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PIN UP:- Squadron Sergeant Major J. Smith of 60 Squadron, Royal Corps of Transport, receives his UN medal from the Force Commander on 11th November. Also in the picture is Major P. Marzetti, the Officer Commanding the Squadron. For a report on the parade, and more pictures, see Britcon page.

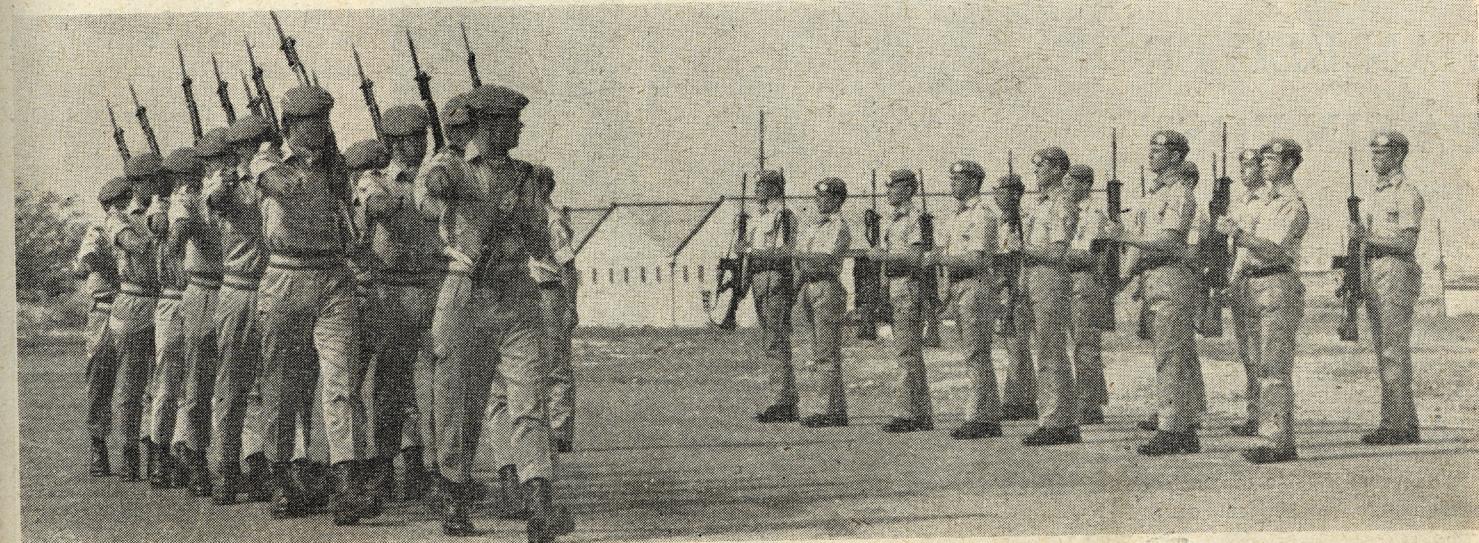
FIRST GUARD

On 2nd November, the Royal Green Jackets mounted their first guard at HQ UNFICYP.

In the picture, the new Guard salutes the old Guard provided by Dancon as it marches off parade.

The Green Jackets Guard was commanded by 2/Lt J. A.

Pode-Warren who, together with two of his brother officers from the same battalion, recently made the trip from UK to Cyprus on 250 cc motor bicycles. "The Blue Beret" hopes to publish a report on this trip in the near future.



DANISH ROTATION

On Monday 16th November, Dancon XIII handed over the responsibilities for the Lefka District to Dancon XIV.

The Danish rotation commenced on 11th November, when the advance party arrived in Nicosia on a UN chartered flight, and the operation will be completed by Monday next.

257 all ranks will be rotated and the Commanding Officer of the new Danish Contingent is Lieutenant Colonel P. E. P. Skov. He is no stranger to Cyprus having served here in

1964 as Deputy Battalion Commander of the very first Danish Contingent in Cyprus. He comes from the Kings Jutland Foot Regiment in Fredericia where he has been Battalion Commander.

