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● Major B. Beck Isaksen, Major General Prem Chand, and the new ADC, Captain R. Ahonen, in focus at the airport.

NEW ADC

The Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, was met at Nicosia Airport by his two ADCs when he returned from leave in India last week.

The new ADC is Captain R. Ahonen, of Finland, who has been in Cyprus twice before. He served as Operations Officer with the Finnish Contingent for six months in 1964-65, and came back to HQ UNFICYP as Finnish AMPIO in January 1969. In July the same year he became ADC to the Force Commander, Lieutenant General A. E. Martola, and remained in this job until General Martola relinquished his post in December, 1969. Captain Ahonen also served with the UN Peace-Keeping Force in Gaza in 1956-57, and for one month, in January 1957, was a member of the Suez Canal Clearance Group.

Major B. Beck Isaksen, who has now returned to Denmark, took over as ADC in January last year. He and his family will be missed among their many friends in Cyprus, and we wish them all the best in the future.



● IPC journalists Peter Morris and Ian McLellan (top right) watch members of the Force Reserve scaling the cliff at OP Saddle during an exercise last week.



DANISH AMBASSADOR VISITS UNFICYP

His Excellency the Danish Ambassador to Cyprus, Mr. M. Warberg, last week paid an official visit to UNFICYP from his office in Beirut.

The Ambassador was briefed at Blue Beret Camp by the Acting Force Commander, Brigadier General E. M. D. Leslie, and he also had talks with Mr

● From the Ambassador's visit to Dancivpol are pictured (left to right) Superintendent V. Fogt, Mrs. Warberg, Mr. Warberg, and Doekker Soerensen, Second-in-Command of the Danish Police Force in Cyprus.

B. F. Osorio - Tafall, the Special Representative to the Secretary-General.

Later on His Excellency, accompanied by Mrs. Warberg, visited the Danish Contingent in Lefka District and the Danish Civilian Police Headquarters in Nicosia.

DAGLIGLIVET I KOKKINA-LEJREN

Torsdag aften, DF, er netop kommet hjem efter tre til fire timers ophold i Xeros/Nicosia, hvor han var til befalet frokost og afskedsfest for diverse personer. Det var i alt fald hans sædvanlige undskyldning, som bruges, når han forlader de andre hyggelige fyre i Kokkina Camp. På hjemturen blev han standset af adjudanten, der mindede ham om, at fredag morgen var sidste rettidige tidspunkt for aflevering af et stk. beskrivelse af dagligdagen i Kokkinalejren.

Straks, da "Caprien" landede i lejren, udgik der befaling fra højeste sted: "Den, der ved noget om det, bør på skrift straks nedfælde, hvad man foretager sig i Kokkina".

"Jo, ser De, tidligt om morgenen, d.v.s. inden kl. er ca. ti, har alle, med undtagelse af "visse", løbet en morgentur, op til flere på hinanden følgende hundrede meter, for derefter at indtage det daglige morgenmåltid, bestående af kaffe, gl. dsk., og tre til fire cigaretter!!- Først da er Kokkina-krigeren vågen, men så skal der også ske noget.

For det første skal driverne sørges for, at der er benzin på køretøjerne, så de har en mulighed for at komme til Limnitis, hvor den daglige ration af fødevarer og post hentes.

For det andet er det nu på tide, at telefonvagten forsøger at kontak-

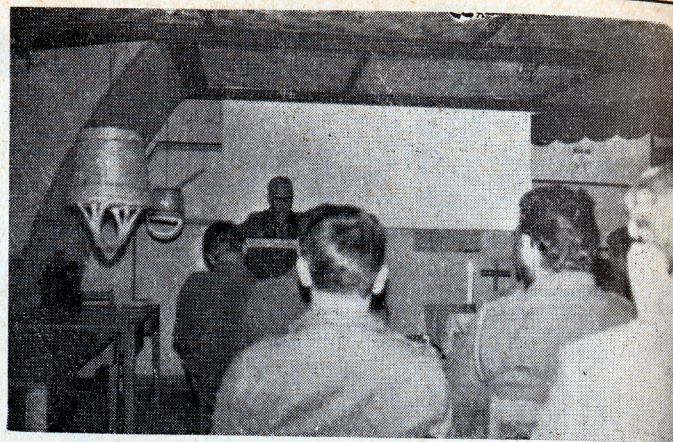
te vore OP'er-on the hill tops, you know. Efter adskillige forsøg på kontakt, er man klar over, at den svigtende forbindelse skyldes de "noget" sligte telefonledninger, og ikke, at OP vagten ej formår at række hånden ud over sengekanten og bare sige: "Go' morn." For at genetablere kontakten forstyrres befalingsmændene i deres morgenmåltid: "Må jeg tale med DF?"

DANGON NYT

"Sshhh, han sover endnu."
"Nå, må jeg så tale med NK?"
"Hr. sergent, jeg melder, der er ingen forbindelse til vore OP'er,"

Hvorefter en af befalingsmændene straks får tøj på, og drager på liniefæs sammen med en af de frivillige morgenfriske konstabler.

