



The Blue Beret

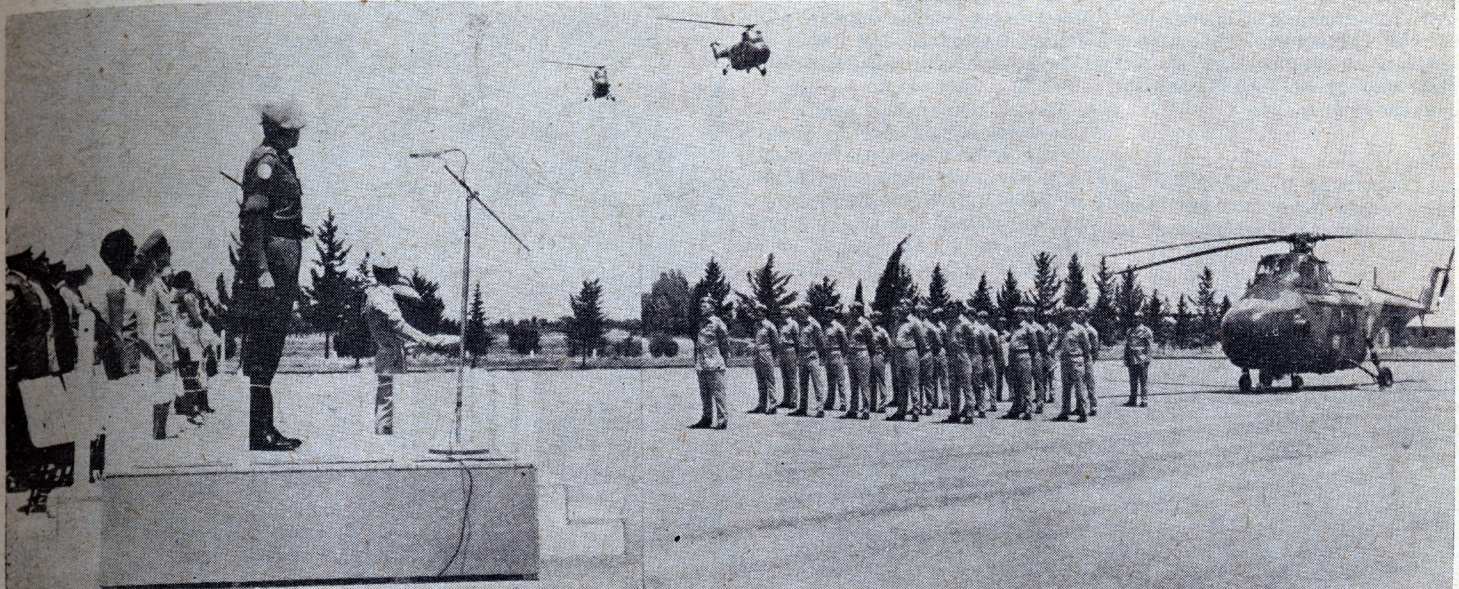
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SECURITY COUNCIL RENEWS MANDATE OF UNFICYP

On Thursday 15 June the Security Council met at the UN Headquarters in New York. Having heard a statement by the Secretary-General, the Council adopted by 14 votes in favour, with China abstaining, a resolution extending the mandate of the United Nations Force in Cyprus until 15 December 1972.

Prior to the adoption of the resolution the Secretary-General made the following comments in his statement to the Security Council:

"I earnestly hope that, when the working meetings of the talks begin in early July, the interlocutors will find it possible to tackle the problems before them with determination and a sense of real urgency. I wish to emphasize the word 'urgency'. Although the reactivation of the intercommunal talks is a positive and encouraging development, I would be misleading the Council if I did not say that, in my opinion, the present situation in Cyprus is anything but encouraging — in fact it is deeply worrying."

"I was much impressed by my first direct contact with the realities of the Cyprus problem. It is a situation which is difficult to grasp if one has not seen it for oneself."

The Secretary-General continued:

"— especially in view of the relatively large number of persons bearing arms in the Island and the wider geopolitical setting of the Cyprus problem. At many points in the Island, including the capital city, the parties are in armed confrontation, separated only by the U.N. flag and the soldiers of UNFICYP. Almost equally disturbing is the lack of any normal contact between the communities and especially between the young people, many of whom have never spoken to members of the other community."

"But I wish to emphasize to the Council my strong conviction that this situation cannot and must not be al-

lowed to continue, or indeed, to deteriorate. Means must be found to assist the parties in reaching agreement on a peaceful, just and lasting settlement so that the population of this Island so richly endowed by nature can face the future together, freed from the fears and suspicions which now haunt them".

