



The Blue Beret

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65 SQN MEDAL PARADE

65 Squadron RCT held a ceremonial parade on May 21st to mark the occasion of the presentation of United Nations medals by the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand.

A crowd of about one hundred and fifty spectators saw the Squadron give a "General Salute" on arrival of the Force Commander who then inspected the two troops commanded by Lieutenant W.A. McMahon and Second-Lieutenant R. Carey. After inspecting the Band of the 3rd Light Infantry, the Force Commander made a presentation of medals to six members of the Squadron representing the Officers, NCOs, Drivers and other attached personnel. Following a short address by the Force Commander the Squadron marched past in column, advanced in review order and marched off in line. The Band under Bandmaster S. James then gave an impressive display of marching culminating with the sounding of "Retreat".

During the evening, celebrations were held in UNFICYP Officers' and Sergeants Messes and in the unit canteen, the "Wheel 'em In".

65 Squadron is no stranger to Cyprus. The unit first came to the island in 1955 and

UN VIP AT HQ

Mr George Lansky, Chief of the Field Operations Service, United Nations Headquarters, New York, recently visited Headquarters UNFICYP. During his visit he had talks with Officers and members of the Secretariat.

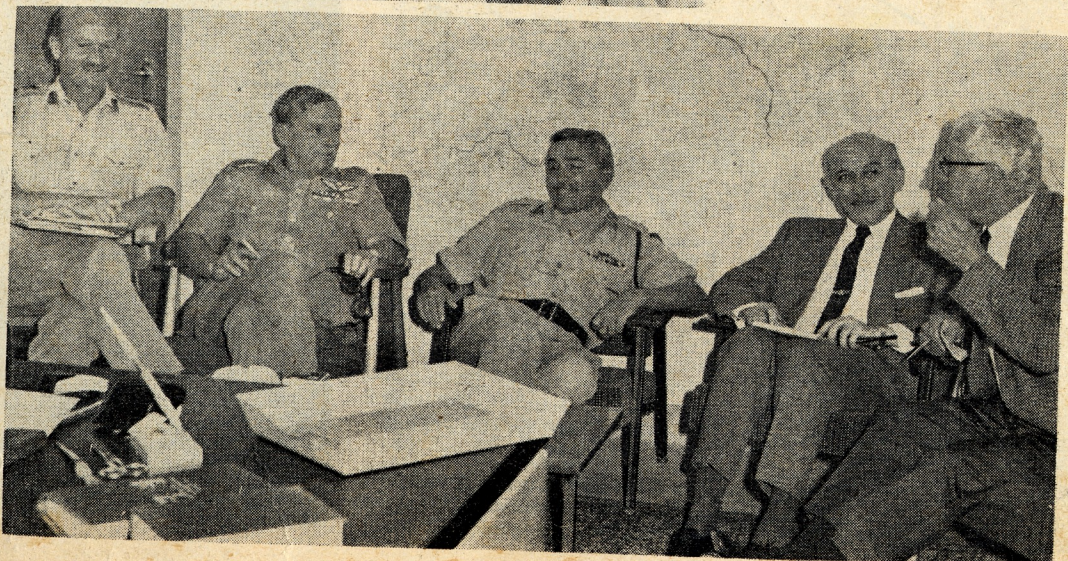
Our photograph (left to right) shows Colonel D.B. Riddell-Webster, Combrinton, Brigadier General E.M.D. Leslie, Chief of Staff, Major General D. Prem Chand, Force Commander, Mr George Lansky and Mr R.S. Hausner, Chief Administrative Officer.

remained here until 1960. This is the third occasion since 1964 on which the '65th' has supported UNFICYP.

The Squadron is normally

• The Force Commander Major General D. Prem Chand, inspects the 82 officers and men on the parade which took place in brilliant sunshine.

stationed at Bulford, Salisbury Plain, where, equipped with 10 ton vehicles, it is a part of Strategic Command Support Echelon.



NORWAY CONTRIBUTES TO UNFICYP

The Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations, Edward Hambro, refers in a letter to the Secretary-General, U Thant, to the expenses of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus, saying:

With reference to your letter of the 17th of February, 1970, in which you appealed for voluntary contributions to provide the necessary financial support for the United Nations Peace-Keeping Operation in Cyprus, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Norway has decided to make a further contribution of 860,000 Norwegian Crowns (approx. 120,000 US dollars) to meet the costs of UNFICYP for the period ending 15th June, 1970."

