



# The Blue Beret

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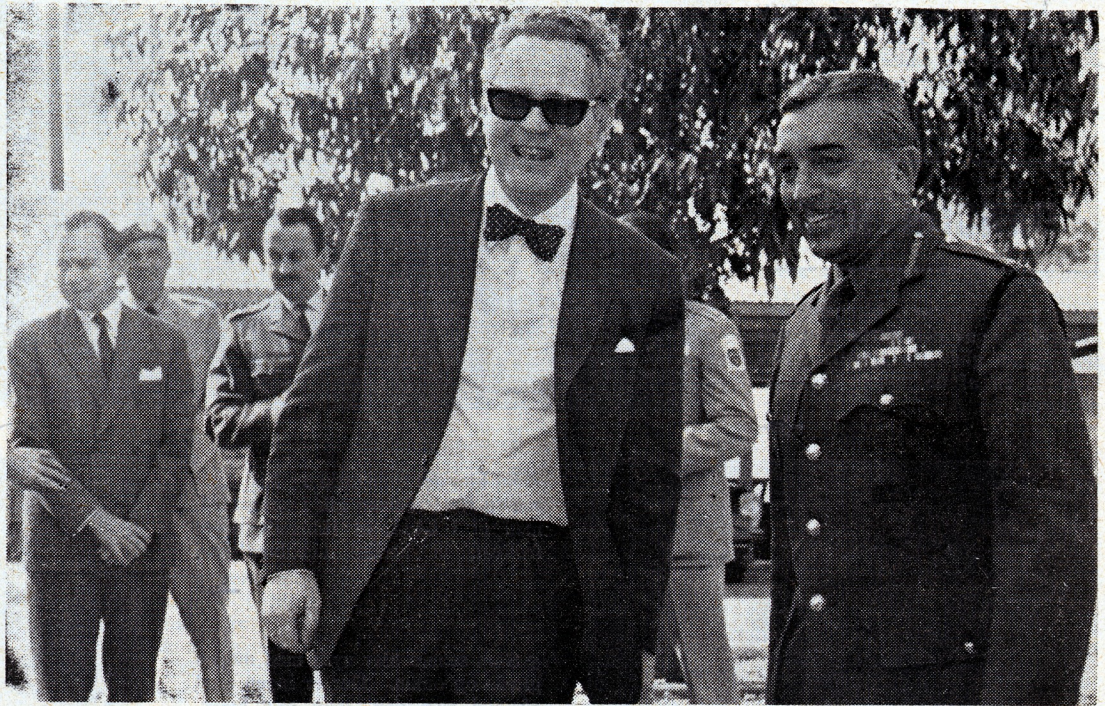
## VISIT OF SWEDISH DEFENCE STAFF . . .

The Force Commander pictured last week with Mr. Lars Ljunggren, the personal representative of the Minister of Defence in Stockholm. Mr. Ljunggren's party, which included Mr. Torsten Orn, of the Swedish Foreign Ministry, Colonel Niels Stenqvist, and Lieutenant Colonel Rutger Igelstam, were paying a five day official visit to the Swedish Contingent with UNFICYP.



## ... AND DANISH UN STAFF

The Commanding Officer of the UN Command in Denmark, Lieutenant Colonel L. M. K. Skjern, accompanied by his Adjutant, Major E. J. Hansen, last week visited HQ UNFICYP and Dancon. On Monday 15th February they paid a visit to Dancivpol. Lieutenant Colonel Skjern and Major Hansen will leave Cyprus on 18th February.



## "HOW GREEN IS OUR VALLEY?"

Surely there has never before been such activity at the Austrian Field Hospital. Last week, in appalling weather conditions, they started to dig! Could it be defensive positions — or perhaps they were disposing of their patients?

Happily, the answer was much more peaceful. It was in fact a ceremonial "tree

planting" to coincide with the Cyprus Government's National Arbor Week.

Some of the most distinguished "green fingers" in the Force were on hand, and armed with their shovels, they proceeded to leave their own personal mark upon the Cyprus scene.

Now your editor understands what is meant by the

expression "cooperation at grass roots level". Anyway, it will be interesting to see whose tree grows quickest!



● Mr. Jean Back "putting his foot in it"!

● Digging in progress.

