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SNOW AND RAIN

The Winter arrived seriously on the Island last week, with heavy rain, high winds and snow.

Snow not only fell in the Troodos Range but also the Kyrenia Range was covered for about 24 hours. There was so much snow in the Bogaz Pass on the Kyrenia road last Thursday that the pass was blocked for about three hours and one of the UN convoys had to be cancelled.

The winter is not over yet and according to statistics the last four days in January are the coldest of the year; so more snow, high winds and rain may be on the way. Remember to take it easy when driving on the slippery roads and take care when handling heaters.

UN MEDALS

Although there is no Irish Contingent serving with UNFICYP at the moment there are still a few Irishmen serving in Headquarters.

Last week two Corporals were presented with the UN Medal by the Force Commander, Major General D Prem Chand, PVSM.

In our picture the Force Commander congratulates Corporal Martin Feehan who is a Clerk in Operations Branch. On the right is Corporal John Nolan of the UN Military Police Company. He previously served under General Prem Chand in the Congo in 1961/63. He is the last Irish MP to serve with UNFICYP and departs for UNEF next week.



FOOTBALL

The Inter Contingent Football Tournament due to take place in the Spring is now being planned. It will be organised by Dancon who were the winners of both the Spring and Summer Competitions last year. From the successful teams there are still eight players serving with UNFICYP and Dancon are hoping they can follow up their success from last year.

On the 10th of January 1974 a soccer team from Swedcivpol defeated a team from Auscivpol by four goals to nil. The game was played at Four Mile Point in Famagusta. Afterwards the two teams enjoyed a pleasant supper in the mess at Headquarters Swedcivpol.



The Chaplains of all Contingents meet each month to discuss matters of common interest. The last meeting was held at Carl Gustav Camp, Famagusta, under the auspices of Swedcon. In our picture the Chaplains are seen prior to the meeting.

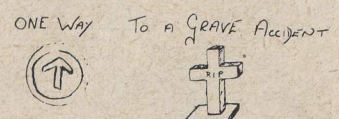
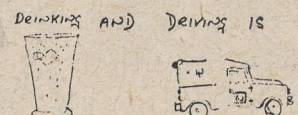
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

The Traffic Accident Statistics for December 1973 have just been published and although statistics themselves can be misleading there are two figures in the December list which need to be improved upon.

First of all the UN drivers were to blame in 50% of all accidents. A very high figure. Secondly, 16.6% of the accidents happened in private or privately hired vehicles.

It makes monotonous reading but the main cause of accidents is DRIVING WITHOUT DUE CARE AND ATTENTION!

The only other statistic of any significance is the fact that the UN Military Police had their fifth month without an accident.



KOKKINA

Vi har i en tidigare artikel beskäftigt oss med LKMP i Limnitis. Fortsätter vi mod vest kommer vi efter en halv times körsel till Kokkina, hvor 3 DEL fra LKMP ligger. Her fortæller DF LT J.P. Møller om Kokkina: Kokkina var en lille by tidligere, men efter urolighederne i 1964 flygtede indbyggerne fra de omkringliggende landsbyer hertil, således at der i dag er omkring 1500 indbyggere i byen. Befolkningen er ren tyrkisk, og det er ikke tilladt for grækerne at komme ind i eller køre gennem enklaven. Det er en meget fattig by, da der næsten ingen erhvervsmuligheder findes. Der drives lidt fiskeri fra småbåde, nogle er så heldige at have en jordlod inden for enklaven og endelig er der en del familier der ejer en gedeflok. Dette er dog ikke nok til at opretholde livet herude. Der bliver ugentlig uddelt grøntsager, brød og lignende til beboerne. Da de fleste mænd herude er "Fightere", enten fuldtids eller en del af tiden får familierne også ad denne vej et tilskud til leveomkostningerne.