Den øvrige del af lejren, som denne morgen har følt trang til at stå op, går henholdsvis igang med tilberedelse af måltider, oprydning af foregående aften's udskjelser, samt diverse reparationer og alm. vedligeholdelse af lejren. Det være sig "Kokkina Kaj", såsom nyt vindue i køkkenet. Enkelte andre har fået den geniale ide



● Et lille udsnit af deltagerne i dagligdagen i Kokkina

at gå på blækspruttejagt for at skaffe noget lunt til frokosten.

"Frokost! Hvem kommer nu i dag?" "Nej det kan da ikke være rigtigt, ingen gæster i dag?" Næh, kokken havde ganske ret, 27



● "Generalen" fra den bekendte tegneserie, der pryder væggen i Kokkina.

min efter normal spisetid arriverer diverse prominente personer og beklager, at vejen tilfældigvis faldt forbi, hvorefter man siger: "Velkommen", og efter frokost, og hvad dertil hører, siger, at man naturligvis skal komme igen. I baggrunden høres en sagte mumlen: "OK, men efter ROTATIONEN."

VIDSTE DE...

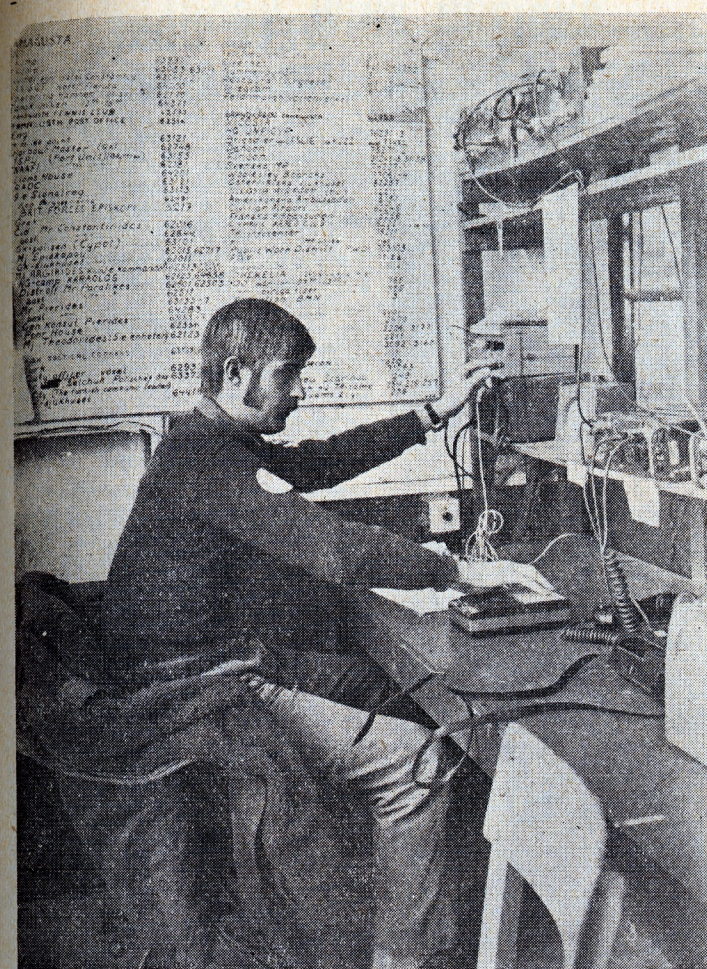
—at sagnet om Afrodite, der er så stærkt knyttet til Cypern, egentlig er et ældgammelt asiatiske sagn, der, som så mange andre, er indgået i den græske mytologi. Det er sporet hos flere gamle folkeslag som hetitter og horitter. I den græsk-mytilogiske fortolkning fortælles det således:

Uranos, den første og største gud, født af Ge også kaldet Gaia, jorden, avlede selv med Ge kykloperne og titanerne, men han hadede sine børn og styrtede tilsidst kykloperne ned i Tartaros, en skummel krog af underværelsen, der lå så langt under jorden som himlen over den. En ambolt, som blev styrtet derned, brugte ni dage til at nå Tartaros.

For at hæve den tort, der var overgået hendes sønner, fik hun Ge titanerne til at gøre oprør mod deres fader. Hun gav Kronos, den yngste og modigste, et takket segl af flintesten. Kronos overraskede sin fader, da han kom til Ge's leje og kastrerede ham. Kønsdelene kastede han i havet, hvor de sank efter at have udbredt et skum. Ud af dette fødtes Afrodite, kærlighedens gudinde.

Senere tilføjelser har mere smukt og poetisk gengivet, hvordan gudinden nøgen, men dækket af havets skum, føres til land, stående i en kæmpe muslingeskal trukket af delfiner. Ifølge overleveringen skete dette på Cyperns sydkyst, mellem Paphos og Akrotiri, hvor nogle karakteristiske klippeformationer smykker kysten.

Her eksisterer endnu rester af skummet fra hendes fødsel, og kun moderne havbiologer kan finde på at påstå, at dette skyldes en særlig slags alger, der netop findes her.



