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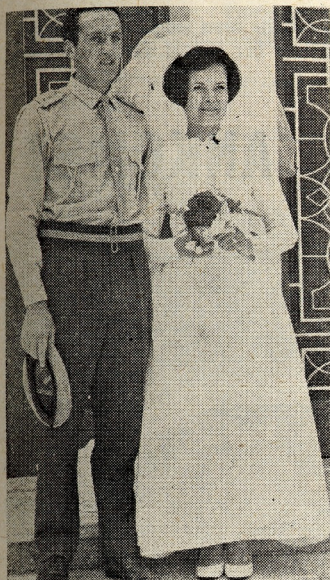
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MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE

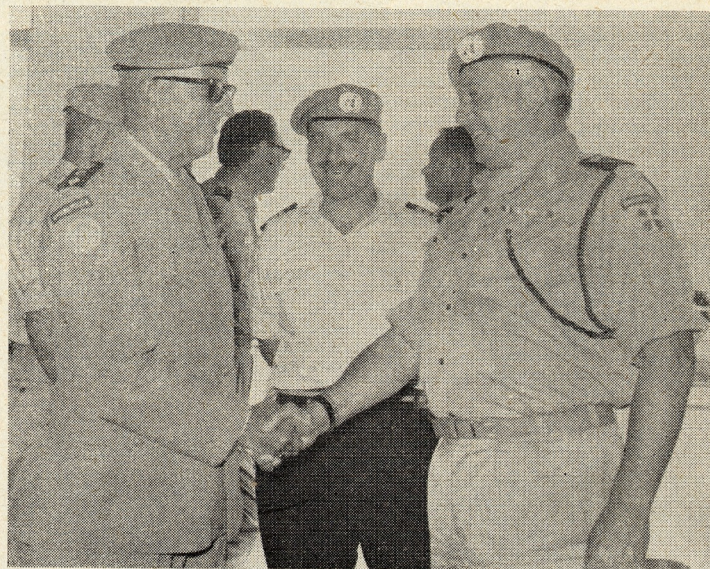
On 17th July the Secretary-General, U Thant, laid a wreath of white chrysanthemums and blue delphiniums outside the Meditation Room in the General Assembly building in honour of Major J. E. Bogvad, Sweden, who was killed while serving as a UN Military Observer in the Suez Canal Area.



● The Irish have done it again. This week we report yet another wedding at Zyvi — the third in six months. Our picture shows the bride and the groom, Captain and Mrs. McMenemin after the ceremony. Full report of the occasion is on Ircon page.

The day before the Secretary-General in a letter to the Charge d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations, Borje F. Billner, says:

"I wish to convey through you to the family of Major J.E. Bogvad, to the Swedish Government and to the Swedish Army my condolences and my deep sorrow at the death of this brave officer on 16th July. As I have stated on numerous occasions during the Observation operation on the Suez Canal, the United Nations Military Observers and other personnel have shown an extraordinary courage and dedication in carrying on with their thankless task under increasingly hazardous conditions. Major Bogvad also carried on additional burden of leadership and responsibility as Officer in Charge of the Kantara Control Centre. He has now given his life in the search for peace in which the United Nations has for so long been involved in the Middle East, and we can only hope that this devotion to duty and his sacrifice will prove ultimately not to have been in vain."



NEW POLICE COMMANDER NICOSIA DISTRICT

Last week the Commanding Officer of Dancivpol, Supt. R. Thorgersen handed over the responsibility of Nicosia District to Supt. Viggo Fogt.

Supt. Fogt is no stranger

to Cyprus. He has been here three times before, most recently in January of this year.

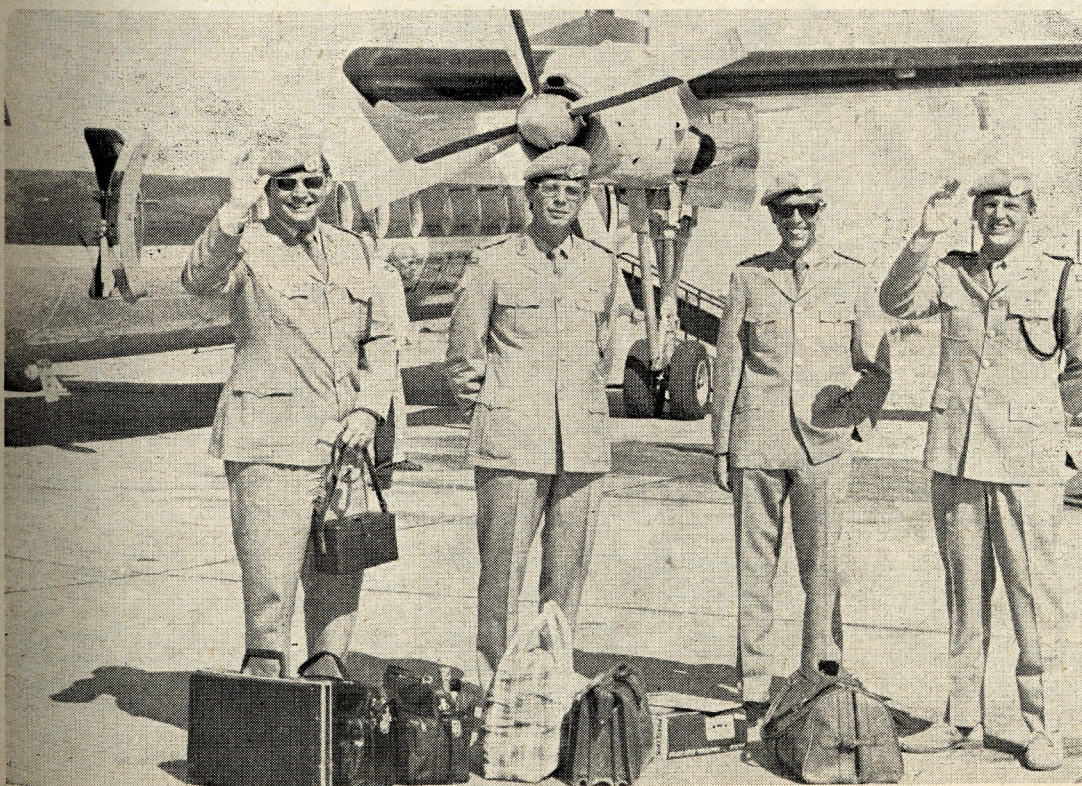
The picture above shows Supt. V. Fogt (right) saying good-bye to Supt. Thorgersen at Nicosia Airport on Saturday last. Commanding Officer Nicosia District, Lieutenant Colonel Dan. G. Loomis (centre) also bids farewell at the Airport.

