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FIRST 'BLUE' UNDER A BLUE BERET



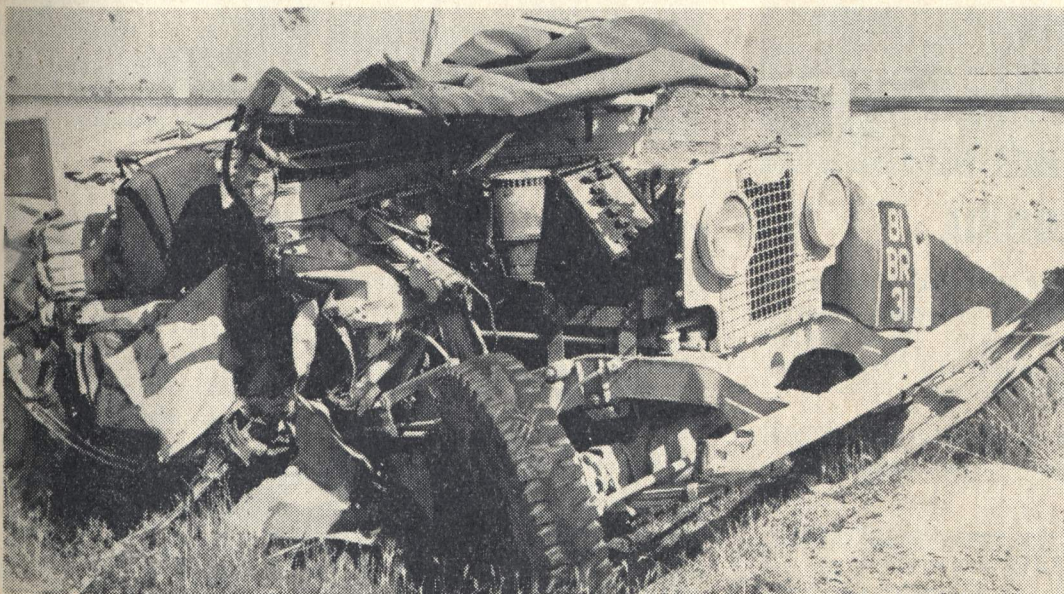
Brig Gen C.E. Beattie, CD, whilst Acting Force Commander, presented LS & GC medals (Blues) to Mne Robbie ROBERTS and Mne Bill PRETTEJOHN. This was the first time a Royal Marine has been presented with his "Blue" whilst wearing a Blue Beret.

VISITOR TO FINCON



The Heads of the Department of Military Affairs and the Department of Economical Affairs of the Defence Ministry of Finland, Col T. Tuominen and Administrative Counselor O.P. Väänänen visited FINCON on 29 January — 3 February. The purpose of their trip was to get up date with the new situation personally and their programme included visiting FINCON, DANCON, SWEDCON and HQ UNFICYP and seeing their operations. In addition they had meetings with military leaders of the Greek and Turkish Forces. Before leaving Cyprus for Suez, they were able to obtain an accurate picture of the conditions in which UNFICYP is at the moment operating. In the picture from left to right: Col Tuominen and Lt Col J. Pullinen; in the background Administrative Counselor Väänänen and Maj Haapsamo, the new OPS Officer of FINCON.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS UNFICYP



Week ending

5 February 18

Same period last year 13

Total for period

this year 28

Total same period

last year 25

LESSON OF THE MONTH

The question is not how
well you CAN drive —

It's how well you Do drive.

Or this may be the result.



MEDALJEPARADEN 4 FEB

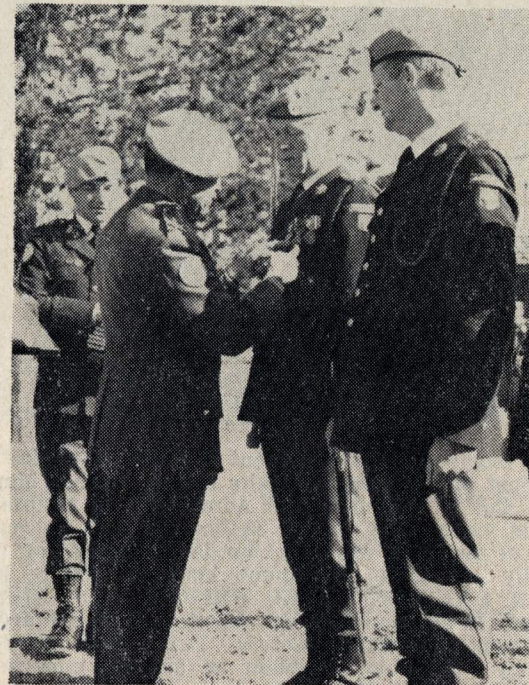
4 FEB var en særlig dag for DANCON og specielt for de, som var blandt de 20, som fik overrakt medaljen af FORCE COMMANDER, Lt. Gen. D. Prem Chand, PVSM.

