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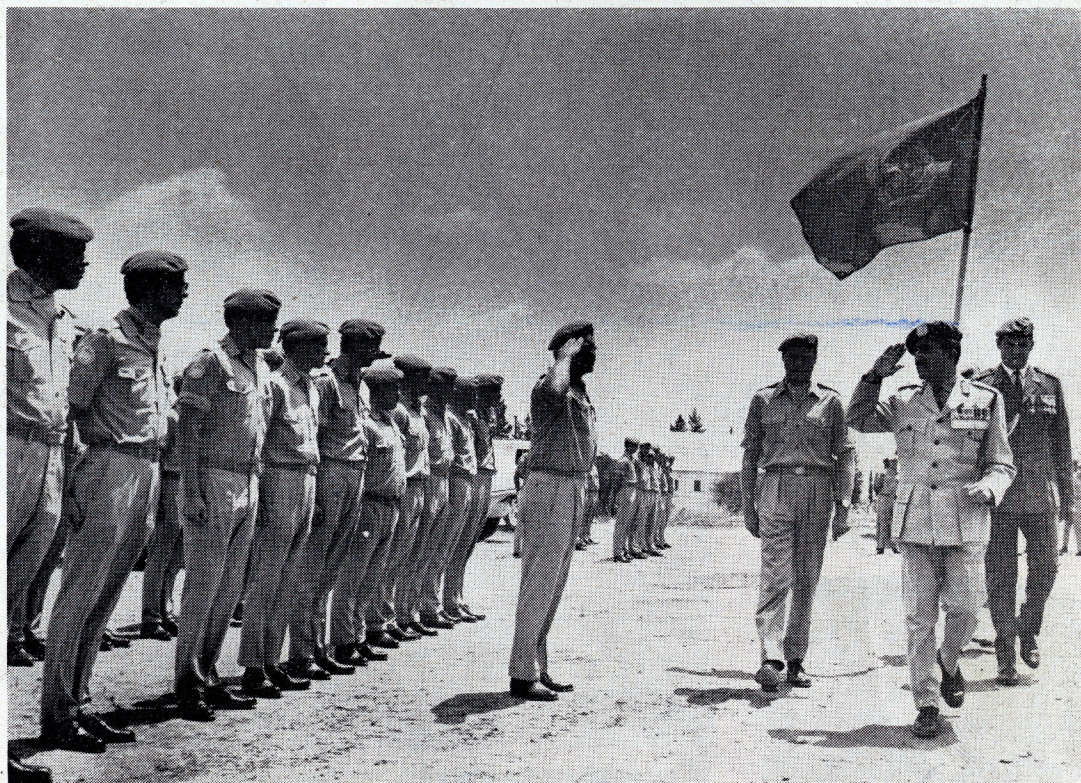
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SWEDISH MEDAL PARADE

Last Thursday, a medal parade was held at Carl Gustav Camp, Famagusta. The Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, personally presented medals to the Commanding Officer and 16 men, of the Battalion. In his address to the parade the General pointed out his past connections with Swedish UN-soldiers. The first time he met Swedish soldiers was with the UN operations in the Congo.

● The parade salutes the Force Commander.



CHANGE OF GUARD

Last week, members of Swed-con formed the Defence Platoon at HQ UNFICYP under command of 1st Lieutenant Carl-Johan Lindeloew. The picture shows the Swedes taking over from their predecessors, Dancon.



SPEED TRAP

On 6th August, the Force Commander paid a visit to units within the Headquarters. He is pictured here with Corporal Goodwin (Canadian MP) who explained how the radar speed trap box operates.

Fast drivers should note that five (yes 5!) drivers broke the speed limit whilst the General was present.

For the full story of the visits see back page.

ACCIDENT AT SEA

A Danish soldier had a lucky escape from death by drowning at Famagusta on Sunday 8th August. Only the prompt action of bystanders saved him. All members of UNFICYP, in particular non-swimmers, are reminded again to take precaution when in or on the sea. It is a matter of common sense and it is your life!

SWIMMING GALA



Sergeant Brighton, Comcen Supervisor, of 644 Signal Squadron, is pictured taking part in the Swimming Gala held by the Squadron at the UN Pool on Friday 6th August.



