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SWEDCON HANDOVER

On the 9th of April Lieutenant Colonel I. Bondeson (right) handed over his duties as Commander Swedcon and Famagusta District to Lieutenant Colonel J. E. Liedgren.

Lieutenant Colonel Bondeson has served with UNFICYP since August 1970, until October 1971 he was Chief Operations Officer at HQ UNFICYP. He returns to Sweden to command a large military exercise which is due to take place soon. Lieutenant Colonel Liedgren's previous command was with an Infantry Regiment at Östersund in Northern Sweden.



NEW CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Mr Dharman (right) the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), at HQ UNFICYP is pictured handing over his duties, after 19 months in the "hot seat" at Blue Beret Camp, to Mr Victor Mills, an uneviable task, considering the overall financial situation of UNFICYP, and the fact that the CAO is the representative of United Nations Headquarters, New York, and is adviser to the Force Commander on administrative and budgetary policy.

Mr Mills born in 1919, a graduate of the Harvard School of Business Administration, joined the United Nations in 1946. He has served with Count Bernadette Folke and Dr Bunche. From 1961 to 1963 he

was CAO with UNTSO. More recently he has served with the United Nations Office of Personnel and with the UN Administrative Management Service. He is married and has six children.



CHANGE OF COMMAND

Lieutenant Colonel J. A. Fox, Commanding Officer, Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) signs the documents taking over command of the Nicosia District. Brigadier General E.M.D. Leslie, Chief of

Staff, HQ UNFICYP and Lieutenant Colonel G.H.J. Lessard, Commanding Officer, 2 Battalion Royal 22e Regiment, who commanded the district for the past six months, took part in the short ceremony at Wolseley Barracks on Sunday 9 April 1972.

IRCON MEDAL PARADE

On Thursday 30th March, the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand visited Wolfe Tone Camp, Larnaca to present the United Nations service medal to personnel of the Irish Contingent.

Accompanied by the Irish Liaison Officer, Commandant D. Auliffe, the Force Commander inspected a Guard of Honour on his arrival under the command of Lieutenant Good. He is seen here talking to Corporal J. Burne, Dublin, who is on his second trip to Cyprus.





DANSKERE I HQ

Man hører ikke så meget til dem - udover, "at de da vist ikke laver noget derinde i Nicosia", men alligevel, vi har vendt blikket mod hovedstaden paa Cypern, og på siden her vil De kunne møde dem, som De måske kun har set flygtigt, og som De ikke rigtigt har kunnet få til at passe ind i den almindelige Dancon-organisation.

Fem danskere, tre officerer, en oversergent og en korporal, indgår i det internationale hovedkvarter i Blue Beret Camp, Nicosia.



● Korporal Riistofte gør tjeneste i "Operations Branch", hvor han har utallige gøremål. Et af dem er, som her, at sortere ind- og udgående post.



DANCON NYT

● Force Movement Control er den engelske betegnelse for dem, der tager sig af transporter til og fra øen. Billedet til venstre viser oversergent K. Andreassen i færd med at hjælpe passagerer ombord i Scacyp'en. Andreassen er hjælper for Force Control Officer, Major K. J. Funch, der ses herover i en modsat funktion: at tage imod nye mennesker i lufthavnen. Fra venstre til højre er det: Major Funch, oberstløjtnant F. Burgstaller, Østrig, og oberstløjtnant Morgan, som er Chief Logistics & Personnel Officer HQ UNFICYP.

● "Så gjorde vi det forkert endnu engang, Costas". Kaptajn S. Frandsen er Assistant Military Public Information Officer, og tager sig som sådan af bl. a. "The Blue Beret".

● Major N. J. Maabjerg arbejder med "operations" — og man påstår, at han er ekspert med hensyn til Lefka District. Der er vel heller ikke grund til at tvivle.

ÅTTER SUCCÈ

Revygänget vid 47-an med nye ider och en del nya medverkande gjorde åter succé på skärtorsdagen då de framförde sitt stora avskeds-spektakel i Muskelhallen. Förutom grabbarna på 4:e pluton, kom-fram-och-sej-Lasse Herrstedt samt orkestern och allsångsledaren Frasse hade ensemblen förstärkning av operettsångerskan Gunnevi Carlström från Västerås som rev ned applåder.

