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SEEING IS BELIEVING

Many of the gifts which children received this past Christmas are already being discarded and forgotten. Four year-old Salik Salam, son of a gypsy family in Nicosia, received a present this year which he will never forget... the gift of sight.

Corporal Terry Woodworth, of Halifax, N.S., a storeman with 'A' Company, 3rd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry currently serving with the United Nations in Cyprus, became friendly with Salik during his daily trips through the area where the boy lived.

Noticing that the boy had two 'lazy eyes' and was almost blind, he asked Sergeant Jules Michaud, of Lac Frontiere, Quebec, chief medical assistant at the Canadian Unit Aid Station, if anything could be done to help the boy.

An examination by Doctor Laphitis, a Cypriot ophthalmologist, determined that although the problem was in the advanced stage, an immediate operation could help.

A canvas of 'A' Company was made and within a few days, the 117 members of the Company had donated the \$150.00 necessary for the operation. A simultaneous canvas of the Unit Aid Station raised the money required for the additional hospital expenses.

The operation, completed on Jan 3rd, was a complete success and predictions are that Salik will have 90-95% normal vision in both eyes.

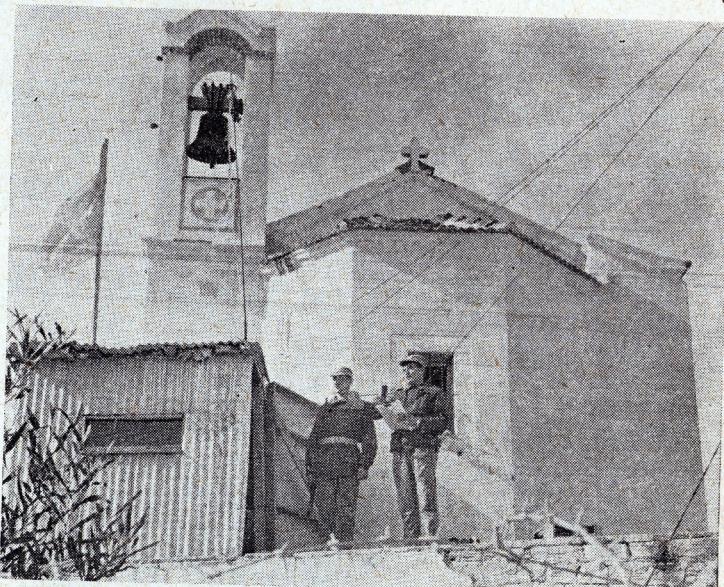


● Corporal Terry Woodworth shows Salik Salam and his sister how to operate a mechanical toy. Salik is convalescing in a Cypriot Hospital following a successful operation to correct his sight.

"If nothing had been done", said Corporal Woodworth, "the doctor said that he would have lost complete use of at least one possibly both".

"I'm not looking for any credit", he emphasized, "the guys donated the money and I could have got twice as much if it had been needed. I'm just glad that Salik will be able to see properly".

"It's our Christmas present to him".



DAILY

ROUTINE

A sentry hands over his post. Such a scene as this one pictured last week at Stavros Church near Louroujina is part of the daily routine in each of the manned UN Observation Posts scattered around the island.

The two UN soldiers in this picture are Privates P. Gannon and T. Noonan who both come from Galway in Ireland.

Press Reception

Speaking to guests at a New Year reception given by Mr. Jean Back, the Principal Information Officer, the Secretary-General's Special Representative, Mr. B. F. Osorio-Tafall, expressed the hope that 1971 would become a year of better opportunities for the people of Cyprus.

Commenting on the fact that the weight of public opinion can play an important part in resolving communal problems, Mr. Osorio-Tafall said that all Cypriots could and should contribute to the success of the effort being made to reach a settlement.

The reception was attended by members of the local press corps and senior officers of UNFICYP.

● Mr. Jean Back (centre) with some of his guests.

