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MEDALS FOR AUSTRALIA



At 11 a.m. on Wednesday, 13 November, the Australian CIVPOL held their Medal Parade at Wolseley Barracks. The Force Commander addressed 48 officers and men on parade before presenting medals to the medal party.



Lt Gen A.E. Martola presents the Commanding Officer of the Australian Element, Supt. G.G. Habermann, with his medal.



Senior Constable Tom McGrath from Melbourne is presented with his medal by Police Adviser, Chief Supt. G. Davidson.

CONTRIBUTION BY FINLAND TO UNFICYP

The Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations, Max Jakobson, on the 5 November, 1968, has informed the Secretary-General, U Thant, that the Government of

Finland had decided to make a further contribution of \$50,000 to help the United Nations to meet the cost of UNFICYP.

DANCON - X OVERTAGER ANSVARET

NYE FOLK INDGÅR I DANCON

Den 12 november 1968 overtog DANCON-X ansvaret i NICOSIA WEST DISTRICT. Rotationen vil dog først være endelig afviklet d. 22 november 1968. I rotationsperioden er tjenesten overalt præget af instruktion af nye folk, som skal sættes ind i de særlige forhold, der gælder for tjeneste ved DANCON/UNFICYP. Dette gælder ikke alene de enkelte funktioner, som her er vist som et udpluk af kompagniernes arbejde, men instruktion er også påkrævet for afløsere af kontorordnansere, sygehjælpere, hygiejnemænd, folk i moterpuljen. o.s.v.

For alle gælder det, at selv om der er kort tid til at vænne sig til de nye forhold, er det nødvendigt straks at kunne udfylde den tildelte tjeneste funktion på fuldt tilfredsstillende måde.

NY CHEF FOR DANCON

På billedet ses chefen for Dancon-X oberstløjtnant J. Hansen-Nord ved ankomsten til Nicosia Airport 11 november 1968. Oberstløjtnanten der tillige er chef for II panserbataljon ved Gardehusarregimentet har tidligere været STCH ved regimentet, ligesom oberstløjtnanten, var chef for panserskolen, da denne blev opbygget.

DANCON NYT



I signaldelingen har man modtaget nye radio-og telefonfolk, på billedet instruerer OS T.G. Andersen KS Rosenkilde i radiotjeneste.



På billedet ses en postafløsning i A-kompagniet's område, hvor KS Bergström (th.) netop er blevet afløst af KS Jensen, som er en af de nye.



Herover er PRLT P.F. Madsen fra C-kompagniet i gang med at instruere nye konstabler om forholdene på den grønne linie.



I spejdervognsdelingen er man i fuld gang med at uddanne nye folk som vognkommandører og køreere. Her ses SG I. Nilsson i tårnet instruere SG J.B. Svanum under omskolingskørsel.

L A A A R M !

Blue Beret var med når STR övade campförsvar

Övning ger färdighet, brukar det heta. Och färdighet betyder som bekant säkerhet. Men det hann nog knappast "innevånarna" på Carl Gustaf Camp reflektera över, när larmsignalen gick häromdagen. För då gick det undan!

Och ändå är det så. Och därför störtade sig STR-kompanister och stabsfolk snabbt över hjälm, vapen och stridselar för att snabbt rycka ut till försvar av campen. Behöver vi tillägga, att "anfallet" mot campen slogs tillbaka?

● Hjälm på, vapen i hand, i försvarsställning. FN-soldat E.G. Nordin släpper ingen obehörig in på Carl Gustaf Camp.

● Snabbt till försvar av campen! Var man vet sin plats, och hovmästare H.H.B. Sternhoff, i täten för den framryckande gruppen på bilden nedan, har med ens fått annat att tänka på än stabsofficerarnas lekamliga väl-måga.



SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos



FCF PÅ BESÖK

Tre representanter för Försvarets Civilförvaltning kom nyligen på besök till svenska cypribataljonen. Det var enligt uppgift första gången ett sådant besök skedde, och därför var intresset stort på ömse håll inför diskussioner och samtalskontakter.

Och innan de tre gästerna återvände till Sverige, hade de med chefen sekt 2, mj Lennart Sjöberg, som "ciceron" grundligt kunskaper i både det ena och det andra.

