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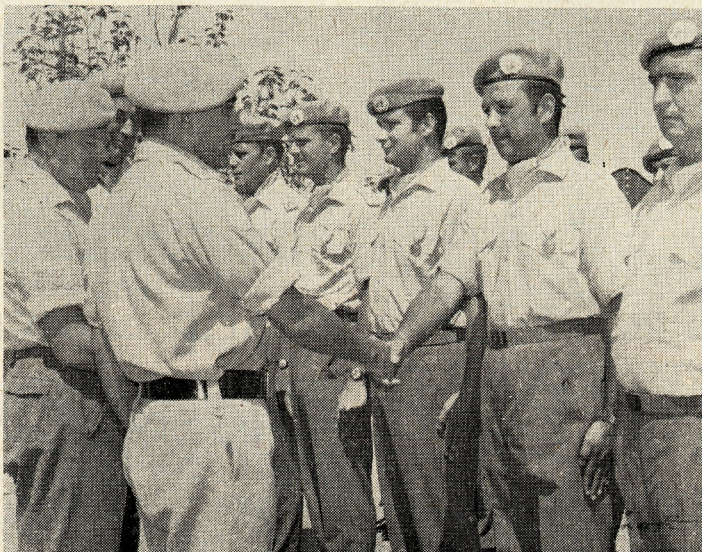
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MEDAL PARADE AT AFH

On Friday last, 14th August, a Medal Parade was held at the Austrian Field Hospital. Eleven Austrians received their "In the service of peace" medals having completed their qualifying 90 days service with UNFICYP.

• The Force Commander congratulates one of the members of the Austrian Field Hospital on being awarded the medal.



HAIL AND FAREWELL

Major Les Charest (left) the Ops Economics Officer at HQ UNFICYP last week handed over his duties to Major Gord Bristow.

Major Charest and his family will be missed by their many friends in UNFICYP, and Saturday morning briefings promise never to be quite the same again!

All good wishes are extended to Les in his new appointment in Canada.

BON VOYAGE TO CAO

It seems incredible that our CAO, Bob Hausner, has decided to retire after nearly 25 years with the United Nations.

Bob joined the UN in March 1946 on detail from the US Department of State and ever since, his career has brought him to many parts of the world including assignments as CAO UNEF in Gaza, Chief, Office of Administration, UNCTAD Geneva, Chief of Administration UN Office, Beirut, and finally CAO of

UNFICYP where he set up the administration in 1966 and came back to in 1968.

Bob has always been ready to help everyone with a smile and we all know how much he and his charming wife Millie will be missed.

As the round of farewell parties gets under way, many of us still entertain the hope that some day, somehow, Bob will be lured out of retirement to come back to this place where he has only left friends.



LORD CARADON VISITS CYPRUS

Lord Caradon, the last British Governor of Cyprus, was in Cyprus last week on a short private visit as the guest of President Makarios.

During his stay he called at HQ UNFICYP and renewed acquaintance with the Secretary General's Special Representative, Mr Osorio-Tafall. Lord Caradon is well known in UN circles as he was until recently Britain's Permanent Delegate at the UN Headquarters in New York.

Mr Osorio-Tafall, the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, and the Senior Legal and Political Advisor, Mr Gorgé, later attended a

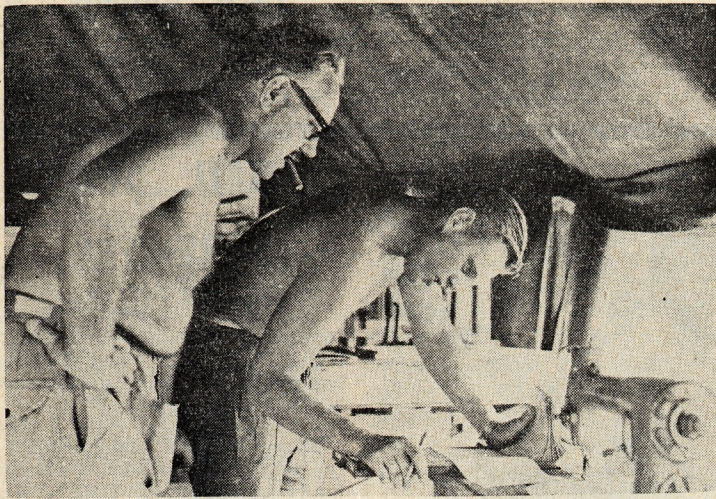
luncheon at the Presidential Palace given in honour of Lord Caradon.

DANCON DONORS

A message of thanks has been received by Dancon from the Cyprus Mines Corporation Hospital at Pendaria for the donation by Danish soldiers of 10 pints of blood on the night of 6th July 1970.

The blood was donated at very short notice and the prompt response helped to save the life of a seriously injured Cypriot.

