



The Blue Beret

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UNFICYP MANDATE EXTENDED TO 15th JUNE

Mr Osorio-Tafall, the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative in Cyprus, and the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand returned to Nicosia last Sunday from New York, where they attended the United Nations Security Council's debate on Cyprus.

The Security Council unanimously approved a resolution extending the mandate of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus until 15th June, 1971. The resolution said,

inter alia, that the Council expected that by next June "sufficient progress towards a final solution will make possible a withdrawal or substantial reduction of the force".



KEEPING FIT

For Rifleman Pat Hickinbottom, of the 3rd Royal Green Jackets, the quickest way down is the best. Pat is a competent instructor in rock climbing and close quarter combat, and he is seen here at Lara Point demonstrating the technique of abseiling down a cliff face.

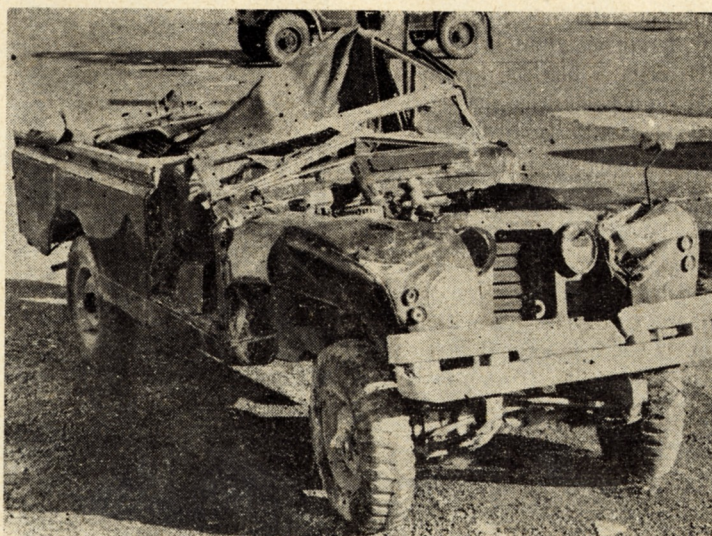
Internal rotation within Contingents ensures that soldiers get adequate rest periods between spells of OP duty. While serving with UNFICYP, men of the Green Jackets will get the opportunity of passing through their battalion training camp at Lara Point during one of these breaks. Although the training can be tough, it is nevertheless a welcome

break from peace keeping duties in isolated posts. At the same time, it develops physical fitness, alertness and initiative, all of which are so important for a UN soldier.



● The Force Commander and Mr. Osorio-Tafall welcomed on their arrival in Nicosia by Mrs. Prem Chand and Mrs. Osorio-Tafall.

DRIVE WITH DUE CARE AND ATTENTION



This UN landrover was recovered by the UNFICYP workshops last week after it had been involved in a road accident. Although badly injured, the driver miraculously survived. The outcome could well have been more tragic.

With the onset of winter conditions and hazards, greater care than ever is needed on the Cyprus roads. Do not risk spoiling Christmas for yourself or your family — DRIVE WITH DUE CARE AND ATTENTION!



UNFIGYP-JUL

Torsdag 22DEC kl 1730 afholdes en fælles gudstjeneste for alle kontingenter i kirken i Dhekelia. Under denne gudstjeneste vil indslag fra hvert kontingent, dels på kontingentets eget sprog dels på engelsk, bidrage til, at det bliver en virkelig fællesgudstjeneste. Endvidere vil et medlem af hvert kontingent læse et stykke af biblens tekst på engelsk.

Det er givet, at dette arrangement, fremmedartet og dog fælles i sit emne, vil blive en oplevelse for dem, der får lejlighed til at overvære det

Dancon har fået tildelt et antal pladser og turen derned vil blive foretaget pr bus startende fra Xeros kl 1000 med forbindelse fra Limnitis, således at der vil blive lejlighed til enten i Nicosia eller Famagusta at gøre de sidste indkøb.

Efter gudstjenesten vil der blive arrangeret spisning enten hos Britcon eller Swedcon.

