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## COMMANDER VISITS FAMAGUSTA

Last week the Force Commander paid a routine visit to Famagusta District.

The General was met by a Guard of Honour after his arrival at Carl Gustav Camp which is situated just outside the city.

## FINNISH MEDAL PARADE

A Finnish Medal Parade was held on Tuesday, the 26th of May at Nicosia.

The Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, presented some of the medals (picture below) and is here seen together with the Commanding Officer of Fincon, Colonel R. K. Raitasaari.

## DEVOTED SERVICE

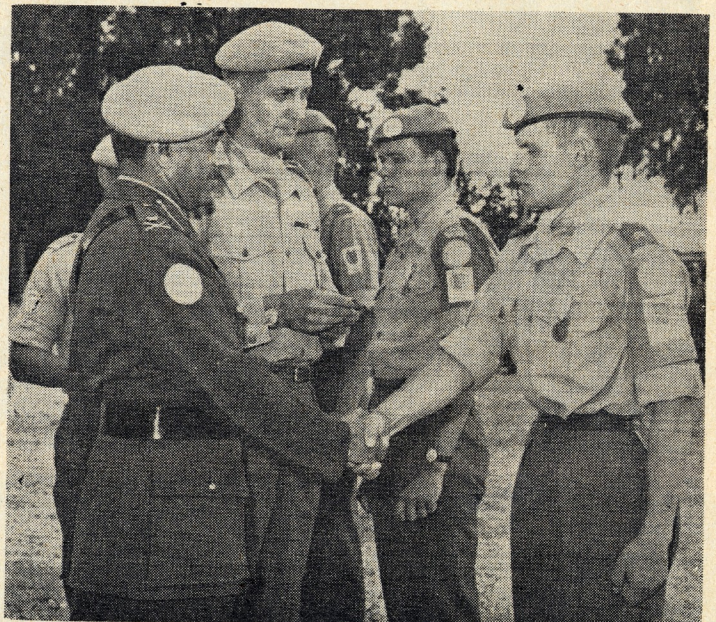
Miss Evelyn Abel, MBE, who has run the canteen in Headquarters for the last five years will be leaving Nicosia in July for a well-earned retirement. With her goes the Reverend G.T. Sparham, MBE, who has directed the canteen's activities for the same period. They will spend June on holiday in Cyprus where they have spent the last 18 years.

Their careers have run hand in hand for 29 years, since the time in 1941 when both joined Hibberts House, a charitable organisation which now is part of the Council of Voluntary Workers. Miss Abel and the Reverend Sparham have spent all their time in the Middle East and both have distinguished service in support of British Forces, earning for themselves several campaign medals and culminating with the signal honour of the MBE for their many years of devotion to duty and

the welfare of servicemen in general.

To them both we say "Thank you and thank you again, Godspeed you both to a happy and peaceful retirement", from the hundreds of men of all nationalities in the United Nations who have been so well cared for by them.

On the back page we publish a poem by the Reverend G.T. Sparham MBE, "Kyrenia Hills", from his collected poems "People, Thoughts and Places".



● The Force Commander presents an engraved Silver ashtray to Miss Abel in recognition of her many years service with the United Nations troops.

● In the canteen Miss Abel serves two members of UNFICYP whilst (l. to r.) Mrs Maco Forrester, Mr Zacharias Chrysostomou and the Reverend look on. Mr Chrysostomou has worked with Miss Abel for 15 years.



# DAGLIGDAGEN FOR DANCON XIII

Dagliglivet indfinder sig efterhånden for Dancon XIII i Xeros, Limnitis og Kokkina.

Endnu forestår ændringer og nyindretninger, før Stabskompagniet og Letkompagni kan føle sig tilfreds med forholdene, men der arbejdes energisk på at nå målet.

Alle billeder har denne gang forbindelse med arbejder af denne slags: inspektion af hygiejniske installationer og lignende, bygning af arrestlokale i Xeros og vejarbejde.

## DANCON NYT



■ Formanden for byggeriet, KS J.E. Ludvigsen, har overblik over alle arbejdets faser.



■ Kontingentchef OL M. Hemmert Lund og lægen, RLG L.E. Frische, lander i Xeros efter pr. helikopter at have inspiceret køkkener og sanitære installationer på alle observationsposterne.



Hvordan tidligere kontingenter i Lefka-distriktet har kunnet klare sig uden en arrest, er ikke let at vide; måske man har arbejdet med en slags standret og eksekveret dommen på stedet. De nye tider kræver imidlertid et arrestlokale, som er ved at blive bygget i øjeblikket af pionerdelingen.

Billedet: Fundamentet skal støbes. Cementen blandes af KS L.J. Rasmussen og KS C.J. Madson.



