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New Police- men Arrive

The main body of the Australian Police Element under Commander Ronald Walton arrived in the island on Wednesday, 13th of May to relieve

those who had finished their tour.

The charter flight landed just after 4 o'clock in the morning with 37 members of the 50 expected.

● The picture shows some of the Australian policemen in front of the aircraft immediately after arrival.

CHOPPER FAMILIARIZATION

Troops of "A" and "D" Companies of the Canadian Contingent whose job is to patrol and man the outposts along the Green Line in the city and suburbs of Nicosia, logged some "chopper" time last week with the Force's Whirlwind helicopter detachment.

The aim of the exercise was to familiarize the men with the procedures in boarding and leaving the aircraft under normal conditions and in emergency situations. In addition the

Canadians practiced repelling techniques from the "hovering birds".

More training time for the troops and helicopters was slated for early this week.



● Canadian troops working with Whirlwind helicopter.

DANISH ROTATION

The rotation of the Danish Contingent serving with the United Nations Force in Cyprus commenced on Tuesday 12 May, with the arrival of 65 men.

The new Danish Contingent (DANCON / UNFICYP — XIII) replaces the Danish Contingent which has been serving in UNFICYP, Nicosia West District and later on in Lefka District, since November 1969. The rotation will be completed on 22nd May.

the Commander of DANCON/UNFICYP XIII, took over as Commander of DANCON on 19th May. He arrived in Nicosia on 12 May, together with the first incoming troops.

Lt Col C. H. Christensen, Commander of DANCON/UNFICYP XII, leaves the island on 22 May, 1970.

Lt Col M. Hemmert Lund,



CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFICYP

The Permanent Representatives of Finland and the Philippines to the United Nations, Max Jakobson and Privado G. Jimenez, have sent letters to the Secretary-General, U Thant, regarding the expenses of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus.

Finland informs the Secretary-General that the Government of Finland has decided to make a contribution of 50,000 US dollars to meet the cost of UNFICYP for the period ending in December 1969 and a further contribution of 50,000 dollars for the current period ending in June 1970.

The Philippines Representative enclosed in his letter a check for 1,000 US dollars representing the contribution of the Philippine Government of UNFICYP.



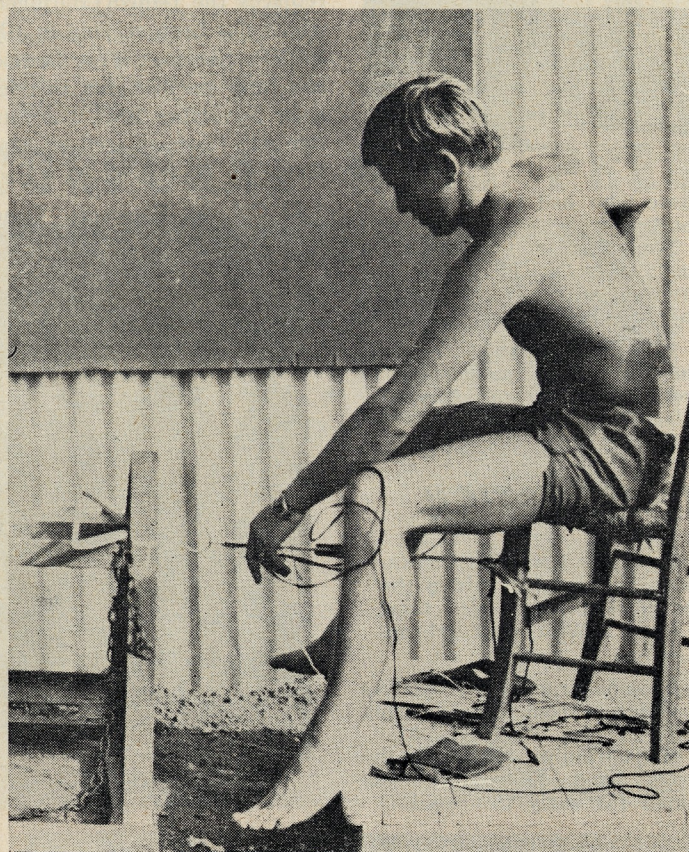
■ "Rigtige" Cyprus - krigere står opstillet for at tage afsked med Dancon XII, inden de drager på velfortjent rotationsorlov. Når de kommer tilbage, danner de stammen i Dancon XIII.

