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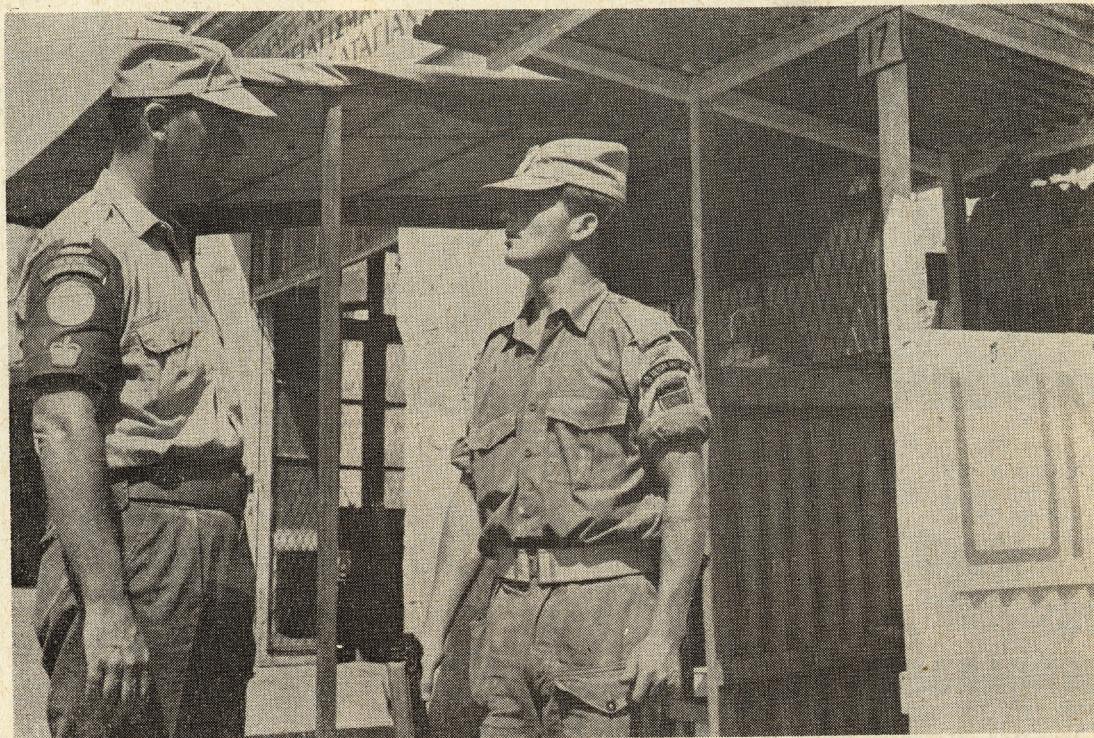
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NEW GREEN ON THE LINE

The Green Line in and around Nicosia is seeing a new shade of that colour this week: Irish Green. Two sections of soldiers from the Irish Contingent co-man the line with the Canadians. Meanwhile an equal number of Canadian soldiers are manning Iron observation posts in the Larnaca District.

The exchange of officers, NCO's and men for three one-week periods is aimed at acquainting the personnel of the two contingents with the work of their counterparts in other districts. One senior NCO was quick to point out that already the exchange has aroused a lot of interest among all concerned and has led to a useful exchange of ideas on weapons, clothing and operations in general.

● In our photo, Warrant Officer John Bray (left) of City Company, I RCR, talks with Private William Cairns,



an Irish soldier manning the Paphos Gate OP.

TREASURE FROM THE SEA



NEW FACES AT HQ UNFIGYP

Four new officers have arrived at HQ UNFIGYP.

The picture above shows Major John Preetzmann (Denmark) and Major Paavo Pitkanen (Finland) both Staff Officers of the Operation Section.

New members of the Logistics Branch are Major H. B. Konradsen (Denmark) and Major Bob Greer (Canada).



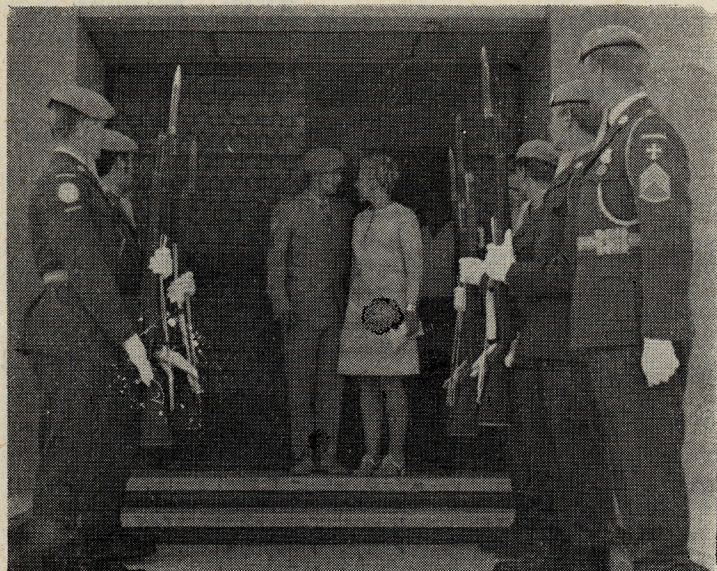
Members of 3rd Bn Light Infantry Sub Aqua club with an ancient urn discovered on the sea bed off Cape Andreas in about 75 feet of water. The urn has already been expertly dated at about 200 BC.

