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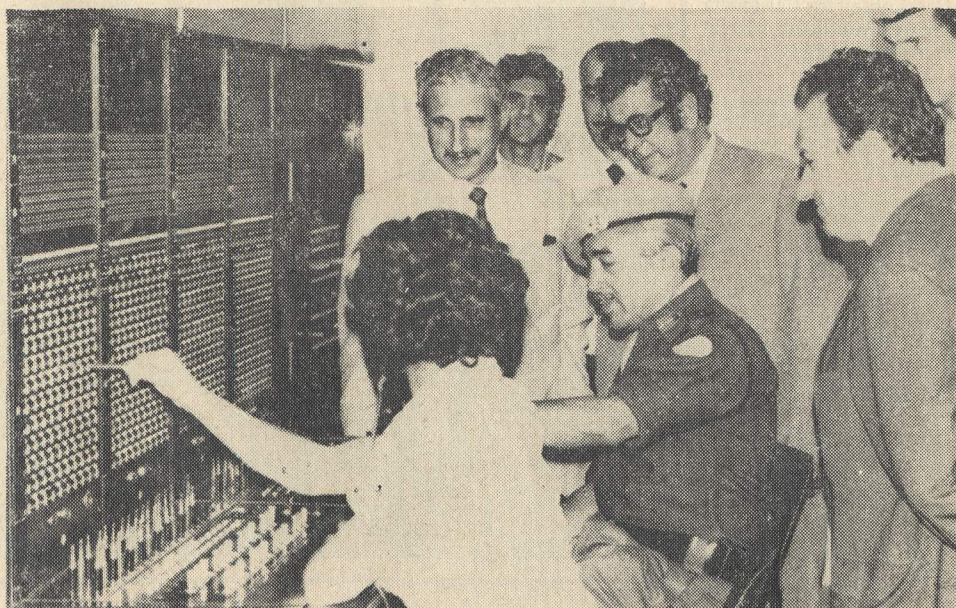
VISIT OF MILITARY ADVISOR TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL



On the 21st October 1974, the Military Advisor to the Secretary General, Major General Lauri Koho of Finland arrived in Cyprus to pay a short visit to UNFICYP. General Koho has for the past ten years been serving with the United Nations at their Headquarters in NEW YORK. During his brief four days on the island, having also visited the United Nations Emergency Force in the Middle East, General Koho familiarised himself with the various areas controlled by UNFICYP, seeing for himself the conditions and difficulties before returning to NEW YORK.

In our picture he is being shown around Camp Kykko by Lt. Col. J. Pullinen, the Finnish Contingent Commandes (left) and Major Tunkelo the Operations Officer (right).

NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR UNFICYP



The Force Commander Lt. General D. Prem Chand, PVSM is shown taking the first telephone call at the opening of the new UNFICYP Telephone Exchange.

NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR UNFICYP

A new telephone exchange has been installed at Blue Beret Camp in NICOSIA. It will serve the following locations:

- Blue Beret Camp —
 - HQ UNFICYP and Canadian Contingent HQ Base.
- Glen Eagles Camp —
- Kykko Camp —
 - Finnish Contingent
- Camp UNFICYP —
 - Camp Commandant
 - Force Transport Squadron
 - Force Workshops
- RAF Nicosia
- Airfield Complex —
 - UNFICYP Aviation Flight
 - UNFICYP RAF Helicopter Detachment
- Fosce Reserve.

The new civil telephone number for the exchange which was effective from 1300 hrs on Saturday 2nd November 1974, is:

