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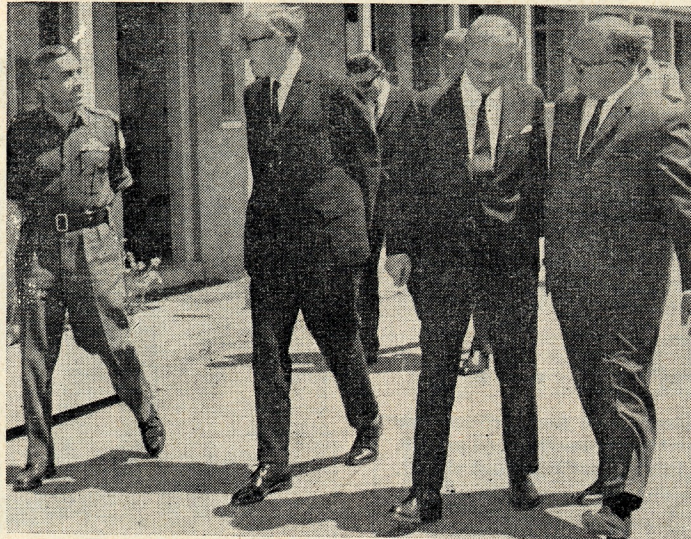
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MR. SECONDE AT HQ UNFICYP

Mr R.L. Seconde, Under Secretary of State, paid a visit to Headquarters last Thursday 16th April 1970. He was accompanied by the United Kingdom High Commissioner to Cyprus, the Honourable Peter Edward Ramsbotham.

Mr Seconde, who is Head of the Southern European Department of the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office, is on a familiarisation tour of the Middle East.



● Our picture above shows (l to r.), Major General D. Prem Chand, the high Commissioner, Mr Seconde and Mr B.F. Osorio-Tafall.

FORCE COMMANDER VISITS OPs

On Wednesday 15th April the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, Mr Osorio-Tafall, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Mr Jean Back, Principal Information Officer, paid a whirlwind visit to Observation Posts 1, Juliet, 58 and Xeros.

● Our photograph below shows the Force Commander on his arrival at Observation Post 1, with left to right, Major E. Kols, Major J. Cortes, Mr Osorio-Tafall, Major S. Glahn, Mr Jean Back and Lieutenant Colonel C.H. Christensen, the Danish Contingent Commander.

SWEDISH CONTINGENT ROTATION

The rotation of the Swedish Contingent serving with the United Nations Force in Cyprus commenced on Friday 17 April 1970.

The new Swedish UN Battalion 44 C, consisting of 273 all ranks, will replace the Swedish UN Battalion 43 C, which has been serving in UNFICYP Fama-gusta District since October 1969. The main body of the incoming troops arrived between 18 — 20 April on UN chartered flights.

There will be no change of

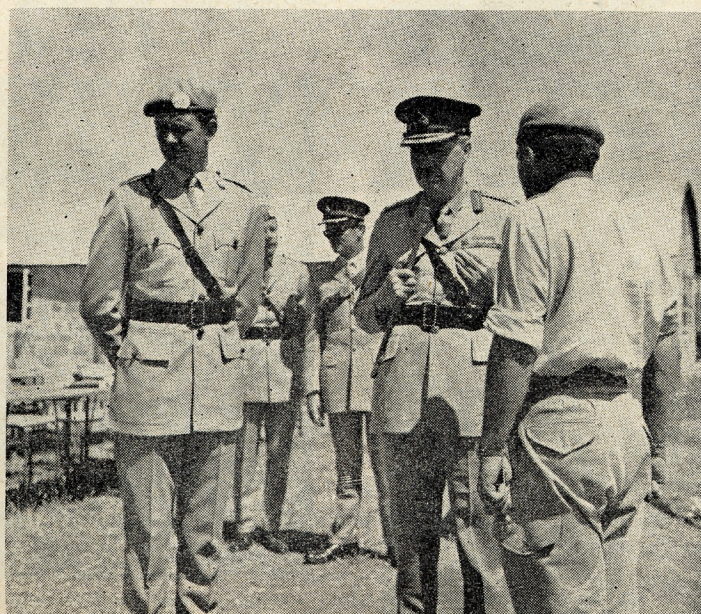
command, since the Commander of the Swedish UN Battalion 43 C, Colonel Lars Lavén, will also command the new Swedish UN Battalion 44 C and thus stay on as Commanding Officer, UNFICYP Fama-gusta District. Colonel Lavén also commanded the UN Battalions 34 C, 40 C, 41 C, and 42 C, all of whom have served in Cyprus.



FIELD MARSHAL VISITS FORCE RESERVE

On a recent visit to the Royal Armoured Corps units in Cyprus the Colonel Commandant of the Royal Armoured Corps, Field Marshal Sir Richard Hull, made a call on 'B' Squadron, The Royal Scots Greys, at their new location in Gleneagles Camp.

