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BAND CONCERTS

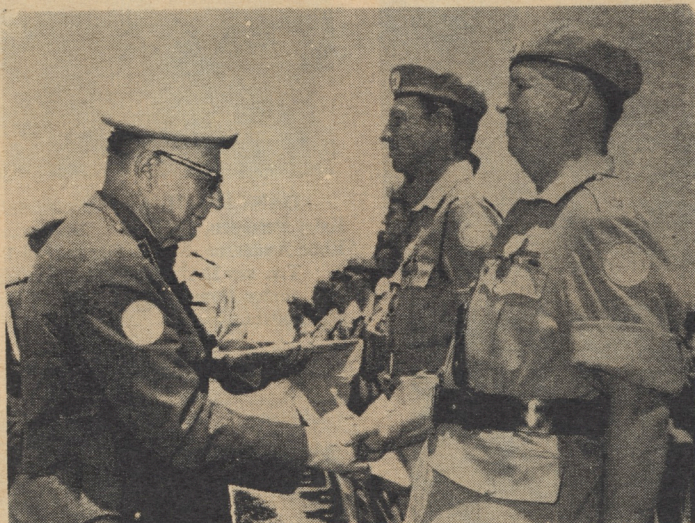
The Royal Canadian Regiment band, with the permission of Headquarters United Nations, the Cypriot Government and the Canadian High Commission will present a series of band concerts throughout Cyprus starting on June 26th and ending July 5th.

The following is a schedule of engagements:

- (a) 26 June at 2000 Hrs
Concert at Salamis
- (b) 28 June at 2000 Hrs
Concert Metaxas Square
(Children's Garden)
- (c) 29 June at 1630 Hrs
Kyrenia Harbour
- (d) 30 June at 2000 Hrs
Kyrenia Gate Gazinosu
- (e) 3 July at 2000 Hrs
Concert at Soli

An open invitation will be extended to the general public, free of entrance charges for concerts in Nicosia, Kyrenia, Salamis and Soli. Also it is hoped that as many United Nations personnel as possible will attend some of these concerts.

CAMP COMMANDANT RECEIVES UNFICYP MEDAL



At the recent Medal Parade for Camp Staff HQ UNFICYP, Major Norman Joplin RA, Camp Commandant HQ UNFICYP, received his UNFICYP Medal from the Force Commander, Lt Gen A.E. Martola. (More pictures and story page 4).



The Royal Canadian Regiment band, directed by Capt. Derek Stannard, march by the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa during an official ceremony.

UNFICYP

SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE



On the 10 June, 1969, at United Nations Headquarters, New York, the Security Council met to discuss the resolution on extending the UN Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus for a further six-month period, ending 15 December, 1969.

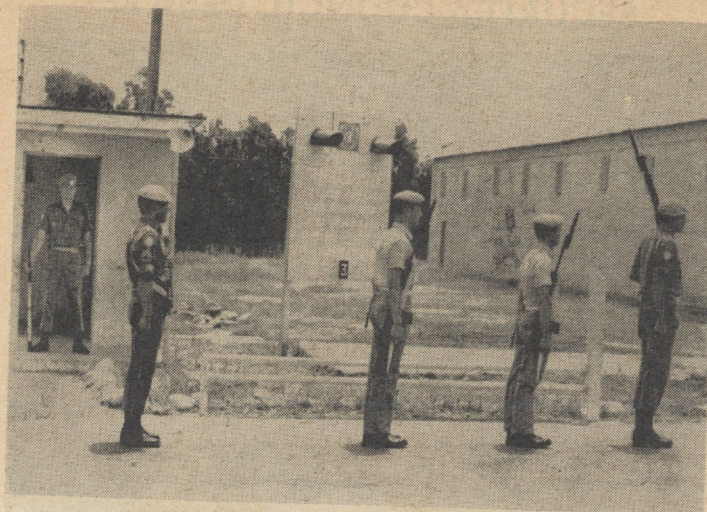
Seen in the picture making a statement on Cyprus is Miguel Solano Lopez (Paraguay), President of the Council, on left is the Secretary-General, U Thant. Seated behind Mr Lopez are left, Mr Jose Rolz-Bennett and right Mr Ralph J. Bunche. Seated behind Mr Bunche is Dr. Bibiano Osorio-Tafall, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Cyprus.

