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PARADE FOR THE SWEDISH KING

The King of Sweden, Gustav VI Adolf, has recently celebrated his 90th birthday, and the Swedish UN-Contingent in Famagusta honoured the day in a very splendid way. With a mounted colour-guard, fanfares and speech from the District Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Samelius, the Swedish contingent was on parade in full dress.

After the ceremony the DC and representatives of all ranks in the battalion, representatives from Swedish civilian police HQ in Nicosia and the Swedish consulate general in Cyprus had a special celebration luncheon at the Officers' mess. The picture shows the mounted colour-guard during the parade.



An early morning talk: Lieutenant Colonel H. E. Skaarup, Commanding Officer of the new Danish Contingent, settling in at present was welcomed to Nicosia Airport by Lieutenant Colonel V. Ubbe in the early morning a few days ago. Lieutenant Colonel V. Ubbe, seen to the right in the picture, has been Commander Dancon for the past year.

TREE OF IRON AT AFH



TO THE DRIVER

Keep your eyes on the road — and let the passenger tell you about the birds.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFICYP

The Secretary-General has been informed that the Government of Denmark has decided to make a further contribution of 120,000 dollars to meet the costs of UNFICYP for the period ending 15th December 1972. Also the Secretary-General has been informed that Somalia has contributed 1,000 dollars to UNFICYP.

The "genealogical tree": Some years ago the staff at the Austrian Field Hospital imported an idea from Vienna. At the Stephans Platz in Vienna you can find a "stick in iron", a dead tree into which in former days journeymen hammered a nail in order to pay their tribute to the town. Over the years the stem was covered with nails and it has now become a protected monument. At the Field Hospital they have an old trunk on which departing staff members nail their nameplate. Major Hans Wiedhofner, AFH, shows this "genealogical tree" which maybe some day will be covered all over with names of Austrians who have served at the AFH within UNFICYP.

AFSKED MED DANCON XVII

Mandag, den 13 NOV aflagde Force Commander, Major General Prem Chand i løbet af formiddagen afskedsbesøg hos Dancon XVII. Ankomsten meldtes af helikopterens surren. Først landede generalen i Kokkina, tog derfra til Limnitis og afsluttede besøget i Xeroslejren. Hvert sted var alle afgående konstabler opstillet til parade, og F.C. gik ned langs rækkerne og vekslede nogle venlige ord med hver enkelt.

I sin afskedstale i Xeroslejren rettede generalen en tak til alle for den tjeneste, der var gjort. OP, ernes job og patruljekørselen kun-

ne ikke gennemføres uden det støttende arbejde, der bliver udført i lejrene for at bringe forsyninger frem og klare vedligeholdelsen, denne tjeneste er defor lige så vigtig. Denne lejr er en hyldelse til jeres tjeneste. Her er ydet hårdt arbejde og nået et smukt resultat.

Officerer og sergenter havde taget opstilling i deres respektive messer, og her henvendte generalen sig til hver især med spørgsmål om den enkeltes tjeneste og et håndtryk til tak og farvel. Til en bemærkning om, at der ikke havde været så meget reelt arbejde at udføre udadtil, hvilket kunne virke nok så kedsommeligt, bemærkede generalen, at det skulle betragtes som et godt tegn på at det gik den rigtige vej med virket i fredens tjeneste på Cypern.



●Generalen veksler ord med KS H.J.A. Hansen t.h. (m. ryggen til) KS Frede V. Andersen. OL V. J. Ubbe. KS Asferg (længst t.h.)

DANCON NYT



●Generalen i Sergentmessen ledsaget af OS J. Lomholdt. SG M. Eriksen får håndtryk. t.v. SSG J.S.S. Olsen. T.h. SG S.P. Strømgård.

ANKOMST AF PERSONEL TIL DANCON XVIII

14 nov. kl. 04 i nattens mulm, var flyhold 1, bestående af 100 gengangere og 10 afgående, formeret på stillepladsen i Xeroslejren.

ren. OL V.J. Ubbe sagde nu, da alle var samlet, farvel til styrken og takkede for god tjeneste under hold 17, og ønskede godt for orloven i Danmark og tjenesten under hold 18. Så hankede man op i

håndbagagen og tog plads i køretøjerne. Kl. 5.30 ankomst til Nicosia lufthavn og indmarch i afgangshallen. Ventetiden blev længere end beregnet. Flyet fra nord var forsinket i over en time, på grund af mellemlanding i Saloniki for optankning.

