

# THE BLUE BERET

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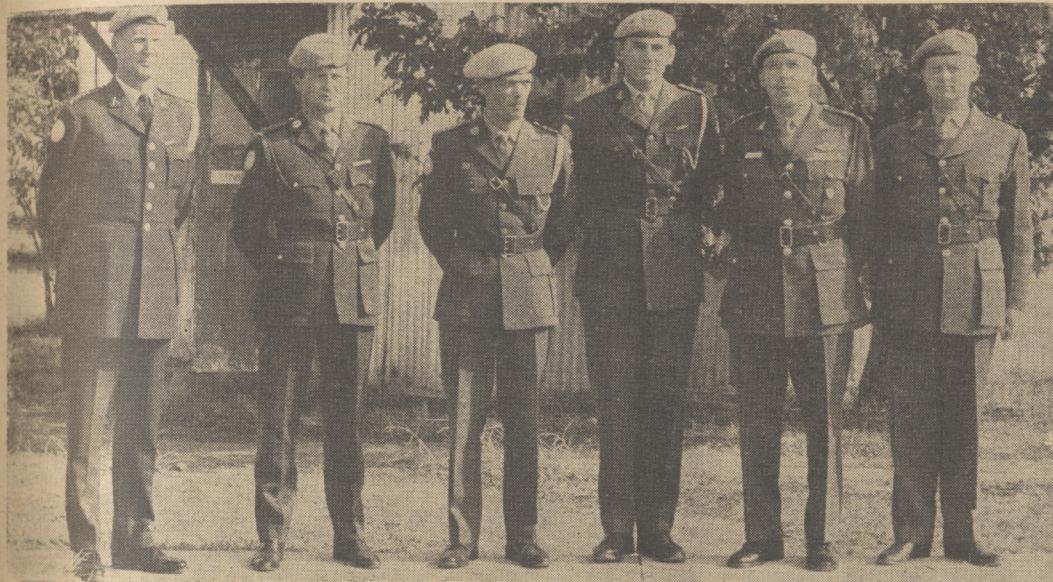


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## POLICE AMALGAMATE



**Lt Col R.T. Grogan CD has assumed command of the UNFICYP Military Police Company, taking over from Major N.B. Stampe-Neilsen.**

The Force Provost Marshal's Office, Special Investigation Unit and UNFICYP MP Company are now under one command. The SIU is now redesignated The Special Investigation Section.

The Company Officers pictured above are from 1 to r: Capt G.I. Sigurd, Famagusta Det, Capt P. Flynn, Ircon, Capt A. Mortensen 2 i/c, Major N.B. Stampe-Neilsen, outgoing OC, Lt Col R.T. Grogan, FPO and OC, Captain H. Mansfield, Admin Officer.

## FORCE COMMANDER ON LEAVE

**Lieutenant-General A.E. Martola, Commander of the United Nations Force in Cyprus, left Nicosia on Monday, 25 November 1968, for a period of home leave in Finland.**

The Commander will return to Nicosia on 9 December 1968. During his absence, Brigadier-General E.M.D. Leslie, DSO, CD, Chief of Staff, will be officiating Commander of the Force.

## US CONTRIBUTION TO UNFICYP

The United States has made another contribution of five million dollars (over £2 million) towards the upkeep of the U.N. Force in Cyprus, it is reported from New York. The new contribution is to cover the period ending on December 26.

## Mr. UNFICYP SNOWMAN WELCOMED



## INJURED RAF MEN IN MOUNTAIN RESCUE

**T**WO injured members of the Near East Air Force Mountain Rescue team helped a Finnish member of the U.N. Peace Force (Pte Kotiranta, of Peace Force (Pte Kotiranta, of and fallen 400 ft on Troodos last Sunday.

The two RAF men, Cpl. David Wright of RAF Episkopi and SAC John Little of Akrotiri, were left in the Troodos base camp at Mount Olympus while the rest of them were practising recoveries elsewhere.

On receiving an emergency call, the two men took a stretcher from the ambulance stationed at Troodos and SAC Little, who only left hospital on Thursday after injuring his knee playing rugby, lowered Cpl Wright and an RAF policeman to the scene.