New Aircraft For Scandinavian Supply Route

Because of the reduction of the Nordic Contingents serving with UNFICYP the fortnightly supply service for these units has been changed. Instead of a DC-6 B aircraft a plane named Fokker Friendship now has been introduced on the route.

In front of the new plane before departure last week we see four outgoing officers of UNFICYP.

Left to right: Captain F. Q. Sarroe, Economic Officer, Lieutenant E. Eriksen, Dancivpol, Major H. W. Harbou, Operation Officer HQ UNFICYP and Lieutenant L. E. Frische, the Danish doctor.

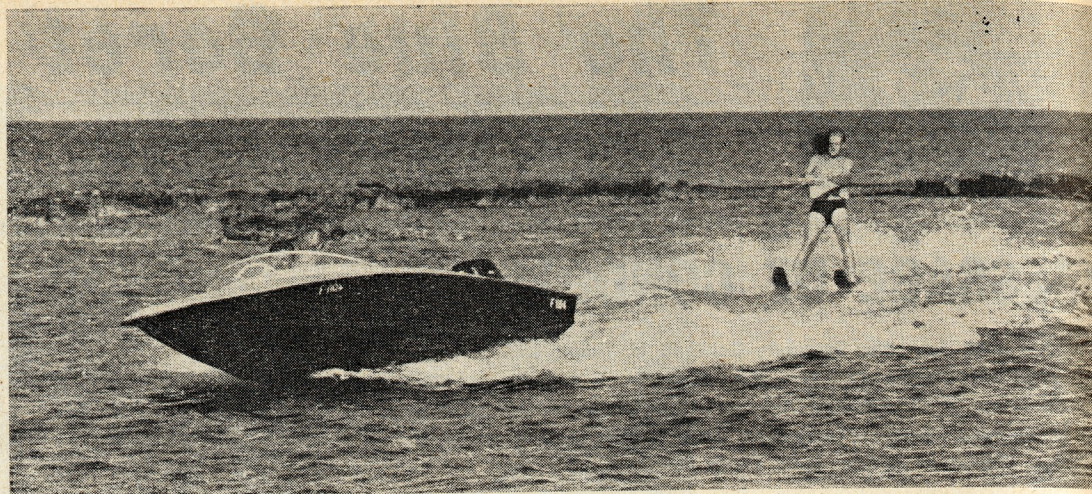


DANCON PÅ VANDSKI

Danskens vej til ros og magt var havet i fordums tid og vi kan vel stadig være med, når der er tale om søfart og alle arter af sømandskab.

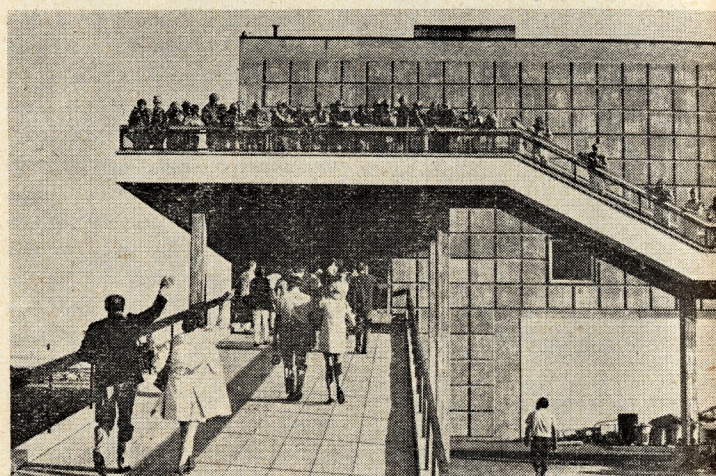
I de senere år har også Dansken haft fornøjelse af en ny slags søfart nemlig færdsel til vands på ski.