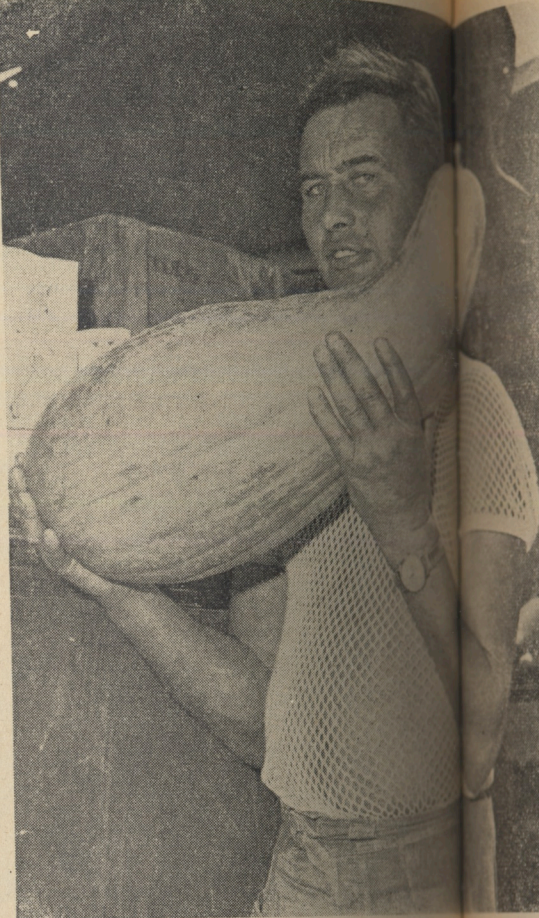
● FCF hos kassachefen! Avddir Sven-Gunnar Stenborg, bdir Wera Säfström och bdir Karl Hanström (fr. v.) pratar räkenskaper med lill-paymaster Lars Klinberg och paymaster Erik Nilsson.



OPERATION "SUPPLIES"



If, as Napoleon said, that — An Army marches on its stomach, — as alleged on Britcon page then the Quartermaster's staff at Xeros is ensuring that the 11 Infantry Group, like John Brown's body "will keep marching on". Here shown replenishing supplies is (Left) Pte Larry Sheehan from Cork and Pte Val Dominican from Dublin. Sheehan is on his sixth tour of duty with UN whilst Dominican has served overseas on two previous occasions. (Right) Here's an outsize man with an outsize marrow. The man in question is Sergt 'Mo' Connolly, an Artillery man and a Co. Kilkenny man who is on his eighth tour of duty with UN. He is also the holder of a distinguished service medal awarded for meritorious service in the Congo. Where strength or brawn is required 'Mo' is sure to be called to the rescue.



COMBINED PATROL



The Irish and Canadian Contingents joined forces recently in a Cavalry patrol in the Xeros/Troodos/Mount Olympus areas. Taking part were the Armoured Car Group of the 11 Infantry Group plus the Recce Platoon from the 3rd Battalion, 22 Royal Canadian Regiment. Our picture shows Lieut Pierce McCorley orienting his section at Kakopetria adjacent to the Australian Police HQ. (From Left) Sgt J. O'Keeffe (Ir) Sgt J. Douglas, (Can), Lieut Mr Corley, Company Sergeant D. Carroll (Ir), W/O Lavigne (Can), Cpl Hayes (Ir) and Sgt Feeney (Ir).

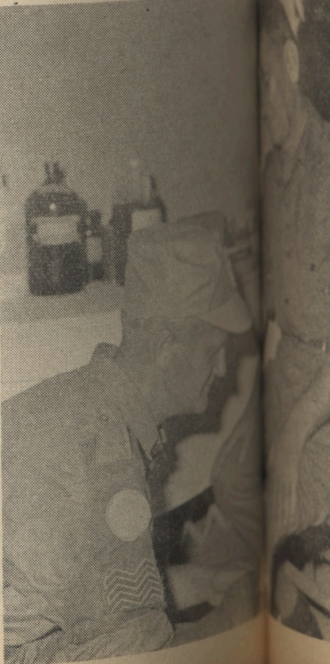


MOERN
ARTIS AT
WORK
Seen here at his outdoor workbench at Xeros is John Burke of the Engineers, 11 Inf. Group. A part-time artist and a member of the Field Engineer Coy back home is stationed at Galway where his Anna and three children live. He has 15 years Army service on his 3rd tour of duty.