●Sidste uge bragte vi et billede af vagten opstillet til modtagelse af generalen i Xeros. Her er generalen nået til Limnitis, hvor en lignende æresvagt honoreres af generalen.

DANCON

NYT

●Generalen med følge under sit besøg ved det lette kompani. Som også ansigterne giver udtryk, for kan man i disse omgivelser kun blive i godt humør.



NUSER ER DØD -VIKINGEN LEVE

I gennem længere tid har der været ønske om, at Nuser ikke længere skulle være tjenstgørende som Dancons symbol, og mange forslag har været bragt på bane med hensyn til hans afløser.

Et udvalgt råd af kloge mænd er gennem intensiv tænkning kommet frem til, at man burde genoplive vikingeånden herudi udlændigheden, og derfor vil vi i morgen aften se Nuser fare til himmels, opbrændt af de gæve vikinger, som nu vil befolke lejrene, og fra samme stund vil forbi passerende opdage, at en vikingelejr nu er mine ns nabo. Et forslag om, at vi nu tilhører "Vicon" kunne ikke officielt godkendes.

Vore udstedslejr vil naturligvis også ændre navne, og et virkeligt klenodie vil være at se i vor forlægning i Limnitis, hvor NK under utrættelig søgen i undergrunden har fremdraget og sammensat en hidtil ukendt og uvurderlig frise, "Limnitisfrisen", der med djærv vikingekunst viser en situation fra de gæve vikingers tid, og hvor kunstneren har mejslet de samme hårde og beslutsomme træk, som også i dag kendetegner vore stolte mænd.

Dette, at vi nu navngiver os med navne fra vikingetiden, forpligter jo naturligvis. Lad os derfor bestræbe os på at leve op til de vikingetraditioner, hvor omtanke, stolthed og ærlighed var de fremherskende træk.

FODTUR XEROS- LIMNITIS

Optændt af trang til selvpineri startede jeg i søndags på en liden marchtur fra Xeros til Limnitis. Bortset fra, at de bilister, som tilbød mig kørelejlighed og som fik et forpint "nej tak" til svar, nu ikke længere er i tvivl om, at vi danskere er noget for os selv, nød jeg egentlig turen. Man får jo trods alt set mere til fods end pr. dæk.

Gående for mig selv fik jeg den tanke, at andre måske også kunne have lyst til nogle fodture i omegnen Hvis dette er tilfældet, hvorfor så ikke starte nogle fælles spadsereture i dette skønne landskab?

Den træningstilstand, som opnås, kan jo så senere udnyttes til deltagelse i Neijmegenmarchen, 4 dage a 40 km, eller til deltagelse i vor egen Hærvejsmarch i terrænet om Viborg, en to dages tur på ialt 90 km. Det ville jo være et stort syn, hvis hjemvendte Dancon-soldater også på hjemlig grund kunne danne et vikingehold.

Tænk over mit forslag og lad os vende tilbage til det efter nytår, hvor jule- og nytårsmanden sikkert har sat sine tydelige spor på os.



PIONJÄRERNA

Pionjärgruppen är gänget som håller det mesta i gång på CarlGustaf Camp. Med chefen rustmästare Bergström klarar de av allt från igenslammade avloppsrör till skenande kylskåp och sönderbränd spisar. Och det där med reglerad arbetstid existerar inte mycket inom pionjärgruppen, ska prylen vara reparerad till i morgon, så får klockan gärna bli ganska sen innan pionjärerna lägger av.

Bilderna: Överst till vänster: Rörmokaren Lennart Samuelsson, Lilla Edet, rensar avlopp medan snickaren Sture Karlstedt, Ursviken lagar skåp med hjälp av Bertil Andersson, Moheda på bilden bredvid. Ovan är det Karl Gustaf Ragnarsson, Ljunghy, som uppflugen på stegen ordnar med scenen för luciafesten. Rustmästare Rolf Bergström, Ystad håller i. Ovan till höger har det kört ihop sig ordentligt i rörledningarna. Lars Jegenberg, Norrköping, Kjell Åke Nilsson, Gislaved och Sture Karlstedt är inte ledsna för det.



