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NEW RSM FOR CAMP HQ

Last week WO I R.E. Harriman, Royal Tank Regiment, handed over his duties of Camp Regimental Sergeant Major to WO I D.G. Rabley who joins UNFICYP from the 15/19 Hussars.

The two RSMs are pictured here with the Force Commander. Mr Harriman, on the right, will be returning to the RAC Gunnery School.



REGIMENTAL CAP BADGE

Being unable to wear one's own regimental cap badge during a tour with UNFICYP, it is not surprising that their construction in stone becomes an art form of self expression in the outposts. Typical, is this example depicting the badge of the Royal Green Jackets, which is seen here against the suitable background of a Whirlwind helicopter of UNFICYP 230 Squadron RAF detachment.



A NEW YEARS PRAYER FOR CYPRUS

Another year has come and gone
A new Year lies before us.
We stand on guard to keep the Peace
On this sunny isle of Cyprus.
A time for resolutions now
To guide us through the New Year.
But let's look back on years gone by
For inspirations new here.
Let Peace on earth, Good Will to men
Be our New Years resolution.
And let us pray that in this year
There'll be a peaceful solution.

By Cpl Frank Neufeld.



MORE COUNTRIES CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS UNFICYP UPKEEP

In the past six weeks the following member countries of the UN have responded to U Thant's appeal made last June for contributions towards the cost of UNFICYP for the period 16th December — 15th June 1970.

Belgium — 2.5 million Belgian francs.

Guyana — 5,000 (G) dollars.

Pakistan — 3,000 (US) dollars.

Thailand — 2,500 (US) dollars.

Contributions for the period 16th June — 15th December 1970 have also been pledged as follows.

Belgium — 2.5 million Belgian francs.

Finland — 50,000 (US) dollars.

TRAGEDY AT POLEMIDHIA

Four British soldiers serving with UNFICYP suffered severe burns in a tent fire which occurred at Polemidhia Camp in the early hours of Friday 1st January.

The injured men who were all members of 3rd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets, were admitted to hospital at RAF Akrotiri. One of the men, Rifleman Ronald Patrick Hill, aged 21, subsequently died from his injuries. A second soldier, Rifleman Kevin Chavner, aged 17, described as very seriously ill, has since been evacuated to hospital in England. Rifleman Bernard McAreevey, aged 21, and Peter Hopkins, aged 19 are both still detained in hospital in Akrotiri.

Rifleman Hill was unmarried and came from Peterlee

Co. Durham. He had been serving with UNFICYP since October. His body has been flown back to England.

A board of inquiry has been convened to examine the circumstances of the fire.

STOP PRESS

Since going to press we regret having to announce that Rifleman Chavner died from his injuries on 4th January. He was unmarried and came from Hebburn Co. Durham.



En anden yndet fritidsbeskæftigelse, for "uden mad og drikke". Her nydes en velfortjent frokost i messen i Kokkina.

FRITIDSSYSLER

Der er mange former for fritidsbeskæftigelse, og nu da DANCON efter snart er samlet efter jule- og nyårsperioden, vil velferdstjenesten især gå igang med arrangement af orlovstrejser og ture på øen. Det påtænkes at "gentage" alle ture med 14 dages mellemrum, således at alle i DANCON vil få mulighed for at deltage i disse.

Første tur vil blive arrangeret som en week-end tur til Paphos, igen under feldprestens kyndige ledelse. Pastoren har netop i denne week-end været på recognosering i Paphos for at finde det bedste overnatnings- og spisested og lover, at det vil blive en udbytterig tur, om hvilken nærmere vil komme i en velfærdsmeddelelse i den nærmeste fremtid.

