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DISTINGUISHED US VISITORS

On the 16th July His Excellency the American Ambassador to Cyprus, Mr. D. Popper paid a visit to UNFICYP. Accompanying the Ambassador were Vice Admiral Schade USN, Military Advisor to the United States Delegation to the United Nations and Mr. Scott Houer, United States Inspector General of Foreign Economic Assistance. Admiral

● The Ambassador (facing the camera) introduces Vice Admiral Schade to the Force Commander. On the left of the picture is Mr. Scott Houer.

Schade is also the Vice Chairman of the United Nations Military Staff Committee.

After a short briefing at Force Headquarters on UNFICYP organisation and deployment, the party visited a number of UN posts in the Nicosia and Kyrenia Districts.

A WARNING TO ALL...

An incident which happened last Tuesday could have resulted in tragedy.

Around noon, fire broke out in a truck carrying the outgoing mail from one of the contingents. An investigation revealed that a butane lighter packed for shipment had exploded. The gas content had evidently expanded in the heat of the day. It is possible that the same explosion would have occurred under atmospheric decompression once in the aircraft.

Postal regulations prohibit sending butane filled lighters and similar items in the mail. Air transport regulations also prohibit such items in checked or unaccompanied baggage.

Rules and regulations — postal or others — are not popular; they exist out of necessity often for our own safety. They are meant to be obeyed.

And coming back to our specific incident: we all fly home, and we all hope, I am sure, that someone will not be irresponsible enough to mail

dangerous items the day we board that aircraft.

Obstacle Course Competition



On Tuesday 14th July 1970, Fincon organised a successful Obstacle Course Competition for the contingents of UNFICYP. More pictures and story on Fincon, Swedcon and Britcon pages.

Lieutenant Koskinen, Fincon, (picture) concentrating on keeping his balance whilst running along the pole which was one of the many obstacles in the competition.

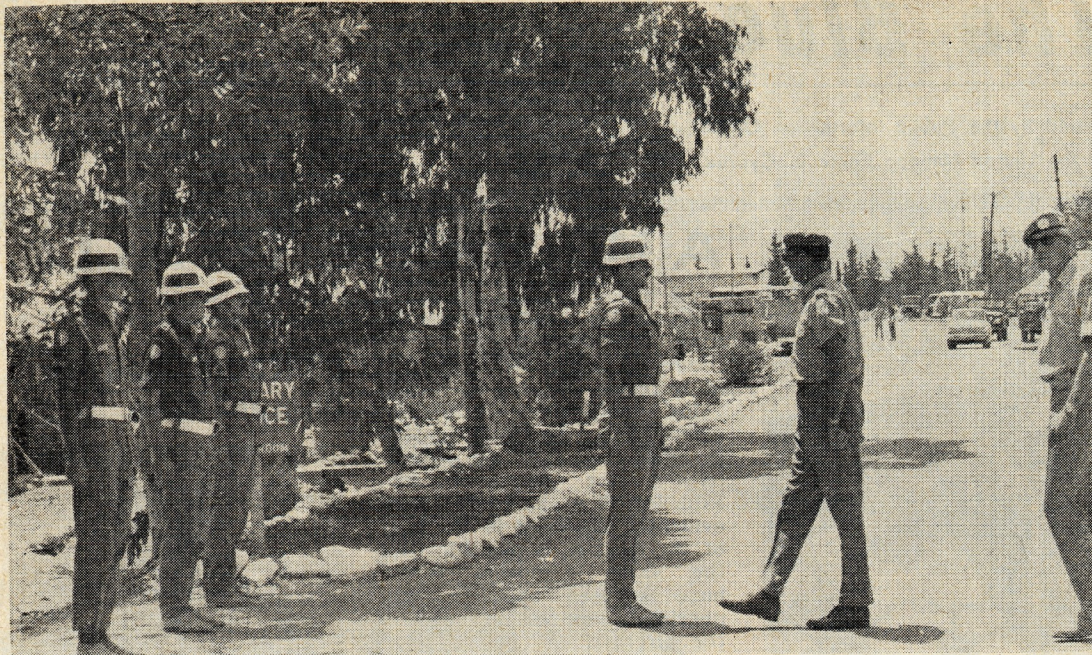
FINNISH ROTATION



A partial rotation of the Finnish Contingent serving with UNFICYP commenced on Monday last, the 20th July and will be completed on the 31st July.

Alltogether 140 personnel are due to be relieved, and the picture above shows the first 68 incoming troops just after their arrival at Nicosia International Airport. In the photo left the 60 outgoing personnel ready to leave Cyprus.





