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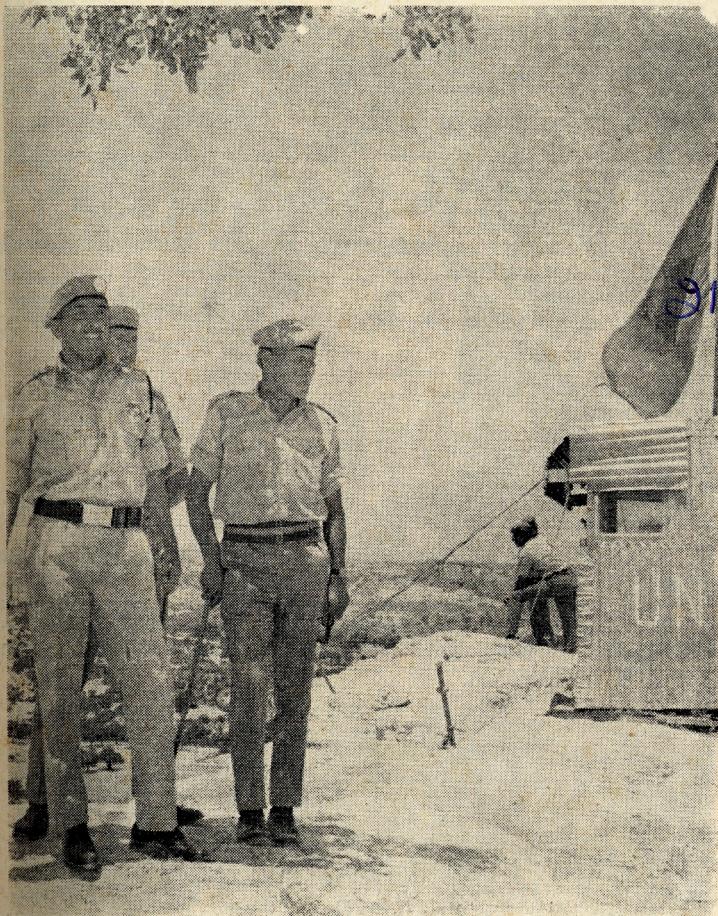
FOR CYPRUS

The Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme approved fifty-two major pre-investment projects for Cyprus, Greece and Turkey.

The total cost, US \$111 million, will be split, US \$144 million provided by UNDP and US \$67 million by the recipient nations.

Amongst the projects for Cyprus is the establishment of the necessary genetic base for the rapid upgrading of the livestock population of the island at an Animal Production Centre at Margar.

A further US \$410,000 has been allocated to a project, lasting one and a quarter years, designed to complete a feasibility study for irrigation and agricultural development in the Paphos area.



• The Force Commander with OC "B" Company, Commandant Bill Bunworth, during the General's recent visit to 18 Infantry Group, Ircion. Full story on the Ircion page.

THE VIET-NAM WAR HAS ALREADY BECOME AN INDO-CHINA WAR

The extension of the Viet-Nam war to Cambodia has resulted in more death, more destruction and more devastation. The Viet-Nam war has already become an Indo-China war, the Secretary-General, U Thant, said in a statement published last week in New York, and he went on:

The latest news dispatches indicate that one of the most sacred and renowned religious and cultural monuments of man — Angkor Wat in Cambodia — is in danger of following the fate of Hue, another cultural and religious centre revered by all Viet-Namese people. Angkor Wat must be saved.

I earnestly appeal to all concerned to respect, and to take every possible precaution to preserve, the many historic religious and cultural edifices in the fighting zone and elsewhere in Indo-China, the Secretary-General said.

The Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations, Dimitri S. Bitsios, has informed the Secretary-General, U Thant, that the Greek Government has decided to make a further contribution to meet the costs of UNFICYP. The total contribution for the six-month period ending 15th of June, 1970 is 600,000 US dollars.