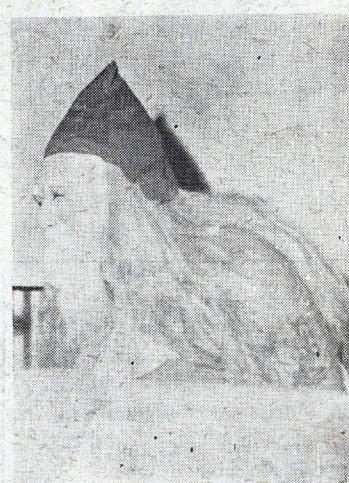
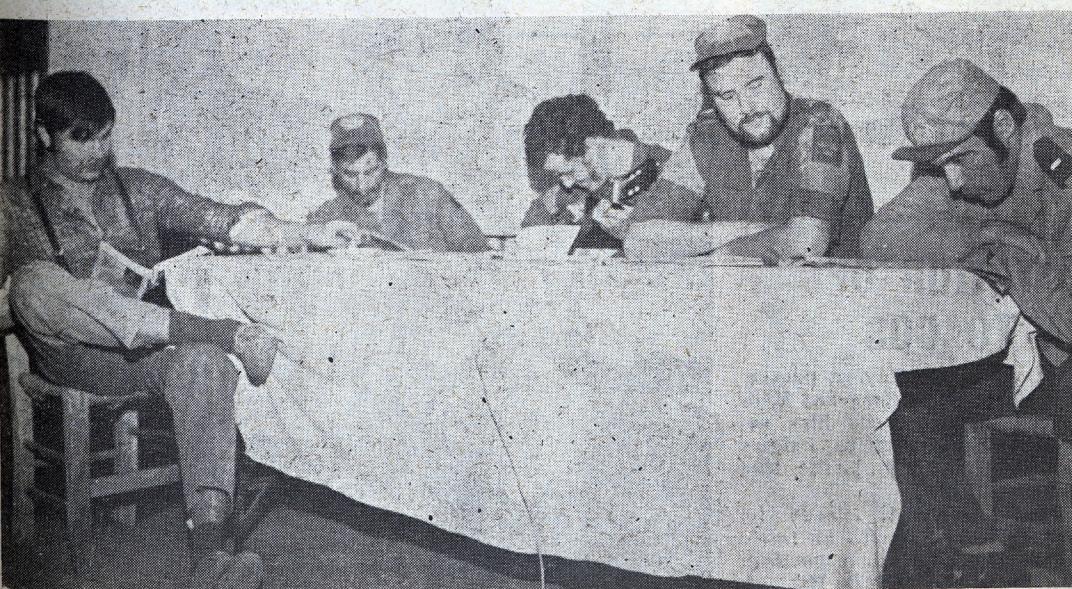
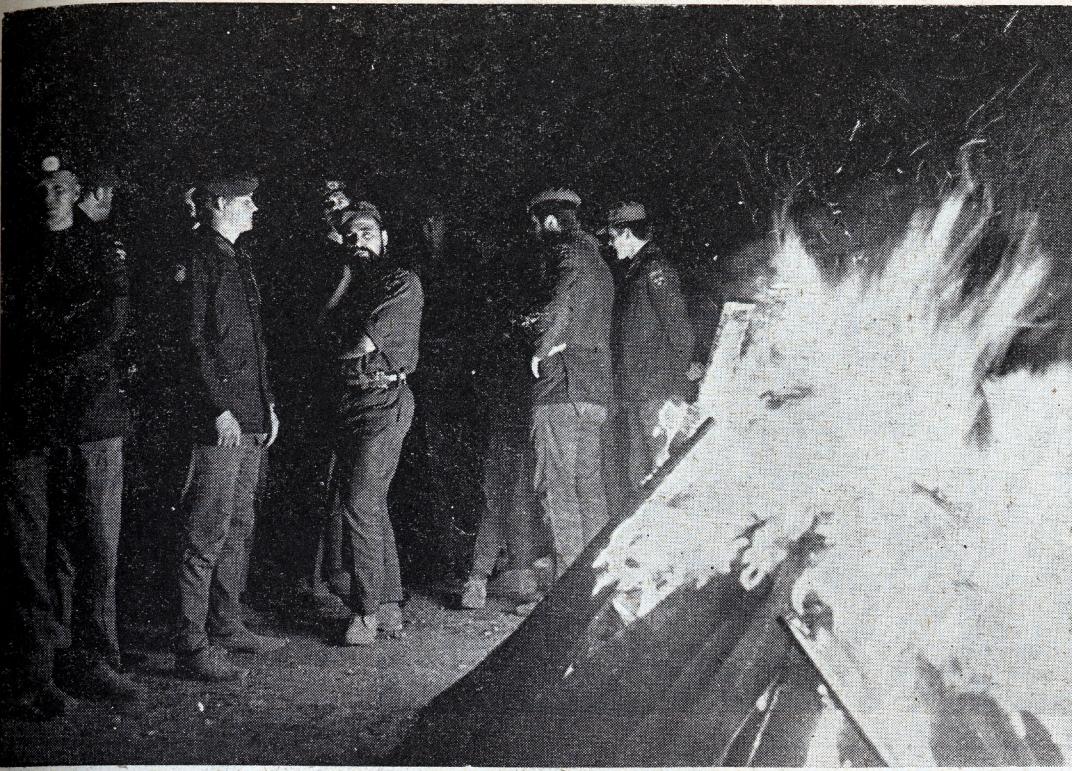
