



# The Blue Beret

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## REMEMBRANCE DAY IN NICOSIA



The simple wreath-laying ceremony at the War Cemetery in Nicosia.

## IRCON ROTATING SOON



The Irish Contingent is about to rotate. Four new senior NCOs have arrived to replace the four who have completed their tours. In the picture Commandant Hamill is seen with Company Sergeant Keating and Sergeant Lawler.

Last Sunday, the 14th November, Remembrance Sunday was observed by the units of the Force serving in the Nicosia area with a simple but moving service in St. Paul's Church. This was followed by a wreath-laying ceremony in the War Cemetery.

The Last Post was sounded by buglers of the 1st Battalion The Parachute Regiment in both the church and the Cemetery to mark the beginning of the short period of silence. After both ceremonies, a piper from the 3rd Battalion The Royal Canadian Regiment played a lament.

The War Cemetery in Nicosia was a very appropriate place for the United Nations Force to complete its act of homage on Remembrance Sunday, because of the sail-

ors, soldiers and airmen of many different nations who are buried there.

## LAST POST SOUNDED



Buglers of the 1st Battalion The Parachute Regiment sounding the Last Post.

Fredag den 5 NOV blev der afholdt kontinentsmøke i VIKING CAMP. Her ses Lt. Col. D.B. Ells, Lt. Col. G.J. Brierley, Lt. Col. A.O. Lomperi, OL T. Stang og Maj. J. Knox.

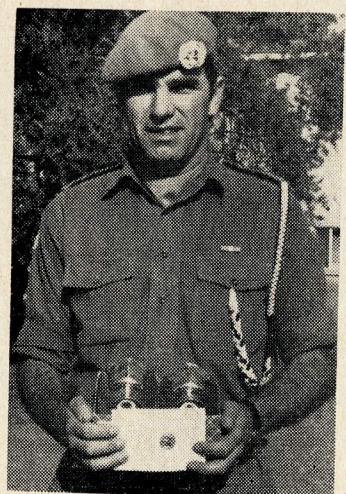
A CO-meeting took place in VIKING CAMP on the 5th of November.



Ved den nylig afholdte dueligheds-og præmieskydning blev der trods de bergænsede træningsmuligheder opnået en del virkelig gode resulater.



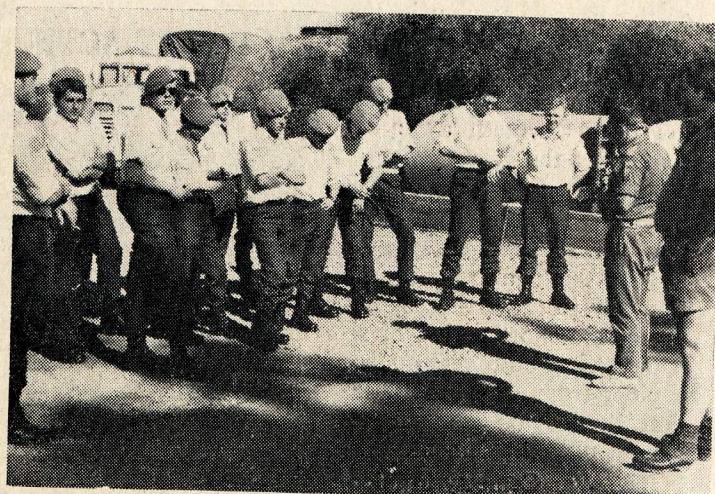
OL T. Stang uddeler 1. præmie i geværskydning til KS S. Jensen.