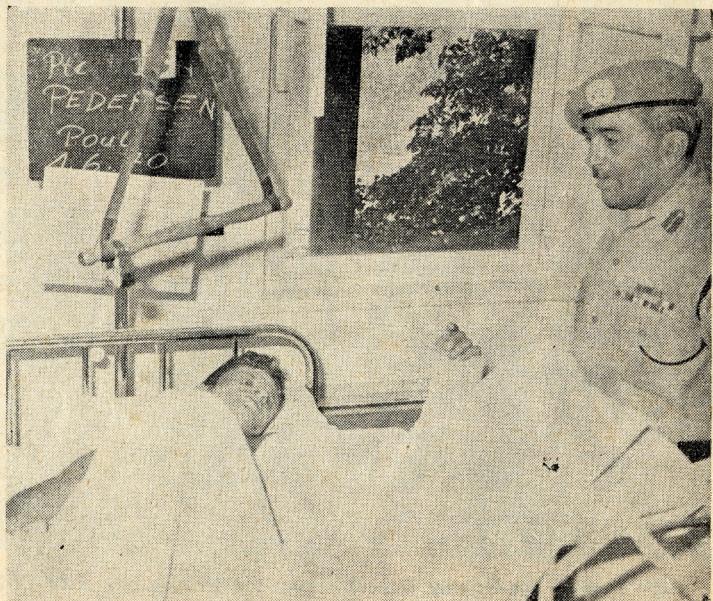
The Government of Australia has decided to make a further contribution of 50,000 US dollars for the period ended 15th of December, 1969. The Secretary-General was informed about the contribution by the Permanent Representative of Australia, Sir Laurence McIntyre.

Commander Visits

Crash Victim

Private Poul Pedersen, Dancon, was seriously injured in a car accident near Morphou on 1st June last. The doctors say he is coming along splendidly.

Our picture shows the Force Commander visiting Poul in the Austrian Field Hospital shortly after the accident.



EKSTRA- UDSTYR I TELTENE

Dancons flytning fra Nicosia til Lefka-distrikt betød også ændring af indkvarteringsformen. Teltene, som nu benyttes, kan være udmarkede, men de har deres begrænsning. De isolerer ikke effektivt for varmen og de er ikke særlig komfortable.

For at bøde på det forsyner beboerne dem efterhånden med ekstra udstyr som f. ex. vandvarmere og køleskabe. Den slags kræver elektrisk strøm indlagt i hvert telt.

På billedet herunder kryller elektrikeren, KS H. Struck, på telttryggen for at inspicere ledningssystemet og sikre strømforsyningen til de trivselsfremmende aggregater.



■ En anden bekvemmelighed, som dog ikke kræver strøm, vinder også indpas i alle lejre, nemlig saunaen. Finnerne, som jo er eksperter på følet både hvad angår brug og fremstilling af badstuerne, stiller sig gerne til rådighed, når saunaer ønskes installeret. På billedet er KP Pekka Ikonen, MG Harri Himberg og MG Jaakko Simelius i ferd med at opbygge en sauna i Xeroslejren.



■ Som det vil være alle bekendt består Dancon nu af to kompagnier, et stabskompani og et let kompani. Det lette kompani hed tidligere "Charlie" og nu hedder det "Rifle Coy". Se billedet af kompagniskiltet ved Limnitislejren. Det kære barn har mange navne!



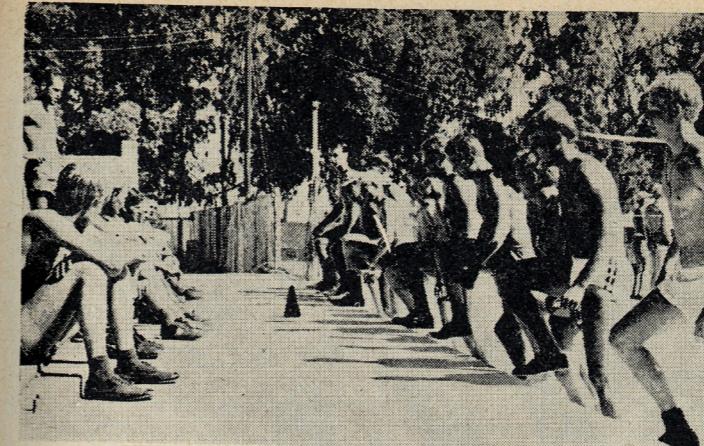
■ I sidste uge overtog Dancon vagten ved Headquarter efter Britcon. Billedet er taget under vagtovertagelses-proceduren.

DANCON NYT

AFTENGUDS- TJENESTER

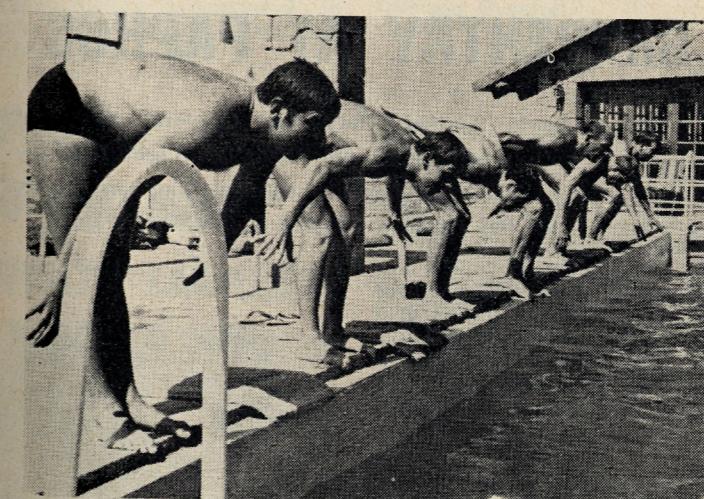
Søndagsgudstjenesterne i Dancon vil nu blive forsøgt henlagt til aftentimerne. Efter at sommeren for alvor har indfundet sig, er det blevet for varmt at holde gudstjeneste om formiddagen, og på søndag holdes gudstjenesten i Xeros derfor om aftenen.