GENERALMØNSTRING



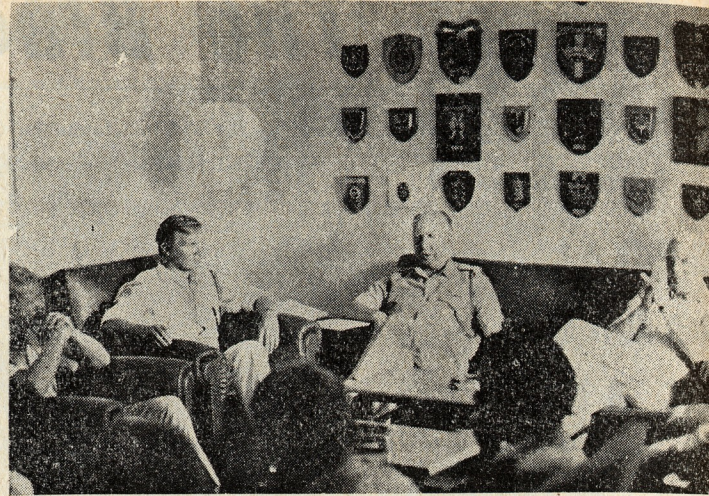
Generalmønstring af materiel foretages i øjeblikket. Konstatere af overensstemmelse mellem lagerkort og fortegnelser og de aktuelle beholdninger kræver et stort og nøjagtigt udført arbejde.

Forhåbentlig er de konstaterede tab minimale; hvorimod svedtabet vil blive stort. Sommervarmen kulminerer i disse dage.

■ Premierløjtnant H. Nielsen og sadelmageren sergent N.E.J. Lundquist bøj sig for kartotek kortenes tale og konstaterer beholdningernes størrelse på sadelmagerværkstedet.



● Signaldelingens folk må igennem den samme procedure for kommunikations materiellets vedkommende. De tusindvis af store og små dele checks af sergent C. Bruus Jensen og sergent Petersen.



MØDE MED FN-AFDELINGENS CHEF

Oberstløjtnant Skerns rutinemæssige besøg ved D ancon XIII omfattede som nævnt også møde med alle kategorier af mandskab.

Billedet viser oberstløjtnant Skern og oberstløjtnant Hemmert Lund siddende i officersmessen i Xeros lejren, mens de meniges repræsentanter fremsætter deres synspunkter og forespørgsler.

DER ER LANG VEJ TIL LIMNITIS

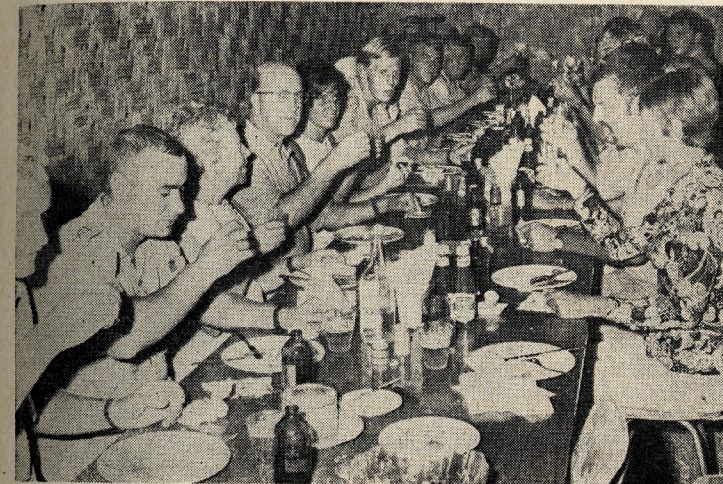
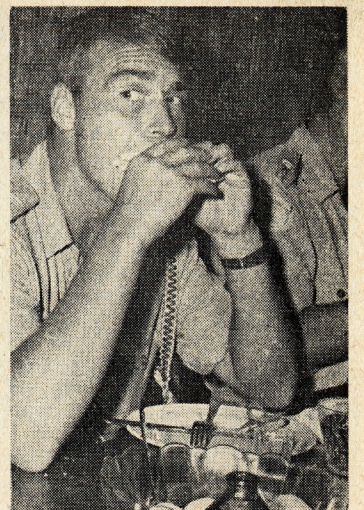
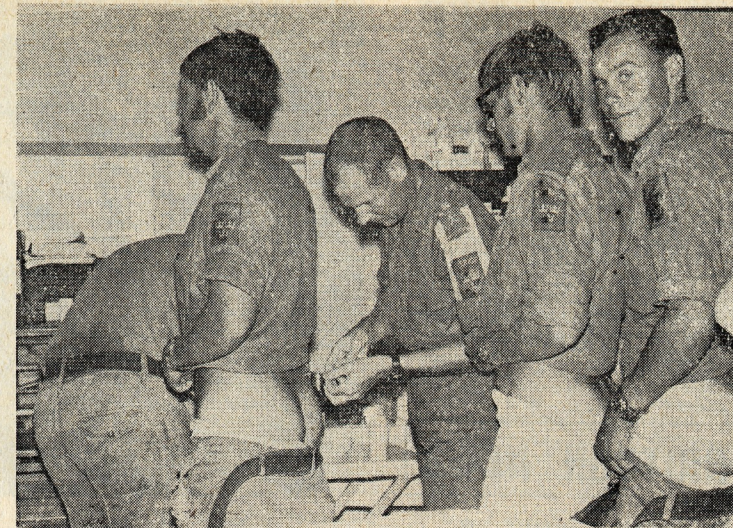
Tre sergenter fra Letkompagni er på særlig anmodning blevet foreviget på grund af udvist initiativ. Klartseende som de er, indså de, at fjerdedelings flytning til Limnitis ville rumme en mangfoldighed af problemer. Resolut besluttede de at foretage en rekognoscering på egen fod.