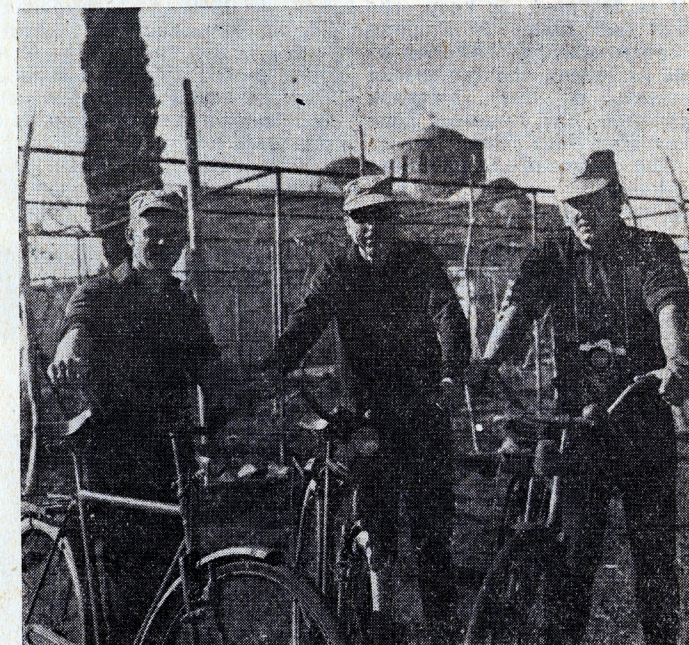
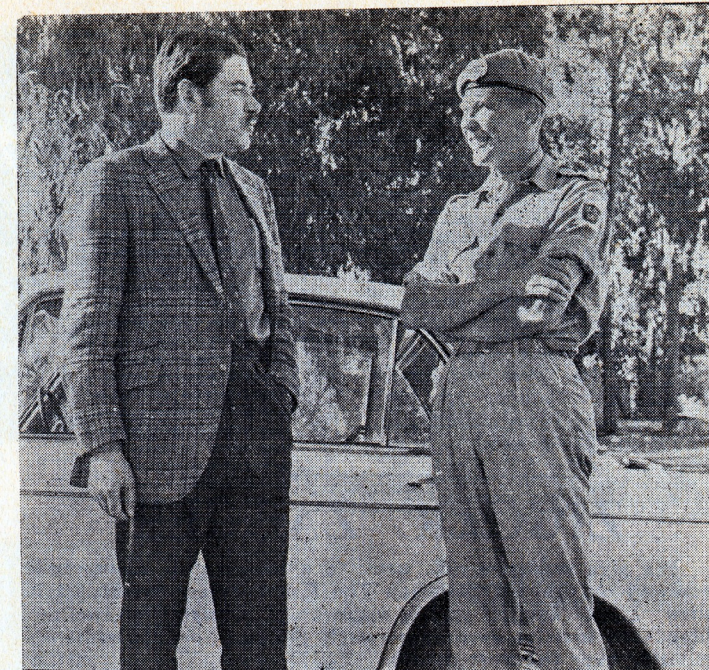
Diskotek

Gamla kära Carl Gustav Camp har på seneste tiden då och då efter expeditionstid låtit som det värsta diskotek. Den pigga nyheten kommer från signalisterna, som inte bara via högtalare på campen sänder Sveriges Radios utlandsprogram utan också svängig musik via bandspelare. Bilden: Signalisten Ulf Thorén som disc-jockey.

Flyktingfrågan

För att bilda sig en uppfattning om flyktingfrågan inom Famagusta distrikt har Swedcon haft besök av political officer Jeremy Fry från UNFICYP HQ. Mr Fry är kanadensare och civil tjänsteman inom UNFICYP.

Tillsammans med Economics officer i Famagusta distrikt major Hans Akke gjorde mr Fry besök i olika flyktingläger i distriktet. (Bilden överst till höger).



Svettdroppen

Operation Svettdroppen har satts igång inom bataljonen, främst för stabs- och trossfolk, som kanske har mycket stillasittande inomhustjänst. Meningen är att under lustbetonade former leka fram konditionen. Häromveckan cyklade ett manstarkt stabsgång iväg till Barnabas kloster. Bilden ovan visar FN-soldat Anders Tibblin, major Dan Fritz och FN-soldat Matz Lindmark.

SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos

Riksdagsbesök

Tre riksdagsmän från folkpartiets riksdagsgrupp, Sven G Andersson, Örebro, Hans Petersson, Röstänga, och Billy Olsson, Kil gjorde förra veckan ett endagsbesök vid Swedcon. Man fick tillfälle att besöka Carl Gustav Camp samt bese verksamheten vid olika OP:n, bl a i Chatos. På bilden bekantar sig riksdagsmännen med fr v FN-soldat Nils-Tore Isaksson, Stensele, korpral Bo-Göran Svensson, Finspång och FN-soldat Rolf Svensson, Grytgöl.