I mellemtiden stod solen op, og det tålmodigt ventende transportpersonel fik så den oplevelse at se solen stige hastig op over synsranden i øst. Kyreniabjergenes konturer blev synlige, fuglene tog til at kvitre, og dagens klarhed bredte sig overalt. Kl. 6.50 landede den elegante Supercaravelle med 131 passagerer. De nye så noget blege og trætte ud, de sagde ikke ret meget, men deres øjne var spærret op for at betragte alt det nye.

TO fik hurtig personellet fordelt i de ventende busser. Lastvognene kørte ind til Caravellen og fik bagagen læstet på. Snart bevægede en længere vognkolonne sig mod Xeros. Her stod man og ventede med morgenkaffe. Formiddagen gik med at blive vist rundt og komme

Det tør ytres, at det ej er muligt, at fremdrage enkelte ting, men det tør også ytres, at målet er nået, når man har fået tingene til at gå. Hvad var og er så målet er, at andre ikke mærker, at man er der—og det mål er nået i Dancon XVII tid. Vi har haft tøj på kroppen, bilerne har kørt og bygninger har rejst sig—kort sagt, systemet har fungeret. En kan vel ikke tillade sig, at give gode råd, men kunne man, skulle det vel være, at jo mindre man mærker til logistikerens, jo bedre.

God arbejdslyst Dancon XVIII. Den gamle Logistiker TO

på plads med kuffert og køjesæk i anviste kvarterer. De nye konstabler kunne nok få plads i tomme senge. Men flere befalingsmænd måtte nøjes med en midlertidig indkvartering i Xeroslejrens vel-færdscenter. Det var godt at komme til ro efter den første forvirrende dag og vågne frisk op til alt det nye. Det nye hold er tydeligvis præget af oplagthed og frisk energi. Vi gamle ønsker hold 18 velkommen og en god tid på Cypern.

GOD DAG OG FARVEL

I en fra den gamle redacteur med faderpen nedprentet henvendelse, haver han spurgt, hvad mon var den gamle logistikers cephalgina (hovedpine, red.) under de nys henrundne sex månedskifter—yderligere haver føromtalt redacteur spurgt om der var nogle opmuntringer i samme tidsmål?

Hvorvel det kan synes kontrært er svaret på begge spørgsmål det samme, nemlig SOLDATER AF ALLE KATEGORIER—havde det ikke været for dem, havde den gamle logistiker nok nået at blive solforbrændt—havde det ikke været for dem havde den gamle logistiker nok kedet sig over alle grænser. Man kunne også have svaret PROBLEMER AF ALLE KATEGORIER. Hovedpinen har været at løse dem, opmuntringen, at de stadig er strømmet ind—det er altid en opmuntring at andre har tillid til, at man kan hjælpe dem.

NEWS IN BRIEF...

News in brief is a new column in English, where the English-speaking contingents can have some information about what is going on at Swedcon. We have a wish to inform everybody about our activities, which up till now has been secretly hidden in the Swedish language.

The Blue Beret of this week contains, among other things, an article about the King of Sweden who recently celebrated his 90th birthday. Of course Swedcon honoured the day as well. With a mounted color-guard, fanfares and parade in full dress we showed our respect to the monarch.

An other article contains the happy news of our new sauna, which has been rebuilt again after the fire, some months ago. The new sauna was bought in Sweden to the cost of about 600 pounds. The other day it was formally opened by the second in command, lieutenant colonel Norinder, who was also the first to use it.

TVÅA I LAG FIN ISNATS



Swedcons terränglöpningslag svarade för en fin insats i det nyligen avgjorda "Cross Country Race". Tävligen som gick mellan de olika FN-kontingenterna på ön avgjordes vid AFH utanför Nicosia. Svensarna blev tvåa i lag och som bäst trea individuellt genom Arvidsson på stabsexp. Lagets medlemmar var uppträffad på bilden, Sandvall, Karlsson, Arvidsson, Samuelsson, Sylvefjord och Gustavsson.

SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos

LONG LIVE THE KING



Det är inte ofta (högst 10 gånger om året) som den svenska flaggan hissas vic Carl Gustaf Camp i Famagusta. Men vid kungens 90-års dag åkte den givetvis i topp. Här ses vaktstyrkan anlända med nationalsymbolen. Stiligt eller hur!

Hans Majestät Konungens 90-års dag blev en alldeles speciell högtid för oss FN-svenskar på Cypern. Man "förvandlade" lördag till söndag, klädde sig i högtidsdräkt och hissade den svenska flaggan till tonerna av en smattrande fanfarr trumpet. Under förmiddagen paraderade hela den hemmavarande styrkan vid en högtidsceremoni på Carl Gustaf Camp, i vilken bland annat deltog något så ovanligt som en beriden fanvakt.

