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New AUSTCIVPOL members look pleased on arrival at Nicosia Airport.

R.T.E. Teams interview

with President.

The Irish Television Team that recently visited Cyprus to film the Irish Contingent was granted an interview with the President of the Republic, His Beatitude, Archbishop Makarios.

Seen here before the interview in the grounds of the Archbishop's Palace are the members of the T.V. Team and the President.

From Left to Right: Comdt L. Prendergast - Liaison Officer with Ircn. Miss Anna Boylan - Secretary. Niall McCarthy - Producer. Bill O'Herlihy - Reporter. Pat Bannon - Cameraman. Pat Murray - Cameraman.

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AUSTRALIAN POLICE ROTATION

Last week a Boeing 707 aircraft of Quantas Airways touched down at Nicosia airport on the completion of the nineteen hour trip from Sydney. On board were 37 members of the Australian Civilian Police arriving in the Island to relieve a similar number who will be departing during the next few weeks.

Oddly enough, though the plane touched down at 0855, due to the dateline factor, it had left Australia at 1130 on the same day. (Work that out if you can).



Father and son meet at the airport. Inspector Ron Schmerl who has been in the Island for a year, greets Senior Constable Chest Schmerl.

MIDDLE EAST OBSERVERS

FINLAND ASKS FOR MORE PROTECTION

Finland, one of the states which have made available military personnel to serve as United Nations observers in the Suez Canal Sector, on 19th May, 1969, expressed the hope that with the cooperation of Israel and the United Arab Republic, arrangements initiated by the Secretary-General, U Thant, to protect observers would ensure the effectiveness of the United Nations operation in the area.

In a letter to the Security Council, Ambassador Max Jakobsson, Finland's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, said his government appreciated the efforts of U Thant to enable observers to fulfil, without any undue risk, their surveillance tasks along the canal.

On 2nd May, 1969, in a report to the Security Council, the Secretary-General endorsed proposals made by General Odd Bull, Chief United Nations Truce Supervisor, for demilitarized perimeters around the 18 UN Observation posts and for

a boat to move United Nations Personnel to and from their positions.

He also included requests he had made last month to both the UAR and Israel to avoid encroaching on posts or firing at UN Observers, and to help speed up construction of adequate shelters for them.

Assurances from the two parties appeared in correspondence in U Thant's report.

In addition to Finland, the 92 observers come from Argentina, Austria, Chile, France, Ireland and Sweden.



DANCON XI er her

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OL J. Hansen-Nord ønsker sin tidligere Deputy, chefen for DANCON XI, OL I. Vase velkommen i Nicosia Lufthavn.



Officerne fra et af CANCON's Kompagniet har været til briefing ved DANCON. Som nummer 2 fra venstre ses kompagnichefen, MAJ Denis Boiteau.

DRIVER's CORNER

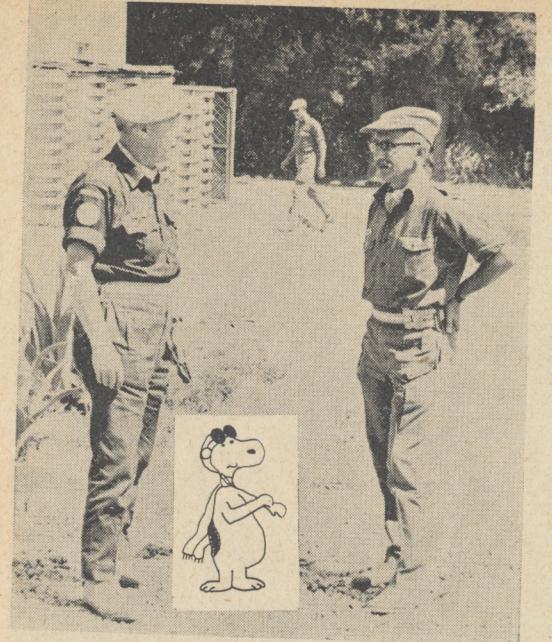
Velkommen til de nye DANCON XI - drivere. Specielt her i den første tid har De helt formidelige muligheder for at komme ud for alvorlige uheld - hvis De da ikke vælger at bruge hovedet og give Dem god tid. Ulykkerne sker nemlig, når De i en kritisk situation har så stor fart på, at De er nødt til at reagere på rygraden. For rygraden er et stykke tid endnu indstillet på højrekørsel.

