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BRITISH PARLIAMEN- TARIANS IN CYPRUS

A party of British parliamentarians last week toured Cyprus to meet British Servicemen here and they also had the opportunity to visit HQ UNFICYP where they were briefed on the present operations.

FATAL FALL

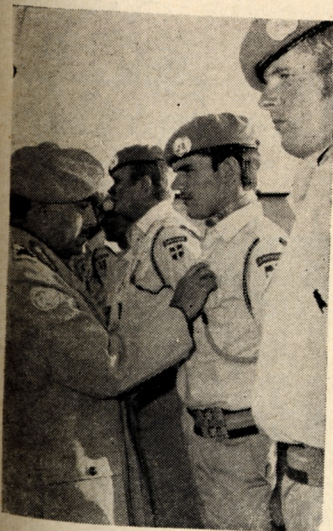
We regret having to announce the death of Private Hugh Faickney, of 1 Gordons, who died after falling off a balcony in the Paphos area, on Saturday 18th September. He was taken to the Ktima Hospital where he died shortly after arrival.

Next of kin have been informed.

MEDAL PARADE AT XEROS

On Tuesday last week, the Danish Contingent held its medal parade at the Headquarters Camp at Xeros.

The Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, inspected the parade (picture above), and afterwards he presented the medals to a representative group of all ranks.



BRITISH DIRECTOR OF ARMY HEALTH

The British Director of Army Health, Brigadier T. W. Carrick, last week paid a visit to some of the British units serving with the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

The Brigadier also called on the Force Commander, Major General Prem Chand, and in the picture (above) he speaks to (left to right) the new Adjutant, Captain John Batchelor, and the Camp Commandant, Major Ken Cain.

INSPECTOR RAOC VISITS UNFICYP

An other visitor to the Force last week was Brigadier P. J. O'B. Minogue, the Inspector Royal Army Ordnance Corps. He met the Force Commander during his stay at HQ UNFICYP, and later on he inspected Ordnance Sections at Camp UNFICYP. He is seen here (left) with Warrant Officer I Downes and Sergeant Paton, both of the Store Section.



• The Force Commander is seen presenting the medal to one of the Danish Privates.

NOGET OM "DALJER"

Igen, vor langnæbbede ven STAVROMENI:

Hvem får medaljer? — op og ned, nogen gi's for blod og sved, den danske "viking" er klar og på vagt, erhverver medaljen — så er det sagt!

Det sker da osse helt uden pralen, få træder frem foran Cyp-generalen, paraden forbi — alt "medaljeret", udvalgte folk fik det smukt fot'graferet.

Så var der go' mad, vin og stemning, mange slap fri af den sidste hængning, alt "gled" dog efter den lagte plan, vi ka' godt vær' tilfreds med medaljeda'n!

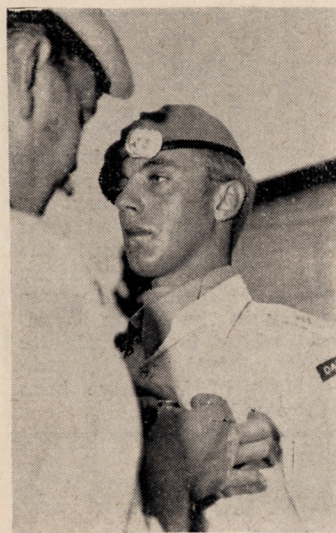
DANCON NYT

REDAKTØR- ØNSKE

For ikke at blive for ensidig vil jeg gerne have indlæg og ideer til Blue Beret, evt. en medarbejder fra Limnitis, således at LKMP ikke bliver glemt. Er der en frivillig, så kom frem af busken og kontakt mig, en tegner, gerne karrikatur, er også velkommen.



●Force Commander taler - Chef Dancon oversætter.



●KN B. Bagge dekorerer MP SG O. L. Lund.



●Kanonfotograferne i arbejde under medalje-uddelingen.