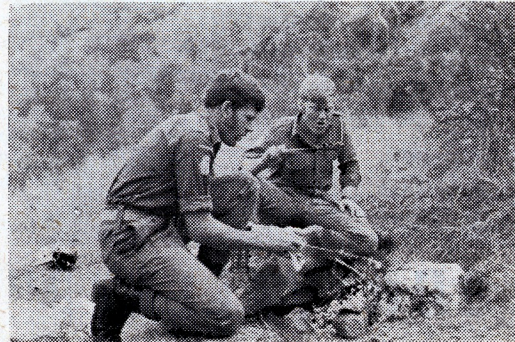


# PÅ TRAVETUR OMKRING XEROS...

Feltpræsten, pastor Stub, er en stor beundrer af naturen og takket være ham har mange Dancon XIV soldater fået del i de glæder, som den cypriotiske natur byder på. Billederne her er hentet fra en travetur i bjergene omkring Xeros.

## DANGON NYT

● En rask travetur i bjergene omkring Xeros gav deltagerne god motion og en glubende appetit. Her forceres en af de mange skrænter på turen.



● Så blev det frokosttid og KS Larsen og KS Pedersen gik i gang med, med øl i hånd, at tilberede deres frokost, et herligt kebabmåltid..



● Som senere blev nydt med megen glæde og omhu. Der er ingen mad så god som den, man selv laver, synes man at være enige om.

# HÆRVEJSMARCHEN

I nummer 38 af "Blue Beret" omtalte jeg i forbindelse med fritidssysler, der jo er andet end udflugter og sight-seeing, forskellige marcharrangementer og herunder bl. a hærvejsmarchen omkring Viborg.

Kort tid efter modtog jeg fra Avlum i Jylland, (jeg var ikke klar over, at Blue Beret havde en så stor læserskare), en reaktion på dette indlæg i form af et brev fra FN-soldaterforeningens redaktør, der omtaler, hvilke arrangementer FN-soldaterforeningen deltog i i 1970. Redaktøren skriver bl. a.:

Vi lider i tiden meget af personalemangel i vort marchhold, da langt de fleste hjemvendte FN-soldater

ikke gider tage en frivillig marchtur. Derfor vil marchholdet hjælpe nye folk igang næste Hærvejsmarch, dette er grunden til, at vi kun dan ner hold ved start og indmarch i Viborg. FN-soldaterforeningens lokalforening for Viborg og omegn vil være os behjælpelige under marchens afvikling med lokalkendte folk og antagelig får vi oprettet vor egen hjælpetjeneste. Der pålæber ikke ekstra udgifter ved at deltage gennem FN-soldaterforeningen.

Marchen afvikles i week-enden 26.-27. juni 1971. FN-soldaterforeningen arrangerer holddannelse med samlet start og indmarch i forbindelse med afviklingen af 3. Hærvejsmarch omkring Viborg i tiden 26.-27. juni 1971. I den

forbindelse vil vi meget gerne se DANCON-soldater samt politifolk fra DANCIVPOL, medlemmer og ikke-medlemmer, som deltagere. Omkring 1. februar foreligger Viborg turistforenings store Hærvejsprogram, samt FN-soldaterforeningens foreløbige særprogram med alle oplysninger om turen på den gamle Hærvej. Såfremt De kunne tænke Dem at være med, så henvend Dem til VFO, hvor De kan få praktiske vink og oplysninger.

● Med høj og klar kommandostemme beordres turlederen, pastor Stub, folkene til at "sidde af".

● Med vanlig hurtighed er alle søgt ned fra vognene, Tilsyneladende har et par stykker fået ordre til at rette på deres slips.



● Dette billede er taget fra Hærvejsmarchen 1970. To hjemvendte FN-soldater hjælper en ung kvindelig deltager de sidste kilometer.



# VIP-besök

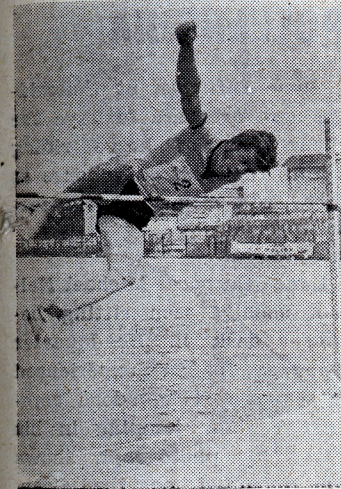
Den svenska kontingenten besöktes förra veckan av en delegation från svenska myndigheter. Besökarna fick tillfälle att sammanträffa med Force Commander generalmajor Prem Chand, generalsekreterarens personlige representant, Mr Osorio-Tafall, vissa cypriotiska myndigheter m m.

