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SECRETARY-GENERAL APPEALS FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS UPKEEP OF UNFICYP

The United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant, has warned that the continuing and growing deficit being incurred over the cost of maintaining a peace-keeping force in Cyprus, jeopardizes the proper support of the Force, and even its existence.

The Secretary-General, in a letter to all member governments dated 18th January, 1971, has appealed for more voluntary contributions towards the upkeep of UNFICYP. In his letter he refers to the

recent decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force until the 15th June, 1971, and goes on to say that "having in mind that the Force has been indispensable in restoring and maintaining quiet in Cyprus, and continues to be in Cyprus at the request of the parties and the unanimous decision of the Security Council, it would seem clear to me that there is a certain moral obligation for all peace loving states to provide the United Nations with the financial means necessary to maintain the Force."

U Thant goes on to say that "the continuing and growing deficit jeopardizes the proper support of the Force and even its existence. As my responsibilities in regard to UNFICYP can be discharged only if governments are prepared to provide the necessary financial support for this important United Nations peace-keeping effort, I earnestly hope that governments which have not

yet done so will now see their way to making a contribution to it".

He concludes "at this stage, it is all the more important to maintain the Force in Cyprus because of the talks between the two communities which are now in progress and which have been made possible to a

large degree by the quiet achieved and maintained with the assistance of UNFICYP."

The present deficit of the Force is in excess of 10 million dollars.

DISASTER APPEAL

In response to last month's appeal by Mr Osorio-Tafall and the Force Commander, the units comprising UNFICYP and the Secretariat have collected a total of £325,972 (\$782.27) in aid of victims of the hurricane disaster in East Pakistan.

DANISH OFFICERS ROTATE

New faces at HQ UNFICYP are Major K. A. Lambert-Jensen and Major K. Soerensen, both of the Danish Army.

Major Lambert-Jensen has taken over duties in the Operations Section from Major J. Preetzmann, and Major K. Soerensen has replaced Major H. B. Konradsen as Movement Control Officer.

● Pictured at the airport before Major Konradsen's and Major Preetzmann's departure are (left to right): H. B. Konradsen, K. Soerensen, J. Preetzmann, and K. A. Lambert-Jensen.



● The Force Commander, accompanied by Commandant G. O'Sullivan, seen leaving the helicopter which took them to Zyyi on 15th January. The helicopter, a Whirlwind of UNFICYP 230 Squadron RAF Detachment, was crewed by Flying Officer M. Lloyd (in the pilot's seat) and Flight Lieutenant L. Wood.

SPOTLIGHT PÅ SIGNALDELINGEN



HALLO DANCON-her er SIGNALDELINGEN. Signal følger: En signalmands dag.

0700. Appel. Starteftersyn og så op og have kaffe, men bedst som alt ånder fred og ro kommer dagens første chok. Centralvagten ringer: "Linien til Kokkina virker ikke." Ned i DEL-teltet. Pakke vognen og afsted, UDEN KAFFE!

Bruddet er der, hvor det plejer at være. Den manglende stump ledning er sikkert brugt til tørresnor et sted i nærheden. Reparerer lynhurtigt og så hjem til kaffen. Ak nej! Delingsføreren har fået havekuller, der skal skuffes og hakkes. Færdig. Frokost.

1300. Ned og so.. NEJ. "Om man nu har prøvet at sprøjtelakere før?" "Nej." "Fint! Så kan De lære det nu"

Og så sagde de, man var signal-

mand!! Kl. 1500. Færdig for i dag. Jeep'en skinner som aldrig før. Så er der lige tid til en øl og så over og spise og se film.

Men nej, i dag vil ulykkerne ingen ende tage: Natflyvninger på Pendayia kl. 1800. Alle ud og stille lys



●KS T.S. Bruun ved lejrens livsnerve, omstillingsbordet, gennem hvilket de utallige samtaler ekspederes, så her kræves en rolig og omhyggelig mand.

●OS Baunkjær og Bruus Jensen i arbejde i TMEK-vognen.