UNITED NATIONS PHOTO

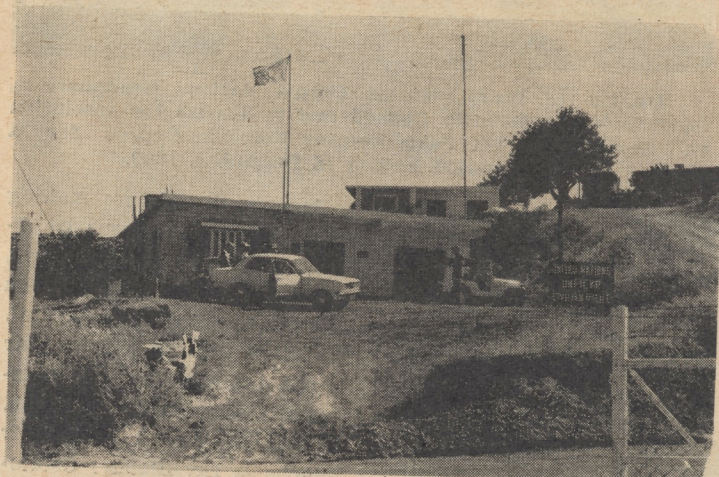
AUSTRALIAN MP VISITS UNFICYP



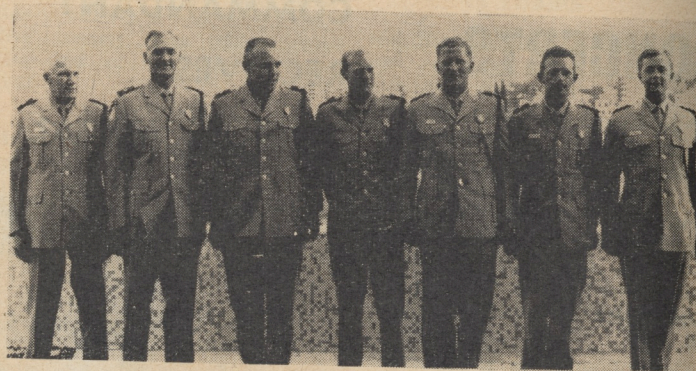
Australian Member of Parliament, Mr R.M. Bonnett (seated centre) paid a short visit to HQ UNFICYP to meet the Force Commander, Lt Gen A.E. Martola (right), during his tour of Cyprus; 19-21 June, 1969. Chief Supt G. Davidson UNFICYP Police Adviser, who accompanied Mr Bonnett on his visit to HQ, is on the left.



DANCON har overtaget vagten på HQ/UNFICYP. På billedet ses i skilderhuset KS F.J. Jønsson fra C-KMP samt i afløsningen SG M. Olesen fra SIGDEL og KS F. Pedersen fra A-KMP.



Souvenirskantinen er atter åben efter ombygning. Rummet er nu delt af en skillevej, således at der er en afdeling for langvarige og en afdeling for kortvarige ekspeditioner. På billedet er KS T.B. Andersen ved at ekspedere tre af vore talrige finske kunder.



DANCIVPOL har haft medaljepræsentation. Fra venstre ses INSP K. Kvist Petersen, INSP AA. Nellen Petersen, INSP J. Jørgensen, INSP Ebbe Andersen, SG E. Borup, SG P. Jørgensen og SG H. Boel Andersen. T.v. ses DANCIVPOL's nye station i XEROS, hvor 9 danske politifolk under kommando af INSP T. Matzau har indrettet sig på det allerbedste.



UGENS BILLEDE

udeblev denne gang. Redaktøren håber dog fortsat på mange gode DANCON XI - billeder, og glæder sig til næste gang atter at kunne udlevere en anvisning på 2 & til en heldig vinder.

**HAR DE HUSKET
AT TAGE DERES
SALT
TABLETTER?**

Idrættskonkurrencerne er nu i fuld gang mellem DANCON enheder. T.v. træner SIGDEL til volley-ball turneringen, og t.h. ses en situation fra håndboldkampen mellem DANCIVPOL og C-KMP. Kampen endte 17 - 6 til C-KMP.

Der bliver i de kommende måneder holdt træning og konkurrencer i svømning, fodbold, håndbold, tennis, badminton, skydning (falling plate), boksning, atletik og faldskærmsudspring - så kom ikke og sig, at der ikke sker noget ved DANCON.

