



SECRETARY-GENERAL ARRIVES IN CYPRUS

On Tuesday at 1800 hours the Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim arrived at Nicosia International Airport, where he was welcomed by representatives of the Cyprus Government, the Turkish Cypriot community, Mr. Bibiano Osorio-Tafall special representative of the Secretary-General and the Force Commander, Major-General D. Prem Chand PVSM.



● Mr. Osorio-Tafall welcomes the Secretary-General.

Questioned by the press after his arrival Mr. Waldheim said, that he was glad to be in Cyprus, and that the purpose of his visit was to

NEW COO

Lieutenant Colonel T. Kuosa (second right) the Chief Operations Officer designate was met on arrival at Nicosia airport last week by Lieutenant Colonel E. Lehtovirta (second left) ComFincon. Also there were Major E. McLatchy (left) and Major Huhtanen (right) both from HQ UNFICYP.

Lieutenant Colonel Kuosa takes over his duties in the near future from Lieutenant Colonel P. Hogan (Ircon). He was posted to UNFICYP from Headquarters Finnish Defence Forces. He served with the Finnish Contingent of UNFICYP in 1964 and 1965-66.



discuss the situation with all parties concerned.

He also stressed that he was glad to be able to see the peace-keeping force, which has been on the island for some time now. — "We are an organization for peace", the Secretary-General said, "and we do our utmost to be helpful to gain a political solution, that is why we are here".

During his stay in Cyprus the Secretary-General had the opportunity of visiting the various contingents on location, and of seeing the work being done by UNFICYP.

Mr. Waldheim arrived at Nicosia via Zurich from Stockholm, where he had attended the opening of the UN conference on Human Environment. The Secretary-General's visit to Nicosia is the first stage in a working visit to Cyprus, Turkey and Greece within the context of the UN Operation in Cyprus. Mr. Waldheim left Nicosia for Ankara on the 8th June 1972.



● The Secretary-General pictured at a brief press meeting at Nicosia International Airport.

BRITISH OFFICIAL PROMOTED TO A TOP UN POST

The Secretary-General announced on 5 May that effective from 1 July Mr. Brian Urquhart, of Britain, will be appointed to the post of Assistant-Secretary-General of the United Nations. He will continue to work with Senor Roberto Guyer of Argentina, Under-Secretary-General for special political affairs.

As director of the office of special political affairs, Mr. Urquhart was for many years the senior assistant to the late Dr. Ralph Bunche. Aged 53, he is a native of Dorset. He was educated at Westminster School and Christ Church, Oxford. From 1939 to 1945 he served with infantry and parachute units in North Africa, Sicily and Europe. He

accompanied the Secretary-General on his recent visit to UNFICYP.

After a six month tour at HQ UNFICYP Major K. J. Funch (left) LOGS B 2/Force Movement Control has handed over his duties to Major P. S. Larsen. As the branch, amongst other things, deals with the Force Movement Control, the latter in the coming year will be one of the first persons seen by UN personnel arriving at Nicosia International Civil Airport. Coordination of all UN movement to and from this airport is a matter of concern to the branch.

It is of particular interest to Dancon, Fincon and Swedcon that the branch carries out all the work pertinent to the SCACYP, the airborne link between Scandinavia and Cyprus, providing both goods and personnel transport.

Haflinger Will Travel

The Austrians have a horse called Haflinger, an enduring creature mainly used in the mountains because of its capability for climbing — even when heavily loaded. The Austrian Contingent also have "Haflingers", but the motorised version manufactured by the Steyr-Puch Works.

The vehicle looks like a child's toy and the 24 DIN hp engine provides a top speed of only 58 km/h on the road. In cross-country operations, however, it shows its true capability, it can climb almost vertically and carries four men with complete personal equipment. If the conditions are too extreme for the car — the four men provide additional horse power.



KOKKINA - LEJREN

"EN PERLE"



● De højtbragte OP'er observerer — og melder. Telefonvagten sørger for fremskaffelse af den rigtige forbindelse.

