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OP SADDLE

The cool, shaded approach path to the sentry post at OP Saddle bids a welcome to visitors. The most spectacular UN OPs are to be found in the Kyrenia Range.

These small isolated posts perched on craggy mountain peaks command breath taking views of the North Coast and Mesaoria Plain.

Inevitably they are popular places to include in the itinerary for visiting VIP's or journalists, and OP Saddle being the most accessible by road is probably more visited than most, and certainly the most photographed.

Soldiers spend 3 weeks at a stretch in this mountain OP, and at this time of the year, those of us sweltering in Nicosia must surely envy them their peace and isolation.



HEALTH HINTS FOR SUN WORSHIPPERS

As the temperature in Nicosia last week moved up to 38°C (100°F) we noticed some of the more recent arrivals, (and some of the old timers as well!) looking decidedly limp and jaded. We therefore asked the Chief Medical Officer for a few notes on the dangers of sunburn and prickly heat. These are published below.

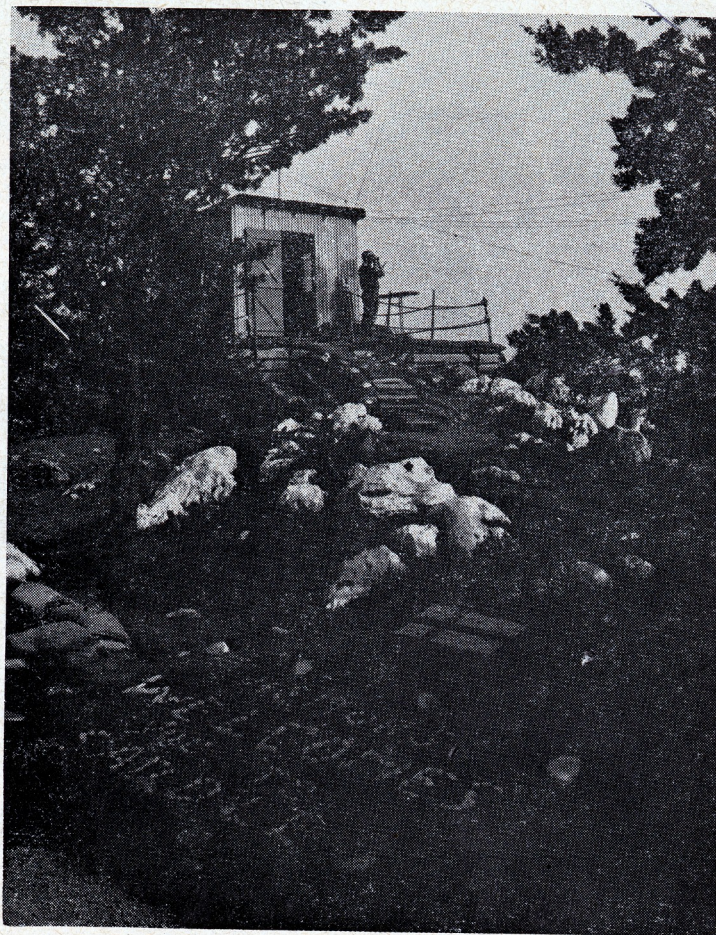
"Members of UNFICYP would be wise to remember that the fair Northern European skin is not well suited to long exposure to the Cyprus sun. The risk of sun burn depends on three factors, the sun's elevation, the absence of cloud or haze and the presence of wind. During the coming week the midday sun in Cyprus will be only 12½° from the vertical, the sky cloudless and the wind high, particularly on the beaches. Most of our homes lie north of the 50th parallel where the sun can never be less than 27½° from the vertical and the skies are often cloudy.

Midday in our summer equates roughly with the Cyprus June day before 8 a.m. and after approximately 4 p.m. Consequently, new arrivals should

avoid the period of intense sunlight by confining their sunbathing to the early morning and late afternoons, and even then, for short periods only to begin with. Gradually the periods may be lengthened and started near to noon.

Sun lotions do reduce the burning effect of the sun's rays, but also delay the tanning process, and are more useful for persons with sensitive skins who wish to avoid burns on exposed areas while taking exercise in the sun.

Sun worshippers should also remember that the long term effects of exposure are the destruction of the elastic tissue of the skin with the consequent production of wrinkling and also an increased risk of developing skin cancer".