BETRAGTNINGER OVER EN PARADE

Først og fremmest et tillykke til alle, der fik medalje den 14 ds. Dernæst: Er tiden ikke gået hurtigt? Om et par måneder er det DANCON XVI.

Fællesspisningen var alle tiders. Ros til kokkene for god mad. OS Andreasen var heller ikke dårlig. Vor trebenede versbetvinger, STAVROMENI, kunne også slæve an.

STKMP vil gerne på den igen. (De slipper for fut.) LKMP fik efter sigende også motioneret lattermusklerne.

Med vanlig magt har alle gengangere aflagt silden. Nu har alle jo en.

●DET ER KOMMET redaktionen for øre, at kaptajn NEMO, alias SKYGGEN, også kendt som sportsofficeren, på velfærdstjenestens vegne har indkøbt en speedbåd, så alle kan få lejlighed til at dyrke den ædle sport vandski.



HVORFOR HAR VI IKKE ET DANCON- ORKESTER?

NÄSTAN SOM HEMMA

Det har sprungits Inter-Contingent Orientering i Troodoskogarna. Det område på Cyperns som måske mer än något annat liknar svensk terräng. Med ett lag om tio man åkte svenskarna till start och lyckades också bra.

Orienteringen, som var upplagd av BRITCON var visserligen något annorlunda mot den variant vi kör med hemma i Sverige. Här gällde det att springa i par och "samla kontroller". Varje kontroll hade ett visst poängvärde vilket betydde att max var 225 poäng som skulle insamlas under två timmars löpning.



Totalt oväntad vinnare blev IRCON:s sportofficer Capt Hesslif som orienterade för första gången i sitt liv. Irländarna sysslar inte med orienteringssporten med följd att svenske lagkaptenen Lt Gunnarsson hade genomgång med irländarna om detta med karta och kompass omedelbart före start.

Terrängen gynnade konditionsstarka löpare. Kontrollerna var lätta att hitta. Bäst av svenskarna blev Kjell Andersson, signalgruppen i par med Bosse Östlund från posten. Man samlade 125 poäng och blev på det totalt tvåa.

Kompanichefen major Rune Arthursson sprang i par med Roger Bergström från 4:e pluton och räddade en fjärdeplats.

Det gav en svensk tredjeplats totalt vid sammanräkningen. Ircon vann även lagtävlingen lika överraskande. Arrangerande SCOTCON tog hem silvret.

SWEDCON NEWS Swedish Forces Photos



EFTERSKÖRD AV ETT GENREP

Vi lovade i förra Blue Beret ett kort referat från batmästerskapen i friidrott som för oss blev genrep inför UNFICYP-mästerskapen som avgjorts denna vecka.

På sådana här sportsidor som svenska uppslaget idag utgör, skall man alltid kommentera våra eventuella chanser inför kommande tävlingar. När detta läses är UNFICYP-mästerskapen dessutom avgjorda varför vi har svaren direkt.

Tittar man på de gällande FN-rekorden i friidrott får vi anse några helt oslagbara. 7.34 i längd och 14,24 i tresteg noterade av finske langslagshopparen Keto-

lainen förra året, det klarar ingen ingen av att rubba.

Däremot bör di svenske i höjd, Arnesson och Abrahamsson ha en god chans att rubba gällande 1.70, för övrigt samma som vinnarhöjden i BM. I kula har vi också en god möjlighet till topplacering liksom Tranefeldt till kvar på 3000 meter.

Sverige är titelförsvarare i Dragkamp, på 800 meter samt i långa stafetten. Wass som blev sprinterterkung på BM hade som bäst på 100 m 11,3 i ett av försöken. Gällande rekord är 11,1.

Marttinen vann diskus på 33,80, fyra meter sämre än gällande rekord. Även i spjut där samme

man vann med dryga 50 meter, har vi en liten bit kvar till rekordet som ligger på 56 meter.

Som vanligt när man tycker i förväg brukar kalkylerna spricka direkt. Vi får väl se. Hur som helst kan varje man direkt följa utvecklingen i UNFICYP-mästerskapen genom den tabell som finns i programmet.