●OS Baunkjær og KS Kjærgaard under en landingsøvelse ved Penda-



●SGO blandt sine travle mænd, der dog fandt tid til at posere for fotografen. Fra venstre KS J.P. Schmidt, N. Skytte, N.J. Christensen, T.S. Bruun, LT Nichum, KS A. Nielsen, K.C. Brix, F.Kjærgaard, SG Nielsen, KS E.S. Olesen, J. B. Andersen, SG Pedersen, KS A.J. Vang.

DANCON
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og får svar: "Næ, de kommer alligevel ikke i dag."!!!

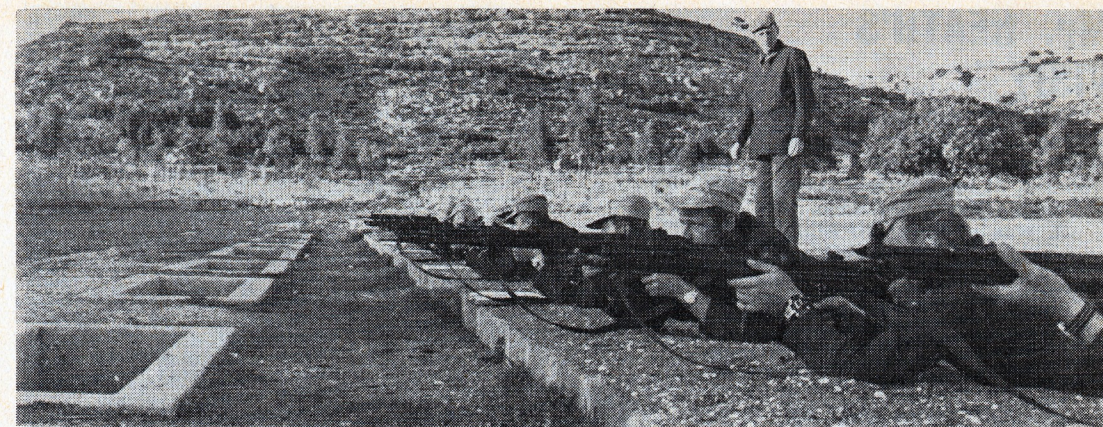
På vej hjem kommer man i tanke om, at man skal huske at aflevere den ansøgning om gengangertjeneste. Med et halvt år mere skulle der jo være en chance for at få VARM kaffe bare én gang.



●Også en del af SIG-mandens hverdag; KS J.P. Schmidt under havearbejde om teltet.

FALLING PLATE

Sedan en tid tilbage har træningen varit i full gång för UNFICYP-mästerskapet i Falling plate. Falling plate är en tävlingsform i skytte, som inte är så vanlig hemma i Sverige. Det gäller för skyttarna att göra en snabb framryckning över 100 meter och sedan skjuta omkull metallskivor, som står uppställda på 200 meters avstånd. På vår bild igenkänns närmast kameran furir Håkan Olsson, korpral Börje Svensson och soldat Bo Swedin. Skjutledare är rustmästare Bengt-Arne Nordahl.