Mange brikker skal falde på plads

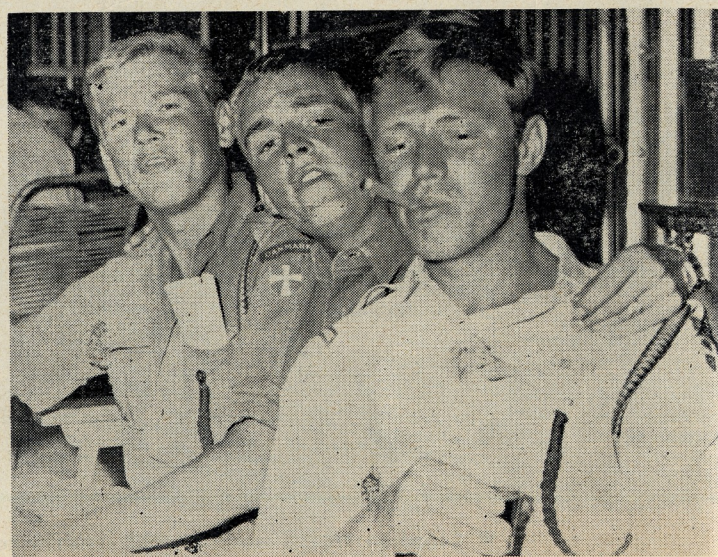
Der skal falde mange brikker på plads, inden en sådan rotationsbølge har lagt sig. De gode "pinkier" skulle jo gerne inden for længe kunne vise sig i fuldt dagslys uden at appellere altfor meget til deres medmenneskers smilebånd.

Bukser skal lægges ind, tein'en skal plejes, og som kronen på værket skal den flotte fangsnor anlægges. Men forinden skal den jo laves.

Vi ser en af de flittige "rebslagere" i færd med sit svære arbejde.



DANCON NYT



DANCON ROTERER

Den sidste uge stod i rotationens tegn.

Allevegne dukkede de blege "pinkier" op og fortrængte på forbløffende kort tid de gamle, solgarvede Cyprus-krigere, idet de forøvrigt selv langsomt farvedes af deres forgængere.

Det vil nok ikke vare ret længe, inden man knap nok kan se forskellen længere.

Og så vil vi fra Dancon XII sige: De nye er trods alt ved at finde ud af det.



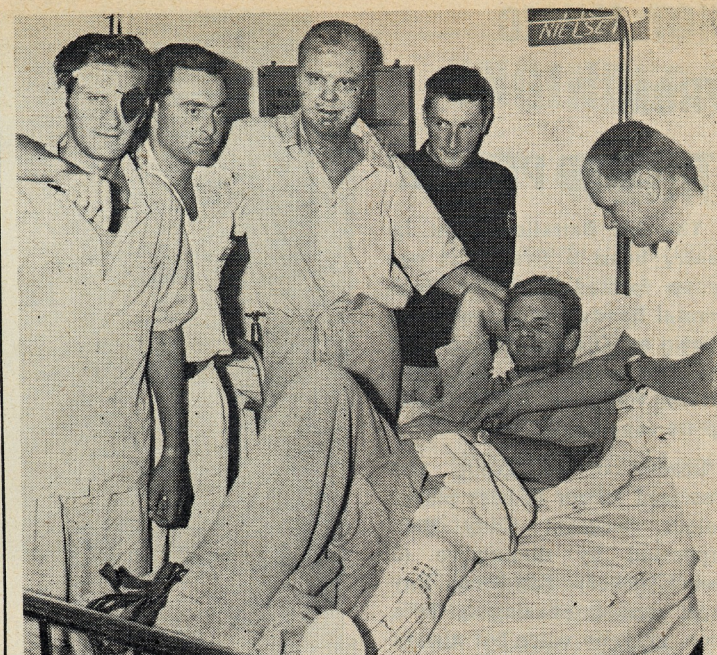
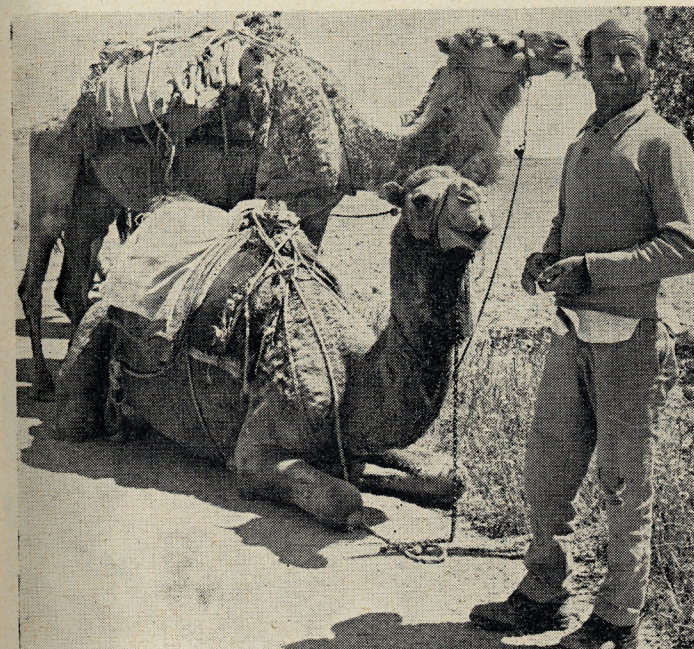
"Varmer op" til konstabel festen

Vi snupede Bager, sammen med 2 X Jensen, mens han var ved at "varme op" ved konstabel festen i Xeros- lejren forrige lørdag. Det blev i parantes bemærket en fest, der længe vil stå gny om. Særlig Bagers linedans over infirmeriets tagryg gjorde indtryk.