Program for ovennævnte fremgår af de idrætsmeddelelser, som idræts-officeren ved DANCON med jævne mellemrum udsender på gult papir.

Vi håber på stor deltagelse og mange nye talenter. Det kunne jo være morsomt, om vi kunne gentage succesen fra sidste hold, hvor DANCON blev UNFICYP- mester i fodbold efter en meget spændende finale mod SWEDCON.

DRIVER's CORNER

Nu ska det være alvor - nu skal antallet af færdselsuheld, hvor køretøjer fra UNFICYP er indblandet ned. FORCE COMMANDER'en har pålagt samtlige befalingsmænd indenfor UNFICYP at skride ind og indberette enhver konstateret overtrædelse af færdselsreglerne, begået af UNFICYP-motorførere, hvad enten de er fra eget eller andre kontingenter.

Husk, at i denne varme ned sættes reaktionsevnen væsentligt blot De drikker én pilsner, inden De skal køre. Lad være med at udsætte Dem for at blive straffet efter færdselslovens paragraf 15, blot fordi De ikke tog en soft-drink istedet for en pilsner!

**DANCON
NYT**

LÖVAD MIDSOMMAR FÖR FN - SVENSKAR

*Glad junifest på camperna
med anhöriga på besök*

Sol och värme, dans i det gröna kring lövad stång och till svenskt klingande dragspelsstoner, saft och bullar för barnfesten och andra god-saker för middagen runt om på camperna senare på kvällen samt en lång ljum natt för de romantiskt stämda! Ingenting fattades egentligen av det traditionellt svenska, när FN-bat 42 C och Swedcivpol firade midsommar på Cypern tillsammans med kära anhöriga på besök och inbjudna små och stora cypriotiska gäster. Det skulle i så fall vara den ljusa nordiska sommarnatten eller rentav ett förrädiskt svenskt sommarregn. Men man kan ju inte få allt, när man är en svensk FN-soldat på Cypern . . .

SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos



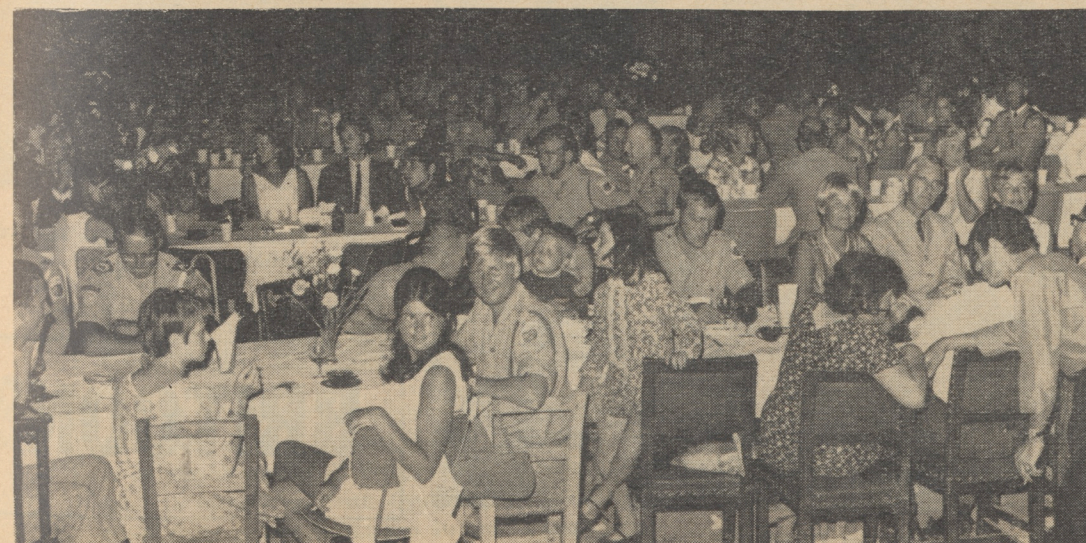
■ Dansen går kring Carl Gustaf Camps midsommarstång. Svenskar och cyprioter prövar gemensamt på svenska folk-danstraditioner. (Ovan t.h.)

■ En riktig kavaljer fann den här lilla cypriotiska tösen i chefen sektion 2, mj Lenart Rapp. (T.v.)

■ Strykande åtgång på midsommaraftonens förfriskningar. (Mitt-bilden t.h.)