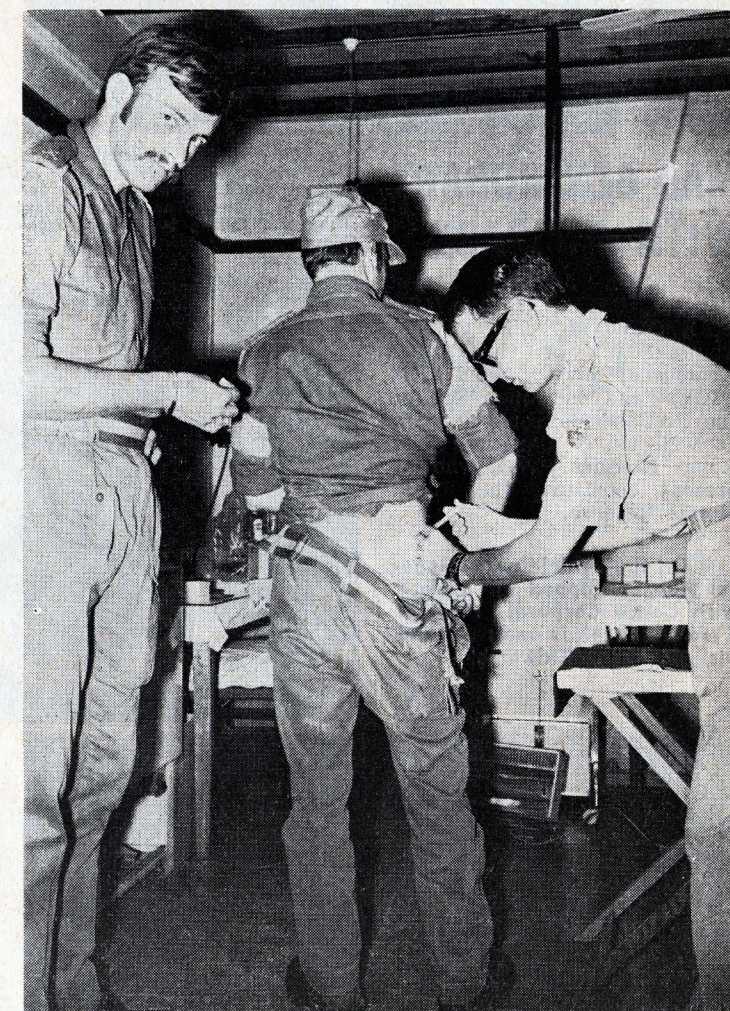
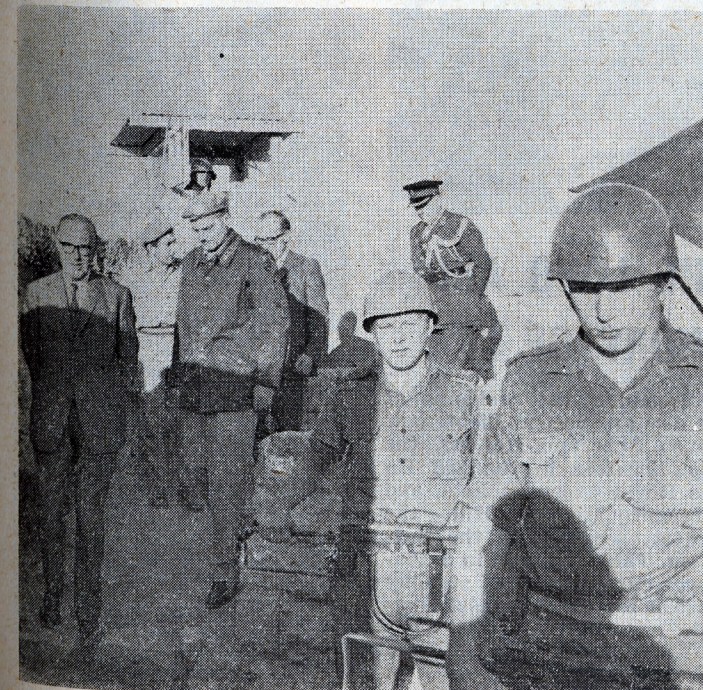
SWEDCON NEWS
Swedish Forces Photos

FORCE RESERVE

Pansarbilar av litet annan typ än våra KP-bilar har varit synliga på Carl Gustav Camp den senaste veckan. Det är olika avdelningar av Force Reserve, baserade i Nicosia, som varit på studiebesök i Famagusta distrikt. Bl a har britterna, som tillhör Royal Hussars, tittat på skjutning med granatgevär och gjort rekognosceringsturer på Panhandle. På vår bild ovan är det löjtnant Allan Ludvigssons tredje pluton som visar kravallexercis för britterna och ovan till höger ses ett par Ferret-vagnar i närbild fotograferade på uppställningsplatsen på Carl Gustav Camp.

Brittiskt besök

Storbritanniens High Commissioner på ön, närmast motsvarande vad vi kallar ambassadör, har besökt Famagusta distrikt och den svenska kontingenten. High Commissioner, mr Peter Ramsbotham, besökte bl a Carl Gustav Camp och OP:na i Sakarya och Othello Tower. På bilden ses mr Ramsbotham vid Othello Tower följt av kontingentschefen och major Sten Wiberg samt förstesekreteraren W R Mills och rådgivaren i försvarsfrågor överste D S Carden. Närmaste kameran står OP-chefen furir Per Engelbrekts och soldat Roland Frank. I postkuren skymtar Nils Svensson.



