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STORM SWEEPS LIMASSOL

At 1600 hours on Monday 22 December 1969 a torredo hit Limassol causing damage estimated at thousands of pounds.

Two people were killed and

over a hundred injured, while shops, houses, streets and cars were among the property damaged and the electricity supply was cut off for several hours.

The United Nations Battalion stationed at Polemidhia Camp, The 3rd Battalion the Royal Anglians offered assistance to the town and erected tents for the homeless and provided blankets, sheets and hurricane lamps to the hospital. Our picture show some of the devastated areas.



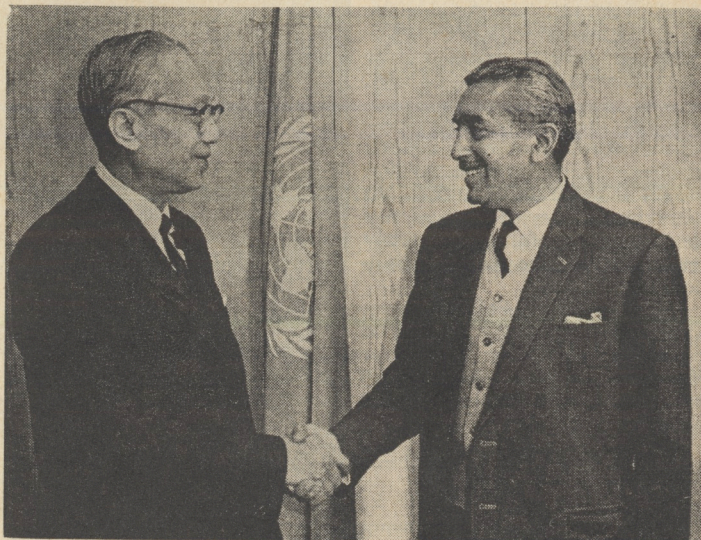
FINCONS GIFT TO DANCON

Fincon gave a special Christmas gift to Dancon. On Christmas eve a singing choir visited each coy singing Christmas songs. Later on the Finish choir also payed a visit to Austrian Field Hospital. Our picture (right) shows the choir singing in Nicosia Club for members of the Danish HQ Coy.



SECRETARY - GENERAL MEETS FORCE COMMANDER

The Secretary-General, U Thant (left) is seen talking to Major-General D. Prem Chand, PVSM of India who was appointed next Commander of the Peaces Keeping force in Cyprus (UNFICYP).

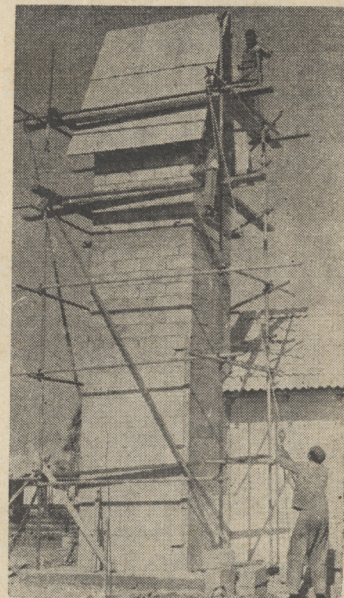


UNFICYP CHAPEL BELL TOWER COMPLETED

The Bell Tower of the UNFICYP chapel has just recently been completed. Contributions from all contingents of UNFICYP made this possible. The Tower has been built by members of the Austrian Field Hospital.

BBC RADIO INTERVIEWS

Miss Anne Catchpole and Miss Rosemary Hart, both BBC reporters paid a visit in Cyprus recently and recorded a programme about UN Peace Keeping Forces. The programme will be broadcast on Radio 4 on Wednesday 7th January 1970, at 1745 hrs.



500,000 US DOLLARS CONTRIBUTION TO UNFICYP

The Permanent Observer of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations, Alexander Baker, in a letter dated 15 December informed the Secretary-General, U Thant, that the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany has decided to make a further contribution of 500.000 US-dollars to the costs of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus. The total contribution of the Federal Republic of Germany to the cost of the Force in Cyprus now amounts to 8.500.000 dollars.