I Famagusta distrikt besökte delegationen Carl Gustav Camp och de flesta av de OP:n, som bataljonen har. Vidare besöktes civilpolisens substation i Angastina.

Bilden är hämtad från visiten vid OP:et i Trypimeni. Fr v överste Nils Stenqvist, arméstaben, överstelöjtnant Rutger Igelstam, försvarsdepartementet, ambassadör Åke A Jonsson, Beirut, kanslirådet Torsten Örn, utrikesdepartementet, posten FN-soldat Ingvar Nilsson, OP-chefen furir Bruno Söderberg och kanslichefen Lars Ljunggren, försvarsdepartementet.

# Friidrott

Per Erik Sandberg (bilden tv) på första pluton dominerade i viss mån kontingentsmästerskapen i friidrott, som hölls på Evagoras stadion i Famagusta i blåst och kyla. Inte mindre än sju gånger fick han tillfälle att bestiga pris-pallen: Seger på 100 m, 200 m, längdhopp samt deltagare i förstas segrande lag såväl på 4X100 som 4X400 meter. Vidare blev det andraplats i höjd och tredjeplats i tresteg. Resultaten på 100 och 200 m, 11,4 resp 23,8 skäms inte för sig, inte heller 608 i längd. Vi återkommer närmare till tävlingarna längre fram.



# Medaljerade poliser

Swedcivpol höll medaljparty här-omdagen i Famagusta för de civil-poliser, som nu tjänstgjort i 90 dagar inom UNFICYP. Heders-gäst vid medaljpartyt var Police Adviser vid HQ i Nicosia superintendent Peter McAulay, Australien.

På bilden överlämnar superintendent McAulay medaljerna med assistans av ställföreträdande civ-polchefen i Famagusta Lennart Pettersson. De medaljerade är från höger Börje Lantto, Bengt Staaf, Leif Svensk, Håkan Ågren och Leif Bäck.



# SWEDCON NEWS

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# Dragkamp

I samband med mästerskapen i friidrott hölls också kontingentsmästerskapet i dragkamp, som en smula sensationellt vanns av Stab & Tross. Man snackar om skrivbordsmilitärer, men det är tydligt att det finns en och annan starkt och tungt vägnande grabb på S & T också...

De blivande slutsegrarna inledde med att dra upp Underbefälén, sedan fick andra pluton stryka på foten och i finalen var det fjärde pluton, som drog det kortaste strået.

På bilden är Stab & Tross i full dragning, närmast kameran Staffan Pettersson, Sture Hedlund, Lars Lindblom, K-G Ragnarsson och Gerry Paulsson. Skymda men lika goda dragare för det är Mats Andreasson, Leif Blomkvist och Kjell Nilsson. "Coxen" till vänster är Ronnie Haraldsson.

# Fotboll

Första plutonen blev fotbolls-champions inom den svenska kontingenten för år 1970-71. Seriefinalen, där Stab & Tross var oppo- nenter, blev en ganska lätt affär för Olofs pojkar, som vann med säkra 6-0 och därmed parkerade definitivt i tabelltoppen. Bilden visar en situation vid S&T-målet i finalmatchen. Vi återkommer till tabell och övriga resultat.

# SCOTCON!

It seems that Britcon members of HQ UNFICYP who come from North of the Border have been feeling a bit left out of things. With the move to Blue Beret Camp, the call went out for the clans to rally, and overnight a sinister sign appeared on one of the huts indicating that it was the HQ of Scotcon.

Intelligence reports have

disclosed the existence of a club for Scots (no doubt a cover for subversive activities) and this picture which has been smuggled out to the free press was taken on the opening night.

It seems to involve some sort of ceremonial sacrifice — with a haggis! From left to right Corporal W. Pratt, WO1 Eddy Penman and, believe it or not, an IRISH piper!



# OLD CUSTOM

An old custom still persists in the Middle East that a traveller who is presumed to be hot and dirty after a day's journey is refreshed and sweetened by the use of incense and Rose water.

An elderly villager is seen here offering a bowl of burning incense to Sergeant Powell of the 3rd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets recee section, during a long distance patrol in the Limassol Zone.



