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GREYS MEDAL PARADE

With less than three weeks left on the Island, 'B' Squadron held their UN Medal Parade at Nicosia last Tuesday, 2nd June.

7 officers and 63 men under command of the Squadron Leader, Major Simon Cox, were drawn up in an immaculate rank of 23 Ferret Scout Cars and 4 Landrovers to await the arrival of the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, who was to present the medals.

A resounding "General Salute" played by the band of 3rd Light Infantry, announced the Commander's arrival. He then presented medals to six members of the squadron representing all ranks. They were piped on by the Squadron piper, himself a recipient.

This small ceremony was

followed by an impressive "Drive Past" of all vehicles on parade and the salute was taken by Major General Prem Chand.

To round off the event the Band and Bugles of 3 LI gave a short sharp display of their marching and playing prowess with which we are now more familiar.

The Officers, subsequently, gave an open-air cocktail party for some of the distinguished guests present. These included the Special Representative, Mr B.F. Osorio-Tafall and the Chief of Staff, Brigadier General E.M.D. Leslie.



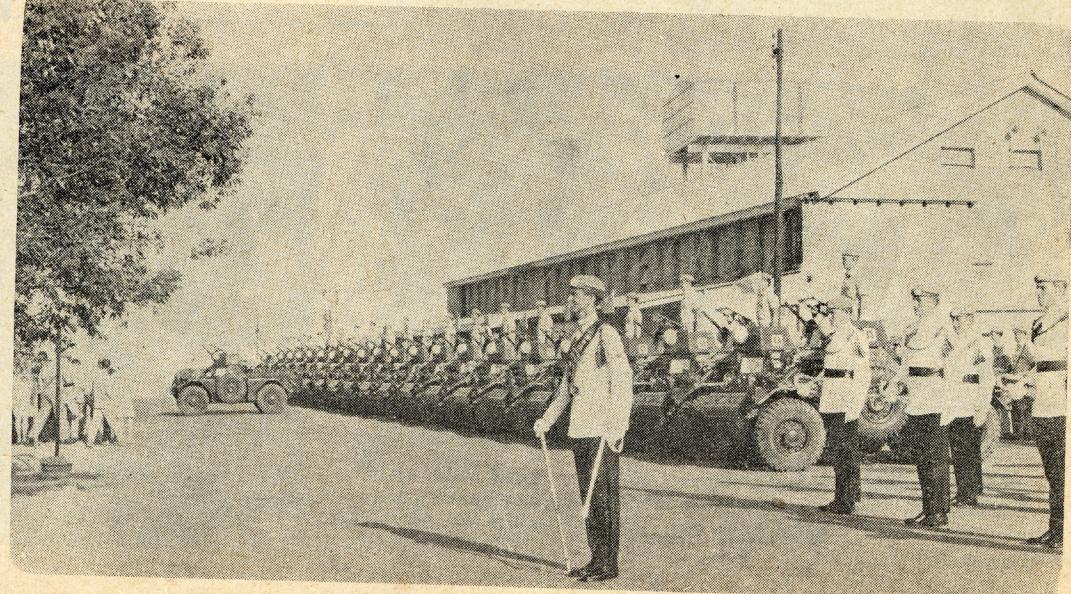
• Major General Prem Chand congratulates Major Simon Cox after having presented him with the United Nations Medal for peace keeping duties in Cyprus.

• The parade drawn up, ready for inspection, just before the arrival of the Force Commander.

STOP PRESS

The Security Council last night unanimously decided a further six months extension of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus. The new mandate will last until 15th of December, 1970.

Mr. Bibiano Osorio-Tafall, Special Representative of the Secretary-General, left Nicosia for United Nations Headquarters in New York on Saturday 6th June to attend this meeting of the Security Council which considered the Secretary-General's report on Cyprus to the Council. Mr Osorio-Tafall is expected to return to Cyprus in approximately two weeks.



DISTINGUISHED CANADIAN VISITORS

• Major General D.C. Spry, (retd) Canadian Army, (centre right) is seen talking to Major General D. Prem Chand (right) with Brigadier Generals S.V. Radley-Walters (left) and E. Leslie looking on.

Major General Spry and Brigadier Radley-Walters were here on a six day whirlwind tour of Cancon. Full story on Cancon page.

3 LI Band Sound Retreat

In a whirling, crashing, 160 paces to the minute the Band and Bugles of 3rd Light Infantry sounded Retreat before some 300 spectators last Friday.

