



# The Blue Beret

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## DANISH MEDAL PARADE

A large crowd of spectators last Thursday witnessed the Danish Medal Parade at the sportsground in Xeros, which coincided with the official celebration of the birthday of His Majesty King Frederik.

Medals were presented by the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, and music was played by the Band of the 3rd Battalion the Royal Green Jackets. After the parade, special Danish food was served for about 200 guests at the Officers' Mess in Viking Camp. — More pictures from the parade on page 2.

- The parade salutes the Force Commander.



## MULTINATIONAL EXERCISE

Troops from Swedcon, Ircon, Britcon and Force Reserve last week participated in the multinational UNFICYP exercise "Joint Venture" which took place in the Evdhinou Pissouri Training Area, Limassol Zone.

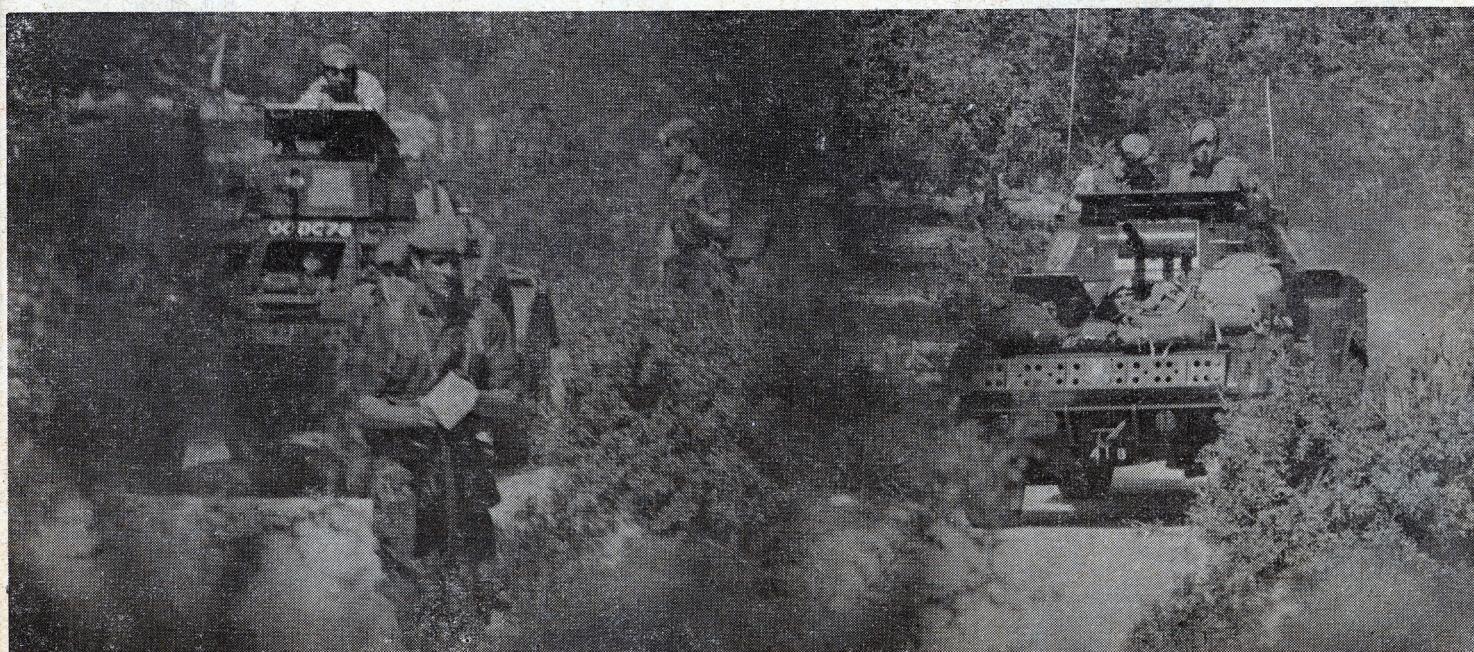
Picture right: Force Commander discusses a detail with Captain Lars Afzelius, Swedcon.