Chefen för P 10

Chefen för FN-bataljonens moderförband P 10 i Strängnäs, överste Stig Colliander har varit på besök på Cypern under några dagar. Han åtföljdes under besöket av byrådirektör Jan-Eric Lagercrantz från arméstabens FN-avdelning i Stockholm.

Överste Colliander, som besökte Cypern för första gången, reste runt hela Famagusta distrikt och fick en god inblick i FN-förbandets verksamhet.

På bilden ses överste Stig Colliander tillsammans med FN-veteranen major Fabian Wrede under vistelsen på Carl Gustaf Camp.

SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos

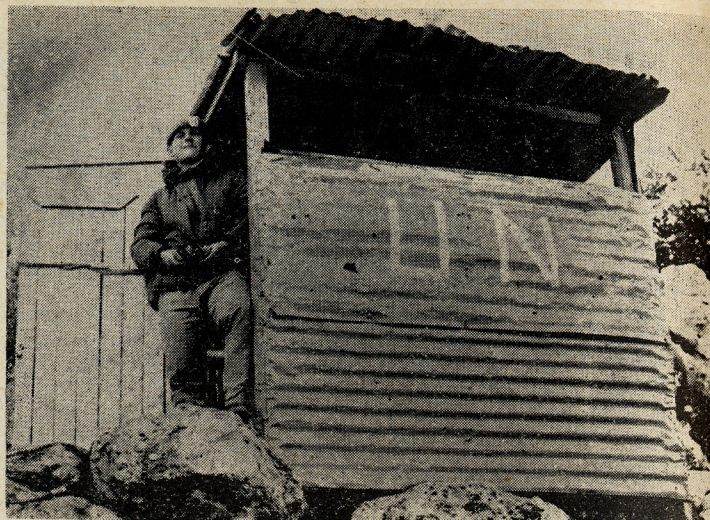
HOT AND COLD

With the weather getting colder each successive day, parkhas are now on issue to men of the 3rd Battalion Royal Green Jackets manning outposts in the mountains.

Rifleman 'Sy' Sylvester

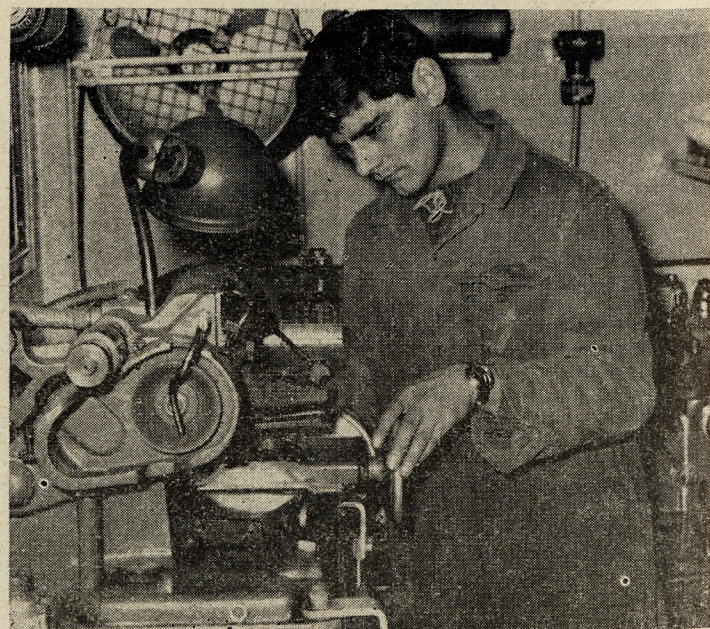
(right) at Stavrokono has a job keeping warm well above sea level. Meanwhile below, Joe Bell, enjoying a moment off duty manages to stay warm just below sea level at Lara Point.

BRITCON NEWS



HUSSARS ARRIVE

The main party of 'C' Squadron the Royal Hussars arrived in Cyprus last Thursday to complete the rotation of the Force Reserve. Their first task was to get fitted out with UN uniform. Trooper Neil (Spud) Murphy is seen here drawing his blue beret from the Squadron store. Doing the honours is SQMS Albert Day.



