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EXERCISE UNDER TROPICAL CONDITIONS

Soldiers from Swedcon in Famagusta held an exercise in the Goshi Range Area last week. It was one of the few times Swedcon has had to train in a desert area under tropical conditions. The temperatures were sometimes more than 140 degrees Fahrenheit. The exercise was in the form of combat team attacks with light infantry and Swedish Armoured Cars with heavy machineguns. The exercise was controlled by the Swedish training Officer, 1st Lieutenant Bengt Gunnarsson.

● Our picture shows a light machine gun group preparing to support an infantry platoon attacking the opposite hill. — More action pictures from the exercise on page three.



VISIT TO UNFICYP

Colonel N. V. E. Strickland, who has recently taken over as Colonel AQ at HQ NEAR-ELF, paid a courtesy visit last week to HQ UNFICYP. He is pictured being greeted by Lieutenant Colonel P. G. H. Morgan, Chief Personnel and Logistics Officer UNFICYP.



OBITUARY

We regret having to announce the death of Inspector Patrick Hackett, a member of the New South Wales Police Force serving with the Australian Police Element of UNFICYP. He was killed in a road accident in the Paphos Area on 29th August. We extend our deepest sympathy to his relatives.

TRANSPORT CONVENTION



● A transport convention was held on Tuesday 24th August at HQ UNFICYP. Transport representatives from all contingents and interested minor units attended. The committee was chaired by Major P. Palmer, Officer Commanding 8 Squadron RCT, the UNFICYP Transport Squadron. Lieutenant Colonel P. G. H. Morgan, Chief Personnel and Logistics Officer, was also present. Among the matters discussed were driver training, vehicle driving permits and vehicle servicing.



MP KLAR TIL AFGANG



●Med FN-standarten vajende fra jeep-en gennemfører LKMP daglige patruljer i Lefka distrikt, for at man derved kan kontrollere, at alt står rigtigt til i det område, Dancon har fået tildelt ansvaret for. På disse ture besøges også ubemandede FN OPer.SG J.F.W.H. Jacobsen er ved rattet.

●Lovens arm hviler tungt på dørkanten over FN-mærket, når MP KP N.E. Pedersen, kaldet Splint, er klar til afgang. MP'erne gennemfører daglige motorpatruljer for at kontrollere, at alt FN-personel overholder gældende regler og bestemmelser. Speed-check og optagelse af rapporter i forbindelse med færdselsuheld hører også med til deres arbejdsområde.



REGNSKAB

●ITO-befalingsmanden OS O.R. Knudsens regnemaskine spyr papirstimler med masser af tal på ud i lange baner, for



DET KOSTER PENGE



KØREBOGEN

CHECKES

Først når det er konstateret, at kørebogen er behørigt i orden, hæves bommen med stopskiltet, og lejren kan forlades. Her er det LT Nichum, der skal ud til dagens opgaver i terrænet.

DANCON
NYTACTION
PÅ
GOSHI

Det smalt på Goshi häromdagen igen. I det sterila ökenlandskapet övade 4:e pluton. Även redaktören fanns på plats. Den lilla stabstermometern visade vid kontroll 52 grader Celsius i den skugga som inte fanns. Jag förstår så väl Jan-Åke Karlsson som sa: Inte ens för 10.000 kr skulle jag göra om den här dan!

Varmt var det och smalt gjorde det. Egentligen fullt befogad fråga från krp Björn Wiström: Finns det nån syrgas? En annan anförtrödde med plågat ansiktsuttryck: Hjärnan kokar!

I fall någon inte var nöjd enbart med den värme solen gav, så anlades med jämna mellanrum en brasa på sluttningen som krävde allt dricksvatten för att hejda.



Övningen var så realistisk som säkerheten medgav. Det betydde samtidigt att det var en av de få gånger som svensk trupp på Cypern genomfört en övning med skarp ammunition i ökenmiljö.

Nästa övning på Goshi kommer om möjligt att omfatta även helikoptrar med flygburen trupp som tillsammans med bepansrade KP-bilar och infanteri anfaller längs bergspass.



BILDERNA

Högst upp en action-bild när ett svenskt GRG brummar. Öfu Tord Gustavsson håller för säkerhets skull för öronen. I vänstra spalten överst, övningsledaren själv, löjtnanten mm. Bengt Karl -Ivar Gunnarsson jeepburen med sin megafon. I vänstra nedre hörnet plutonchefen Lt Mierits och signalisten Kurt Johansson som ger order till de understödjande KP-bilarna.

