

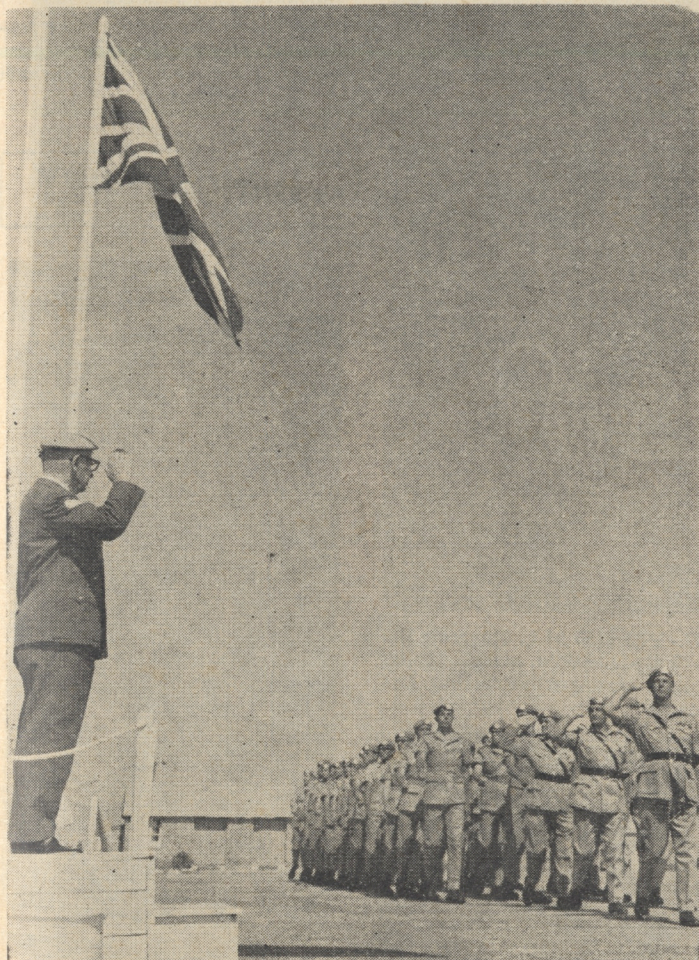


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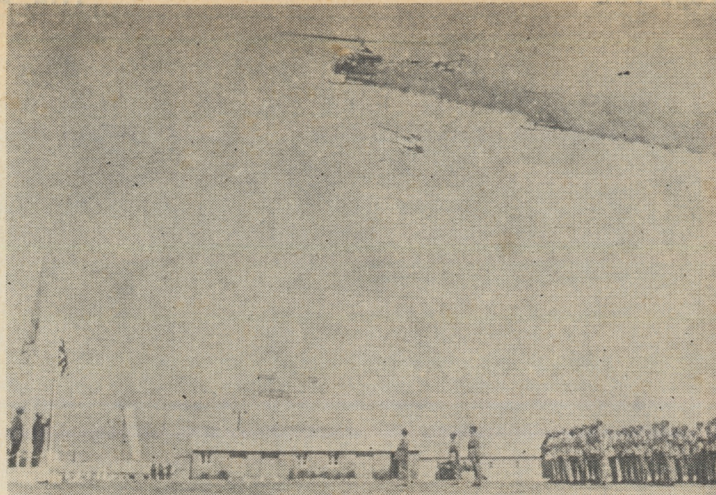
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World Clergy Meet

Unficyp chaplains were invited to attend a reception given by H.B. Archbishop Makarios at the Presidential Palace on 29th Sept in honour of the World Council of Churches, which recently assembled in Nicosia.

● Seen in our picture below is Rev. Peter Clemett of Britcon (R) and Rev. Sven Joelsson of Swedcon (L) talking to one of the delegates.



Helicopter Fly Past At UN Medal Parade

● The Sioux helicopters of Unficyp Flight ACC with Major J. Bedford Davies in the lead flew past the Force Commander Lieut General A. E. Martola, after he had presented UN Medals to Camp HQ Unficyp personnel on Thursday 2nd October.

The aircraft put on a spectacular show by trailing coloured smoke and with a UN flag suspended under the leaders helicopter. (Above)

● Major Norman Jopling leads his men of Camp HQ Unficyp past the Force Commander, Lieut General A. E. Martola, after they had received their UN Medals. (Left).

FORCE COMMANDER'S VISITOR

Air Marshal Sir Louis Hodges, Air Officer Commanding in Chief of Britain's Air Support Command paid a visit to Lieut General A.E. Martola, the Unficyp Commander, on 2 Oct. The Air Marshal had been a visiting member of 72 Squadron RAF, who provide helicopter support for the UN Force.



Appreciation for Unficyp

New UN Security Chairmen

In accordance with the principle of alphabetical rotation, new chairman took office in United Nations security bodies on Wednesday last 1 October 1969.

Security Council

Lord Caradon (United Kingdom) succeeded Yakov A. Malik (Soviet Union) as President of the Security Council.