CAMP RONDEN



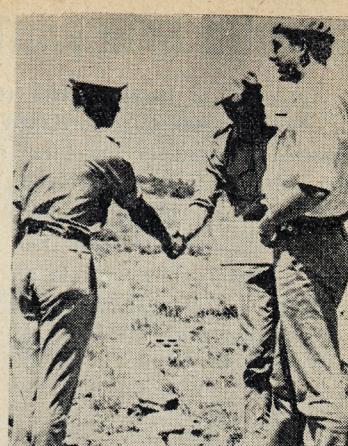
■ Det konditionstränas dagligen på 44 C. Killarna blir brunare och brunare. Och det allmänna välbefinnetet bättre och bättre, hoppas vi. Fj Anders Johansson, idrottsuoff,

kollar noga upp den detaljen. Som ovan t.v. där han håller ett vakande öga på tredje platon när den som bäst är i färd med teststampet.

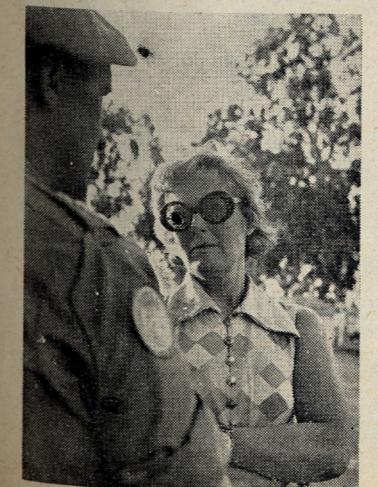
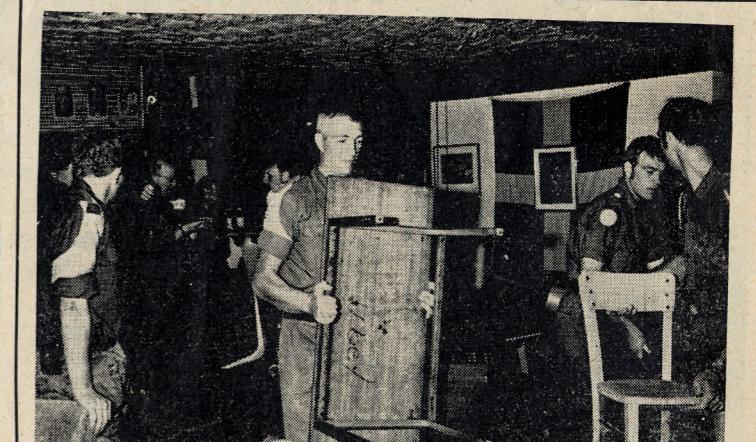
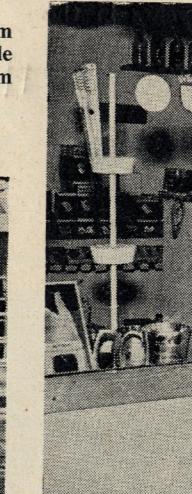


■ På "startpallarna" t.v. ses: N.P. Pålman, Landskrona, Staffan Malmsten, Karlskrona, Anders Johansson, Boden, Sven Hansson, Göteborg, Mr Anonymus, och Inge Nilsson, Karlstad.

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■ En marketentare med svada har vi fått i fu Arne Nilsson, Tyringe, i mitten. Här ovan, med bistånd av S.Å. Melkersson, Näshult, kursande träfigur till okänt skägg.



■ Carl Gustaf Camp är ett populärt sightseeingobjekt, i synnerhet för svenska turister på besök i Famagusta. Det händer allt som oftast att de kommer ut och hälsar på oss. Ovan "briefar" mj Stig Landgren, kommandanten, t.h., en nyanländ kult från Fritidsresor.

■ Till vänster ett bekant ansikte. "Fru Nilsson i Hylands hörna", kanske mera bekant som skådespelerskan Marianne Nielsen och mamma till heller icke okända Monica Nielsen. Med ryggen mot kameran batpastorn mj Lennart Alasjö.