På trods af at vi befinder os i regntiden havde vi godt vejr til paraden, hvilket var med til at skabe de rigtige rammer om paraden.

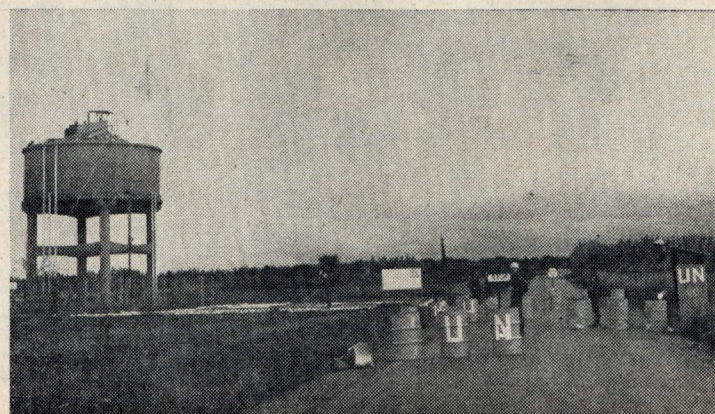
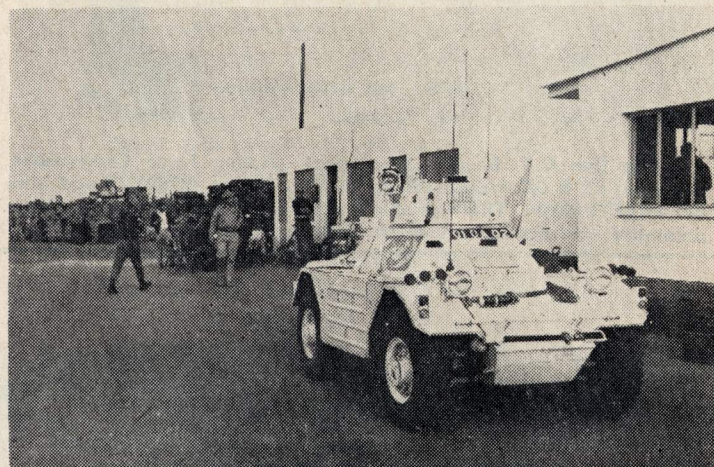
I dagene før paraden var der lagt et stort arbejde i at færdiggøre pladsen til 4 FEB. Det gamle hegn blev fjernet, de gamle parkeringsbåse sløjfet, de stenindrammede gangstier blev rettet ud, træer blev fældet, grus blev strøet og flagstænger sat op.

Resultatet var en pæn paradeplads i Xeroslejren.

Billederne fra paraden viser dels FC, som skridter fronten af (her C-KMP) og dernæst OL E. B. Herlevsen, der får United Nations Medal for Service in Cyprus overrakt af FC, mens FPR B. Hjorth-Jensen afventer, at det skal blive hans tur.



DANCON NEWS



OP PANO ZODHIA

I den seneste tid har OP PANO ZODHIA været et af brændpunkterne for DANCON. Der har været indsat en multinational styrke sammensat af enheder fra BRITCON, FINCON og DANCON. Nu er FINCON dog trukket ud. Styrken blev indledningsvis ledet af NK/A-KMP KN B. E. Lauritsen.

Der har i en periode været spænding om fabrikken, som OP' en er oprettet ved, fordi fabrikken indhold (appelsinkasser) er en mangelvare på øen.

Billederne viser vandtårnet med OP-skur samt et hjørne af fabriksområdet. Endvidere ses en af de FERRETS, som er til stor gavn for DANCON. Endelig ses den nye placering af vejspærringen, næsten lige ud for indgangen til OP' en.

Det här är vad Folke Schippel har i sin väska!



Folke Schippel med utrustning...

Säkert har du någon gång sett Folke Schippel komma dragande med sin väska och kanske har du också undrat vad han egentligen har i den. Det finns dem som knallar omkring med porrtidningar i sina dokumentportföljer. Eller smörgåsar. Så icke Folke.