Ovan t.v. släcker en dammig gruppchef törsten. Det är fu Jörgen Auer krp Greger Eriks-son t.h. tycks undra "skall vi göra det här fem gånger till!" I mitten en ksp-omgång som understödjer en skyttegrupps anfall. Längst ner: Övningen är slut. Efter väl förättat värv bär det hemåt. Nedan: "Här sitter jag och kan inget annat". Jan-Åke Karlsson på bilden.



INTER CONTINGENT FALLING PLATE COMPETITION

On 25 August 1 Gordons hosted the Inter Contingent Falling Plate Competition at the Dhekalia Ranges. With the exception of Dancon all contingents were represented, including the Force Reserve and the Austrian Field Hospital.

The competition began with a Pool Bull Competition at 0730 and ended with the final of the SMG shoot at 1130 as the heat of the day was beginning to be felt, but plenty

of refreshments and lunch provided on the range kept all competitors in good spirits.

1 Gordons came away winners in both the SMG and Rifle competition. The rifle competition ended with an exciting final shoot off between the Gordons and the Canadians, won by the Gordons.

Prizes at the end were presented by the Force Commander to the winners and runners up.



● WINNING TEAM

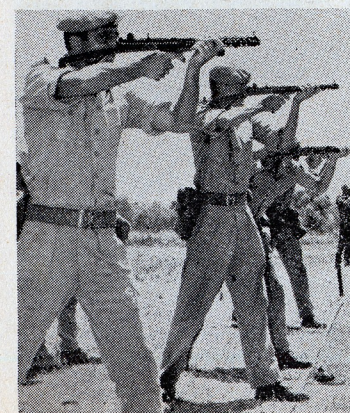
Back Row Privates Glen, Kelbie, Captain Fawcus, Private Alexander, Lance Corporal Thompson, Lance Corporal Hepburn.

Front Row Sergeant McCray, Private Dailly, Private Cheape, Private Muir and Private Dailly.

BRITCON NEWS



● The Force Commander presents Lance Corporal Hepburn, the Gordons Rifle team Captain, with his cup after winning the Inter Contingent Rifle Falling Plate shoot at Dhekalia Ranges.



● The Gordons Sub Machine Gun team in action on the 50 metre firing point.

● Obviously no Communication problems in this photograph where a group of the

Signal Platoon take a break during the morning.



Frank and Jessie James? Not quite, it is the two Dailly brothers Bob and Bill, but probably just as infamous! Both crack shots. Bob and Bill were both in the team of four who won the Sub Machine Gun Inter Contingent competition on the 25th. Bob on the right is not only a crack shot with a Sub Machine Gun he is also a piper in the Drums and Pipes, his brother Bill is a rifleman in 41 Platoon.

In the Background Private Mick Duff, one of the range officials for the day.

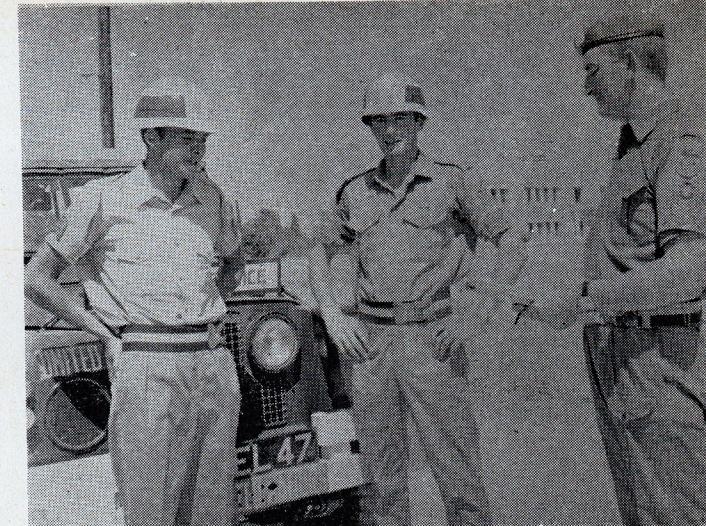
ON DUTY AND PATROLLING-OH!

A good Military Police detachment is like a good Parliament. You don't even know they're around the place, but the things for which they are responsible function smoothly and without fuss. The ideal MP looks tough, talks soft and has recourse to the official report only as a last resort. The very nature of his duties tends to put him on the side of "Them" against "Us", and it needs exceptional strength of character and moral fibre to cope with the personal problems that can arise.