Et forslag om at give Dancons mandskab lejlighed til at dyrke denne sportsgren faldt da også i god jord (eller i godt vand!) og man har allerede gjort de første erfaringer, sådan som billederne viser. Materiellet er lejet og stedet er Famagusta.



■ Konstabel R.B. Christensen kom ikke alene oven vande, men beholdt sit på det tørre hele turen rundt og returnerer her stolt skærvende, - kort før også han må helt ned på bunden igen.

KONEFLYENES ANKOMST



■ Al begyndelse er svær, ja man må begynde helt fra bunden af, gribe godt fat med hænderne og holde ved, rette alle næserne opad og overlade til søhesten foran at bringe en over vande. Instruktøren til højre er idræts-officeren, sekondløjtnant E. Eriksen.

DANCON NYT

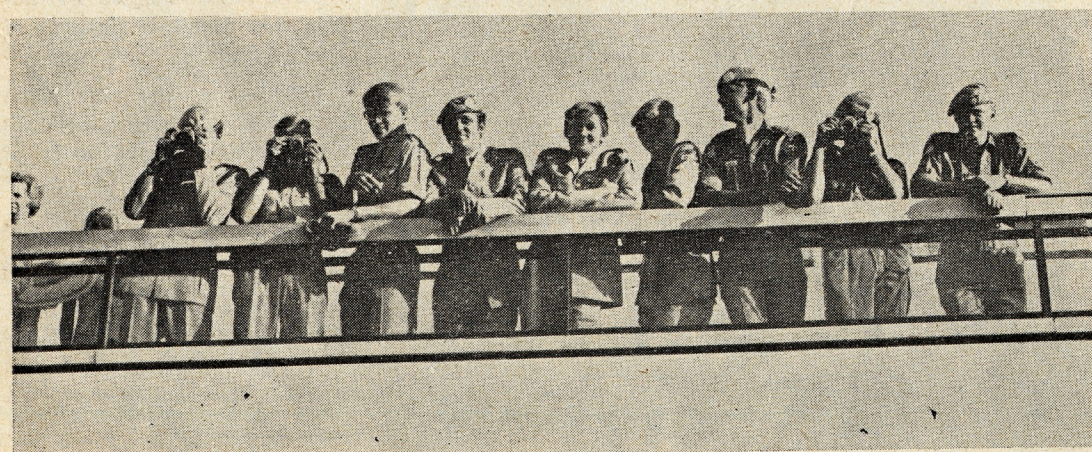


■ De nyankomne forsvinder ind i luftshavnsbygningen for pas- og toldeftersyn og efter at den endelige genforening af de alt for længe adskilte kære har fundet sted, kan den lange række af lejede vogne begive sig ud i morgenvarmen på Mesoriaen, og gæsterne vil nyde, at alle mindelser om regn og kulde straks fordamper i Cypernsolens skin.

■ Oberstløjtnanten såvel som konstablen og regnskabsføreren har modtaget deres gæster nordfra, som tilsyneladende stadig fryser lidt og venter med at aflægge det nordlige overtøj.

Koneflyenes ankomst er altid en stor begivenhed, imødeset med stadig stigende spænding og sød uro i hjertet hos de tapre ventende mandfolk, - indtil dagen endelig er der og hele det festlige scenari udfolder sig endnu en gang. Første konefly til Dancon XIII ankom om morgenen den 22. juli. Tre billeder fastholder situationer fra den mindelige begivenhed.

Et udsnit af de ventende morgenduelle gelændersoldater



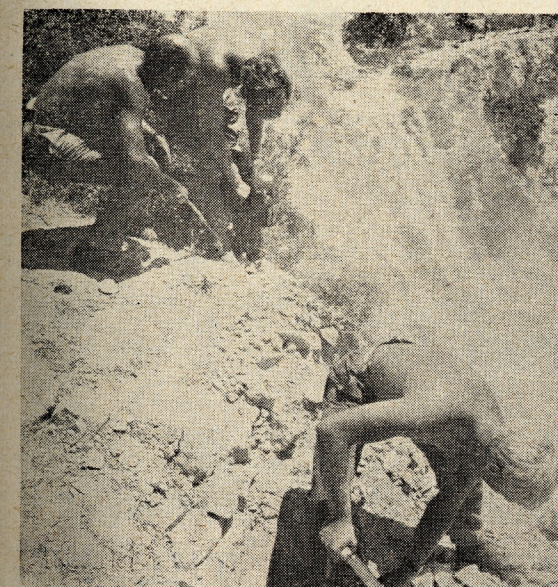
STRIDS-

skjutningar i Goshi var ett spännande inslag i veckans övningsprogram. I ett landskap som, åtminstone på bild, lika gärna kunde vara ett öde snölandskap. Temperaturen visade dock något annat.

Framryckning i "ökenterrängen", t.h.

I mitten t.h.: I väntan på attack (?), bakifrån sett, Björn Nöremark, Vänersborg, Jan-Olof Andersson, Skärblacka, Gert Klasson, Kvillsfors, Ingemar Nathanaelson, Linköping, Per-Owe Nilsson, Taberg, Henry Andersson, Uddevalla, Ingvar Martinsson, Loverslund, och Willy Haraldsson, Smedjebacken.