Commanding Officer Dancon XIII, Lieutenant Colonel M. Hemmert Lund, is leaving the island on Monday 23rd November to take up Regimental duties with his Regiment, North Jutland Artillery Regiment at Skive. We wish Colonel Lund all the best in his new post.



• The Force Commander talking to the new Danish Contingent Commander, Lieutenant Colonel P. E. P. Skov. On the left, Lieutenant Colonel M. Hemmert Lund, Commanding Officer Dancon XIII.

FARVEL DANCON XIII – VELKOMMEN DANCON XIV

Det er med den mest oplagte blanding af vemoed og glæde, at Dancon XIII nu trækker sig tilbage og overlader opgaverne til Dancon XIV. Vemoed over at skulle forlade "romantic Cyprus" og glæde over at skulle hjem.

Jeg vil gerne byde Dancon XIV velkommen til arbejdet og samtidig benytte lejligheden til at give det nye kontingent et ord med på vejen.



●Den "gamle" commander, OL M. Hemmert Lund - gode råd med på vejen.

Fra maj til november 1970 forekom kun enkelte episoder, hvor personellets evne til at løse den gentlige opgave blev sat på prøve, men når det skete, viste det sig, at den danske soldat forstod at optræde med den myndighed og beslutsomhed, der ved sådanne lejligheder kræves. Når man imidlertid ikke kender modparten, og han ikke kender en selv, da bliver soldatens udad vendte, formelle holdning ofte af afgørende betydning, og man bør derfor aldrig glemme, at den velsoignerde, korrekt påklædte og myndige soldat, der optræder sikert og disciplineret alene med sin fremtræden, kan indgyde en sådan respekt, at det i sig selv kan neddæmpe ophidsede gemytter.

VIS VÆRDIG OPTRÆDEN!

Hvadenten man er befalingsmand eller menig og hvadenten det

HAN BLIVER PÅ SIN POST

Major J.S. Lau, der kom til Dancon XIII som afløser for kaptajn F.Q. Saroe, fortsætter i Dancon XIV især som OPS-E, d.v.s. den, der fører forhandlingerne med de stridende parter vedrørende økonomiske mellemværender såsom vand- og elektricitetsforsyninger, erstatningssager og lignende. Her ses majoren uden for sit telt, hvor han på grund af sine mange forhandlingsture ret sjeldent er at træffe. →



DANCON NYT



DANCON



●Velkommen til den nye commander, OL P. E. P. Skov.

UNDGÅ UNØDVENDIGE UDGIFTER!

Den soldat, der bidrager til at undgå unødvendige udgifter, gør i virkeligheden en indsats til gavn for UN! De fleste unødvendige udgifter forårsages af færdselsuheld og ved skødesløs behandling af det udleverede materiel, - tænk over det, når kostbart materiel overlades Dem

Det kan være svært for den enkelte soldat at forstå denne eller hin bestemmelse og ofte er det vel sværest at forstå forbud af den ene eller anden art. Det er mit sikre indtryk efter 6 måneders forløb, at de bestemmelser, HQ Unficyp har udgivet, er baseret på årelang erfaring, - måske kan De ikke umiddelbart se baggrunden eller forstå grundelsen, men vær forvist om, at det er i egen og i helheden interesse, at bestemmelserne bliver fulgt. Er De i tvivl, så spør!

Med disse ikke særligt højtidelige, men velmrente ord ønsker jeg at byde Dancon XIV velkommen til arbejdet i forvisning om, at det nye kontingent vil fortsætte de foregåendes bestræbeler for at leve op til de forventninger, som altid stilles til Dancon.

