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FLAG CEREMONY

Chief Warrant Officer J. Robichaud, 2 Battalion, R22eR, lowers the battalion flag as Master Warrant Officer A.L. Minette, Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) stands ready to raise the regimental flag of the LdSH(RC).

COMBINED MEDAL PARADE

On Friday 7th April, the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, presented UNFICYP medals to the 1st Battalion The Royal Irish Rangers and members of the Australian Civilian Police Contingent at Polemidhia Camp.

The parade was held in the late afternoon and took the form of an inspection, medal presentation, march past and an impressive advance in review order. There followed a "Beating of the retreat" by the Band, Pipes and Drums of the Rangers.

The impressive spectacle was watched and much en-

joyed by a large crowd of guests who heard the Force Commander thank members of both contingents for their excellent record of service to UNFICYP in the Limassol Zone. The parade was followed by reception in the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes.

CONTRIBUTIONS

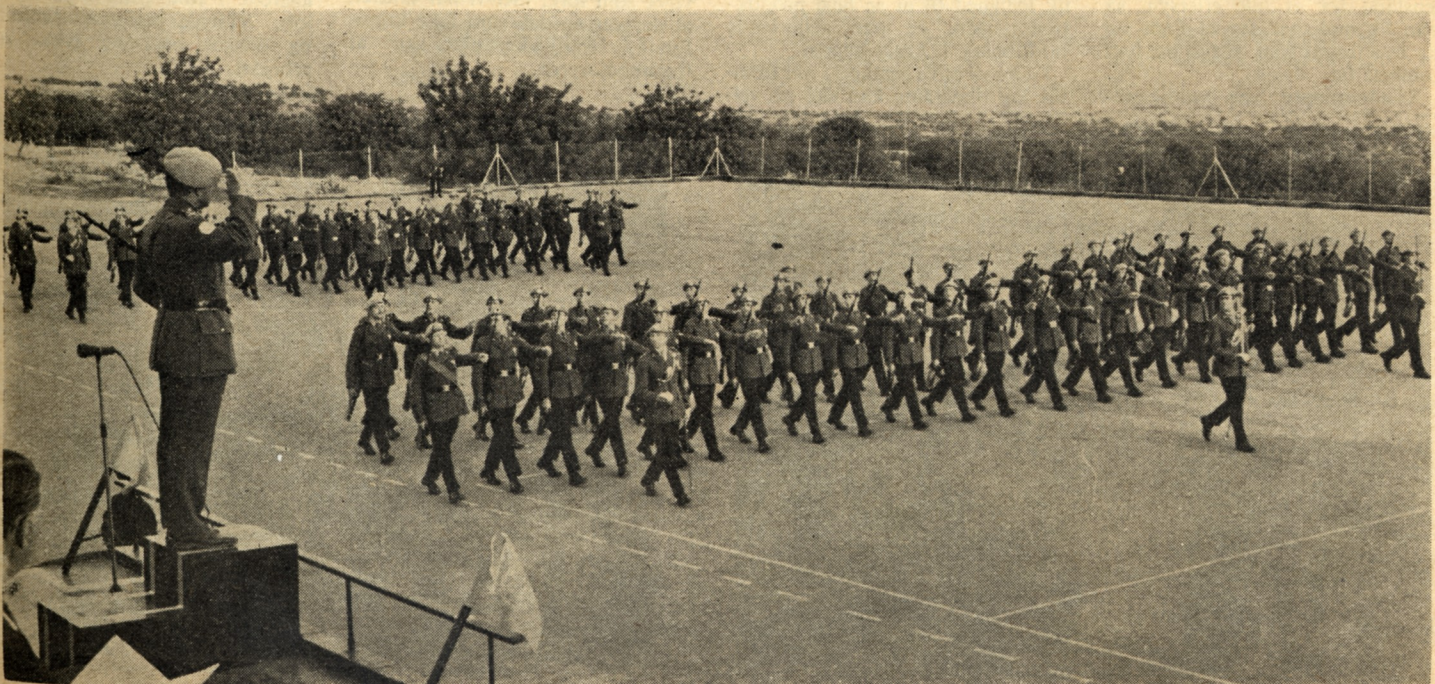
The following contributions have been made towards the cost of UNFICYP,

Belgium	US \$ 56,925
Denmark	US \$ 120,000
Italy	US \$ 180,000



● The Force Commander presents the UNFICYP medal to members of the Australian Civilian Police Contingent.

