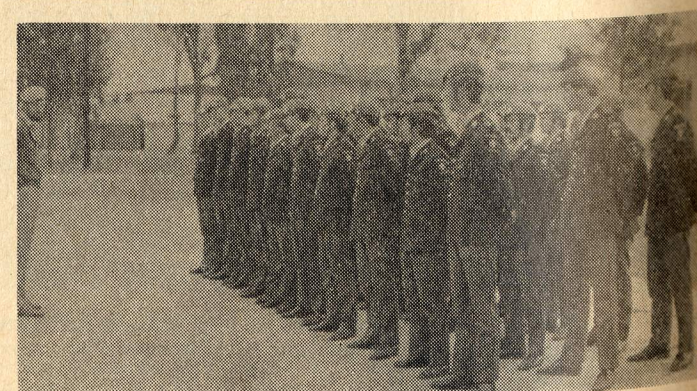
"Pioline" med Ejnar, Hans Henrik og KS Carlsen.

FC PAA AFSKEDS-VISIT

Lørdag den 11 maj aflagde Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand besøg i distriktet for at tage afsked med kontingentet. Besøget blev indledt i Limnitis, hvor kontingentchefen, oberstløjtnant A. J. Adolph tog imod generalen. Efter en rundgang i lejren gik turen i helikopter til Xeros, hvor generalen besøgte alle værksteder og kontorer mv. samt gav sig tid til at tale med så meget personel som overhovedet muligt, i den korte tid besøget varede.



Force Commander på besøg i hovedkvarteren hos SKLT A. A. Jensen, "Asbjørn."



Den 9. maj fik stabskompaniet tilgang fra hold XXI. Der mødte ialt 30, som efter modtagelse og nogen nattesøvn her ses til den første instruktion ved stabskompaniets foranstaltning.

FC:s första besök hos 53:an

Force Commander, indiske generalen Prem Chand, gjorde i onsdags förra veckan sitt premiärbesök hos bataljon 53. En bataljon som stod vackert uppställt på förrädsplan framför kommendantens hökøgon.

När generalen anlände hälsades han i vakt av Chefen och möttes av generalsapell på trumpet utförd av civpolaren Per Røjare. Efter inspektion av församlat trupp gavs FC kort briefing om situationen inom Famagusta District innan han begav sig till Othello Tower.

FC:s inspektion avslutades med en visit till OP Chatos där kapten "Lycka till" Hedlund tog emot och orienterade om verksamheten. Force Commander lämnade därefter Famagusta district i helikopter.

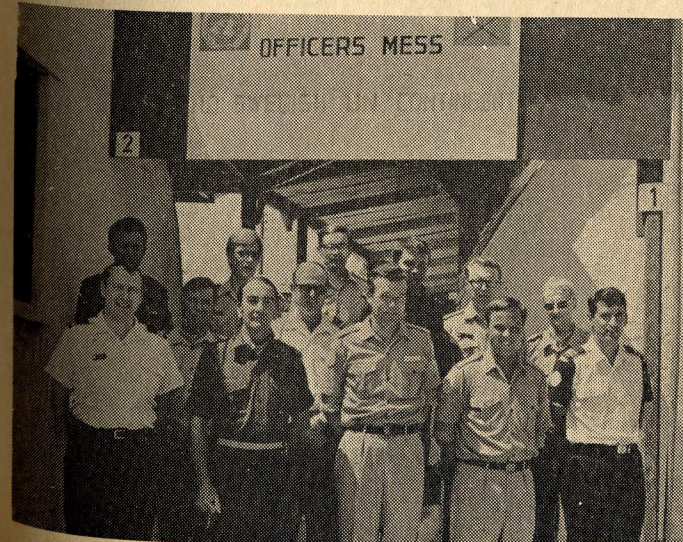
Våra bilder visar: T.h. FC:s inspektion av truppen på förrädsplan, nedan kapt Hedlunds genomgång i Chatos och nedan t.h. FC i samspråk med OP-besättningen i Chatos.



SIGNALS CONVENTION

A Signals Convention was last week held at the Swedish Carl Gustav Camp in Famagusta. Host was Swedcon Signals Offr, Capt Ulf Fridholm. The program included a signals briefing, lunch at Carl Gustav Camp and before the meeting was over, all the signals officers paid a visit to the Famagusta beach. The picture shows the participants in the Convention.

The only names the P.R. Officer managed to retain were: front row, start up from second left: to right: Force Signals Offr., Major T. Baxter, C.O. SWEDCON Lt Col. S. Kristensson and Captain V. Fridholm.