Cross Country

At a cross-country race held at Dhekelia on 9th December, HQ UNFICYP was represented by two teams of six runners each and a number of individual entries. Over an unfamiliar course of six and a half miles the 'A' team, composed entirely of British personnel, did extremely well to obtain third place. Altogether 15 teams entered for the race.

MAIL FOR HOME

One person who is glad that Christmas only comes once a year is Corporal Ray Jennings, the post Corporal in charge of the Forces Post Office at HQ UNFICYP. Our camera man found him last week busy dealing with the last minute rush.



UNFICYP WORKSHOPS

Lance Corporal Harry Zaslowsky, who is a fitter with UNFICYP workshops REME, at work at his lathe.



UN OBSERVERS RUGBY TEAM

An UNTSO Rugby Team composed of personnel at present serving as observers with the United Nations Truce and Supervisory Organisation in the Middle East met a team from the 19th Infantry Group at Dhekelia on 5th December.

There were nine Irish Officers in the UNTSO Team, and great credit must be given to Captain Leo Hughes for gathering together a team from such scattered locations in Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Israel.

The match proved to be an entertaining contest with the 19th Infantry Group eventually emerging as winners with a score of 18 points to 13. The best Ircon players were Lieutenants Kevin Heery and Pat O'Brien, and Captain J. Young

played a great game at lock forward for UNTSO. The visiting team were entertained at a dinner held in their honour at Zyyi after the match.

● The Ircon and UNTSO teams obviously in the happy mood before the game commenced.

● Now down to serious business as Ircon forwards win a line out.



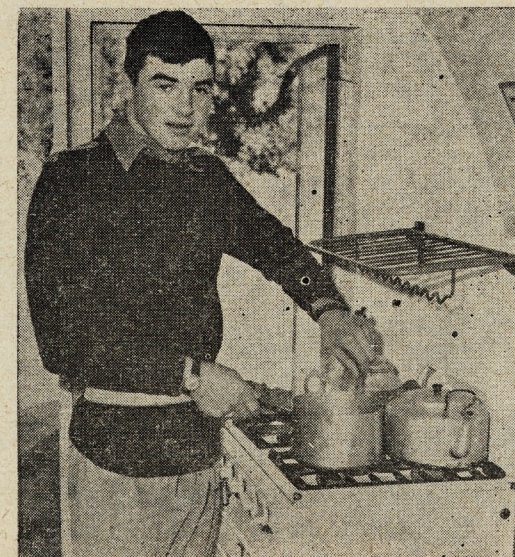
OP SKARINOU

The group photographer visited 'A' Company in Kophinou last week to see how



they were getting along there. He met Private Billy O'Brien of the 4th Battalion who lives at Togher, Cork. Billy was looking fit and well and showed no ill effects from a traffic accident earlier in his tour.

● Private O'Brien seen here at OP Skarinou.



IRCON NEWS

IRISH COFFEE

In response to many requests we publish again the recipe for Irish Coffee:

INGREDIENTS
Cream — rich as an Irish brogue
Coffee — strong as a friendly hand
Sugar — sweet as the tongue of a rogue
Whiskey — smooth as the wit of the land.

PREPARATION
* Heat a stemmed whiskey goblet
* pour in 1/2 glass of IRISH WHISKEY, the only whiskey with the smooth and full body needed.
* add three coffee spoons of castor sugar
* fill goblet with strong, black coffee to within one inch of the brim
* stir to dissolve sugar
* top off to brim with whipped cream, slightly aerated, so that cream floats on top.

NB DO NOT STIR after adding cream, as the true flavour is obtained by drinking that hot coffee and IRISH WHISKY through the cream.

SLAINTE !!! (GOOD HEALTH)
with the compliments of
THE OFFICER COMMANDING
and
MEN

19 INF GROUP IRISH CONTINGENT
1970.



● Private Yvon Desmarais, a base supply clerk, chats with singer Anna Liber prior to recording a Christmas greeting to his family in Quebec, Canada. During their stay in Cyprus, the Canadian Show recorded 15 messages which will be played by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, the national network, on Christmas Day.

