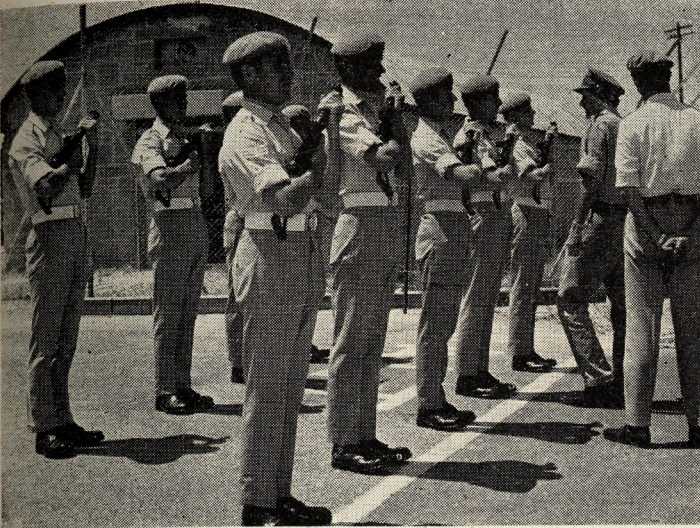




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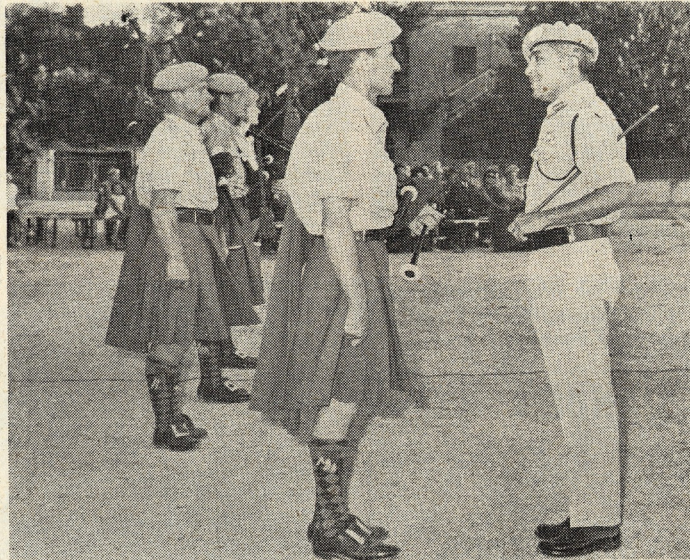


● Colonel D. E. Thornton, CBE, ERD.

GOC'S VISIT

Last Week Major General M.W. Holme CBE, MC the GOC NEARELF visited Britcon units in Nicosia and met British Officers serving with the HQ UNFICYP — more pictures on Britcon page.

Major General M.W. Holme CBE, MC (picture) inspecting a guard of honour provided by 'C' Squadron The Royal Scots Greys at Gleneagles Camp last week.



● The Force Commander Major General D. Prem Chand talks with Sergeant J.J. Beeham at the occasion of the Fincon Medal Parade on 18th August. The Ircon pipers provided music for the parade.

MEDAL PARADE

The Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand presented UN Medals at a parade at Fincon on 18th August and at Swedcon on 19th August. Story and pictures on inside pages.

News In Brief

—United Nations Under-Secretary General Ralph Bunche was admitted to New York Hospital last week after a fall at his home in which he fractured a rib. Dr. Bunche is playing a major role in the current peace negotiations in the Middle East.

—Monday 17th August marked the end of the first ten years of independence for the Republic of Cyprus.

—A delegation of Finnish Parliamentarians spent four days with UNFICYP from 15 — 19 August visiting the Finnish Contingent.

CONGRATULATIONS — to 60 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport who last week announced that they had clocked 55 days of accident free motoring.
We are assured that the rumour that it is because so many cars are in workshops, is not true! The total mileage recorded during this period was 197,000 miles.

A welcome this week to Colonel D.E. Thornton CBE, ERD who has arrived to take over the duties of Deputy Chief of Staff and Commander Britcon from Colonel D.B. Riddell-Webster, OBE.

Colonel Thornton was first commissioned into The Welch Regiment in 1937, and after attending the Staff College and the Joint Services Staff College he held a number of important Staff appointments before being seconded in 1965 to act as Deputy Commander of the Malawi Army.

His last appointment before coming to Cyprus was Colonel GS on the International Military Staff of NATO HQ. Colonel Thornton will be accompanied by his wife during his tour with UNFICYP.

DID HE PASS?

