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VISIT BY BRITISH ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF

The Force Commander, Major General Prem Chand, meets the British Army Chief of Staff, General Sir Michael Carver, who visited UNFICYP Headquarters on Saturday 23rd October. He also met commanders of Britcon detachments serving with the Headquarters.

DANISH ARMY CHIEF IN CYPRUS

The Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Danish Army, Lieutenant General O. Blixenkrone-Moeller, accompanied by the Assistant Chief of Staff (G-1), Lieutenant Colonel N. A. Rye Andersen, and Major P. Rask Petersen, last week paid a brief visit to Cyprus as a part of a Near East Tour.

During his stay in Cyprus, the General visited the Danish Contingent serving with UNFICYP and the Danish Civilian Police, and he also had the opportunity to call on senior officials at HQ UNFICYP. General Blixenkrone-Moeller and his party left Cyprus on 25th October to visit Danish UN observers in Syria.

• General Blixenkrone-Moeller is here pictured on his arrival at HQ UNFICYP saluting the Guard of Honour provided by Cancon.



• The Force Commander talks to the Commander of Austcivpol Agos Theodoros detachment, Inspector (First Class) C. Stevenson. Pictured left of the General, Superintendent A. Fry, Contingent Commander, and Chief Superintendent P. McAulay, Headquarters Police Adviser.



AUSTRIAN NATIONAL DAY

Austrians serving with UNFICYP celebrated their national day last Tuesday. We publish the story of how the date of 26 October was chosen as their National Day. After the second World War Austria was occupied by the four powers France, Great Britain, U.S.S.R. and USA. For ten years the Austrian Government had been making every effort to secure the conclusion of a State Treaty, but although the Foreign Ministers of the four occupying powers had discussed a treaty at no fewer than 300 meetings in London, Moscow, New York and Paris no agreement had been reached.

At the beginning of 1955 the Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov hinted that Russia might be prepared to sign an Austrian State Treaty. A few months later at a solemn ceremony in the Belvedere, Vienna, and amid scenes of popular rejoicing, the Treaty was signed.

On October 25th, well before the expiration of the 90 days period stipulated in the Treaty, the last foreign soldier had departed from AUSTRIA. On the very next day, October 26th, Parliament voted the law stipulating AUSTRIA's permanent neutrality.

"Zum Zwecke der dauernden Behauptung seiner Unabhängigkeit nach assensu und zum Zwecke der Unverletzlichkeit seines Gebietes erklärt Österreich aus freien Stücken seine immerwährende Neu-

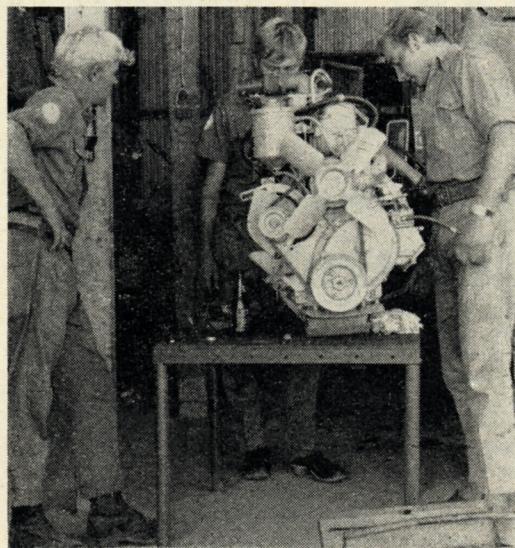
tralität. Österreich wird diese mit allen zu Gebote stehenden Mitteln aufrechterhalten und verteidigen. Österreich wird zur Sicherung dieser Zwecke in aller Zukunft keinen militärischen Bündnissen beitreten und die Errichtung militärischer Stützpunkte fremder Staaten auf seinem Gebiete nicht zulassen."

