



# The Blue Beret

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## UNTSO CHIEF OF STAFF HANDOVER



On 3rd August Lieutenant General Odd Bull called upon the Force Commander to say farewell on relinquishing his post as Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation in Palestine (UNTSO).

General Bull has held this post since May 1963 and the Secretary General has paid tribute to his distinguished service during this period.

General Bull has been succeeded by Major General E.P.H. Siilasvuo who has

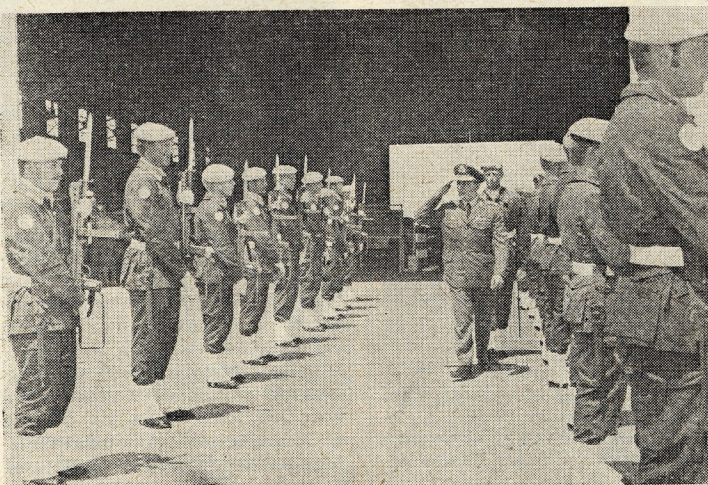
been serving as his deputy since October 1957. Major General Siilasvuo has held a number of appointments in UN service and was in Cyprus from 1964 — 1965 as the Finnish Contingent Commander with UNFICYP.

## New National Guard Commander

Lieutenant General Charalambos Charalambopoulos has arrived in Cyprus to take over command of the National Guard from Lieutenant General Elias Yerakinis.

On 29th July 1970, General Charalambopoulos made a courtesy visit to HQ UNFICYP and called on the Force Commander Major General D. Prem Chand, the Secretary General's Special Representative Mr Osorio-Tafall and the Senior Legal and Political Advisor Mr R. Gorgé. The Force Commander also presented senior members of his staff to General Charalambopoulos.

A Guard of Honour was provided by the Swedish Battalion 44C and was under the command of Lieutenant Sven Oberg. A general salute was sounded by bugles of the 3rd Battalion Light Infantry.



● Lieutenant General Charalambopoulos escorted by Lieutenant Oberg inspects the Guard of Honour.

## CANADIAN SOLDIER DROWNED

Private Theodore Joseph Hall of the Canadian Contingent was drowned while swimming near Kyrenia on 31 July 1970 at 1700 hours.

Private Hall, who came from Huron Park, was 34 years old, married, and had four children.

Private Hall's body has been repatriated to Canada in accordance with the wishes of his Next of Kin.

A short private memorial service was held in Camp Mapleleaf on 3rd August.

## Swiss Contribute To Upkeep Of Force

In a note dated 22nd July to the Secretary General U. Thant, the Permanent Observer of Switzerland to the United Nations announced that

his Government has decided to contribute the sum of \$200,000 to the cost of UNFICYP for the period 16 December 1969 to 15 December 1970.

The Swiss contribution is thus maintained at the same level as in previous years.

In making this contribution, the Swiss Federal Council has expressed the firm hope that the parties concerned in the Cyprus dispute will continue to make all efforts to reach a prompt settlement of their differences.



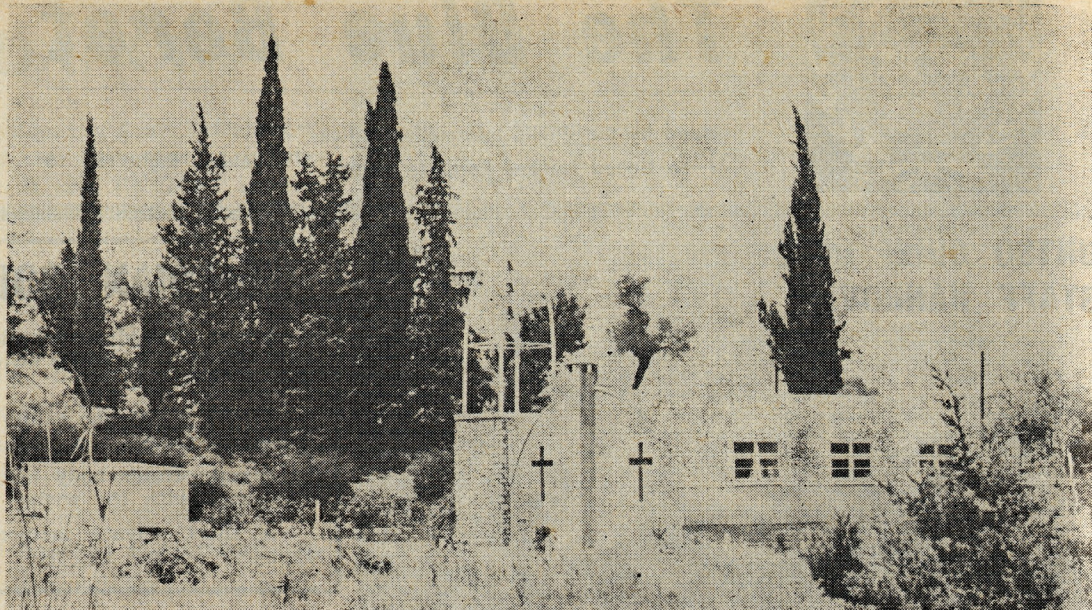
## Force Commander's Farewell To Finns

The partial Finnish Rotation was completed on Friday last, 31st July at Nicosia International Airport. The Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, bade farewell to the outgoing personnel. The General was accompanied by the Finnish Contingent Commander, Colonel R. Raitasaari.