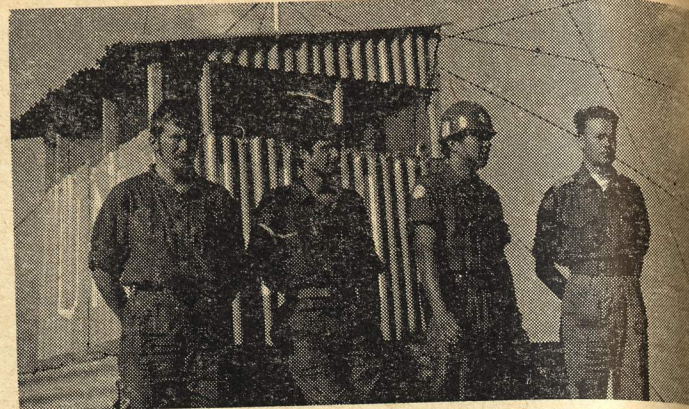
Enklaven er helt omsluttet af græske styrker. Her kommer vores deling ind i billedet, idet vi skal hindre en konfrontation mellem de to parter. Dette sker ved observationstjeneste fra 4 OP nemlig: Stavromeni, Mosquito, South og West. Disse OP'er er anbragt mellem de to parter, og således at der er synsforbindelse fra OP til OP. Tjenesten på disse OP'er bestrides af 16 KS/OKS og 8 KP. Tjenesten er inddelt således, at en KS har OP-tjeneste i 3 uger, derefter har han fri 1 uge og så starter han igen på OP. Udover disse OP, har vi OP Mansura, der ligger i en lille landsby 3 km øst for Kokkina. Denne by, samt området deromkring er græsk kontrolleret, men en stor del af jorden ejes af tyrkere. En af opgaverne for vagten på denne OP er, at tyrkerne kan komme uhindret frem og tilbage når de er på mark-arbejde. OP er bemannet med en SG/OS og en KP.

Til at betjene disse OP'er har vi resten af delingen, som bor i en lille lejr i Kokkina by. Her finder vi 4 KS/OKS, der har ansvaret for at telefon og radioforbindelsen til OP'erne samt LKMP fungerer tilfredsstillende døgnet rundt. Til at varetage arbejdet med at hente forplejning, drivmidler og post i LIMNITIS, samt fordele dette til OP'erne har vi 3 KS/OKS, den ene af disse er MMEK. De har endvidere ansvaret for at vores generator virker tilfredsstillende. Til at tilberede maden til de folk der er i lejren har vi 2 kokke. De har en del af skylden for at de fleste må forlade lejren herude med et større eller mindre "tillæg". Endvidere har vi en hygiejnemand også kaldet "hygge". Hans opgave er at lejren altid er ren, derudover passer han normalt KS-baren.

Der er videre 4 SG/OS herude. En af disse virker som næstkommanderende, samt ordner de liggende opgaver. De øvrige virker som OP-førere ved OP Mansura, samt som VB i lejren. Ud over disse opgaver, afgiver vi normalt en SG/OS når KMP har vagten ved hovedkvarteret i Nicosia.

Tjenesten herude er meget eftertragtet af alle. Det skyldes sikkert, at vi ikke er særlig mange herude, men også at hver eneste mand har sin bestemte opgave, og han ved, at hvis han svigter går det ud over løsningen af vores opgave herude.

De tre "Drivere" i Kokkina (fra v.) konstablerne P.V. Nylander, P.H. Rasmussen og H.B. Glaser.



OP-MOSQUITO. Fra v. ses konstablerne H.E. Thyssen, A.R. Hansen, H.N. Rasmussen og KP P. Iversen.



OP-STAVROMENI. Fra v. ses konstablerne B. Sunesen og B. Larsen samt LT J.P. Mølle.



MEDALJEPARADE I LIMNITIS

Tirsdag den 15 JAN 1974 fik major P.E. Frederiksen, chef for LKMP i Limnitis, overrakt FN-medaljen for sin tjeneste ved UNFICYP. Overrækkelsen fandt sted ved en parade i Limnitislejren. På billedet til højre ses chefen for DANCON XX, OL A.J. Adolph, tale til styrken efter at have modtaget paraden. På billedet til venstre lykønsker oberstløjtnanten major P.E. Frederiksen med medaljen.