DANCON NEWS



PRÆSENTERER FOR FOTOGRAFEN

LKMP's deling har som den første fra Dancon XVII stillet et vagthold til HQ UNFICYP. Her er det KS John Petersen, der præsenterer i fin stil — og det er til ære for fotografen. Vagtholdet ledes af sergenterne H. P. Larsen og P. K. Nicolajsen.



Trods den fjerne beliggenhed får Kokkina-lejren mange besøg. Mange finder noget dragende ved det "yderste vesten" — hvor gæstfriheden i øvrigt er i pagt med de bedste traditioner i den henseende her på øen.

Det er ikke alene danskere, der berømmer lejrens gæstfrihed, men også mange af de andre kontingenters medlemmer taler med glæde om et besøg her.

Medvirkende hertil er formentlig kokkens — kokkenes — evne til at stable god dansk mad på benene.



● "Mesterkokkene", KS M. Riis og KS Hartvig (med skæg) er med til at skabe Kokkina-lejrens berømmelse, idet der går ry om deres kunnen udi det kulinariske.

TEKNISH UHELD - VI BEKLAGER

Grundet forskellige uforudsete hændelser bringer BB ikke en reportage vedrørende flytteaktiviteten i Viking Camp, som bebudet. Først svigtede mørkekammerudstyret, og dernæst "forsvandt" brevet til BB-kontoret i HQ, og dukkede op med een en halv dags forsinkelse. Derefter var det ikke muligt, at få fremstillet de billeder, der var beregnet for flytte-artiklen. Vi håber dog, at det på et senere tidspunkt vil lykkes, at beskrive denne historiske begivenhed.

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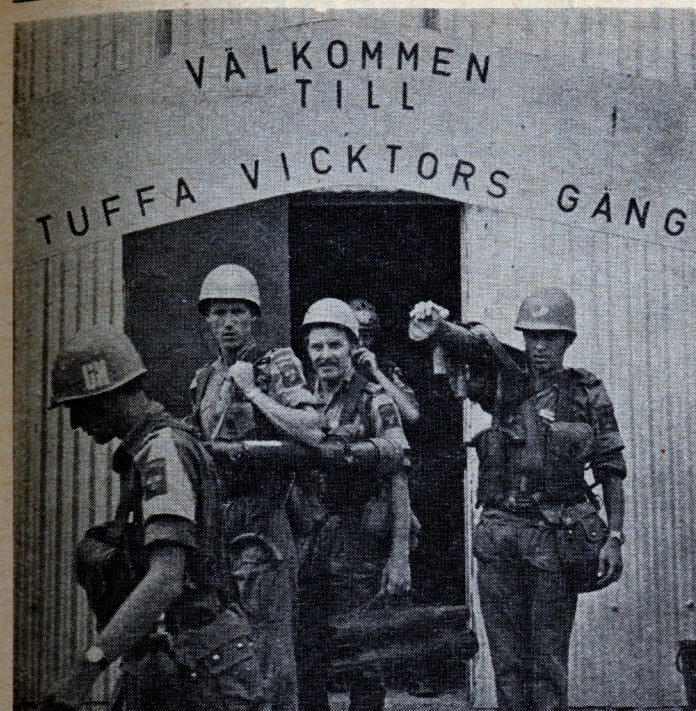
ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

Week Ending		
2 Jun 72	—	4
Same Period		
Last Year	—	5
Total This Year	—	130
Same Period		
Last Year	—	127

Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:

NO MAIN CAUSE

● En velpasset fuglevoiere er med til at give Kokkina-lejren et tiltalende særpræg. SKLT Holstein Johansen kan lide at gæste lejren — og havde tilsyneladende fået noget i øjnene, da fotografen rettede kameraet mod ham og volieren.



Tuffa Vicktors gäng — pluton 1 — på utmarsch från förläggningen hälsar alla välkomna över vid tillfälle. Fr. v. 275 Ingmar Fröjd, 342 Rune Andersson, 396 Börje Johansson, 371 Hans Jansson och 201 Stig Elfstrand.



I fullt språng med ksp i näven: 192 Lars Nilsson från Kalmar.

REDO TILL STRID

Att i varje läge vara redo för strid fordrar träning, träning och åter träning.

