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They are from left to right, front row: Lt Col G. O'Sullivan (Chief Economics Officer), the Force Commander, Lt Gen D. Prem Chand, PVSM, and Comdt J.A. Ryan (Liaison Officer to the National Guard); back row: Coy Sgt C.D. Houlihan, Sgt B. Kavanagh, Sgt P.J. Brennan and CQMS P. McLaughlin.

THEY ARE ALL HERE!

It is not all that often that the Force Commander, Lt Gen D. Prem Chand, PVSM, has the opportunity to sit down in the centre of a group and be completely surrounded by a Contingent at a distance of less than twelve feet. In this case though it is understandable, for the total strength, of IRCON is only two officers and four senior ranks. Having stated their strength, when it comes to working out the total time they have served with UNFICYP, the figure is quite impressive. For such a small group to have 13½ years service completed on the Island and then include additional tours with the United Nations Peace Keeping Forces in the Congo, Lebanon and the Middle East, you then can see why we were so impressed. So, if any other Contingent would like to challenge this record, then fire away as we shall be only too pleased to publish it.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS UNFICYP

Week ending 18 February	14
Same period last year	6
Total for period this year	42
Total same period last year	31

LESSON OF THE MONTH

Don't just take RIGHT of WAY
— GIVE IT.

AWARD OF UN MEDAL



Our photograph shows Comdt J.A. Ryan, LO to the National Guard, being presented with his UN Medal by the Force Commander, Lt Gen D. Prem Chand, PVSM, in his office.

L.S. & G.C. AWARD



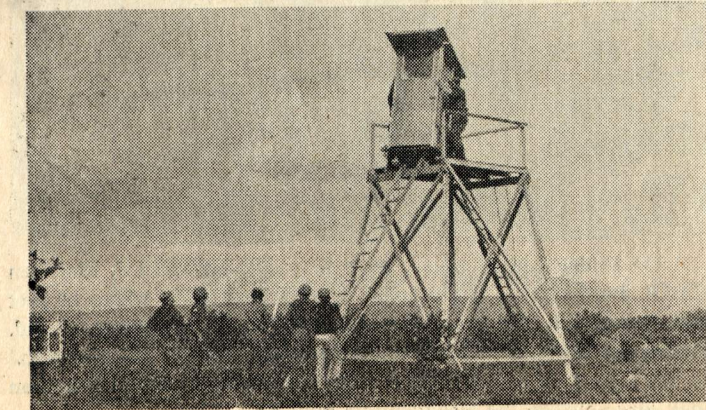
On Friday 14th February 1975 the GOC NEARELF, Maj Gen C.W.B. Purdon, paid a short visit to HQ UNFICYP where he met and spoke with the Force Commander, Lt Gen D. Prem Chand. During his brief visit he was able to present the L.S. & G.G. medal to Sgt R.D. Cox of UNFICYP REME Workshop. The presentation took place outside the Headquarters building.



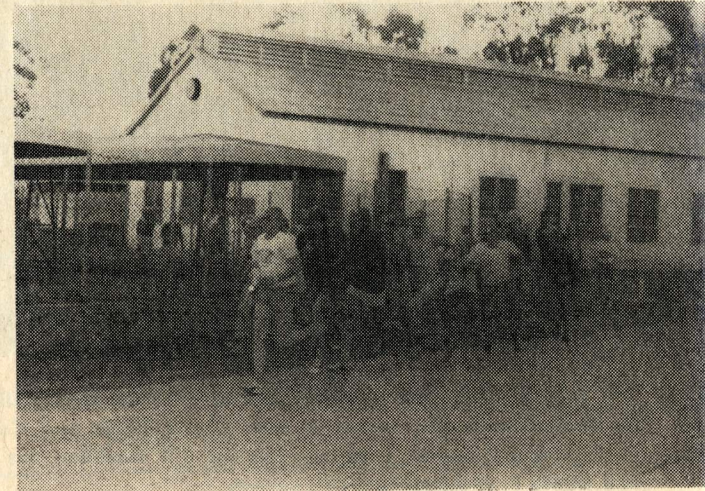
Den 12 FEB havde DANCON besøg af den amerikanske ambassadør, der under besøget bl. a. så OP PANO ZODHIA. Her ses ambassadøren sammen med KN B.E. Lauritsen.



