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CANADIANS ENTERTAIN RED CROSS CHILDREN

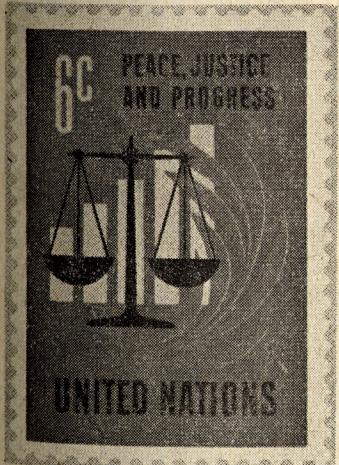
There were no goblins, spooks or witches but nevertheless, the children of the Cyprus Red Cross Sick Children's Hospital at Kyrenia enjoyed their first Halloween party on Saturday.

Halloween, the eve of All Saints Day, is traditionally celebrated in North America and England by children who dress in frightening costumes and go from door to door looking for candies and fruit.

The 34-piece Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Band plus more than 30 other members of the Canadian Contingent arrived at the Hospital loaded with cake, cookies, ice cream and soft drinks to celebrate Halloween with the children.

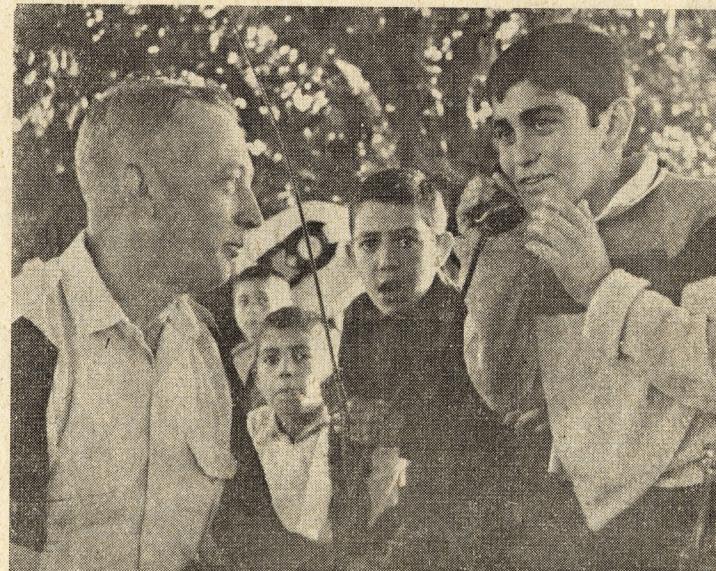
Following a band concert, the children devoured the food and then had an opportunity to talk to each other over army field radios as well as taking a ride in a jeep.

Peace, Justice And Progress

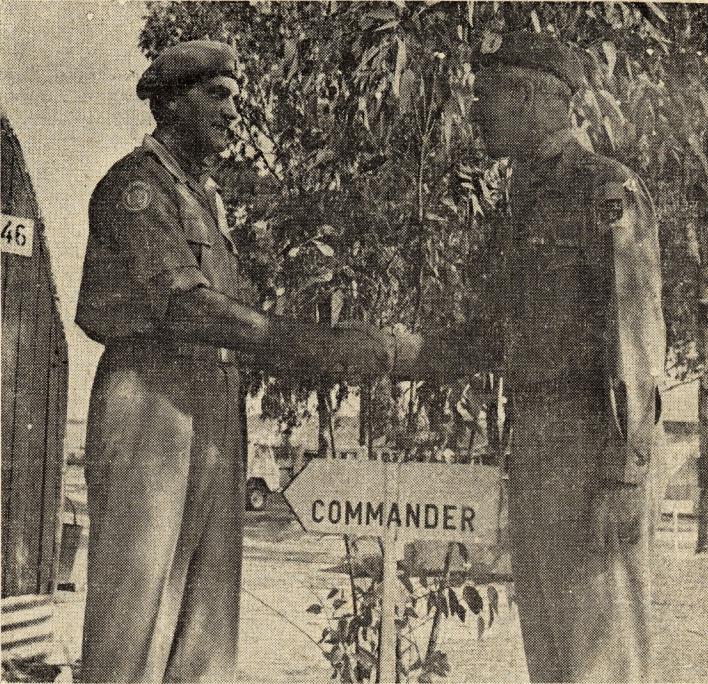


The theme for the twenty-fifth anniversary year of the United Nations is marked by the issue of a special commemorative set of postage stamps. The stamps will be on sale on 20th November, 1970, and will be of two denominations, a six cent: red and gold, and a 13 cent: blue and silver.

• Corporal R.A. MacLeod, a piper with the 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Band, lets one of the children test his lung power by trying to blow up the bagpipes.



• Master Warrant Officer W.R. Bruce gives some of the children instruction on the use of an army radio field set.



NEW COMMANDER FOR FAMAGUSTA DISTRICT

Last week Lieutenant Colonel Lars Oenfelt took over as Commanding Officer Famagusta District from his predecessor, Colonel Lars Lavén.

