



The Blue Beret

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OBITUARY

The death occurred on 9 March 1972 from natural causes of Ranger Frank Thomas McLernon, aged 37, a member of the British Contingent with UNFICYP.

Ranger McLernon was married and came from Portrush, County Antrim, Northern Ireland. He had been serving with the United Nations Force in Cyprus since November 1971.

The next of kin have been informed.

DANISH MP JUBILEE

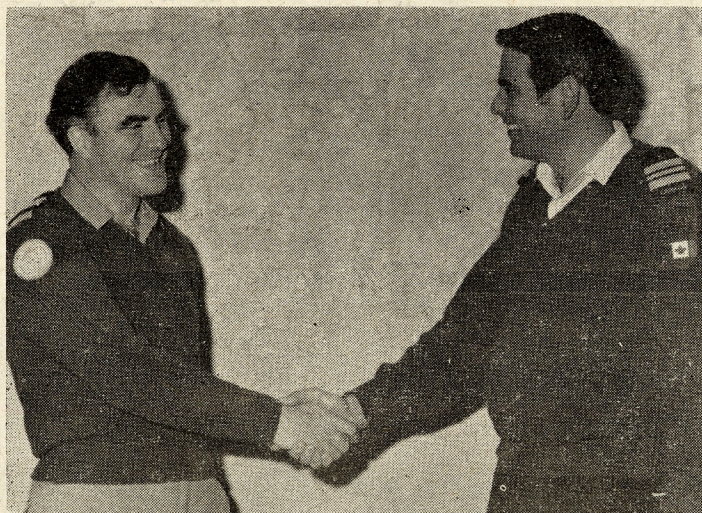
On Wednesday 8th March, the Danish Military Police Organization celebrated its 25 years anniversary. The jubilee was also marked in Cyprus where members of the Danish Military Police Detachment serving with UNFICYP invited friends to a reception at the MP lounge in Nicosia.

The Military Police in Denmark was established for service abroad, at that time for support to the Danish Brigade in Germany in 1947. This brigade was withdrawn in 1958 and shortly after the first MP companies were established in Denmark. Since then the MPs have been very helpful to Danish soldiers back home and also to those serving with the United Nations in the Congo and Gaza, and now in Cyprus.

Their service here was highly praised at the reception last week by (left) Captain O. Baisgaard-Kristensen, Second-in-Command UNFICYP MP Company, Major R. C. Mooney, Force Provost Marshall, and Lieutenant Colonel V. J. Ubbe, Commanding Officer Dancon. ↓

