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NEW COMMANDER FOR FINNISH CONTINGENT

The new Commander of the Finnish Contingent, Lieutenant Colonel Eero T. Lehtovirta, has seen almost continuous service with the United Nations since 1964. A former Armoured Brigade Battalion Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Lehtovirta first came to Cyprus in 1964 and served for 12 months with OPS (E) at HQ UNFICYP. This was immediately followed by a 15 month tour of duty as Second-in-Command Fincon.

In 1967 he moved to UNTSO and acted as an UN Observer for twelve months before coming back again to Cyprus in 1969 as Chief Personnel Officer.

Now that Lieutenant Colonel

Lehtovirta has assumed command of the Kyrenia District, the Logistics and Personnel Branches at HQ UNFICYP have been amalgamated and the appointment of CPO now lapses.

Colonel Reino Raitasaari, the previous commander of Fincon, has now left Cyprus to return to Finland and we wish him every success in the future.

• Two imposing six footers! Lieutenant Colonel Lehtovirta (left) and Colonel Raitasaari pictured at the parade held to signify the formal changing over of command. ▼



• With Christmas only 44 shopping days away thoughts are turning to the problem of what to send home to friends and relatives. Getting some ideas in the UN Gift shop at HQ UNFICYP are WO II Brian Taylor and the PA to the Force Commander, Miss Irene Simpson. The shop is located in the Secretariat offices and is open daily from 0800 hrs to 1200 hrs.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

On November the 8th British Communities throughout the world observed Remembrance Sunday in memory of their countrymen who sacrificed their lives in the two world wars and in other conflicts since. Special services were held for the British Contingent in Limassol, Paphos and Nicosia.

Members of the congregation leaving St Columba's church, Nicosia, where an interdenominational service was held for members of the Headquarters and other units serving in the Nicosia area.

BAND VISIT

The Pipes and Drums of the Royal Scots Greys will be visiting Cyprus between 18—24 November and will be giving a number of performances as well as playing for the Medal Parade of "C" Squadron the Royal Scots Greys which at present forms the Force Reserve.

A special evening performance sponsored by the UN Association of Cyprus will be given in the Municipal Theatre at Nicosia on Friday 20th November. Included in the programme will be a display of highland dancing.

MEDALJE- PARADE FOR DE SKÆVE ROTANTER

I sidste uge var der atter medaljeparade hos Dancon. De "skæve" rotanter fik overrakt medaljerne for 90 dages tjeneste ved UNFI-CYP af kontingentchefen, oberstløjtnant M. Hemmert Lund, ved en lille højtidelighed i Xeros-lejren.

Paa billedet lykønsker oberstløjtnanten medaljemodtagerne. Det er fra venstre major J. Preetzmann, major H. B. Konradsen, (begge tjenestegørende ved hovedkvarteret) major J. S. Lau, PRLT K. M. Pedersen og reservalæge E. A. Sørensen.



FORSYNINGER TIL OP'ERNE



Den daglige forsyning til OP'erne er af stor betydning. Her er det (billedet nederst) KS Alminde, som leverer friskt vand og andre fornødenheder til OP 4. Han modtages af sergenterne Bramsgaard og Hansen.

Øverste billede er hentet på OP 1, hvor frivagterne K. H. Janner og F. A. Frederiksen nyder livet.

TRAVLHED HOS POSTMESTEREN



En populær mand i Dancon er oversergent J. K. H. Madsen, der i sin egenskab af postmester formidler forbindelserne til og fra Danmark. Han bliver iovrigt i nærfremtid afløst af sergent Fl. Jensen.

Specielt den sidste tid har været travl for postmester Madsen, idet rotationstiden traditionen tro giver ekstraarbejde for postafdelingen. Mange pakker skal sendes hjem, inden rotationen for alvor begynder.

Det andet billede viser en situation fra Limnitis-lejren, hvor pakker samles ind og videresendes til Xeros-lejrens postkontor. "Pakkeberere" er KS S. C. Christensen og KS O. T. Pedersen.



DANCON NYT



DANCON



Kravalllexercis

Kravalllexercis är en viktig del av utbildningen av de svenska FN-soldaterna. På bilden ovan är det 1. platon som på Carl Gustaf Camp har intagit plogformering. Det där gänget springer man nog inte igenom så lätt!

