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SECRETARY - GENERAL'S MESSAGE

The Secretary-General, U Thant, at a special commemorative meeting at the Opera House, San Francisco, on the 26th June, marking the twenty-fifth anniversary of the signing in that city of the United Nations Charter, said:

"It is the custom in many countries to make a wish on the occasion of an anniversary. In Burma too we have the custom of "Su Taung" or bidding good wishes on the day of anniversaries. Throughout the world such customs reflect the deep unity of men's aspirations.

On the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, I would like to express the following wishes for humanity:

— I wish that men cease to hate and kill their fellow men for reasons of race, colour, religion, nationalism or ideology.

— I wish that more love, compassion and understanding guide the management of human affairs.

— I wish that the rich and privileged share their blessings with the poor.

— I wish that nations enrich each other in the art of governing men in peace, justice and prosperity.

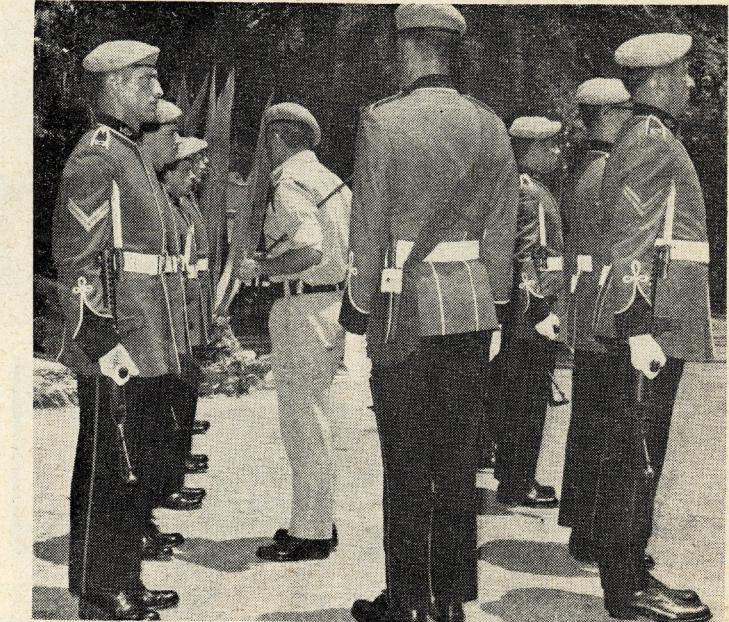
— I wish that all nations unite to face with courage and determination the unprecedented world-wide problems that lie in store for humanity.

— I wish the immense progress achieved in science and technology be equalled in the spheres of morality, justice and politics.

— I wish that the world listen more attentively to the concerned voice of youth.

— I wish that the leaders of the great nations of our time surmount their differences and unite their efforts for the benefit of all mankind.

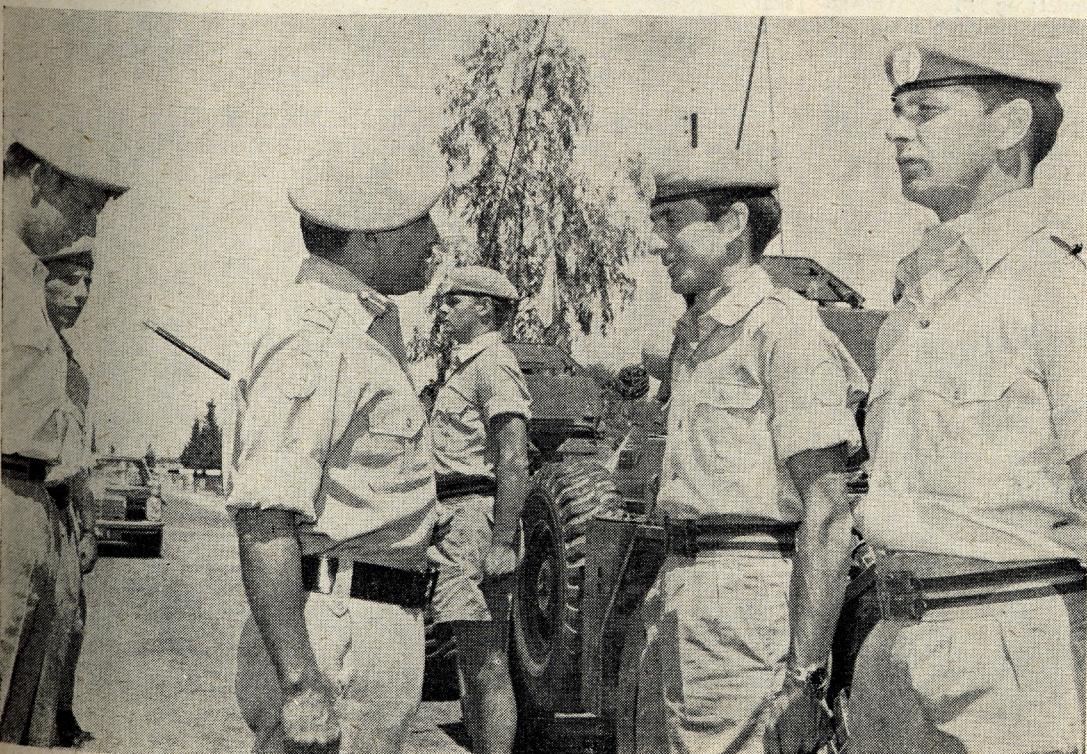
— I pray for rapid restoration of peace in devastated Indo-China, for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East