In the picture standing from left to right are Pte William

Cope, L cpl Philip May and Capt Christopher Laurence-King. Crouching left is Sgt Derek Graham and right L cpl Stephen Boice.

More news of the Sub Aqua club activities will appear in a later edition of the "BLUE BERET".

ROMANTIK PÅ CYPERN



Også Dancon XIII har oplevet det strøg af romantik, som altid er forbundet med en bryllupsfest. Den 1. august fejrede sergent K. Filskov sit bryllup med frøken Birget Jensen. Begivenheden fandt sted på "Districts Office" i Nicosia og et særligt hyldestkommando fra Letkompagni hilste de nygifte efter den højtidelige handling. Her ses brudeparret på trappen foran æresvagten, som anføres af oversergent E.A. Lauesen.

OBS GENGANGERE

Mandskab, som måtte ønske at fortsætte tjenesten ved Dancon på hold XIV, skal indsende ansøgning herom til kontingentet inden den 17. august.

DANCON NYT

"Melody Mixers" igen

Velfærdstjenestens arbejde omfatter også særlige arrangementer til underholdning af mandskabet.

I år havde man engageret den danske gruppe "Melody Mixers" til opgaven endnu en gang, og gen-synet fandt sted ved fem koncerter først i august måned.

Såvel Dancivpol på "Kronborg" i Nicosia som Dancons lejre i Kokkina, Limnitis og Xeros nød godt af besøget og benyttede anledningen til at feste med de besøgende familiemedlemmer og indbudte gæster.



■ Til højre byder delingsføreren i Kokkina, premierløjtnant F.W. Hansen, velkommen til et af "Melody Mixers" med lemmer og herover ses gruppen i fuld gang med at underholde den veloplagte forsamling i Kokkina

■ "Melody Mixers" fem medlemmer i nærbillede under deres optræden i Xeros.



Chefen for FN -afdelingen, oberst løjtnant Skern, har aflagt tjenstligt besøg hos Dancon XIII sammen med sin adjutant, major Jeppe Hansen.

Samtlige lejre og en del observationposter blev besøgt og særlige forhold fremdraget, alt sammen til belysning af de specielle betingelser, hvorunder FN's fredsbevarende tjeneste på Cypern må udføres i Lefka-distrikt.

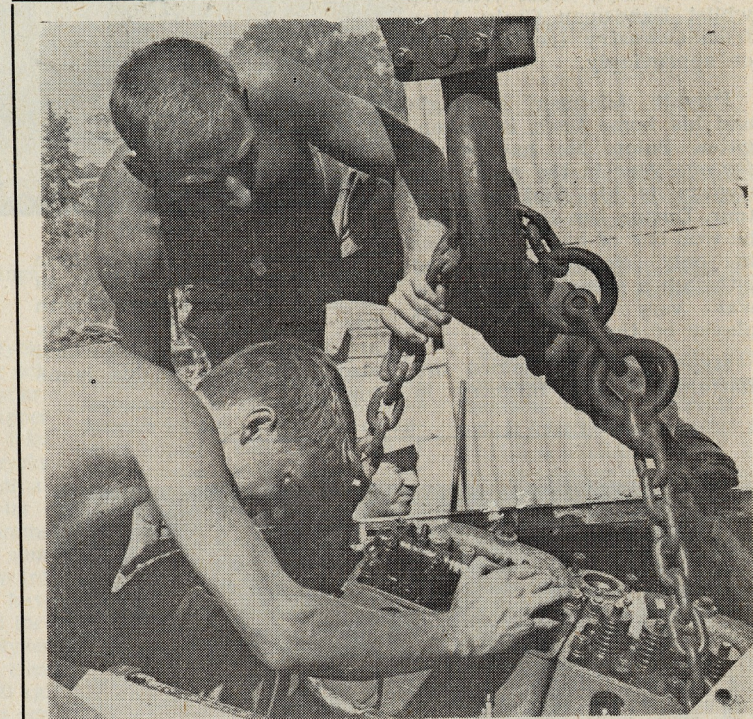
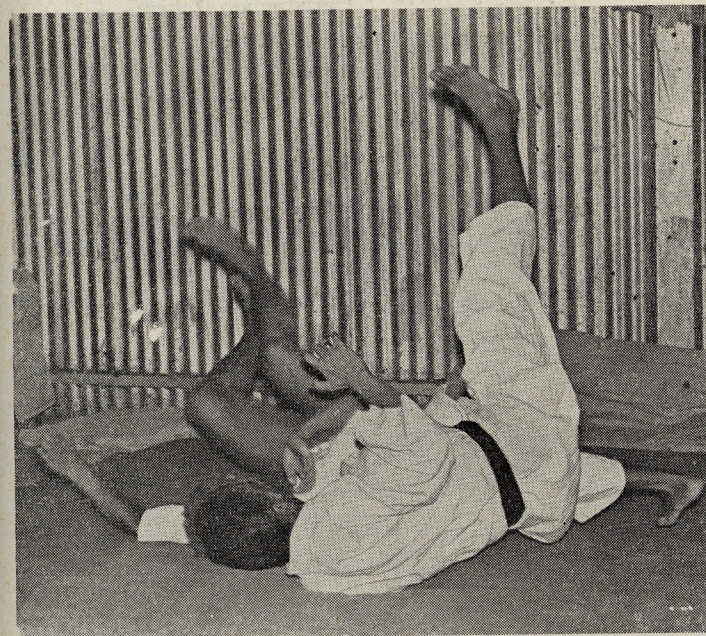
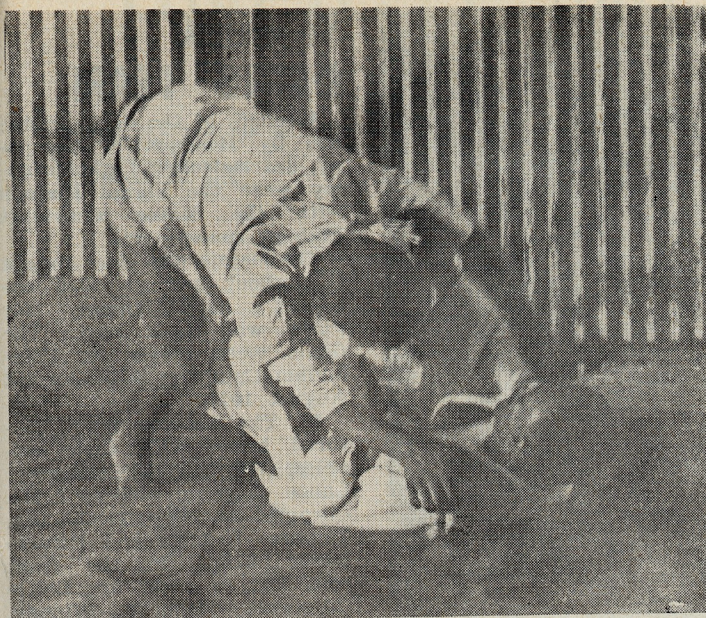
Desuden er der blevet arrangeret møder til drøftelse af eventuelle problemer med alle kategorier af mandskab.