Civpol - chefer

I den svenska Civpolavdelningen i Famagusta är det för närvarande en ovanligt stark koncentration av polischefer. Civpolavdelningen har nämligen för närvarande besök av Hans Lagerhorn, Stockholm som tjänstgjorde som police commissioner och chef för den svenska avdelningen inom Civpol under tre år från uppträttet av polisstyrkan 1964.

Samtidigt anlände också till Famagusta den nye chefen för den svenska civilpolisstyrkan, Gunnar Henriksson, Kiruna, som så småningom kommer att avlösa den nuvarande chefen Torsten Lindberg, en veteran, som tjänstgjort nära fyra år på Cypern.

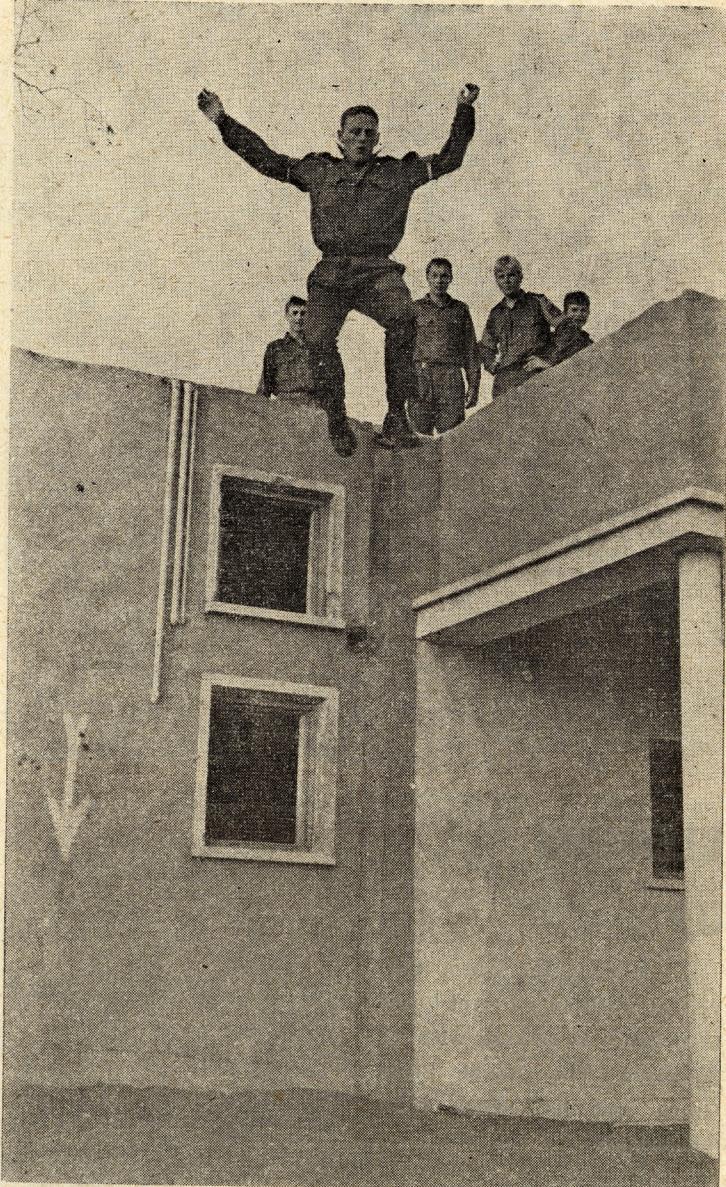
Bilden nedan visar fr v Gunnar Henriksson, Hans Lagerhorn och Torsten Lindberg.