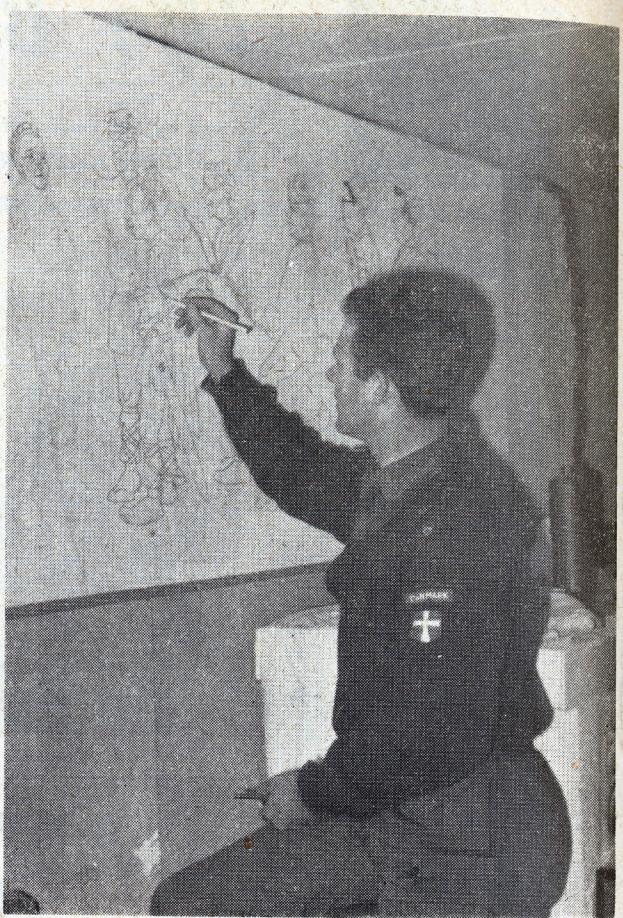
Et udsnit af deltagerne fra turen til KYRENIA afventende rejselederen pastor Stubs orientering.

