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SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE VISITS THE POMPADOURS

On Wednesday 1st April Mr Osorio-Tafall, U Thants' Special Representative in Cyprus and the Force Commander accompanied by their wives paid an informal visit to the Pompadoours.

Before a short briefing in the Battalion Operations Room The Force Commander inspected a Guard of Honour. After the briefing, the visitors were entertained to lunch by the Officers of the Battalion during which music was provided by

the Regimental Band.

Our photograph right shows Major General and Mrs D. Prem Chand, centre, flanked by Mr and Mrs Osorio-Tafall, Lt Col K. Burch MBE, Major C.M.F. Randall and Captain T.D.A. Veitch.



WEDDING AT HQ UNFICYP

Corporal and Mrs David Gatcke were married at All Saints Church Episkopi, on Saturday 4 April. Corporal Gatcke is a Canadian Linesman attached to 644 Signal Troop, Royal Signals in HQ UNFICYP.

Mrs Gatcke is the former Miss Thelma West of Episkopi where she served with the Womans Royal Army Corps in the GHQ. As may be noted from the photograph, Corporal Gatcke is suffering from injuries sustained in a car accident in Nicosia.

The groom was given leave from the BMH, Akrotiri, for the wedding, but had to return to the hospital after the reception much to the amusement of the guests.

The Gatckes are going to reside in Petawawa, Ontario, Canada, after a short honeymoon in Germany. With any luck they will be going together on the Yukon leaving 7th April.

● The happy couple after the ceremony.

SWEDISH STAFF OFFICER IN CYPRUS

Photographed below whilst visiting the Force Commander is Brigadier N.E. Stenqvist, right, Army Staff Department/United Nations Office, Stockholm.

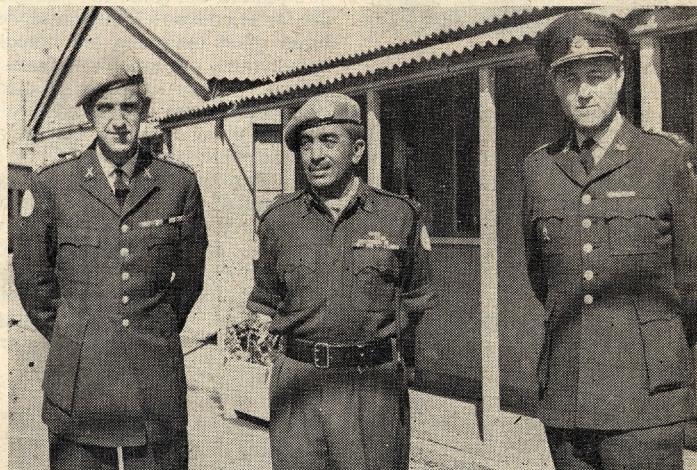
Also with the Force Commander is Colonel L.M. Laven Commander of the Swedish Contingent, United Nations Force in Cyprus.

cussed personnel problems at Headquarters.

He also greeted the Swedish Ambassador to Cyprus, His Excellency Ake A. Jonason on his arrival from Beirut last Monday.

Brigadier Stenqvist is on a seven day visit to Cyprus where he has visited the Swedish Battalion and dis-

Brigadier Stenqvist returned to Stockholm on Tuesday 7th April.



POMPADOURS MEDAL PARADE

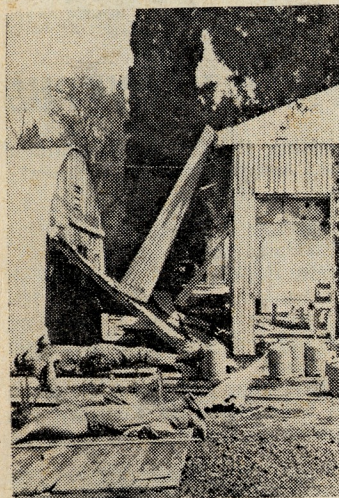
On Friday 3rd April 1970 the 3rd Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment held their Medal Parade at Polemidhia Camp, Limassol. Our photograph left shows the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand inspecting the parade accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel K. Burch MBE.

