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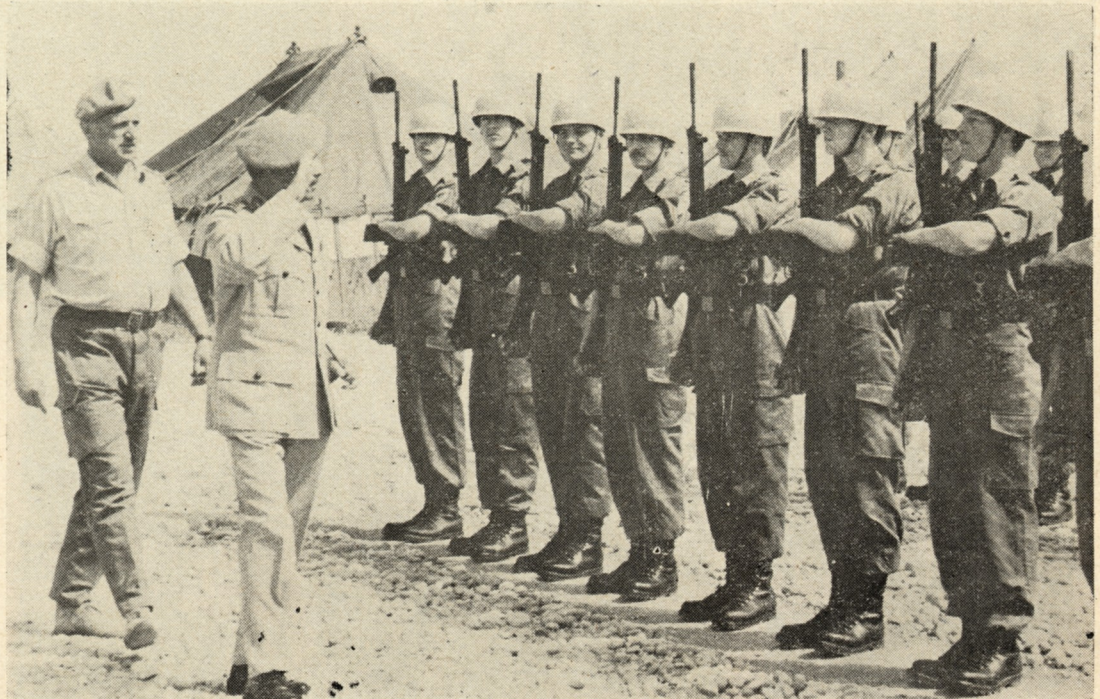
Last week we reported the arrival of the Austrian Battalion in Cyprus. They arrived at Limassol harbour and disembarked from the Liburnia late in the evening of 25 April.

The Force Commander, Austria's Ambassador to Greece and Cyprus and Austria's Consul in Cyprus accompanied by senior representatives from the Headquarters and Contingents went on board to welcome the Austrians.

The battalion was then transported by bus to Paphos District, where they found the members of their advance party, which arrived on the 24th March, awaiting them with members of the Rangers who handed over the area to them. Since then life has been fairly hectic with a 30 man guard having to be found for HQ UNFICYP, past operations and routine files to be read, contacts with members of both Cypriot communities to be established as well as the normal daily routine tasks and administrative problems.

The Force Commander paid a visit last week and was accompanied by the Secretary-General's Special Representative and Colonel L.A. Koko.

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● The Force Commander inspects the Guard-of-Honour after his arrival at St. Patrick Camp.



● The Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel A. Kloss, welcomes the Force Commander.

VISIT TO UNFICYP

General Sir Anthony Read, KCB, CBE, DSO, MC, ADC (GEN) the British Army Quartermaster General, paid a visit to UNFICYP on 27 April. He was met on arrival at HQ UNFICYP by the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, PVSM (see picture). Following discussions with the Force Commander the Quartermaster General visited the Force Reserve and Britcon units at Camp UNFICYP. He also visited the Royal Irish Rangers at Polemehia and Kophinou.