M. Hemmert Lund, OL
CH Dancon XIII



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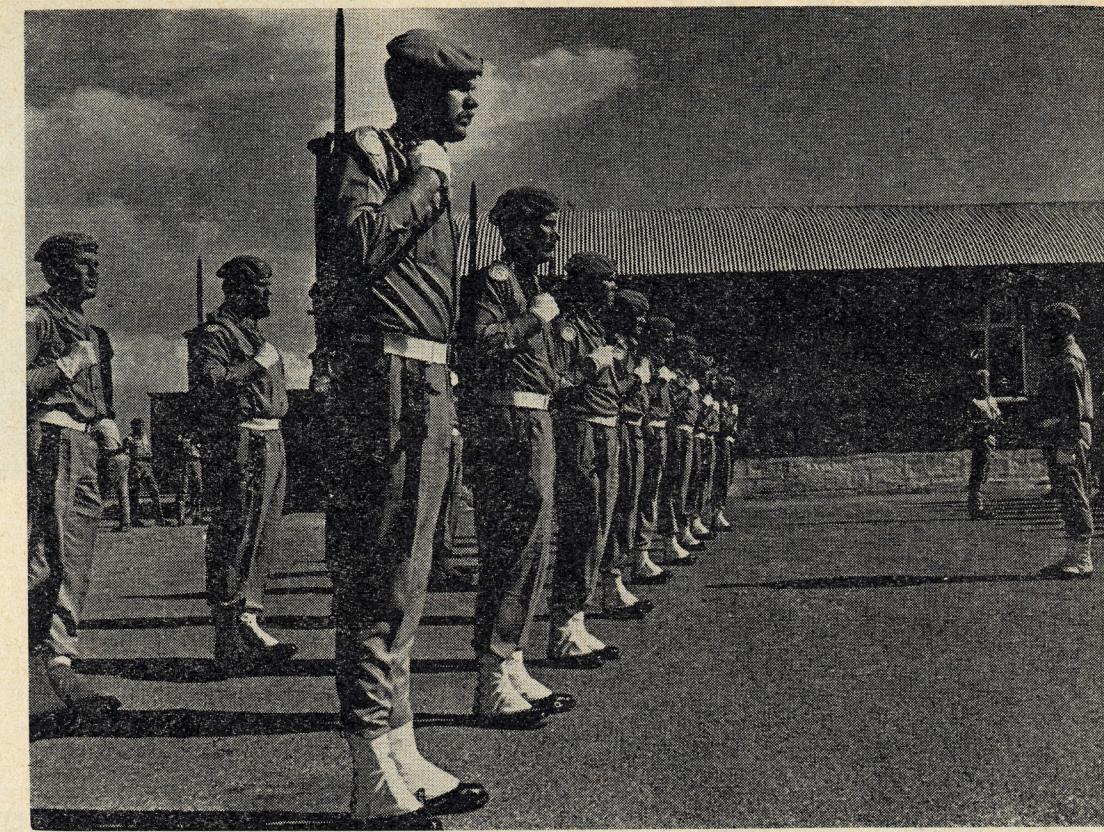
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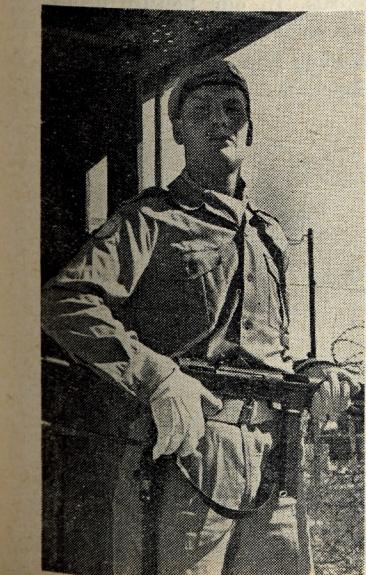
SWEDCON hade förra veckan fatt hederuppdraget att svara för högvakten vid UNFICYP Headquarters i Nicosia. Det var löjtnant Nils-Åke Nilssons fjärde platon som fick jobbet, samma gång som i samband med rotationen gick direkt från flygplanet upp till OP:na i Chatos och Trypimeni.

Plutonen avlöstet ett förband från brittiska Green Jackets och för en visserligen något subektiv iakttagare stod inte svenskarna sina yrkesbröder från Storbritannien efter vad gällde puts, vapenföring och uppträdande. Fast nänting som britternas quick march har ju inte vi...

BILDEN överst visar avlösningen med den svenska styrkan under befäl av furir Bruno Söderberg, Kalmar. På mittenbildet marscherar två britter och två svenskar ut för att avläsa posterna vid grindarna. Svenskarna är Göran Idenfors, Wilhelmina och Bo Göran Svensson, Finspång. På nedre bilden posten vid stora grinden, Göran Idenfors.