Billedet viser fra højre mod venstre oberstløjtnant Skern, oberstløjtnant Hemmert Lund og major Jeppe Hansen.



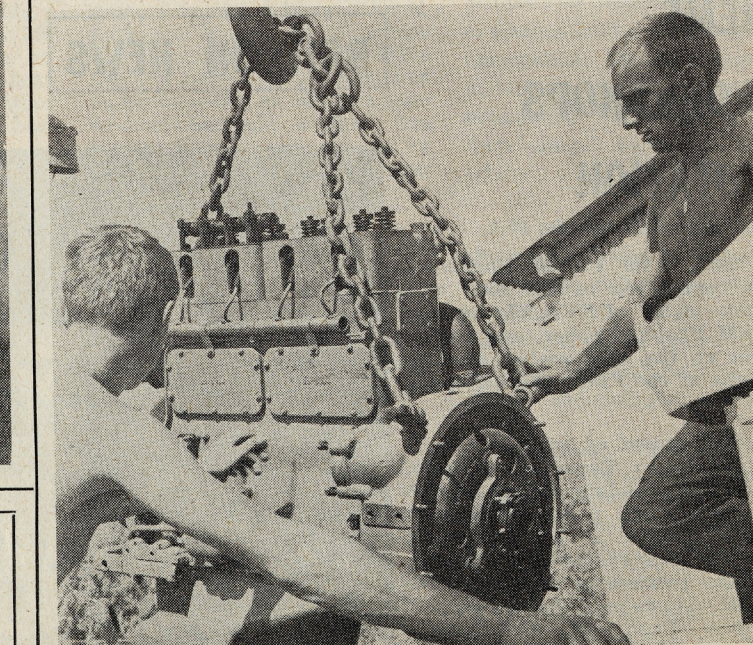
är en sport som "skapar karaktär, självförtroende och håller kroppen i trim". Så skrev vi i nr 2 av Nya Cypernsen. De orden lockade et 20-tal till "den vita mattsporten". Tyvärr är det bara 2-3 st som tränar intensivt. En av dem är Evald Johansson, Garknas. Här syns han t.v. tampandes med instruktören Mr Basil Scoutarides, själv svartbälte, så dammet yr ur brottarmattorna. (Stabsred lovar att aldrig mucka gräl med någon gång!)

JUDO



killarna på rep och driv har jobbat särskilt hårt senaste tiden. Plockat ner och satt i en ny SKP - motor i en av kp-bilarna bl.a. Här ovan jobbar och sliter fr.v. Jan-Olof Olofsson, Åstorp, och Tommy Sandberg, Svärdsjö. Och minsann är det inte basens, Jack Eriksson, Stockholm, fagra nuna som skyrtar mellan kedjorna. Nedan: SKP-motorn dinglande i luften, som en annan urdragen gadd.