■ Vejenes standard varierer meget i vort distrikt. Også inden for selve lejrene er forbedringer tiltrængt. Her er KS T.G. Larsen og KS J. Christensen på vejarbejde ved motorværkstedet i Xeroslejren.



■ Efter støbningen skal væggene rejses. "Tømmerne", som her er i gang med arbejdet, er KS K.O. Jørgensen og KS P.B.B. Poulsen.

# GENERALEN KOM TILL CGC

om inte i gryningen så dock på förmiddagen i måndags förra veckan. Och som ni kan se på annan plats i detta nummer av "Baretten" så fick han ett storståligt mottagande på helikopterlandningsplatsen av hedersvakten. Oinitierad stabsredaktör trodde sig ha sett den flottaste uppställningen hittills i sitt liv - tills han fick höra förklaringen. Grabbarna var "trädda på snöre", bokstavligt talat. Fast det syntes inte. Tablå!

Generalmajor D Prem Chands besök blev rena rama solskenshistorien. Bland välputsade och korrekta 44:or. På campen såväl som på OP. T.h. hälsas officerarna. I tur att skaka hand: postis, mj Olle Johansson, Stockholm. F.ö. känner ni väl igen de andra gubbarna också. Uppställningen skedde på uteplatsen utanför mässen. Lunch med sång och spel vankades också.



I mitten t.h. underhåller sig generalen, på en blandning av smäländska och engelska, med Per-Olov Josefsson, Kalmar, på OP Sakarya. Major Bonde från HQ lyssnar t.v. Vi hörde inte samtalet. Kanske handlade det om lingo-röda tavor och Tussilull och Tussilo? Bla.

I mitten t.v. radar grabbarna på rep o drivm upp sig för presentation. De är fr.v. Jan-Olof Olofsson, Åstorp, Bror-Christer Deger, Enköping, Pär Nilsson, Kvidinge, Bosse Davidsson, Förlösa, Kalmar, samt Stig Johansson, Liatorp, och Håkan Johansson, Mullsjö, båda en aning skymda.

Gamla ärorika Gold Fish Camp inspekterades också, kanske för sista gången av en UNFICYP-FC. Bakom generalen mj Petré och mj Bonde. Posterna i blanka stål-hjälmar är fr.v. Hans Eklund, Vimmerby, Åke Gustavsson, Horn, Linköping, Alf Karlsson, Lönashult, Växjö, och (bakom) Jan Kadesten, Gävle.



## SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos

### CANOEING IN CYPRUS

3rd Battalion Light Infantry possess a number of single and double canoes which were brought out from the United Kingdom. The fibreglass single canoes were built by members of the Battalion.

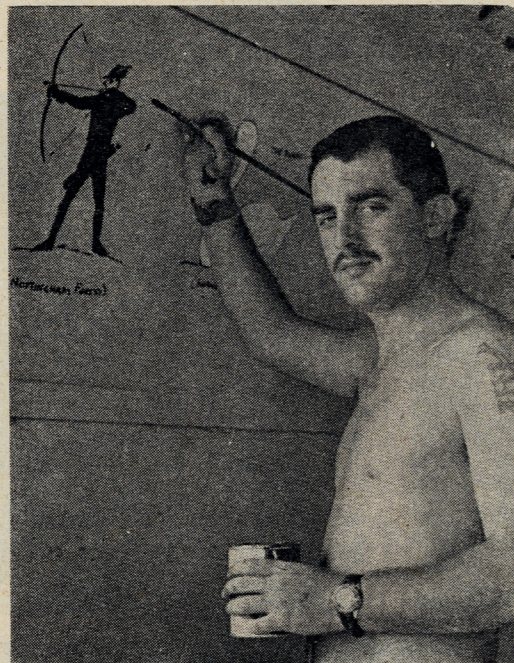
Here Private Smith, 35, of the Mortar Platoon, in his single canoe, swops a paddle with the crew of Moonraker which is made up of Private Barker (left), of the Anti-Tank Platoon, and Private Baugh of the Mortar Platoon. Canoeing is a regular weekend pastime with many soldiers in the Battalion.



### AMATEUR DECORATOR

Lance Corporal James Parker's parents now live in Gravesend but he was born in Berkshire. He is a member of the Assault Pioneer Platoon.

On enlistment he joined the Royal Engineers but transferred to 3rd Light Infantry because his father had Light Infantry connections. In his free time he particularly enjoys painting and he is at present decorating the Paphos Cookhouse. He likes Cyprus but he wishes he had time to see more of it. So far he has served six years of a nine year engagement.