PÅSKEGUDSTJE: NESTE I DET GAMLE TEATER

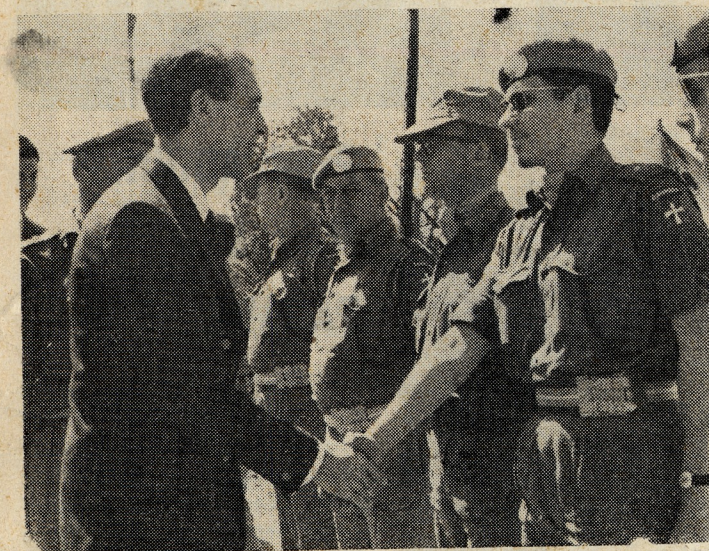
Efter tilladelse fra det cypriotiske indenrigsministerium kunne Dancon afholde sin første Påskekudstjeneste i det nye distrikt i det gamle romerske amfiteater i Soli ved Xeros. Menigheden fylder jo ikke meget i det store theater, der har plads til 3000 mennesker, men bag efter var alle enige om, at det havde været en stor oplevelse at være med til at synge de skønne gamle påskesalmer i disse storslåede omgivelser.

DANCON NYT

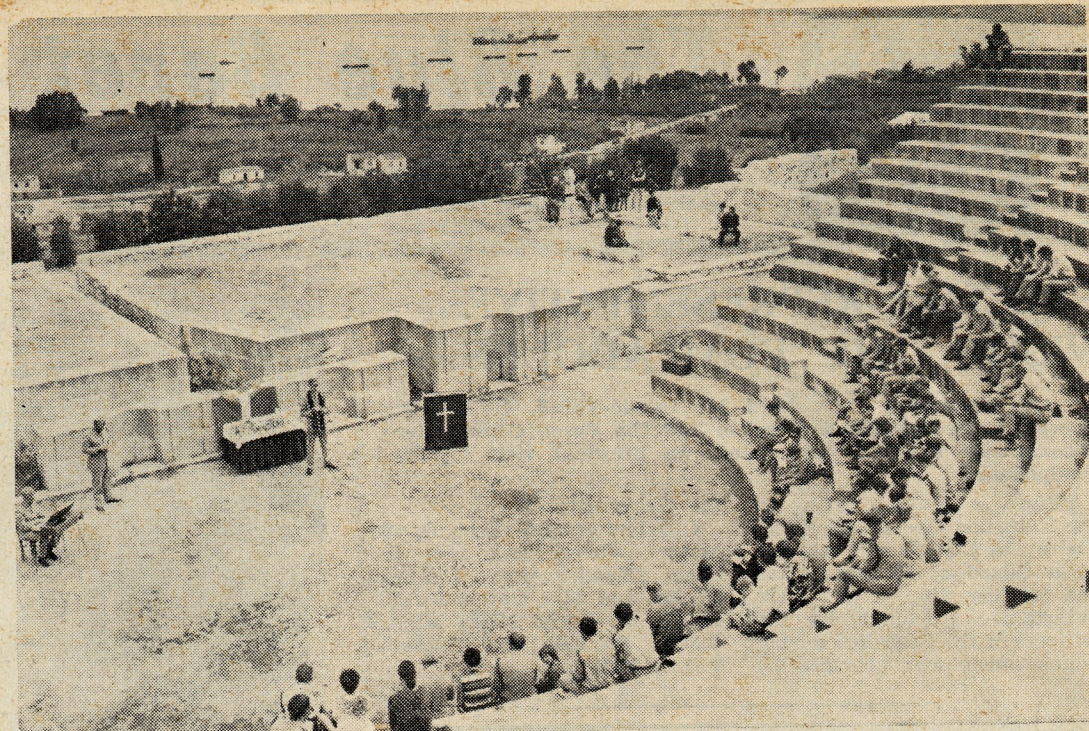
BRAT AF SLAGET RAMMET



I denne tid, hvor stabskompagniets gamle borg, Nicosia Club, daglig stormes af arbejdshold, der erobrer udenværk på udenværk og jævner dem med jorden, er det et temmeligt trøstesløst syn at færdes på de tidligere så glørlige marker. Vort vilde viser Køkkenet efter indtagelsen. Man ser, hvordan væg på væg må segne for brækjern og økse. Men spredt ud over terrænet ligger også kampens ofre.