SWEDCON NEWS Swedish Forces Photos



GÄSTER PÅ CGC

The Duke of Kent, chef för Force Reserve, besökte häromdagen Carl Gustaf Camp. På övre bilden ses han tillsammans med svenska kontingentschefen översteløjtnant Lennart Önfelt.

Hans Majestät Konungens fødselsdag firades den 11 november med ledig dag och middag för speciellt inbjudna gäster. Bland dessa märktes The Duke of Kent och två av hans officerare samt svenska generalkonsul Demetrios Z. Pierides, Famagusta. Bland de svenska gästerna återfanns översteløjtnant Ingemar Bondeson och major Romulus Kleen.

På nedre bilden hälsar kontingentschefen generalkonsul Pierides välkommen.



60 SQUADRON MEDAL PARADE

On November 11th at HQ UNFICYP, a large crowd of spectators witnessed the medal parade of 60 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport who, since July of this year, have carried out the duties of UNFICYP Transport Squadron.

The medals were presented by the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand PVSM, who congratulated the squadron on an excellent parade and expressed his satisfaction of the way in which all ranks have carried out their duties since their arrival in Cyprus.

The Force Commander was accompanied on parade by Colonel D.E. Thornton, CBE, ERD, COMBRITCON, and a distinguished guest among the spectators was Major General

P.F. Claxton OBE, the British Army Transport Officer in Chief.

The parade was commanded by Major P. Marzetti, and was drawn up as two troops commanded by Lieutenant I. Gunn and 2/Lieutenant J. Hennings. After the Squadron had marched off parade, the Band of the 3rd Royal Green Jackets gave an entertaining display of music and marching at their own familiar Light Infantry pace.

During the evening, celebra-



tions were held in the Officers and Sergeants Messes and in the unit canteen, "The Wheel-Em-Inn".

• Captain C. Streatfield introduces Major General P.F. Claxton to Corporal L. Laird, Corporal A. Tulloch and Driver D. Back.



BRITCON NEWS

• The Force Commander accompanied by, Colonel D.E. Thornton, COMBRITCON and Major P. Marzetti, inspecting 'A' troop.



HELICOPTER FLIGHT INSPECTION



• Brigadier Hudson seen arriving at Polemidhia camp, is met by the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel J.M. Glover MBE.



He has just relinquished command of 39 Brigade in Northern Ireland to Brigadier F.E. Kitson OBE, MC who commanded 1 RGJ in UNFICYP in 1968. Brigadier Hudson

commanded 3rd Royal Green Jackets (The Rifle Brigade) in Felixstowe in 1966-67. During his short stay he saw many old friends and lunched in the Officers mess.



• Brigadier Hudson talking to WO II L. Chapman, Company Sergeant Major of the Limassol Coy. With him are the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel J.M. Glover, MBE and Captain D.J. Innes, who served under him when he was Commanding Officer.

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NIEMBA

ANNIVERSARY

Mass was celebrated on Sunday 8th November 1970, by the Group Chaplain Reverend Father McCabe at St. Patricks Church Zyyi, for the repose of the souls of the nine members of the 33rd Battalion ONUC who died in the Niemba Ambush on 8th November 1960.

Former members of the 33rd Battalion were present including Lieutenant Fergus Gleeson, brother of Lieutenant Kevin Gleeson who died in the ambush. Special prayers were recited after Mass and the ceremony concluded with the sounding of 'The Last Post'.



• Our photograph above shows former members of the 33rd Battalion ONUC after anniversary Mass. (Left to Right) CQMS M. Costello (Cork), Sergeant M. Fenlon (Athlone) O'Connell (Cork) Corporal T. McGuire (Dublin) Sergeant T. Hurley (Athlone) Sergeant C. McSweeney (Limerick) Company Sergeant P. Woods (Cork) Sergeant J. Ryan (Wexford) Sergeant J. Durney (Kilkenny) and Corporal D. Conway (Curragh).

COMBINED PATROLS EXERCISE

On Thursday last a Troop of Ferret Armoured Cars of 'C' Squadron The Royal Scots Greys, UNFICYP Force Reserve, under the command of Lieutenant Robin McClean took part in combined patrol exercises with a Troop of Panhard Armoured Cars from IRCON commanded by Lieutenant Kevin Heery.