### Volunteer helpers

Pte Kotiranta was placed on the stretcher and SAC Little (continued on page 8)

## WHAT, WHERE AND WHEN

## PROGRAMME OF THE FINNISH INDEPENDENCE DAY, 6.12.1968

at HQ/Fincon  
0945 Troops ready,  
0955 Flag brought in  
1000 Troops report to ComFincon  
1005 Field church  
1020 ComFincon's speech  
1030 Stand by for marchpast

1040 Marchpast, Lytra-street,  
Commander's residence  
1100 Celebrations in Coys  
1300 Reception for NCOs,  
Commander's residence  
1900 Official reception for guests  
and officers of Fincon, at  
Ledra Palace Hotel

It happened only a few days ago. Mr UNFICYP Snowman arrived on the island. And he is going to stay around for quite some time, as he pledged — white and crystallising as is his habit.

On his arrival in the Troodos mountains Mr Snowman received a hearty welcome and was helped to adjust his dress by Cpl. Dag Hoffsten, Pte. Ensio Andersson, Pte. Ingvar Klang and Cpl. Anders Nicander, all Swedcon personnel at HQ UNFICYP.



På billedet ses KS H. Nielsen, der som frivagt ved kirken i LOUROUJINA, er i ferd med at kontrole, at maskineværet er i orden.



Herover kommer en af spejdervognsdelingens patruljer tilbage efter udført patruljetjeneste. Som vognkommandører ses SG O. Jensen (tv) og SG K.L. Jacobsen og kørerne er KS A. Christensen (i den bagste spejdervogn) og KS H. Christensen.

## RADIOUDSENDELSER

Onskeprogrammet for DANCON i Cypern Radio lørdag aften vil fra nytår komme i tiden 20.00-20.30. Adressen vil uændret være "Musiknør, DANCON".

Udsendelsen til DANCON om søndagen vil fra nytår komme i tiden 13.30-14.00, men stadig kun hver tredje søndag. I december måned sendes søndagsudsendelserne den 8. og 29. december kl. 19.30-20.00.

Såfremt der er tilstrækkelig tilslutning vil søndagsudsendelserne fortsætte med "Top fem", hvor fem nye plader på grundlag af Deres vurdering indrangeres. Vurderingen sendes til "Søndagsudsendelse DANCON".

Blandt de, der har samme vurdering, som det samlede resultat,



Herover ses et udsnit af lejren, hvor detachementet er indkvarteret.



Når det tjenestelige arbejde er afsluttet, er der, som det ses, mulighed for at nyde både fritiden og solen. På billedet ses fra venstre KS J. Thomson, KS P. Nehls og KS B. Olesen.



Herover er vist, hvorledes teltenes indretning er blevet udbygget af konstablerne gennem tiderne, så de nu virkelig kan være en bolig for længere tid. På billedet ses KS I. Johansen (tv) og KS H. Christensen.

## DANCON NYT

trækkes der lod om en mindre præmie.

Udsendelserne sendes på 498 w (MB).



## Nar 41:an gangar opp på bergets allra högsta topp

Att bli purrad, när man sover som skönast på efternatten. Att ställa upp i morgonkylan, bli forslad ut i vegetationen och plötsligt vara inne i en gäsmarschlunk upp för någon av öns bergslutningar. Att böra svettas, att ta av sig tröjan, att pusta och flämta, att få skavskår, att gå ändå, att med ens se solen gå upp, att bländas av morgonlandskaps skönhet, att fotografera, att trivas, att anmäla sig frivilligt för nästa marsch.

Sådant händer den svenska FN-soldaten på Cypern. Varför då? Ja, god beredskap fordrar god kondition bl.a. Och så är det fin motion och strålende vackert. Konstaterar Blue Beret-red. som härförleden följde med tredjekompanisterna upp på Stavrovouni. Skönt, minst sagt.

Känn själv, Karl!



Uppåt, uppåt. Andrakompanister från Famagusta pustar upp för Kyreniabergens stigar. Mål: den gamla slottsruin Buffavento. (T.v.)