Som omtalt i sidste nummer har Dancon haft besøg af Forsvarsministeren, der fik lejlighed til at hilse på høj og lav. Her trykker kan Kantine-Peter, SKLT. Halk Petersen på næven under sit besøg i Xeros - Lejren.



A/S THESSSEN OG JACOBSEN

Hvis nogen i den senere tid har set to blege civilister styrte forvildede rundt i rumpen på en officer, en befalingsmand, en konstabel eller et æsel - så er det os. A/S Thessen og Jacobsen.

Må vi i al beskedenhed præsentere os: Thessen står for tegner Ole Thessen, free-lance, men udsendt af F.O.V. med den opgave at skaffe aktuelle billeder til en meget fornem udstilling, som FN-afdelingen i Jægerspris skal arrangere, men som F.O.V. har påtaget sig at bygge op. Udstillingen skal behandle FN-styrkens opgaver. Der bliver information om soldatens muligheder for at komme i FN-tjeneste, der bliver givet oplysning om beredskabsstyrken, om arbejdet i Gaza - Congo - Yemen - Casmir - Korea, osv. - sidst, men ikke mindst, om den højaktuelle omgruppering af styrkerne her på Cypern.

Jeg har haft den glæde at layout'e udstillingen i nært samarbejde med F.O.V. og Jægerspris. Da vi var blevet enige om ramme og udstyr, blev jeg opfordret til at tage til Cypern for at skaffe aktuelt billedmateriale. Jeg gjorde selvsagt ikke nævneværdig modstand, men

bad dog om at få professionel fotografisk assistance. Valget faldt på sergent i flyvevåbnet, fotograf Per Jacobsen. Vi har før med held arbejdet sammen. Valget faldt på grund af Jacobsens umiskendelige talent for faget, ellers havde jeg naturligvis taget en med, jeg kunne li'.

Jobbet har været en enestående

oplevelse for os begge, men vi er jo ikke dummere, end at vi ved, at vi ikke kunne have gennemført det uden den enestående beredvillighed og hjælpsomhed, som vi har mødt fra alle sider.

Som plaster på det besvær, vi har forvoldt, håber og tror jeg, at det indhøstede billedmateriale skaffer udstillingen et fint islæt, og Jer og Jeres indsats på Cypern et værdigt og varigt monument.

Tak for hjælpen, tak for gæstfriheden.

A/S Thessen og Jacobsen.
Efterskrift: Jeg er TRÆT af "Peter".



SWEDCON NEWS Swedish Forces Photos

FÖRTRUPPEN HÄR



Så har de kommit, de första 44:orna. Beslutsamma "albyler" som nu har bråda dagar med att sätta sig in i nya rutiner i ny miljö. Ett och annat veteranansikte finns med, inte många. De allra flesta i den nya

bataljonen är för första gången i FN-tjänst - kanske ligger det något i den slitna klyschan att "nya kvastar so-par bäst". Välkomna!

BATALJONSGLÄDJE

Röken hängde lågt över Carl Gustaf Camp i lördags. KP-bilar stod uppradade. C Ast/FN, öv Nils Stenqvist, var på besök. Glada skratt, applåder, hejarop. "Bröderna Brothers" och en Vildros' rullande "rrrrrr" blandades till festsorl.

Det var bataljonsafton. De sjöngs, sorlades, väsnades och ölades. Förstås.

Bataljonens många idrottsmän fick lön för sina vedermödor i form av medaljer ur öv Stenqvists hand.