Colonel Lavén is well known in Cyprus having served in the island for more than three years as Commander of the Swedish UN Battalions. He

• Colonel L. Lavén hands over the responsibility for the Famagusta District to his replacement, Lieutenant Colonel Lennart Oenfelt (left).

first arrived in 1966 when he served here for six months, and his second tour commenced in 1968 and continued until last week. Colonel Lars Lavén will be missed by his colleagues and we hope to see him in Cyprus again later on.

The new Commander was born in Önnestad, Skaane, South Sweden, and before coming to Cyprus was Second-in-Command of Svea Supply Regiment in Linköping. During the Finnish war against the Soviet Union 1939-42 he volunteered for the Finnish Army and served there for seven months.

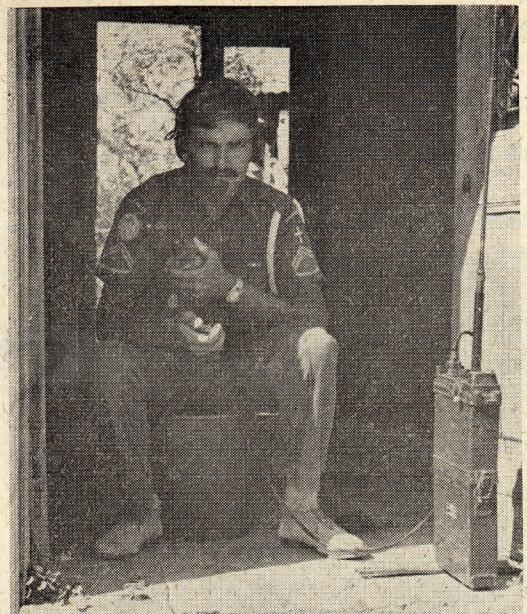
Opening-Hours For Danish Canteen

The Souvenir Canteen of Dancon will in the future be open:

Tuesdays and Saturdays: 0800 — 1200 hrs.

Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays: 1000 — 1200 hrs.

The Canteen stocks a wide range of souvenir gifts and is open to all members of the UN Force.



SPEED CHECK HOS MP

● 5-4-3-2-1-NU, MPKP B.I. Andersen har set et UN køretøj, tæller ned, trykker på stopuret og...

● ...MPKP K.E. Østergaard er klar med sit stopur, tæller ned, stopper uren og videregiver tiden til...

● ...MPKP T.J. Christensen, som dog ikke denne gang behøvede at skrive rapport om overskridelse af hastigheden.



KØKKEN- SEKTIONEN I ARBEJDE

Uden mad og drikke-du'r helten ikke! Den rigtige og tilstrækkelige ernæring er en betingelse for god indsats såvel fysisk som åndeligt. Det er man klar over inden for køkkensektionen, der dagligt yder et prisværdigt arbejde med at lave indbydende måltider af de leverede råstoffer.

● Kokkene Vedelgårt, Løvenkrands, Madsen og Tinglef samlet.



● Slagteren KS Vedelgårt parterer kødet.