På denna sida ser vi några moment i första plutons övning i vapentjänst. Här tränar plutonen ingående i stridsställning med olika vapen — ett av de viktigaste momenten i träningen här nere. Övningen tillhör dem som plutonen först har kunna träna på allvar när man kommit på plats här nere på Cypern.

Under tiden i Strängnäs — förövningsperioden — hann truppen mest med att öva exercis och OP-tjänst. Här nere på Cypern får mannarna sin slutliga utbildning. Bland det viktigaste är att truppen tränar att öva i terräng och under de för svenskar ofta pressande varma betingelserna.

Med detta nummer av Blue Beret börjar vi berätta en del om hur de olika plutonerna har det i sin tjänst här på Cypern.

Vi börjar med första pluton. Chef för denna pluton är förvaltare Kurt Kvist från Gävle. Som ställföreträdande plutonchef tjänstgör sergeant Kent Persson från Simrishamn.

Vi kommer att redovisa en del av plutonernas många aktiviteter och deras träning. Vi vill med detta ge en liten dokumentation av hur det kan vara att tjänstgöra här nere på Cypern — träna sig för tjänst i ett land där FN-trupper alltid skall vara redo för tjänst.

Visst kan träningen ofta tyckas onödig när läget verkar vara så lugnt. Men FN-träningen skall skötas. Det har många gånger visat sig att trupp på mycket kort tid måste stå klar — redo för tjänst. Då är det för sent att inleda träning.

Bilderna från första plutons övning har tagits av stabsfotografen Ronnie Haraldsson, fler får vi se i andra numret av Cyperns.

SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos

Kommandanten major Bror Hansson var med vid förra veckans övning i vapentjänst. Han uttryckte efter genomgången övning sin uppskattning av arbetet på plutonen. Han tackade speciellt



Skydd: Det är 327 Håkan Dahlfors som trycker sig platt mot marken.

gruppcheferna för ett utomordentligt arbete med sina grupper. Övningar av detta slag hinner plutonerna oftast med enbart under den tid man tjänstgör som larmpluton. Övning i vapentjänst är självklart en av de främsta i förberedelsen inför stridsskjutningarna nere vid Dhekelibasen.

Efter en dryg månads tjänst har nu utbildningen kommit så pass långt att samtliga soldater bör vara väl tränade för uppgiften på Cypern. Alla är redo.

Och — som framgår av skylten ovanför första plutons dörr — välkomnas alla över till Tuffa Vicktors gäng vid tillfälle....

TRAFIKRÄKNING

Som vi kunde tala om förra veckan har vi hittills sluppit bilolyckor på bataljonen. Vår tygofficer major Håkan Kruuse af Verchou arbetar nu som bäst på att räkna ut hur många olycksfria mil vi kör här nere. Han hoppas innerligt att det blir åtskilliga tusen utan skador på människor eller fordon!



STABEN GÅR

För att ingen skall missledas att tro att det enbart är soldater som vandrar iväg på bergsmarscher visar vi denna bild på chefen sektion 3 major Sture Wexell just innan han skall anträda Kantara-marschen. Ett 10-tal officerare har gått med på marscherna upp till Kantara Castle.



KLIPP TILL

Förbluffande många har blivit förbluffande långhåriga på kort tid här på Cypern. Se upp så att det inte blir kommandering till Hack-Olle på TPC för plutonsvis avklippning av alltför yviga hårtestar! Här klipper Håkan Swedin (Hack-Olle kallad) från Ljusdal till bilförare 315 Karl-Erik Svensson från Båstad.



SVENSKT FALL

Det här med volleyboll är inte lätt — speciellt om laget råkar få möta vinnarlaget i första omgången i en cupturnering. Det blev platt fall med siffrorna 3-15, 4-15 för de svenske i kampen mot Fincon i UNFICYP-mästerskapen för snart två veckor sedan. Här är det stabsfurir 532 Bert Anderberg som grinar illa.