■ Grabbarna på ubef har en mysig mäss. Inte minst därför att de städar och pyntar så prudentligt. Som ovan, före ett av de vanliga så trevliga samkvämen. I städagen fr.v.: Fu Bengt Andersson, Gotland, rustm John Strömberg, Umeå, fu Björn Rasmussen, Bromölla, öfu P.-O. Larsson, Boden, och fu Arne Nilsson, Tyringe.

■ Nya kvastar sopar bäst! - Det är en sanning med modifikation. Åtminstone när man ser rustm Evert Nilsson, Umeå, i aktion, t.v. Eller hur?

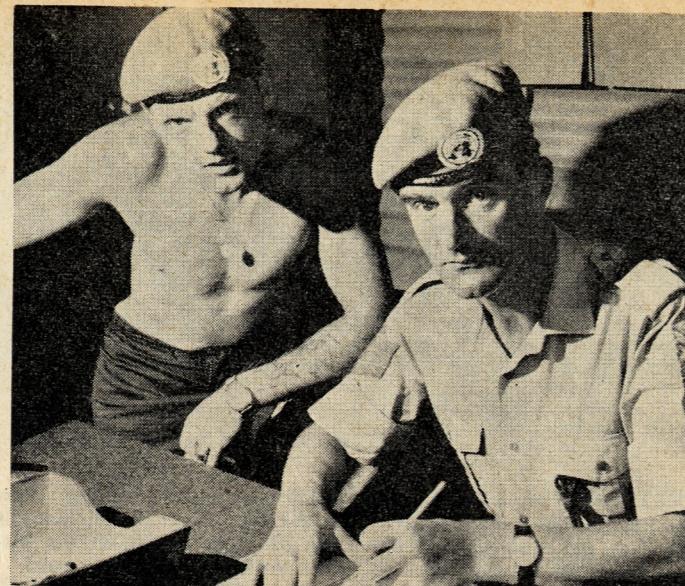
COLOUR SERGEANT'S STORES CHECK

The job of looking after the stores of a large company like Headquarter Company, 3rd Battalion The Light Infantry, requires continuous checking and supervision. Here Colour Sergeant Mick Vague (right) is going through his list of stores with one of the company storemen, Private Bill Corbet.

Mick is married and has three children. His wife is at present in Plymouth. He is a Cornishman and started his service in the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry in 1959 as a National Serviceman.

On the amalgamation of the regiment with the Somerset Light Infantry he was transferred to the Kings Shropshire Light Infantry where he became a regular. He was promoted in April 1970.

Bill Corbet is married to a Plymouth girl and has two children. He was born in Liverpool but his parents are now living in Shrewsbury. He has served nine years in the Army and is due to leave the service in October of this year.



CARPENTRY AT PAPHOS

Private David Southall (left) and Corporal Raymond Turner are both members of 3rd Battalion Light Infantry Assault Pioneer Platoon. They are seen working on a new tiller for one of the Albacore Sailing Dinghies at Paphos.

David is 24 years old and he comes from Staffordshire. A married man, he has done 6½ years with the Light Infantry and he says he is enjoying the Cyprus tour but misses his family.

Ray comes from Hartlepool, County Durham and he has been an assault pioneer for six years. He is in charge of the pioneers at Paphos where there is always plenty of work to be done. He is married with one son and his wife, although normally resident with him at Plymouth, is now back in Hartlepool awaiting his return to the United Kingdom.



SCOTS GREYS SCOUT CAR CREW

Seated in the driving seat of his Ferret Scout Car, above, is Trooper Ian Grady whose home town is Glasgow. The photograph was taken from the car commander's seat.

In the turret of the Ferret Scout Car is Sergeant David Yates who has been in the Army for eleven years. Davy is a troop leader of a troop of Armoured Cars. Working on the engine and tightening up the carburettor is Trooper Don Wright who is the driver of the car.

BRITCON NEWS



HOUSE WARMING PARTY

On Saturday 6th June 1970, the Corporals Club of 3rd Battalion Light Infantry held an informal party in their mess at Polemidhia.

Invitations went to various ladies messes and a contingent of eight Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps and four Women's Royal Army Corps came by coach and had a very good evening.

The "Scene". Members of the Corporals Club at their house warming party on Saturday 6th June 1970.

IRISH BLOOD HELPED SAVE WOMAN'S LIFE

Blood given by two Non-Commissioned Officers of 'A' Company, Irish Infantry Group, based in Wolfe Tone Camp, Larnaca, helped save the life of a Greek Cypriot woman of Anglissides on June 2nd.

Elizabeth Christou was taken to the Larnaca Hospital for treatment, but it was found that the blood bank did not have the plasma of the type needed. Attempts to find blood donors who had the blood group of 'O' negative failed, and an appeal was passed through the Cypriot Police to the local United Nations Headquarters.