Søndag den 16 Feb var der underholdning i velfærdscentret med mere end 200, som overværede underholdningen. Det var en svensk gruppe bestående af Inger Ost, Agneta Selan og Charlie Normans trio, der sørgede for fuldt hus.



I ugen fra 12 til 18 FEB aflagde FKO Presse - og Informationstjeneste besøg ved DANCON. Her ses fra venstre MAJ K. Brøns-Hansen og MAJ S. Wissum, sammen med CH/DANCON, SOO, NK/A-KMP og OVDF.



Den første træningstilstandsprøve ved STKMP blev aflagt den 17 FEB. Vejret var så afgjort ikke med deltagerne, idet det styrtede ned under hele afviklingen. Trods disse vanskelige vilkår løb personellet på tilfredsstillende tider.

De tre bedste tider opnåedes af KS J. I. Larsen, KS E.L. Stentoft og KS E. Magnussen.



DANCON NEWS

Den 19 FEB var DANCON ude for en sabotagehandling, idet be-nene på OP KHILIO's observationstårn var blevet savet i stykker, og OP-skuret væltet ned. Skaderne var dog hurtigt udbedret, idet PIDEEL reparerede OP'en i løbet af en 1/2 time efter deres ankomst.

TAIK
CHARLIE & CO!

Fentifemman har under fjorten dage kunnet glæde sig åt välljudande främmande. Charlie Norman och hans kompisar har underhållit inte bara oss, utan också en massa annat FN-folk på Cypern.

På bilden är det Chralie och Agneta Zelán som sprider glädje i muskelhallen.

The Blue Berets svenska korrespondent har med anledning av besöket skrivit sitt livs första musikrecension. Lyder som följer: "Oj!"



Som alla - tom auditören - säkert märkte var Force Commander hos oss en dag och hängde på oss medaljer. På bilden längst till vänster är det Staffan Carlsson som får sin. Anders Leckne i bakgrunden ser ser lycklig ut för att han också fått en.

Till höger behängs Kenneth Carlsson. Generalen assisterades under utdelningen av idrottsofficerea Håkan Lindgren som ser ut att behöva idrotta lite mer. I bakgrunden generalens adjutant, Benny Carlsson.

To
The Force Commander
and all ranks of United Nations Force in Cypros

We thank you most heartily for all the messages of kindness and sympathy in our mourning

Birgit Wingefalk
Barnen

Till
Bataljonschefen
och alla soldater vid FN-bat 55 C

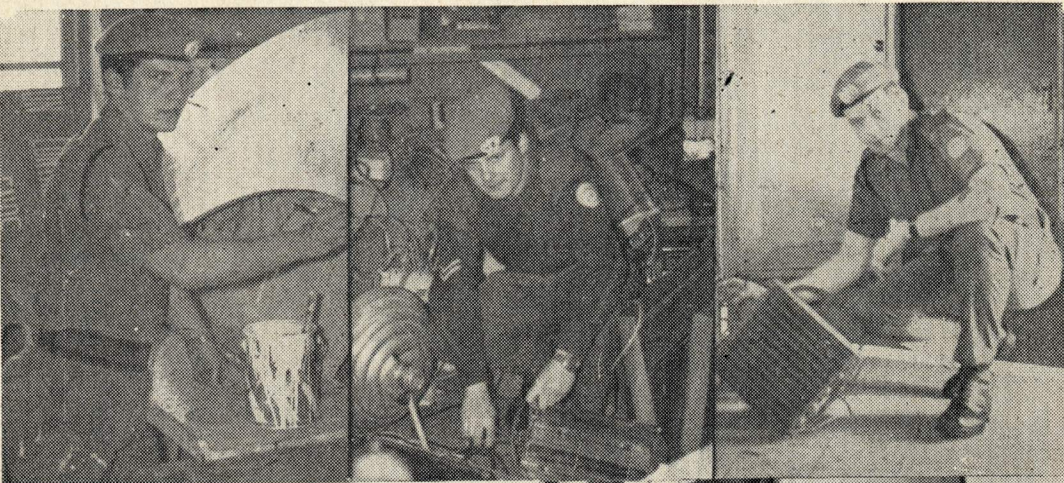
Ett varmt tack för alla bevis på vänlighet och deltagande i vår stora sorg.