Längst ner t.h.: Dammolen efter eldgivning beskådas.



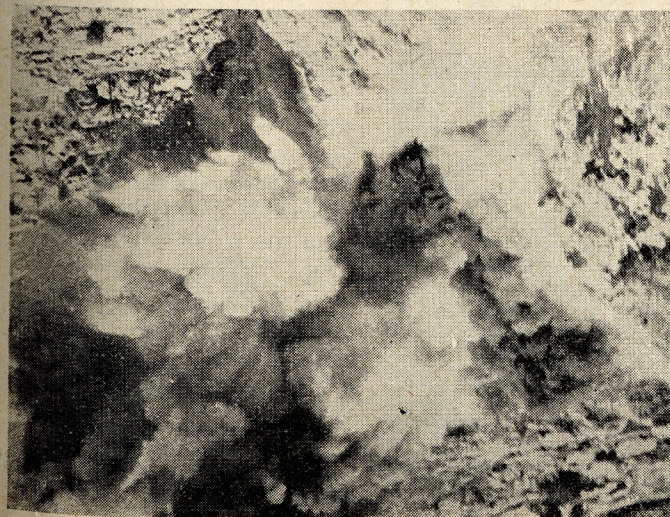
●Grabbarna i pionjärgänget, och någon till, hjälpte till att hyfsa en väg uppe i Korovia på Panhandle. Här borrar och donar t.v. fr.v. Evert Nilsson, Umeå, Mats Haraldsson, Västerås, och Bengt Erixon, Jönköping.



TÄNT VAR DET HÄR!

●Färdigborrat. Evert Nilsson, t.v., laddar med "gubbarna". Det gick åt en del. Stabsfotografen Andersson, som hjälpte till, fick förresten ont i skallen av dynamitdoften.

●Och sen small det. Som bara den. T.v. Och vägen blev genast lite mindre vanskelig att "befara". Ett lyckat skjut.



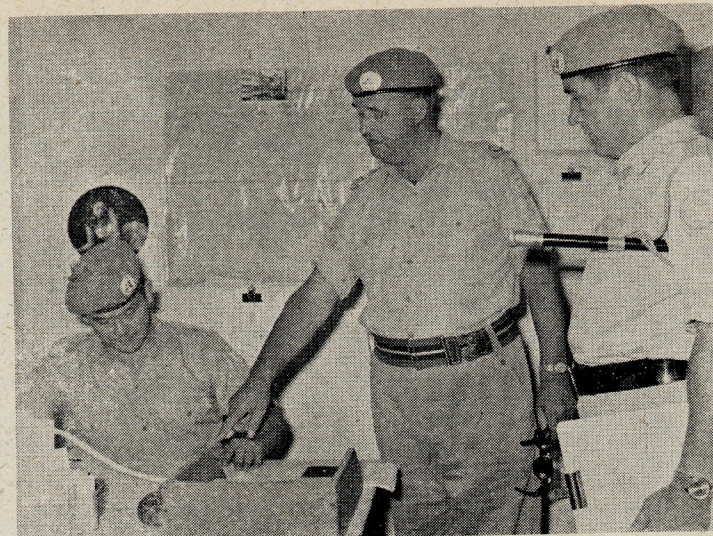
SWEDCON NEWS

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CAMP COMMANDANT'S INSPECTION

On Saturday 25th July the Camp Commandant accompanied by the Regimental Sergeant Major carried out his routine inspection of the camp areas.

In our photograph we see Corporal Sheppard in the Medical Centre explaining a point to the Camp Commandant, Major N. Joplin RA whilst the Regimental Sergeant Major looks on.



REGIMENTAL BUTCHER

Given a piece of meat as large as the one shown in the picture, the average family would be kept supplied for quite a long time. Butchering 300 pounds of meat a day is normal routine for Private Allan Baker who is a regimental butcher for 3rd Battalion Light Infantry.



His customers are all 600 men of the Battalion and he tries to provide all the various messes with a fair selection of the choicest cuts available.

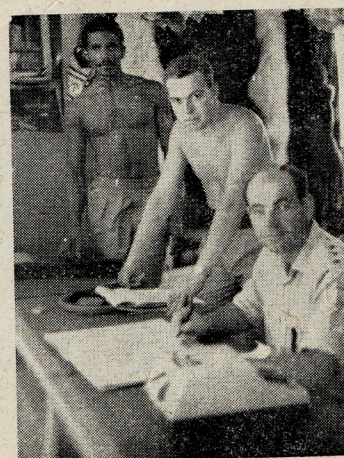
Private Baker has served in the Army for five and a half years and has been a butcher all that time. He has visited Malaya, Singapore and Mauritius but this is his first visit to Cyprus. It is amazing that he has managed to remain single.



STOCKTAKING IN THE PRI

Pay day is always a busy day for the staff of the PRI shop at Polemidhia Camp, for at this time the soldiers all come to buy things for themselves or to send home to their families and friends. Captain Chris Laurence-King is in charge and he is seen here checking the accounts with Lance Corporal David Lond (centre) and Lance Corporal Kenneth Gill both of whom work in the shop.