FIRST AID

IRCON
NEWS

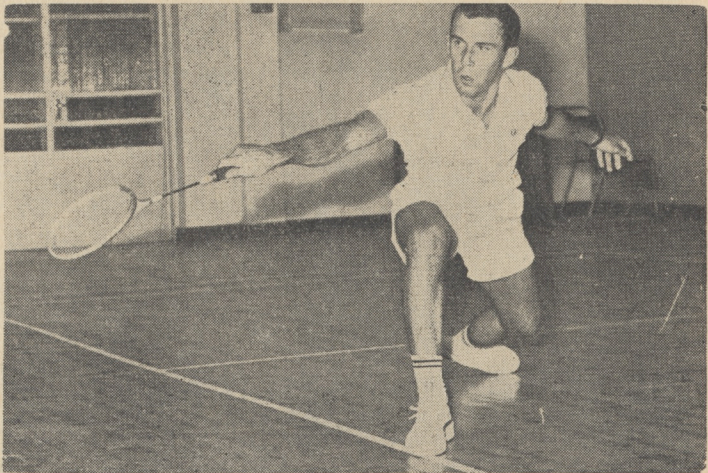
A very important figure in any Camp is the Medical Orderly. The man with the 'hang-over' as well as the man with the minor injury all find their way to the First Aid centre where they expect the Medical Orderly will have something to cure all ills. Seen here in his Medical Aid tent at Limnitis is Sgt P. Harpur a Wexford man stationed and living at the Curragh Camp, doing a bandaging job on Pte Gerrard Thompson of 12 Bn. Limerick whose wife and family live at 17 Green Hill Road, Garrynowen, Limerick.



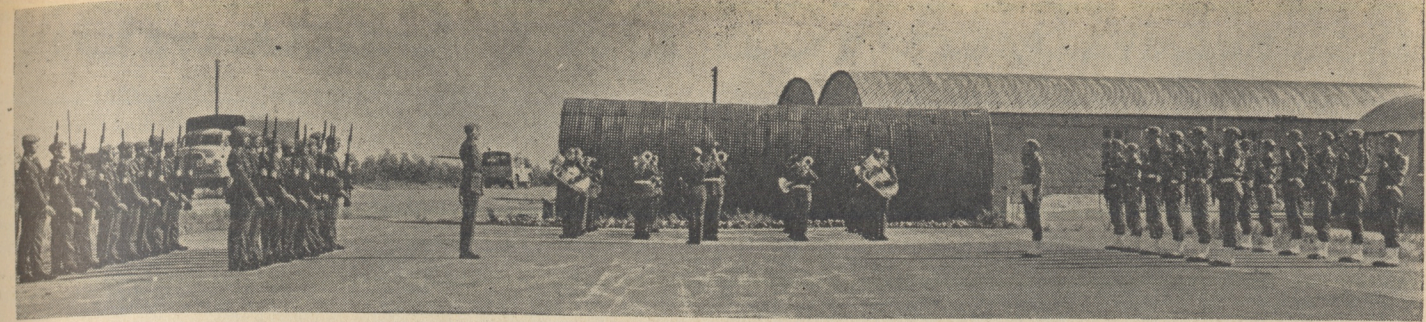
42 Sqn RCT are always to the fore, especially for 'nosh'. Who better to lead the queue, almost daily, than L/Cpl. 'Gus' Ross, and anyway, whoever heard of a Scotsman starving? On the other side of the hot-plate is Cpl Colin Young and in the background Sgt Joe Crimes. It is not true that after this photo was taken LCpl Ross was told to put three sausage rolls back!

BRITCON
NEWS

Lt. Col. D.D. Ranft, CSO, shows the way in the bowls competition at the AFH. The winner was Capt. C. Proulx (Canada) closely followed by Capt. Henry Scott with his cunning spin, and Capt. Max Nutt, favourite before lunch, but the odds slipped.