MOTOR



SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos

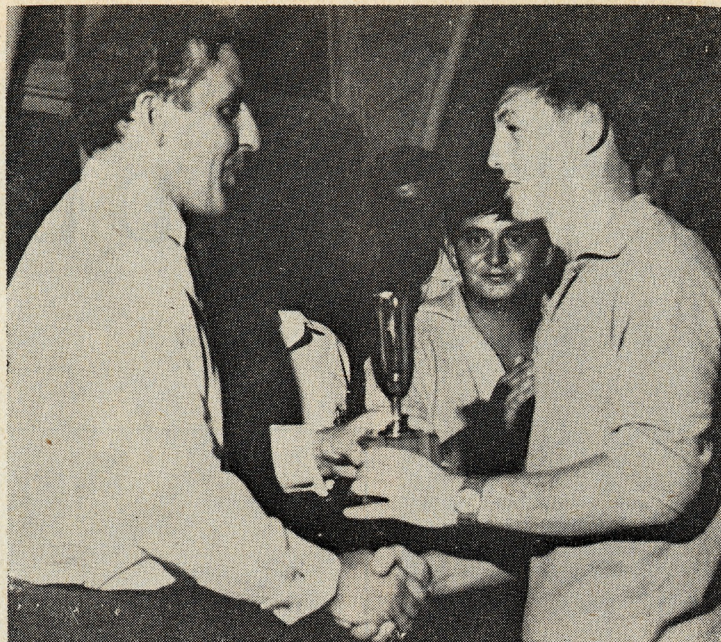
INDIVIDUAL DARTS CHAMPION

Private Gordon Adamson, a member of the Sergeants Mess staff of 3rd Battalion Light Infantry was the winner of the individual darts knock-out match held at Polemidhia Camp on Saturday 1st August 1970.

In the picture right he is seen receiving his trophy from Headquarter Company Commander, Major Paul Wilcocks whilst Bandsman Craig Allan from Oswestry (centre) looks on approvingly.

Private Adamson is single and his home town is Oaken-gates, Salop. He has served for one year in the Army and Cyprus is his first overseas tour. During the darts evening he won one of his 301 matches in only eleven darts and although a surprise winner, he was very much the best player of the night.

Major Wilcocks joined 3rd Battalion Light Infantry in



April of this year after a three year tour on the staff in Malaya. He is married with two daughters and his family are living in Plymouth which also happens to be his home town.

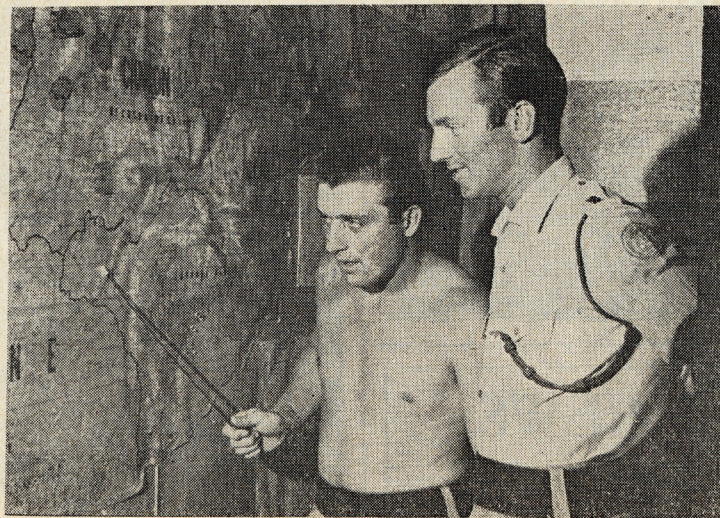


REME WORKSHOPS ROTATION

Back to the United Kingdom on completion of his tour of duty with UNFICYP goes ASM Frank Webber, and with him go the best wishes of all ranks of the Force Workshops.

As a token of their esteem, Major Barry Turner the Officer Commanding Workshops made a small presentation to ASM Webber at a gathering in the Craftymans Club. Also in the picture is replacement ASM Norman Walker who comes from 27 Command Workshops REME.

BRITCON NEWS



WINNING DARTS TEAM

Winners of the darts league run by Headquarter Company, 3rd Battalion Light Infantry were the Signal Platoon with the Motor Transport Platoon runners up.

The league was close fought throughout and provided excellent entertainment for those who took part. The finals were played at Polemidhia Camp on Saturday 1st August 1970.

The winning team, pictured below with their trophies, (left to right back row) Lance Corporal Melvyn Luke, Corporal Anthony Greenhouse, Terence Roberts and Private David Airey. In the front row, left to right are Lance Corporals Kenneth Winney, John Brannan and Private Christopher Rogers.

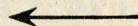


CHECKING OUT INFORMATION

Lieutenant Andrew Sigley is Ops 'A' Officer for 3rd Battalion Light Infantry. He is engaged and hopes to be married soon after the Battalion returns to the United Kingdom. His home town is Worcester.

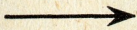
In our picture Lieutenant Sigley (right) is checking some information on the Operations Room map with Sergeant Robin Williams the Battalions Information Sergeant whose home town is Weobley, Herefordshire.

Sergeant Williams has served for six years and was with the Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion from 1962 — 1964.