■ Vid dukade bord under den cypriotiska sommarhimlen samlades personalen på Carl Gustaf Camp med lokala gäster, anställda och fruar och barn på besök till gemensam midsommarmiddag. (Nedan t. v.)

■ Kn C-A Roosvall, stf på STR - komp, drog starka applåder för västgötahistorier och pianounderhållning vid Carl Gustaf Camps midsommarfirande. (Nedan t. h.)



CAMP STAFF MEDAL PARADE GENERAL ELECTION

On Tuesday, 17th June, 1969, a medal parade for Camp Staff (BRITCON) was held at HQ UNFICYP, when soldiers from many different Corps were presented with the United Nations Peace-Keeping Medal for Service in Cyprus.

During the parade a Long Service and Good Conduct Medal was presented to WO II Harry Lees RAOC, by Col Riddell-Webster. WO II Lees is at present RQMS at HQ UNFICYP and has served in BAOR, Austria, Malta, Singapore, UK and Cyprus.

Medals were presented by Lt Gen A.E. Martola, the Force Commander, and Col D.B. Riddell-Webster, OBE, (BRITCON Commander. The Medal Bearer was Sgt Fred Maher Queen's Own Highlanders.

The parade was presented to the Force Commander by Major Norman Joplin, RA, Camp Commandant HQ UNFICYP

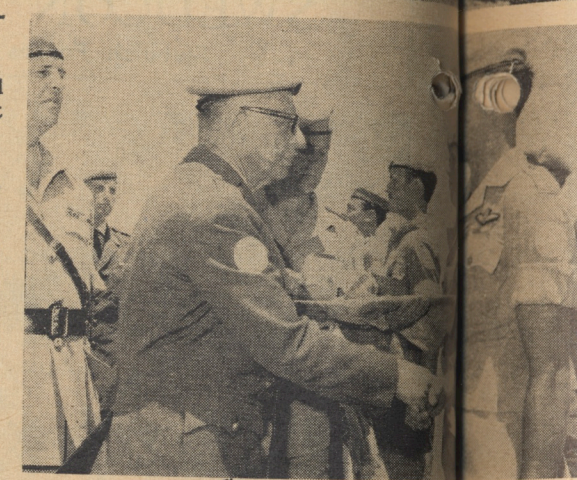


The Force Commander inspects the parade.

Parade music was provided by the Band & Drums The 1st Bn Worcestershire Regiment.

Extract from the speech made by Lt Gen A.E. Martola at the Medal Parade for The Camp Staff at HQ UNFICYP on 17 June, 1969.

"You are all serving at this Headquarters taking care of various activities which are necessary for the smooth functioning of our work. Your contribution is very important and I would like to thank you very much for the effective way in which you are fulfilling your duties. The UNFICYP medal is given to you in the name of the United Nations as a token of its gratitude to you for services rendered in the cause of peace."

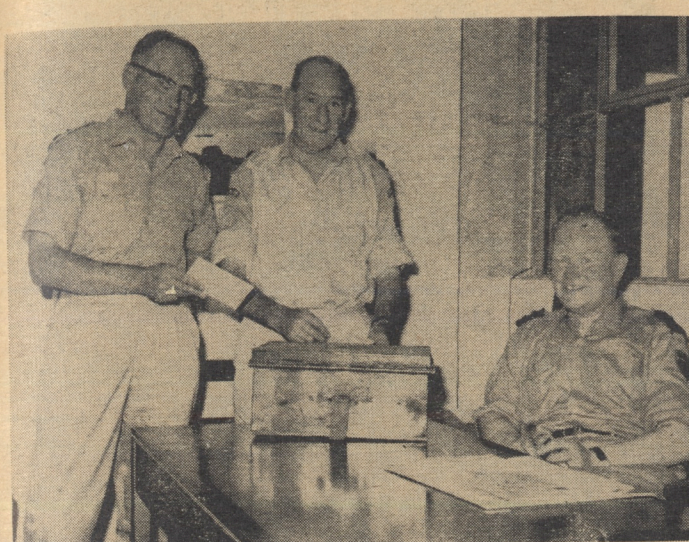


The Force Commander presents Sgt Sanderson RA with his medal.



Cpl Victor Walsh R. Sigs receives his medal from the Force Commander.

BRITCON NEWS



Members of the 12th Group were amongst the first voters in the General Election held in Ireland on 18 June, casting their votes a week before the actual polling day at home.