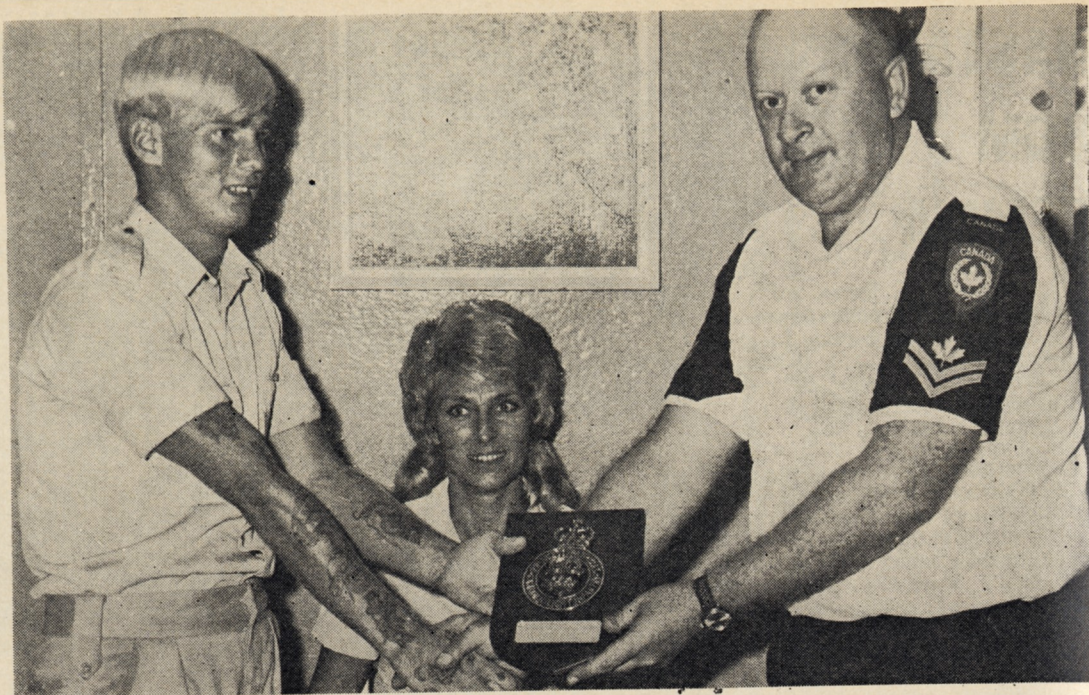
Bilderna på denna sida visar överst orienterarna Östlund/Andersson och på lilla bilden Bergström/Arthursson. Nedan har Tranefeldt tre varv kvar på 3000 meter följd av Abrahamsson från Pigruppen. Nedan t.h en trött Civpolare efter genomförd kämpainsats.





● On Wednesday 1st September at Polemedhia Camp, the Episkopi Theatre Club put on a special showing of their July Curium Spectacular just for the Gordons.

After nearly a 2 month break the theatre group came together for the show and after only one night's rehearsal the cast of forty put on a really spectacular show as their title so rightly states.



● On 7th September a party from Cancon came over for a games evening with the Gordons. The Canadians went away the winners, but before leaving they kindly presented a Regimental Plaque to Private Dailly seen in the photograph with Miss Betty Wynn of the WRVS, who organised the evening, in the background.



WARRANT OFFICES AND SGTS MESS QUIZ EVENING

Another resounding success for HQ UNFICYP Sergeants' mess quiz team was the result of their latest challenge, this time from RAF Nicosia Sergeants Mess.

In the past, victories against the Officers Mess, Teachers, and many other teams had been recorded, so it was as favourites they started and eventually emerged as victors by 79 points to 71.

The UNFICYP team consisted of Warrant Officer I Mike Daniel, Royal Army Medical Corps and three newco-

mers to the game (all the previous contestants having returned to UK), Sergeant Martyn Davis 644 Signal Troop, Sergeant Bob Moore of the Royal Corps of Transport guesting with aviation flight, and Sergeant Froggie Keep, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

A further challenge has now been received from our RAF friends in 230 Squadron in what should prove to be the battle of the year.