BEDRE BILLEDDÆKNING

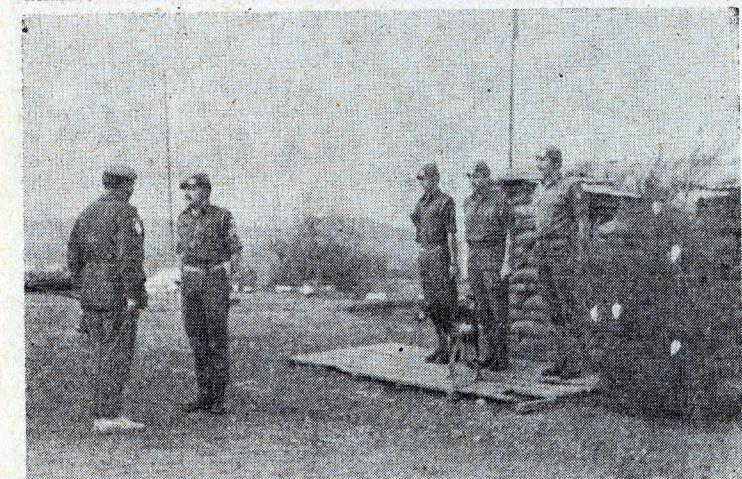
Det er nu lykkedes at få en fast fotograf tilknytter redaktionen af Dancon-siden, hvilket skulle resultere i flere, bedre og mere aktuelle billeder, således at dels de sidste begivenheder skulle være dækket og dels at det skulle være muligt at skildre DEL og SEK daglige virke, hvadenten det er i tjenesten eller i fridten.

Dennegang har vi valgt at sammenknytte forbindelsen fra vort party over nogle julebegivenheder til julebadningen ved Blue Beach.

● Vikingetraditionen holdtes i hævd. Ca 140 vikinger deltog i julebadningen, og en del af disse ses her til instruktion på Blue Beach før badningen....



● ...hvorefter turen gik ud i de rime-lige lune bøger. Man genkender MAJ F.M. Sørensen, MAJ Lau, som returnerer til Danmark med næste SCACYP, samt PRLT O.H. M. Pedersen med ryggen til.

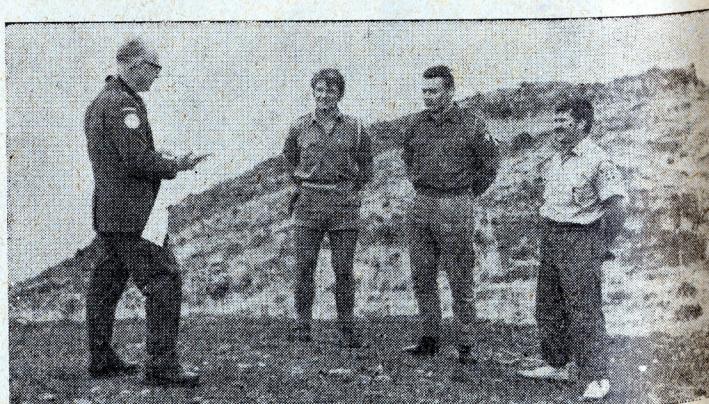


DANCON NYT

BARSKE VIKINGER



● Til vikingepartyet i XEROS-lejren mødtes gæsterne af to barskt udseende vikinger, viking (regnskabsfører) O. Andersen og viking Stuning.



● O.L. SKOV besøgte på en helikopterrundtur den 24 DEC forlægger og OPer for at ønske glædelig jul. Her melder SG Lomholt, KS P. Kortbek, E.N. Kristensen og A.B. Hansen samt "Pluto" af til chefen.

● O.L. var ledsgaget af feldpræsten, pastor Stub, som holdt en hort an-dagt. Her i Kokkina for KS E.M. Jensen, K.O.H. Kristiansen og en, som det ikke er lykkedes at identificere.