"The Governments of Cyprus, Greece and Turkey, and the representatives of the two communities although they naturally approach the problem from their own viewpoints, all showed in their talks with me their wish, and their willingness, to continue the search for an agreed, peaceful, just and lasting settlement". He continued:

"I am sure that the Council shares my view that a settlement of the Cyprus problem is long overdue — perhaps even dangerously so. Quite apart from other considerations, we must find a way to relieve the Organization of the burden of peace-keeping in the Island as soon as it is feasible and safe to do so."

"I should like to repeat here one part of the statement I made at the inaugural meeting of the reactivated intercommunal talks, namely that what is needed more than anything else is a mutual willingness to understand and preserve the vital interests of all sides, a spirit of forward-looking conciliation, a readiness to compromise, and a clear realization that an agreed, peaceful, lasting and just settlement is not only feasible but essential to the welfare of all concerned."

"My Special Representative will certainly do whatever he can to assist and encourage the interlocutors in their efforts. I cannot conclude this statement without paying a tribute to my Special Representative in Cyprus, Mr. Osorio-Tafall, the Force Commander, Major General Prem Chand, the officers and men in the Force, the Civilian Police and the Personnel, both military and civilian, of UNFICYP Headquarters. To see these devoted, objective and skilful servants of the United Nations at work was for me a moving and unforgettable experience. Their bearing, their dedication and their pride in their mission are an inspiring spectacle in a world where so many things are discouraging. We also owe much to the Governments who have made contingents available as well as to those Governments, who in making voluntary contributions to UNFICYP, have made this vital Peace-Keeping Operation possible."

UNFICYP INTERNATIONAL RADIO PROGRAMME

UNFICYP has a new radio programme, broadcasted once a month, on the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation wavelength of 498 metres.

The aim of the programme is to cover topics of general interest to the Force. It also intends to feature "local artists" who are serving with the Force and will be recording interviews with personnel who have interesting tasks or hobbies.

The programme needs volunteers, so if you play a musical instrument, sing or have an interesting hobby, then contact your contingent Press Officer who will arrange a recording session. Don't be shy, this is your programme: Help to make it a success.

The programme will be broadcasted on the following dates at 2000 hours (be sure to tune in on the 498 meters

FLY PAST

An unusual medal parade took place on 9th July. 84 Squadron (UN) detachment paraded for the Force Commander at the Royal Air Force parade ground, Nicosia. As General Prem Chand mounted the rostrum two of the squadrons Whirlwind helicopters flown by Flight Lieutenant N. Furniss and Flying Officer M. Lloyd flew over the parade in salute to the General. Following the medal presentation the Force Commander thanked the squadron for the efficient way in which it carried out its tasks, an example of which he said was the careful planning and operation of the VIP tour to the contingent Observation Posts during the Secretary-General's visit. He also noted that 84 Squadron had served in the past in India.

band) 16th July, 13th August, 10th September, 8th October, 5th November and 31st December.



● The Force Commander records his message for the first programme last Sunday. He wished the programme every success and also took the opportunity to thank all members of UNFICYP for their contribution towards the success of the Secretary-General's visit.

LIMNITIS-LEJREN

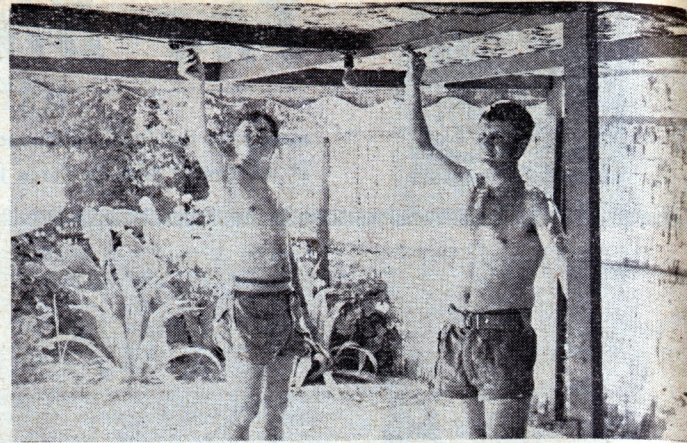
Lejren dukker op, når man ad den snoede bjerevej har kørt en god halv times tid mod vest fra Xeros. Den ligger ligesom i en flad gryde omgivet af stejle bjergskrånninger, anbragt inde i et plantageområde med mandeltræer, hvilket giver en behagelig skygge mellem teltene.

Der er faste bølgeblikbaracker, der rummer kostforplejning, mæser, officerskvarter og motorværksted (2. echelon). Teltene, som har 4 til 6 beboere, er udbygget med vindfang og verandaer og udstyret med bord og stole og kogegrej til ekstraforplejning.