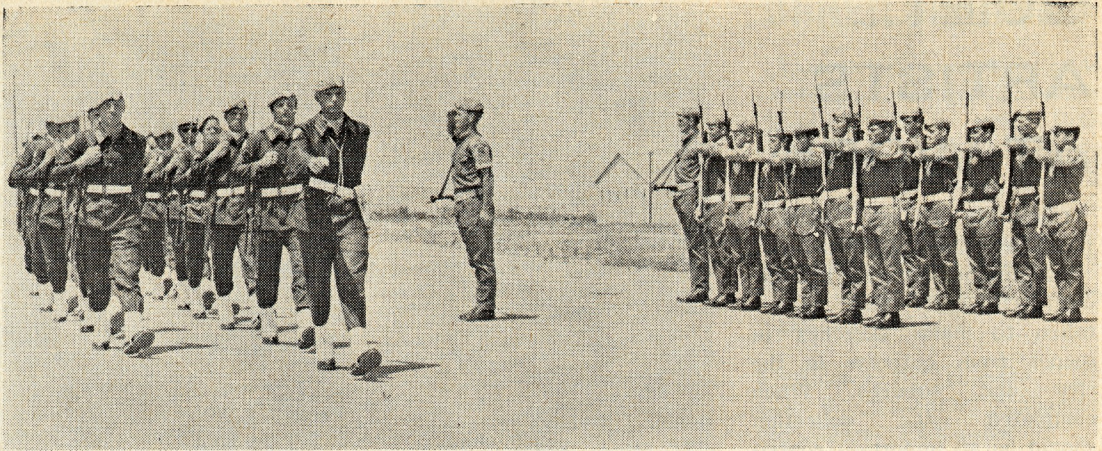


IRCON GUARD AT UNFIGYP

A platoon from Ircon which does a weeks duty each month at UNFIGYP took over Guard duties last week from Swedcon. Here we see Sergeant Maurice Kenefick, Armoured Car Group Zyyi giving the salute at the march past.



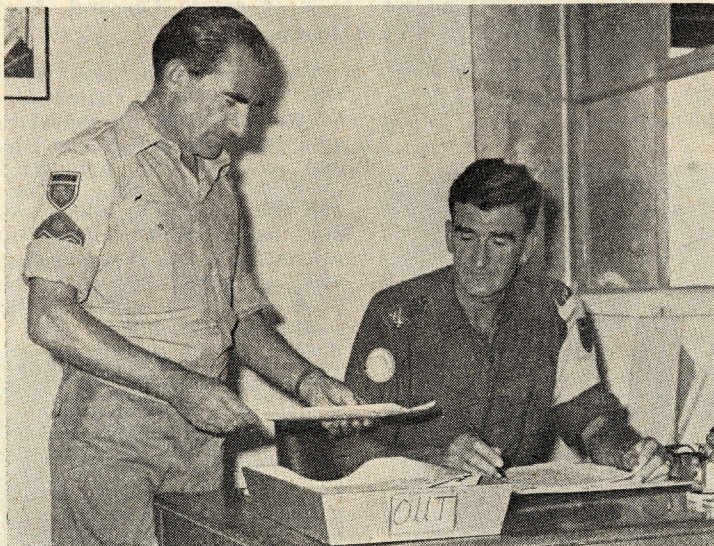
● Below Trooper Thomas Noblett on duty at the entrance to UNFIGYP checks the identity of a civilian.



IRCON PERSONNEL AT HQ UNFIGYP

At present there are four Officers and five Other Ranks employed at HQ UNFIGYP, Nicosia. They work in many different branches such as Operations, Signals, Engineers etc, but still they manage to stay very close together.

In the Irish Liaison office we have Commandant Pat Daly (seated) who has served in Cyprus before. Back home Commandant Daly is the Command Adjutant Eastern Command. With him is Company Sergeant Harry Crowley, Irish Liaison clerk. Harry is an old hand at this work having served in the same appointment in the Congo. He has also served in Cyprus as Operations Sergeant. His home unit is McKee Barracks, Dublin.



Company Sergeant Sean Kelly who is the Chief Clerk, Personnel Branch, was born in Derry City. He is now stationed at Cardonagh with 'C' Company of the 24th Battalion of the (F.C.A.). He previously served with the 37th Battalion in the Congo and the 41st Battalion in Cyprus. He is one of the oldest soldiers serving abroad having completed 30 years service on 3rd August 1970. With him is Sergeant Owen Merchant of the RAMC who works in the Chief Medical Officers Branch.



CANADIANS ON DUTY WITH IRCON

To familiarise Ircon and Cancon troops with each others Districts, platoons will be exchanged each week for the next three weeks. Last week we saw the arrival of Lieutenant George Maday with his men of the 1st Royal Canadian Regiment who took up duties in the Larnaca area.