LÖRDAG AFTEN PÅ STRANDEN



●J.F.D. Jensen, H.P. Hansen, Jepsen, Salle og bageren hygger sig omkring bålet en lørdag aften under Dancon- udsendelsen.

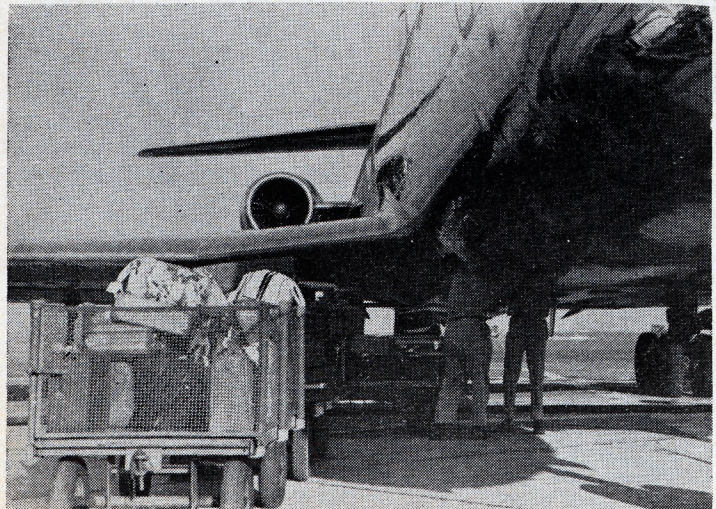


●Gladius gik i vandet med tøjet på (det gjaldt en carton). Siden var der andre, som bød sig for samme pris, men vandet var åbenbart for varmt til, at der var flere, som ville udsætte præmier.

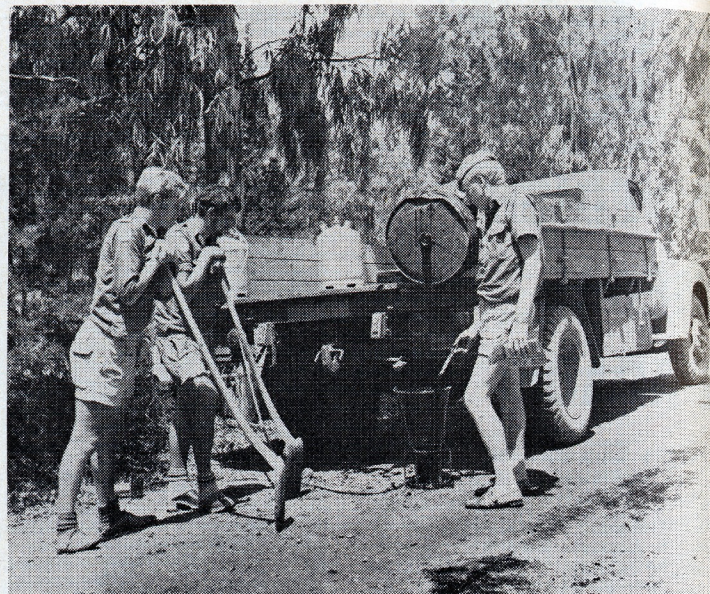


●-og præsten kigger stjerner

● Bagagen læsses



KOMMUNALT SKIFTEHOLDS-ARBEJDE



●Vi troede, at Johansen, Thomsen og H.P. Hansen var i gang med at udbedre vejen, så at det for fremtiden ville være muligt at holde orden på sine indvolde, også når man kørte i jeep fra Xeros-lejren til Xeros by, - men det viste sig desværre at være en limpind!

DANCON NYT

●Gæsterne slippes ud af tolden, mens de efterladte værter kigger langt fra balkonen.

●Og så om bord! (Ingen snublede!)

MEDALJREGN
ÖVER BAT 46

Så fick vi då våra medaljer av chefen och av Force Commander. Paraden började med förövningar varpå bataljonschefen delade ut beviset på Cyperntjänsten till huvuddelen av den uppställda styrkan. På nedre bilden t.h. assisterar m Winblad chefen som delar ut medaljerna till fr.h Mats Nordgren, Mora, Dan Lust Viskafors, Olle Karlsson Eskilstuna samt Lars Kullberg Karlskrona.