● KS K.A. Hansen, P.H. Sørensen, F. Pedersen og SG Kjerrumgård under konstruktion af "KOKKINA KAJ"

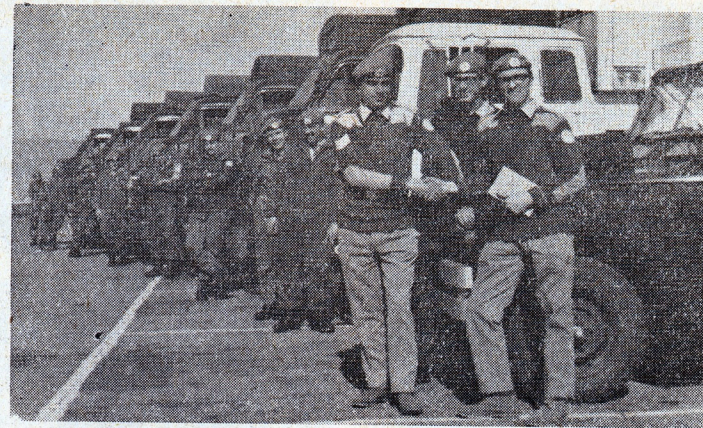


● Samlet til spising er fra venstre SG J. Hansen, pastor Stub, SG Kjerrumgård, SG Meilvang og DF, LT Woetmann.

LOOKING FORWARD TO A LIE IN

After 9 months and 39,000 duty miles, Sergeant Peter (Alf) Marks RAOC hands over responsibility for the 0400 hrs ration run to Sergeant Albert Cliver.

We have not seen the last of him however, for after 3 weeks leave he returns to Cyprus for a tour in the Sovereign Base. He has been posted to the Supply Depot from which the UN rations are drawn.



ZIGGER ZAGGER

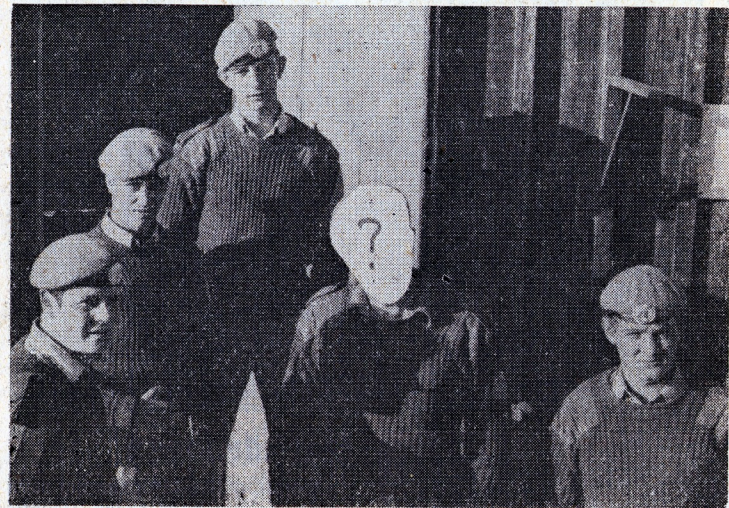
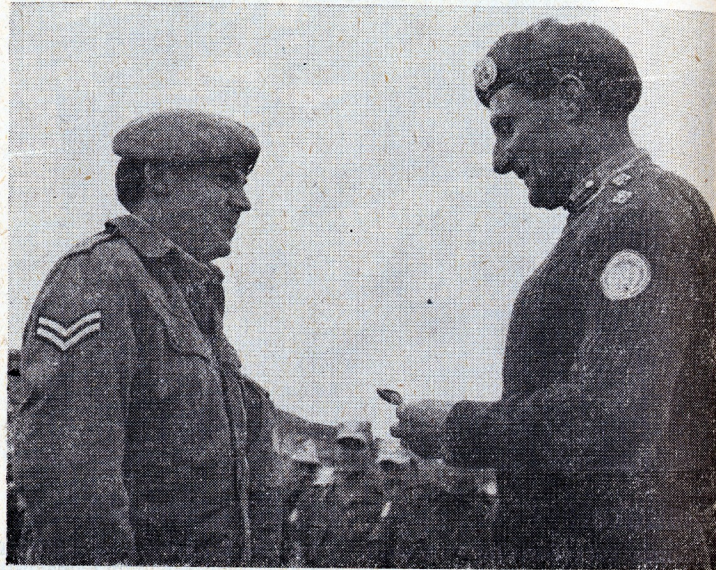
We give publicity this week to a regimental news sheet produced by the 3rd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets. It is called "Zigger Zagger" and is made up of anonymously written humorous articles recording each platoon or department's activities over the past month.

It is designed to keep the wives back home in England in touch with the battalion as well as letting the far spread elements of the battalion throughout the Limassol Zone know what their friends are up to. The origins of the name are not known.

It was adopted by the batta-

lion in 1959 as a supporters cry to encourage the boxing team, and it thought to have been picked up from a local German boxing club. However, it is now a firmly established part of 3 RGJ tradition.

The editor's identity is a mystery — for his own safety's sake. Could this be the man?



CROSS COUNTRY DOUBLE VICTORY

3 RGJ came away with a double victory in the Cyprus British Army Minor Units Cross Country Championships at Dhakelia on Wednesday 3rd February 1971.

Led by Bugle Major John Jackson the "Ikes" team took first place and the Town team second. Ten of the first fifteen individual places were taken by Green Jackets personnel. They are to be congratulated in their fine results.