With a view to preserving an independent foreign policy and the inviolability of her territory, Austria of her own free will hereby declares her permanent neutrality which she is resolved to maintain and defend with all the means at her disposal. To this end, Austria will henceforth refrain from joining any military alliance and will not allow the maintenance by a foreign power of any military bases on her territory.

AUSTRALIAN POLICE MEDAL PARADE

On Friday 15th October, members of the Australian Police Contingent received their UNFICYP medals from the Force Commander at a medal parade in Limassol. The parade was commanded by Superintendent A. Fry. Members of the Gordons and RAF Episkopi pipe bands, with Inspector C. Savage, of Austcivpol, playing in their ranks, were present.

The contingent recruits from all states in Australia, its members coming from rural or metropolitan districts. They serve for 18 months and rotate in groups to allow for continuity.



VEDLIGEHOJDELSE

I Dancons vedligeholdelsessektion er der 12 mand, som alle har en håndværker-uddannelse bag sig. Sektion er delt op i flere mindre grupper våben, signal, motor, sadelmager og forsyningsgruppe.

Våbengruppen tager sig primært af eftersyn og reparation af våben, men også petromaxlamper, kogemateriel, kødmaskiner, skrivemaskiner, varmeovne, insektsprøjter og et par andre småting.

Signalgruppen reparerer sendere, modtagere, båndoptagere, fjernsyn, filmapparater, felttelefoner, højtalere, omstillingsborde og andre elektriske indretninger.

Motorgruppen forsøger efter bedste evne at holde hjulene i gang, dels ved at reparere de køretøjer, der går itu ved almindelig slidtage, dels at lave dem, der går itu på anden måde. De sidste har der heldigvis ikke været så mange af.



LIVET BLANDT "REPPERNE"

Fra bunden af en smøregrav, med olie på gynteren, har vor ven med det strive ben, STAVROMENI, mekket følgende smøre frem:

Her ka' der "reppes" det meste af alt fra biler til buksere, om Horsteds hest sku' gå hen og bli' halt, bli'r opgaven blandt de nemme, den får et KARDANLED med nipler og fedt i forreste "højre leje" og "kølesystem"-så den ikke bli'r svedt på de støvede cyperske veje. Her er en "SADELBUK", her er en "FIKSER", en "MOTORBØRGE" der skifter en knikser, her er en "BØSSE" der ordner geværet, her er en T-MEK - og han har besværet, med sikre kanaler i tråd og i luften, og hvem ska' vi nævne til slut? ham som med overblik bruger fornuften WORKSHOP OFFICER "KUKKE-LUK"!!



BESØG AF CHEFEN FOR HÆREN

Den 21. ds. ankom Generallojtnant Blixenkrone-Møller på besøg på Cypen. Generalen har et omfattende program under besøget, blandt andet kan nævnes besøg hos præsident Makarios og hos Force Commander. Første dag gjaldt det Xeros, hvorfra billederne er taget. Da redaktionen slutter idag, den 21., vil flere billeder følge i næste nummer fra resten af CHHs besøg.

DANCON NYT



GOODBYE

ALL FRIENDS

"The rotation of the Swedish Contingent serving with the United Nations Force in Cyprus commenced on Wednesday 13 October 1971 with the arrival of advanced guard.

285 personnel, all ranks, will be rotated. The rotation will be completed by 29 October 1971.

The new Contingent is designated Bat 47 C and takes over Famagusta District from Bat 46 C who have been serving there since April 1971.

New commander is Lieutenant Colonel I. Bondeson.

That was the official Goodbye. Left to say is just Farewell all friends serving with other UN-FICYP Contingents, from the Swedes enlisted to Battalion 46 C.

SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos



EN AFTON ATT MINNAS LÄNGE



En bataljonsafton blev det till slut som en sista salut för en hemvändande bataljon. Vi kan ju vara litet stolta så här i efterhand och konstatera att presskritiken varit övervägande positiv.