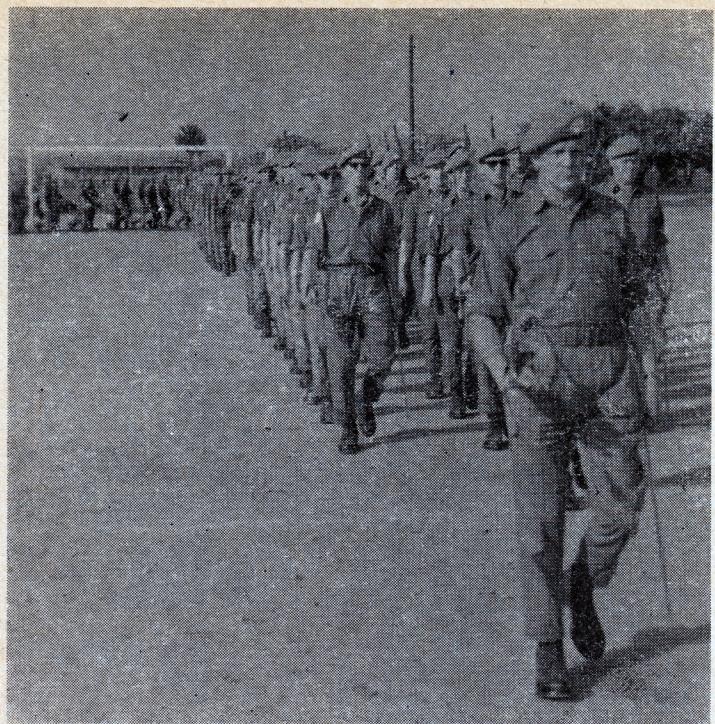
Picture below: A Ferret and an Irish AHL 245 move through the trees.

More pictures on pages 3 and 4.



• Colonel S. Jensen, the Chief Personnel Officer Danish Army, accompanied by his adjutant, Major J. T. Larsen, last week paid a visit to the Danish Contingent serving with UNFICYP. It was Colonel Jensen's first visit to Cyprus, and, apart from discussions with almost every single Danish soldier, he had the opportunity to call on the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand. (Picture).





● Koncentrationen lyser fra an-  
sigterne, da kontingentet marcherer  
til paradepladsen, her anført af  
PRLT Müller.

## M E D A L J E



● Dagen for konge-og medal-  
jeparaden markeredes med, at Dan-  
nebrog kl 1200 gled til tops ved siden  
af UN-flaget i Viking-lejren.



## P A R A D E



● På vej til paradepladsen ses  
MP-detachementet med KNT. Brøds-  
gård i spidsen.

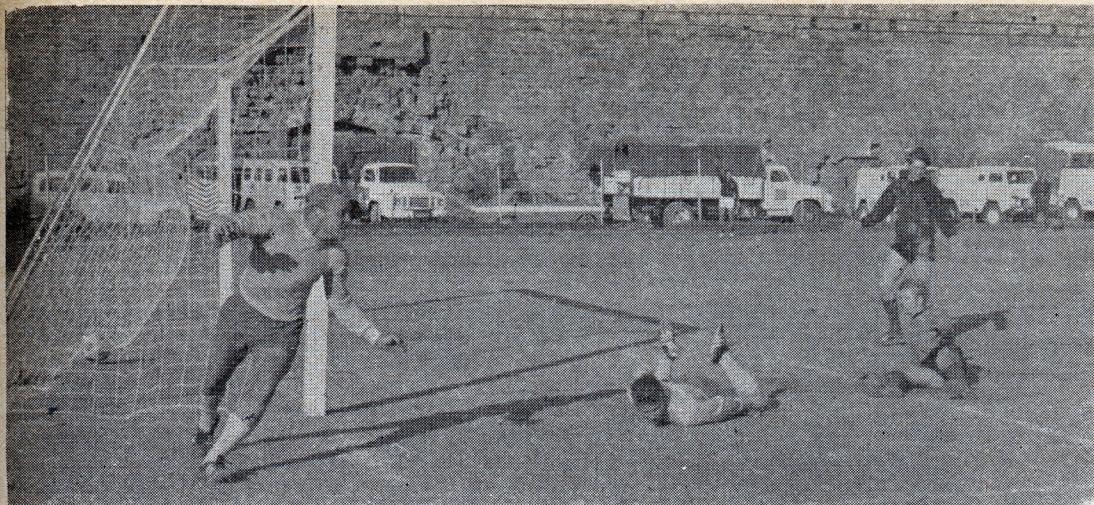
## DANCON NYT

● Vagtskifte havde fundet sted  
under paraden. Da kontingenet  
vendte tilbage, var det viking Stau-  
ning, der modtog OL Skovs hilsen.



