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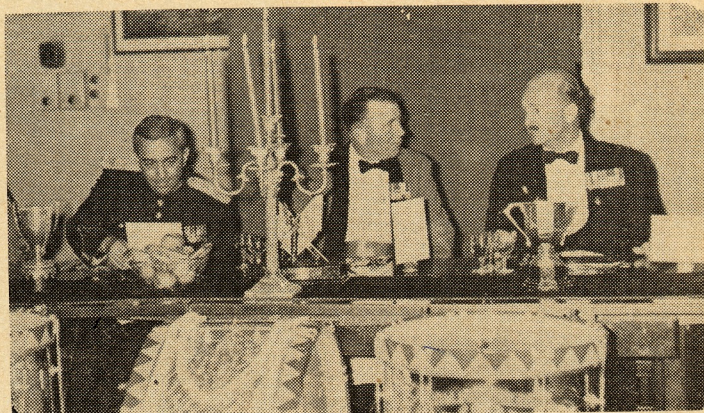
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FORCE COMMANDER DINES WITH POMPADOURS SENIOR RANKS

On Wednesday 25th March Major General D. Prem Chand and Colonel D.B. Riddell Webster were invited to a 'Dinner Night' at the Warrant Officers and Sergeants Mess of The Pompadoours.

Our photograph right shows the Force Commander and Colonel Riddell Webster seated at table with the Regimental Sergeant Major WO 1 T.H. Bullock in the centre.



FRUSTRATED WALKER

Unlike an infantryman WO II Franz Bucher, Wardmaster at the Austrian Field Hospital, adores walking. His latest plan, to walk round, the island unfortunately came to a sudden end with foot trouble.

However, he did a very creditable 120 kilometres from Myrtou to Xeros via Cape Kormakiti, and Morphou in five days.

Franz served in the Austrian Army from 1940 to 1945 and joined up again in 1959. This is his third tour in Cyprus, having served here in 1965/66 and again in 1967.

Picture below shows WO II Bucher pointing out his route to Lance Corporal Jim Forbes, a driver from Headquarters.



DIRECTOR OF MILITARY OPERATIONS VISITS HQ UNFICYP

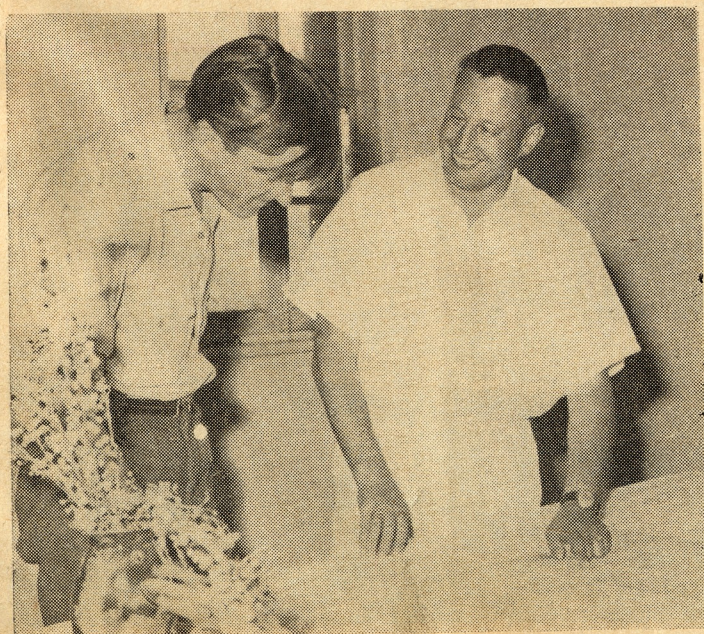
During his recent visit to Cyprus the Director of Military Operations, Major General R.E. Coaker, CBE, MC, made a courtesy call to Headquarters UNFICYP where he met the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand. Our photograph above shows Major General R. E. Coaker talking with the Force Commander.

UN DRIVER LEAVES FOR NEW YORK

Massaichi Nagai one of the Force Commander's drivers left Cyprus on Wednesday 1st April of this year. Massa has been with the United Nations for the past 12 years and has served in India, Pakistan and Jerusalem before coming to work at Headquarters UNFICYP in May 1967.

He will spend a short time in New York before returning to his native land, Japan, where he will be employed as a flying instructor on commercial aircraft. He obtained his instructor's licence whilst serving in Cyprus.

Our photograph below shows the Force Commander bidding farewell to Massa.



Vi vil så gerne eje et fotografi af dig

Sådan går to besøgende ved Dancon rundt og nyrer, mens de filmer på livet løs. Det er fotograf Jacobsen og tegneren Thessen, der er hærude for at samle materiale til en udstilling om den danske soldat i FN's tjeneste.

Så hvis der pludselig dukker en "Snigskytte" frem af busken i de kommende dage, så kan det godt være, at det blot er fotografen, der er ude på at skyde jer til sin udstilling. Men vær lige rar at se efter. Bagefter kunne det jo være for sent.