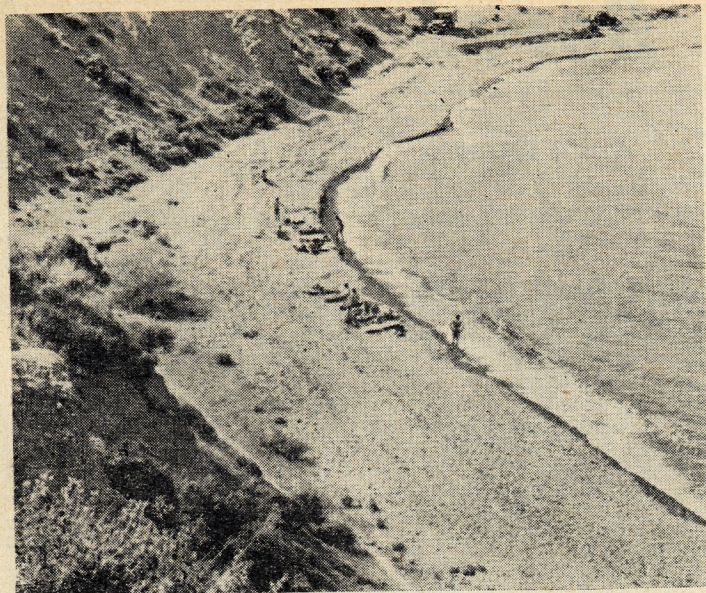
Our photograph right shows (left to right), Major Simon Cox, Squadron Leader, Field Marshal Sir Richard Hull (centre) and Squadron Sergeant Major J.R. Hubbard.



DENMARK CONTRIBUTES TO UNFICYP

In a letter dated 24 March to the Secretary-General, U Thant, the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations, Otto Borch, regarding the expenses of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus, said;

"With reference to your letter of 17 February 1970 in which you appealed for voluntary contributions to provide the necessary financial support for the United Nations Peace-Keeping Operation in Cyprus, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Denmark has decided to make a further contribution of \$120,000 to meet the costs of the UNFICYP for the period ending 15 June 1970.



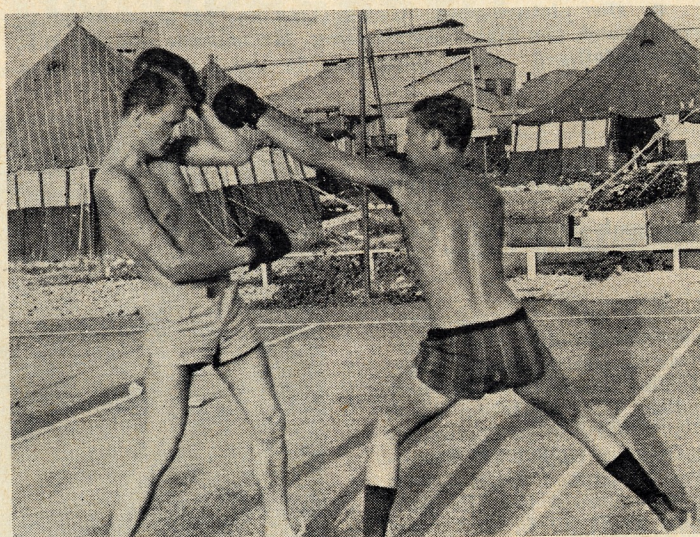
FRITID...

Som alle ved, er også fritiden et problem i vore dage, selvom onde tunger hævder, at vort største problem i den retning er mangelen på samme. Vore billeder beviser dog, at selv i Dancon er fritiden ikke noget helt ukendt.

Vi havde bedt fotografen om at følge nogle af vore "krigere" i deres fritid, men han kom træt og ødelagt tilbage uden at have været i stand til at bringe os de helt rigtige billeder. Ofrene havde simpelthen sejlet ham helt agterud. Han bevægede sig jo i almindeligt tjeneste-tempo, mens de havde "Fritids-Kadancen" på, så det var

intet under, at stakkels Bagger blev tabt i svinget.

Nå, vi sendte Bagger afsted igen,



FORCE COMMANDEREN I XEROS

Den 15. april aflagde CH UNFICYP, General Prem Chand uofficielt besøg hos Dancon i Xeros. Billedet viser generalen, der ledsages af commanderen på en spadseretur gennem lejren.

DANCON NYT

og klog af skade kørte han denne gang langs kysten, hvor hver eneste bugt var tapetseret med feltsenge og "Dancondrenge", der lå og lod sig stege, for så at kaste sig ud i de svalende bølger. Vi er desværre ikke i stand til at bringe noget nærbillede af dette strandliv. Det forbyder cencuren.

Nå, men det er jo ikke alle, der forlader den hjemlige arne, hver gang fritidens time slår.



Nogle i SIGDEL har kastet sig over den ædle boksport, mens andre leger søndag eftermiddag i kolonihaven og sidder og nyder kaffen i det fri.