The Blue Beret kan som första tidning i världen avslöja vad det är han går omkring och bär på.

Det är:

Två stycken walkie talkies, kassettbandspelare, två transistorradioapparater, småbildskamera med elektronblix, hopfällbar kikare, lupp.

Ordböcker - turkisk-engelska och grekisk-engelska (Den sistnämnda har han inte så stor användning av eftersom han pratar väldigt bra grekiska).

Komplett toalettväska och dito

syväska. Kalsonger strumpor, näsduk. Sjukvårdsbox. Räddningsfilt som man kan använda i stort sett till allting. Sjöräddningsblinkljus, marinkompass.

Stoppur, passare, avståndsmätare för karta, barometer, termometer. Räddningsraketer-röda, vita, gröna. Fem av varje.

Häftapparat, dymo, tre sorters lim, tumstock, måttband, pennor, skrivpapper. Fickplunta med whiskey, munspel (att användas efter whiskeyn), fickalmanacka, väckarklocka, larmapparat för dörrar, kinapinnar att äta med, plasthandskar, Cypernkarta, stormtändstickor och en vanlig cigarettändare.

Dessutom finns en uppsättning av flottans gradbeteckningar eftersom Folke är kapten även därstädes. Han är inte bara kapten förresten-

han har skepparexamen också. Och maskinbefälsexamen plus betydelse i astronomisk navigation.

Den här väskan sammanlagt fem kilo och Folke har den med sig för det mesta.

Det finns inget onödigt i den, säger han. Jag har användning för allting.

Hemma har Folke en väska som väger tio kilo som alltid står packad och färdig. Den innehåller lite mera kläder, bl a en vit smoking.

37 år gammal. Ogift. Har en gång vinkat till Ria Wägnér. Det var i Trosa.



...och utan. Nåja inte helt. Han har ju träsorna på sig. Bataljonens i särklass största. Nummer femti!

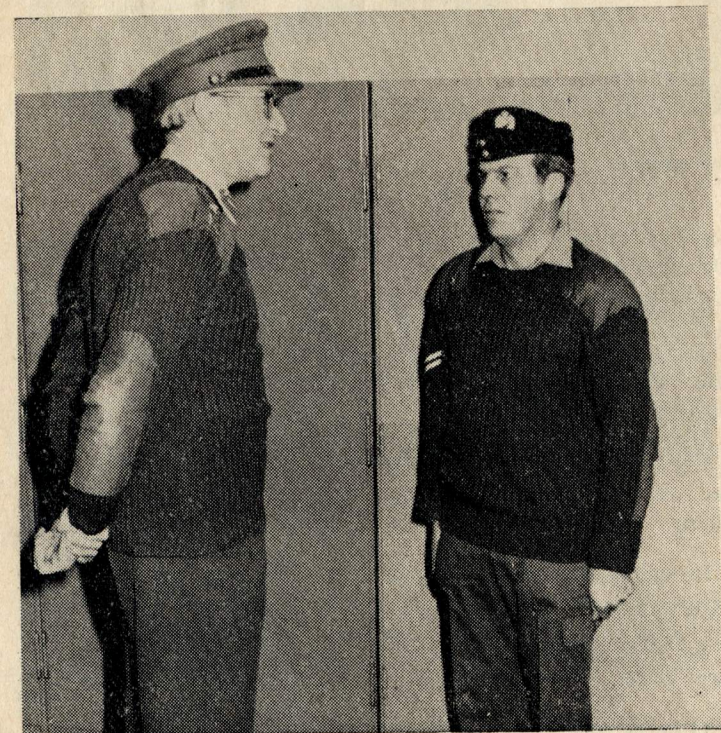
SWEDCON NEWS

OVER TO YOU - MR STARTER



RSM RAY WHITEHOUSE (left), who is returning to the UK, hands over the reins to his relief RSM MAURICE RUFF, seen polishing the cobwebs off the big stick.

GOC'S COMMENDATION CPL R. FENN, RE



During a visit to the P & CC Depot RE at Millhill, London on 22 January, the Engineer in Chief, Maj Gen ME Tickell congratulated Cpl R. Fenn on receiving the GOC NEARELF's commendation earned during the recent Cyprus troubles. Cpl FENN was serving with UNFICYP at this time and was responsible for delivery of mail to and from the SBA at Dhekelia maintaining an uninterrupted Postal service. Cpl Fenn was one of several to receive this award.