BRITCON NEWS



PAY SERGEANTS ROTATE

Sergeant Michael Anthony Parker below who works in the Camp Pay Office came to us on detachment from the Command Pay Office, Dhekelia. He is married and has one son. He relieved Sergeant Ron Iverson who has now returned to work at the Command Pay Office after completing his six months detachment with the United Nations Force.



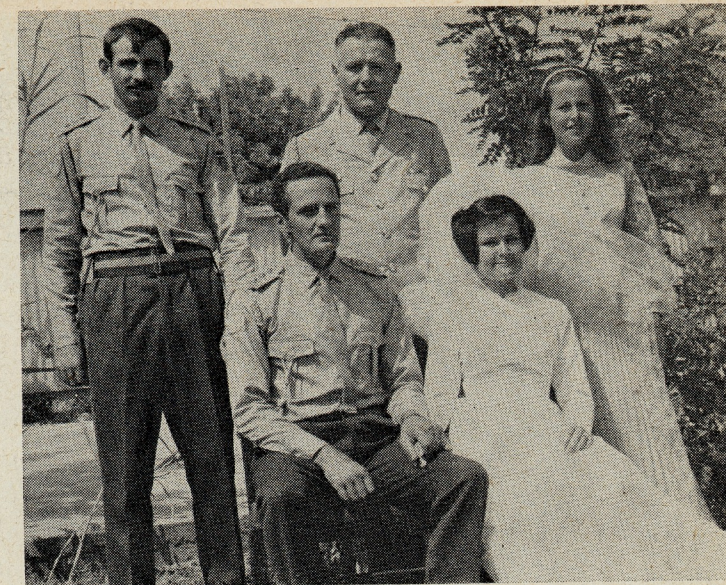
ANOTHER WEDDING AT ZYI

On Saturday 18th July 1970, the wedding between Miss Maureen O'Sullivan of Corbally, Co Limerick, and Captain Phillip McMenemin of Headquarters Company, 18th Infantry Group took place in St Pauls Church Larnaca. Best Man was Captain Paddy Walsh, and the charming bridesmaid was Miss Carmel O'Sullivan, sister of the Bride. Father Keohane conducted the marriage ceremony.

The very beautiful Bride was given away by Lieutenant Colonel Martin O'Brien, Officer Commanding 18th Infantry Group.

The reception which was attended by all Officers of the Group was held in the Officers Mess, Zyvi and it was a very enjoyable occasion. Later the Bride and Groom were seen slipping out of camp for their honeymoon.

● The wedding group at the Officers Mess Zyvi. Front Row, Captain and Mrs Phillip McMenemin. Back row Captain Paddy Walsh, best man, Lieutenant Colonel Martin O'Brien, Officer Commanding 18th Infantry Group and Miss Carmel O'Sullivan, Bridesmaid.



GROUP SPORTS MEETING

On Thursday 23rd July the 18th Infantry Group held its sports meeting at Zyvi Camp and a very enjoyable day was had by all who took part. The sports field was in excellent condition and each event was completed smoothly and efficiently. Great credit is due to Sergeant Larry Poynton and Sergeant Major Paddy Norris for the success of the meeting.

The most novel event of the day was the Rank Relay Race in which a Private, a Corporal, a Sergeant, a Company Sergeant, a Lieutenant, a Captain and a Commandant from each Company, ran a distance of one hundred yards. The event was won by Headquarters Company. Commandant Jim Flynn, Sports Chairman, presented the prizes and thanked the organisers and those who took part in the competition.

RESULTS

100 metres — 1st Corporal Mick English. HQ Coy. 2nd Private Paddy Barr. B Coy.

200 metres — 1st Corporal Simon Timlass. B Coy. 2nd Private A.F. Wallace. B Coy.

400 metres — 1st Corporal Patrick Devereux. HQ Coy. 2nd Private William Sweeney. B Coy.

800 metres — 1st Private John Buckley. A Coy. 2nd Private Anthony Gleeson. HQ Coy.

1,500 metres — 1st Private James McCabe. B Coy. 2nd Corporal Francis O'Brien. HQ Coy.

3,000 metres — 1st Private James McCabe. B Coy. 2nd Private John Buckley. A Coy.

Rank Relay — 1st HQ Coy. 2nd B Coy.

Relay — 1st B Coy. 2nd A Coy. Discus — 1st Sergeant Larry Poynton. HQ Coy. 2nd Corporal Mick English. HQ Coy.

16 lb Shot — 1st Corporal William Doran. B Coy. 2nd Lieutenant Liam Coleman. HQ Coy.

Long Jump — 1st Corporal Mick English. HQ Coy. 2nd Corporal Patrick Kelly. HQ Coy.

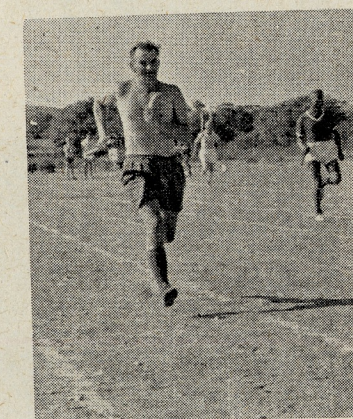
Hop-Step and Jump — 1st Lieutenant Jim Lally. B Coy. 2nd Corporal Patrick Kelly. HQ Coy.