FORCE COMMANDER VISITS LIMASSOL

Major General D. Prem Chand is seen outside Zone Headquarters, Limassol, during his visit to 3rd Battalion the Light Infantry on Friday 22nd May 1970. On his right are Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Bruce Robertson and the Second-in-Command Major John Hibbert. Captain John Marsham, the Adjutant is on his left and also the Generals' ADC, Captain B. B. Isaksen.

Major General D. Prem Chand inspected a quarter guard and then toured Limassol Town. Returning to Polemidhia Camp he visited the Corporals Club and Warrant Officers and Sergeants Mess where he watched a performance by the Bugle Platoon. Before returning to Nicosia by helicopter he had lunch with the officers.

FARVEL OG TAK

Med dette nummer af "Blue Beret" overgår ansvaret fra mig til min efterfølger på Dancon XIII, feltpræst O.J. Christensen. Det har været et sjovt halvår herude, og det har været morsomt at have med avisen og radioen at gøre. Man opdager lidt af sandheden i ordene om "pressens magt".

Jeg siger "be-be" til enhver, jeg har trådt for kraftigt over tæerne - og anbefaler min afløser troligt at jukke videre, - så kan han jo altid sige undskyld bag efter.

Tak for vinteren 69/70 og god sommer, Dancon XIII!

Vagn Fuglsang Damgaard.



HAN BLIVER

Dancon afløser Dancon; på alle poster skiftes ud i årenes løb. Kun en mand står fast på sin, nemlig Charlie, som nu har indrettet sin butik i Xeros-lejren for at kunne vedligeholde den forbindelse til Dancon, som blev knyttet allerede med Dancon I.

Her markerer Charlie sidste afløsning på sin egen måde.



DANCON NYT

HJEMTUREN INDLEDES



■ Turen hjem til koldere himmelstrøg indledes med et grundigt munderingseftersyn overvåget af våbenmesteren, LT H.M. Rasmussen.

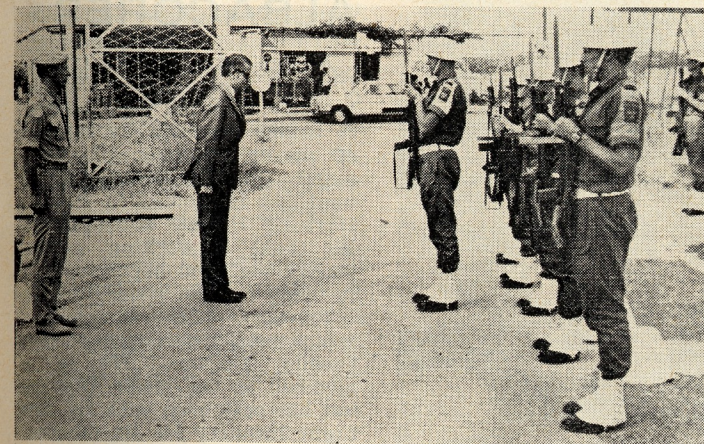


■ De nyankomne pinkier sættes straks i gang med arbejdet i Xeros-lejren under kommando af OS E. Asmild fra Dancon XII



Nye bataljonsordonnanser

Afløsningen har meldt sig for de veltjente bataljonsordonnanser Sørensen og Rask siddende foran med de nye kræfter, KS M. Stendys og KS K.H. Thomsen stående bagved.



VI FICK

fint fræmmande på "ranchen" i förra veckan. Svenske ambassadören i Beirut, Åke Johnson, kvistade över för att kolla in hur vi sköter oss. Han tog emot vakten, ovan, under överinseende av stf batchefen mj Jan Petré. I den prydligt skyldrande styrkan ingick fu Björn Rasmussen, Bromölla, Bengt Karlsson,

Kungsbacka, Per Ahlén, Linköping, Per-Inge Gustafsson, Rimfors, Agne Johansson, Osby, Einar Johansson, Gällivaare, och Heikki Mykänen, Grängesberg.