● "Eyes right" — The Royal Irish Rangers march past the Force Commander.



PÅSKEGUDS-TJENESTE

Påsk gudstjenesten fandt sted i Soliteateret, men desværre var deltagelsen til denne særlige gudstjeneste meget ringe. Som det ses var Dancivpol stort set fremmødt fuldtalligt. Det havde jo været fornemt, hvis Dancon kunne have udvist samme mødeprocent.



DANCON NYT

BÅDBYGGERE

LKMP i Limnitis har fået et bådbyggerværft. Her ses KS J. B. Shultz, OKS K.A. Pedersen, KS B. Christensen og KS H.K. Bertelsen med det, der skal blive endnu en tilføjelse til den efterhånden store Dancon-flåde.



PÅ BESØG I KOBBERMINEN

Den 4. april var der velfærdstur til Xeroslejrns nærmeste nabo. Kobberminen, som leverer den daglige portion støv og snavs, var genstand for et lille eftersyn, så man fik mulighed for at finde ud af, hvorfra al den snavs og lugt kommer fra.

Rundvisningen var vældig in-

teressant, og gav et udmærket indtryk af, hvor stor en historie det er at udvinde de værdier, som jorden kan give mennesket. Man fik lejlighed til at se hele produktionsgangen, og den afsluttende udskibning i Xeros-bugten.

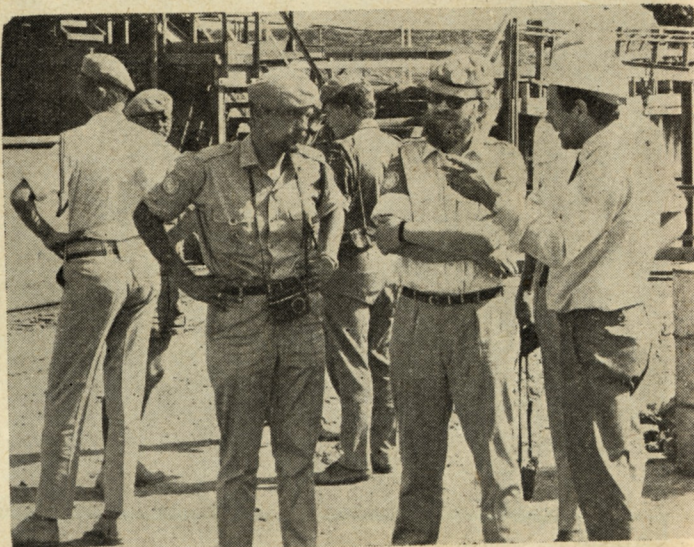
Turen vil blive gentaget i nær fremtid, og tilmelding kan ske på vel-

færdskontoret. Under næste rundvisning vil vi tilstræbe, at der kommer en med, der har været på turen før, således at han kan virke som tolk, idet vi har erfaret, at der var en del, som ikke kunne forstå, hvad der blev sagt af fremmedføreren.

I forrige uge fik LKMP ny CH. Major P.K. Jensen overtog KMP fra MAJ K.A. Nielsen, og er nu allerede i fuld gang med sit nye job. Vi byder majoren velkommen og ønsker held og lykke med arbejdet.



NY CHEF I LIMNITIS



47-ANS SISTA MARSCH AVVERKAD

Den sista stora marschen för bataljon 47 har avverkats. Den startade intill byn Platani på södra sidan om Kyrenia-bergen. Sedan trampade den ringlande marschkolonnen upp över höjderna strax väster om natursköna passet vid Lefkoniko och så ned på andra sidan och rakt ut i vattnet - ja de flesta tog ju av sig kläderna innan de hoppade i det våta elementet.

—Det var en ganska medelhård marsch, tyckte de flesta deltagarna då de återvände till campen. Förutom bår och radio hade varje man med sig utrustning i stridssele samt vapen. Besvärligast var att en del av marschvägen utgjordes av kullerstensluttningar och det var ganska svårt att hålla balansen vid klättringen över dessa områden.

Med normal fart avklarades hela

promenaden på tre och en halv timma. Och efter badet vid framkomsten till nordkusten var det tid för lunch.