HANDOVER AT LIMASSOL



The 1st Battalion The Royal Irish Rangers have handed over command of the Limassol District to the 3rd Battalion The Parachute Regiment. ComBritcon Colonel D.E. Thornton (right) is pictured with the two Commanding Officers, Lieutenant Colonel S.G. Lorimer and Lieutenant Colonel M.N.S. McCord, when they recently paid a visit to HQ UNFICYP.

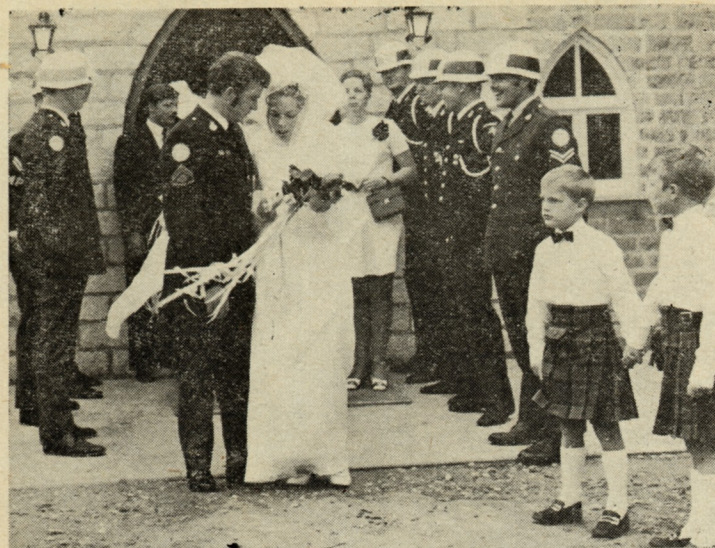
The Force Commander had this to say to the Rangers at their Medal Parade; "On arrival here you were given certain tasks. In the main these were to ensure that no conflict was permitted to occur in two of the larger districts of Cyprus and I should like you to know that these tasks you have carried out in a most efficient and competent manner, in the very highest tradition of the service. This too, at a time when there has been somewhat unusual tension. I would like to congratulate you on the very encouraging results of your efforts". He also thanked the Regimental Band, Pipes, Bugles and Drums, for many enjoyable performances all over the island".

The Rangers return to BAOR where this summer they will receive new Colours. The 3rd Battalion The Parachute Regiment have come from England. Last October they mounted Public Duties in London, a far cry from their present task in the Limassol District. We welcome them to UNFICYP.

LUCKY WEEK

This has been a lucky weekend for Sergeant Major E.A. Argust, of the UNFICYP Transport Squadron, 7 Squadron RCT. On Thursday he won the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Cup for the best rifle shot in the NEARELF Shooting Competition, and came second overall. On Sunday he flew solo for the first time at the Joint Services Gliding Club at Dhekelia — well done Sergeant Major.





●Det er så yndigt at følges ad!



●Brudeparret skærer bryllupskagen for.

DET ER SÅ YNDIGT AT FØLGES AD.

Ja, så skete det igen, Atter blev en Dancon-kriger smedet i ægtestandens lænker. Finn Christensen, MP-Detachment, Limassol, blev søndag den 30. april gift med en yndig pige ved navn Jean. Vi ønsker til lykke og håber på alt godt i fremtiden.