Hinderloppning

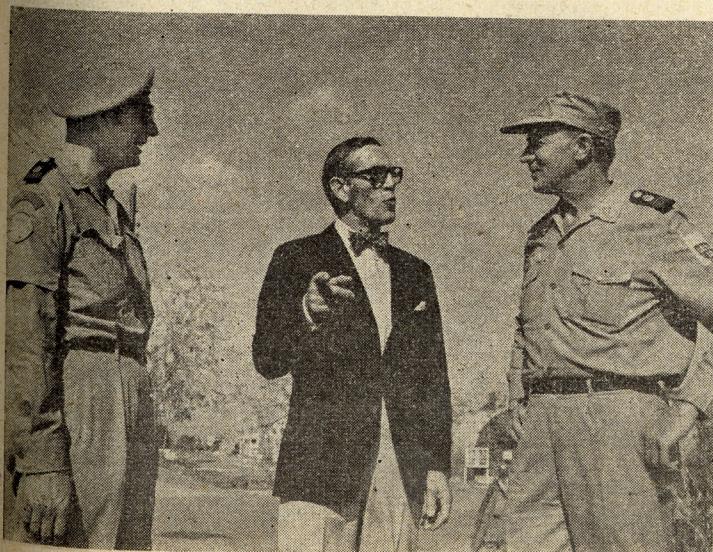
Nu har svenskarna börjat hårdkörningen på den finländska hinderloppningsbanan i Nicosia. SWEDCON har fina placeringar att försvara i UNFICYP-mästerskapet i hinderloppning, så det vill till att 45:ans grabbar lägger mannen till vid träningen för att nå lika goda resultat som 44:an gjorde i juli, då tävlingarna hölls senast. Då blev det nämligen en prydlig blågul dubbelseger genom FN-soldaterna Lennerbring och Flink, medan finländarna blev för svåra i lagfälvingen, där Sverige alltså fick nöja sig med andraplatsen.

Nästa UNFICYP-mästerskap i hinderloppning kommer att hållas den 27 november - man tävlar två gånger per år för att ge varje bataljon tillfälle att delta i mästerskapen.

Hinderbanan är något alldellets speciellt och har inte stora likheter med banorna hemma på regementena. Banan går nämligen genom ett obebott bostadsområde, där man klänger i rep uppför husvägar, hoppar mellan taken och även ner från hustaken. Ett hinder består av en tunna fylld med sand. Med en spade ska löparen tömma tunnan så att spaden slår i botten på tunnan.

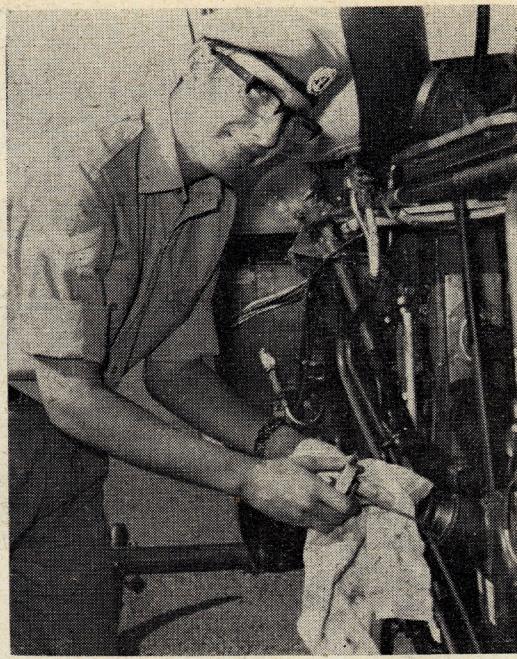


● Karl Gustav |Ragnarsson, Ljungby i luften på väg ner från ett hustak, ett av de hinder, som ingår i hinderloppet. |Väntande på sin tur skymtar fr v Lars-Göran Rudén, Östersund, Leif Lorén, Fristad, Jan Erik Fredriksson, Arboga och Vidar Bäck, Ed.



SPARE TIME PILOT

Corporal Geoffrey Buckett who comes from Redhill, Surrey, is an Air Technician with a difference. Although his job in the Army keeps him on the ground looking after the helicopters of the UNFICYP Aviation Flight he is in his spare time a flier and holds a Private Pilots Licence.



CLEANING UP

Lance Corporal Bruce Calvert at work on a Ferret Scout Car. Bruce is serving with 'C' Squadron The Royal Scots Greys and he comes from Sunderland.

BUGLE CALL

To the people of Limassol, the change over between 3rd Battalion The Light Infantry and the 3rd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets may not have been all that obvious.