KAMELDRIVAREN

nedan - eller är det dromedarer? - är ett välkänt ansikte för de flesta svenska FN-soldater som varit på Cypern. Tyst och tålmodigt brukar han stå och vänta på rid- (eller foto-)

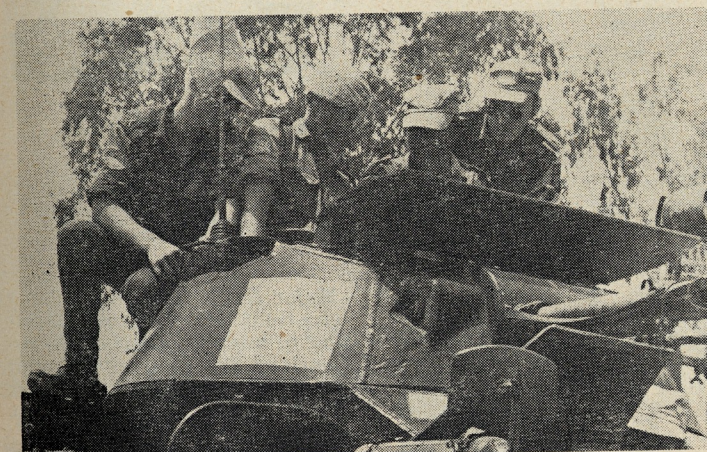
kunder vid ett vägsäl på Panhandle. Vad han heter? Den som det visste. En pittoresk liten man är han i alla fall.



PÅ ÖSTERRIKISKA

sjukhuset i Nicosia har man det alldeles förträffligt bra. Lindrigt med jobb och ett jättehärligt kök. Man får en prydlig matsedel i handen och sedan är det bara att välja och vraka bland de ljuvligaste rätter. Och sextetten på bilden ovan ser verkli-

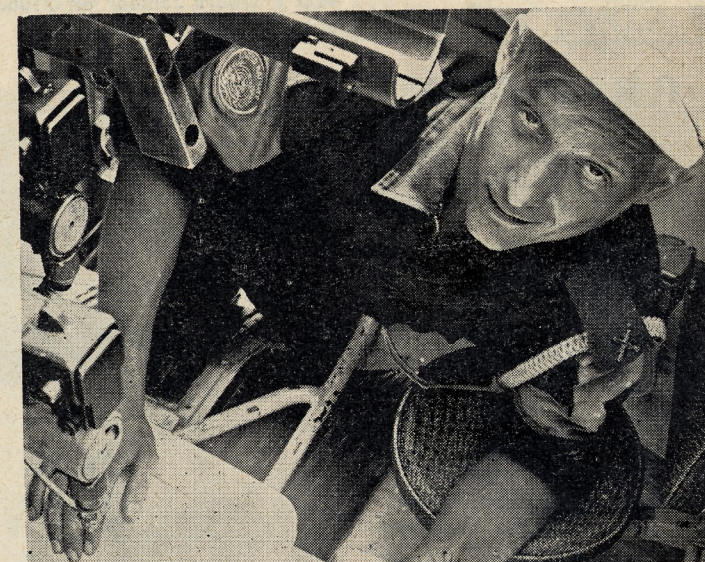
gen ut att trivas, fr.v. Erling Knägh, Köpenhamn, Albert Czabek, St. Pölten, Österrike, Jörgen Larsson, Jönköping, Dave Cronin, Enniskerry, Irland, Flemming Nielsen, Nexö, Börnholm, och Franz Kaufmann, Salzburg, Österrike.



TUFFA "FERRET"

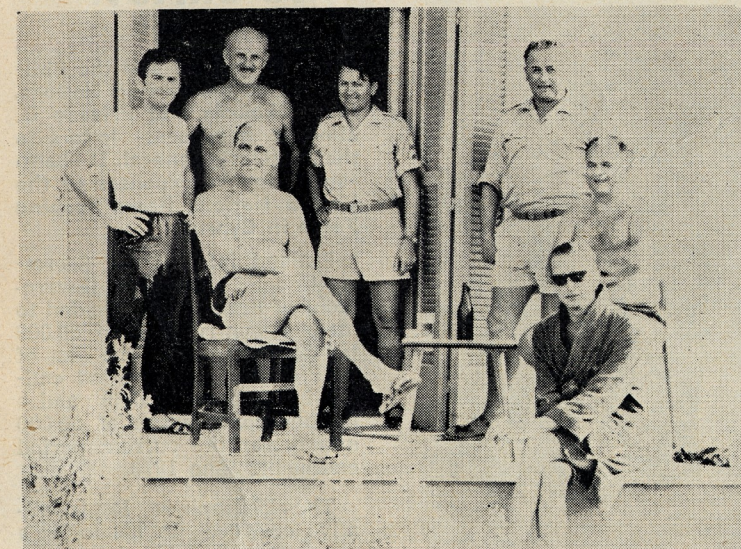
har varit och visat upp sig på CGC, t.h. En rasande grann liten kärva på så där en 5 ton. Matchvikt. Smidig och behändig och med en toppspeed på ca 75-80 miles, 115-140 km/tim alltså. Väl bepansrad - och bestyckad. Och med en besättning på 3 man. Imponerande pansarbil, fransktillverkad - Dyna Panhard. Ingår i Force Reserve och finns på Scotch Grey i Nico.