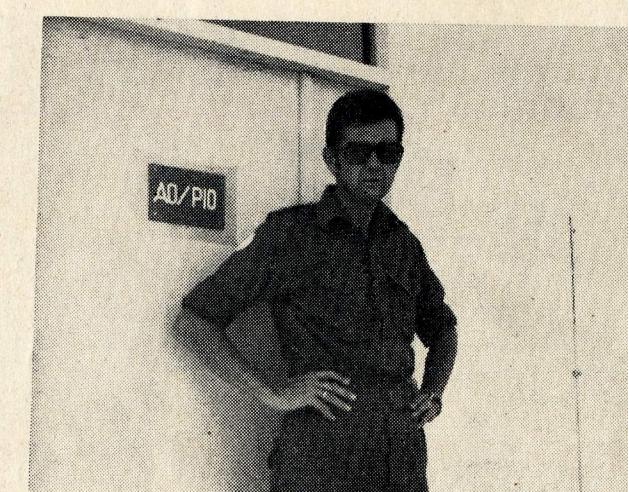
Vinderen af pistolskydning SSG P.H.W. Wendt.



KS F. Lytken mottog 2. præmie i geværskydning af OL T. Stang.



DE NYE. Første omgang af rotationen blev gennemført MAN 8 NOV. Her er GARM OS Christensen ved at instruere de nye.



DEN GAMLE. Den gamle redakteur takker af, siger farvel og ønsker held og lykke til de nye.

NEW COMERS. (readjusting their watches)

# A "SOLDIER-MADE" CAKE FOR ATHNA-VISITORS...



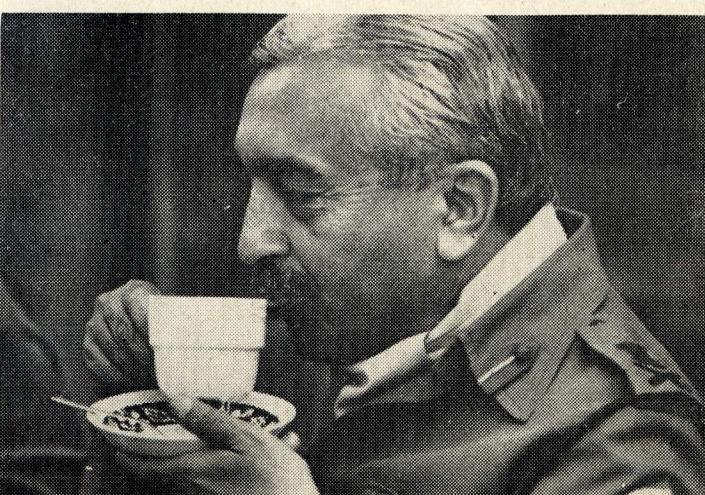
## ...and a cup of coffee for the General

On the 4th of November the Force Commander, Lt General D. Prem Chand PVSM visited the new Swedish Battalion 63C for the first time.

After inspecting the guard the Force Commander met the commanders of the different sections

and was briefed on how the new battalion was settling down to its role.

Eventually it was time for a cup of coffee or tea in the Officers' garden where the Force Commander talked informally with the Swedish soldiers.



maybe, but quite acceptable. A genuine "Athna cake" is of enormous dimensions, but apron-clad Sergeant Harfeldt shows how quickly it can disappear! Because baking is a popular occupation among the Swedish soldiers at their OP, they were recommended to bring recipes with them from Sweden to Cyprus.

The cake is now a tradition at the weekly Athna meetings, when British, Swedish and Turkish officers discuss matters of common interest. Unofficial OP sources declare that the cake helps in the reaching of good results in the discussions.

# 38 TAKES OVER FROM 8

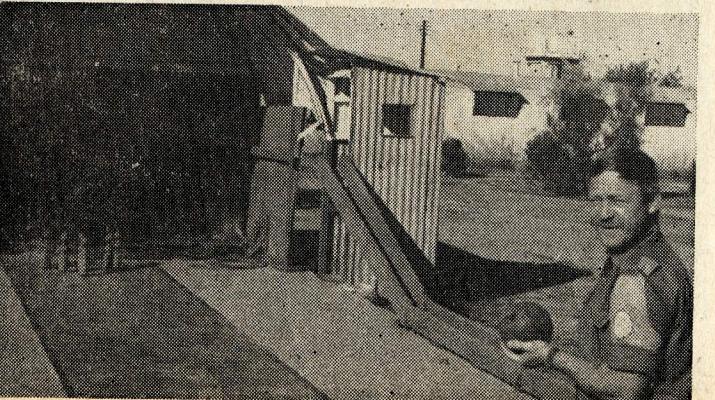


Driver Alexander collects his beret, badge and scarf from the QM's staff under the eagle eye of RQMS P Willis.