Both Riffle and Light Infantry Regiment have a lot in common — like the dark green regimental stable belt worn by all ranks. Bugle calls are still to be heard from the camp announcing the routine of the day.

One of the buglers is Corporal John Chadwick who com-

mands a section in the bugle platoon. During his nine years service he has been an anti-tank gunner and a Regimental Policeman as well as a bugler and has served in three continents. He is now starting his second tour in Cyprus.



WHEEL - EM - IN RALLY NEWS

On Sunday 1st November 1970 27 teams took part in a rally organised by 60 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport. The rally route consisted of 60 miles of road, track and cross country driving, which demanded great skill on part of both drivers and navigators.

The overall winners were Sergeant Lovel and Corporal Chetwynd both of the Army Air Corps. Joint second place were Lieutenant Gunn and Sergeant Lodwig, Corporal Harbert and Lance Corporal Kennedy all of 60 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport.

Prizes were presented in the Wheel-Em-Inn Club by Mrs Marzetti, the wife of the Officer Commanding the Squadron. A good time was had by all and it is hoped to run another rally in December, which will be open to all comers. Further details will be published later.



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DRIVERS OF "A" TROOP

Some of the drivers of 'A' Troop 60 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport pictured in front of their vehicles.



FORCE COMMANDER VISITS IRCON

Major General D. Prem Chand, the Force Commander visited the 19th Infantry Group in the Larnaca District on Friday 6th November 1970. He was accompanied by the Chief Personnel and Logistics Officer, Lieutenant Colonel P. Morgan, the Force Engineer Officer, Commandant Jim Murphy and Commandant Gerry O'Sullivan, UN Liaison Officer to the National Guard.

Lieutenant Colonel Tom Tracey, Commander 19th Infantry Group, greeted the

Force Commander on his arrival at Zyyi. Having inspected the Guard of Honour under the command of Lieutenant Ned Horgan the General was taken on a tour of the Camp Headquarters. He later visited A and B Companies in Kophinou and Larnaca.

- The Force Commander being briefed in the Operations Room at Zyyi. (Left to right) Commandant Gerry O'Sullivan, Major General D. Prem Chand, Lieutenant Colonel Tom Tracey and Commandant John Egan the Second-in-Command 19th Infantry Group.

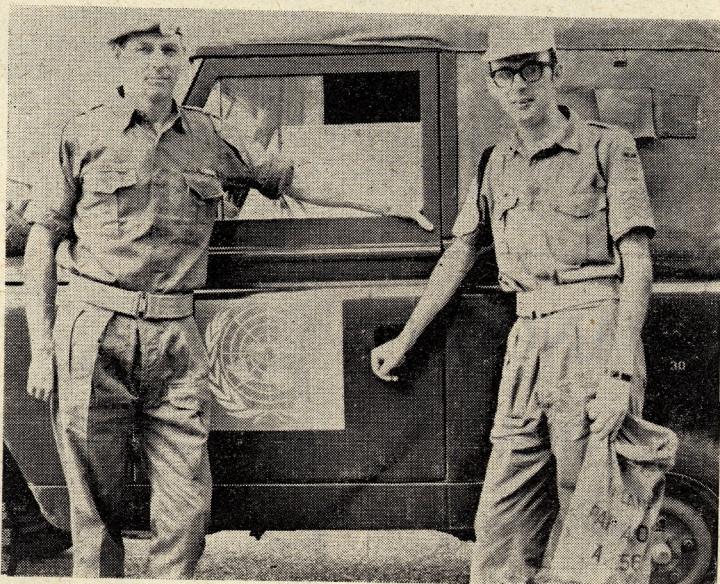


RUGBY NEWS

Playing their first game in Cyprus on October 17th the Ircon XV showed lack of match practice and were easily outclassed by a better drilled Dhekelia side. It was nevertheless an interesting game with Dhekelia making good use of their superiority in the line-outs and set scrums. Final score was 30 points to NIL.

Since then the Ircon squad has improved considerably. In the Dhekelia 7-a-side competition they were only beaten at the semi final stage by 8 points to NIL and on Wednesday last they beat 60 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport by 9 points to 8.