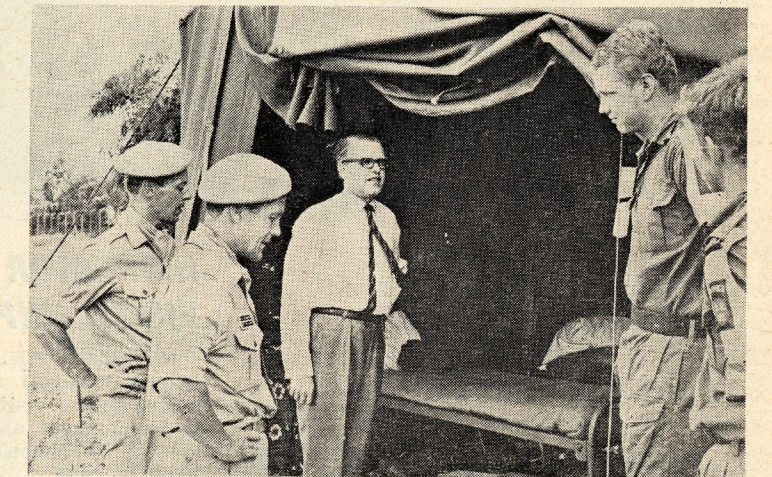
Vid rundturen på campen tillsammans med mj Petré och mj Stig Landgren fick ambassadören en pratstund med bl.a. Håkan Andersson, Stockholm, och Börje (snygg nacke) Jonsson, Liatorp.

VI SKÖT

inte skarpt den här gången, hur skarpa killarna ovan än syns vara. Men nog har det börjat bli både fjong och sting och go på 44:orna efter snart två månader på Cypern.

SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos



VI BLEV

alldeles förfärligt sjuka häromkvällen på CGC och grabbarna på sjukhuset i Nicosia fick en massa jobb. Det var brännskador, brutna ben och en hel del andra fiffiga, hastigt påkomna skröpligheter. En övning alltså, så illusorisk man nu kan begära, och en tillämpad sådan.

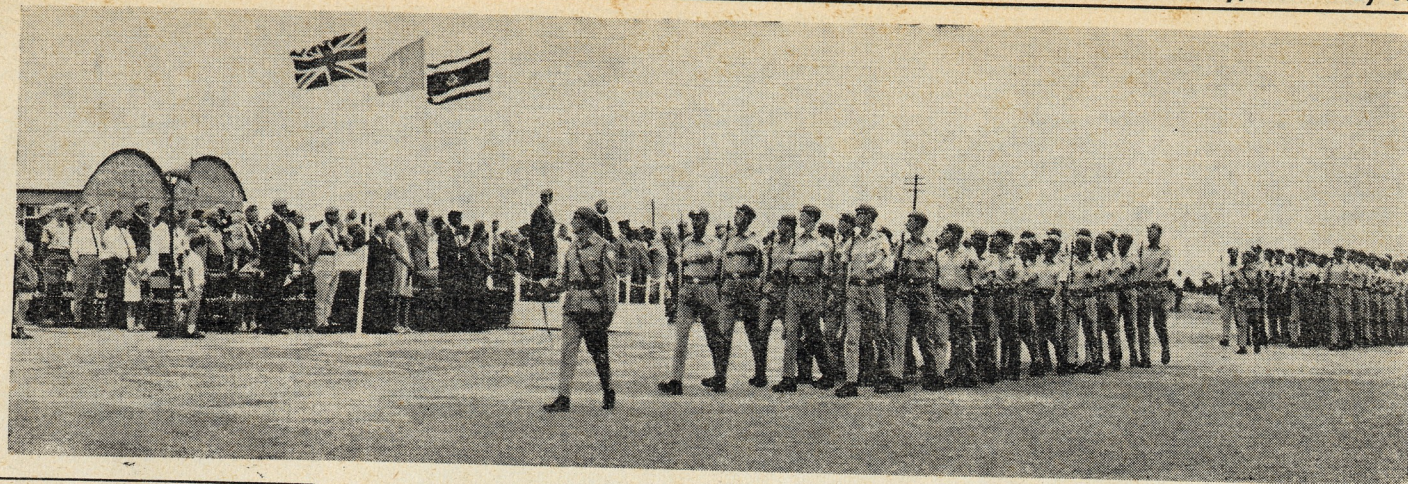
Först omplåstring på Villa Oasis, snyggt och prydligt, sedan ytterligare omvårdnad på någon av de tre helikoptrarna från Nico. Varje flygtyg innehöll ett österrikiskt läkerteam. Och så transport förstas till the field hospital Hemfärd till CGC i bil.

T.v.: Här var det stress på gång. Rustmästare John Strömberg, Sollefteå, dirigerar med yviga gester bårtransporten av svårt brännskadade Berne Åkesson, Färjestaden, f.v.b. med helikoptern till Nico.

Ovan t.h.: Bobo Fagerblom, Borås, liggande, levde väl in i sin roll och minsann var han inte lite chockat om nosen där han låg och törstade efter dropp.