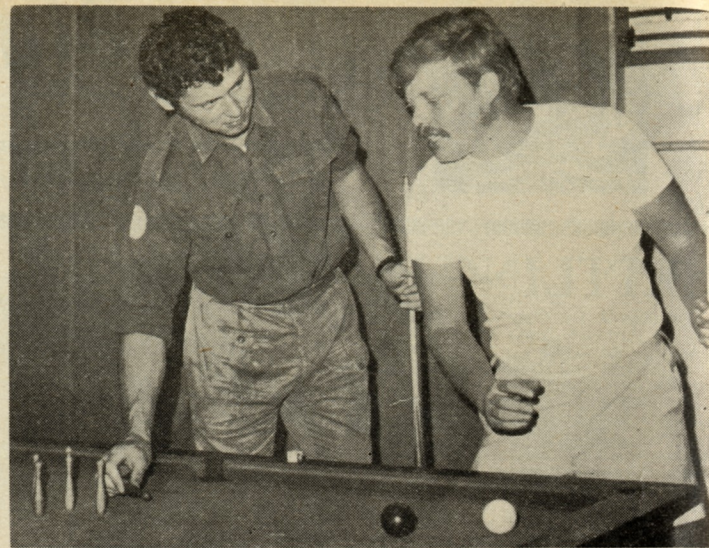
●Ambassadør M. Warberg og frue, Beirut, forlod i dag Cypern efter et 8 dages besøg. Ambassadørparret er her fotograferet efter en frokost i Camp Kronborg, Nicosia, sammen med den danske konsul, Mr. Dimitriou med frue, fru OL V.J. Ubbe, gæster fra Dancon samt medlemmer af Dan-civpol.



KORREKTUR- LÆSNING

Efter et ihærdigt "arbejde" på et par måneder, er det lykkedes at nå så vidt med Dancon-bogen, at PRLT Schwaner og DFFF (Dancos forvirrede fiasko fotograf) har kunnet læse korrektur på bogen, men selv om disse udmærkede personer har gjort deres yderste, kan det allerede nu oplyses, at der har indsneget sig et par fejl - "sætter-nissen" har været på spil - men hvad, det er også snart jul!

DANCON NYT



●"Pokkers" osse! Jeg spillede på rødt og kegler, og så fik jeg kun kegler". Røpke svovler over det uheldige stød, medens Lars bar-sig-mand rejser keglen med et smøret smil.

TAK

Ja, nu lakker det mod enden, og jeg vil gerne have lov til at sige alle i velfærdssektionen tak for samarbejdet, specielt vil jeg takke DFFF (oversættelse andetsteds) for hans velvillighed over for det arbejde, der blev ham pålagt, specielt når andre sov!

Samtidig vil jeg gerne takke alle på hold XVI for den gode tid, vi har tilbragt sammen på Cypern.

"Den gamle Redakteur" Schwaner

THE VIKINGS ARE HERE

Nu finns det inte några snobbar på andra pluton längre....

Hela andra pluton är från onsdag den 3 maj VIKINGAR!

Under pompa och ståt, stilenlig march och ty åtföljande tal av kommandanten invigdes andra plutons nya symbol - THE WIKING FIGHTER

För alla som inte var med om begivenheten berättar Eder utsände reporter: Vaktstyrkan lämnade på övligt sätt över till plutonchefen fanjunkare Klar. Efter någon väntans minut anlände kommandanten, major Bror Hansson tillsammans med standarföraren furir Tommy Andersson.

Major Hansson talade till truppen - gav några väl valda "vikingaord" om frimodighet, framåtanda och kamratskap.

Sedan kunde täckelset falla, andra plutons nya skyltar visas upp, och vaktstyrkan marschera taktfast in i logementet.

HYSCH HYSCH

Det har varit mycket hysch-hysch kring namnbytet. Ingen utanför plutonen visste egentligen något om det nya namnet förrän på onsdagen när plötsligt "snobbarna" framstod som "vikingar".

I stor hemlighet har ett gäng målat skyltar och tillverkat standar. De som målat är 529 Karl-Olof Moberg från Skövde, 044 Staffan Malmsten från Karlskrona och 520 Gunnar Lindqvist från Mjölby. Hjälp med att få allt på plats har de haft av 175 Kent Karlsson från Västervik-han svarade för skyltupp-spikandet. På bilden ser vi de fyra med Moberg sittande och stående fr v Karlsson, Malmsten och Lindqvist.



AVUNDSJUK?