Military Staff Committee

Major-General Mikhail Ivanovich Stolnik of the Soviet

Speaking at the United Nations General Assembly on Monday last the Cyprus Foreign Minister, Mr Spyros Kyprianou, expressed appreciation for the role of the United Nations Force in Cyprus in maintaining calm and peaceful conditions on the Island as the international talks continued.

He said there had been no progress of any substance in the talks, which, he declared must be continued.

Army replaced Brigadier-General René Joseph Pessey of the French Army as Chairman of the Military Staff Committee.



Vaskeriet ser ikke ud af noget særligt. Ikke destomindre er det i de bygninger der vises ovenfor al DANCONS snavesetøj blir vasket. Og det siger ikke saa lidt.

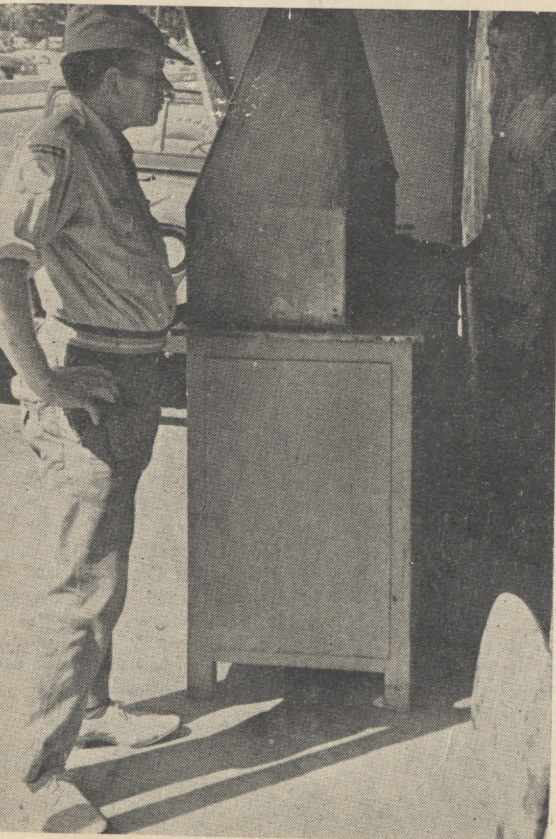


OKS N.J. Christensen foran et renseri i Regaena Street, sammen med indehaveren.

De rygende kebabovne hører med til gadebilledet. Vi har vænnet os til det nu, men tænker vi bagud og mindes første gang vi saa dette "køkken", husker nogen af os at vi gav os selv det løfte aldrig at spise det der blev lavet der.

Men "kebabsmiden" er kunstner og det er vist ikke faa, der fra tid til anden har udskiftet "dagens middag" i kompaniet med en kebab.

KS T. Buhl har faaet lyst til det samme.



PENGESÆKKEN! - PRLT(S) M.L. Høyer og SG F.D. Esbesen, med sækken paa nakken, er taget i banken for at kunne udbetale lønninger den første. Der er 320.000 kr i sækken.



THE SEUL SISTERS



LIMASSOL WINE FESTIVAL — Seks konstabler hygger sig under vinfesten i Limassol med en flaske hver.

UDEN FOR "LEJREN"

Vi ser os omkring "uden for lejren." Eller rettere sagt: Netop fordi DANCON ikke bor en lejr, udfolder der sig en vis aktivitet ude i byen, hvor man møder befolkningen.

Der er et par bukser der skal renses i Regaena Street (hvor der ogsaa foregaar andre ting).

Eller snavset tøj skal vaskes, eller der skal hentes penge i banken.

Blue Beret har været ude i marken for at fange et par DANCON-omraader.

Vi er til vinfest med seks konstabler og foran en kebabovn traf fotografen en sulten ven.

Endelig er der de koreanske sangerinder, som har fornejet Nicosias borgere i den senere tid, deriblandt en del af soldaterne.

DANCON NYT



FÖRTRUPPEN UR 43 C HAR ANLÄNT

Stort antal veteraner

Det var påfallande många veteraner med på planet när förtruppen ur bataljon 43 C förra onsdagen landade på Nicosia International Airport. Cypernribban satt redan på plats när de lämnade planet och togs emot på plattan av Sten Sköfman. Det bådar gott för kommande bataljon.

Som vanligt utsattes nybblivna för en intensiv finslipning av utbildningen. De första garna fylldes av briefingar, utbildningskomplettering, rundturer i de olika kompanierna och se på privata sightseeingar på stan.

Utbildningen fortsätter fram till den 20 oktober. Då tar bataljon 43 C över ansvaret för den svenska zonen.

■ Pastor Sven Joelsson har sin efterträdare, pastor Günther Niemeyer, välkommen till Cypern.



■ Förtruppen ur bataljon 43 C debarkerar på Nicosia flygplats. I täten en veteran - mj Torkel Ohlsson, blivande chef på 3 komp.

BLIND YNGLING HJÄLPT



Singelsegraren Roland Johansson visar sin stil. Han kom tvåa i dubbel och vann i lag i våras.

Erdogan, sonen till mukhtaren i Avgolhida, får allt sämre syn. Han är snart i det närmaste blind. Trots detta handikapp har han lärt sig tala nästan perfekt engelska.