20 Inf Group has a small Military Police detachment, commanded by Captain Eddie Heskin, totalling 7 all ranks. There are also Irish MPs in the UNFICYP Headquarters MP Section. The "P.A.s", as they're usually referred to by Irish soldiers, due to the fact

of other jobs which the police carry out efficiently and without complaint.

The Ircon MPs do their duty and patrolling like the "Ban-sha Peeler" in the Irish folk ballad. The history of our land has never tended to make us partial to policemen, whatever



● Company Sergeant Peter Brennan briefs Corporals Frank Farragher and John Reaney (R to L) before they set out on a Larnaca Patrol.

IRCON NEWS



● Sergeant John Kelly of UNFICYP's Special Investigation Section.



● Mrs. J. D. Cathcart, wife of the Force Signals Officer, presents his trophy to Corporal M. Duggan, a member of the successful Ircon Signals Volleyball team, who won the championships without dropping a game.

that these are the initial letters of the Gaelic version of their name, Poilini Airm, have pursued a policy of discreet firmness which has paid great dividends during the past few months.

It is all too easy to think that MP duties are a simple matter of harassing a poor soldier who is trying to enjoy his off-duty hours. There are traffic duties, gate police rotas, escort duties and a host

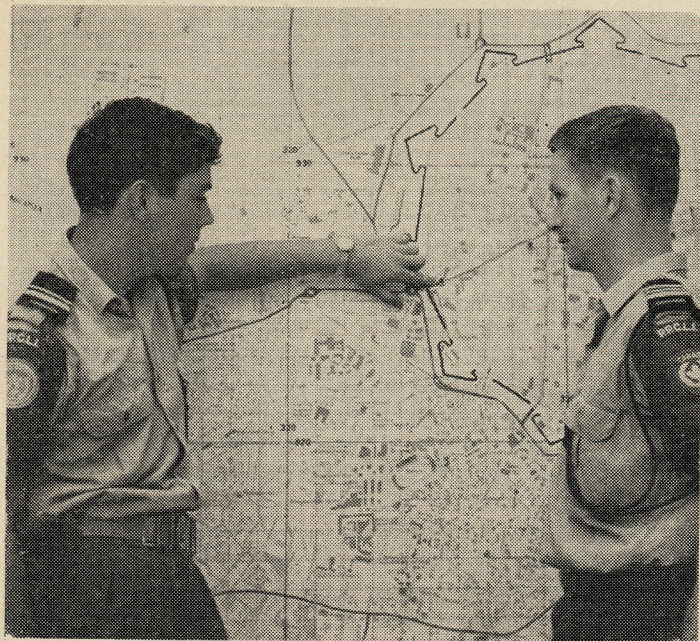


the hue of their uniform, but the behaviour and comportment of successive Ircon M.P.

detachments have gone a long way towards eliminating old prejudices.

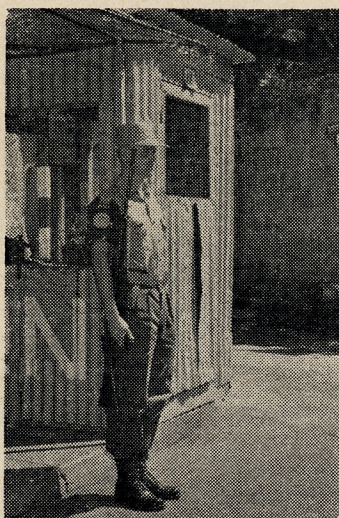
● Sergeant Pat Bradley on Main Gate duty at Zyyi Camp.

OPERATIONS BRIEFING



● Major Tom Clarke, Officer Commanding City Company, receives a quick briefing from Lieutenant Steve Ferguson, the Duty Operation Officer at

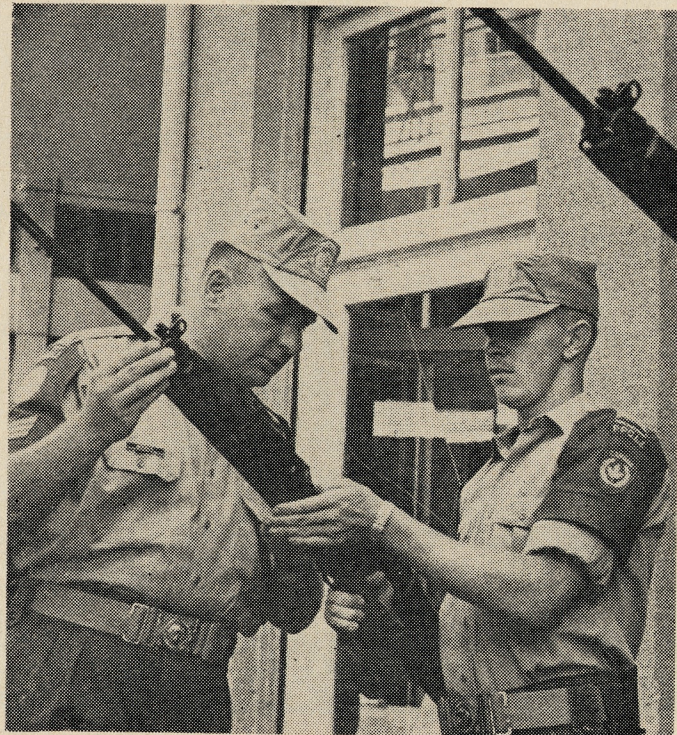
Beaver Lodge. City Company mans five outpost inside the city's old walls and two outside.