Nu är han på plats, FN-jubileets omslagspojke. Christer Börjesson från Lidingö heter FN-soldaten, som figurerade på Arménytt FN-nummer, på 100 000 jubileumsbrevmärken och ett otal av fisker. Före jul kom han till Cypern och trädde i tjänst på fjärde pluton och återfinns nu ibland som nedre bilden visar, på poststället vid Carl Gustaf Camp.

SWEDCON NEWS Swedish Forces Photos



Bastu

År man från Övertorneå klarar man sig inte länge utan bastu om man har råkat hamna i Yialousa långt ute på Panhandle. Så resonerade förste poliskonstapel Börje Lantto vid Civilpolisen när han kom hit i höstas. Nu har han mycket riktigt byggt en perfekt finsk bastu med heta stenar och allt. Sex veckor tog bygget att fullborda med ortsbefolkingens hjälp.

På övre bilden visar Börje Lantto sin bastu för en äldre farbror från Yialousa och på den undre glädjs Börje tillsammans med chefen för substationen i Yialousa kriminalinspektör Karl Erik Eklund, Stockholm (t h) och "badgästen" stabsredaktör Lars Strandell, Täby, åt den goda värmen.

Nya män

Nya ansikten på Carl Gustav Camp är nye chefen för sektion 3 major Fred Lundqvist, Danderyd, nye bataljonsläkaren överstelöjtnant Rutger Heyden, Ängelholm, och nye postexpeditören förvaltare Kent Rustsäter, Göteborg. (Bilden överst på sidan).

DONKEY DERBY

Recently there was light relief from "Peace Keeping" in Li-massol Zone, when the 3rd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets held a Donkey Derby at Polemidhia Camp.

Handling the "field" of six mules and donkeys proved to be more than the organiser, Sergeant Major "Nobby" Chapman, had anticipated, and it was discovered that donkeys have a twisted sense of humour and are no respecters of rank.

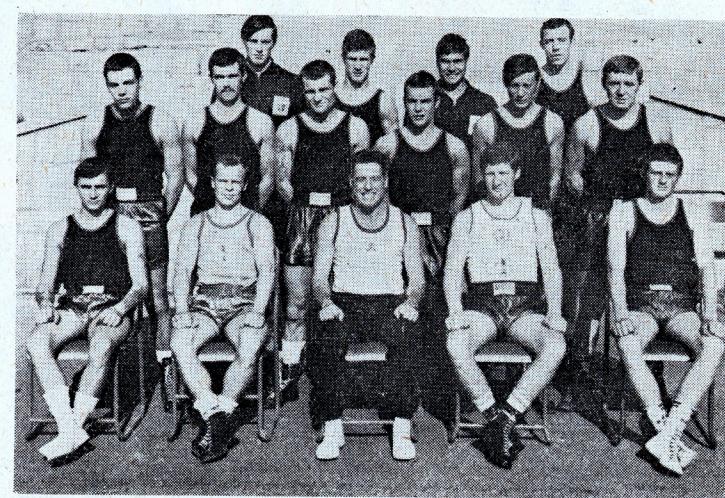
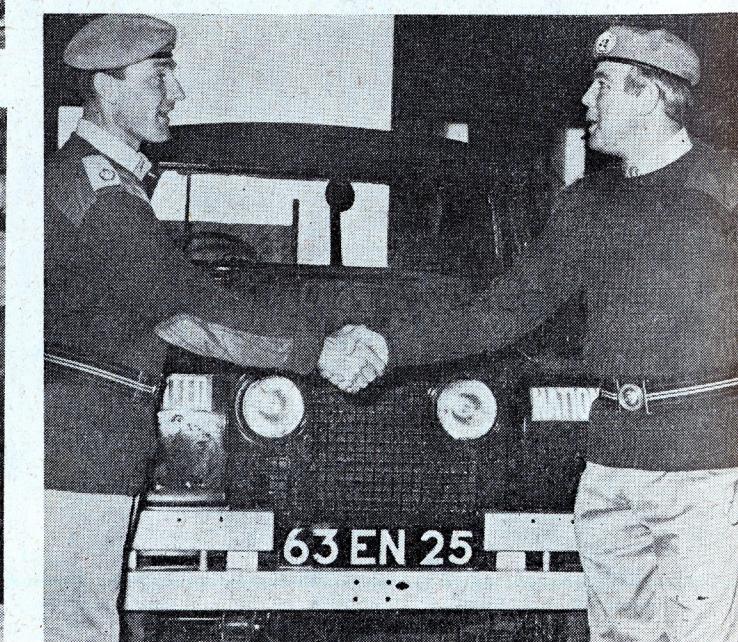
As the animals were paraded around the paddock with their 'jockeys', spectators were invited to place their bets with Corporal Reg Osgood. Most of the six races followed the same pattern.