Studierna består i att lyssna på radio. Men för en tid sedan gick

hans radio sönder. Då gjorde SWEDCIVPOL en insamling och skänkte Erdogan en ny radio.

■ På bilden ses Erdogan med sin nya radio omgiven av barn från byn. Th civilpolisen Jan Sjölander.

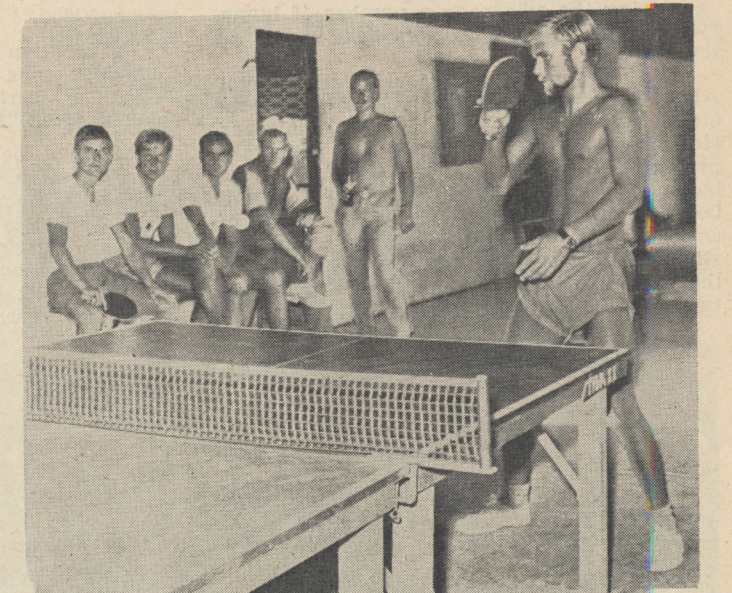
De tre bästa i btsingeln. Fr v trean Jan Östberg, tvåan Leif Johansson och ettan Roland Johansson.



■ Dubbelsegrarna i bordtennis, Leif Johansson och KG Andersson, Civpol.



Roland Johansson, 3:e vann ZonM i bordtennis



Grenadjären Roland Johansson vann ZonM i bordtennis efter en hård final mot Leif Johansson, Civpol. Roland tog hem första set med 21-16 medan Leif vann andra med 21-14. Men sedan

skärpte Roland sig i tredje och lade en guldmedalj till den han fick i patrullfälttävlan.

I dubbel var det inget par som kunde hota Leif Johansson/KG Andersson från Civpol.



The Force Commander, Lt Gen A. E. Martola, takes the salute as the men of the Queen's Own Hussars drive past in their ferrets.

Force Reserve Medal Parade

'B' Squadron of the Queen's Own Hussars received their UN Medals on Friday 3rd October 1969. On parade were five officers and ninety men.

The parade which was held at Zyyi was attended by the Force Commander, Lt Gen A. E. Martola, who flew from Force HQ in a Sioux helicopter of the UN Flight AAC.

Many other senior officers from the headquarters were also present, including Col D. B. Riddell-Webster, Commander Britcon. Capt M. W. T. Price acted as host.

After the presentation of the medals the squadron mounted their ferrets and drove past the saluting base.



Members of the QOHs being presented with their UN Peace Keeping Medals.

SAFE (!) DRIVING COMPETITION

On Friday afternoon at HQ Unficyp a driving competition was held by 644 Signal Troop, Sgt M. Jennings writes us. The competition was judged on a points and time penalty system.

Of the 20 competitors, Sig Laverdiere, one of the Canadian drivers, emerged the winner with Sig Winter a close second. Sig Laverdiere is due to rotate shortly and goes with our congratulations at having beaten all the "Brits".

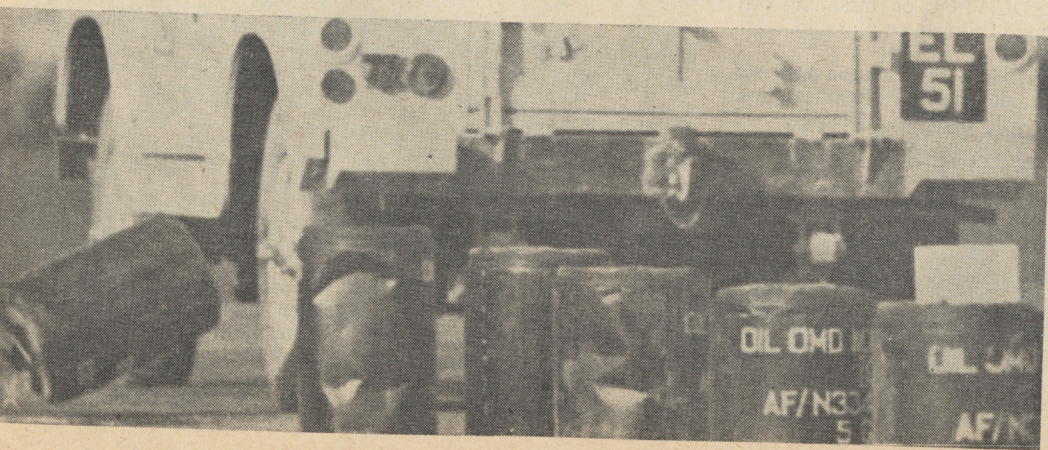
During the afternoon a number of humorous events took place which must be described.