GAMMA-DAGS

Tiden lider och vi med den. Här omvekan var det dags att förnya skyddet mot bl a gulsot, varför större delen av bataljonen hade att

vandra upp till Villa Oasis och blotta sina ådlare delar för att få en gammaglobulinspruta. På bilden är det soldat Staffan Pettersson som behandlas av sjukvårdaren Thomas Lundkvist och rustmästare Sven Ekman.

Mr. HEATH'S VISIT

Lieutenant Colonel J. Glover talking with Mr Edward Heath, the British Prime Minister, at an informal reception in the Sovereign Base. Mr Heath was en route to Singapore where he attended the Commonwealth Prime Ministers Conference.

Both Lieutenant Colonel Glover and Colonel D.E. Thornton, the Commander Britcon, were invited to meet the Prime Minister during his very brief stop in Cyprus.

BRITCON NEWS



GOC NEARELF VISITS 3 RGJ

Major General M.W. Holme CBE, MC, the GOC NEARELF, recently visited the 3rd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets and made a tour of the outposts and camps in Limassol Zone.

Among the platoons he visited was 11 platoon, at the moment in reserve, while they were training in Paphos forest. He is seen below talking with Rifleman Joe Bell by his bivouac.

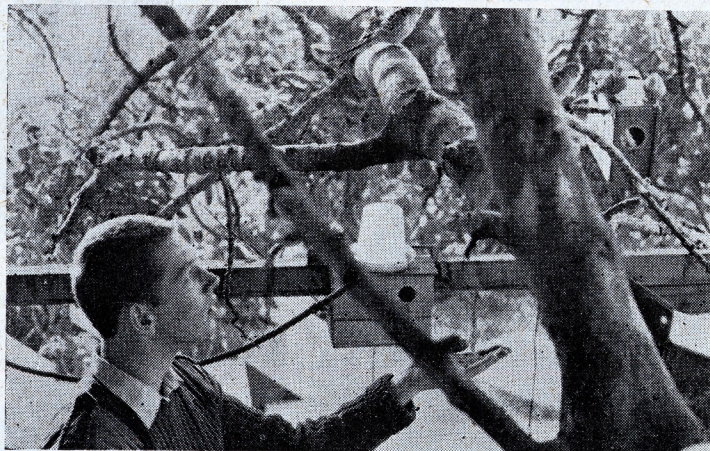


MAJ GEN HOBART WITH HUSSARS

On 19th January Major General P.R.C. Hobart CB, DSO, OBE, MC, The Colonel Commandant of the Royal Armoured Corps, visited UNFICYP and met members of the RAC serving on the staff as well as 'C' Squadron The Royal Hussars PWO, who at present constitute the Force Mobile Reserve.

On the vehicle park, General Hobart stopped for a word with Lance Corporal Michael Eyre. Michael is married and his wife is at Tidworth.

On Arrival at Gleneagles Camp, the General was received by the quarter guard, commanded by Sergeant S. Boulter. The picture above shows him talking to Trooper Frank Grimmer.



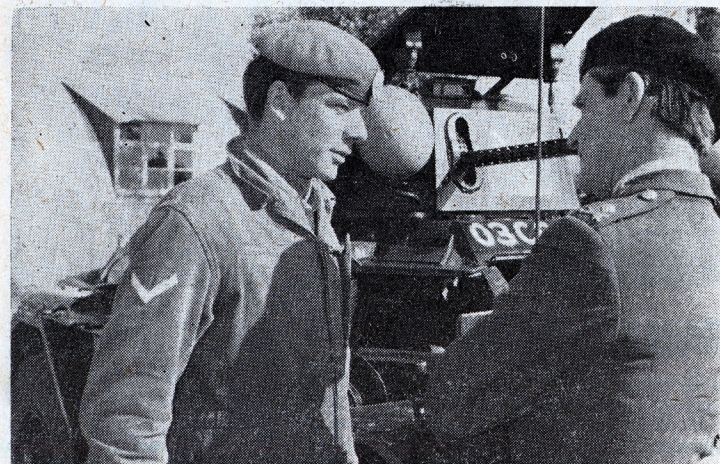
STRICTLY FOR THE BIRDS

Every morning Rifleman Glenn Monan tends some 25 budgerigars in the aviary outside the Green Jackets Officers Mess at Polemidhia. From an early age he has shown an interest in these kind of birds since his family used to breed them.



THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT

Discussing the problems of the day are Second Lieutenant James Robertson-McLeod, the tallest officer in the 3rd Bn The Royal Green Jackets, and Sergeant Michael Hill, the shortest sergeant in the Battalion. They are both in 5 Platoon, currently the standby platoon for the Limassol District.



FORCE COMMANDER'S VISIT

Major General D. Prem Chand paid his second visit to the 19th Infantry Group on Friday 15th January 1971. He was accompanied by Commandant Gerry O'Sullivan, Liaison Officer to the National Guard.

Having inspected a Guard of Honour at Zyyi, the General was taken on a tour of the Camp Headquarters. The Force Commander then boarded a

helicopter, and accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel Tracey, visited the Ircon outposts at Louroujina and Stavros, where he was greeted by Commandant Mick O'Shea, OC 'A' Company. After completing his inspection of the outposts, the General returned to Zyyi for lunch in the Officers Mess.

IRCON NEWS



The Force Commander inspecting the Guard of Honour commanded by Lieutenant Gay Boyle (Cork).

JOINT TRAINING EXERCISES

The Armoured Car Group and 'C' Squadron, The Royal Hussars (Force Reserve UNFICYP) have been taking part in combined exercises designed to familiarise each other with their different equipment and areas of responsibility.

Further exercises are planned, and it is hoped to carry them out in late January and February.

The exercises usually commence with a briefing in Larnaca by Lieutenant Billy

O'Hanlon, after which the "integrated unit" visits a number of observation posts on the Artemis Road in Larnaca.

The two units then engage in combined patrolling and route reconnaissance exercises which finish at Zyyi where personnel receive a briefing in the Ops Room.

The visiting troop stay overnight at Zyyi where they are entertained by the Armoured Car Group, returning to Nicosia on the following day.

Sergeant E. Hamilton (2 Mot Sqn) Dublin, getting into the drivers seat of a Ferret Armoured Car belonging to the Royal Hussars.

Sergeant J. Moroney (4 Bn Cork) briefs Armoured Car Group personnel and a visiting troop from the Royal Hussars at one of the OPs in Larnaca.

DCOS Visits Ircon

Colonel D.E. Thornton, The Deputy Chief of Staff at HQ UNFICYP, visited the 19th Infantry Group on Thursday 14th January 1971. On his arrival at Zyyi, Colonel Thornton inspected a Guard of Honour commanded by Lieutenant G. Boyle. He toured the Group Headquarters and was given a briefing in the Ops Room, after which he visited A and B Companies in Larnaca and Kophinou respectively.

From Left: Commandant Gerry O'Sullivan, Liaison Officer to the National Guard, Lieutenant Colonel Tom Tracey, Officer Commanding 19th Infantry Group, Colonel D.E. Thornton, Commandant Frank Dunne, Officer Commanding Headquarter Company and Camp Commandant.