The Cyprus Open Championships which took place on Nov. 14—16th at Episkopi turned out to be a great success for the UN Team headed by Lt Erikson, pictured above, who was champion of Jutland in 1966, he won the singles, beating fellow 'Dane' Pte Jeason, in a match of high standard, 15—4, 15—2. The Doubles was a victory for Lt Erikson and WO1 Reid against the RAF reigning champions, 18—14, 15—7. WO 1 Reid then teamed up with Mrs Reid and defeated last years Mixed Double finalists 15—7, 9—15, 15—10.



The Drums of The Royal Hampshire Regt assumed Defence Platoon duties from the Swedish platoon for the whole of last week.

FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD

Napoleon noticed that the British Army marched on its stomach. Confirmation of this observation is easily gained by attending any meal at the cookhouse, HQ UNFICYP, where a busy staff try to satisfy the appetites of some 280 men. The cookhouse is supervised is possibly sufficient to put by SQMS Pete Worthy, just Apollo 7 into orbit round the completing 22 years of service. moon. With Christmas soon upon them and all the extra catering that comes with it, the Catering Staff have their busiest time of the year. In addition to cookhouse commitments there are 16 extra functions already marked up in their diary. Normally 3 functions are catered for weekly. Such irreverent references as "The Aldershot Concrete Company" are soon forgotten, with a choice of 8 different dishes on the menu at lunch and dinner. Though perhaps the Staff are great believers in the idiom that 'you can please everyone some of the time, but you cannot please everybody all of the time', they certainly seem to satisfy those who like good food!

500,000 miles
'B' Troop, 42 Sqn, RCT, have notched that magical mileage with only three accidents since arriving for duties four months ago. This Wednesday they receive their Medals. Cpl 'Hedgehog' Perryman, the hard-working 'B' Tp MT Clerk, who worked out this figure of 500,000, has been refused an application to keep pigeons, on the grounds that he regards increased postal rates are costing him more than a carrier pigeon to U.K.

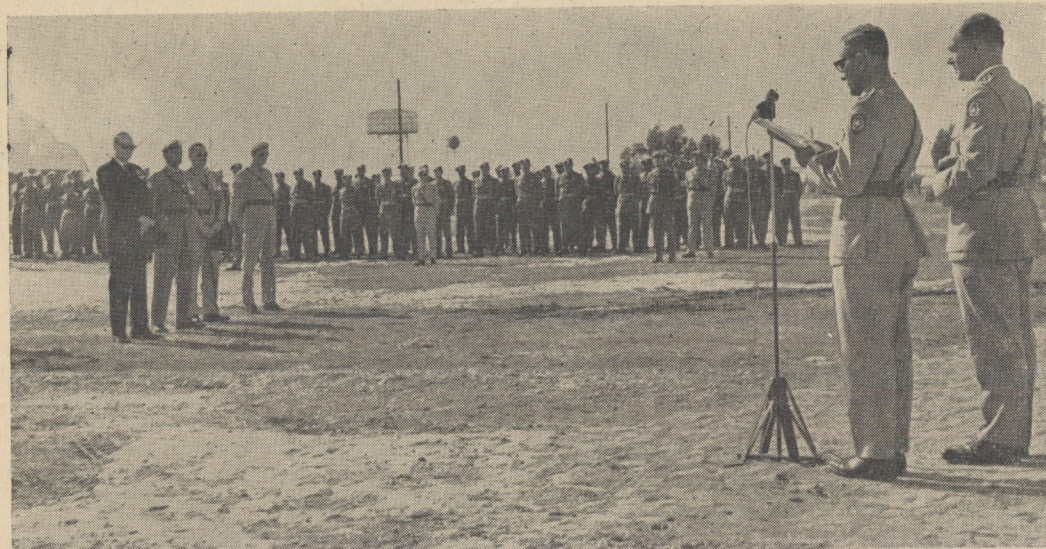


Squeezing the piping bag, Cpl Bill Dolan, not to be confused with fellow chef, Cpl 'Scouse' Nolan, aids Costas in food preparation.