Resultatet blev ganske vist begrænset i første omgang; til trods for specialudrustning (se billedet) mødte de så mange forhindringer, at der måtte beordres rast allerede ved fuglereservatet (se igen billedet) og da hovedvægten blev nået, viste videre fremtrængen sig umulig.

Foreløbigt resultat: sergent F. Christensen: vejen til Limnitis er for lang endog for svært bevæbnede korte bukser. Sergent H.J. Jacobsen: man må sætte skovlen under problemerne for at få fod på dem. Sergent C. Schröder-Jørgensen: og så lade Schröder bære byrden!

STACK TILL

gjorde det ordentligt i hele bataljonen härförleden, när mj Anders Carlström och hans män uppe på sjukran pumpade nytt gammaglobulin i oss. Det stacks så injektionsnålen gick röd, var så säkra. Vänner Anders jobbade sammanbitet. Men grabbarna såg nöjda och glada ut, som t.h.

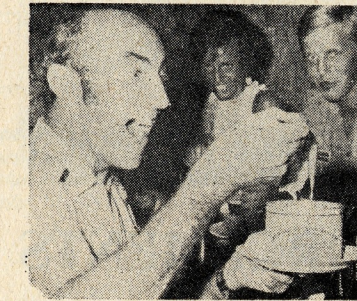


■ Befälsmännen hade stor gala-och festföreställning häromkvällen. Det var den från Cyprien och Blue Beret välkände Evert "Nisse" Nilsson, Umeå, som med hjälp av några andra "lappgubbar" ordnat till en norrländsk surströmmingsskiva. Men i vimlet sågs också en och annan sörlänning.

■ Dags för den lille "goe", ovan. Fr. v. Tommy Lönn, Lars-Erik "Fä-

bc-Lasse" Svensson, Kim Strömberg John Strömberg, Marianne Bergman Nils-Ove "Leave-Johan" Johansson Gunvor Larsson (skymd), Per-Olof "Poppo" Larsson, Allan "Fänriken" Grahm, Renny "Lill-Postis" Magnusson, Björn "Länsman" Norrmark, Bengt "Nikkala" Hannerfors, Tore Åkesson, Evert "Nisse" Nilsson (lite kort i rocken) Jonny Stålhandske och Barbro Stefansson. Runt bordet fanns också sådana ce-

SURT - men gott



lebriteter som Runa Stålhandske, Nils "Dennis" Haag, Evald "Mälarn" Johansson och Phär Stefansson.

■ "Nisse" med delikatessburken i ena handen och det "göttaste" i den andra, lilla bilden. Förmodligen var "Nisse" störst denna kväll, i varje fall att äta flesh godbitar. "Leave-Johan" med fastmön Marianne ser lite undrande på denne "Nisse".

■ Äta surströmming på farfars vis förevisar "Poppo", ovan t.h. Hur var det du sa, "Poppo"? Tunnbröd, "Guldklimpen", potatis och lök! Såg ut att tycka om "röten fesk" trots alla syrliga kommentarer innan. ● Festlig bild, festlig man. En tiger i burken. Jonny Stålhandske, till höger. "Har jag kanske ätit för många godbitar? Får jag ta en till utan kommentarer? Tack, det var bara det jag ville komma fram till!"



HEMÅT DET BAR

för varje minut.... Och nu är han hemma, civiltveteranen Sven Bagge från Piteå. I nästan två år tjänade han UNFICYP. Före avfärden dock, en liten tack-och avskedsföreställning på offmässen. Herrarna t.v. är: MP-chefen kn Stig Berling, Stockholm, Bagge Självi och chefen öv Lars Lavén.

SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos

ALMOST A PERFECT FIT

It is all very well to look pleased when you have just drawn up a UN beret that fits perfectly, but what about your feelings when the Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant tries to fit you up with a beret that falls right over your eyes!