Vännerna från Ircon var här och visade upp "pyret", närgånget betittad och beundrad av bl.a. kvintetten ovan. Fr.v. Kenneth Erlandsson, Vankiva, Ulf Larsson, Hasslarp, Bo Wahlberg, Stockholm, Tommy Johansson, Göteborg, och (på förarplats) Olle Hörnsten, Bjurholm. Mest närgånge, ovan t.h., Conny Persson, Borlänge.



SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos

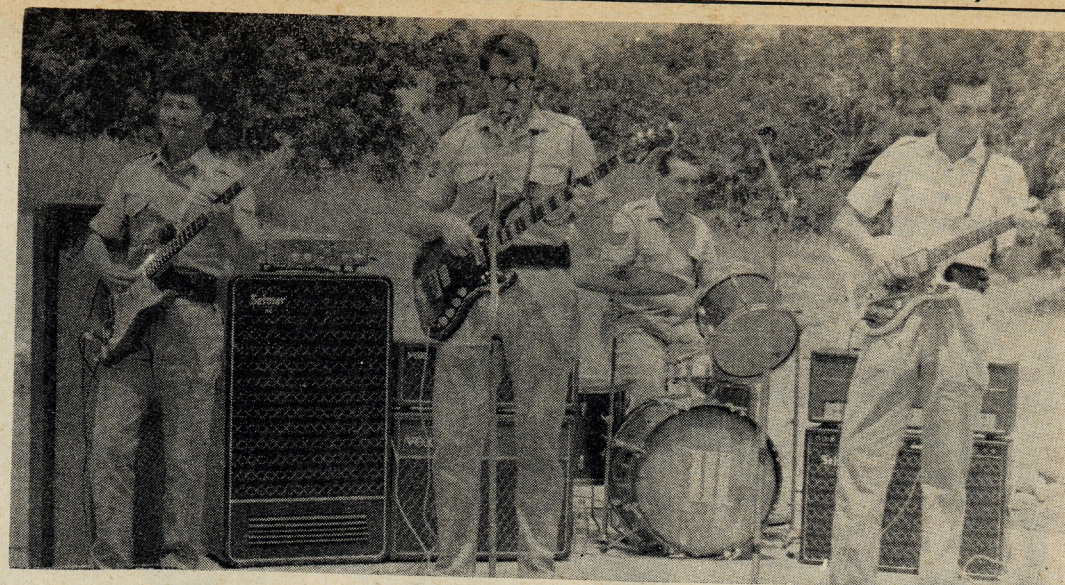


■ OL. C.H. Christensen og feltpræsten har fundet ud af, at også den kendte østrigske gæstfrihed trives under disse himmelstrøg.

HOT MUSIC FROM 'THE RED PEPPER'

The 3rd Battalion Light Infantry boast a first class pop group formed from the Regimental Band. It is a new group known as 'The Red Pepper' and the title aptly fits the hot, driving numbers which make up its repertoire.

Leader of the group and also lead singer is bass player Colour Sergeant Eddy Bell, supported by diminutive (5 feet 4 inches) Bandsman Ray Frost sometimes singing in a deep, gravelly voice but always belting out the music on lead guitar with plenty of "wha-wha." On the second mike is Lance Corporal Graham Tilley who plays chords and accompanies Eddy in most of the vocal numbers. Last, but by no means least, is drummer Sergeant Roy Martin who at 29 years of age is the "daddy" of the group.



The 'Red Pepper' practices hard most afternoons in Polemidhia Camp and is already capable of providing six hours or more of good popular dance music. They are being booked up fast for parties and dances throughout Cyprus as their popularity increases.

Booking's can be made by telephoning 3 LI Bandmaster WO 1 Stuart James on 71063 ext 38.



TIME FOR A CHAT

Major Keith Hitchcock (above left) finds time off from patrolling to buy his orderly, Private Geoffrey Davies (centre), and his driver, Private Raymond Winn, a coke on the sea front of Limassol.

Major Hitchcock is District Commander for Limassol and after only a few weeks in Cyprus is already enjoying his new job. Raymond comes from County Durham and has served four years in the Army. Both he and Geoffrey are bachelors. They enjoy the Cyprus sun and the chance to get a good tan.