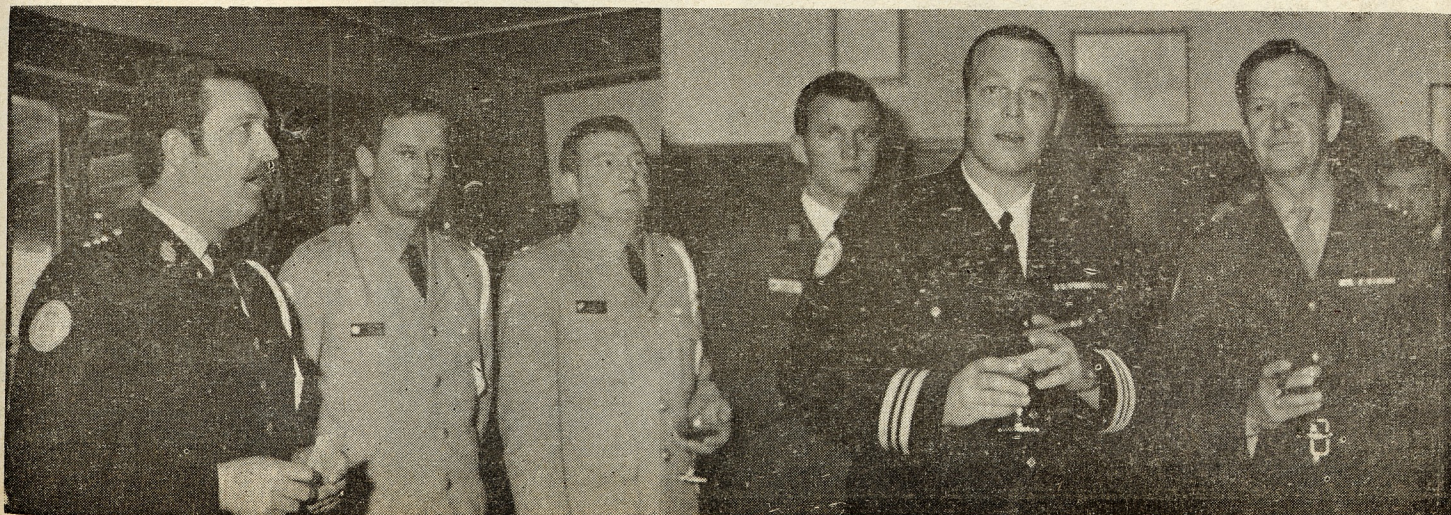


● **Wrapped in again!** — The UNFICYP Soccer Final was played on Saturday last week between Sweden and The Royal Irish Rangers. The match, which took place at the stadium in Larnaca, ended 1—1, even after extra time. A new match will take place in a week's time.



NEW FORCE ECONOMICS OFFICER

The appointment as Force Economics Officer has recently changed over. Major W. Claggett (right) hands over his duties to Major C.J. Vokes who comes from Headquarters Mobile Command at St. Hubert, Quebec. Major Claggett has left the island for an appointment in the Directorate of Operations at Canadian Forces Headquarters in Ottawa. ←



25 ÅRS JUBILÆUM HOS MP

De danske MP folk havde onsdag den 8 MAR 1972 25 års jubilæum. I denne anledning afholdtes et lille party i MP-messen, HQ UNFICYP, Blue Beret Camp. Der var mange gratulanter i dagens anledning, og de danske MP-folk fik fortjent ros for veludført job. MP'ernes fødselsdag blev, som det fremgår af billederne, en stor succes.

● Den 7. marts havde lejren besøg af den danske konsul. Her viser OL Ubbe konsul Dimitriou rundt i den nye lejr.

NYT FRA VELFÆRDS- KONTORET

I sidste uge blev det nye velfærds-kontor afprøvet, idet visse arrangementer allerede er i gang. Som det er bekendt, er der ved velfærds-kontoret indtil flere par boksehandsker, og de er allerede blevet luftet af nogle modige Dancon-krigere. J.J. Madsen (Bager) og H.J.A. Hansen (Smukke Hans) er allerede i tredje omgang. Smukke Hans blev slået ud i fjerde, og nu venter Bager på en udfordring fra T. Bogs. Iøvrigt kan det oplyses, at det nye værktøjssæt er ankommet og venter på at blive taget i brug. Der er næsten alt, hvad hjertet begærer af værktøj, og det spænder lige fra træsløjld til metalsløjld. Det eneste, der mangle, er nogle friske fyre, som er klar til at tage fat.



● CO, OL V.J. Ubbe, og MP KN Baisgaard-Kristensen.



● Søren Post fik sig en lille sludder med en stor canadisk MP'er.



DANCON

● Der var også fødselsdag hos Dancivpol i Xeros. Et af medlemmerne blev 5 år.