The thirty minute ceremony took place on the heights of Polemidhia Camp against a magnificent backdrop of the Limassol plain.

The music ranged from stirring Light Infantry marches to "Abide with Me" and ended with the solemn and beautiful "Evening Hymn" in which the sweet high notes of the bugles sounding "Retreat" rose above the band music in the gathering dusk as the Regimental Flag was slowly lowered to the ground.

The Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, took the salute.



• (L. to r.): Major General D. Prem Chand, Lieutenant Colonel Bruce Robertson, Commander 3 LI, and Colonel David Riddell-Webster chat together just before "Retreat" was sounded.

GENERALEN PÅ INSPEKTION

Fredag besøgte Force Commanderen, general Prem Chand, Xeroslejren pr. helikopter og blev modtaget af Dancons chef, OL M. Hemmert Lund. Generalen var ledsaget af sin adjutant KN B.B. Isaksen og major H. Harbou.

Efter at have hilst på officerne fik generalen en kort briefing, og derefter blev Xeroslejren forevist, alt imens det sædvanlige daglige arbejde gik sin gang.

Posten i Gazivera blev næst pr bil, hvorefter der fortsattes til Limnitis pr helikopter. Her blev lejren og nogle observationsposter inspicret, inden man returnerede til Xeros for at indtage en "splendid" frokost i officersmessen, hvis personale ydede det ypperste.

■ FC general Prem Chand i Let Kompagnis smukt beliggende lejre i Limnitis ledsaget af OL M. Hemmert Lund og major F. Rye Hansen.



ØSTRIGERE SÅ LEFKA - DISTRIKTET

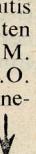
I forrige uge havde Dancos også besøg. En officer fra den østrigske hærstab blev modtaget og vist rundt i Dancons område. Oberst H. Scharff (i civil) ses på billedet i samtal med OL M. Hemmert Lund; yderligere ses chefen for det østrigske felthospital, oberst R. Wech, og chefkirurgen, oberleutnant Bernard.