Det var jobbigt, det här! För oss som hade så här tung packning i alla fall, tyckte kanske (fr.v.) krp S.U.J. Ståhlberg, S.G. Sjöblom och fu L.R. Brunell, 2.komp. (Ovan)

Och skönt med en liten rast, fyllde krp K.L.T. Wikström i, svettig i pannan. Marschkamraten S.G. Hellström släcker törsten med hjälp av vattenflaskan. (Nedan)



## Vad vet Du om FN?

Vet Du, svenska FN-soldat, till exempel,

att Förenta Nationerna föddes den 24 oktober 1945 efter en internationell konferens i San Francisco, att de ursprungliga 51 medlemsländerna nu har fått 75 "kolleger",

alltsomtallt 126 medlemsländer,

att Förenta Nationernas grundläggande syften är "att upprätthålla internationell fred och säkerhet, att främja goda förbindelser mellan nationerna, att bedriva internationellt samarbete genom att lösa internationella ekonomiska, sociala, kulturella och humanitära problem och genom att uppbygga respekt för de mänskliga rättigheterna och grundläggande krav på frihet, att vara ett samlande centrum för nationernas strävanden för att uppnå dessa syften",

att Förenta Nationerna inte bara är generalförsamlingen, sekretariatet och det krisinkallade säkerhetsrådet utan också: UNESCO (för utbildning, vetenskap och kultur), UNICEF (barnhjälpsfonden), FAO (världsnäringsprogrammet), WHO (världshälsoorganisationen), ILO (internationella arbetsorganisationen), Världsbanken, Internationella Domstolen, m.fl. organ i en lång rad,

att Förenta Nationerna har inript för att upprätthålla freden i Kashmir, Cypern, Dominikanska Republiken, Kongo, Västra Nya Guinea, Mellersta Österrik, och Korea samt genom internationella nedrustningskonferenser, resolutioner, m.m.?

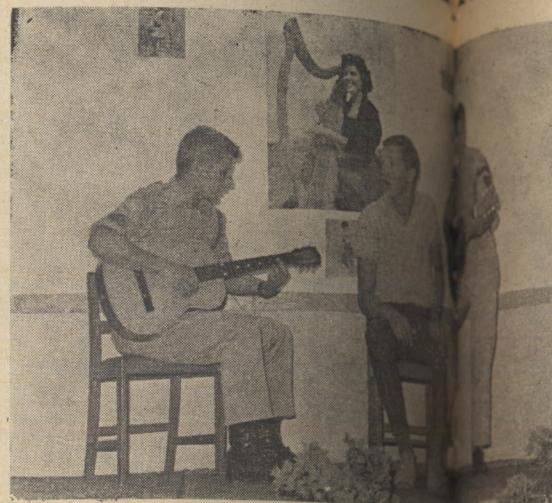
# CONCERT AT LEFKA



The men of 'A' Company took to the stage on Sunday night last and treated a large audience to a few hours of music, song and comedy sketches.

Our picture (Right) shows Gunner Christy Dease (L) and Pte John Levins (R) playing a few lively tunes on the banjo with Lieut Leo Quinlan (Centre) providing himself as a very popular vocalist.

On (Left) we have a comedy sketch in which Coy Sgt Peter McCullagh (Left) looks as if he is competing for the title "Miss UNFICYP" whilst Cpl Francis Norris seems to be admiring the off-the-shoulder frock worn by his stage partner.



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## CHANGING THE GUARD



### APOLOGIES SSM!

There was much consternation in 42 Sqn Office when last weeks Blue Beret arrived. Despite the literary masterpiece on their Medal Parade there was not a photo of SSM Paddy Whelan in sight! This error is hastily amended!

## SMΦRREBRΦD AND ALL THAT!

The Officers Mess, HQ UNFICYP could well have been transformed to a Danish evening. Lt Col F. Hansen-Nord, Commander Danish Contingent closely followed by twenty-plus bottles of Akvavit and Cherry Heering ensured the traditional customs were adhered to!

On the tables were pamphlets, supplied by Tuborg containing some amusing views about the Danish way of life. Below are republished some historical facts which point towards the ancient and close association of England and Denmark and vice-versa!

About 1770, Struensee began to work a bit for the coming of democracy, but he was executed because his interest in the fair lady, English-born Queen Caroline Mathilde, was a little too great.

In 1849, Denmark got its first free and democratic constitution; since then democracy has been preserved steadfastly except for that period between 1940 and 1945, when the fight for democracy and freedom was stronger than ever before.

The account of Danish history given above leaves out many details, but those who are more interested can easily follow them up in numerous more elaborate handbooks.

### RAIN DANCE AT WHEEL EM IN

In case you wondered why there was such a deterioration in the weather last week, then blame 42 Sqn RCT. They have been praying for rain at 'The Wheel Em In'. Physical exercise was the reason of course, and 2Lt Tony Smith the instigator. The Dance worked and at 0500 in the morning he dolefully dispatched the duty driver to tell his troop the run was cancelled due to the atrocious weather.