Klockan 12 anlände Gen Prem Chand och medaljerade DC plus 16 man. Dessa var privates Åke Pettersson (bilden nedan), Owe Claesson, Jan-Erik Johansson samt Jan Karlsson.

Befäl som medaljerades var: Rustm Hasse Bengtsson, öfu Curt Näslund, Fu Anders Andersson samt fu Gösta Bergström.

Vidare Fv Åke Strandberg, Fv Gunnar Hallevåg, Fj Lennart Persson samt Fj Helge Mauritzon. De fyra från offkåren var mj Lennart Rydberg, kn Vulf Hessulf, Lt Janis Mieritis samt en av bataljonens fänrikar, Per-Olov Sköld.

Medaljparaden avslutades med förbimarsch. Bilden t.h

SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos



LIVRÄDDNING

En ny form av tillämpad övning i livräddning kommer att börja på fredag denna vecka. Det är rustm Danneblad som skall instruera "hela vägen" vilket betyder att övningen börjar redan i vattnet. Plats Clapsides.

Den 13/8 kommer Fincon på besök till Famagusta med sitt fotbollslag. Matchen spelas på planen i OldCity.

En vigsel ägde rum i kyrkan på campen för en tid sedan. Det var de båda lärarna Nils-Erik Nehard och Karin Lötstam, båda från Norrköping, som vigdes klockan 08.00 på morgonen av pastor Hansson. Bild från evenemanget i nästa Cypressen.

Bataljonsturneringen i fotboll är slut. Staben slog Trossen med 3-0 i en riktigt bra match. Utmärkt domare var Greger Eriksson.

FALLING
PLATE

Britcon arrangerar den 25/8 den så kallade Falling Plate-tävlingen dit ett svenskt lag åker för att skörda medaljer. Plutonsbefäl ombedes snarast anmäla duktiga skyttar till idrottsavdelningen för träning. Fyra k-pist skyttar behövs. Dessa kommer att skjuta på lerduvor. Laget består i örigt av fyra AK-skyttar vars mål är pansarplåt. Lt Gunnarsson bär det yttersta ansvaret för resultaten....

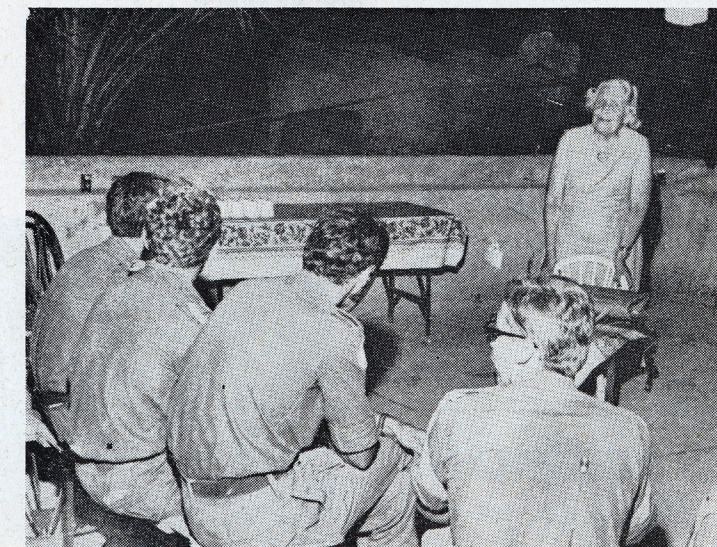


HQ - VAKT

I:a pluton har nu avslutat sina dagar som HQ-vakt i Nicosia. Det betyder att den enda pluton som ännu inte gått vakt på HQ är 4:e. De kommer dock att få gå någon gång i september. Eventuellt får Swedcon även ett vaktpass i oktober.

ETT BESÖK
FRÅN KAIRO

Bataljon 46 gästades i dagarna två av professor Vivi Täckholm från Kairo, den gångna veckan. Det var inte första gången professor Täckholm besökte Cypern utan hon brukar göra en visit hos varje bataljon. Mj Akke var som vanligt chef även för detta besök. Första dagen tillbringades hos 4:e pluton i Chatos (bilden t.v.) och på aftonen dag två fick Carl Gustav den äran att lyssna på ett föredrag som grundade sig på Fru Täckholms 45 år i Egypten. Vivi Täckholm som är professor i botanik hann även med ett yrkesmässigt besök i Kyrenia för att söka vissa blommor innan återfärden till Kairo



GORDONS MEDAL PARADE

On 30 July The Gordon Highlanders marked the completion of 90 days service with the United Nations in Cyprus when they held their medal parade at Polemidhia Camp. The Force Commander presented the medals and took the salute during the March Past.