● Private J. V. Melanson, of Moncton N.B., and a member of City Company, stands guard at the Paphos Gate outpost. Soldiers on outpost duty put in a long 12-hour day broken up into three shifts.



INTERESTED SPECTATORS — Chief Warrant Officer J.H. Richardson, the 1 PPCLI Regimental Sergeant-Major (center) admires some of the model entries submitted in the Canadian Contingent model contest while Corporal W. C. Fiddler (right) ponders over the reason why someone would enter a UN ball hat.



RIFLE INSPECTION

Sergeant J. E. Nickle, a City Company Section Commander at Maple Leaf Manor, inspects the rifle of Private J. W. Hollingsworth before he proceeds on guard duty. Maple Leaf Manor in the heart of Nicosia houses 44 officers and other ranks of City Company. The remainder of the company resides at Beaver Lodge, which is at the opposite end of the Green Line in the Old City.



CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

MODEL CONTEST

Members of the Canadian Contingent recently held a model contest in the Wolseley Barracks Gymnasium. The contest was divided into four categories and the 1st prize winners in each category received silver-plated beer mugs from the 1 PPCLI commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel C. W. Hewson. The first prize winners were (from left to right) Corporal C. C. Poser in category two; Major G. D. Hunt in category four; Corporal C. A. MacDonald in category three; and Private R. P. Moskowec in category one.



KOMENTOTOIMISTON ARKEA

Komentotoimiston henkilöstöön kuuluvat toimistopäällikkö kapt K. Niininen, esikuntavääpeli sotimest T. Kurran-Kuusela, toimistoaliupseeri kers M. Grönblom, kirjuri jääk A. Pietarila ja lähetti jääk J. Tiitto.

Toimistossa hoidetaan pataljoonan hallinnollisen alan piiriin kuuluvat moninaiset tehtävät, joista säännöllisesti kolmen kuukauden

välein toistuva rotaatio lyö näkyvimmin leimansa palvelutapahtumiin, riittävän aikaisin suoritettavine valmistavine tehtävineen kuten palveluksensa pataljoonassa lopettavien tilalle tilattavien eri alojen toimihenkilötäydennystilauksien laatiminen ja kotiutuvien sotilasikirjojen, matkalippujen jne. kuntoonlaitto kotiuttamista silmäläpikäen.



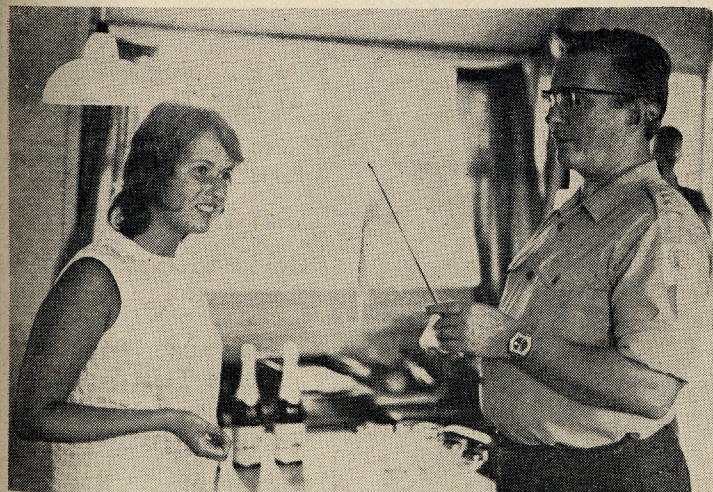
Tässä kuvassa on komentotoimiston arkipäivää melkein juhla-asussa. Perhekuvaan ovat järjestäytyneet hyvin tiukkailmeisinä esikuntavääpeli, sotilasmestari Kurran-Kuusela, toimistoaliupseeri, kersantti Grönblom, kirjuri, jääkäri Pietarila ja taistelulähetti jääkäri Tiitto.