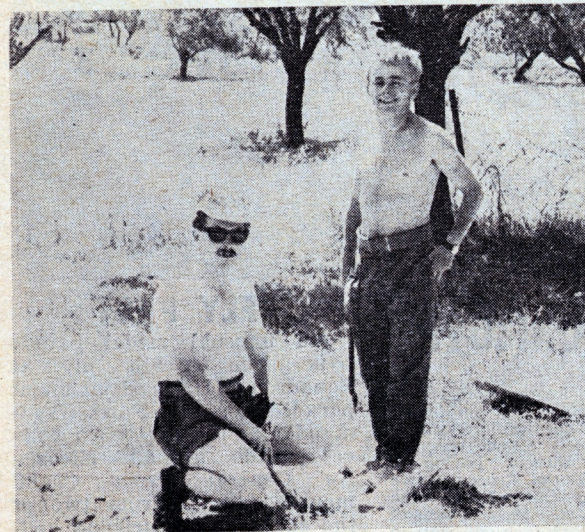
Der er indrettet en fin bålplads og en cementbane til badminton og volleyball og et tovstativ med henblik på træning til faldsk arms ut dspring.

Man gør meget ud af lejrens vedligeholdelse, og blomster og planter bliver omhyggeligt vandet. Vandforsyningen volder dog visse problemer i sommertiden. Men der iøvrigt velindrettede bade og toiletforhold i faste skure.

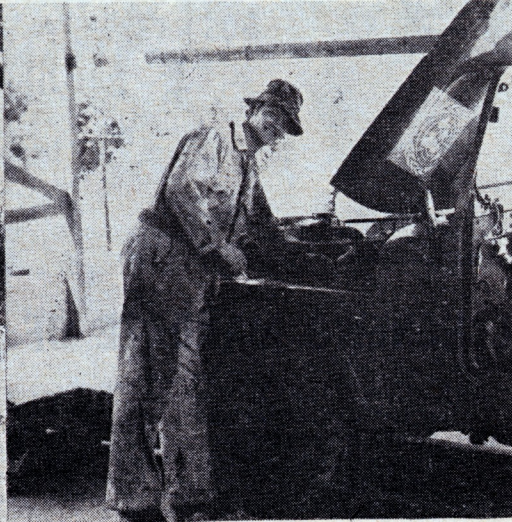
I denne lejr er LKMP's 2. og 3. deling indkvarteret og her findes KMP-kontoret og underafdeling af JOC. Telefonvagten har et særligt isoleret rum, så varmen ikke bliver alt for slem for ham.



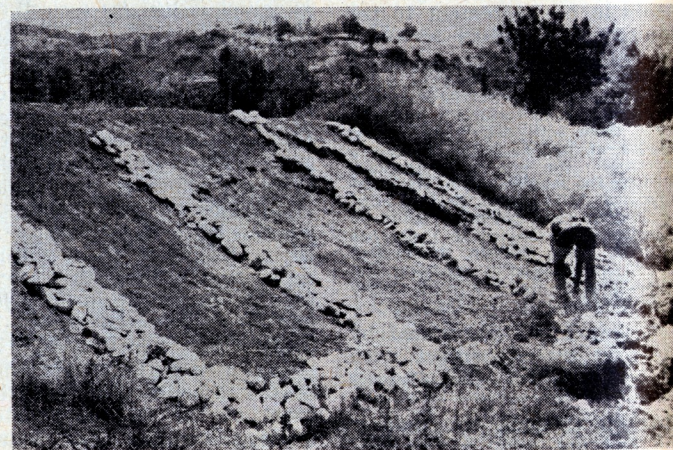
●UN-tegnet holdes hvidt, så det tydeligt kan ses fra luften.



●KS C. Nielsen og J.L. Tamberg i gang med lejrarbejderog motormek
KS H.L. Johansen foretager vedligeholdelseeftersyn.



●KS L.E. Pedersen udbygges
faciliteterne omkring teltet.



NYT SKILT

I Xeros og Limnitis kan det afbildede skilt ses på ammunitionsbunkeren. Skiltet betyder, at bunkeren indeholder ammunition af fareklasse 3, hvilket er til underretning for brandmandskab i tilfælde af brand. Fareklasse 3 betyder i dette tilfælde, at ammunitionen i bunkeren kan tåle at være udsat for ild i kortere tid uden risiko, men i tilfælde af længere ildløs, kan der blive tale om hel eller delvis eksplosion. I tilfælde af ildløs, skal ilden først søges bekæmpet med kulsyreslukkere, og hvis dette ikke lykkes, skal alle fjerne sig til en sikker afstand fra brandstedet, og de omkringliggende bygninger skal oversprøjtes med vand, for at hindre ilden i at brede sig. V. Skovhus MAJ/TO/MOTSKY

DANCON NEWS

GENERALSEKRETÆRENS BESØG PÅ OP - "MOSQUITO"

Som led i et hårdt program aflagde generalsekretæren d.7. JUN pr. helikopter et besøg på OP - "Mosquito". Der kunne kun afsættes 10-15 minutter til besøget. Kort og plancher var hængt op på stativer, og OL V.J. Ubbe gjorde i et koncentreret foredrag rede for situationen og forholdene vedrørende OP - tjenesten.