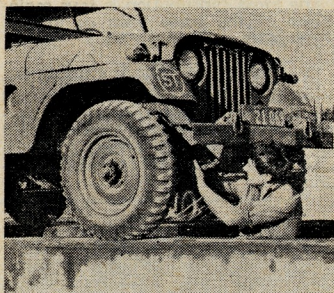


## Kirken i Xeros

Folkekirken skal følge folket, også når et udsnit af folket er udsendt i specielt ærinde som repræsentant for helheden. Dancon har som følge heraf sin feltpræst med, ligesom iøvrigt alle andre UN kontingenter på Kypern. Vore gudstjenester holdes i alle tre lejre skiftevis; mens det i Limnitis og Kokkina er messer, som tages i brug til formålet, benyttes i Xeros den lokale romersk-katolske kirke. Sancta Barbaras kirke er en lille "rundkirke", bygget af et stålskelet beklædt med metalplader og forsynet med ikke færre end tre klokker ophængt i en klokkestabel ligeledes af stålør.



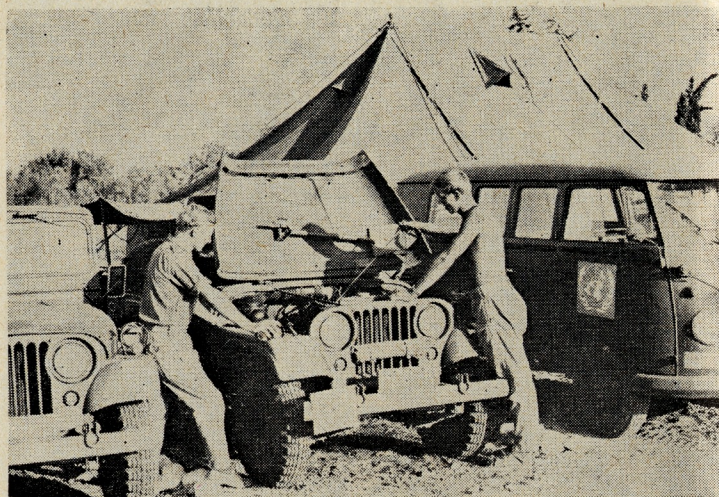
## TRANSPORT — AFDELINGEN



Hurtig og sikker transport er en vigtig faktor i Dancons virksomhed såvel i det daglige som når særlige opgaver skal løses. Hver enkelt afdeling råder oversine specielle køretøjer og hertil kommer motorpøljen, som med sin mangeartede vogne står til rådighed for løsning af både normale transportopgaver og de ekstraordinære, som opstår f. ex. under særligt beredskab eller når flytninger skal foretages.

■ Også styretøj og fortøj må efterses jævnligt for at sikre stabil drift. Konstabel T.G. Larsen vurderer vognens vigtigere dele fra et strategisk synspunkt.

■ Motorpøljen's vogne står klare til udrykning dag og nat; her checkes oliestanden i en jeep af oversergent I. Lyngaae og konstabel Jørgensen.



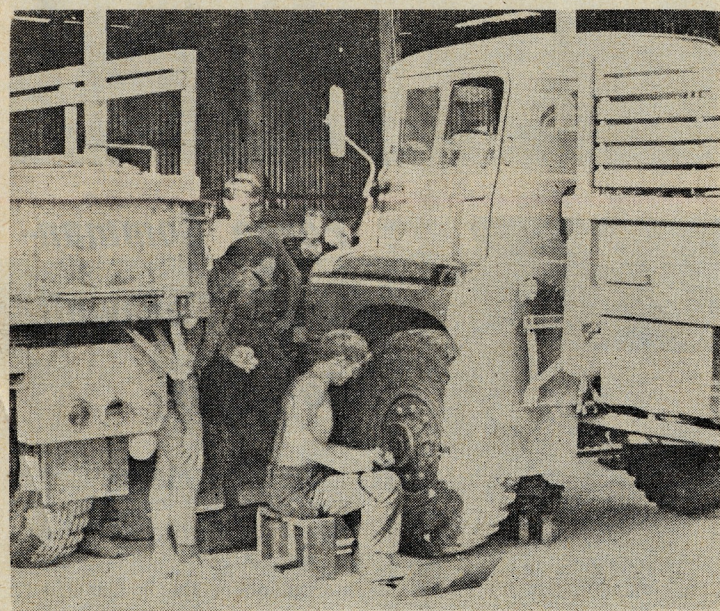
■ Uden brændstof er aktionsradius begrænset også for en jeep. Benzin påfyldes med håndkraft af konstabel J. Christensen.