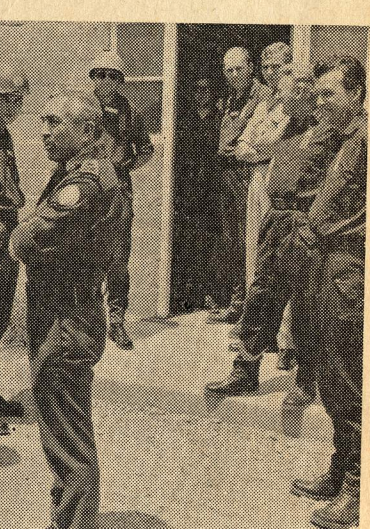
LEONARISSEO HAR 'STANGT

Bilden till höger avslutar en epok: Serg Anders Stensson vrider om nyckeln - utifrån - till Swedish Detachment Leonarissso som därmed har utgått ur den svenska kedjan OP och detachment.

Leonarissso var i många år en av stöddepunkterna inom vårt område. Det var länge det längst bort liggande detachmentet inom bataljonen.

Endast Civpols substation i Yialosha låg mer "ocentralt". Sedan vi nu utrymt den vackra villan med sina prunkande citronträd utanför, har civpol övertagit "ansvaret på platsen" och flyttat ner från Yialosha, till Leonarissso, dock inte till samma byggnad som bataljonen disponerat.

Möblerna bars ut av förrådets stöttepelare David Persson och Lars-Olof Hökdahl och kördes bort av 3:e pluts bilförare Torgny Haraldsson. Sedan läste serg Stensson dörren, han som också var den siste lokale commandern.



Swedcon News

Swedish Forces Photos



CHIEF CLERKS AT HQ UNFICYP

Headquarters UNFICYP is staffed by soldiers from all the various contingents serving with the Force. The Chief Clerks in the main branches, Operations Branch and Personnel and Logistics Branch, are both British.

On the left the Chief Clerk of Operations Branch, Warrant

Officer Class 2 Jim McCowat, whose staff includes an Austrian, a Dane, a Finn, an Irishman and a Swede.

On the right we have Warrant Officer Class 2 Frank O'Neil, the Chief Clerk of Personnel and Logistics Branch, and his staff includes an Austrian, an Irishman and another Briton.



644 SIGNAL TROOP COMMUNICATES

It has often been said that a communications system is very similar to the nervous system of the human body! It follows therefore that 644 Signal Troop must be the nerve centre of UNFICYP. The Troop is manned by two nationalities, two thirds are British and one third Canadian.

At the helm is Captain Richard Smith, British, and he is assisted by Captain Denis Baker, Canadian.

Basically the Troop is divided into Radio, Comcen and Tech/Line Sections headed by Lieutenant Guy Thornton, Yeoman Colin Bland and Foreman George Yule respectively.



Captain Richard Smith, Officer Commanding, at his desk in Blue Beret Camp.

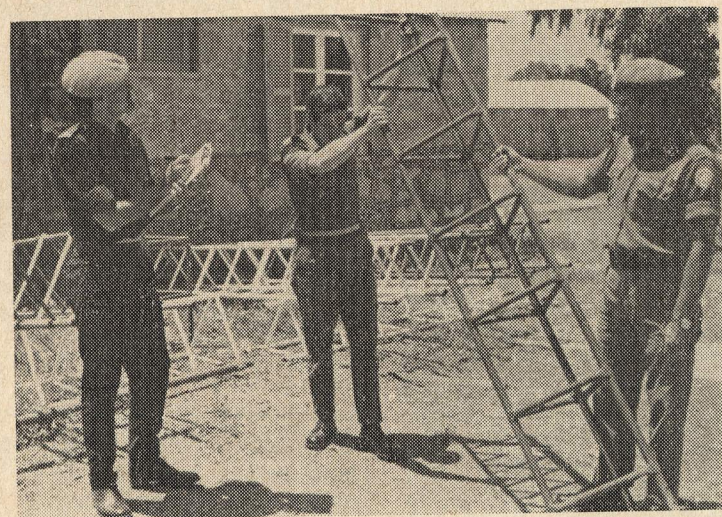
The Comcen communicates by Radio, Teletypewriter, Telephone and SDS between HQ UNFICYP and the various Contingent HQs and by teletypewriter round the world.