Here Lance Corporal Franklin Thomas (right) and Private Royston Downes (centre) are being issued with their Blue Berets and Scarves after their recent arrival from England to rejoin 3rd Battalion Light Infantry. Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant Derek Jones is the man 'taking the micky'.

Private Downes and Lance Corporal Thomas are mem-

bers of the Bugle Platoon. Both are married and come from Hereford and Welshpool respectively. RQMS Jones is married with one daughter and his family is at present living in Plymouth.

BRITCON NEWS



BUGLE REINFORCEMENTS

Members of 3rd Battalion Light Infantry bugle platoon, who remained in Plymouth when the Battalion was posted to United Nations in Cyprus, have just flown out to serve the last part of the tour.

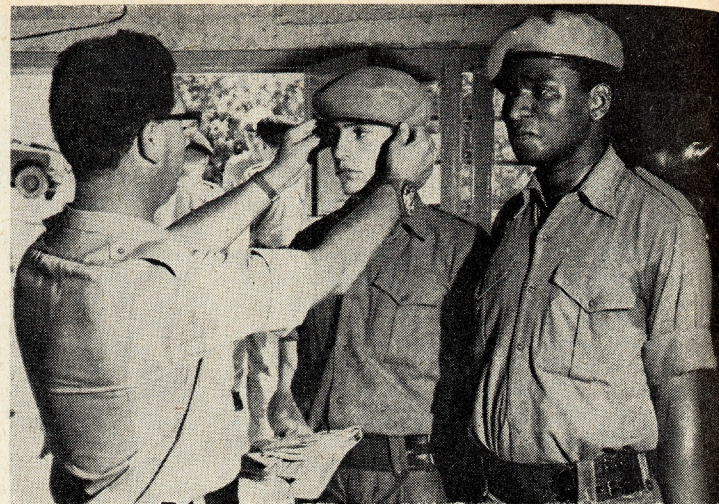
Some of the new arrivals are seen, above with their platoon Sergeant, Sergeant Robert Hill after visiting the Quartermaster to 'draw up their Blue Berets. The general comment of the new arrivals was that Cyprus is a good deal hotter than they expected but all of them look forward to soldiering with UNFICYP.

A ONE MAN TEAM

"British Forces Post Office 667" sounds pretty grand, but it is in fact a one-man show and the man responsible for all the postal activities is Corporal Colin Moss.

Nevertheless to the 1100 officers and men of the British Contingent "Postie" Moss is a very important member of the Force. They rely on him to keep the mail moving on time.

Corporal Moss is married, with three girls, and so he looks forward to the mail from home as much as anyone. His tour of duty with UNFICYP is 9 months and he has just over 6 months to serve.



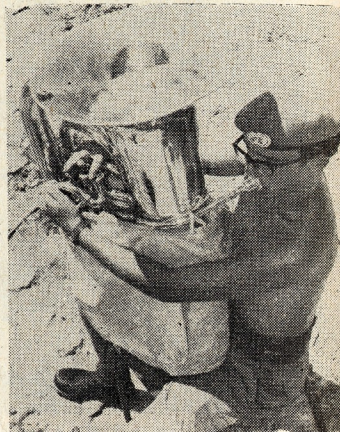
AN UNUSUAL PET

Bandsman David Tomlinson finds relaxation in a quiet corner of Polemidhia Camp encouraging a few low notes from his pet tuba.

Many of the soldiers of 3rd Battalion Light Infantry keep animals as pets and Bandsman Tomlinson finds nothing unusual in his choice although, as he says, 'its a bit difficult to walk out with!'

Bandsman Tomlinson is single and his home town is Scunthorpe. As a man of few words but deep insight, we asked him for his comments on the Army. After a few minutes of careful thought he

replied 'It's not a bad job, but then again, it's not a good job either is it?!'



Mandria Hill Observation Post

Beside the Observation Post at Mandria Hill, South West Cyprus, Second Lieutenant Noel Brown Intelligence Corps attached to 3rd Battalion Light Infantry points out places of interest to the sentry, Private Peter Kelsey. Below the Observation Post can be seen the huddled accommodation for the soldiers on duty at Mandria and beyond that typical Cyprus country, dry and dusty, interspersed with clumps of carob trees.

Second Lieutenant Brown is doing a years attachment with the Light Infantry and is at present a Platoon Commander. Private Kelsey has served for two and a half years and has two brothers in the Battalion. He is unmarried and his home town is Hartlepool, Co Durham.



SBA TO UNFICYP

On the 11th August 1970, Warrant Office Class One Vic Roberts, returned to the United Kingdom on completion of his tour of duty with the United Nations Force Vic is returning to Central Ordnance Depot Bicester.