Even at that hour of the morning the word "Cancelled" caused cheering from between the sheets — their prayers had been answered!

### THAT WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS!

By the time this edition of the Blue Beret reaches Polis, before Christmas one hopes, there will have been a week of much activity mainly revolving around Akrotiri and Plemishia. Two visitors who flew in on Tues 3 Dec were Ted Brett of The Portsmouth Evening News and Arthur Smith, The Southern Evening

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## WORLD CUP: SCOTLAND v CYPRUS

Denis Law will not be in the Scotland team who play Cyprus in Nicosia on Dec 11, in their World Cup qualifying tie. Law helped Scotland to a 2 — 1 victory over Austria in the same group earlier in November.

He scored the first goal against the Austrians, despite this he is not included in the pool of 18. Two others out, are his Manchester United colleague, Willie Morgan, and Willie Wallace of Celtic.

They are replaced by Colin Stein, Rangers recent £100,000 signing, his former Hibernian colleague, Peter Cormack, whose only previous full international was against Brazil in 1966.

Law, said Bobby Brown team manager, had not been considered because of doubts about his fitness, and that old knee injury, which has been troubling him for some time.

**GOALKEEPERS:** Clark (Aberdeen), Herriot (Birmingham).

**FULL-BACKS:** Gemmell (Celtic), Mr Creadie (Chelsea), Fraser (W. Bromwich).

**HALF-BACKS:** Bremner (Leeds), McKinnon, Greig (Rangers), McNeill, Murdoch (Celtic).

**FORWARDS:** Johnstone (Celtic), McLean (Kilmarnock), Cooke (Chelsea), Gilzean (Spurs), Hughes, Lennox (Celtic), Stein (Rangers), Cormack (Hibs).

In the Cup-Winners Cup, UN BRITCON favourites Dunfermline who beat Apoel in Nicosia, just scraped through on aggregate. They lost to Olympiakos, Athens last week 3—0, but go through on 4—3 aggregate. Dunfermline had

## TIGER NEWS

2Lt Brian Madigan, The Royal Hampshire Regiment, who is soldiering at Kophinou, announced his engagement last week to Miss Sarah Henderson from Fintry, Stirlingshire.

Incidentally, Kophinou are examining suggested designs for a Kophinou tie, which will probably be a plain colour with a barbed wire stripe running across it. Perhaps Paphos will follow suit and could adopt one of the following designs!

a. A psychedelic design with H3 on it.

b. A pink tie with a pair of rusty chest expanders engraved.

c. A design incorporating Aphrodite, a Kangaroo, and a soldier after six months on an outpost. The complication arises in this design, when you have to decide the order of pursuit!

## BRITCON NEWS



### NEWLY PROMOTED

Two promotions in The Royal Hampshire since arriving out are Sgt Fred Hawkins, left, and Cpl Stephen Taylor. Both are at Kophinou and pictured above on Bunker Hill.

## IRCON NEWS



Sgt Michael O'Sullivan, captain of the 11 Group HQ soccer team proudly displays the Cup won recently when his team had a good victory over a civilian team from Xeros.

## A STITCH IN ME



Pte Brian Kelly looks very relaxed as he works at his sewing machine in his outdoor "workroom" of Xeros. As well as various items of uniform all find their way for that timely stitch or major alteration.

The birds at Xeros have become quite legendary. For some years back they have been handed over from one Transport platoon to another Transport platoon on rotation. The amount of attention these budgies get was very evident during a recent storm when the tent in which the birds were housed was blown down. The big concern of all was to rescue the birds at first before worrying about the remaining contents of the tent. Bird fanciers shown above are Corporal P. Lynch, Tpr Wm. Povey and Cpl Jack Kearney.

## IRCON NEWS

## VISITING PRIEST ASSISTS AT MASS



Lt Col F.A. Halle, Command Chaplain (RC) from Mobile Command Headquarters in Montreal, visited Cyprus last week and assisted at the regular Sunday Mass conducted by Major G.R. Fortin, Contingent Chaplain. Also assisting was Major Mike Kearney, Economics Officer at UN Headquarters.