20 får å sådär tre, fyra pund stycket hade under eftermiddagen grill-

■ På scenen: Bosse Vildros, Sven Johansson och bröderna Hans och Sverre Blixt.

lats och blivit läcker kebab. "Majorens dans" utfördes av mj Steen Sköfman under allmänhetens jubel. Än större blev jublet, då

Famagustas sexigaste strippa be-trädde scenen i regnrock och stridssele.

Det är kul med bataljonsaftnar.



VOLLEY-BOLL

STR och 2 komp spelade finalmatch i volleybollserien i förra veckan. STR avgick som segrare. Direkt efter den matchen spelade STR mot 3 komp där 3 komp:s tredjeplacering avgjordes. Kampen var så jämn att spelet pågick långt efter mörkrets inbrott.



UN MEDALS FOR THE POMPADOURS

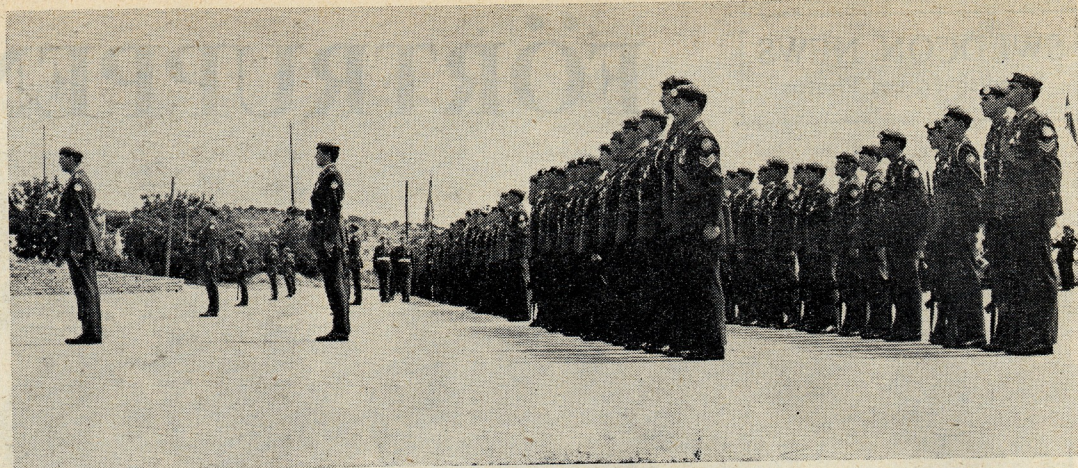
On Friday, 3rd April, the 3rd Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment held its Medal Parade at Polemidhia Camp, Limassol.

Having inspected the parade, the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, presented United Nations Medals to twelve members of the Battalion.

These twelve represented the Officers, NCOs, private soldiers and personnel attached to the Battalion.

After the presentation the Force Commander made a short address. The Battalion then marched past in slow and quick time before marching off the Parade ground.

• Our photographs show the Battalion on parade and the Force Commander presenting the United Nations Peace Keeping Medal to Lieutenant Colonel K. Burch MBE the Battalion's Commanding Officer.



BRITCON NEWS



RAOC STORES SECTION UNFICYP

Private Bill (Spike) Milligan arrived in Cyprus in December 1969 for a six months tour in the RAOC Stores Section HQ UNFICYP.

Spike who has been in the Army for 3 years comes from Newcastle-on-Tyne and his parent unit in the United Kingdom is Command Ordnance Depot, Donnington.

SCOTS GREYS TRAIN ROYAL ANGLIANS

Sergeant Tom Currie, Royal Scots Greys, instructing members of the 3rd Battalion the Royal Anglian Regiment during a two week conversion course on the Ferret Scout Car.

Tom who comes from Edinburgh has been in the Army for 10 years, 9 of which have been with the Scots Greys.

This course is the first step towards the full mechanisation of the Royal Anglians next year.

The Royal Scots Greys have only just themselves converted to Scout Cars. Therefore they are fully conversant with this type of vehicle. They have been continuously serving with tanks since the last war.



UN PROGRAMMES FROM C.B.C.

The weekly C.B.C. transmission of special programmes for UN Forces are broadcast on 498 metres, 602 kilocycles, as follows:

Monday 1330 — 1400 hrs
News from CANADA and records.

Tuesday 2000 — 2030 hrs
SWEDISH local requests.

Wednesday 1415 — 1445 hrs
Radio EIREAN production.