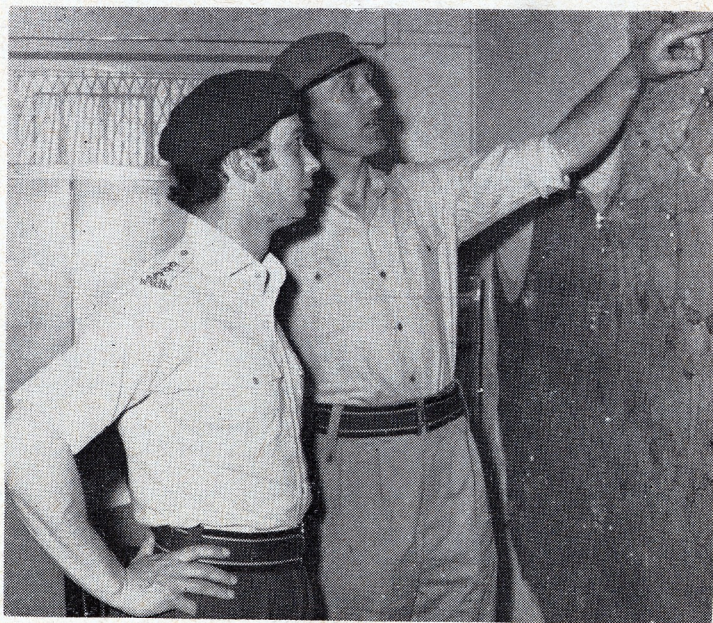


CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFICYP

Two more countries, the USA and Sweden, have announced their willingness to make further contributions towards the cost of UNFICYP.

In a letter dated 2nd June, the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations, states that his Government will pledge a further 180,000 US Dollars for the period which ended on 15th June 1971.

The United States Representative in his letter dated 9th June has informed the Secretary General that the United States is prepared to contribute up to 2,400,000 Dollars for the period of the current mandate ending on 15th December 1971. The final amount contributed will depend upon the amounts contributed by other countries, and the confirmation of the cost estimates. The United States has maintained that 40 per cent is its appropriate share of the costs to the UN of the Cyprus operations, and it therefore reserves the right to adjust the level of its pledges in accordance with this principle.



SETTLING IN

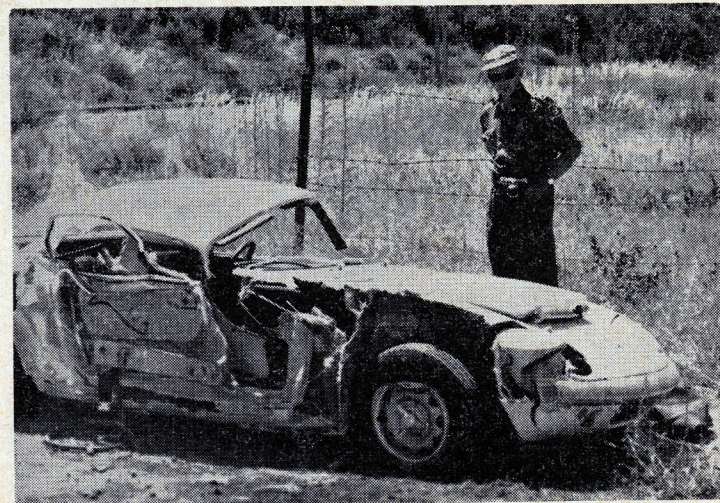
The first thing to do is to find out where you are! Shortly after their arrival in Nicosia last week, Major James Pinney (right) the Offi-

cer Commanding 'A' Squadron, The Royal Hussars and his Second in Command, Captain HRH Prince Michael of Kent, make a study of the map of the island at their Headquarters.



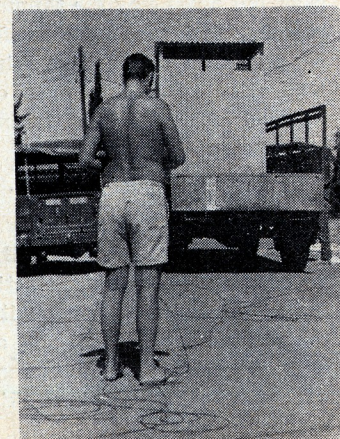
● Branden i flodlejet ud for VIKING CAMP var ikke særlig farlig, men hvis ilden var opstået i et område, hvor den havde kunnet få fat i noget mere, og hvor det havde været vanskeligt at skaffe hjælp med det samme, kunne følgerne have været uoverskuelige. Vær derfor meget forsigtige med ild overalt

KS Tholstrup, SG J.M. Jacobsen og KS S. Christensen er begyndt på sluknings-arbejdet, som senere blev overtaget af det cypriotiske brandvæsen.



Disse billeder blev kun taget, fordi begivenhedernes centrum var henlagt til gaden lige foran redaktionens hovedsæde i VIKING CAMP.

Bedst som vi sad fredeligt og sov ved vort arbejde, begyndte teltet at ryste, og vi hørte betydelig larm udenfor. Som samvittighedsfulde journalister for vi ud for med det samme at få begivenhederne dybfrosset til senere brug. Billederne blev gode, men det ledsagende lydband kunne desværre ikke tåle belastningen. Det, der blev sagt, var så hedt, at tapen brændte, — og min bibeskaftigelse som præst forbyder mig at huske endsige da at gengive, hvad jeg hørte (min hovedbeskaftigelse er, som alle ved, at være redaktør for T.B.B. og DANCON radios ønskekoncerter.