DET TYNDER UD I RÆKKERNE



FORSVARSMINISTEREN PÅ BESØG

I sidste uge har forsvarsministeren aflagt officielt besøg på CYPERN og har i den forbindelse selvfølgelig også besøgt Dancon.

Det var et par strenge dage for ministeren at komme igennem. Han besøgte både præsidenten, ærkebiskop Makarios, den tyrkiske vicepræsident, HQ Unficyp og flere andre offentlige institutioner, og om aftenen holdt ministeren party med reception på Ledra Palace i Nicosia.

Dancon har atter hjemsendt noget af det overskydende personel. Som sædvanlig var OL. Christensen personlig mødt op i lufthavnen for at tage afsked med den del af styrken, der skulde hjemsendes.

Næste dag var helliget besøget ved Dancons forskellige lejre og OPer. Først gjaldt det ST og STKMP i Xeros og siden gik turen videre til Charlie i Limnits og Kokkina, hvor der blev tid til en uformel frokost.



Også ITO sektionen var mødt talstærk frem. Her ser vi en tidlig morgenstemning, hvor kantine Petersen underholder regnemageren, KN Lund, der sidder og venter på kunder i butikken.

DANCON NYT

viser frem. Og over måden, vi greb tingene an på. Han var vist også en lille smule imponeret over, så hurtigt det er lykkedes os at få sat skik på tingene herude.



Sommer i lejren

Det gør godt ovenpå de sidste dages kulde og regn sådan at ligge i solen og lade sig gennembage af dens stråler.

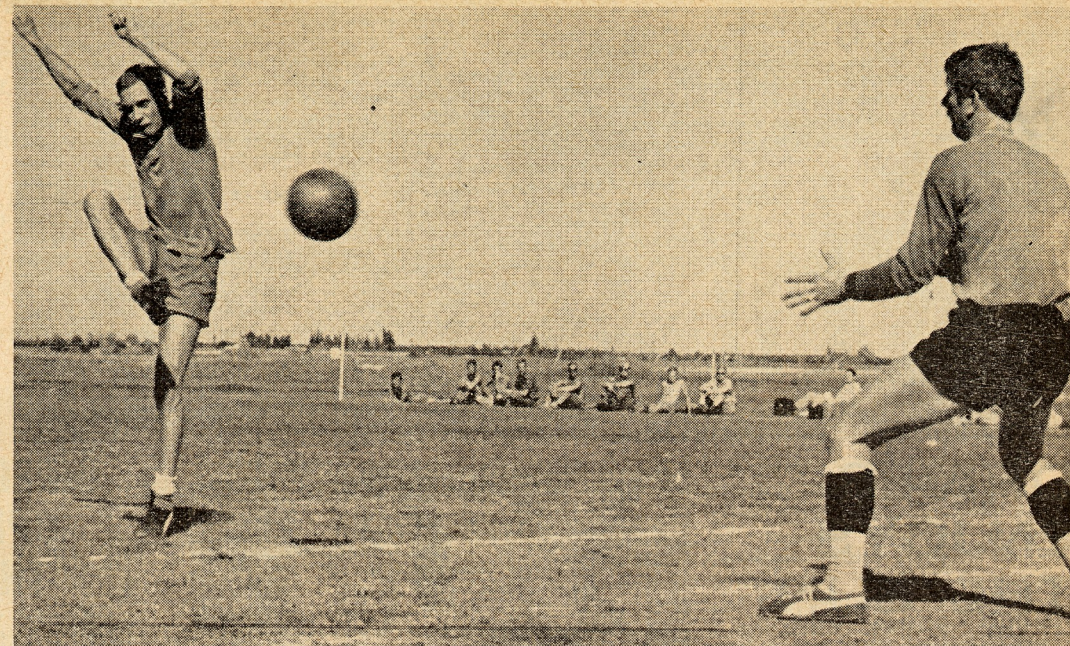


SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos

SIX-A-SIDE

Vallström, militärpolis, var en av dem, som gjorde dagen svår för de brittiska lagens målvakter i six-a-side-turneringen.



"IDROTTSBATALJONEN" 43 C HAR HÄVDAT SIG BRA!

Den av 9th Signal Regt anordnade six-a-side turneringen i fotboll spelades den 25 mars, och efter en hel dags matchande mot nio brittiska armélag stod den svenska FN-bataljonens lag som det segrande.

Den för svenskar kanske något ovanliga spelstilen, som ju innebär att laget har endast fem utspelare, behärskades alltså mycket

bra av de svenske. Noterbart är också att svenskarna inte bara segrade, de släppte heller inte in ett enda mål!

På det hela taget kan man säga att bat 43 C har gjort bra ifrån sig i UNFICYP-sammanhang. De mest uppmärksamade segrarna noterade vi i UNFICYP-mästerskapen i fotboll och i Famagusta Town Race.