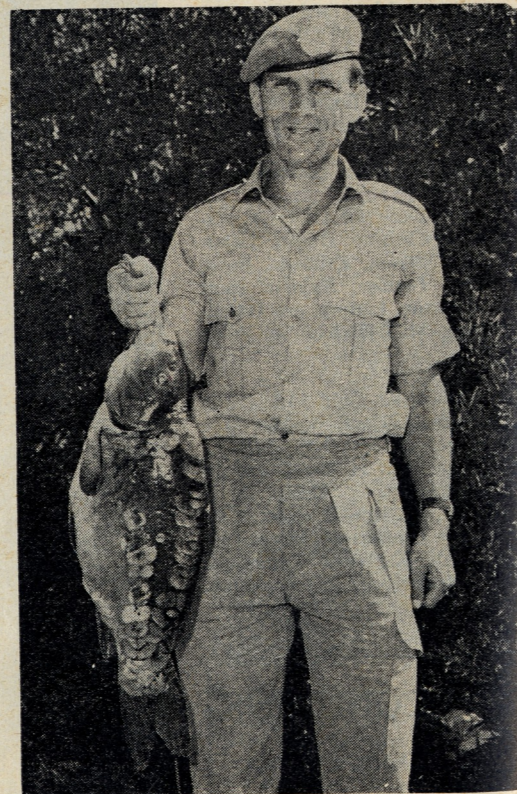
### THE ONE THAT DIDN'T GET AWAY

This ten and a half pound Carp, held by the fisherman Corporal Ernest (Smudge) Smith was caught recently at Kanli Dam.

Smudge is the transport details NCO of 65 Squadron, Royal Corps of Transport, who was promoted to Sergeant after his exploit. No connection! He started fishing in Cyprus 2 months ago and so far has fished in Kanli Dam, General and Athalassa.

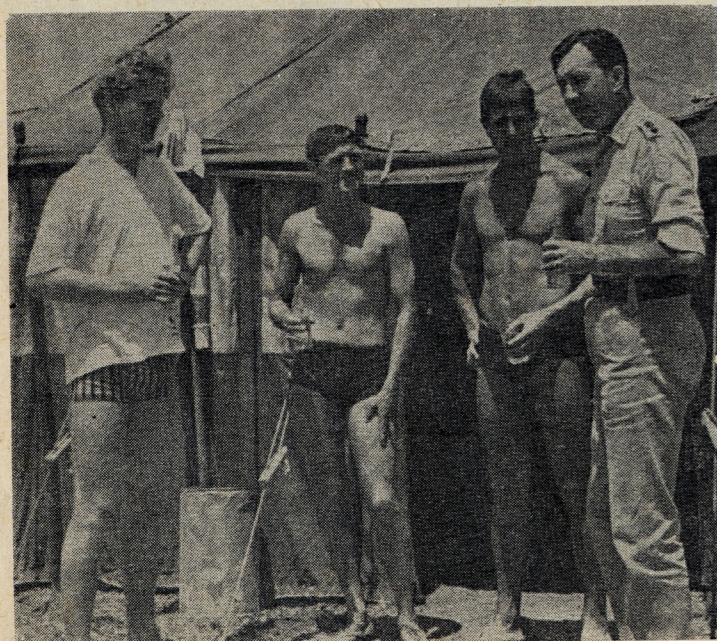
Another keen fisherman is Colour Sergeant Jack Swan of the Parachute Regiment, who later caught a Carp of ten pounds at the same place. Jack and Smudge accompany each other on their fishing trips and are hoping that the interest will spread.

● Sergeant Smith holding up his prize catch for everyone to see.