Whilst accompanying the Force Commander on a visit to a Road Safety Display presented by an RAF Team, the ADC Captain Beck Isaksen "volunteered" to act as guinea pig.

Following his ADC's reactions with a keen interest is Major General D. Prem Chand whilst Captain Chris Streatfield of 60 Sqn RCT and Major Warren Sillitoe of Personnel Branch wait eagerly for the result. Did he pass? — Captain Isaksen has maintained a modest silence!



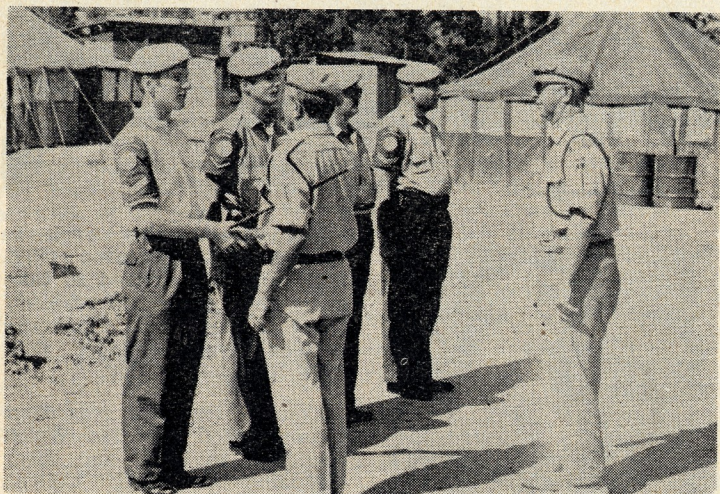
GENERALEN I LEFKA DISTRIKT

Force Commander, general Prem Chand, aflagde sidste uge et rutinemæssigt besøg hos Dancon i Lefka-distrikt blandt andet for at besigtige observations-posterne.

Denne gang blev generalen præsenteret for Dancons nyligt tiltrådte ITO, major J.S. Lau, og benyttede lejligheden til også at hilse på de fire canadier i signaltjenesten, som er stationeret i Xeros-lejren og som betjener Unficyps kommandonet til og fra HQ Lefka-distrikt. Det drejer sig om såvel radio- som telegraf-kommunikation.



● General Prem Chand modtages ved helikopter landingspladsen af kontingentschefen oberstløjtnant M. Hemmert Lund. I baggrunden ses ITO officeren major J.S. Lau og adjutanten kaptajn P.A. Lauritzen.



● Generalen præsenteres af oberstløjtnanten for fire medlemmer af "Royal Canadian Signals": korporalerne Don Thomson, George Pichette, Pat McMaster og detachment commander Marty Kowalski.

FORCE RESERVE

PÅ BESØG

Unficyp råder over en "Force Reserve" til indsættelse i særlige tilfælde. Denne reserve består af en britisk spejdervogns eskadron og den må, for at kunne løse sin opgave, have et grundigt kendskab til alle egne af Cypern og være inde i alle kontingenters specielle forhold.

For at opnå dette foretager hver ny eskadron en serie gruppeviserundture på øen med besøg hos alle distrikts-kommandoer. Turen starter hos Dancon og omfatter her en briefing om Lefka-distrikt givet af O-officeren, major A. Larsen, og gennemkørsel af området med underbringning ved Letkompagni i Limnitis.

Billedet viser en "dismounted" spejdervognsafdeling på vej til briefing i Xeroslejren.

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AFSKEDS- VISIT



Stedfortrædende stabschef (Deputy Chief of Staff) den engelske kontingentschef, oberst D.B. Riddell-Webster, aflagde i sidste uge visit hos Dancon. Her modtages den afgående Britcon chef af Dancons chef, oberstløjtnant Hemmert Lund, og major A. Larsen.