Många tittade avundsjukt på FN-bataljon 47 C när grabbarna som sista åtgärd handlade inför färderna hem. Alla medförde inte så stor flaska som snickaren Lennart Jonasson från Solna - men det verkade i alla fall på många som om man så här i slutminuterna av bataljon 47 C tänkte ta igen vad man eventuellt måste försaka under vintermånaderna.... Det lär bli bataljon 48 C:s tur någon gång i oktober! Dessförinnan skall svensk FN-soldat hålla sig nykter och vaksam.



GÖM SNOBBEN

Nu väntar det svåraste arbetet för andra pluton - att få upp nya symboler på alla OP:n. Var man än dragit fram i svenska förläggningar på Cypern har "Snobben" varit en känd figur. Nu gäller det att få fram vikingar också! Ett litet önskemål - förstör inte i allmän vikingayra alla gamla fina Snobben-symboler....

Som äkta vikingar är det bara att plocka fram nya symboler med samma artistiska snitsighet som utmärker Viking-skyltarna på Carl Gustaf Camp.



NYKTER PÅ VÄG

"När andra i trafiken drullar FN:s fordon nyktert rullar".

Uppmaningen att köra nyktert i trafiken har vi svenskar hört många gånger. Och vi vet att det är dyrbart att dricka och köra bil - det är många svenskar som får tillbringa någon månad i fängelse för att de på onykter kaluv satt sig vid en bilratt. Värre är att sprit varit en bidragande olycksorsak vid större delen av alla trafikolyckor.

Här nere på Cypern verkar det många gånger som om man inte ser så allvarligt på spritmissbruk vid rattan. Det är riktigt - så länge som det inte händer något.... Men om det händer blir straffet desto svårare.

För svenska FN-soldater gäller svenska regler! Det betyder att om någon kör onyktert - då kan man åka i svenskt fängelse enligt svensk strafflag.

Värre än eventuellt straff är dock olycksrisken. Att dricka sprit nere på Cypern är inte alls samma sak som att dricka hemma i Sverige. En öl - som man kanske inte tycker är så farligt där hemma - kan här nere göra oss till totalt olämpliga bilförare. Varmt väder, ovana vid klimat och sätt att köra bil här nere är fullt tillräckligt för att orsaka olyckor.

Så please - lyssna en gång till på veckans trafikmaning: "När andra i trafiken drullar FN:s fordon nyktert rullar".

CYPRESSEN

Bataljonens första "Cypressen" hoppas redaktören få fram lagom till pingst - alla bidrag mottas tacksamt!

SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos

ÄLDSTA STENEN?

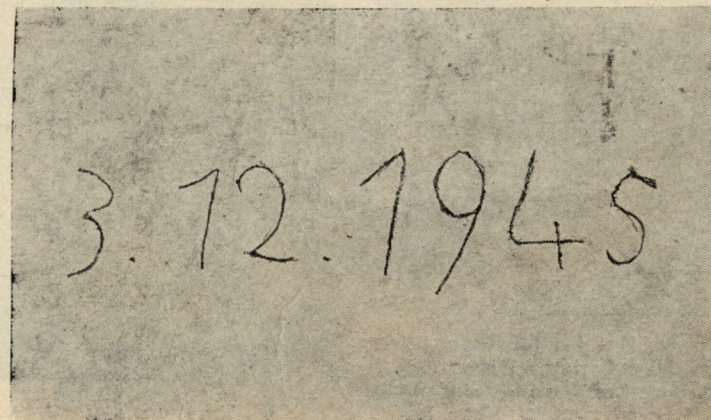
Bey Keuy är vårt kanske mest anrika OP. Åtminstone verkar det så om man dömer efter den sten som ligger kvar mitt i lägret. Inskriptionen lyder 3.12.1945.