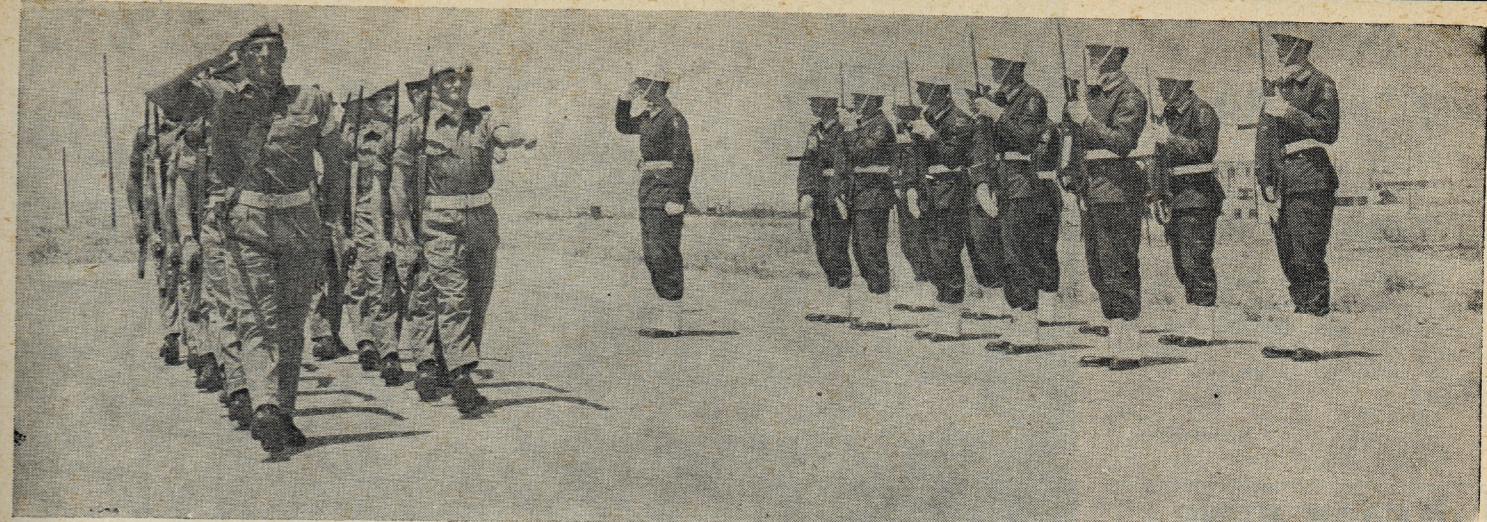
## BRITCON NEWS

### A WORD WITH THE PADRE



The Padre for 3rd Light Infantry is Captain David Girling (right) who tries to spend as much of his time out and about meeting and talking to the soldiers.

On a recent visit to 'B' Company training camp he found time for a drink and a chat with Second Lieutenant Cris Denward (left), Sergeants John Brewis and Derek Graham Army Physical Training Corps.



### IRCON GUARD AT HEADQUARTERS

A platoon from Ircon is engaged one week per month doing guard duties at UNFICYP, Nicosia. This is a twenty-four hour duty starting at 0730 hours. The platoon which consists of one Lieutenant, two Sergeants, two Corporals and fourteen Privates has two posts to man at entrances to Headquarters UNFICYP.

● Sergeant Larry Poynton, Platoon Sergeant, gives "Eyes Left" at the march past to personnel of Swedcon Platoon from whom Ircon took over their duties.

● Lieutenant Brian O'Sullivan, Platoon Commander, whose home station is at the Military College, and Sergeant Larry Prendergast and Larry Poynton, whose home station is Columb Barracks Mullingar, discuss the duties with their Swedish counterparts.



### "THE BUCKAROOS" COUNTRY AND WESTERN GROUP

"The Buckaroos" Irish, Country and Western Group have recently been formed in Zyyi, Headquarters of the 18th Infantry Group. This group specialises in Irish ballads, Country and Western music.

Leader of the group is Engineer Sergeant Gay Coll, who plays the harmonica, sings Country and Western numbers. Corporal Ken Twamly on base guitar, is also a Country and Western singer. Sergeant Paddy Sherry, from the Armoured Car Group, is on drums — Paddy specialises in Irish ballads. On lead guitar is Private John Byrne of Transport.

This group is capable of providing first class entertainment and already have a busy schedule ahead of them.

All enquiries should be made to Sergeant John McGlinchey, Zyyi.

● Our photograph above shows left to right. Private John Byrne, Sergeants Paddy Sherry and Gay Coll and Corporal Ken Twamly.

### CHOPPER TRAINING

For the last few weeks there has been great activity in Larnaca, Kophinou and Zyyi. "Chopper Training" which is given by personnel of the Royal Air Force Detachment using the Wessex Helicopter.

Training includes, deplaning, signals, carrying of weapons, emplaning drills. Procedure en route and deplaning drills which may mean jumping from a height of fifteen feet or climbing down a rope. So

far the training has proved very satisfactory and we have very few broken ankles.

● Below we see a group of enthusiasts from Headquarters Company.



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## IRCON NEWS

## THIS IS A NO - NO

Cyprus newspapers last week reported there might be a shortage of water this summer. Canadian Contingent headquarters is now circulating a memorandum requesting everyone in the contingent to economize.... and as would say Rowan and Martin, car washing is a no-no if it can be avoided.

### CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos



## ONE OF 90,000

Private Douglas Finnie of "D" Company, 1 RCR, is one of the 90,000 men and women of the Canadian Armed Forces to whom the people of Canada will play a tribute Saturday, June 13, Armed Forces Day.

Although he won't be there to take part in the celebrations to be held at numerous bases across Canada, he and the

other members of the Canadian Contingent will be publicly thanked for assisting the world community as peacekeepers.