Generalsekretæren gav sig dog tid til at hilse venligt på OP-holdets fører KP H.E. Christensen og KS

Ove Buelund Madsen (fra Lægekorpsens - Sjællandske Personel, hjemmehørende i Kibæk). Generalsekretæren beklagede, at der ikke blev tid til at nyde de kolde drinks, som mandskabet betænksomt havde bragt op til de høje gæster. Ej heller blev der tid til at se nærmere på hytterne, hvor man havde haft travlt de foregående dage med at male og hvidte og rive gange m.v. Alt var "shinet" op til det fine besøg. Ja fint var det, selvom det blev kort.

MP NOTEBOOK ACCIDENTS - UNFICYP

Week Ending	
16 Jun 72	— 13
Same Period	
Last Year	— 6
Total This Year	— 152
Same Period	
Last Year	— 139
Main cause of Accidents This Week:	

Five of the above accidents were a direct cause of the UN Driver operating a motor vehicle without due care and attention.

HINDERDAGS

Andra grenen för bataljonens del i UNFICYP-mästerskapen var hinderlöpning. Under någon månad har det svenska laget tränat idogt med täta resor in till tävlingsbanan i Nicosia. Samtidigt har en egen hinderbana byggts upp vid Goldfish Camp. Här har merdelen av plutonsträningen i hinderlöpning ägt rum.

Sverige ställde, som sig bör, upp med 12 man till fredagens mästerskap. Av dessa räknas 10 i lagmästerskapen medan samtliga räknas individuellt. Möjligheterna att göra en bra insats i tävlingen bedömdes åtminstone idrottsofficeren kn Jörgen Lindblom som mycket goda.

För svenskt vidkommande känns en del av hindren något ovana. Vi

har i Sverige knappast någon bana som till större delen går genom, i och på bombade hus.

Att det är realistiskt med denna typ av övning är alla ense om. Just att ta sig fram genom så pass svårforcerad bebyggelse hör till det en svensk FN-soldat måste kunna behärska.

Värdar för de lyckade UNFICYP-mästerskapen i Nicosia var Fincon.

Resultat:

1. Fincon 2.52,4
2. Swedcon 3.02,3
3. Dancon 3.17,4
4. Britcon 3.19,3
5. Cancon 3.57,4
6. Iron 4.09,5



På bilden ovan ser vi 315 Karl-Erik Svensson på TPC i ett kraftfullt hopp. Nedan ser vi 044 Staffan Malmsten, 2. pluton, i koncentrerad stil klara ett hinder och till höger kastar löjtnant Ulf Birath handgranat.



INDIVIDUELLA RESULTATEN

De svenska resultaten i UNFICYP mästerskapens hinderlöpning blev:

2. Pte Lars Nyqvist 2.30,0
10. Pte Börje Nilsson 2.56,6
12. Pte Åke Andersson 2.58,4
13. Serg Lars-Åke Persson 2.58,4
16. Pte Karl-Erik Svensson 2.59,4
20. Kpl Erik Havemose 3.01,0
25. Furir Lars Munters 3.10,4
27. Pte Erling Andersson 3.12,0
29. Pte Staffan Malmsten 3.13,2
36. Pte Ronnie Larsson 3.20,3
37. Pte Anders Torstensson 3.25,8
53. Lt Ulf Birath 3.58,2

VI STANNAR PÅ CYPERN

FN har nu fattat beslut om att låta FN-trupper stanna på Cypern ytterligare en 6-månadersperiod. Det innebär att i varje fall vår bataljon kommer att tjänstgöra tiden ut på ön.

Samtidigt som Säkerhetsrådet beslöt låta FN-trupper stanna riktades skarpa varningar från FN till parterna i konflikten. FN:s generalsekreterare Kurt Waldheim underströk vikten av att låta de interkommunala samtalen fortsätta.

FEST-KVÄLL

Det är dags för midsommarafton och fest för den svenska bataljonen. För att humöret skall bli lika gott som på pingstafton presenteras denna bild av rustmästare Anell under ett av de mer bejublade framträdandena pingstafton.

Midsommaraftonens program startar kl 16 och pågår sedan till fram mot midnatt med lekar, dans kring stängen, gemensam buffé, bataljonsafton på tennisplan, dans, filmvisning och nattmat. Så väl mött midsommarafton....



LÄKAR-SKIFTE

Det har varit läkarskifte på bataljonen. Folke Solheim har återvänt till hustru Margareta, Umeå och alla kvinnliga patienter. I stället har vi fått ner major Lars Malmberg till bataljonen. Han kommer från Örebro, medför fem barn och hoppas att trivas med gänget här nere.