Vad som bjöds på scenen var ett urval av händelser som passerat revy sedan slutet av april månad när vi landade på Cypen. Många "kändisar" medverkade in person: Där fanns övl Norderup, generalen i egen hög person, Lt Gunnarsson naturligtvis trots att han var hemma i Sverige, där fanns fv Brännholm, MP plus en del andra mindre betydande.

Alla såg ut att trivas, inte minst Harry 4 år, importerad getdriven Cyperkebabs från en grannby.

Till slut ett tack till alla er som gjorde en helhjärtad insats för att vi skulle få en afton till stånd. Vi lyckades!



BILDERNA

Bilderna från bataljonsafton visar följande: Längst t.v. allmän samling kring Harry 4 år, en av huvudpersonerna på scenen. Övan kvällens stora överraskning: Nadja Jönsson, direktimporterad magdans från Cairo Sheraton. Därunder en pimpelfiskare och hans bekymmer en dag på isarna i Östergötland.



Vi har nu vårdat färdig, som Mats Hedman på 1:a pluton t.v. En hel del nya ansikten har dykt upp för att ta över. Så t.ex. Px-bossen Blohms efterträdare: Fv Robert Stywertz från Söderhamn. Lycka till du och alla andra på 47:an



THE BAGPIPES

Bagpipes, the national musical instrument of Scotland, have been around in one form or another since the time of the Egyptian Pharaohs. There have been and are several kinds of bagpipe: the Grecian, the Bavarian, the Basque bombard, the Irish two drone pipe and the Northumbrian pipe; the best known is however the great Highland war pipe, which is the instrument played in the pipe and drum bands of the Scottish Infantry Regiments of the British Army. The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, Scots Guards, Gurkha and Indian Army Regiments also have pipe bands.

Pipers, unlike other players of martial music, are combatants. The personal pipers of clan chiefs in feudal times in Scotland acted as bodyguards, and Scottish troops were led into battle as late as the battle of Alamein in 1942, and the D Day landing in 1944, by their pipers playing the Regimental charge. Pipers have received many awards for bravery, including the Victoria Cross.

In UNFICYP, the Pipe Band of the 1st Battalion the Gordon Highlanders have had many opportunities to uphold the morale of the soldiers, and also to give much enjoyment both to other members of UNFICYP and to the general public, with many official and semi-private performances all over the island. Most popular, perhaps, have been the Friday evening performances of Retreat being beaten on the Battalion square at Polemichia.



● Lance Corporal Steward, Pipes and Drums, 1 Gordons.

BRITCON NEWS

PRESENTS FOR HOME



● With only 3 weeks to go before the Gordons fly out of Cyprus, everyone is busy looking for presents to take home. Lance Corporal McMurray of the Regimental Police tries to make up his mind as to whether he has a bargain or not.



7 - a - Side RUGBY COMPETITION

The Royal Hussars Squadron side who won the British Army in Cyprus Minor Units 7-a-side Rugby Competition are shown here with their trophies. The competition was held last Saturday 16 October, at Dhekelia, 16 teams took part. Having won three rounds the team then beat 62 Engineer Squadron 10 — 0 in the final.



● (Left to Right) (Back) Troopers Carpenter, Jones, Bewley, Corporal Butler, Trooper Jackson. (Front) Troopers Hill, Cooper, Pearce, Lance Corporal Wood.

VISIT OF COMMANDING OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel P.H.G. Bengough, the Commanding Officer of the Royal Hussars (Prince of Wales' Own), visited 'A' Squadron of the Regiment recently. During his 3 day stay he was able to see the activities carried out by the Force Reserve both on and off duty. The Colonel is no stranger to UNFICYP having visited the previous squadron during their tour with UNFICYP in April. He is seen here talking with Major James Pinney who commands the Squadron.