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To udmærkede former for fritidsbeskæftigelse.
Øverst PRLT Hansen/LKMP i færd med at udføre en detalje på frisen i LIMNITIS og nederst Sg Dupont/LKMP i færd med en ligeså vigtig detalje i forbindelse med det populære billardspil.



Tomten i låddan under kabarén spelades av Hans Råling.

Det nya året

Det nya året firades av den svenska kontingenget i enlighet med gamla svenska traditioner. Vid tolvslaget samlades FN-personal och anhöriga vid eldar på uppställningsplatsen på Carl Gustav Camp och inväntade klockringningen från campens kyrka.

Men innan dess hade man avnjutit ett julbord, som var lika förmäligt arrangerat och sammansatt som julatenton. Och den här gången kom man väl också litet snabbare till bords i manskapsmatsalen tack vare mästället som hjälpte upp utrymmena. På vår bild är det pionjärerna som smörjer kräset, fr v Kjell-Åke Nilsson, Sture Karlstedt, Olle Jonsson, Lars Jegenberg, K-G Ragnarsson, Jerry Albinsson och basen själv, rustmästare Rolf Bergström i bakgrunden.

Kabaré blev det i idrottshallen, bilden längst ned visar Bengt Jansson, Benny Wallin, Tomas Johansson, Ronnie Haraldsson och Björn Hernblad i skethtagen.

SWEDCON NEWS
Swedish Forces Photos

NEW DRIVER FOR COMBRITCON

At the end of this week, 60 Squadron RCT will hand over their duties to 1 Squadron RCT who are normally based in Colchester.

For some days now, members of the incoming Squadron advance party have been busy familiarising themselves with their new responsibilities and preparing for the arrival of the main party.

In this picture, Lance Corporal Ken Redgate of 60 Squadron points out features on a map to his relief, Corporal Arthur Spellman. Arthur has 27 years of service tucked away, and he expects to be leaving the Army at the conclusion of his tour with UNFICYP.



BRITCON NEWS



ROTATION OF PA TO COS

WO II Bryan Taylor, passes on a tip to Staff Sergeant Ken Blease who succeeds him as Personal Assistant to Brigadier General E.M.D. Leslie, the Chief of Staff.

Staff Sergeant Blease is used to working with an integrated HQ as his last posting was with the NATO HQ of Allied Forces Central Europe.



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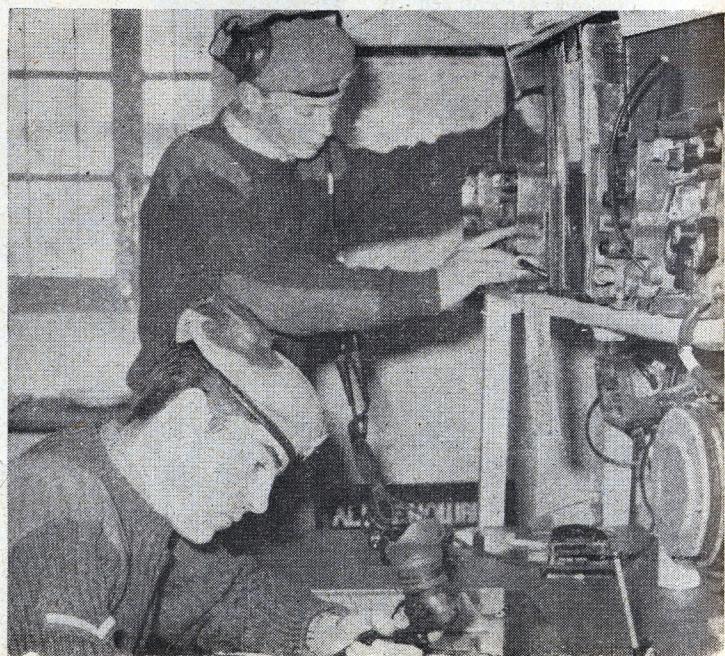
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COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE

The Communications Centre in any camp is always a busy place and Gleneagles Camp is no exception. Men of "C" Squadron The Royal Hussars seen in this picture are Lance Corporal Leslie Kennel (seated), and Trooper Paul Withers.

Both are Hampshire men. Leslie comes from Portsmouth and Paul from Romsey.



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ARMOURED CAR COMPARISON

Multi-force operations afford an excellent opportunity for soldiers of the different contingents to compare their vehicles and equipment and to swap their experiences.