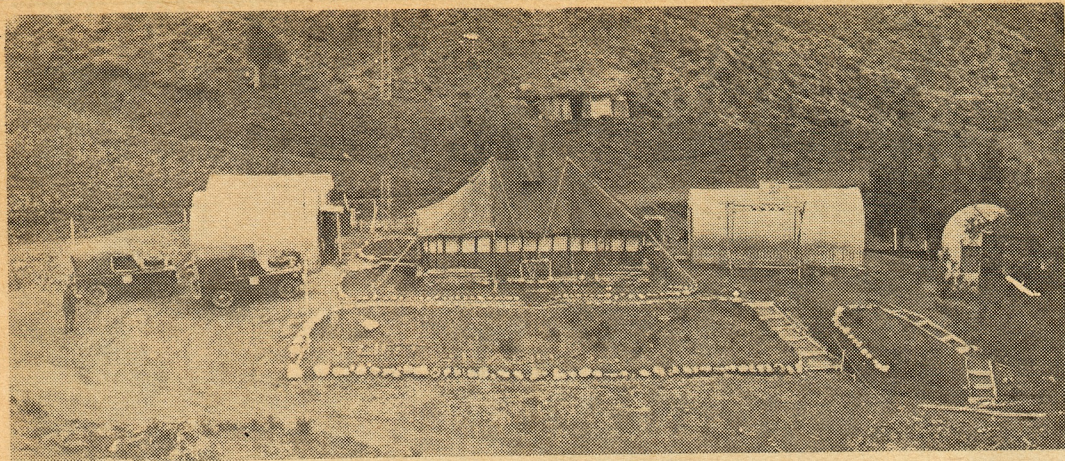
Nu är det inte mycket som återstår.

Onsdag den 8 april friidrottstävlar vi (bat-mästerskap) i Dhekelia och fredag 10 april går Stavros-tävlingen, en lagtävling om Fritidsresors vandringspris.



Fallskärmsparatävlingarna i helgen genomfördes med ett 40-tal startande. Här segrade fu Claes Berg i klass 3. Lt Syde själv kom på tredje plats i klass 1. I klass 2 kom fu Hans Hansson på sjätte plats bland 20 tävlande. Bilden: Furir Claes Berg på väg att landa.

Suverän segrare i distriktsmästerskapen i terränglöpning (orsdagen 26 mars) för oldboys blev mj P O Malmgren, som längst t v spurtar mot mål med en ledning före närmaste följare på ca 100 meter. T h: I seniorklassen blev det en rasande spurtduell mellan tredjekompanisterna Karlsson och Lindquist där Karlsson, som tog ut sig fullständigt, segrade med knappast möjliga marginal.



DRIVER ENJOYS THE SUN

After nearly five years in the cold and wet of the Westphalian plains in Northern Germany Lance Corporal Tony Lanner (picture right) finds the Cyprus sun difficult to believe.

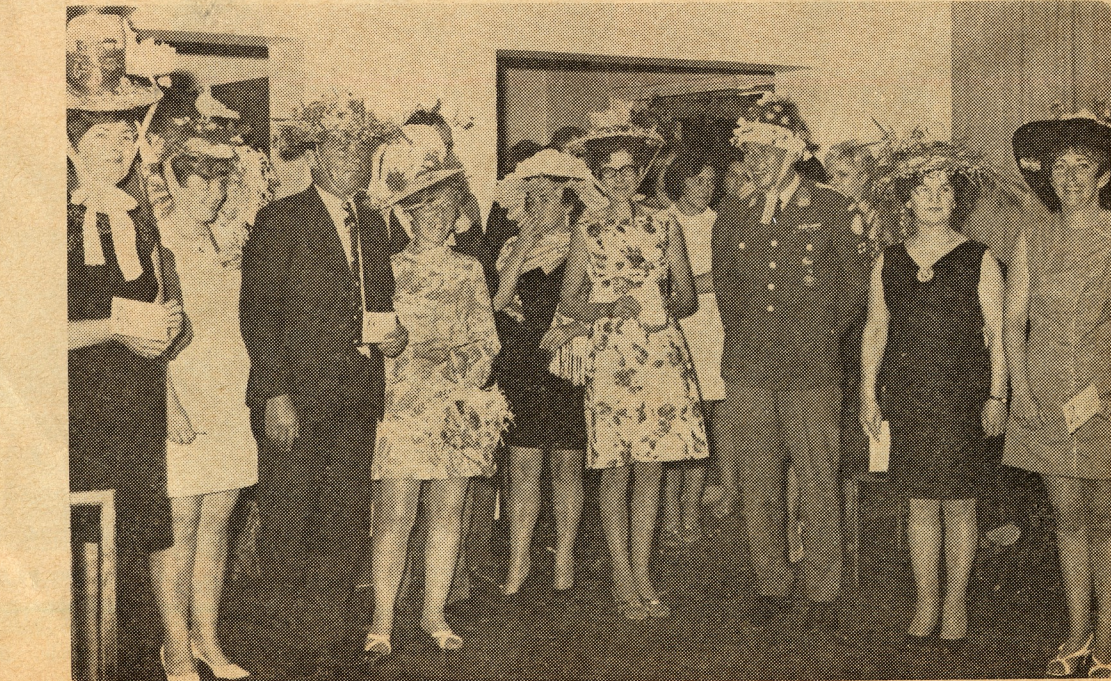
He took part in many NATO exercises whilst serving with 54 Squadron The Royal Corps of Transport and this has given him good grounding in the art of international relations — an asset whilst serving with the United Nations Force in Cyprus with 65 Squadron, Royal Corps of Transport.