Birgit Wingefalk
Barnen



Inspekterade har vi också blivit. Av överste Stig Colliander, chef för P 10 i Strängnäs. Han var nöjd med oss. Det var hans tillfälliga adjutant, Pluto Ståhlberg, också. Även om det inte ser så ut på den här bilden.

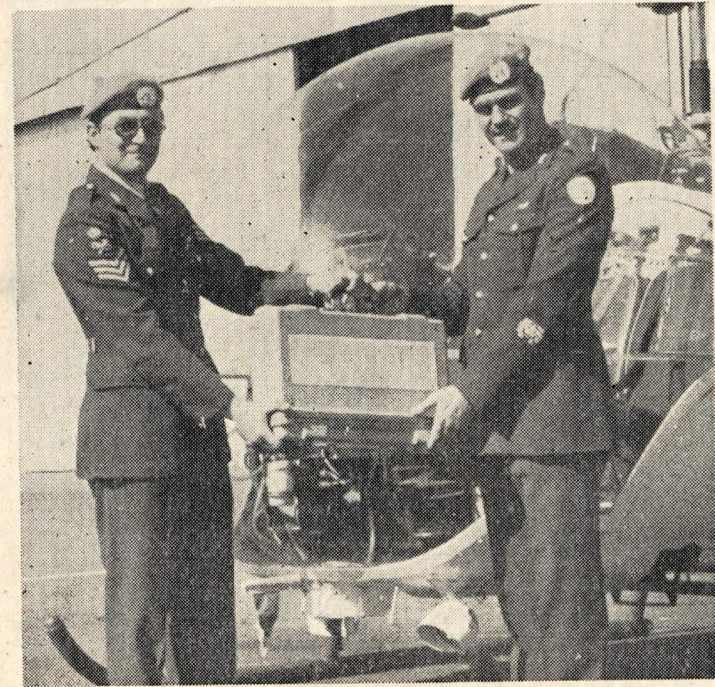
UNFICYP ROYAL ENGINEER DETACHMENT



One of the busiest and least publicised units within UNFICYP must surely be the UNFICYP Detachment Royal Engineers at Camp UNFICYP.

They tackle a wide variety of tasks as our photographs show. They carry out all the maintenance in Camp UNFICYP, Blue Beret Camp, Force Reserve and UNCIVPOL, as well as jobs covering all the Contingents respective areas. The majority of their work is often dirty — unblocking drains is a good example — and the routine is sometimes dull, but no matter the task they continue to complete them in a cheerful and willing manner. To all members of the Detachment we say — take a bow lads.

Top row: Spr Smith, Cpl Moduszewski and Lcpl Maxon.
Centre row: WO1 RS Clarke, FEWO, and Lcpl McManus.
Bottom row: Lcpl Twinning, Lcpl Humble, Spr Brown and Lcpl Richardson.



Sgt Frobisher, since departed for UK, is shown handing over the Flight "tool kit" to WO2 Hamill.