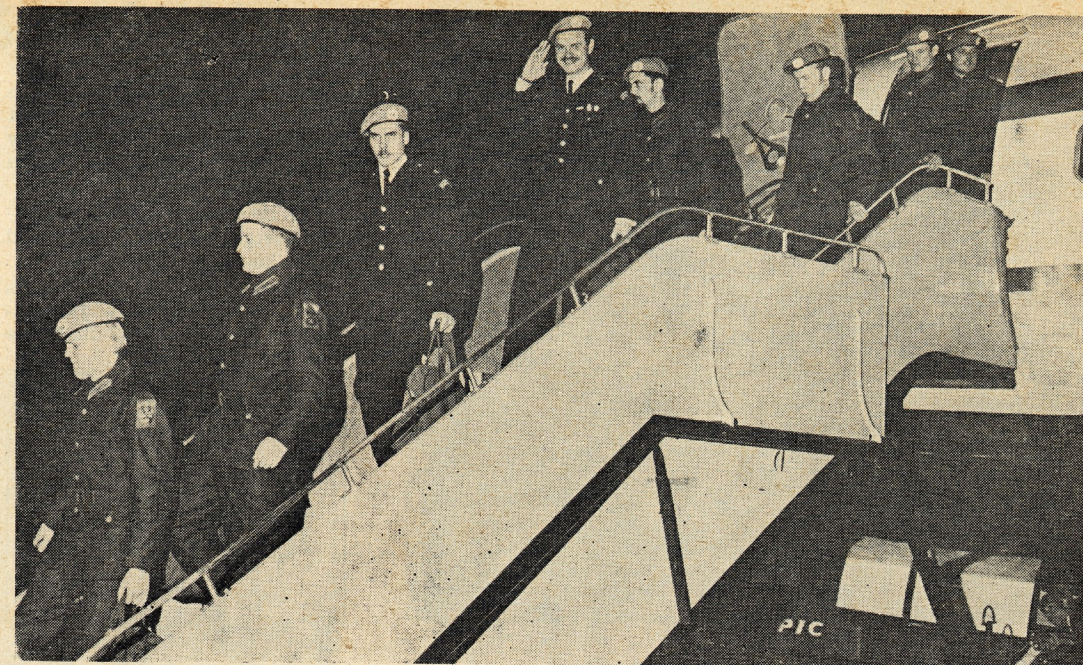
Samtidig sørger de dog for, at ikke kalorierne fra lagkagen får lov at sætte sig for fast gennem ihærdig spillet bold med brandtønderne, der er anbragt ved de forskellige telte - dog ikke helt i den hensigt.

DOM DAMP NER...

■ ...på Nicosia - fältet natten till söndagen. Civpolarna och alla de andra i 44:ans första flight t.h. Från slaskigt norr till - som dom trodde - ett varmt syd.

■ Men icke, icke. Den gångna veckans hetvåg hade förbytts i rena svenskklimatet. Vi gissar att det kändes ganska trågt, sömnigt och kärt, i synnerhet för op-gängen som skulle ut "på stubben".

■ Så mycket bättre då att det vankades varm och mysig "nattsexa" före avfärden, nedan. Förresten, grabbar, de 36 plusgraderna kommer igen. Var så säkra!



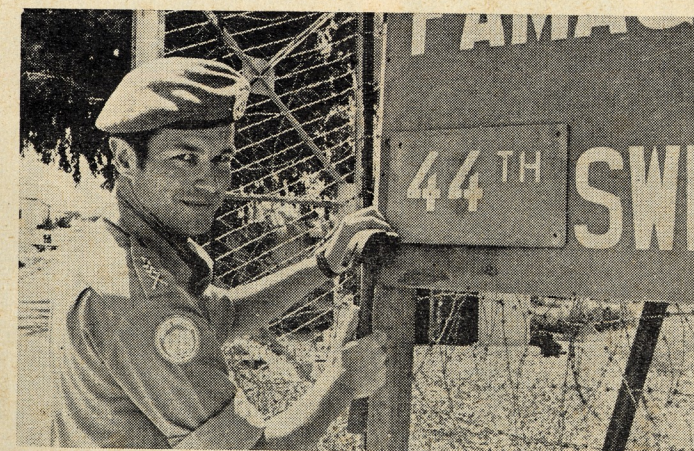
SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos



■ "Gammal är äldst" - dvs bäst. I tennis-DM för old boys åtminstone. Chefen öv Lavén vann dubbeln tillsammans med Sten Sköfman, Sthlm (fint fotarbete) t.v. 3:e pris gick till fr.h. K G Klingberg, Gbg, och Gereon Myhrman, Uppsala.

CAMPRONDEN



■ 22-årige Juhani Alatalo, Silvhyttan, är en turgubbe. Det var han som vann 50.000 kr på Postbankens lönsparande. Beviset på sin rikedom fick han strax före 43:ans hemresa. Gamle postis mj S Å Rosén delade ut.