The parade, which was Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel J. R. A. MacMillan, the Commanding Officer, was preceded by a display by both the Drums and Pipes and Military Band. This was unfortunately to be the last display by the Military Band who have since returned to Scotland to participate in the Edinburgh Tattoo.



● The Colour Party, 1 Gordons.



● The Force Commander presents Corporal Mackerie with his United Nations Medal.

dal. In the background Colour Sergeant MacMillan.

CHANGE IN FLIGHT PLAN

Sergeant R. L. Moore, RCT, has recently joined the UNFICYP Aviation Flight on a 6 months tour.

We welcome Sergeant Moore from Germany and hope he will enjoy his tour with UNFICYP. He was 'snapped' while on a routine sortie around Nicosia.

BRITCON
NEWS



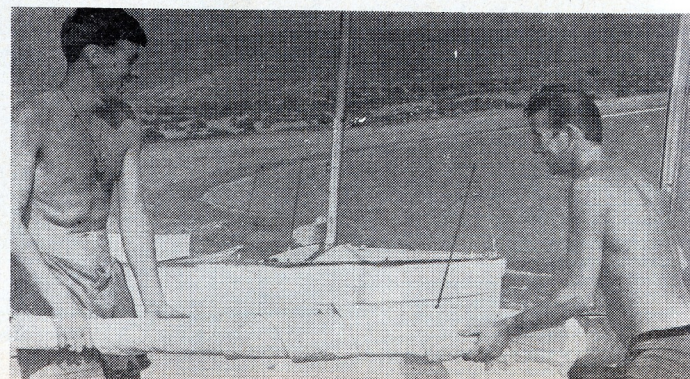
● "Up, Up, Up and Away".



GOC NEARELF SAILING AT LARA POINT VISITS I GORDONS

Major General M. W. Holme, GOC NEARELF, paid a two day visit to the Battalion on 4 and 5 August.

During his visit he visited all the outposts. He is seen above inspecting the quarter guard on his arrival at Polemidhia Camp.



Back from a sail round the bay are the two Kellas brothers, Private and Lance Corporal Kellas.

Private Kellas is at present in 22 platoon who were recently up at Lara Point. Lance Corporal Kellas, a signaller, has also just finished a tour there, where he has been maintaining the communications with Paphos.

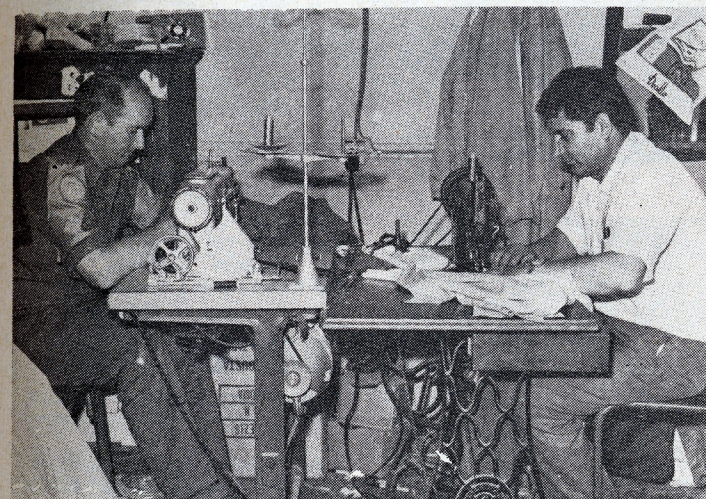
DIGGING IN AT ZYYI

It is traditional in all armies for the "fighting forces", "ground troops" or "front-line wallahs" as they like to regard themselves, to make derogatory remarks about those "headquarters types", whose lives are a compound of little work, lots of leisure, a surfeit of food and choice accommodation. The headquarters man has long since learned to live with this attitude. Indeed he has found that a rather aloof and tolerant smile can rouse the "fighting man" to seething fury in a matter of moments. In point of fact, of course, the