## SANTA'S HELPERS



## COS VISITS OP's



Brigadier General E.M.D. Leslie, UN Chief of Staff recently visited the Canadian Contingent outposts. He was accompanied by Lt Col A.N. Karlsen, Chief Operations Officer. Briefing the General is Corporal Gilles Bouchard, N.C.O. in charge of Pacquins Hill. The instrument in front was designed by Cpl Bouchard to assist in pin pointing locations.  
LEFT CENTRE

Santa Claus will need a very large sleigh to carry all the Christmas presents being sent to Canada by the Canadian Contingent of the United Nations Force in Cyprus. On the left is Corporal Tom Murray of Belmont Park, Victoria B.C. Snowed under are Cpl Ernie Peck and Cpl Laurent Beauchemin.

## LEFT BOTTOM

The Queen's Colour and the Regimental Colour of the 3rd Battalion, Royal 22e Regiment which are encased in the Officers Mess at Camp Maple Leaf. The Queen's Colour is now the Canadian Flag with the Regimental Cypher and three, in Roman numerals, mounted in the center of the Maple Leaf.

## CANCON NEWS

CANADIAN FORCES PHOTOS.

## NEW ARMED FORCES UNIFORM

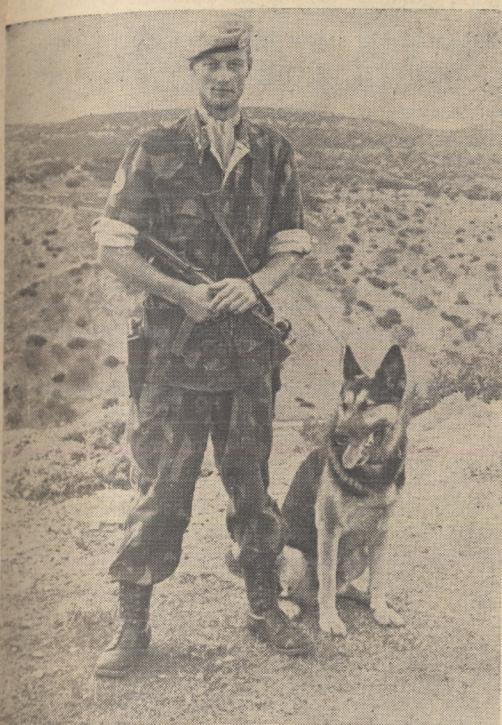


The new Canadian Armed Forces walking out uniform has recently become a common sight in Cyprus, with the arrival of the 3rd Battalion, Royal 22e Regiment. It will be worn by the Sea, Land, and Air elements of the forces.

Dark green in colour, the same pattern uniform is worn by all ranks. Rank badges have changed for officers and two non-commissioned ranks.

Officers ranks are now rings worn on the lower sleeve. The

## TIEDUSTELEVAT RAUHANPUOLUSTAJAT



Lauri ja Lare. Kaksi sotaisen näköistä kaverusta, vaikka rauhanturvaajina toimivatkin, ylit L Saloranta ja sotakoiria Lare.



Tauko paikalla. Tilanne on tällä kertaa ohi, ja iltapäivää vietetään vähän rauhallisemmin.

## FINCON NEWS

Suomen Kypros-pataljoonan historiassa lienee tuskkin kertaakaan aikaisemmin tapahtunut sellaista, että jokin osasto olisi ollut maastoharjoituksissa runsaan viikon yhteen menoon. Siksi pidämme aiheellisena palata pataljoonan tiedustelujoukkueen jäljille Kyrenian vuoristoon uudelleen.

Viime viikolla oltiin Pentadaktyloksen juurella. Samaan harjoitukseen liittyen on nyt siirrytty rannikolle entiseen vähemmistöläiseen kylään, joka on autioina. Tiedustelua ja partiointia suoritettiin tästä kylästä käsin parin päivän ajan.

Maaston vaihdos edelliseen tukikohtaan nähdyn oli huomattava.

Viisiorismisen tuntumassa toimitettiin lähes Suomen olosuhteita vastaavissa olosuhteissa sikäli, että metsää oli ympärillä kovasti. Rannikolla jouduttiin aivan erilaisiin olosuhteisiin ja toisenlaisten vaikeuksien ja tehtävien eteen. Hyvä harjoitusta oli tämä paikkojen vaihde u, eikä aika päässyt käymään pitkäksi.

Reccejoukkue on palannut nyt omalle komppootille ja muistelee siellä haisein mielein sitä runsaan viikon pituista aikaa, joka vaihtelevine harjoituksineen antoi kokemusta ja kehitti rauhanturvaamishenkeä enemmän kuin ehkä vielä osataan aavistaakaan.