The Radio Troop communicates between contingents and maintain their 60 to 120 foot masts which are erected in various places around the Island.

With so much electronic equipment there must be the necessary technical back-up; here the Line Section are fully employed all the year round on line projects with other contingents or maintaining the lines in HQ and moving personal telephones at each change of appointment — or so it seems!



Signalman Fred Tedby, British, and Private Mick Ross, Canadian, on duty in the telephone exchange.



Lieutenant Guy Thornton, Sergeant Rick Arscott and Signalman Rus Thompson check out a radio mast.



Corporal Ron Kirkwood works on the communications in the JOC at HQ UNFICYP.

BRITCON NEWS

SIGNAL OFFICERS CONVENTION IN CAMP LEOPOLD

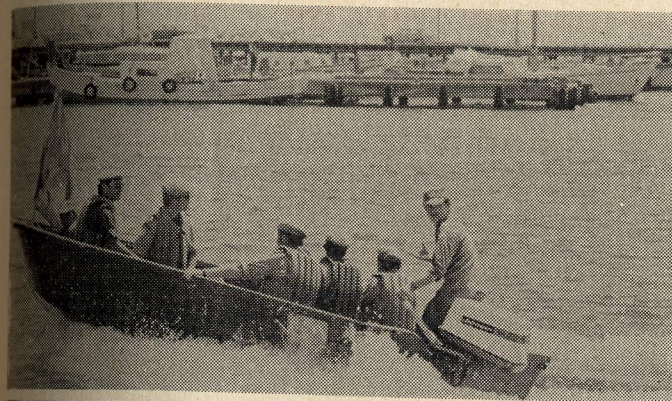
Im letzten Monat fand die Signal Officers Convention im Camp Duke Leopold V. statt. Wenn auch verspätet, soll von diesem gelungenen Meeting doch noch berichtet werden. Nach Begrüssung der Teilnehmer durch Mjr Allmann erfolgte eine kurze Einweisung in die Lage des Larnaca Districts durch Hptm Reisenauer.

Unter dem Vorsitz des FSO Maj Ted Baxter folgte dann die Convention, in der fachliche Probleme und Aufgaben im Zusammenhang mit der Force Reduction zur Sprache kamen.

Ein kurzer Farbfilm über das schönste Schigebiet Österreichs, den Arlberg, machte die SO mit unserer Heimat bekannt.

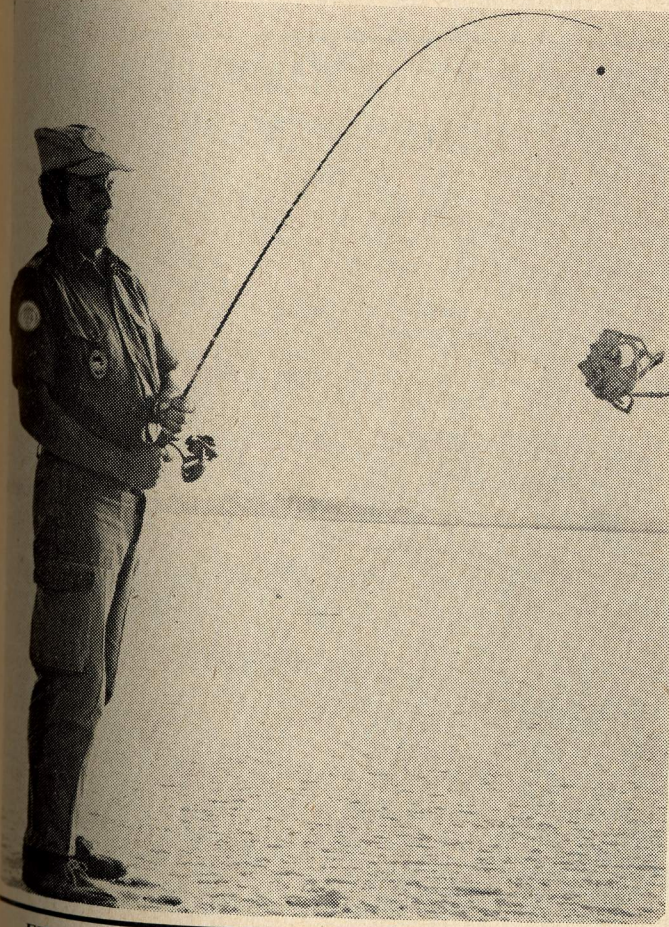
Ganz besondere Aufmerksamkeit erregte der FuFS der schon seine Brauchbarkeit in Zypern bewiesen hat, und um den unser Kontingent heftig beneidet wird. Ebenso äusserten sich alle Teilnehmer lobend über die Aufbauarbeit, die in unserem COMCEN durch die drei FM-Crews geleistet wurde. Als Höhepunkt fand dann im Hafen von Larnaca eine Demonstrationsfahrt mit den zwei Pi Booten statt, die trotz strahlenden Sommerwetters ein wenig feucht endete.