Kør som om alle andre end De selv - og selvfølgelig de øvrige DANCON-drivere - kørte med hovedet mellem benene, for det gør de nemlig! Så er der endda gode muligheder for at vi til november kan udlevere certifikater for god kørsel til alle, der overlevede.

Velkommen på Cyperns veje!



MAJ A. Bojsen har overgivet kommandoen over C-KMP til MAJ H. Lyndorff - Hansen



MAJ K.K. Juhl har overtaget kommandoen over STKMP fra MAJ E. Holm.



MAJ H.F. Hamsen har overgivet kommandoen over A-KMP til MAJ C.A. Frost.



Aaaaah - vatten!

■ Svenske Svensson i FN-blå hjälm på Afrodites sommarö känner sig varm. Mycket varm. Temperaturen har gått i höjden. Obevekligt!

Så skönt, skriver han i breven hem. Men om natten sover han numera särre mellan klibbiga lakan. Äter mindre och dricker mer. Öl och juice och läsk. Stora mängder. Betänktigt. Går in i vaktkuren och svullnar som en ungsbakad potatis. Fläktar sig och svettas ännu mer. Och termometerpelaren bara kryper uppåt. 27° - 30° - 36°. Puuh! Cypernhettan sätter åt. Minsann!

Hinner inte till beachen. Vad göra? Javisst, en spann vatten och en hjälplande hand. En full spann härligt svallkande vatten. Uppfriskande! Jätte! Aaaaah!

Bengt Ove Hällegaard upplevde det häromdagen. Med Leif Erikssons hjälp. (Nedan).

P.S. Känn själv, karl! (Red. anm.)



■ Full rulle, på sommarens idrottsprogram! - Svenska volleybollspelare hoppar högt mot sina övermän finnarna i en endags utslagsningsturnering i Xeros i veckan som gick. Fincon vann med 15-5, 15-1, gick vidare med vinster över HQ Unficy och slutligen Ircon och vann därmed. (Ovan).

VOLLEY
SMÄLL
INLEDDE
SOMMAR
IDROTEN

■ Kämpade väl trots förlusten mot Fincon gjorde Swedcons lag - till största delen från Cypol. På bilden nedan flankerat av t.v. batidrottsoff Linde samt rustm Ekblad.

GOLD FISH - SOLDATER
I 42:ANS
FÖRSTA HQ - VAKT

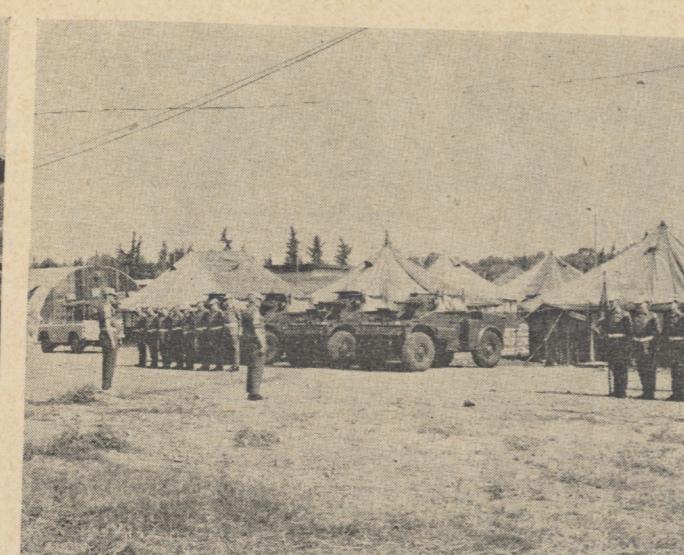
■ Att vakta FN-högkvarteret i Nicosia ingår i svenska cypernbataljons uppgifter då och då. De olika UNFICYP-kontingenterna avlöser varandra efter var sin veckas HQ-vakt. I förra veckan var det åter svenskarnas tur att svara för bevakning av HQ-campen. Gold Fish-soldater från 2.komp i Famagusta representerade bat 42 C, när den finska vaktstyrkan vaktskiftet avlöstes. (T.v.)