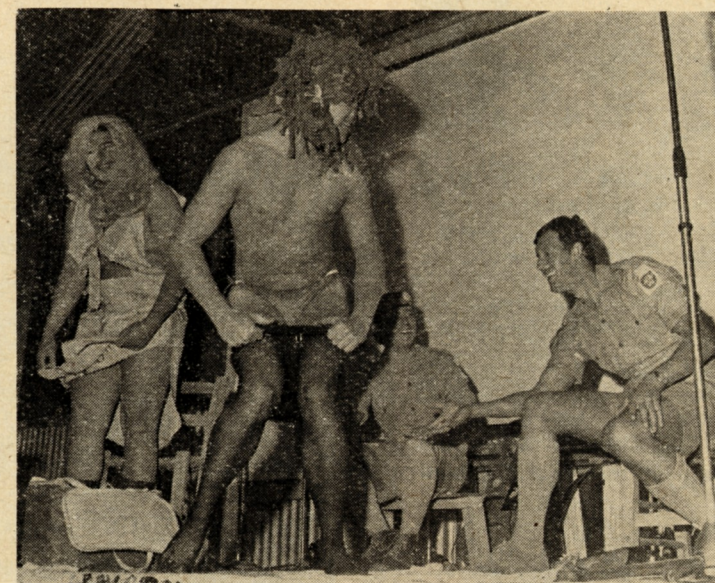
Särskilt nämnas bör också Dala-Erikssons presentation av den hemgjorda sång vilken behandlade de flesta "färska" händelser vid bataljonen-även kapten G H:s dikeskörning. På bilden t h ses hela underhållnings-gänget i finalen. Nedill t v sjunger Gunnevi Carlström och höger om henne en bild från den realistiska versionen av livet på en bar i Famagustas enorma glädjekvarter.



AMS - FOLK PÅ BESÖK

Byrådirektörerna Allan Pettersson och Kjell Sundberg från arbetsmarknadsstyrelsen i Sverige besökte bataljonen 27-29 april. Det var för de båda en i ordets rätta bemärkelse tjänsteresa. Redan kvällen de ankom med SCACYP höll de informationsmöte i Muskelhallen och följande dag for en av dem runt på OP medan den andre tjänstgjorde på en provisorisk expedition under läktaren till stadion i Famagusta där friidrottstävlingarna pågick.

Deras besök var mycket uppskattat och många tog kontakt med de två arbetsmarknadspersonerna för att få hjälp med jobb hemma i Svedala då tjänstgöringen vid cypribataljon 47 upphör. På bilden till höger "AMS-gubarna" om-svärmade av 47-or i Muskelhallen.



SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos

NYCEF VID SWEDCON

Den 9:e april övertog övl Jan-Erik Liedgren från I 5 i Östersund chefskapet för den svenska FN-kontingenten på Cypern. Tillika blev han samtidigt chef för UNFICYP:s verksamhet inom Famagusta distrikt. Liedgren har tidigare tjänstgjort inom den svenska styrkan på Cypern 1964.

Övl Ingemar Bondeson åkte samma dag med flyg hem till Sverige där han omedelbart river igång med jobb som ledare för en stor krigsförbandsövning i Norrland. Bondeson kom till Cypern augusti 1970 och tjänstgjorde först ett år som COO (Chief Operations Officer) vid HQ i Nicosia innan han blev kontingentchef. Se mera text och bild på Blue Berets första sida.



BACKSTAGE AT FORCE RESERVE

For any theatre production it's always those on stage who receive all the applause. In the small print of the programme one can read about those whose work "backstage" has made the "extravaganza" possible. This week we feature, in bold print, the "backstage workers" at Gleneagles Camp who ensure that the Force Reserve — The Royal Hussars — (to coin a phrase) Never Close!