The new Force Ordnance Warrant Officer is Jim Tilling, who came to us from Central Ordnance Depot, Donnington. WO I Tilling is no stranger to the island having only left ten months ago after serving with the Headquarters in the Sovereign Base Area.

THE HEAVY MORTAR TROOP

The Heavy Mortar Troop on service with 18th Infantry Group comes from the 4th Field Artillery Regiment, Mullingar. Mortar Troops from the 4th Regiment have seen service with United Nations Forces on four previous occasions. With the 38th Battalion in the Congo (1962/63) the Troop was in action at Elizabethville, Jadotville, Kipushi, Simba Hill and Kolwezi.

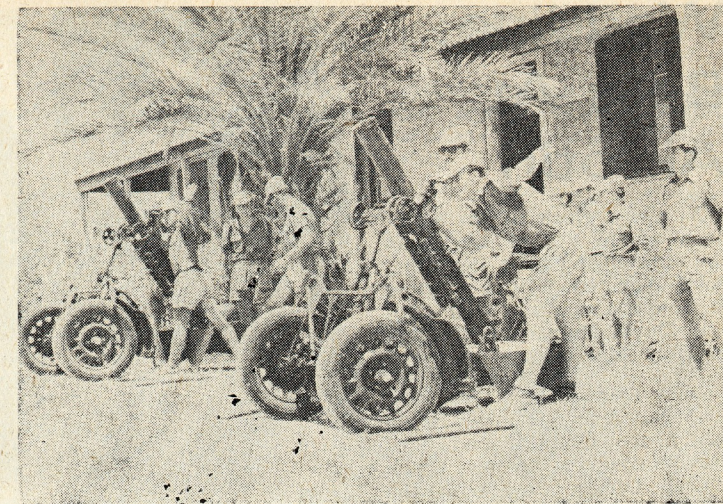
It has served with UNFICYP on three previous occasions with 41st Battalion (1964/65), 8th Infantry Group (1967) and 11th Infantry Group (1968/69).

Sergeant Lacey and Sergeant Earley are currently serving their fourth term with UNFICYP. Both have also had service in the Congo.

At home "The Fearless Heavies" exercise as part of their parent Regiment. On the Glen of Imaal Artillery range

such targets as Stony Ridge, Split Rock, and Lesh Valley bear many scars of accurate firing. In Cyprus the Troop trains regularly with its four Brandt 120mm mortars. Map reading, communications, occupation of positions and laying exercises feature in its training schedule.

Captain P. Walshe is troop Commander, with Captain P. McMenamin as second-in-command. The Troop Sergeant is Sergeant J. Carolan.

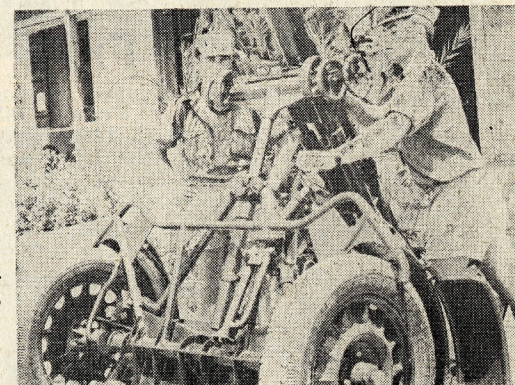


● "Right" section of the troop at laying exercise. Gunners J.M. Devany and T. Clyne (layers) give indication for planting of aiming posts. Supervising the gun crews are Sergeant L. Poynton and Sergeant K. Prendergast.

● Gunner Devany cross levels his sights during a laying sequence.

IRCON NEWS

● The Command Post Staff, Sergeant Earley and Gunner McAnaney complete data for the guns watched by Captain P. Walshe.



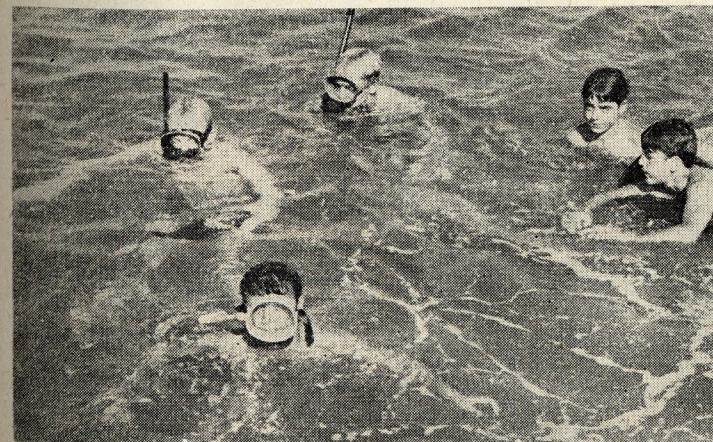
FATHER AND SON

Another father and son combination in the 18th Infantry Group is that of Battalion Quartermaster Sergeant James Hayes and his son Paddy. Paddy is single and nineteen years of age.