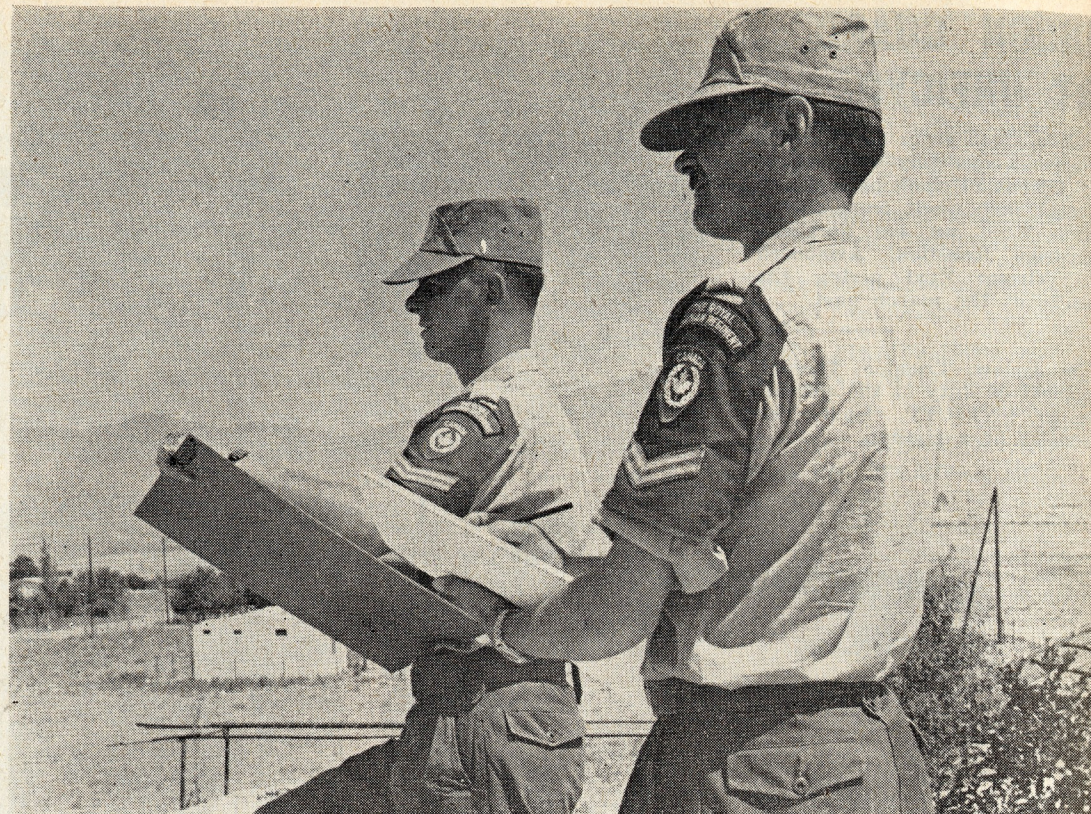
● Making their way up the steep slope to Stavros Observation Post — Lieutenant Maday with Captain Sean Norton, Operations Officer and Lieutenant Jim Lally 'B' Company. (picture above).



IRCON NEWS

QUIET... ARTISTS AT WORK

Corporals George Johnson (left) and John Robbins, two draughtsmen-painters-artists with CANCON have undertaken to make sketches of scenes from outposts in the city and suburbs. When completed, the collection should be an important contribution to the annuals of the Regiment.



BUSY MAN

With the forthcoming publication by the present contingent of a souvenir book of their tour in Cyprus, the busiest man is undoubtedly Corporal Bruce Pollock, IRCR's able unit photographer. Bruce is working overtime these days tying up the loose ends and gathering the missing photographic links. If the quality of his photos is to be an indication, the book will be a very worthwhile souvenir of our tour of duty with UNFICYP.

TITBITS

The Wednesday night, Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation, radio program "Calling all Canadians" has been renamed "CANCON CAVALCADE"; the show also has a new DJ, Corporal Ralph Morgan who replaced cousin Corporal Joey Morgan who recently returned to Canada.

Remember the water shortage... do your bit... economize.

Word got here last week that the CKCO-TV (Kitchener-Waterloo) team of reporters who were here two months ago, showed their production at Wolseley Barracks in London, Ont., recently. Some 450 dependants were reported in attendance and the showing was a great success. The program will be aired by the station in September.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

Mr William Heine, Editor of the London Free Press, a recent visitor to Cancon, had a lot of praise for "London's RCR" in a series of articles published in his paper.

Lieutenant Ron Dickenson (City Company) will fill-in as contributor to the Blue Beret over the next few weeks, you can help him by letting him know what is happening in your area; it will be appreciated too.



KEEP'EM ROLLING

Hard-working troops of the transport platoon are doing a good job of keeping our vehicles on the road. For that matter, all of the Canadian Contingent are doing a good job. The main reason however for printing this photo is that it is proof of Corporal Bruce Pollock's eye for a pleasant action shot as Corporal "Paddy" Ryan gives a jeep a grease job;

PAPINKEIKKA

Sunnuntaaamuna lähti pari kuorma-autollista miestä Esikunnan kentältä kohti Famagustaa.

Famagustassa tutustuttiin vanhaan kaupunkiin ja ensikertalaisten oli määrä kokeilla turkkilaista kahvia. "Käskyn" täyttämistä ei tosin valvottu kovinkaan tarkkaan.

Lala Mustafa moskeijassa alkoi rukoushetki kello 12.00, jota seurattiin jonkin aikaa ja kuunneltiin pastorin lyhyt selostus muhamettilaisuudesta.

Famagustassa on myös saaren kauneimmaksi sanottu hiekkaranta, koekäytön retke suoritti.

Ensi sunnuntaina ei tutustuta saaren nähtävyyksiin maalta käsin vaan lähdetään parin tunnin risteilylle Kyrenian edustalle. Lähtö ensitseen tapaan kello 10.00 Esikunnan kentältä.