While engaged in operations with the Force Reserve, Rifleman Bob Voller explains to Sergeant John Ryan of Ircon the workings of a Ferret Armoured Car belonging to the Royal Hussars. Rifleman Voller has driven a Ferret with 3 RGJ in Germany. Sergeant Ryan normally commands a Panhard Armoured Car.

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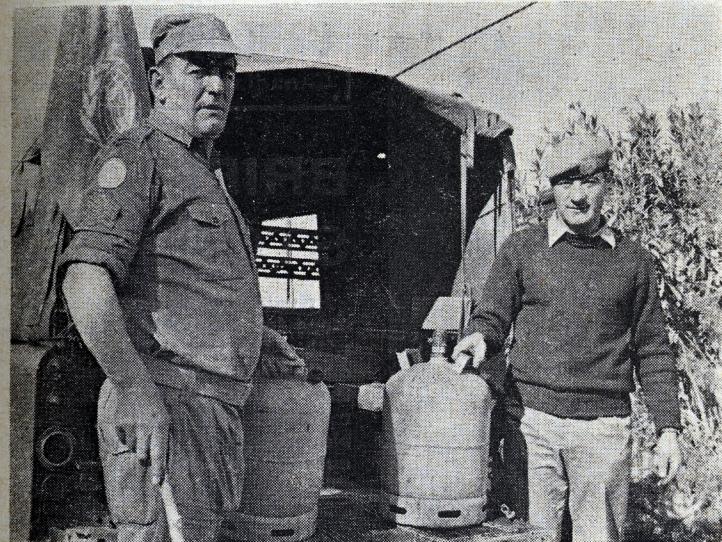
PRESENTATION

A picture of the presentation by 'B' Company Non Commissioned Officers to Lieutenant Colonel Tom Tracey, on the occasion of his visit to the NCOs Mess at Larnaca on Christmas Day. Company Sergeant W. Gaynor, 4 Garrison Company Ordnance (Roscommon) makes the presentation.



GAS DELIVERY

Sergeant J.O. Driscoll, 3 Battalion (Curragh) and Private J. Hughes, Depot S. & T. (Newbridge) delivering gas containers to Observation Posts along the Artemis Road in Larnaca.



THE LOUROUJINA PATROL

Twice daily a patrol moves out from the UN Outpost in Louroujina to patrol the high ground around the village and to visit the unoccupied Observation Posts on hill 1126 and Ayia Varura. The members of the patrol need to be in top physical condition as their

route takes them over some extremely difficult terrain with steep gradients.

• The Louroujina patrol climbing Stavros hill. Included in the group are Corporal J. Bracken, (16 Bn) Privates S. Foy (1 Bn), G. Crichton (4 Fd RA Regt), P. Barnwell (3 Bn), F. Frawley (6 Bn), E. Fallon (4 Bde HQ) and J. O'Connell (4 Garr Ord).



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IRCON NEWS

GETTING BRIEFED

The scene in 'A' Company Ops Room at Kophinou with Sergeant P. McDonnell, 5 Battalion, (Dublin) briefing visiting Ops 'B' Officers who were on a familiarisation tour of the Larnaca District. Seated Left to right, Senior Lieutenant Stig Edelman (Fincon), Lieutenant Ralph Mac Diarmuid (Cancon) and Captain Carl Dodd (Ircon).



HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Commanding Officer and men of 19th Infantry Group wish all other Contingents a "Happy New Year".

"BLAIN NUA FAOI MHaise DHOIBH"



• Signalman M. Sheedy, 2 Field Signals (Dublin) on duty in the UN outpost at Louroujina.

A SERVICEMAN'S WIFE

During the past few days we reached the mid-point in our tour in Cyprus and experienced the Christmas and New Years season away from our home and families. Undoubtedly most of us reflected at some time during this period, just how 'mother' stood up under the pressure of this season at home alone with the children. As a tribute to these girls for all they must cope with, we reprint this article written by Mrs Jo Barker, 'A Serviceman's Wife'.