One animal barely crossed the start line, another raced off in the wrong direction while the remainder steadily made their way to the finish trying to throw their riders in the process.

BRITCON NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS

Drawing his pay from WO I Dave Crocker-White, the chief clerk (Ops) at HQ UNFICYP, is another RAOC senior rank, Sergeant Pat Green, who is chief clerk in the Logistics Branch. Congratulations are due to Mr Crocker-White on his recent promotion to WO I rank.



ROTATIONS AT HQ UNFICYP

Many of the pictures that have appeared in this paper over the past six months have been the work of Sergeant Frank Bates RAOC, Force Photographer, attached to the MPIO staff.

The time has now come for him to return to his unit at Old Sarum in England, and we wish him good luck in the future.

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GREEN JACKETS BOXING TEAM

Boxing has always been one of 3 RGJs major sports: in 1969 they won the Army Championship. In the present team, coached by CSM George McCabe, there are six members who hold British Army Individual ratings.

This is possibly a record for any one unit. Just before leaving for Cyprus last October, the team won six of the nine contests in the 3rd Division Championships.

• The Team pictured left is particularly anxious to arrange contests with other UNFICYP contingents.

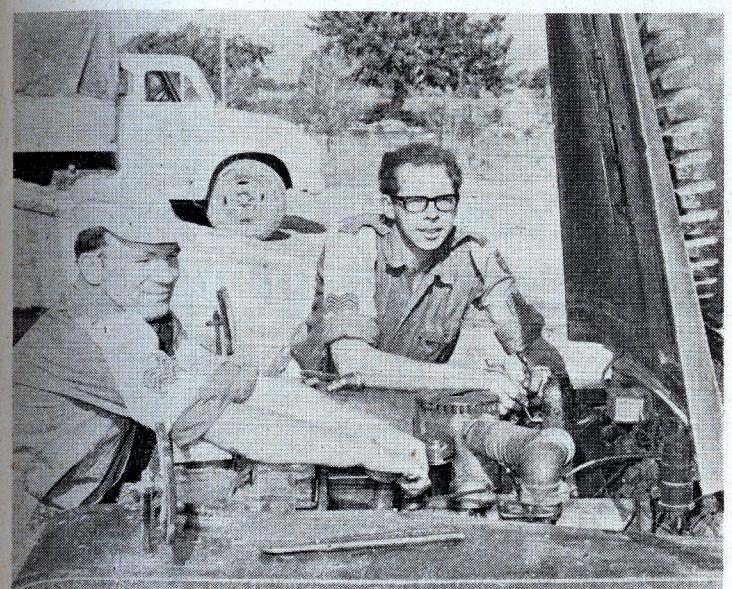
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TRANSPORT PLATOON

One of the busiest platoons in Ircon is the Transport Platoon stationed at Zyyi. Commanded by Captain John Costello the platoon consists of one Company Quartermaster Sergeant, one Sergeant, six Corporals and eleven Privates. Captain Costello is also Group Transport Officer with overall responsibility for transport located with A and B Companies as well as at Group HQ.