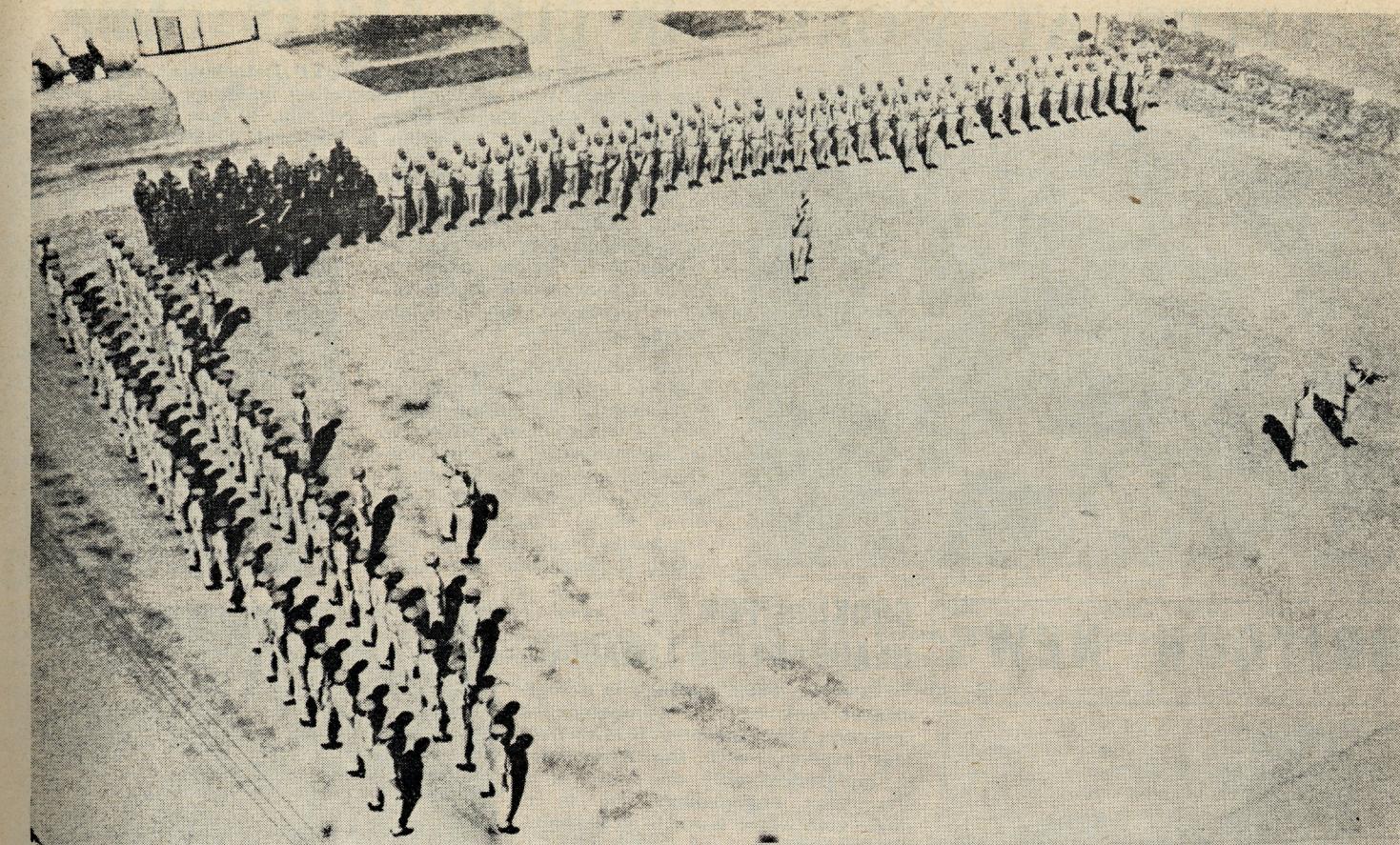
DANCON NYT

VENTER PÅ GENERALEN

Næstkommanderende i Limnitis KN P. Fabricius Jensen i midten sammen med løjtnerne M. Nikolajsen til venstre og F.O. Plet-Hansen til højre afventer generalens ankomst.



■ På det østrigske felthospital ligger i øjeblikket blandt andre de to overkonstabler P. Pedersen og L. Jensen, som forleden forulykkede i jeep ved Morphou. Begge befinner sig nu godt, - men jeepen har endt sin tjeneste.



6 JUNI - KORUM - LEDIGA

■ Svenska flaggans dag, den 6 juni, firades förstas på CGC. Och för första gången fick vi se så gott som hela bataljon 44 C samlad. Det var i stort sett bara chefen som inte var med den dagen. Vi saknade honom.



■ Vi ställde upp på stora planen framför huvudförrådet. Solen gassade. Det var varmt. Kommandanten mj Stig Landgren, Enköping, tog emot bataljonen och

lämnade sedan över till stabschefen, stf bat-chefen, mj Jan Petré.

■ Kl 08.00 hälsades nationalsymbolen och Henry Andersson, Uddevalla, lät sin trumpets välljud klinga ut över campen. Därefter höll bataljonspastorn mj Lennart Alasjö, Göteborg, korum.

■ Bilden överst är ingen "blomsterbatt". Det är uppställningen på förråds planen. Trycket i tid-

ningen är emellertid inte alltid det bästa men vi hoppas att åtminstone något skall synas.

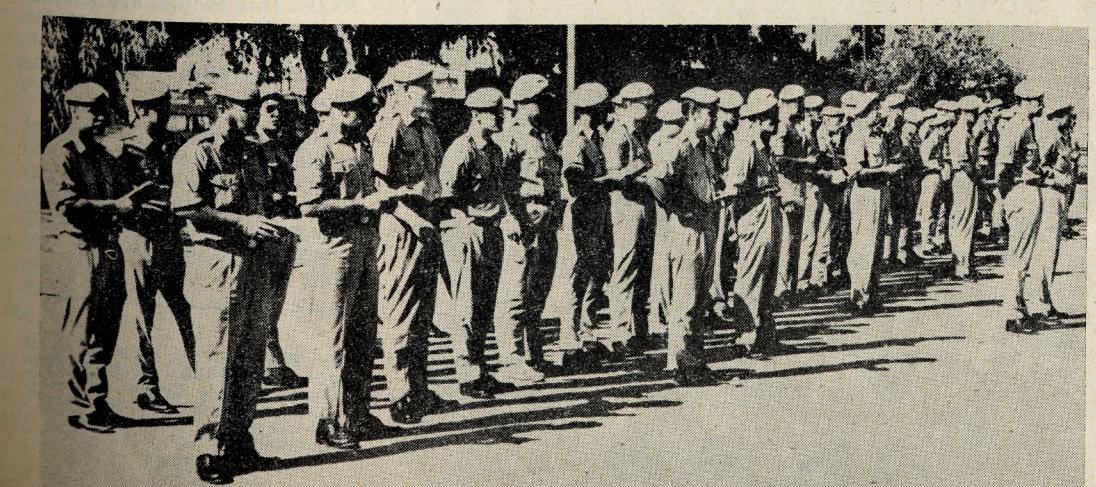
Till höger hissas flaggan vid vakten.