It's said that to keep one man in the front line at least ten others have to do the administrative and logistic work. It's therefore impossible to cover all the departments concerned in pictures, one can only mention them in print. For instance the technical de-

partment, Squadron Quarter-master's Store, mess staff, cooks, orderly room and last but not least the Regimental Police. We do however, feature the Light Aid Detachment, Motor Transport Troop and Comcen.



● You want transport — well here's a wheel, get moving!" Sergeant Humberstone and Corporal Thorsgood (MT Troop) pictured outside their mobile(?) office.



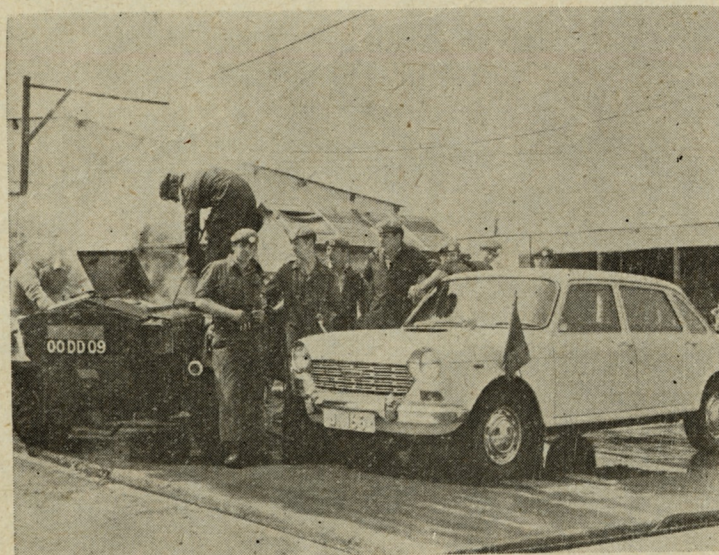
● Sergeant Sheppard hands an SDS dispatch to an over-worked mobile Comcen Troop as the main means of communication suffers a puncture.

FOND FAREWELL



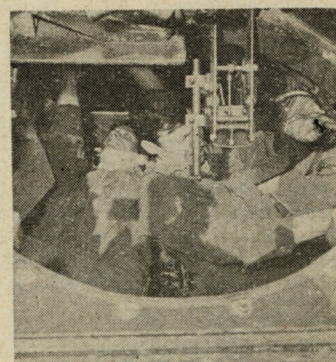
Surely they should have been pictured on the street called Strait? However, pictured, by the battalion (perhaps for their own reasons) on Zigzag Street, Limassol, are the Paymaster and Prayermaster of the Royal Irish Rangers. Major George Gauchi (left) and Father John Williams, alas, are soon to leave the battalion. We bid them a fond farewell.

BRITCON NEWS



● Corporal Cush, Trooper Brehaut and others of MT Troop about to steam clean the staff car!

BIRDS EYE VIEW



● Corporal Strang and Corporal Jackson keeping a ferret on the road!!!

IRCON MEDAL PARADE

On Thursday March 30 the Force Commander Major General D. Prem Chand, visited Wolfe Tone Camp, Larnaca to present UNFICYP medals to members of the contingent.

The Force Commander was met on arrival at Wolfe Tone Camp, Larnaca, by the Officer Commanding the 21 Infantry Group, Lieutenant Colonel Callaghan. He was accompanied by the Irish Liaison Officer, Commandant D. Auliffe.

Having inspected a Guard of Honour under the command of Lieutenant Michael Good, the Force Commander presented the medals to the personnel of the 21 Infantry Group and the Irish Staff serving at HQ UNFICYP.



● The Force Commander accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel W. Callaghan (left) and Commandant D. Auliffe (right) on his arrival at Wolfe Tone Camp.