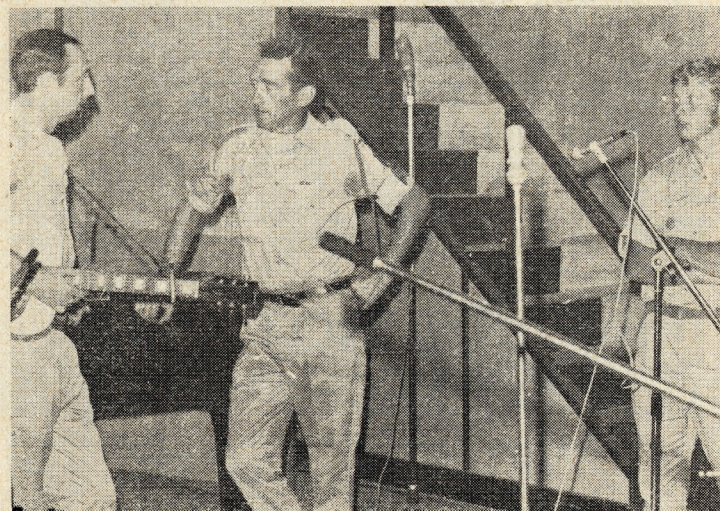
MP-INSPEK- TION I XEROS-LEJREN

Chefen for Unficyps militære politi, den canadiske oberstløjtnant H. Murphy, inspicere det danske militærpoliti i Lefka-distrikt ledsaget af den danske chef, kaptajn H.V. Rose, (længst til højre).

Styrken, som består af korporalene A. Krogsgaard, H.H. Wollsen og B.I. Andersen, afleveres af sergent H. Jøhnk.



IRSK-DANSK I DANCON-RADIOEN



Dancons velfærdsofficer har fostret en god ide! I sine radioudsendelser om søndagen bringer kaptajn P.A. Lauritzen nu levende indslag leveret af vore egne folk. Foreløbig har tre konstabler ført sig frem med sang- og musikprogrammer til glæde for alt folket, men der skal ikke være noget i vejen for, at enhver med noget på hjerte og læbe til fremme af det almindelige velfærd kan få lov at forsøge sig som mikrofonbetvinger.

Forleden var nogle friske irske musikanter i ilden for samme sag; vi ser dem her i studiet mellem lamper og mikrofoner. Længst til højre står konstabel J.O. Kastberg, som medvirkede i samme udsendelse.



DANCON NYT

■ Tre ordonanser fra bataljonssekretariatet, bogstaveligt muret inde i papir, drøfter, hvordan de bedst udfører befalingerne, de blivende og de mere tidsbestemte. I samrådet deltagere konstablerne M. Stendys, R.B. Christensen og H.V. Nielsen.

IRSK - DANSK I HOVED - KVARTERET

Mandag den trettende overlod Dancon XIII vagten i Head Quarter til Ircon. Vagtoverdragelsen var denne gang særlig festlig, fordi et canadisk militærkorkester medvirkede.

På billedet returnerer vagtmandskabet fra Letkompagni anført af sergent J. Kjerrumgaard efter den veludførte ceremoni.



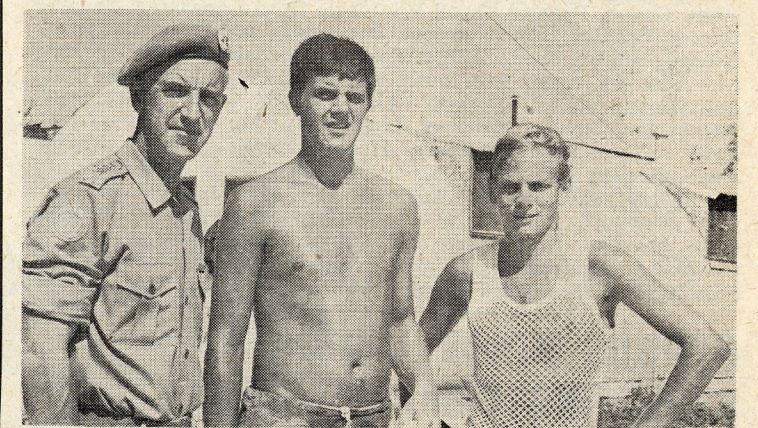
VI GÅR ÖVER DAGG...

...stänkta berg fallera...Inte vet jag om ni sjöng eller trallade. Men uppför Kantarasluttningen har väl de flesta hunnit masa sig vid det här laget. Om inte så ser nog Vegesack till att ni får chansen nästa vecka, eller så. Mer om "bergsbestigningen", t.h., i Nya Cyprussen nr 6.



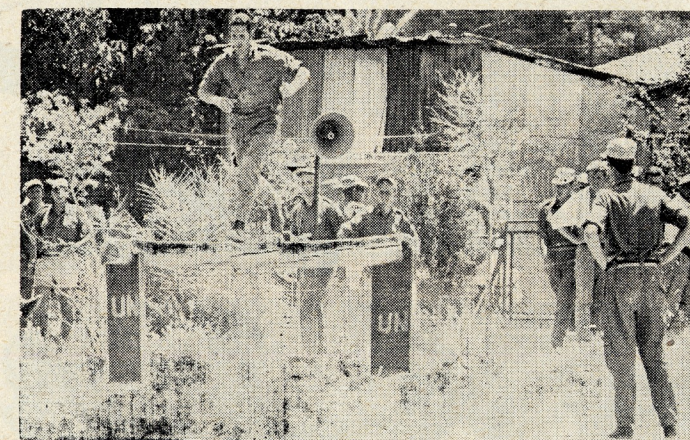
I DE LUGNASTE...

...vatnen finns den bästa hinderlöparen inom UNFICYP. Han heter Stig Lennebring och är från Karlsborg. Gav finländarna vad de tålde, gjorde han. Men tyst och försynt. T.v. stående med fin finnkäpp, plaketter och allt, efteråt. Nedan i full fart på "plankan". Mer om "Stickan" och grabbarna i nästa Cyprussen.