BRITCON NEWS



VISIT OF DIRECTOR OF ARMY HEALTH

● Thursday 16th September, Brigadier T.W. Carrick, late RAMC visited HQ UNFICYP. He is seen here with members of the Camp Medical Centre.

● Back Row L. to R. — Warrant Officer I T.R.V. Morris, Warrant Officer I T.M. Daniel.

Front Row L. to R. — Colonel E.D.H. Williams, Colonel J.G.P. Power, Brigadier T.W. Carrick.

VISIT OF INSPECTOR RAOC



● On Tuesday 14th September, Brigadier P.J.O.B. Minogue, Inspector Royal Army Ordnance Corps, visited HQ UNFICYP and Ordnance

Sections of Camp. He is seen here with Royal Army Ordnance Corps members of the Camp Staff.

WELFARE, FARE THEE WELL!!

Just as the English language in general, and British military vocabulary in particular, has been enriched by the entrance into soldiers' speech of words like "buckshee", "mufti" and "jildy", Irish troops have built up a small store of words borrowed from languages of the various countries in which they have served. The Congo introduced the word "mingy" from the Kiswahili word meaning "much or many", and since that time official titles or appointments like Welfare Officer or Welfare Stores have tended to be known simply as "Mingy Stores" etc.

Mingy or welfare, it still adds up to a responsible and, at times, thankless job. Goods have to be purchased for resale; liquor stocks have to be kept up (and that includes

catering for the would-be connoisseur who insists that you order some exotic brand and decides after one sip that he doesn't like it) and a happy balance has to be main-

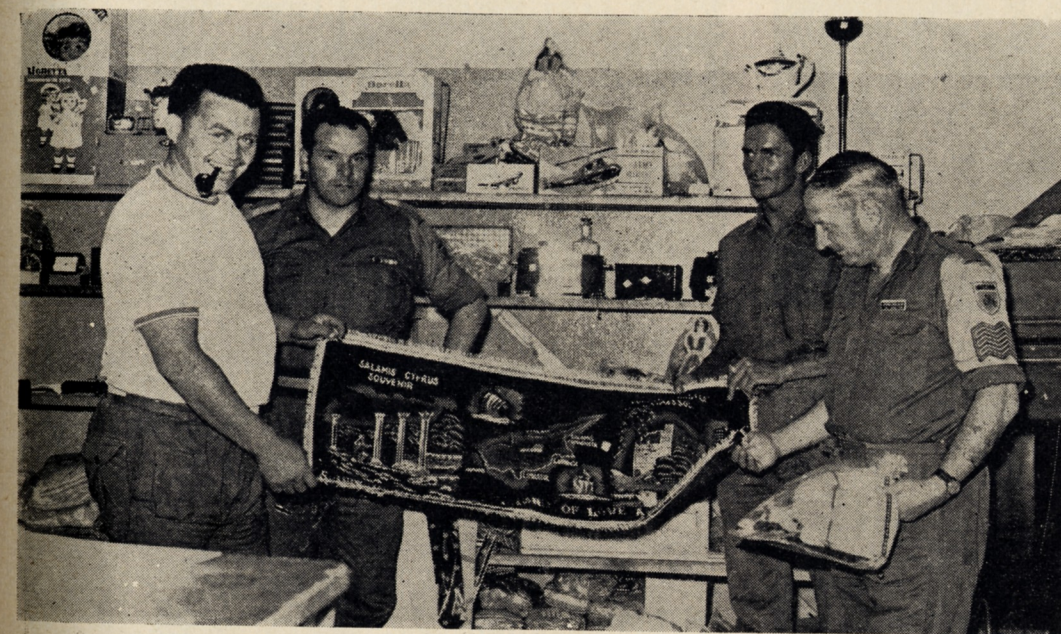


● Captain Paddy Nowlan, Ircon's Welfare Officer.

proportions, but Welfare is always available to replenish and refurbish as required.