● The Force Commander, Major-General D. Prem Chand, inspects the scarlet-clad quarter-guard of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment, prior to presenting medals to members of the Canadian Contingent. For report on other Canada Day activities, turn to Cancon page.

as prescribed by the United Nations, and for the early involvement of the People's Republic of China in the activities of the world Organization.

I address my best wishes — "Su Taung" — to all of you and to all men and women of goodwill on this earth."



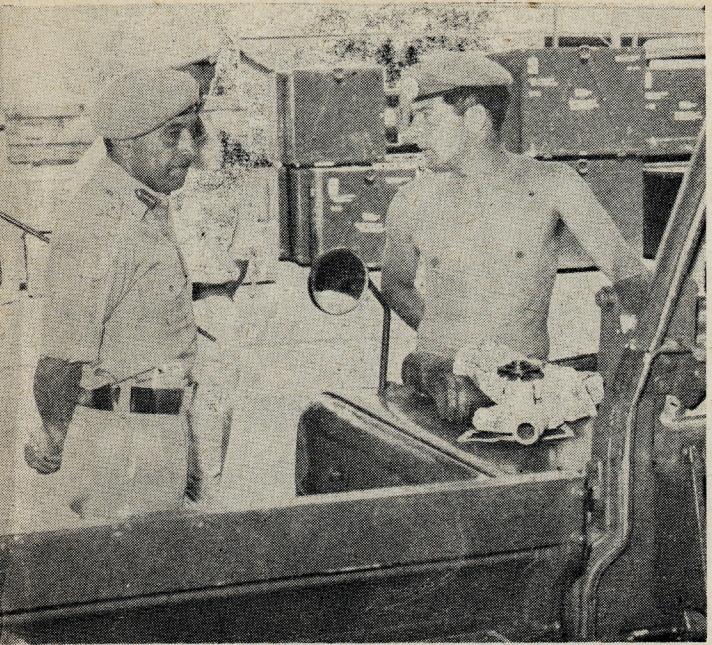
NEW UN STAMPS



● Three new values of UN Postage Stamps went on sale on 26th June. The stamps — pictured above — commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the signing of the UN Charter.