SWEDCON NEWS
Swedish Forces Photos

Grupa Car Armurtha Ar Phraig

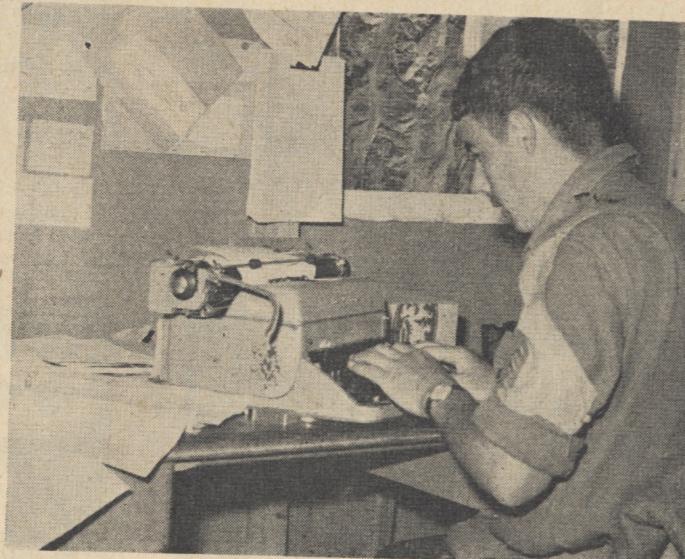


Deineann an Capt Mairtin O'Neill cigireacht ar an bparaid.



Bhi an Grupa Car Armurtha den 12r Grupa Eireannach ar phraig i rith na seachtaine. Sa ghrangraf sea cithear an paraid, comh maith i eis na caranna armurtha Panhard, a dtuirt go dti an oifgeach cigireachta.

IRCON NEWS



BEHIND THE SCENES

As everyone is well aware, if it were not for the work done behind the scenes by the staffs in the various branches, no unit would be able to function properly for any length of time. Here we have three typical examples of such work.

ABOVE

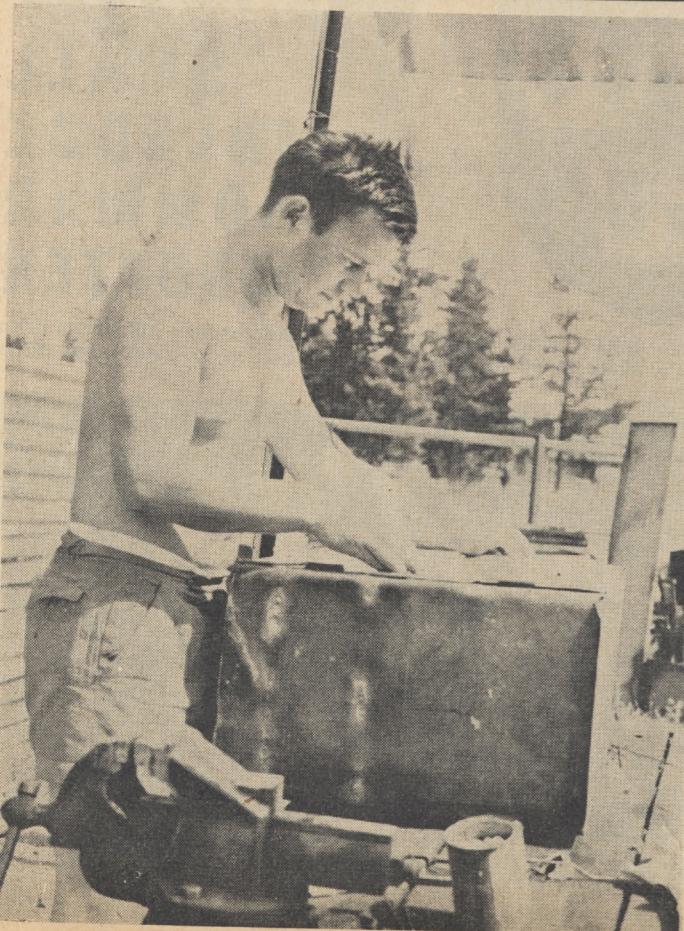
Cpl BRENDAN McLOUGHLIN from MAGHERAFELT in Co DERRY typing the daily SITREP.

CENTRE LEFT

An important link in the communications system is the telephone and Signalman JAMES O'BRIEN, seen here connecting yet another caller to the required number, is playing his part in ensuring that the system functions efficiently.

LEFT

At work in the Ordnance section is Cpl JAMES HAND.