— Hvis der for en anden gangs skyld er nogen, der ønsker at kvaje sig, bedes de enten lade det ske samme udmærkede sted, så skal vi gerne komme til stede med et fotografiapparat, eller også bedes de selv venligst tage et med, så at T.B.B. og DANCON bogen kan få mulighed for at fornøje andre dermed. Vi tager altid med fornøjelse imod brugbare billeder fra dem, der befinder sig, hvor tingene sker. — Også hvis nogen engang skulle gå hen og udmærke sig på særlig måde, ser vi det gerne foreviget.

Venlig hilsen.

Redaktøren.

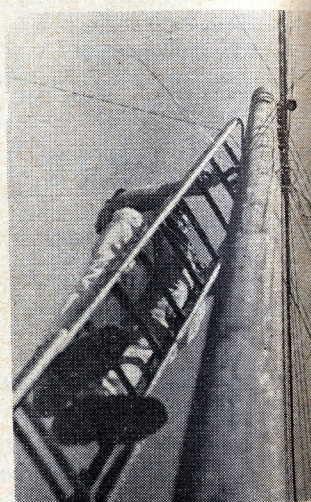


● Dette hyggelige billede er fra talsmandsudvalgs-mødet i VIKING CAMP, SKMP. De emner, som blev drøftet af KN Larsen, KS Glacius, KS Dyrbye, KS B. O. V. Sørensen og KS Carlo Jensen, faldt indenfor de tre hovedgrupper kost,

frihed og påklædning. Af enkeltspørgsmål kan nævnes forslag om ændring af betaling for vagter og spørgsmålet om, hvorvidt regimentsmærke bør bæres. Sidst og ikke mindst blev man orienteret om planerne for lejrens flytning.



● Tilsyneladende har OSG C.B. Jensen kun fået overfladiske skrammer ved det biluheld, han uden egen skyld blev blandet ind i d.16.6. om morgenen, men bilen har det ikke godt, siger dr. MEK J. Nielsen. — C.B. Jensen havde sikkerhedssele på.



Pionerernes driver havde under-vurderet omfanget af det arbejde, der var gjort på de ny OPer, og var således kommet til at rydde hele præstevænget for telefonledninger. Radioen i Canada House er heldigvis trådløs.

På billederne ses CPL Hemminger, CPL Saunders (fra Canada House), SG B. K.K. Nielsen og KS Dyrbye, mens de besigtiger og udbedrer skaderne.

VINST IGEN

Swedcons fotbollslag hemförde en ny triumf i torsdags den 17/6. Vid en match på planen vid Woolsey Barracks vann vi med hela Nälja mot kumäntää vilket mera försvenskat skulle betyda 4-0.

Matchen inleddes mitt under en värmebölja som gjorde att den finske lagkaptenen, överlöjtnant Pentti Lampinen, var smått ur slag redan innan matchen började. Kanske fällde det direkta avgörandet.

Nåväl, Swedcons fotbollslag fortsatte segerraden och första målet lät inte vänta på sig. Efter 12 minuter gjorde Sten-Olof Johansson 1-0. Kompaniexpeditionens stöttepelare gjorde även 2-0 vilket var siffrorna i halvtid.

Matchens andra del inleddes med ytterligare två mål genom Owe Claesson Rep & Driv varpå den finska sisun tycktes försvinna. Inringad nedan han som hade sisun kvar ända till slutet, löjtnant Lampinen!



ETT DIPLOM

Me en viss stolthet ber vi att få få publicera följande: Training Officer, löjtnant Bengt Gunnarsson har visat sin hårdhet igen: Dels överlevde han banketten på Fincon efter fotbollsmatchen med äran i behåll, dels blev han den förste från bataljon 46 C som tilldelades Finish Sauna Club's hedersdiplom för utstadda vedermödor.

Han tillbringade fem gånger fyra minuter inne i den 120-gradiga värmen i den finska bastun. Faktiskt är det åtskilliga finländare som inte klarat bedriften. Tilläggas bör att han är rätt så stolt själv!

SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos



På bilden ovan, Sven Molin från 1:a pluton som tillsammans med många andra FN-soldater levte ett fältmässigt liv i våra nya OP:n. Vid återkomsten förra helgen var det markant att solen varit krävande.

BANKETTEN

Efter fotbollsmatchen mot Fincon förra torsdagen återvände det svenska laget till Kykko camp för att ta en dust med saunan. Efter badet var det bankett där överlöjtnant Lampinen som vanligt betonade att vikten är inte att kämpa väl utan att träffas!

Swedcon fick bland annat med sig hem ett vandringspris som egentligen skall sättas på spel vid alla fotbollsmatcher mellan våra respektive kontingenter.

Efter en närande/ måltid återvände Swedcons lag hem till sina OP:n igen.

I VECKAN

Major Thelanders fotokurs är tills vidare inställd. Uppllysning om när kursen fortsätter kommer via CYPRESSEXTRA.



På förekommen anledning betonas vikten av riktig tulldeklaration vid sändning av paket hem till Sverige. Cigaretter och sprit får inte skickas som "smyggods". Allting skall deklarerars på lilla gröna lappen!