Blade af julens dagbog

Så blev det alligevel en god jul, vi fejrede hernede. Midt i de fremmede omgivelser førte vi julefelttoget til en sejrrig afslutning.

Det er svært at trække nogle enkelte frem og sige, at det var deres skyld, at det hele lykkedes så godt; thi vi var faktisk alle i ilden. Kornerne, der bare kom; staben, der grublede; velfærd, der sled i det. Ligesom samarbejdsudvalg, messe-mænd og dito forstandere og pionerer og kokke, der udrettede det helt utrolige. Jo, vi satte alle kræfter ind for at hygge om hinanden. At det lykkedes, ses tydeligt af alle de billeder, vor fotograf fik slæbt med hjem fra sine travle ekspeditioner.

Og så vender vi blikket fremover mod nytåret og det nye tiår, der nu banker på vor dør. Gid det må bringe afklaring på mange problemer, der i så høj grad har præget tresserne.

GODT NYTÅR.

- og TAK for det gamle.

■ Major Sørensen byder velkommen til julefesten for ALFA, der begyndte aftenen med en fælles fest i Roundel club



JULEBADNING HOS MAMMY

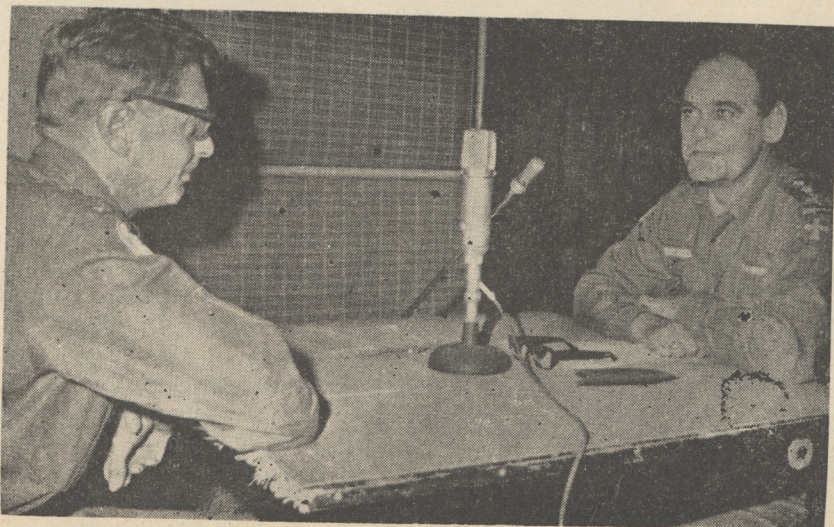


DANCON
NYT

HVOR
ER FAR?

■ Der var forventning og glæde i lufthavnen den morgen, koneflyet endelig kom.

Titte til hinanden - eller "God aften, DANCON"



■ Et varmt håndtryk og et GLÆDELIG JUL kan gøre godt, når man står på post juleaften. OL gjorde, hvad han kunne, for at ingen skulle føle sig glemt. Her hilser han på vagten ved Paphos Gate, KS O.F. Andersen



Godt begyndt - halvt fuldendt

Chef/DANCON har bedt os bringe flg: Jeg sluttede min julehilsen over radioen til Dem med at give udtryk for både min glæde og min stolthed over at være chef for Dancon XI. Jeg vil gerne i anledning af nytåret takke Dem hver især for den måde, De har grebet tingene an på herne. Som jeg sagde: godt begyndt er halvt fuldendt.

Lad os da stå sammen om at fuldføre løbet i det år, der nu tager sin begyndelse. Tak for året, der svandt og

GODT NYTÅR



Så gick vi runt kring et julegransträd...



■ På CGC stämde enmansorkestern Arne Nilsson upp dragspelet och så trädde dansen kring julträdet.

I en snöfri och helt annorlunda miljö än den vi är vana vid frade vi alltså jul på Cypern. Och trots en strålende sol från en klarblå himmel sjöngs de välkända sångerna och på julebordet fanns alla de läckerheter vi väntade oss.

Under den dragspelande enmansorkestern Arne Nilssons ledning gick också dansen på CGC i gammal traditionell still runt julträdet.