Ein vorzügliches Mittagessen, bei dem Hptm Gaunerstorfer für den reibungslosen Verlauf der Convention gedankt wurde, beschloss das Programm.



SALT LAKE DRYFISHING COMPETITION

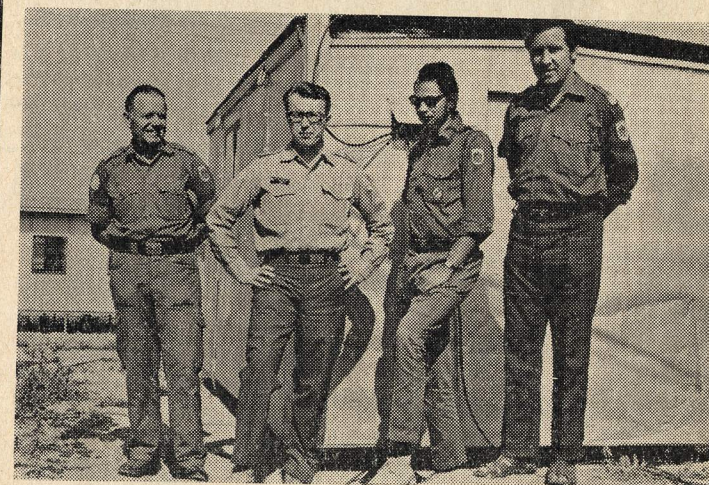
Wir stellen den Sieger dieses einmaligen Bewerbes vor, Zgf Lehner, dem es gelang, aus dem ausgetrockneten Salzsee eine ausgewachsene Bärenkrabbe an Land zu ziehen. Beim anschliessenden theoretischen Wettbewerb (es ging um Fischerlatein) trug er ebenfalls den ersten Preis davon.



EIN EINDRUCKSVOLLES ERLEBNIS, wurde für einige Musikbegeisterte unseres Kontingentes ein Konzertabend im antiken Amphitheater von Salamis, am 5.5.74, an dem Werke von Brahms, Smetana und Tschaikovsky in Stereo zu hören waren.



Unser Tel0, Hptm Gaunerstorfer (2. von links) mit Tel MechUO Vzlt Reiss (links) und zwei der FM - Crew Kommandanten, OSTv Plotz und OSTv Salzmann.



LES BÉRETS MARONS

Une autre bonne initiative d'un gars de la Cie d'observation. Le Para Bouchard du Transport de la Cie d'observation, qui est un fameux joueur de Saxophone à décidé de se former un groupe pour divertir nos "Commandos". Ils ont même commencé. Ils jouèrent au "Party" du Peloton de Reconnaissance et ensuite pour les Caporaux du Beaver Lodge. Les gars poussent vraiment de la bonne musique. L'orchestre est composé de gens qui viennent

d'un peu partout. Le Caporal Lapierre et le para Tremblay de la compagnie du Quartier-Général, le para Coté du P1 4, les paras Harel et Frenette du PL de Reconnaissance et Bouchard qui est l'instigateur de ce projet. Félicitations pour cette bonne idée.