Bilderna från lunch-och badplatsen vid nordkusten. Det är andra plutons mannar som är med.

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SEK-TIO-NERNA



SEKTION 1

Många trodde kanske att de tre sektionerna vid bataljon 47 med sina respektive chefer blivit helt bortglömda då ni inte hittade dem i sista numret av Cypressen. Fel - helt fel! Här presenteras de och det till och med inom ram. En del avdelningar inom de olika sektionerna har däremot tidigare omskrivits i Cypressen.

Och än en gång vill redaktör'n påpeka: Om det är någon som önskar några extra-exemplar av någon Cypressen så kom till redaktionen. Fortfarande finns det en viss upplaga kvar.

Sektion ett är den alltid jourhavande sektion och skämtsamt säger man att det är den som sköter om kriget. Och det är ju sant. Chefen major Runo Gärd håller i trådarna och ser till att undersökningar sätts igång och anklagelser reds ut. Själv brukar han också inte sällan kontrollera dansgolvet i besökskafé på Famagusta mest populära dansställe. Till sektion ett hör också info, DO-folk, en expedition m m - personal som tidigare blivit omskrivna denna vinter.

Något bör kanske också sägas om de bilar som INFO är begärade med - svenska, präktiga 9033:or och det är väl inte för mycket sagt att många inom andra avdelningar på bataljonen ofta tittat avundsjukt på de varma och bekväma fordonen susat iväg. Ja kanske man trots den ständiga jour-tjänsten kan säga att ettan är en privilegierad sektion.

SEKTION 2

Sektion två består av personal som underhåller de övriga inom kontingenten - ja inte i andlig mening utan med all material som behövs för vår verksamhet här nere. Ja en läkare finns ju också som klart mer eller mindre också sköter om vår psykiska hälsa.

Major Bengt Sjöholm från Luleå basar för denna CGC-avdelning från sitt kontor i stora huvudförrådets ena ända. Och till hans sektion hör fordonsparken, posten, sjukhuset, markan, kassan, stinkeriet, mat-hållningar, förrådet, byggnader med underhåll.

Inte att förglömma är Miss Linda Rutter - chefens sekreterare som också har sitt arbetsrum i anslutning till den andra sektionens administrativa hjärta.

På sektionen finns även två skrivare: Jan Kindeberg och Roger Andersson.



SEKTION 3

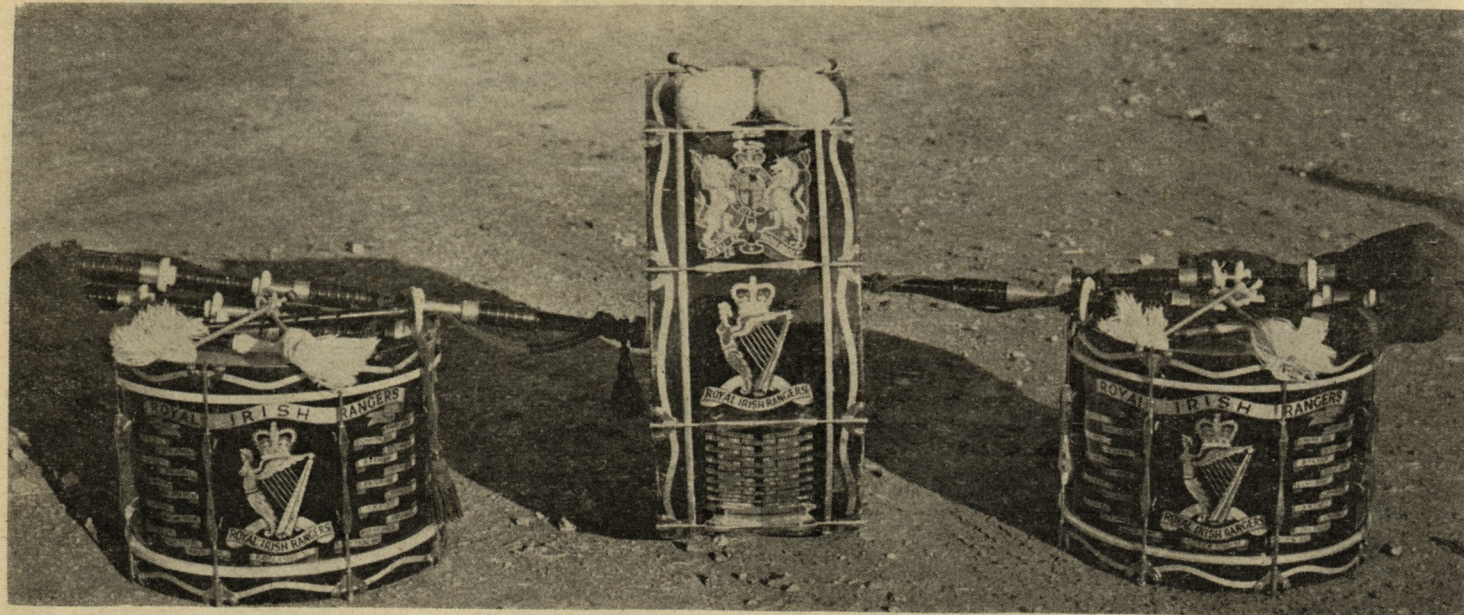
Även om kapten Gustaf Hester framhållit att "en bra personal vårdar sig själv" så lär det väl inte vara någon tvekan om att den personalvårdande sektionen tre utfört en del nyttigt denna vinter-kontingent. Rolle har fixat resor, pastorn har lett församlingen i bön och snyttat, rättsvårdarna har förhört och expeditionskillarna har knäpat ihop flightlistor m m. Även fotografen och redaktören som bland mycket annat utgett Cypressen har alltså varit i farten.