IRCON NEWS



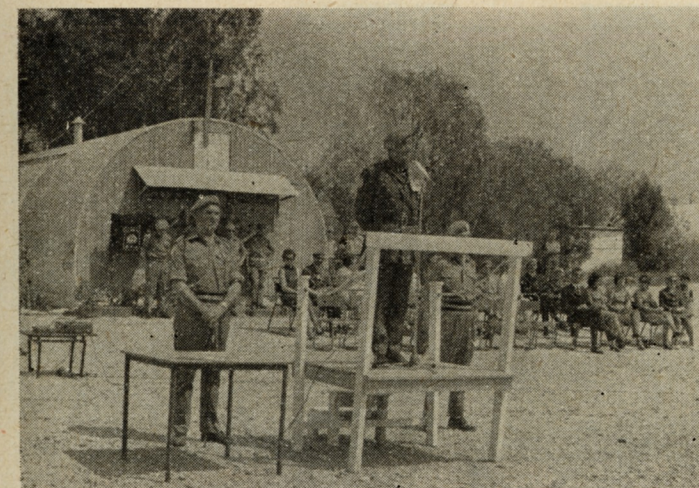
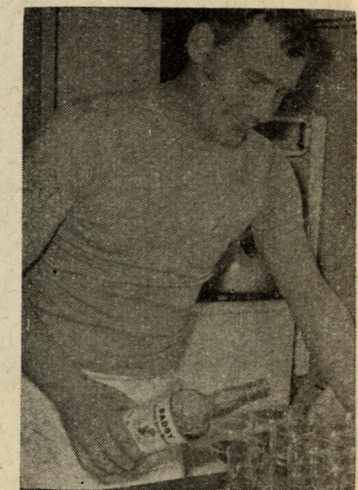
● Presentation of a United Nations medal to Captain Gerry McMahon. A veteran of the Congo, Captain McMahon is on his first trip to Cyprus and is operations officer with the 21 Infantry Group.



● The Force Commander stops to have a word with Sergeant William Ready about his Congo days. Sergeant Ready has served 15 years in the army and is on his sixth trip to Cyprus.

IRCON PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

This week we feature Corporal Thomas Byrne, cook at the officers mess, Larnaca. He has served 16 years in the army, and has been cooking for 14 years. Stationed in the Curragh Camp, Corporal Byrne is married with four children. A keen pitch and putt player he held the All Army Senior Championship title in 1970. Corporal Byrne served in the Congo and is on his second trip to Cyprus.

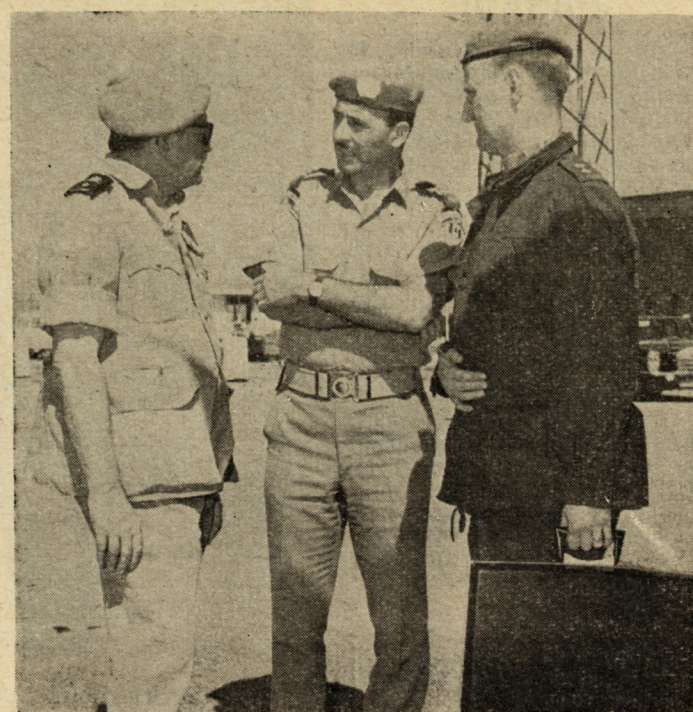


● Having presented the medals to the parade, the Force Commander addressed the contingent and congratulated them on their successful tour of duty.