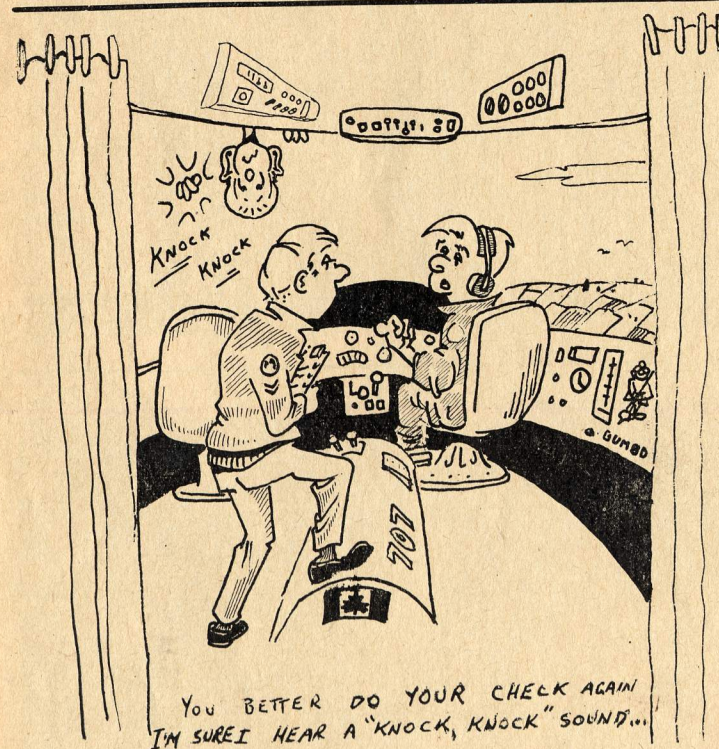
CANCON



DE GAUCHE A DROITE: Para Coté, Cpl Lapierre et les Paras Harel, Tremblay, Bouchard et Frenette.



Colonel of the Regiment visits No 1 Commando Group in Cyprus. In our picture Lieutenant General S. C. Waters talks to fellow paratroopers during his informal visit to the Island on the 8th and 9th of May.



THE ROAD TO LEFKARA

Have you ever been to Lefkara?
I have...
... and ...
The route winds in
and the route winds out

The lout who designed
the route
was either going to hell
or coming out....
....The Road to Lefkara.

UN MOT DE LA CAMPAGNE DE COMMANDEMENT

1. La compagnie de commandement du contingent Canadien a su une fois de plus participer aux différentes tâches du 1er Groupe de Commando.
2. Le Sgt Dicaire du peloton de reconnaissance avec quelques uns de ses hommes ont pris charge de la garde du camp Beret Bleu. Tandis que notre section d'entre-

tien, aidée du peloton de pionniers travaillaient à la réparation de la piscine Chimo, laquelle sera terminée d'ici peu.

3. Parlant de notre section d'entretien, n'oublions pas qu'elle s'occupe aussi de la plongée sous-marine pour tout le contingent. Félicitations pour le travail accompli.



Sgt Dicaire in command of the changing of the Guard in Blue Beret Camp.
Sgt Dicaire commande le changement de la garde à BBC.

MUONA - ASIAA

Pataljoonan muonitus perustuu Ration Scaleen, englantilaisten muona-annostustaulukkoon. Yhden miehen muonat päivässä maksavat 59, 14 Englannin uutta pennya, n.5 Smk. Lisäksi saamme Suomesta muonanparannusrahaa 1 mk/päivä/mies. Tällä markalla suoritetaan paikallishankinnat, jotka sovelletaan vuodentajan mukaan: Tuoreet hedelmät, tuoremehu ja vihannekset.

Muutamilla OP:ilamme valmistetaan ruoka itse ja tämän takia saamme 17 lisäannosta, extra ration, päivässä pienkeittiönsä.

Se, että joillakin kontingenteilla on enemmän mahdollisuuksia suorittaa paikallishankintoja johtuu siitä, että ne saavat enemmän käyttövaroja kotimaastaan.

Pataljoonan ruokalista perustuu HQ UNFICYP: in määräämiin Supplies Sub Depotin Dhekeliaista toimittamiin tuoremuona-annoksiin. Lihasta esim. naudanliha on uusseelantilaista ja sianliha paikallista. Maitoa on 1/2 l./päivä/mies englantilaisten määräysten mukaan.

Jääkärikomppania valmistaa ruokansa omassa keittiössään pataljoonan muonavarastosta saamista raaka-aineista.

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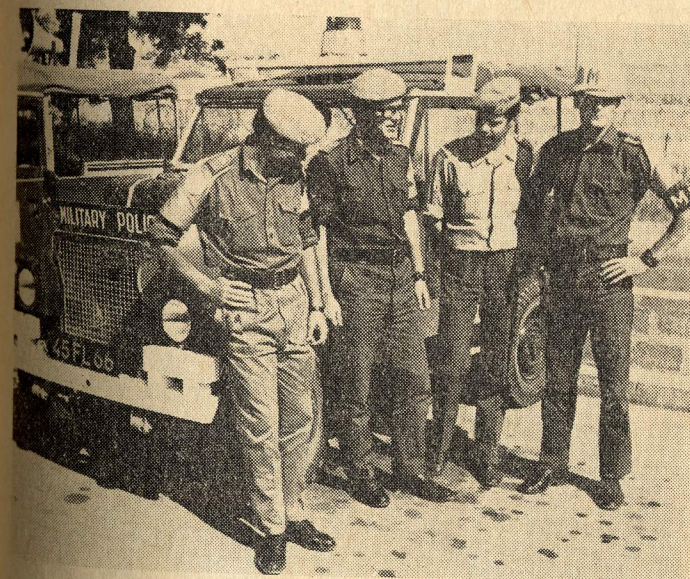
On 16th May Force Commander Major General D. Prem Chand, PVSM visited Kykko Camp, OP Omorphita 2, OP Hill Top and Tjiklos Camp in FINCON. The photo was taken in Omorphita. The Force Commander was satisfied with what he saw.