AVIATION FLIGHT

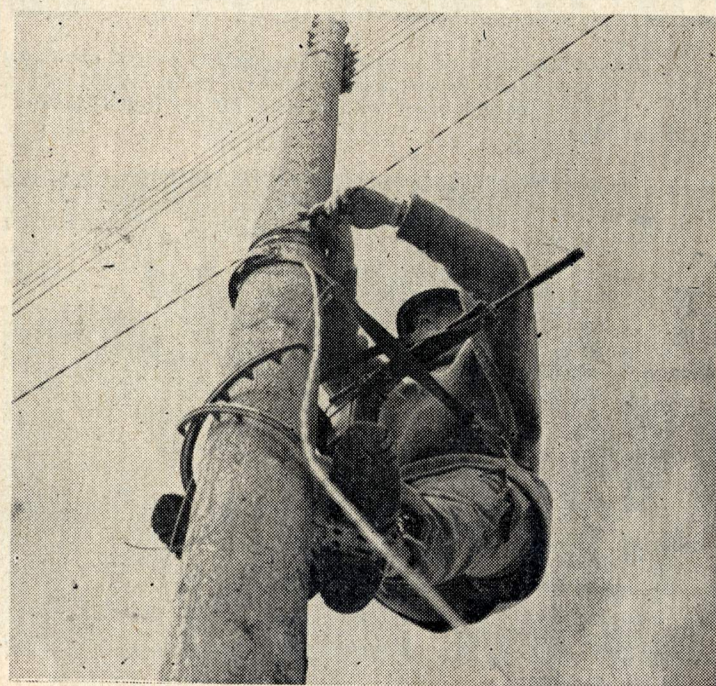
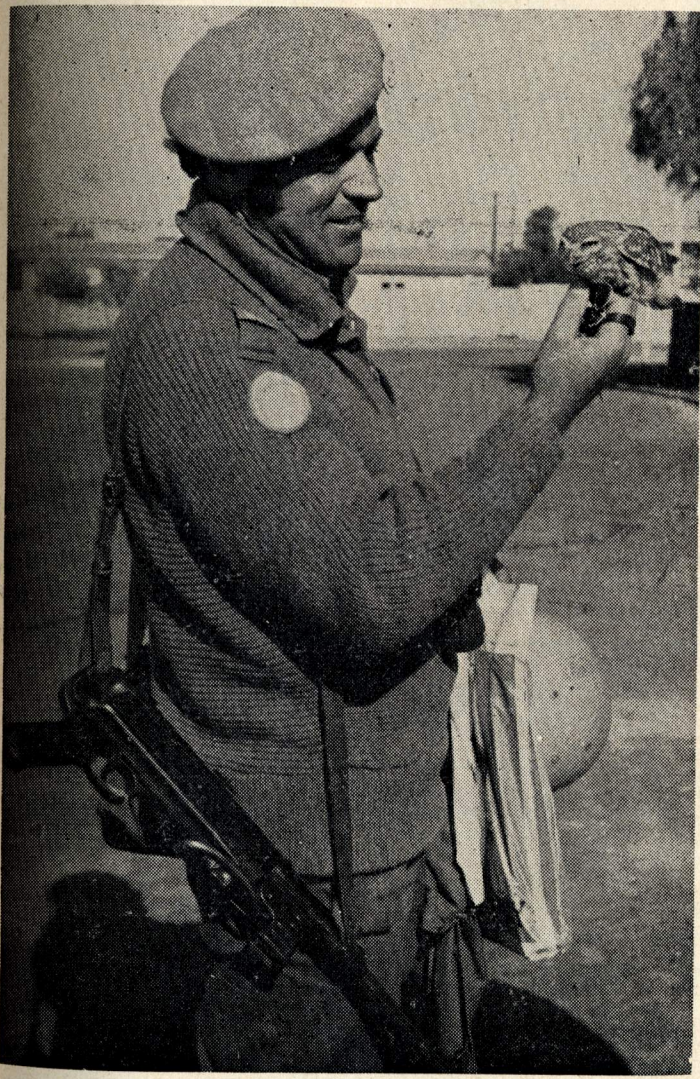
During the handover of Aviation Flight from Maj P.N. Gill to Maj D.N. Thornewell a Flight photograph, was taken. Unfortunately WO2 Shears (inset photograph) landed just too late to join in.



Einem besonderen Anziehungspunkt im Camp Larnaca bildet der Duty-Free-Shop. Vzlt KLEE WEIN unterzieht sich der muelvollen Aufgabe, alle Wuensche zu befriedigen und vor allem auch seine Kasse in Ordnung zu halten. Der Reingewinn kommt dann den Messen zugute, die damit die eine oder andere Party bestreiten koennen.



Ein seltener Kauz — ist nicht der OSTv. SCHUETZENHOFER — sondern der Steinkauz, den er von seinem Aufenthalt auf dem Biwak mitgebracht hat. Als Falkner mit Raubvoegeln vertraut, hofft er mit ihm einmal einen Falken anzulocken um auch hier seinem interessanten Hobby nachgehen zu koennen.



Hoch auf dem Masten, in gefaehrlichem Einsatz, befindet sich unsere Signals — Crew beim Leitungsbau. Gfr HINTERSTEINER ist gerade bemueht, fuer gute Verbindung zu sorgen.