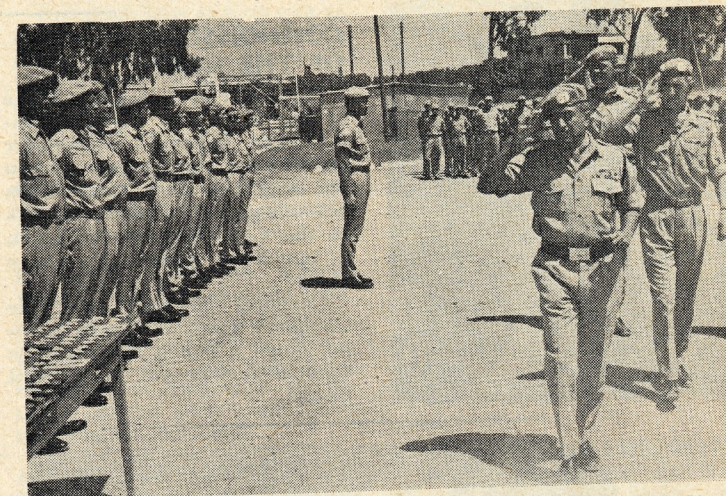
INDRE ROTATION

Rotationen, nærmere betegnet den indre rotation af Letkompagnis vagtdele, foregår i disse dage og griber så stærkt ind i den hidtidige rutine, at specielle arrangementer må udsættes til de nye positioner er indtaget og daglig gænge genoprettet. Sekondløjtnant F. Plet-Hansen, som overtager ansvaret for vagtopgaverne i Xeros, ses her med ryggen til, mens han instruerer mandskab fra Letkompagni i Xeroslejren.

MEDALJ- PARADEN

● Gik av stapeln på Carl Gustaf Camp den 19 augusti. Sol och strålände väder. Förstås! FC generalmajor D Prem Chand själv övertar högtidligheten beledsagad av sin adjutant kn B Isaksen, Dancon.

● T.h.: Fanvakten med löjtnanterna Åke Blomberg, Vaxholm, och Sven Öberg, Sösdala, i täten marscherar in.



● Ovan t.v.: FC hälsar bataljonen. Här framför fronten av tidigare medaljörer, Cypernveteraner. Bakom generalen öv Lars Lavén och kn Isaksen.

● Ovan t.h.: FC överlämnar medaljen till privatettron fr.v. Bengt Forslund, Enstaberga, Börje Jansson, Virestad, och Gert Sandkvist, Bjärred.

● Den heta middagstimman till trots hade en hel del anhängiga samlats för att bevittna paradens. Åtskilliga film- och andra kameror gick varma den dagen. t.h.



● För det "kulturella" inslaget svarade - på ett utomordentligt sätt förresten - vitskrudade brittiska militär-orkestern ur "Third Battalion the Light Infantry" under ledning av bandmaster S James, t.v.

SWEDCON NEWS

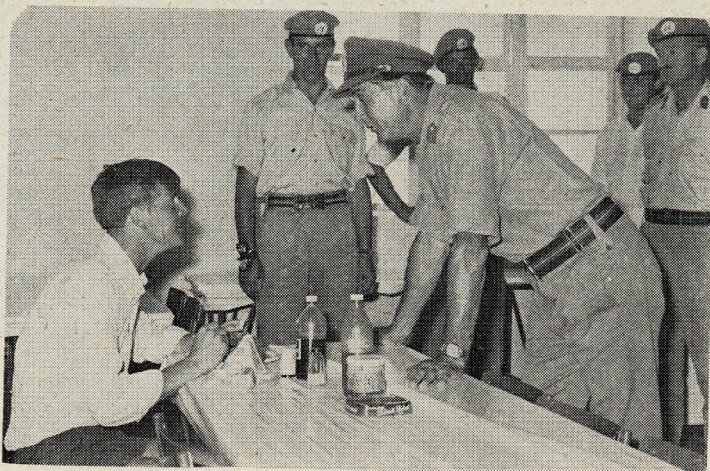
Swedish Forces Photos

GOC NEARELF VISITS SCOTS GREYS

Informality seemed to have been the theme of the visit last week of Major General M.W. Holme to 'C' Squadron The Royal Scots Greys.

In the picture he is shown meeting Trooper Wilson across the table during a tour of the dining hall. In the background (left to right) are Squadron Sergeant Major J. Audis, Major HRH The Duke of Kent, Corporal Terry Ferguson and Colonel D.B. Riddell Webster the Commander British Contingent.

● On the vehicle park the General shares a joke with Sergeant West.



During his flying visit to HQ UNFICYP the GOC "dropped in" on the Communications Centre. He is seen below talking to (from left to right) Lieutenant Colonel D.D. Ranft the Chief Signals Officer, Commandant J.P. Purcell and Captain G.M. Finney.