## FORCE COMMANDER IN SECTOR TWO



General Prem Chand visits the Parachute Battalion.



Flight Lieutenant Cotton and Flight Sergeant Cree about to take off again.

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The Force Commander, General Prem Chand was one of the Squadron's first visitors.

38 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport have arrived in the Force to take over the role of the Transport Squadron from 8 Squadron, who have been here since May. The new squad on has come to Cyprus from Mulheim in West Germany where they provided part of the 10 Ton fleet for the British Forces in Germany. It is commanded by Major J.A. White, who like his drivers, is in UNFI-CYP for his first tour.

8 Squadron —the former army railway company — have gone back to their base in Longmoor, where, after some leave, they will be converted to driving 10 Ton trucks instead of the more common 4 Tonners.



The new Squadron haven't taken long to get used to helping with moving furniture. Pictured above are S/Sgt Davidson and Lance Corporals O'Sullivan and Youni helping Driver Francis take a wardrobe off his truck.

## OFF AGAIN



Flight Lieutenant Cotton and Flight Sergeant Cree about to take off again.

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# ALL SAINTS DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE



Hoffnungslosigkeit geben braucht, weil ein sinnvoll gelebtes Leben zur Hoffnung auf "ewiges Leben" berechtigt. Mjr Latschenberger von der AUSCIVPOL ehrte durch ein feierliches Trompetensolo die gefallenen Kameraden, an deren Gedenkstätte ein grüner Kranz als Symbol der Hoffnung niedergelegt wurde.

## GITARRENKURS



"Wo man singt, da läßt dich ruhig nieder, denn böse Menschen singen keine Lieder!" Unter diesem Motto wird derzeit eine Sing- und Spielaktion vom Welfare Office durchgeführt. MilObKurat/BO Johann Großruck veranstaltet im Interesse einer sinnvollen Freizeitgestaltung einen regelmäßigen Gitarrengrundkurs, an dem vom Camp "Duke Leopold V" 8 Kameraden und von der 1. Kp in Athienou ebenfalls 8 Kameraden teilnehmen. Weiters organisierte sich unter der Assistenz von Wm. Mayr (ehemals ein Florianer Sängerknabe) eine musikalische "Spätschhoppencrew", die wesentlich dazu beiträgt, daß es im Welfare Office keine Mäuse mehr gibt und daß der dortige Kühlschrank chronisch leer ist.

More than ten Austrian Soldiers are interested in learning how to play a guitar. They are seen being instructed by the contingent chaplain Großruck.

## ZWEI PINZGAUER UNTERWEGS



Wußten Sie schon, daß unser Observer Gfr Siegfried PROMEGGER aus Saalfelden stammt und somit einer der wenigen Pinzgauer ist, der hier einen "PINZGAUER" fährt? Keine Frage, daß die zwei "Pinzgauer" einiges gemeinsam haben: Beide lieben die Gerte, sind verlässlich und sind somit das ideale "Observervergnügen".

When coincidence? The driver of the PINZGAUER car, Pte 1 PROMEGGER comes from an area in the Salzburg-county, which is called "PINZGAU".

# TRAINING AS USUAL IN 3 RCR



N Coy on Dhekelia Ranges — "Prepare for Inspection!"



N Coy on the ranges test firing the GPMG.

## CANCON NEWS

Now that we have been here for a few weeks, 3 RCR are settling in and getting some valuable training done.

The Companies are making use of available range bookings to zero weapons, and qualify their personnel on the various small arms we use. All personnel in the unit will qualify on their personal weapons. In addition, a team will hopefully be prepared to shoot in the coming UNFICYP competition in December.

On the more serious side, AUSCIVPOL challenged the Officers of Sector 4 to a swimming contest at the Ledra pool. Although the Canadians managed to win the race, they were no match for the Austrian hospitality which took place later at the Carleton Hotel.