## Nyt bomærke

Detaljer i udformningen af Dancons bomærke må også blive berørt af de ændringer, som kontingentet underkastes med hensyn til virkeområde. Når vort oprindelige Nicosia district bliver udskiftet med Lefka distrikt og hovedkvarteret flyttes fra Nicosia til Xeros, er der ikke længere mening i at lade Nicosias venetianske bymure figurere i Dancons bomærke og dermed også på det officielle papir. Hosstående ses vort bomærke i den nye udførelse.



DANCON



■ Al pasning og pleje til trods slides materiellet og motorværkstedets mandskab har fuldt op at gøre med at uskiftede udtjente dele for ikke at tale om udbedring af skader, som uundgåeligt kommer til, når så mange vogne bruges intensivt hver dag. Konstabel H. Johnson og konstabel J.I. Larsen reparerer tungt materiel under tilsyn af værkstedslederen, premierløjtnant H. Nielsen.

# B M

## i friidrott

■ gick av stapeln i Dhekelia 24/7. Med en hel del prydliga resultat som följd. Här ett litet bildsvep från begivenheterna. Mera följer i nästa Cyppressen.

■ T.v.: Final 100 m. Spänner sig till det yttersta gör fr. v.: Roger Hammarström, Vetlanda, tvåa, Erik Norman, Mönsterås, etta på 12,2, Sven Hanson (skymd), Göteborg, femma, Olle Hörnsten, Stockholm, trea, och Torgny Persson, Gävle, fyra.



■ Längst t.v. topptrion i spjut. Fr.h. Jan-Olov Rehnstrand, Hedenäset, tvåa, Tommy Johansson, Göteborg, etta på 50,86, och Tage Waara, Gällivare, trea.

■ T.v.: Tage Waara gör segerkastet i diskus, 33,70 m.



■ T.h.: Roger Hammarström vann höjd på det här hoppet, 1.70. Skuttade på känt manér utan högerdoja.



■ Skuttade bra gjorde också Seth Andersson, Lit. Så bra att han vann både längd och tresteg, Här görande 12.17 i den senare grenen, bilden t.v.

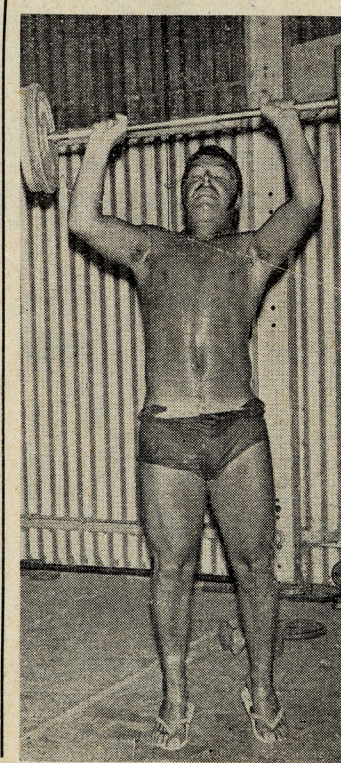


■ Alvar Johansson, Landeryd, t.h., vann 3.000 m. överlägset. Tid 10.43,2. I bakgrunden skall skymta tvåan och trean, Herald Rapp, Ryd, och Åke Blomberg, Vaxholm. Distanserade med ca 70-talet meter.



## STORA PENGAR...

...omsättes på CGCs postkontor varje månad. Postis Ingvar Gustavsson, Stockholm, ovan t.v., har att göra. Börje Bengtsson, Skövde, bevakar noga sina intressen, pengaförstärkning inför Libanon-tripp. Se också nästa Cyppressen.



## Åååhhej...

...vad han jobbar och sliter, han Einar Johansson från Gällivare, uppe i "tyngdlyftarhallen" allt som oftast. Så svetten lackar. Men så har han också fått en hel massa muskler och ett fagert utseende på köpet. Eller hur? Hur mycket han lyfter? Tja, 30 kg så där, kan tänkas...

SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos



## KEEPING THE RECORDS

Members of the 3rd Battalion Light Infantry Orderly Room staff are constantly engaged on updating unit records. Here Private George Carne is working on a Qualification and Record Card under the supervision of the Chief Clerk, Colour Sergeant John Pearson. In the background Corporal Paul Tobin checks some information from a service manual.

Private Carne is married and his wife now lives in Shrewsbury, Shropshire. He has served for two years and his home town is in Murton, Co Durham. He is a keen sportsman and plays Football, Cricket and Hockey.

Colour Sergeant Pearson has been in the Army for thirteen years and he comes from New Hartley, Northumberland. He served with the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers from 1957 to 1963 and with the Durham Light In-

fantry from then until 1969. He is a married man with one son and two daughters and his wife is now living in Plymouth.

Corporal Tobin is married with two daughters and one son. He comes from Fermoy, Co Cork but his family are at present living in Plymouth. In the seven and a half years that he has been in the Army, he has served in BAOR, Singapore, Malaya, Australia, Mauritius and Northern Ireland.