It is of interest that more than 32,000 Canadian sailors, soldiers and airmen served in the U.N. police action in Korea from 1950 to 1953.

## JOURNALISTS VISIT CANCON

Four Canadian journalists arrived in Cyprus — 2 June — for a week's visit with the Canadian Contingent.

Mr Ken MacGray, Kitchener-Waterloo Record; Thomas Brule and John Aaraj, CKCO-TV Kitchener; and Ted Kosteki, CKSL London, are here to report on the operational and recreational activities of the contingent and the general situation in Cyprus. The program of the visit includes tours of the rifle companies on the Green Line, calls at the Cyprus Government and Turkish Cypriot Information offices, individual interviews with members of the contingent and participation in recreational activities held throughout the week.

All media provide news to the London, Ontario area

Canadian military cooks walked out with the silverware this year again at the British Army of the Rhine cookery competition held recently at Rheindalen, Germany. They took nine of the 12 prizes available.

### AIR RECORD

A new unofficial cross-Canada speed record was set last month by a Canadian Forces' CF-5 jet. The Vancouver-Dartmouth (N.S.) flight was clocked at four hours 25 minutes, 35 minutes off the 1956 record by an F-86 Sabre.

where the 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment, is normally stationed.

## RCR VISITED BY CANADIAN GENERALS

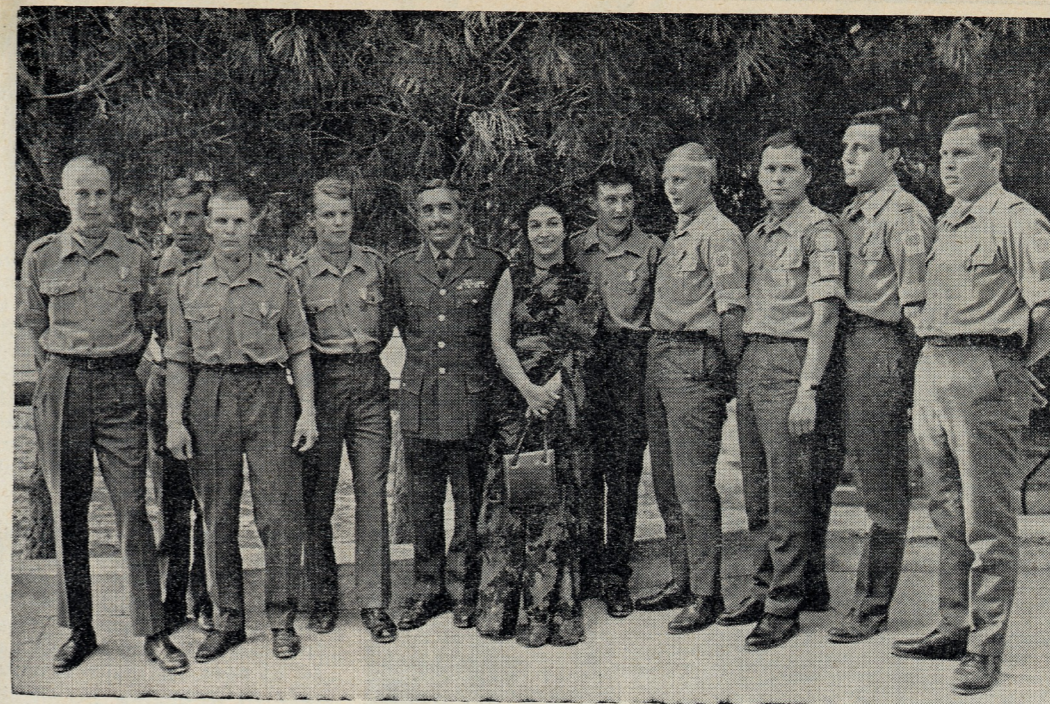
Major-General D.C. Spry and Brigadier-General S.V. Radley-Walters, respectively Colonel of the Regiment and Commander of 2 Combat Group, are visiting with "their" troops of the 1st Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment, who make up the major portion of the Canadian Contingent.

General Spry, a retired former member of the RCR, is here on one of the many visits he normally pays to the battalions of his regiment every year. 1 RCR is a unit of 2 Combat Group with headquarters at Base Petawawa, Ont., under the command of Gen. Radley-Walters.

Next week's Blue Beret will carry a photo-story of the generals' visit.

### UNIQUE HONOUR

Canada's oldest regular force unit, The Royal Canadian Regiment, is the only foreign formation to have ever been accorded freedom of the city of Soest, Germany. The 1,000-year-old city has echoed to the tramp of Caesar's legions and the troops of Napoleon and Hitler.