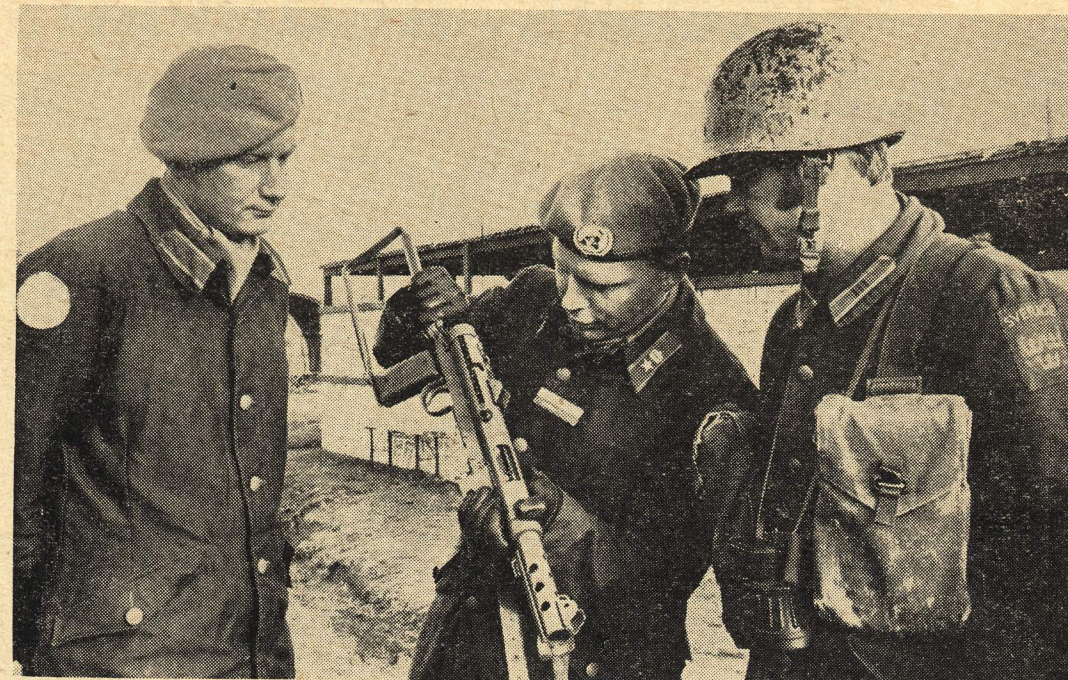


DANCON NEWS

DÅ PASTORN VISITERADE 1:A PLUTON

—Man måste mäl ha något roligt här i livet, sa pastor Krister Lundin en vacker morgon. Så flög han med vilda rop om "FULLT KLART" ut ur sin arbetsbur och fick tag på ledarna för första pluton. Efter lite diskussion fick han lov att ta hand om deras mannar en stund.

Det blev uppställning, visitation o s v. Pastor Krister visade åter att det finns mycket "militär" i honom och att han tycker om att tala till folk och vägleda dem. Pastor Krister deltog även med oerhört intresse i en övning som gick ut på att upprätta en vägsärr. På bilden håller pastorn på att granska furir Leif Hedlunds k-pist medan löjtnant Stig Englund ser på.



UT OCH LÄR GYPERN-LIVET

Nu under vintermånaderna då solvärmen inte gör dagarna lämpliga för strandliv är det på sin plats att fara ut i landskapet och uppleva Cypern. För de flesta står det väl klart att turist-miljön i Famagusta endast är en sida av öns kultur och att mycket annat och kanske också mera spännande finns att upptäcka på annat håll.

I början av vår tid här fick vi delta i ett par informationsresor i och omkring Famagusta. Dessa var en liten "puff" för vidare studier på egen hand. I biblioteket finns också böcker om ön — eller också går det att köpa sådana i bokaffärer. Missa alltså inte tillfället att lära något om den avlägsna Medelhavsö du vistas på i vinter.

Bilderna härintill är från informationsresorna i höstas. Till vänster en grupp på väg upp till Othello Tower och till höger håller historiskt kunnige civpolaren Åke Åkesson på att berätta om Salamis.



Swedcon News
Swedish Forces Photos

CHARMIGA BOLL - LIRARE

Bilden till höger har länge legat gömd inne i redaktionens fotokåp för att tas fram och publiceras vid lämplig tidpunkt. Nu finner vi rätta tiden inne — det har ju gått åtskilliga veckor sedan bat-stabslaget visade sina "framfötter" i en s k fotbollsmatch. I idrottstidningar eller andra blad finns ofta idoll-bilder av framgångsrika fotbollslag. Det här blir kanske bat 51:s idollag, såvida man inte har för stora pretentioner. Klipp gärna ut och spara om ni vill. Matchen efter vilken bilden togs avverkades i höstas och motståndslaget var Agnebergs damlag.