FORCE COMMANDER VISITS SCOTS GREYS

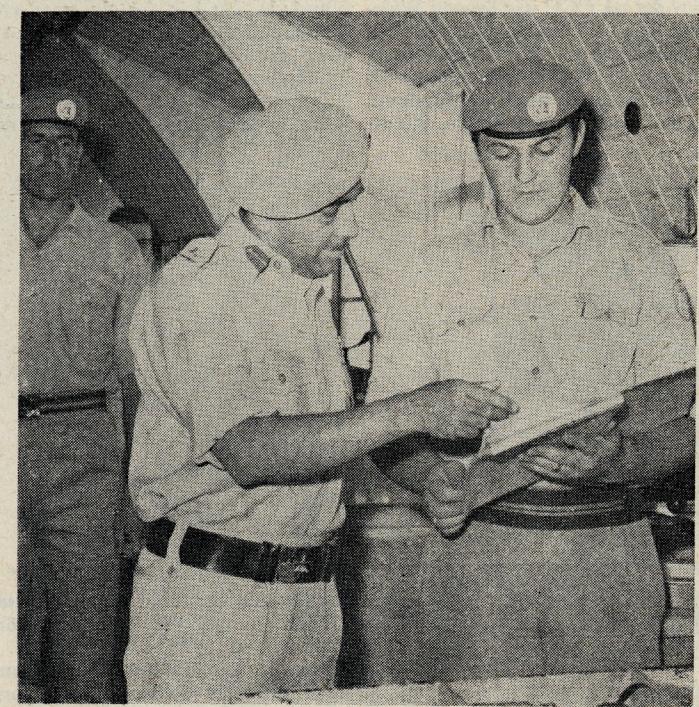
On Thursday last the Force Commander paid an unofficial visit to "C" Squadron of the Royal Scots Greys. More pictures on Britcon page.



FORCE COMMANDER'S VISIT

• Sergeant Christopher Pike was busy engaged in repairs to the water pump of a Land Rover when the General stopped to talk to him in the unit Light Aid Detachment.

During a short unofficial visit to the Force Reserve last week, the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, was able to meet and talk to several members of the Squadron in the cause of their normal duties.



• In the cookhouse, Cook Corporal Terry Ferguson shows the Force Commander the menu for the day. Also in the picture is Squadron Sergeant Major John Audis.

Light Infantry Bugles

BRITCON NEWS



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• Members of 4 P1 B Coy, 3rd Battalion Light Infantry recently spent a range day on Dhekelia ranges throwing 36 grenades and firing the 2" mortar, Carl Gustav and Sterling SMG infantry weapons as part of their normal familiarization training. In the picture, observing the strike, is the No. 2 on the Carl Gustav A/Tk Gun, Private Leslie Edwards. He is a single soldier and his home town is Bath, Somerset. During the 3 years he has been in the Army he has visited Australia, Singapore, Mauritius and Malaysia. His home town in UK is Bromyard, Herefordshire.

"Grub Up" In The Field

During HQ Coy 3rd Battalion Light Infantry classification at Dhekelia ranges recently, excellent food was provided under the arrangements and organization of Sergeant Paul Railton ACC who is on the right on the photograph. He is a married man with two sons and has already served for nine years in the Army after previously serving for nearly seven years in the Royal Navy. His service has taken him to France, Singapore, Mauritius and Malaysia, and he is enjoying the present United Nations tour in Cyprus.

On the left of the photograph is Lance Corporal Ronald Meredith ACC who normally works in the main cookhouse at Polemidhia Camp. He is a single man and during his five and a half years service has visited British Honduras, Singapore, Mauritius and Malaya. His home town in UK is Bromyard, Herefordshire.



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IRCON NEWS



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Above we see him receiving one of the prizes from Cpl. Tom Moloney 16 Battalion FCA Loughrea. With them is Company Quarter Master Sergeant Gerry Tierney, 18 Battalion FCA Swinford.