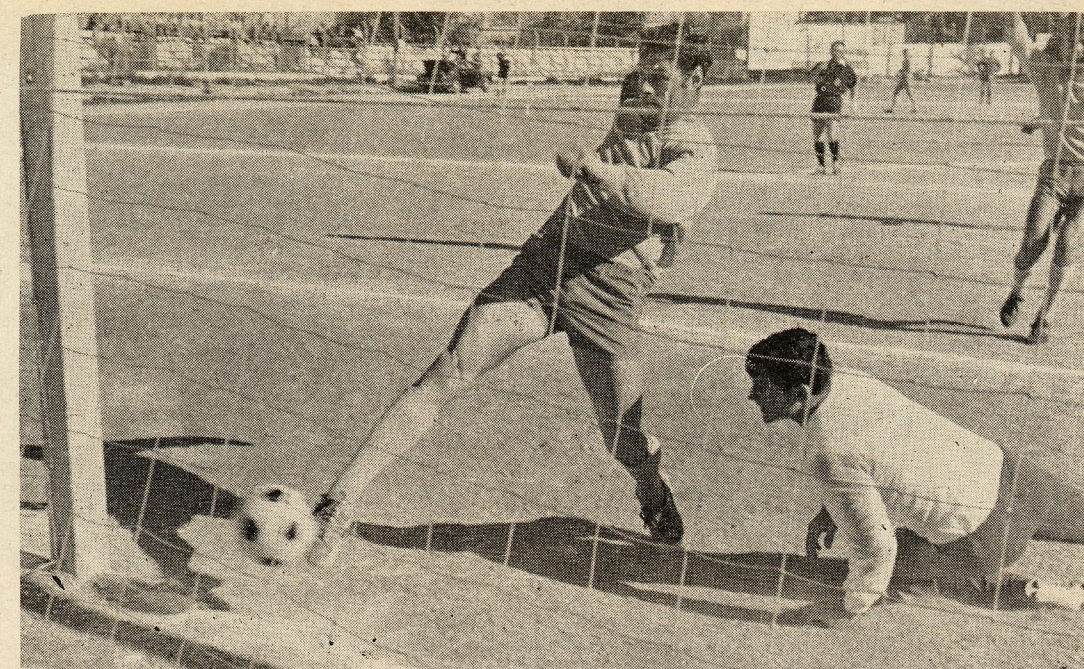
KLART FÖR EN NY FINAL

Finalen i UNFICYP-turneringen i fotboll blev minsann en nervpirande tillställning. Ja så spännande att det till och med arrangeras en extra-före tillrning. Matchen mellan 1. Irish Rangers och Swedcon i Larnaca den 11:e mars slutade nämligen oavgjort 1 - 1 trots två gånger 15 minuters förlängning.

Det svenska målet gjordes i första halvlek efter en frispark som civilpolaren Jan Paulsson lade. Om bollen gick direkt in i mål eller om Per Åke Bohman slog till den alldeles på mållinjen är dock omtvistat. Se bilden till höger där Boman har foten på bollen.

Svensk ledning var det så ända till en kvart före full tid då Hans-Åke Arnesson tacklade en motståndare vilket resulterade i straff. Och straffen gick direkt i mål.

Matchen var för övrigt ganska bra och Swedcon svarade för drygt femtio procent av spelet - en seger för oss hade alltså inte varit orä-



vis. Nu får vi dock hoppas att de hela ordnas i final nummer två

som spelas på samma plan i kommande vecka. Då har också

CGC-arna chans att möta upp mera mar ngrannt.

BRA RESULTAT I FRIDROTT

De svenska kontingentmästerskapen i friidrott avverkades fredagen den 10 mars i Famagusta och en rad bra resultat noterades. Mästare i de olika grenarna blev: Diskus: Morgan Sandström, Spjut: Rudolf Martinen, Kula: Ove Hallberg, Längdhopp: Owe Svensson, Tresteg: Owe Svensson, Höjdhopp: Rudolf Martinen, Löpning 100 m: Göran Lennström, 200 m: Göran Lennström, 400 m: Hans Åke Arnesson, 800 m: Sune Palm, 1.500 m: Sune Palm.

Vidare bör omnämnas att Stefan Filipsson tog hem segern i Cyprus Open i Bord-tennis och att Filipsson tillsammans med Bengt Bystrom tog hem segern i dubbel-spel i samma tävling.

Vidare har ett Swedcon-lag slagit besättningen på Broströms-fartyget Vikingland med 5-0 i fotboll. Däremot blev det förlust den 8 mars mot turkarna med 5-2.

SVENSK REVY I FAMAGUSTA

Det är inte varje svensk Cypernkontingent som har möjlighet att uppleva hemlands-revy i Famagusta. Genom sektion tre-chefen Richard Ahlqvist har dock denna vinterkontingent haft möjlighet till detta. Från sitt Gotland har han trollat ned den omtalade "Närrevyn" och med i truppen följde också "Yrvädret från Trollhättan" Laila Westersund som under sin vistelse på ön även hann med att medverka i radioprogrammet Snyften.

Bilden till höger är från en av de två föreställningarna på teatern i Famagusta och CGC-are syns här i gemytlig gemenskap med artisterna.



SWEDCON NEWS
Swedish Forces Photos

VISIT OF FORCE COMMANDER

The Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, visited The Royal Irish Rangers on Monday 21st February.

The Force Commander arrived at Polemidhia Camp by helicopter and gave a talk to the HQ Staff in the Zone Operations Room.

Later he visited Mandria, Stavrokono, Anadhiou and Polis OPs in the Paphos District.

Our picture shows the Com-

mander with another supreme — The Regimental Sergeant Major of 1st Battalion The Royal Irish Rangers, Warrant Officer Class I M.J. Kearney.