BÄSTA BLÅBÄREN...

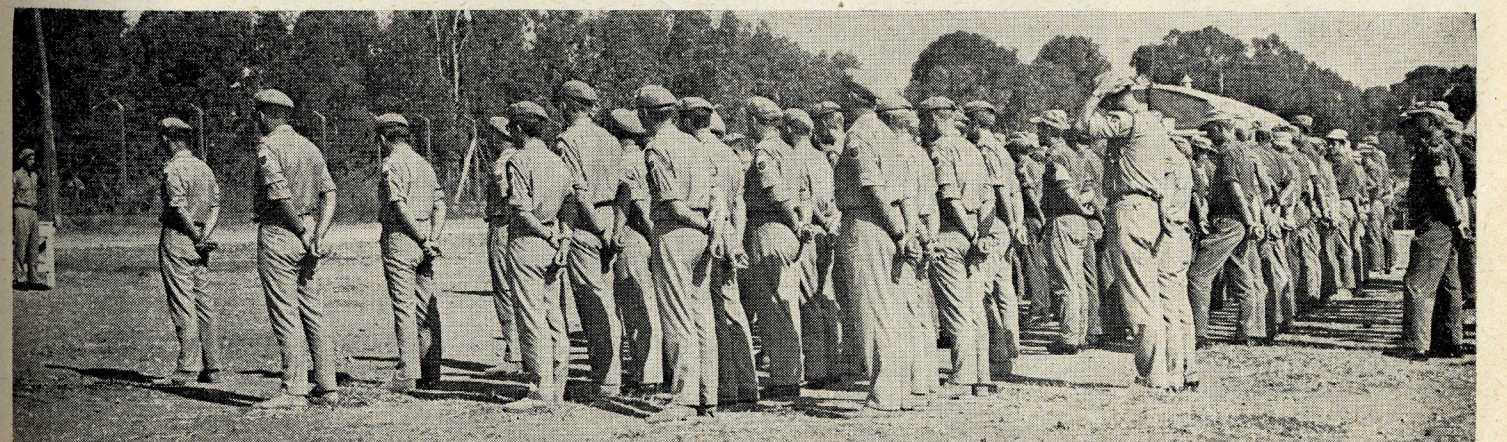
...i "blåbärsturneringen" i tennis (singel) korades häromdagen. Efter en lång och relativt hård tävling. Chefen öv Lars Laven, ovan fr. v., själv gammal garvad racketsvingare, hade nöjet se Lars Bohman, Västerås (i mitten), vinna med 6-3 i finalen över Kjell Fredriksson, Halmstad. Grattis allihop!



SWEDCON NEWS
Swedish Forces Photos

EN TYST MINUT

ägnade vi vår landsman J E Bögvad, vilken nyligen stupade på sin post som FN-observatör i Suez. Öv Laven höll ett kort anförande med tonvikten lagd på FN:s fredsbevarande uppgifter i vår oroliga värld, nedan.



3LI THIRD IN OBSTACLE RACE

Lance Corporal Hubert Sterling of the 3rd Battalion Light Infantry made the second fastest time of 2 minutes 54 seconds over the obstacle course during the United Nations Obstacle Course Competition held at Fincon on Tuesday 14 July 1970. Lance Corporal Reginald Hanmer came eighth and the Battalion team were third in the final placing.



Members of the Light Infantry team above taking a rest at Polemidia Camp during training for the competition are: back row left to right, Captain Mike Regan from Buckfastleigh, Devon, Private Caroll Whiteside from Lancaster, Private Gordon Bradley from Newport, Shropshire and Lance Corporal George Hunter from Sedgfield, Co Durham. In the centre row left to right are Lance Corporal Peter Edwards from Pontypool, Wales, Private Alan Smith from Cockshutt, Shropshire, Private Michael Loveridge from Ledbury, Herefordshire and Lance Corporal Hubert Sterling whose wife is now living in Plymouth.

In the front row left to right are Corporal David Bradley from Newport, Shropshire, Lance Corporal Reginald Hanmer from Burlton, Shropshire and Private John Blakeley from Oswestry, Shropshire. Of the team, only Lance Corporals Sterling, Edwards and Hunter are married.

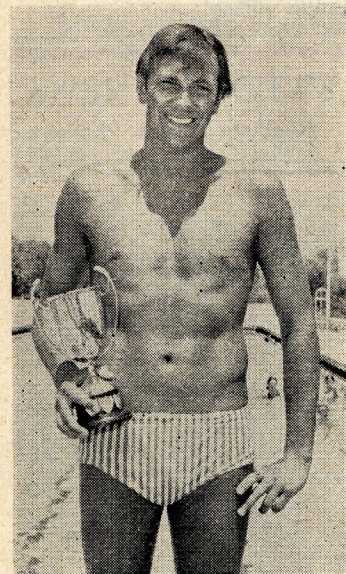
CYPRUS MINOR UNITS SWIMMING COMPETITION

A Team provided by HQ UNFICYP are to be congratulated on taking second place in the Cyprus Minor Units Swimming Competition held on Wednesday 15 July 1970 at the RAF swimming pool RAF Nicosia.