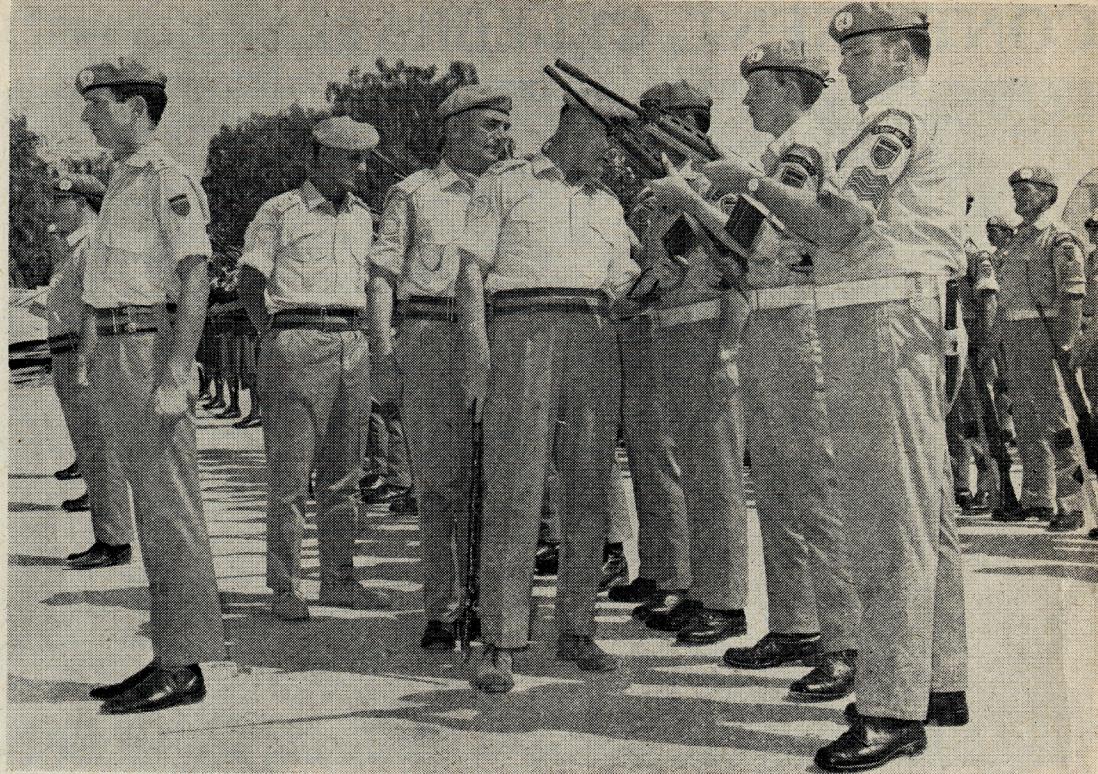
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"A" COMPANY INSPECTION

On Thursday 1st July the Officer Commanding the 18th Infantry Group Lt. Col. M. O'Brien, accompanied by his staff, carried out the monthly inspection of 'A' Company based in Larnaca and Louroujina. The Company which is commanded by Commandant Andy Maguire, is made up of personnel from the Eastern and Southern Commands.

For the past three months the Company have been actively maintaining peace in Larnaca and Louroujina, with conspicuous success.



• Photograph shows Lt. Col. Martin O'Brien inspecting the Guard at Larnaca accompanied by Commandant Andy Maguire Officer Commanding 'A' Company and Captain Jack Kissane, Adjutant 18th Infantry Group.



SPORTING ACTIVITIES

The 18th Infantry Group has been very busy during the past week in the sporting line. The finals of the Soccer and Volley Ball League were completed and a fine double was recorded by a tenacious team from the Armoured Car Group stationed at Zyyi.

The Group met HQ Coy in the Soccer final and, adopting direct tactics and dispensing with frills, were two goals up by half time and eventually emerged winners by two goals to one against a team which had the stars, but over indulged in the fancy stuff.

In the Volleyball final the same two teams opposed one another but, this time, the Armoured Car Group had the stars and ran out easy winners.

'B' Coy based at Kophinou were busy playing in a 7 a side soccer tournament spon-

sored by Craven 'A' and run by Kornos. Altogether twenty four teams took part. The put up a tremendous performance before a very large attendance, and they reached the final only to be narrowly beaten 1 goal to nil by a first division team from Nicosia.

However they brought home a beautiful Cup for the efforts.

'B' Coy Team: Corporal O'Donnell, Lieutenant Lally, Privates Harvey, Murphy, Fahy, Barr and Lieutenant O'Carroll.



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CONTINGENT CELEBRATES 103 RD



Canada's national day, July 1st, was marked by various events held by or implicating members of the Canadian Contingent. But as good professional soldiers, the Canadians did not let pleasure and celebrations interfere with the job at hand.... they worked as usual that day.

The first assignment of the day for any human being (aside from getting up) is normally the most tedious one. For Lieutenant-Colonel Dan G. Loomis, Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment, the first task on his agenda was a rather pleasant one: handing out new rank armbands to four of his men.