This is his first tour overseas and he is serving with 'A' Company at Kophinou. His home unit is with the Headquarters in Limerick. Another son Edward is a Corporal also with the 12th Battalion. Both men are

enjoying their current tour of duty.

● Our photograph shows Paddy on the left of father James.



KEEPING COOL

With the present heat wave sapping the energy of our troops, those off duty are

keen to take advantage of the cool waters of the sea.

Ircon personnel are lucky in having a pier so close to camp and diving with a mask and snorkel is a popular pastime.

Our photograph shows Captain Paddy O'Connor "messaging about" accompanied by some of the locals.

Wedding Bells At Akrotiri

At two o'clock in the afternoon on the 8th of August in the church of Christ the King, RAF Akrotiri, Flight Officer Maureen Ann Snow and Captain David Harris were united in Holy Matrimony.

Mrs Harris is a Nursing Sister at Queen Mary's Royal Air Force Hospital and Captain Harris, a former Black Watch Officer now with the



• The wedding party in front of the Nursing Officers' Mess, RAF Akrotiri. Left to right — Captain and Mrs Dave Harris, Miss Mary Brown, Bridesmaid, Captain Doug Roberts, Best Man, Wing Commander and Mrs Tony Marifield.

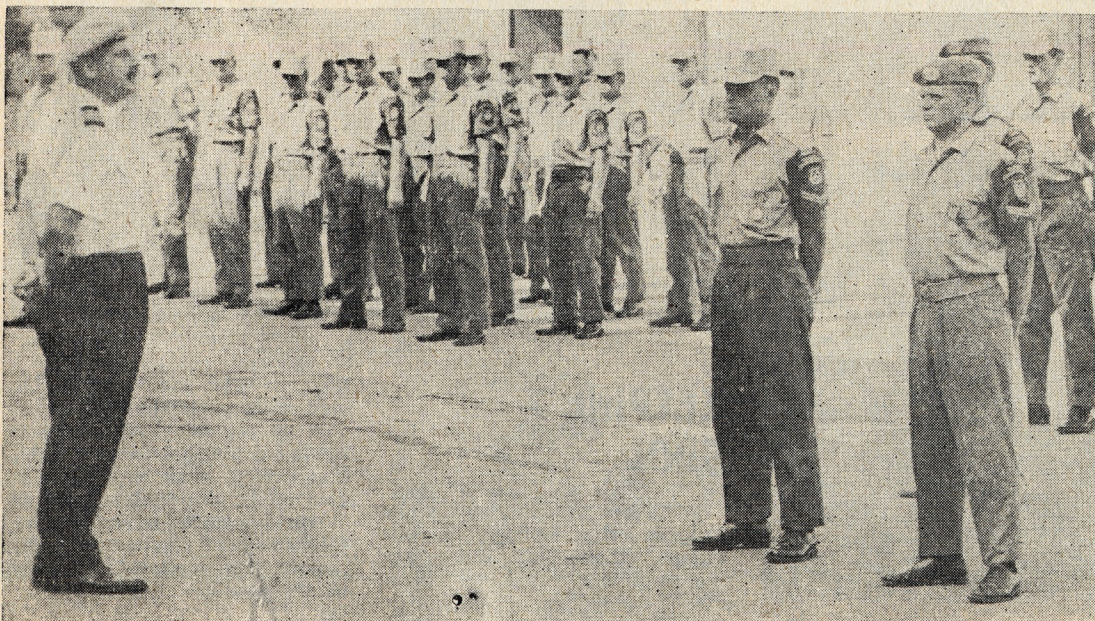
OVER THE TOP

Private Bill Barnes shows the fine form that won him the High Jump championship on Wednesday, 12 August, at the Alpha Company Tabloid Sports Meet. Congratulations go to Bill and the overall winners of the meet, 1 platoon.



Royal Canadian Regiment, is a member of the Canadian contingent.

The beautiful bride was given away by Wing Commander Tony Marifield and the marriage ceremony was conducted by Father Bernard Ineson. The reception was held at the Nursing Officers' Mess, RAF Akrotiri.



VISITORS FROM CANADA

Several visitors from Canada were with us this week to tour the Cancon area.

Major Bob Hersey, Officer Commanding Alpha Company, is shown here on top of the battalion OP briefing Major D Harper and Major R Riddell (both from CFHQ, Ottawa), Mr Myles Godfrey, Department of External Affairs, and Major J. Devlin, a Canadian member of UNTSO in the Middle East.



CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

CANADA DECORATION MEDAL RECIPIENTS

On Friday, 14 August, Wolseley Barracks was the scene of the presentation of Canada Decoration medals to two deserving members of the Canadian Contingent.