Member of the team preparing themselves before the race.



BRITCON NEWS

WELL DONE!

The Deputy Chief of Staff, Colonel D. E. Thornton, presents Corporal John Keighley of 644 Signal Troop with a silver spoon. Corporal Keighley was a member of the HQ UNFICYP 'A' team who put on a splendid performance in the Falling Plates Competition as runners up to the winning Ircon team.

The other members of the team were Lance Corporals Davidson (non firing captain), and Kingham and Signalman Locke — all of 644 Signal Troop, and Corporal Eire of the REME Workshops.

IRCON WINS UNFICYP BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

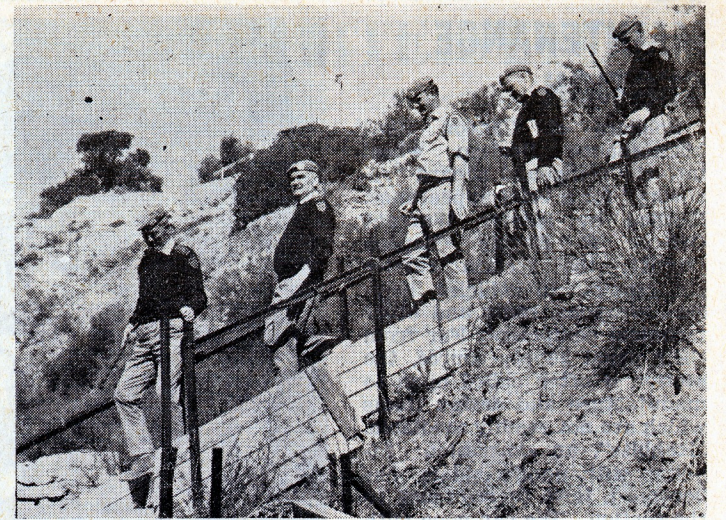
The Ircon Basketball Team have emulated the recent success of the 'Falling Plates' Team by winning the Cancon sponsored UNFICYP Basketball Tournament. Teams from Britcon, Cancon, Fincon, and Swedcon also competed in this excellently organized and efficiently run competition.

The luck of the draw did not favour Ircon in the first round as they drew the favourites, Cancon. This was a tough uncompromising round and after a very exciting see-saw first half, Ircon recorded a well deserved success with a win by 58 points to 13 points.

Meanwhile Fincon were eliminating Swedcon, beating them by 38 points to 16 points. Ircon were again out of luck when the coin was tossed between them and Fincon for a bye into the final. The semi-final between Ircon and Britcon was played immediately after lunch, and brilliant work by Liam Gaynor, Danny O'Regan and Frank Glynn ensured Ircon's place in the final with a 59 points to 13 points victory.

After a twenty minutes break, Ircon met Fincon in their first UNFICYP Basketball Final. Fincon was first to score, but the Ircon Captain, Gaynor, equalised shortly after. The first half was a fairly even affair, but Ircon went into top gear in the second half and won well with a score of 39 points to 17 points. Liam Gaynor dominated the final with a display of "shooting" ability which seem-

ed to inspire the rest of the team to play their hearts out. Lieutenant Colonel T.M.C. Marsaw, Cancon Commander, presented the winners with their medals at the conclusion of the competition. Congratulations to all 12 members of Ircon team on a well deserved success.



UNFICYP BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS:

Seated (l. to r.): Corporal F. Glynn, Corporal P. Corrigan, Commandant J. Egan, Company Sergeant Gaynor, Lieutenant Colonel Tom Tracey, Corporal M. Stanley and Corporal M. Dawler.

Standing: Sergeant P. Prior, Corporal H. Barcleay, Sergeant F. Mullins, Sergeant J. Scully, (Crach) Corporaal D. McDonald, and Private A. Gannon.

INSPECTION

The Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Tom Tracey, accompanied by his Staff, recently completed the second round of inspections of "A" and "B" Companies, Headquarters Company and the Armoured Car Group. The inspecting party is seen (above) descending from OP Skarinou. Front: Lieutenant Colonel Tom Tracey, Group Commander, Commandant P Harte, OC B Coy, Captain J. Vize, 2 i/c B Coy, Commandant D. Murphy, GP Engineer Officer, and Sergeant Major C. O'Shaughnessy.

RECREATION CENTRE OPENED IN FAMAGUSTA



Listening to the Ireland v France Rugby Match Broadcast by BBC, from Left: Sergeant P. White (I Mot Sqn), private C. White (PIT), Proprietress, Trooper W. Tobin (I Tank Sqn) Corporal P. Roche (I Hosp Coy) and private F. Kavanagh (2 Fd S & T Coy).

"A" Company personnel enjoy a game of cards in pleasant surroundings. From left: Privates F. O'Brien (Clancy Bks Coy), O. O'Flaherty (5 Bn), M. Shannon (5Bn) and T. Anglim (5Bn).

FORCE RESERVE EXERCISE WITH FINCON

A Ferret armoured car commanded by Lance Corporal Paine, of "C" Squadron the Royal Hussars, pictured deployed off the road in Kyrenia District during an exercise last week with ground troops from Fincon. At the conclusion of the exercise, the Hussars stayed the night at Tjiklos Camp where they were able to have a sauna.