Here COMIRCON, Lt Col M.D. Hassey places his vote in the ballot box.

On the left waiting his turn is the Force Engineer Lt Col J. Seward.

Obviously enjoying the whole proceedings is Comdt. S. Byrne of THQ, Dublin who brought the votes to Cyprus for IRCON personnel. Comdt Byrne has reason to be pleased as he has been here on three previous occasions, bringing the votes in a Presidential Election, Local Elections and a Referendum.

A LONG WAY FROM HOME



Cpl. Hugh Greene serving with the Signal Platoon at Xeros had a pleasant surprise when his sister, Florence, who is employed by an oil company in Kuwait, arrived on the island to meet him. Both Cyprus and Kuwait are a long way from their native Rathowen in Co. Westmeath.

"Pop" HAYES



Ni obair choimhthioch coiriu post IRCON do S.C. "Pop" HAYES, a bhi sa cheapachan, ceanna leis an Oifigeach Liasion Eireannach ar a dha sheal dualgais eile le UNFICYP.

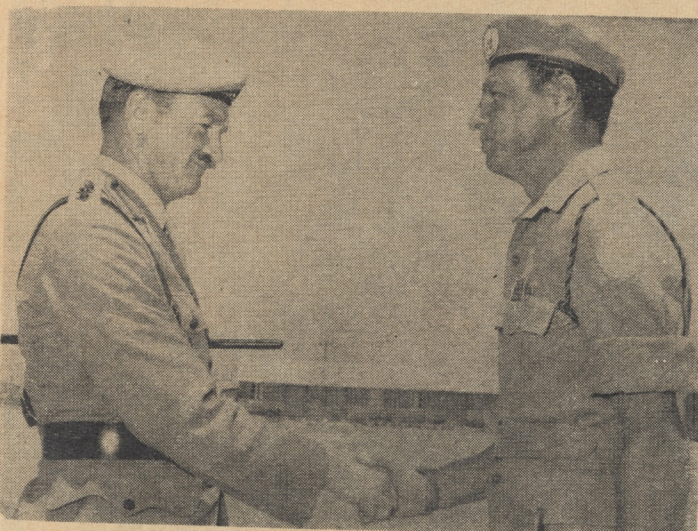
HOLY LAND TOUR



Seen here at XEROS about to board a bus to take them to the Airport are some of the members of the Group who recently visited the Holy Land. Another such tour will take place at the end of the month.

IRCON NEWS

Major N. Joplin presents the Parade.



WO II Rees receives his LS & GCM from Col Riddell-Webster.



March-past by Camp Staff HQ UNFICYP

WELFARE

Manning the many UN outposts is often a tiring and lonely job.

To help make life as a peace-keeper a bit more pleasant, the Canadian Contingent has several leave centres in Cyprus and the Middle East so its soldiers can relax and enjoy Mediterranean amenities while on leave.

In charge of leave arrangements in Welfare Officer Capt.

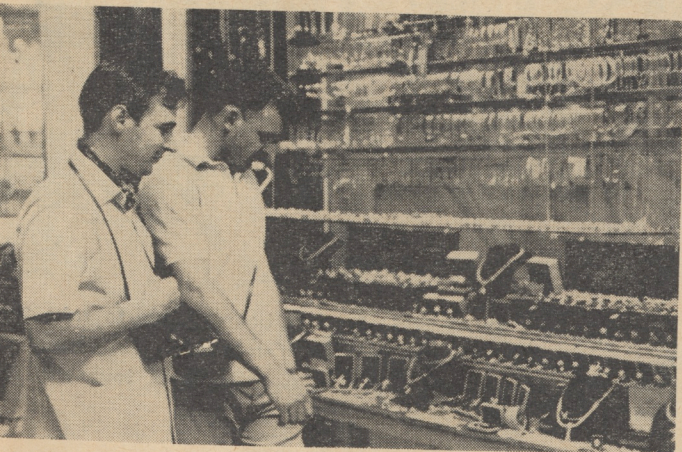
Marc Poirier and his staff at Camp Maple Leaf. Whether a soldier wants to go to Famagusta, Kyrenia, Beirut or Tel Aviv, the Welfare staff makes sure there are no hitches in accommodation and travel arrangements.