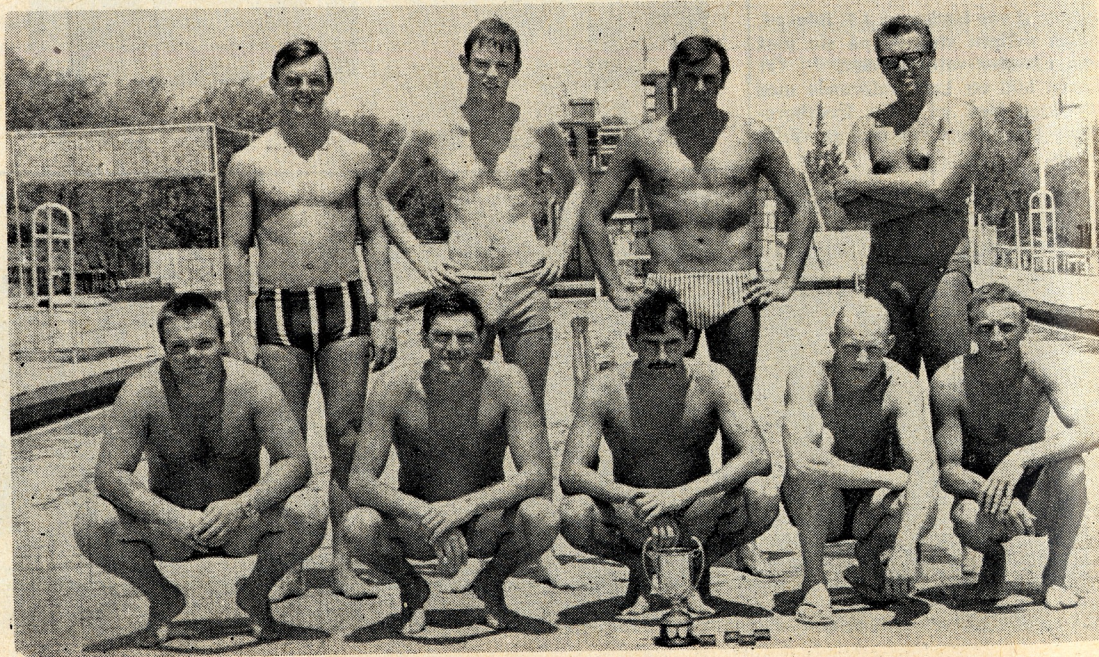
A total of 10 teams entered the competition in which the 17/21st Lancers finished as the Gala winners. HQ UNFICYP were "runners up" and were the winners of the Gay-

ton Trophy for the inter-team relay race.

● HQ UNFICYP team back row left to right Corporal Ian Wadley, Signalman Nick Holburn, Craftsman John Butler and Corporal John Banks. Front row left to right Craftsman Paul Stevens, Staff Sergeant Brian Baron, Sergeant Jim Annear, Driver Tony Henderson and Sergeant Mike Haslam.



● Team Captain Craftsman John Butler holding the Gayton Trophy.



● Corporal David Bradley on the rope during the obstacle race.

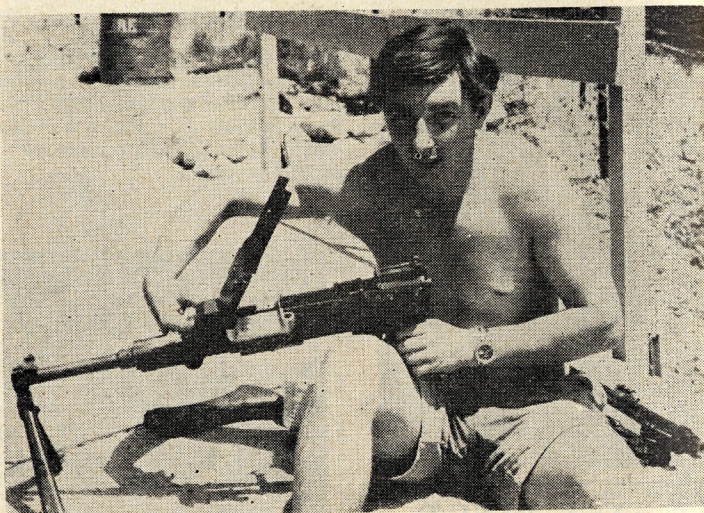
CLEANING THE GPMG

It is part of the weekly routine to clean and inspect the weapons on charge to each company in an Infantry Battalion. Below Private Michael Edwards of the Mortar Platoon 3rd Battalion Light Infantry is busy giving a General Purpose Machine Gun a thorough going over.

Private Edwards has tra-

velled a great deal during his four years in the Army. He has been to Singapore, Australia, Malaya, Mauritius and Northern Ireland working as a member of the A/tk P1, Mor P1, Arms Kote Storeman and as a rifleman in a rifle company. His home town is in Whitchurch, Shropshire and he is as yet unmarried.

BRITCON NEWS



WEDDING BELLS AT ZYYI

On Saturday, 11th July 1970, the wedding between Miss Mary McDonald of the Curragh Camp and Corporal Francis O'Brien of Headquarter Company, 18th Infantry Group took place in St. Paul's Church Larnaca. Bridesmaid was Miss Mary Magennis from Newbridge, Co Kildare and best man was Private Michael Carroll.