● Corporal Bob Hunt (right) tests the quality of a batch of bread baked by Private Larry Beaton. Private Beaton is an apprentice cook in the main kitchen at Cancon Base. Although this was a special batch, Cancon devours 180 loaves each day.

A CENTURY OF SERVICE

Seven soldiers, who represent a total of almost one hundred years of military service, are congratulated by Lieutenant Colonel T.M.C. Marsaw following a presentation of the Canadian Decoration.



Left to right Sergeant R.M. Liscum, who received a Bar to his CD representing 22 years of service; Sergeants G.R. Bruner and R. Rose, and Corporals F.J. Smit, W.E. Turner, J.D. Krazanowski and M. Prosolowski who each received the CD representing 12 years of meritorious service. The decorations were presented by Lieutenant Colonel W.W. Buxton the Command Protestant Chaplain, who was on a staff visit from Calgary, Alta.

EXPLORERS CORNER

Members of the Explorer's Club will have an opportunity to see how some Cyprus wines are made when they visit a wine factory at Limassol on December 30. Buses will leave Cancon Base at 1100 and the Ledra Palace at 1115 returning by dinner time. All dependents visiting in Cyprus are welcome to attend.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

PROMOTIONS — Congratulations to Corporals E.G. Anderson and R.L. Timms, who were promoted to sergeants effective December 1st, and to Private L. Rech, promoted to corporal effective Aug. 21.

CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM CANADA

Cousin Clem and the Silo Sisters, better known as entertainment personalities Gordie Tapp, Edith Eaton and Florence Hansen, ham it up during a show by the CBC Concert Party at Wolseley Barracks. Four shows were given to the Canadian Troops and various guests from other contingents.



MUUTTOMIELTÄ JA TALKOOHENKEÄ YKSP:SSÄ



Sotapoliisitoimisto muuttaa. Vääpeli Olli Haaranen ja toimiston tyylituoli. Takana jääkäri Paavo Kaliste.

ESIKUNTA KYKKOON

Ehkä hiukan haikain mielin keräsivät muuttomiehet tavaransa vanhasta esikunnasta ja koittivat löytää niille uudet sijoituspaikat Kykon parakeista.



Tuntematon tasapainoaitteilija.

Suunnitelmat Kykkoon muutosta ovat nyt siis toteutettu. Täysitehoinen esikunnan työskentely pääsi alkuunsa vasta tiistai-aiamuna, johon mennessä FINCON' in keskus oli myöskin siirretty Kykon alueelle.

Vaikka uudella alueella riittää vielä töitä niin timpureille kuin puutarhureillekin niin tänne kesäksi jääviä lohduttaa tieto, että vettä ja lämpöä tulee riittämään.

Entisen esikuntarakennuksen miehitti 1 JK, joten Neapoliksessa nähdään edelleenkin suomalaisia.



Perillä ollaan. Tavarat sisään ja taloksi. Komentotoimisto muuttaa.

Komentajan viimeinen briefing vanhassa OPS:issa lauantai-aiamuna. Tapauksen kunniaksi otettiin potretti ja juotiin kahvit. OPS:in osalta johtamisvastuu siirtyi Kykkoon maanantaina 14.12. kello 18.00.

LÄÄKEVL VON FLITNER 60-VUOTIAS



Pataljoonan lääkäri lääkintäeverstiluutnantti David von Flittner täytti 11.12. 60 vuotta.

Lääkevl Flittner vietti merkkipäiväänsä kodissaan Neapoliksessa, jossa häntä kävi onnittelemassa lukuisa joukko ulkomaalaisia ja suomalaisia vieraita.

Von Flittnerin erikoisharrastuksiin kuuluu mm hevosten - ja koirien kasvatus sekä puutarhan hoito.

Sydämelliset ONNITTELUMME päivänsankarille.