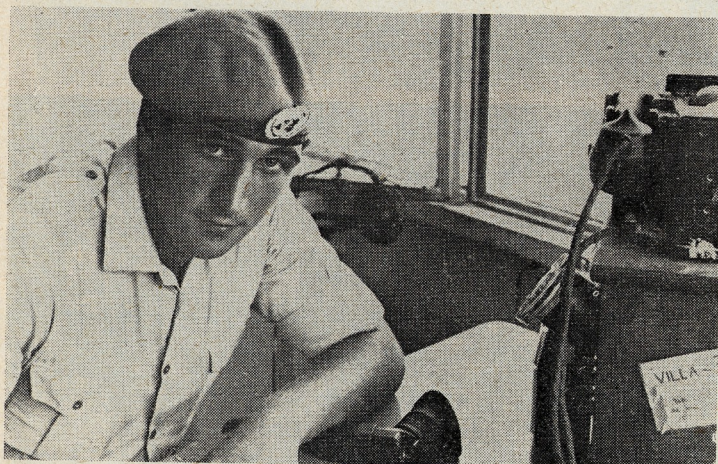
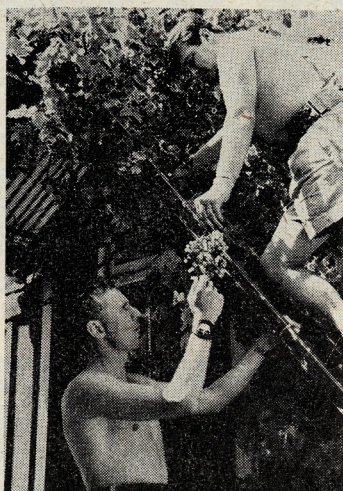


CONNOISSEUR OF THE GRAPE

Headquarter Company office of 3rd Battalion Light Infantry has become a popular place since the grape vine on the roof has born fruit. It is not unusual for casual visitors to the Coy Office to be given a bunch of grapes to take away.

Corporal Michael Gill, the Company clerk is shown passing down a bunch of grapes to Company Sergeant Major Bill Bound.

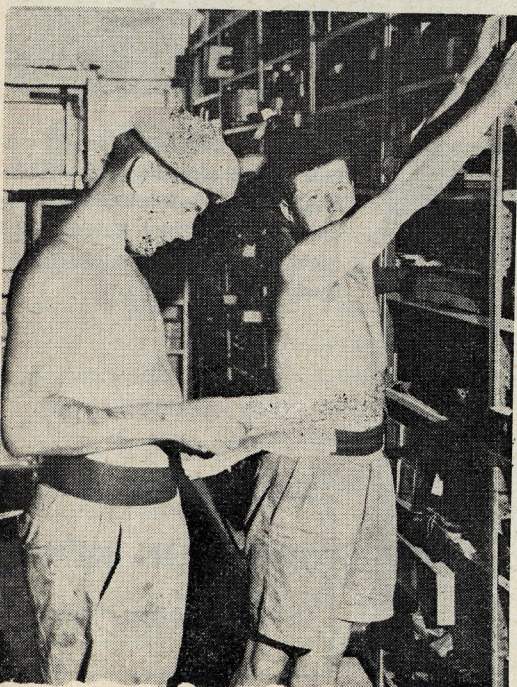
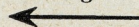
Asked to comment on the Company grapes the general feeling was that 'they are OK off the vine but far better having been trampled on and bottled'.



BRITCON NEWS

VILLA EXCHANGE OPERATOR

Private Gordon Bradley is a member of 5 platoon, 3rd Battalion Light Infantry and he has two other brothers serving in the Battalion. In the picture he is seen helping out at Villa Observation Post Ktima with the telephone exchange.



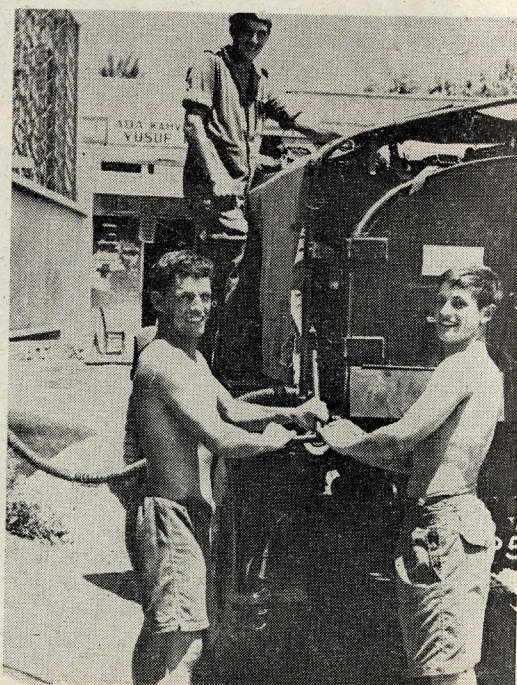
FAMTO STOREMEN

Lance Corporal Raymond Price (left) is seen checking items in the MT Tech Store of 3rd Battalion Light Infantry with Lance Corporal Thomas Richards, the Tech storeman.

In the FAMTO stores are held about 600 items required to keep the battalion's vehicles on the road and with the high mileage achieved by unit vehicles in Cyprus, a great deal of work has to be done to keep them road-worthy.