## TIME FOR A GOOD BLOW

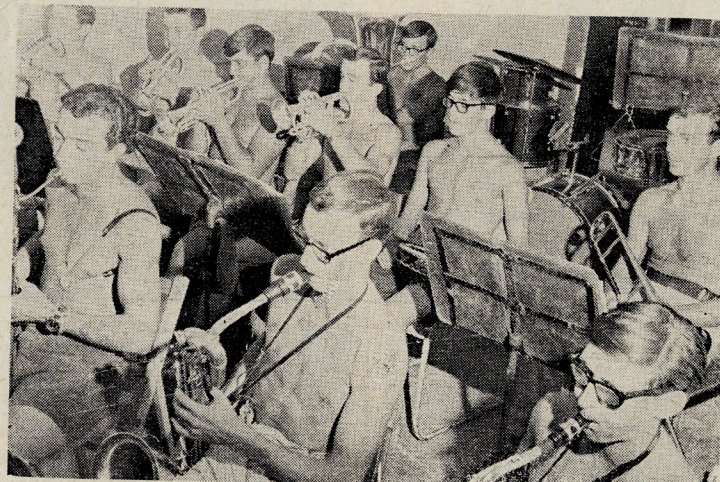
Members of 3rd Battalion Light Infantry Band exercising their lungs during Band Practice at Polemidhia Camp. The high standard of music for which the band is renowned is only achieved by constant practice under the expert direction of the Bandmaster, WO 1 Stuart James LGSM, ARCM.

Right at the back on the Tuba is Lance Corporal David Blakeley who comes from Oswestry. In the middle row are left to right, Corporal David Wall from Saltash, Cornwall, Bandsman Michael Twist from Faversham, Hants, Bandsman Craig Allan from Farden, Welshpool, Bandsman Phillip Blakeley from Oswestry, Bandsman Michael Didlick from Wellington, Shropshire and Sergeant Cuthbery Orr from Sherburn village, Durham.

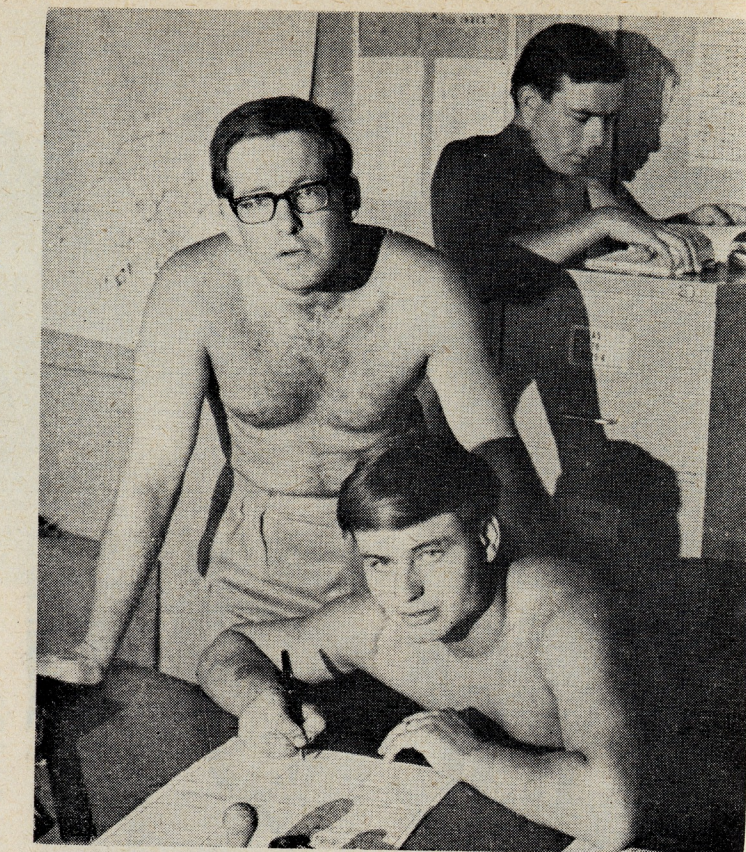
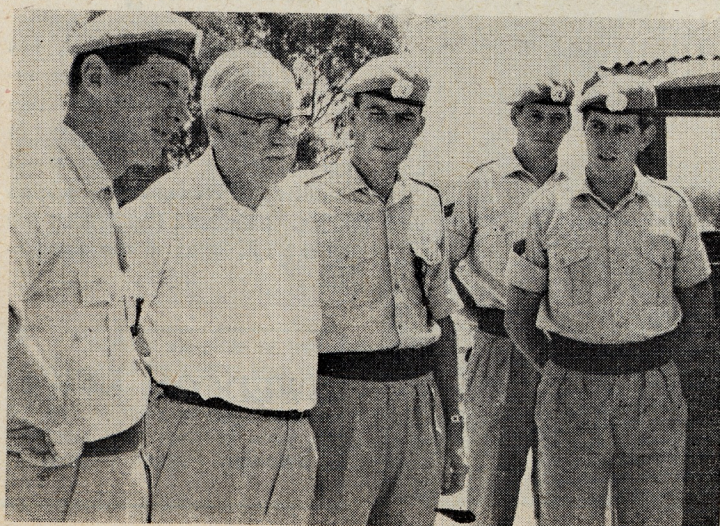
Sergeant Orr very recently got married here in Cyprus.