Vår nye läkare är dock inte ny på Cypern, han har varit här nere i en tidigare omgång och lär alltså kunna omsätta en del av tidigare erfarenheter på vårt gäng. Lars Malmberg är avkonterfejad på bild till vänster.

NOTES ON RECENT AIRBORNE ARRIVALS

Cypriot ornithologists have reported the arrival on the island of a species not seen in such numbers for many years. It has been observed in the new sightings that the "Lesser Spotted Red Cap" changed from its distinctive pale body plumage with "red hat" to a much darker plumage with pale blue markings about the head and throat.

In the space of sixteen months sightings have been reported in Malta, England, Ghana and Cyprus. No where else in the bird world are there such migratory habits. For unexplained reasons the lesser spotted redcap suddenly and without warning migrates to various parts of the globe. It is in fact believed by many that the destination is only decided after they arrive! Strangely enough only the male of the species does this, the female being left at home. They, after a strange ceremony, all gather round making peculiar chuntering noises, but they quickly settle down to a mateless routine — in fact some of them seem to enjoy this arrangement.

The "lesser spotted red cap" is one of our more interesting birds. It has a distinctive and easily recog-

nised cry of "pay chit", which changes towards the end of the month to more of a "pay check" "pay check" on a higher pitched almost hysterical note. This bird, which is of most gregarious habits can usually be found in great numbers in the vicinity of the Pay Office where it feeds voraciously on oblong bits of paper and small metal discs. Very little of this food is taken to the nest, where the female of the species is generally left to fend for herself and her young.

A strange physical characteristic of the bird is the fact that it has wings only on the right hand side of the body. This probably explains another of its peculiar habits, that of flying around in ever decreasing circles, and might explain a well known but previously unauthenticated legend.



KOPHINOUS COMPANY

Kophinou is the main operational commitment for 3 PARA in the Li-massol Zone. The Company based there is responsible for six observation posts, four of which are permanently manned. For those on duty manning of these observation posts involves a stay of one month in a hot, dusty

and uncomfortable camp. The men cook their own food, make their own amusements and constantly work to improve their surroundings.

Our pictures show the activities of a Company which has just completed a one month tour of duty at Kophinou, before being relieved.



● Private Colin Daniels seen here whilst on duty in an observation post.

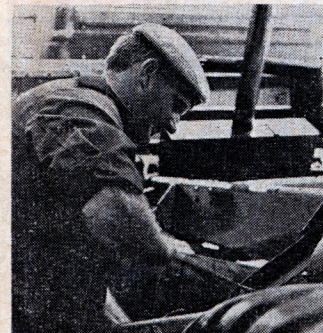


● Private Ralph Morse removes his kit prior to cleaning his hut.



● Private 'Brab' Brabbam lends a hand with the washing up.

FASTEST GREASE GUN IN THE.....



● Corporal Gordon Brown, who is solely responsible for all servicing at Polemidhia Camp, is seen here greasing a Commer 4 ton Tipper Truck.

BRITCON NEWS

UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND

The following is the text of a letter received by Mr. B.F. Osorio-Tafall, the Secretary General's Special Representative in Cyprus from Mr. H. R. Labouisse, Executive Director UNICEF. The story of the contribution was published in the Blue Beret dated 3 May 1972.

"It was very thoughtful of the members of the First Battalion Royal Irish Rangers to collect £50 on the occasion of their departure from Cyprus as a tribute to the United Nations. Moreover, we are deeply appreciative that UNICEF was selected to be the beneficiary of these funds. I am glad to acknowledge that a check for the above amount has reached us through Mr. B.F. Osorio-Tafall, Special Representative of the Secretary General, UNFICYP.

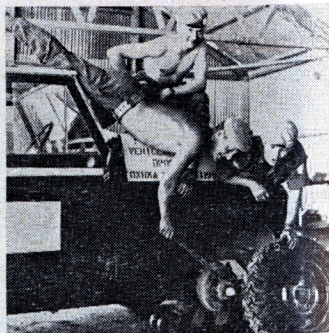
I shall be most grateful to you if you will convey to all those concerned in the First Battalion Royal Irish Rangers, UNICEF's appreciation for the contribution which they have made. Coming as it does from members of a unit which served a United Nations cause, this support is particularly encouraging to us."

PARA WHEELS

The Military Transport organisation at Polemidhia Camp, under command of Captain T. Williams is responsible for the maintenance and good repair of over one hundred vehicles. These vehicles, which belong not only to 3 PARA but to the Australian Police and Military Police, are looked after by a staff of thirty two men, seven of whom are from the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

Besides weekly servicing and good quality repairs, great emphasis is placed upon road safety. To this end all drivers are required to pass an UN driving test under the auspices of Corporal Brian Washington before being permitted to drive UN vehicles. It is hoped that by such importance being attached to road safety we will be able to preserve our 100% road safety record.