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| Eggs | —4,000 |
| Potatoes | —1,900 lbs. |
| Meat | —1,300 lbs. |
| Fish | — 70 lbs. |
| Bread | — 500 loaves |
| Sausages | —1,920 BANGERS! |

The amount of baked beans devoured is unattainable, but

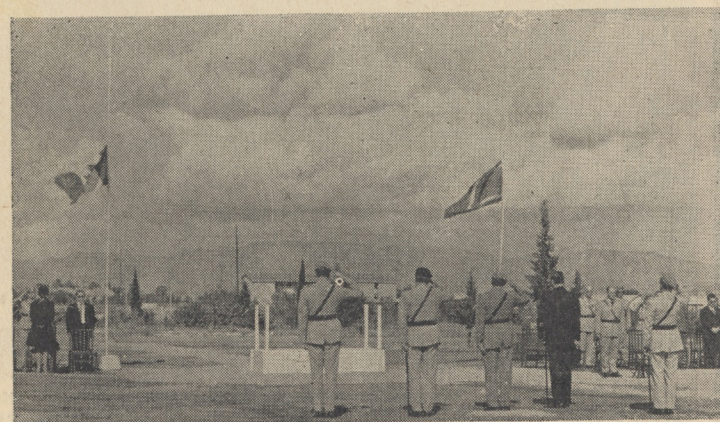
REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY



The Canadian Contingent of the United Nations force in Cyprus held a Remembrance Day Ceremony at Camp Maple Leaf, near Nicosia, Cyprus. On the right is Major Gerard Fortin of Quebec City, Catholic Chaplain to the Contingent and directly behind him Captain Randy Wood of Picton Ontario, Protestant Chaplain. Facing the Chaplains left to right are, His Excellency T. Wainman-Wood, Canadian High Commissioner, Lt. Col. Jean B. Riffou, Commanding Officer of 3 R22eR, Lt. Col. W. C. Little, Military attache in Cyprus and Capt Paul Bergevin.



A wreath was laid, on each of the eight graves of Canadian soldiers buried in the British Military Cemetery at Dhekelia, during Remembrance Day ceremonies.



The flag of Canada and the regimental flag of the Royal 22 Regiment are lowered to half mast during the Remembrance Day ceremony held at Camp Maple Leaf.



A ceremony was held at the graves of eight Canadian Soldiers who have died in Cyprus and are buried in the British Military Cemetery at Dhekelia. Officiating was His Excellency, Mr. T. Wainman-Wood, Canadian High Commissioner. L to R: Lt. Col. J.B. Riffou, Commander Kyrenia District, Lt. Michel Dejardin and Lt. Col. W. C. Little, Canadian Military Attache.

CANCON MEDALS



Lt. Col. B.J. Riffou, Commander Kyrenia District presented United Nations Medals to sixteen members of CANCON. Major Charles Goodman is receiving his medal from the Col.

CANCON NEWS
CANADIAN FORCES PHOTOS



Troodoksen keikkaporukka ryhmittynään vuoristomaisemaan. Sää oli välillä pilvistä, mutta taustalla olevalle rinteelle paistaa jo aurinko.

PAPIN KEIKALLA II

Viime kerralla käsitteimme aihetta papin keikat, puhuimme erityisesti mielinjääneestä matkasta Troodokselle. Lupasimme myös palata asiaan mahdollisimman pian.

Vielä pari kuukautta sitten THE BLUE BERETin suomalaistoimittajilla oli vaikeuksia saada tähän yhteiseen lehteemme valokuvia aiheista virkistys ja huvittelu. Nyt koetetaan ottaa takaisin korkojen kanssa se mikä silloin menetettiin. Jos asioita luokitellaan, niin eiköhän papin keikat kuulu virkistysnimiseen lokeroon.