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Thursday 2000 hrs
Radio HELSINKI
Friday 2000 hrs
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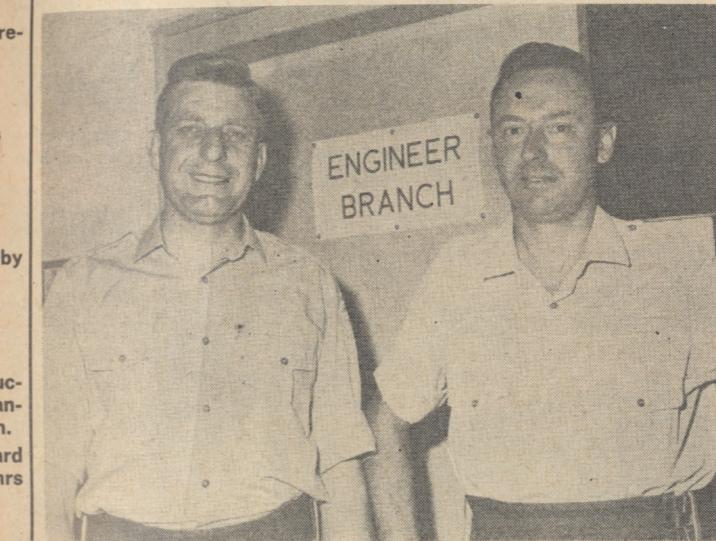
Finnish Contingent
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CASUALTY!



In conjunction with a Wessex helicopter of 72 Squadron RAF (UNFICYP Detachment), the Austrian Field Hospital recently carried out a practice night casualty evacuation.

Our picture shows the "casualty" from Tjiklo outpost nearing the end of his journey to the hospital.



HQ OPERATIONS SECTION

In various hidden corners around the HQ lurk many unsung heroes of the Force. The Operations Section is highly international, we picture three of the British members.

Below

In charge is the Chief Clerk, WO1 Leslie Tucker RAOC, on his right is Cpl Peter Maurice RAOC. Right Gunner John Jackson is the Section Orderly. Naturally he makes the coffee, he also collects and distributes the mail, makes coffee, works the duplicator and makes coffee.



PRESS GANGED OUT



The last of a long line of British AMPIOs has left the press office. He had to be forcibly removed from this cushy number by the two largest MP's available.

Remember, it is now up to you provide material for future editions of the Blue Beret.

BRITCON NEWS

ENGINEER HANDOVER

WO1 John Brantingham (right) is handing over his duties as OIC the HQ UNFICYP Engineer Detachment to WO1 George Hatton.

On his return to UK Mr Brantingham will take over Mr Hatton's old job in 523 Specialist team at Barton Stacey.



CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER VISITS CANCON



Accompanied by his wife, left, and Mrs. W. Little, Canadian High Commissioner visited UN outpost "Saddle" in the Kyrenia Mountains where he was met by Observation Company commander Major Denis Boiteau, right.



The Canadian High Commissioner also visited the NCO's Mess for coffee and an informal meeting with the Sergeants and Warrant Officers.



On his arrival by helicopter to UN outpost "Saddle", Canadian High Commissioner inspected a three-man guard of honour and received a briefing on their role.

The Canadian High Commissioner looks out over the countryside during a briefing at one of the Canadian Contingent's UN outposts.



Mr. J.C.G. Brown visited the Men's Canteen and met 2e Battalion R22eR soldiers.



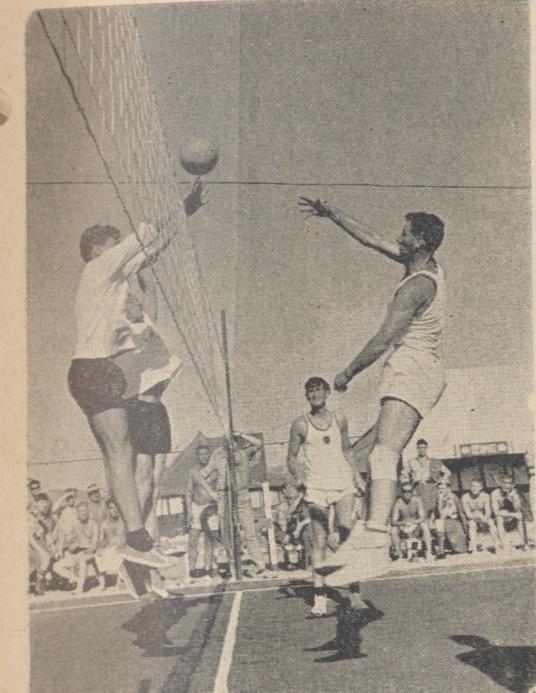
Mr. J.C.G. Brown, Canadian High Commissioner inspected a guard of honour commanded by Capt. J.M. (Moe) Verette 2e Battalion R22eR on his arrival at Camp Maple Leaf.