PROMOTIONS

Warrant Officer Tim Shau-

ghnessy, the Support Company's Sergeant Major, was promoted to Master Warrant Officer; Sergeants Al Tapp and "Rocky" O'Connor, both of Support Company were "crowned" as Warrant Officers; and Corporal George Smehurst, "A" Company, was "hooked" to Sergeant. In addition, Corporals Glenn Shea and Tony Pettalia (Support Company) were appointed Master Corporals.

CHIMO

On the evening of Canada Day, while Canadian soldiers

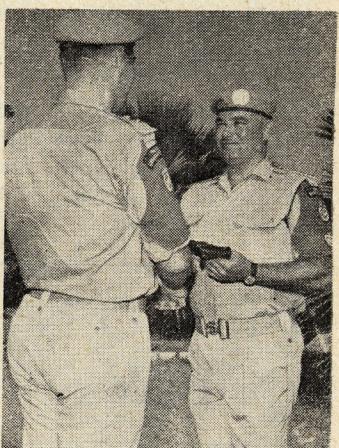
CANCON NEWS

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manned observation posts and patrolled the city and suburbs of Nicosia, some 300 multi-national guests were hosted at an official reception held at the Contingent's Officers' Mess.

(POST SCRIPT for the many who are wondering what the above sub-title "CHIMO" means, it is the new Canadian equivalent of the English "Cheers", the French "Santé" and the Scandinavian "Skaal". You'll be hearing a lot of it around Cancon in the future... CHIMO.



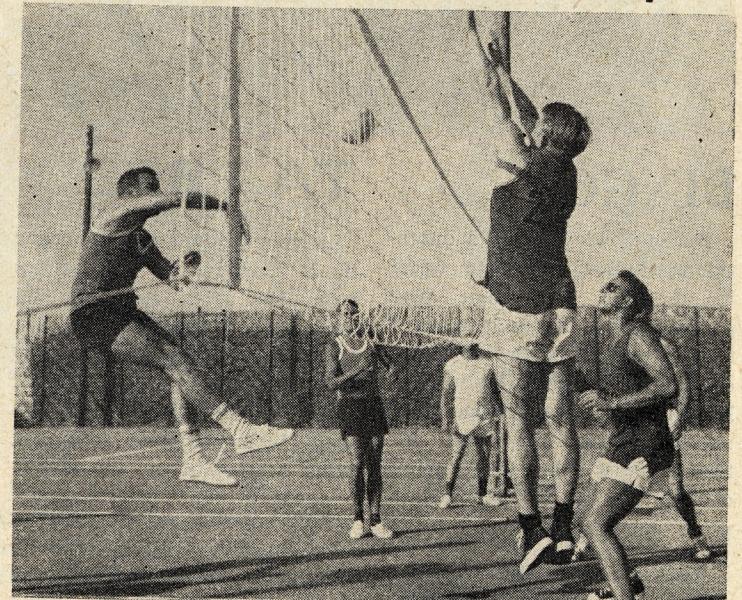
MEDALS

Keeping the good things going on this Canada's 103rd birthday, Major-General D. Prem Chand, the Force Commander, paid a visit to the Canadian Contingent and pinned U.N. Force medals on a dozen swollen chests representing all ranks in the contingent. Other presentations were subsequently made by company commanders to their subordinates who have logged the required 91 days with UNFICYP. Over 500 more Canadian soldiers are now proudly wearing the blue and white ribbon.

• Lieutenant-Colonel Dan G. Loomis presents rank badges to new Master Warrant Officer Tim Shaughnessy.

PPCLI INVADES CAN-CON... or so it seems with the arrival of some 40 musicians of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Regimental Band, here to give a series of concerts in Salamis, Nicosia and Kyrenia. An additional eight members of the regiment's 3rd Battalion are also here on a reconnaissance mission for their oncoming tour of duty with UNFICYP starting in October.

Volleyball Turney



• The Finnish Contingent team took the Force's volleyball honours last week by beating the Canadian Contingent team two straight games in the finals. Our photo was taken at the last game. Cancon hosted the tournament at Camp Maple Leaf.