Bat pastor Günter Niemeyer har haft en bråd tid och reste bl a runt

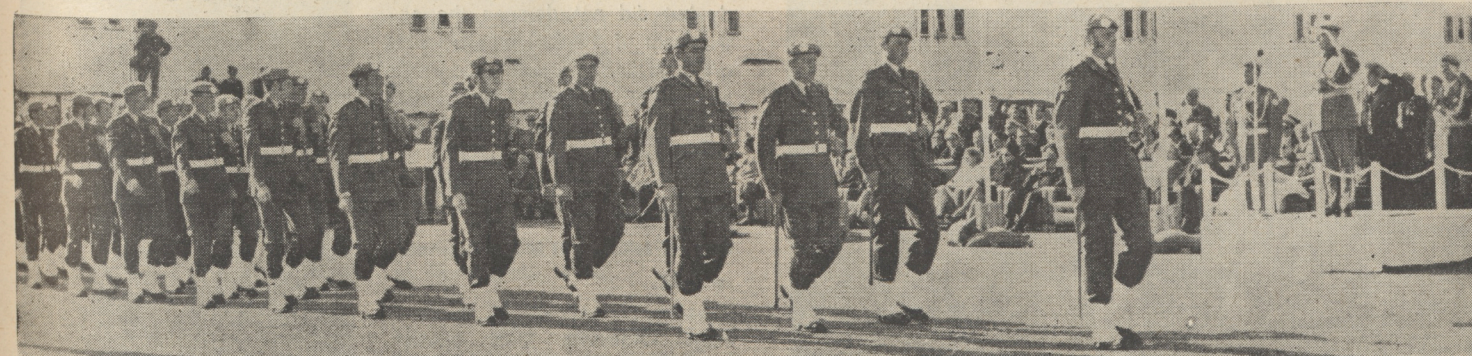
till de längst bort liggande OP:na med julkappar. Likaledes gjorde mj Olle Malmgren med julkappsäck till en enhet ur 3 komp som hade vakten i HQ. Julklappsutdelare var också mj Björn Runberg och övl Sven-Erik Roos.

...och till julottan



■ Bat past Günther Niemeyer hälsar kn Boris Hilbertsson och kn Hans Johnson välkomna till julottan.

SWEDCON I AVSKEDSPARADEN FÖR LT GEN MARTOLA



■ St.f. commandanten för CGC, kn Bengt Mollstedt, förde befälet över den styrka ur svenska bataljonen som paraderingshyllade den avgående Force Commander, Lt.gen. A.E. Martola, den 18 dec.

2 komp övertaskade mot STR



■ Tommy Lövenius, 2 komp, prickar in ett av målen mot STR och lämnar målvakten Lars-Göran Jönsson chanslös.

2 komp övertaskade stort och slog STR-komp med 5-2 i en match under helgen. Resultatet kom än mer övertaskande sedan STR let med 2-0 i början av matchen.

...och kring julebordet



■ Runt det väldiga julebordet på CGC gick ett tåg av julätare på bortåt 200 personer.

Här liksom hemma vaknade många med julottan och "När juledagsmorgon glimmar". Den religiösa högtid som julen också utgör högtidlighölls även med julebön på julaften. Och platsen där ceremonierna genomfördes var offmatsalen på Carl Gustaf Camp.

SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos



CHRISTMAS DAY VISITS TO OBSERVATION POSTS

On Christmas day the Commanding Officer of the "Pompadors" Lt Col K. Burch, MBE visited all the Observation Posts in Limassol Zone. He was accompanied by the Adjutant, the Padre, the RSM and Mrs Kathy Clarke WRVS.

To achieve this feat in an area of 1,500 square miles, it was necessary to travel by Wessex helicopter and by road. Commencing at 0830 hrs the party first visited Paphos District and then flew to Kophinou District to arrive in time to see Christmas lunch being served in the compound.

Visiting Staurakono OP (left to right) Lt Col K. Burch, Cpl Michael Watkins (In charge of the OP), Mrs Kathy Clarke, Rev Paul Mears and Capt Kerry Woodrow. (Picture above).



A kiss for Mrs Kathy Clarke from Cpl Jim Morrison at Suarinou Bridge OP. Lt Col K. Burch is looking on. (Picture right).



CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY AT POLEMIDHIA

A childrens Christmas party was held at Polemidhia Camp on Tuesday 23 December 1969 for some of the poor children of Limassol. After Christmas tea the children were entertained by the band of the "Pompadors". The highlight of the afternoon came when Santa Claus arrived by helicopter later in the afternoon and distributed presents to the children.

• Santa Claus distributes the presents to the children.



BRITCON NEWS

DONKEY DERBY

Among the programme of Christmas activities for the "Pompadors" was a Donkey Derby held on the playing field below Polemidhia Camp.

A thunderstorm before the race made the going particularly muddy but did not dampen the enthusiasm of the jockies who with great agility and a considerable amount of persuasion rode their mounts around the course with some very close finishes.

• "They're Off", Cpl "Garry" Garrett srides out in front. (Picture left).

• Lt Andrews Duff doesn't know which way he is going. (Picture right).



CHRISTMAS DAY WITH A DIFFERENCE

It was Christmas with a difference for many of IRCON this year. The day commenced with the Choir singing at Midnight Mass at the Church of the Holy Cross Paphos Gate, at the mass in Xeros Camp and at the Local Church of St. Barbaras, Xeros.

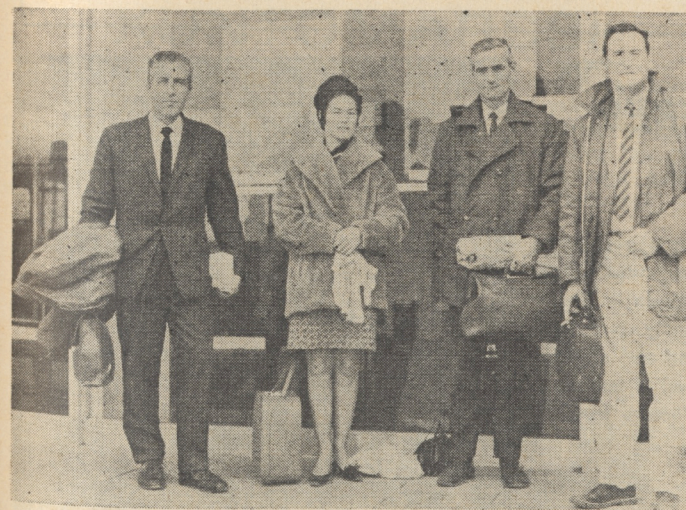
The day itself was gloriously sunny and many enjoyed the Volleyball challenge games between Officers NCOs and Men of the group. In the final the men were convincing winners over the Officers. The roadrace from GHAZIVERAN to Xeros Camp was won by Cpl Jim Cooper Armd Car group. A fine performance from former Cross Country star CQMS M. Fitzsimons was noted. He came in 7th, showing the way to many up and coming performers. Had he not injured his leg he would have certainly finished even closer still.

The Christmas morning swim at Blue Beach was a great success and so great was the turn out here that

the Swimmaster & Adjutant Captain Mick Harrington ran out of Certificates for those who took the plunge. Many of those who took part in the Road Race also took to the water and here again CQMS M. Fitzsimons was to the fore.

The Commanding Officer Lt/Col Carroll had a long list of engagements; visits to Lefka and Limnitis Camps, Ghaziveran OP, troops in Hospital and finally he attended for some while the Functions organised for the NCOs and men in Xeros Camp. All at IRCON agreed Christmas Day 1969 was a great success and an interesting point was that the last of the 13th, Inf Group to arrive here completed their ninty days in Cyprus that night.

IRCON NEWS



WELCOME GUESTS OF IRCON

Most welcome Guests to Ircon last week were Irish

personnel serving with the UN in the Middle East.

From left to right Capt John Clarke, Mrs Stewart, Capt Frank Stewart and Capt Tony Murphy. All but Capt Murphy should be on the high seas to Ireland now.

• A happy group from Ircon swimming at the Blue Beach on Christmas Day.

• Some of the Competitors of the Road race from Ghaziveran to Xeros on Christmas morning.