Lt. Col. Dan Loomis is shown here congratulating the two recipients, Corporals Don Balcom and Scotty Grant.

ENSIAPUHARJOITUS

Tilanne voisi joskus olla näinkin ikävä. Vuorilla oleva vartiomies on pudonnut tuntemattomasta syystä jyrkänteeltä alas. Tällaisen

tapausten sattuessa apua on saatava nopeasti paikalle ja kuljetus sairaalaan on järjestettävä välittömästi.



Suomalais-itävaltalaisista yhteistyötä Tjikloksen ensiapuharjoituksissa.



Kansanedustaja vieraamme ja pataljoonan komentaja OP Satulassa.

VIERAITA SUOMESTA

M yöhään lauantai-iltana sai pataljoonamme vastaanottaa korkearvoisia vieraita Suomesta. Eduskunnan valtiovarainvaliokunnan puolustusasiainjaoston jäsenet kansanedustajat Arvo Ahonen, Esa Niemelä, Viktor Procope ja Uki Voutilainen tutustuivat pataljoonaamme varsin tiukan ohjelman puitteissa 15.-19.8.70 välisenä aikana.

Ammuoissa menestynyt ylivääpeli Pekka Suokas tarkastelemassa tulostaan.

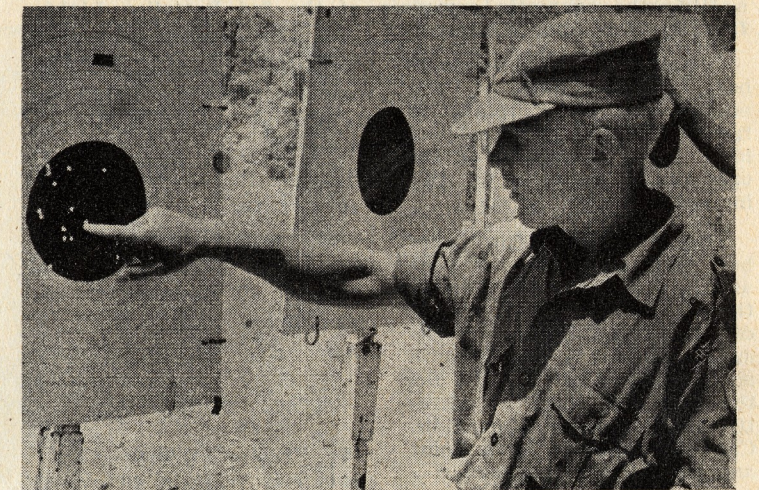


Risteilijät lähdössä Kyrenian sisäsatamasta.

KYRENIAN SISÄSATAMA - MAREMONTE - KYRENIA

Välimeren veden kirkkaus todettiin taas kerran käytännössä. Meren pohja näkyi selvästi, jopa pienet sinne painuneet narunpätkät, mutta sinne oli vaikea päästä. Vain taitavimmat sukeltajat onnistuivat

raapaisemaan pohjahiekkaa käsiinsä. Aurinko paistoi pilvettömältä taivaalta ja sivuaallokko kei-nutti risteilijöiden venettä niin, että matkamuistoksi hankittu rusketus pakeni muutamien kasvoilta.



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PISTOOLIAMMUNNAT DHEKELIASSA

Tiistaina 11.8. järjestettiin Dhekeliassa pistooliammunnat, joissa jokainen virkansa puolesta asetta kantava sai kokeilla kätensä vakavuutta. Ammunnan tarkoitus oli totuttaa sotilaita aseiden käyttöön ja tutustuttaa sen toimintaan. Tuloksia:

1. Kapt Rytkönen 152 pist
2. Yliv Suokas 147 "
3. Ev Raitasaari 138 "
4. Sotmest Viiala 127 "
5. Ylik Kurki 118 "
6. Alik Turpeinen 115 "

PAPINMUISTIO

23.8. klo 10.00 Retki Larnacaan
26.8. klo 19.00 Papin palaveri Esikunnan aliupseerimessissä.

28.8. klo 19.00 Ehtoolliskirkko St Paul'n kirkossa.

30.8. klo 09.00 Retki Troodokselle.

FINCON NEWS



3LI SUB AQUA ENTHUSIASTS



"Cyprus is an excellent place to learn to dive, with good clear water and hardly any currents. It is only a pity that there are so few shells to be found". So says Captain Laurence-King the energetic organiser of the 3rd Battalion Light Infantry Sub Aqua Club.

Certainly the idea seems to have caught on down at Polemidhia and as a relaxation from UN duties many soldiers have taken advantage of the opportunity to take up this increasingly popular sport.