Following a briefing by Lieutenant Dave Doyle at 'B' Company Headquarters in Larnaca the two Troops then participated in joint Route Recce Exercises commencing at Larnaca and ending at Zyyi. All personnel concerned

were grateful for the opportunity of appreciating the characteristics and capabilities of each others vehicles.

• The Officer Commanding Armoured Car Group, Commandant Ted Sdeehy, greets the Officer Commanding 'C' Squadron The Royal Scots Greys, Major HRH The Duke of Kent.



WALK TALK

Sergeant Tom Hurley (Athlone), Wireless Sergeant with 19th Infantry Group, has certainly earned his "wings" since his arrival in Cyprus.

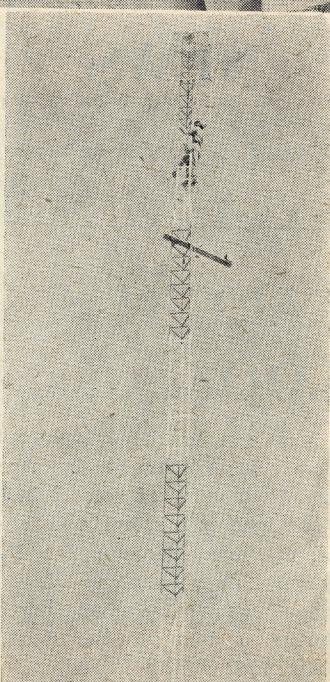
Tom is currently on his

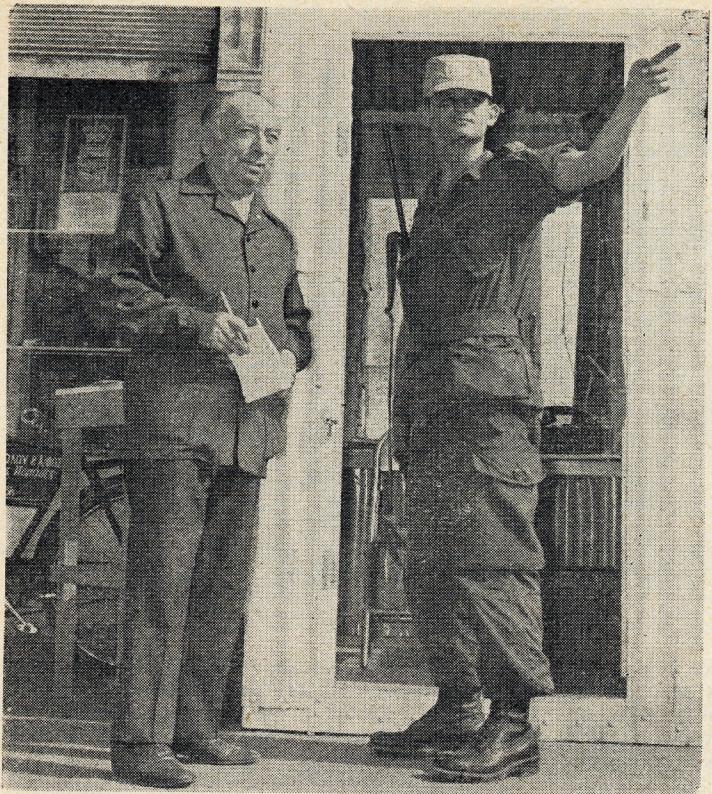
seventh tour of UN duty having previously served one and a half years in the Congo with ONUC and one and a half years with UNFICYP. He adjusts the aerial on top of the radio mast at HQ IRCON whenever the radio frequencies change.

• Preparing to climb.

IRCON NEWS

• Almost there!





EVER READY

Corporal Mike Prosolowski checks mileage on a jeep as part of his job in Transport Platoon. He keeps a record on all vehicles to insure that proper maintenance checks are being completed on time. The average mileage for each driver is approximately 1,000 miles-per-month.



CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

CAUGHT LOOKING

Members of the "Explorers Club" were caught by the camera looking at some handmade lace at a store in Lefkara. Lefkara, famous for its lace making, was one of the stops made by the party during a tour of the South East end of the Island.