The second competitor Sig 'Wurzel' Aldridge broke all sprinting records to the start, took a flying leap into his landrover started the engine, engaged his gear and prepared to take off, which is precisely what happened to his gear stick — "IT TOOK OFF"! His facial expressions when he emerged from his vehicle wielding his gear stick was, unfortunately, not captured by the camera. However the sound effects and suggestions from the forty howling specta-

tors sufficed.

A mention must also be made of the following: our OC, Capt A.W. Williams looked a certain winner until someone shouted "KEO!"

It must be said that a very enjoyable afternoon was held by all with, we hope, more to come in the future, Sgt Jennings writes and adds our thanks to the organisers Lt R.E. Yarker, Ssgt Jack Perry and Cpl William Watson. The latter incidentally now has the problem and worry of finding serviceable landrovers.



18 Years Good Conduct

Sgt Patrick Malone receives his Long and Good Conduct Medal from Col D. B. Riddell-Webster (Commander Britcon).

During his Army career "Paddy" has been stationed in many out of the way places including Christchurch, Hawaii, Australia and Singapore.



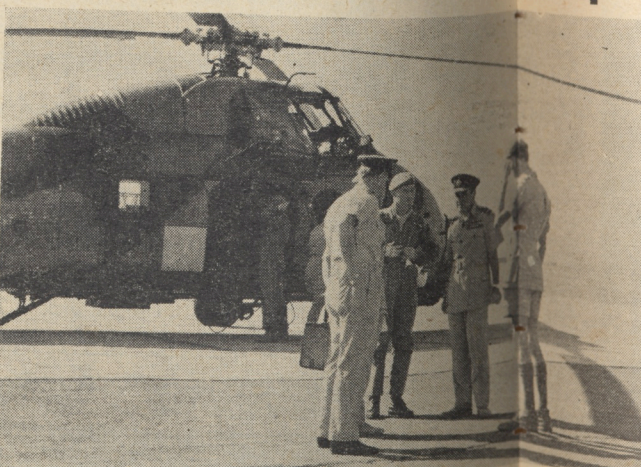
Visit of MP to 1 WORC R

On Monday 29th September 1969, the Marquis of Headfort, MP, visited the 1st Bn the Worcestershire Regiment en route to a visit to Ircon at Xeros.

The Marquis departed from Polemedhia Camp by helicopter and on his return stopped off at Paphos where he was met by the Admin officer, Capt Reeve. He then visited St Barbaras Camp and the Ktima Town officers mess on his return to Limassol.



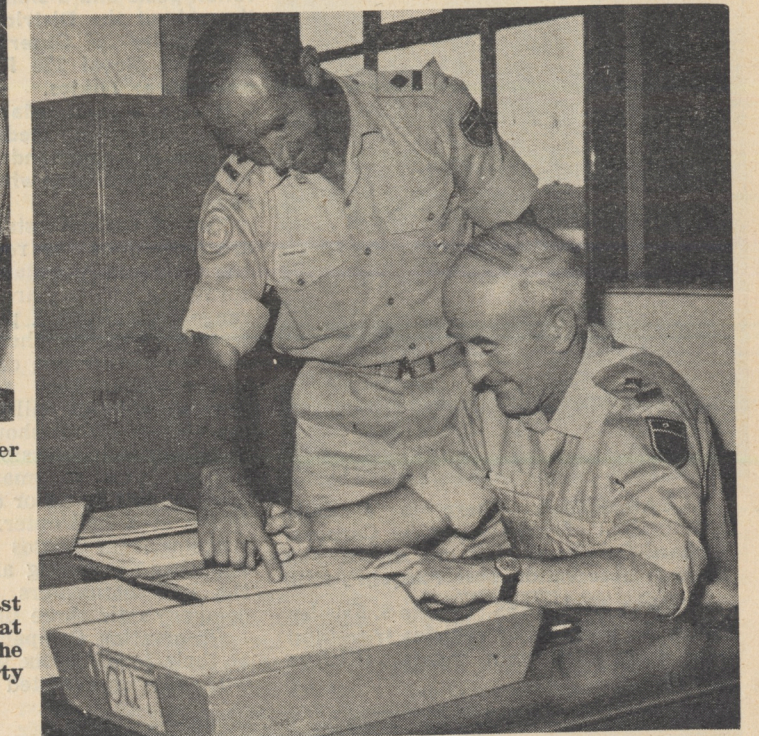
AOC - in - C Sees 72 Sqn



Air Marshall Sir Lewis Hodges visited 72 Sqn RAF Det UN on Tuesday 2nd October 1969. The Air Marshall is Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Air Support Command of which 72 Sqn is a part.

Sir Lewis (2nd from right) is seen talking with the aircrew of the Sqn. He also paid a brief courtesy visit to the UN Force Commander, Lt Gen A.E. Martola.