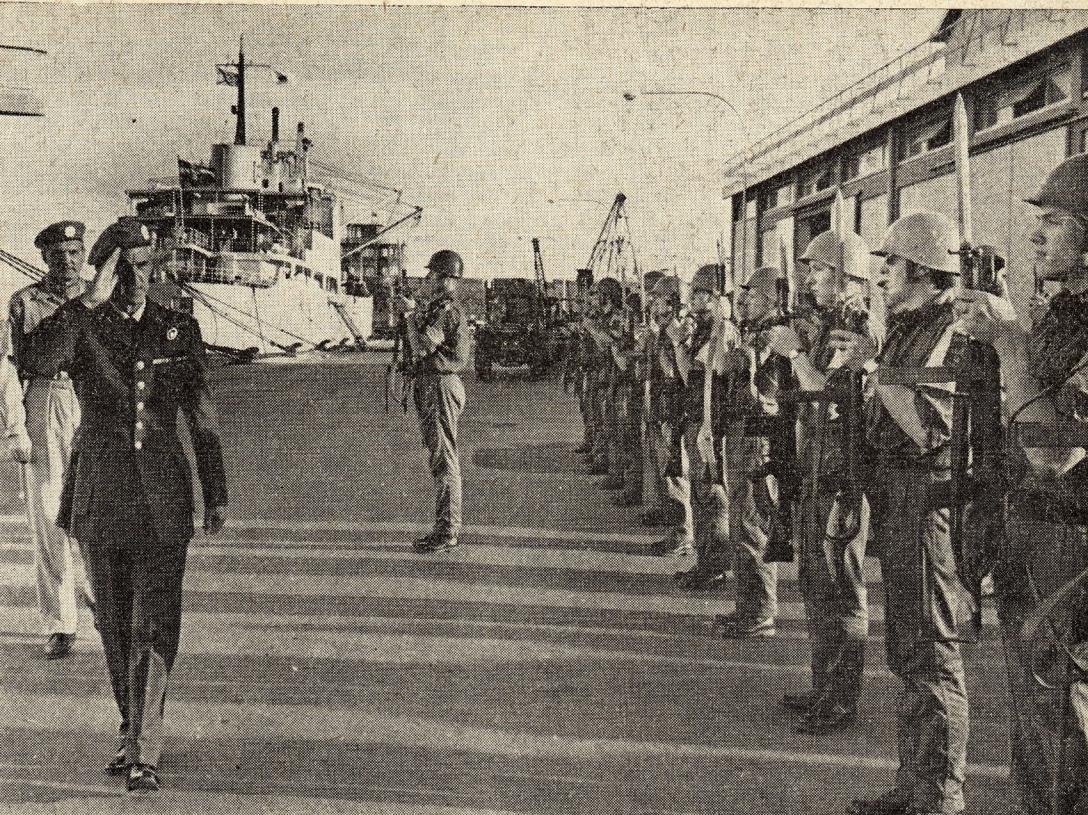
Farväl till Cypern

Överste Lars Lavén, som varit svensk kontingentschef på Cypern i över tre år, lämnade för några dagar sedan Cypern efter avslutad tjänstgöring. Han avreste med passagerarfartyg från Famagusta hamn. En hederspluton under befäl av förvaltare Olof Bergius paraderade på kajen före avgången.

Överste Lavén kom till Cypern första gången våren 1966, då han förde befälet över bataljon 34 C. Efter en sex månader lång tjänstgöring återvände han till Sverige för att 1968 komma tillbaka till Cypern som chef för bataljonerna 40-44 C.

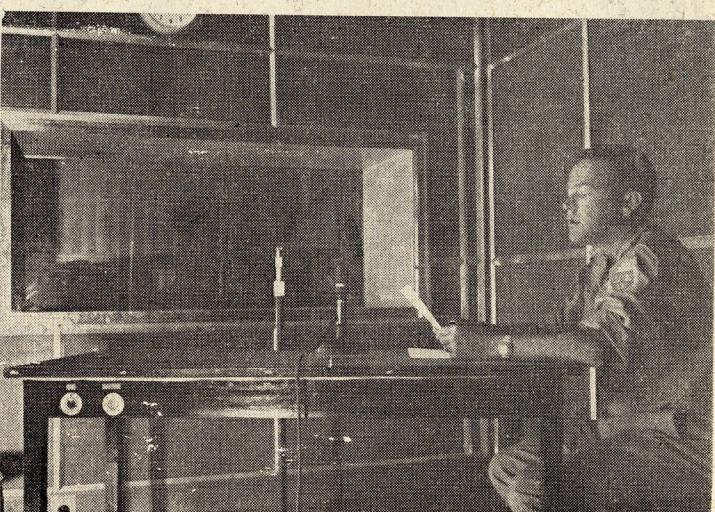
Hemfärden går nu med kryssningsfartyg över Turkiet och Grekland till Italien, varifrån överstelöjtnant Lavén bilar hem till Sverige.

● På bilden tar Sveriges mest cypernbataljonchef avsked av sina FN-soldater. Bakom överste Lavén ses nya kontingentschefen överstelöjtnant Lennart Önfelt.