BRIEFS PRESS

Private Wayne Lophthien briefs Mr. Himie Koshovoy, a journalist with the Vancouver Province during a tour made by members of visiting news media to City Company. Six reporters from British Columbia spent a week touring throughout Cancon and receiving briefings. They also conducted many radio interviews which will be used on stations throughout British Columbia and Canada.



VEHICLE CHECK

Corporal George Baxter and Private Vic Henderson are two members of the Pioneer Platoon who are always standing by to attend to any electrical problems within the battalion. They are responsible for emergency services and the installation of new electrical equipment and wiring.

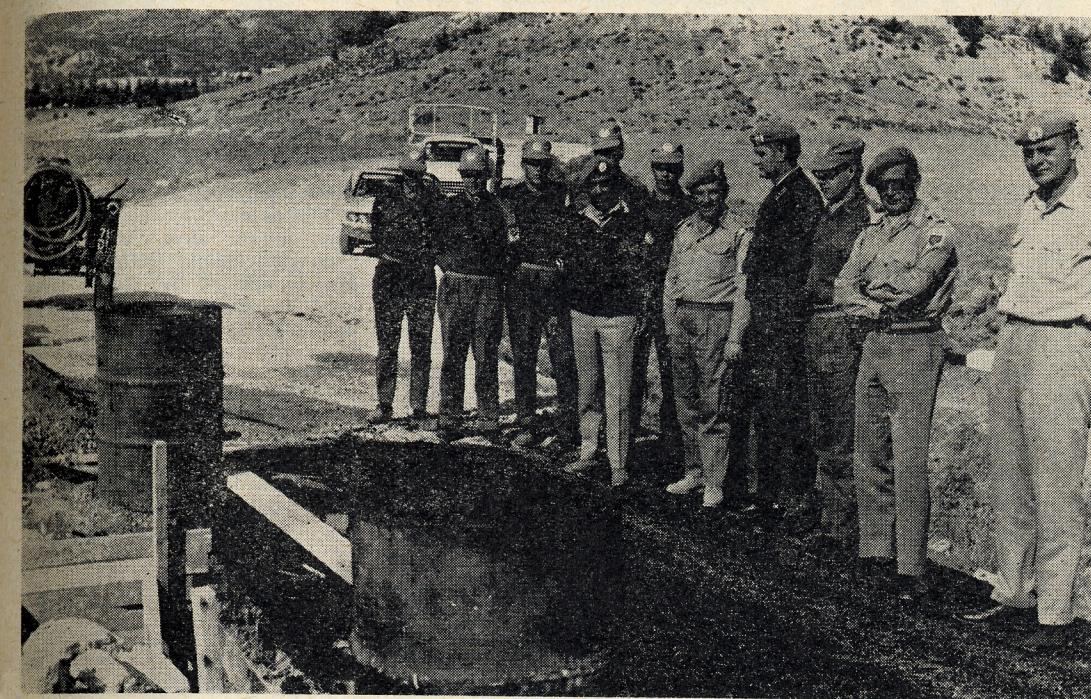


EXPLORERS CORNER

The next tour of the "Explorer's Club" will take place in the first week of December when members will visit a wine factory in Limassol.



RAUHANTURVAAJAT SILLANRAKENTAJINA



Tarvitaan sitä sillanrakentamisen sahaakin.