Mitaliparaatin jälkeen ansioituneet mitalinsaajat yhdessä Force Commanderin ja rouva D Prem Chandin kanssa. Vasemmalta alikersantti Erkki Lindfors, kersantti Tuomo Kaplas, alikersantti Erkki Miettinen, jääkäri Erkki Aidanpää, Force Commander rouvineen, jääkäri Seppo Wiik, jääkäri Eero Jämbeck, alikersantti Heikki Rahko, alikersantti Reino Lehtonen ja sotilasmestari Björn Öhberg.

## Valvontatehtävissä on vastuu yksityisellä miehellä

"YK-palvelus ei ole sotaa, vaan se on rauhantyötä. YK-palvelus tapahtuu merkittävältä osaltaan yksittäisillä vartiopaikoilla, jolloin tämä rauhantien päätehtävä, valvonta jää yksityisen miehen osalle. Tällainen tehtävä korostaa miehen omakohtaista vastuuta".

Näin sanoi pataljoonan komentaja, eversti Reino Raitasaari YKSP 13:n YK-mitalien jakotilaisuudessa.

"Yhdistyneet kansakunnat ja sen päämäärät ovat saattaneet tuntua kaukaisilta. Nyt on kuitenkin se päivä, jolloin YK tulee teitä lähelle. Force Commander on saanut valtuutensa suoraan Yhdistyneiden kansakuntien pääsihteeriltä ja tulee välittämään rauhanturvatehtävien ulkonaisen tunnuskuva, mitalin, teidän rintaanne. Tässä mielessä YK:n turvallisuusneuvosto ja YK:n pääsihteerit seisovat täällä hetkellä suoraan teitä vastapäätä. Mitali rinnassanne todistaa nuhteettomuutta ja velvoittaa eteenpäin, sillä maailma tarvitsee YK:n

kaltaista järjestöä vihan, pelon ja epäluulon vastapainoksi" sanoi ev Raitasaari.

Force Commander, kenraalimajuri D. Prem Chand sanoi jaettuun YK-mitalit YK:n suomalaispataljoonan sotilaille, että mitali on nykyään eräs kaikkein tärkeimmistä. Mitali annetaan rauhan

hyväksi tehdystä työstä ja se on tärkeä siitä syystä, että koko maailma toivoo rauhaa.

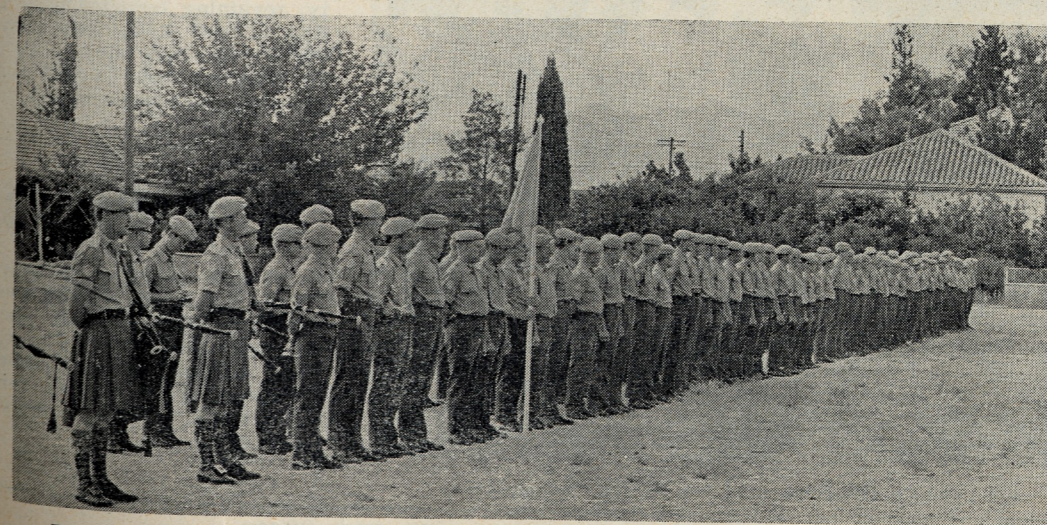
Mitaliparaati pidettiin YKSP:n esikunnan kentällä 26.5. Mitalin vastaanotti 103 upseeria, aliupseeria ja miestä, joista yksiköittäin kolmelle ansioituneimmalle kenraalimajuri D Prem Chand jakoi mitalin henkilökohtaisesti.