REME Newcomer To UNFICYP

Corporal Robert (Jock) Irving arrived in Cyprus for the first time on 10th March of this year to be employed with the Headquarters UNFICYP REME Workshops.

Jock who is an ex-boy soldier has been stationed in the United States 3 years employed on Drone Trials with the Germans, Canadians and Americans. Our photograph shows Corporal Irving welding a broken canopy frame.



EASTER BONNET PARADE

A traditional Easter Ball with an Easter Bonnet parade was held in the Headquarters UNFICYP Sergeants Mess on Saturday the 28th March. Guests came from all the United Nations contingents and from the British Sovereign Base areas.

The Bonnet parade was held in two groups, one for the ladies and one for the gentlemen.

Prizes were awarded for the best two of each group.

Our photograph right shows the contestants wearing their bonnets awaiting the judges decision.

Observation Post ANADHIU

High up in the mountains North of Paphos is what is probably the remotest observation post on the island — Anadhiou.

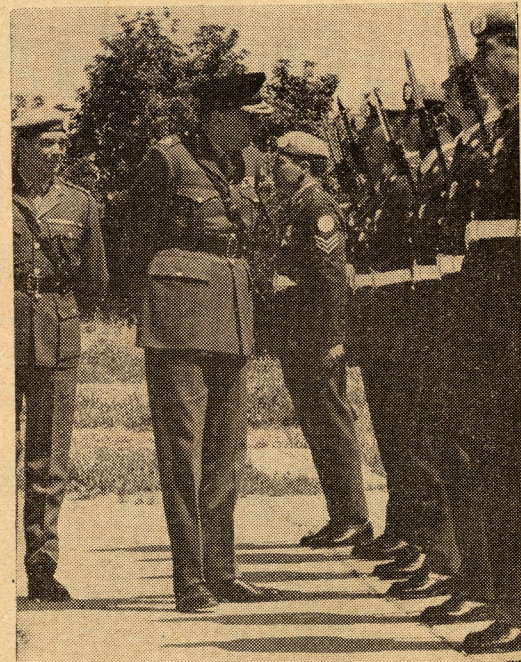
To reach this outpost it is necessary to move off the main roads and to drive for some two miles along a dirt track.

Our photograph left shows the Observation Post built into the side of a hill.

DIRECTOR OF MILITARY OPERATIONS VISITS THE POMPADOURS

During the last week Major General R. E. Coaker, CBE, MC, Director of Military Operations, made a tour of British units in Cyprus.

On Tuesday 24 March he visited The Pompadours and he is seen in our photograph (below) inspecting a Quarter Guard accompanied by the Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel K. Burch, MBE.



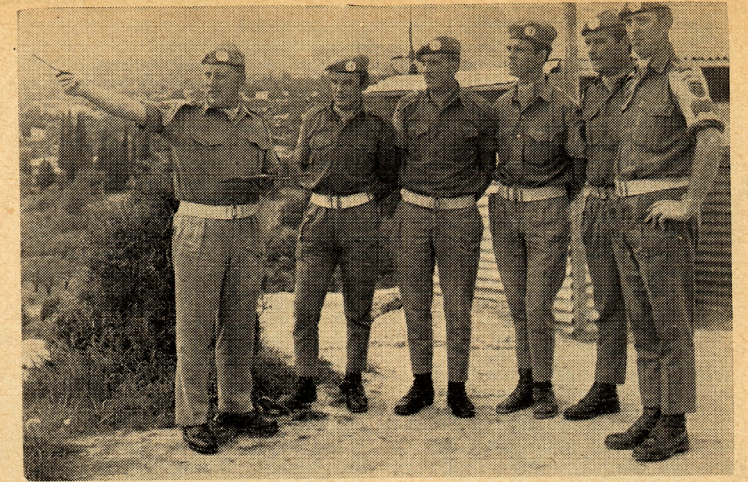
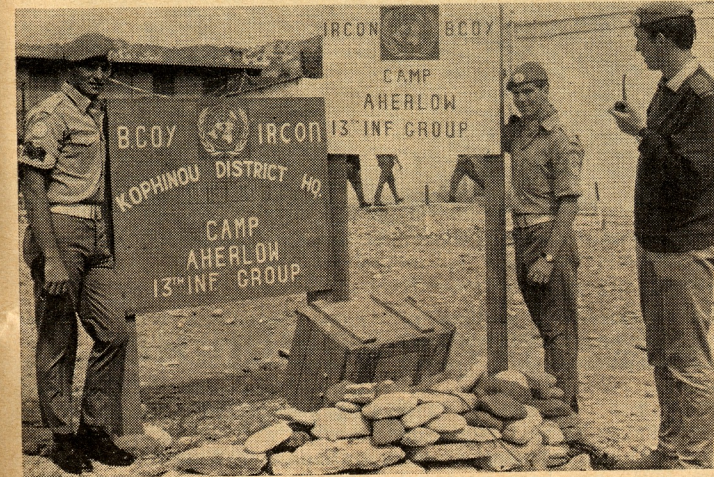
BRITCON NEWS