Quickly the Orderly Room of 'A' Company checked its records and found two Non-Commissioned Officers with the blood group required and they readily volunteered to give blood which saved the life of the woman.

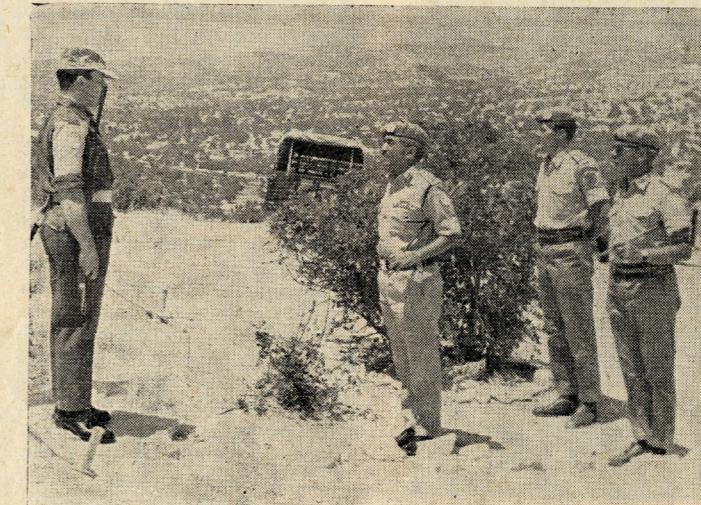


• Photograph shows (l. to r.) Corporal John Walsh and Sergeant Joseph Scott with some Staff Sisters of Larnaca Hospital.



FORCE COMMANDER VISITS LARNACA

On Thursday, 11th June, Major General D. Prem Chand paid an official visit to 'B' Company, Kophinou. On arrival he was received by Lieutenant Colonel Martin O'Brien, Officer Commanding 18th Infantry Group, and Commandant Bill Bunworth, Officer Commanding 'B' Company, who welcomed him to Kophinou. Later the Force Commander visited 'B' Company observation posts.



• Above we see Private Paddy Doherty 1st Infantry Battalion, Galway, handing over his post on "Tango" observation post to Major General D. Prem Chand. Also in the group are Lieutenant James Lally, Commandant Bill Bunworth and Corporal R. O'Connor, 3rd Battalion, Curragh.



"LILY WHITES" HOLD THE FORT

In Kophinou compound we have many Kildare men, who, while they have top class soldiers.

This group above are stationed in various units in the Curragh Camp and many of them have seen foreign service before.

They are (Front row left to right) Private Patrick Buckley, Thomas Reilly and Lieutenant John ("The Shot") Byrne.



IRCON NEWS

BROTHERS IN ARMS

Most units have sets of brothers, and the 18th Infantry Group is no exception.

Below we see two from 'B' Company, Kophinou, building a shelter of sandbags. They are the Devlin brothers of Great Water Street, Longford. Martin (on roof) is the kid brother. He is single and having his first taste of overseas service. His home unit is 4th Field Signals, Athlone.

Edward the "Old Campaigner" is on his third trip overseas, having served with the 4th and 6th Infantry Groups.

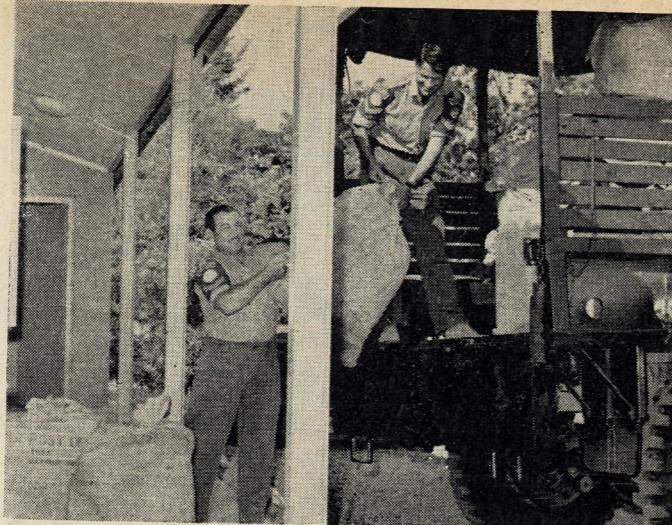
THE POSTIES

If there is a group of lads whose work is normally ignored, especially at a home station, it is the officers and men of the postal branch of our Forces. At home, very seldom do we come in contact with them. On exercises and in the field they provide one of the most — if not THE most — important service to a soldier's morale.

They probably see more happy faces — and also more sad ones — than anyone else in the contingent. Sometime someone will even go as far as blaming those "somebodies" for something that someone else did not do.