URHEILUMUISTIO

Elokuun 27. pnä järjestetään Dhekeliassa kontingenttien väliset yleisurheilukilpailut, johon FINCON ottaa myös osaa. Tämän kuun aikana suoritetaan karsinnat voidaksemme koota mahdollisimman iskukykyisen joukkueen. Samoissa kilpailuissa otamme SWEDCON'n kanssa yhteen epävirallisen maaottelun merkeissä.

Syyskuun 5. pnä järjestää FINCON R.A.F'n altaalla kontingenttien väliset uintikilpailut.

Uimareita ja yleisurheilijoita tarvitaan edustustehtäviin, joten epäpidetä kynttilää vakan alla.



Pimeältä näyttää. Jääkärit Seppo Hietamäki, Matti Ollila ja Reijo Penttilä tutustumassa Famagustassa Otellon torniin.

YK-KONKAREITA

Heinäkuun rotaatiossa saapui saarelle neljä uutta upseeria, joiden varpaat eivät ehkä olleet niin valkoiset kuin ensi kertaa saarelle saapuvalla.

Kapteeni Erkki "Eki" Ryynänen astui saarelle ensimmäisen kerran huhtikuussa 1969. Puoli vuotta hän toimi 3 JK:n varapäällikkönä. Tämän pestin aikana kapt Ryynänen hoitaa komentotoimiston päällikön tehtäviä.

Kapteeni "Make" Rytkönen saapui perimätiedon mukaan Kyprokselle ensimmäisen kerran heinäkuussa 1968. Toinen pesti alkoi heinäkuussa 1970 kolmen kuukauden "Suomiloman" jälkeen.

Virkapalli jo tutuksi tullessa lomatoimistossa.

Yliluutnantti Pekka Keskiruokanen aloitti YK-uransa 3J K:n joukkueenjohtajana lokakuussa 1968. Ikävissään hän kotiutui viime huhtikuussa. Suomen maaperä poltti kuitenkin jalkojen alla. Toinen pesti alkoi siis heinäkuussa. Ylil Keskiruokasen, majoitusupseerin, löytää huoltotoimistosta.

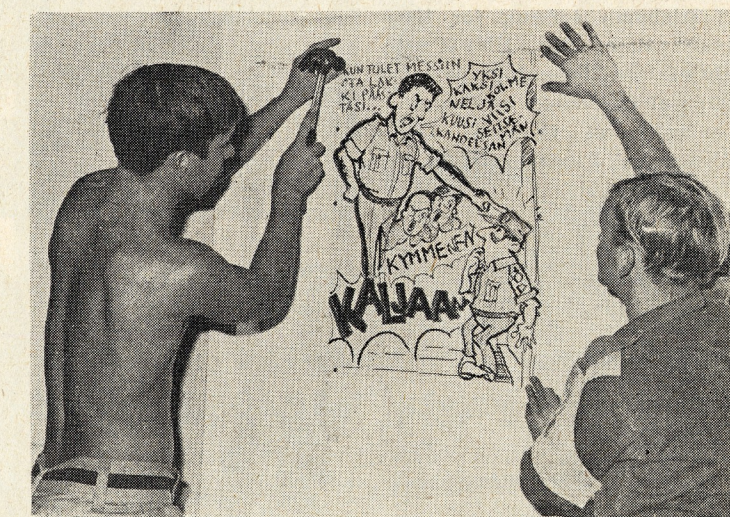
Luutnantti Eero Takkisen kohdalla voisi sanoa, että kolmas kerta toden sanoo. Ltn Takkinen palveli YKSP 5:n aikana joukkueenjohtajana 1 JK:ssa, YKSP 11:ssa majoitusupseerina ja nykyisin hän on 2 JK:ssa joukkueenjohtajana.



Suurella päälliköllä on suuret huolet. YK-veteraanit, komentotoimiston päällikkö Erkki Ryynänen ja lomaupseeri Mauri Rytkönen selvittämässä kertynyttä paperiruhkaa.



Loppuun uupunut kapteeni Rauno Kirjavainen kiivettyään Aghirdan kylästä vartiopaikka Satulaan. Matkan loppuosa 25 m kiivettiin köyttä pitkin.



Jääkärit Jorma Faarinen ja Sakari Partanen (vas) naulaamassa tehokasta tapakasvatuskeinoa, kaljamanifestia jääkärimessin oveen.

JÄÄKÄRIMESSI UUSIIN SUOJIIN

Jo toisen kerran joutuivat jääkärit muuttamaan majaansa tämän vuoden aikana. Muuttotyöt on suoritettu mielellään, sillä muutos on ollut koko ajan parempaan suuntaan. Uudessa messissä on oma keittiö, baari, huone ja suuri ulko-veranta. Messin kalustoon kuuluu

mm levyautomaatti ja yksi peliautomaatti.

Messin epäviralliset avajaiset vietettiin jo 8.8. vaikka virallisesti uusi messi avataan vasta 15.8. Näin kerroti messin varapuheenjohtaja jääkäri Matti Ollila.

PREVENTING CRIME IN UNFICYP

Living up to their UN role in every sense of the word are men of the UNFICYP Military Police Company. They really know what it means to "co-operate internationally" — for theirs is the only unit in the Force where personnel of six national contingents serve together as one integrated unit.

Commanding this unique company is Canadian Lieutenant Colonel R. H. Murphy

who also holds the additional appointment of Force Provost Marshall.