Nedan t. h.: Mj Alasjö leder psalmsången assisterad av Henry Andersson.

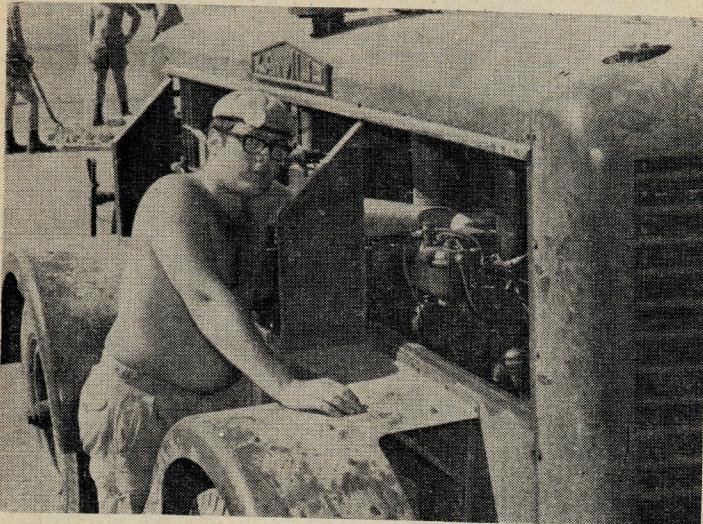
(Anm.: Stabsred vill passa på tillfället att be om ursäkt för det störande inslaget då brandbilen lämnade campen. Pojkarna från brandstationen i Famagusta var emellertid tvungna återgå för sin egen vaktavlösnings skull.)

SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos



SAPPERS AT WORK



IN GLEN EAGLES CAMP

For some time now the UNFICYP Detachment, Royal Engineers, have been at work converting buildings and in general giving Glen Eagles Camp, Nicosia, a face lift. Directly responsible for the operation is Corporal Al Mayes.

In one building Sapper John (Lofty) Smith, who is a bricklayer, was photographed whilst bricking up the rear entrance to the new armoury. Lofty's parent unit is the 6th Field Squadron, Royal Engineers.

Plant mechanic Sapper Terry (Slim) Staff (photograph left) maintains such machinery as the compressor, which he is seen working on, and mechanical diggers. He is detached from the 3rd Field Squadron, Royal Engineers. Both are normally stationed at Tidworth in England.

• Lofty Smith making way for another brick to be laid.



BRITCON NEWS

COOKING FOR HEADQUARTERS LIMASSOL

Private John Collings is a regimental cook with 'C' Company, 3rd Battalion Light Infantry. It is his first tour overseas with the Army and he has served only one year of a nine year engagement. He is a single man whose home is at Seaham, County Durham.

He says he likes the added responsibility of working for a small group of soldiers at Headquarters, Limassol, and he enjoys the Cyprus sun.

LETTER HOME

Private Don Kinrade is a storeman in 'A' Company, 3rd Battalion Light Infantry and he is stationed in Paphos. He is a single man who has already served six years of a nine year engagement.

He enjoys sport, in particular swimming and volleyball, but he likes to take time off to write to his family who live in Pontyddwr Phaeder, North Wales.

68th ANNIVERSARY
OF 65 SQN RCT

Though far from home 65 Squadron, Royal Corps of Transport, still managed to celebrate the 68th anniversary of their formation in 1902, with a traditional evening meal served by the officers and Senior NCOs. Our thanks are extended to the catering staff for all the hard work that provided an excellent five course dinner.

The squadron then re-met amidst satisfied burps and gurgles, at the Wheel 'Em Inn Club for an inter-troop games evening, from which 'A' troop emerged victorious — yet again.



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SOCCER

Soccer is continuing to be the "No 1" game with Ircon personnel. A Group team was selected and had its first outing against Mari Village. This proved to be a very keenly fought game with Ircon emerging the winners by 2 goals to 1.