In the front row, left is Corporal Graham Tilley from Wolverhampton, better known to some as a member of the 'Red Pepper' pop group. Next to him is Bandsman Robin Walkden from Telford, Shropshire and on the extreme right is Lance Corporal Vernon Keighley from Dartford.

## BRITCON NEWS



## PRESS VISITS LIGHT INFANTRY

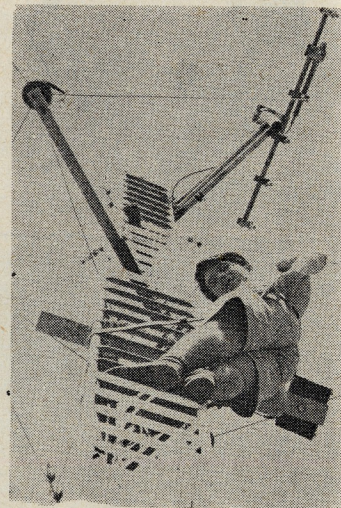


## GOING UP

One of Private Christopher Rogers' jobs as a member of the Signal Platoon is checking the aerials on the 100 foot Radio Mast in Polemidhia Camp.

It is lucky that he is not afraid of heights as in this photograph, taken with a 200 mm lens, he is working near the top of the mast.

Private Rogers has been in the Army for four and a half years and started soldiering with the Durham Light Infantry. His home is in Bedlington, Northumberland.



Mr Frank Booker of the Western Morning Newspaper spent the period 25th to 29th July with the 3rd Battalion Light Infantry. During his stay he visited Polemidhia Camp and Ktima as well as several of the Observation Posts where he met a large number of the soldiers from the Battalion. He also managed to visit the excavated ancient village of Khirokitia and the sites at Curium of the theatre, temple of Apollo and Stadium.

In our picture he is seen at Paphos with (left) Major Tony Bennett, District Commander, Paphos, (right) Corporal Donald Budge, (2nd from right) Corporal Kenneth Cox, and (3rd from right) Sergeant Michael White.

Sergeant White comes from Callington, Cornwall and has seven years service. He is

married and his wife is living in Plymouth. Major Bennett's wife and four children are at present also living in Plymouth. Corporals Cox and Budge are both married but neither has a family as yet. Corporal Budge has served for eight years and Corporal Cox for four and a half years. Both men are Section Commanders in rifle platoons.

## 'A' COMPANY INSPECTION

On Tuesday 28th July, Lieutenant Colonel Martin O'Brien the Officer Commanding the 18th Infantry Group, accompanied by his staff carried out the monthly inspection of the new 'A' Company area at Kophinou.

Recently 'A' and 'B' Companies switched areas, and it was evident that 'A' Company which is commanded by Commandant Andy Maguire have quickly established themselves in their new role and the staff found everything in good order.

Our photograph shows Private D. Murphy handing over his post on Bunker Hill to Lieutenant Colonel Martin O'Brien. Also present are Captain Sean Norton, Operations Officer and Sergeant George Kent, NCO in Charge of Bunker Hill Observation Post.



## ARMS INSPECTION —

Officer Commanding 18th Infantry Group inspects weapons of personnel of 'A' Company at Kophinou.

## SPORTING ACTIVITIES

Even though the Group sports meeting is over, the athletes both young and not so young are keeping fit by getting in some road work in the cool of the evenings. The soccer enthusiasts have not been neglected either as a new competition has just begun.

Two matches were played last week. 'B' Company took on Armoured Car Group the recently crowned league champions and beat them 1 goal to nil. A Company and HQ Company had a hard battle in the other match, the referee, Trooper Joseph Duffy having to give a few robust players a rest on the side line. The match ended in a one all draw.

We publish today a photograph of the volleyball champions from 'A' Company. It was reported in error some time ago that Armoured Car Group won the championship. Your correspondent jumped the gun! Front row (left to right) Corporals J Delaney, Gabriel Parks and Private Jock McMarlow, Back row - Private C. Coffey, Corporal Ken Twamley and Private Tom Normoyle.



## TANGO OBSERVATION POST

From his look out position on Tango Observation Post, Corporal John O'Reilly points out a feature on the ground to the Group Commander. Also in the picture above is Commandant Andy Maguire, Officer Commanding 'A' Company.

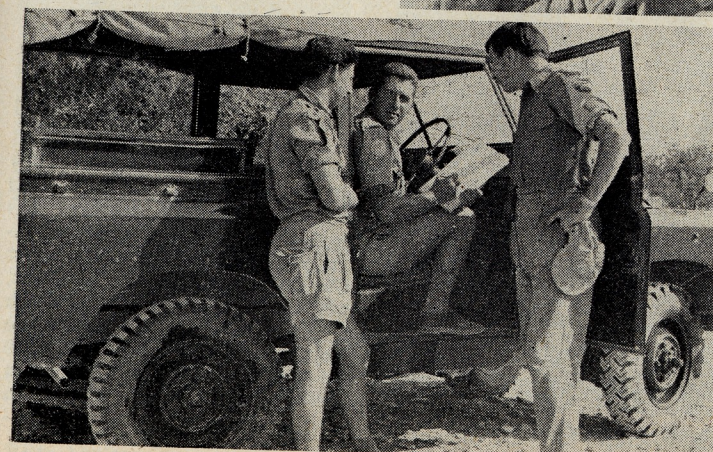
## IRCON NEWS

## TRANSPORT PLATOON

The transport platoon which consists of an M.T. Section, Workshops Section, and a Servicing Section is one of the busiest platoons in the 18th Infantry Group. One hundred and twenty thousand miles have been completed by the ten drivers of the M.T. Section with only two very minor accidents.