"COMING OF AGE"

It's handover time in Larnaca District and Kophinou. By the time these pages appear Ircon's 20 Inf. Group will be back in Ireland. Their successors, 21 Inf. Group, have been taking over during the past week, and since so many of them have previous UNFICYP experience, things have progressed very smoothly and with a minimum of "flan"

The number "21" has all sorts of connotations like coming of age, key of the door, reaching one's majority, and so on. It doesn't seem such a long time since the 1st Infantry Group was formed for

reminiscences of Niemba, Jaddotville, Kipushi and Elisabethville are unleashed.

In Cyprus the story has been happier, though here too there have been moments of sadness. 3 Inf. Gp. veterans



● The Force Commander with a number of 20 Infantry Group Officers on the occasion of his leave-taking visit.

IRCON NEWS



● Major General D. Prem Chand with a group of Non Commissioned Officers in the Sergeant's Mess (Left to Right) Corporal Carr, Sergeant O'Rourke Lieutenant Colonel Griffin, Battery Sergeant Major Kane, the Force Commander Company Sergeants Durney and Nolan, Commandant Kelly, Company Quartermaster Sergeant Thompson and Company Sergeant Murphy.



● Private Paddy Harte (left) Irish Officer's driver greeting his successor Private C. Becton.

service in the Congo. Every Infantry Group except four, was activated for, and served on a United Nations Peace-keeping mission.

For many of the men of Ircon's new Unit it is an easy matter to range back over all those Groups, since there are representatives of nearly every one of them serving with 21 Inf. Group. Their memories are mostly happy and rewarding, but tinged here and there with sadness. There are faces that will never more be seen, and others with whom all contact has been lost, and those come back to mind when the

will never pass Larnaca Camp without thinking of the herculean task presented to them when they opened the Camp way back in 1964. A trip to Lefka District brings back memories of Skouriotissa, Kato Pyrgos and Limnitis, while those who served with Lt-Col Pat Hogan's 4th Inf. Gp. in Ktima find that the moment they clear the Western suburbs of Limassol, they are entering old familiar territory once more.

So, all we can say to 20 Inf. Gp. is "bon voyage" and "slan abhaile".



● If Sergeant Frank Moran (left) turns out to be as competent a morale booster in the job of Post Sergeant as his predecessor Sergeant Paddy Kent, the 21st Infantry Group will have every reason to bless the fact.

LES PIONNIERS DEBLAIEMENT LA ROUTE



Garder la paix dans le cadre des Nations Unies dans l'île de Chypre signifie plus qu'une surveillance de 24 hres sur 24 entre les deux factions opposées.

Le peloton de pionniers du 2 R22eR sous le commandement du Lt. D.L. Giacomelli s'en est rendu compte avant d'avoir fait une semaine complète dans l'île.

Des éboulements sur la route de Nicosie à Kyrenia avaient bloqué cette voie à toute circulation. Cette route sert à presque tout le trafic commercial des cypristes et est sous le contrôle des Nations Unies.

Le Quartier Général des Forces des Nations Unies à Chypre assigna au Lt Giacomelli et ses hommes la tâche de débayer cette route.

Après avoir utilisé 100 livres d'explosifs, les pionniers ont pu enlever assez de débris sur la route pour libérer une voie simple. A la suite d'

● Une section apporte les explosifs à l'endroit de l'explosion. efforts continus jusqu'à la tombée du jour, ils ont réussi à ouvrir de nouveau la circulation et à éliminer tout hasard d'éboulement.



CANCON NEWS Canadian Forces Photos



● Les pionniers du 2 R22eR sur la pente bloquant la route.



● Le caporal chef JAD Ballargeon attend que l'explosion se fasse.

● Le Commandant Murphy du Contingent Irlandais, le lieutenant DG Giacomelli (centre) officier du peloton des pionniers canadiens le lieutenant G. Morgan du contingent britannique discutent de la situation.

● Le terrain dans les montagnes est très raboteux et il est très dur d'emplir les sacs de sable qui serviront à recouvrir les charges.