Det var engelsmännen som på den tiden svarade för OP Bey Keuy. Kvar har de lämnat sandsäckar, cementerade plattor och så dateringen. Den gamla stenen ligger mitt i korset mellan gångarna till vakten, förläggningen och köket,

de tre viktigaste punkterna på lägerplatsen.

Är det manne någon annan OP som kan ståta med en så gammal sten?

I så fall hör av er till stabsredaktör'n - han skall med glädje föra in eventuella äldre "stennoteringar". I Cypressens första nummer för bataljon 48 C skall vi berätta lite mer om Bey Keuy och om OP-grannarna i Chatos.



UNFICYP WORKSHOPS

UNFICYP Workshops, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME), commanded by Major R. Tarsnane, is located close to the airport in Nicosia. Its unprepossessing appearance hides a busy organization. The Workshop, with a strength of 46 soldiers and 17 civilians, is tasked with the inspection, repair and recovery of all British type equipment either owned or hired by UNFICYP. Contingents using this equipment have an attached Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineer Senior Non Commissioned Officer to give advice and practical help when required.

The main workshop production is controlled by Warrant Officer I (Artificer Sergeant Major) G.M. Newman, whilst the actual vehicle repair — about 200 vehicles per month — is in the capable hands of Staff Sergeant "Wally" Weston, who with 6 fitters is detached from the Force Transport Squadron.

Additional to the repair of service equipment, the Workshop also inspects and classifies about 100 civilian hire cars per month. This difficult task being ably carried out by Artificer Quartermaster Sergeant Nutt and his team who, where necessary, pass the vehicles on to a civilian repair organization and verify afterwards that the work has in fact been carried out.

Radio repair, installation and inspections is the parish of Staff Sergeant Brotherton and his three corporals, whilst Recovery is the responsibility of Sergeant Michaud and Corporal Allen, an example of whose work was reported upon in the issue of 26 April.

The provision of stores is controlled by Sergeant Whar-ton and a small Royal Army



● The 'Boss' Major Roy Tarsnane keeping a firm hand on the tiller (or are they oars?). The heroic stance and vacant expression both belong to the Second-in-Command, Captain Alan Johnson. At least they are both headed in the same direction!

Ordnance Corps section.

The soldiers have their own club — the Craftyman's Arms — which they have fitted out themselves. There is also an active football team which on occasions plays against local village teams. The open air enthusiasts also have the use of a boat and snorkelling equipment.

The aim of the Workshop is to provide, where humanly possible, a same day service, — and this — to their great credit they manage — most of the time. If you didn't get your car the same day, you can rest assured there was a jolly good reason — we think!!

BRITCON NEWS

● Where it all happens — the "shop floor". Staff Sergeant Weston is lord of this particular manor and looks it. Various serfs (REME Craftsmen) may be seen discretely distributed throughout the area.



● In production control "the pen is mightier than the sword". Here Staff Sergeant Starkey outgoing (UKwards), hence the pullover, explains to Staff Sergeant Gardiner, incoming, hence the puzzled expression. Lance Corporal Neve has seen it all before, hence the smug expression.



● They don't fit these to Reindeer do they!!! Sergeant Tony Oates at far flung Fincon.

OC 22 INFANTRY GROUP



● By the look in Captain Scannell's eye, we knew he had one of his Transport Section up to some kind of sculduggery with the DEO's car.

IRCON NEWS

RENOVATION OF WOLFE TONE CAMP

Since our arrival at Larnaca, members of the 22 Inf. Gp. have been busy touching up various parts of Wolfe Tone Camp, in order to give it a new and colourful look for the summer months. Flowers have been planted and we are keeping our fingers crossed that they will bloom during our tour here. Some of the most prominent men in this work are featured in our photo. They are Cpl McCarthy, Pte Gavigan and the artist wielding his brush is, of course, Cpl Genockey. All are from No. 1 Platoon.



● NO—that's not a burglar, it is just CQMS Gleeson doing his thing.