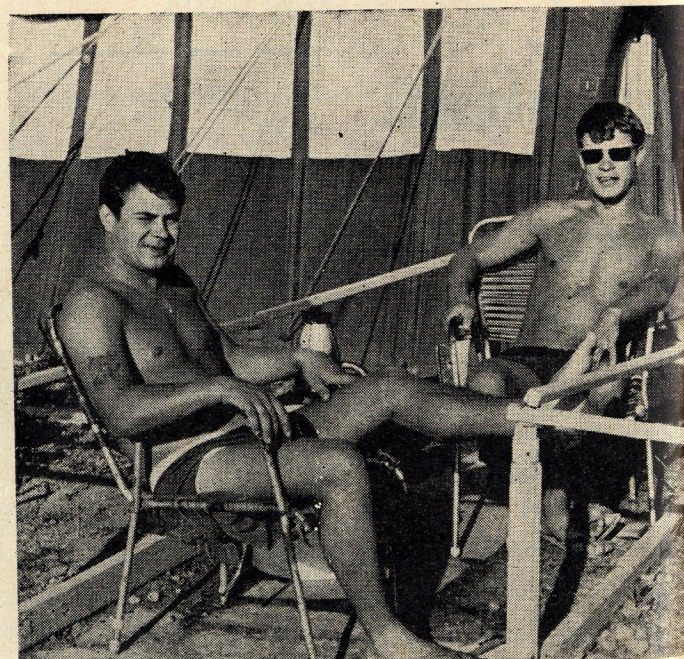
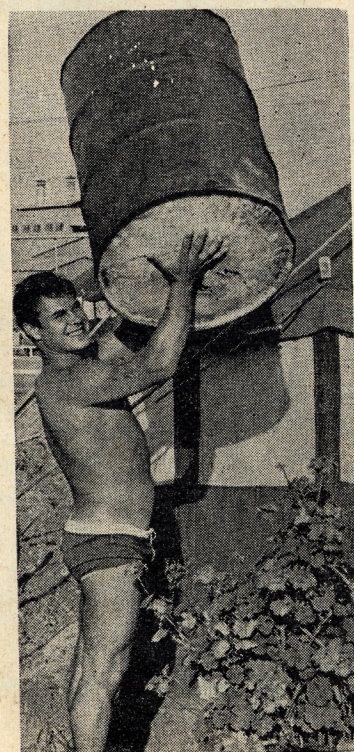
■ Kn Börje Ohlsson, skåning till börden, har blivit en riktig sifferkarl. Avgående kasernoff från 43:an som han är och pågående på 44:an har han fått god rutin när det gäller att spika batnummer på stora tavlan vid vaktan utanför Carl Gustaf Camp i Famagusta. Han har fler strängar på sin lyra, Ohlsson, sångarbrodern. I kyrkan vill vi höra honom. Hans eminenta glunt-egenskaper inte att förglömma.

■ Ett hjärtligt handslag med tack för gott samarbete under "svenskperioden" nere i Larnaca. Utväxlat mellan öv Lars Lavén, med hustru Annemarie, och turkledaren dr Ohran vid 43:ans avskedsparty på CGC.



Mon jeg klarer den?

Det går meget bedre, når man først tømmer vandet ud.



Holmer og P. Pedersen nyder eftermiddagskaffen foran teltet.

ADVANCE PARTY ARRIVES



The Advance Party of the 3rd Battalion The Light Infantry arrived on Thursday 16th April to take over from the Pompadours.

The remainder of the Battalion arrives during the period 21 — 25 April 1970.

Our photograph left shows RQMS Silverside, The Pompadours, issuing 3 LI soldiers with their UN kit.

BRITCON NEWS



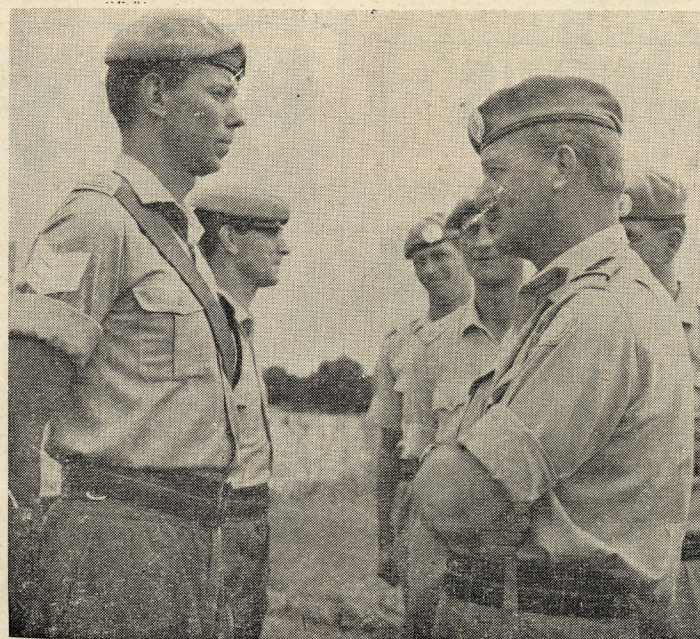
A recent arrival to 65 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport is 2nd Lieutenant Raymond Carey, who came to the Headquarters from 65 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport (Rear) at present stationed in Bulford near Salisbury.

Raymond who comes from Hinchley in Leicestershire relieved 2nd Lieutenant K. Scott who has left the Army to become a civil engineer.