## Posti, palkka ja markka

Antakaa palkkapäivän aamuna puolen tunnin työrauha postille lähtevän postin käsittelyä varten, toivoo postimestari, luutnantti Martti Mikkonen. Viime lauantaina palkkapäivän aamuna oli jälleen tavanomainen ruuhka kenttäpostikonttorissa, joten pannaanpa "Milzun" toivomus mieleen ja rynnätään päivärahojen kimppeihin ensi kerralla vasta klo 8.00.

Edelleen kannattaa muistaa, että jos palkkapäivänä nostaa suurem-

man summan kuin päivärahat tai jos nostaa tililtään rahaa ns. prosenttikorteilla (tililtäottokortti, jolla voi nostaa enintään 25% nettopalkastaan) on otettava mukaan viimeinen tiliote, jolla voi todistaa, että tilillä on tarpeeksi rahaa. Tiliotehan vastaa pankkikirjan merkintää talletuksen määrästä. Näitä ns. prosenttinostoja ei voi tehdä etukäteen eli yrittää kuun lopussa tai ennen viidettätoista päivää nostaa seuraavan puolen



Paraattijoukot järjestäytyneenä esikunnan kentälle Takana Kyrenian vuortenhuippuja.

kuukauden palkkaansa. Mutta takakäteän käyttämättömiä kortteja voi tietenkin käyttää milloin vain.

Postissa on kiinnitetty huomiota siihen seikkaan, että joku, joka on palvellut jo pitkään saarella, saattaa tiedustella minne hänen palkkansa menee ja paljonko hänelle puhdasta tulee. Syyinä tällaiseen tietämättömyyteen on useimmiten se, että palkka maksetaan hänen oman ohjeensa mukaan jollekin muulle kuin postiirtotilille eikä tämä tilinpitäjäpankki olekaan lähettänyt tositteita tai tiliotteita maksetuista palkoista ja pidätetyistä veroista. Eräs hyvä keino ajan tasalla pysymiseksi raha-asioissaan on ohjata sekä päivärahat että palkka omalle postiirtotililleen, jolloin tiliotteista näkee saldonsa kulloisenkin tilanteen helposti. Oman postiirtotilinsä voi aina muuttaa tällaiseksi koontitiliksi ilmoittamalla asiasta pataljoonan rahurille, sotilasvirkailija Taisto Saariselle.

Valuutan vaihtaminen tulee ajankohtaiseksi silloin, kun lähdetään ulkomaan lomamatkalle. Kyp-roksella kaikki pankit vaihtavat vapaasti ulkomaanvaluuttoja. Suomen Pankkikin myöntää nykyään 3.000.- markan edestä valuuttaa päivärahojen ja prosenttinostojen lisäksi. Tätä varten on täytettävä valuutta-anomus. Anomuksen tultua hyväksytyksi Postipankki antaa ao. henkilölle luvan nostaa Kyproksen puntia tarvittava määrä tälläkäläisestä kenttäpostikonttorista. Kenttäpostikonttori kirjoittaa myös puntamääräisiä matkasheckejä, joita voi käyttää lomilla vaihtamalla niitä lomamaan valuutaksi.



Lukuisten Hill Topille kiipeämisten joukossa on merkille pantavaa Force Commanderin, kenraalimajuri D Prem Chandin suorittama tarkastusmatka 30.5. Kuvassa alinna majuri Martti Harju, kenraalimajuri D Prem Chand, eversti Reino Raitasaari ja yllinä luutnantti Markku Koskinen.

# MEDICAL CONFERENCE AND CASEVAC DEMONSTRATION



● The "casualty" is made comfortable.



Some contingents have at their own medical centres a Stokes Litter. This means that in the event of serious injury a helicopter can be summoned whilst the casualty is being loaded onto the litter. The litter can then be fitted in about 20 seconds to the helicopter. If necessary the litter can be quickly detached and used to carry the patient into the operating theatre.

This facility of quickly fitting and removing the Stokes Litters and the ability to use them as stretchers has obvious advantages. Though two casualties can be evacuated at once, normally it would only be necessary to use one and in this case a medical officer or orderly would travel in the passenger seat. From this position with his seat straps secured but his shoulder straps slackened off, he can reach the casualty in order to administer injections or reas-

It has been customary for the Chief Medical Officer to hold a conference for the Medical and Dental Officers of all Contingents at approximately two monthly intervals. Points for discussion are submitted by any medical officer for the views of all other participants.

On Friday 29th May a variation was made in that Senior Medical Officer, Swedcon demonstrated the Swedish Volvo cross-country ambulance vehicle, collapsible stretcher and light-weight splints.

In addition the Army Air Corps were kind enough to demonstrate the Sioux Helicopter and the Stokes Litter, and show what a smooth ride any seriously injured patient can be given from an OP to hospital. The Force Health Inspector volunteered as a "Casualty", and having been dealt with by two medical officers, was "taken for a ride" over Nicosia. The SMO Cancon acted as Flight Medical Officer and found it quite practicable to minister to his patient whilst in flight, provided the helicopter door had been removed.