Och hela detta gäng har letts av majorerna Gunnar Blomberg och Richard Ahqvist. Blomberg åkte vid årsskiftet hem till jobb i Stockholm och i stället kom gotlänningen Ahqvist som bl a lyckades dra ned ett revy-gäng från sin hem-ö.

På bilden ovan ses major Ahqvist sitt skrivbord.



THE ROYAL IRISH RANGERS (27th (INNISKILLING) 83RD AND 87TH)



• Musical instruments of The Pipe Band. The drums depict the "Battle Honours" of the Regiment.

On Friday April 7th, The Commander of UNFICYP — Major General D. Prem Chand — presented UN Medals to the 1st Bn The Royal Irish Rangers at Polemidhia Camp, Limassol.

The Rangers have been BRITCON's infantry battalion since November 1971.

The Royal Irish Rangers — the only Irish Line Regiment in the British Army — were formed on 1st July 1968 from the former Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, Royal Ulster Rifles and Royal Irish Fusiliers. At the time of the formation the Regiment had three battalions but in December 1968 the 3rd Battalion was disbanded.

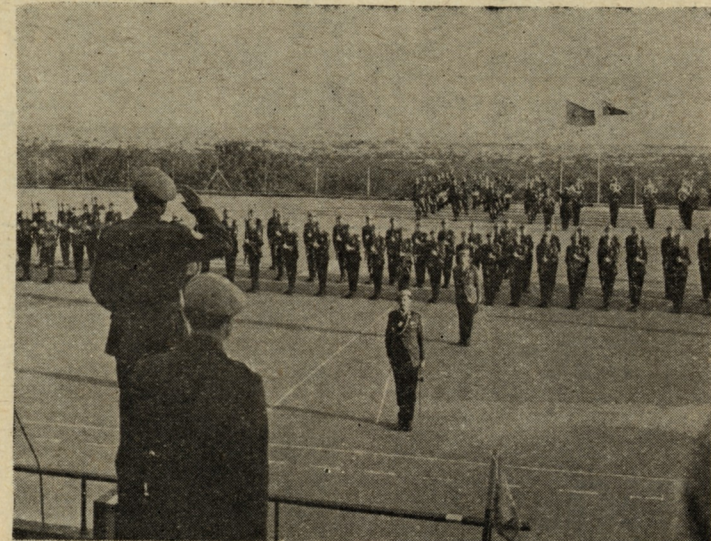
The history of the Regiment, however, goes back a great deal further than 1968. The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers were raised in Enniskillen on June 20th 1689 for the defence of that town. One of the Inniskillings principle Battle Honours was that of St. Lucia which was gained on May 24th 1796. After the capture of the island the Governor decreed that the Colour of the 27th Regiment would fly for one hour before the Union flag in recognition of their gallantry during the attack. Another Battle Honour celebrated by the Inniskillings was "Waterloo". After the battle the Duke of Wellington wrote in his despatches that "the 27th had saved the centre of my line". The territorial style and title "Inniskilling" is the oldest in the army.