● Feu... et ainsi volent en l'air des tonnes de poussière et de roches laissant la place place aux équipes de béliers mécaniques.



VANHAT LÄHTIVÄT – HIUTALEET TULIVAT



▲ Kotiutuvat nousemassa autoihin. Kuvassa vasemmalta jääkärit Vatanen, Kemppainen ja Loivarinta.



Sotilaspoliisi suorittamassa lähtevien matkaroien tarkastusta. Kuvassa vasemmalta ylik Ojanen ja alik Salonen.



Alik Kykkänen luovuttamassa varusteitaan.

FINCON NEWS

ROTAATIO

Pataljoonassamme eletään parhaillaan rotaation tunnelmissa. Palvelusaikansa suorittaneet lähtevät Suomeen ja uusia sotilaita tulee tilalle. Oheinen kuvausto kertoo rotaatioon liittyvistä asioista.



Hyvältä maistuu. Yliv Leppänen nauttimassa tuliaisia.



Varusvarastolla. Vasemmalta jääkärit Välimäki ja Tikka.



Väepeli Saarelainen palaamassa varusvarastolta.



Tehtävien luovutus ja vastaanotto. Kuvassa vasemmalta yliv Mäkipää ja yliv Rajasaari.

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Sunnuntaina lokakuun 31 päivänä tehdään tutustumismatka Kyp-roksen pääkaupunkiin Nikosiaan. Matkan kohteina ovat museo ja katedraali. Etenkin uudet tulokkaat toivotan tervetulleiksi tälle tutustumismatkalle. Lähtö tapahtuu Kykkösta klo10. Pa luv on n. klo 16

Pataljoonan postitoimisto sijaitsee Kykkössa. Se on avoinna aamu-päivisin. Kaikkien pyydetään huomioimaan tämän kuvan ohjeet.

SMOKING AND YOU

24 CIGARETTES A DAY=1 in 9 CHANCE OF CANCER

The Royal College of Physicians of England published a report in January of this year stating that more than 20,000 males between the ages of 35 — 64 die yearly from the effects of smoking. In other words about 50 people die daily as a direct result of cigarette smoking as compared with 20 a day killed on the roads. The report also said that cigarette smokers are twice as likely to die in middle age than are non smokers.

In the original report by the Royal College of Physicians in 1962 the link between smoking, and lung cancer was brought to notice but few smokers realise that other diseases are now linked with smoking for example, coronary thrombosis, high blood pressure, gastric ulcer, cancer of the bladder, chronic bronchitis, and emphysema. An average cigarette smoker, defined as a 20 a day man, is likely on average to lose 5½ years of life compared with a non smoker.

What is it then that makes a cigarette so enjoyable?

First there is the taste of your favourite brand? The products from burning tobacco contained in the smoke you inhale include Hydrogen Cyanide (a well known poison), ammonia (used for household cleaning purposes), Carbon Monoxide (which helps to starve the blood of oxygen), Butane (which you use to fill that ele-



● Another nail in the coffin?!!!

gant lighter of yours) Phenol (which is a strong disinfectant) and Nicotine (which temporarily stimulates your nervous system to produce the craving for yet another ciga-

rette). There are many others including Benx Pyrene which has been demonstrated to produce cancer in laboratory animals.

Then of course smoking has become a socially acceptable habit and as someone once said "it gives you something to do with your hands".

Finally there is the advertising which appeals to your manliness and virility. Have you noticed how many times an attractive girl appears in cigarette advertisements with the not so subtle hints of a promise?

What can you do to help yourself? The only effective cure is to give up smoking altogether. The earlier the better. Is giving up effective? Following the publication of the original investigation in 1950 a large number of doctors stopped smoking. The death rate for lung cancer in doctors by 1965 had dropped by 38%. The death rate for lung cancer in all men in 1965 had increased by 7%!

Supposing that you are too firmly wedded to the habit of smoking is there anything you can do to minimise the effects? The following points help reduce the risk.