Welfare Sergeant in charge of the leave centre in Beirut, Sgt. JAIP Cote, right, discusses tour arrangements with Lt. Col. C.H. Belzile, left, and Lebanon Tour manager Mr. Salim Haddad.



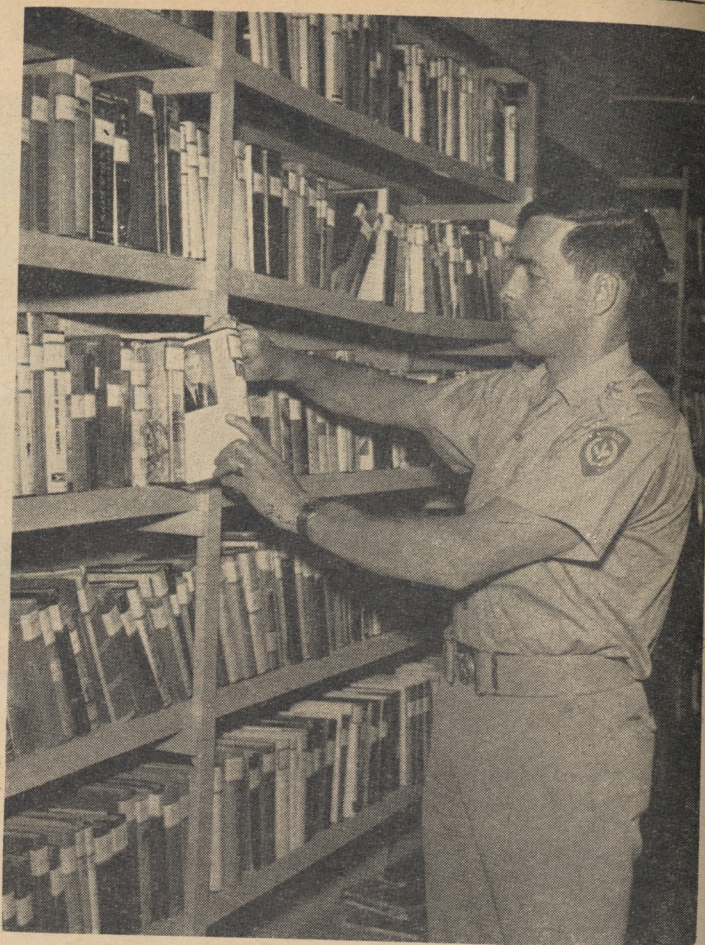
Sgt. Cote, center, gets some information from Lebanese policeman Sgt. Hussein. on Bazaar prices for Private Michel Martel while storekeeper listens in.



Cpl. Conrad Morin, left and Private Rene Leclerc enjoy their leave period in Beirut by trying to figure out what to buy in the Gold Market.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos



Welfare Officer, Capt. Marc Poirier checks his library at Camp Maple Leaf.



Trying out the latest in Arabic costumes is Welfare Sergeant, Sgt. JAIP Cote and a few 2e Battalion Royal 22e Regiment soldiers while on leave in Beirut.



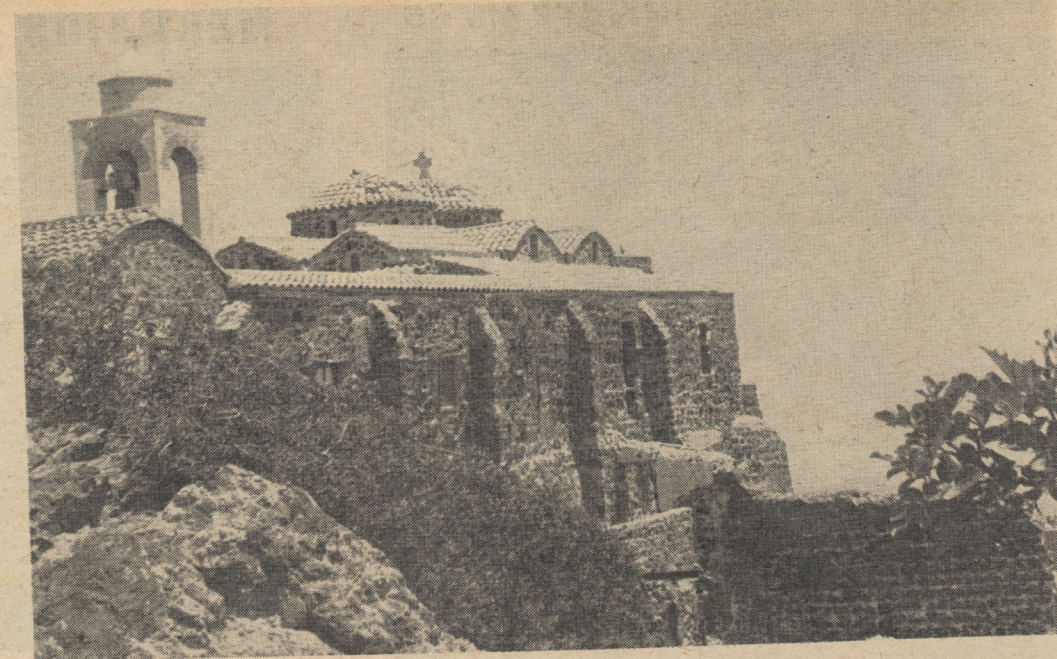
Sgt. Cote, centre, explains to "Van Doo" soldiers where the best places to go in Beirut are.