T.h.: Berne Åkesson var så avtuppad man överhuvudtaget kunde begära. Här är det konstgjord andning och hjärtmassage på gång.





● 65 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport march past the Saluting Base during their medal presentation last Thursday. Full story on front page.

OFFICER TRAINING

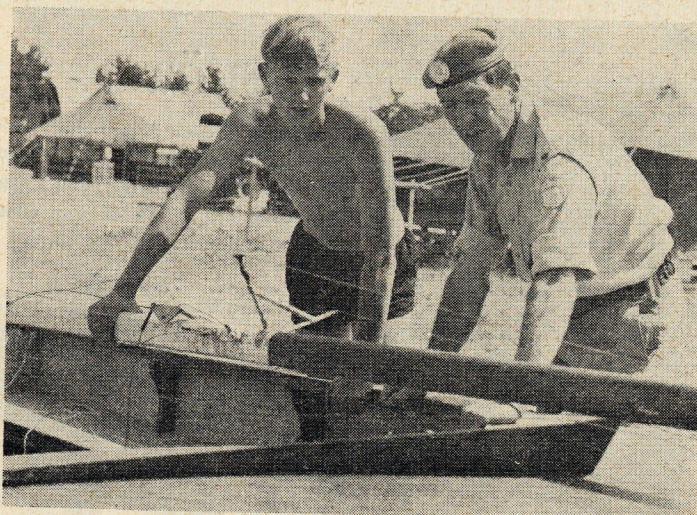
Sergeant Bill Mortimer (left) who has been an Instructor at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, is seen below teaching the use of the GPMG dial sight to Senior Officers of 3rd Battalion The Light Infantry in Polemidhia Camp.

Under instruction from left to right are Captain Chris Laurence-King, Lieutenant Colonel Bruce Robertson, Commanding Officer, Major John Hibbert, 2nd-in-Command, Captain John Marsham, Adjutant and Major Tim Beath, Economics Officer.



CAMP OFFICE STAFF

Photographed just recently are the Camp Staff who are responsible for the personal administration of all members of the British Contingent within Headquarters UNFI-CYP in every respect from a soldiers' arrival until his departure at the end of his tour. (From left to right) Sergeant Gordon Binks (Chief Clerk), Corporal Bob Pain, Trooper George Shearer, Lance Corporal Dai Davies and Private Allen Lubeck.



PAPHOS ALBACORES

Major Tony Bennett (right) District Commander, Paphos, recently acquired two Albacore sailing dinghies for the use of personnel under his command. One is already being used and is moored in Paphos Harbour. Private Richard Miller (left) is working on the second boat and hopes to have it ready for the water shortly. Private Miller is an ex-junior soldier and comes from County Durham. He is a member of the Recce platoon but has only been with the 3rd Light Infantry for six months.

INSPECTOR ROAG VISITS UNFIGYP

Brigadier P.K. Goozee, The Inspector Royal Army Ordnance Corps, paid a visit to the Ordnance Detachment and RAOC Stores Section in Nicosia on 21st May 1970.

During his visit he had informal talks with members of the Corps on various aspects of their role and technical problems peculiar to the RAOC. In our photograph we see the Brigadier (right) talking to Captain H.S. Allen, Officer Commanding Ordnance Detachment and in the centre is Lieutenant Colonel K.W.T. Terry Commander Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

BRITCON NEWS



COMMANDING OFFICER'S INSPECTION

Inspections by the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel M. O'Brien, commenced last Tuesday 19 May, when his staff visited 'B' Company at Kophinou. Accompanied by Commandant J. Flynn, Second-in-Command, Commandant J. Burke, Engineer Officer, Commandant B. O'Riordan, Medical Officer, Captain J. Kissane, Adjutant, Captain F. Mullowney, Quartermaster, Captain S. Norton, Operations Officer, and Lieutenant P. O'Connor, Catering Officer. He inspected all installations, Observation Posts, training, catering and 'A' and 'Q' matters.