HAGGIS SCUPPERED!!

January the 25th is a special day in the Scottish calendar. It is the birthday of their national "Bard", Robert Burns, and Scots around the world celebrate the event in their own unique way — by having a Haggis Supper! The Haggis is usually served with mashed turnips and potatoes, and a sauce, with a liberal amount of Scotch whisky in it, is poured over the haggis.

This year the Warrant Officers and Sergeants Mess of B Squadron, 4/7th Royal Dragoon Guards, decided to have a "Burns Night" and, on their behalf, the Chief Clerk at Headquarters Britcon, Sergeant Les Chalmers, wrote to a



famous Scottish Company asking for ten Haggis to be sent to Cyprus.

Their reply is reproduced below and we feel any comment from the editorial staff

would be quite inadequate!

"We acknowledge receipt of your enquiry for Haggis to Cyprus and regret to inform you that this would not be possible.

It appears that Haggis is viewed with grave suspicion by Customs in various countries and the chances are that any parcel would be confiscated. It would most certainly be a very expensive chance to take since the cost would be £1 per lb.

We had a similar enquiry recently from the International Club and had to reply in the same terms. We regret that the prospects do not look more promising.



UN MEDAL PRESENTATION

The Force Commander, Major General D Prem Chand, PVSM, recently presented the PA to the Chief of Staff, Staff Sergeant Mark Cockram RAOC, with his UN medal "In the Service of Peace". Staff Sergeant Cockram has served a

CYP.

After a short leave in the United Kingdom he starts his new job with Headquarters 44 Parachute Brigade, which is a TA and VR unit in Chelsea. We wish him "Bon Voyage" and good luck in his new post.



The Force Commander congratulates Staff Sergeant Mark Cockram, the Chief of Staff, Brigadier F R Henn, CBE, looks on.

New FOO Takes Over

The UNFICYP Ordnance Detachment recently said a sad but fond farewell to the Force Ordnance Officer, Major J Dobie RAOC. A small ceremony was held in the unit lines and in our picture to the left the youngest serving soldier in the Detachment, Private Bas Kennard, presents Major Dobie with a tray on behalf of the unit as a memento of his tour with UNFICYP.

At the same time the Detachment took the opportunity to welcome the new Ordnance Officer, Major B L Brett RAOC, who joins UNFICYP from Headquarters 24 Brigade, which is in Topcliffe, Yorkshire. We hope Major Brett enjoys his tour of duty with UNFICYP.



● The new Force Ordnance Officer, Major B L Brett RAOC, in his office in Blue Beret Camp.



● Corporal John Turgoss mans the concrete mixer whilst Lance Corporal Mick Herring wheels the barrow.



● Lance Corporal Mick Herring starts to level the ground in preparation for the casting of concrete steps.

"SKINS" SUPPORT

The Royal Engineers have a Troop of 29 men serving with the Skins. Most of them are normally stationed in England but some come from Osnabruck in West Germany.

Their job is to keep the Britcon OPs and camps in a good state of repair which in-

cludes trying to prevent Pole midhia Camp from floating away every time it rains. Recently they have also been busy improving the living conditions of the OP at Polis and assisting with the move of Paphos District Headquarters into St Patrick's Camp.

PIONIERE BAUEN WIEDER

Unser Pionier-Zug, der sich nie über Arbeitsmangel beklagen kann, ist wieder einmal im Baueinsatz. Eine neue Nissen hut wird im Camp Leopold V errichtet. Sie wird dazu dienen, das gesamte Pi-Gerät aufzunehmen.

Hier sehen wir (von li. nach re.) Jg Blasl, Jg Feurstein, Jg Höller, Jg Dommaier und Gfr Hanss, bei den letzten Vorarbeiten zum Betonieren des Fundamentes.

Wer die Arbeiten seit der Übernahme unseres neuen Camps mitverfolgt hat, kann ermesen, was die Männer vom Pi-Offizier Hptm Koppensieiner in dieser kurzen Zeit schon alles geleistet haben. Wir vergessen dabei nicht die zahlreichen Einsätze, die oft bis spät abends bei der Übersiedlung von Paphos nach Larnaca notwendig waren.

Bald wird unser Lager um ein selbst errichtetes Gebäude bereichert sein, ein weiteres Zeichen für den unermüdlichen Arbeitseinsatz unserer Pioniere, die sich in allen Sparten bewähren.