"PROMOTION ZONE"

Well for Sergeant 'Andy' Anderson, Limassol has proved to be so — pictured below receiving his Colour Sergeant Chevrons from Lieutenant Co-

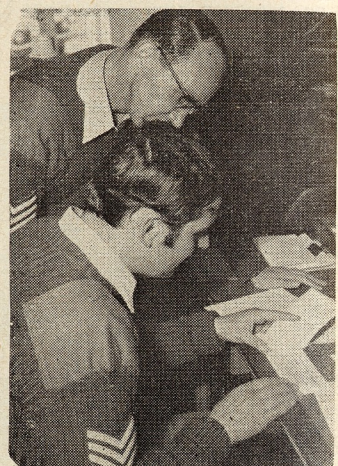
lonel M.N.S. McCord — Colour Sergeant Anderson serves with The Royal Irish Rangers Anti Tank Platoon.



NEW PAY SYSTEM

A new pay system will be operative as from 1st of April. The basic changes will be that Warrant Officers, Senior Non Commissioned Officers and others who volunteer will receive their pay monthly through a bank of their choice. The 4 to 5 week accounting period will be changed to calendar months. Further information may be obtained from your pay offices.

• Guess Who!!



BRITCON NEWS

LIVING DANGEROUSLY!!



For those of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Irish Rangers, who like to "live dangerously", the battalion make use of the cliffs at Lara Point to practice and perfect their rock climbing techniques. We picture Ranger 'Billy' Anderson, of Support Company, "Doing his thing".



"...BUT, BY GOD, THEY FRIGHTEN ME"

Famous words from the Duke of Wellington before the battle of Waterloo, which must surely apply to the three members of The Royal Hussars pictured on an Equitation Course at Dhekelia. Even the "Three Horsemen of the Apocalypse" must be worrying about their jobs, after seeing these three together. From the left, Troopers Jock Hall, Roger Ward and Tim Barton.



BENNACHT NAOMH PHADRAIGH:

Ar an la seo, la 'le Phadraig, la Naisiunta na h-Eireann, ba maith le oifigi, O.N.C. agus fir don 21 Grupa Coisite, bean-nachtai Naomh Phadraig a gui ar a gcomraidí 'sna forsai eile, ar muintir an Cipir, agus ar a gcairde eile.



IRELAND'S NATIONAL HOLIDAY

BLESSING OF SAINT PATRICK:

On this Saint Patrick's Day, the National Holiday of Ireland, the Officers, NCOs and Men of the 21 Infantry Group, would like to wish the blessings of Saint Patrick on their comrades of the other contingents, on the people of Cyprus and on all their friends.

This week, on Friday March 17th, the People of Ireland, at home and abroad, will celebrate their National Festival, Saint Patrick's Day. Saint Patrick, a native of one of the western provinces of the Roman Empire, Britain or probably Gaul, was the son of a Roman Government administrator and grew up a Christian. While still very young his town was raided by a plundering expedition from Ireland and he was carried off into slavery. He spent the next six years herding sheep for his master on the hill of Slemish in Co. Antrim. One morning, following instructions given to him in a dream, he made good his escape by boat to Gaul and eventually rejoined his own people. However, his years in Ireland had left a deep impression on him and he decided to become a priest and bring the light of faith back to that pagan land.

After many years of study and travel in Europe, he eventually set out for Ireland, with the blessing of the Pope, and landed at Saul in Co. Down. He converted the local chief Dichu who in return gave him the use of his barn, as a church. He founded his Ecclesiastical Capital nearby at the city of Armagh, which remains to this day the seat of the Primate of all Ireland. Continuing his journey South, he arrived at Tara, the then Capital of Ireland, where, having anticipated the flames

to the God Beal, by lighting the Pascal Fire he drew on himself the wrath of the high priests and nobility who had gathered there for the great pagan festival. However in the ensuing war of words and wisdom, with the high priests, he succeeded in convincing the High King of the validity of his doctrine and converted him to the true Faith. With the conversion of so prominent a man as the High King, the power and influence of the high priests was broken and the conversion of the entire country was only a matter of time. His work was made easier by the fact that the Irish already possessed a high concept of the Natural Law.

Patrick established the new religion on the monastic system. In this way groups of men and women gathered in religious communities to work the land, study the arts and serve the glory of God. The numerous ruins, high Celtic crosses and round towers which dot the countryside to-day are a proof of the success of his mission. Many holy men settled alone in the wilds and built themselves cells where they spent their lives in prayer and meditation. It was from this secure foundation that the monks and missionaries set out from the 6th to the 9th centuries to convert Western Europe, and to win for their country the title "Island of Saints and Scholars".