Det var kavallerimajoren Per-Erik Ritzén som red i spetsen med fanan och efter honom återfanns majoren Lars Nilsson, "storstinky" hälsovårdsinspektören Gunnar Welin och fanjunkaren Tord Anders-

son. Detta tillsammans med fänriken Kjell Janssons trumpetfanfarer bidrog i allra högsta grad till att ge dagen en speciell fest-sämning.

Under paraden höll chefen, överstelöjtnant Bengt Samelius, ett kort tal till truppen där han bland annat erinrade om kungens personliga anknytning till Afrodites ö. Majestätet deltog som bekant i de svenska utgrävningar som företogs på Cypern i början av 30-talet.

Därefter utbringades ett fyrfaldigt leve för jubilarer och korus med soldatbön och andra traditionella inslag följde.

Till en speciell högtidslunch på

officersmännen hade chefen inbjudit gäster från alla kategorier inom bataljonen, samt representanter från CIVPOL, HQ i Nicosia och den svenska konsulära representationen på Cypern.

I samband med konungens högtidsdag sände bataljonen också ett hyllningstelegram till slottet i Stockholm vilket lød: "Svenska FN-kontingenten på Cypern framför i underdanighet sin hyllning till Eders Majestät på 90-års dagen från den ö på vilken svenska utgrävningar påbörjades för 42 år sedan och i vilka Eders Majestät personligen tagit aktiv del. Minnet därav lever i starkt och tack-samt minne".

ÄNTLIGEN - BASTUN ÅTERINVIGD!

Så har vi då äntligen fått en bastu igen vid Carl Gustaf Camp. Efter sju sorger och åtta bedrövelser anlände byggsats och aggregat från "Svedala" med Scacypen. Och väl här tog sig den alerta PI-gruppen verket an och kunde efter en dryg dags jobb presentera saunan fix och färdig för premiärbad.

Det var en efterlängtat nyhet som med blixstens hastighet spred sig runt campen och vid det här laget har nog de allra flesta hunnit bekanta sig med nytillskottet.

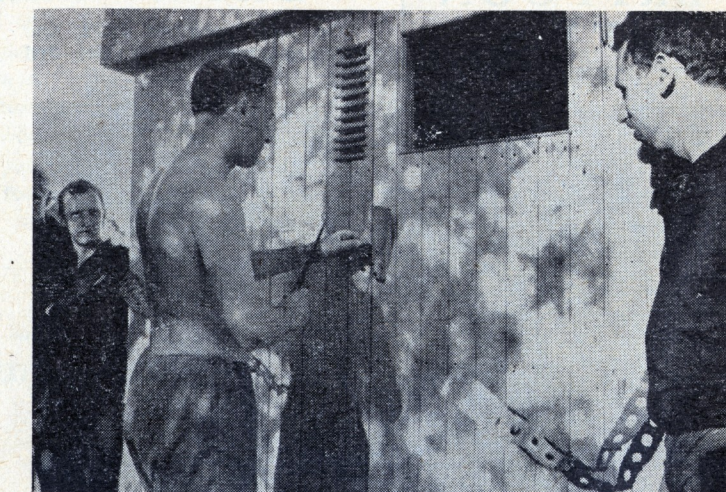
En festlig invigning blev det också. Second in command, övl Lars Norinder, klippte av bandet och premiärbadade tillsammans med bl a idrottsofficeren och PI-gruppen, medan åskådarna flockades kring "byggnaden".

En kort presentation av bastun. Den kostade cirka 7.000 kronor och köptes monteringsfärdig från Sverige. Utrymmet i den är begränsat och endast sju man åt gången kan bada.

Visste ni förresten hur det gick

till när den gamla saunan brann ned? En förtvivlad post ringer till MP för att larma. Hans engelska är knagglig och när store Jim svarar i andra ändan av tråden säger

han med darr på stämman: "The sauna is too hot! Naturally", svarade Jim och lade på luren...! Se alltså till att värmen håller sig normal i fortsättningen...



Överstelöjtnant Lars Norinder förrättade invigningen och klippte bl a av det obligatoriska bandet.

QUARTERMASTER - CAMP UNFIGYP

Its not often that the Quartermaster is invited to explain his activities, for this we must thank our friends in the Military Public Information Office (see last week's Blue Beret) and the Camp Commandant for passing this one on; we are delighted he is interested enough to order his copy of today's Blue Beret, Naturally it is available subject to it being signed for.