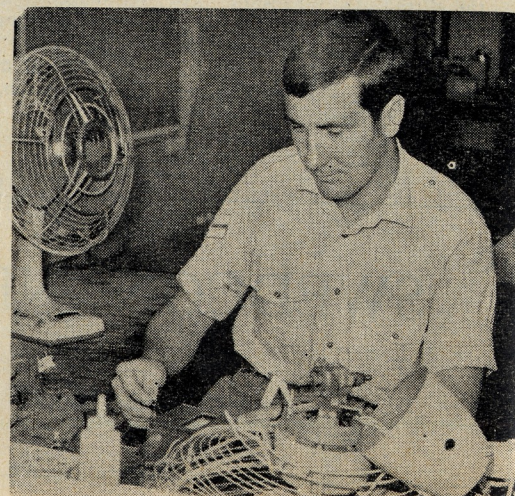


KEEPING IT COOL

Now that the warm weather has arrived Corporal Roland (George) Young has a busy time ahead keeping the fans in good working order. George, who is in the Royal Engineers, has been in the Army for six years and his home town is Bishop Auckland, Co Durham. Before coming to Cyprus he was stationed in Germany with the 23rd Amphibious Squadron, Royal Engineers.

UNFICYP JOINER

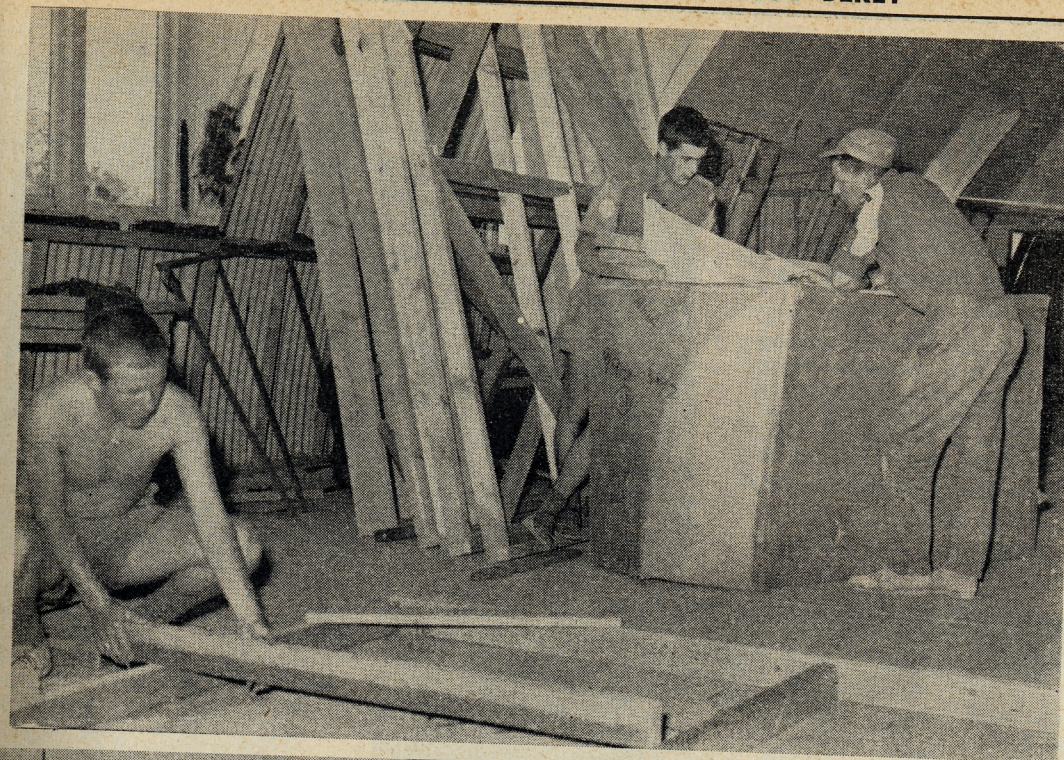
Preparing a cross section for a door is Lance Corporal (Paddy) Byrne. Paddy, who is in the Royal Engineers, is the joiner attached to Headquarters UNFICYP and has been in the Army for five years. His previous unit was 24 Field Squadron, Royal Engineers.



ENGINEERS AT WORK

The men who think big are our engineers. They are presently engaged in erecting an NCO's Mess and Canteen at Kophinou. Whilst one section is laying concrete another is working on prefabricated parts so the work progresses rapidly.

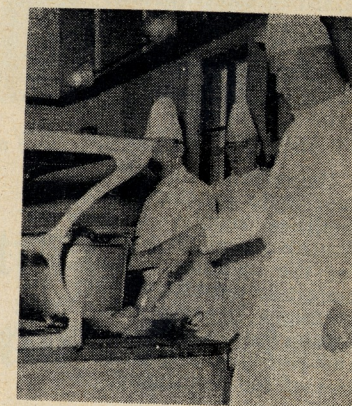
● Hard at work are Corporal Patrick Costello, Private James Smith, Company Sergeant Harry Wolverson.