Sometime is practically everyday; 'someone' is almost every number of the contingent at one time or another; someone else is invariably a wife or girlfriend; something is always a letter; and now introducing the "somebody": the man from the Post Office.

Exceptionally, in an assignment such as peacekeeping in Cyprus, the men from the post



● Corporal Williams and Clark load a truck with home-word-bound bags. Although the number varies from week to week (anywhere between 10 and 50 bags weekly) a good average for the 6-month tour would be 1,000 bags loaded and off-loaded.

kept in a way that would permit tracking of the incoming traffic, we can safely assume it to include close to 150,000 air mail letters as well. And that folks is a lot of letters! If on top of that you add handling some 32 tons of parcel post to Canada and some \$20,000. stamp sales, not to mention a great amount in money orders, you have a post office doing the same business as that in a town of 5,000 in Canada.

The "posties" work-day as a rule begins at 6 am when they sort the outgoing mail that has to be delivered to the airport at 7.15 am. The normal opening hours of the post office are normal working hours but three afternoons a

week one of the posties delivers the mail to the leave centres in Famagusta and Kyrenia. To enable them to do so, they have to keep track of all the personnel on leave, a time consuming proposition.

If one considers that thrice weekly mail arrives on an evening flight from London, England, is sorted out the same night and the post office kept open for one or two hours thereafter, one gets some idea of the time the posties log on the job.

Busiest day of the week of course is Tuesday, airplane day, when all the parcel post and regular mail is handled. One day recently, the flight arrival being delayed, the post office stayed open till after 11 pm to distribute the incoming correspondence. Now, that is real efficiency!... receiving three notices of unpaid bills at 11 o'clock at night... hum



● Corporal Roy Cooper (left edge of photo) attends to the daily bookkeeping chores while Corporal Bert Clark (right) verifies a parcel being mailed home by Corporal John Letorneau.

CANCON NEWS
Canadian Forces Photos

CHIEF DIETICIAN HERE: Lieutenant-Colonel Betty McCaffrey, the head of food services at Canadian Forces Headquarters in Ottawa, visited the contingent on an inspection and liaison tour last week. Colonel McCaffrey scrutinized menus, methods of procurement and kitchen facilities in an effort to ever improve the quality of our "grub". Cheer up, someone up there loves us! (and we love you too ma'am). On our photo Colonel McCaffrey treats her taste buds with one of Corporal Ric Paul's many specialties.

AT THE SHARP END... The officers and men of the rifle companies deployed along the Green Line like to hear themselves referred to as 'the folks at the "sharp end". And here is one of the "sharp enders". Private Joe Dugas of Delta Company, keeping a lookout at an observation post in the Paphos Gate area.



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Viestihuolto toimii

Pataljoonan viestihuolto toimii esikunnan alakerrassa entisen varusvaraston tiloissa. Hyllyt ovat täynnä putkia, vastuksia ja muita komponentteja. Viestihuollon päätehtävänä on korjata pataljoonan puhelimet, radiot ja sähkölaitteet.

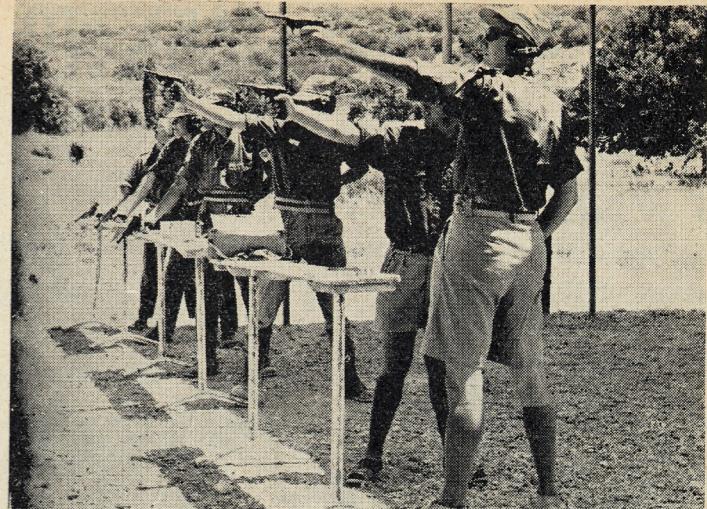
Toimissaan erikoisolohteissa täällä Kyp-

roksella joutuu viestihuolto kuitenkin huoltamaan mitä erilaismimpia kojeita, vaikka ne eivät normaalista sen työpöriin kuuluisi-kaan.

Televisioiden, nauhureiden ja levysaittojen korjaukset eivät ole vieraita nekään.