The proximity of Cyprus to the Holy Land affords an opportunity for soldiers to visit those hallowed places. Who makes the arrangements for the tour, badgers people for visa photographs and generally acts as dogsbody for the happy wanderers? Who else but the Mingy Man?

Captain Paddy Nowlan and CQMS John Fogarty are far too realistic to have any illusions about the immediate reaction to Welfare and its operations. They know all too well that hundreds of well satisfied clients will be outweighed by one customer with a gripe. That's the way things go for the Mingy Men. Maybe it's not too much to think that the verdict of the "silent majority" can occasionally be expressed in pages such as this.



● "Never mind the quality, feel the width" seems to be Company Quartermaster Sergeants Fogarty's (left) technique as he tries to overcome the sales resistance of some customers.

tained between reasonable profit and overcharging.

But Welfare covers much more than this. When a soldier wants to play his favourite sport, or decides to try out a new one, it's from Welfare Stores that he's kitted out. Sometimes the wear and tear on fragile and expensive items of equipment in the hands of beginners, assumes alarming



● A lineout in the first Rugby match of the season, a friendly between Ircon and a Dhekelia team.

IRCON NEWS



● What is Corporal Paddy Carr shopping for? Surely not suntan lotion!!!



● Private T. A. Miller, of Suburb Company, briefs Private G. B. MacNally of the situation at the Red Line 4 outpost changing of the guard.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

● A man with connections is Private D. B. Ward, one of the switchboard Duty Operators at the Communications Center at Suburb Company Headquarters.



● Private S. W. Bullock calls in to Shakespeare House from the Golf Course outpost while on patrol. This area is constantly patrolled with one man during the daylight hours and with two at night.

● Sergeant W. E. Brown, Suburb Company Duty Officer, receives a telephone report from one of the outposts outside the walled area of the city.