The 83rd Regiment was raised in Dublin by Major William Fitch in 1793. The same year also saw the raising of the 86th Regiment. These two regiments later combined to form The Royal Ulster Rifles. The major battle honour celebrated by The Ulster Rifles is Somme Day which commemorates the heroic part which the Regiment played in that battle.

The 87th and 98th Regiments which later became The Royal Irish Fusiliers was also raised in 1793. In 1811 at the Battle of Barrosa the 87th Regiment won great renown by completely routing three French battalions and capturing the Eagle of the 8th Regiment, which was the first ever to be captured by a British Regiment.



• Major General D. Prem Chand presents United Nations medals to selected members of the Royal Irish Rangers.



• The Royal Irish Rangers in "Review Order" on their medal parade.

It was here also that when the Regiment charged the French they used the Irish battle cry "Faugh-a-Balagh" — "Clear the Way" — which in after years became the Regimental motto — and gained them their nickname of "The Faughs".

All three Irish Infantry regiments fought throughout the second world war. With The 38th (Irish) Brigade they fought side by side in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. On D Day both regular battalions of the Royal Ulster Rifles were involved in the landings in Normandy — the 1st Bn as a part of the Airborne Division and the 2nd Bn in the sea borne landing.

The 2nd Battalion The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers served in Cyprus from 1953 — 55 while the 1st Battalion The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers were the first British battalion to be deployed with UNFICYP in 1964.

The 1st Battalion Royal Irish Rangers came from Germany where they are part of 6th Armoured Brigade, to join UNFICYP. The 2nd Battalion is stationed as Demonstration Battalion at The School of Infantry, Warminster.

BRITCON NEWS



• A piper of The Royal Irish Rangers. The three former regiments are commemorated in the three badges worn on the kilt. The uniform consists of a green caubeen (cap) with green hackle; piper green jacket and a cloak of similar colour with french grey lining. The kilt is in the traditional Irish saffron colour, Irish brogues (shoes) with silver mountings are worn with piper green socks.

IRISH ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF VISITS IRCON

On Monday 10 April, the Irish Contingent received an official visit from their Chief of Staff, Major General T.L. O'Carroll. Major General O'Carroll flew in from Tel-Aviv where he had been visiting Irish Officers serving with UNTSO. He was accompanied by his wife and aide-de-camp, Commandant Ward, and was met at the airport by the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand and Comircon Lieutenant Colonel W. Callaghan.

On arrival at Wolfe Tone Camp the Chief of Staff inspected a Guard of Honour under the command of Lieutenant Paul O'Donnell. He was then briefed on the ope-

mementoes of his visit to Cyprus.

On the second day of his visit the Chief of Staff visited the outposts and met the men on OP duty, and was able to



• From left to right Lieutenant Colonel W. Callaghan, Commandant Ward and Major General T.L. O'Carroll.



• The Chief of Staff accompanied by Lieutenant P. O'Donnell inspects the Guard of Honour.

rational role in the Larnaca Sector and toured Wolfe Tone Camp. He met the men informally in the canteen and the NCOs in the Sergeants' Mess. Presentations were made by the Officers and NCOs as

see the operational role at first hand. In the morning he toured the Artemis Road complex and OP Custom House and spoke to the men on duty there.

IRCON NEWS



• Private Connaughton, Galway, reports his OP to the Chief of Staff.

PERSONALITIES OF THE WEEK



This week we feature Captain Billy O'Neill from Galway and Corporal Joes Hayes from Limerick, who look after our pay during the six months. Captain O'Neill is our representative sports officer and holds an All-Ireland Senior Football Medal.