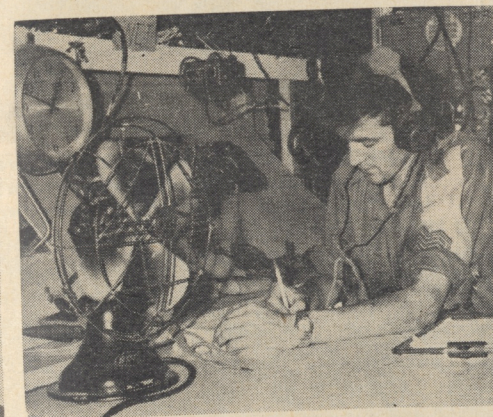
Commandant L. Prendergast (standing) putting the new IRCON Liaison Officer Commandant J. Reynolds in the picture.



Pte J. Murphy (left) driver at HQ Unficyp takes over the keys of office from Pte D. Howe.

Rotation Complete

The rotation of the Irish Contingent was completed last week with the arrival of the Main Body of 13 Inf Group at Nicosia airport on Fri/Sat 26/27th September 1969 and the departure of Lt Col M.D. Hassey Oc 12 Inf Group rear party on the night of Sat 27th Sep.

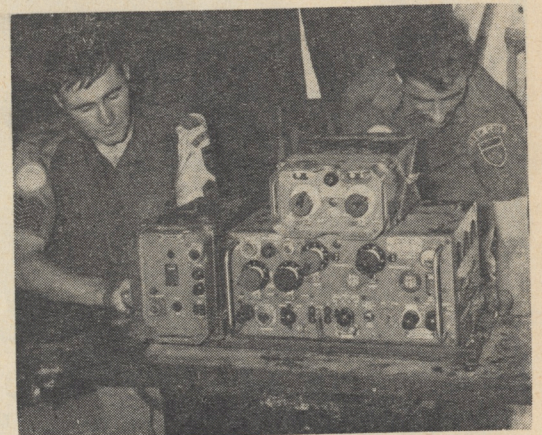


Communication Check

Sgt Denis Deasy (left) & Sigm Edward McGuirk getting a C12 set ready for the road.

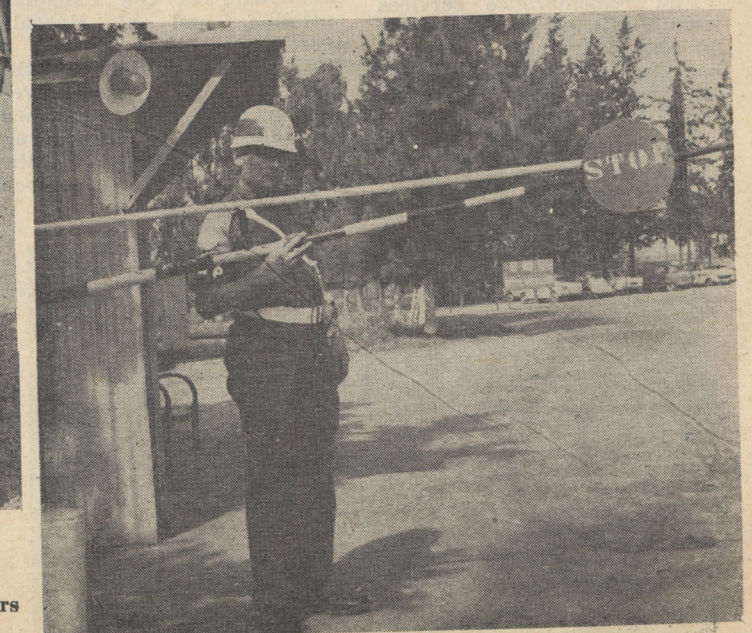
Loud and Clear

Cpl Henry Caulfield Sigs receiving you loud and clear.



Gate Duty at Xeros

Cpl J. Mulcahy looks rather apprehensive of the photographer as he holds the barrier at the main entrance to the Irish Contingent Headquarters at Xeros camp.



First Letters from Ireland

News from home is always welcome and here members of HQ Coy get their first letters from Ireland.



Observation Post – Kyrenia District

The eyes and ears at 10 Canadian observation posts and a standing patrol scattered throughout the District — that's the responsibility of Observation Company, 2e Battalion Royal 22e Regiment, with headquarters at Tjiklos.

Having a total establishment of 127 all ranks, its own medical and workshop sections, it's commanded by Richard Gauvin, an energetic major who has time for everyone.

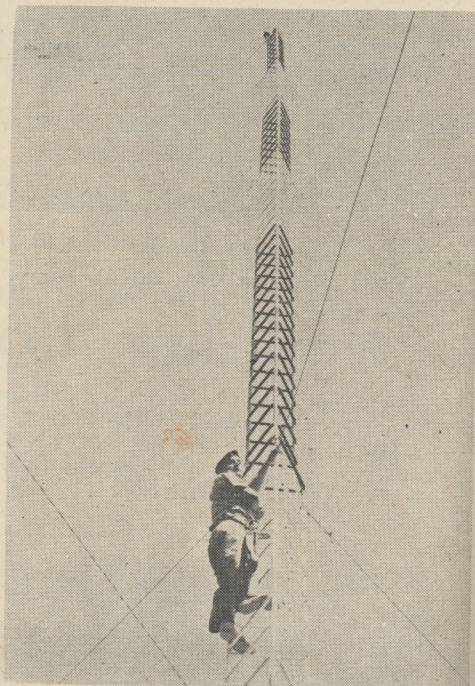
Two of the outposts, Saddle and Hilltop, are located on the rock-studded crown of the Kyrenia Mountains. They reveal a sprawling farming area on one side of the range and afford a panoramic view of a section of the Northern Coast of Cyprus and the picturesque community of Kyrenia on the other. Both separate Greek and Turkish Cypriot military positions which are almost within shouting distance.