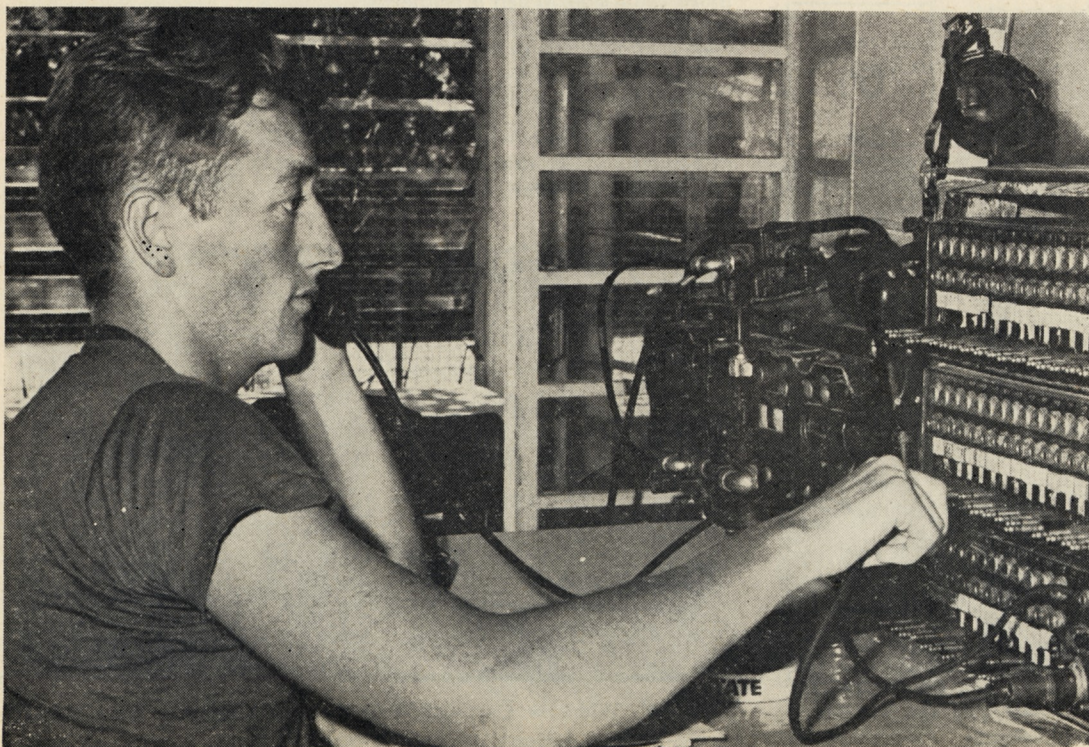


● A Halifax native, Private G. W. Isnor, takes his turn at guard duty at the Omorphita Police Station, on the city outskirts.

SUBURB COMPANY

One of the two rifle companies of the 1st Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, Suburb Company, is responsible for peacekeeping duties, as the name denotes, in the suburban area outside the walled city of Nicosia.

Commanded by Major Keith Corbould, the company has nine manned outposts, two of which are manned only by day and one only by night. As well they have many foot, bicycle and vehicle patrols to look after their large area of responsibility.



SUUNNISTUSTA JA MUUTAKIN URHEILUA

Kontingenttien välinen suunnistuskilpailu pidettiin keskiviikkona 15 pvä syyskuuta. Finconista oli edustajina kymmenen paria, joilla olosuhteisiin nähden oli hyvä menestys, sillä joukkuekilpailussa tuli neljäs sija siitäkin huolimatta, että huolto ei toiminut samalla tavalla kuin muilla. Ylämäet ovat raskaita.

Lentopalloa on pelattu jälleen muutamia ystävyysotteluita, joissa tavan mukaan ei ole löytynyt vastusta. 8 sqn RCT luopui ottelusta 2JK:ta vastaan kahden hävityn erän jälkeen ja irlantilaisen joukkue kärsi musertavan tappion EK:n joukkueelle. Tulos oli 3-0 ja irlantilaiset poistuivat masentuneina otteluareenalta.

Pataljoonan sisäinen jalkapallo-losarja on saatu päätökseen ja mestaruuden vei odotetusti EK:n yhdistelmä, pelasihan sen riveissä lähes pataljoonan koko edustusjoukkue. Silti joukkueelle ei voida antaa liioja ruusuja, koska sekä "vuorten vararuhinaat" että "Paskaojan paroonit" pitivät mestareita tiukilla. Erityismaininnan ansaitsee 1 JK, joka maalisuhteestaan huolimatta oli kova vastus kummallekin muulle joukkueelle.

Sarjataulukko näyttää seuraavalla:

EK	2 2 0 0	11-4 4 pist
2 JK	2 1 0 1	5-4 2 "
1 JK	2 0 0 2	3-11 0 "

Ja lopuksi mestarit: ylik Erkkilä, jääk Pietarila, jääk Nuutila, kers Nieminen, jääk Kortelainen, jääk Lautamus, ltn Huttunen, ylil Tuomola, ylil Lampinen, jääk Haaraoja.



Pataljoonamme äänilevykirjaston suosio on kasvanut viimeaikoina huomattavasti, johtuneekohan edellisestä kirjoitelmastamme. Kuvassamme jääk Seppo Pohjanen valitsemassa mielilevyjään.



Urheilusukeltajillamme on varsin mainiot mahdollisuudet harrastaa mielinlajiaan täällä Kyproksella. Kuvamme esittää kuinka jääk K Kuisma pudottaa uuden elementtiänsä.



Troodoksella pidettyjen Kontingenttien välisten suunnistuskilpailujen paras suomalais-parivaljakko jääkärit I Liimatainen ja R Homanen, lähössä raskaalle suunnistustaipaleelle.