"IM COMCEN SIND DIE DRÄHTE HEISS"

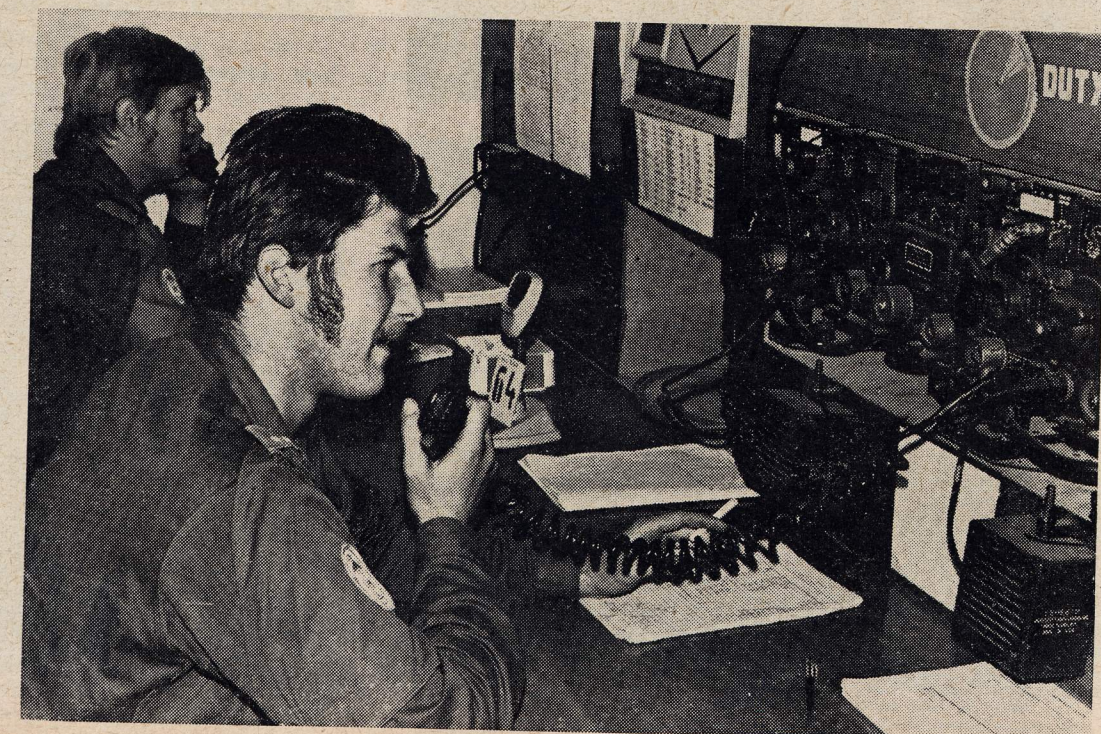
Regel Betrieb herrscht immer im "Nervensystem" unseres Bataillons, die drei Crews des Tel-Offiziers Hptm Gaunerstorfer, die je 24 Stunden Dienst machen, garantieren uns Tag und Nacht alle Verbindungen, sei es per Funk oder per Telefon. Demnächst wird es dazu eine Fernschreibverbindung geben.

Unser Comcen macht es auch möglich, Telefongespräche mit der Heimat zu führen. Wie der Weihnachtsabend bewies, an dem es gelang, rund 20 Gespräche mit Österreich durchzubringen: auf unsere Tel-Truppe ist Verlass!

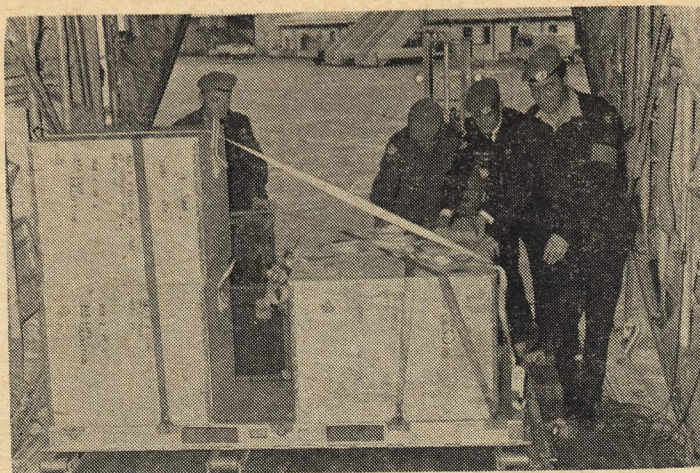


Der Aufbau des Comcen erfordert von der Tel-Truppe Kenntnisse in ziemlich vielen verschiedenen Berufssparten; da wurden Funker zu Tischlern, zu Elektrikern, Schlossern usw.