Hilltop is inaccessible by road, and visitors or those who man the post have two ways of getting up or down — climbing, or flying in a helicopter. The transport of supplies from Tjiklos could be an arduous and time-consuming affair if it weren't for the RAF helicopters which come to the company's aid three times a week.

Observation Company personnel remain at their jobs for six weeks at a time, and when they are rotated back to Camp Maple

Leaf they become the Canadian Contingent's reserve company, ready on 30 minutes notice to go, fully armed, to any trouble spot on the Island.

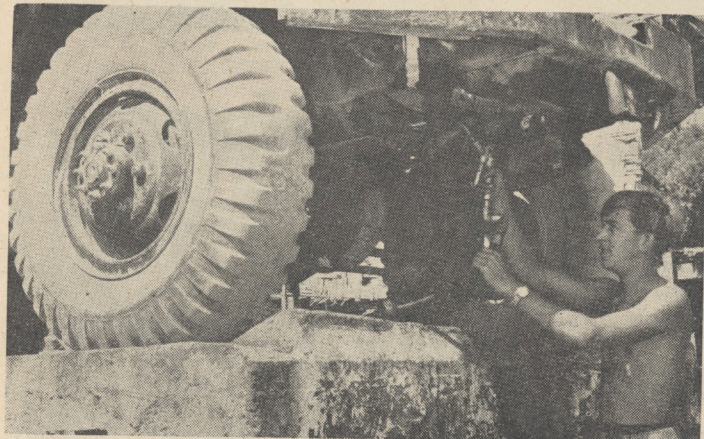
"Here in the mountains", Major Gauvin stated, "the morale of our troops is high. They work, live and breathe observation duties. It's a 24-hour business, and each and every man is fully engaged in his responsibilities as a keeper-of-the-peace".



WHERE'S THE ESCALATOR. Corporal Y. B. Renaud checks guy wires supporting Observation Company's communications tower.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos



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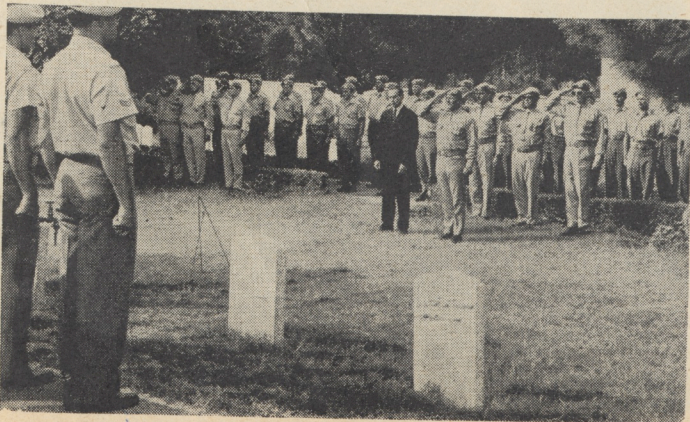
Camp Maple Leaf, Nicosia — The last official parade of the 2e Battalion Royal 22e Regiment before commencing its return to Canada this week was held Saturday (October 4) at two Canadian burial grounds in Cyprus.

Full remembrance services were conducted at the British Military Cemetery at Dhekelia, and the Commonwealth Military Cemetery on the outskirts of Nicosia.

In addition to many Canadian Contingent representatives, the services were attend-

ed by Mr. R.E. Caldwell of the Canadian High Commissioner's office in Nicosia, Canadian Brigadier-General E.M.D. Leslie, Chief-of-Staff of the United Nations Force in Cyprus, and Lieutenant-Colonel Charles H. Belzile, commander of the Canadian battalion, and of Kyrenia District operations.

Wreaths were laid at the sites of the well-kept graves of 13 Canadian servicemen whose lives were lost during World War II, and since the United Nations Force arrived in Cyprus.



The Last Post at the Commonwealth Military Cemetery, Nicosia. (Picture above). A Commemorative Salute at the British Military Cemetery, Dhekelia. (Left).