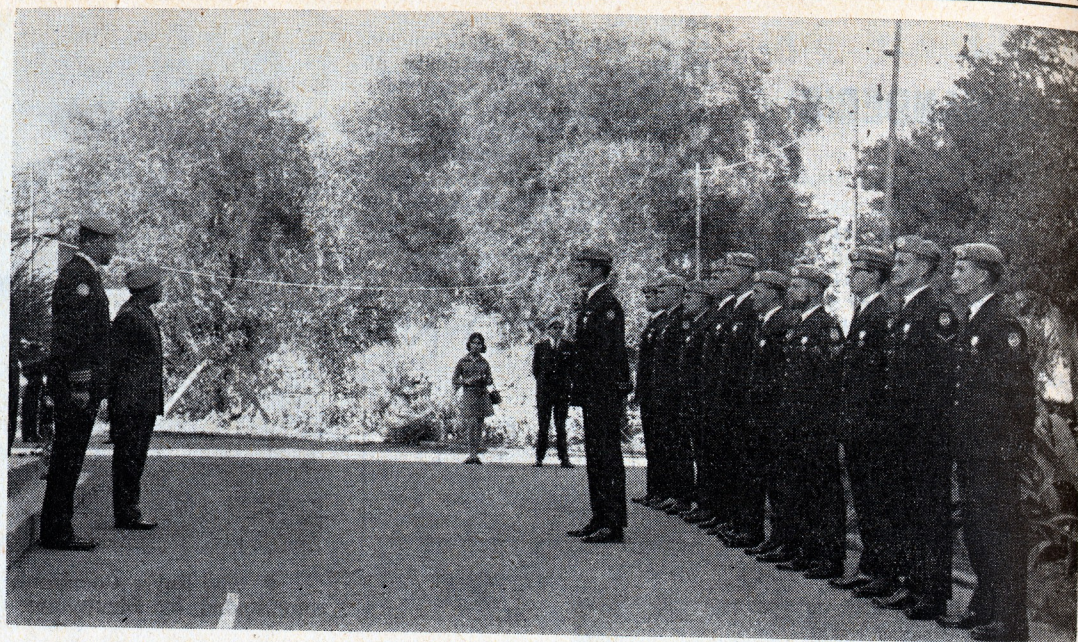


HONOURS

AND

AWARDS

A party of 12 officers and men, representing each rank of the 3rd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry serving with the UN Force in Cyprus, were inspected and presented with the United Nations Medal by Major General D. Prem Chand at a ceremony in the grounds of the Cancon HQ Officer's Mess.



CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

EXPLORER'S CORNER

A visit to Xeros, the renowned Kykko Monastery and a drive through the beautiful Troodos Mountains are all part of the next tour of the Explorer's Club scheduled for January 31.

Buses will depart from the Welfare Office (Blue Beret Camp) at 0930 and from the Ledra Palace at 0945 for the 150 mile drive.

Guides will be provided. Lunches, however, should be ordered from the individual's company.

Those interested must submit their names to the Welfare Office by not later than 1100 Jan 28. All dependents are welcome.



• In addition to being awarded his UN Medal, Lieutenant Bob Duncan had the added pleasure of receiving his second wide bar, promoting him to the rank of captain, from Major General Prem Chand. Captain Duncan is a Platoon Commander with Headquarters Company.

• Following the presentation of his medal, Private Brian Henwood is congratulated by Major General Prem Chand. Also in the photo are Privates David Ward (left) and Cory Morrison (centre).

KITCHEN GOING UP

The new kitchen at Beaver Lodge, City Company, is nearing completion. Started in mid-December, it is being built by Pioneer Platoon and is part of the general renovation programme at the Company's Sub Headquarters.



UUDET TULIVAT...

Tiistaina tammikuun 19.pnä klo 20.05 laskeutui Kar Airin pikinok-ka jo ties kuinka monennenko ker-ran Nicosian lentokentälle tuoden mukanaan vaihtomiehistöä. Täs-sä etulekossa saapui yhteensä 35 upseeria, aliupseeria ja jääkäriä.

Toivotamme heidät kaikki ter-vetulleiksi samoin kuin takaleko-laisetkin.



Pataljoonan komentaja evl ET Lehtovirta toivottaa uudet upseerit tervetulleeksi. Kuvassamme vas uusi huoltopäällikkö evl Koponen, komentotoimiston päällikkö kapt Niininen, EK:n päällikkö kapt Ahlholm ja joukkueenjohtaja ltn Saari.



... JA VANHAT LÄHTIÜÄT



Kapt Raunu ilmoittaa komento-toimiston tväen kapt Rynnäselle uudelle päällikölle kapt Niiniselle luovutettavaksi.

Keskiviikkoamuna 20.pnä tam-mikuuta nousi koneeseen 35 palve-luksensa päättäneitä miestä mää-ränpäpäänään tammikuinen Suomi.



"Supamies ja -kassi". Lähtevän tyytyväinen hymy. Onhan nähty muutakin kuin kotimaa.