FRESH WATER SUPPLIES FOR OPS

Every day the water truck of 3rd Battalion Light Infantry visits the Observation Posts in Paphos District to bring them fresh water. In the picture the driver, Private Geoffrey Coles is standing on the vehicle whilst Private John Kelsey (left) and Private Phillip Winning (right) pump water into the tank at Villa Observation Post Ktima.



PISTOL COMPETITION

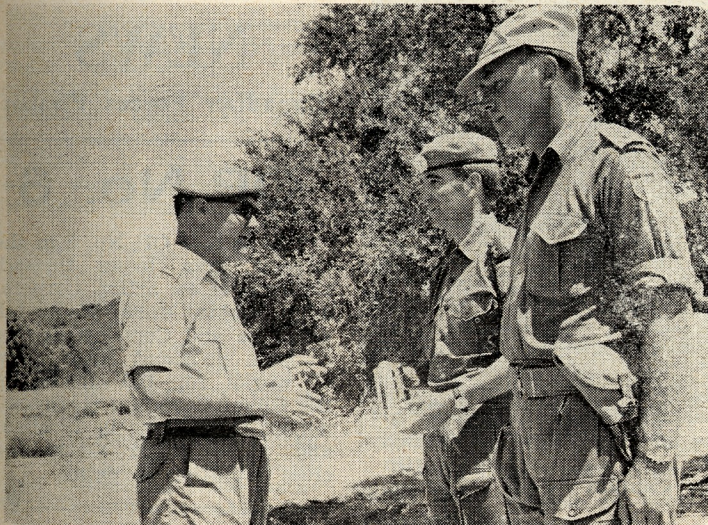
On Wednesday 19th August 1970, the "Sharpshooters" from the 18th Infantry Group shot it out from sunrise to sunset in the Group Pistol Competition. There were no casualties, although Sergeant Major Paddy Norris made a brave effort to shoot off his big toe. Fortunately he missed.

Seven teams each of four personnel drawn from A, B and HQ Companies, Armoured Car Group, Military Police and Group Headquarters took part, and after a tense struggle, Group Headquarters led by Captain Fintan Mullenwey, the 1969 All Army Pistol Champion, defeated 'B' Company by ten points. Individual honours went to Captain Fintan Mullenwey who beat Captain Vinnie Blythe by two points.

● Lieutenant Colonel Martin O'Brien presenting the individual prizes to Captain Vinnie Blythe and Captain Fintan Mullenwey.



● The Group Headquarters Team who won the team event, (left to right) Lieutenant Colonel Martin O'Brien, Officer Commanding 18th Infantry Group, Captain Fintan Mullenwey, Captain Jack Kissane, Captain Sean Norton, Sergeant Major Paddy Norris and Commandant Jim Flynn, Second in Command.



IRCON NEWS

FAREWELL VISIT BY DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF

Colonel D.B. Riddell-Webster, Deputy Chief of Staff paid a farewell visit to the 18th Infantry Group in Zyyi on Monday 17th August 1970. He met the officers of the Group and later had lunch with them.

Our photograph shows Colonel D.B. Riddell-Webster with Lieutenant Colonel M. O'Brien Officer Commanding 18th Infantry Group on right and Commandant Jim Flynn Second in Command.



HOLY LAND TOUR

On Monday 10th August a party from the 18th Infantry Group went on a tour of the Holy Land accompanied by Reverend Father Keoghane and Reverend Father Daly, Chaplains to the Group.

Among the places visited were Jerusalem, Jericho, Tiberias, Nazareth and many other places of interest. By all reports the trip was well worth while and some little halos have been seen in the different Company areas since their return.

● Our photograph above shows Reverend Father Daly following Captain Jack Kissane down the ramp after arriving back in Cyprus.

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT



● Corporal Ian MacInnes and Corporal Ralph Morgan are shown here doing one of their very popular programs for CANCON CAVALCADE. They enjoy their work and are always trying to improve an already excellent program.

The Canadian radio program, "CANCON CAVALCADE" (formerly "Calling All Canadians") has been under new management since 1 July. Corporal Ian MacInnes, the Executive Producer, and Corporal Ralph Morgan, the accomplished Disc Jockey, have pumped new life and vitality into this all Canadian program.