Tug-O-War — 1st HQ Coy. 2nd Armoured Car Ground.

3 Legged Race — 1st Captain Paddy Cobbe/Lieutenant Paddy O'

Connor. HQ Coy. 2nd Corporal Patrick Hamill/Signalman B.O. Parker. HQ Coy.

Driving Race — Private Mick Brosner and Trooper Noel Dwyer. A Coy.



SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK

Commandant John (lightning) Burke, Headquarter Company sprints home a clear winner in the Rank Relay Race. Notice the stride of a real champion with the thumbs up sign. To run the 100 yards in twelve seconds is a great effort for a 52 year old. We are happy to say that Commandant Burke passed the saliva test given by Commandant Brendan O'Riordan.

HEAVE — HO

Company Sergeant Kearney appears to be giving his blessings to his team, Headquarter Company, as they dig in and prepare to pull Armoured Car Group in the final of the tug-o-war.

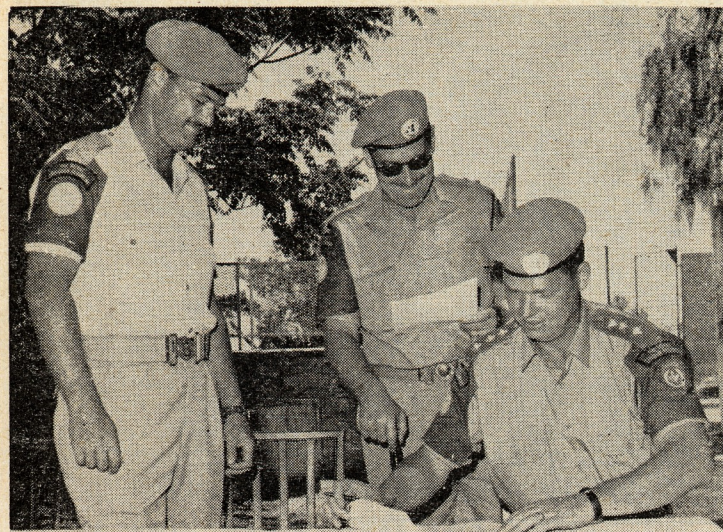
His efforts paid off as Headquarter Company won through. Team, left to right, Lieutenant Liam Coleman, Sergeant Maurice Magner, Gunner Tom Gunn, Gunner Thomas Clyne, Corporal John Lawlor, Private Patrick Carroll, Trooper John Llewellyn and Corporal Patrick Hogan.

IRCON NEWS

CLOSE - FINISH

With gasping breath and every muscle strained the competitors stretch to reach the tape in the 100 metres. Left to right Private Paddy Barr, (2nd), Sergeant Michael Lacy (3rd) and Corporal Mick English (1st).

HAND-OVER



• Captain Dale Robinson (seated) signs the certificate for his acceptance of command of Delta (City) Company from Major Ed Quinn (left). Over-looking the hand-over ceremony held at Beaver Lodge last week is Lieutenant-Colonel Dan G. Loomis, Canadian Contingent Commander.

New Finance Staff

Captain Bill Kelly (left) the new Canadian Contingent Finance Officer is wished welcome by Major Doug Bunting (second from right) while Sergeant Jack Rheume does the same toward Sergeant Don Martin, his replacement as pay NCO. Captain Kelly is in from Chilliwack and Sergeant Martin from Moose Jaw. Major Bunting is being posted to Petawawa and Sergeant Rheume returns to Calgary.



Homeward-Bound



Corporal Mike Storey looks sad as he waves his buddies farewell on his early return home. Corporal Storey has been posted back to the rear party of the 1st Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment, in London, Ont., his home town. Several other members of the battalion will be returning to Canada in the next few weeks for the usual summertime postings, mainly to extra-regimental tours of duty.

SHORT ITEMS

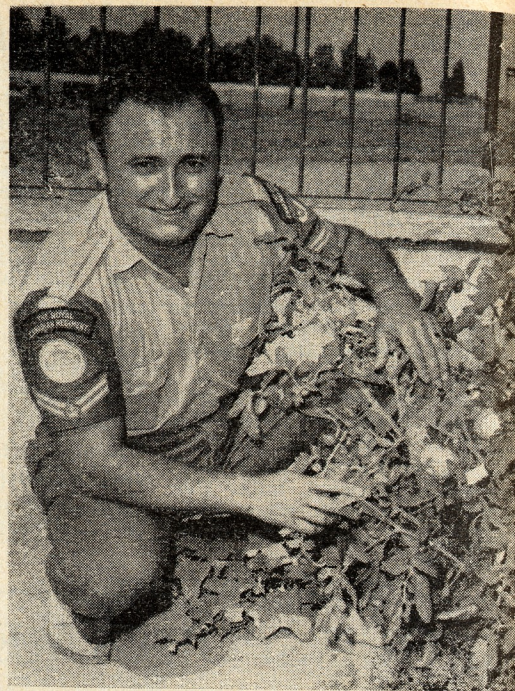
The PONDEROSA POST, an extremely well done unit newspaper edited by Lieutenant Ron Dickenson for "the family of the First Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment," reports the following:

Delta Company claims to have the only rooftop horse-shoe pit in the world. It is situated on the roof of Maple Leaf Manor and the self-help project involved carrying literally hundreds of pails of sand up quite a few flights of stairs.