The bride was given away by Lieutenant Colonel Martin O'Brien, Officer Commanding 18th Infantry Group and the reception was held in the NCO's Mess at Zyyi Camp. Later the bride and groom left for their honeymoon "Somewhere in Cyprus". Corporal O'Brien becomes the second Ircon NCO to get married whilst on UN Service.

The bride is the daughter of the very popular Sergeant

Kevin Mc Donald, Plunkett Barracks, Curragh. The groom comes from the 3rd Battalion, Curragh Camp and the "Bloods" now have the proud boast that the only two NCO's to marry overseas came from the 3rd Battalion. Corporal Aiden McHugh being the first NCO to get married overseas. All of us in the 18th Infantry Group wish the bride and groom many years of health, happiness and good fortune.

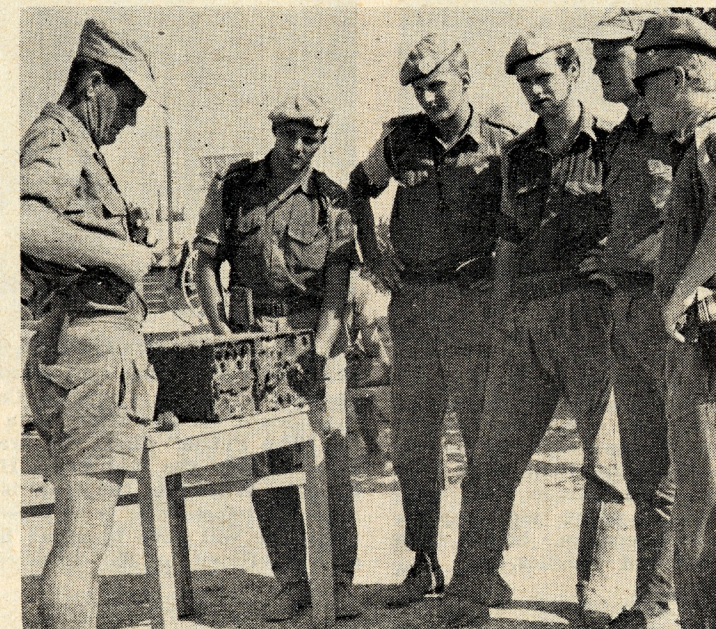


● The wedding group above. left to right Private Michael Carroll, Best Man, Miss Mary Magennis, Bridesmaid, and the Bride and Groom Corporal and Mrs O'Brien.

IRCON NEWS

CHANGE AROUND

Last Tuesday saw the completion of the rotation of 'A' and 'B' Companies. The operation was completed smoothly and efficiently and the companies quickly established themselves in their new camps. This interchange of camp locations and responsibilities will take some getting used to, but already it is evident that both groups have bedded in and have settled down to the tasks on hand.



ARMoured CAR GROUP NEWS

Last week a Platoon from Swedcon visited the Armoured Car Group at Zyyi Camp on a familiarisation tour and for instruction on the handling of the Panhards. The visit proved to be both enjoyable and rewarding.

● Our photograph shows Sergeant Maurice Kenefick instructing some of the Swedcon personnel on the C 10 Wireless Set.

SOCCER CHAMPIONS

We publish today the soccer champions from the Armoured Car Group, who were recently successful in "taming" Headquarter Company.

Our photograph shows Rear left to right (standing) Sergeant M. Kenefick, Lieutenant N. Byrne, Sergeant G. Hayes, Trooper J. Duffy, Corporal M. Buggy and Trooper C. Hanley.

Front row, seated from left, Sergeant P. Sherry, Trooper T. Burke, Corporal W. Nolan, Trooper R. Reid, Trooper J. Kinsella and Corporal T. Kelly.



GETS GRAND TOUR

Corporal Ralph Morgan (enter) briefs new boss-to-be Captain Dale Robinson (right) on his duties at an observation post in the old city of Nicosia. With them is platoon commander Lieutenant Dave Siebel.

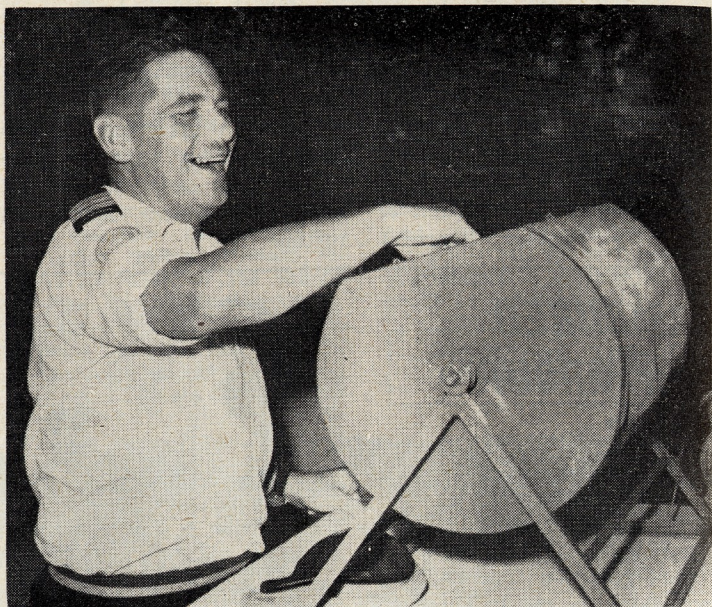
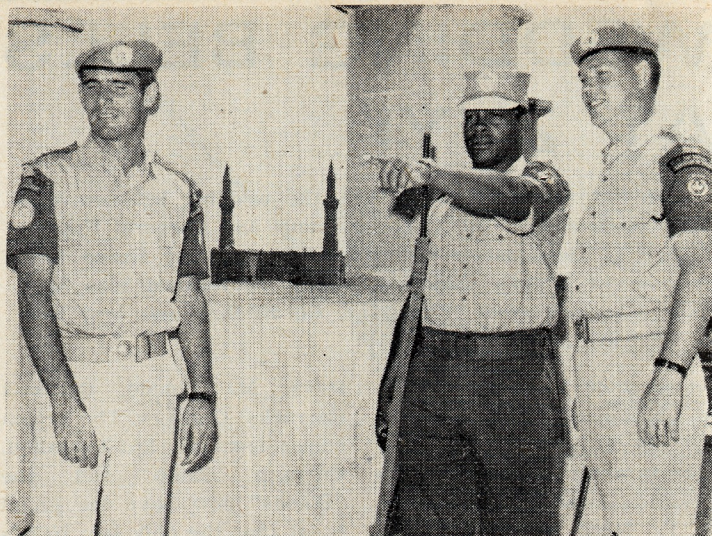
Captain Robinson who recently arrived from Canada, spent the last week getting