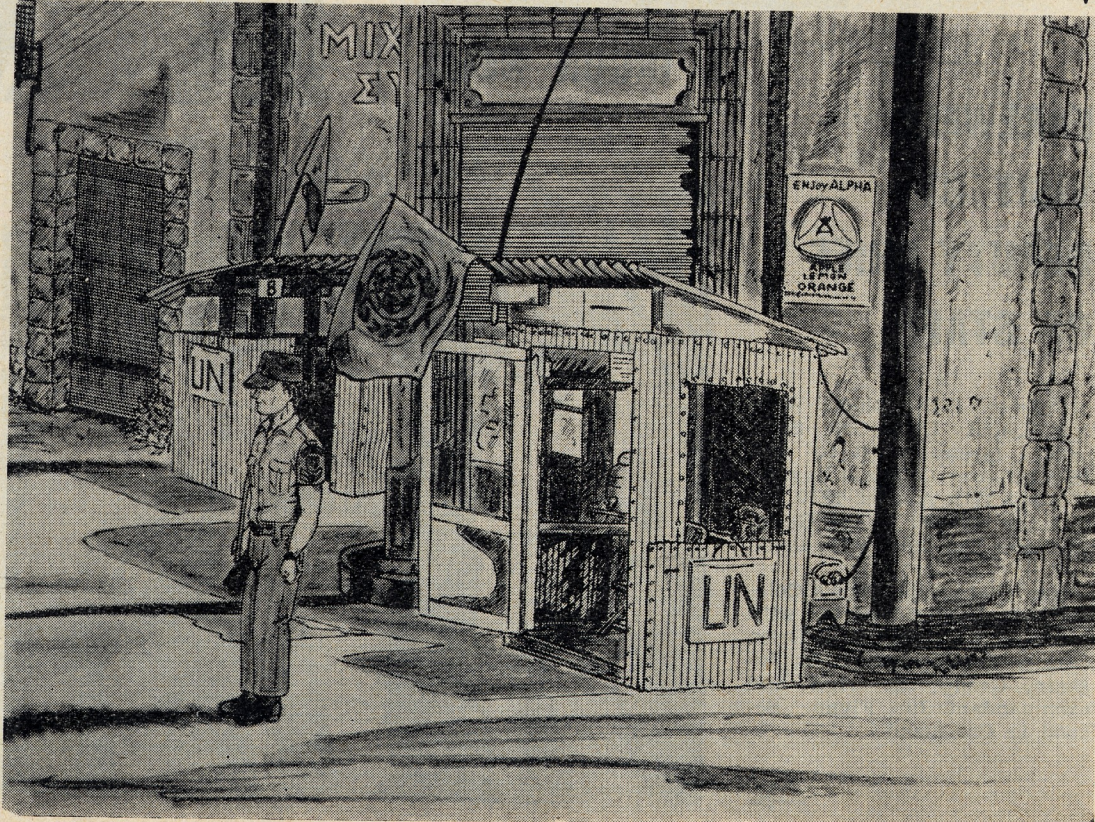
Heard every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock on 498 metres (Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation), the program is jam-packed with Canadian news, sports, music, movie reviews, and quite often short interviews with Canadians serving in the Canadian Contingent, as well as short features from Canada. There are even rumours that the new producers are planning to initiate a "Cancon Top Ten" in the music department based on ratings from members of Cancon. Ralph and Ian have loads of new ideas for the program and are flying high over the radio waves, so tune in your radio every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock and enjoy yourself listening to "CANCON CAVALCADE" — you won't be sorry you did!

PIO'S CORNER

Last week, Mr. Bruce Graham, a department head from CJCH Radio in Halifax, toured the Cancon area and interviewed members of the contingent from Halifax, Nova Scotia for a special Public Affairs feature, to be aired in Canada during the next couple of weeks. This week, Commander John Newbery arrived from Canada to work for two weeks assisting the Cancon PIO, and his help is greatly appreciated. Commander Newbery has many years experience behind him and is currently working in Calgary, Alberta.



● Here, Corporal Ian MacInnes interviews two well-known members of Cancon. From left to right are Captain Martin Clouthier, Chaplain (RC), and Captain Colin Curties, Chaplain (P).



RUNNING HARD. Cancon Base Cyprus held a sports meet on 15 August and shown here is Corporal Glen Caldwell driving it out as anchor man for his team to win the 440 Relay. All sections competed hard and well, with Transport Platoon emerging as the overall winning team.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

OP No. 6

This is how OP No. 8 in the Cancon area looks through the eyes of an artist. Corporal John Robbins drew this sketch while he and Corporal George Johnson produced their series of works for the annals of the Royal Canadian Regiment. All of their work is excellent and shows hard work and close attention to detail.

MITALIPARAATI — SUOMALAISILTA



Force Commander, pataljoonan komentaja ja neljä ansioitunutta rauhanturvaajaa.