JALKAPALLO-SARJAN VOITTAJA

13.6.69 käytiin ratkaiseva ottelu jalkapallosarjassa, jonka voitti esikuntakomppania.

Kuvassa alla voittoisa joukkue: ylik Airaksinen, maj Matikainen, ylik Kangasmäki, ylik Himanen, jääk Kempainen, jääk Olkkonen, jääk Koivumäki, jääk Nieminen, jääk Puhakka, jääk Oksanen, jääk Risku, jääk Kanerva, jääk Ahlman ja jääk Faarinen. (jääk Kuosmanen puuttuu kuvasta).



Romanttinen Kypros VI STAVROVOUNIN LUOSTARI

Luostari sijaitsee Limassolissa mentäessä hieman ennen puoltamatkaa korkean vuoren huipulla. Tie on todellinen serpentiinitie. Jo pelkkä matka on erikoinen nähtävyys. Vuoren rinteillä on näkyvissä Kyproksen hallituksen metsänistutuksia.

Stavrovouni merkitsee ristin vuorta. Vuorella oli muinoin Olympos-temppeli, jäänteet ovat vielä näkyvissä jyrkällä nykyisen rakennuksen sivustalla. Le-

gendan mukaan Pyhä Helena, keisari Konstantinus Suuren äiti, palatessaan Jerusalemissa v. 327 joutui merihätäan Kyproksen edustalla. Pelastumisestaan kiitokseksi hän perusti luostarin ja lahjoitti sille kappaleen Jerusalemissa löytämänsä Jeesuksen ristiä. Tällä kappaleella oli parantava voima, joten ennen pakanalliseen temppeliin vaeltanut kansa varsin mielellään tuli uuteen luostariin.

Huipulla oleva päaluostari on

nykyisin vain parin munkin asuttama, jotka esittelevät komeata kirkkoa ja keittävät vieraille kahvit (joku lantti maksuksi kirkon kolehtilippaaseen). Vuoren juurella on sivuluostari, jossa munkit varsinaisesti asuvat. Siellä on myytävänä ikoneja, saaren parasta hunajaa, kananmunia ja kommanderiä. Kaiken kaikkiaan luostari muodostaa oman maailmansa, johon lyhytkin vierailu on melkoisen antoisa.



VIHREÄN LINJAN VIESTI

16. 6. 69

Jo maineikkaaksi tullut vihreän linjan viestijuoksu juostiin jälleen ja voittajaksi selviytyi tällä kertaa 3. jääkärikomppania.

Kuvassa yllä voittajat vasemmalta: jääk Krook, kers Mäkeläinen, jääk Vaitinen, kers Lapalainen, jääk Vesterinen, kers Pekkala, väap Ylijurva, ltn Keski-ruokanen.



Pataljoonan komentaja eversti H. Anttila onnittelemassa luutnantti Keski-ruokasta hyvin suoritettua juoksun jälkeen.

FINCON NEWS

MARGARET — MISS UNFICYP No. 15



Our Miss UNFICYP this week is Mrs Margaret Dickson. Margaret comes from Hull, Yorkshire, in the United Kingdom and has only recently arrived in Cyprus.

Margaret's husband, Bill, whose is a Cpl in the Royal Air Force, works as a member of the Provost and Security Services (NEAF) at RAF Nicosia. By keeping the law in the family Margaret works as the secretary for the Special Investigation Section, MP Coy UNFICYP.