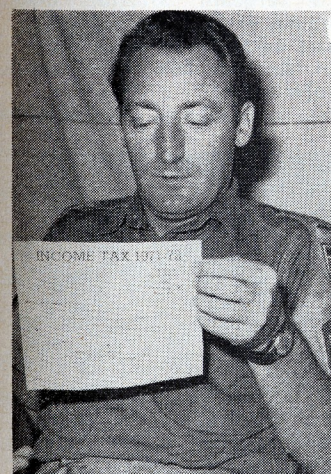


two sides are completely complementary to each other.

The soldier who bears the



● Group Tailor Private John Flood works in amicable harmony with Greek Cypriot tailor Takis Charalambous in Zyyi.



● CQMS Seamus Thompson takes a respite from coping with the logistics problems of Zyyi Camp to fill up the one form that all soldiers in all armies hate — the annual letter from the Revenue Commissioners.

brunt of the dangers, boredom and fatigue of an operation — be it combat or peacekeeping — simply cannot continue to function unless the numerous ancillary services are maintained at maximum efficiency. Rations have to be distributed, communications must be established and kept in working order, and the whole paraphernalia of administration must function so that the soldier is clothed, paid and housed.

Zyyi Camp is a typical headquarters camp. It is a large and rather sprawling compound located on the South coast of Cyprus, only a few hundred yards from the sea. In it, the numerous sub-units and de-

tachments of the 20 Inf Gp live and carry out their duties. There are Transport Drivers, Medics, Ordnance Specialists, Signalmen, Engineers, and a host of clerks and storeman.

The two biggest units in the headquarters are the Armoured Car Group and The Heavy Mortar Troop. Each and every man in Zyyi has his own particular role to play in the day-to-day functioning of the Irish Contingent. For some it may be a repetitive routine of doing the exact same job every day, for others there will be occasions when their particular skills are brought to bear on a particular problem. It is a tribute to the Camp Commandant and his various staffs that the Zyyi "dug-ins" are not only efficient and effective, they're also as happy an outfit as one could wish to meet.

● Zyyi Camp recently hosted the weekly meeting of Contingent OPS E Officers. Ircon Economics Officer, Commandant Sieve Timmons (centre) gave his colleagues and Mr John Miles (left) Senior Political and Legal Adviser, an opportunity of sampling Zyyi hospitality.

IRCON NEWS

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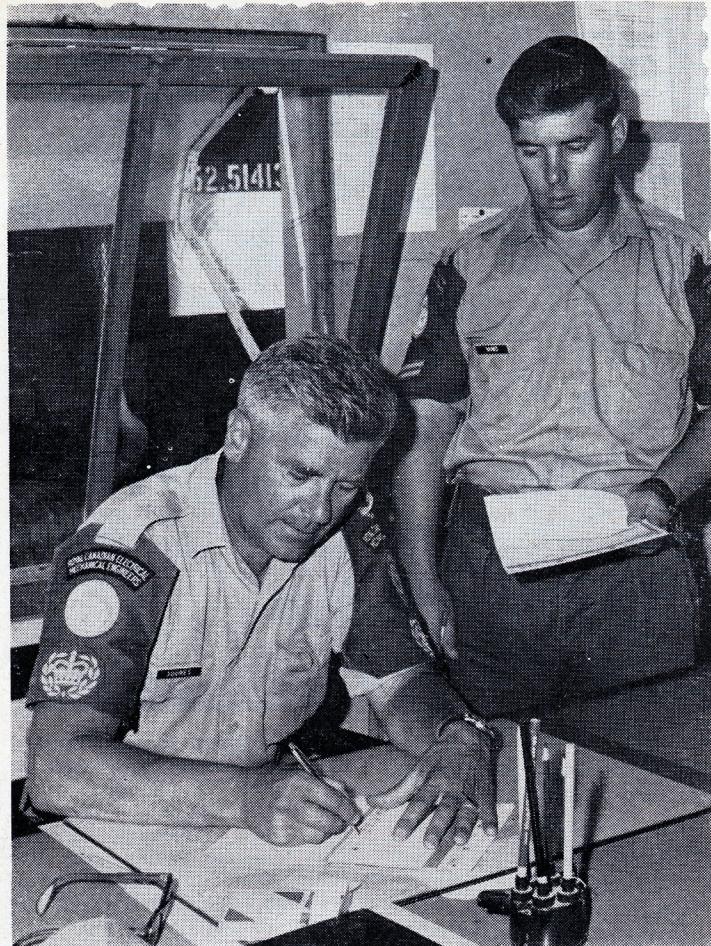
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HQ UNFICYP