NEW LOCATION FOR 'B' COY

'B' Company, in their usual efficient manner, have settled into their new area at Kophinou. They were the last of Ircon to leave the Lefka District but when we visited them last week it was as if they had been established in their new location for months instead of two weeks.

Spare time (we must be joking!) competition for the 'B' Company Nameplate produced some interesting efforts. Results were not to hand when we were leaving the camp but next time you are passing, the winning design will be there for all to see.

Our picture below shows Lieutenant B. Goulding (right) examining the entry of Corporal C. Scott, on left and Private McGrath, centre.



KOPHINO DISTRICT OBSERVATION POSTS

It is a lot easier for 'B' Company to get to their new Observation Posts than it used to be in the Lefka District, nevertheless the work is as demanding as ever.

● The most important member of Observation Post Mari is Private MacCahy who is busy cooking lunch. Wished we could have stayed as it looked very, very appetising!

● Sergeant John Harrington briefing new arrivals to Observation Post Skarinou. They are left to right Privates James Coleman, John Fahy, Patrick Granaghan, Michael Lambert and Corporal John O'Malley.

● Private Patrick Gaffey taking a close look at his area of responsibility from Observation Post Crown Hill.



SIGNAL EXPERTS

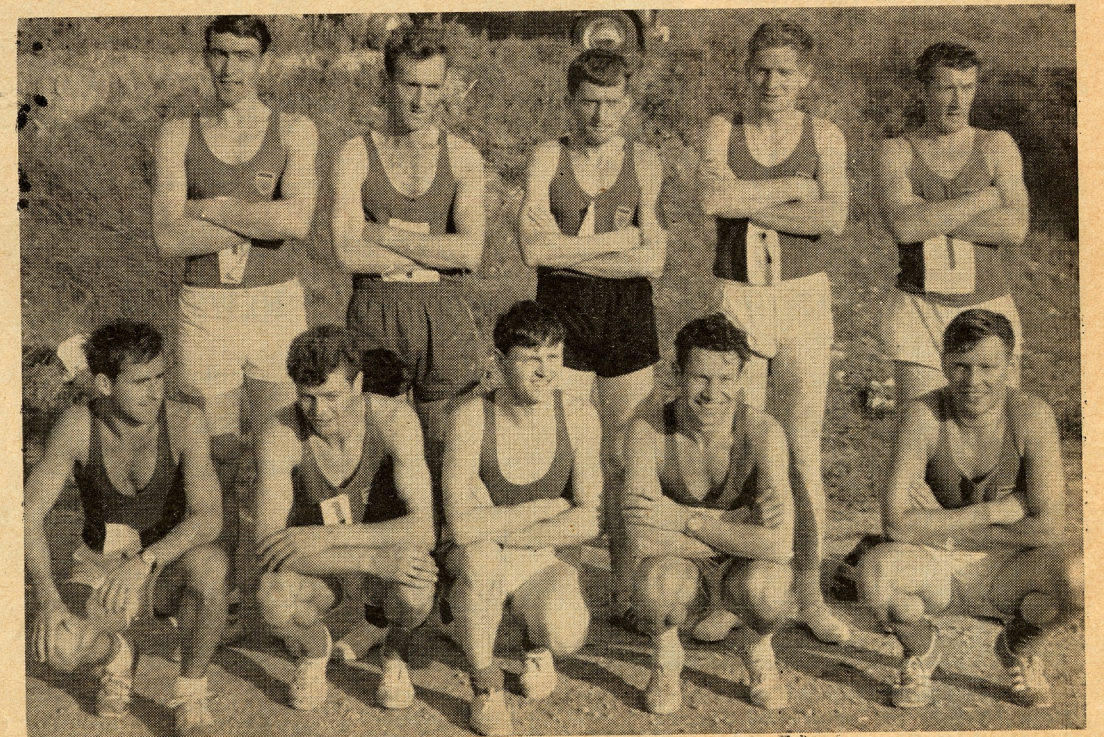
You have often heard their voices, now see their faces. Two of 'B' Company's signal experts, Private John Walsh (seated) and Private John Mullally.



CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

The ten members of the Ircon team which came second to Swedcon in the Famagusta Town Relay Race last month. Sergeant Sean O'Sullivan, Corporal Jim Cooper and Sergeant Mick Byrne later went on to win the Nicosia Relay Race from twelve other teams. Our picture right shows them: back row centre and extreme right, front row extreme right respectively.