FINCON NEWS

KUVIEN KERTOMAA



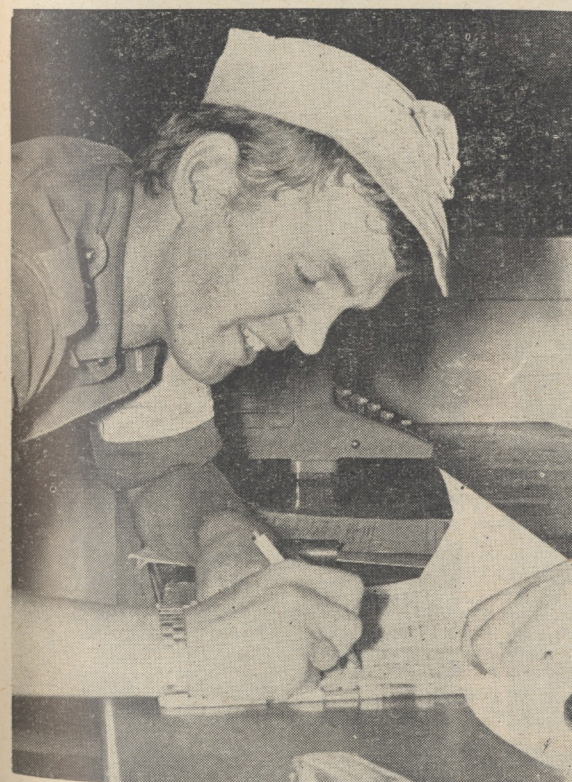
POIS - POIS POSTIN ... TIELTÄ

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jos kaikki ei kulje sopimuksen mukaan. Olipa mies jääkäri, luutnantti tahi sotilasvirkamies, -johdostaasta puhumattakaan, -kaikki me odotamme postia. Merestä nousi musta mies. Postimestari Huttunen. Nousi kuin Afrodite aikoinaan. Afrodite ei tuonut postia, mutta postimestari toi. Apulaisineen. Toivotaan, -että posti kulkee edelleenkin hyvin. Ja että kaikki saavat iloista postia. Tahi hyödyllistä. Tahi asiallista. Tahi yhteiskunnallisesti merkittävää, -mitä tahansa, mutta asia on niin että, KAIKKI ODOTTAVAT POSTIA.

Postia odotetaan joka iltä. Joka iltä. Kukas sen postin korvaa jos ei posti itse. Selkä vääränä, - reppu suorana. Toisen työ ja taakka on toisen onni. Tulee kirje vaikkapa rakkaimmalta. Tai pankkipapereita. Yksityisasiota. Posti kulkee kuitenkin. Jääkärit Pasanen ja Viljakainen tositoimissa.

POSTI SE KULKEE-



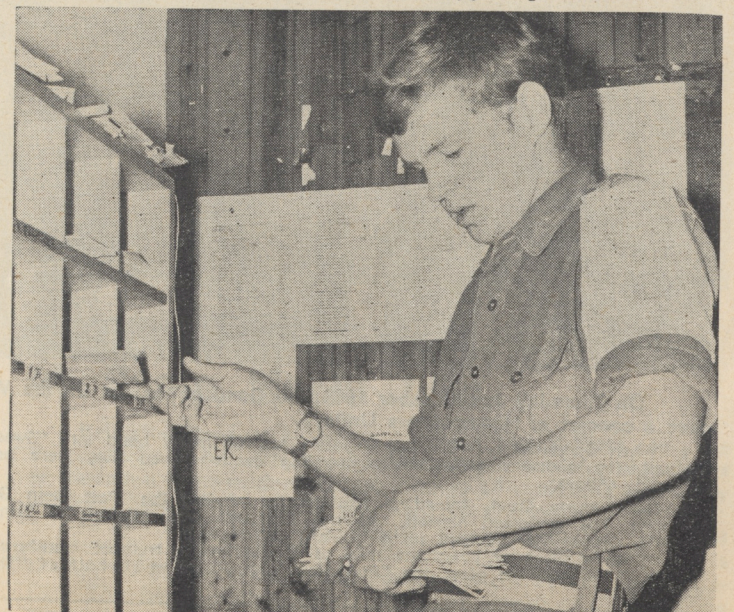
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Jääk Viljakainen on postin haettuaan ja a kuitattuaan tarkkaavaisemman näköinen kuin kuitatessaan. Ettei vaan menisi väätään lokeroon. Joku voisi vaikka roukkaantua. Ei mene. Mies työnsä ääressä osaa asiansa.

Posti on tärkeämpi asia kuin palvelus. Monen mielestä. Posti tulee perille. Sitä ei aina sisäinen informaatio tee. Jollakin palaa päre. Toisella yltyy sisu. Joku putoaa - toinen nousee ylös. Posti purkaa lastinsa, ja on purkautumiskeino.



Posti on haettu. Viljakainen, -jääkäri Viljakainen kuittaa saaduksi. Iloista postia on tullut, -ilmeestä päätellen. Monikaan ei tiedä, että heidän kirjjeensä ja korttinsa kulkevat monen kuittauksen kautta. Niin kuin yleensäkin armeijassa. Varma on varmaa. Varmaa on myöskin se, että Viljakainen koettaa kuitata postia joka iltä. Että meidän olisi hyvä olla. Että jokaiselle tulisi jotakin. Muutakin kuin rakkauskirjeitä kaikkien yhteiseltä haukalta "PUNAPÄÄLTÄ". Ei pitäisi rakastella rakastettuaan niin paljon, että tilimme osoittaa "velkasaldoa".