Patrick himself had shown them the importance of prayer and self-denial, and on occasions he retreated to the wild and rugged places to fast and meditate. The most famous of these are the Hill of Croagh Patrick and Lough Derg. To the present day the Irish still follow his footsteps in pilgrimage to these places.

When he died after some thirty years work, he had won for himself a place of everlasting honour in the hearts of the Irish People. We have not forgotten him for his gift of faith and it was this common belief which helped make us a Nation and which through centuries of persecution has been the most enduring force in our history.

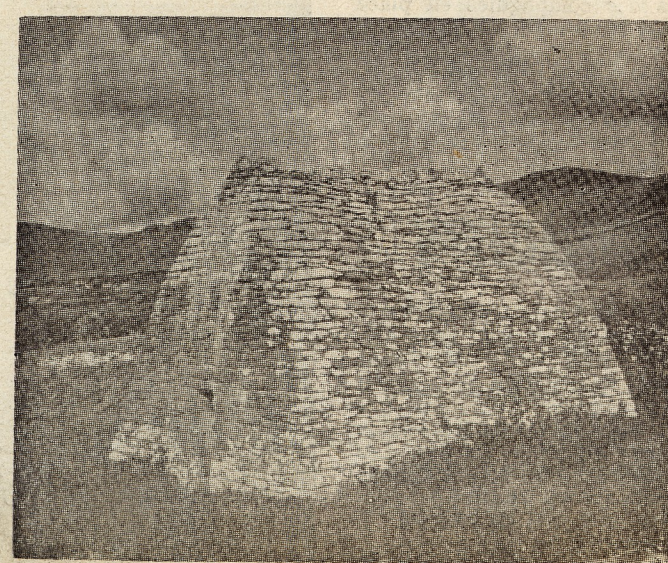
SAINT PATRICK'S DAY:

AT HOME AND ABROAD

Saint Patrick's Day holds a special place in Irish History and every year we honour him by parades, sporting fixtures and in particular by the wearing of the Shamrock. When Patrick encountered difficulty in preaching the Doctrine of the Trinity he made use of the Shamrock to illustrate the Three in One mystery. Ever since the Irish have worn it on his feast day and it has become a symbol of Ireland internationally. It is worn on the flash of the IRCON Soldiers and is carried on the planes of Aer Lingus, Irish International Airlines, every day, the world over.

Saint Patrick's use of it, in illustrating unity was ideal, for once every year it becomes an identifying mark among Irishmen the world over, wherever they have settled in great or small numbers. Ireland's National Day is celebrated by parades and festivities in many of the World's major cities.

In the weeks preceding the feast day the Shamrock is packed and sent by the people at home to their relatives all over the World. It thus becomes not only a symbol of unity but a sentimental link with the home land.





MÉDAILLE DE BRONZE

La course dans la ville de Famagouste eut lieu le 4 mars 1972. L'équipe du contingent canadien, faisant face aux meilleurs coureurs de l'UNFICYP, se classa troisième et remporta la médaille de bronze. Les membres du contingent canadien qui étaient allés voir la course concurrent des émotions fortes lorsque l'équipe du contingent était encore en cinquième position 120 mètres derrière la troisième position avec 1800 mètres à faire avant la fin de la course et que les caporaux Couture et Lessard réussirent à rejoindre et à dépasser deux concurrents pour assurer la troisième place au contingent. La fin de la course fut tout spécialement dramatique lorsque le Cpl Lessard dépassa le coureur de l'UNFICYP à 20 verges du fil d'arrivée pour remporter la médaille de bronze.

Notre équipe travailla fort et bien. Chaque coureur y mit tout son cœur avec les résultats que l'on connaît. Félicitations à ces athlètes qui nous ont si bien représentés.