On arrival at Kophinou he was met by Commandant B. Bunworth, Officer Commanding 'B' Company, who subsequently handed over a parade of the

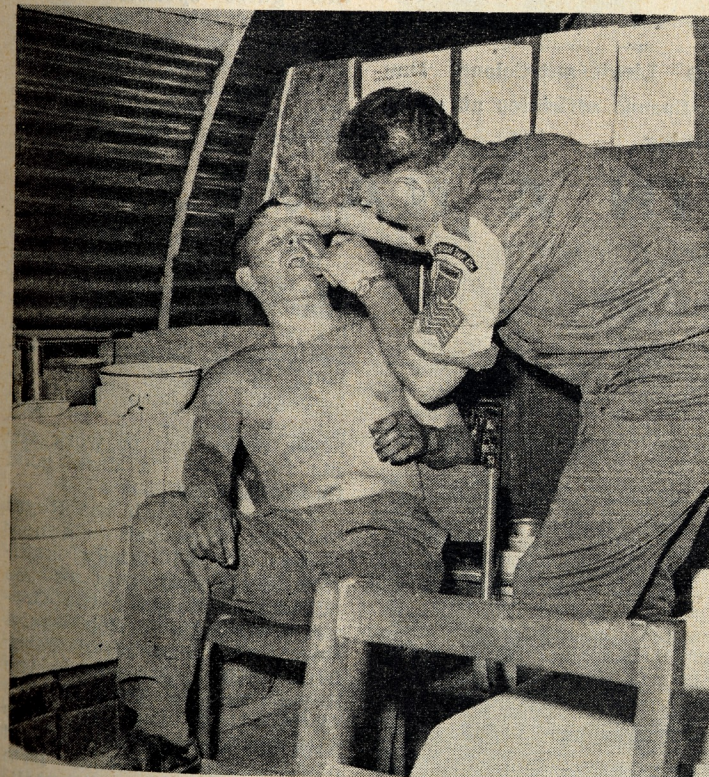


company for inspection. Lieutenant Colonel M. O'Brien expressed his satisfaction on the very fine turn-out and he com-

plimented the personnel of the company on the efficient manner in which they were discharging their duties.

● Here we see Lieutenant Colonel M. O'Brien accompanied by Commandant B. Bunworth, inspecting the parade.

IRCON NEWS



KOPHINOU MEDICAL CENTRE

● The Medical Centre in Kophinou is in good order... thanks to the efficient management of the Medical Sergeant, Paddy Creaton. Above he is examining Private Vincent Mullins.

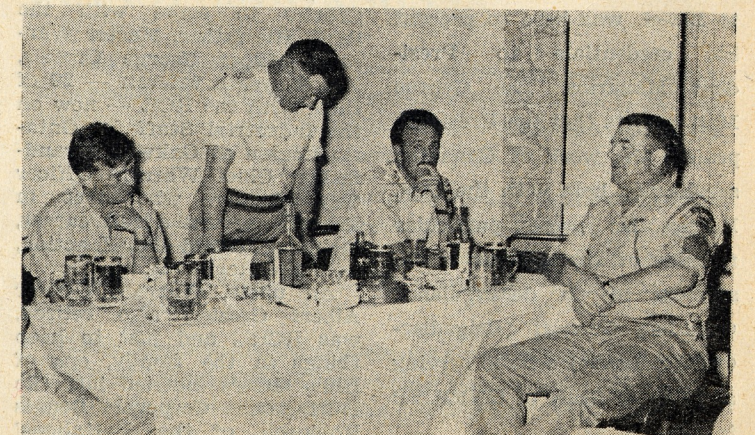
NGO'S SMOKER

After six weeks hard slogging the NCOs at Zyyi decided to hold their first "smoker" in conjunction with the darts final which was won by Sergeant V. Mulvey. It was a very enjoyable occasion indeed. Full marks must go to Company Sergeant Tommy Maguire who served free drinks all night without spilling a drop.

The evening wound up with a very excellent 'Sing Song' with Battalion Quartermaster

Sergeant Hayes as Master of Ceremonies. This started with an unsteady rendering of "On the One Road" by Company Quartermaster Sergeant Denner, followed by a splendid recitation from Company Sergeant P. Digman.