# HORSE RIDING AT POLEMIDHIA

Some Riflemen at Polemidhia are fortunate to have the opportunity of horse riding during their off duty hours as there is a riding school nearby

Lance Corporal Michael Nelson, usually seen sitting behind a desk in Headquarter Company, is an experienced horseman and has done competitive show jumping in his time. Our photograph shows him mounted on the Grey, with Rifleman Chris Balcombe in hot pursuit!



# BRITCON NEWS



# WELFARE OUTINGS

Although they probably cover many thousands of miles in Cyprus on duty, the drivers of 1 Squadron RCT are still eager to take advantage of unit sponsored welfare trips.

We in UNFICYP are extremely grateful to Mrs Rosemary Haynes, who is in charge

of the YMCA shop at RAF Nicosia, for having voluntarily given up so much of her time to take parties of soldiers to such places of interest as Salamis, Troodos and St. Hilarion Castle.

In the picture above, Lance Corporal Jacky MacKillap who comes from Glasgow and Corporal Dicky Dickinson, the Commander of the Staff Car Section, are seen with Mrs. Haynes on a recent outing.

# WEDDING BELLS AT LARNACA

On Thursday 11th February 1971 the wedding between Miss Joan Holligan R.S.C.N., eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs James Holligan, Charterlands, Athy, Co Kildare, and Corporal Tony Mortimer, 'B' Company 19th Infantry Group, son of Mrs M. Mortimer and the late Mr T. Mortimer, Forest, Mountrath, Co Lacin, took place in St Pauls Church, Larnaca.

Matron of honour was Mrs Dave Doyle and Corporal D. Kavanagh (3rd Bn) was best man. The bride was given away by "father of the day" Sergeant J. O'Driscoll (3rd Bn). The ceremony was performed by Reverend Father P. McCabe assisted by Reverend Father F. Moriarty C.F.

The wedding reception was held in the NCO's Mess at

Group Headquarters, Zyyi. Fifty guests attended, amongst whom were Lieutenant Colonel Tom Tracey, Commandant P. Harte, and Officers, NCOs and men of 'B' Company. Following this very enjoyable function, the bride and groom left to honeymoon "somewhere in Cyprus". Congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple.



● "The customary few minutes late as usual". The bride, Miss Joan Holligan arriving at St Pauls Church Larnaca. The "father of the day" Sergeant J. O'Driscoll appears to have the situation well under control.



● The happy pair at their wedding reception at Zyyi.

# NEW OPS OFFICER VISITS IRCON

On Tuesday 9th February 1971 the new HQ UNFICYP Ops Staff Officer, Major C.A. Namiesniowski visited 19th Infantry Group on a familia-

risation tour of the Larnaca District.

He was accompanied by Major O.J.D. Olafson, due for rotation shortly, and Major K.A. Lambert-Jensen. Following a briefing in the Ops Room at Zyyi, the visiting party toured 'A' Company and 'B' Company areas in Larnaca and Kophinou. We wish bon voyage to Major Olafson.



● Getting briefed at Zyyi are (from the left) Major K.A. Lambert-Jensen, Major C.A. Namiesniowski and Major O.J.D. Olafson.

# MEDICAL AID POST AT LARNACA

● Corporal Bill Gilligan Medical Corporal (Athlone), renders first aid to Private McCarthy in the Medical Aid Post at Larnaca.



# IRCON NEWS

# THE BLACK KNIGHT PREPARES TO STRIKE

● Corporal Bill Gilligan, I. A. Regiment (Kildare), watches as Private M. Tony, 12 Bn (Limerick), prepares to strike with the Black Knight during a friendly game of chess.



### "TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL"

The Quartermasters Stores in any man's army are famous for the things they have and the things they have not. "Too big or too small" is often a catch phrase with the troops.

● The QM's secretary, Aiki Papadaki shows Corporal Carmen Crispe and Captain Ed Peterson just how a pair of boots should fit.

● "If you want it, here it is — come and get it, but you had better hurry because it may not last". That is the way it is at tech stores in the field, and WO Roy Aylesworth and Corporal Dennis Schermerhorn are the right men to see there.

● Another group in the high spirited QM team are the Guys from barracks stores. (l to r) Sergeant Roy Cherron, Corporal Robert Drover, Mr Peter St'ouanou and Corporals Brunelle and Bill Turner don't mind admitting that they are the movers in the organization.



### SAFE DRIVING RECORD FOR SUBURBIA

If it takes 12 vehicles 136 days to travel 62,402 safe, accident free miles in A Coy, what is the problem? Actually there is no problem, just a hairy traffic snarl through which Captain Bill Ligget, Suburbia Coy, guides his driver. Safe driving records are not an easy accomplishment, and senior transport driver Corporal R. L. Rollman is justly proud of his.