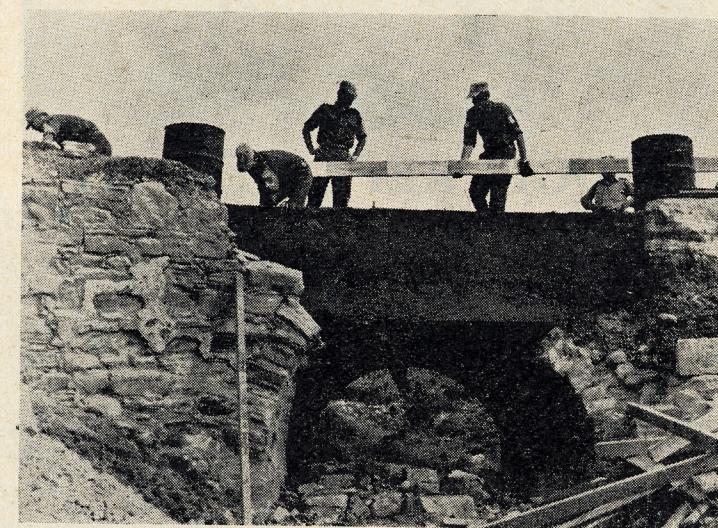
FINNISH BRIDGE

Perjantaina 13.11. saatiin kaiteta vaille valmiiksi kuuluisa Finnish Bridge. Rakennuttajana toimi UNFICYP ja urakoitsijana suomalaiset. Urakka aloitettiin 9.11. pioneerikersanti Räikkönen johdolla. Parhaimmillaan rakennusta oli kaikkiaan 9 miestä.

Rakennustöiden valvajana toimi yli P Keskirookanen.

Sillan valmistumispäivänä tutustui siihen mm Force Commander kenrm D Prem Chand, evl E Lehtovirta, maj E Bonde ja comdt J Murphy.

Työn tulokseen oltiin hyvin tyyvänsiä.



Valulaudoitus on purettu. Sillan viimeistelytöt käynnissä.

FINCON NEWS

PALA VIHREÄÄ LINJAA TAKAISIN SUOMALAISETTEEN



Kyproksen parhaaksi sanottu sauna vihreän linjan varrelta on jälleen suomalaisen käytössä. Saunan turvallisuutta vartioi jääkäri E Laitinen.



Vaihdossa suomalaiset saivat entisen 3JK:n komentopaikan takaisin, vahvuus on nyt vain yhden ryhmän verran. Utta puhelinlinjaa kokeilevat jääkäri E Hartonen ja luutnantti Sakari Virtanen.

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.

UN SECRETARIAT

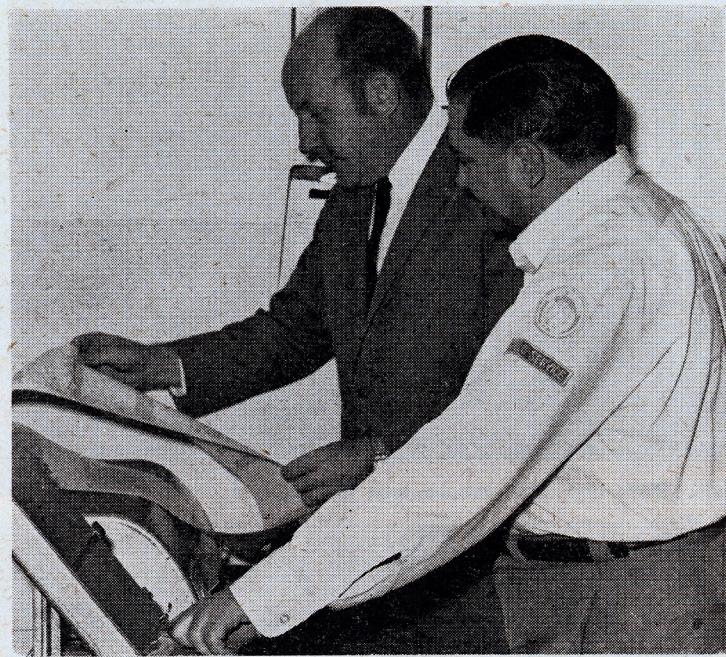
In the next few weeks we intend to describe some of the activities of the Secretariat in order that military members of the Force can learn a little about the work of their civilian colleagues.

Broadly speaking, the UNFICYP Secretariat is an integral part of the UN Secretariat, one of the six principal organs of the Organization, headed by Secretary-General U Thant. Members of the Secretariat, are international civil servants who on accepting appointment, undertake not to seek instructions from any Government or other authority external to the Organization.

The Secretary-General has a special representative in Cyprus, at present, Mr. Bibiano Osorio-Tafall. The Force Commander, Major General Prem Chand, also appointed by the Secretary-General, is in command of the United Nations Force in Cyprus. The Chief Administrative Officer, at present Mr. Dharman, from India, is responsible for all administrative and financial aspects of UNFICYP activities. Within the limits of the policy directives set down by United Nations Headquarters, New York, the Chief Administrative Officer, working with the Chief of Staff and the Senior Political Adviser, ensures the efficient and economical use of the budgetary and civilian staff resources available. As necessary, he undertakes negotiations with the various Ministries of the Government of Cyprus on the implementation of the Status of Force Agreement, and with the UK Command Secretariat and the UK Ministry of Public Buildings and Works on logistics support to UNFICYP provided from NEARELF sources.