Osa tiedustelujoukkuesta tyyppisesti kyproslaisessa rannikkomaisemassa.

Yksinäinen moottoripyörätiedustelija on palannut kierrokseltaan samaan maiseaan. Ylik P. Hannukainen.

## FORTHCOMING INTERCONTINGENT SPORTS EVENTS



An UNFICYP Sports Officers meeting was held at HQ FINCON on Tuesday, 28 October, 1968, at which plans were made for a number of Intercontingent events to be held during the next four months. There is a full programme and it is hoped that as many, if not all, contingents will participate in these events. An outline of the proposed arrangements are given in the table below:-

Competition	Organising Contingent	Date of Competition	Further Information
Association Football	DANCON	December to March	Each Contingent to play every other contingent once.
Obstacle Course	FINCON	Week Ending 21 December	Team of Ten to include: 1 Officer, 1 SNCO.
Famagusta Town Race	SWEDCON	Mid January	A relay race through Famagusta.
Badminton	DANCON	Late January	A Knock-out competition at HQ UNFICYP
Falling Plate	BRITCON	5 February	Running and Shooting at metal plates at Polemidhia
Tug-of-war	BRITCON	5 February	To be held at Polemidhia
Golf	IRCON	12 February	
Volley Ball	IRCON	26 February	To be held at Xeros and followed by a Darts Match.
Tennis	CANCON	Late March	

Pictured left are the Sports Officers on a visit to the 'Obstacle Course' at FINCON HQ.

## CANCON . . from page 7

new nco ranks are that of Warrent Officer, a single crown on the lower sleeve, and Senior Corporal, a crown mounted on the two stripes. The rank of Warrent Officer replaces the former rank of Staff Sergeant, Flight Sergeant, Petty Officer 1st Class.

The top photograph shows the position of the rank insignia worn on the sleeve of the tunic.

The lower photograph the ranks are from left to right: Lieutenant Colonel, Major, Captain, (the rank of Lieutenant, a single ring, is missing), Chief Warrent Officer, Master Warrent Officer, Warrent Officer, Sergeant, Corporal, with crown mounted, and Private 1st Class.

The new uniform will be taken into general wear next year.

## RAF RESCUE from page 1

and volunteer helpers then raised the stretcher to the top of the slope, where the injured man was taken by ambulance to Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Hospital at RAF Akrotiri.

SAC Little is an electronic mechanic working on navigational instruments and is a volunteer member of the NEAF Mountain Rescue team.

Cpl Wright, who is also a volunteer member of the team, is a wireless fitter.

The RAF policeman who helped in the rescue was LAC Anthony Gronland, who was on duty at the Troodos guardroom at the time.

## BRITCON . . from page 5

Echo, old friends of The Royal Hampshire Regt who are looking after them until their departure on Dec. 10.

On the same plane was Major John Crisp 2LI, who is replacing Capt Christopher Davis as AMPIO BRITCON and takes over the production of the page you are reading. Capt Dav.s, complete with back badge, moves to North Wales, where he will be seen leaping over the mountains and other things, and talking to the goats, (with 6 months experience at taking interviews, he should get some interesting answers). Departing on the same plane on 7 Dec is Capt Peter Roe 11 H, who has been replaced by Capt Roger Lees-Low RCT, as Camp Adjutant at HQ UNFICYP. Capt Roe enters the corridors of MOD with bowler in left hand and squash racket in right.

'C' Sqn 4/7 RDG's moved off to Omagh, N. Ireland on 6 Dec. taking with them what can only be described as happy memories of Zyyi. Major Peter Cracroft handed over to Major Nick Hamilton-Fletcher and 'C' Sqn, 3 RTR.

In addition to the arrival of County Editors at Polemidhia, the GOC NEARELF, Maj Gen D.L. Lloyd Owen DSO, OBE, MC, visited The Royal Hampshire on Tuesday 3 Dec, and photographs of this visit will be in the Blue Beret next week.

IS IT WORTH IT?

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## MISS UNFICYP : No. 2



This weeks 'Miss UNFICYP' is Miss Eleanor Cracknell of Guildford, Surrey. Eleanor was secretary for Personnel Branch HQ UNFICYP. We take this opportunity to wish her 'Bon Voyage' on her return to the United Kingdom in November after serving with the force for 18 months.