Delta Company is grateful (very grateful indeed) to the plumbers of the Pioneer Platoon who spend most of their time at Maple Manor. Lodgers at the Manor like to tell the story that when a plumber is required the Pioneer NCO calls Delta Company: Corporals "Doc Heffernan and "Magoo" McEechren spend most of their time there.

Green Thumbs On Green Line

If the garden around observation post 306, in the Alpha (Suburb) Company area, is any indication supplementary rations should be plentiful over the next few weeks. Master Corporal Phillip Aboud (showing off part of his crop of tomatoes) could easily hold the title of Green Thumb of the year for starting it all.



CANCON NEWS Canadian Forces Photos

EAT THEM NOW OR...

Regardless of the decision, Cyprus grapes are lovely, Corporal Ron McLean, driver-signalman for the Second-in-Command of the Suburb Company, decided on a compromise: ate this year's grapes there and then and drank last year's after his day's work was over.



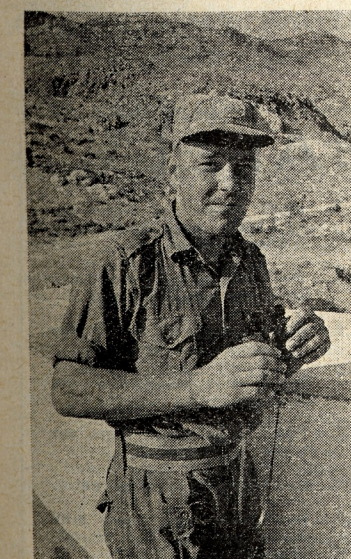
Yliluutnantti Harri Kouvonkorpi (vas.) ilmoittaa komppanian luovutusta varten majuri Eero Simolalle, joka vuorostaan luovutti "vuoripukki-komppanian" uudelle päällikölle, majuri Erkki Pullille.

Rotaation aika

2.JK:n päälliköiden hymyistään voi jo päätellä kumpi lähtee kumpi jää. Tjikkloksen upseerimessin altaan äärellä majuri Eero Simola (vas.) ja majuri Erkki Pulli tehtävien luovutuksen tapahduttua.



Kalkkitehtaalla vartiossa



Jääkäri Pauli (Janne) Palojoki kalkkitehtaan päivystyspaikallaan

Jotenkin mielenkiintoiseksi kuvasi jääkäri Pauli Palojoki palvelustaan Oneishan kalkkitehtaan päivystyspaikalla Kyrenian vuorten juurella. Jääkäri Palojoki on kotoisin Jämijärveltä Niinisalon naapurista ja tullut Kyprokselle viime huhtikuun rotaatioissa. Hän siirtyy nyt autonkuljettajaksi 2 JK:ssa.

Tähän astisen YK-palveluksensa hän on suorittanut Farmilla ja sanoi, ettei näihin palkkoihin nähden työt ole liikaa painaneet. Kolme kertaa kuussa hän lähettää kirjeen kotiin, jossa on veljeksiä seitsemän ja siskoja kaksi.

Oneisha Lime Plant eli kalkkitehdas aloitti uudelleen toimintansa 10.6.69 oltuaan suljettuna viisi ja puoli vuotta. Kalkkitehtaan osalta on tehty erillissopimus, jonka mukaan YK muun muassa järjestää vartion tehtaan alueelle. Vartio, jota ensin hoitivat kanadalaiset ja nyt suomalaiset, turvaa tehtaan toimintaa ja valvoo tilannetta kuivausuunin alueella.