Goals scored by Lieutenant Declan O'Carroll and Private Boyalan gave them the boost they needed for the forthcoming game against the Aer Lingus soccer team, who arrived from Dublin for Whitsun.

Having seen Aer Lingus get in some practice, our soccer experts, who are many, lulled our team into a false sense of security by suggesting a runaway win for Ircon. After Private Behan had netted early on, it looked as if this was so, but Aer Lingus settled,

down, tied up their game in defence before mounting and slaming in two goals to win the match. Ircon were caught on the hop and would love to have had another crack at Aer Lingus, but that was not to be as they had to say "bon voyage" the following day to a well drilled Aer Lingus team.



• Our picture shows 18th Infantry Group and Mari soccer teams. Left to right front row, Private Behan, Private Murphy and Private Barr. Middle row, Corporal McManus, Lieutenant O'Carroll, Sergeant Carolan and Private Boyalan. Back row, Captain McMenamin, Corporal Sheehan, Corporal Devereaux, Privates Keogh and Harvey.

IRCON NEWS

REUNION AFTER 21 YEARS

Three men, who have never been together since they completed their Non-Commissioned Officer's course twenty one years ago, are now serving in the 18th Infantry Group at Zyyi Camp. They are Company Sergeant Harry Wolverson, Sergeant Major Paddy Norris and Company Sergeant Christy (Kit) Kearney.

Together they underwent their Corporals Course at Cathal Brugha Barracks, Dublin, and were awarded their stripes on April 21st, 1949.

Company Sergeant Harry Wolverson is the dynamic force behind the Engineer Unit at Zyyi. His home unit is in Clancy Barracks, Dublin.

Sergeant Major Norris keeps a fatherly eye on all men of the 18th Infantry Group and has done a lot of good work in promoting sporting and social activities. His home

unit is the 2nd Bn, Cathal Brugha Barracks, Dublin.

Company Sergeant Kearney is in charge of Headquarters Company and he is also Mess President which ensures plenty of sing-songs.

In our photograph we see left to right Company Sergeant Wolverson, Sergeant Major Paddy Norris and Company Sergeant Christy Kearney.



SIGNALS CONVENTION

On Friday 29th May 1970 a United Nations Senior Non-Commissioned Officers Signal Convention was held at Zyyi Camp.

On arrival the convention was addressed by Lieutenant Colonel M. O'Brien, 18th Infantry Group Commander, who welcomed them to Ircon. Sergeant Bill Brennan handled matters from there on and did a first class job supervising and entertaining.

Our photograph shows the NCOs who come from Sweden, Dancon, Ircon and the Austrian Field Hospital.



GENERALS VISIT

Two generals who are very closely associated with the main body of the Canadian Contingent, the 1st Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment, visited here last week.

Retired Major-General D.C. Spry, Colonel of the Royals, and Brigadier-General S.V. Radley-Walters, Commander of 2 Combat Group, were swished throughout the Contingent's areas in an effort to meet all the Canadian troops on the island. Their visit, normally scheduled to last a week, had to be condensed into a six-day period due to the delayed arrival of their flight from Canada.

Highlights of their visit seemed to be the many hours they spent among the soldiers at work and at play.

After a comprehensive briefing on the activities of the contingent, the generals managed to pay a call to practically all the contingent's observation posts, company locations, messes and recreation areas; they jointly took part in presentation of awards at sports activities and in the official opening of the "Pro Patria" Club and the Cancon Base Men's Canteen. The high-ranking officers and their ladies also paid protocol calls



CANCON SOLDIER SAVES LIFE

A Canadian soldier saved the life of a 16-year-old Cypriot girl on Tuesday, May 26.

The soldier, Corporal Real Desgroseilliers, was on life-guard duty at 5-mile beach in Kyrenia when he saw the young lady panicking in deep water some distance from shore. The girl had been pushing a pneumatic mattress with a child on it. The wind had come up, the mattress drifted away and the young lady panicked when unable to retrieve it.

A Royal Navy officer vacationing in Kyrenia brought the child back to shore while Corporal Desgroseilliers rescued the young lady whom can only be identified as Mary; she is the daughter of a Cypriot priest from the Kyrenia area.



CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

• Corporal Desgroseilliers.



VISITING REPORTERS

Private Paul Gouin "does his thing" for visiting reporters John Arajs (left) from CKCO-TV Kitchener, and Ted Kostecky, from CKSL Radio a series of reports on the London. CKSL will be airing Canadians' work in Cyprus as well as greeting to families from men serving here.