Thursday 2000 — 2030 hrs
Radio HELSINKI production.

Friday 2000 — 2030 hrs
UN Discotheque presented by Sally Bourdillon.

Saturday 2000 — 2030 hrs
DANISH local requests.

Sunday 1330 — 1400 hrs
SCANDINAVIAN local productions from each of the Scandinavian Contingents in turn.

News in English can be heard every day at 0830 hrs, 1400 hrs

ROAD SAFETY AWARDS

At a ceremony held at Zyyi on Thursday 2nd April a representative group of drivers were presented with accident free certificates at the completion of their six months tour of duty.

Lieutenant Colonel P. Carroll Officer Commanding 13th Infantry Group made the presentation.

A total of 84 drivers qualified for the certificate and, as an accident of the most minor nature debars a driver from receiving the certificate, great credit is due to all concerned that so many qualified for the award. Fourteen of these drivers also received special awards as a result of the Unit Safety Driving Competition.

Top award went to the "ice-man" himself Private Paddy Carberry.

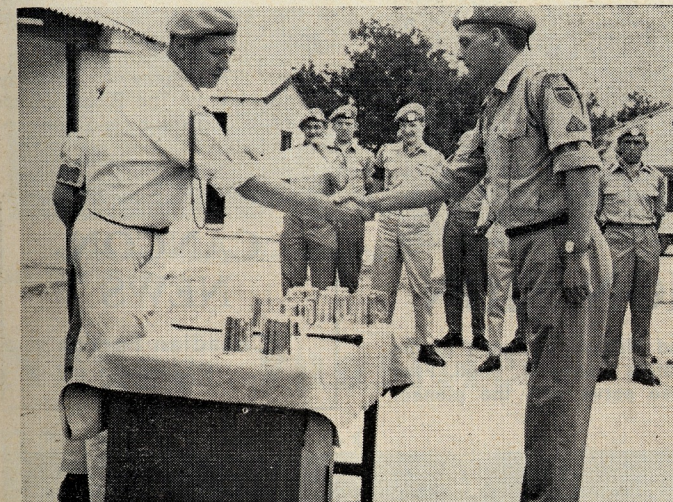
The total mileage covered to date by unit drivers is 511,000 and most of them were over rough and twisting roads in the

Lefka District.

Last month, due to redeployment, the group drivers covered 109,000 miles with only one accident and this, we are glad to say, was of a minor nature.

The 13th Infantry Group are rightly proud of their drivers and all the transport personnel are to be commended for the very high safety standard they maintained at all times.

• Lieutenant Colonel P. Carroll presenting Private Michael Fleming below with his certificate for accident free driving.



IRCON NEWS

COMMANDING OFFICER'S DRIVER

Probably the best known NCO of 13th Infantry Group is Corporal Brendan Conway, driver to Lieutenant Colonel Carroll. He is an expert whose quiet efficiency and happy disposition was an example to us all. Corporal Conway's record for safe driving during our full six months tour of duty was second to none and a tribute to his care and skill. (Picture right).



A BUSY ORDNANCE SECTION

A busy group during our tour of duty has been the 13th Infantry Group Ordnance Section. From left front row:- Sergeant Keenan, Captain J. O. Sullivan, Officer-in-Charge of the section, and Sergeant McGuire. From left, back row, Sergeants Daly, Dowler, Corporal Clarke and Sergeant Foley.

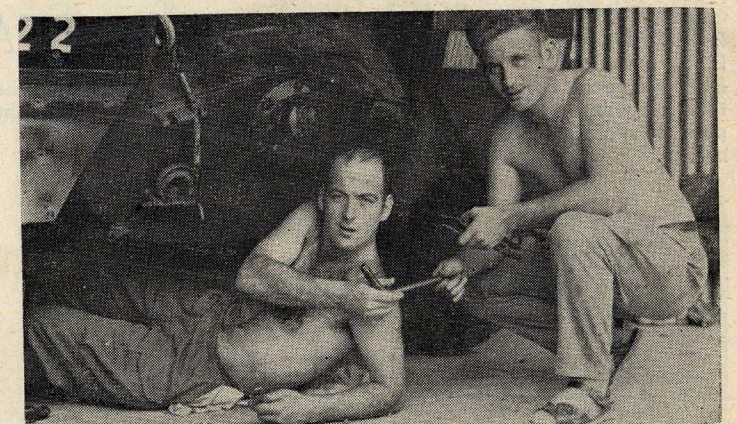
ROTATION TIME

Rotation time is here again and the 13th Infantry Group is at the moment in the middle of the handover to 18th Infantry Group.