VISIT OF FORCE COMMANDER TO IRCON

The Force Commander Major-General D. Prem Chand visited the Lefka District on Wednesday last 24 December 1969. He was accompanied by the Principal Information Officer Mr Jean Back, Chief Operations Officer Lt/Col A. Gundorf, Comdt T. McDunphy Staff Officer and Capt Dick Gray ADC.

On his arrival at Xeros Camp The Force Commander was met by Lt/Col Carroll, OC 13th, Inf Group & Comdt T. Gleeson, Camp Commandant. He then inspected a Guard of Honour under the command of Lt. K. Kelly & received a briefing on the Lefka District in the Ops Room.

NCOs and Men who had served under his Command when he was, from April 1962 — March 1963, Officer Commanding the KATANGA AREA during the United Nations Congo operation.

Afterwards Major-Gen Prem Chang visited the Camps at Limnitis & Lefka and all the OPs in the District. During his visit the Force Commander met a number of Officers,

Having completed his tour of Inspection the Force Commander returned to Xeros Camp where he and his party were entertained to a Luncheon in the Officers Mess. During the meal the 13th, Inf Group Pipe Band provided entertainment with a selection of Irish Airs.





Pay Day In The Hills

Beard

Collection

Making the rounds of the outposts each payday to pay Canadian soldiers serving there presents hazards for the paymaster. Using a rock to hold down the cash while he checks a name against the acquittance roll is Lt. Jim Heffernan while next to him Cpl. Glenn Kennedy assists him. The soldier first in line to get paid is Cpl. Gerald Ripley of Pacquins Hill observation outpost. (Picture above).

This fine collection of beards belong to the Pioneers at Camp Maple Leaf. Left to right they are: Cpl. Don Marsden; Sgt. E.J. Long; Cpl. Gordon Watts; Sgt. Harold Kirkham; Cpl. Bill Timbury and, centre, MWO Glenn Austin. Sgt. Long will also be acting Santa Claus over the Festive Season. (Picture below).



A FEATHERED FRIEND

Getting acquainted with a pet bird at the Red Cross Hospital for Crippled Children in Kyrenia is Cpl. John Stevens. A friendly bird, it opens the cage door itself and sticks its head out to be petted if anyone approaches the cage. (Picture left).

Highland Dancing

Giving a demonstration of Highland dancing are Marilyn Rodwell who was here with the CBC concert party and Sgt. Bill Harvey of the Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada. (Picture right).



A GIFT FROM CANCON

Lt. Col. W.D. Little, military advisor to the Candian High Commissioner in Cyprus, points out interesting feature of a Canadian Eskimo soapstone carving to the Force Commander Lt. Gen. A.E. Martola. The carving was a farewell gift from the Canadian Contingent to General Martola. (Picture below).



CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

JOULU TULI—JOULU MENI - JA MEILLÄ KAIKILLA OLI NIIN MUKAVAA



Joulua vietettiin yksiköittäin koko Suomen Pataljoonassa. Jokaisen työ oli viihtyisyyden väärtti. Rituaali siellä - rituaali täällä, tulos oli sama. Rauhallista joulua, -viihtyisää mieltä - ja - kosketus inhimillisyydestä. Kuka ei olisi viihtynyt ja lapsenmielinen.



Joka mies sai joululahjoja. Toiset pieniä - toiset suuria. Tällä kertaa suuria saivat Julmala, Laapas ja Orava, -kersantti, ylikersantti ja vääpeli. Onnea.

KUNTOMARSSI

Suomalaisen luonteeseen kuuluu sisu. Sisun ohella tulee kova ruumiillinen kunto. Käsitöksen mukaan suomalainen on suomalainen ja kunto sen mukainen. Kymmenen ensimmäistä sijaa kuntoratkailupäivillä. Pataljoonan sisä-

nen koetus on aina ollut kuntomarsi. Taas voitti ykkönen. Toinen kolmonen. Kolmas kakkonen. Neljäs EK ja viimeinen HK. Sillä lailla. Kuvassa voittanut joukkue alkutaipaleella "Paskaojan" tuntumassa.



"Koneet päällä" DANCON'issa. Suurta rauhanpuolustustehtävää toteutti käytännössä Suomen Pataljoonan kuoro. Kotimaani on Suomi, Joululoo on syytä muillekin jakaa. Seuraava joulu on vuoden päästä.