JA JUHLAA

Yksi rotaation miellyttävistä "lieveilmiöistä" on makkara-ym saunomistarvikelähetys YK-Koul KE:sta, jolloin elämä on pelkkää juhlaa vaan ja saunaelämyksen osallistutaan joukolla.

Lauantaina 21.8. lopetettiin ta-

vanomainen työtahti 45 min normaalia aikaisemmin Miss Linda Armitagen lähtiäisten merkeissä. Hän toimi pataljoonankomentajan englanninkielisenä sihteerinä. Toimisto tuntuu nyt paljon tyhjemmältä.



Puolivirallisen lähtöjuhlan lähes kohokohta on käsillä. Toimiston päällikkö ojentaa lippua Lindalle. Kuvassamme ei näy kenkiä ollenkaan, joten niistä ei voi sanoa mitään.

PASTORIN SUNNUNTAIMATKAT

Kyproksella on yhdeksäntoista luostaria. Nämä jakautuvat seuraavasti: Kreikkalaiskatolisia 11, maroniittilaisia 4, latinalaisia 3 ja armenialaisia 1.

Kykkon luostari on suurin ja kuuluisin Kyproksen luostareista. Nimi Kykko johtuu puulajista, joka ennen peitti ympäröivää vuoristoa. Nykyisinkin muutamia puuta on vielä nähtävissä. Luostari sijaitsee vuoristossa 3 800 jalkaa Välimeren pinnan yläpuolella 56 mailia lounaaseen Nikosiasta.

Luostarin perustamisvuotena pidetään 1080. Kyproksen hallitsija Alexios Komnenos lahjoitti luostarille Neitsyt Mariaa ja Lasta esittävän ikonin, jota pidetään Luukkkaan maalaamana. Tuli on

monta kertaa tuhonnut luostarin, mutta ikoni on aina säästynyt. Se on vieläkin kirkossa nähtävänä.

Matka Nikosiasta Kykkoon on maisemallisesti erikoisen kaunis. Xeroksesta etelään lähdettäessä kiivetään mutkaisia vuoristoteitä. Siellä täällä on pieniä kyliä, jotka suomalaisen silmään vaikuttavat toisaalta kurjilta mutta sittenkin runollisen kauniilta.

Matka Kykkon luostariin tehdään sunnuntaina syyskuun 5 päivänä. Lähtö tapahtuu Kykkon ajotoimiston edestä klo 9,30.



Ortodoksisen pappisseminaarin oppilaita taustanaan Kykkon luostarin kello.

URHEILUA

Sarjassamme jalkapallojoukkueen mainetekoja esittelemme tänään viimeisimmät tiedot sen suorituksista. Perjantaina 27.8 pelatussa ottelussa Fincon-Gordon Hihgländers saavutti joukkue kunniaakaan toisen sijan. Jääk Olanketo teki yhden maalin, mutta onneksemme sitä ei hyväksytty, sillä silloin maalisuhteemme olisi ollut hieman huonompi kuin mitä se nyt oli (16-0). Seuraavan ottelun voittaa aivan varmasti Finconin joukkue, sillä se pelataan 2.JK:n ja EK:n välisenä.

Lentopallossa Fincon B hakkasi aivan maanrakoon 8 sqn RCT:n joukkueen Erät olivat 15-0, 15-2 ja 15-4. Jälkipeluun voitti melkein yhtä kirkkaasti isäntämme.

FINCON NEWS

FALLING PLATE COMPETITION

An Inter Contingent Falling Plate Competition, sponsored by 1 Gordons was held on Wednesday 25 August 71 at Dhekelia Range. Fitness, team work and pin point accuracy were the criteria demanded from the teams. The results were:-

Rifle Competition —

Winners : BRITCON

Runners Up : CANCON

SMG Competition —

Winners : BRITCON

Runners Up : SWEDCON

The prizes were presented by the Force Commander. We picture some of the contestants starting their run down on the rifle competition and others firing in the SMG competition. Refreshments were provided and the competition was much enjoyed by all.



MP NOTEBOOK

ACCIDENTS —

UNFICYP

Week Ending -
27 Aug 71 — 8

Same Period
Last Year — 5

Total This Year — 211

Same Period
Last Year — 235

Main Cause Of Acci-
dents This Week

DRIVING WITHOUT
DUE CARE AND
ATTENTION