SCRAMBLE COURSE

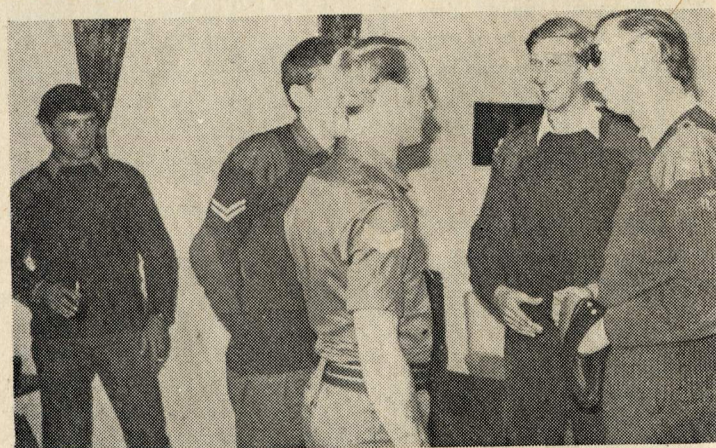


RSM Ray Whitehouse completes the Scramble Course for the last time. The object around his neck is an electronic laughing bag to supplement emptied lungs.



Cpl Tommy Atkins of Support Coy 41 Cdo GP making a determined effort against the time limit on the Scramble Course at Polemidhia Camp.

FAREWELL VISIT OF CREME NEARELF



On Saturday 1st February, Lt Col J.S. Burnip and Lt Col G.G. Flower, the old and new CREME respectively of HQ NEARELF visited UNFICYP Workshop prior to his departure. During a small ceremony in Col Burnip's honour he was presented with a brass replica of a 'cannon'. Our photograph shows from left to right: Sgt 'Yorky' Ellis (who presented an ode to the old CREME), Cpls Daniels and Curry, with Lt Col Flower and Lt Col Burnip.

MEN'S FAREWELL

ABRUESTEN bedeutet fuer diese Soldaten den Abschied von Kameraden des AUSCON auf CYPERN. Bei Grillkoteletts und oesterr. Bier erinnert man sich gerne nochmal im Freundeskreis jener oft schweren Stunden des vergangenen Jahres bevor man nach Oesterreich in's Zivilleben zurueckkehrt.

AUSCON NEWS

VIELE KOECHE VERDERBEN NICHT DEN BREI...



.....dies versuchen unsere Koeche — die wichtigste Stuetze der Einsatzbereitschaft des AUSCON — taeglich erfolgreich zu beweisen. StWm GRUEN und HAUSLEITNER sorgten bisher mit ihrer crew dafuer, dass kein oesterr. UN Soldat untergewichtig blieb.



FIT

To get moving again after being confined to camp for one week OIC Insp. Forsthofer arranged a 10 km cross-country March for Auscivpol Nicosia on Sunday 26th Jan. 75 in the Athalassa Aera.

The picture shows the advance party headed by Polops Maj Eric Baumel (fourth from right).



Unser bewahrter DEO, Hptm GRAEF, der an der Versorgung von griechischen und tuerkischen Fluechtligen mit gespendeten Nahrungsmitteln internationaler Hilfsorganisationen eng mitarbeitet, bei einer Besprechung mit Father ROSSI und dessen Mitbruder in ST. JOSEPHS Convent, LARNACA.

CANCON RECCE FORCE

1RCR Recce Platoon, thirty all ranks, and twenty one men from 8CH form the CANCON Recce Force. Equipped with 4 tons, APC's and Lynx, this recce force is active around the clock aiding the 1RCR Battalion Group in carrying out the mission of "Peace Keeping". They accomplish this task through constant patrolling along the Green Line, various escort duties and by maintaining contact with all villages in the southern portion of Nicosia Zone East.



Cpl J.A. MacIsaac finds the village water refreshing after driving on some dusty back roads.



Cpl K.R. Clayfield and Cpl S.W. Whalley enjoy the scenery.

CANCON NEWS



Pte J.A. Rowe, Cpl Wells and MCpl Brown make many young friends while on their patrols.