NICOSIA 64000

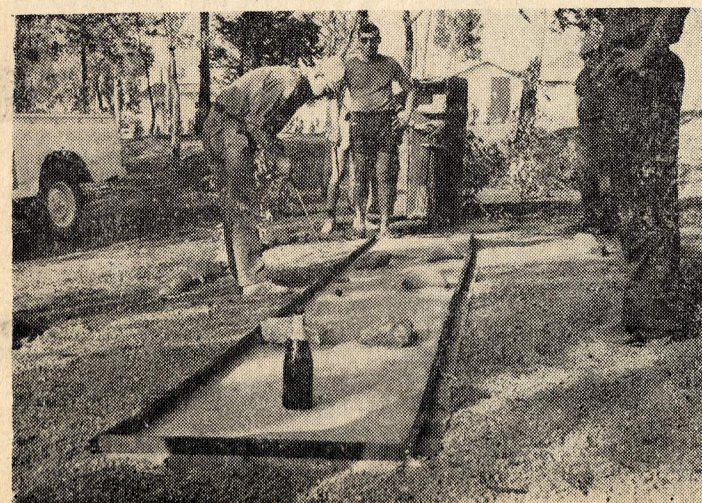
TIL BRYLLUP I LIMASSOL



Seniorsergent Bjarne Jensen blev søndag 20. november viet til frk. Eli Markou i Limassol. Dette skete under megen fremmedartet festivitas, som i hvert fald mindede meget lidt om de ydre rammer, hvorunder et dansk bryllup finder sted, men de ca. 45 danske soldater der deltog beretter at seniorsergent Jensen med megen fatning og koncentration gennemførte bryllupsceremonien. De bedste ønsker om alt godt i tiden fremover skal hermed lyde fra redaktionen samt alt personel i Viking Camp.

KONSTABEL O.G. JAKOBSSEN IGEN
TILBAGE I KOMPAGNIET

Efter mineulykken i august blev konstabel O. C. Jakobsen fra Falsterske Fodregiment evakueret til Danmark for at gennemgå yderligere lægelig behandling og blive restitueret. Konstablen udtrykte allerede i sygesengen på Cypern ønske om at komme tilbage til sit kompagni snarest, og dette ønske er nu blevet opfyldt, idet han ankom i slutningen af oktober. Konstablen ses her sammen med kontingentchefen, oberstløjtnant C. J. K. Severinsen og sekondløjtnant L. Kongsted, som var fører for det redningshold, der undsatte det forulykkede personel.



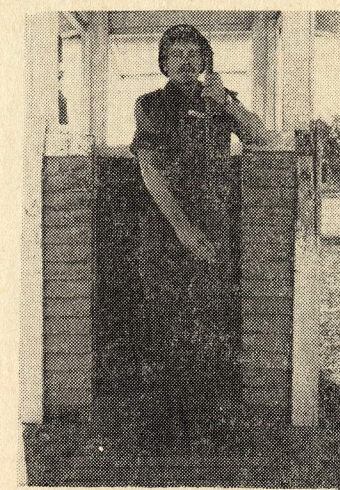
MANDEN PÅ JOBBET

Kontingents T-officer og motorsagkyndige, major T. Fischer-Madsen forlader DANCON i forbindelse med rotationen i november. Under den køretøjsmæssige og materielmæssige forøgelse, der skete i juli og august, var majoren en af nøglepersonerne, idet alt, som skete i disse begivenhedsrige dage, så at sige naturligt hørte ind under T-officerens arbejdsområde. Majoren ses her på motorværkstedet under et motoreftersyn.



← På initiativ af seniorsergent Ihle er der bleret lavet en mini-golf bane i Viking Camp. Kaptajn Skafte, der selv er ivrig golfspiller, var selvfølgelig med til at indvie banen og man kan på billedet beundre kaptajnens elegante stil.