Fifty nine vehicles are allocated to Ircon including Landrovers, trucks, saloons and minibuses. The rifle Companies have their own drivers who are also working "round the clock" to fulfill their many requirements. Driving even under the best conditions, is a hazardous occupation in Cyprus, and the fact that the number of accidents so far is

very low reflects credit on all our drivers. At present the Group is averaging 100,000 miles per month and the Transport Platoon are fulfilling around six hundred details per month. Driving, of course is only one of the many responsibilities of the platoon. They also maintain a technical stores, carry out major repair and maintenance work and gene-



ral servicing of their vehicles. All drivers are participating in a Road Safety Competition during their tour on the island. This competition will be judged on the following:-

- Number of miles of accident-free driving
- Punctuality and dress on details
- Maintenance and cleanliness of vehicles
- Inspection reports

All drivers who complete an accident-free tour will be presented with certificates.

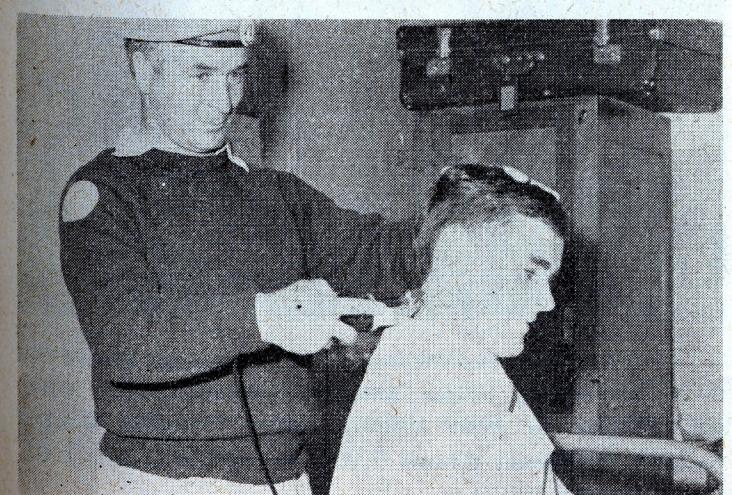
Stores Corporal J.O. Keneghan 4th Field S and T (Mullingar) issuing stores to Fitter Sergeant K. O'Reilly (Mullingar).

IRCON NEWS

Corporal P. Joyce 4th Field S and T (Mullingar) and Corporal A. O'Connor 3rd Garrison S and T (Cork) carrying out first line repairs to a Landrover. All members of Ircon note that these are the men who keep us mobile.

SHORT BACK AND SIDES

The Group barber Private J. McCormack (Athlone) cutting Signalman Mick Sheehy's (Dublin) hair.



ROTATION OF A and B COMPANIES

A and B Companies have settled into their new areas at Larnaca and Kophinou respectively in their usual efficient manner.

When we visited them on Friday last it was as if they had been established in their new locations for months in-

ANNIVERSARY MASS-CAPT C. MacNAMARA R.I.P.

An anniversary mass will be celebrated by the Chaplin, Rev. Fr. McCabe at St. Patrick's church Zyyi for the repose of the soul of Captain Christopher MacNamara who died of natural causes on January 16th 1968 while serving as Transport Officer with the 9th Infantry Group in Lefka.

stead of days. For A Company the rotation means living in good solid buildings instead of being under canvas. For B Company, it is a change that they welcome.

VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS

Members of City Company pose for team photo after winning inter-company volleyball championship. Back row (l - r) Corporals Ken Johnson, Don Pelton, Len Hooge and Peter Okopski, Sergeant Bob Bluett and Major Barry Winfield. Front (l - r) Privates Jim Priest and Phil Gamma, Corporal Dave Stevenson and Private Lorne Lake. Headquarters Coy, Suburbia Coy and Base were 2nd, 3rd and 4th respectively in the tournament. The City Company team had the added distinction of playing the entire season and final tournament without a defeat.



EXPLORER'S CORNER

The "Explorer's" next trip will take them on a tour of two medieval castles at Kyrenia and Kantara. The castles were built originally in Byzantine times as a defence against invasion from Asia Minor, considerably strengthened by the Lusignans and either strengthened further or abandoned by the Venetians.