This is Margaret's first time overseas and her favorite countries are within the British Isles; England and Scotland.

Dressmaking and dancing are two of Margaret's hobbies. In Cyprus she will be able to

continue her third hobby which is visiting old churches and ruins.

Cricket: RAF Nicosia v HQ UNFICYP.

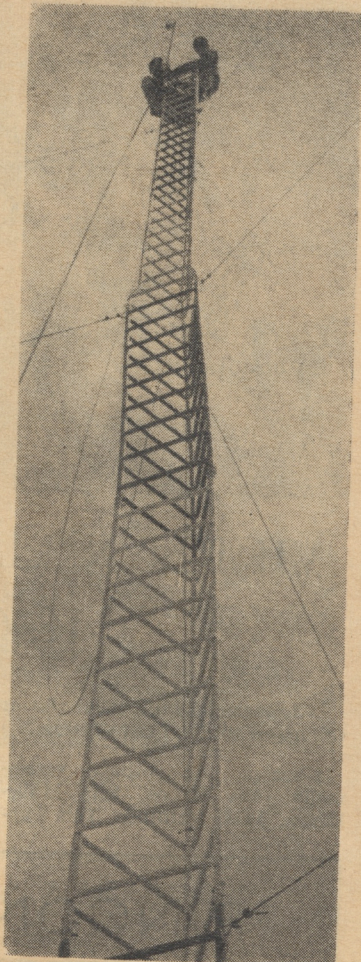
On Wednesday, 18th June, 1969, HQ UNFICYP lost to RAF Nicosia on the dustbowl at Nicosia.

Batting first, RAF Nicosia collapsed badly against the bowling of Bussey and O'Ware, who were well supported by some good catching.

The RAF were rallied by Blanch, however, who scored a magnificent 67 enabling them to total 123 runs.

HQ UNFICYP batted ineptly against some accurate bowling. Only Bussey and Beecroft showed any determined resistance, and HQ UNFICYP were all out for 65.

Scores: RAF Nicosia:— 123 all out, Blanch 67, Bussey 4 for 31.
HQ UNFICYP — 65 all out, Bussey 33, Irving 7 for 32.



REMOVAL OF RADIO MAST AT HQ UNFICYP

Recently a team from 644 Signal Troop spent three days dismantling one of the 100' Joyntz masts at HQ UNFICYP.

This particular mast was situated right in the centre of the operations buildings, only yards from Force Commander's office and this required considerable skill to remove the heavy sections without damaging anything on the ground.

All went well, however, and two intrepid climbers, Signalmen Mairs and Forster, are seen about 80' up preparing to remove another section.

The dismantling became necessary because of the shortage of spare parts on the island.



It's nice work if you can get it and you can get it if you dive.

Major 'Jim' Boyles of HQ UNFICYP had his hands full with SCUBA (Self Contained Under Water Breathing Apparatus) during instruction he was giving to three ladies of the UNFICYP secretarial staff who are learning to become under water divers.

Major Boyles is an experienced diver and he said that the single cylinder equipment weighed about 28 lbs and the twin cylinders were twice this weight, the 'wet suit' plus weights from 12—14 lbs made the whole kit a weighty load, however once in the water this was not noticeable.

Those wishing to take up this enthralling sport have of course to take a medical check to ensure that their ears and lungs are in good shape to meet the problems of under water conditions.

He has himself been down to depths of 140 feet but learners have to pass a series of tests before they can be permitted to go any where near this depth.

Major Boyles further said that the sea around Cyprus was "ideal for novice diving because visibility was very good."

The sort of things one could see under the water he said were interesting varieties of shells, some fish but not very large, amorpha from old wrecks and sponges.

Our pictures shows (from left to right) Miss Anne Valentine, Miss Anne Roberts, Miss Barbara Genn and the instructor himself Major Boyles. Those interested in this style of diving should contact Major Boyles at the Headquarters.



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NICOSIA Cyprus

JAVELIN

Jorma Kinnunen of Finland set a new world record of 92.72 metres at Tampere on 18 June, 1969.

Janis Lusia of Russia held the previous record of 91.98 metres.

The mast is now being renovated, prior to reuse and the work it used to do has been taken over by an antenna situated on top of the large hanger, next to the operations offices.