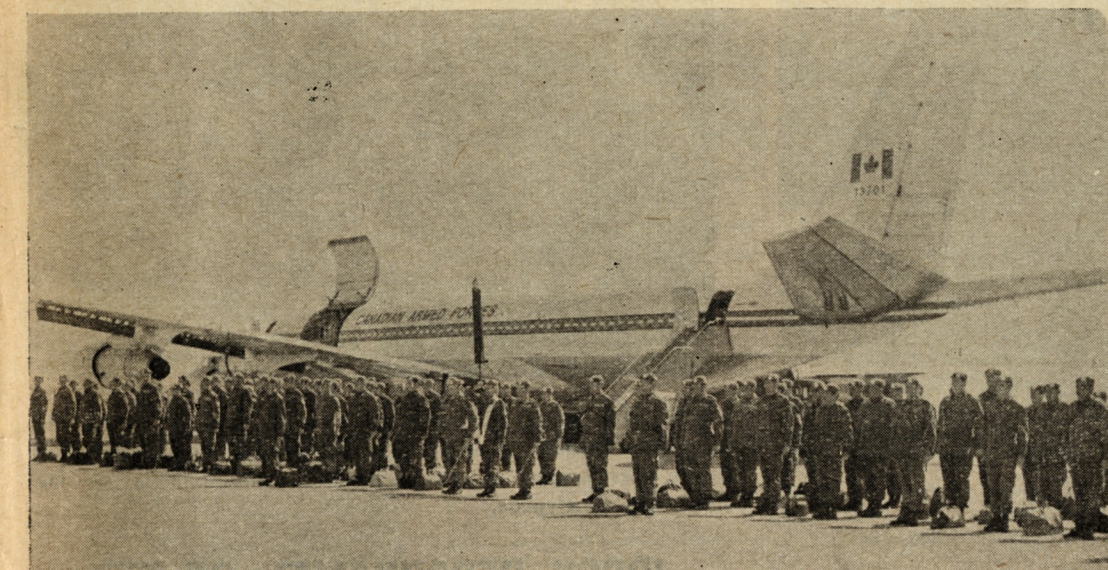
"OPERATION SNOW GOOSE XVII"



● Lieutenant Colonel J. A. Fox, Commanding Officer, Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians), leads his regiment off the 707 aircraft which flew the first of the main body to Cyprus.



● Lieutenant Colonel J. A. Fox, Commanding Officer, Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians), is met at the airport by Brigadier General E.M.D. Leslie, Chief of Staff, UNFICYP and Lieutenant Colonel G.H.J. Lessard, Commanding Officer, R22eR. Lieutenant Colonel Fox will take over command of the Nicosia District on Sunday 9th April.



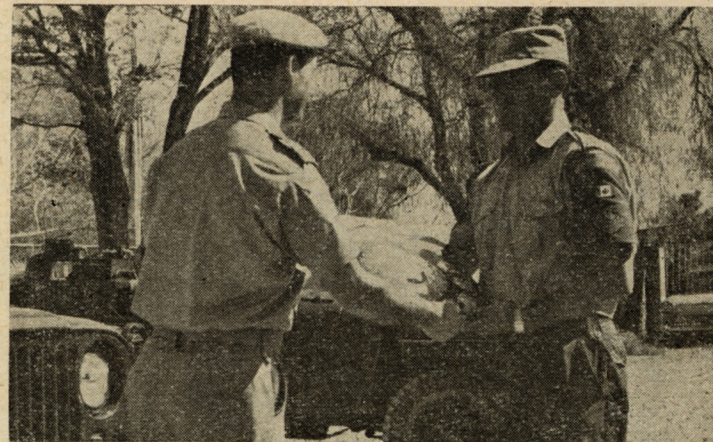
CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

● More than 100 members of Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) arrived in Cyprus last Thursday on the first flight of Operation Snow Goose. On the return flight to Canada more than 100 members of R22eR began the trip back home to Quebec.



● Sergeant J.P. Gilbert, homeward bound transport NCO hands over the duties to his replacement Warrant Officer J.T. Remington. The handover included an enviable record of only 10 accidents by battalion drivers within the past six months.



● Sergeant J.R. Lecler, A Company, accepts the inter company volleyball championship trophy from Lieutenant Colonel Lessard. A Company also won top honours in badminton, singles and doubles; tennis, singles and doubles; cross country race; relay race; volleyball and second place in softball and obstacle race!