ROTATION TIME AGAIN



One of the functions fulfilled by the Chief of Staff during his brief visit was to welcome the recce party of the new 22 Irish Infantry Group. On his left is the new Comircon, Lieutenant Colonel Hurley, and on his right Captain Keyes and Commandant John Martin Company Commander. The new group flies in on the 18th and 25th of April and

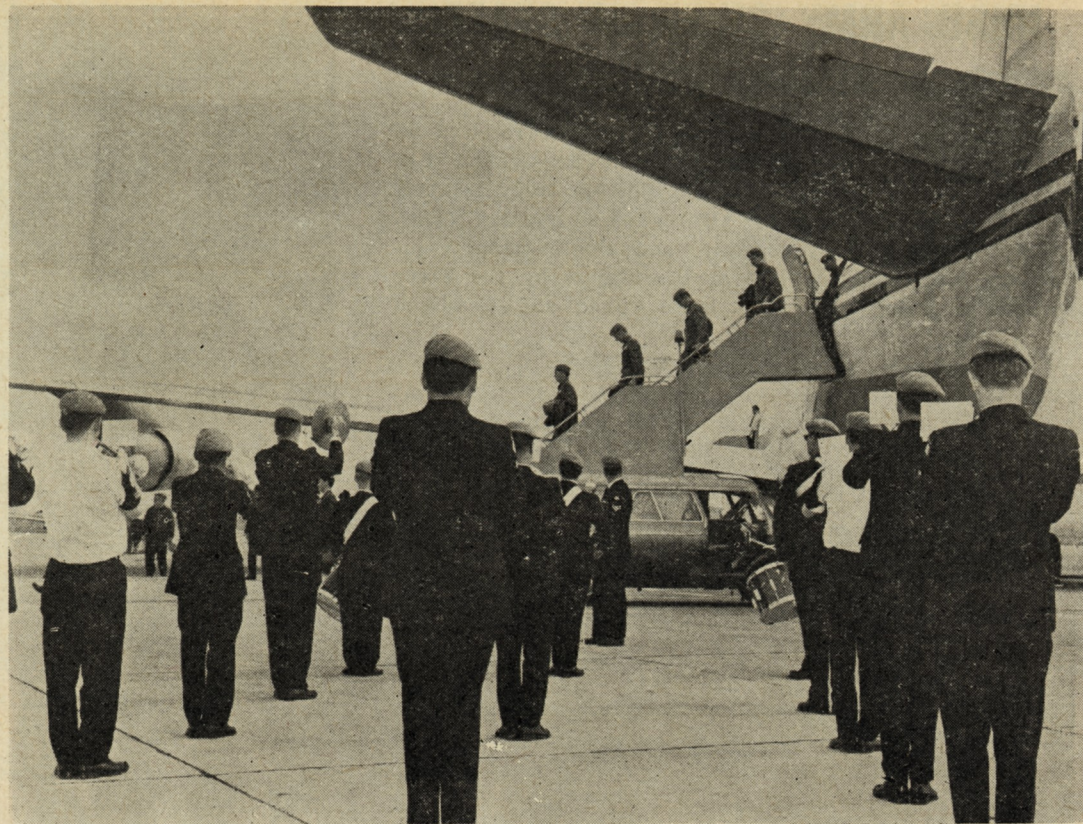
the 21st flies home on the same dates.

As we prepare to depart we, the Officers, NCOs and men of the 21 Infantry Group, bid a fond farewell to all our friends on the island. We also extend a hearty welcome to the 22 Group and wish them every success in their tour of duty.

STRATHCONA'S IN CYPRUS



Corporal Gordon Christie, left, Suburbia Squadron, Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians), receives a briefing on the Green Line in Cyprus from Corporal Jean Croteau, Royal 22e Regiment. At 12 noon on Friday 7th April the first member of the Strathcona's took over an observation post in the Nicosia District. The Calgary-based LdSH (RC) replaced the 2 Battalion, R22eR, by 12th Apr.



● The Regimental Band of the LdSH (RC) welcomes the last flight of Operation Snow Goose XVII and the last members of the regiment arriving in Cyprus.

ON GREEN LINE

Two members of the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery from Shilo, Manitoba, receive an on the spot briefing from Corporal Jean Croteau, Royal 22e Regiment, who has been on duty along the Green Line during the past six months. The new arrivals are touring the Green Line in the northern Suburbs of Nicosia. Sergeant Dave Lucas, (L) and Master Warrant Officer Fred Wagg, are the first 50 members of 3 RCHA who will serve in Cyprus in the Nicosia District.