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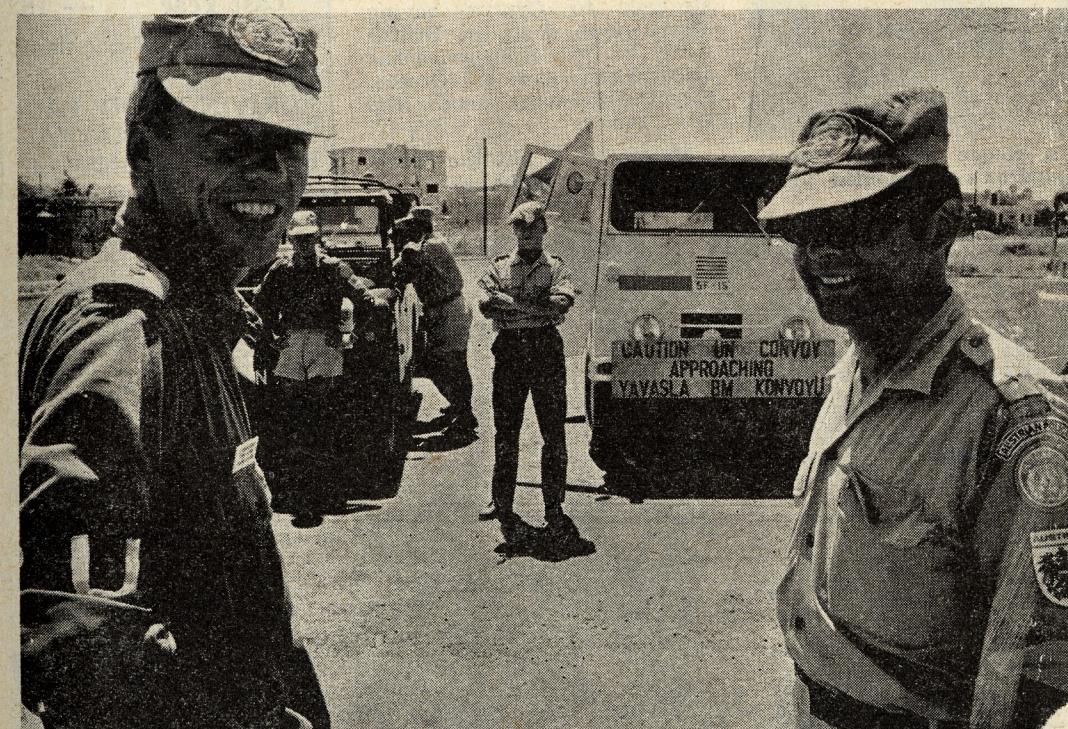
Saattuejoukkueen nimikilpeä kiinnittävät seinään jäkärit Jukka Juntunen (vas.) ja Sulo Saikonen.

1. JK muuttanut komentopaikkaa Convoyssa vilkasta viikonloppuina

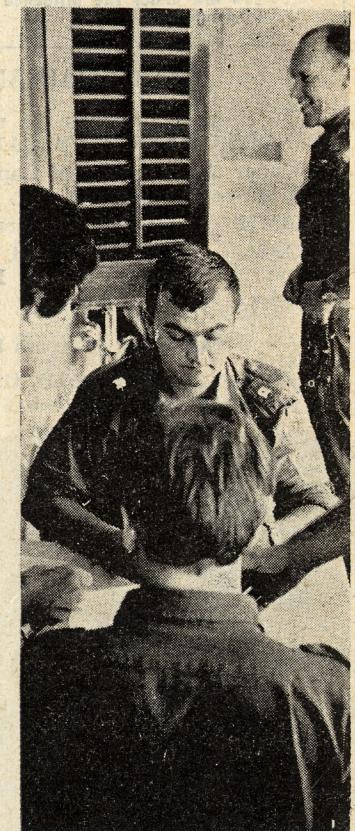
Ensimmäinen jäkärikomppania on muuttanut komentopaikkaa ja asuinrakennuksia omalla alueellaan Trachonaksessä. Muuttotuhut aloitettiin jo kaksi viikkoa sitten ja nyt on perustettu uusi "kylä", Blue Village, jossa sijaitsevat aivan toisesta läheisyydessä komentopaikka, viestikeskus, messit, saattue- ja huoltojoukkueiden asunnot. Vartijoukkue asuu edelleen Grazy Cornerissa.