Ykkösen huoltojoukkue esittäytyy



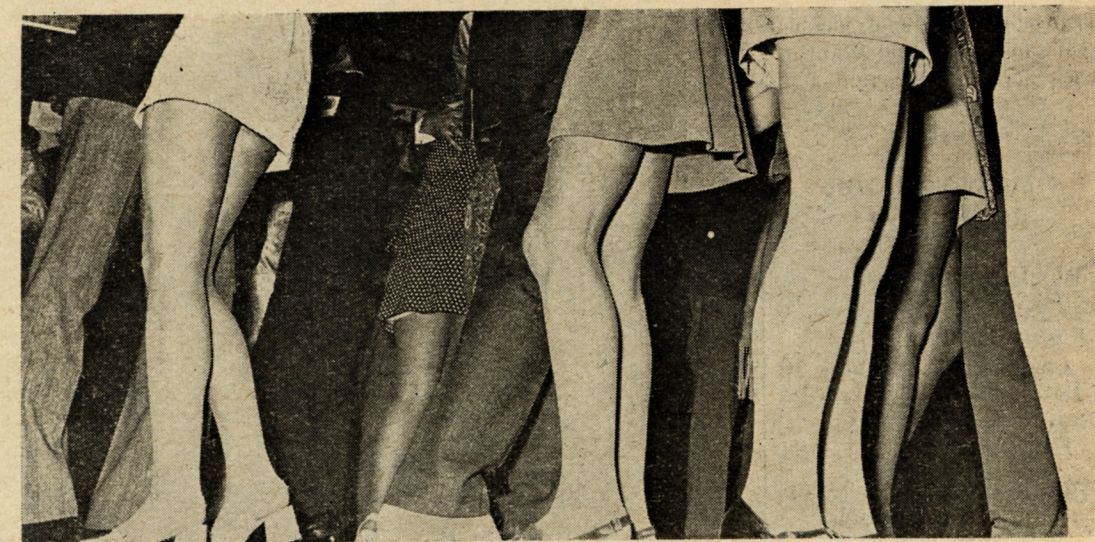
Nicosian vene ja viulu - Supply platoon, siinä ykkösen huoltojoukkueen ikimäiset tunnukset. Tuo kyltti näkyy huollon kerroksessa sekä huoltojoukkueen miesten päällä toisinaan olevista omista paidoista. Tällä kertaa katselemme mitä ykkösen huoltojoukkueeseen kuuluu.

Jokainen meistä tietää, mitä yleensä huollon tehtäviin kuuluu ja yleensä vaaditaan, että huollon on toimittava. Ykkösesä päivittäiseen työhön kuuluvat ruoka keikat Kykkoon ja urputusta syntyy, jollei sapuska ole aina minuuttien perillä Neapoliksessa. Huollon autonkuljettajien työ pitää sisällään vielä monia muita tehtäviä. Toimitaan PU:n kuskina, ajetaan paskakeikat, lakanakeikat ja tietenkin myös operatiivisia ajoja. Hölkkäri ajaa joka aamu posti-keikan, jotta jokaisen kirjeet kulalle ja muillekin varmasti lähtisivät, illalla hän taas jakaa tulevan postin, joka yleensä tuntuu olevan erittäin odotettu. Huollon kuljettajista yksi toimii "pensa ministerinä" eli suorittaa päivittäisen polttoaineen jakelun autoille ja talvella lämmittimiin. Huollosta löytyy monenlaisia vakansseja. On Moto, Myrky, Kynä, Väpä, Timppi 1 ja Timppi 2, Marat, jne. Jos vähän katsellaan mitä noiden erilaisten virkanimien taakse kätkeytyy. Moto, hän on se yleismies, joka pitää huolen siitä, että komppanian autot ovat todella kunnossa. Hänen työpäivänsä ei ole sidottu kellonaikoihin, vaan aina pitää olla valmis toimintaan. Myrky on taas se, joka vastaa komppanian terveydentilasta. Hänen luonaan käy aina silloin tällöin joku pieniä vaivojaan va-