IRCON NEWS

"All work and no play...". In an effort to ensure that personnel enjoy their leave period in relaxed and congenial surroundings, Ircon has established a recreational centre in "Harry's Hotel" at Famagusta.

This centre can accommodate 20 personnel plus an administrative staff. Each group spends one week at the centre, and from all accounts, they thoroughly enjoy their holiday. Captain Martin O'Donnell is the man responsible for organizing and supervising the centre and he is ably assisted by Sergeant P. White and a highly efficient staff. Our photographer visited the centre last week and sent us these photographs.



MAINTENANCE SECTION

Soldiers of Cancon Base Maintenance Section wheel into the compound aboard "recovery" for a brief appearance. Headed by Master Warrant Officer F Earnie Clapson (right), the section carries out repairs to vehicles, bicycles, weapons, radio and other technical equipment. Far from their usual supply source, the section is often called upon to manufacture and design items which are not readily available. "Rabbits", an expression familiar with unofficialdom, has become a term of reference to the section. "We can cope with the difficult ones", says MWO Clapson, "but finding a broken down vehicle in some vaguely defined part of town is something else".

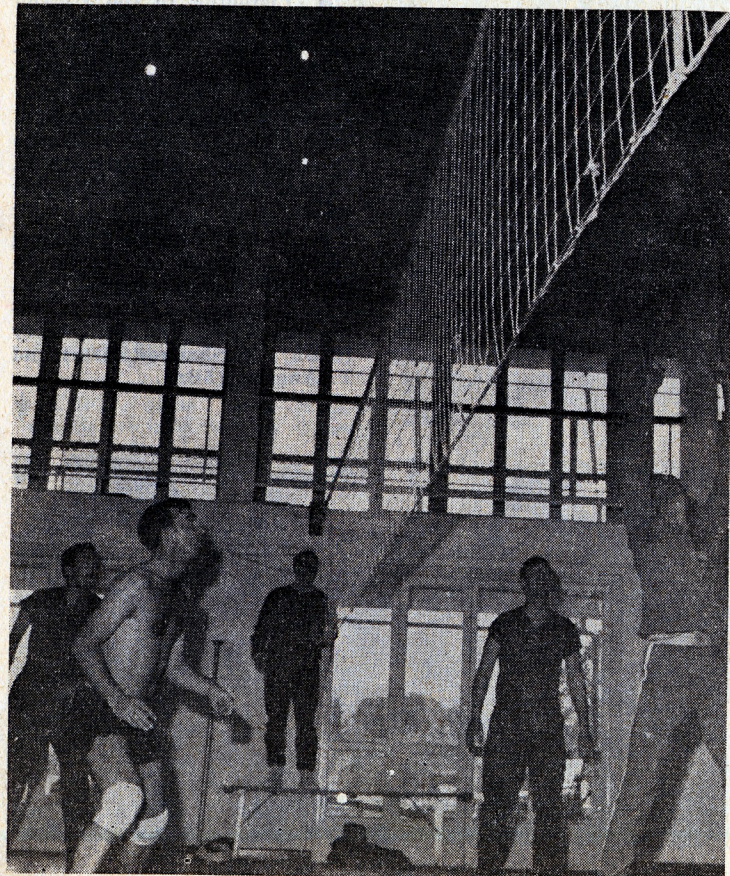


CANCON NEWS

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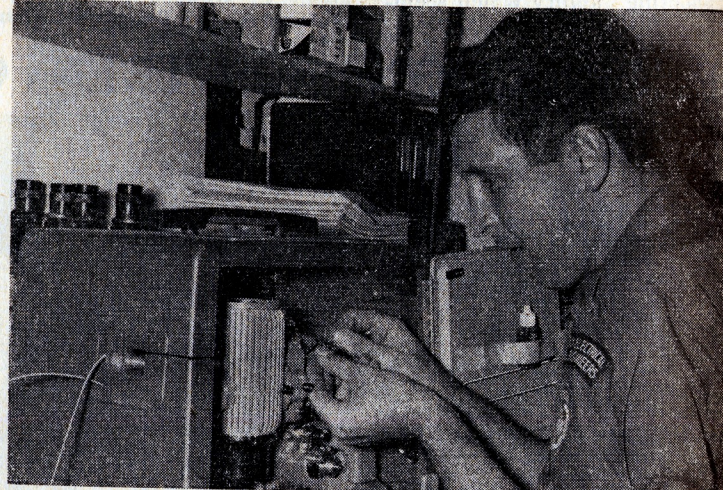
VOLLEYBALL

Suburbia Company received a trouncing at the hands of City Company when they lost three successive games out of five in the Inter Company Mess volleyball semi-finals. Lieutenants Pat Paterson and Ron Bragdon rally against Lieutenant Lloyd Hackle and Sergeant R. Bluett, of City Company, in the final moments of the contest.