Muuton tarkoituksena oli keskitys ja parempien tilojen hankkiminen. Majoitustilat ovatkin parempia kuin ennen ja yleensä muuttoon ollaan tytyväisiä.

Entiset komppanian hallussa olleet rakennukset luovutettiin pääasiassa omistajilleen ja nyt 1. JK:ssa on siivottu ja maalattu paikkoja kuntoon vapaa-aikoina.



Luutnantti Jukka Siltanen (vas.) on vetänyt monta convoyta Nikosiasta Kyreniaan ja takaisin. Tässä hän keskustelee saattueen kokoamispaikalla itävaltalaisen työtoverinsa, siviilipoliisi Gerhard Jeschkon kanssa. Convoyssa on tavallisesti 50-60 ajoneuvoa, mutta viikonloppuisin parhaimmillaan yli 200 ajoneuvoa ja niissä ihmisiä toista tuhatta.



Eversti Reino Raitasaari: Suomi luottaa 25-vuotiaaseen YK:hon

Kaksikymmentäviä vuotta on kulunut siitä kun Yhdystyneiden Kansakuntien maailmanjärjestö vihaliisesti perustettiin. Perustajajäseniä oli 51. Nyt on jäsenvaltioita 126.

Suomi tuli YK:n jäseneksi vuoden 1956 lopulla ja osallistui saman vuoden UNEF-operaatioon lähetämällä YKSK 1 ja 2:n valvonnan ja tukitoimiston. Suezin kanavalle ja Siinaiille vuosina 1957-58.

Tämän jälkeen on suomalaisia palvellut YK:n sivilitatehtävissä noin 300 ja rauhanturvatävissä joko aseettomina solitarkkailijoina tai aseistettujen rauhanturvaajien jäseninä kaikkiaan noin 7000. Tällä hetkellä on suomalaisia sotilaita YK:n palveluksessa New Yorkissa yksi, Kashmirissa (UNMOGIP) kolme, Lähi-idässä (UNTSO) kaksikymmentäkaksi ja meitä täällä Kyprioksella vajaa kolme tuhatta.

Suomalaisia siviiliasiantuntijoita on kaikkialla maailmassa YK-tehtävissä Indonesian satamien rakentajista aina meijeri- ja teollisuusyhtiöihin Afrikassa. Meidän sotilaiden on

Loppu- tarkastuksia kotiutuville

Vielä tätä kirjoitettaessa ei ole varmaa tietoa milloin rotaatiokooneet lentävät. Erään suunnitelman mukaan 18., 26. ja 30. päivinä tätä vuuta. Päätös lentojen suorittamisesta ja tehtävään valittavasta lentojohdosta riippuu YK:n elistä New Yorkissa.

Rotaatiovalmistelua tehdään kuitenkin jo viime maanantaina alkoivat kotiutuvien lääkintä- ja tarkastukset pionoisröntgenkuvauksella General Hospitalissa Nikosiassa. Kuvassa yllä lääkintähenkilöstöön kuuluvia väärillä Pentti Kauppinen kirjoittaa kortteja kuvaaville, taustalla majuri Kauko Pippuri riisuu paitaa yltää.

FINCON NEWS

SWIM SAFELY

Drowning fatalities occur every year. In nearly every case they would have been prevented if the persons concerned had taken elementary precautions.

There are some basic rules which should be always observed by **EVERYBODY**.

Here they are:

1. Don't enter the water unless there are at least two of you.
2. Don't enter the water if you do not feel well.
3. Don't enter the water if you are under the influence of alcohol.
4. Don't enter the water for at least one hour after having a meal.
5. Don't go out of your depth until you can swim well.
6. Don't indulge in rough play in or near the water.
7. Don't swim when the sea is rough.
8. Don't swim where there are eddies or currents.
9. Don't dive in shallow water.
10. Don't dive where you may injure yourself and or another person.
11. Learn how to float and how to tread water.