littamassa ja saamassa ensiavun kipuihinsa. Väpän tietää jokainen, hän on komppanian väpeli eli komppanian äiti, joka kantaa murheen meistä jokaisesta ja hoitelee saa sanoa kaikkia juoksevia asioita mitä komppaniassa tapahtuukin. Kynä taas on komppanian kirjuri, joka työskentelee toimistossa väpän kanssa. Timppi nimen taakse kätkeytyvät erittäin tärkeät kasvat, nimittäin komppanian messimiehet. Mara nimen takaa taas paljastuvat viestiryhmän miehet, joita aina tarvitaan. He hoitavat keskusta ja radioliikennettä. He rakentavat ja korjaavat puhelinlinjat, he tekevät pienet sähkötyöt komppaniassa ja paljon muutakin. Huoltojoukkueen riveis-

FINCON NEWS

Aliupseerimessissä juhlittiin



Naisellista koreutta ja soreutta Au-messin junissa 1.4.1972. Paikalla oli runsaasti osanottajia eri kontingenteista, myöskin kauniimman sukupuolen edustajia oli hyvin ilahduttavissa määrin saapunut antamaan juhlia väriä ja silmänruokaa, kuten kuvasta näkyy.

mättömästi, mutta jos joku klikkaa niin heti kuuluu, miksei huolto toimi. Todellisuus on se, että tällä hetkellä ykkösen Supply Platoon toimii vireästi ja voidaan oikeutetusti sanoa, "Huoto ei ole puisilla" - KÖPI-



Kuvassamme huoltojoukkueen vanhin, jääkäri Alatalo saunanlämmitys vuorollaan, joka kuuluu jokaiselle vuorollaan. Jääk Alatalo toimii päällikön kuljettajana.

ADIEU VANDOOS

Members of 2 Battalion, Royal 22e Regiment, have made their last patrols of the Green Line in the Nicosia District.

During the past six months they have patrolled by foot, bicycle and jeep through the dusty lanes of the old quarter the northern suburbs of the city as well as the surrounding areas.

The endless hours spent on guard in the observation posts along the Green Line and on the roofs of abandoned factories and apartment buildings are now part of the history of the battalion's tour with the peacekeeping force.

In their places, members of Lord Strathcona's Horse (Ro-

number of Strathcona's to Cyprus.

On Sunday, 9 April, Lieutenant Colonel GHJ Lessard, commanding officer, 2 Battalion, R22eR, handed over command of the Nicosia District to Lieutenant Colonel J.A. Fox, commanding officer, LdSH (RC).



● **FOOT PATROL . . .** A solitary soldier trods the well worn path along the Pedieos River as he completes the last of the lonely foot patrols to be carried out by Suburbia Company. The patrols, one man during the day and two at night, covered a distance of four miles and were carried out continually throughout the day and night.

yal Canadians) from Calgary, Alberta, are manning the positions of the Canadian Contingent in the Nicosia District.

Operation Snow Goose XVII, a four flight rotation by Boeing 707 aircraft of Air Transport Command has carried more than 490 'VanDoos' back home and brought a like



● **BIKE PATROL . . .** Corporal Jerry St. Jaques and Private Serge Coulombe head for home as they complete a bike patrol near Irish Bridge. One patrol is made each day, rain or shine, over a distance of approximately five miles. Bike patrols are carried out by platoon NCOs while the men man the observation posts along the Green Line.



OBSERVATION POSTS

● Three members of City Company walk the familiar route along the Green Line in the old city to take up guard positions in one of the OP's. The VanDoos have manned the observation posts continually for the past six months.



● **PAPHOS II . . .** Since October 1971 members of City Company of 2 Battalion, R22eR, have peered from the top of the apartment building known as Paphos II. From this vantage point on the Green Line, the men have a clear view over the old city, however, as one young guard commented "the scenery doesn't change much"!

MP NOTEBOOK		
ACCIDENTS —		
UNFICYP		
Week Ending		
7 Apr 72	—	8
Same Period		
Last Year	—	10
Total This Year	—	96
Same Period		
Last Year	—	84
Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:		
DRIVING ON WRONG		
SIDE OF ROAD		