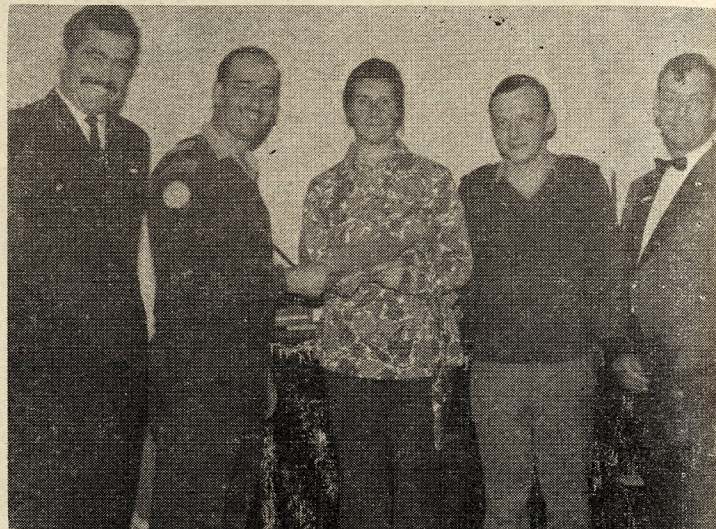


L'ETE APPROCHE

Le peloton 10 de la compagnie "D" est encore à l'œuvre. A l'approche de la belle température ce dernier se vit confier la tâche de gratter la vieille peinture et de réparer la piscine du club Chimo en attendant les jours chauds et ensoleillés qui arrivent à grands pas.

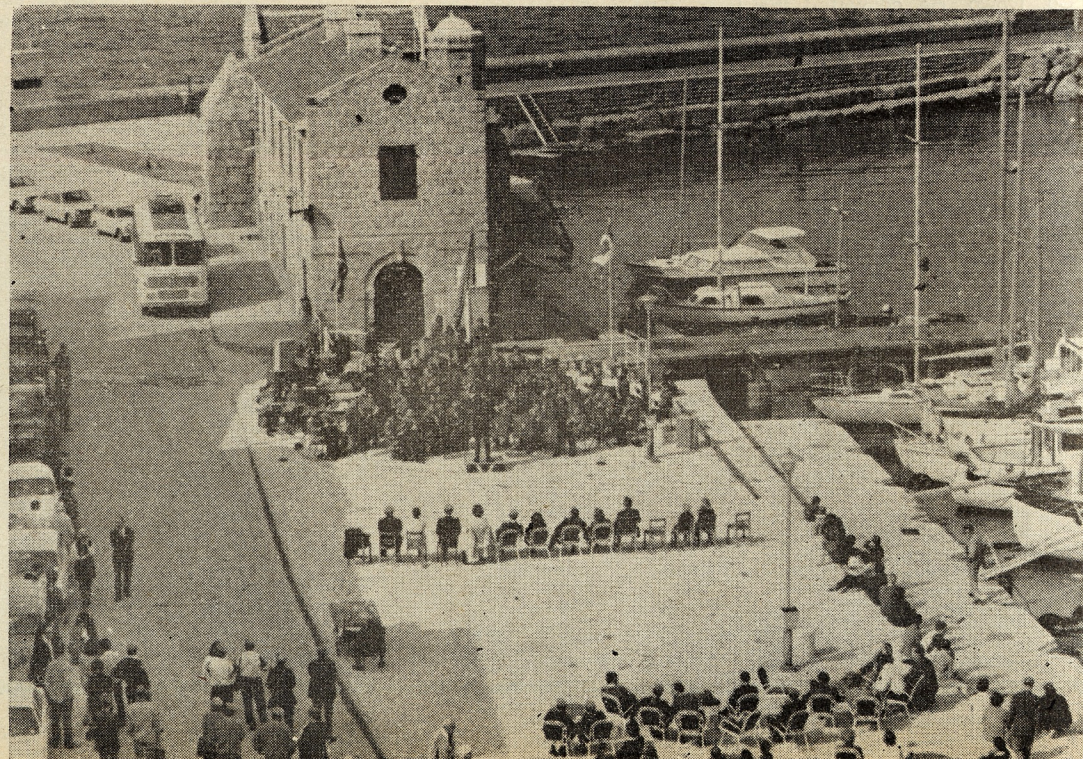
CANCON NEWS

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DON A L'HOPITAL DE KYRENIA

Les aumôniers du CANCON organisèrent une loterie dans le but d'aider à la réparation des véhicules de l'hôpital des enfants infirmes de Kyrenia. Les capitaines Coleman et Veilleux réunirent une somme de £50.000 que le Lieutenant-Colonel Guy Lessard remit à Mile Hilda Buffon infirmière en chef de l'hôpital. Le capitaine Pilon, le lieutenant Marcoux et le caporal Lafrance furent les gagnants de la Loterie au mess des officiers.



MOIS... APRÈS MOIS

Depuis cinq mois, les hommes des compagnies en place sur la ligne verte ont patrouillé les rues et les artères de Nicosie. Avec moins d'un mois qui leur reste dans l'île de Chypre le caporal Baillargeon JA monte la garde à son poste de Paphos Gate.