TAKING THE SALUTE

This week 22nd Inf. Gp. supplied its first guard to HQ UNFICYP. The men for the guard were drawn from No. 3 Pln under the Command of Sgt Monaghan. Our picture shows the new guard rendering honours to the old guard from Cancon.



This week we feature Lieutenant Colonel D. Hurley, Commanding Officer of the 22nd Inf Gp, which has taken over responsibility for the Larnaca Sector. A native of Athy Co. Kildare, Lt. Col. Hurley was commissioned in the Defence Forces in 1939. He served with the Cavalry Corps until 1942, when he joined the Infantry. Since 1967 Lt. Col. Hurley has been Chief Instructor to the Infantry School, Military College. His home in Ireland is in Newbridge Co., Kildare.

UN service is not something new for our CO. He served with the 36th Bn in the Congo in 1961/62 and in Cyprus with the 3rd Inf Gp in 1964/55. We wish him a pleasant tour of duty with the 22nd Inf. Gp.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Our roll of honour this week goes to Sgt Grant who volunteered his services to donate blood to a needy patient down town. Just for the record do not forget Gnr Byrne and Pte Duffy who both donated blood last week. Well done lads.

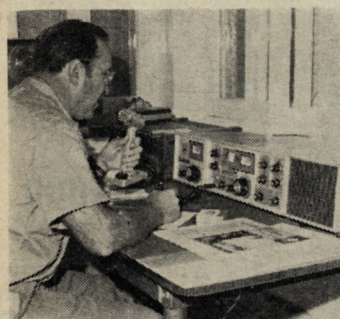


FORCE COMMANDER VISITS CITY SQUADRON

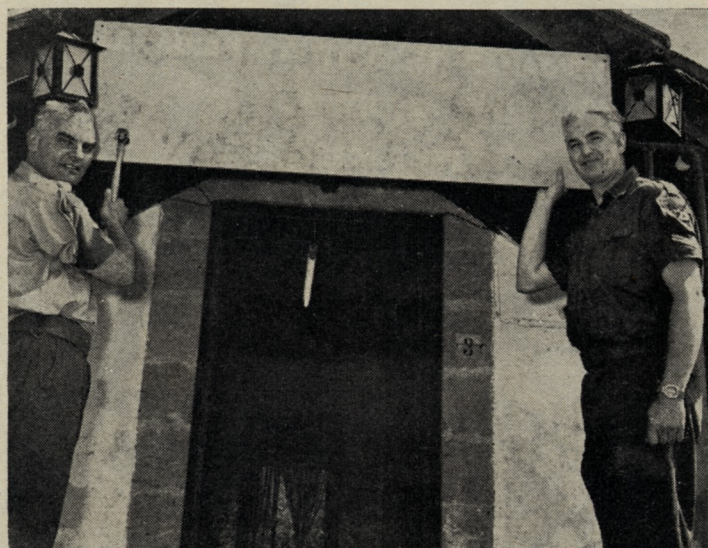
Major General D. Prem Chand, Commander the United Nations Force in Cyprus, visited the Canadian Contingent recently. The General is shown here inspecting the Canadian Guard on his arrival. Guard Comander was Lieutenant CB Murch, also shown is CWO (RSM) Minette of LdSH (RC).



"THIS IS 5B4 CDN FROM CYPRUS"



Amateur radio operators around the world will be hearing a new call sign 5B4 CDN, as Captain Gerry Veilleux works his ham radio from the Whitehouse in Nicosia. Capt. Veilleux, Cancon's R.C. padre, has made contact with ham operators in various far flung points including USSR, Ethiopia, Viet Nam, and Canada.



IN THIS STRAIGHT

Sergeant Bob Rees (left) and Corporal Walters (right) of LdSH(RC) are shown above placing the name sign on the WO's and Sgt's Villa in Kyrenia at the front entrance.