The advance party of 18th Infantry Group arrived on Sunday 5 April and the homegoing advance party departed on the same day.

The recee party consisting of

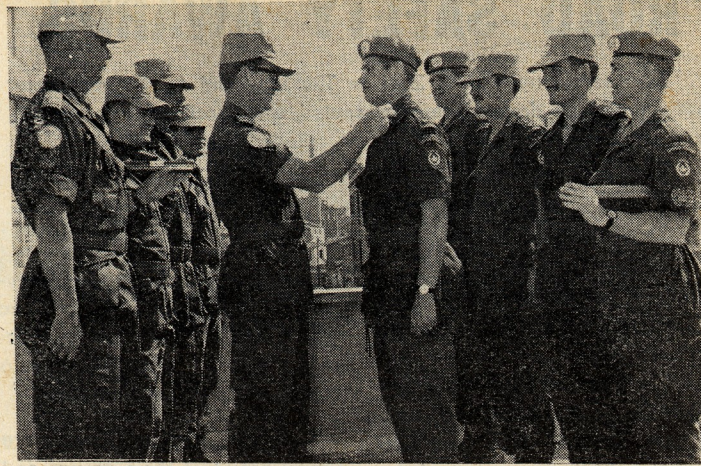
the Officer Commanding the new group, Lieutenant Colonel Martin J. O. Brien, Commandant J. McCarthy, Officer Commanding Headquarter Company, Commandant A. Maguire, Officer Commanding A Company, Commandant L.W. Bunworth, Officer Commanding B Company and Captain T.E. Ryan, Welfare, arrived by civil airline on 30th March.



• Ensuring the Armoured Cars are in top class condition for the handover are Corporal James Lambe, 1st Tank Squadron, Plunkett Barracks, Curragh and Corporal Sean Watts right.

• Lieutenant Colonel P. Carroll (left) extending a "cead mile failte" to his relief Lieutenant Colonel M. J. O'Brien.





THE BEGGINING AND THE END

Major J.R. MacPherson, Officer Commanding "B" Company of the 2nd Battalion, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada, hands over to Captain Paul R. McCumber (left), Officer Commanding "A" Company of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment.

The official ceremony took place during the recent rotation of Canadian troops. (Picture above).

GREEN LINE DISCUSSION

Master Corporal J. M. MacNeil, 2 RHC, (left), and Sergeant (Dick) E. R. Forbes, "D" Company, 1 RCR. Sergeant Forbes is a platoon sergeant of the City Company in Nicosia District. (Picture below).



MASTER WEAVER AT WORK

Sergeant John A. O'Quinn, "D" Company, 1 RCR, watches the expert hands of a local craftsman in the picture below on the Green Line in downtown Nicosia.



NEW BATTALION SIGN

A new Battalion sign for the United Nations entrance to the Ledra Palace Hotel. (Left to right Corporals Denny C. Foell, Fred H. White and John A. Robbins. All three serve with the pioneer platoon, 1 RCR.