Sponsored by CANCON and AUSCON, the Austrian Civilian Police had their range practice on 1st and 6th Feb 1975 in Dhekelia with excellent results. Recently arrived oldtimer Lt Col Leo MAIER, DSO AUSCIVPOL, turned out to be a marksman.

AUSCON NEWS

CANCON SPORTS AND HOBBIES

Since our arrival on the Island of Cyprus early in the month of December, the 1 RCR Battalion Group has wasted little time in organising a multitude of clubs to keep all personnel physically and mentally fit. Sports tournaments of interest to those soldiers attracted to both team and individual efforts are bountiful. For those attracted to the more quiet and gentile side of life, CANCON offers hobby enthusiasts a wide variety of off-duty entertainment.

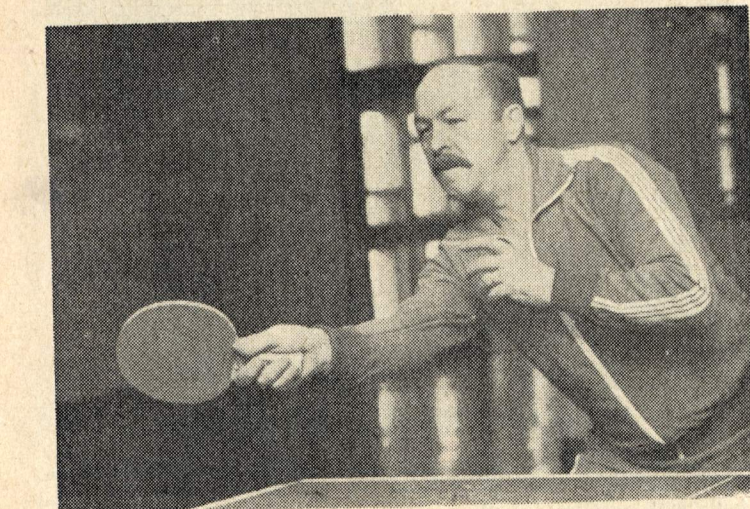


Capt "Painful" Paul Armour, our Medical Officer, uses his spare time to practice giving vaccinations at the next "needles parade". His opponents at the Dart Club are constantly questioning his participation in the amateur league.

The sophistication of Ballroom Dancing has caught the fancy of many. One of our expert dance instructors, MCpl Duke Lowden, shows patience beyond belief with student MCpl "Blunderingfoot" Bill Brundige.



Our novice riding class of the Ledra Palace Hunt Club began their first lesson on Sunday 16 Feb in the Grand Show Ring. Riding Master Dicky "Stirrups" Howard encourages a somewhat nervous but determined John "Call-me-the-Duke" McNeil.



Sgt Bill-ball" Rice shows good form during one of our many invitational ping-pong tournaments.



Cpl Wayne "the Spade" Banks is campaigning for the Presidency of the Blue Beret Horticultural Club.



Cpl Mike "Plastic Man" Mills and Maj "Run-Ragged" Campbell are in fierce competition for position in the CANCON Squash Club.

CANCON NEWS



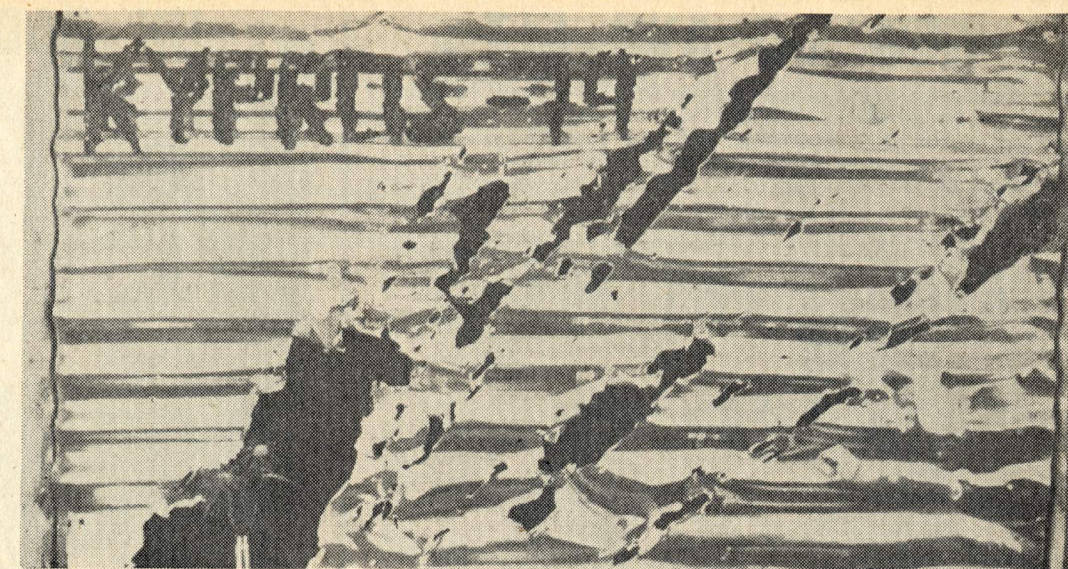
MCpl "Putt-Putt" Peterson takes a turn on the track at the CANCON Go-Car Club, Nicosia International Airport.