Yliv Sipola ja alik Grahnroth arkisessa aherruksessa tarkastamassa Risto-radion kuntoa.



Pistolikoulouamusta meneillään. Käden vakavuutta ja silmän tarkkuutta kokeilevat ev Reino Raitasaari, kapt Pekka Syväterä, vääp Unto Hurskainen, jäkärit Markku Harjunmaa, Kari Tolonen, Erkki Veittikoski.

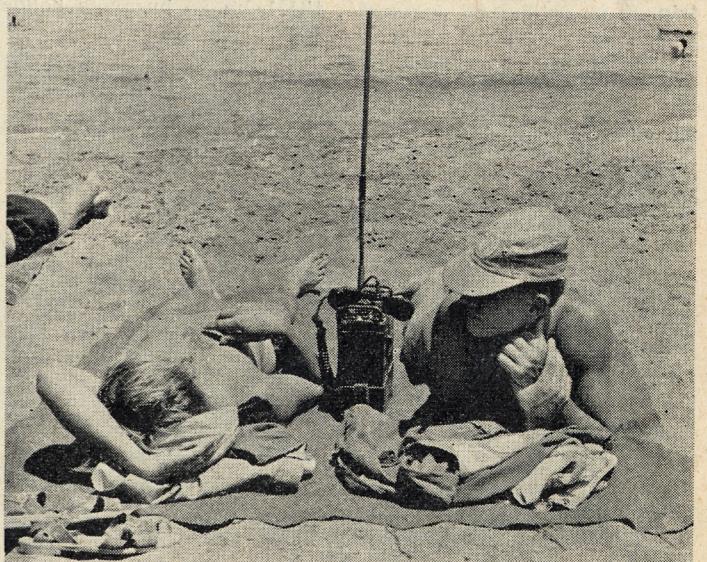
vissyjää helposti helteellä. Mitä auringonottoon tulee, niin on todettava, että rusketus ei välttämättä ole terveyden merkki. Se on ihon suojaustutkina polttavia sääteitä vastaan. Vaaleaihoiset palavat helpommin kuin tummaihoiset, joilla on ihossa pigmenttihiukkasia enemmän. Ihmiskehon D-vitamiinitalous on kylläkin auringosta riippuvainen, mutta siihen riittää jo kasvojen joutuminen auringonvalolle alittiaksi. Vaarallinen lämpötila on 42 astetta: jos se ylietää ihmiskehossa, tulee loppu! Vaikka joutuisikin suurempaan lämpötilaan, keho suojahtuu haittamatalla, mitä juuri hikoaminen on, joka alentaa ruumiin lämpöä sopiaaksi. Hyviä auringonotto-päiviä, mutta muistakaan että rusketus on vain muotiasia: matkamuisto Suomeen eikä juuri muuta.

FINCON
NEWS

Kuuma kesä

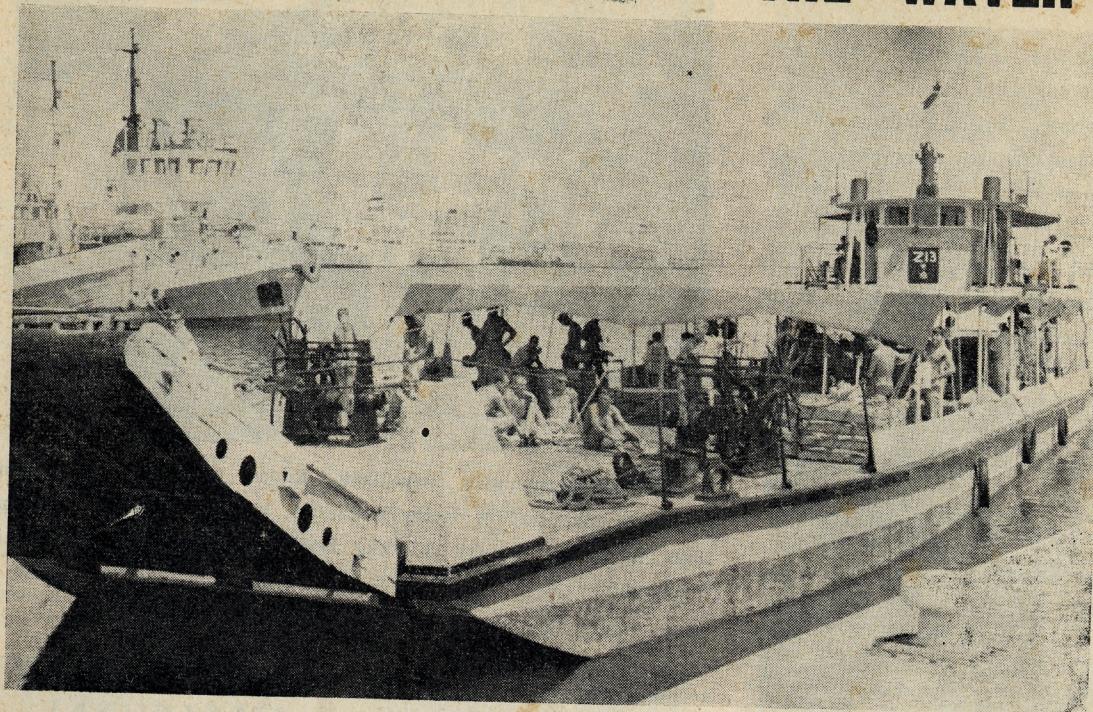
Kesä on tullut jäädäkseen. Pilvisi ja sateisia päiviä on enää turha odottaa. Päivälämpötila alkaa olla lähellä 40 astetta ja yölläkin lämmintä on hyvin joukon yli 20 astetta. Aurinko helottaa ja hiki pursuu.