Parts of Kyrenia Castle were in use until the late 1950's.

Buses will leave Blue Beret Camp (CML) at 1000 and the Ledra Palace at 1015 on Sunday February 24th.

Guides and lunch will be provided and dependents are welcome.



SAFE DRIVERS REWARDED

Eight drivers are heavier in the pocket this week following the presentation of cash awards for the most number of accident free miles driven during the past two and a half months.

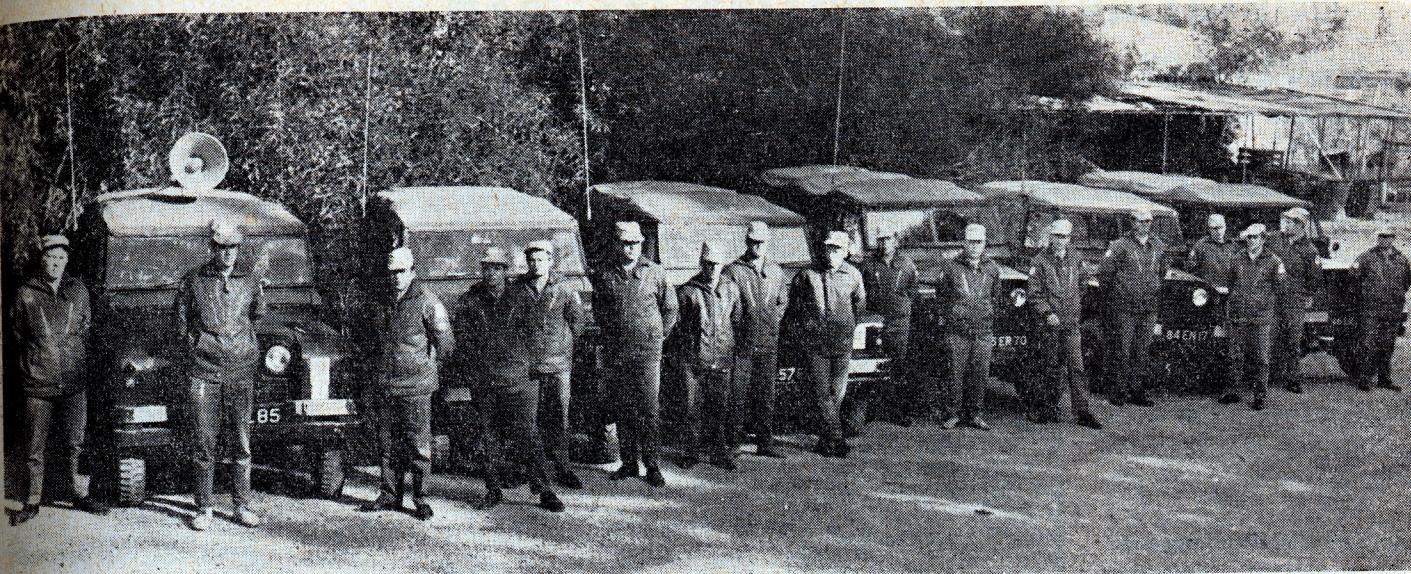
The awards were made to the two top drivers in four categories. Cpl J.A.D. Dussault (6,182 miles) and Private K. P. Hollahan (4,454) headed the staff car drivers.

In the one-quarter ton vehicle, Corporal J.R.B. Chenier (5,303) and Corporal D.J. Knelson (3,485) were winners. For three-quarter ton, Corporals E.G. Hooge (3,015) and J.W. Pashee (2,712) won top recognition. Tops in the two and one-half ton class were Corporals E.R. Grant (2,768) and J.A.J. Brunelle (2,647).

The awards of four days subsidized leave or \$25.00 for first and \$15.00 for second were presented by Lieutenant Colonel T.M.C. Marsaw.