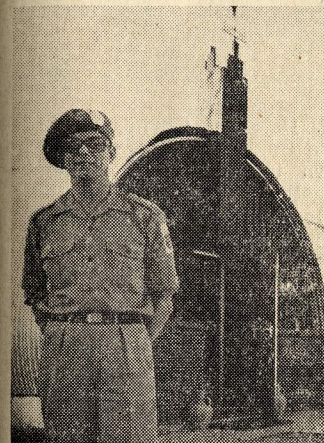
NYA INVÅNARE PÅ CARL GUSTAV CAMP



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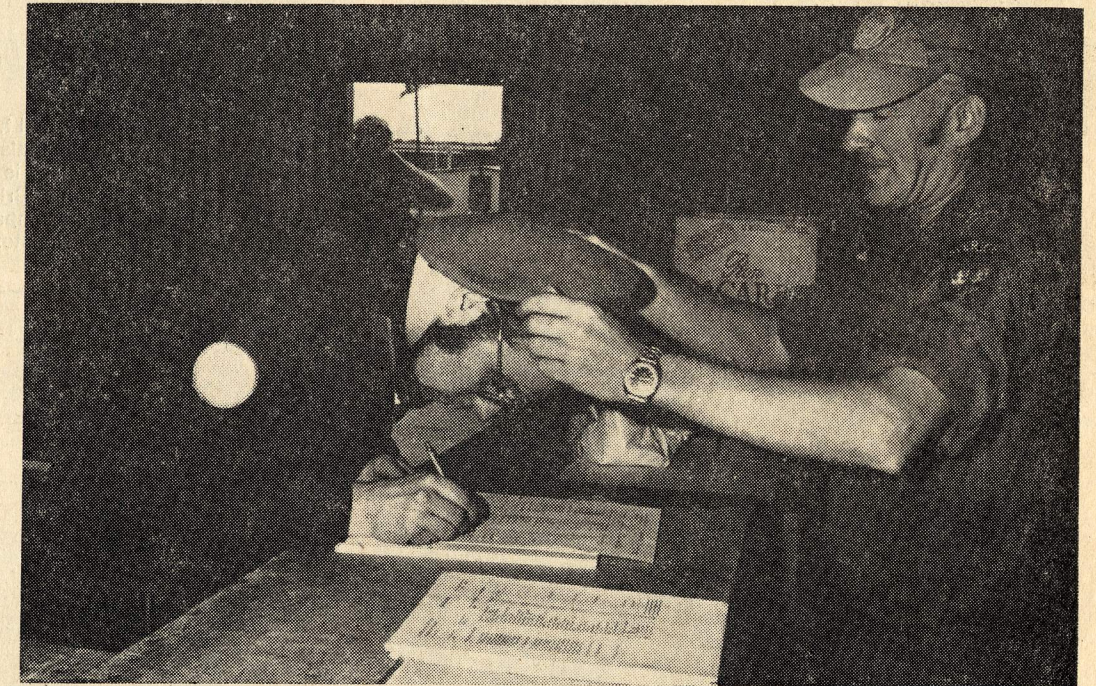
Bo Josefsson, husvagnsmontör hemma i Kristinehamn, var en av dem som anlände till Carl Gustav camp den 29 oktober kl. 05.33. Vid pass 10.47 kånkade han ut med sin väska från förrådet. Kl 15.00 gick han på i vakten. Han somnade inte.

Lite skillnad är det väl wot när han gjorde sin förra bataljon här nere - det var 1968 - men Bosse tror ändå på sex trivsamma månader. Det gör vi också.



Det här är Carl-Henrick Bohman, var nye präst. Senaste vistelseort: Matfors utanför Sundsvall.

Vänd er med förtroende till honom när det gäller allt mellan fodslar och dödsjar. Han vill nämligen ha mycket att göra, är dessutom öppen för alla ideer och uppslag.



Bröderna Iwarsson i förrådet - det här är Hans-Åke - kan det här med att utrusta folk. De gör sin sjunde bataljon, det femte på Cypern. Så det är kanske inte så konstigt att allt går snabbt och effektivt: —Basker blå på! Kvittera! Nästa!

ADJÖ
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Det här är sista bilden från våra företrädares tid som vi kommer att publicera. Force commander (se även första sidan) är här och säger adjö.

Det har också vi gjort. 53:an har åkt hem och hädanefter ska man vara stolt över att bli kallad fem-fem!

FEL
SPRUTA!

Följande lilla episod bör måhända sparas för både denna världen och för den som eventuellt kommer efter:

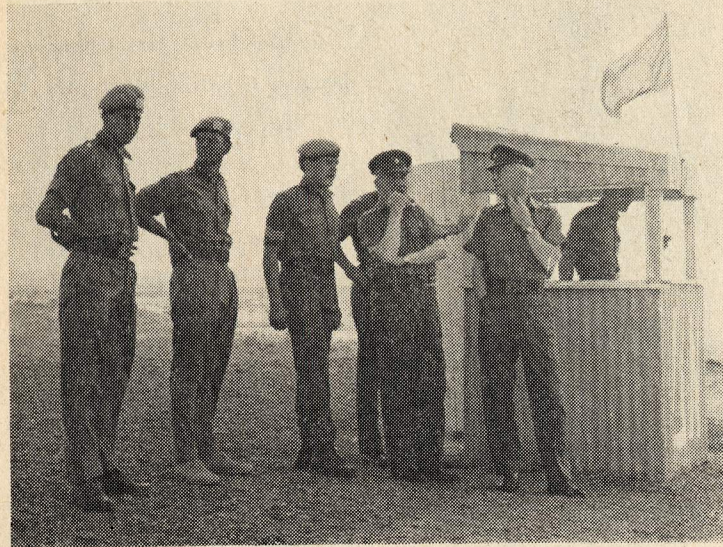
Inmönstring på I 4 i Linköping. Besök på sjukan. Massor av människor ska ha en hel massa sprutor. Packat i väntrummet.