### An Entertaining Trumpeter



Major Gottlieb Latschenberger of the Austrian Civilian Police Contingent is happiest when he is able to entertain others with his trumpet. After the swimming competition the teams returned to the AUSCIVPOL Headquarters for Major Latschenberger to entertain with his extensive repertoire.

# ROTATION JÄLKIMAININKEJA



Rotaation jälkeisilmiöihin kuuluu perinteisesti pataljoonan osittainen uudelleenjärjestely ja siihen liittyy uusiin tehtäviin nimittäiset ja ylennykset. Tehtäviä ja ylennyksiä jaettiin rotaation jälkeisenä maanantaina. Kuvassa oikealla ylhällä onnittelee vastavottua ylikersanttia, autokorjaamon johtajana toimivaa A Snellmania.

Rotaatiossa tuli myös uusi viestupseeri joka paraikaa ottaa vastaan tehtäviä edeltäjältään. Kuvassa ylhällä vasemmalla uusi ja vanha piuha ykkönen, vas kapt R. Hämäläinen joka pikapuoliin suunnistaa Suomea kohti, oik seuraaja kapt J. Mäntynen (laivastomiehiä).

Pataljoonan vanhimman (so. kauimmin yhtämittaisesti palvelleen) vastuunalainen tehtävä siirtyi myös uudelle miehelle. Väärä Suomalainen — sama joka astui avioliiton kahleisiin saarella — lähti kotimaahan ja luovutti YKSP:n mukhtarin sauvan ja tehtävät kapt V. Suomelalle. Mukhtarin tehtäväni on vaalia pataljoonan perinteitä, valvoa hyvien tapojen noudattamista ja pitää yllä yhtisohenkeä. Toivotamme uudelle mukhtarille menestystä tehtävässään.

### ENGLISH SUMMARY

The rotation is already in the past but some changes are still going on in Fincon's organisation. The new Signals Officer arrived from Finland and is now taking over from his predecessor. In the picture above on the left both Signal Officers can be seen in front of Fincon's JOC. On the left Capt R. Hamalainen on the right his successor Capt J. Mantynen.

Some new appointments were made in Fincon recently. In the picture above on the right, Fincon's Commander Lt Col O. Lopponen is seen congratulating newly promoted SSgt A. Snellman.

It is an old tradition in Fincon to have a mukhtar ("oldest in the village") in the battalion. The mukhtar is always the one with the longest uninterrupted tour of service in Cyprus. In the picture on the right WO 111 J. Suomalainen (left) who has served in Cyprus since May 1975 hands over the mukhtar's stick to Capt V. Suomela who qualifies to become the new mukhtar having served in Cyprus since Aug 1975.

# AUSTRIAN POLICE OFFICER DECORATED



UNCIVPOL executive officer Captain Alex Puchinger who is now serving on his third tour with UNFICYP, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Order by the Austrian Government. In the picture he is seen being decorated and congratulated by Colonel H. Fuchs, CO AUSCIVPOL.

# SWEDISH CIVILIAN POLICE COMMANDERS CHANGE



Recently Superintendant L. Lundborg took over command of the Swedish Police Contingent from Superintendant H.E. Jonsson. During their take over they visited the Force Commander.

# A BIG CATCH



Inspector Gerhard Harsch is not only the AUSCIVPOL Liaison Officer with CANCON but also a very experienced scuba-diver, who enriches the menu at the Carlton Hotel with sea food. In the picture he is seen handing over a 30 pound eagle ray to the Quarter Master, Inspector Otto Gnaser, who takes the credit for the excellent "Viennese Cuisine" at HQ AUSCIVPOL.

## More New Stamps



Two new sets of UN stamps will be issued on 19th November. These will as usual be on sale in the Finance Office at HQ UNFICYP.

## TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Week ending 30 October	10
Same period last year	12
Total for the year	239
Total for the same period last year	275

LESSON OF THE WEEK  
Be smart — stay a safe distance apart

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