Our photograph shows Corporal J. Seery (seated) checking over the landrover which is normally driven by Private D. Cambridge (left). Looking on is Corporal Tom Croash.

The four fitters of the workshops section under Corporal Joe McGee work around the clock to keep the twenty eight vehicles road-worthy. The motto of the transport section is "keep em rolling" and how well they do!





# THE QUARTERMASTER

"Open between 0700 and 0705 on odd-number days except if they fall on a Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday or Thursday".

Remember?... this was the impression left by some Quartermasters even just a few years ago. They were simply

QM here in Cyprus has an even more difficult time than his counterparts in Canada and Europe.

Unlike other Quartermasters who get their support from one base organization, the Canadian Contingent's Quartermaster, out of necessity, has to deal with a number of sources of supply, including all the major supply depots in Canada, the Canadian Forces in Europe, the U.N. Supply System, the British Ordnance Services, the Cyprus Government and numerous local merchants. This, in more ways

## CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

### "OMAR THE TENT-MAKER"

That's how Private "Gibby" Gibson is affectionately known. He is the QM's leather and textile worker.

never open for business. Thanks to Captain John VanWill and his staff this is not the case for the Canadian Contingent in Cyprus.

Agreed that sometimes first impressions are the lasting ones... it is hard to forget those days when a woollen sweater would have been so welcome; but no, we had to wait till June to obtain one. How often in the past have we blamed the Quartermaster because he could not cater to our every desire.

This all points to the fact that the Quartermaster has one of the most thankless jobs in the Forces, and our

than one, makes his operation more like that of a base supply section than that of a Quartermaster. Even so, there are few bases in Canada which have to deal with such a diversity of supply sources.

With a staff of 22 other ranks and five civilians, Captain John VanWill caters to the material requirements of not only the Canadian Contingent proper but also of all Canadian servicemen assigned to UNFICYP and other contingents.

In addition to the well known services provided by a quar-



Not normally a part of the QM's responsibilities, handling personal laundry for Cancon Base as well as cleaning of linen for the contingent is looked after by Corporals Al Whitford (left) and Don Riley.

termaster such as clothing, technical stores and barracks stores, the airhead operation



Sergeant Al Leblanc runs the equivalent of a small general store. His P.P. & S. stores handle all expendables from stationnary to brooms and soap.

and the provision of a laundry service have also been assigned to his responsibility. Although not an integral part of his system, supervising the purchasing of rations is also within his realm.

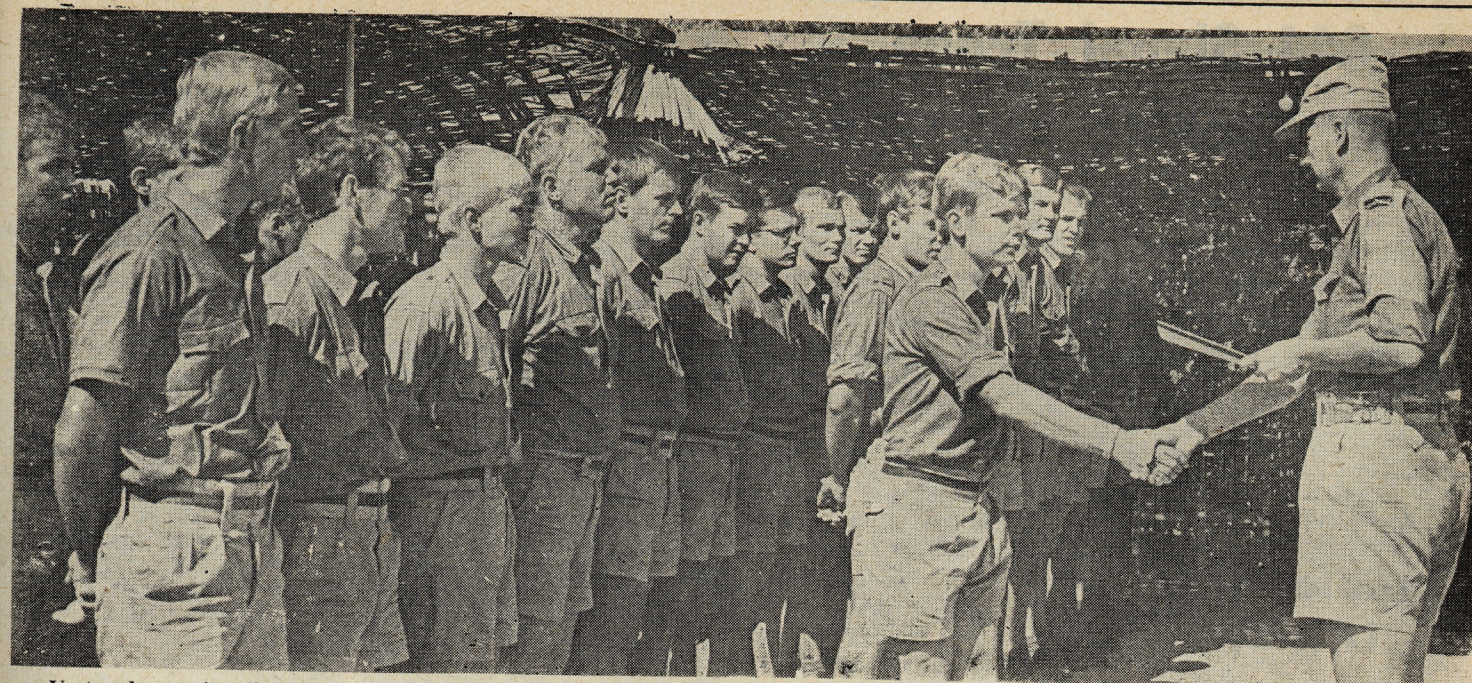
Of course that woollen sweater would have been handy in April, but the computer which back in Canada processes demands from all bases, does not know much about climatic conditions and does not care either. The Quartermaster staff will however within their resources attempt the impossible to meet our needs. Miracles unfortunately take a little longer.