● Efter at kontingentchefen  
havde meldt styrken af til Force  
Commander, dekorerede generalen  
15 soldater fra kontingenet. Her  
modtager LT Rasmussen medaljen.

● Kl 1600 satte paraden i march  
fra Viking-lejren. I spidsen gik orke-  
stret fra 3rd Battalion Royal Green  
Jackets, der på fortrinlig vis hjalp  
kontingenet til en virkelig smuk  
parade.



SWEDCON NEWS  
Swedish Forces Photos



## Intervju

Redaktör Olle Stenberg från Västmanlands Läns Tidning, Västerås, har besökt den svenska kontingenet under fjorton dagar för att göra reportage om Cypern och FN-insatsen här i allmänhet och om den svenska FN-styrkan i synnerhet. På bilden till höger intervjuar han Kurt Åberg, Järpen, Tage Sahlén, Resele, Roger Larsson, Alfta och Ellert Andersson, Ställ-dalen. Redaktör Stenberg "Scacypades" i fredags och tids nog får vi väl se resultatet av hans arbete på Cypern i VLT



## Anglo - Swedish Attack

En samövning mellan förband från svenska bataljonen, Royal Green Jackets, irländska bataljonen och Force Reserve har genomförts i bergstrakterna väster om Limassol. Från Swedcon deltog fjärde platon, som tillsammans med en skytteplaton från RGJ och två troppar pansarbilar från Royal Hussars efter nära ett dygn nattlig spaningsverksamhet och anfallsförberedelser slog ut ett anfall mot en B-styrka bestående av engelsmän och irländare.

Stora bilden visar ordergivningen inför anfallet. Styrkechefen kapten David Innes ger order till bl a löjtnant Nils-Åke Nilsson, stående t h. I mitten biträdande övningsledaren kapten Lars Afzelius. Bilden ovanför visar matpaus på fjärde platon, Nils-Tore Isaksson har ätit färdigt, Leif-Åke Löfström lägger in för fullt medan furir Håkan Olsson tycks vänta sig mer av sin sked. Furir Nils Hjalmarson i bakgrunden släcker törsten.



Överstelöjtnant Carl-Gösta Nor-  
derup, som blir chef för nästa batal-  
jon, har gjort ett kort rekognos-  
ningsbesök på Cypern inför rota-  
tionen i april.

## Fotbollsseger

Efter en knallhård match, där förlängning måste tillgripas, lyckades Swedcon besegra Royal Green Jackets i semifinalen i UNFICYP-mästerskapet i fotboll med siffrorna 3-2. I halvtid stod det 1-1, full tid 2-2.

Man kan nog säga att svenska liga närmare till seger, eftersom man också fick ett mål diskutabelt bortdömt. Bilden t v visar hur Göran Ledin och Tomas Henriksson just gjort mål, men domaren blåser för offside. På bilden under poserar de tre de svenska målgöra Arne Eriksson, Tomas Henriksson och Göran Ledin. Matchen spelades i Old City, Famagusta.

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## FORCE COMMANDER VISITS REME WKSPS

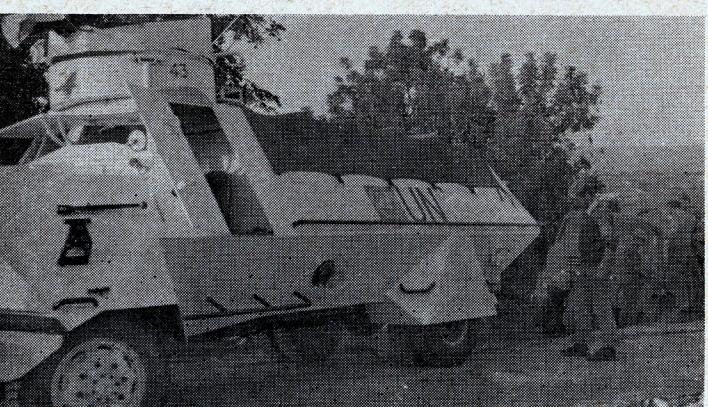
The Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, last week paid a visit to the REME Workshops in Camp UNFICYP.