- In the photograph below forwards jump for the ball following a line-out in the Dhekelia versus Ircon game on 17th October.



IRCON NEWS



V.I.P. POSTMAN

Sergeant John Byrne, Dublin, is, without a doubt a V.I.P. As postman, his popularity among members of the 19th Infantry Group is dependant upon size and weight of his mailbag.

One should not judge his popularity however by the size of the bag he has in this photograph. If you do not receive a letter regularly he promises to write you one himself!! He is seen here with his driver, Private E. Goldsmith, Garrison Transport, Cork.



POLIO VACCINATION

• Medical Platoon

geant J. Durney, Kilkenny enjoys giving the polio oral vaccination to the Group Tailor, Private B. Kelly, Dublin.

DRIVING RECORD

After one month of driving in Cyprus, Suburbia Company transport platoon have the only drivers with an accident-free record. The 13 drivers have driven more than 15,000 miles without a scrape or bump.

However, the whole Canadian Contingent is setting a good standard. The drivers have 'clocked' a total of 84,500 miles, the last 44,000 of which have been accident free.

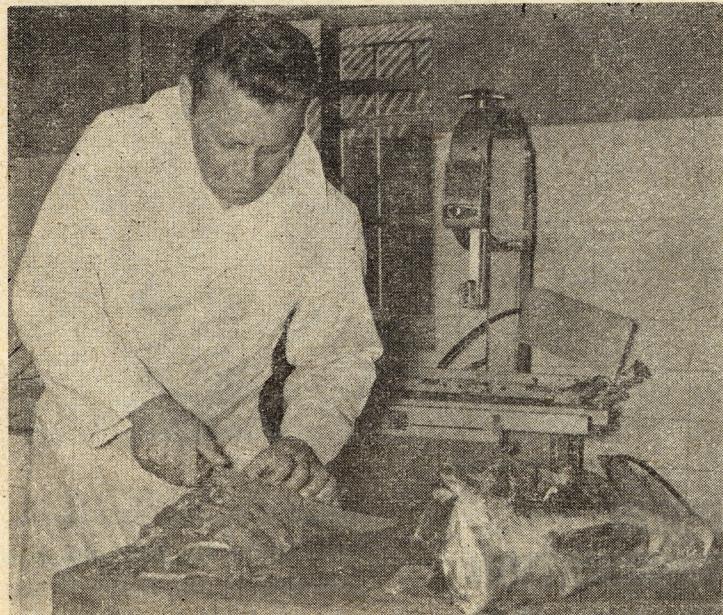
"I am really pleased with our record so far", said Lieutenant Colonel Marsaw, "and I am looking forward to handing out a large number of safe-driving awards during our tour".

Safe-driving awards will be presented to drivers after two and four months of accident-free driving and those who complete their six months tour without an accident will receive an engraved mug.

There will also be cash

REAL CUT-UP

Corporal Pat Marshall slices a leg of beef in the butcher shop at Cancon Base. Each month he 'operates' on more than 10,000 pounds of meat and fowl in order to feed the Canadian Contingent. Beef appears to be the favourite meat with more than 7,200 pounds being consumed each month.



CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

FILL-ER UP

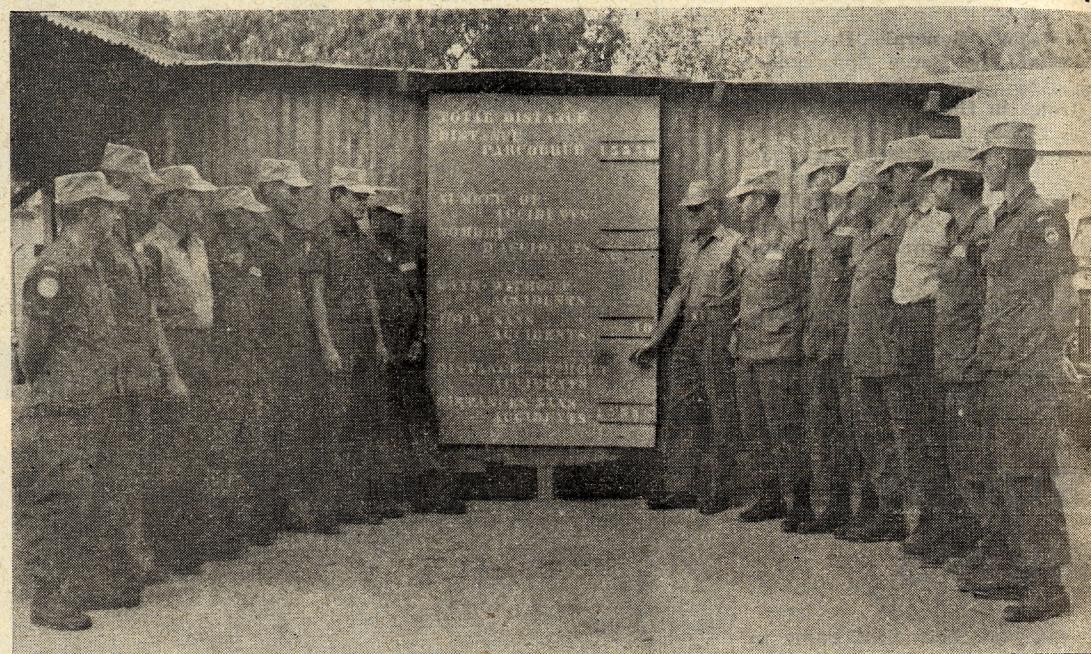
Keeping City Company supplied with drinking, cooking and washing water means a lot of "filling-up" for Corporal Rene Taillefer. He transports more than 3,000 gallons a-day.



awards and a plaque for the two best drivers, selected on Dec. 15 and Mar 15. 1971,

for each type of vehicle. These will be judged upon the number of accident-free miles, maintenance of vehicle and drivers attitude and driving ability.

● Members of Suburbia Company Transport Platoon surround their accident report board. The board indicates thirty days of accident free driving with a total of 15,556 miles.



EXPLORER'S CORNER

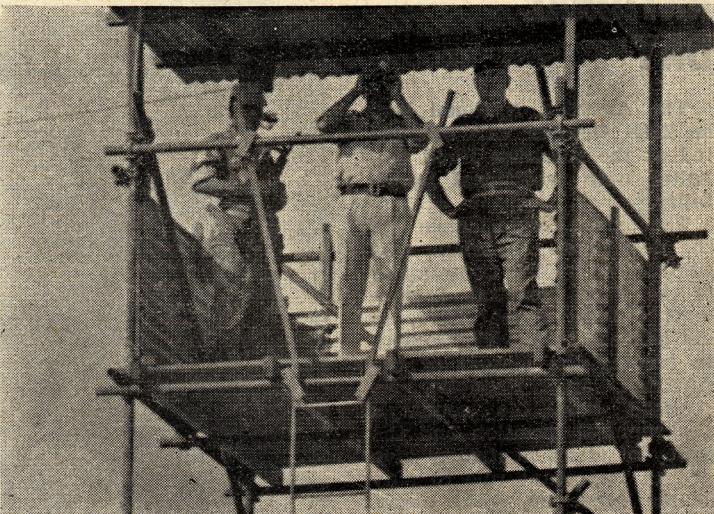
Next tour for the "Explorer's Club" will be on Sunday November 15, when members visit Limassol, Curium and Paphos. Buses will leave the Welfare Office at 0800 and the Ledra Palace at 0815. During the 200 mile trip there will be a 'swimming stop'. Those interested should contact the Welfare Office.

FORCE COMMANDER

VIERAILI FINCON'SSA



Force Commander kenrm D Prem Chand tarkastamassa kunniaosastoa elv. E Lehtovirran kanssa. Kunniaosaston komentajana toimi ylikommodori Pekka Keskirokanen.



Tutustuessaan vihreään linjaan Force Commander nousi 1 JK:n vartiotorniin kapt J Ojasen kanssa. Vartiossa jääkäri L A Anttila.