IRCON NEWS



ROTATION TIME

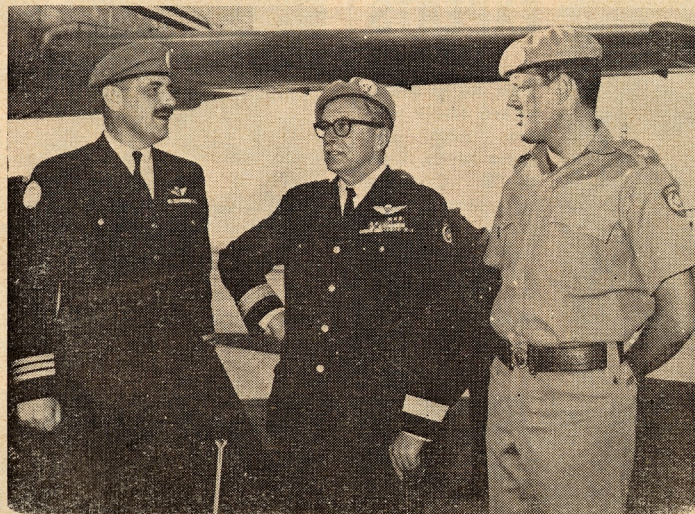


PIPERS IN THE HILLS

High above Kyrenia Harbour pipers of two nations play a Scottish tune. (Left to right) Pipers Trooper Davy Cairns, Royal Scots Greys and Corporal Roddy MacLeod, 2nd Battalion, The Black Watch.

NICOSIA AIRPORT WELCOME for Lieutenant-Colonel Loomis. (Left to right) Colonel Loomis; Brigadier-General E.M.D. Leslie, Chief-of-Staff, UNFICYP; and Lieutenant-Colonel MacLeod.

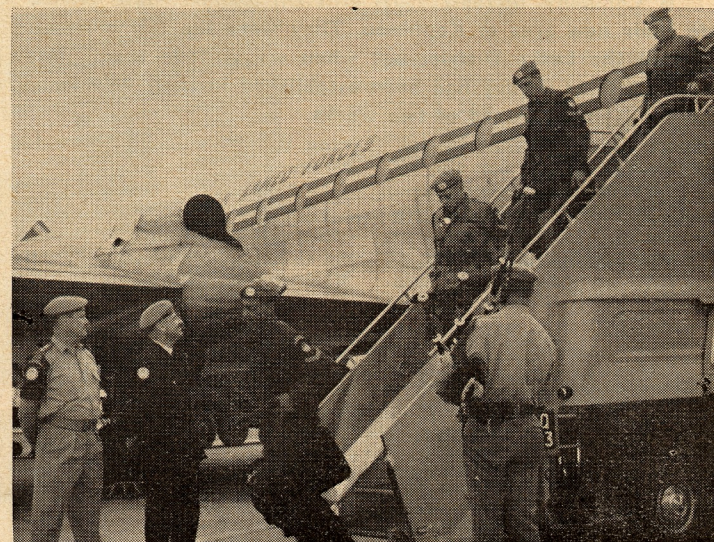
(Picture right)



The rotation of soldiers of the Canadian Contingent began March 23rd and ended April 1. The 2nd Battalion, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada, Gagetown N.B., has been replaced by the 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment, London, Ont.

The rotation, involving over

Lieutenant-Colonel Daniel G. Loomis greets a flight of new arrivals for their six-month United Nations tour in Cyprus.



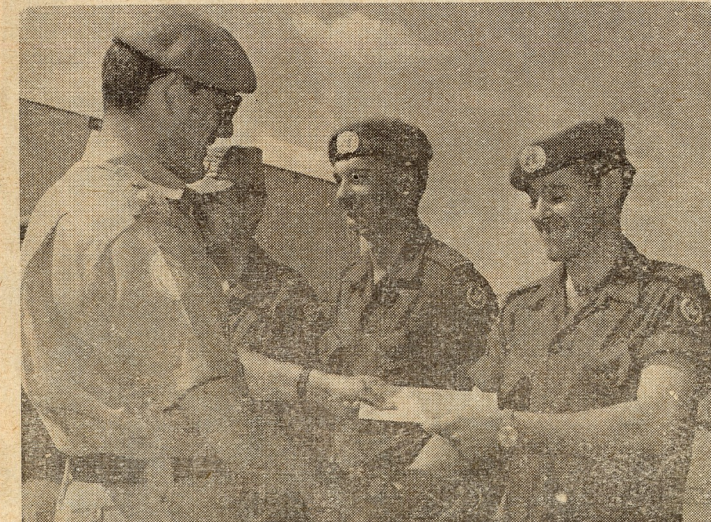
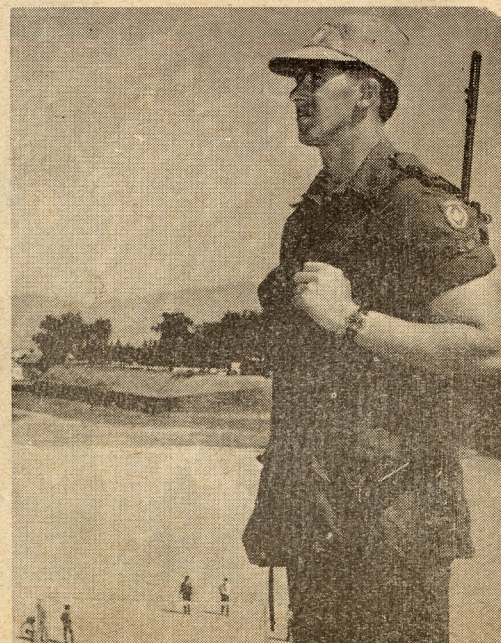
Lieutenant-Colonel William B. MacLeod wished "Good-speed" to his soldiers returning to Canada. Sergeant Doug Bowen, PIO photographer, captures the action for Canadian television stations.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