Återigen poängteras vikten av att ta en titt på leavelistorna som finns uppsatta på kompaniets anslagstavla för idrott. Endast en vecka i förväg beslutas om leave!



Så fort normal nutin inträder har löjtnant Gunnarsson glädjen att meddela att marscherna fortsätter. Bland annat i en plutons-afton inlagd vid marsch upp till toppen av Stavrovouni.

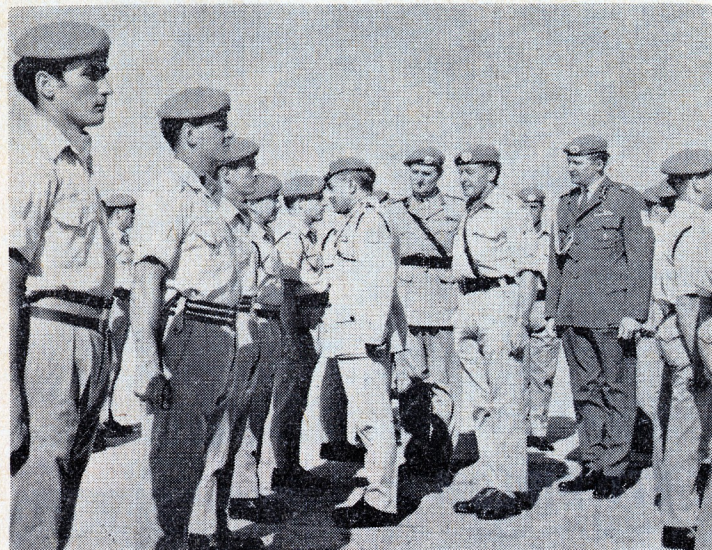


EN HÖVDING BLICKAR UT

I denna Blue Beret skall vi be att få göra reklam för den kommande Cypressen som är under produktion. Cypressens reportage-team har besökt vår senaste "polisstation", civpols högkvarter i Larnaca dit den svenska polisen återvänt efter nio månaders bortvaro. Cypressen skildrar återkomsten. På bilden hövdingen själv, Erik Mörtberg, chef i Larnaca.

BRITCON MEDAL PARADE

On Friday 11th June 1971 a medal parade was held at Camp UNFICYP when members of the HQ Staff and minor supporting units received UN medals from the Force Commander and Commander Britcon. The parade was commanded by Major K. Cain, who on this occasion was also the recipient of a medal.

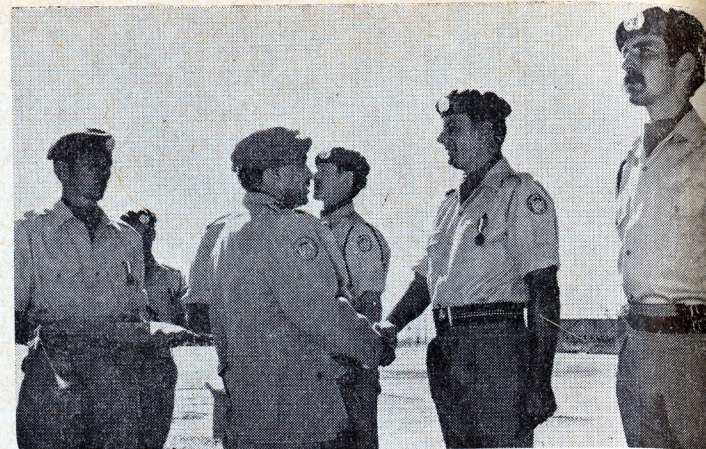


● Major General D. Prem Chand stops to chat with Corporal Willcox during the inspection of the medal parade.

HUSSARS MEET THEIR TAILOR

Less than 24 hours after their arrival in Akrotiri members of 'A' Squadron The Royal Hussars queue up outside the tailors shop in Gleneagles Camp to get UN badges sewn onto the sleeves of their shirts. Some say only the mad British stand out in the sun, but this group are only too glad to see it after the recent weather in England.

● (L to R) Troopers P. L. Morgan, K. D. Beveridge, E. J. White, R. M. Balch, Corporal J. R. Rix and Trooper R. J. Jackson.



● The Force Commander congratulates Corporal Crowhurst, ACC after presenting him with the UN medal. Next in line for his medal is Lance Corporal Rylance and Corporal White is the medal bearer.

LONG SERVICE AWARD

● On the 11th June, Staff Sergeant Barry Barnard, a helicopter pilot serving with UNFICYP Aviation Flight received the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal on completion of 18 years exemplary service. The present-

ation was made by Colonel D.E. Thornton CBE, ERD the Commander Britcon.

Staff Sergeant Barnard enlisted as a boy soldier at Arborfield in 1953. From the Apprentice School he was posted to 3 Trg Bn REME before joining the British Army of the Rhine, where he served for 8 months with 5 Armoured Workshops. Returning to UK he trained as an Aircraft Radio Technician prior to being transferred to the Army Air Corps. Following 3 years in the UK, Staff Sergeant Barnard was posted to 656 Sqn Army Air Corps in Malaya. In 1962, he went to Brunei with his Sqn, for a period of six months and was awarded the General Service Medal Borneo Clasp.