THE CANADIAN CONTINGENT

proudly presents the regimental band of the **PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY**

Under the direction of Captain J.T. Dowell, CD, A.R.C.M., L.R.A.M. performing at:

SALAMIS : Ancient Theatre, Thursday, July 9.
NICOSIA : Athletic Field, Mula Bastion (adjacent to Ledra Palace Hotel), Saturday, July 11.
KYRENIA : Inner Harbour, Sunday, July 12.

all three concerts begin at 6:30 p.m.

Members of UNFICYP, their friends and the public are cordially invited to attend the performances.



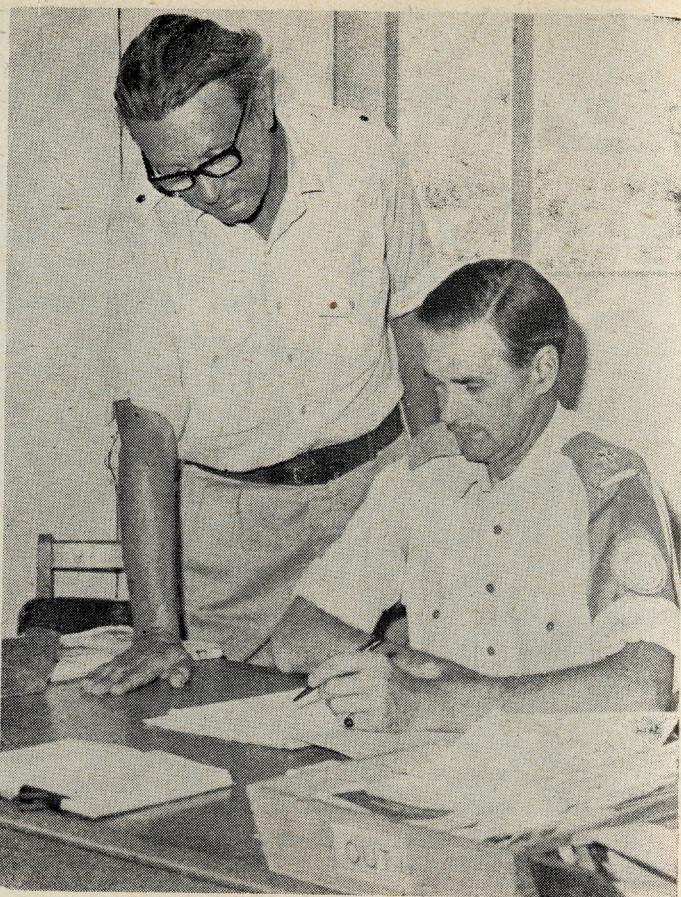
• Major J. Jordan presents a plaque to the Force Commander to commemorate his Squadron's six months tour with UNFICYP.

CHANGEOVER OF RCT SQUADRONS

Last week saw the arrival in Nicosia of the main party of 60 Squadron RCT to relieve 65 Squadron who have since returned to UK.

60 Squadron commanded by Major Peter Marzetti has come from Plymouth and we wish all its personnel a happy "accident - free" tour with UNFICYP.

• Our photograph shows Major Peter Marzetti (right) bidding farewell to Major J. Jordan, the Commanding Officer of 65 Squadron while members of the unit board the transport on the first stage of their journey home.



NEW MPIO

Seated at his desk is Major D. H. F. Reynolds who has arrived at Force Headquarters to take over the duties of Military Public Information Officer. He replaces Major E. F. Garcia who is retiring from the army after 30 years service.

Major Reynolds expects to remain with UNFICYP for a 12 months tour. He is no stranger to Cyprus having served here with the British Army in 1951. His service has also taken him to Greece, Egypt, Germany and the West Indies.

Major Garcia left the island on the 7th of July.

MP NOTEBOOK

Accidents - Unficyp

Week ending	
3 July 70	— 12
Same Period	
Last Year	— 7
Total this year	— 208
Same Period	
Last Year	— 182

Main cause of accidents this week-

"DRIVING TOO FAST FOR ROAD AND TRAFFIC CONDITIONS"