Paikalliset asukkaat istuskelevat varjossa ja "vain hullut ja pohjoismaalaiset kävelevät auringonpäisteessä." Koska on sytyt olettaa, etteivä härmäläiset ymmärrä, että aurinkokin saattaa olla vaarallinen, esitimme kysymyksen pataljoonan lääkäriille, evi David von Flittnerille, mitä hellesässä on sytyt mistä. Hän kertoi, että kuumana kautena hikoamisen ollessa hyvin runsasta henkilökohtaiseen hygieniaan on kiinnitettävä paljon huomiota. Hikoillessa erittä kehosta suoloja ja hivenaineita, mikä aiheuttaa janoon tunnetta yhtä paljon kuin nestevajaus. Mitä enemmän hikoaa, sitä enemmän huuhtoutuu pois näitä tärkeitä aineita. Seurauskaan on yltvä jano ja yltvä huuhteleminen. On kai itsekkin toteamus, ettei jano juomalla vähene. Ruokasuola eli natriumkloridi, minkä syömällä monet uskovat korvaavansa suolojen puutteen, on vain yksi näistä tärkeistä suoloista ja hivenaineista, joka erääläisenä korvikkeena piristää tilapäisesti. Tärkeitä hivenaineita ja suoloja saamme riittävästi kun syömme monipuolisesti ja nautimme paljon hedelmää sekä vihanneksia. Uupumus ei yllätä kas-



Aurinko paistaa "rakittää" pilvettömältä [taivalta, auringonpalvojat lojut raukeina ja välinpitämättöminä. Kuitenkin on aina joku joka valvo. Jääkärit Jorma Nikkinen ja Pekka Hujanen 2 JK:sta pitivät huolta siitä, että yhteydet toimivat odottamattoman varalta.

65 SQN RCT TAKE TO THE WATER



Being hard working members of the transport world has its advantages when it comes



● Corporal J. Mitchell of 65 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport chats with Corporal McGaw, chief clerk of the Squadron whilst on the Z craft trip.

to organised boat trips.

59 Port Squadron, Royal Corps of Transport at Famagusta hired the Z craft to us for Saturday 13th June. Apart from their normal role of ship-to-shore logistic support they provide an excellent vessel for a days outing.

Members of the Squadron relaxed in comparative luxury as they sailed the high seas to Fig Tree Bay, anchored there for a delicious curry lunch and returned in the middle of the afternoon to Famagusta.

It was an excellent days relaxation for the squadron despite the hazardous ten minutes with Major J.H. Jordan at the helm — busmans holiday!



● Staff Sergeant Vick Rantala, Fincon, recently of HQ UNFICYP Economics Branch is now back in Finland via Copenhagen and Stockholm. Our picture shows him on the homeward journey checking his baggage at Nicosia Airport. Movements Sergeant Finn Hanssen, Dancon, makes certain he has not exceeded the baggage allowance.



● Captain Powell, Squadron Sergeant Major Les Hickling and the Force photographer Staff Sergeant Mick Green, (grown ups centre, right and left) having failed to beat off the hoards of children decided that if they couldn't beat them they would join them.

HQ Plumber

Lance Corporal John (Ginge) Twist is the Plumber at Headquarters UNFICYP.

John came to Cyprus from Field Support Squadron Royal Engineers in Yorkshire. Our photograph shows John repairing the tap in the photographic darkroom.



MP NOTEBOOK

Accidents - Unficyp

Week ending	—	8
13 Jun 70	—	8
Same period	—	
last Year	—	6
Total this Year	—	187
Same period	—	
last Year	—	165
Main Cause of accidents this week -		

"FOLLOWING TOO CLOSE AND IMPROPER TURNING"