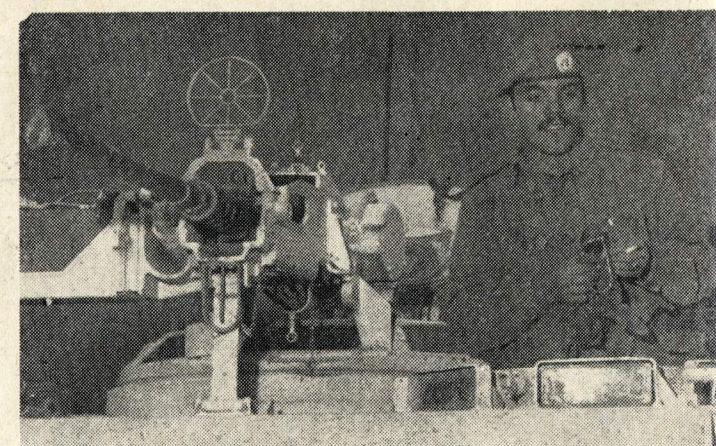
Cpl J.A. McIsaac and MCpl K.R. Brown hard at work.



Narrow streets and heavy traffic in Nicosia fail to inhibit this Lynx crew.



MCpl D.J. Bithell and Cpl G.R. Cecchetto 'load up' for another days work.



Pte J.O. Seale of Recce Tp prepares for a routine patrol.



MENIVÄT

"Kesyillen tai ei" — tammirotaation mukana 202 YKPS:n jäsentä lähti takaisin koti-Suomeen. Pääosin he olivat heinärotaatiassa saarelle saapuneita, mutta oli joukossa toki vanhempiakin. Tiedustelujoukkueen johtajan, poromies "Hemppa" Keräsen, ID-kortti on juuri mennyt hylkyyn (oik. ylh). Entisen autonkuljettajansa jääkäri Esko Albrechtin päähän komentaja painoi "virkalakin" lähtiäislahjaksi (vas. ylh).

JÄIVÄT

Lokarotaatiassa tulneiden 90 vuorokautta YK:n palveluksessa on täytetty ja 5.2.he saivat mitalinsa "In The Service of Peace". 98 mitalinsa ansainnutta suomalaista entisten yli 10000 joukkoon! Force Commander Lt Gen Prem Chand PVSM, luovutti osalle heistä mitalit henkilökohtaisesti.

TULIVAT

"Verikauhut" päässä, Suomen sateisesta talvesta Kyproksen sateiseen talveen saapui 250 hiutaletta. Vanha YK-jääkäri kierteli hiutalepilvessä, teki muutamia asiantuntevia huomautuksia ja kyseli tuliaisia — tottakai. Yhtä uusia ja outoja näyttivät olevan kuin itsekin silloin kauan sitten — lokakuussa. Löytyihän se lenkipätkäkin — eiköhän sitä näiden uusienkin kanssa juttuun tulla, tuumi vanha.



FINCON NEWS

NEW MEDICAL OFFICER



The new Force Medical Officer, Col R.L. Bell paused for a brief moment with Col W. O'Carroll-Fitzpatrick, before hastening off to a briefing. Col O'Carroll-Fitzpatrick is showing the relieving Medical Officer around prior to his departure from UNFICYP having completed approximately a years tour.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFICYP

During the past few weeks the following countries have contributed towards the UN Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus:

Greece	\$ 400,000
Netherlands	\$ 250,000
Federal Republic of Germany	\$1,000,000
Senegal	\$ 4,000
Switzerland	Swis Fr 850,000
Italy	\$ 163,993.76

MULTI - NATIONAL FORCE



Gnr Thomas Bird, Force Reserve, Pte Anders Larsen, DANCON, and Pte Juhani Niva, FINCON, together on guard outside a factory in Pano Zodia in Lefka District. Because of possible trouble there, a multi-national force moved into the factory area in the last week of January.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING

In the weeks to follow we are going to publish a series of articles in the Blue Beret which we hope will assist ALL drivers to a safer journey wherever they go.

MP COY - MEDAL PARADE



On Friday 31st January,

Major J.L. Cullen, CD, performed one of his last duties as the Force Provost Marshal when he presented several members of the MP Company with their UN medals. On a wet and blustery day which forced the parade indoors, he congratulated those being presented and spoke of how difficult a task they had to perform as representatives of the Force Military Police. After the presentations were completed, members remained in the MP Company Mess for refreshments.

SENTRY DUTY



One of the Finnish Contingent checking civilian cars, which is part of his duties whilst on sentry at the main HQ UNFICYP Checkpoint. During the course of the previous week this Checkpoint was moved to a more sheltered position.