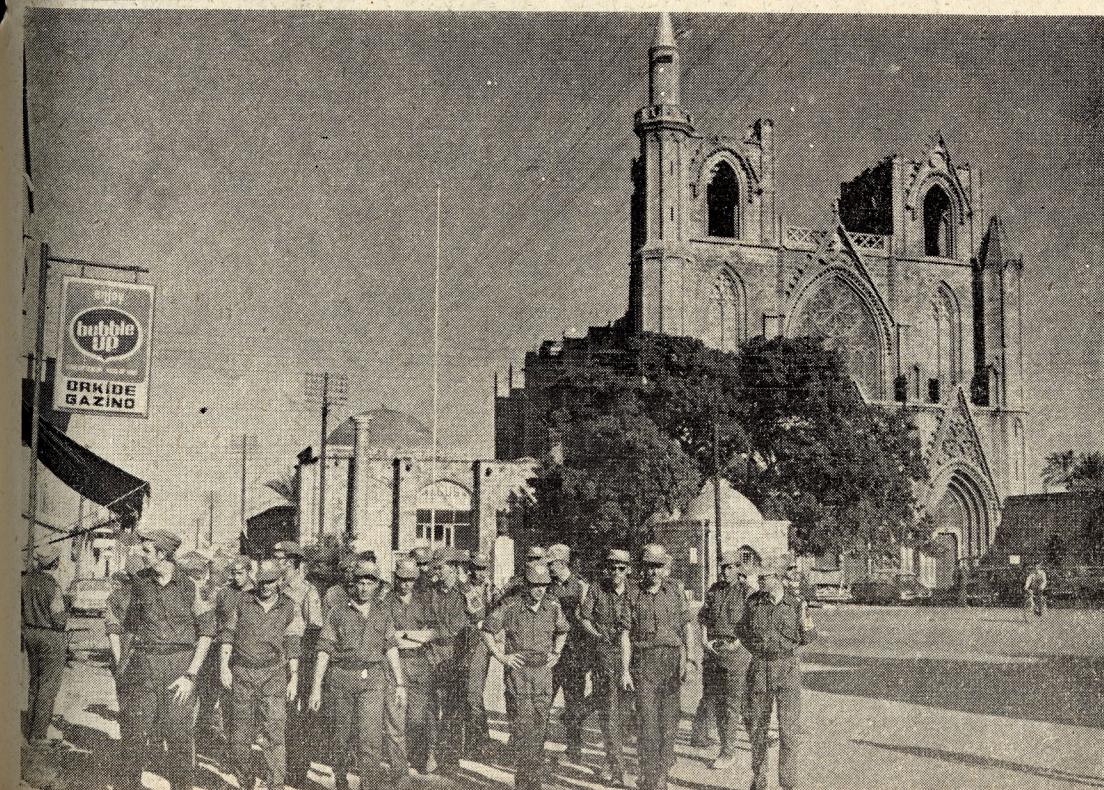
Nytt folk

Så har det då varit rotation inom Famagusta distrikt. Bataljon 44 C överlämnade till 45 C. Överlämningar och rotationer är snabba affärer och det ges inte tid till långa funderingar innan man står där ute på poststället. På Carl Gustaf Camp gick den nya bataljonens mannar på så snabbt att inte skräddaren tvärs över vägen hängde med i svängarna, utan lägervakten skyldrade sina gevär med indisk skjorta och hederliga modell-59-byxor. Ett stadium vi numera lyckligt har övervunnit sedan skräddaren arbetat sig fram genom det berg av indiska uniformsbyxor, som måste sys in och formas till efter slanka svenska soldater.



Sight-seeing och Snyften

Sight-seeing i Old City under ledning av veteranen Leave-Johan Johansson stod tidigt på programmet för de nyanlända 45:orna. På bilden till vänster ses en grupp framför Lala Mustafa moskén.



SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos

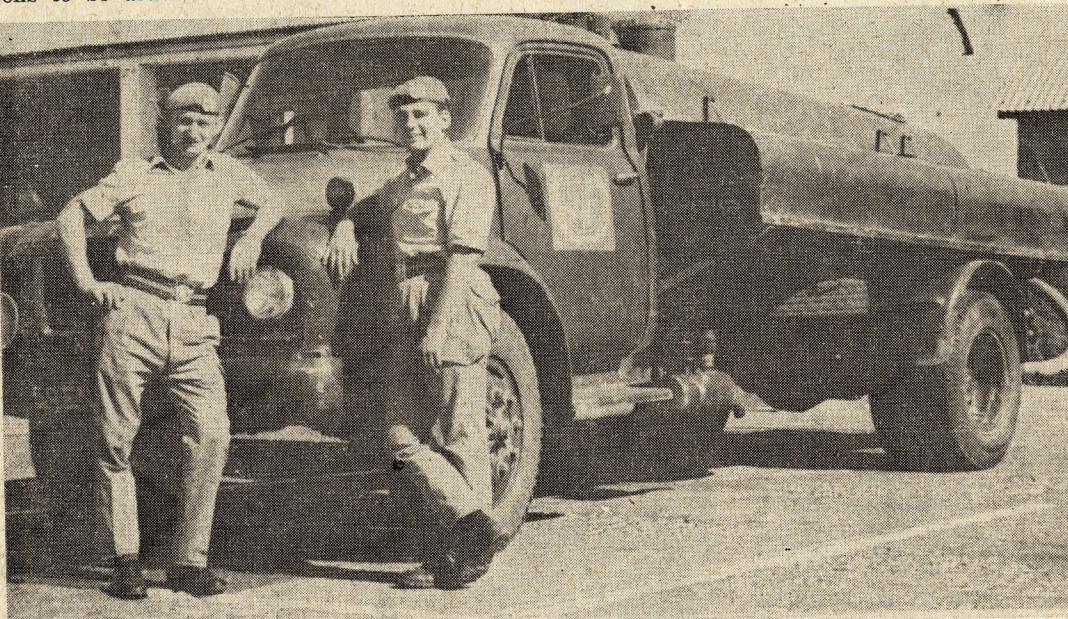
ROYAL GREEN JACKETS SETTLE IN

When the 3rd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets arrived in Northern Ireland four months ago, operations had got beyond the point of tactful negotiations between the two communities. During their three week emergency tour the battalion had to learn quickly the ways of keeping the peace as applicable to that particular situation.

Since returning to England the Battalion has been learning totally different methods of keeping the peace in Cyprus as it applies to UNFICYP and there are interesting comparisons to be drawn.

Also becoming accustomed to wearing the Blue Beret are

On a lighter note it should be pointed out that the Green Jackets from which their name is derived was the first form of camouflaged uniform worn by the British Army. Hence it is theoretically an anathema to wear the Blue Beret particularly designed for the UN to be conspicuous. However, the battalion has quickly adapted itself to its new role and the riflemen can have pride and a sense of purpose in wearing the Blue Beret.