A Serviceman's wife is mostly girl. But there are times, such as when her husband is away and she is mowing the lawn or fixing a flat tyre on a youngster's bike, that she begins to suspect that she is also a boy.

At least one of her babies was born or a move was accomplished while she was alone. This causes her to suspect a secret pact between her husband and the army providing for a man to be overseas or on temporary duty at times such as these.

A Serviceman's wife is international. She may be a

She usually comes in three sizes: petite, plump and pregnant. During the early years of her marriage it is often hard to determine which size is her normal one.

She has babies all over the world and measures time in terms of places as other women do in years.

"It was at Whitehorse that we all had the mumps.... in Germany Dan was promoted..."

without knowing why. She is a dreamer when she vows: "We'll never move again". An optimist: "The next place will be better" A realist: "Oh well, as long as we are together".

One might say that she is a "bigamist" sharing her husband with a demanding entity called "duty". When duty calls, she becomes No. 2 wife. Until she accepts this fact, her life can be miserable. She is, above all a woman who married a soldier who offered her the permanency of a gypsy, the miseries of loneliness, the frustration of conformity and the security of love.

Sitting among her packing boxes with squabbling children nearby, she is sometimes willing to chuck it all... until she hears the firm step and cheerful voice of that lug who gave her all this. Then she is happy to be... a Serviceman's wife.

An ideal Serviceman's wife has the patience of an angel, the flexibility of putty, the wisdom of a scholar and the stamina of a horse.

If she dislikes money, it helps. She is sentimental, carrying her memories with her in an old barrack box.

She often cries at parades

NEW YEARS LEVEE

Lieutenant Colonel T.M.C. Marsaw chats with guests during a New Years Levée at Cancon Headquarters Officers Mess. Left to right: Chief Superintendent Peter McAulay, Australian Police; Mrs McAulay, Mrs Sorensen, Inspector Ib Sorensen, Dancivopol; and Lieutenant Colonel Marsaw. Members of several contingents visited Cancon to take part in the traditional Levée.



CANCON NEWS
Canadian Forces Photos

BRIEF STOP

Private Roland Dupuis (Left) stops for a briefing and a chat with Private David Ward during a routine foot patrol of the 'Green Line'. Both are members of 2 Platoon, Suburbia Company located on the outskirts of Nicosia.

TOURIST BUREAU

Sergeant Chuck Addison points out 'the Dome of the Rock', one of the famous tourist attractions in Jerusalem, to Corporal Tom Smith.

Among their many other duties, Sergeant Addison and members of the Welfare Office plan and arrange tours for soldiers of the Contingent who are going on leave.



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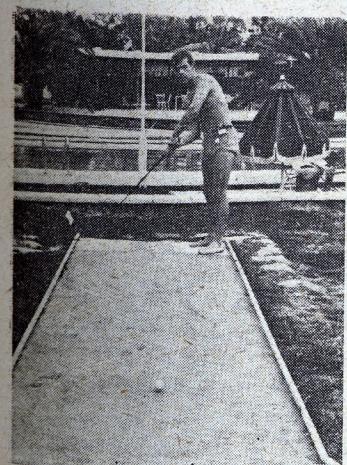
OPERATIIVINEN TOIMISTO VALVOO



Operatiivisen toimiston pääliikö majuri Paavo Mattinen tarkastelee tilannetta päävystyshuoneen kartalta.



Viestiupseeri kapteeni Jorma Kukkolan työhön liittyy hyvin läheisesti puhelimet ja radiot. Kuvassamme viestiupseeri puhelimeissa ja tilannepäivystäjä luutnantti Jukka Tuomola lukemassa sanomakirja.



Jääkäri Osmo Ilmari Korhonen on lyönyt näpäkästi pallon kohti koloa. Taisi tulla täysosuma. Keskiympäristö lyönti ainakin vaati.