Our picture (right) shows the Force Commander being greeted on his arrival by Major Barry Turner, OC REME Workshops (right). In the centre we have Captain C.J.F. Mills, Staff Captain A and ASM Walker.

• Major General D. Prem Chand bidding welcome to Staff Sergeant Clements (right) and at the same time saying farewell to WO II Pete Finley who left us for the UK last week.



An exercise aside: Within the exercise area a cement mixer slipped down off the road; fortunately there was a Swedish Armoured Personnel Carrier nearby which made quick work of getting it back on the road again. Rifleman Harris lends a hand!



• Planning their next move from an Observation Post are Lieutenant D. Godsall and Rifleman Thornton.



## EXERCISE "JOINT VENTURE"

A multinational UNFICYP exercise "Joint Venture" took place early last week on the Evdhinou Pissouri Training Area in Limassol District.

It involved a company of Green Jackets, two troops of the Force Reserve, one troop from Ircon in their Panhard Armoured Cars and a Platoon from Swedcon.

On Wednesday, Major General D. Prem Chand was able to come down and watch the final phases of the exercise.

• Major C. Dunphie explains the situation to the Force Commander and his ADC, Captain R. Ahonen, after their arrival.

## BRITCON NEWS

• International cooperation: Members of Swedcon get a lift on one of the Force Reserve's Armoured Cars.

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## MEDAL PARADE FOR 'A' COY

On Monday 8th March, the Group Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Tom Tracey, presented UN Medals in a ceremonial parade at Larnaca to members of 'A' Company who are on their first tour of duty with UNFICYP.

On arrival, Lieutenant Colonel Tracey was met by the Officer Commanding A Company, Commandant M. O'Shea. Music for the parade was provided by 19 Infantry Group Pipe Band. After the ceremony

the Group Commander attended a dinner in the Officers Mess.

• The Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Tom Tracey, presenting UN Medals to members of A Company in Larnaca. Included from right: Captain N. Carey (Gp Adjutant), Commandant M. O'Shea (OC A Coy), Lieutenant W. Freyne, and Company Sergeant M. Woods.



## IRCON NEWS



• Lieutenant Colonel Tracey congratulating Private W. Cardiner (12 Bn) having presented him with the UN Medal.



## INTER-UNIT SOCCER CHAMPS

Having won the Inter-Unit Soccer League earlier the 'B' Company side were favourites to win the Knock-Out Competition. They justified their favouritism by beating 'A' Company in the final at Zyyi on Wednesday 10th March by two goals to nil in a very exciting tussle.

On this occasion, however, B Company did not have things all their own way and it was obvious that A Company had improved considerably since the League Final. This game had thrills, spills and lots of exciting football. In the first half B Company did everything but score. Attack

after attack was mounted but a great display by the A Company back line and an excellent display by their goalkeeper, who also saved a penalty shot, kept the score at nil all when the whistle sounded for half-time...

The second half saw 'B' Company quickly into their stride and within a few minutes of the restart the left full-back, Private Gaffney, kicked a high ball from the halfway line which dropped right into the net. A Company came back into the game after this and it was still anybody's game until the 35th minute of the second half.

Then Private Greene jinked his way through the A Company back line to score a great goal, making the final score 2 goals to nil in favour of B Company. Congratulations to B Company — the Ircon soccer champs.

**B COMPANY SOCCER CHAMPS**  
Front row: Privates Frawley, Gaffney, Greene, Devlin, Fallon, King and Corporal McCracken.

Back Row: Commandant Harte, Corporal Barclay, Lieutenant Gleeson, Corporal Corrigan, Corporal Matthews, Private Regan and Corporal Kavanagh.



## REME ROTATION INSPECTIONS

• Staff Sergeant Ken Kemp, REME, and Corporal James Duffy, Transport Office Ircon HQ, during REME rotation inspections.

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## IRCON PERSONNEL AT HQ UNFICYP

Company Sergeant Cyril Houlihan is Chief Clerk at Logs/Pers Branch HQ UNFICYP. He has been in the Army for 13 years and is presently on his fourth tour of duty with UNFICYP. Married with two children, Company Sergeant Houlihan is a member of 2nd Garrison S & T Dublin.