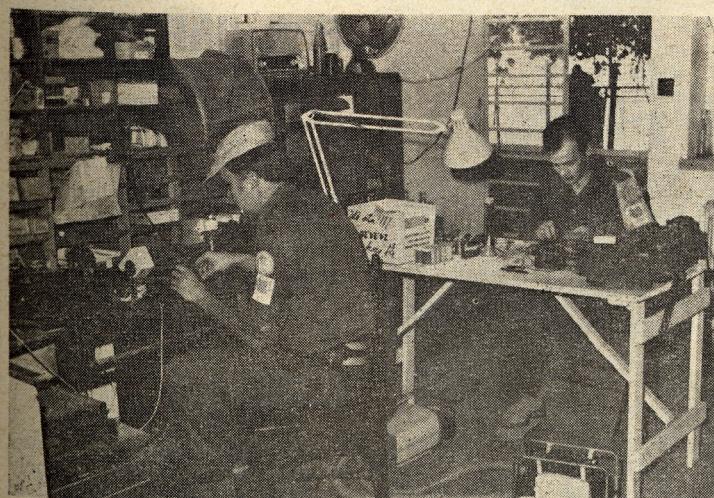
MILTSUN PALSTA

Marraskuun alusta lukien on lentoliikenne siirtynyt talviaikatauluun, joka tuo melko huomattavia muutoksia Suomen pataljoonan postinkulkuun. Postin saapuminen Kyprolle ja pataljoonaamme siirtyy myöhäisille iltaunneille. Mikäli posti saapuu keskiyön jälkeen perille, mainitakoon jälleen kerran, että se jetaan heti aamutunneilla, jolloin postilähetit tuovat postin komppanioihin. Postikonttori on suljettuna perjantaisin, jolloin postilentoekonetta ei lähde Kyprolta lainkaan. Kaikkina muina päivinä kirjeposti Suomeen lähtee kello 8,00 myös suunnuntaisin.

Postimestari

PAPIN MUISTIO

Sunnuntaina 15.11. retki Buffaventon linnaan. Lähtö kello 10.00. Tiistaina 17.11. iltahartaus EK:ssa kello 19.00. Keskiviikkona 18.11. iltahartaus 2JK:ssa kello 18.00.



Mitä ihmellisempää värkkejä ja kommerverkkejä löytyy viestikorjaamalta. Kuvassamme kers Erkki Lindfors korjaamassa salamavalolaitetta ja jääkäri Jorma Faarinen häärilee ruotsalaisen kentäkeskuksen kimpussa.

MUSTAT PÄIVÄT

Incident days are		BLACK DAYS							MARRASKUU						
		THIS MONTH													
Black in	Dates on	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
Accidents occur		15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
		28	29	30	31										
Last month's totals		26		SAFE DAYS		5		ACCIDENT DAYS							
ENTER TOTALS ON NEXT MONTH'S CHART															

Neljä mustaa päivää kahdeksasta. Liikenneonnettomuudet vaiaviaat pataljoonaan. Koska on SINUN vuorosi mustata päivä? Aja varovasti, ellei halua olla seuraavaa.

Torstaina 26.11. iltahartaus 1JK:ssa kello 19.00. Perjantaina 27.11. jumalanpalvelus St Paulin kirkossa kello 19.00.

Sunnuntaina 29.11. retki Famagustaan ja St Barnabaan luostariin. Lähtö kello 10.00.

LINNOISSA KREIVIEN ...

Lapsuudessaan joka mies on lukanut ja kuullut ritarien vuorenrinteille rakennetuista linnoista, joissa nämä romantiikan mestarit pitivät juhlaan, ja joiden omistamisesta käytin katkeria taisteluja. Eräs näistä satulinoista on St Hilarion Castle Kyrenian vuoristossa, muutaman mailin päässä Nikosian-Kyrenian tieltä. Linna on saanut alkunsa jo 300-luvulla jKr. Siihen tutustuttiin viime sunnuntaina 27 miehen vahvuisella joukolla. Vanhan tavan mukaan tutusmismatkoja saaren nähtävyyksiin, jotka tunnetaan yleensä papinkeikan nimellä, tehdään lähes joka sunnuntai. Seuraavana on vuorossa Buffaventon linna. Matka tehdään palvelusasussa, sillä loppumatka, vajaan kahdenkymmenen minuutin kävelyn hyvää polku pitkin, joudutaan kulkemaan jalkaisin. Kuukauden viimeisenä 29.11. sunnuntaina on vuorossa Famagusta ja Pyhän Barnabaan luostari.