Någon råkar stöta till brand-sprutan, som ramlar i golvet. Nån slags manick utlöses så att skummet yr.

Doktorn har hört dunsen. I tron att det är någon som svimmat kommer han utrusande. Överblickar situationen, säger sedan lugnt:

—Du, det är inte den sprutan du ska ha!

TWO VISITS TO THE COLDSTREAM GUARDS

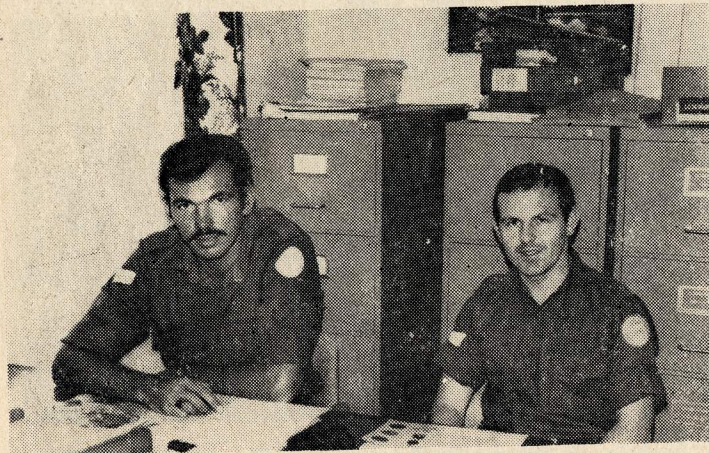


Prior to the departure of the 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards, they were visited by their Regimental Colonel, Sir George Burns, and the Regimental Lt. Col., Colonel E. Windsor Clive (fourth and fifth respectively from the left) are shown at a briefing held at Mandria Hill OP.

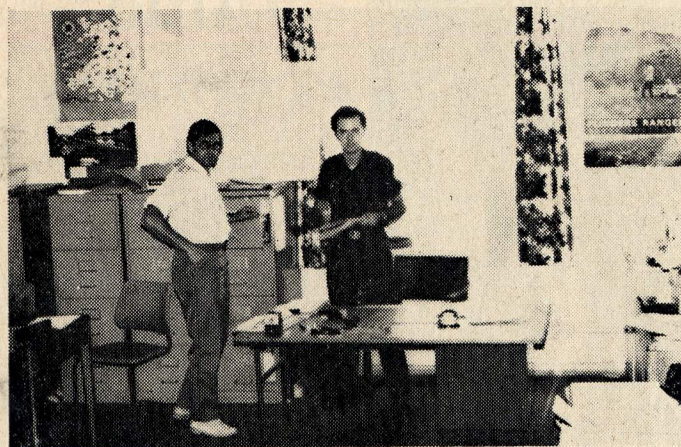


The Force Commander, Lt. Gen. D. Prem Chand, PVSM, presented United Nations medals to the Coldstream Guards manning Mandria Hill OP. He is shown talking to the Platoon Commander, 2nd Lt. Dennis Critcheley-Salmonson, also seen in the photograph are the Company Commander, Major Richard Heywood, and the Quartermaster, Captain Peter Clifford.

- HQ UNFICYP -



After completing a six months tour with UNFICYP, Cpl Pete Smith, RAOC, hands over to his successor Cpl M.T. Lough, RAOC, in the Personnel and Logistics Branch Office.



Major F. Schmied, SO Quartering, and the Chief Clerk of Personnel, WO2 Frank O'Neill, discuss one of the many problems that occur within the Personnel and Logistics Branch of HQ UNFICYP.



During the past few months the Engineers Branch of HQ UNFICYP have been very busy. In our photograph WO1 R. Clarke deals with one problem over the telephone whilst WO2 D. Taylor looks on.