BRENDA — Miss Unficyp No 21



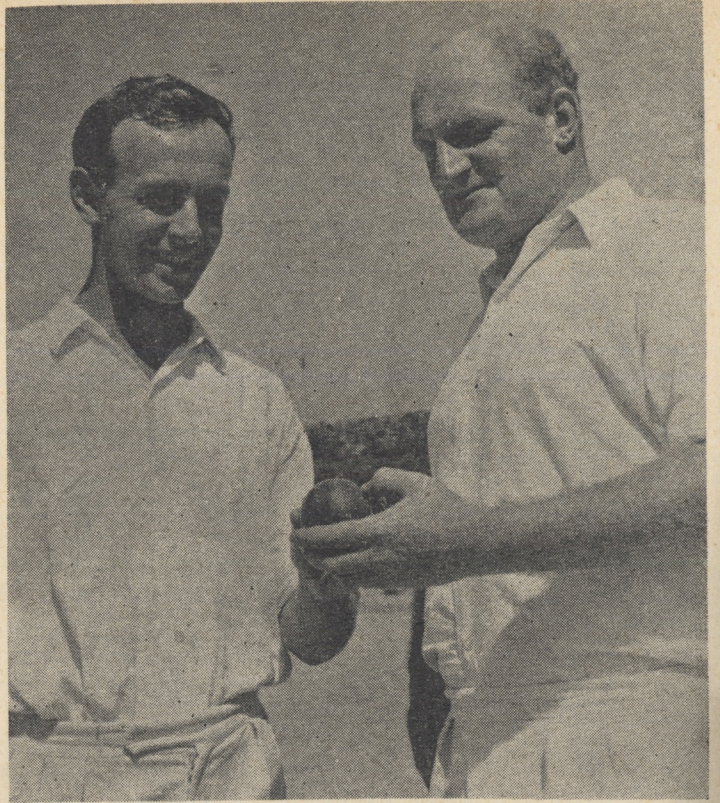
Miss Brenda Lester, daughter of Maj. Orv Lester of HQ Unficyp, posed for the Blue Beret photographer prior to her departure to Canada a few weeks ago.

Brenda, who comes from Ottawa, had been on holiday in Cyprus for four months.

Among her many interests are archaeology, tennis and swimming all of which she was able to indulge in while here on the island. Brenda also enjoys ski-ing which she hopes to find time to practice between her studies at Carleton University, Ottawa.

Cricket Pro's Bowled Over

• Sgt. Tony Hoyland (R) of 18 Sqn RCT gets a few bowling tips from Derek Underwood, the Kent and England fast bowler.



Last week the Cricketer's Club of London visited Cyprus. Among their team were Trevor Bailey (ex-Essex and England), Derek Underwood (Kent and England), and Rodney Cass, Warwickshire's wicket-keeper and opening batsman.

On Tuesday and Wednesday they played against the Army (Cyprus) Chairman's XI. Three of the Army team are members of Unficyp — Maj A.M. Martyn (Capt.) and Lt N.H.C. Brown, both of The Worcesters, and Sgt Tony Hoyland of 18 (Amph) Sqn RCT.

The Army team won the toss and went in to bat first. In their first innings they made 66 runs, Underwood taking six of their wickets. When the Cricketers Club took up the bat they were mildly surprised to find that they didn't have it all their own way. Sgt Hoyland took six wickets for 79 in twenty-four overs.

In their second innings the Chairman's XI fared a little better by scoring 136 — Maj Martyn and Lt Brown making a brilliant fourth wicket stand of 80 runs in fifty minutes. Although this left the London club only 8 runs to score for a victory, which they did, without the loss of a wicket, even forcing them to go in to bat for the second time, was quite a feat against such high-class opposition.

MP NOTEBOOK

Accidents — Unficyp

Week ending 4 Oct 69: 2
Same period last year: 6
Total this year: 280
Same period last year: 348

Main cause of accidents this week:

INATTENTIVENESS

The Motorist and the cyclist/motorcyclist

There is a high degree of bicycle and motorcycle traffic on Cyprus roads and highways. These vehicles

are difficult to see and motorists must be alert and observant. This is particularly so at intersections and when changing lanes or pulling out from a curb.

Generally car-motorcycle accidents are the result of the motorist not seeing or being aware of the presence of the smaller two-wheeled vehicles and consequently making some conflicting movement.

A cyclist/motorcyclist must obey the same rules as a motorist and consequently is entitled to the same consideration as if he were driving a car.

SWING THAT THING!



On Thursday 2nd October 1969, the Band of the 1st Bn the Worcestershire Regiment gave a concert at Headquarters Unficyp.

• When Bandmaster, WO I Ted Boynton, led his merry band into "Sweet Chariot", an old Negro spiritual, the audience gave him a standing ovation when they were asked to participate which they did. (Above).

• Bdsman Harry Stayt, famed in England for playing the 'Post Horn Gallop' on a LEE-ENFIELD. 303 rifle, has surpassed himself. As the Regiment was deprived of bringing the rifle when they came to Cyprus, he dreamed up a brilliant compromise.

With a piece of polythene tube, a funnel and a trumpet mouthpiece he created . . . "The Thing". Now while he plays the "Post Horn Gallop" he whirls half of "The Thing" above his head. (Right).