NICOSIA Cyprus



● Pots, pans, and dirty linen for a Board of Survey. CQMS Pierce Grace takes these, and lots of other logistics chores in his stride.



● Master Warrant Officer E.A. Squires, who heads the Base Maintenance Section, goes over a work order brought in by Corporal F.B. Haines, of the Control Office.



● Private T. S. Richardson and Corporal H. A. Perdue, of the Vehicle Section, tighten the head on a 1/4 ton vehicle.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

● Corporal E. K. Mount and Sergeant Pleman "Bud" White, of the Spare Parts Section, check out the correct part number of a distributor.

● Sergeant Stratton MacDonald, of the Telecommunications Section, at work repairing the gear box of a movie projector.

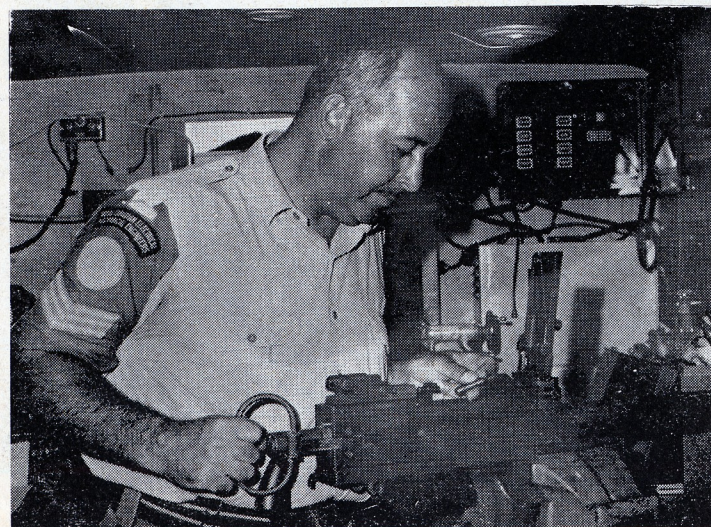
THE BASE MAINTENANCE SECTION

The Base Maintenance Section located at Blue Beret Camp is the real "Mr. Fix it" of the Canadian Contingent here in Cyprus.

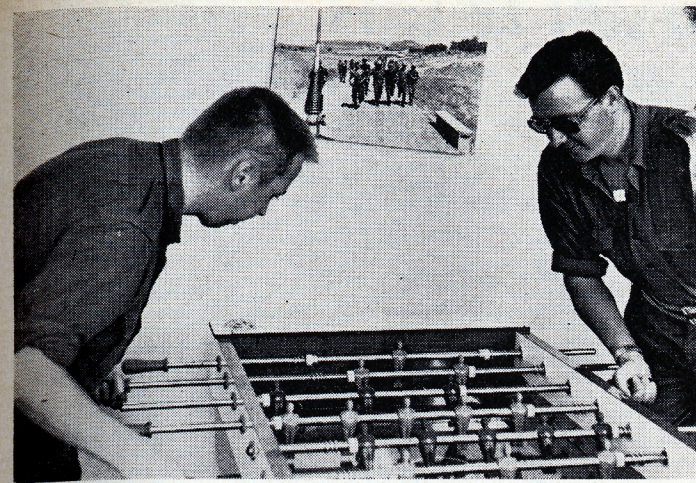
All telecommunications, armament, vehicle and electrical component repairs are done by the engineers there, a spare parts section is also maintained.

The 30 man group is commanded by Master Warrant Officer E. A. Squires.

● Sergeant Peter Stretz, of the Armament Section, at Base Maintenance repairs a 7.62 calibre machine gun.



AUTOMURSKAAMO ESITTÄYTY



Messit ovat viihtyisiä vapaa-ajan viettopaikkoja. EK:n jääkärimessissä jääk Ahlsten ja jääk Alanen jalkapallopelin ääressä.