• Company Sergeant Houlihan and Sergeant 'Taf' Clement, Ration and Stationery Sergeant, (Britcon).

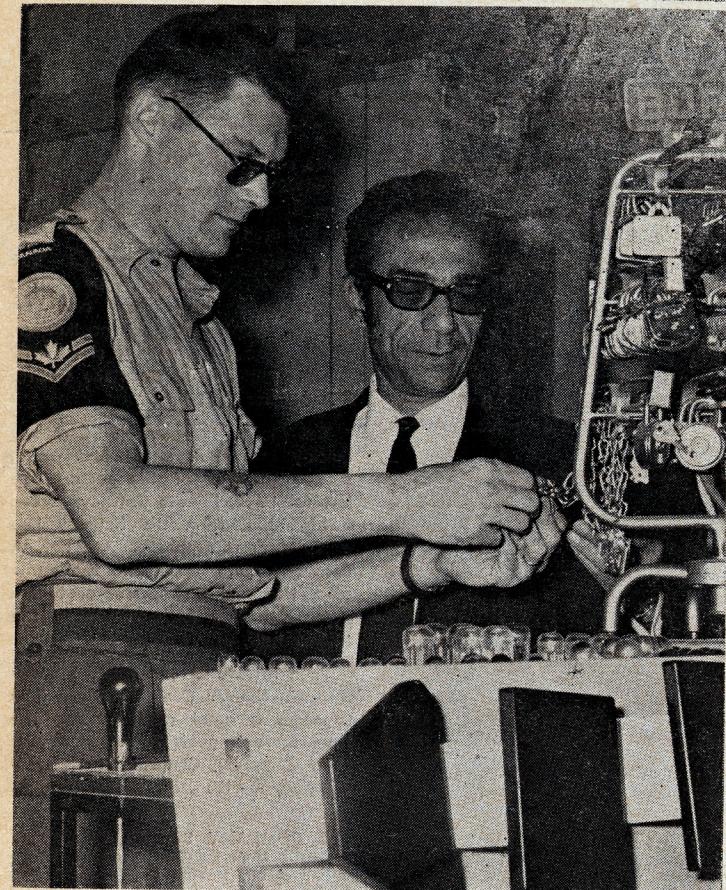


## SAFE DRIVING

Four month safe driving awards were handed out recently to 27 drivers from Cancon Transport Platoon. With one serious exception, the team has been blessed with both skill and good fortune in keeping the accident rate low, while covering their six hundred thousand mile course since coming to the island last October.



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## CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

• L.P.O., the local purchase order system of the military and usually no more than another figure in the monster I.B.M., has a more personalized approach in Cyprus. Prodding through local shops like a learned antique collector, Corporal Joseph Croquet mixes and matches pieces and parts; anything from a bicycle bell to a kitchen sink to meet the immediate needs of the contingent.



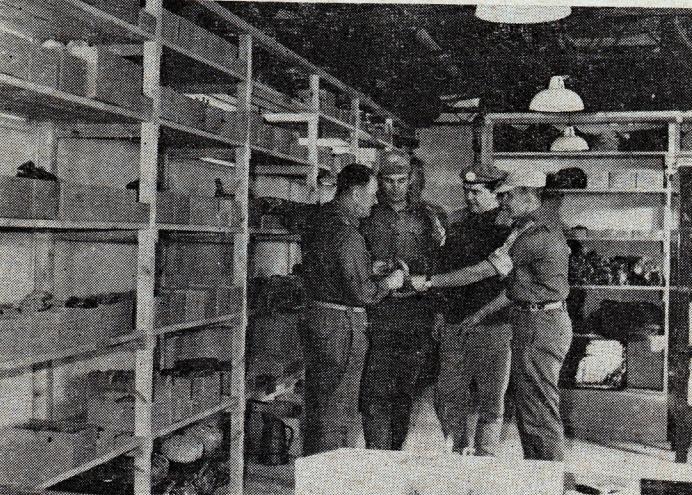
## COFFEE BREAK

Coffee break, the working luncheon of Camp Blue Beret; that mini UN gathering each day where people from many countries often find they have a great deal in common.