CONCERT

La semaine dernière, la musique du Royal 22e Régiment donna un concert dans le fort de Kyrenia. Ce concert est le premier d'une série que la musique présentera au cours de son séjour à Chypre. Les autres concerts seront donnés à Larnaca, au Théâtre Municipal et au Lycée de Nicosie.

Hengenpelastusmitalit Kyproksella kunnostautuneille

Puolustusministeri Sulo Hostila luovutti perjantaina 3.3.1972 Tasavallan Presidentin myöntämät hengenpelastusmitalit viidelle vuonna 1970 Kyproksella kunnostautuneelle YK-sotilaalle. Mitalin saajat olivat Nils-Olof Roth, Paavo Mattila, Heikki Mäkipere, Jukka Nieminen ja Kari Tomma.

Edellämainitut suomalaiset YK-sotilaat kunnostautuivat Kyproksella vuoden 1970 huhtikuussa pelastamalla Kyrenian kaupungin lähellä olevalla uimarannalla amerikkalaisen arkeologin, tohtori John Overbackin ja kanadalaisen neiti Janice Charestin hukkumasta kovassa tuulella ja ankarassa merenkäynnissä toimien rohkeasti sekä oman henkensä vaaraan saattaen. Pelastusyrityksistä huolimatta myrskyssä hukkui toinen amerikkalainen arkeologi, tohtori Paul Lapp.

Kyseinen vaaratilanne syntyi uimarannalla navakan tuulen käännettyä yllättäen suuntaansa ja aiheutettua lähes kolme metriä korkean ristiaallokon ja ulapalle päin imevän virran. Tällöin hukkumisvaaraan joutui viitisentoista uimaria, joista em tri Lapp pelastusyrityksistä huolimatta hukkui. Rimoista kyhätyn lautan, köysien ja hyvän uimataidon avulla suomalaiset saivat pelastettua neiti Charestin ja tri Overbackin. Lisäksi suomalaiset kantoivat pelastettua ja hukkuneen rannalle hälytettyyn YK:n helikopteriin, joka toimitti nämä suoraan sairaalaan.

Mitalin saaneista Nils-Olof Roth toimii nykyisin vääpelinä Uudenmaan Prikatissa. Muut miehet



Mitalien saajat vasemmalta oikealle: Roth, Mattila, Mäkipere, Nieminen ja Tomma.

ovat myös jo kotiutuneet Kyprokselta ja toimivat siviilitehtävissä, Mattila Seinäjoella, Mäkipere Oulussa, Nieminen Lahdessa ja Tomma Helsingissä.



CANCON

Tällä kerta esittelemme muita kontingentteja käsittelevässä sarjassamme CANCONin. Sen vastuualue rajoittuu pohjoisessa omaamme ja heidän pääasiallinen tehtävänsä on valvoa vihreää linjaa Nicosian vanhassa kaupungissa ja Omorphitan alueella. Kontingentti on kooltaan noin kaksinkertainen omaamme verrattuna. Heillä on rotaatio joka puolen vuoden kuluttua, jolloin vaihuu koko pataljoona. Tällä hetkellä on saarella ranskalaispataljoona nimeltään Royal 22e Regiment ja kyseessä on sen toinen pataljoona. Pataljoonan komentajana toimii evl. Lessard.



Vartiopaikka Paphos 2 on aivan vihreänlinjan tuntumassa vanhassa kaupungissa. Katolta on hyvä näköala yli alueen ja sitä tarkastelee tässä kuvassamme cpl Lessard.

VALOKUVAUSKILPAILU

The Blue Beret-lehden toimituskunta järjestää valokuvauuskilpailun kaikille UNFICYPin jäsenille. Valokuvat voivat olla joko mustavalkoisia tai värikuvia (diat ml.) Mustavalkoisiin pyydetään liittämään negatiivi mukaan.

Seuraavien tietojen tulee olla mukana:

- Nimi, arvo ja numero
- Kontingentti ja osoite
- Missä päin Kyprosta palvelee
- Kotipaikka
- Ikä

Lyhyt kertomus omasta elämästä ja palveluspaikoista
Valokuvien tulee liittyä jollakin tavoin UNFICYPiin tai Kyprokseen ja kilpailu on tarkoitettu vain UNFICYPin jäsenille

Palkinnot: Kaksi rullaa mustavalkofilmiä kehityksineen ja kopioin teineen tai kaksi rullaa diafilmejä tai yksi rulla värinegatiivifilmiä kehityksineen ja kopioineineen.