The Canadian High Commissioner looks out over the countryside during a briefing at one of the Canadian Contingent's UN outposts.

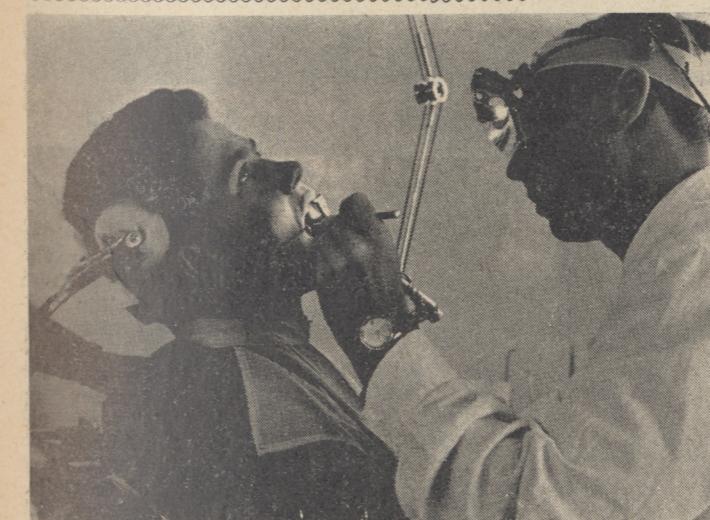


Lentopaljojoukkue palkintoineen. Suomalaiset kävivät "noutamassa" palkintonsa irlantilaisilta Xeroksesta.



Maj. A. Räty ja vääp. P. Touru pukkaamassa palloa vastustajan puolelle.

Lyhyt iltajumalanpalvelus perjantaina St. Paulin kirkossa klo 19.00.
Kuljetus järjestetään komppanioittain.



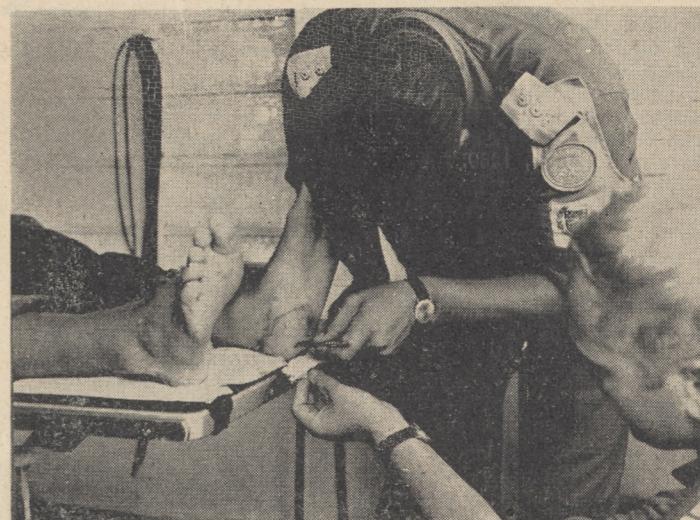
Suomalaiset ovat myös ylivoimaisina ykkösinä hammaslääkäriillä itävaltalaisessa sairaalassa. Lääkäri toteaa suomalaisista hampaiden olevan kehnonlaisessa kunnossa.



On tilinteon hetki. Jääk. H. Matilainen kuittaamassa päivärahajaan postissa. Kers. H. Lepoaho jakaa rahaa sitä tarvitseville — ja kyllä tarvitaankin.



Lentopallopalkintojen jakoa. Irlantilaisten komentaja everstiluutnantti M.D. Hassey ojentamassa palkintoa kers. K. Koivistolle. Jääk. V. Krook on seuraavana vuorossa.



Jalkahiertymää puhkaistaan. Vanhempi lääkäri, lääkintäevi E. Pelto-Timperi apunaan yliv. M. Tirkkonen puhkaisemassa maihinnousukseen aiheuttamaa hiertymää.