Tällä kerralla katselemme vielä valokuvia Troodokselta, mutta tarkastelemme lähemmin myös tulevaa ohjelmaa. Tätä luettaessa matkat Salamiihin ja Larnacaan on tehty, joten ei niistä sen enempää. Kun sinulla on tämä lehden numero kädessäsi, on marraskuun 21. päivä. Ensi lauantaina, se on jo

yliluomenna, suuntautuu papin keikka Buffaventoon. Se on pataljoonan omalla alueella Kyrenian vuoristossa. Sinulla on tilaisuus tällä neljän tunnin matkalla tutustua Buffaventon linnaan, joka sijaitsee vuorijonon harjalla, ei kovinkaan kaukana meidän release-mastamme. Kiipeämistä riittää, mutta kyllähän siitä riuska jääkäri suoriutuu. Vuoren juurella on kylä, josta löytyy mielenkiintoinen luostari.

Seuraavana lauantaina, 23. marraskuuta, voit lähteä vähän pitemmälle matkalle, joka suuntautuu Kantaran linnaan. Paljon mielenkiintoista nähtävää sielläkin.

Hyvää matkaa!



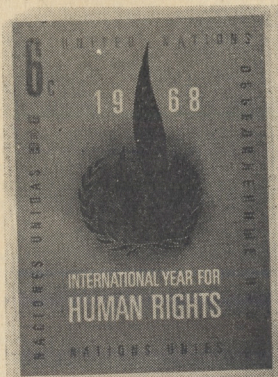
FINCON NEWS



Tauko matkalla Kykkos-luostariin. Kyproslaista insinööritaitoa tutkitaan. Millä tavalla on tie pistetty menemään hankalan paikan läpi miten tukeva on silta?

Kuvassa vasemmalla on pysähtynyt hetkeksi vuoren rinteellä olevaan kylään. Etualalla "keikkamies", sotpast Seppo Lavi.

NEW STAMP



This year 1968 marks the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and has been proclaimed "International Year for Human Rights" by the General Assembly of the United Nations.

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UNFICYP Contribution From Pakistan

The permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations, Agha Shani, has informed the Secretary-General, U Thant, on 30 October, 1968, that the Government of Pakistan has made a contribution of \$3,000 towards the cost the Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus.

A TENT SAUNA FROM FINLAND



FINCON has received a tent sauna from Finland. The maximum temperature in it that can be obtained is 120°C.

Pictured from the left Lt Col B. Helenius (Logs 1) Ccl A Purhonen (Commander FINCON), Lt Col P Sirola (21C) and Maj T. Pönkänen (Company Commander HQ Coy) having a bath at a beach, on the 13th Nov 1968!

Road Safety Corner

Night driving is different. That seems obvious, but many drivers do not understand how different. When darkness falls, they are driving in another world, yet they still use their daytime habits and attitudes. It would be just as sensible to wear summer clothing in winter. Conditions have changed and you need more protection.

What is so dangerous about the early evening hours? Experts say that as daylight fades to twilight and then into darkness, drivers fail to adjust to the changing light conditions. They blunder into a twilight trap in which daylight has faded and artificial light does not do much good.

The ability to drive safely at night depends upon several things but the most important is the driver's own vision. Other factors are illumination, vehicle speed and weather.

- 1) Know the visibility range of your headlights.
- 2) Drive so that you can always stop within your visibility range.
- 3) Driving at night demands slower speed.
- 4) Reduce speed when facing the glare from approaching headlights and if necessary stop.
- 5) Drive at the reduced speed until your eyes recover from glare.
- 6) Dip your headlight when driving in built up areas.
- 7) Dip your headlight when meeting other vehicles or when following another vehicle.
- 8) If an approaching driver fails to dip, do not fight glare with glare.
- 9) Look at the left hand side of the road when meeting another vehicle and avoid looking directly at the headlight of the oncoming vehicle.
- 10) Never underestimate bad weather conditions.

GUARD OF HONOUR



Col Riddell—Webster, Deputy Chief of Staff UNFICYP, has a chat with Cpl Baird, Armoured Car Group as he inspects a Guard of Honour at Xeros during a recent visit to the Irish Contingent Area. In command of the Guard of Honour is Lieut Dick Heaslip whilst Lieut Brenden McCann is the Officer i/c Unit Colours.

SIGNALS CONVENTION



The Austrian Field Hospital were hosts for the Signals Convention early last week. A lecture on the AFH and a tour of the camp, and a good lunch plus a bowling match made it a successful convention!