Der offensichtliche Erfolg zeigt, dass hier Arbeit von Fachleuten geleistet wird, wie zum Beispiel vom temperamentvollen und stimmungswaltigen Vzlt REISS, der hier gerade ein Gerät auf seine Brauchbarkeit untersucht.



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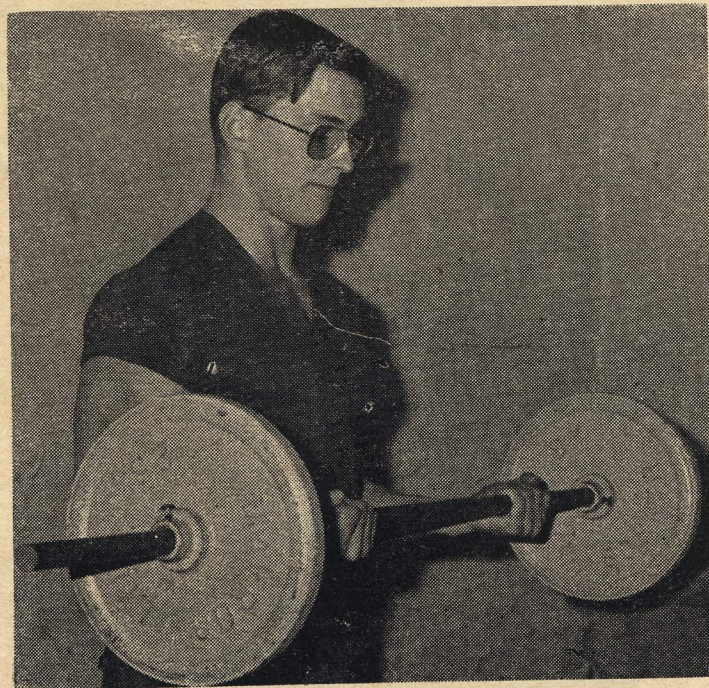
Corporals Sandy Sanford, John Cameron, Master Corporal Dave Easton and Sergeant Bernie Farvelle of Movements hard at work loading a C 130 Hercules.

PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

This week Cancon would like to introduce Private Clayton Hopkins of 3 Platoon, Suburb Company. Private Hopkins hails from Musquodibit Harbour, Nova Scotia, and joined the RCR in 1971. His present home is down at the PWD where he has con-

verted one of the spare rooms into a small gymnasium, complete with weights and body building equipment.

In addition to pursuing a regular programme of exercises Private Hopkins supplements his diet with a variety of health foods.



Lieutenant Colonel E. C. Quinn greets Mr and Mrs Les Hopkins. Mr Hopkins is Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence.



Mr Reg Maybe, MLA for OROMOCTO, chats with CSM Doug Riggs, Sergeant Jerry Godland and Captain Mel Bullock. Mr Maybe was one of four distinguished visitors to Cancon recently.



Why is this man smiling? Master Corporal Ron Revell of Welfare hands Drum Major Jack Wade his ticket home!



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Captain Ike Kennedy, newly appointed Suburb Company Commander, presents the UN Medal to Warrant Officer Fred Rogers prior to his departure for Canada.

PÄÄLLIKÖT VAIHTUVAT



Veljekset tapaavat toisensa



...ja kapt J Kuittinen ratsuväkeen

Kapt P Riikonen lähdessä Vekaralle



TULIJAT

YKSP 20:n avainhenkilöt saapuivat etulennossa 17.1.1974. Kuvassa saapuneet vasemmalta: 1. JK:n päällikkö kapt Peltola, automestari yliv Pekkala, rahastonhoitaja sotvirk Leppäviita, postimestari sotvirk Junnonen, OPSiin ltn Paaso, asemestari sotmest Penttilä, 1.JK:n vääpeli Seppälä, ltn Keränen OPSiini, varusvarastoon vääp Lahtinen, EK:n päällikkö kapt Lenck ja pappi sotpast Pekkarinen.