We provide general stores, equipment, clothing, accommodation, small arms, MFO, food, heating, welfare and sports stores, tailoring, shoe repairs, laundry, contracts including removal of swill, rubbish, yes and to crown the lot cess pits. If that isn't providing a down to earth service what is?

Despite the frustrations of having to re-learn old accounting systems and finding the hand on the till difficult to prise open, we think we are in a winning team. The task of the Camp Quartermaster falls into two channels.

The team operating the stores and accomodation etc. is mainly drawn from the RAOC with two exceptions, one Peter Sellars, a Sapper, and the Quartermaster himself, Major Ron Page who is a Gunner.

Peter returns to UK next week and can look back on a job well done, looking after the clothing and general stores assisted of course by the RQMS and QM.

The Ordnance team headed by the RQMS WO II Charles Woolard, recently issued to us from 15 BOD BAOR, includes Corporal "Taffy" Rowlands, a RAOC Depot Basic Training Instructor who has coped remarkably well with the exacting task of supplying, maintaining and resupplying accommodation stores of varying vintages to different Sub Units/Departments including HQ Officers' Mess and Sergeants' Mess.

It's for sure UN will never have a museum, Taffy sees that the stuff is always in use.

Working nearby in the Bedding and Laundry Stores Scott McKenna can be seen occasionally from behind several hundred bundles of laundry. This task, together with

accounting for masses of bedding for a floating population, is a full time headache, if you want to get a quick response from Scott, just whisper in his ear "Mattress Latex Foam".

Lance Corporal David Mytton plays a "Walter Mitty" role, mainly alternating between being a first class MFO Storeman and the Armourer. David knows every inch of the road to Famagusta Docks and several hundred MFO boxes have been heaved on and off trucks by him during his six months tour.

Still with the RAOC badge Lain Aird does all the clerical chores for the Quartermaster, son of a QM himself, Lain has settled in very well.

Last but not least the remaining RAOC badge is worn by WO II Charles Woolard who recently took over from WO II Love as RQMS. He has quickly made his presence felt, carries the reins lightly, and has already shown he knows what it's all about.

Any Quartermaster from another Arm is bound to get some sadistic pleasure from having a staff of RAOC at his disposal or perhaps a better word would be command. This thought is tempered with the knowledge they now know what it's like at the other end.

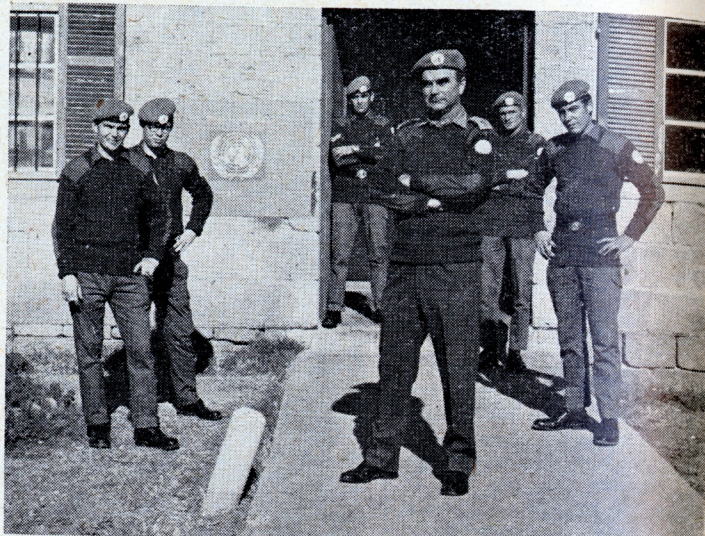
Before passing on to the other channel and messing, our guest players ought to get a mention first Chris our civilian clerk. Chris has regularly taken over a new QM each year for the last six years or so and is still with us. Phillip the BIA, not really on our staff but very much a part of our organization keeps the accomodation pieces going. Louis the tailor, of course patches up all the clothing we cannot change,

also runs a gift shop and provides an interesting library. Osman does a fine job as chief Tea Man and helps provide a regular Guard of Honour for VIP visits, none yet have got past his medals.

The other service supplied by Camp Quartermaster is provi-

ration NCO who also sees the Officers and Sergeant get their fair share of rations. Recently joined, Private Ron Greenwood keeps the meat nicely cut up and available for all kitchens.