Sgt Ian McColl, the Chief Clerk of the Medical Branch, arrived after the exciting events in July and August but has been kept busy.

CHIEF OF STAFF BEIM AUSCON

Freitag den 18. Oct. 1974 besuchte Brigadier General CE Beattie, der Chief of Staff der UNFICYP unser Kontingent in Larnaca. Nach der Begrüßung durch den Kommandanten des AUSCON, Obstdt RIEGER, wurde Brigadier BEATTIE durch ein eingehendes Briefing mit den derzeitigen Problemen des LARNACA Districts vertraut gemacht. Anschließend ging es dann mit dem Hubschrauber zu den OP PYLA, ATHIENOU und KOPHINO, denen der Chief of Staff sein besonderes Interesse zuwandte.



Zgf PRIMES und Gfr WUERTINGER machten sich im wahrsten Sinn des Wortes aus dem "Staub". Die beiden jungen Soldaten nutzten am Ende ihrer Dienstzeit in CYPERN die Gelegenheit, um nach der Schiffsüberfahrt von Athen aus Griechenland und die jugoslawische Küste mit dem eigenen Motorrad kennenzulernen. In unserem Bild erfolgt die Verabschiedung durch die zurückgebliebenen Kameraden im Camp Duke Leopold V.



Unter Einsatz des AUSCON und Assistenz des ICRC wurde Ende Oct. die Evakuierung TOKHNIS zur vollsten Zufriedenheit aller Beteiligten durchgeführt. Das vom Force Commander, Lt Gen D PREM CHAND, PVSM ausgesprochene Lob fuer die geleistete Arbeit gilt in erster Linie der Kompanie Hptm RIEDERS, der die Leitung dieses muhevollen Unternehmens innehatte.

AUSCON NEWS



Nicht nur in der Heimat wurde am 26. Oct 74 jenes Tages gedacht, an dem der letzte Besatzungssoldat Oesterreich verließ, sondern auch im Camp ZYYI/CYPERN. Hier sind die Soldaten des oesterr. UN BAONS jedoch nicht als Besatzer, sondern als friedenserhaltende Truppe der Vereinten Nationen stationiert. Die Bedeutung dieses Tages, an dem die oesterr. Fahne auf Cypriischem Boden wehte, wurde durch hoechsten Besuch vom UN Hauptquartier und aus dem District LARNACA unterstrichen.

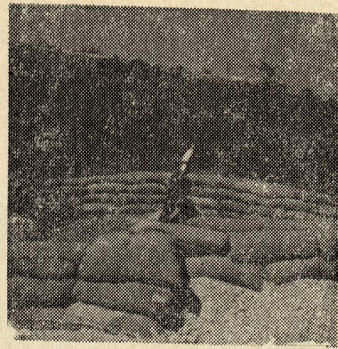
Mit dem Palmenhain der HALA SULTAN TEKKE im Hintergrund und einem weinenden, aber auch einem lachenden Auge uebergab Capt ADI OEZELT die Agenden des Presseoffiziers an den "Newcomer" Capt BALDIA, der bemueht sein wird, ADIS erfolgreiche Arbeit fortzusetzen.

NEW PRESS OFFICER



1 A B BATTERY

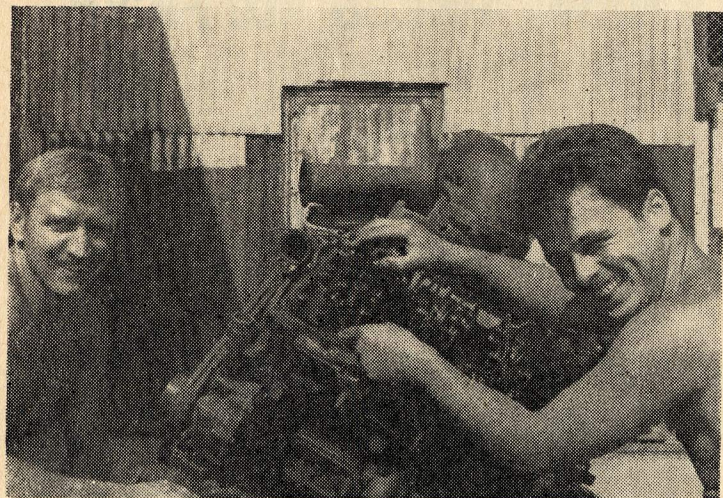
Immediately after the battery became the major part of the Airport Task Force, we entered upon one of the more famous stages of our existence — one that will be known forever more as "The Sandbag Era" as the battery filled over 19,000 sandbags in about three weeks. In the example you see one of twelve (this one partially completed) mortar pits at BBC.