Sotilaspastori Jaakko Mäkelä

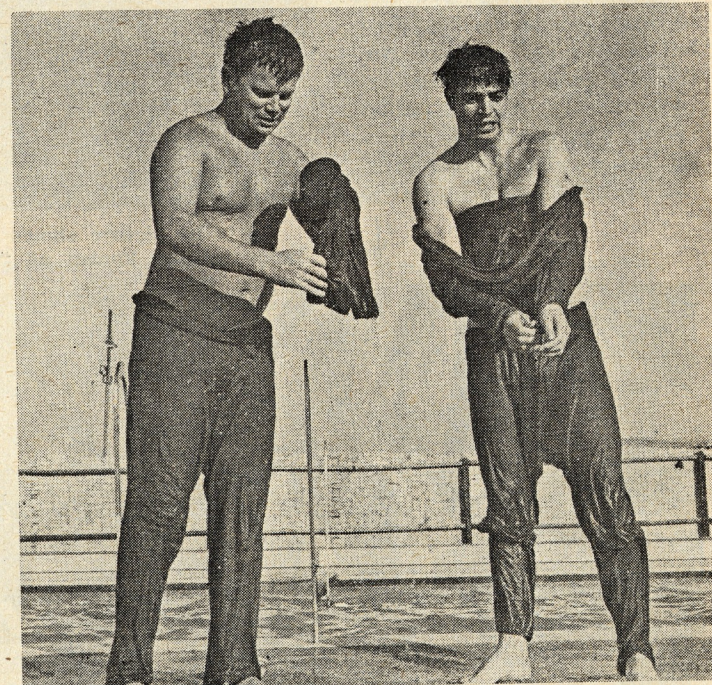
Papin kanssa voi puhua asiaakin

Sotilaspapista on joskus sanottu vähän ilkeämielisesti, että hän on armeijan pelle. Eräessä mielessä tämä pitääkin paikkansa, sillä pappi on armeijan sotilaallisen arvojärjestelmän ulkopuolella. Hänen kanssaan voi arvoluokkaan katsomatta heittää herjaa, mutta myös keskustella vaikeuksistaan ja ongelmistaan, joita on joka miehellä. Papin tulisikin olla joukko-osastonsa miesten uskottu, jolle jokainen voisi puhua pelkäämättä että asiat menevät toisten korviin. Vaitioloon velvoittaa jo papin virkavala.

Papilla on myös asiaa joka miehelle. Jokainen mies on joskus miettinyt elämänsä tarkoitusta, usein nämä ajatukset ovat tulleet hyvän pöytäkan jälkitunnelmissa, joskus naisasioiden mentyä pieleen, usein

muulloinkin hiljaisina hetkinä. Juhlminen tai muu jatkuva puuha tuo vain helpotusta, mutta ei poista levottomuuden ja ahdistuksen syytä. Tähän jokaisen ihmisen kysymykseen: Miksi elän? papilla on tuotavana vastaus. Hän ei ole itse keksinyt sitä, vaan hän on kuullut sen toisilta ja sen perustana on pitkä tapahtumien ketju, josta kertoo Raamatuksi nimittämämme kirjasto. Siinä itsessään määritellään tapahtumasarjan tarakoitus näin: "Niin on Jumala maailmaa rakastanut, että hän antoi ainoan poikansa, ettei yksikään, joka häneen uskoo, hukkuisi, vaan hänellä olisi iankaikkinen elämä."

FINCON NEWS



Jaakonpäivänä ei Kyprokselta löydy kylmää vettä, jonne kiveä heittäisi, mutta löytyi kuitenkin Jaakko, joka tietysti sitten heitettiin veteen. Pastorit vaihtuvat Finconissa ja uusi pappi Jaakko Mäkelä (kuvassa oikealla) kastettiin erään aamuna RAF:n altaalla perusteellisesti ja siinä samassa tuli heitettyä entinenkin pataljoonan pappi Jouko Pulkkanen veteen.

AUSTRIAN DANCES

Colonel Wech who recently handed over command of the Austrian Field Hospital to

Lieutenant Colonel Effenberger had the distinction of having served with UNFICYP on five separate occasions.

MP NOTEBOOK

Accidents - Unficyp

Week Ending — 6

Same Period
Last Year — 8

Total this Year — 226

Same Period
Last Year — 209

Main Cause of Accidents This Week.

'FAILING TO YIELD
RIGHT OF WAY'

On 17th July the staff of the hospital held a farewell party for Colonel Wech at which the principal guests of honour were the Force Commander, the Special Representative and their Excellencies the Ambassadors of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Soviet Union.

A feature of the occasion was a performance of National Dances by the Austrian Folklore Group consisting of five Warrant Officers and one Sergeant of the hospital staff who exchanged their normal white hospital uniforms for the traditional national costume of short leather breeches (lederhosen).



Musically Speaking

The Canadian Contingent's dance combo, the Kountry Kings, is available for playing engagements. For details contact Corporal Tom Gallant at the Cancon "Pro Patria Club". The Kountry Kings are (left to right): Corporals Ray Berube (lead guitar), Tony Brothers (drums), Ray Garswell (accordion), Tom Gallant (rhythm guitar) and Private Ed Ackworth (bass guitar).



● The picture shows the group performing an energetic dance routine known as "Schuhplattler".

Change Over In Logistic Branch

A well known character in the Logistic Branch at HQ UNFICYP, Corporal John Ross (Big John) left Cyprus on 28th July to return to Oakville, Ontario.

His successor is Corporal Bob Mikkola (on left of the picture) from Borden, Ontario. Corporal Mikkola is married and has a daughter.



SWIM SAFELY

Drowning fatalities occur every year. In nearly every case they would have been prevented if the persons concerned had taken elementary precautions.

There are some basic rules which should be always observed by EVERYBODY.

Here they are:

1. Don't enter the water unless there are at least two of you.
2. Don't enter the water if you do not feel well.
3. Don't enter the water if you are under the influence of alcohol.
4. Don't enter the water for at least one hour after having a meal.
5. Don't go out of your depth until you can swim well.
6. Don't indulge in rough play in or near the water.
7. Don't swim when the sea is rough.
8. Don't swim where there are eddies or currents.
9. Don't dive in shallow water.
10. Don't dive where you may injure yourself and or another person.
11. Learn how to float and how to tread water.