COS VISITS THE POMPADOURS

On Friday the 17th April Brigadier General E.M.D. Leslie, paid a visit to Limassol Zone. During his visit he toured some of the outposts and had lunch in the Officers' Mess at Polemidhia Camp.

Our photograph below shows the Chief of Staff with Lt Col K. Burch on top of the OP in Limassol.



Farewell Visit by DCOS

The Deputy Chief of Staff, Col D.B. Riddell-Webster, paid a farewell visit to the 3rd Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment on Monday 13th April 1970. During his visit he talked to a large number of soldiers before having lunch in the Officers' Mess.

He is seen in our photograph right talking to Sergeant Bryant.

PACK FOR HOME

During the last few weeks The Pompadours have been packing their kit for their return to England. The Battalion is leaving between 21 — 25 April and will be stationed at Aldershot in the South of England before moving to Germany in January 1971 as a mechanized battalion.

Our photograph shows Lance Corporal John Morris putting the finishing touches to a box. (Picture below).



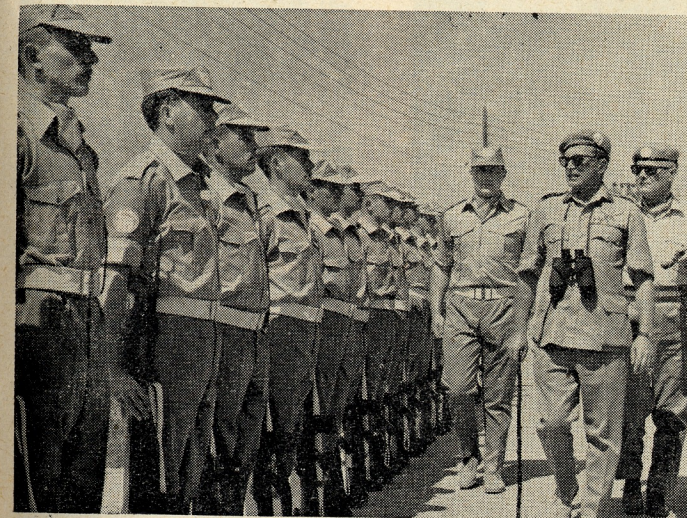
COS VISITS LARNACA

On Thursday, 16th April, the Chief of Staff, Brigadier General E.M.D. Leslie, accompanied by the Chief Operations Officer, Lieutenant Colonel A.S. Gundorf, visited the Observations Posts in the Larnaca District.

He was received at Zyyi Camp by Lieutenant Colonel M. O'Brien, Ircon Commander, and inspected a Guard of

Honour under the command of Lieutenant Liam Coleman. He received a briefing on the Larnaca District from Captain S. Norton, Operations Officer, and Captain T. Joyce, Information Officer.

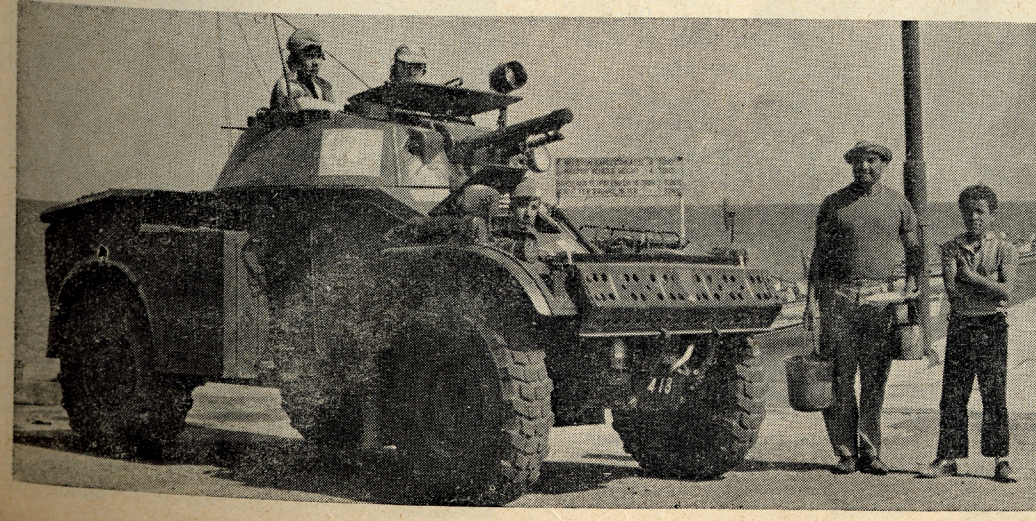
Afterwards Brigadier General Leslie visited the Camps at Kophinou and Larnaca and all the Observations Posts in the District.



Brigadier General Leslie inspects the Guard of Honour accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel M. O'Brien, Commander 18 Infantry Group, and Lieutenant Coleman.



Brigadier General Leslie addresses one of the "BIG PADDIES" of the Guard of Honour — Corporal Grant.