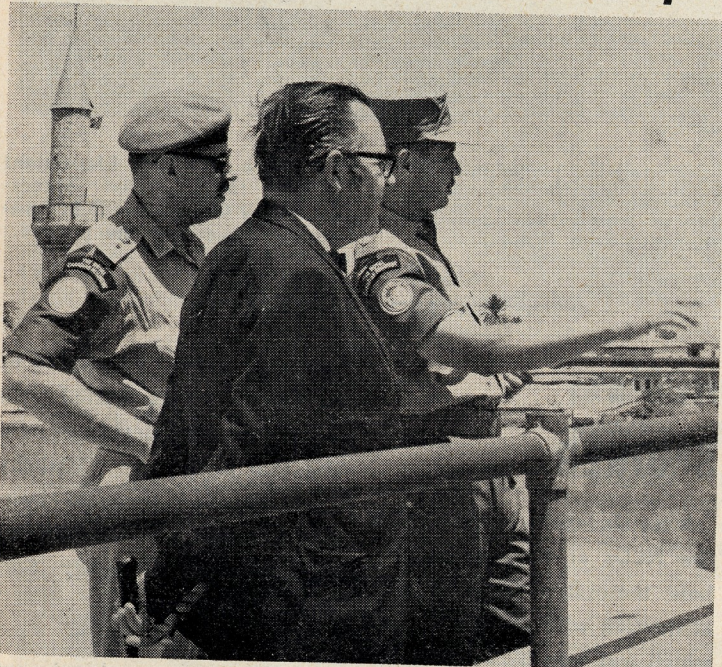
● Here we see Lieutenant Colonel M. O'Brien, Group Commander, addressing the NCOs. With him are (left to right) Commandant Jim McCarthy, Camp Commandant, Captain Tom Joyce, Press Officer, and Company Sergeant 'Kit' Kearney, Mess President, NCOs Mess.





● One act of "The U.N. through the Ages" depicted the arrival of the Pilgrims in America.

High Commissioner Visits Troops



Mr Charles E. MacGaughey, Canadian High Commissioner to Cyprus, toured the Canadian Contingent installations last week during his first visit to the Island.

He is seen here with Lieutenant-Colonel Dan G. Loomis and Major Jim Walden, OC of "D" Company. Mr. MacGaughey who is also Ambassador to Israel, was here to present his credentials to President Makarios. The Cyprus Mail reports that the President praised the work of Canadian servicemen here with the U.N. Forces. He made particular mention of appreciation of the services of "a distinguished Canadian General (Brigadier-General Leslie) who is serving as Chief of Staff of UNFICYP in Cyprus".

WHAT'S IN A NAME...?

Is a common question which sometimes draws very uncommon answers. And a very uncommon answer we got from Corporal Bill Crozier of "D" Company, 1 RCR, for his immediate family counts close to a cumulative one hundred years of service with the Regiment.

Bill, whose present job is to co-man an OP along the Green Line, is a third generation Crozier to serve with the RCR. His father, Master Warrant Officer George Crozier, is a 27-years veteran — 20 of them with the RCR — now on the Industrial Staff for Ontario Region at Oakville. Grandfather, Chief Warrant Officer Guy Crozier, who lives in Toronto, served a full career, including World War I action, with the Regiment.

An uncle, Warrant Officer Albert Crozier, also retired, was RCR... and just to keep things in the family, one of Bill's sisters married into the RCR, one Corporal Dennis Robinson, of the Battalions'



● Corporal Bill Crozier manning a "D" Company OP.

"OPRA" OPEN

Another "Cultural" center was added to the Contingent's assets last week with the grand opening of the Green Line "OPRA" House, an "Alpha" Company undertaking at the Public Works compound.

Lieutenant-Colonel Dan G. Loomis, the guest of honour, is (below) seen cutting the "Kelly Green" ribbon to mark the official inauguration of "OPRA".

Featured on opening night were two short "plays" by the Company's Combined Theatre Guild, one of them titled "The U.N. through the Ages". A gala dinner preceded the evening of social activities.



● Lieutenant-Colonel Dan G. Loomis officiates at grand opening.



● "You are right, Mr Maday, nothing is impossible". (for those who do not know him, Lieutenant Maday is a Duty Officer with the Headquarters Company).

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

Officers' Training Programme

The Force Commander, Major-General D. Prem Chand was guest speaker at the weekly officers' training session last Saturday. He spoke on peace-keeping operations in the Congo, Egypt and Cyprus, offering similarities and differences between those missions.

Signals Platoon.

At one time, a few years ago, Bill, his father and his brother-in-law were all serving with the Regiment's 2nd Battalion in Germany. Battalion authorities, however, managed to keep them in separate companies so Bill never really had to work for his father — "a darn good thing" he says.

But service with the Royal Canadian Regiment — a now well-established family tradition — is only part of the military history of the Crozier's nest: Uncle Bob was a Royal Canadian Navy Petty Officer, Uncle Joe was in the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, Uncle Bill Mills was with the Royal Engineers; and now, younger brother Eric — whom Bill jokingly qualifies as a renegade — just joined the air element of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Going back many years, the great-grand-father was a soldier and so were many grand-uncles... but that's another story.