Taking time off from sandbagging the battery found time to place a respectable third in the Regimental sports day (ahead of both commandos). Cpl CURWIN is seen showing the boys how it's done!



Sgt. Ed Schijns (left) checks track-wear on a patrol vehicle used by the Canadian Contingent of the United Nations. He is a vehicle technician from CFB Halifax and is presently serving in Cyprus.



PTE. Allan Brooks (right) checks injectors on an engine from an Armoured Personnel Carrier. He is a vehicle technician serving with the United Nations in Cyprus. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Brooks of Salmon Arms, British Columbia.

CANCON NEWS

A view of a Greek position located at Hermes Str. and Bakieffendi Str. in the Walled City. This photograph was taken during the visit of the Military Working Group of Greece, Turkey, United Kingdom and UNFICYP discussing the demarcation lines.



"Bimbasi" Martti Jokihaara left Cyprus via Famagusta on Thursday 7. November. After 18 months most effective and successful service in Suez and in Cyprus war he was specially congratulated even by Secretary General in connection to the dealing of the Suez medal.

Happy journey to Finland with your whistling flute car.

J.P.

Varustesäkki toisessa ja siviilissä kädessä vähän säikähtäneinä saapuivat lokarotaation uudet hiutaleet väliaikaiseen majapaikkaansa RAF:in alueelle. Niinisalon kaksiviikkoinen koulutus jatkui nyt paikalla vielä muutaman

päivän ajan, jonka jälkeen 107 miehen vahvuinen täydennyskomppania hajaantui kukin omalle paikalleen YKSP 22:een. "Vounin lavallekin" oli vielä lähtijöitä, erehtyipä joku vanhaakin vielä mukaan.

The homeward bound 2 IC Maj Jokihaara will on 7th November hand his duties over to Maj Matti Toivonen. Maj Toivonen has served in the UN Forces in 1969—1970 as an observer in Suez, and since last July as the OC 2. Coy Fincon.



"The political advisory committee for communications" which has burdened its shoulders with worries brought forth by the war in the Signal Officers' convention in Fincon, Capt. Jussi Anteroine, takes them around the premises of Kykko Camp.



HAVAINTO VIIME VUOROKAUSIEN SÄÄSTÄ:
—AKROTIRISSA ON SATANUT VALKOISIA HIUTALEITA.

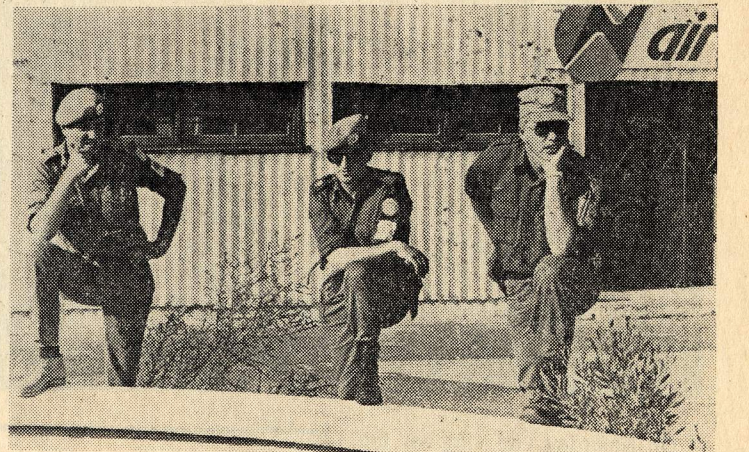


2nd COY — AIR VENUS

Heinäkuun 25. päivänä saapui Kyprokselle täydennyserä josta muodostettiin pataljoonan toinen komppania. Aluksi se majaili Kykossa siirtyen ennen takalekon tuloa Mia Mileaan. Elokuun 14. päivän tulikasteen komppania sai entisen radioaseman suojissa.