CANCON NEWS

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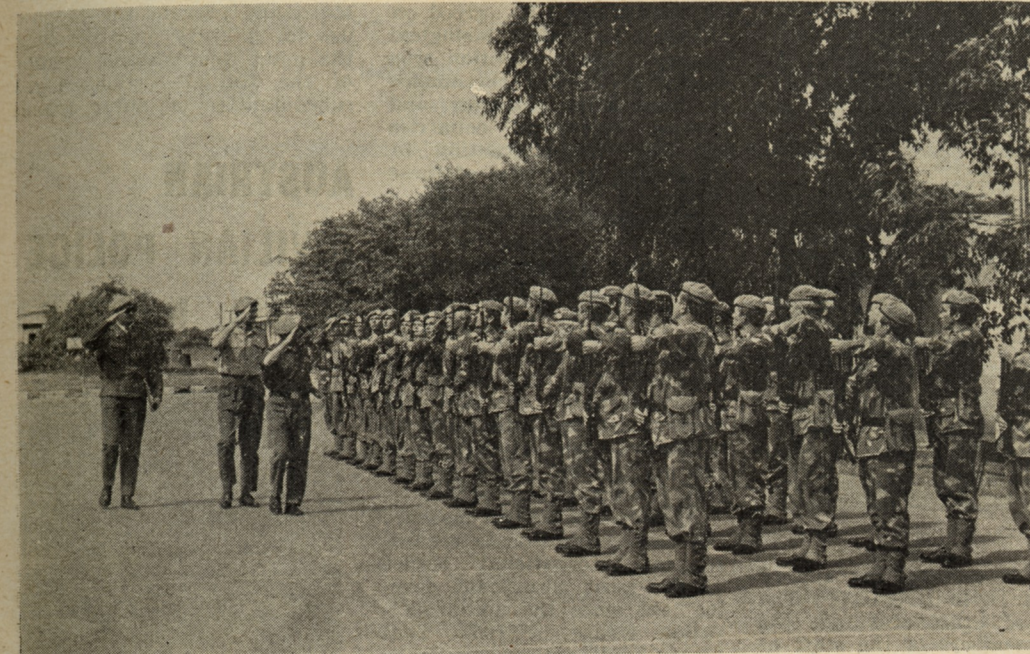
BON VOYAGE

Lieutenant Colonel G.H.J. Lessard, homeward bound Commanding Officer, 2 Battalion, Royal 22e Regiment, accepts the good wishes of the Force Commander, Major General Prem Chand, at Nicosia Airport. The R22eR have completed their six month tour and are returning to their home base at the Citadel in Quebec City.



● Two members of Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) make their first tour of "The Green Line" in the old quarter of Nicosia Cyprus. Sergeant K.J. Delany (L) and Sgt R.G. Putt (R), are briefed by Sergeant L. Messier, Royal 22e Regiment. The Strathcona's will spend the next six months on duty with the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus.

RAUHANTURVAAJIIEN ARKEA



Force Commander tarkastaa Kykkon Platalla kunniaosaston 13.4. ennen näytösharjoitusta. (Ylhäällä vasemmalla).

Demarkaatiolinjan volpas vartija suorittamassa tehtäväänsä. (Ylhäällä oikealla).

Harjoitusosaston eteneminen osapuolten aseisiin käynnissä. Vasemmalla).



JA JUHLAA



Naapurikontingentin kanadalaisia vieraita illallis-pöydän herkkujä valitsemassa. (Yllä)

1. JK:n komppaniaillassa tarjoilu oli runsasta niin ohjelman kuin pöydänantimienkin osalta. Illan aikana ei puuttunut silmäniloa tilaisuuden koristelusta ja muodollisesta järjestelystä eikä osanottajistakaan, joista rouva Iivonen joutui mukaan kuvaamaan. (Oikealla)

FINCON NEWS





VISIT OF IRISH CHIEF OF STAFF

Major General T.L. O'Carroll, Chief of Staff Irish Defence Forces, visited UNFICYP last week. He met members of 21 Infantry Group in the Larnaca Sector. The

Group is nearing the end of its tour with UNFICYP. The Chief of Staff also met the Irish members of the staff at HQ UNFICYP and had the opportunity to visit the previous areas occupied by Ircon. He is pictured presenting a biography of the President of Ireland, Eamon De Valera, written by the Earl of Longford and T.P. O'Neill to the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand.