Uusi autokorjaamo valmistumassa Kykko Campilla

Pataljoonan autokorjaamo Kykko Campilla pystyy suorittamaan vaativimpiakin töitä kuten esimerkiksi autojen peruskorjauksia. Moottoreiden peruskorjauksia ei kuitenkaan tehdä.

Autokorjaamo on muuton jälkeen joutunut toimimaan puutteellisissa tiloissa, mutta uusi korjaamოსуоја on nyt valmistumassa. Sinne saadaan tilat kolmelle korjattavalle autolle sekä tarpeellisille

työvälineille. Uudesta korjaamosta tulee suojaa lähinnä aurinkoa ja tuulta vastaan, mutta se on tarpeen myös tulevalle sadekaudella.

Sotilasmestari Erik Öhbergin johdolla toimivaan kuljetusvälinehuoltojoukkueeseen kuuluu hänen lisäksi työnjohtaja, kuusi asentajaa, varastonhoitaja ja tulkki.

(Saha)



Kväl-huoltojoukkueen poikia Volvo-maastoauton peruskorjauksista suorittamassa. Vasemmalta jääkäri Helge Pusu, sotilasmestari Erik Öhberg ja jääkäri Pekka Hillberg.



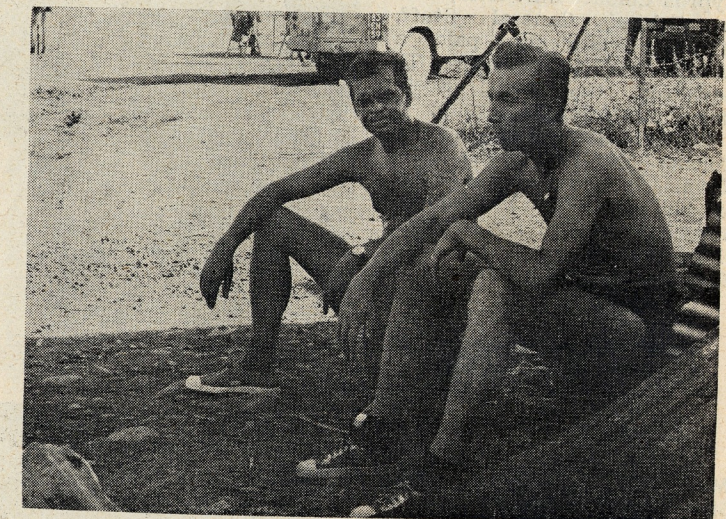
Mr. Sunil Chand having received his Finnish Sauna Diploma at Tjiklos accompanied by the Force Commander and Mrs. Prem Chand.

Force Commander yksityisvierailulla Tjikloksessa

Kuu pidättäytyi kateellisena Kyrenian vuorten takana eikä osallistunut korkeiden vieraiden ja heidän kauniiden puolisoitensa muuten erittäin onnistuneeseen Moonlight, Swimming, Sauna ja Kebab-juhlaan, jonka eversti ja rouva Reino Raitasaari järjestivät viime lauantaina komentajan talolla Tjikloksessa.

Force Commander, kenraalimajuri Prem Chand vaimoineen oli nyt ensimmäistä kertaa yksityisvierailulla FINCONissa. Kenraalin poika Sunil Chand oli sattumoisin käymässä Kyproksella ja niinpä hän joutui suin päin suomalaisen telttasaunaan läpäisten koetuksen kaikella kunnialla. Kenraali ja rouva sensijaan vielä empivät tällä kertaa, mutta mieltivät kuitenkin jos vielä joskus uskaltautuisi saunaan. Telttasauna ei ole tietenkään paras ratkaisu 'saunadiplomatian' harjoittamiseen, joten olisi

toivottavaa, että FINCONin mahdollisuudet saunojen laadun ja lukumäärän osalta paranisivat. Vieraiden joukossa oli muun muassa konsuli ja rouva Z.D. Severis sekä PIO Mr Jean Back. Suomalaisista olivat rouvinaan mukana everstiluutnantti Eero Lehtovirta, lääkintäeverstiluutnantti David von Flitner, majuri Erkki Chydenius ja majuri Kauko Pippuri. Tarjoilu käsitti cocktailit, olutta ja saunamakkaraa, karjalanpiirakoita ja munavoita, kebabia ja suomalaisia likööreitä.