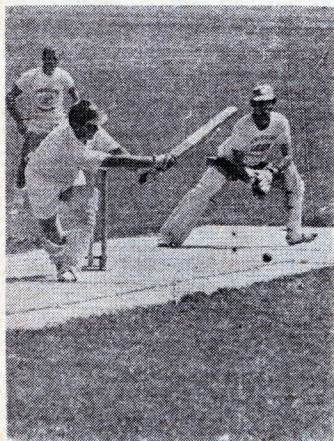
LAW MAKER!!



● Lieutenant Colonel Gordon Lorimer was educated at Marlborough College and The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. Scottish born, he was commissioned into The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in 1954 in which regiment he served in Germany and in the Middle East until 1959 when he transferred to The Parachute Regiment.

In 1961 he led the Mountaineering team of the Cambridge University Expedition to the Tibesti Mountains in Chad. After attending the Staff College he served as a Brigade Major in Borneo and afterwards as a Company Commander in Malaysia, Hong Kong and Anguilla. At 37 he took over command of the 3rd Battalion The Parachute Regiment in August last year.

YA HOO!!



● Major Ya hoo! Brierley, Sweeps to leg with what was possibly the best stroke of a cricket match played by 3rd Battalion The Parachute Regiment and the Australian Police at Polemidhia Camp on Saturday 20th May, as Neil Le-Page the Australian wicket keeper looks on. The match, the first of the seasons fixtures, comprised two games. The first a limited over game of cricket, the second a 'hit and run' competition. Both games proved disastrous for 3 PARA in a match not particularly noted for its high standard of skill, but more for the terrific enthusiasm of both sides. In the limited over game 3 PARA scored 46 runs all out, AUSTCIVPOL replied with 54 runs for 6 wks and therefore won the match by 4 wks. Man of the match was Australian Ken Waterhouse, who was top scorer with 19 runs.

BRITCON
NEWS

MUSIC MAKERS

● Pictured above are the Band and Drums of the 3rd Battalion The Parachute Regiment, under the direction of Bandmaster WO I E R Mortlock, as they practice for their forthcoming seasons engagements in Cyprus. We feel sure that in the coming months they will provide people throughout the island with many hours of enjoyment.

LAW ENFORCER!!



● Regimental Sergeant Major Michael Borner was raised in the seaside town of Brighton, from where he enlisted into the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry in 1951 at the age of eighteen. He transferred to the Parachute Brigade in 1955 and has been with us ever since, spending most of his regimental service with 3rd Battalion the Parachute Regiment. Just a few of the places he has served overseas include, Jordan, Bahrain, Malaya, Malta, Greece, Egypt, Cyprus and Germany.

For three years Regimental Sergeant Major Borner was attached to the Royal Marine Commando Specialist Troop, which he followed by working with 3 PARA's Free Fall Display Team, recruiting in the United Kingdom.

Before joining the Army Mr. Borner fought sixteen fights as a professional boxer, it is therefore not surprising that he became Brigade boxing coach. Mr. Borner is very interested in historical buildings and is a keen gardener.

PRESENTATION
OF BEM

On the 25th May 1972 the British High Commissioner, Mr. Robin Edmonds, presented the British Empire Medal to Warrant Officer Class 2, W.P. Reeves, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, for services beyond the call of duty during the setting up of the Anzuk Force, whilst serving in the Headquarters Far East Land Forces.



BLESSING OF THE COLOURS

On Thursday the 11th of May the blessing of the Colours of the 22nd Infantry Group took place in Wolfe Tone Camp, LARNACA. The blessing was performed by Reverend Father Colm Swan, the Unit Chaplain. Afterwards the Colour Party under Lieutenant Senan Downes paraded in front of the main body of troops.

Addressing the parade, the Commanding Officer, Lieute-

UNCIVPOL LARNACA



● During our tour of duty here in Larnaca various aspects of operations crop up that are not strictly of a Military nature. More often than not these matters are handled very ably by the UNCIVPOL in our Sector. The 22nd Infantry Group is in constant contact with our friends in UNCIVPOL and an excellent working and social relationship has been struck up.

The UNCIVPOL here in Larnaca are from Sweden and our photograph shows Captain Ray Keane discussing some matters with Chief Inspector Ehmart Friman.