KOMENTAJAN HUONEENTAU LU

Finconin komentajan evl Jorma Pullisen työhuoneen seinällä on aaltopeltinen taideteos. Teos on peräisin upseeriparakki kakkosen katosta. Katto repeytyi National Gardin 100 millin patteriston ampuessa liian alas. Tämä tapahtui toisen sotavaiheen toisena päivänä.

Evl Pullinen, jonka sisar on kuuluisa kuvanveistäjä Laila Pullinen (valmistaa teoksensa joskus räjäyttämällä) huomasi levyn taiteelliset arvot ja otti sen talteen. Hänen entinen autonkuljettajansa Osmo Albrecht kehysti sen ja maalasi sille mustan taustan. Tämän jälkeen Evl Pullinen kiinnitti siihen vielä hylsyn ja niin oli taideteos valmis.

Hylsy on peräisin lentokoneesta, joka hyökkäsi Kykkoon toisen sotavaiheen ensimmäisenä aamuna 4.50. Lentokoneen kranaatit osuivat mm. sairaalaan, ambulanssiin, platalle, komentajanhuoneeseen, opsiin ym:lle. Sirpaleet haavoittivat neljää Finconin päällystöön kuulunutta, joista kaksi oli polilaana sairaalassa.



Finconin upseerit voittivat Canconin upseerit lentopalloottelussa 3-1.

FINCONIN URHEILEVAT UPSEERIT

Suomalaiseen sotilaselämään kuuluu tärkeänä osana kunnon ylläpito ja parantaminen. Finconin upseereitten oma urheiluseura Nikosian Nikkuttajat toimii vireästi tämän päämäärän hyväksi. Sen piiristä töytyy paitsi hyviä ja innokkaita lenkkeilijöitä myös muiden lajien harrostaajia.

Lentopallojoukkue kävi ottamassa mittaa kanadalaisista upseereista. Tiukan, kaksi tuntia kestäneen, tiimellyksen jälkeen tuli voitto Finconiin 3-1.

Jalkapalloilijoiden ensimmäinen peli, joka käytiin paikallisia liikemiehiä vastaan, ei päättynyt yhtä tuloksekkaasti. Ensimmäisen puoliajan 4-1 johto ei ollut riittävä vaan tulokseksi tuli tappio maalein 4-7.



The new logistic officer of Fincon majuri Harry Halme.

Finconin uusi huoltopäällikkö, luulee tehtävänsä täällä muodostuvan erittäin työtehtäväksi ja mielenkiintoiseksi, koska se on erilainen kuin hänen aikaisemmat työnsä. Maj. Halme sanoo jatkavansa edeltäjänsä viitoittamalla tiellä sodan jälkeisen huollon saamiseksi omiin uomiinsa sekä lupaa joitakin uusia järjestelyjä. Työnsä punaisena lankana hän pitää huollon kulkemista aina kaksi askelta edellä.