## New OC For Base



Major Sig Anderson (left) offers his best wishes to old friend Major Bill Petitpas, his replacement as Officer Commanding Canadian Contingent Base Cyprus. Major Petitpas, also a former Black Watch Officer, has just completed the Forces' Staff College Course in Toronto. Major Anderson has been posted to Canadian Forces Headquarters in Ottawa.

Sergeant "Case" Casey and Corporal "Bo" Leblanc check a carpenter's tool box. They handle the technical stores part of the supply section.



Vasta ylennettyjä aliupeereita. Pataljoonan komentaja onnittelee kersantti Reijo Saarijärveä.

## Ylennyksiä Suomen YK-pataljoonassa

Heinäkuun 28. oli Suomen YK-pataljoonassa juhlapäivä, jolloin ylennettiin palveluksessa ansioituneita rauhanturvaajia. Päivän juhlallisuudet alkoivat 8.45 esikunnan alueen aliupeeerimessin katolla, minne olivat kokoontuneet sekä ylennettävät että rotaatiossa saapuneet aliupeeerit. Viimeksi mainituille tilaisuus oli samalla komentajan puhuttelu. Kaikkiaan sai lisää messinkiä olkapönteihinsä 56 miestä.

Ylennetyille pitämässään puhuttelussa pataljoonan komentaja eversti Reino Raitasaari otti esiin seuraavia asioita.

Armeijan yleisorganisaatiossa alipäällystö on välttämätön. Armeijan johtajavaltaisessa organisaatiossa johtaja on moottori joka pitää koneiston liikkeellä. Tässä hän joutuu paineenalaisiksi, joka

on sitä suurempi mitä korkeamp on hänen asemansa. Johtaja joutuu myös toimimaan oma-alotteisesti, sillä ohjeet muuttuvat yhä yleisluontoisemmiksi asteikon yläpäässä. Tästä syystä johtajan persoonalliset ominaisuudet ovat ratkaisevia. Vasta ylennetyille aliupeeerille voi tulla vaikeuksia ylennyksen takia alaisten, esimiesten ja työtoverien kanssa. Johtajan tulisikin osata käsitellä kaikkia näitä ryhmiä. Eräänä rauhanturvajoukon vaikeutena eversti Raitasaari piti reserviläisten ja kantaaliupeerien suhteita. Käyttöarvoltaan kanta-aliupeeri on reserviläistä tehokkaampi, tämä reserviläisten tulisi ymmärtää.

Möhemmin päivällä oli vastava juhla esikunnan upseerimessissä jossa ylennettiin kolme miestä.



Oho onpas lämmin. Tyrmistyneitä valkovarpeita koneen laskeuduttua.



Force Commander hyvästelemässä Suomeen lähteviä. Kuvassamme kenraali Prem Chand kättelee ylik. Risto Aholaa.

## UUSIA VALKOVARPAITA KYPROKSELLE

Heinäkuun viimeisenä päivänä olivat tämän rotaation toisen erän kuljetukset. Aamulla Porista lähtenyt kone laskeutui aikataulun mukaisesti Nicosian lentokentälle kello 15.20. Tulokkaat saivat varsin hyvän kuvan palveluspaikastaan, sillä lämpöä oli lähes 40 astetta varjossa ja kuuma tuuli puhalteli pitkien lentokenttää.

Paluukuljetuksessa Suomeen lentäneiden lähdöstä tuli tavallista juhlavampi, sillä itse YK:n Kyproksen joukkojen komentaja kenraali-majuri Prem Chand saapui hyvästelemään YK-palveluksensa päättäviä.



# 644 Signal Troop Map Reading Exercise

On Saturday and Sunday 1st and 2nd August a Treasure Hunt in the form of a map reading Rally was organised by 644 Signal Troop. Altogether 12 vehicles took part, including guest crews from Ops, REME and Camp HQ.