AIRBORNE WHEEL CHANGE



● Rarely, if ever, seen before by the public at large is the special airborne wheel change — seen here being supervised by Private Alex Esplin and carried out in great style by Corporal Brian Washington and Craftsman Brian Crapper.

HQ UNFICYP GUARD

No 1 Platoon, 22nd Infantry Group, supplied the Headquarters Security Guard for the week that included the visit of the Secretary-General. This task was made more difficult by the extra traffic in and out of the camp. Congratulations on a job well done lads.



THE FIXIT MEN



● Corporal (Morse) Hughes (right) and Signaller Barry labour over telephone sets to keep the stock of spare sets above zero. So far we've not run out of telephones but Corporal Hughes' expression (and indeed his belief) would indicate that this is completely his own achievement.

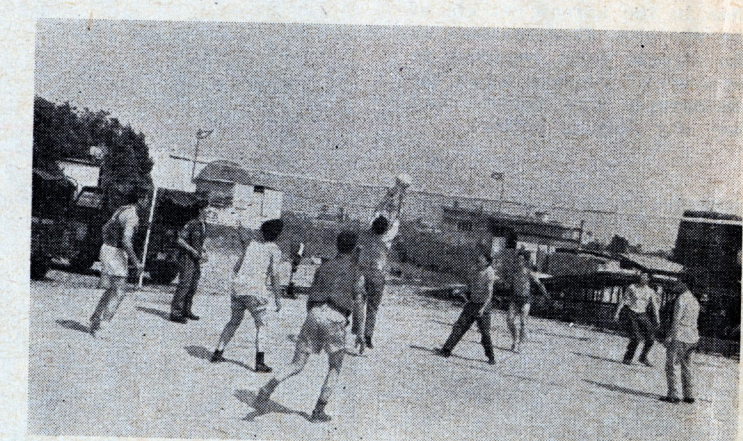


● Pte O'Neill has the thankless job of keeping our vehicles in running order. So far he has managed admirably, that is to say no one has yet been stranded miles from nowhere with a broken down vehicle. We think!!! Must get O'Neill to count the vehicles again!!!

VOLLEYBALL



● This photograph of our volleyball team is now a month old. They reached the semi final of the intercontinental volleyball competition and now plan to continue playing throughout the summer. They are, back row, (left to right) Corporal Mac Manus, Private Lafford, Company Sergeant Gaynor, Corporal Nash, Commandant Martin. Front row (left to right) Corporal Tomer, Private Gaffey, Sergeant Byrne and Corporal Kehoe.



● Just to prove that volleyball is still alive our picture shows an informal game in progress in the transport yard.

IRCON NEWS

FAREWELL AND WELCOME

Brigadier-General E.M.D. Leslie, 53, of Victoria and Montreal, chief of staff of the eight-nation peacekeeping force, and commander of the Canadian contingent for the past four years, will return to Canada to command Canadian Forces Base Borden, Ontario. His successor as commander of the Canadian contingent will be a 44-year old Ottawa native, Lieutenant-Colonel Clayton E. Beattie, an artillery officer, who will be promoted to the rank of colonel.

Colonel Beattie will also become the force's deputy chief of staff. The appointment of chief of staff, rotated periodically among countries of the multi-national force, will be filled by a British Army officer.

An artillery officer with service going back to 1938, Brigadier-General E.M.D. Leslie served in the United Kingdom, Italy and Northwest Europe during the Second World War.

He also served in the Korean conflict, in command of the 1st Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery. For "outstanding courage, ability and success" in action there he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order.

Later appointments have included command of the Royal Canadian School of Artillery, Shilo, Manitoba and the 2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade Group at Petawawa,

Ontario. He has been serving in the Cyprus post since July, 1968.

The new Canadian contingent commander, Colonel Beattie, is a veteran of 23 years in the forces, beginning his career in 1949 with the Canadian Officers' Training Corps at Ottawa's Carleton University. He graduated in 1951 and has been serving in field, staff and training appointments ever since.

He is a graduate of the Canadian Army Staff College and the artillery staff course. He has also served as second-in-command and acting commanding officer of the First and Second Regiments, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery in Canada.

In 1964-65 he served as an operations officer at the headquarters of the United Nations Force in Cyprus. He also served in a series of operations and training staff appointments at Mobile Command headquarters, Montreal, from 1967-69. In mid-1971 he moved to Canadian Forces Headquarters, Ottawa, serving with the directorate of artillery and the directorate of land operations, training and readiness.

Canada has contributed troops to the eight-nation U.N. Force in Cyprus since its inception in 1964. To date, a total of 23 Canadian units have taken part in the peacekeeping mission. Making up the Canadian contingent now is an armoured unit, Lord Strathcona's Horse, from Calgary, and elements of the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery.

At one time, Canada had a total of 1,200 troops in Cyprus. The contingent now numbers about 600.