Drivers who came first in safe driving contest pose with their commanding officer following presentation of cash awards. Left to right Corporals J.R.B. Chenier, J.A.D. Dussault, Lieutenant Colonel T.M.C. Marsaw, Corporals E.G. Hooge and E.R. Grant.



Ensimmäisen jäälärikomppanian saattuejoukkue valmiina lähtöön. Komentoauton (kovaääninen katolla) edessä ylipuolustusministeri Kari Hiltunen, komppanian varapäällikkö.



Komppanian äiti ylipääpeli Pekka Suokas ja kirjuri alikersanti Seppo Wiik. Komppanian toimisto on sijoitettu entiseen lomatoimistoon.



Isossa talossa kuluu paljon tavaraa. Yleensä kaikesta jää jotakin jäljelle ja mitä on kerran pantu kirjoihin, ja sitä ei voida hävittää ilman asianmukaista selvitystä. Hyväksylautakunta toimi viime viikolla Kykkossa. Entisten vaatteiden läjää selvittämässä varusvaraston hoitaja väki Seppo Mattila, hänen apulaisensa jääläri Kari Tolonen, lautakunnan englantilainen jäsen, viestimestari ylipääpeli Perrti Sipola ja toimitusryhmän johtaja ylikersanti Hannu Niipala.

1. JÄÄLÄRIKOMPPANIA UUSISSA YMPYRÖISSÄ

Vain muutama päivä ennen joulu siirtyi 1. JK melkein kokonaan suudessaan Neapolis Clinic' in tiloihin, jotka vapautuivat Esikunnan siirrytyä Kykko Camp'iin. Viihdyssä Blue Village luovutettiin pois. Ensitiöksi, pakollisten muutokuvioiden jälkeen, aloitti pari soturia saunaanrakennuspuuhat ja jo jouluna päästiin ottamaan makuat löytävät omassa saunassa. Pientä huolta aiheutti ajatus, että mahtaaako joulupukki osata ollenkaan komppaniaamme, kun juuri jouluksi muutimme uuteen paikkaan. Huoli osoittautui kuitenkin turhaksi, sillä hyvissäajoja aattoiltana tuo odotettu vanhus tulla kopisteli sisään, vain lievästi tossu vipahten, ja kuinkas muutten, alkoivat heti tiukata samaa kuin siellä Suomessaakin: "Onkos tullut oltua kilttinä, häh?" Vastaus oli yleisesti se tavaramainen: "Kilttinä on oltu ja puuroa on syöty, liikaakin." Uusiin toimisto - oleskelu - ja majoitustiloihin ollaan tyytyväisiä, onhan nyt paljon tilavampaa kuin aikaisemmin. Entinen upseerimessi on nyt varattu komppaanau - ja jäälärikanttiiniksi. Upseerimessi sijaitsee samassa osassa taloa, kolmannessa kerroksessa. Huoltojoukkueen käytössä on toinen kerros, jossa aikaisemmin oli lomatoimisto. Entisessä lomatoimistossa on nyt vääräpelin toimisto ja OPS-huone on PU:n käytössä. OJA-keskus on entisen FINCON-keskuksen paikalla. Komppanian näkyvin osa, Saattuejoukkue on majoittunut myös samaan taloon. Aamulla varhain ja illan hämärässä liikkuvat" nuo mainiot miehet ikäluoissaan maastoautoissaan" Nicosian ja Kyrenian välillä keskimäärin 100 mailia päivässä. Vartiojoukkue on hajoittettu usealle eri täholle, osa on Crazy Corner'lla, osa Omoropitassa ja yksi ryhmä asuu komentopaikalla. Uutena kuviona on vartiomiehille tullut ns. PP-vartio. Kaksi miestä suorittaa operatiivista polkupyöräilyä pitkin "vihreää linjaa" ja tarkkailee tapahtumia. Lähetyvä rotaatio antaa omaa väriään komppanian joka-päiväiseen työhön. "Liikavarpat" (kotiutuvat) tähysilevät levottomina jokaista yli lentävää konetta ja usein kajahtaa komea huuto: "AURAA"

Näin 1. JK:ssa tänään.