IRCON NEWS

PRESENTATION



● On Wednesday the 31st of May, a presentation was made to Lieutenant Colonel P.D. Hogan at the Officers Mess, Wolfe Tone Camp, Larnaca. Colonel Hogan who is the Force Chief Operations Officer leaves CYPRUS shortly for Ireland. Making the presentation Lt. Col. D. Hurley wished Lt. Col. Hogan every success in Ireland and in his forthcoming appointment. We take this opportunity to wish him "Bon Voyage". Our photo shows Lt. Col. Hogan on a recent visit to Larnaca with Mister Kunio Katakura, the Japanese permanent representative to the United Nations.

STRATHCONA DAY '72

Boyhood experience on the farm gave RSM Minette an edge in the greased pig contest but even a padre on the team failed to gain HQ Sqn a win in the tug-o-war as the Strathcona's celebrated Strathcona Day in Cyprus.

The day-long activities of tabloid sports such as, shot putt, high and broad jump, 60 yard dash and novelty events of bicycle relay races and chuck wagon races involved the majority of the regiment's personnel.

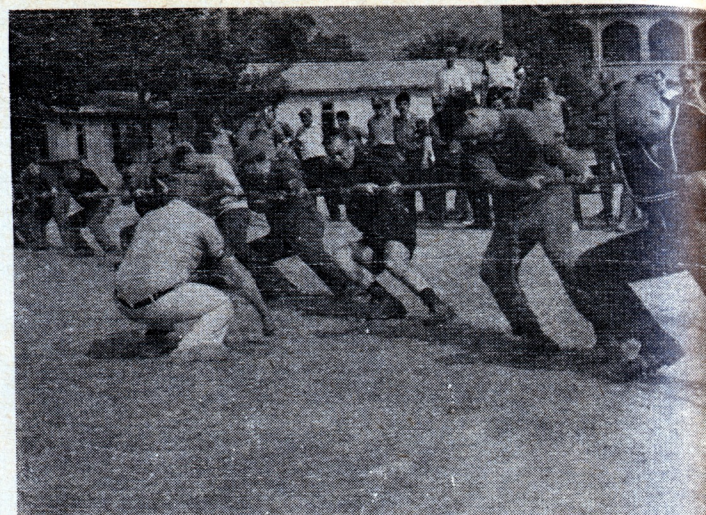
Working in shifts and rotation of the personnel on the OPs allowed participation during some part of the day. The standby troops attended, but as ever, ready to move if required.

The day of sports and good fellowship is held annually to

commemorate the crossing of the Melfa River in Italy in May 1944. The Strathcona's, with the Royal Westminster Regiment, enlarged a bridge-head across the obstacle and controlled the breakout battle that followed. The events are "in house" with as many members of the regiment as possible taking part.

The keen competition between the four teams from each of the Squadrons ended with City Sqn on top with 170 points; Suburb with 165; Headquarters 149; Log Sqn with 136.

The hard pulling tug-o-war teams, one a four minute pull, entered the finals with Suburb Sqn against Headquarters with the Greenline Sqn having the most pull to win the event.



HEAVE HO... Warrant Officer R.K. Bradshaw strains with his tug-o-war team as the Suburb Sqn heavies drag the HQ Sqn team over the line to win the event.