RAUHANPUOLUSTUSTA

Vuodesta toiseen on seisottu vartiassa. Rauhan puolesta. FINCON' in osalta rauhanpuolustus on nuoren maan nuorta avunantoa.

Näiden vuosien aikana olemme antaneet kuvan isänmaastamme kansainvälisille "markkinoille". Joulua on vietetty jokaisessa kontingentissa eri tavoin. Joulu siellä - joulu täällä. FINCON vieraili Danconissa ja AFA:ssa suotuisin menestyksin. Kaikki

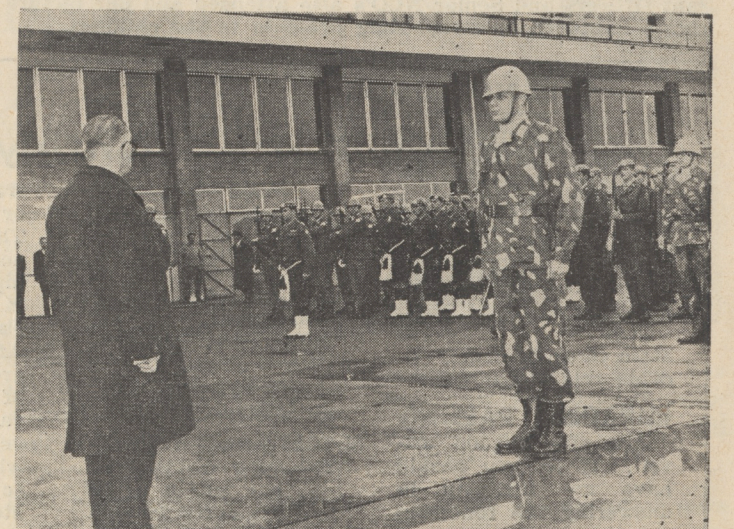
kontingentit ovat täällä rauhan tähden.

Kaikki kontingentit tekevät sen omalla tavallaan. Rauhanpuolustusta on sotilaallisuus. Rauhanpuolustusta on myös inhimillisuus. Inhimillisuus on suurin rauhanpuolustaja.



FINCON NEWS

KUVIEN KERTOMAA



"ARSKA" lähti. Nicosian kansainvälisellä lentokentällä jätti kenr. I.A.E. Martola jäähyväisensä Kyproksella palveleville joukoille. Suomalaisille ja Muillekin.

CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER'S CUP SIX-A-SIDE FOOTBALL

POMPADOURS 45 — THE HACKLES 0

Although the final score showed a resounding defeat for the Hackles, the Canadians put up a good fight throughout the match. In the first half of the game, whilst they were still getting used to the pitch, the Canadians were dominated in mid-field by Sgt Plumb and Cpl Gilbert for the Pompadours; Pte Cannin was allowed too much room to manoeuvre on the right wing. In the second half Sig Milsom, always in position waiting for the long pass was able to score 5 goals because he was not effectively marked.

For the Canadians the man of the match was undoubtedly their goalkeeper Lt Monahan who played a very brave game diving onto the hard stoney pitch to make some excellent saves.

Goal scorers for the Pompadours were Sig Milsom (5) Sgt Plumb (1 and a penalty) Cpl Gilbert (1) Pte Cannin (1) and Sig Rimmer (1). Most frustrated man of the match was the Pompadours Centre forward who had to jump off against his opposite number who was at least twelve inches the taller.

IRISH HARPS 34 — HARMAN HAJYT 0

The first ten minutes decided an early win for IRCON, in this game at FINCON with the score of 17 points to Nil at half time. Ircon continued to double the score in the second half, goals were scored by Davey (3) Brown (2) Flanagan 3.

LEAGUE TABLE

| | Home | | | | | | Away | | | | | |
|-------------------------|------|---|---|---|----|----|------|---|---|----|----|-----|
| | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
| Irish Harps (Ircon) | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 0 | 4 |
| Pompadours (Britcon) | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Danish Sig Pl (Dancon) | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Vikings (Swedcon) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 0 |
| The Hackles (Cancon) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 45 | 0 |
| Harmar Hajyt (Fincon) | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 34 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 27 | 0 |
| Mercurians (644 Sig Tp) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |



CHILDRENS PARTY AT HQ

On Sunday 20 December 1969 a childrens party was held in the HQ Sgts Mess for some children from both a Turkish and Cypriot orphanage. Children from the Officers and Warrant Officers and Senior NCO's also attended and our picture shows Santa Claus distributing presents to the children.