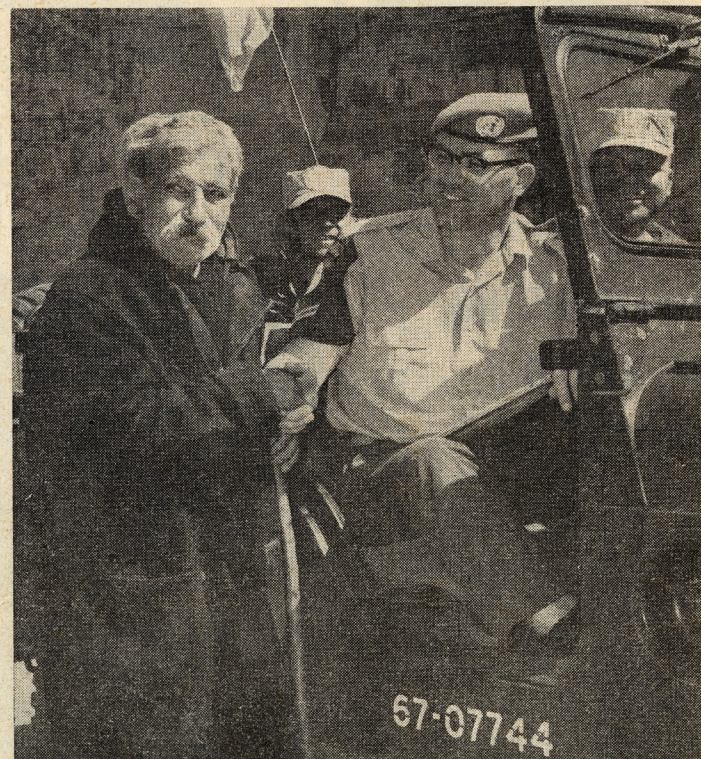
HANDOVER SYMBOL

Major J.S. MacAulay, Officer Commanding "A" Company. The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada (left) picture above surrenders his Green Line scarf to Major J.R. Walden, Officer Commanding "D" Company of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment.

Major MacAulay's company was the last of The Black Watch to leave Cyprus during the recent rotation.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos



GETTING ACQUAINTED

An elderly Greek Cypriot meets Corporal (Bill) W.A. Wright, Headquarters Company, 1 RCR, during a road patrol through a small village south of Nicosia.

FINCON NEWS



YK-tarkkailijoita vieraili

Kaksi sotilastarkkailijaa, kapteenit Veikko (Nappi) Kaukonen ja Seppo Kokko pistäytyivät pääsiäisen edellä FINCONissa lomalaan ja kertoivat YK-tarkkailijoiden työstä. Kapt Kaukonen toimialueena on Suez ja kapt Kokon alueena oli Kasmir.

Kiistakysymyksenä Länsi-Pakistanin ja Intian välillä on ollut Kasmirin maakunnan asema. Ns. Karachin sopimus vuodelta 1948 käsittelee aselevon vahvontaa alueella. Sopimuksen mukaan YK:lla on tässä tehtävässä noin 45 sotilastarkkailijaa eri maista, joiden tehtävänä on tarkastaa kerran 3 kuukauden aikana osapuolien tukikohdat, jotka sijaitsevat vuoristossa pitkin epämääräistä aselepo- ja rajalinjaa. Kapt Kokko kertoi suurimpana pulmana työssä olevan kulku vuorten huipuille. Vuoristoseudulla tiot loppuvat ja on käytettävä poneya tarkkailuasemille mentäessä.

Päätehtävän muodostaa aseleposopimuksen loukkaamistapausten käsittely. Valitukset näiden tapausten johdosta voivat koskea linjan ylittämistä, ampumista, räjähdysainesten käyttöä, asemien vahvistamista tai ylilentöjä.

Kapt Kaukonen tehtävä Suezin kanavalla on samantapainen tarkkailutehtävä paitsi, että ampuminen kanavanyli on lähes jatkuvaa ja päätehtäväksi jää tähän käytettyjen aseiden merkkiläpän ja tietojen raportointi YK:lle. YK-tarkkailijoilla on kolme viikkoa palvelusta ja viikko lomaa. Matkojen pituus on hankaluutena lomien käytössä.

Vuoren varjoista puolta laskeutuminen sujuu kevyesti. Kuvassa jääk Tyni EK:sta.

Nouse vuorille nuori mies

Kiipeäminen vuorille on tullut suosituksi liikunnan muodoksi pataljoonassa erityisesti sen jälkeen kun Kyrenian vartiopaikat miehittettiin suomalaisin jääkärein. Komppaniat vuoron perään tekevät toistuvia kiipeämisretkiä Hill Topille. Vuoristokomppanian miehet koulutuvat todelliseksi vuoristojääkäreiksi, vahvajäsenisiksi ja tummapintaisiksi sotureiksi, joilta vuorten ylitys ei enää viekään viimeisiä voimansiirteitä.