FINCON NEWS



Hughie Green, one of Britain's top TV personalities, recently visited Cyprus with his Combined Services Entertainment show called "The Tops of Opportunity Knocks". Although he was born an Englishman, Hughie served the war years 1940-45 with the Royal Canadian Air Force, he also has the distinction of being the first man to fly the Atlantic with the Russians during this time. He is pictured above being chair-lifted by men of the 1st Bn The Worcestershire Regiment, serving as part of the British Contingent with the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

KNOW YOUR GREEK AND TURKISH

GREEK	ENGLISH	TURKISH
Pós Eéstay?	How are you?	Násérli Sernerz?
Poleé Kalá	Very well	Iyiyim Teshekkür
Efkharistó	thank you	Edérim Síz
Kiáy Seés?	and you?	Misiniz?
Arketá Kalá	Quite well	Teshekkür Edérim
ókhi Poleé Kalá	Not very well	Chok Iyí Deyílim
Lipoúmay	I am sorry	Gechmísh ólsum
Adeéo	Goodbye	Allasmárladerk (said by the one going) Gülé Gülé (said by the one staying)

ENGLAND – AUSTRALIA AIR RACE

The Australian government has offered 25,000 Australian dollars (£11,670) towards the cost of a proposed England-Australia air race, Prime Minister John Gorton announced in Canberra on 22 May, 1969.

The race, planned for the end of the year, will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first England-Australia flight — made by Captain Ross Smith and Lieut Keith Smith in a converted Vickers Vimy bomber.

The event would also form part of celebrations marking the bicentenary of Australia's discoverer Captain James Cook.

The Royal Federation of Aero Clubs of Australia and the Royal Aero Club of London are organising the 14,000 miles race, which will be open to light aircraft such as those engaged in business flying, training and charter work.

R.T.E. Team

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During the actual interview the President talks to Bill O'Herlihy.

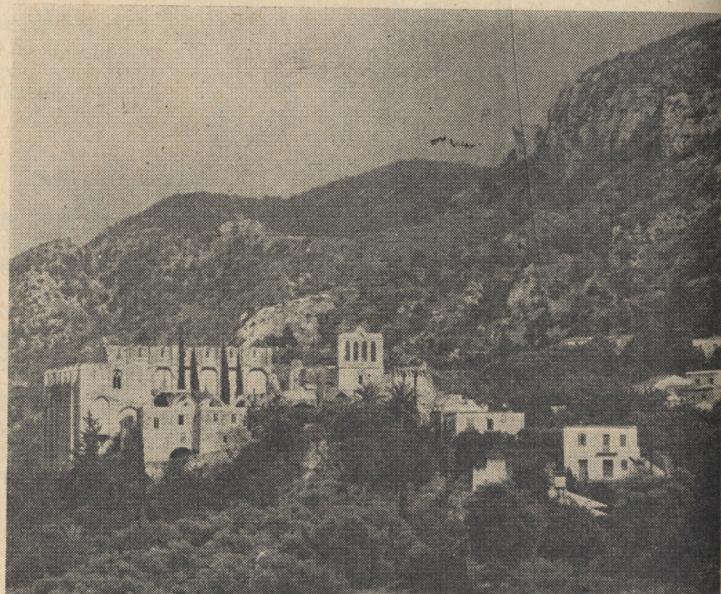


WANTED

There is always a need for correspondents for the Blue Beret. If you have a flair for writing short articles on events within UNFICYP such as sport, arrivals and departures of personalities (even those in your own unit) and all other items of interest to the Force,

why not try your hand.

Contact the Editor, Assistant Editor on Nicosia 77061 Ext 14 or the Force Photographer and MPIO Clerk on UNFICYP 76291 Ext 237, if you require assistant in covering any event.



KNOW CYPRUS

The marvellous 14th century Abbey of Bellapais, built on the edge of a cliff fifty feet high with its beautiful Gothic cloisters, is about three miles east of Kyrenia. During the Frankish Kingdom in Cyprus, the monastery was known as "Abbaie de la Pais" — old French spelling for Abbaye de la Paix — meaning Abbey of Peace, now corrupted to Bellapais. The village derives its name from the old abbey.

Photograph by Sgt Ken Feltham RAOC, Force Photographer.