REFILL FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Master Corporal Hewitt WD (left) and Corporal Gawdun WR (right) of 3 Fd Sqn RCE, attached to LdSH(RC) check and refill fire extinguishers as part of their duties in Cyprus.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

RCE ON DUTY IN CYPRUS

Shown here is Private Hebb, DR of 3 Fd Sqn RCE, on duty at the Electra House Post in Cyprus.

Private Hebb is employed with City Sqn, LdSH(RC). This is one of the many outposts that City Sqn are responsible for.



OIKEUSTOIMISTO TOIMII

Pataljoonan sotilaspoliisihenkilöstön osalta huhtikuun rotaatio oli varsin perusteellinen. Sotilaspoliisitoimistosta lähtivät kotimaahan kapt Ritämäki, vääp Pesonen ja alik Malmi. Tilalle saapuivat kapt Ijäs ja ylik Tauru. Kirjurin vakanssia ei enää sisälly ko. toimiston vahvuuteen.

MP-komppaniasta lähtivät ylik Ojanen, kers Olkkonen sekä alikersantit Mikkola ja Hiltunen. Tilalle tulivat ylik Kangasmäki ja alikersantit Arena, Isotupa ja Lamola.

Vanhaa sotilaspoliisikantaa jäi uskollisesti edustamaan MP-komppaniassa vuosia palvellut Sulo Lehtonen nyt kersantin vakanssilla. Kuten kuvasta näkyy: Miehet vaihtuivat, "mutt" laki ennen meitä syntynyt, myös jälkehemme jää.



Oikeusupseerit, kapteenit Ritämäki ja Ijäs vaihtavat tehtäviä.

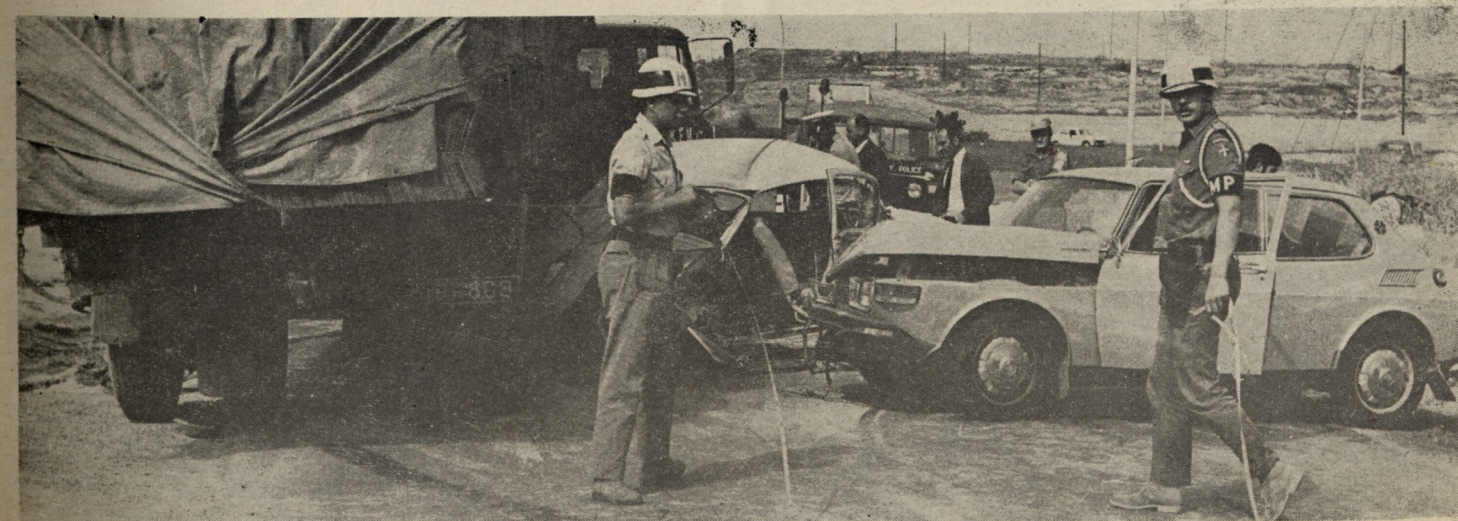
FINCON NEWS



Ylikersantti Tauru esittelee kolarijutun tutkimustuloksia kapteeni Ijäkselle.