LAST DUTY WATCH before returning to Canada for Master Corporal R.D. Pieroway, "B" Company, 2 RHC.

(Picture right)



SAFE DRIVING AWARD for Private G.W. Gabriel, 2RHC, before his return to Canada. Private Gabriel, driver for the battalion medical officer, drove over 10,000 miles in Cyprus without a traffic accident. The presentation was made by Lieutenant-Colonel MacLeod.



Pääsiäisen ehtoollisjumalanpalvelus pidettiin RAF:n kirkossa.

Kenttäpiispa tyytyväinen YK-sotilaisiin

Kenttäpiispa Yrjö Massan vierailu jatkui FINCONissa yli pääsiäisen pyhien. Sunnuntai-iltana radioidussa tervehdyspuheessaan kenttäpiispa sanoi tarkastusmatkansa aikana todenneensa, että suomalaiset YK-sotilaat ovat vastuuntuntoisia, reippaita ja elämänmyönteisiä miehiä, jotka kansainvälisestäkin arvioituna täyttävät hyvin vaativat mitat.

Tulipalo vuorten vartiopaikalla

Kiirastorstai-iltana tuhosi räjähdysmäinen tulipalo vuorikomppanian Paquins Hill-nimisen vartiopaikan asuntorakennuksen. Rakennus, jossa palon syttymishetkellä klo 19.16 ei ollut ketään sisällä, paloi lyhyessä hetkessä perustuksiaan myöten.

Henkilövahingoilta välttyttiin, koska miehet olivat vartiomiestä lukuunottamatta kaikki viereisessä keittiörakennuksessa iltapalalla. Tuli sai alkunsa rakennuksen läntisestä päädyssä, jossa mahdollisia palon aiheuttajia olivat öljylamp-

pu, lämmityslaite tai tuhkakuppi. Tutkimukset palon syystä jatkuvat. Vartiopaikan päällikkö kers Niemi kertoi vartiomiehen suorittaneen palohälytyksen välittömästi, mutta tuli oli jo saanut niin suuren vallan, että kävi rätinä

kuin rakeita olisi satanut. Jonkin ajan kuluttua räjähtelivät ensimmäiset tulen kuumentamat kiväärinpatruunat ja miesten oli suojauduttava. Paikalle kiirehtinyt sammutusryhmä saattoi hoitaa vain jälkisarjauksia.

Omaisuuksien karsivat kaikki vartiomiehet: kers Niemi, jääkärit Alanen, Hiltunen, Inkeroinen, Kopsa, Mustinen ja Siirtola.

Kevät vastaanotettiin kukkaisjuhlin

Noin 50 kutsuvierasta omien upseerien ja rouvien lisäksi kukittiin FINCONin järjestämän kukkaisjuhlan alkajaisiksi viime lauantaina 28.2. Tätä kevään juhlaa kunnoittivat läsnäolollaan muun muassa Force Commander, kenraali D. Prem Chand puolisoineen ja eri kontingenttien komentajat

rouvineen sekä Suomen pääkonsuli ja rva Severis. Kukkaisjuhla kääntyi illan kuluessa puutarhajuhlaksi, jossa viihtyisän koristelun ja runsaan tarjoilun kehystämä juhla jatkui yömyöhään.

Kuvassa yllä Force Commander puolisoineen tervehti illan emäntää rva Kaija Raitasaarta. Alakuvassa evl ja rva Pentti Kallio (kesk.) keskustelevat ins ja rva Lauri Pudaksen, CMC, kanssa.



Lentopallo-ottelu Kaijan Pumppu - Reiskan Pumppu 30.3. Kykkossa päättyi edellisen juokkueen voittoon 2-1. Lähes riehakkaan hilpeän ottelun päätteeksi kohottivat voittajat jääk Ruosteen johdolla mukkean hei-huudon hävinneille miehille vastustajilleen. Kuvassa (vas.) rouvat Varpu Raunu, Anneli Kukkonen, Pirjo Virolainen, Irmeli Suurkari, Leena Pippuri, Kaija Raitasaari ja Airi Simola.