1. Smoke fewer cigarettes or cigars, or a lesser amount of tobacco.
2. Inhale less.

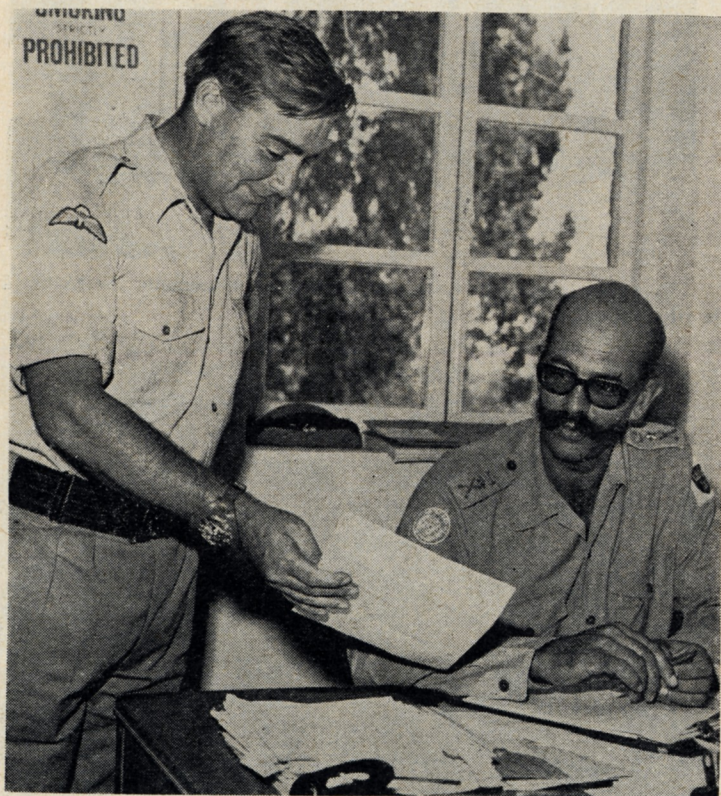
MP NOTEBOOK ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

Week Ending		
22 Oct 71	—	5
Same Period		
Last Year	—	9
Total This Year	—	269
Same Period		
Last Year	—	288
Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:		
FAILING TO YIELD		
RIGHT OF WAY		

3. Smoke less of each cigarette or cigar. As the length of the cigarette diminishes so the products of combustion become more concentrated and hotter. It is the last one third of the cigarette that is most dangerous.
4. Take fewer puffs from each cigarette smoked.
5. Remove the cigarette from the mouth between each puff.
6. Smoke brands with low nicotine content.

Now. Having read this article are you Man enough to give it up!

FAREWELL - AFTER 13 YEARS WITH UNFICYP



● Major Wittboldt discusses a problem with his Chief Clerk, Warrant Officer Class II F. Durrans.



Between the two of them Major Sten Wittboldt and Captain Herbie Weiss have served with UNFICYP for a total of 13 years.

Major Wittboldt arrived on the island in April 1966 as second in command of No. 1 Company of the Swedcon battalion at Famagusta. In the same year he was transferred to the Logistics A section of the Personnel and Logistics Branch at HQ UNFICYP. Major Wittboldt leaves at the end of this month. He said he was returning home to attend to his garden which had become somewhat overgrown during the past five and a half years.

Captain Weiss returned to Austria last week for some leave. He later takes over

● Captain Weiss pictured just before he left HQ UNFICYP.

command of the Police Training School at Salzburg. Captain Weiss arrived in Cyprus on the 14th of April 1964 as Duty Officer with the Austrian Police Contingent who were the first civilian police detachment to be posted to the Island. He then became the liaison officer between the Swedish, Danish and Austrian police detachments. In May 1964 he took up the post of Police Operations Officer at HQ UNFICYP. Which he has held since then.

We thank them both for their stalwart service to UNFICYP and wish them the very best for the future.