The HQ of the company is located at Nicosia together with the Special Investigation Section. Actual police coverage of UNFICYP Districts is provided by detachments located at Nicosia, Famagusta, Limassol, Xeros and Larnaca. The duties are many and varied and MPs have to be able to deal with traffic control, investigation of accidents, matters of discipline, crime investigation and security, to name just a few of their responsibilities.

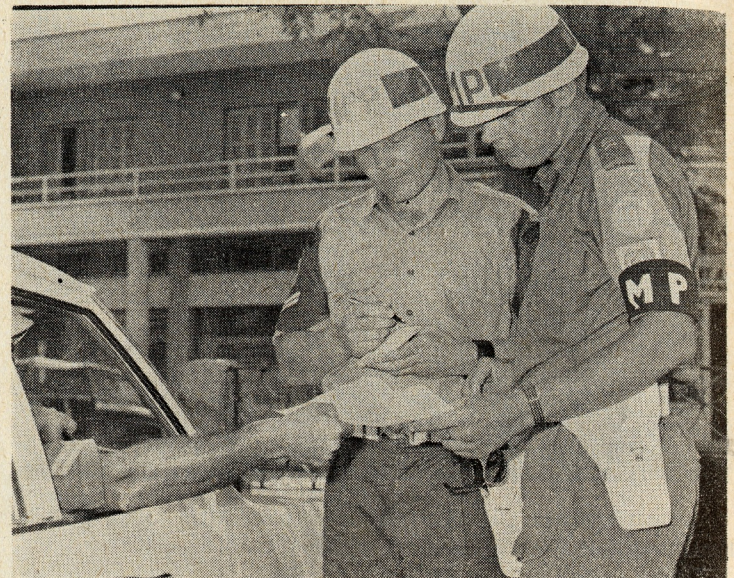
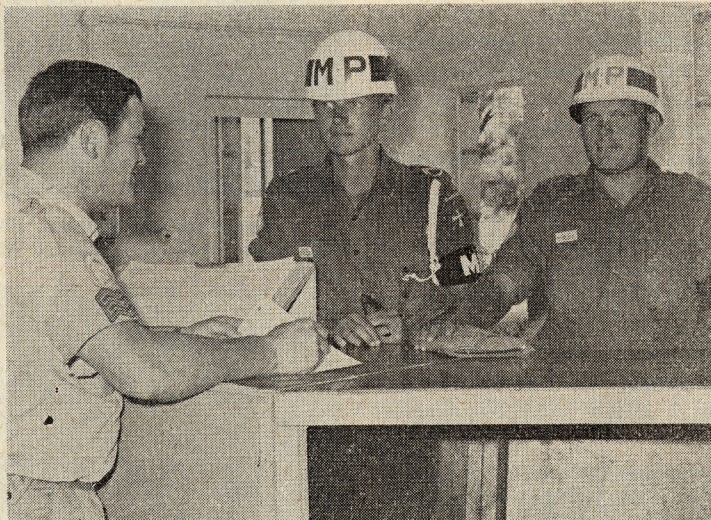
Many UN soldiers have had cause to be grateful to the MPs. Patrols always have one

aim foremost in mind — to prevent crime by offering advice and assistance beforehand.



● Patrols are constantly on the alert for incidents or breaches of discipline involving UN personnel. Sergeant Antero and Corporal Church seen here in a Nicosia street seem to be about to pick up our "Blue Beret" photographer for questioning!

● On shift at Nicosia Duty Desk, Corporal Mike Brennan an Irishman serving for the second time with UNFICYP debriefs an incoming patrol. Corporal C. Jensen of Dancon (centre) and Corporal Olli Selkamo of Fincon (right).



● UNFICYP vehicles are subject at any time to routine checks by Military Police. In the picture Sergeant Pentti Antero (Fincon) checks the documents of a UN driver while Corporal Lloyd Church (Cancon) makes notes for the report.

UNFICYP CRICKETERS IN ARMY TEAM

One of the big events in the Sovereign Base Sporting calendar is the annual cricket match between the Near East Air Force XI and an Army Cyprus XI.

This year victory went to the RAF in a closely contested match played at Akrotiri on 7th and 8th August. Four members of the Army team were members of Britcon units serving with UNFICYP.

Staff Sergeant Joiner REME serving with 3LI.

Sergeant Merchant RAMC — HQ UNFICYP.

Lance Corporal Calvert — 'C' Sqn Royal Scots Greys.

Driver Curate — 60 Sqn Royal Corps of Transport.

All four UNFICYP players acquitted themselves well, in particular Lance Corporal Calvert who took 5 wickets for 47 runs in the first innings and 2 wickets for 2 runs in the second.

The Final Result? A win for the RAF by 22 runs.

MP NOTEBOOK

Accidents - Unficyp

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| Week Ending | | |
| 8 Aug 70 | — | 6 |
| Same Period | | |
| Last Year | — | 12 |
| Total This Year | — | 239 |
| Same Period | | |
| Last Year | — | 229 |
| Main Cause of Accidents This Week - | | |
| 'HIT AND RUN' | | |

● Lieutenant Colonel Murphy (centre) confers with his Danish second-in-command Captain H.V. Rose (right) and Captain P. Wilson (left) the Canadian Officer of the Nicosia Detachment. Standing is Master Warrant Officer G.F. Johnson.