Jääk Salo kunnostamassa jarrukentää.

MIKÄ ON TUKIRENGAS?

Tukirengas tarkoitusena on toimia Kyproksella palvelevan suomalaisen YK-henkilöstön hyväksi tukemalla heitä pakottavista henkilökohtaisista syistä Suomeen tapahtuvien matkojen järjestämisessä esittämällä toimeenpantavaksi keräyksiä sekä ryhdyttäväksi muihin asian vaatimiin toimenpiteisiin.

Pakottavia henkilökohtaisia syitä ovat:

1) oman isän, äidin, vaimon tai lapsen kuolemantapaukset ja hautaus

2) muu erittäin tärkeä, johtokunnan kullakin kerralla erikseen hyväksymä syy.

Tukirengas voi muutenkin esittää toimeenpantavaksi keräyksiä henkilöstön keskuudessa ja ryhdyttäväksi toimenpiteisiin edellä mainittua henkilöstöä koskevissa pakottavissa henkilökohtaisissa onnettomuus- ja katastroofitilanteissa

Tukirengaan päätösvaltaa käyttää johtokunta, johon kuuluu huoltopäällikkö puheenjohtajana, oikeusupseeri sihteerinä sekä yksi kanta-alipseeri, yksi reservin alipseeri ja yksi jääkäri jäsenenä

Tukirengas antaa lausunnon kaikista muistakin edellä mainitun henkilöstön keskuudessa toimeenpantavista keräyksistä.

Tukirengaan avustusta on haettava kirjallisesti johtokunnan puheenjohtajalta. Kaavakkeita anomusta varten on saatavana.



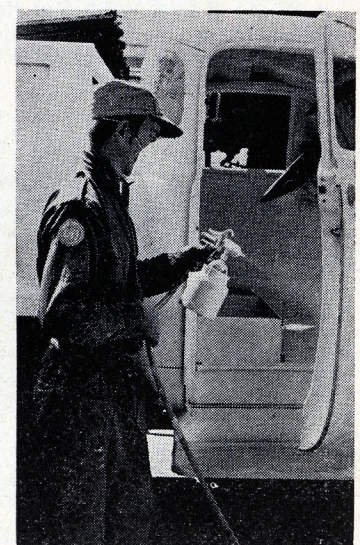
Jääk Rytönen vaihtamassa tiivistettä

jalta huolellista käsittelyä sekä jatkuva ajoneuvon kunnan tarkkailua. Ainahan kaikki kuluu käytössä-jaa siit yhdestä en ole varma- ja kuluneen tilalle saadaan monen "kalkkeeri"-paperin kautta uusi ja entistä ehempi osa.

Meillä on tuo huumorintajuinen Eddie, joka tekee tunnollisesti työtään toimien yhteys-alipseerina meidän ja REME'n välillä.

Hän kyllä noutaa osia ym. kamaa, jos sattuu oleen auto saatavissa. Jos alussa mainitsemani kaveri sattuikin tarkoittamaan, että olemme lentopallossa puisilla niin hän kyllä puhui vasten parempaa tietoaan.

Sitäpaitsi meillä pyyhkii, kuten Eddie sanoo: SWINGING.



Jääk Vatanen maalaa autoa.

URHEILUA

Britconin ja Finconin viestiryhmien välinen lentopallo-ottelu pelattiin Kykkon platalla elokuun 4 päivänä. Ottelu päättyi Finconin voittoon 3-0. Suomalaisessa joukkueessa palasivat kers Vinnikka 2JK, Kers Kettunen EK, Kers Vieri 1 JK, jääk Göranson EK, jääk Mäkelä EK ja jääk Nikkola EK. Pelin tuomitsi jääk Suoniemi.

PASTORIN VIRKISTYSMATKAT

Pastorin sunnuntaimatka elokuun 15 päivänä suuntautuu St. Hilarion linnaan ja Bellapaisin luostariin. Myös Kyrenian kaupunkiin tutustutaan ja käydään uimassa Välimeressä. Matkalle lähtö tapahtuu Kykkosta sunnuntaina klo 9.30.