FINCON NEWS



Sotilasmestari Fiskar ja komentotoimiston lähetti alik Kartano teke-mässä radio-ohjelmaa Kyproksen radion studiossa. Tämä nk "Finnish Sunday" ohjelma radioidaan joka kolmas sunnuntai klo 20.00. Kypros konsertti soitetaan joka torstai samaan aikaan. Kypros konsertin välityk-sellä on omaisilla ja ystävillä mahdollisuus lähettää terveisiä saarella pal-veleille.



Language Centerin opiskelijoita. Etualalla ylik Lyytinen, jääk Leh-tikangas, ylik Karhula, jääk Karhu, ylik Salo ja jääk Hyvärinen.

GOOD MORNING, HOW ARE YOU?

Kielitaito on pääomaa, joka ei ruostu. Täällä Kyproksella meil-lä on mahdollisuus terästä eng-lanninkielen taitojamme käytän-nön harjoituksiin. Alkuunlähö on kuitenkin hankalinta. Siksi monet suomalaiset ovat käyneet paikal-isten kielilaboratorioiden kursseil-la. Opetuksessa käytetään hyväk-si nykyaikaista opetus- ja sähkötek-

niikkaa. Yksi ryhmä on parhail-laan kurssilla ja laboratorio voi ottaa myös uuden ryhmän. Sitä aletaan koota heti uusien hiutaleit-ten laskeuduttua Kyproksen ka-maralle. Kurssi kestää kolme kuukautta ja tulee maksamaan noin 30 puntaa hengeltä. Tule mukaan!

THE BRITISH SCENE

The first of the national contingent presentations was staged recently in Polemidhia Camp by 3rd Battalion the Royal Green Jackets. It was designed to demonstrate to the other nations in UNFICYP the customs, attitudes, and way of life of the British people.

The guests included Mr B. F. Osorio-Tafall, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Major General D. Prem Chand, the Force Com-

mander, Colonel D. E. Thornton, the Commander of the British Contingent, and representative parties from each national contingent.

The presentation opened with a fanfare from the buglers, resplendent in their rifle green uniforms and plumed black shakoes. The first part was devoted to the origins of the British people, humorously illustrated by the speaker, Captain Mike Robertson. This was followed by a geographical talk, illustrated with films, by Captain Charles Vyvian. Major Dumphie then explained the system of government of Britain and introduced the audience to some of its key figures.

After a break for coffee, the Commanding Officer introduced that traditional character Mr John Bull, and the audience was treated to a look at some revered British institutions and characteristics. "Bri-



● 1st Lieutenant Sulzgruber of the Austrian Field Hospital has used his spare time off duty to learn to fly. Pictured with him are his civilian instructor and three other members of the Field Hospital who were his first passengers. (Left to right): Warrant Officer I Bohm, the instructor, 1st Lieutenant Sulzgruber, 1st Lieutenant Sandbach, and Warrant Officer II Kopal.

tain's role in the world today" was then put over in the form of a panel game chaired by John Bull, in which "Britain" was quizzed by world opinion. The finale took a humorous glimpse into the future — Britain 1983 — as presented by the band choir and John Bull.

3 RGJ are to be congratulated for having produced such an imaginative and interesting presentation, which was quite obviously enjoyed by all the visitors.

PARTIAL FINNISH ROTATION

A partial rotation of the Finnish Contingent serving with UNFICYP took place between 19th and 28th January.

All together, 100 all ranks have been rotated, and the incoming troops have now taken over duties in UNFICYP's Kyrenia District as members of the Finnish Contingent, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel E. H. Lehtovirta.

MEDAL PARADE AT AFH

On Wednesday 20th January at a brief ceremony, the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, presented UN Medals to 15 members of the Austrian Field Hospital.

● Our picture shows the recipients lined up to receive their awards for 90 days service with UNFICYP.



MP NOTEBOOK

Accidents - Unficyp

Week Ending
23 January 1971 — 8

Same Period
last Year — 9

Total this Year — 17

Same Period
last Year — 25

Main Course Of Acci-
dents This Week

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CLOSELY"