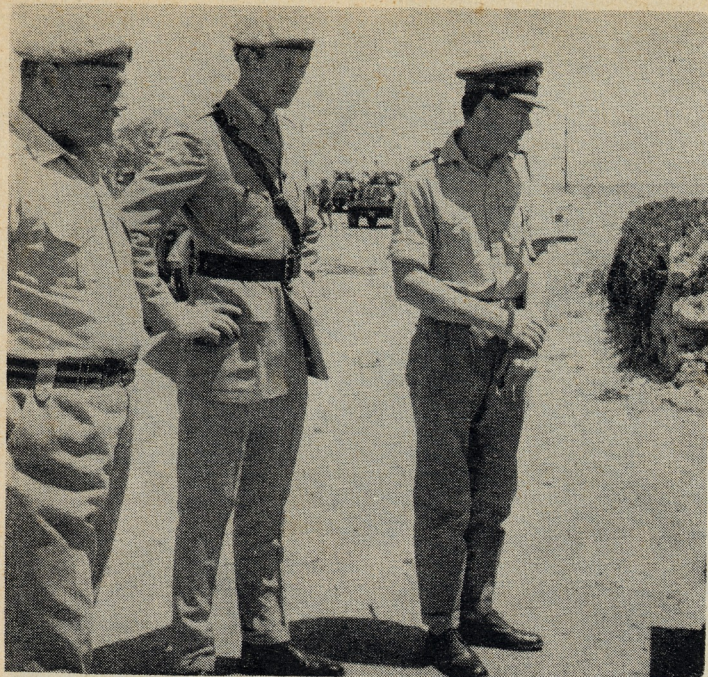
CONVOYKOMPPANIAN KOLMOISVOITTO MAASTOJUOKSUSSA

Rankka maastajuoksu otti koville vuoristokomppanian miehetkin. Vai tasangon hellekö on saanut houkutteltua jäyheän ilmeen 2. JK:n karistuneen päällikön, majuri Eero Simolan (vas.) ja sitkeän varapäällikön, kapteeni Ossi Panulan kasvoille juoksuun päätyttyä.

Pataljoonan maastajuoksupailuissa 19.-23.5. Kykkon maastossa sai parhaan tuloksen kers H T Hienonen, 1. JK aika 10.00. Toiseksi sijoittui jääkäri M M Vieri 1. JK ajalla 10.12, kolmanneksi alik K Rautanen 1. JK ajalla 10.14 ja neljänneksi ylil R O Majuri EK ajalla 10.17. Reitin pituus oli 3, 2 km.

Ykköskomppania saavutti näin loistavan kolmoisvoiton ja ilman muuta on selvää, että se vei myös joukkuekohtaisen kilpailun voiton ylivoimaisella keskiajalla 11.15. Vuoristokomppanian keskiajaksi tuli 11.54 ja esikuntakomppanian 12.29.

FINCON NEWS



Colonel G S Visits Force Reserves

During a recent visit to Cyprus Colonel P.D. Reid, who is Colonel General Staff, Ministry of Defence, paid a visit to the Force Reserve, 'B' Squadron, the Royal Scots Greys at Gleneagles Camp.

Colonel Reid, who is also Colonel of the Blues and Royals, is seen on the right of our picture with Squadron Sergeant Major J.R. Hubbard (left) and Major S.D.F. Cox, Squadron Leader (centre).

HQ COMPANY SMOKER

On Saturday evening, 16th May, Headquarter Company 3rd Light Infantry held a party in the cookhouse at Polemidhia Camp. Highlight of the evening was a performance by two cabaret artistes from Limassol who demonstrated the bewitching art of local dancing. Here Corporal Reginald Hill (wearing an open sports shirt) of the Bugle Platoon and the Adjutant, Captain John Marsham (wearing a tie!) are seen with other members of the company enjoying the performance.



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MP NOTEBOOK

Accidents - Unficyp

Week Ending		
23 May 70	—	3
Same period		
last year	—	12
Total this year	—	170
Same period		
last year	—	148

Main cause of accidents this week — MISJUDGING CLEARANCE.



● Isn't he nice? The little fox cub lives at the Austrian Civilian Police detachment in Xeros. He is naturally everybody's darling.

Canadian High Commissioner At HQ UNFICYP

On Thursday 21st May 1970 His Excellency Mr C.E. MacGaughey, Canadian High Commissioner to Cyprus, visited Headquarters UNFICYP where he had talks with the Special Representative, Mr B.F. Osorio-Tafall, and the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand. He normally resides in Tel-Aviv.

Our photograph left to right, the High Commissioner, Brigadier General E.M.D. Leslie, Chief-of-Staff and Mr B.F. Osorio-Tafall.