He first joined the United Nations Force in Cyprus in February 1964, but returned to the United Kingdom to attend a two year course for Artificers Aircraft Electrical Instruments and Radio. On completion of the course in 1966 he was again posted to Borneo for a short tour. In December 1966 he returned to the UK where he qualified as a Helicopter Pilot. During May of this year he was posted to serve with the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

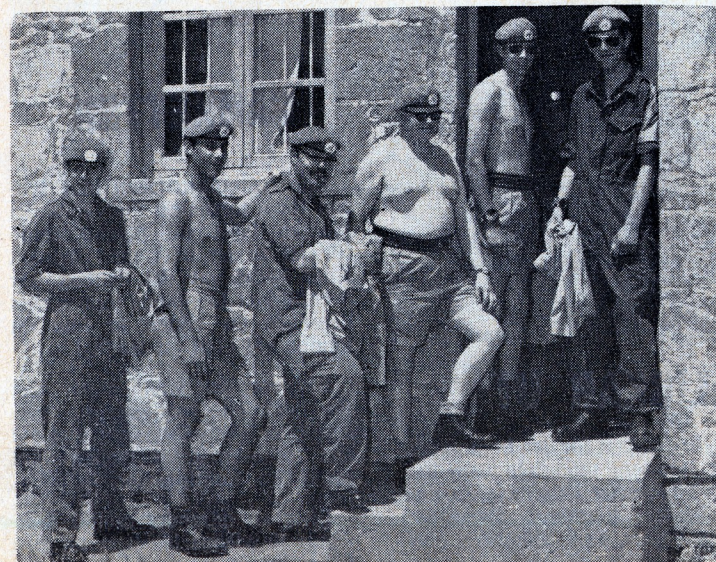
BRITCON NEWS

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Photography is an expensive and complicated business and when it comes to developing the films a detailed knowledge of the subject is required.

Private J. Hunstone of 1st Battalion the Gordon Highlanders is at present the assistant photographer understudying Sergeant J. Duncan the Battalion Photographer.

Private Hunstone is about to go on a six week intensive photographic course.



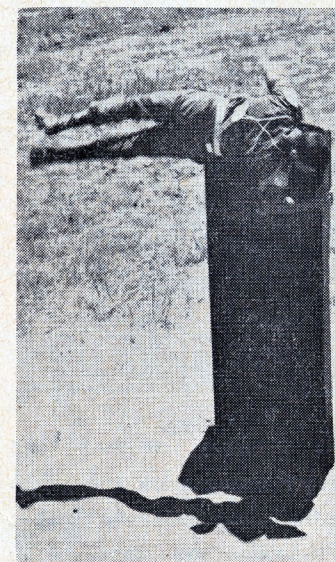
SURMOUNTING ALL OBSTACLES

Last week Ircon soldiers made their first acquaintance with the obstacle course laid down by Fincon near I Company Headquarters, Skoufa Street Nicosia. The occasion was the Inter-Company Obstacle Race.

Early performances boded ill for Ircon's prospects of improving on the dismal performance's of previous contingents in this event. However as the competition progressed, times improved and a new spirit of determination was allied to an ever-growing expertise in dealing with the different obstacles.

The general consensus of opinion was that this course is more a test of determination and careful planning than of actual physical difficulty. The obstacles are varied, but far from insurmountable. Skill is at a premium, and it was noticeable that those who approached the course with a clear idea of how to tackle each individual obstacle and where to cut the corners on time, were those who were the most successful.

In terms of inter-company competition, there was no question but that 'A' Company swept the board. Not only their platoon teams filled the first places, but the first four in the Individual Competition



● Sergeant Steven Geary shows considerable expertise in clearing the wall.

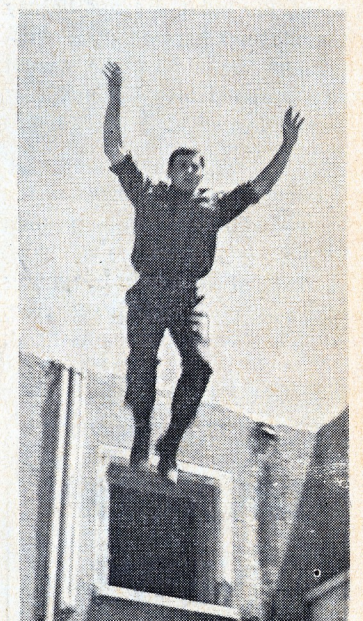
all came from Kophinou. It seems more than likely that they will provide the bulk of the Ircon team for the Inter-Contingent Competition next month.

"One thing, anyway", said a philosophical potential member of this team, "there's only one way for Ircon to go, and that's up". True to the policy of complete participation in all aspects of UNFICYP sports and recreational programmes and competitions, the Irish will be there. After all, it is only a sport, it does not matter who wins as long as we do!