CANCON NEWS

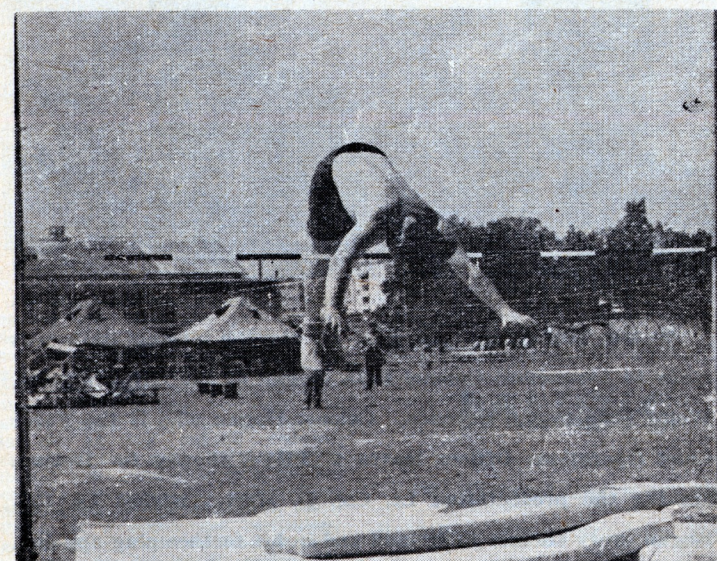
Canadian Forces Photos

QUARTER TON CHUCKWAGONS... Log Sqn's chuck wagon team eats dust as the winning City Sqn. wagon moves into the lead on the first turn of the final heat of the novelty event.

TO THE VICTORS... Sergeant R.G. Putt accepts the trophy for first place team in the tabloid events from Lieutenant Colonel J.A. Fox, commanding officer LdSH (RC). City Sqn. gained top spot with 170 points.

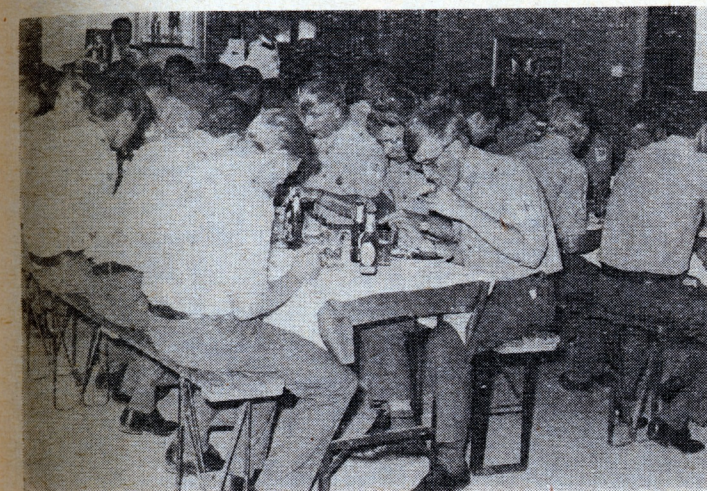
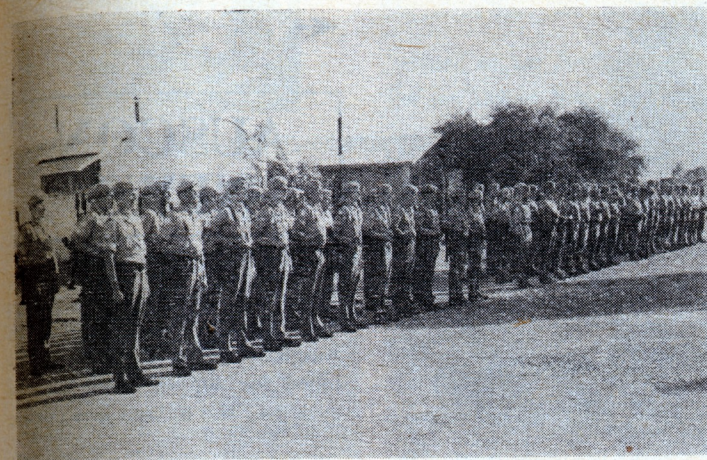


BIKE RELAY... Private R.A. Dyck takes over from Pte. M.C. MacIsaac of City Sqn during the four man bicycle relay race.



UNIQUE BUT EFFECTIVE... Olympic jumpers have developed a method of going over the high jump backwards but CANCON jumpers have one better by getting the upper body over frontwards and then flipping to bring the lower half over backwards. The hard part claims one of the jumpers is not to land on your head.