Setting off for the Observation Posts in the Larnaca District. (Left to Right) Brigadier General E.M.D. Leslie, Lieutenant Colonel M. O'Brien, Captain S. Norton, and Lieutenant Colonel Gundorf.

CAVALRY ON PATROL



There is nothing more pleasant than to see children dancing. Here, outside Zyyi, local Turkish children with broad smiles and happy faces go through their paces, much to the enjoyment of the Cavalry personnel on patrol. (Picture above).

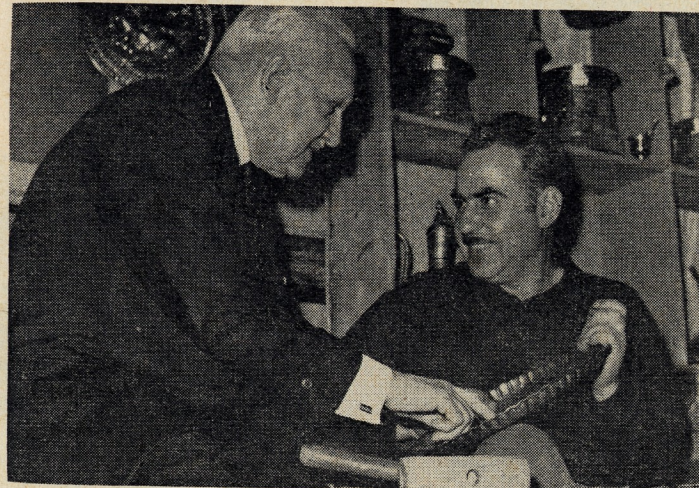
IRCON NEWS

Local fishermen of Zyyi beside one of the Ircon armoured cars. (Picture left).



INSPECTION BY THE FORCE COMMANDER

Quarter-Guard Inspection by Major-General D. Prem Chand, Commander, UNFICYP. He was accompanied by the Drum Major, Warrant Officer J.R. Martin, as he stopped to speak briefly to Corporal J.T. Dunlop.



CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

VIGILANCE

Corporal Ross O. McCulloch, "D" Company, 1RCR, on duty along the Green Line in Nicosia City. (Picture left).

BRIEFING AT ROOFTOP

Rooftop briefing by Lieutenant-Colonel Dan G. Loomis (left), Commander Nicosia District, for Major-General R.C. Stovel, Chief of Operations, Canadian Forces Headquarters, Ottawa. General Stovel paid an official visit to the contingent recently (Picture right).

Preventive Dentistry In Practice



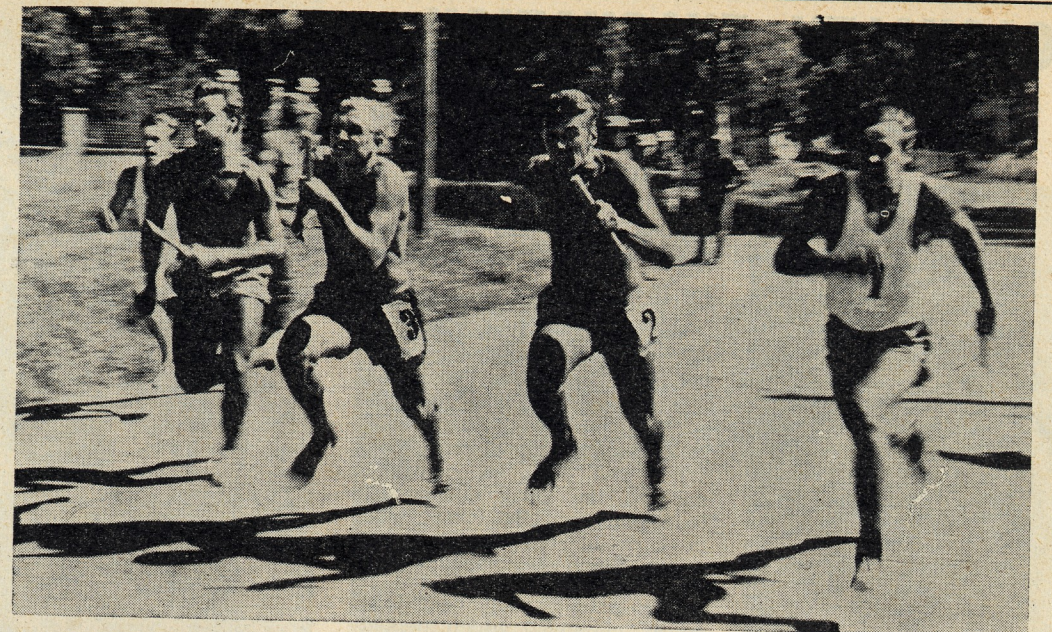
Captain Tom Erskine, Canadian Contingent dentist, checks for signs of tooth decay for Corporal Jerome Jesso, "D" Company, 1RCR. On-the-spot clinics are held frequently by Dr. Erskine and his staff.

VISITING CHAPLAIN ON THE GREEN LINE

The Very Reverend Dr. Logan-Veneta (right) visits a Green Line merchant in downtown Nicosia. A representative of the Chaplaincy Committee of the Canadian Council of Churches, he visited the Canadian Contingent April 14-21. (Picture left).