FINCON NEWS

OBSTACLE RACE COMPETITION



Four contingents took part in the Obstacle Race Competition in Nicosia, arranged by Fincon, and as reported last week, in "The Blue Beret", the Finns again won the competition. Their average time was 2.59 minutes. Runners-up were Swedcon in 3.10 minutes. Britcon was third in 3.36 minutes

and Ircon fourth in 4.06 minutes.

The two Nordic contingents dominated the result list by gaining the first 13 places. No.

● No. 6 on the result list, Private O. Juntunen, Fincon.

14, Corporal Tulloch, was the best member of the British Team in 2.56 minutes, and the



● One of the best Swedes. Private Kjell Nilsson.

best Irish competitor who came in at no. 29 was Sergeant Hutshison in 3.15 minutes.

The ten best results were: Warrant Officer III Savolainen, Fincon, 2.36, Warrant Officer II Lars-Göran Anderson, Swed-

con, 2.38, Warrant Officer III Raubala, Fincon, 2.42, Private Arne Eriksson, Swedcon, 2.43, Private Kjell Nilsson, Swedcon, 2.45, Private Juntunen, Fincon, 2.47, Private Persson, Swedcon, 2.48, Private Mäkinen and Corporal Viitasaari, Fincon, both 2.49, Sergeant Ekvall, Swedcon, 2.52.

MP NOTEBOOK

Accidents - Unficyp

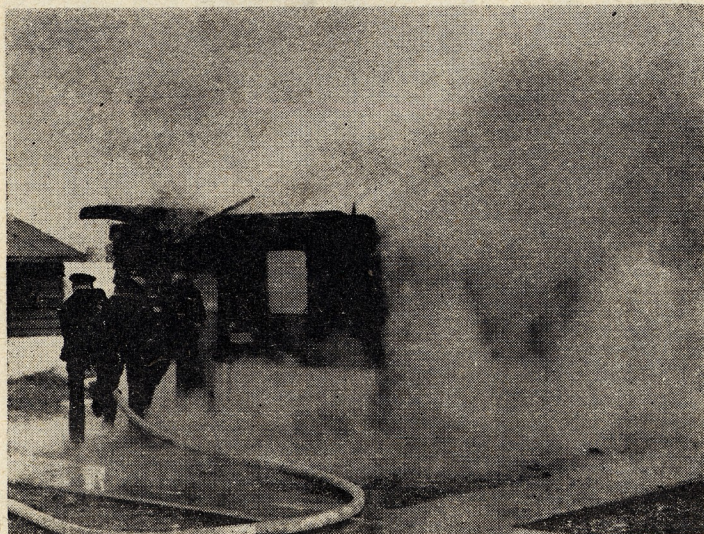
Week Ending		
12 DEC 70	—	6
Same Period		
Last Year	—	9
Total This Year	—	360
Same Period		
Last Year	—	341

Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:

"DRIVING TOO FAST FOR ROAD CONDITIONS"

DISASTER APPEAL

In response to an appeal from the Force Commander and Mr Osorio-Tafall, Contingents will organize collections on 19 December in aid of victims of the hurricane disaster in East Pakistan.



● While snow fell in the mountains and temperatures dropped sharply at Nicosia Airport, there was one warm spot at HQ UNFICYP last week. Our picture shows firemen fighting the blaze in one of the huts of the Sergeants Mess. The cause of the fire was a faulty electrical wiring.

WHO IS THE "KRAMPUS"

"Krampus", celebrated on 5th December at the new Uncivpol-Club in Camp Maple Leaf, is an old Austrian custom, whereby Krampus goes looking for children who have been guilty of little misdeeds.

Nowadays in Austria, "Krampus" celebration is an excuse for music and dancing, and people enjoy their "Gluhwein" (hot wine with spices) that comes directly from hell!

There are also rewards for those who have been very good. Nicolo, Krampus' good companion, usually take care of them. It was noted, however, that at Camp Maple Leaf there was no Nicolo. Can it be that there are no good policemen...?

● Captain Herbert Weiss seems unperturbed by the presence of the evil "Krampus".