### CANGON NEWS

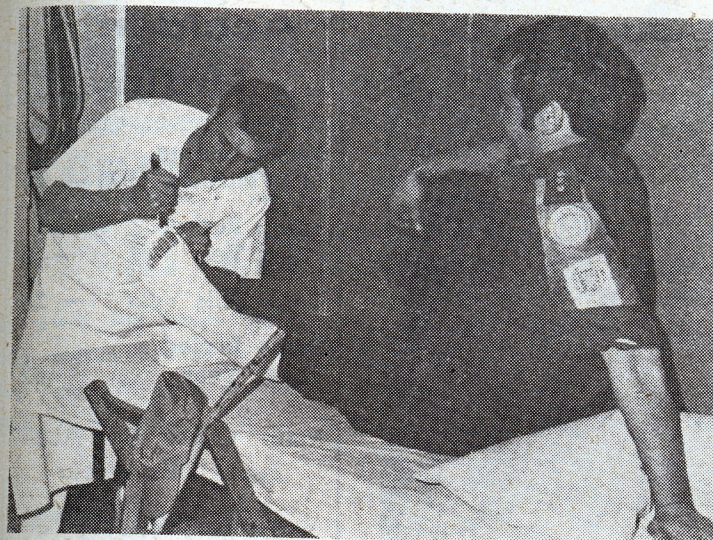
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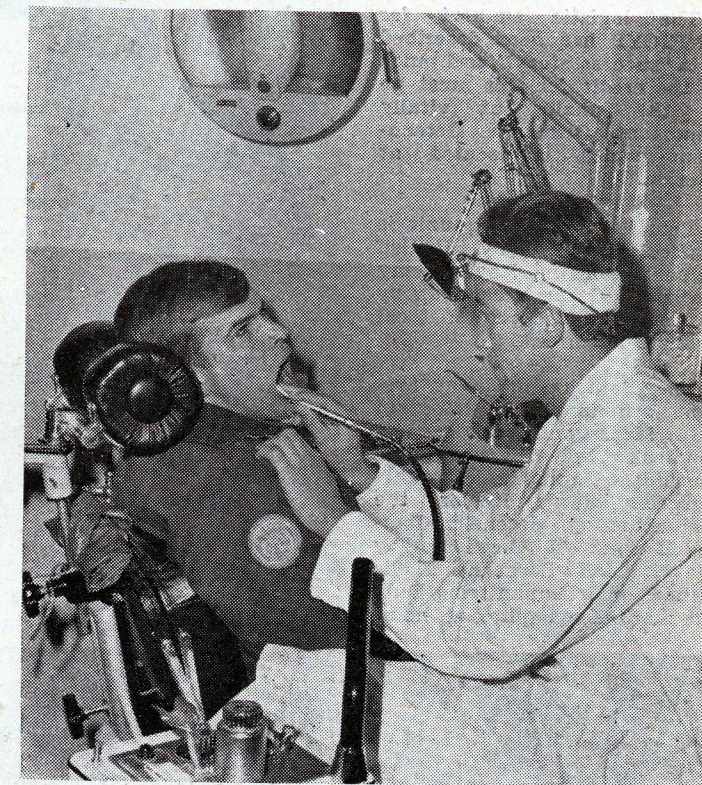
### VISITORS TO CANGON

Very often it is at the foot of the ramp of a CAF Yukon at Nicosia Airport where old friends meet. Lieutenant Colonel T. M. C. Marsaw extends a welcome hand to Major General C. B. Ware and Lieutenant Colonel W. E. J. Hutchinson on their arrival last week. In addition to attending the PPCLI Regimental Committee, Major General Ware, as Colonel of the PPCLI, will officiate in several formal activities. Lieutenant Colonel Hutchinson heads the reconnaissance team of 1 PPCLI who will be relieving 3 PPCLI.