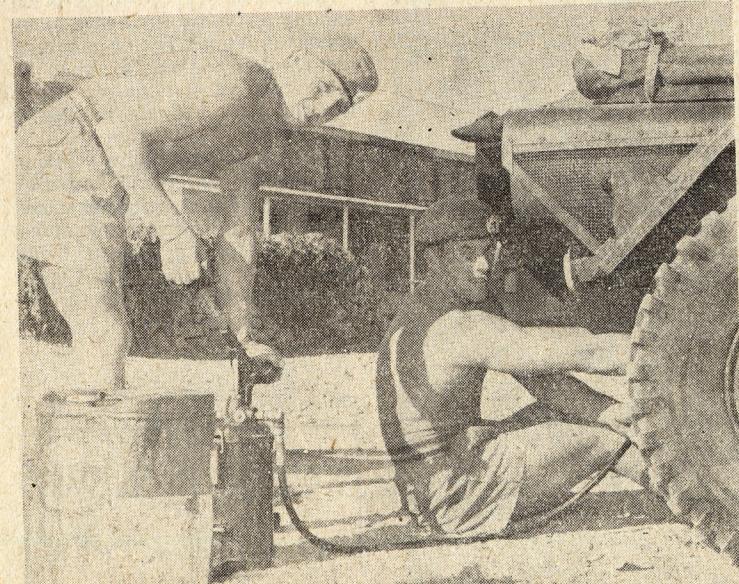


60 SQUADRON "SPECIALISTS"

"Municipal workers may be on strike in UK but not us!" So say two of 60 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport "Uggie" drivers, who since July, have covered 6,348 miles

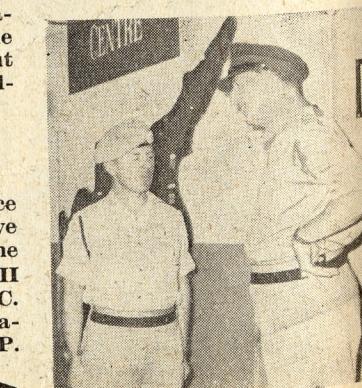
in the course of emptying cess-pits. Drivers Page and Dolling, who look happy enough in their work, receive extra pay for this "Specialist" task.

BRITCON NEWS



• Corporal "Buck" Buchanan and Trooper John Currie busy servicing a Ferret Scout Car. Buck comes from Hamilton and John from Dalkeith.

• Major General M.D. Price CB, OBE the Representative Colonel Commandant of the Royal Signals, talks to WO II (Yeoman of Signals) P.C. Wood outside the Communications Centre at HQ UNFICYP.



GATE DUTY

Rifleman Phillip Wilkins on duty at Polemidhia Camp gate. He has completed one year of a nine year engagement and enjoys the life and particularly likes the idea of being paid to winter in the sunshine. His home is in Smethwick.

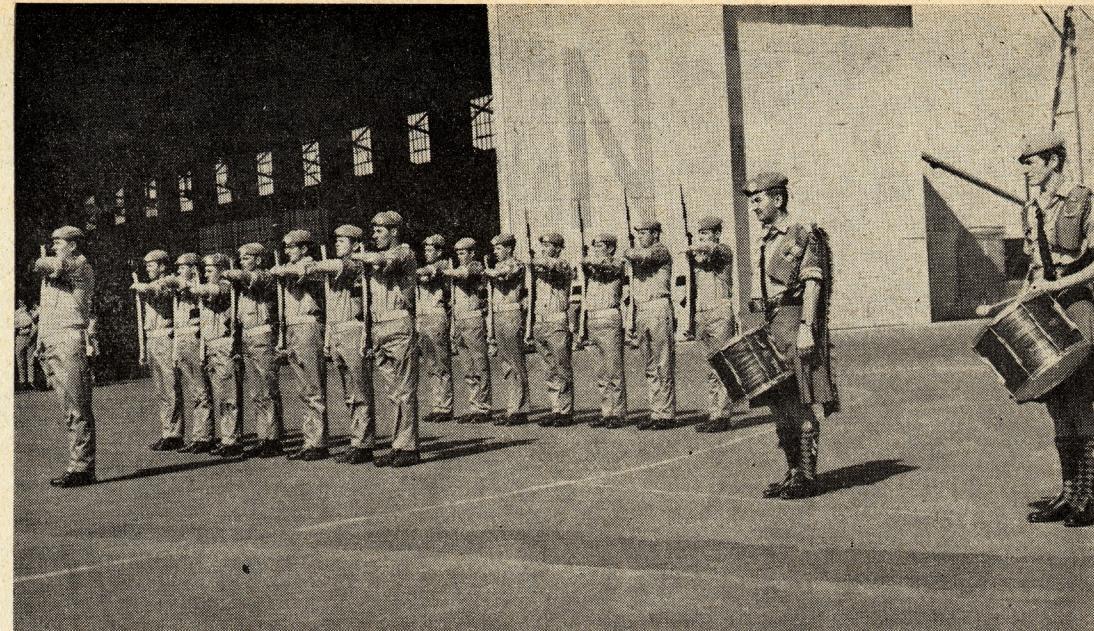
EQUIPMENT CHECK

Trooper Les Reid from Fife and Corporal Eric Ingram from Aberdeenshire checking over some of the equipment which is on their charge. Both men are serving with 'C' Squadron The Royal Scots Greys.