Jälleen kerran komennettiin Suomen YK-pataljoona esikunnan kentälle mitaliparaatiin. Tilaisuutta juhlisti läsnäolollaan Force Commander kenrm D. Prem Chand, suomalaiset kansanedustaja vieraat ja lukuisa joukko saarella asuvia suomalaisia sekä kutsuvieraat muista kontingenteista.

Kenrm D. Prem Chand jakoi henkilökohtaisesti YK-mitalit yksikössä kunnostautuneille miehille. Juhlapuheensa Force Commander mm kiitti Suomen YK-pataljoonaa sen suorittamasta ansiokkaasta työstä tulenaralla vastuualueellamme. Lopuksi Force Commander onnitteli kaikkia mitalin saajia sen johdosta, että he olivat saaneet vastaanottaa yhden maailman tämän hetken arvokkaimman

mitalin, joka myönnetään työstä maailman rauhan hyväksi.



Suomalaisilla naiskauneutta. Vääpeli Reino Rauhala ja hänen morsiamensa Pirjo Laukkanen.

Mihinkäs menisi?

Rotaatiokausi on taas onnellisesti ohitettu ja lomakausikin alkoi jo 10.8.70.



Ylikersantti Olli Haaranen tarkastamassa ylikersantti Lauri Koskelan matkatavaroita.

Ensimmäinen lomalaisten ryhmä suuntasi matkansa kohti Israelia, josta näyttääkin muodostuvan lomakauden ylivoimaisesti suosituin matkailukohde.

Mainittakoon, että Israelissa on syys-lokakuun vaihteessa uusi vuosi, jolloin lentovuorot ja hotellit ovat täysiä. Mikäli joku suunnittelee matkaa ko aikana Israeliin on hänen tilattava matkansa hyvissä ajoin.

Muista lomakohteista mainittakoon Libanon, Egypti, yhdistetty Egypti-Libanon lentomatka sekä Välimeren risteily Syyriaan, Libanoniin, Aleksandriaan, josta matka jatkuu autolla Kairoon ja edelleen lentäen Nicosiaan.

Ulkomaan matkalle lähtijöiden mieliin palautetaan ne toimenpiteet, jotka on syytä huolehtia ennen matkan alkamista.

Lomailmoituksen on oltava kaksi viikkoa ennen matkan alkua lomatoimistossa. Samoin Israeliin menijöiden viisumianomukset varustettuna passivalokuvalla.

Libanoniin, Egyptiin tai Syyriaan



Karjalanpaisti maistui niin kansanedustajalle kuin rauhanturvaajillekin suomalaisissa.

KORALLIN MIEHET PAPIIN PUHUTTELUSSA

Varusmiesaikana useimpien kokemus papista rajoittui komppanian yhteisiin iltahartauksiin, joihin järjestäytyttiin esimiesten mehevien kirousten saattelemina. Joskus papin saattoi nähdä oppituntia pitämässä, mutta yleensä suhde häneen jäi kaukaiseksi. Tuskin kenenkään mieleen tuli lähteä puhumaan vaikeuksistaan hänen kanssaan.

kerääntyttiin keskustelemaan yleensä palveluksesta Kyproksella ja erityisesti siitä mitä miehet odottavat papilta.

Vaikeutena koetaan, ettei tiedetä, mistä papin tavoittaa. Selvin päin ei kehdata lähteä, mutta pienessä humalassa voi tulla tarve purkaa huoliensa, myös palveluksen mukanaan tuomia.

Oloissa joissa elämme täällä Kyproksella, tilanne on toinen. Täällä meitä on niin vähän, että papilla on mahdollisuus oppia tuntemaan pataljoonan jokainen mies. Oloista johtuen suurten yhteisten tilaisuuksien järjestäminen on mahdotonta, siksi papin onkin lähdettävä sinne missä miehet ovat. Viime viikolla olivat muun muassa vartiopaikka Korallin miehittäjät papin puhuttelussa. Iltakahville

Puhuttiin myös pelosta jota tunnetaan palvelustovereita kohtaan. Toverit saavat pian miehestä tietyn kuvan ja tätä kuvaa yritetään säilyttää väkipakollakin. Joku saattaa kokea puhe- ja toimintatavan muutoksen kasvojen menetyksenä toverien silmissä. Yleensä asioiden ollessa hyvin ei uskoa kehdata tunnustaa mutta vaikeuksien tullessa tilanne on toinen.



Korallin vahvuuteen kuuluu kaikkiaan viisi miestä. Kuvassa vartiopaikan päällikkö kersantti Jorma Tikkala sekä alikersantti Matti Airo-mies ja jääkäri Risto Parkko vartiokoppia ympäröivän piikkilankaesteen edessä.