In addition to news items to be broadcast next week, CKCO-TV is preparing a half-hour special on the Canadian Contingent to be aired in early September.



VOLLEYBALL KINGS

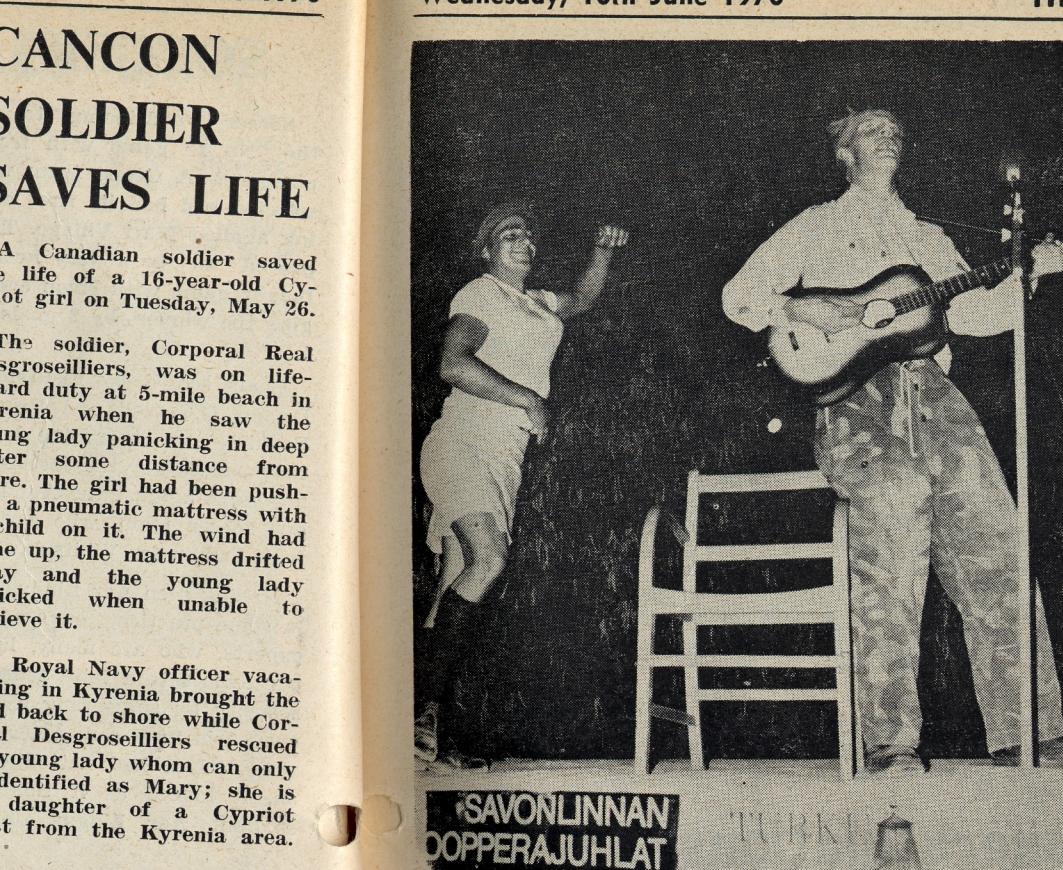
Alpha Company took the title last Thursday by winning the best two out of three games against Support Company. Left to right, kneeling: Corporals "Beattle" Baillie, Ward Young and Private Gerry O'Reilly; standing: Corporal Doug Hilchey, Captain Russ Smye, Lieutenant Dave Nolan and Bill Sutherland, Master Warrant Officer Gerry Emright and Major Bob Hersey.



CANCON FASTBALL CHAMPS

Support Company took the title by beating Alpha Company 6-5 last Friday.

Photographed above are left to right, front row: Corporals Grady Bonner, Jimmy Smith, Gerry Smith, Doc Hefner; back row: Corporals John MacNeil, "Rick" Richard, Fred White, Dickie Howard, GD Caldwell, Roy Carswell, Sergeant Dave Burgin, Lieutenant Walt Holmes and Sergeant Ken Ekstrom.