HAPPINESS IS A HOT-PLATE... Corporal Bob McCuaig of 644 Signal Troop attached to Swedcon, prepares a snack after coming off shift in the communications link in Famagusta. Corporal McCuaig is one of several Canadians living and working with other national contingents within UNFICYP.

ACCIDENT FREE

Four members of Suburb Squadron have accumulated over 2500 accident free miles. The certificates were presented by the Officer Commanding Suburb Squadron, Major I. McNabb. The four men are the first in the Strathcona's to reach the safe driving mileage mark this tour. Left to right Corporals D.V. Oickle, N.L. Andrew, N.R. Parker and R.B. Howard.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos



NEW DCOS... Colonel C.E. Beattie is met by Brigadier General E.M.D. Leslie on arrival at Nicosia airport. Colonel Beattie was with UNFICYP in 1964-65 as an operations officer.

MAKES A BREEZE... Cpl. L.J. Kennedy, Suburb Squadron, cycles through Omorphita on his way to OP Oil Factory where it is even hotter than in the narrow streets of the old city. Temperatures in the streets were reported to be over 100 degrees when the photograph was taken...and they say July is hotter!



KONTINGENTTIEN VÄLISET KUNTORATAKILPAILUT



Blue Beret no. 6. 19.6.72 Helen. Kuntoratakilpailujen tulokset

The results of the intercontingent obstacle race Henkilökohtaiset tulokset

Individuals

1. Cpl Lindroos Fincon 2.27,9
2. S/Sgt Pylsy Fincon 2.30,0 3. Pte Nyqvist Swedcon 2.30,0 4. Pte Kylästäinen Fincon 2.35,3 5. Pte Mastokangas Fincon 2.42,6 6. S/Sgt Hannula Fincon 2.43,9 7. Pte Jacklin Britcon 2.46,5 8. Sgt Haanjoki Fincon 2.40,8 9. Pte Schultz Dancon 2.55,6 10. Pte Nilsson Swedcon 2.56,6 11. Pte Nietula Fincon 2.58,0 Joukkuekilpailu

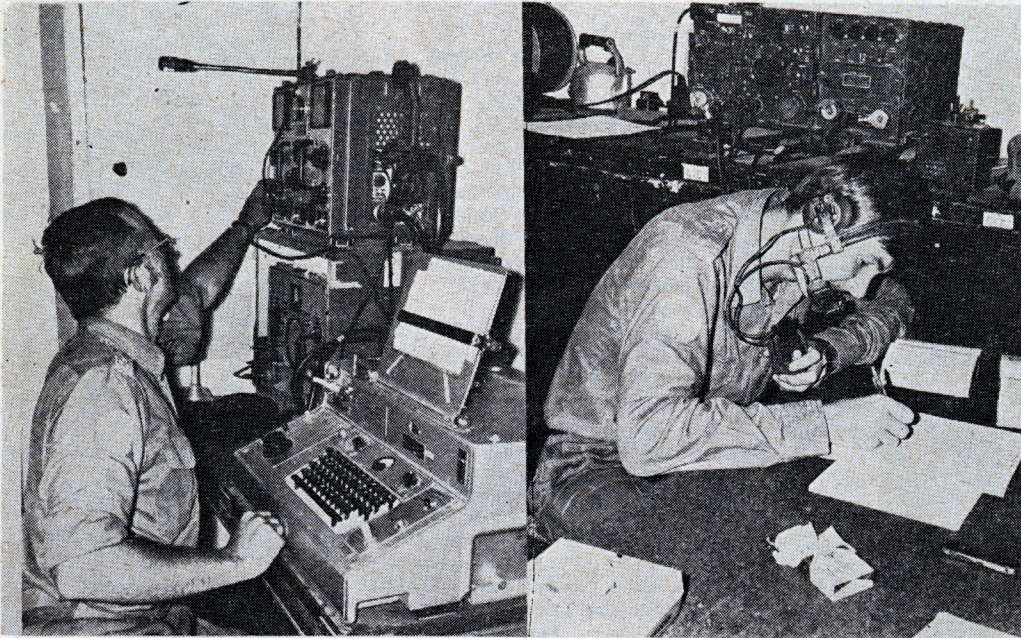
Teamresults

1. FINCON 2.52,4 2. SWEDCON 3.02,3 3. DANCON 3.17,4 4. BRITCON 3.19,3 5. CANCON 3.57,4 6. IRCON 4.09,5

Oikealla olevassa ylemmässä kuvassa kilpailun voittaja on juuri saanut pakintonsa voittajaksi. Vasemmalla olevassa samassa seremoniassa joukkuekilpailun voittajaksi. Vasemmalla olevat kuvat esittävät tyyliä, jota siinä, kuinka miinakenttä ja vesieste "suritetaan". Alin kuvamme esittää voittanutta Finconin joukkuetta perhepotretissa puomilla.