FINCON NEWS



Pataljoonan pastori keikkalaisineen tutustumassa St Hilarion vanhaan linnaan.

AUSTRIAN NATIONAL DAY

The Austrian National Day on 26th October was celebrated at the Austrian Field Hospital with traditional hospitality.

The great significance of the day to all Austrians was emphasised by the Commander of the Field Hospital, Lieutenant Colonel Effenberger, in his address to the Contingent. In tracing the history of the Austrian 2nd Republic, he stressed how the country's geographical position and the policy of strict neutrality give her an important role to play in the cause of world peace. Lieutenant Colonel Effenberger also took advantage of the occasion to express his thanks to all members of the contin-



● Seated at the Generals table on the occasion of the Austrian National Day celebrations are (left to right) Mrs Raitasaari, Major General D. Prem Chand, Mrs Osorio-Tafall, Mr Jean Back and Mrs Prem Chand.

MP NOTEBOOK

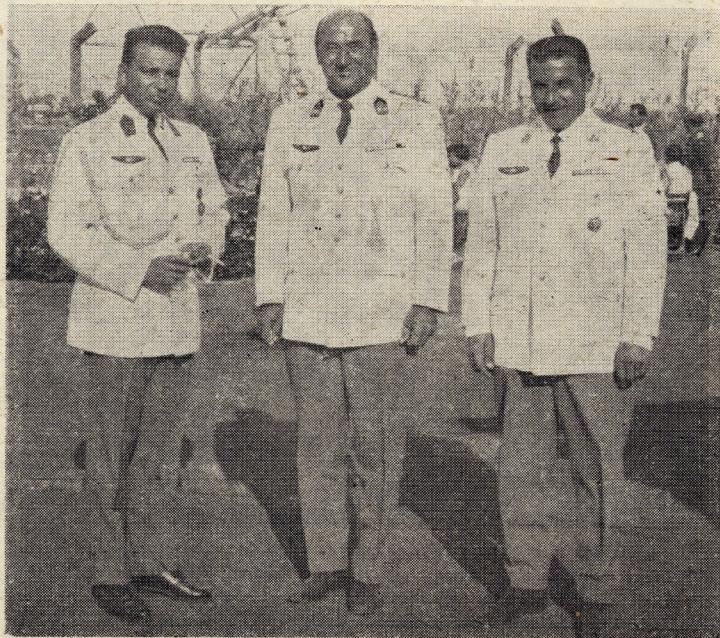
Accidents - Unficyp

Week Ending	
7 NOV 70	— 9
Same Period	
Last Year	— 3
Total This Year	— 326
Same Period	
Last Year	— 309

Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:

- (1) "DRIVING WITHOUT DUE CARE AND ATTENTION"
- (2) UNSAFE BACKING
- (3) MISJUDGING CLEARANCE
- (4) FAILING TO YIELD RIGHT-OF-WAY"

gent for the cooperation which he has received and for the excellent way in which they have performed their duties.



After an impressive Flag Parade, the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, presented UN medals to 17 Austrian personnel. Addressing the parade, the Force Commander conveyed special greetings from HQ UNFICYP to the Austrian Contingent and also expressed his satisfaction of the work carried out by the Austrian Field Hospital.

The highlight of the day was a reception and buffet luncheon held in very attractive surroundings out of doors. The guests, headed by Dr. Osorio-Tafall and Major General D. Prem Chand, included members of the Diplomatic Corps, UN senior officials and officers of the various contingents serving with UNFICYP.

● Lieutenant Colonel L. Effenberger (centre) together with two of his officers waiting to greet their guests on the occasion of the Austrian National Day.



MORE FINANCE FOR UNFICYP

In response to U Thant's appeal to all member nations, two more countries have contributed towards the expenses of UNFICYP for the first six months of 1970. A cheque for one million Dollars has been received from the West German Government and the Government of Jamaica have contributed one thousand Dollars.

CASEVAC

We picture here the sequel to the casevac exercise held recently at the Austrian Field Hospital. The "wounded" has received first aid treatment and is ready to be transported to the hospital by helicopter.