Syyskuun 7. päivänä komppania siirtyi RAF:in naapurin Air-Venus ilmailuklubin alueel-

le. Kuten tiedämme eivät suomalaiset pitkään viihdy ilman kunnon saunaa. Niinpä komppanian väepeli yliv. Perttu Heikkinen tutkittuaan rakennukset totesi entisistä suihkuhuoneen saunan — otti ja mestaroi rakennustyöt ja tällä hetkellä kakkosen "Väpälän" vieraskirjassa on jo monta sivua nimiä sekä kiittäviä lausuntoja löylyjen laadusta.



"Näistä rekennetaan bunkkereita", tuumii kakkosen päällikkö maj. Toivonen (vas). Komppanian komentopaikan platalla oleva suihkukaivot eivät sovi uima-altaiksi, vaan saavat palvella sotilaille tärkeämpiä päämääriä. Altaan reunalla myös yliv. Heikkinen sekä 1tn Aalto.

FINCON NEWS

TOHKNI EVACUATION



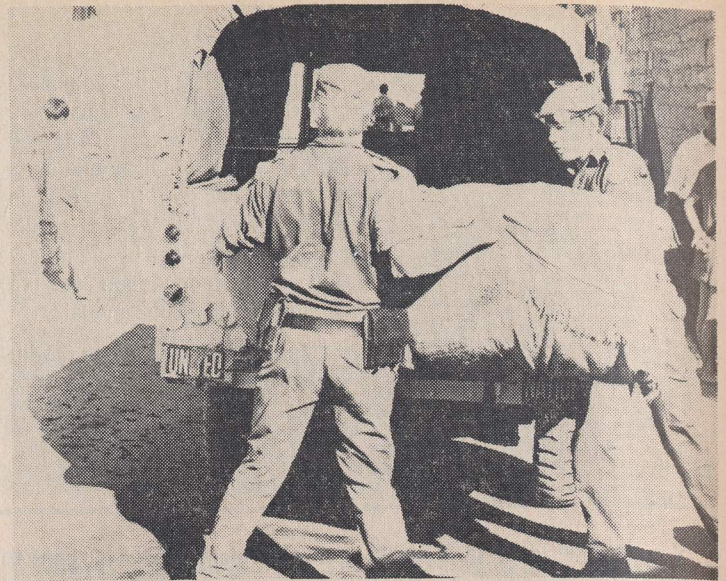
Following an agreement reached between Mr. Clerides, Greek Cypriot acting President and Mr. Denktash, Turkish Cypriot Vice President, UNFICYP was asked to transport the inhabitants of the village of TOHKNI in the Larnaca District to the Northern part of the island.

On Thursday and Friday, October 24 and 25, an UNFICYP task force carried out this evacuation. The villagers and their belongings, together with their sheep, goats and similar livestock, were carried in UNFICYP vehicles with UNFICYP escorts from the village to a dispersal point in North NICOSIA. From there the Turkish Cypriot authorities arranged for these people

to be taken to their final destination.

The Force Commander Lt. Gen. D. Prem Chand, PVSM issued the following message to all concerned. "The TOHKNI operation has now been completed. I would like my sincere thanks conveyed to all military and UNCIVPOL personnel who have worked so hard to complete this difficult operation. The success of this major humanitarian operation reflects well upon the spirit of UNFICYP and individually upon all who took part. Well done."

Reproduced here are only a few of the many photographs taken during this operation.



VISIT OF CANADIAN MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE



On Saturday 2nd October the Canadian Minister of National Defence, Mr. J.A. Richardson, visited HQ UNFICYP. He is shown here with from left to right: Mr. R. Gorge, Senior Political Adviser; Force Commander, Lt. Gen. D. Prem Chand, PVSM; Mr. J.A. Richardson, Canadian Minister of National Defence; Mr. L. Weckmann-Munoz, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Mr. J.D.R. Kelly, UNHCR Chief of Mission.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS UNFICYP

Week ending 31 October	16
Same period last year	14
Total for period this year	268
Total same period last year	298

LESSON OF THE MONTH

Bad weather may excuse a delay,
But never an accident.



The Canadian Minister of National Defence, Mr. J.A. Richardson visited Maple One OP with Col. G.H.J. Lessard, CD, Commander Nicosia East District and Major R. Gaudreau, CO 1 Commando.