IRCON NEWS

"Q" BRANCH IRCON

Without doubt 'Q' branch is the most hardworking outfit in any unit. It requires thorough, dedicated men who can deal efficiently with the many problems which occur daily. We are inclined to judge them by the quality of the meals. To make sure that the best of food gets to our cooks, we have a very efficient trio at the "hub".



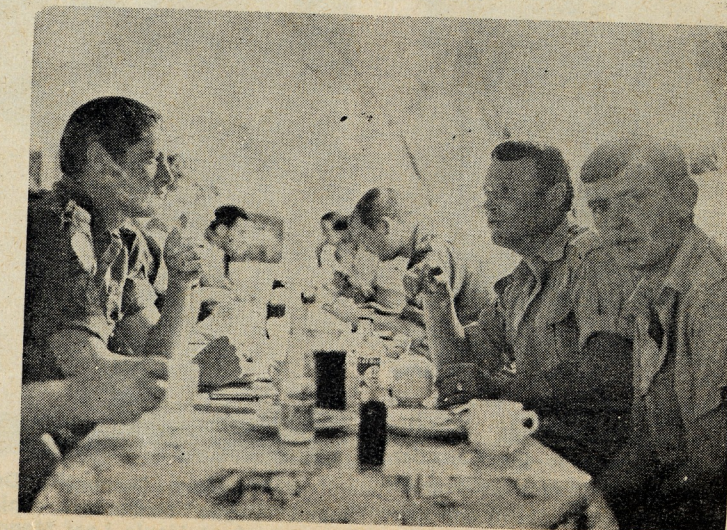
● Here we see them deeply engrossed in paper work (left to right) Company Quartermaster Sergeant John Donnelly, Battalion Quartermaster Sergeant "M-C" Hayes and Captain Fintan Mullooney.

● Some of the "boyos" enjoying the end product.

● The most critical of us must agree that our cooks are doing a first class job. The "Big-Chef" behind the cooking operation is Cook Sergeant Mick Lynch. He is here supervising two of our cooks, Privates Joseph Mooney and Mick Dalton.



● Two of the live wires in the Ops room at Zygi are Sergeant John McGlinchey and Sergeant Mick Whelan, anything you want to know about the Larnaca District, ask them. It is also rumoured that they have a working knowledge of all the beaches around the island!



The Pioneers:

A BUSY LOT

One might think there are 50 of them, for they can be seen all over the Canadian Contingent practically all the time. They are collectively known as the Pioneer Platoon which in fact numbers only 17 all ranks.

And if you seem to run into them wherever you go, it is because they are a busy bunch of fellows, their services being required by almost everyone on an "as-soon-as-possible" and sometimes "yesterday-will-do" basis.

Simplified into one statement their job is to "carry out all maintenance and construction for the Canadian Contingent". This at best can be a tedious task. With the numerous moves of fractions of the Canadian Contingent — from the Kyrenia District and Camp Maple Leaf into an array of dwellings in the city of Nicosia — the workload of the pioneer platoon has become something to behold.

In a recent briefing, the platoon leader, Lieutenant Randy Burton, explained that present priorities had to be given to areas presenting a hazard to safety, namely fire—faulty wiring was discovered in many buildings—, health and sanitation—contaminated water sources and conduits—, and structural defects of some of the buildings now being used.

Maintenance of OP's, modification to existing operational facilities, repairs to wire obstacles: it's all in a day's work for the platoon. Time and materials permitting they will gradually improve the living areas, the messes as well as the rest and recreation facilities of the contingent.



● Two of the platoon's three electricians replace a wall lamp after checking the wiring in one of the buildings recently handed over to the Canadian Contingent; they are Sergeant Dennis Foell (bottom) and Corporal "Sonny" Ingraham.

The major problem facing the platoon at present is the difficulty in procuring suitable materials. God helping... and the platoon is willing, the long list of work projects will be competently carried out to everyone's satisfaction and to the credit of a fine bunch of men.



● Graphic artist, draftsman, cartoonist, Corporal John Robbins' services extend past the platoon's requirements. His talent is recognized — and well used — by the whole contingent.



● Plumbers, Corporals "Doc" Heffernan (left) and Raymond "Magoo" McEachern replace a heating element in a hot water tank at Maple Leaf Manor.



● The man behind the pioneers' maintenance programme, Corporal F. H. White (left), helps Corporal Richard White, of the RCME shops, in the welding of a broken flagpole at one of the Green Line OP's.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos



● Sergeant Tom Joordens (right), the NCO in charge of the carpenter shop, gives a hand to Corporal Harry Grieve during the construction of an OP shelter.

THE OTHERS

Like in any other unit or sub-unit every man in the pioneer platoon is an important member of the team. It is of course impossible to mention them all by name.