PASTORIN SUNNUNTAIMATKA LIMASSOLIN VIINIJUHLILLE

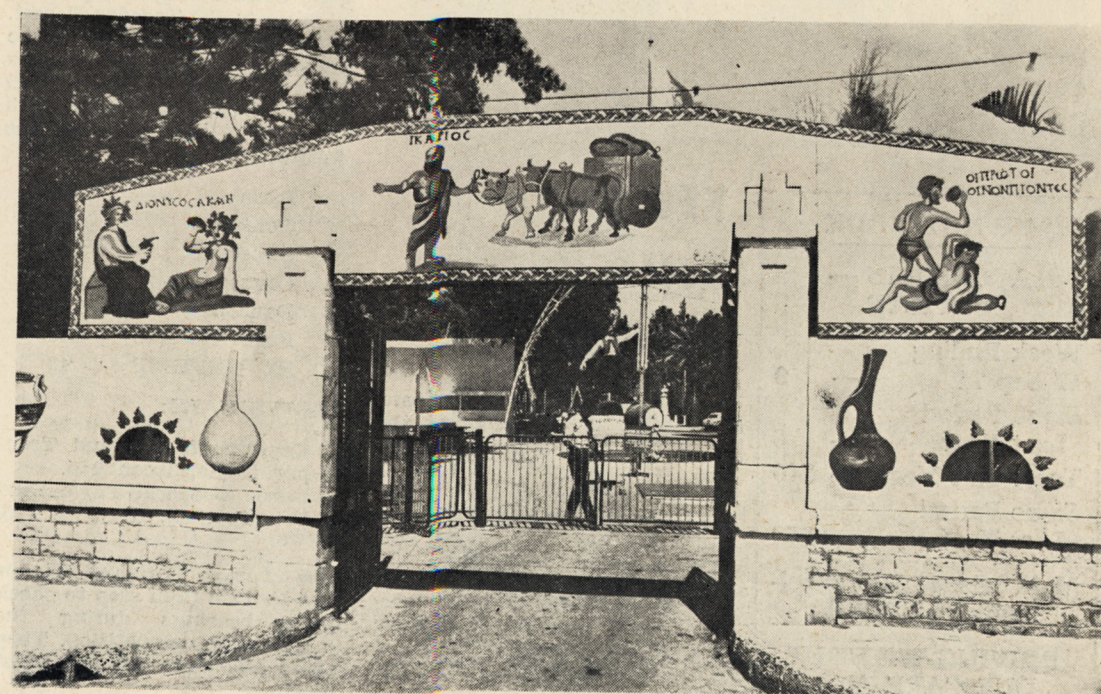
Limassolin alkuperäinen nimi on Nemesos. Kaivausten perusteella sen historia ulottuu kauas ennen ajanlaskumme alkua. Nemesos oli toiselle vuosisadalle saakka mahtavampien naapureittensa varjossa. Näitä olivat Amathus ja Curium.

Toisella vuosisadalla alkanut loistokausi jatkui aina 1100 luvulle. Sitten alkoivat vastoinkäymiset. Caryllyis joki tulvi ja 2000 ihmistä kuoli sekä paljon rakennuksia tuhoutui. Vuonna 1373 tulipalo tuhosi suuren osan kaupunkia. 1400-luvun alussa egyptiläiset hyökkäsivät kaupunkiin ja veivät kalteudet mukanaan.

Akrotidin lahti tarjoaa Limassolille hyvät satamamahdollisuudet. Vain pienet laivat voivat ankkuroitua rantaan. Suuret laivat ankkuroivat sensijaan ulapalle.

Limassolin keskustan muodostaa lähes neljä kilometriä pitkä ja noin puoli kilometriä leveä tiheään asuttu rantakaista. Tällä alueella on myös turisteille kaikki mahdolliset viihdytyspaikat.

Vuositain vietetään Limassolissa viinijuhlia syyskuussa. Ne ovat kiitosjuhla vuoden sadosta. Matka Limassoliin tapahtuukin juuri näiden vuotuisen juhlien päättäjäispäivänä eli sunnuntaina syyskuun 26 päivänä. Lähtö on Kykost klo 1,30.



Limassolissa parhaillaan menossa olevat viinijuhlat ovat saaneet YK-miestemme jakamattoman suosion. Kuvassamme viinijuhlien alueen paljonpuhuvaa pääporttia.