UN COMMUNICATIONS

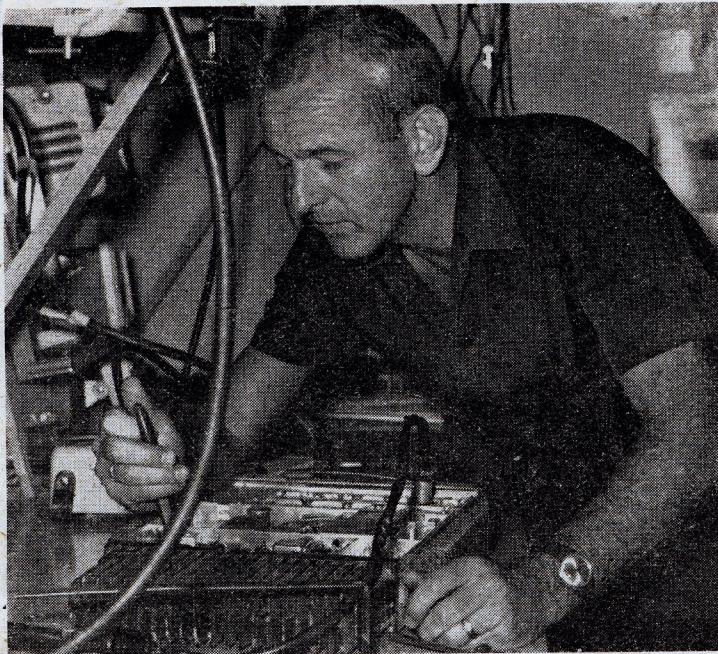
The international character of the UNFICYP Secretariat



BRIDGE REPAIRED BY UNFICYP

Two years ago there was a fatal accident involving an UNFICYP soldier of the Canadian Contingent on the bridge between Boghaz and Orisha Farm. Emergency repairs were made to the bridge after the accident to make it useable.

However, with the ravages of time and weather, the bridge once again became dangerous. Because the bridge is located



Mr. Torfinn Myhre, a Norwegian, is the Radio Technician attached to the Communications section. He is seen here carrying out repairs to a Motorola set.

comprising nationals of 19 countries is well illustrated by the Communications Section, whose staff of seven is drawn from Columbia, India, Netherlands, Norway and Spain.

This section maintains and operates the radio link with UN Headquarters, New York, on the International Telecommunications Network. It maintains as well a stand-by Morse

link with Jerusalem which is a key centre on the UN Network. Both these links are independent of those staffed by the military for UNFICYP communications on the island. The radio technician of the section also maintains and repairs the Motorola equipment used by the Contingents.

- Checking a message as it comes off the teleprinter is Mr. Johan Boe, the Chief Communications Officer. With him is one of the Radio Officers, Mr. Eustasio Pereda, who comes from Spain.

MP NOTEBOOK

Accidents - Unficyp

Week Ending	
14 NOV 70	— 6
Same Period	
Last Year	— 7
Total This Year	— 332
Same Period	
Last Year	— 316

Main Cause of Accidents This Week:

"DRIVING WITHOUT DUE CARE AND ATTENTION"



in a restricted area, the Government could not see its way to repair it. Consequently, through the good offices of UNFICYP, the bridge has now been repaired. After the Force Engineer, Commandant Jim Murphy, inspected the bridge and made his plan for repairs, the task was handed over to Fincon.

Here we see Lieutenant Colonel Lehtovirta, Commanding Officer Fincon, observing the activities of his Pioneers

as they repair the bridge. The work started on Monday last week and was completed on Friday 13th November when the Force Commander inspected the project.

The repaired bridge will now accept single lane traffic for vehicles up to 10 tons. It also has a pedestrian crossing. Sergeant Räikkönen of Fincon supervised the activities of his Pioneers Section and is congratulated for a successful mission completed.