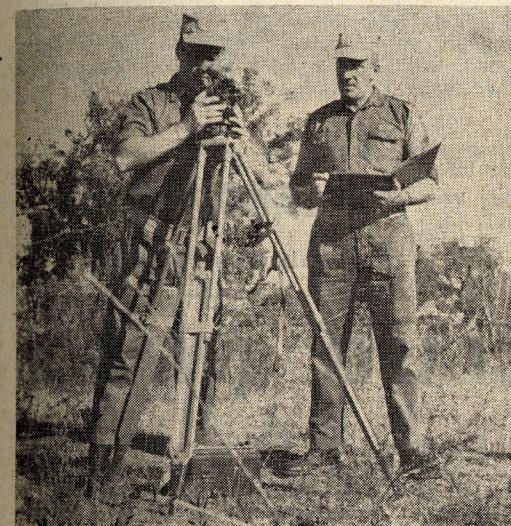
UNFICYP GUARD

The Guard, or Defence Platoon, at HQ UNFICYP is drawn in turn from Britcon, Dancon, Ircon and Swedcon.

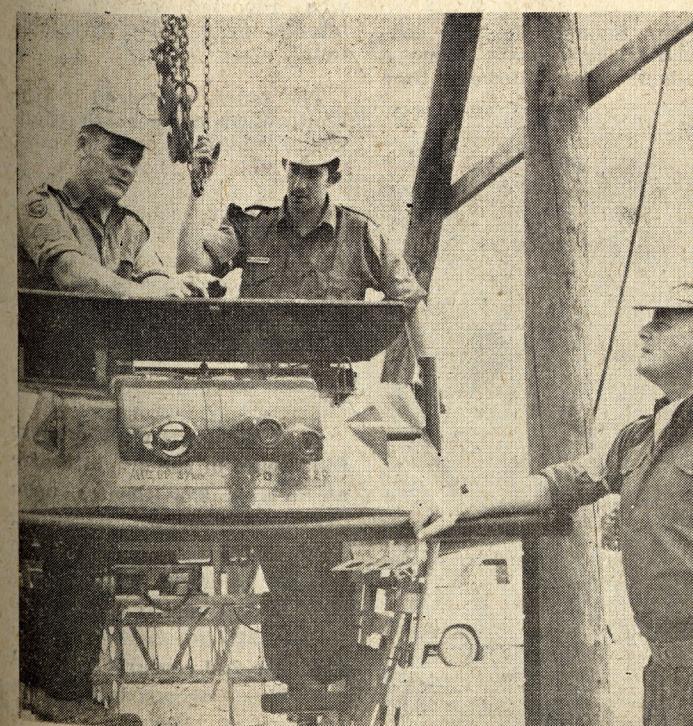
The platoon which consists of one Lieutenant, one Sergeant, two Corporals and fourteen Privates, man two posts at the entrances to UNFICYP Headquarters. This is a twenty four hour duty and the Contingents performing the duty provide the guard for one week, normally mounting at 1100 hours on a Monday and dismounting at 1100 hours on the following Monday. 'B' Company, Larnaca provided the first guard of the 19th Infantry Group and were praised for their excellent turnout.



• Ircon guard under the command of Sergeant M. Byrne of the Curragh Camp on the completion of their tour of duty at UNFICYP Headquarters.



IRCON NEWS



HEAVY MORTAR TROOP IN TRAINING

• Company Sergeant M. Fahy, a Tipperary man, checking the bearing with Sergeant S. Mullins who comes from Kildare during heavy mortar troop training in Zyyi Camp.

• One of the mortar crews, from (left to right) Corporal Kelly (Rathangan) Sergeant M. Murray (Derry), Gunner Cunningham (Mullingar) and Gunner Confrey (Kildare).



THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY

Sergeant Hamilton, Dublin, Armoured Car Group, was really 'up against it' last week. He reported on how he fought and killed a snake in Zyyi Camp with a garden rake.

He says that this particular snake, locally known as "Kuf-

fi", is one of the Biteralbitena variety, the only poisonous breed on the island with grey buff colouring and approximately four and a half feet in length.

Your correspondent, always interested in getting material for this paper, was delighted with Sergeant Hamilton's tale and arranged to have a photograph taken. However, when our photographer arrived, we could find no trace of the snake. I believe you, Sergeant, but.....!!!

SERVICING ON THE PANHARD ARMoured CAR

• Captain Brenden Smith keeps a watchful eye on Ser-

geant T. Ryan and Trooper M. Hayes, both Wexford men, as they carry out servicing on the turret of a Panhard Armoured Car.



CANCON SPORTS PROGRAMME

Now that the rotation is complete, the Cancon Sports Fall and Winter programme is well under way. The Contingent flag football team has had several practices and one exhibition game in preparation for the first game in the American Flag Football league. Games against the three local teams are scheduled at 7 p.m. on Nov. 7, 13, 21 and 26.