MP NOTEBOOK

Accidents - Unficyp

Week ending 26
DEC 69 — 7
Same period last
year — 5
Total this year —350
Same period last
year —445
Main cause of acci-
dents this week:

IMPROPER PASSING

Are you a good driver? If so, you should have no difficulty in answering the following questions:

1. Most fatal traffic accidents take place

at speeds of (a) over 60 mph (b) between 50 and 60 mph (c) under 40 mph.

2. A dual braking system stops the car in a shorter distance than a single conventional system. True or False.

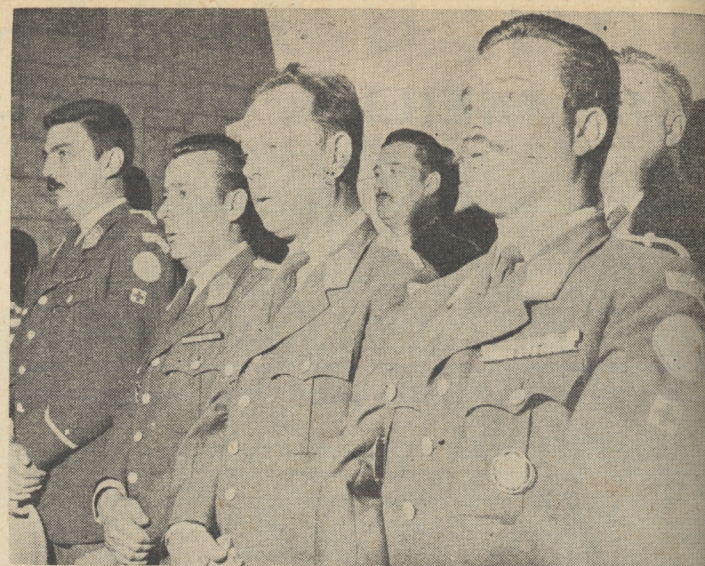
3. The correct highway following distance — one car length or 20 feet for every 10 mph of speed does not apply to city traffic because of the higher

traffic density. True or False.

4. The number of traffic accident fatalities is higher in urban than in rural areas. True. False.

5. After a collision, the greatest single cause of traffic deaths is (a) ejection from the vehicle, (b) collision with the windshield, (c) collision with the steering column.

5. (a). 3. False; 4. False; 1. (c); 2. False;

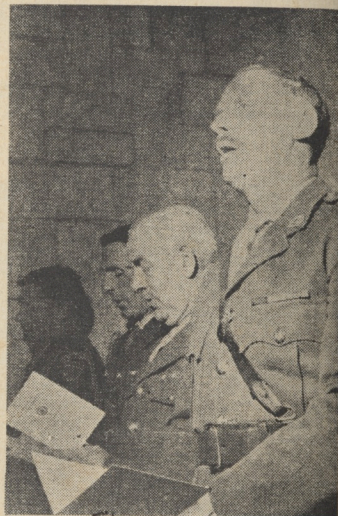


CAROL SERVICE AT DHEKELIA

On Monday 22 December 1969 an Inter-Denominational Carol service was held at St George's Church Dhekelia. Members from all contingents attended the service and music was by the band of the 3rd Battalion the Royal Anglian Regiment.

After the congregational hymn "O Come all Ye Faithful" a lesson was read by the Padre of each national contingent.

The service was read by Rev B.W. Howarth and to finish all the contingent members joined to sing "Silent Night".



SANYA AND ZOUKY

On Saturday 27 December 1969 an All Ranks Dance and Cabaret was held in Headquarters UNFICYP. The Cabaret consisted of Eastern dances which were performed by Sanya (Cindy). She also captured the crowd when she performed her speciality which was the snake dance. Zouky also had everyone in fits of laughter when he did his pickpocket act.

● Sanya performing the snake dance.