● Company Sergeant Liam Murphy, Headquarter Company, and his young Cypriot friend, seem to be taking a rather detached view of the whole affair.

IRCON NEWS

● Lieutenant Don O'Leary, 'A' Company, in full flight.



FINAL RESPECTS

Lance Corporal Grant Munro of the 1st Battalion The Gordon Highlanders, rests on arms reversed, in salute to the remains of Private Brendan Cummins as, flanked by a Pall Bearer party, the coffin is brought to Camp UNFICYP on the first stage of the final journey home.



SUNDAY SERVICE AT SEA

On the surface, it appeared to be just another Sunday cruise out of Kyrenia harbour. Taking part were what seemed to be the kind of people you might expect to meet on a regular Mediterranean vacation. Predominately Canadian for this trip, yet a mixed bag, soldiers and diplomats, a dozen nationalities, with as many accents or languages.

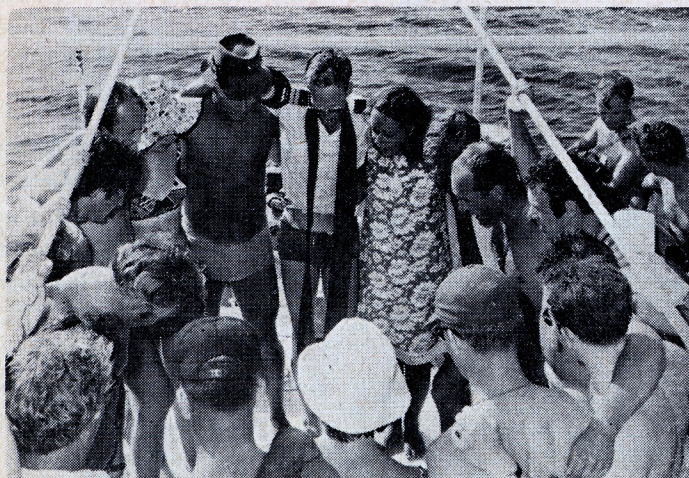
The usual variety of people that is often seen assembling for a deep sea dive off the Kyrenia coast. But not all would dive. Some swam in the crystal clear waters off the island. They sun bathed on the ships deck, escaping the routine of the office. Others were there just for the ride, a captive audience for his wailing military parish — and so he brought the Mountain to Mohamed.

But for his flowing red scarf, his habit did not betray his state. Chaplain Ron Sutton, in the rig of the casual day, stepped into the midst of this group to give his Sunday service.

Benevolence perhaps, for their religious backgrounds were diverse. Positive thinkers, for they were generally young and aggressive. Spiritually free, as many were not committed.

CANCON NEWS

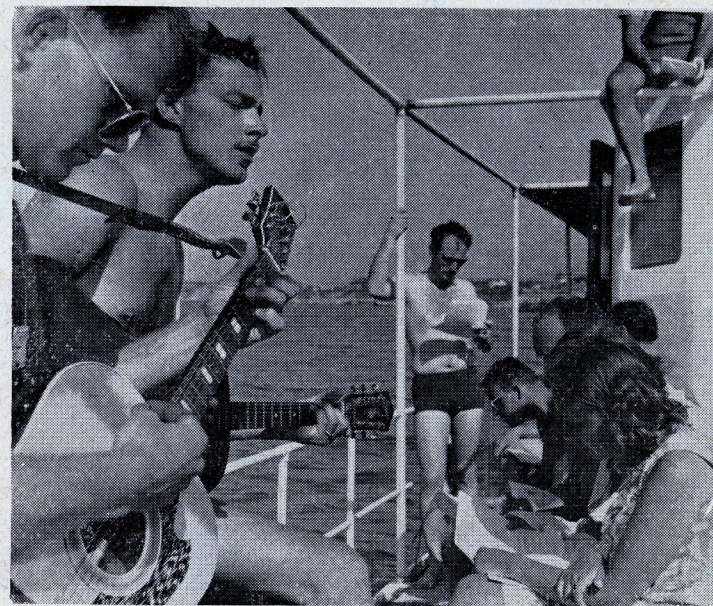
Canadian Forces Photos



● Concluding the service, some of the group gathered in a symbolic circle of friendship to sing the closing hymns dedicated to peace and understanding.

Not a hyper-religious group, but for most christian realists.

Singing to the soft notes of the dual guitars, feeling the emotional commitment of uncommitted friendships and sharing in the sensitivity of the communion which conclu-

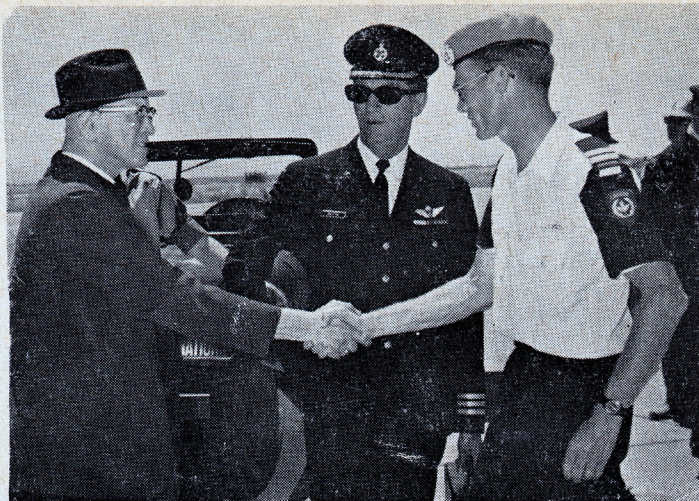


ded the service was more than one had expected.