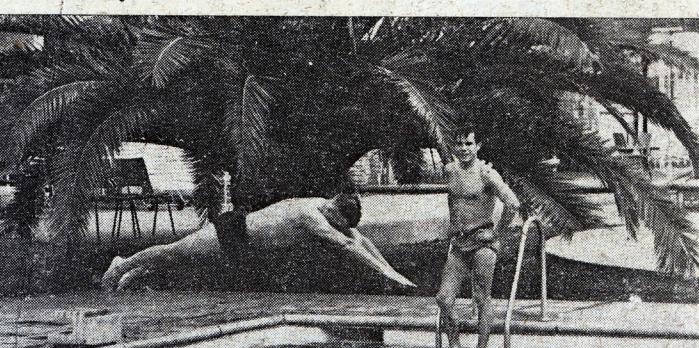
VAPAA-AJAN VIETTOA

Joskus sunnuntaina tuntuu aika kulkevan hitaanmin kuin etana konsanaan. Varmasti lepo on pakkalaan mutta useasti sunnuntaina tulee mietittyä hukkaan hetettyä aikaa.

Viime sunnuntaina joukko uimareita ja pienoisgolfin ystäviä suuntasivat kulkuneuvonsa kohti Ledran uima-allasta.

Uima-altaan vesi oli miellyttävän lämmintä. Golfin pelaajat jännärsivät monennellako lyönnillä pallo vieri reikään. Siinä touhussa aika kului niin mukavasti, että tuli kiire ruokailuun.

Eiköhän meidän kaikkien olisi syytä etsiä se oikea hiekkalaatikko, jossa vapaa-aikaa voisi viettää. Yllämainittu paikka on vain yksi monista mahdollisuuksista.



Ei ponjan poikia palele kun... lämmitä. HP eli huoltopäällikkö majuri Eikka Kukkosen tyylissä laskussa autonkuljettajansa jääkäri Korhosen seurassa suoritusta.

Operatiivinen toimisto muutti viimeisenä esikunnan toimistona Kytkko Campiin toiminnan jatkessa keskeytyksettä. OPS on pataljoonan ns. hermokeskus, joka kohtaa päivittäin vartioipaikalta, joukkueilta, komppanioilta tiedot tapahtumista välittäen tärkeimmät asiat edelleen komentajalle ja UNFICYP' in esikuntaan, jonne OPS illa on nopeat viestiyhteydet. Samoin on yhteys jokaiseen komppaniaan vartioipaikat mukaan lukien. Mitä tilannepäivystäjä tekee? Ei mitään! No, hän monistaa, opetelee kirjoittamaan koneella ja käy kymmeniä kertoja päävässä erilaisten viestivälineiden, kuten puheilten, radioiden ja jopa työtoverinsa kimppuun.

OPS'in päälikkönä on maj Mattinen, varapäälikkönä kapt Kukkola. Tilannepäivystäjänä toimivat ylil Edelman, ltn Koskinen ja ltn Tuomola.

UNFICYP WORKSHOPS REME

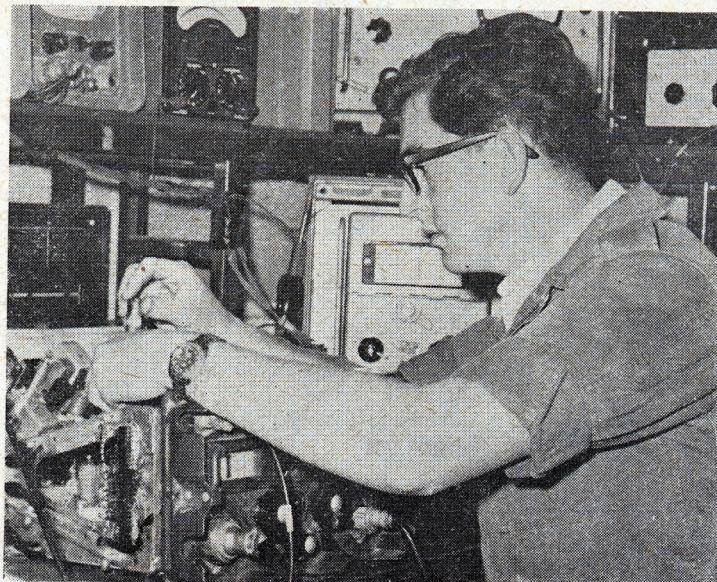
The UNFICYP Workshop, staffed by Britcon, is located within the HQ UNFICYP perimeter at Nicosia and provides Second Line repair support as well as Recovery facilities for the Force.