FINCON NEWS



■ Vihreän linjan viestin lähtö (oik.) jääk Mattila 1.JK, väep Koivisto 2.JK, kers Alamononen 3.JK, jääk Krouvila EK, ja jääk Martikainen HK. Matkan pituus oli n. 2,8 km ja viestiosuusia 9, joiden pituudet vaihtelivat 100 - 800 m.

Urheilusuoritukset palkittiin

Pataljoonan sisäisten urheilukilpailujen palkintojen jako suoritettiin 20.4. Komentaja jakoi palkinnot seuraaville:

Maastojuoksu

1. Ylik Passi HK
2. Kers Kelloniemi 1.JK
3. Jääk Hakkarainen 3.JK

Lentopallo

1. HK
2. EK
3. 2.JK

Kuntorata

1. Ylik Passi ja Kers Kelloniemi
3. Ylik Vaitinen, HK Kers Konttila HK Jääk Kettunen 1.JK

Pöytätennis

1. Jääk Helminen HK
2. Jääk Ruottinen HK
3. Jääk Ruoste HK

Pesäpallo

1. 2.JK
2. HK
3. EK

Vihreän linjan viesti

1. HK
2. 3.JK
3. EK

Kuntokomppania

1. JK

Falling Plate

1. 2.JK

Rotaatioposti on varovasti käsiteltävää

Kolmen päivän aikana viime viikolla otti kenttäpostikonttori vastaan 2200 kg paketteja kotiutuville miehiltä. Etuleko, joka kuljettaa 1200 kg postia, on näinollen jo täynnä. Toinen rotaatiolento ottaa noin 3200 kg postia ja takalekoonkin saadaan tarvittaessa mahtumaan paketteja niin, että kaikki posti varmasti menee perille.

Näin vakuuttaa kenttäpostikonttorin hoitaja, ylil Markkola, joka itse kotiutuu takalekossa ja palaa toimeensa Turun pääpostin ulkomaanosastolle. Markkola kertoo ajan täällä kuluneen mukavasti, mutta ettei hän kuitenkaan jaksaisi jatkaa pitempään. Rotaation jälkeen postia hoitaa enää kolme miestä.

Lähes kaikki lähetettävät paketit ovat olleet varovasti käsiteltäviä. Sisältönä on radioita, magnetofoneja ym muita särkyviä esineitä, mutta hyvin vähän vaate-tavaraa. Posti on ottanut vastaan enintään 30 kg painavia paketteja. Paketit kootaan vastaanottojärjestykseen ja siirretään samassa järjestyksessä lentokoneisiin. Heinäkuussa-69 kaikki paketit eivät mahtuneet koneisiin vaan noin 800 kg

jäi lähettämättä ja odottamaan seuraavaa rotaatiota. Tätä pelkoa ei tällä kertaa ole.

Maaseudulle osoitetut paketit tullaan Helsingissä. Muissakin kaupungeissa on postitulleja, joista paketit voi noutaa. Helsinki lajittelee tältä tulleen pakettipostin. Paketeista, joissa on sisältönä tullaan tavaraa, voi normaalin tulliselvityksen lisäksi joutua antamaan pyydettäessä tarkemman selvityksen kotimaassa, jonka perusteella katsotaan riittääkö tullivapaus sisällön osalta. Jos ei riitä, niin asianomaista laskutetaan verojen, tullausmaksun ym mahdollisten maksujen osalta ja paketti huovutetaan vasta laskun tultua suoritetuksi. Postimaksut paketeista ovat samat kuin kotimaassa.



■ Huoltokomppanian voittajajoukkueen pojat juhlivat Vihreän linjan viestin voittoaan heittämällä ylik Passia ilmaan. Passi nykäisi 800 m viestiosuudellaan sellaisen välimatkan muihin, että voitto oli sillä selvä.

CASUALTY EVACUATION BY AIR

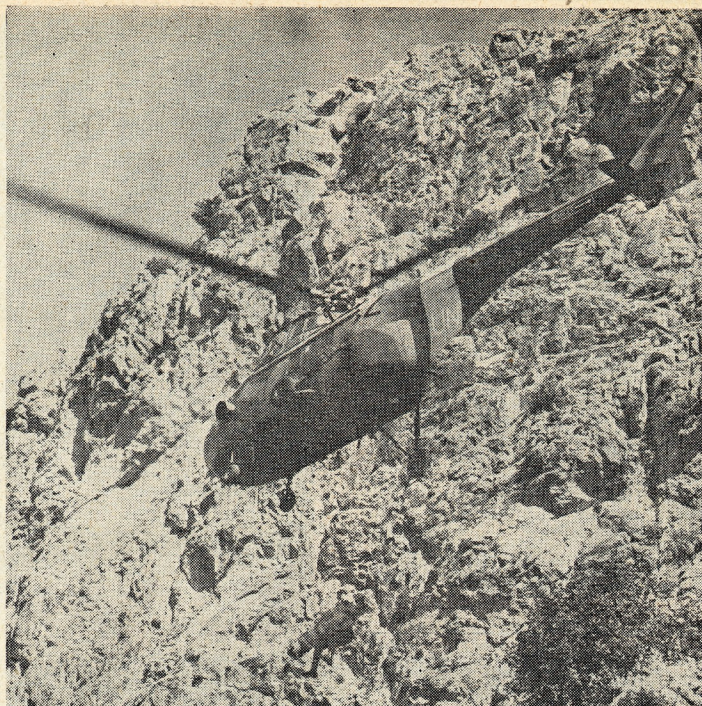


Colonel R. Wech, Commander Austrian Field Hospital, leads Mr. Jean Back, PIO, over some rocky terrain.