The course meandered over some of Cyprus's worst terrain, starting off on the cart tracks of the Central Plain,

then driving through the Kyrenia Range via Pentadaktylos to 6 Mile Beach at Kyrenia on Saturday and returning via the Morphou Range on Sunday through equally difficult and treacherous conditions. Clues were set at various Map References and those who collected the most correct answers were declared the winners. The winners of the Saturday event were the REME crew under the command of Sgt Haslam, while Sunday gave the Signals a chance of revenge when Sgt Dave Guy and his crew finished eventual winners. Such a success was this exercise, that the organisers S/Sgt (F. of S.) Hill and his assistant Cpl Geoff Barden, both of 644 Signal Troop hope shortly to arrange a further battle of "man versus the elements".

## MP NOTEBOOK

### Accidents - Unficyp

Week Ending	
1 Aug 70	— 7
Same Period	
Last Year	— 8
Total This Year	— 233
Same Period	
Last Year	— 217

Main Cause of Accidents This Week -

'DRIVING WITHOUT DUE CARE AND ATTENTION'



## AFH's Radio Room

If any radio room could claim to be more important than others, the expression might well be applied to the Austrian Field Hospital's. Life and death can depend on the operators in this small room at the Field Hospital. Here we see Sergeant W. Sonnleitner (left) and Corporal M. Lusin carrying out their duties.

## THE HAND OF FRIENDSHIP



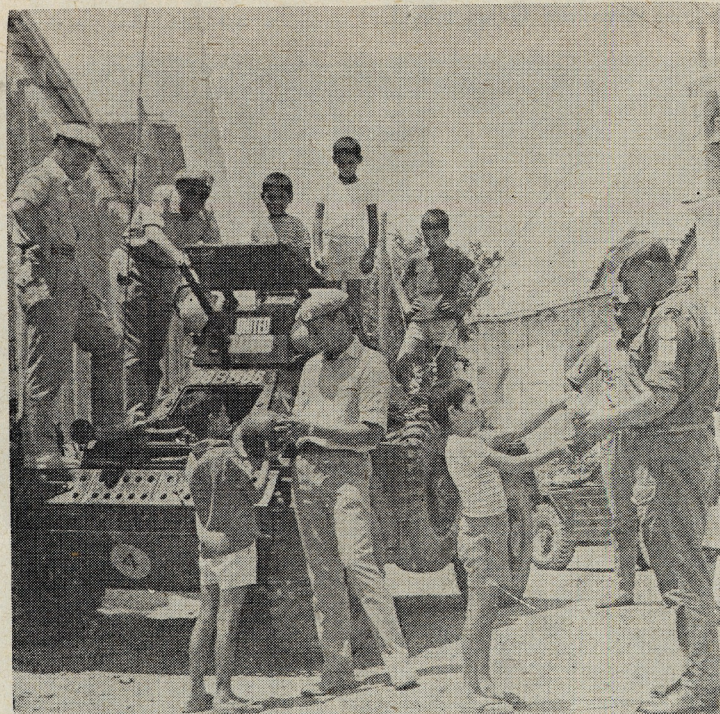
An essential requirement for troops of the Force Mobile Reserve is to be thoroughly familiar with the geography of the island and to understand its different peoples and their problems.

"Showing the UN Flag" can have a very important effect as a stabilising influence in problem areas and the Ferret Scout Cars of 'C' Squadron The Royal Scots Greys have been a familiar sight with their UN pennants proudly flying from their wireless aerials as they have

carried out their patrols.

Villagers are always glad to welcome these UN soldiers who have the difficult and often unenviable task of keep-

ing the peace. For the youngsters in particular the arrival of the Ferrets is a great treat and a chance to try ones hand at doing a real man's job.



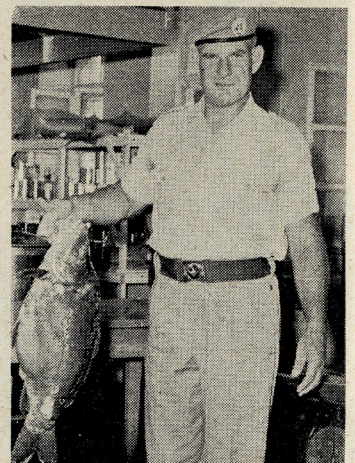
● Local children offer gifts of fruits to UN personnel during a halt in a routine patrol.

## Beat That!!

Colour Sergeant Jack Swan of the Parachute Regiment, the hard working Officer's Mess Steward at Headquarters UNFICYP likes to spend his leisure moments in quieter surroundings. One of his favourite pastimes is fishing.

Last June "Blue Beret" recorded the catch of a 10½ pound Carp at Kanli Dam and ever since, Colour Sergeant Swan has had to be content with his own "personal best" of 10 pounds caught in the same Dam.

Last Friday the 31st July, honour was at last satisfied and the Colour Sergeant while fishing at Gennyeli Dam landed a magnificent Mirror Carp weighing 16 pounds. He would now like to hear from any challenger, and indeed from anyone who is interested at all in fishing.



● Proving that it did not get away — Colour Sergeant Swan with his catch.