The Contingent will be taking part in several UNFICYP tournaments organized by the various contingents. Before Christmas, teams will be entered in an obstacle race, and squash, badminton and table tennis tournaments.

In January, Cancon will host a basketball tournament and in March, a cross-country meet.

Within the unit, the sports programme has been left to the discretion of the individual companies. However, facilities are available for squash, volleyball, tennis, badminton, soccer, basketball, weight lifting and golf.

Fast and furious action during an exhibition flag football game with a local team. Although Cancon lost the game, they have been practising hard and are looking for revenge.

CANCON

CAVALCADE

Interested in who won the hockey games last week, the weather in Victoria, a voice from home? If you are — tune in 650 Radio on Wednesdays at 2000 hours.

That is the time that through the kind permission of Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation, Cancon Cavalcade takes the air each week.

Putting the show together is the responsibility of Captain Tom Joseph and Sergeant Bob Darroch. Their aim: "To provide the most interesting and informative program for the maximum number of people".

The program includes news, sports, music, comedy and in the near future, a small contest.

Radio Station CJVI in Victoria, British Columbia, (home of 3 PPCLI) has volunteered to send dedications from wives and families, news clips and local sports news for the program. These tapes are expected to begin arriving at the end of November and will be inserted weekly.

The program producers are looking forward to six months of exciting programming. To add to the show they encourage the listening audience to send requests and dedications for Cancon Cavalcade to the Signals Officer, Cancon, Wolseley Barracks, Nicosia.

EXPLORERS CLUB NEWS

On Sunday, Oct. 25, fifty "explorers" took part in the first organized sightseeing tour of the island. At 10:30 two buses left the Ledra Palace and headed for the Famagusta area. Maria, an interesting and humorous tour guide, pointed out many of the historical sites as the group left the city.

Next stop was the ruins of the ancient city of Salamis where the group saw the remains of an amphitheatre and a Roman public gymnasium and bath.

From Salamis the tour continued to Famagusta where a two-hour stop allowed time

for lunch and a swim. Then the "explorers" headed for the old walled city of Famagusta where they saw the famous Othello Tower, the old fortifications and some of the remains of 365 churches which used to stand within the walls.

The group then headed back for Nicosia completing what was reported as "a most interesting and enjoyable tour".

The tours, organized by the Welfare Office, cost the individual nothing, and in most cases lunch is provided.

The next scheduled tour on Saturday Nov. 7 includes a visit to Larnaca, a Turkish Mosque and Lefkara. Anyone interested in this or future tours should submit their name to the Welfare Office.

Members of Explorers Club relax in the amphitheatre at Salamis. The theatre, upon which excavations began in 1960, has been revealed as the largest ancient theatre in Cyprus and one of the largest in the Middle East. It dates from the 2nd century A.D. and probably accommodated an audience of 20,000.



YKSP:N KOMENTAJAN VAIHTOPARAATI



Maanantaina 26.10. vaihtui pataljoonamme komentaja. Eversti R K Raitasaari luovutti tehtävänsä everstiluutnantti Eero T Lehtoviralle. Kuvassamme evl E Lehtovirta (vas) ja ev R K Raitasaari suorittaa-massa paraatikatselmusta.

EV R K RAITASAARI

YKSP 13 aloitti toimikautensa viime vappuna uudella vastuualueella, uusin tehtävin ja supisteellä määritetyllä. Muutokset olivat suuret ja vaikuttivat koko henkilöstön tehtäviin ja toimintaan. Muutosten huomattavain seurauksena näytti olevan, että ensiset työt piti suorittaa lähes puoleen vähentyneellä henkilömäärällä.

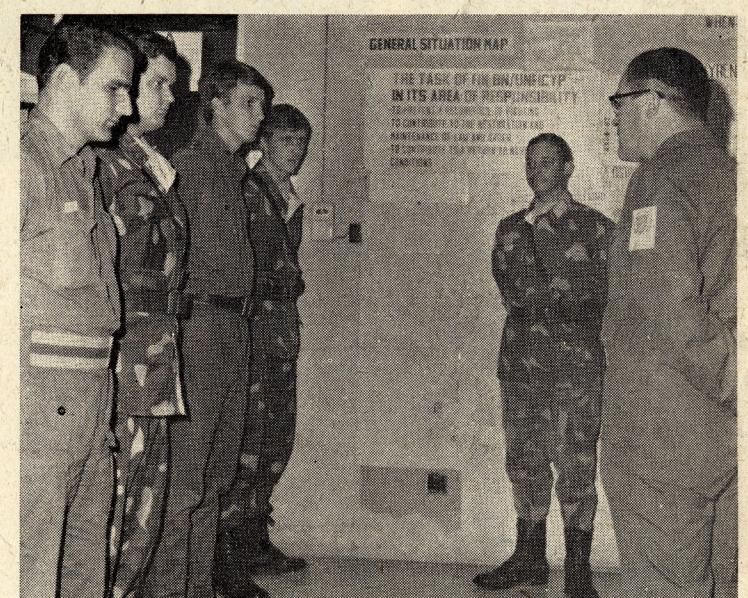
Force Commander on pitämässä tarkastuksissa havainnut pataljoonan sotilaat ja suorittavat uudet tehtävät koko toimikauden ajan. YKSP 14 rakentuu YKSP 13 jäättämälle vankalle perustalle. Sen muodostaa velvolisudentunto, pitkäjänteinen kesätyvyys ja tietoisuus rauhanturvatöyn tärkeydestä nykymaailmassa, josta YK ei vielä ole saanut poistettua väkivaltaa, sodalla uhkaamista tai sotia.