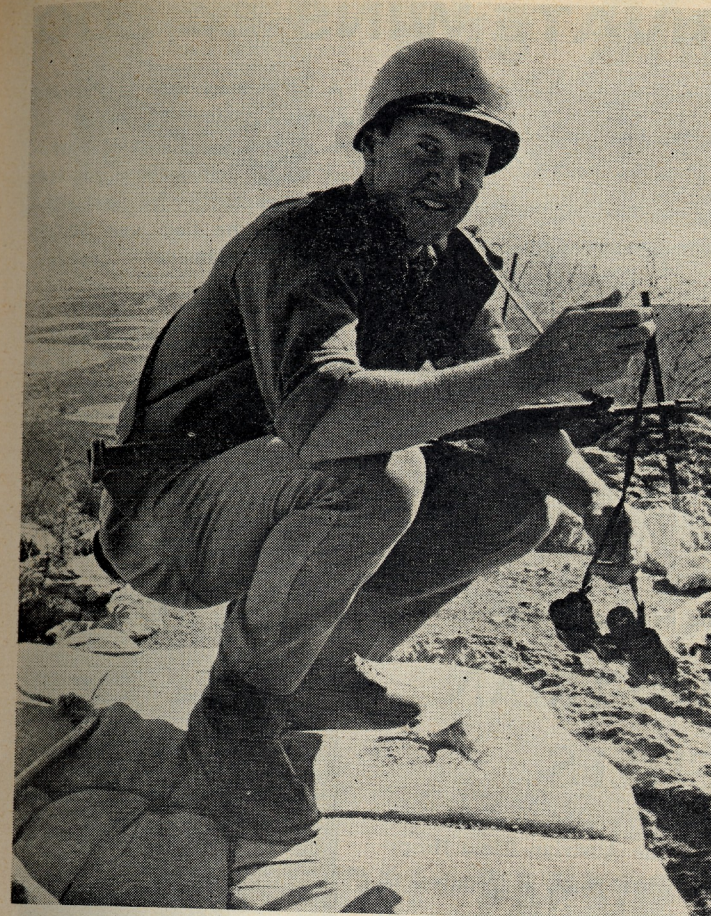
There are however two members of the team who, by virtue of their somewhat special jobs, should be mentioned: one is Warrant Officer Art Cook (commonly known as Super-Sapper), the Royal Canadian Engineer consultant to the pioneer platoon; the other is Corporal "Rick" Richard who is in charge of 12 civilian laborers working around Camp Maple Leaf.

FINCON NEWS



ainahan armeijassa ruoka on hyvää ja sitä on riittävästi. Että täytyyhän sen joskus onnistuakin. Kahvi oli vieraiden mielestä oikein hyvää.

Vähitellen alettiin tehdä lähtöä Hiljaisella ryhmänjohtajalla kersantti Tihisellä näytti olevan asiaa, Kuule pappi, otakkos ja postitat tämän kirjeen. Tuli vähän velipojalle kirjoitettua. No, tottahan sitä. Tulivat siihen sitten jo vuoristokiipeilijät. Oli pojilla elävä käärmekinnokassa. Kuule, jätäkös päivälliselle, meillä olis käärmekkeitä tänä iltana.



Jääkäri Antti Äikäs sattui olemaan vartiovuorossa, kun pataljoonan sotilaspastori ja tiedotusupseeri poikkesivat vartiopaikka Korallilla Kyrenian vuorijonon rinteessä. Siinä jutusteltiin hetken, jolloin sotpast Pulkkanen merkitsi muistiin alla olevan tarinan.

Leppoisaa mökkiläiselämää vartiopaikka Korallilla

Kivinen ja kaita ja moneen kertaan mutkallinen oli se tie, jota YK:n maastoauto hitaasti punnersi eteenpäin. Pian tie muuttui niin luohikkoiseksi, että auto oli jätettävä. Kulottuneessa maastossa kivien välissä juoksenteli pieniä liskoja.

Korallin vartiopaikka on ylängöllä luonnon muodostamalla portaalla, toisella puolen nousivat punertavat vuoret vielä ylöspäin, toisella puolella oli jyrkkä putous. Muutama vaaleansininen mökki ja vartiokoju.

Sinikypäräinen vartiomies seisoi katsellen allaan levittäytyvää maisemaa, laajoja peltoja missä korjattiin viljaa. Voimakas tuuli toi mukanaan lampaiden ääniä. Tai-vaalla kiersivät kotkat ja naakat. Niiden ääniin sekoittui ylhäältä vuorilta kiirivä kreikkalaisen vartiomiehen laulu. Siinä jääkäri Äikäs seisoi kaiken varalta, vaikka usein tuli miettineeksi tämän kaiken homman merkitystä ja tarkoitusta

ja kaikenlaista muutakin. Vapaana olevat miehet olivat vuorilla kiipeilemässä.

Eipä siellä vapaa-aikana paljon tehtävää ole, mitä nyt vähän lueskelee, pelailee ja katselee televisiota. Joskus pääsee käymään muuallakin, Kyreniassa, Nikosiassa, pyhäisiin uimarannalla. Vaan mikäpä sitä täälläkään ollessa, ilmasto on viileämpää kuin Nikosiassa, ruokaa on, rauhallinen työ ja rahaa säästyy.