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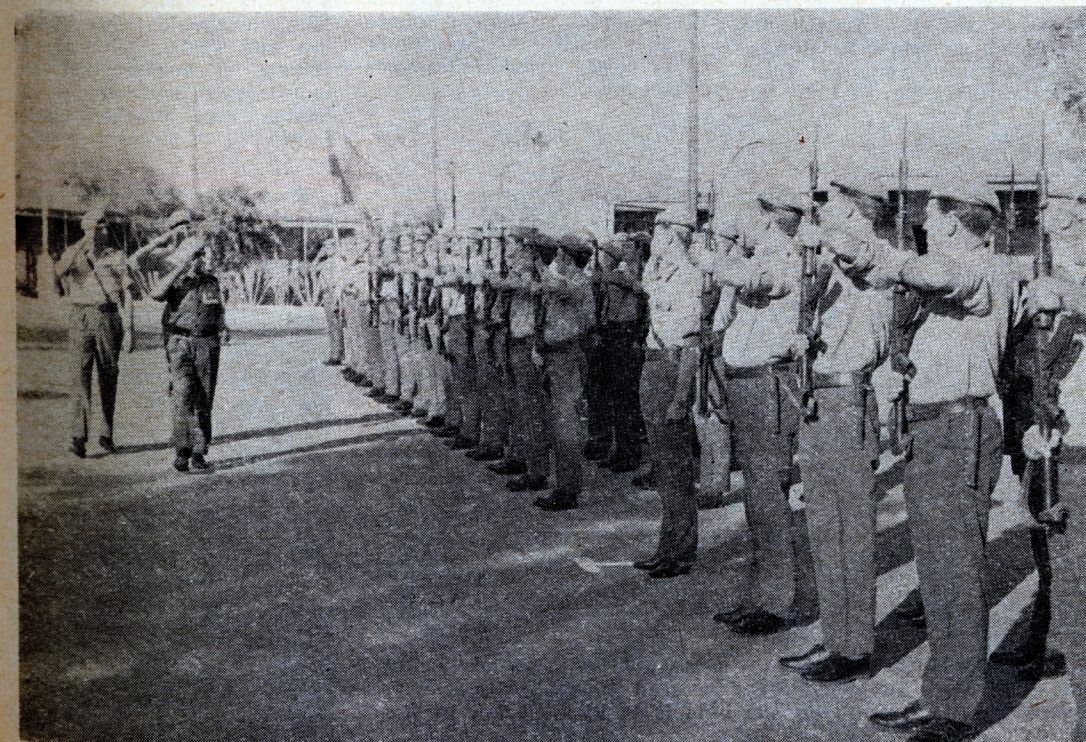


Puolustusvoimain lippujuhlaa vietettiin viime sunnuntaina ja maanantaina, jolloin Force Commander suoritti paraatikatselemuksen ja jakoi mitalit kymmenelle pataljoonan edustajalle. Puheessaan Force Commander kiitti pataljoonaa hyvin

suoritetusta työstä rauhan turvaamiseksi. Sunnuntaina, jolloin oli varsinainen lippupäivä, syötiin Kykkon upseerimessissä juhlaa, josta on vasemmalla oleva alempi kuva. Ylempi kuva vasemmalla esittää

paraattijoukkoja valmiina katselmukseen. Kuvassa ylhäällä oikealla on jääk Rönkä juuri saanut YK-mitalinsa Force Commanderilta. Alhaalla vasemmalla GenMaj D Prem Chand tarkastaa paraatiosaston.

FINCON NEWS



UUSI COO



HQ UNFICYP: iin on tullut uutta suomalaista verta. Evi Tauno Kuosa saapui viime viikon keskiviikkona saarelle ottaakseen vastaan operaatiotoimiston päällikön tehtävät YK joukkojen esikunnassa Blue Beret Campissä. Kuvassamme evi Kuosa on juuri saapunut Nicosian lentokentälle.



"PUCH - HAFLINGER" IM PAPHOS DISTRICT

Das war selbst für die Zyprioten eine echte Überraschung, als die ersten österreichischen "Pferdchen" durch die Strassen von Paphos fuhren. Aus den Blicken der Einheimischen war eine Mischung von Erstaunen und Nichternstnehmen zu erkennen.

Zugegeben, er ist nicht sehr gross und sieht im Vergleich zu einem "erwachsenen" Geländefahrzeug etwa wie der kleine Bruder aus, aber oho!