FINCON NEWS

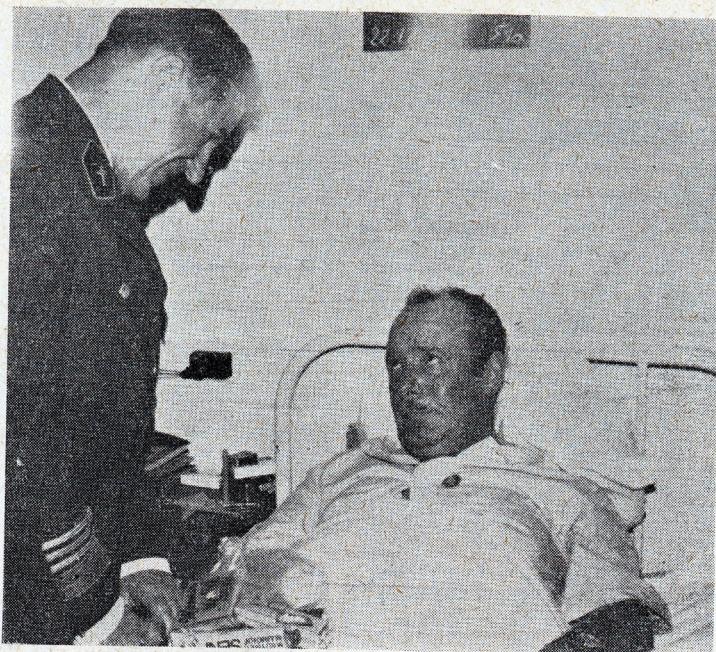


CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES AT AFH

The Chief Chaplain of one of the Austrian Divisions, Reverend Unger, paid a visit to the Austrian Field Hospital during the Christmas and New Year holidays.

The Reverend Unger brought many presents for the Austrians far away from home, the most welcome of ranged during the chaplain's tree, a fir.

Many celebrations were arranged during the chaplain's visit, and here we picture some of them.



• Reverend Unger visits one of the patients, Sergeant Maguire, of Ircion, who had to stay in the hospital during the Christmas holiday.

• Captain J. Fally, First Lieutenant H. Pristautz, MD, Sergeant F. Kissling, Lance Corporal G. Mayer sing "Silent Night, Holy Night", the Christmas carol which found its way to the whole world from Austria.

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• Pictured at the Christmas service are Mr. Osorio-Tafall, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Mrs. Benedict, Mrs. Osorio-Tafall, and Mr. Jean Back, the Principal Information Officer.



• Lieutenant Colonel W. Koch-Langentreu, MD, hands over a Christmas parcel to Warrant Officer II W. Wurm, who was on duty on Christmas Eve.



UN PROGRAMMES FROM C.B.C.

The weekly C.B.C. transmission of special programmes for UN Forces are broadcast on 498 metres, 602 kilocycles, as follows:

Monday 1330 — 1400 hrs
Radio EIREAN production.

Tuesday 2000 — 2030 hrs
SWEDISH local requests.

Wednesday 2000 — 2030 hrs
News from CANADA and records.

Thursday 2000 — 2030 hrs
Radio HELSINKI production.

Friday 2000 — 2030 hrs
UN Discotheque presented by John Crosse.

Saturday 2000 — 2030 hrs
DANISH local requests.

Sunday 2000 — 2030 hrs
SCANDINAVIAN local productions from each of the Nordic Contingents in turn.

News in English can be heard every day at 0830 hrs, 1400 hrs and 1945 hrs.



MP NOTEBOOK

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Week Ending
9 JANUARY 1971 4

Same Period Last Year 9

Total This Year 4

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Accidents This Week:
"DRIVING WITHOUT
DUE CARE AND
ATTENTION"