In MP COY there are seven Finnish MPs. Four of them are in Nicosia, one in Xeros, Limassol and Famagusta. Traffic accidents are the cause of most work for MPs.

Muista Suomi-radio, torstaisin klo 20.00 ja sunnuntaina 26.5 Osoite: Kypros-konsertti, Oy Yleisradio Ab, Kesäkatu 2, Helsinki 26.



UNFICYPin komentaja kenraalimajuri Prem Chand, PVSM vieraili FINCONissa 16.5.74. Käyntikohteina olivat Kykko Camp, OP Omorphita 2, OP Hill Op ja Tjiklos Camp.



MPt vasemmalta lukien alik Hämäläinen, alik Meriläinen, alik Vappula ja alik Siekkinen.

UNFICYPin kansainvälisen sotilaspoliisikomppanian vahvuus on n. 50. Suomalaisia on ryhmän verran eli seitsemän. Näistä ovat alik Hämäläinen, alik Siekkinen, alik Vappula ja alik Meriläinen sijoittuneet Nicosiaan, kers Jääskeläinen Xerokseen, kers Rantanen Limassoliin ja alik Suvensalmi Famagusta.

MPn työ kentällä käsittää liikennetarkkailua ja järjestyspariointia. Liikennetarkkailu sisäl-

tää ajonopeuden ja ajoneuvojen tarkastuksia. Järjestystä partioidaan kaupungilla ja kapakoissa.

Hälytyksen syynä on yleensä kolari tai järjestyshäiriö. MPn suurin työllistäjä on liikenneonnettomuuksien selvittämien.

MPn neuvoja on parasta totella, sillä yleensä selvittää ohjeita noudattamalla. Vastaanhangoittelijat pannaan joka tapauksessa aisoihin ja siitä seuraa vain ikävyyksiä.



Näinkin voi käydä. Jos käy niin noudata ohjeita. Parempi kuitenkin ajoissa varoa kuin jälkeenpäin katua.

FINCON NEWS

SWEDCIVPOL TAKE OVER LEONARISSO

For some years the Swedes have had a detachment in Leonarisso. Last week Serg Anders Stensson, the last man in charge of the detachment, locked the door for the last time and returned all the furniture to District Headquarters in Famagusta. From now on the post will be manned by a Civilian Policeman from Swedcivpol, who have already taken up office in a building close to the old site. In our picture the furniture from the old office is being removed.



FAREWELL-VISIT TO DANGON BY FC

The Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, PVSM, recently paid a farewell visit to the Danish Contingent in Viking Camp in Xeros.

Some of the new officers from the 21st Battalion had already arrived and in our picture the Force Commander is seen welcoming the new Padre, C. V. Ronn Sorensen and the outgoing Padre, J. Graver looks on.

The rotation of the Danish Contingent will finish this week and the strength of the new contingent will be 215 all ranks.



CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFICYP

During the past week the following country has contributed towards the UN peace keeping force in Cyprus:-
United Kingdom £1,269,000.

HOT WEATHER HINT

Keep your head cool, your stomach empty and your feet warm.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS UNFICYP

Week Ending 17.5.74	10	Same Period Last Year	131
Same Period Last Year	7	Main Cause for Accidents	
Total This Year	106	This Week:	
		DRIVING TOO FAST FOR ROAD CONDITIONS	

The monthly meeting of Contingent Press Officers took place last week at Tjiklos Camp where Fincon were the host.

After discussing some press matters and having been briefed on the Fincon role in the Kyrenia District the Press Officers were taken on a guided tour to the old Crusader Castle of St. Hilarion and in our picture the party can be seen in the castle grounds.



Recently Major Niels Hellstrand, the Logs 2 Officer at HQ UNFICYP, was presented with the UN medal by the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, PVSM.