Nousta vuorille ja laskeutua vuorilta on raamatullisen vanha ilmaisu, joka pelkäänsä suomalaisessa luonnossa kuljeskelleille ja mäennyyppöilyt kavunneelle on aina jaina jäänyt täyhtä merkitystään vaille. Sanontaan kuuluu oleellisena osana ilmasto, Välimeren alueen paahtava kuumuus, jota kohti olemme vasta menossa ja toisaalta vuorten tuulet ja varjojen viileys.



Aurinkoa selässä kantavat miehet Oneisha Farmin puolelta Hill Topille kiivetessään.



MP ei merkitse Mikkelin Palloilijat vaan niinkuin kuvakin näyttää, Military Police. Nämä miehet valvovat, että pelaamme oikein. Vasemmalla laidalla kers. Simpanen ja oikealla alik. Virtanen.

MILITARY POLICE

Military Police eli Sotilaspoliisi valvoo YK-joukkojen käyttäytymistä niin heidän vapaa-aikanaan kuin liikenteessä. Heidän asuinpaikassaan Woleseyn parakeilla on seitsemän suomalaista järjestyksen valvojaa.

Kaikilla on sotilaspoliisikoulutus takanaan, osa heistä hoitaa poliisitoimintaa siviilissäkin, kuten YKSP:n esikunnassa palvelevat vääp. Orava ja kers. Karvonen. He hoitavat kuulustelijan tehtävät, mutta saa heidän puoleensa muutenkin kääntyä. Auttavat varmasti. Sotilaspoliisit ovat suoraan UN-FICYP:n alaisia. Heidän päällikkönään on evl. Murphy, jonka komea titteli on Force Provost Marshal. On hyvä kuitenkin tietää, etteivät ruusukkeet ja arvomerkit merkitsekään mitään, kun sotilaspoliisit suorittavat jämerästi tehtäviään.

ROTATION OF FEME

Our photograph below shows Major D. R. Gilliam handing over to his relief Major B. S. Turner. Major Turner who has just com-

pleted two years at the Ministry of Defence is taking over the combined duties of FEME and Officer Commanding UNFICYP Workshops.

Major Gilliam is returning to the School of Electronics Engineering near Reading in Berkshire.



OPERATIONS BRANCH AT HEADQUARTERS UNFICYP

Two of the United Nations Contingents who work hand in hand in the Operations Branch at Headquarters UNFICYP are LAC Albert Thibert, Canadian Armed Forces, who arrived in the island on 10 March of this year and Lance Corporal Malcolm Palmer, Royal Corps of Transport

Albert, who comes from Elliot Lake Ontario, has been in the forces for 20 months and is employed in the Operations Room as a clerk. Malcolm, a Class I driver, comes from Retford, Not-

tinghamshire, has been with the Royal Corps of Transport for 8 years and has served in Germany as well as twice in Cyprus. He was with Headquarters in 1967.

FUTURE TEACHER IN MOVEMENTS



A really busy man in the Logistics Branch at Headquarters is Sergeant O. Frederiksen of the Danish Army in Movement Control Section. He is responsible for the air movement of Dancon and Swedcon personnel and stores.

Sergeant Frederiksen arrived in the island on the 20th of January and will serve with HQ UNFICYP for only four and a half months.

This young NCO is on national service which is very unusual for

Danish soldiers serving in Cyprus, with few exceptions they are men from the reserve. He finishes on the 15th of August and shortly after takes up his studies at a College of Higher Education to become a teacher.

MP NOTEBOOK

Accidents - Unficyp

Week ending 4 APR 70	— 7
Same period last year	— 3
Total this Year	— 123
Same period last year	— 94
Main Cause of Accidents this week: Single Car Crash	

THE "MYSTERY CRASH"

What is a "Mystery Crash?" It's a one car accident — the kind that involves a single vehicle in a traffic mishap.

Each year this type of accident accounts for one third of traffic deaths.

Why is it called a "Mystery Crash?" — because dead men don't fill out accident reports, and those who do survive often won't admit their mistakes. It's a mystery why it happens to anyone, since it's the one type of accident over which the driver has almost complete control.

You can prevent a Mystery Crash from happening to you by learning its causes and avoiding them. Consider the following points with all their implications:

- (1) The Road
- (2) The Weather
- (3) The Vehicle
- (4) Another Driver
- (5) You, and how you feel
- (6) You, and how you drive

DRIVE DEFENSIVELY