Onnistuimme työssämme, siitä kertoo äskettäin ilmestynyt tarkastusraportti, joka on jukaistu em. tarkastusjoukkueen lausunnon perusteella. Kiitos lankeaa isälliselle ja aina esimerkilliselle - lopettaispa vielä polttamisen - Hermanille. Toivottavasti on siellä Luxus-maassa juoksu vaihtunut nopeaan kävelyyn.

Korjaamo on tässä rotaatiossa saanut tuntuvaa vahvistusta uusien, pätevien sekä -ainakin vielä- henkisesti ja ruumiillisesti terveiden kundien mukana. Aurinkohan ottaa aina omansa.

Niin työmme on kovin tärkeä tässä lafkassa. On tuon tuhannenlaista ajoa, kuten jokainen meistä tietää tai on ainakin kuullut puhutavan. Nyt jo melko vanha ajoneuvokalusto vaatii jokaiselta aja-

FINCON NEWS

FORCE COMMANDER



● Corporal Mulholland greets the Force Commander at Camp Office.

● The Force Commander meets (left to right) Sergeant Hawkins, Chief Clerk, Camp, and Major K. Cain, Camp Commandant.

VISITS UNITS

● At the Pay Office: Force Commander, Major Cain, and Staff Sergeant Tom Hossel.

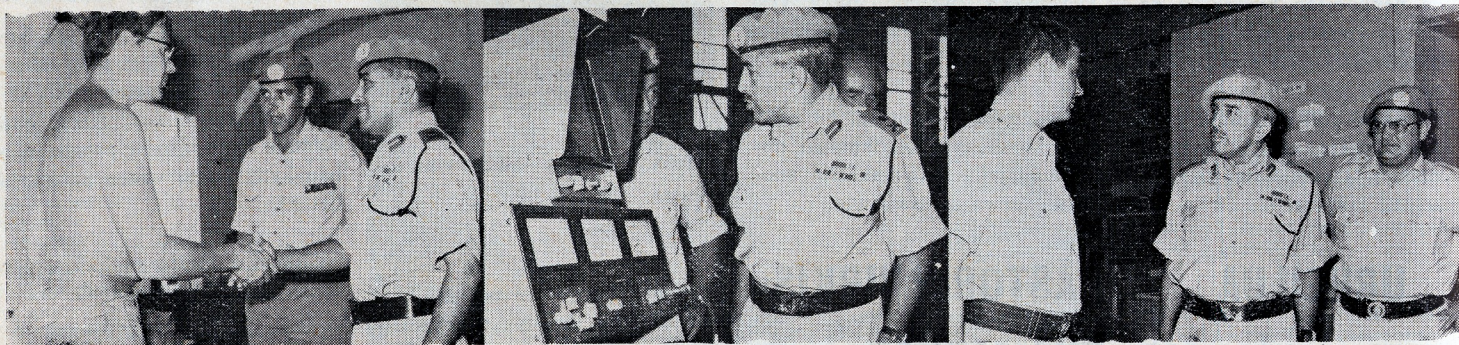


● At the Medical Centre (left to right) Lance Corporal Haywood, Corporal Walker, Lance Corporal Cove, Major Cain, the Force Commander, and Corporal Trafford.

● Regimental Quarter Master Sergeant Cliff and Captain K. Armitage, Quarter Master, greet the Force Commander.

● The Quarter Master's Staff, (left to right) Lance Corporal Drysdale, Sapper Shewry, and Corporal Bailey.

IN HQ UNFICYP



● At the REME Workshop (left to right) Corporal McIntosh, Major R. Bellis, Commanding Officer REME, and the Force Commander.

● Artificer Quarter Master Sergeant Jones shows the Force Commander how a crypton engine tuner works.

● At the Store Section: Private Gartzon, the Force Commander, and Staff Sergeant Major Elliot.



● Major A. E. MacAskill, Force Provost Marshal, greets the Force Commander on his arrival at the Military Police Headquarters.

● At the MP Duty Room (left to right) Sergeant Murphy, Major MacAskill, the Force Commander, and the ADC, Captain R. Ahonen.

MP NOTEBOOK

ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

Week-ending		
7 August 71	—	6
Same Period		
Last Year	—	5
Total This Year	—	183
Same Period		
Last Year	—	220

Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:

"CARELESS DRIVING"