Tutkija, ylik Tauru näyttää kuulusteltavalle kolaritilanteesta otettua valokuvaa.



MP-komppanian miehet tutkimassa kolmen auton kolaria

UNSER ERSTER ABEND IN ZYPERN

Am Abend des 25 April 1972 traf in Limassol die Masse des UNB 1/Auscon mit dem jugoslawischen Fährschiff "Liburnija" ein.

Nach einer Unmenge Vorbereitungsarbeit und einer langen Wartezeit, die mancher von uns in Wien schon als zu lang empfunden hatte, war nun ein neuer, wesentlicher Zeitabschnitt angebrochen. Wir waren in Paphos und den diversen OP's im Paphos District und somit in unserem Einsatzgebiet angelangt.



● Colonel Koho accompanied the Force Commander on his first visit to Auscon.

Dass dieser Sprung Wien — Paphos nicht ganz so rasch und einfach ging wie es sich liest, soll zu einem späteren Termin im Blue Beret noch gesondert erwähnt werden.

Mit teils butterweichen Beinen und Gesichtern im "China-look" verspürten unsere Soldaten nach vier stürmischen Tagen zur See wieder festen Boden.

Während der offiziellen Begrüßung unseres Kommandanten, Obstdt Alphons Kloss und des Bataillons durch den Force Commander, Generalmajor D. Prem Chand, Botschafter Dr. Steiner und einer Reihe hochgestellter Persönlichkeiten bereiteten uns die Dudelsackbläser der Irish Rangers einen herzlichen musikalischen Empfang.



● The welcoming party on board the "Liburnija" (left to right) Colonel D.E. Thornton, Combriteon, Dr. Marangos, Austria's Consul in Cyprus, Mr. Niels Lund, UN PIO Athens, the Force Commander, Chief Superintendent Wagner, UNFICYP's Police Adviser, and Dr. L. Steiner, Austria's Ambassador to Greece and Cyprus.

wachten die letzten Träumer und wurden erstmals mit der Wirklichkeit konfrontiert, während alte Hasen sofort mit all dem Neuen, Unge-

● Pipes and Drums of The Royal Irish Rangers played ashore members of the Austrian Battalion.



Die Fahrt von Limassol zu unserem Camp St. Patrick in Paphos war für manchen unserer Soldaten auch nicht gerade die wohlverdiente Er-

holung, denn die linksfahrge- wohnten zypriotischen Autobusslenker rasten in Tiefflug zum Camp.

In Camp angekommen er-

● The first troops of the Austrian Battalion disembarking at Limassol.

wohnten fertig wurden.

Dass dieser Einzug im St. Patrick's Camp reibungslos und nach den zur Verfügung stehenden Möglichkeiten vorbildlich verlief, haben wir ausschliesslich unserem Vorkommando und der tatkräftigen Hilfe der Irish Rangers unter dem Kommando von Major McFrederick zu verdanken.

Was dieses Vorkommando, geführt und bis ins Detail bestens beraten von Obstdt Burgstaller, für unser Bataillon hier geleistet hat, kann nicht hoch genug eingeschätzt werden. Wer dabei war wess es und wer nicht dabei war sieht und spürt es allenorts. Jeder einzelne, auch wenn jeder Name hier nicht erwähnt wird, hat seinen Teil zu unserem gemeinsamen Werk geleistet, dem Frieden zu dienen und unsere Heimat würdig zu vertreten. Diese ehrende Aufgabe wird nun vom gesamten UNB 1 nach bestem Wissen und Gewissen erfüllt werden.



● Major McFrederick of the Royal Irish Rangers hands over command of Paphos District to the Commander of the Austrian advance party, Lieutenant Colonel F. Burgstaller.