The Sub Aqua Club members train three times a week at Akrotiri and every Sunday the members go "open water" diving. Once a month a weekend expedition is organised to some place of interest. So far the club has dived at Akrotiri, the Panhandle, Kormakiti, Cape Greco, Polis, Lara Point and the Akamas peninsular.

There are 36 members of the 3rd Battalion Light Infan-

try Club at present and 19 of them are already members of the British Sub Aqua Club to which the regimental club is affiliated. Private Philip May, Private William Cope and Lance Corporal Stephen Boice have made the most progress and are all now BSAC 3rd class divers and each have made over 30 dives since

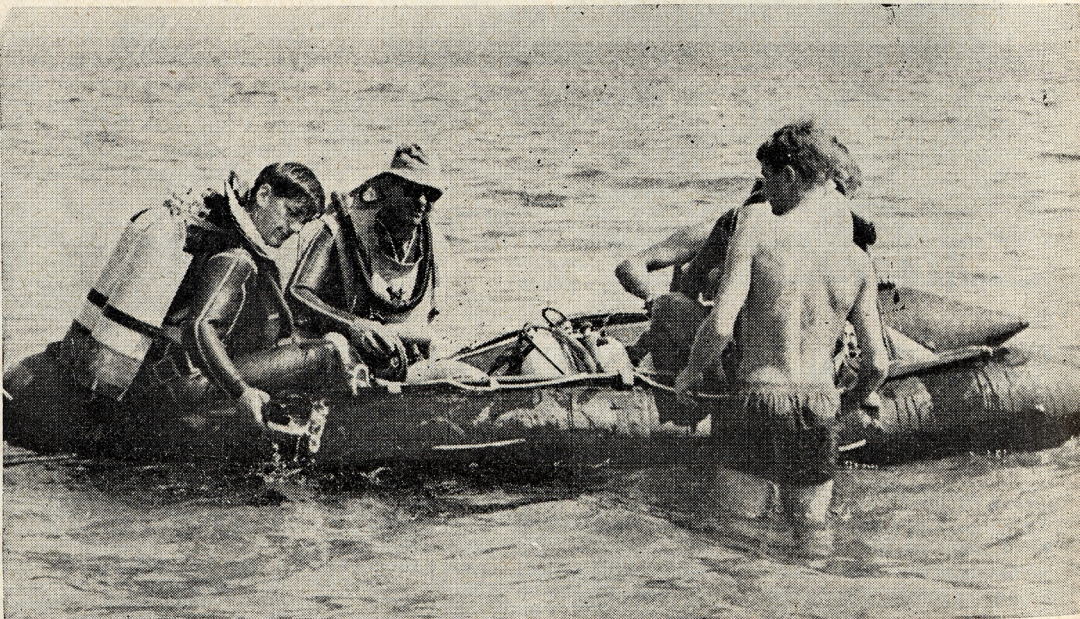
● Private William Cope (left) and Warrant Officer II Daniel Cockbill preparing to go diving from the rubber dinghy. Lance Corporal Philip May, stripped to the waist, is pushing out the dinghy.



● Our photograph shows Captain Laurence-King (right) preparing to lead a diving party during a recent weekend expedition. Also in the picture (from left to right) are Lance Corporal Boice, Sergeant Graham, Private Cope and Private May.

taking up the sport here in Cyprus.

Captain Laurence-King, himself a BSAC 2nd class diver has 186 dives to his credit about 20 of which have been over 100 feet. He has been diving for 3½ years and started the sport when he was stationed in Singapore. His second-in-command is Sergeant Derek Graham of Army Physical Training Corps who is also a 2nd class BSAC diver.



MP NOTEBOOK

Accidents - Unficyp

Week Ending 15 AUG 70 — 6

Same Period Last Year — 7

Total This Year — 245

Same Period Last Year — 236

Main Cause of Accidents

This Week —

"CARELESS DRIVING"

Belgium Contributes To UNFICYP

"Belgium intends to reserve its position in regard to any future participation in the financing of UNFICYP, if it should appear that the parties concerned display no will to reach a negotiated solution within a reasonable period of time."

This is a comment made in a letter to the Secretary-General, U Thant, in which the Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations, Edouard Longestaey, gives notice that the Belgian Government has decided to contribute a sum of 2,500,000 Belgian Francs (50,000 US Dollars) as a voluntary contribution towards the cost of UNFICYP for the period from 16th December, 1969 to 15th June, 1970.

A WORD OF WARNING

..... to all amateur Archeologists. All antiquities found in the Republic of Cyprus, or within its territorial waters, are the property of the Republic.

A licence to dig for antiquities or to search for them underwater is a legal requirement. Such licences are issued by the Department of Antiquities to suitably qualified persons only.

All antiquities discovered by accident, as reported last week in the "BLUE BERET", must be reported immediately to the nearest civilian authority.

The laws of the Republic provide for severe penalties for any person contravening these regulations.