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Lähtölaikais on pamahtanut. Jouko hyvikkuntoisia urheilijanurokaisia ryntää Kykkon pöörelköissä kiertävällä maastolenkille. Voittaja lienee vaikeaa veikata tässä vaiheessa.



"Automurskaamon" esimies sotilasmestari Hermanni Autio (vas) esikuntineen varaosavarastossa. Kuvassamme keskellä ylikersanti Raikko Salo, kersanti Ray Starbuck ja oikealla jääkäri Kari Kykkänen.

Kykon autokorjaamalla suoritetaan omien ammattimiesten toimesta kaikkia ajoneuvojen huoltoon ja korjauksiin liittyviä tehtäviä, ainoastaan peruskorjaukset suoritetaan REMEN korjaamolla englantilaisten toimesta.

Korjaamon työkalut ja laitteet ovat varsin riittävät lukuunottamatta aivan erikoistyökaluja.

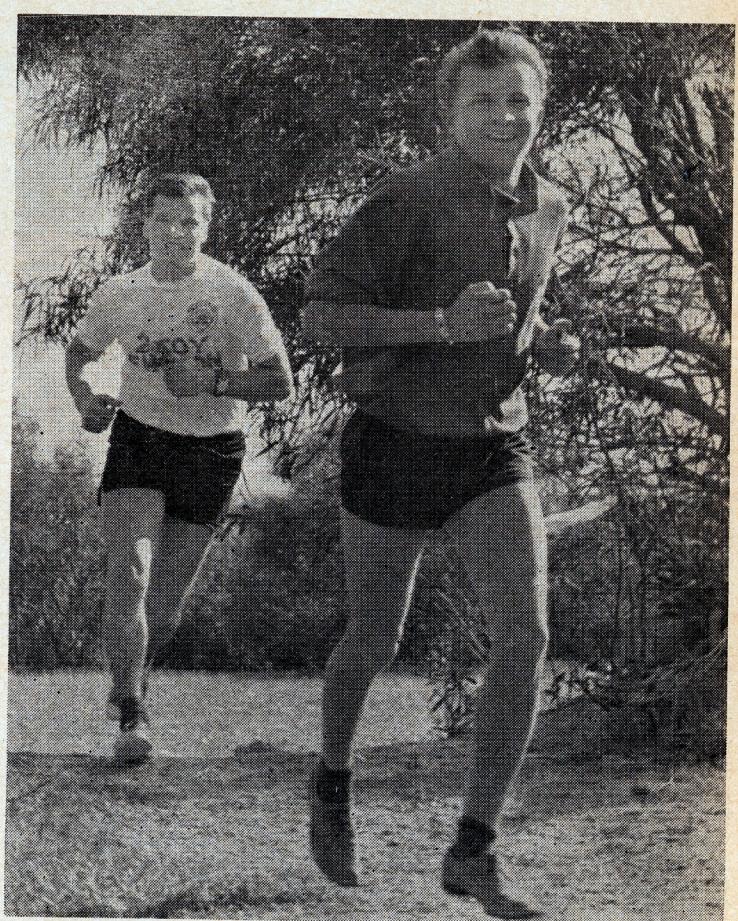
Korjaamon työskentelytilat varaosavaraston osalta ovat erittäin hyvät, sillä se toimii uudessa riittävällä suressa parakissa. Itse korjaamon tilat ovat tyydyttävät onhan sentään katto pään päällä.

Onhan selvää, että pataljoonan ajoneuvokalustosta on pidettävä hyvä huolta mikäli pataljoonan liikkuvuus halutaan säilyttää. Siitä vastaa korjaamon henkilökunta.

Korjaamon esimiehien ja autojen tarkastajana toimii sotilasmestari Hermanni Autio. Hänen apulaisinaan ovat työntohtaja ylikersanti Raikko Salo ja englantilainen kersanti Ray Starbuck. Ylikersanti Salo toimii myöskaan suomalaisena yhteysaliupseerina Kykon ja Remen korjaamoiden välillä. Englantilaisen vastavaa yhteysaliupseeri ja englantilaisen varaosavaraston hoitaja toimii kersanti Starbuck.

Suomalaisista jarrukengistä, apusimpukoista ja muista nippelisteistä vastaa jääkäri Kari Kykkänen.