It deals mainly with British equipment and hired cars, although it also handles contingent owned equipment in special circumstances.

Contact with all contingents is maintained through the OC Major B. S. Turner, who is also the Force Electrical and Mechanical Engineer.

The Second in Command and ASM is WO I N. D. Walker, with a repair force of 34 tradesmen in which Staff Sergeant A. Kemp is responsible for vehicles, and WO II (AQMS) P. Finlay is responsible for telecommunications. The control office is run by Staff Sergeant W. Rowlands who has been attached from 60 Squadron RCT. The inspection of hire cars and military vehicles is directed by Staff Sergeant S. Tarbrooke, and all spare parts are supplied by a Stores Section RAOC which is commanded by WO I J. Crawford.

In all work, the emphasis is on speed of repair, and in this respect the UN Workshop is one of the most efficient of its type. Tradesmen often work late hours in order to return equipment to units.



In spite of this, the Junior Ranks find time to run their own popular canteen, "The Craftymans Arms", in which they can meet their opposite members from other contingents for sport and entertainment.

● WO I John Crawford, on the right, is in charge of the RAOC Stores Section. He is also an expert collector of butterflies. Private James McIntyre is a clerk in the Stores Section and is detached from 16 Light Air Defence Regiment Workshops.

● Corporal Jerry Coles, a telecommunications technician with eight years service comes from 27 Command Workshops REME. His hobby is sailing.



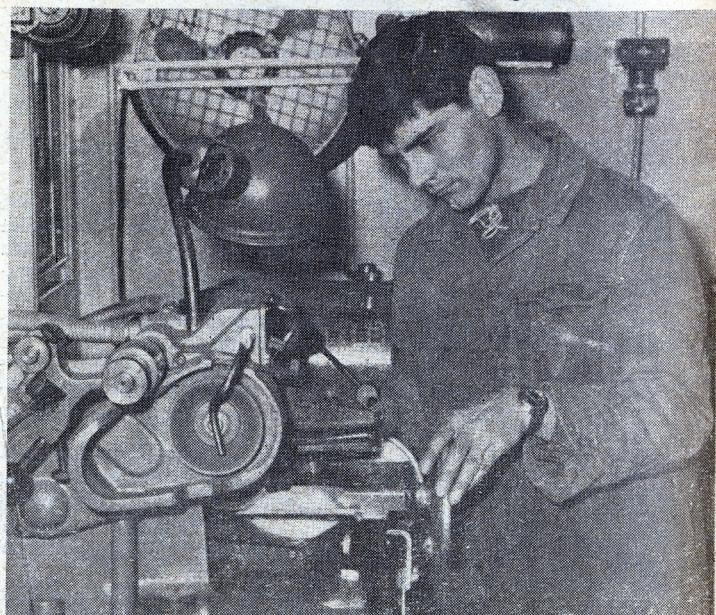
● Lance Corporal Peter Wootton, a keen constructor of plastic models, comes from Wolverhampton. He is the receipts and Issues clerk in the Workshops office.



● Craftsman Adrian Miles, whose hobby is football, is attached from 60 Transport Squadron Workshops REME. He is seen above re-fitting a transfer gear box.



● Corporal Brian Eyre comes from 3 Field Workshops and has a wife and small son at home in England.



● Lance Corporal Harry Zaslawsy has been in the Army four years and is detached from 2nd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets. He is seen above working in the Machinery Vehicle.