FINCON NEWS

menijöiden on hankittava sairaalasta rokotus koleraa vastaan.

Matkalle lähtiessä on oltava mukana ID-kortti, lomatodistus ja kansainvälinen rokotustodistus.

Valuutasta mainittakoon, että paikalliset Kypros-punnat eivät ole vaihdettavaa valuuttaa lomakohteina olevissa maissa. Mukavia lomia toivottaa lomaupseeri.



QUARTER - MASTERS CHANGE OVER

There has been intense activity in the Quartermaster compound at HQ UNFICYP over the past few weeks as Captain (QM) Les Bools has been preparing for his hand-over to Captain (QM) Ken Armitage of the Kings Regiment. Stores have been counted and recounted, drawers and

cupboards have been cleared and all the surpluses have been hidden away until next time!

Captain Bools is returning to Netherhaven and we hope that he will look back with happy memories of his time with UNFICYP. Captain Armitage comes to us from Oxford University OTC.

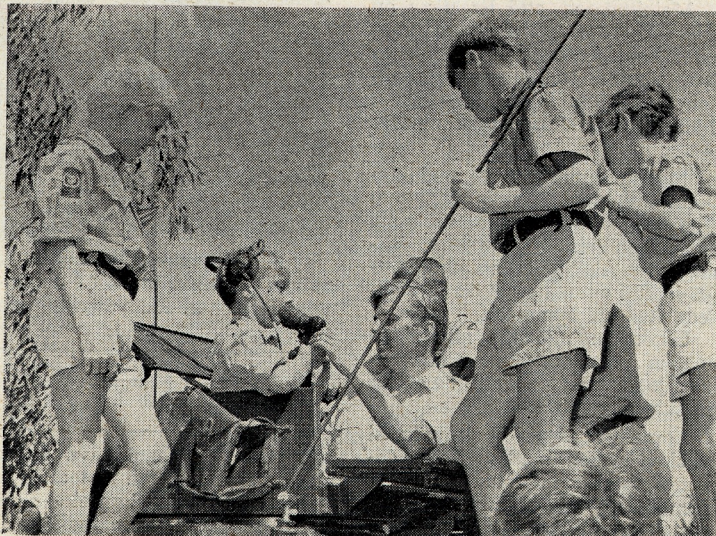
BAND DATE

At Curium on 28th August at 8.00 p.m. the band of the 3rd Battalion Light Infantry serving with Britcon will join forces with the band of the 1st Battalion Prince of Wales Own Regiment of Yorkshire from the Sovereign Base Area, for a combined band concert. Also taking part will be the pipes of the Irish Contingent of UNFICYP.

Earlier this season the two bands gave a very popular and successful concert at Curium and another first class evenings entertainment is promised for this occasion.

Gift Of Life

Three members of the Canadian Contingent — Corporal Cook PG, Corporal Bucknell RA, and Corporal Tranter RW — rose above and beyond the call of duty last week and unselfishly gave blood for an 11-year old Cypriot boy. A worried call was received from the father, who through an interpreter, asked for blood for his son. The boy needed 3-pints of a fairly rare blood group, and within hours, Capt Mike England, the Cancon Medical Officer, and his staff had located these willing volunteers. The call for help was answered, and the boy, who requires transfusions twice a year, thanked his Canadian benefactors for their concern and kindness.



ALL IN DAY'S WORK

The RAF Detachment of 230 Squadron serving with UNFICYP came to the aid of Ircon last week. The problem was how to transport a water tank weighing 1100 pounds to the top of a specially constructed steel tower at Kophinou.

Flight Lieutenant G. McCracken showed just how versatile a helicopter can be, and the whole operation was carried out smoothly under the direction of the Force Engineer, Lieutenant Colonel M.A. Shanahan.



More Contributions Towards Upkeep Of UNFICYP

Denmark will make a further contribution of 120,000 Dollars to meet costs for the

period ending 15th December 1970. As previously, this sum will be placed with a bank account in Denmark and offset against expenses paid by the Danish authorities in connection with the Danish Contingent to UNFICYP.

Singapore — The Government has decided to contribute a further sum of 500 US Dollars.

SCOUT'S TREAT

Have you got that problem of what to give a small boy for a birthday present? Why not try a Ferret Scout Car — complete of course with a Browning Machine Gun, two wireless sets and flashing lights.

Second Lieutenant Henry Callander of the Royal Scots Greys recently played "Uncle" to the youngsters of the Nicosia Scout Pack, and it is reported that a good time was had by all. So far as we know the Ferret still works!