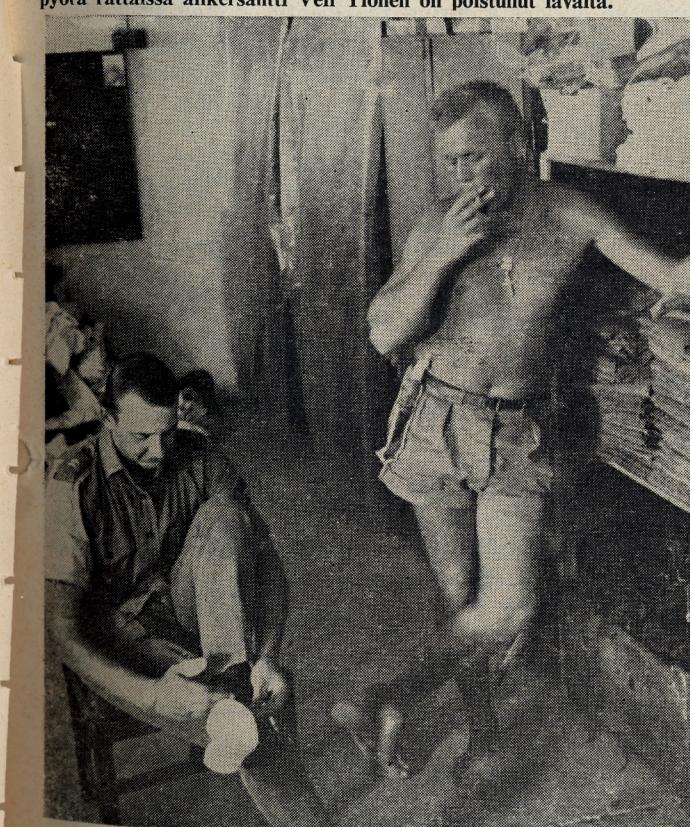
Pataljoonailta Tjikloksessa

Suomalainen YK-joukko vietti pataljoonailtaa Tjikloksessa, Kyrenian vuorilla Suomen puolustusvoimien lippujuhlapäivänä 4.6. Valonheittäjien ja kerosiisoiltojen loisteessa esitettiin kansainvälinen viihdeelin ohjelma, jota oli seuraamassa noin 150-henkinen yleisö mukana runsaasti kutsuvieraita.

Vieraiden joukossa oli muiden muassa alueen turkkilaisten kypriottien edustajat, jotka toivat juhlaan kansantanssiryhmän. Irlantilainen orkesteri 18th Infantry Group Pipe Band IRCONista esiintyi useaan otteeseen kers J. Behanin johdolla ja tanskalainen laulajapaino, jääk E.M. Jensen DANCONista esitti säveltämäänsä lauluja.

Pataljoonan komentaja, eversti Reino Raitasaari selvitti puheessaan YK:n suomalaispataljoonan ja Suomen puolustusvoimien välistä suhdetta. Kontingenttiin välisten kilpailun voitti nopealla toiminnallaan IRCON, toiseksi tuli DANCON, kolmanneksi Tk Cyp ja viimeiseksi meikäläiset härmäläiset. Yhteislaulut laulettiin pahemmin takeltelematta ja pääteeksi esiintyi 2.JK:n showryhmä

FINCON NEWS



Alikersanti Timo Kurki hoitelee rentoon tapaansa varusvarastoon hommia. Tossua sovittelee jalkaansa alikersanti Jouko Paavilainen.

Puhdasta ja ehjää

Varusvarastolla vahdetaan ja pesetetään pataljoonan henkilökunnan varusteet. "Rättiksen" pojat esittävät toivomuksensa, että herra rauhanturvaajat voisivat käydä useamminkin vaihtamisesta niiden pesettämisen helpottamiseksi. Varusvarastolla pyritään palvelemaan meitä rauhanturvaajia mahdollisuksien mukaan mutta pyydetään kiinnittämään huomioita myös oma-aloitteisuteen varusmies.