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ole enää täällä. He etsivät tien läpi vaikeuksien ja viitoittivat sen seuraajilleen.

Luovuttaessani YKSP:n komentajan tehtävät omalle seuraajalleni toivottan hänelle tehtävässään menestystä. Se on mahdollista saavuttaa, koska kohta toimikauden aloittava YKSP 14 rakentuu YKSP 13 jäättämälle vankalle perustalle. Sen muodostaa velvolisudentunto, pitkäjänteinen kesätyvyys ja tietoisuus rauhanturvatöyn tärkeydestä nykymaailmassa, josta YK ei vielä ole saanut poistettua väkivaltaa, sodalla uhkaamista tai sotia.

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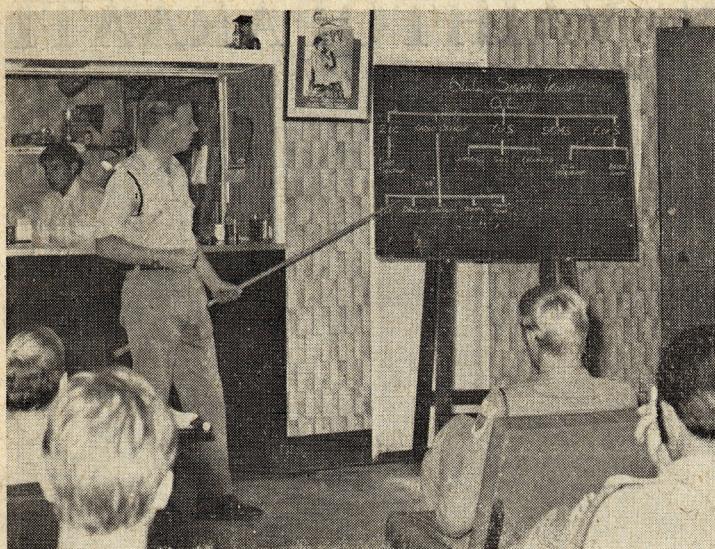
Pataljoonan operatiivisen toimiston pääliikkyys vaihtui myös viime rotaatiotien aikana. Viime tammikuusta saakka OPS:n pääliikönä toiminut "Chyde" luovutti tehtävänsä majuri Paavo Mattiselle. Kuvassamme operatiivinen väki järjestäytyneenä tehtävien luovutusta ja vastaanottoa varten.



Trainen rotaatiokone saapui Nicosian kentälle 28.10. Kuvassamme etualalla kapt Korhonen ja itn Siilasvuo.



Vaihtoparaatin jälkeen pidettiin upseerimessissä vanhan komentajan lähtöjuhla. Maj E Kukkonen ojentamassa Ev Raitasaarelle hopeista vatsia.



ON THE HOOK



Visit Of Royal Signals Colonel Commandant

Major General M. D. Price, CB, OBE, the Representative Colonel Commandant of the Royal Signals, paid a short visit to HQ UNFICYP last week. He is seen here talking with the Force Commander

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.

Sergeant Neil Ensen of UNFICYP 230 Squadron RAF Detachment dangles in space as he attends to a "casualty" during a recent casevac exercise at the Austrian Field Hospital. Sergeant Geoffrey Costello allowed himself to be strapped in, and winching them both up is Flight Sergeant Tony Scott.



SIGNAL CONVENTION

Somebody mentioned last week that the Signallers were doing some training — or, to be more exact, having a convention. When our photographer found them all in The Mercury Club we wondered whether there might be some other name for this get-together, but we have to report that it was all taken very seriously. Captain R. Finney, the OC of 644 Signal Troop, held the attention of his audience, and the only person who appeared to be bored was the barman. He had nothing to do — until later!



MP NOTEBOOK

Accidents - Unficyp

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| Week Ending | — | 5 |
| 31 OCT 70 | — | 5 |
| Same Period | — | |
| Last Year | — | 4 |
| Total This Year | — | 317 |
| Same Period | — | |
| Last Year | — | 306 |
| Main Cause of Accidents This Week: | | |
| "FOLLOWING TOO CLOSE" | | |

ROYAL VISITOR

When HRH The Duchess of Gloucester visited British Bases in Cyprus recently she met representatives of various Welfare Organizations. In the picture, Her Royal Highness is seen talking to Mrs Kathy Clarke of the WRVS who looks after the British UN Contingent stationed at Polemidhia and who is always a popular and welcome visitor as she does the rounds of the posts each week.