● Watching the CAF aircraft come in on their weekly flights to Nicosia Airport is a popular pastime for Canadian troops serving with UNFICYP. It usually means mail from home, some reasonably current newspapers and supplies. For the Movement Section it means work. That is what keeps the tri-service team of Sergeant J. C. Robinson (L), Cor-

poral Don Giles (S), Corporal Duncan Bennett (A) and Corporal John Scott (L) fighting fit.

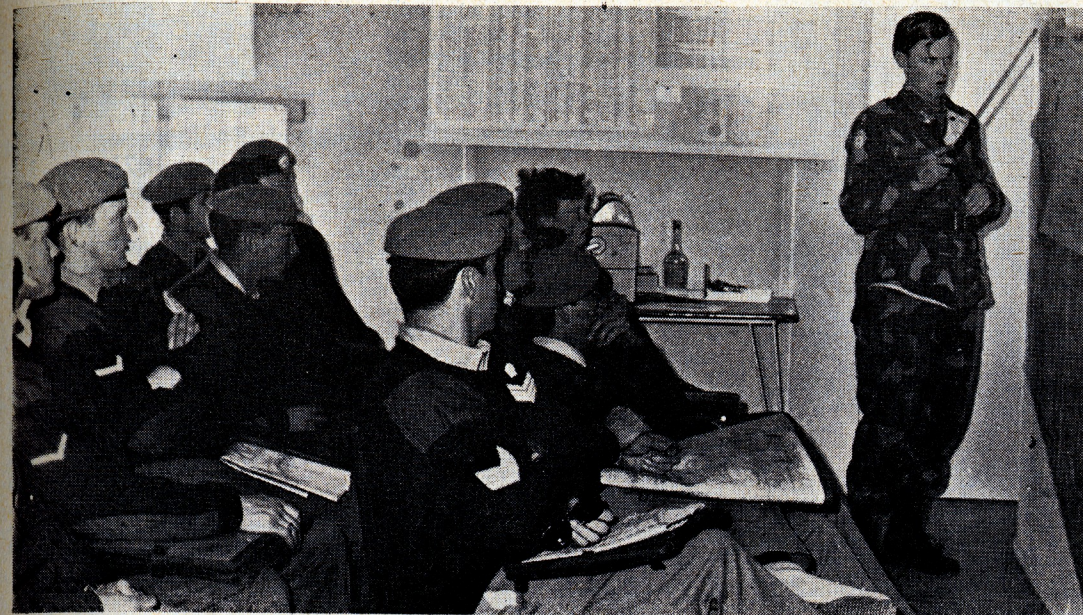


● Privates J. A. Burrage and B. E. Crosson on bicycle on the Green Line in Nicosia. The soldiers are attached to A Company.

The soldier on sentry may get all the limelight, but we should not overlook the important part played by those who back him up. Services like R.E.T. (radio equipment tech.), a part of Base Maintenance which has a small staff of half a dozen. They repair compasses and binoculars, keep the communications equipment humming and prolong the life of over worked equipment.

● Corporal Ralph Summer is seen repairing an unserviceable 16 millimetres film projector in the small workshop in the compound.

SUOMALAIS - ENGLANTILAISTA YHTEISTYÖTÄ



Tilanne Oneisha Farmin alueella muuttui yllättäen levottomaksi, kun alueella olevien kalkkikiteiden kreikkalaisten ja turkkilaisten työläisten välit kärjistyivät taisteluksi palkkariitojen vuoksi. Tilanteen rauhoittamiseksi ja Farmin puolustamiseksi hälytettiin pataljoonan reservijoukkue sekä Force Reserve' in panssariautojoukkue. "Tilanne saatiin rauhoittumaan parissa päivässä", kertoi pataljoonan reservijoukkueenjohtajana toiminnut ltn Markku Kiiski.

FINGON NEWS

← Pataljoonan reservin ja Force Reserve' in yhteinen harjoitus alkoi luutnantti Jukka Tuomolan pitämällä briefing'illä.



Maastontiedustelun jälkeen kuului Ferretien radioissa käsky: "Asemaan".



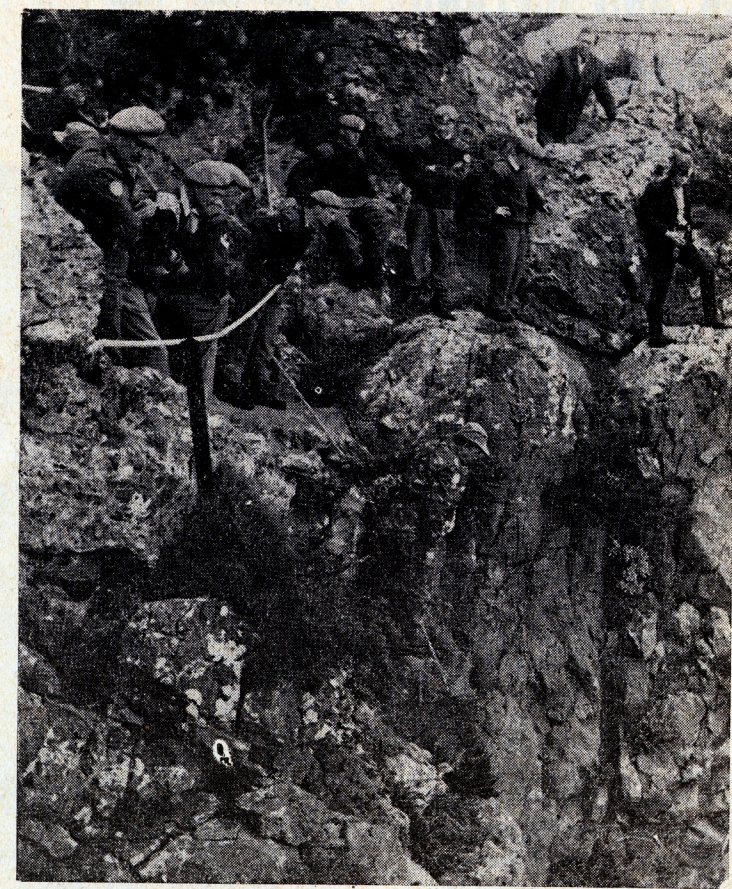
Moottorimarsin jälkeen saavuttiin OP "Marttiin", josta tutustuttiin optisiin välinein tulevaan harjoitusmaastoon.