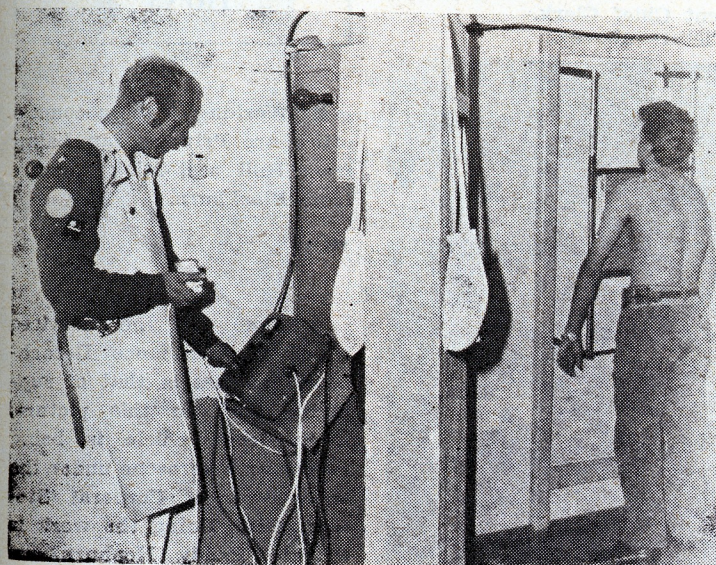
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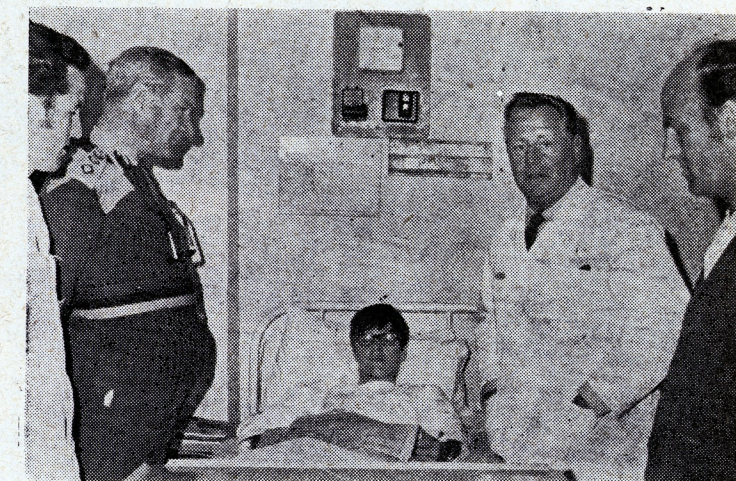
Kers K. Neubauer paketoimassa kapt Ahtiaisen jalkaa



Alik K. Mäkinen Ltm P. Stassnerin potilaana



WO II A. Preist -pienoisröntgenkuvausta suorittamassa. Kuvatavana jääk A. Nevala.



Itävaltalaisessa joutui käymään jääkäri A. Nevala, jonka ympärillä vas. Ltn Thetter, ev E. Williams, maj Schint ja WO II M. Hinterleitner

### FINGON NEWS

Suomen pataljoonan sairaala Kykossa valmistuu lähiaikoina insinööritoimisto Räikkösen pioneeri-ryhmän uupumattoman työn tuloksena. Tähän asti on ollut käytössä vain poliklinikka- ja pääuustyshuone. Vastaanotte on aamuisin klo 8.00 lähtien. Poliklinikalla suoritetaan potilaiden tutkiminen ja hoito mahdollisuuksien rajoissa. Vaikeat tapaukset ja tarkempaa tutkimusta vaativat potilaat siirretään Itävaltalaiseen kenttäsaairaalaan.

Terveystilanne pataljoonassa on hyvä. Viimeaikoina on esiintynyt nuhakuumetta ilmojen viilennyttyä. Samalla ovat ihottumat vähentyneet. Tippuritilanne jaantunut. Helmikuussa on todettu vain yksi tapaus. Urheiluvammoja on ollut melko vähän. Hammashoito tapahtuu Itävaltalaisessa kenttäsairautalassa, jossa hampaiden paikkaus ja poisto on ilmaista. Suomalaisilla on tunnetusti huonot hampaat, ja potilaita on ollut runsaasti.