Kaikki käyttämätön materiaali palautetaan.

Kuvat on lähetettävä viimeistään 20 pvä huhtikuuta osoitteella
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FINCON NEWS

PAPINRETKI

suuntautuu 19.3. Paphokseen, jossa on viime vuosina löydetty saaren huomattavin matkamosaiikit. Matkan varrella käydään Kolossin linnassa ja vanhalla stadionilla.

"QUEEN ELISABETH SLEPT HERE"

The next production by the "Windsock Players" of RAF Nicosia, is a three act comedy entitled "Queen Elizabeth Slept Here". The play will be performed at 8.00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 20th, 21st and 22nd March at the Little Theatre, RAF Nicosia.

Once again the Windsocks have the wellknown faces of Hazel Kerslake of St. Michael's School, and Bill Mills of the British High Commission, plus others who starred in the highly successful Christmas pantomime. However the audience will have the opportunity of seeing the new faces of Graeme Brice (Unilever), Sheila Bourke, (teacher) Malcolm McLarney (UNFICYP) and David Seymour (RAF) making their debut in some of the leading roles.

"Queen Elizabeth Slept Here" promises to provide an enjoyable evening's entertain-

ment, and is, in fact, the Windsocks' entry for the N.E.A.F. Drama Festival.

Tickets at 300 mils, are available from 9.00 a.m. — 1.00 p.m., Monday to Friday at St. Michael's School, RAF Nicosia.

TAKE OVER IN OPS

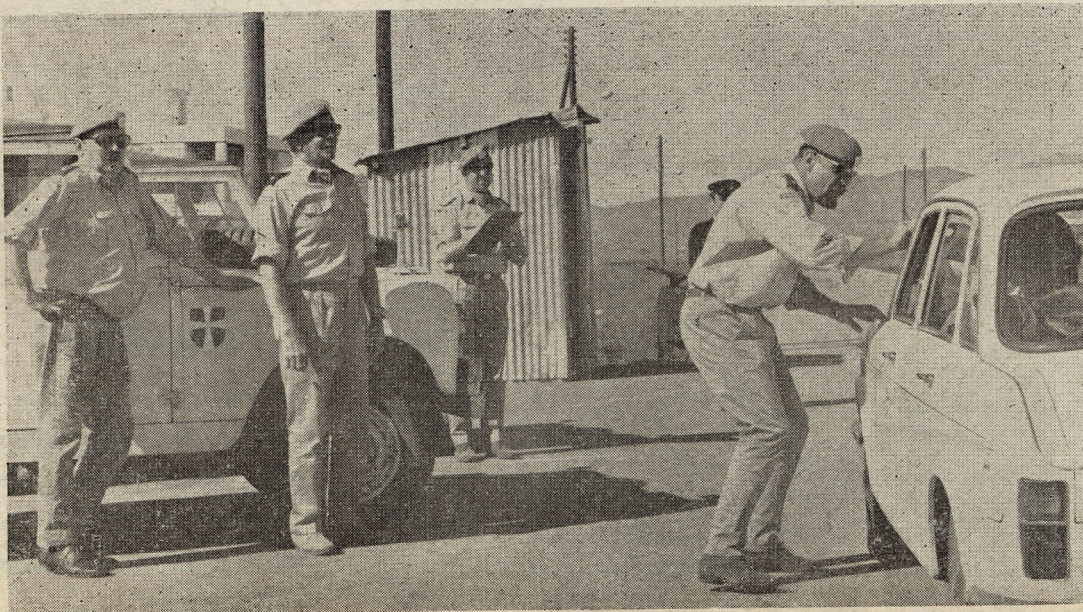
Two not really newcomers have taken over the post as Police Operations Officers at HQ UNFICYP recently. They are Police Major Roman Sommerer, who has already served 3 tours in Cyprus with the Austrian Civilian Police, and Gend. Rittmeister Erich Baeumel, who starts his 7th year with UNFICYP.



A. M.

Since the integration of the United Nations Civilian Police took place a while ago, two different nationalities take care of the police duty in connection with the Kyrenia Convoy. In the morning you will see the Austrian Civilian Police checking the vehicles, and in the afternoon the duty is handed over to the Danish Police.

P. M.



MP NOTEBOOK ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

Week Ending		
10 March 72	—	7
Same Period		
Last Year	—	10
Total This Year	—	70
Same Period		
Last Year		59
Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:		

**IMPROPER
REVERSING**