On the 14th of April last the Austrian Field Hospital held an exercise in casualty evacuation by helicopter. A helicopter from the Force detachment of 230 Squadron, Royal Air Force was attached for the purpose.

The exercise took place in the Pentadaktylos foot-hills where a simulated accident had taken place. The "casualty", a rock climber, had fallen down and broken both arms and legs. A comrade notified the Duty Officer at Headquarters UNFICYP who in turn alerted the hospital and helicopter squadron.

The latter rapidly despatched a "chopper" which picked up the Emergency Team from the hospital and flew them to the scene of the "accident". A frantically waved map soon caught the eye of the pilot and a Medical Officer with two NCO's from the team were winched down to the



The rescue helicopter from 230 Squadron, Royal Air Force, flying through very tricky country.

"casualty" from the hover position.

First aid was administered and then the victim, on an especially designed stretcher, was, together with the team, hoisted back into the aircraft and flown to the Austrian Field Hospital for further treatment.

An interested spectator throughout the exercise was Mr. Jean Back, the Principal Information Officer.

Deemed a thoroughly successful operation, it highlighted the excellent co-operation between the Field Hospital and 230 Helicopter Squadron.

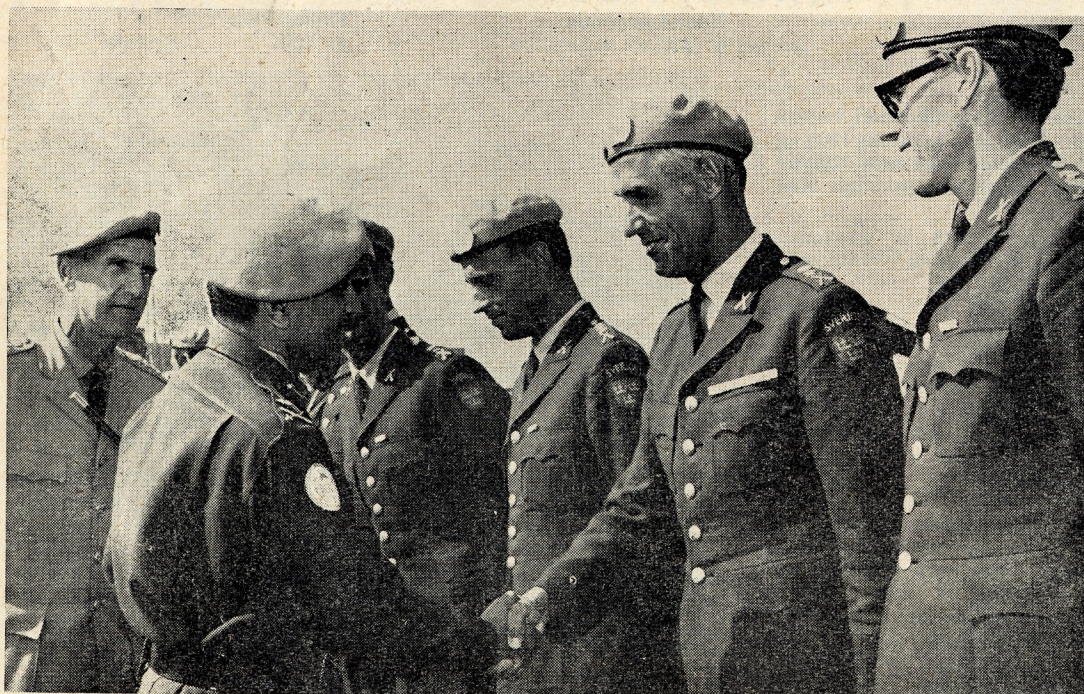
The "casualty" receives treatment. (Picture left).



MP NOTEBOOK

Accidents - Unficyp

Week ending		
18 Apr 70	—	12
Same period		
last year	—	5
Total this year	—	143
Same period		
last year	—	108
Main Course of Accidents this week	—	
Speed too fast for Road and Traffic Conditions.		



FORCE COMMANDER'S FAREWELL TO SWEDISH OFFICERS

The last party of the Swedish UN Battalion 43 C left Cyprus on Monday, the 20th of April.

Our picture left shows the Force Commander, Major General Prem Chand, saying good-bye to some of the Swedish officers before departure from the airport. The General was accompanied by the Swedish Contingent Commander, Colonel L. M. Laven (left).