Kykon poliklinikan henkilökunta: edessä lääkemaj N. Härkönen ja yliv P. Juvonen, takana alikersantit V. Käyhkö ja S. Mattfolk sekä jääk I. Niemi



# ORD DETACHMENT AT WORK

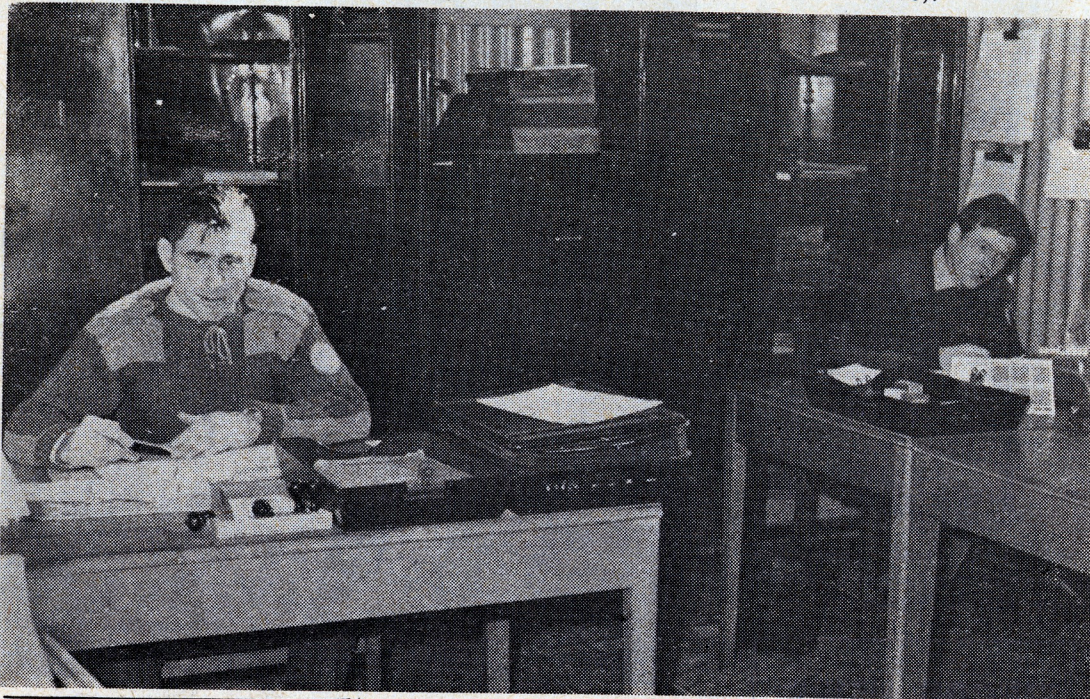
The logistic support for UNFICYP has been described as a "success story", and much of the credit for this must go to the small but vitally important Ordnance Detachment which is located at Nicosia.

This 14 man strong unit is staffed entirely by British personnel of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps backed up by a small work force of local civilian labourers.

The Detachment is at present commanded by Captain R. J. MacLagan. He is seen at his desk flanked by two of his henchmen. From the left, Staff Sergeant Jerry Keelor, the Detachment Second-in-Command and a keen rugby player, and Sergeant Eddie Hillan, an Irishman from Dublin who seems quite at home



in the British Army. He is the next Chief Clerk, account holder and Detachment Chief Clerk. (Picture above).



## MP NOTEBOOK

### Accidents - Unficyp

Week Ending	
13 February 1971	— 4
Same Period	
Last Year	— 9
Total This Year	— 28
Same Period	
Last Year	— 62

Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:

"DRIVING TOO FAST FOR ROAD CONDITIONS"

● Working in the account's office are Privates Ian Laing from Hull and Mick Jogarty from Blackburn.



● One of the services which the Ordnance Detachment provides is that of supplying fuel. In this picture, a Swedcon vehicle is being loaded with kerosene under the supervision of Corporal Stewart Reid. Doing the work is Private Paddy Hepburn, an Ulsterman from Northern Ireland. Paddy is a keen skier and is keeping an anxious watch on the snow at Troodos.



## UN PROGRAMMES FROM C.B.C.

The weekly C.B.C. transmission of special programmes for UN Forces are broadcast on 498 metres, 602 kilocycles, as follows:

- Monday 1330 — 1400 hrs  
Radio EIREAN production.
  - Tuesday 2000 — 2030 hrs  
SWEDISH local requests.
  - Wednesday 2000 — 2030 hrs  
News from CANADA and records.
  - Thursday 2000 — 2030 hrs  
Radio HELSINKI production.
  - Friday 2000 — 2030 hrs  
UN Discotheque presented by John Crosse.
  - Saturday 2000 — 2030 hrs  
DANISH local requests.
  - Sunday 2000 — 2030 hrs  
SCANDINAVIAN local productions from each of the Nordic Contingents in turn.
- News in English can be heard every day at 0830 hrs, 1400 hrs and 1945 hrs.