DAS OHR UND SPRACHROHR DES DISTRIKTES PAPHOS



● Warrant Officer Cepek retunes the set — Private Rieder calling Aphrodite.



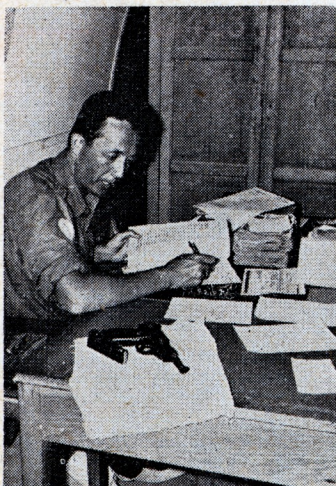
● Warrant Officer Cepek keeps a look out for the Commander.

PAYMENT

Ein faszinierendes Wort in fast allen Sprachen der Welt. Auch wir begrüßen den Tag der Auszahlung, "Maria Empfängerin" und freuen uns über jeden baren Schein — denn was man in der Hand hat, ist doch überzeugender als so manches Versprochene.

Dass all' diese Dinge — letztlich auch die versprochenen — ordnungsgemäß laufen, dafür sorgt unser Kommando und unser Hptm des Wi-Dienstes H. Zeisel mit dem nötigen Ernst.

Die unmissverständliche Geste mit der Pistole neben dem Geldhaufen unterstreicht dies.



● The Quartermaster Captain Zeisel counting money, after a successful bank raid.

FUNKER JG RIEDER AN ALLE:

Aphrodite von Poseidon, Aphrodite von Poseidon... hört man werbend aus einer der hinteren Ecken des HQ/Auscon klingen. Lässt man ein wenig seine Phantasie schweifen, so könnte man annehmen, dass nicht Aphrodite, eine Unterfunkstelle in den Bergen gerufen wird, sondern ein Mädchen weit, weit weg von hier. Nach vergeblicher Mühe und Plag' muss jedoch der zutiefst enttäuschte Werber einsehen, dass seine Angebotete sein verzweifelter Ruf schon längst in den Wind geschlagen hat.



● Captain Schaefer wonders if all communications have broken down!

Wer diese Testrupe hört, muss annehmen, dass der "Radio room", im Funkerjargon auch "Funkbude" genannt, das Zentrum der Romantiker ist. Doch für die Arbeit im COMCEN des Auscon, die 24 Stunden rund um die Uhr zu leisten ist, eignen sich keine Romantiker, sondern nur nervenstarke und gesunde Realisten mit geistiger Flexibilität und der Haut eines ausgewachsenen Nilpferdes. Nervenstark deshalb, da zwei Funkgeräte, ein Motorola, ein Fernschreiber und bei der Telefonvermittlung nervöse Teilnehmer zu bedienen sind. Die Gesundheit eines Tiroler

Bergbauern ist Voraussetzung, um die Duftmischung aus Batteriesäure, starkem Kaffee und kaltem Zigarettenrauch ohne gesundheitliche Schäden vertragen (atmen) zu können.

Im Distrikt Paphos herrscht reger Funkverkehr. Auf dem Bataillonsfunknetz dominiert die deutsche Sprache, wogegen auf dem Motorola und dem Gerät, welches uns mit dem Hauptquartier in Nikosia verbindet, nur englisch gesprochen wird. Ankommende Sprüche und Meldungen auf den beiden letzteren genannten Geräten hören sich für ein ungeschultes Ohr an, als ob ein Zuluneger mit einer Kreis-



● Pte Fuhs — about to play on the key board!

säge Holz schneidet und dabei mit einem Eskimo spricht. Um trotz der Interferenz den Spruchtext klar zu erfassen, braucht man die Ohren eines Luchses, verbunden mit überdurchschnittlicher Sprachkenntnis.

Als das heikelste aller Geräte aber stellt sich die Vermittlung heraus, die erst vor kurzem durch eine der heutigen Technik entsprechende Ausgetauscht wurde. Trotz des neuen japanischen Vermittlungsschrankes, der ein Monstrum aus dem Jahre 1914 ablöste, ist es nicht möglich, mit zwei Aussenleitungen 5 Gespräche gleichzeitig zu vermitteln. Drei erhitzte Gemüter mit Geduld und guten Worten und wenn beides nichts nützt, mit Erfundenem hinzuhalten, erfordert das Einfühlungsvermögen eines Kinderarztes.

Nach 24 Stunden Dienst folgen 24 Stunden Bereitschaft, in der Funkgeräte überprüft, Autos gereinigt, der Alarmzug begleitet sowie Vermittlungsdienst im Camp gemacht werden.

Es ist also keineswegs verwunderlich, wenn nach 48 Stunden nervenaufreibenden Dienstes ein Funker seinen Freund fragt: "Walter von Charlie, Frage: Gehen wir auf einen Kaffee?"

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