extensive briefings and tours of the City Company area prior to assuming command of the company. He is to replace Major Ed Quinn who is returning to Canada to take up a new appointment with the Combat Arms Training Center at Canadian Forces Base Gagetown, N.B.

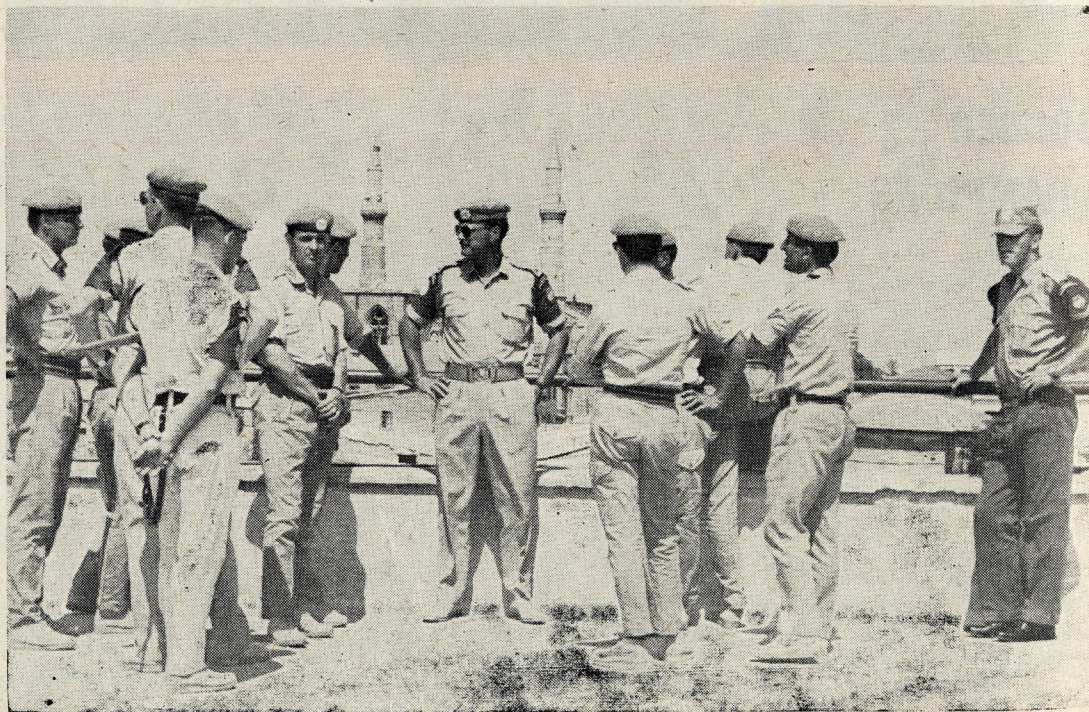


NEW TEAM... for "Calling All Canadians", the weekly radio program put out by the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation on Wednesdays, consists of Corporals Ian MacInnis (left) and Joey Morgan. They have taken over from Master Warrant Officer John MacLeod who returned to Canada last week. The new team is work-

ing on an improved style of program including more news and commentary by Corporal MacInnis. Corporal Morgan is the show's Disk Jockey. The new broadcasters hope to find an outlet for their show with one of the London, Ont., radio stations where most contingent members have their wives and families.



PICKING WINNER Judging by the wide grin on his face, one could think that Lieutenant-Colonel Dan G. Loomis, Commander of the Canadian Contingent and of Nicosia District, picked his own ticket at a raffle draw held last week at the "Pro Patria" Club. The draw marked the end of a fund drive to help the Red Cross Home for Crippled Children in Kyrenia. Winner of the draw is Corporal Mike Storey, of the Signals Platoon, who is at present on leave in Europe. On his return he will have to select his prize among three possible choices offered by the organizers.



CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

FORCE RESERVE VISITS CANCON

A party of Officers and men of the Royal Scots Greys, The U.N. Force Reserve, spent some time with the Canadian Contingent last week getting familiar with the Green Line area of Nicosia. They are seen here touring the City Company area of responsibility with the Company Commander Major Ed Quinn (center). More tours of a similar nature are planned for the next few weeks.

Mitä lehtiä - montako

Pataljoonassa on suoritettu puolustusministeriön YK-toimiston pyynnöstä kysely siitä, mitä päivälehtiä haluttaisiin tilata.

Toivomukset jakaantuivat eri lehtien kohdalla seuraavasti (su-luissa on mainittu tilattujen lehtien kappalemäärä):

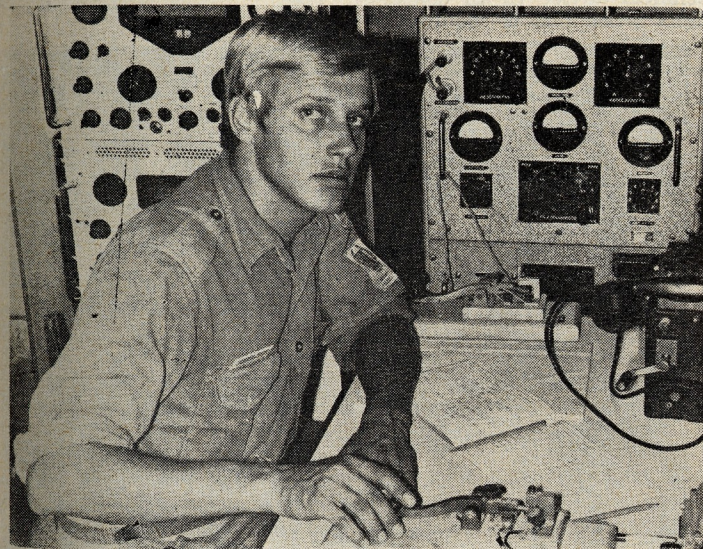
Helsingin Sanomat	121 (18)
Hufvudstadsbladet	2 (5)
Kansan Uutiset	3 (5)
Päivän Sanomat	—
Suomenmaa	3 (5)
S. Sosialidemokraatti	19 (5)
Suomen Uutiset	1
Uusi Suomi	5 (18)
Aamulehti	69
Kaleva	21
Turun Sanomat	10

Taulukko on varsin mielenkiintoinen kun tuloksia verrataan tänne tilattujen lehtien kappalemääriin Maaseutulehtien kohdalla kysyntä on ollut huomattava, kun taas

eräät valtakunnalliset lehdet ovat olleet kysyntään nähden yliedustettuja.

Kysely on osoittanut varsin selvästi, että joitakin muutoksia lehti-ilmaukseen on odotettavissa, joskin lehdet on hankittu puoli- tai kokovuosi-ilmauksina ja muutokset ovat ilmeisesti mahdollisia vasta myöhemmin.

Monia vakinaista työpaikkaa vailla olevia on harmittanut se, että Helsingin Sanomien ilmoitusviivut on leikattu pois painon vähentämiseksi ja kuljetusmaksujen alentamiseksi. Lehti-ilmauskysely on osoittanut senkin, että sama painonvähennys voitaisiin huoletta tehdä jonkin vähemmän luetun lehden kohdalla. Missään tapauksessa lehti-ilmauksia tai kokonaismäärää ei tulisi supistaa nykyisestään, siksi tärkeitä päivälehdet ovat viihtyisyyden ja kotimaan yhteyksien säilyttämisen kannalta.



Viestiyhteyksiä pataljoonan ja puolustusministeriön YK-toimiston välillä hoitaa jääkäri Pekka Pokkinen (kuvassa yllä) esikuntakomppaniasta. Sähköitys- ja kaukokirjoitinyhteyttä pidetään Riihimäellä olevan viestiaseman kanssa säännöllisesti joka päivä määräaikaan. Viestilaitteet ovat ensiluokkaisia ja puolustusvoimissamme ainutlaatuisia voimakastehoisia asemia, jotka on varustettu elektronisilla sanoman salaamislaitteilla.

Jääkäri Pokkinen kotiutuu tässä rotaatiossa ja hän ilmaisi tyytymättömyytensä työskentelynsä pataljoonassa sanomalla kunpa vain löytyisi vastaavia töitä kotimaasta.



Desinfointi on suoritettava joka Martilla käynnin yhteydessä. Ylikersantti Osmo Savolainen pesee käsiään tarkastuskäyntinsä jälkeen. Vieressä myhäälee huvittuneena jääkäri Veli Mutanen.

Vartiopaikka Salmonella Martti

Karanteenissa, eristettynä omalle alueelleen piikkilankojen ympäröimälle yksinäiselle Martin (Martin's Mound) vartiopaikalle on komennettu suorittamaan palvelustaan neljä salmonellabakteeria kantavaa miestä: jääkärit Kari Helin, Yrjö Mustonen, Osmo Salonen ja Veli Mutanen. Näistä kolmella ensin mainitulla on aikomus kotiutua takalekossa, johon mennessä pojat yrittävät selvittää salmonellastaan antibioottilääkekuurin avulla.

Pojilta otetaan näytteet, jotka lähetetään Suomeen tarkastettaviksi ja "vaara on ohi" kun on saatu kolme perättäistä negatiivista näytettä. Ellei uusia potilaita ilmaannu niin silloin Martin keltainen varoituslippu lasketaan alas ja vartiopaikka desinfioidaan.