644 SIGNAL TROOP UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

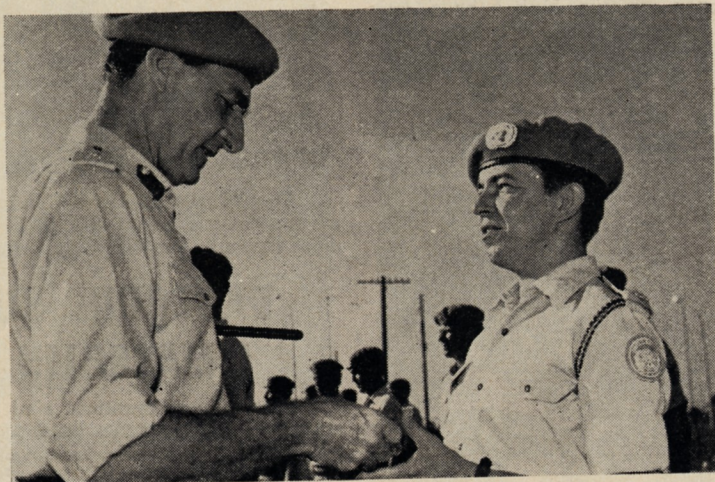
For the past 14 months, Captain George Finney has commanded 644 Signal Troop. However, with his departure this week to Germany comes the end of a mini era on UNFICYP standards and in the history of the Troop; after all, he was the first Officer Commanding to obtain an accompanied tour, and during this time many changes have taken place in UNFICYP, including the enormous task of moving the Communications Centre and telephone exchanges to their present locations.

As a cricketer he captained the UNFICYP XI, proving to be a steady left arm bowler and a reliable batsman. The team reached the semi final of the Minor Units Cup.

At a dinner given on his behalf by his fellow Officers and Senior Non Commissioned Officers he thanked all ranks for their support and loyalty. Though his departure, he said, was tinged with a little sadness, he welcomed the promotion that accompanies his move.

We wish him and his wife, Frances, "Bon Voyage" and every success in the future, and welcome his successor, Captain Bill Backhouse, to the Troop.

● Captain George Finney points out a detail while explaining the work in the Radio Room to his relief, Captain Bill Backhouse.



BRITISH MEDAL PARADE

On Tuesday last week, a medal parade was held at Camp UNFICYP for members of British detachments serving with the UN Force.

Commander Britcon, Colonel D. E. Thornton, CBE, ERD, took the parade and presented the medals.



● Colonel Thornton presents Sergeant P. Morris, of the Pay Office, with his medal. Sergeant Morris is leaving soon taking up a new appointment at Dhekelia 15th October.



INTER- CONTINGENT ORIENTEERING COMPETITION

On 16th September, 1 Gordons hosted the Inter Contingent Orienteering Competition high up in the Troodos Forest. Eight teams competed in the competition which was won by the Irish with a score of 349 with the Gordons second with 305. Final placings were as follows:-

Ircon	349
Gordons	305
Swedcon	290
Cancon	200
Dancon	165
Force Reserve	119
HQ UNFICYP	43

INDIVIDUALS:

1. Captain Heaslip and Trooper Doyle, Ircon 155.
2. Lance Corporal Taylor and Private Glen, Gordons, 125.

● Lance Corporal Taylor and Private Glen stop to check their bearings during the orienteering competition. They came second in the individual placings.



MP NOTEBOOK

ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

Week Ending		
17 Sep 71	—	9
Same Period		
Last Year	—	6
Total This Year	—	240
Same Period		
Last Year	—	252

Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:

**DRIVING WITHOUT
DUE CARE AND
ATTENTION.**

NEW RSM ARRIVES

People go — people come. An other change over at the Camp Staff took place recently, when Warrant Officer I (RSM) Hatton, of 13/18 Husars (Queen Mary's Own), took over as Regimental Sergeant Major.

One of his first duties was to inspect the defence platoon before the change of guard at Camp and HQ UNFICYP. (Picture above).

It is his first tour in Cyprus.