Varsinaisina asentajina toimivat alikersanti Jouko Karhu ja jääkäri Penti Hyvärinen, Reijo Koivuharju, Veli Mutanen, Juhani Lehtonen ja Kari Lindblad.



Toisia vaan naurattaa toisia ei. Edessä kersanti Jouko Kulhela. Niskaan puhaltaa jääkäri Penti Heiskanen.



Työkalut on syytä pitää kunnossa nieli korjata autoja. Imatraisen jääkäri Kari Lindbladin taitavissa käissä rikkoontunut nostolaita.

Useimmiten autonasentajat katsovat autoa toiselta puolen kuin autonkäyttäjät. Jääkäri Reijo Koivuharju tuttuja puolellaan Land Roverin käsijarrun kimpussa.



Korjaamon englantilainen yhteysaliupseeri kersanti Ray Starbuck.

## FINCON NEWS

## ETIOPIAN SAFARI

Kevään ja kesän aikana on halukkailta mahdollisuus tehdä unohmaton matka villiin Afrikkaan. Lähde Nicosiasta tapahtuvat maantaisin ja paluu 8 pv:n kuluttua tistaina.

Matkan hinta on £107.900, johon sisältyy I luokan hotelli täysihoidolla, kiertorajelut Addis Abebassa ja Awash'in luonnonsuojelualueelle, missä on nähtävissä mm leijonia, leabardeja, sebroja, virtahepoja ja lukematon määrä muita viljejä eläimiä. Lomaupseeri antaa matkasta lisätietoja.

## CANADIAN PRESENTATION

It came on a bit strong at times, elevating the glories of its vastness; singular in its intention to recognize no other, but it was a forgiving audience, for this was, after all, Canada Day.

No one even thought to speak of anything else, the community of the United Nations Force in Cyprus, they were all represented, more than 500, all wearing the tiny maple leaf, emblematic of Canada. An aristocratic guest, and before them their host, a panorama of the Canadian way of life.

The Canada Day film presentation came up at a battalion meeting and was planned in conjunction with the first anniversary celebration of the 3rd Regiment PPCLI. It was an opportunity to share with the many established friends of UNFICYP something Canadian.

Riding on the wings of a



## "SAVE YOUR LIFE"

Members of the Austrian Civilian Police were recently asked to take part in a competition for new ideas.

MTO Insp. Windisch came out first with his suggestion to fix a piece of adhesive tape across the speedometer of each Austrian Civpol Land Rover bearing the inscription "SAVE YOUR LIFE".

## HOCKEY

A decisive win 5-1 for the British Army Western Cyprus team in a hockey match against 9 Signals at Famagusta last week. The team had six members of the Royal Green Jackets taking part. In the centre of the picture three of them worry the opposition's defences. Three Green Jackets also accompanied the British Army Cyprus team to Malta where again they met with success winning six matches and drawing one.

helicopter, the audience was flown into the villages of the Maritimes, they fished off the Atlantic coast and stomped through rough wild northern Ontario. They harvested wheat in the Prairies, felt the bucking bronco beneath them, touched the lofty peaks of the Rocky Mountains and smelt the clean fresh air of British Columbia.

They spoke with the multi-lingual, multi-racial, cosmopolitan simple people; they danced with them, sang with them, they ate their food.

Produced by Lieutenant Ralph McDiarmid, and Warrant Officer Ethel and staff, the presentation was designed to show as well as pose the Canadian scene. In conclusion, Lieute-

nant Colonel T. M. C. Marsaw, the Commanding Officer, thanked the guests for their attendance and spoke of seeing them again when visiting Canada.

## CONTRIBUTION TO UNFICYP

The Government of Belgium has decided to make a voluntary contribution of 2,500,000 Belgian Fr. (\$50,000) for the operation of UNFICYP for the period 16th December, 1970, to 15th June, 1971.



On a routine visit to the 3rd Bn The Royal Green Jackets last week, Major General D. Prem Chand paid a call on Town OP in Limassol. He is seen here with Major D. Williams, Limassol District Commander, and Lieutenant S. Rolt, the Post Commander.



### MP NOTEBOOK

#### ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

Week ending	
13 March 1971	— 10
Same Period	
Last Year	— 15
Total This Year	— 59
Same Period	
Last Year	— 101

Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:

"DRIVING WITHOUT DUE CARE AND ATTENTION".