Silmät ja lorvat tarkkana tapahtumien kulkua seuraavat jääkärit Rämösen (vas) ja Rantala.



Näkymä jääk Rämösen ja Rantalalan rynnäkkökiväärien takaa.



Harjoituksen päätteeksi kokeiltiin miesten kuntoa "Satulan" köydessä. Kuvassamme (keskellä) luutnantti Markku Kiiski odottaa laskeutumisvuo-roaan.



INTERESTING RUINS

A short while ago, the Force Provost Marshal, Lieutenant Colonel H. Murphy, his deputy, Captain Torben Brodthgaard, and Major Hans Akke, the Swedcon Economics Officer, made a trip to the antique grave-fields located in Famagusta District.

During their trip they visited the ruins of the ancient city of Cnidus, about six miles south of the village of Ayios Theodoros, Cnidus was at one time an old merchant city with a natural harbour. One can still see the ruins of

houses and streets, and outside the city centre, the old burial ground. Unfortunately, illegal excavations frequently occur here, and such things as jugs, oil lamps and beautifully decorated amphoras have been carried away by thieves. On their visit the Officers found evidence of illegal diggings.

Another interesting fact is that different types of graves are to be found here, namely rock tombs, earth tombs and house tombs. In the eastern part of the area, there is an interesting stone, thought to be a Phoenician fertility symbol, which rises some three meters from the ground like a Nordic menhir.

● Lieutenant Colonel H. Murphy and Major Akke in a house tomb examining crushed ceramics.



Football Spectator

Football spectators are a hardy breed of men who will put up with a lot of discomfort to see high class football and players. At the Nations Cup Match between Cyprus and Northern Ireland, a member of the Swedish police is undeterred by the continuous rain that heralded the beginning of the match. After a goalless first half, the Northern Irish team scored three times in the second half to bring them a well deserved victory. The match which was played in Nicosia was watched by many off duty UN personnel.



● Lieutenant Colonel H. Murphy, the PMC of the Officers Mess at HQ UNFICYP, recently accepted from Chief Superintendent P. McAulay, the UN Civilian Police Adviser, an inscribed plaque presented to the new mess by the Dancivpol contingent. The plaque now has a place of honour in the bar.

MP NOTEBOOK

Accidents - Unficyp

Week Ending	
6 February 1971	— 4
Same Period	
Last Year	— 10
Total This Year	— 24
Same Period	
Last Year	— 53

Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:

"FAILING TO YIELD RIGHT OF WAY"

SWEDCON BEATS RGJ IN BADMINTON

Swedcon beat the 3rd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets in a badminton match at Episkopi by 5 games to 1. It was a very even competition and four out of six games ran to three sets. Swedcon's Stig Axelson managed once again to beat the British UNFICYP-champion Dick Bradbury.

Scores: (Swedcon players are mentioned first) WO/I Stig Axelson — Rfn Tom Bradbury 15—8, 11—15, 15—2. Pte Ingvar Gustavsson — WO/II Mac McCabe 18—15, 3—15, 18—17. Cpl Conny Ljunggren — Cpl Dick Dikomite 12—15, 18—15, 18—13. Capt Lars Strandell — C/sgt George Washington 15—3, 15—8. Axelson/Strandell — Bradbury/McCabe 12—15, 14—17. Gustavsson/Ljunggren — Dikomite/Washington 15—12, 4—15, 15—7.

UK AND ICELAND CONTRIBUTE TO UNFICYP

In a letter to the Secretary-General, the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom has confirmed that the United Kingdom Government will continue to maintain its contingent in the Cyprus Peace-Keeping Force for the 6th month period ending 15th June, 1971. As already stated in the Security Council, the United Kingdom will meet the costs of its own contingent, and will in addition, contribute voluntarily towards the expenses of UNFICYP, a sum of £312 000 for each of the two quarters.

In response of the Secretary-General's appeal of 23rd June, 1970 for further voluntary contributions for the financing of UNFICYP, the Government of Iceland has decided to make an additional contribution of \$2,000.