They were a mixed group, the kind of people you might expect to meet on a regular Mediterranean cruise, breathing the sobering winds of Christian Realism.

● Privates Walker and Reiger swing with the group on their dual guitars to popular folk hymns and tunes sung during the service.

● Protestant Chaplain Ron Sutton makes the religious offering from the altar, the deck of the ship "Aris" anchored off the Kyrenia coast.



● Reverend Doctor Paul Edyt and Lieutenant Colonel W. W. Buxton above are greeted on their arrival at Nicosia airport by Canadian Contingent Chaplain, Captain Ron Sutton. Colonel Buxton is on a week long visit to 1 PPCLI and is accompanied by Dr. Edyt, representing the Canadian Council of Churches.

As Mobile Command Chaplain, Colonel Buxton will be briefed on the activities of the troops and the role of the Chaplain in a foreign base. At the invitation of the Minister of National Defence, Dr. Edyt will tour the battalion as the civilian clerical member of the Chaplain Committee. The military parish, like its civilian opposite is constant and ever changing. Often the role and influence of this representation gives strength to regulation changes which affect the welfare of the military man and inject more direct influence on these changes.



SAATTUEPALVELU

Vuoden 1970 helmikuussa tahtuneiden aluevaihdojen jälkeen saivat suomalaiset tehtäväkseen Nicosian — Kyrenian tiellä neljä kertaa päivittäin ajettavan saatueen suojaamisen. Tätä tehtävää hoitaa 1 JK:n saattuejoukkue johtajanaan ltn Simo Saari. Saattuejoukkueeseen kuuluu kaikkiaan 23 miestä ja 6 ajoneuvoa, joista kutakin saattuetta on suojaamassa 17 miestä ja 6 ajoneuvoa.

Saattueiden lähtöajat ovat seuraavat:

Kyrenia 07.00 ja 17.30

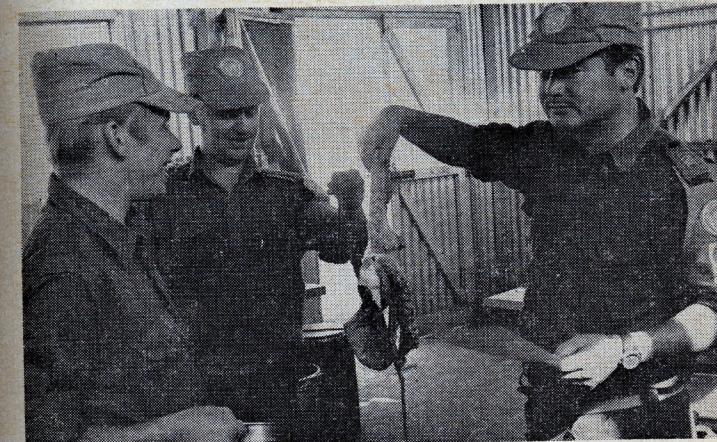
Nicosia 09.00 ja 13.45

Nämä lähtöajat on jokaisen yksityisauton käyttävän syytä muistaa, sillä saattuetta ei saa ohittaa.

FINCON NEWS

Osa saattuejoukkueita. 34 ES 29 nokalla istuu joukkueen johto ltn Saari ja vääp Harjunmaa. Kuvassamme vas. jääk Kiikka, kers Vuorenmaa, alik Kanerva, alik Tuomaala ja jääk Liimatainen. Oikealta vasjääk Loivarinta, Kukkonen, Kiikka ja Mäenpää.

MAISTUISIKO MUSTEKALA?



Vanha sanontahan kuuluu — armeija taistelee vatsallaan. Ehkä se sama pätee rauhanturvaamiseenkin nähden. Onhan useasti todettu mikä vaikutus hyvällä ruualla on mielenterveyteen. Kuvassamme maanmainio keittiömestari ylik E Siekinen näyttää keittiömiehille jääk E Haaraolle (keskellä) ja M Andre'lle mustekalaa, josta keitetään todella maittava keitto.



Kykon miehistö ruokaili kauan aikaa oman messinsä tiloissa. Muutama viikko sitten otettiin käyttöön uusi ja ajanmukainen miehistöruokala. Jääk Andre kattamassa pöytää uusissa tiloissa.