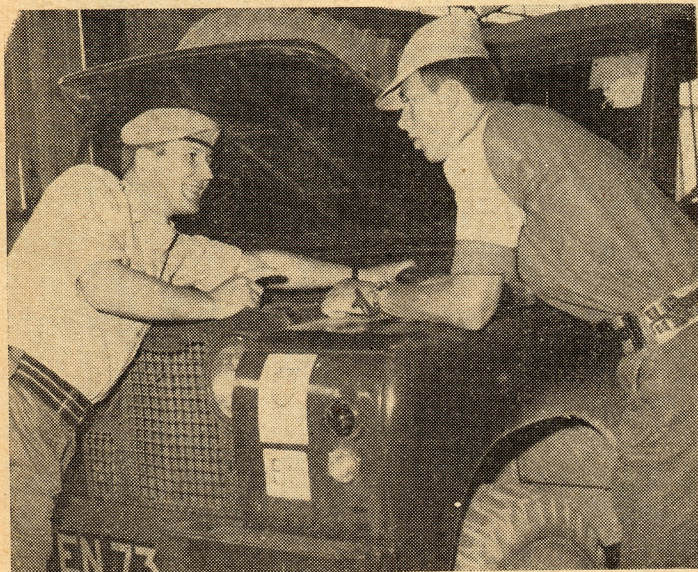
FINCON NEWS

REME SERGEANT SERVES WITH FINCON

Sergeant John Noden, from Plymouth, England, has

the unusual job of inspecting and maintaining British vehicles on charge to Fincon.

A regular soldier with 12 years service he has served in Cyprus before as well as Kuwait and Germany. Our picture below shows Jhon explaining the intricacies of the Land Rover to Sergeant Ilkka Erkkila of Fincon.



ROTATION OF CANADIAN CONTINGENT

The rotation of the Canadian Contingent serving with the United Nations Force in Cyprus took place between 23 March and 1 April, 1970.

Aircraft of Air Transport Command carried 482 personnel of the 1st Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment, from their home station at London, Ontario.

2nd Battalion the Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada, who have completed a six-month tour of peace-keeping duties in Cyprus have returned to their base at

Camp Gagetown, New Brunswick.

Lieutenant Colonel D. Loomis, Commanding Officer, the 1st Battalion RCR arrived with the advance party in Nicosia on 23 March, 1970.

The rotation of the Canadian Contingent brings the number of Canadian personnel who have served on United Nations duties in Cyprus to about 10,500.

SWIM SAFELY

Drowning fatalities occur every year. In nearly every case they would have been prevented if the persons concerned had taken elementary precautions.

There are some basic rules which should be always observed by EVERYBODY.

Here they are:

1. Don't enter the water unless there are at least two of you.
2. Don't enter the water if you do not feel well.
3. Don't enter the water if

you are under the influence of alcohol.

4. Don't enter the water for at least one hour after having a meal.
5. Don't go out of your depth until you can swim well.
6. Don't indulge in rough play in or near the water.
7. Don't swim when the sea is rough.
8. Don't swim where there are eddies or currents.
9. Don't dive in shallow water.
10. Don't dive where you may injure yourself and/or another person.
11. Learn how to float and how to tread water.

NEW SECRETARY FOR CAO

Miss Marie Helena Montage has recently joined Headquarters UNFICYP from New York.

She is to be secretary to Mr R. S. Hausner, the Chief Administrative Officer.

Marie, who comes from Agen in France speaks Spanish, German, French and English. She took over from Miss Francis McIver who is now secretary to Mr B. F. Osorio-Tafall, the Special Representative to the Secretary-General.



MP NOTEBOOK

Accidents - Unficyp

Week ending 28 Mar 7
Same period last year 12
Total this year 116
Same period last year 91
Main Cause of accidents this week: Unsafe Overtaking.

The Art of Overtaking and Being Overtaken

How to be Overtake

There are a number of things you do to prevent the accidents that can happen when other cars overtake you;

1. Help the other driver pass.

Slow down and allow the overtaking car to get back in line in front of you.

2. Before you change lanes, check your rear view mirrors and make sure your blind spot is clear. Use your turn signals.

3. Get into the proper lane for a turn early.

4. Don't nose out of a parking space to check for traffic. Take a good look before you move. Wait for a break in traffic, signal your intentions and pull out promptly.

How to Overtake

1. Make sure you have maintained a safe following distance.
2. Check traffic ahead. Both cars travelling at 60 MPH are closing the gap between them at a rate of two miles per minute. Since it takes you 10 seconds to pass the car ahead, the oncoming car must be at least one-half mile away.
3. Check traffic behind before changing lanes.

4. Signal before you change lanes.

5. Move into the right lane.
6. Accelerate as you move right.
7. Sound your horn.
8. Signal your intention to return to the left lane.
9. Return to the left lane when it is clear.
10. Resume normal speed as soon as you have completed your overtaking maneuver.