Yksi miehistä oli erikoistunut ruoan tekemiseen. Kolmasti viikossa helikopteri tuo ruoana- ja vesitäydennystä. Siinä sitten ihmetellään mitä noistakin läskinkimpaleista oikein tehtäisiin. Keittöön seinällä ovat vuoristokompanian monistetut ruokaohjeet. Ota vähän läskiä, laita se pannuun, pese se tietenkin ensin, hyppysellinen suolaakin lisukkeeksi, pane tulelle, mene vastaamaan puhelimeen, juokse vettä hakemassa, polta paisi ja heitä menemään. Mutta



Käärmeenpyydystäjät saaliineen (vas.) jääk Mäkinen, jääk Turkki ja jääk Törmänen.

Hill Top ottaa henkeen mutta virkistää mielen



Esikunnan etukommenskunta kiipesi urheasti menneellä viikolla Hill Topille. 'Littlesti vaan ei paljon' oli mukana myös reppuja ja aseita, takin ettei aivan tyhjin käsin tarvinnut kulkea. Kuvassa (vas.) kapt Syväterä, kapt Kirjavainen ja kapt Ehnroth heittäivät herjaa toisilleen miensä vahvistukseksi aamulla ennen lähtöä esikunnan portilla.

MP NOTEBOOK

Accidents - Unficyp

Week ending		
16 May, 70	—	3
Same period		
last Year	—	8
Total this Year	—	167
Same period		
last Year	—	136
Main cause of accidents		
this week —		

'IMPROPER OVERTAKING' and
'FAILING TO SIGNAL
INTENTION ON
TURNING'

SWEDISH PRIVATE WINS £4,200



● Juhani Alatalo relaxing on the beach at Famagusta.

A very lucky man is Private Juhani Alatalo, 22 years of age, of the Swedish UN Battalion 43 C. Just before he left Cyprus recently he got the news that he had won 50,000 Swedish Crowns (approx. £4,200).

Six years ago he started a salary saving scheme in a Swedish Bank. The account numbers are entered for an annual Bank Lottery.

Four times Juhani Alatalo has won small prizes — this time he hit the Jackpot.



AUSTRIAN CHEFS

In the Austrian Field Hospital, where food is reputed to be of the best in the Force, two cooks are seen preparing lunch. On the left is Sergeant Erwin Hart and right Corporal Franz Kroisletner. Franz is preparing a well known Austrian dish called Knoedl.



● The letter from the bank — value £4,200.

NEW DANISH COMMANDER



● The new Danish Commander, Lieutenant Colonel M. Hemmert Lund (left), here pictured together with Lieutenant Colonel C.H. Christensen, Commanding Officer Dancon XII on the arrival in Nicosia of the former.

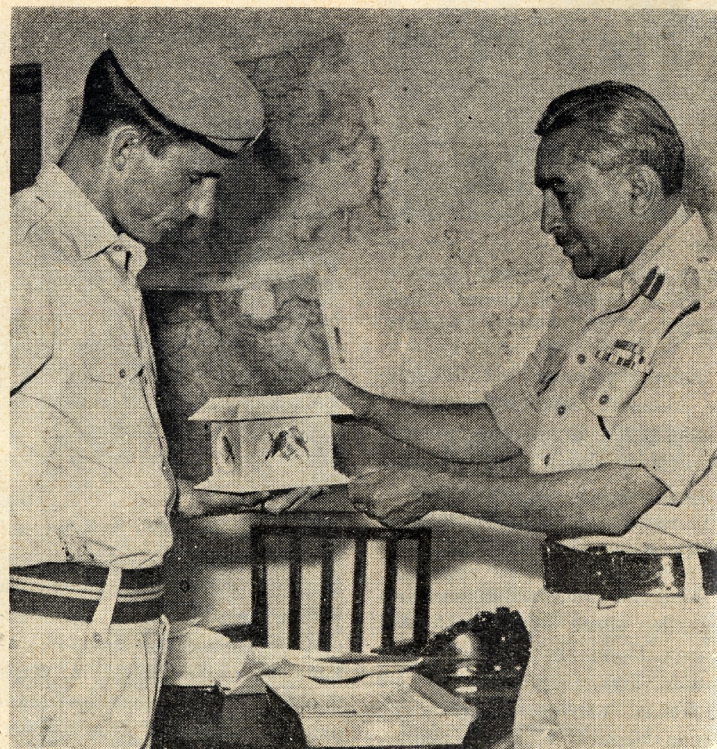
SWIM SAFELY

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.



● Corporal J. Mills the winner of the Premier Award in the 1970 Catering Corps Championship showing the winning exhibit to the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand. The exhibit was a sugar casket with panels of wild birds painted with great detail in edible colours.