FINCON NEWS VAHDINVAIHTOJA

Leppäviidan suku säilyy Kyp-roksella. Jääkäri Unto Leppäviita lähtee takaisin Ruotsiin, jossa hän on ollut 3 vuotta ja hänen veljensä sotvirk Kalevi Leppäviita on tullut RUK:sta Haminasta, jossa hän on toiminut rahastonhoitajana. Veljekset ovat kotoisin Ikaalisista ja ikäeroa on 10 vuotta.

"Miilsun", yllä Martti Mikkosen YK-taisto on tällä erää päätynyt. Sitä on ollut YKSP 5-7, 9-10, 13-14 ja 17-20 aikoina yhteensä 4 v 8 kk 24 pv. Toivotamme hänelle hyvää kotimatkaa. Jos vanhat tavat hänellä säilyvät, niin eiköhän Kyproksen "Postipankki" ole taas jonkin ajan kuluttua hänen hoidossaan. Sillä välin tehtävää hoitaa postimestari Kari Junnonen.

Pataljoonan paimen vaihtuu. Sotpast Kari Vappula lähtee ja sotpast Matti Pekkarinen tulee. He ovat molemmat vakinaisia pappeja Puolustusvoimissa ja ovat toimineet yhdessä jo opiskeluaikanaan, jolloin yhteiset näkemykset ja työtavatkin luotiin.



...ja posti kulkee



Papit suunnittelevat tulevaa toimintaa

VISITOR TO DANCIVPOL



Visitors from the Danish Police HQ, Copenhagen to DanCivpol, UNFICYP. From the left: 2 OIC Matzou, Chief Superintendent Wrobel, Police Attorney Damkjar, Superintendent Dyrving, the Commander of DanCivpol Supt Viggo Fogt, and Chief Inspector Jorgen Fried. The Commander of DanCivpol presented Chief Superintendent Wrobel with a painting.

Xeros, where they were briefed by the OIC Chief Inspector Beck Peder on. The officials also paid a visit to the Danish Camp, Dancon.

On Tuesday there was a farewell party held in Camp Kronberg for Chief Superintendent Wrobel, who after 10 years service with the Danish Police HQ Copenhagen, has been transferred to the OIC Aalborg, Police District.

MP NOTEBOOK ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

Week Ending

18 Jan 74	— 6
Same Period Last Year	— 6
Total This Year	— 11
Same Period Last Year	— 21

Main Cause of Accidents
This Week:

**DRIVING WITHOUT DUE
CARE AND ATTENTION**



Chief Supt Wrobel, the Danish Police HQ, Copenhagen, receives from the Commander, DanCivpol, Supt Viggo Fogt, a plaque for 10 years service in Denmark from the Danish Police Contingent in Cyprus.

On Friday the 11th January, 1974, Chief Superintendent Wrobel, Police Attorney Damkjaer, Superintendent Dyrvig, arrived in Cyprus for an official inspection of DANCIVPOL. On Saturday they visited sub-

station Ayios Theodoros, where they were briefed by the OIC Chief Inspector Askager.

On Monday the visitors left the Golf Course Nicosia by helicopter for an inspection of the Sub-station Dansborg,



Christmas was celebrated in traditional style by the 23rd Swedish Civilian Police Contingent. The festivities commenced on Christmas Eve with the "dip in the pot" for all members and their relatives.

After that everyone went down to the beach at Riviera Court to take a Christmas swim in the chilly Mediterranean. Afterwards everybody became honorary members of the Polar Bear Club.

Besides that there was dancing and games round the Christmas tree and then Santa Claus, played by Inspector Inge Jeirud, arrived with his bag of presents. Amid squeals of joy he handed his gifts to the children. Finally Santa was helped into the sea for his Christmas swim!



FRED

On the 2nd of January 1974 there was a small article on the back page of the Blue Beret about "Fred", the homely chameleon, living in the Mercury Club in Camp UNFICYP.

The Christmas decorations have now come down but we are glad to report that Fred is alive and well and still living in the Christmas tree, which the management of the Club have left standing until the weather is warm enough for their visitor to leave.



The "back room" boys take time for a rare unit get-together — the UNFICYP Workshop REME unit photograph taken recently.