Varusvarasto pystyy aina jakaamaan puhdasta ja ehjää pääleppäntavaa vaikkakaan mitään man-

(Saha)



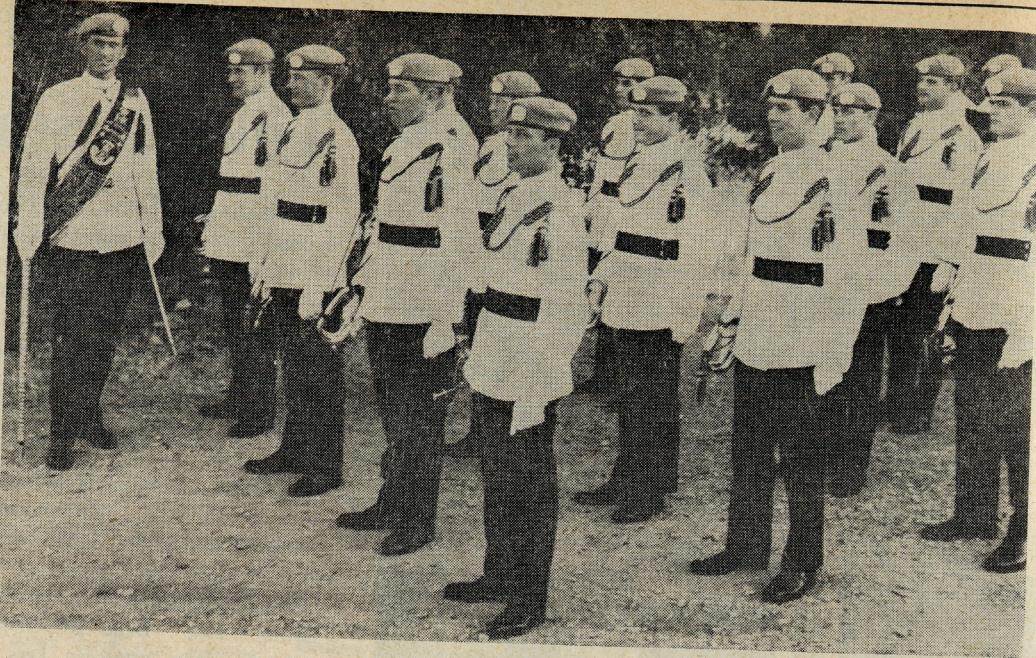
Kykkossa oli 5.6. tarjolla erikoinen Compo-annosten lounas. Englantilaisten armeijamuunia maisteltiin halulla. Kuvassa soppakattilan äärellä kersanti Mauri Köngäs (vas.) ja yliväpeli Erkki Utrainen.

Emergency Food For Drought Victims In Cyprus

Drought in Cyprus has resulted in a drastic reduction in the island's wheat and barley crops. The World Food Programme is sending emergency food supplies sufficient to last 85,000 persons for three months.

The Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization has recently approved 700,000 US dollars worth of food aid, including shipping costs, to provide rations of wheat flour, vegetable oil and coffee.

In its request for emergency aid, the Government said that severe drought was gripping 102 villages in Central Plains of Mesaoria. The loss of wheat and barley crops in the affected areas would, it was feared, in most cases exceed 75 per cent and in many cases be close to 100 per cent. The Government had so far provided 312,000 US dollars for relief. It planned to spend more, but required WFP help to meet the food requirements of the affected people.



FC VISITS LEFKA DISTRICT

On Friday last the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, inspected the new Danish Contingent, Dancor XIII.

The General first visited Xeros Camp and later on he paid brief visits to the platoon at Gaziveran, the Light Company at Limnitis and two of the OPs.

The inspection finished with a lunch in the Officers' Mess at Xeros.



The Force Commander speaking to the Danish Operations Officer, Major A. Larsen. Lieutenant Colonel M. Hemmert Lund, the Danish Commanding Officer, is seen behind the General.

The Bugles of the 3rd Light Infantry just before sounding "Retreat" last Friday, the 5th June. Bugle-Major Adams is on the left.

Congratulations 65 Sqn

The Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, publicly congratulated 65 Squadron, Royal Corps of Transport on having no accidents during the month of May 1970.

At a conference, held in Headquarters, on 3rd June last, he made a special point of drawing this fact to the attention of all contingents saying "Major Jordan and all the members of his squadron are to be highly commended on this splendid effort".

During the month they covered 146,186 miles. Seen in the photograph are some of the squadron vehicles and drivers.

The 4 ton Bedfords and 10 cwt pit emptiers belong to 'A' troop and the staff cars belong to 'B' troop, who also boast having driven for 74 days without an accident.

The Squadron leave Cyprus at the beginning of July and

'B' troop are determined to break the hundred days accident free driving.

MP NOTEBOOK

Accidents - Unficip

Week Ending		
6 Jun 70	—	5
Same period		
last year	—	4
Total this year	—	179
Same period		
last year	—	159
Main cause of accidents this week	—	

IMPROPER OVERTAKING (PASSING ON CURVES)