Für jene, die es noch nicht wissen: Der Puch-Haflinger AP 700 wurde im Auftrag unseres Bundesministeriums für Landesverteidigung in den Jahren 1958 bis 1960 von den Steyr-Puch Werken in Österreich entwickelt. Er trägt den Namen der ausdauernden und zähen Gebirgspferderasse "Haflinger" zurecht und entspricht besonders als Militärgeländefahrzeug diesem Vergleichsnamen.

Hingegen im reinen Strassenverkehr eingesetzt, ist eine gewisse Artverwandtschaft mit störrischen "Eseln" nicht abzuleugnen. Er hat einen

2-Zylinder luftgekühlten Boxermotor mit Druckumlaufschmierung und einer Leistung von 24 Din PS bei 4500 U/Min, also einen besonders für Geländefahrten geeigneten Motor, der allerdings im Strassenverkehr nur eine Höchstgeschwindigkeit von 58 km/h zulässt. Aber 60% Steigfähigkeit, hohe Bodentreue, gut abgestimmte Reifendimensionen, Allradantrieb sowie vorne und hinten Differentialsperren stempeln ihn zum reinrassigen "Haflinger". Mit seinen 495 kg Nutzlast bietet er 4 Mann plus persönlicher Ausrüstung bequem Platz. Und wenn es einmal ganz extrem wird, können diese 4 Mann ihren "Haflinger" händisch umdrehen. Wenn man jetzt noch weiss, dass sein Appetit im Vergleich zu seiner Leistungsfähigkeit mit ca 15 Liter Normalbenzin pro 100 km



auch der Genügsamkeit seiner 4-beinigen Namenskameraden entspricht, dann beachtet man den "Kleinen" schon mit mehr Respekt.

Auch "unser" englischer Sgt Bill Bassard — zuständiger Kraftfahrunteroffizier des HQ/UNFICYP im St. Patrick's Camp — war nach anfänglicher Skepsis vom "Haflinger" überzeugt.

Bei einer eindrucksvollen Probefahrt im Gelände konnte er sich selbst von den Qualitäten dieses Spezialfahrzeuges überzeugen.



● The Haflinger is like a horse, able to move when only one "leg" grips the ground. On the road the vehicle is clumsy, but up or downwards on the hills it is like "a fish in the water".

● Haflinger's on line before moving out into the mountains.



AUSCON NEWS

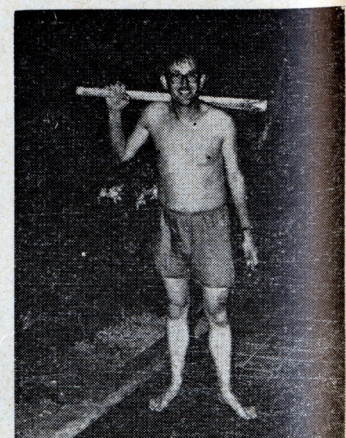
● The car looks like a toy, but shows its qualities in rough terrain. It was developed for Alpine tasks, and is suited to the upland in Cyprus.



"NACHTEINSATZ" IM GARTEN

Unser OPs OBLT, BUCHINGER, findet im Garten des HQ/Auscon, in ST. Barbara Gelegenheit, seinem Hobby, der Gärtnerei, nachzugehen. Neupflanzungen, Blumenpflege und nächtliche Maulwurfsgrillenjagd halten ihn auf Trab. Mehr als 100 Bäume, Sträucher und Blütenpflanzen wurden in den letzten drei Wochen angepflanzt.

Eine nette Freizeitbeschäftigung, aber auch das Bestreben, ein Stückchen Österreich hierher zu verpflanzen.



● Lt. Col. P. Hogan, COO, gab uns am 29. Mai die Ehre seines Besuches.

Nach einem kurzen "Briefing" im HQ/Auscon in Paphos überzeugte sich der COO von der Einsatzbereitschaft der österreichischen UN-Truppen auf allen OPs in unserem Distrikt und verabschiedete sich am frühen Nachmittag des gleichen Tages.