RECORD OF SERVICE

Corporal James Donovan, who for the past six months has been Post Non Commissioned Officer at Camp UNFICYP, is seen packing his "bag-full" of cross country trophies won during his tour with UNFICYP.

Corporal Donovan who is a close associate of David Bedford, the English and International Cross Country Champion, has an impressive record of championship wins himself. Whilst with UNFICYP he won:

UNFICYP — cross country championship 1971.

NEARELF — minor units 1972.

ARMY v R.A.F. 1972, Plus many others.

He handed his duties over last week to Corporal Coleman (seen holding the bag).

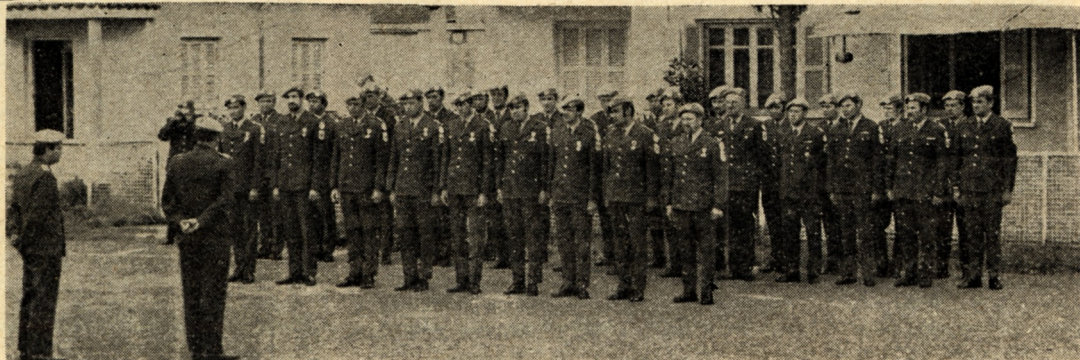
MP NOTEBOOK ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

Week Ending		
14 Apr 72	—	4
Same Period		
Last Year	—	8
Total This Year	—	100
Same Period		
Last Year	—	92
Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:		
FAILING TO YIELD		
RIGHT OF WAY		



We wish Corporal Donovan the best of luck in the future. Who knows, perhaps we shall

soon hear of him again, beating records in the international field.



GERM WARFARE BAN

49 countries, including the US, USSR and UK, agreed on 10 April to outlaw biological weapons. The convention was signed at parallel ceremonies at New York, Moscow and London. Additional countries may sign the convention, in the future, at anyone of these cities.

The convention forbids the development, production and stockpiling of bacteriological (biological) weapons. It requires parties to the convention to destroy any existing stocks of weapons of germ warfare within nine months of the convention coming into force. The convention will be in force when it has been ratified by the three depositary powers, and 19 others.

As an arms control measure the new convention is regarded in international circles as the most significant development since the non-proliferation treaty of 1968. That treaty did not require any destruction of existing weapons.

The United States and the Soviet Union tabled the draft jointly. The draft was approved by the United Nations General Assembly last December.

Meanwhile at Geneva a Soviet draft international treaty to

ban nuclear weapons on the Moon and prevent the Moon's use for military purposes was the main item on the agenda of the United Nations legal subcommittee on outer space.

AUSTRIAN CIVILIAN POLICE MEDAL PARADE



At Blue Danube village, Nicosia, on 10th April, UNFICYP's Police Adviser, Chief Superintendent H. Wagner, presented UNFICYP medals on behalf of the Force Commander, to nine members of the Austrian Civilian Police Contingent.

Am 10. April wurde in Vertretung des Force Commander's durch Police Adviser Chief Supt Dr Wagner an 9 Beamte der Austrian Civilian Police die Medaille "IN THE SERVICE OF PEACE" in Anwesenheit des Kommandanten des Kontingentes Min. Sekr. Dr Heckl und aller dienstfreien Beamten ueberreicht. Im Rahmen einer kurzen Ansprache wuerdigte der Police Adviser die Bedeutung der Auszeichnung und wies darauf hin, dass sich die Ausgezeichneten bereits waehrend der kurzen Zeit ihrer Verwendung bei verschiedenen Vorfaellen bewaehrt haeten. Er ersuchte die Beamten, auch weiterhin ihren Dienst im Interesse des Friedens zu versehen.