Entinen aktiivurheilija luutnantti Martti Mikkonen tietää mitä tehdä maaliin tulleele kilpailijalle — hän kaataa mehumukin tämän päähän. Uhri 9. sijalle tullut yliluutnantti Raimo Majuri.

Voitto tuli jälleen

Lähes läkähdyttävässä helteessä kamppailtiin ankara ottelu kontingenttien välillä esteratakilpailun voitosta. Kilpailu oli tällä kertaa harvinaisen tiukka kun ottaa huomioon, että aikaisemmin FINCON on ollut lähes ylivoimainen voittaja. Nyt oli täysi työ selvittää yhteistuloksella ensimmäiseksi, mistä tietysti FINCONin kilpailijoille annettakoon täysi tunnustus ja kiitos jännityksen ylläpitämisestä lopputulokseen saakka.

Ylikersantit Savolainen ja Konttila olivat alussa mukavasti johdossa ja ylikersantti Rauhalakin kolmantena kunnes SWEDCONin jääkäri Flink pääsi johtoon ja veti kohta mukanaan koko joukon vieraiden kontingenttien miehiä kärkeen.

kipaikoille. Ruotsalaisten jääkäri Lennerbring vielä kiskaisi itsensä yllättäen ensimmäiseksi, jolloin alkoi näyttää siltä, että FINCON in maine on vielä juoksuvooroaan odottavan jääkäri Mäkiperen varassa.

Mäkipere pitikin sitten kutinsa ja juoksi itsensä toiseksi samalla ajalla pte Flinkin ja lcpl Sterlingin kanssa. Nyt olikin päästy täpärästi niille sijoituksille, että kontingenttien välinen paremmuus säilyi niin kuin pitikin FINCONilla. Mutta kovan vastuksen tarjosivat kilpailijat muista kontingenteista ja saattaa olla niin, että jos kovin kylmiltään seuraaviin kilpailuihin lähdetään niin voimmepa toiseksi jäädä.



Jääkäri Heikki Mäkipere lentää kivillä. Mäkipere sijoittui suomalaisista parhaiten ja pääsi jaetulle toiselle sijalle.

SMALL BUT IMPORTANT

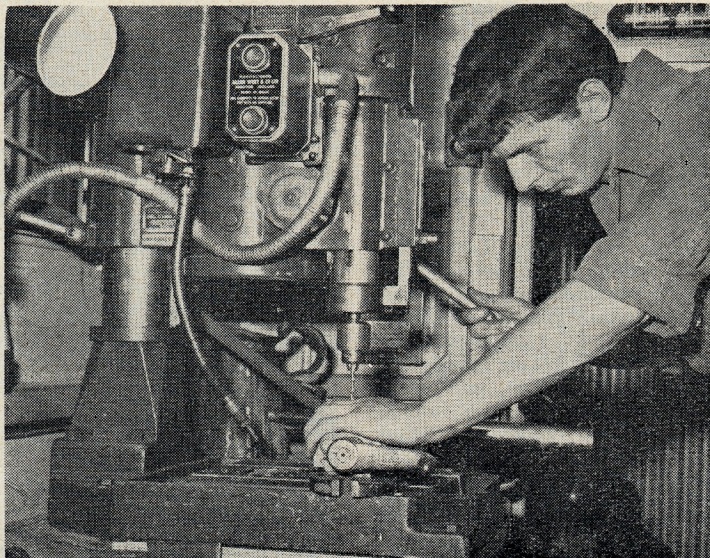
This week "Blue Beret" spotlights one of the smaller and yet most vitally important units in the Force.

UNFICYP workshops REME located at Nicosia does an excellent job in providing "Second Line" workshop facilities for all vehicles and technical equipments of British origin that are used by the force.

In addition to carrying out repairs and modifications, the workshop is responsible for rotation inspections, the inspection of the UN hire fleet and also recovery of vehicles.

The unit has a strength of 49 soldiers including 7 who are attached from the Transport Workshops. In addition, 17 civilian employees help to provide essential continuity in some posts.

The OC Major B.S. Turner also wears the hat of Force Electrical and Mechanical Engineer, and a REME Artificer is in charge of each department. WO I (ASM) F.E. Webber coordinates their activities and acts as workshop Second in Command. Staff Sergeant J. Pover looks after vehicle work, telecommunication repairs are the responsibility of Staff Sergeant B. Barron and the inspection department is run by Staff Sergeant K. Standen.



● Craftsman Barry Gaiside from County Durham is seen at work in the machinery vehicle.

technical advice to all contingents when this is required.

Permanently attached to the workshops is a Stores Section of the RAOC under the control of WO I (SSM) K. Elsmore whose task it is to provide the workshop with all the necessary spare parts and materials.

In spite of its primary concern with British origin equipment and the UN hire fleet, the workshop is always available to provide assistance and

● Craftsman John Butler (left) who is a British Army water polo player and Combined Services swimmer is just as expert at carrying out a gear box change. Helping him is Craftsman Mike Davies who has recently arrived in Cyprus.



● Corporal David Titterton (on the step) and Corporal Derek Earp are pictured here with the Scammell Medium Recovery Vehicle. The recovery team is always ready to answer a call for assistance.



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