UI TURVALLISESTI

Useimmat hukkumistapaukset olisi voitu välttää noudattamalla varovaisuutta. Jotta säästyisimme niiltä ja kotimaassa, muutamia ohjeita:

1. Älä ui yksin
2. Älä ui ennenkuin tunti on kulunut edellisestä ateristiasta
3. Älä ui jos voit pahoin tai olet humalassa
4. Älä mene syvemmälle kuin

Kersantti Kari Mäkinen tylynäyte puomilla.

missä jalkasi tapaavat pohjaan ellet ole hyvä uimari

5. Älä ui myrskysäällä
6. Varo pyörteitä ja merivirtoja. Jos joudut virtaan, ui sen poikkisuuntaan, ei vastaan, kunnes olet virtauksen ulkopuolella
7. Älä sukella liian matalassa vedessä



KUNTORATA-KILPAILUT

Tiistaina kesäkuun 15. pñä pidettiin kauniin ja aurinkoisen sään vallitessa pataljoonan kuntorata-mestaruuskilpailut. Osanottajia oli kaikkiaan 61, joista kaksi

joutui keskeyttämään. Joukkuekilpailun voitti odotetusti 1 JK keskiaika 3.24. Toisena 2 JK ajalla 3.32 ja kolmantena EK 3.46. Henkilökohtaisessa kilpailussa selviytyi voittajaksi 1 JK:n ylik O Juntunen ajalla 2.42,6. Muita tuloksia:

2. Alik Juhola 2 JK 2.49.0
3. Jääk Härkönen 1 JK 3.00.8

EXERCISE "MESSAPPREHENSION"

Once again HQ UNFICYP Warrant Officers and Sergeants Mess Quiz team triumphed. On June 16th before an appreciative audience, they gained a well deserved and most exciting victory over the Officers Mess of HQ UNFICYP.

The final result was in doubt throughout the contest, and after 9 of the allotted 10 rounds, on subjects varying from Poetry to Pop Music and from the Bible to Mathematics, only one point separated the teams. Signs of a mis-spent youth however must have accounted for the Senior NCOs sweeping the board in the final round when the subject was 'Films and Cinema', giving them a convincing winning margin of 62 points to 52.

The Officers Mess team consisted of Major John Heath, OC AAC Flight, Captain George Finney, OC 644 Signal Troop, Captain Jeremy Mills, Staff Captain Britcon, and Lieute-

nant Adrian Lyons, 1 Sqn RCT, while the Senior NCOs team, led by Warrant Officer II Trevor Jones, also contained Warrant Officer I Mick Daniels RAMC, Sergeant M. Powell, REME, and Sergeant Bob Anderson, R. Signals.

The compere for the evening was again Staff Sergeant John Hill, R. Signals (who by now must be running short of material), ably assisted by his timekeeper and scorer, Sergeant Jim Humphreys R. Signals.

Now the 'cock a hoop' cry from the Warrant Officers and Sergeants Mess is "any challenges?"



● The winning team "in action", from Left to Right, Warrant Officer I Mick Daniels, RAMC, Warrant Officer II Trevor Jones, REME, Sergeant M. Powell, REME and Sergeant Bob Anderson, R. Signals.

RESTORATION WORK

One of the big problems in Cyprus today is the care of many disused and abandoned old churches and mosques throughout the island, as many fine historical monuments and buildings of cultural value have become neglected owing to the abnormal situation prevailing in the island.

A UNESCO mission has been in Cyprus for 20 months undertaking a survey of the situation and the project is now entering its logical follow up, i.e. the restoration phase. Within UNFICYP, members of our own Economics sections, have been carrying out their own valuable contribution to the task of cleaning up important old buildings and making them secure against unauthorised

entry. Without specialists there is a limit to the amount of restoration that they can undertake, but there is no doubt that this work at local UN level is making a valuable contribution towards preserving the architectural treasures of Cyprus. It is hoped to increase our activities in this important sphere of operations, in the overall interests of normalisation.



● A member of UNFICYP makes secure the door of a building after cleaning out the interior.



● One of the churches included in the UNESCO restoration programme which illustrates structural deformity which requires attention.



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SIGNALS VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

Though the first matches were played less than a month ago, the league has generated considerable excitement throughout the Signal Elements of UNFICYP.

From the table below it will be seen that the league has turned into a two-horse race, with Ircon and Fincon proving time and again that they are going to be very difficult to defeat.

Perhaps the eventual league champions will be decided when the two current leaders meet on June 17th and August 15th.

Each tie is played on a home and away basis, and is purely for Signals participation. The league table to date is:-

	P	W	L	Pts
Fincon	5	5	0	10
Ircon	4	4	0	8
Cancon	5	3	2	6
644 Troop	5	1	4	2
Force Reserve	1	1	0	2
Britcon	4	1	3	2
Swedcon	5	0	5	0
Dancon	1	0	1	0

MP NOTEBOOK

ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

Week Ending		
19 Jun 71	—	6
Same Period		
Last Year	—	4
Total This Year	—	141
Same Period		
Last Year	—	172

Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:

DRIVING ON WRONG SIDE OF ROAD.