It was agreed that further demonstrations, particular to medical orderlies, of the method of wrapping a patient in blankets for carriage in a Stokes Litter were essential.

The Sioux is capable of carrying two lying casualties, one in each of two Stokes

Litters mounted on the under-carriage cross members and secured by four quick release units. Casualties weighing up to 225 pounds may be carried.

## KYRENIA HILLS

Proud peaks Kyrenia range  
adorn,  
Majestic, bald and sheer,  
But three alone stand guard  
above

The roofs of Nicosia,  
Great Buffavento's castle  
height,

With Trypavouno tall,  
And Pentadaktylos, whose crags  
Rise straitly, like a wall.

These serrate heights I gaze  
upon  
From windows of my house.  
In winter wreath empurpled  
mists

About their frowning brows.  
In summer, haze or glow,  
they're drawn

Stark-lined on azure field;  
And, cold or heat, each day  
from dawn

New splendours are revealed.  
For, ever o'er their variant face

A veil cerulean lies;  
Blue cloud-shapes float across  
their slopes

High-borrowed from the skies,  
Till changeling hues of heaven  
consort

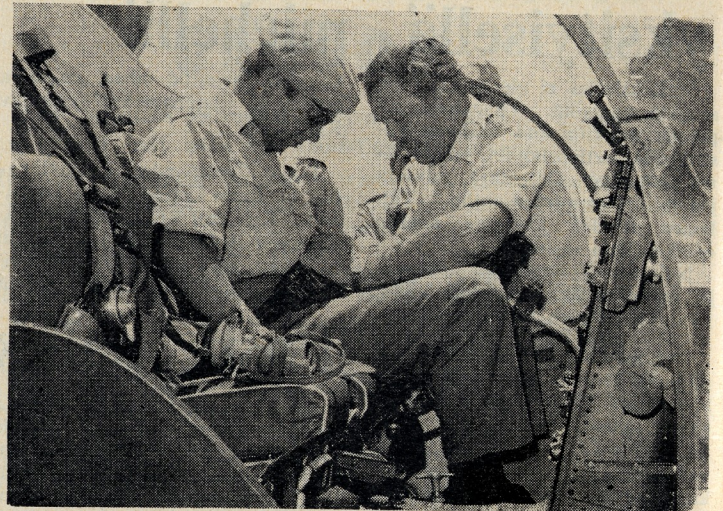
With gold and lights of praise  
To cast unearthly glories on  
The passing of the days.

And if, perchance, I scale those  
hills

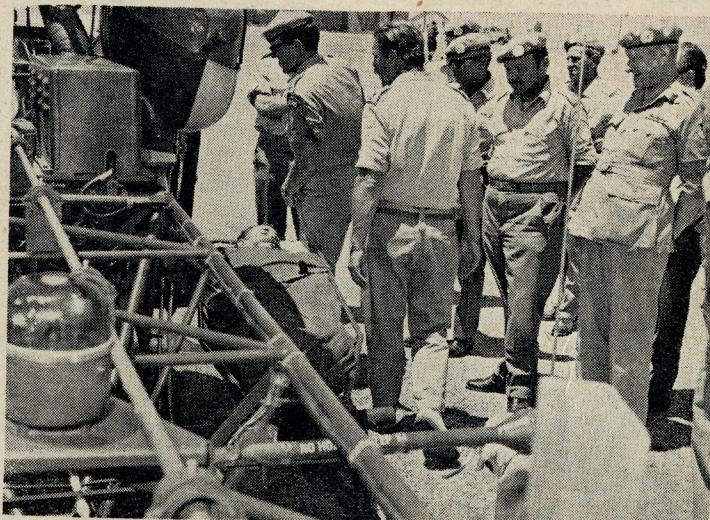
And stand where pine-woods  
cling,

My heart their seaward aspect  
lifts,

As leaps Kythrea's spring.



● The attending Medical Officer is shown how to adjust the seat belt with enough leeway to reach out of the aircraft to administer his charge during flight. The instructor is Major John Bedford-Davies, flight commander of the UN flight Army Air Corps.



● Loading the Stokes Litter on the helicopter.

urance. It should be appreciated that the Stokes Litter is not covered and the casualty, regaining consciousness to find himself 2,000 feet above the ground and subject to a 70 mile an hour wind, may certainly need reassurance.

## Stop Press

It was announced in New York last evening that the Secretary-General of the United Nations, U Thant, had recommended a further mandate of six months for UNFICYP to the Security Council.