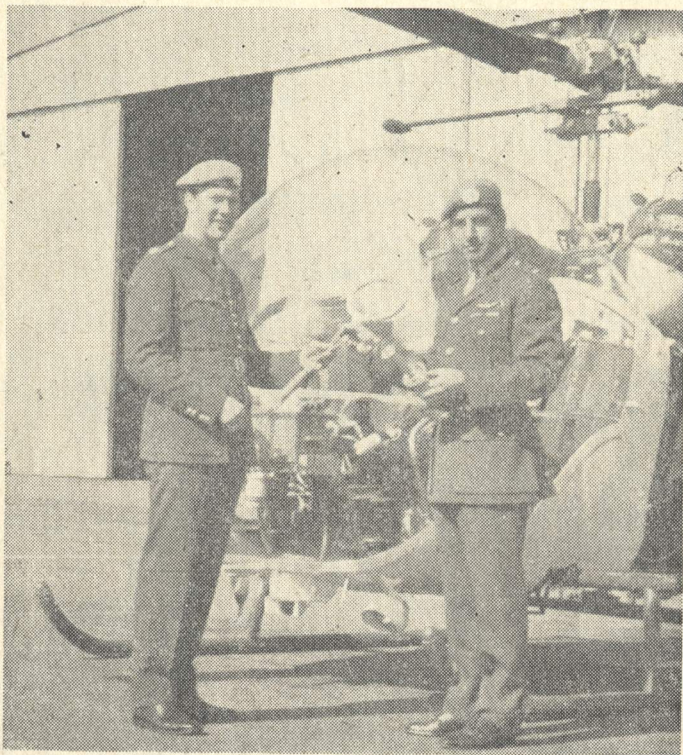


The new commander of Sp Coy of Fincon

Uusi huoltokomppanian päällikkö majuri Reino Suuronen sanoo työn täällä olevan elävää toimistotyön jälkeen. Huoltokomppanian tapaisen, toimitusmiehiä käsittävän erikoisyksikön johtaminen on suuressa määrin hallinnollista työtä, jonka tarkoitus on mahdollistaa muun pataljoonan tehtävän suorittaminen. Aikaisemmin on maj. Suuronen ollut YK:n palveluksessa kolme vuotta sitten, jolloin hän oli tarkkailijana Suezillä.

NEW OC AVN FLT

During the course of the past two weeks there have been many changes amongst the members of UNFICYP. One of these, was the arrival of Maj D.N. Thornewell (left) the new OC of Aviation Flight. In the picture he is being handed the insignia of his new command by Maj P.N. Gill (right) who has since departed for the United Kingdom having completed a two year tour with UNFICYP.



DEFENSIVE DRIVING PART 1

CONCENTRATION: Do not permit distraction by passengers, i.e. chatting, gazing at scenery or generally day-dreaming. Keep alert, watch for rapidly changing conditions, either weather or road and always expect the unexpected.

VISIT TO DMO

On Tuesday 18 February 1975, Maj Gen WNR Scotter, the British Director of Military Operations, visited UNFICYP. During his visit he met the Force Commander, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and the Senior Political Adviser and discussed various points. His tour included Limassol, Paphos and Nicosia Districts and was accompanied by Col PI Chiswell, Commander British Contingent.



Maj Gen Scotter leaving HQ UNFICYP after his discussions. Col Chiswell accompanies him to his car followed by the Force Commander's ADC, Capt B. Carlsson.

UN RADIO ROOM



On Monday 17 February 1975 the new accommodation for the United Nations Radio Room was finally completed. Amongst those attending the opening was the Force Commander, Lt Gen D. Prem Chand, PVS, accompanied by the ADC, Capt B. Carlsson. In our photograph the Force Commander enjoys a joke with the Chief Communications Officer, Mr. K.O. Hoiby, who showed him the various items of equipment involved. Also shown is Miss Brigid Donelan, the former secretary to the UNFICYP Spokesman.

COURTESY & PATIENCE: Treat all other drivers and pedestrians as you would want them to treat you if the positions were reversed. Do not forget many of the elder people are impaired by age and cannot adjust to traffic conditions as quickly as you! Give them a chance.



On arrival at HQ UNFICYP VIP helicopter pad, Maj Gen Scotter was met by Brig Gen CE Beattie, Chief of Staff. Col Chiswell is in attendance.



Maj Gen Scotter raises a pair of binoculars to get a clearer view of the surrounding country whilst on the roof of the International Airport. Lt Col PL Spencer, Commander of Nicosia East District, and Maj J. Heyman, OC Airport Support Coy, pointed out various locations.