If you want to get on, Camp Catering seem a good firm to join, two Coporals have recently been promoted from the ranks, Sergeant Elrick now in



● Seen in the picture are from the left: Private McKenna, RAOC, Private Aird, RAOC, Corporal Rowlands, RAOC, Major Ron Page, RA, Lance Corporal Mytton, RAOC and Sapper Sellers RE.

ded by courtesy of the Army Catering Corps, this team headed by the FCA WO II Morin, works away in the Main Kitchen and Dining Hall, Airfield Camp and Headquarters Officers' and Sergeants' Messes.

The Main Dining Hall and Kitchen has recently had a face lift and now looks more like the part, this is due to the efforts of WO I Bennet the FEWO, Sgt Dave Watson and his ACC boys and of course Corporal Bob Keen the Devon and Dorset rep in the Dining Hall. Together with the civilian chefs Dave Watson's team maintain the high standards of catering we now expect from the ACC. Backing up this effort is L/Bdr Tucker the

charge of the Sergeants' Mess Kitchen and Sergeant Fred Schwarzer, second in Command to Dave Watson in the fight to keep the customers away from Shafis'. Corporal Tom Adams, and the ACC's Secret Agent with the RCT Squadron Lance Corporal Healey ably assist in this task also.

At BBC the two Wilsons Sgt George and Corporal Scouse keep the Officers' Mess going. Corporal Wilson this week reached the finals of the ACC Individual Cookery Competition at Dhekelia, we have no news of the final verdict but he must have got it or come second as only two reached these heights.

Corporal Dave Fuller manages to keep the RSM in a mellow mood with the fare he supplies alongside Ian Elrick in the Sergeants' Mess. A professional team skippered by Mick Morin, the ACC are doing a good job.

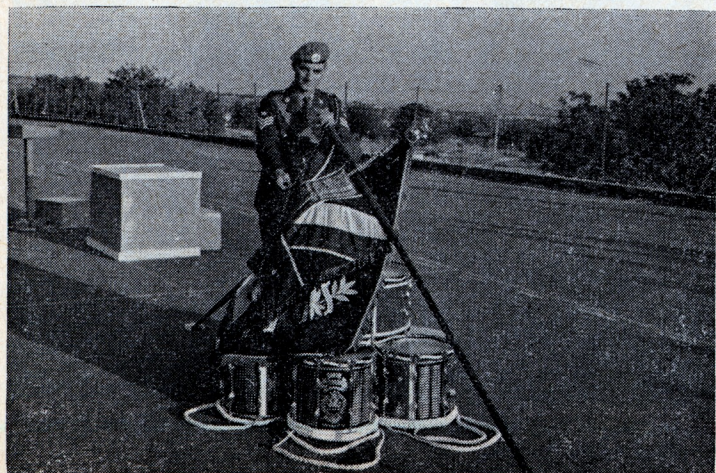
Battalion the Queen's Regiment attended a Drum Head Service held at Polemidhia Camp in memory of all those soldiers of all nations who have fallen in battle. Amongst those attending the service were Colour Sergeant "Bill" Dunston and his son. Colour Sergeant Dunston is longest serving member of the battalion. He joined the Royal Sussex Regiment in 1942. His many tours abroad read like a travel agent's brochure. Egypt, Syria, Hongkong, Korea, Palestine, Iraq, Persia and Tripoli, just to mention a few of them. His eldest son is also serving with the battalion. Our picture shows Colour Sergeant "Bill" Dunston arranging the Regimental Colours on the drums before the service.

MP NOTEBOOK ACCIDENTS — UNFIGYP	
Week Ending 17 Nov 72	— 7
Same Period Last Year	— 5
Total This Year	— 309
Same Period Last Year	— 281
Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:	
DRIVING WITHOUT DUE CARE AND ATTENTION	

BRITCON NEWS

DRUM HEAD SERVICE

On 12 November 1972, the officers and men of the 3rd



CROSS COUNTRY

Ircon competed in the Inter Contingent cross country race which took place on Friday 10th November 1972. The long period without competition since the Irish cross country running season ended in March reflected itself in the performance of our team. The team finished in sixth place which was not too bad in all the circumstances. Private Frank McEvoy was particularly unlucky as he was leading the field until he faltered three quarters of a mile from the finish. We expect that with more competition our team will become very formidable indeed.



● Not at all upset about the result of the Cross Country race, Sergeant Joe Spillane (centre right) enjoys a joke with Corporal Pat Nash.



● Sergeant Dick O'Brien firing on Dhekelia Range watched by Corporal Tony McGlynn and Captain Paul Quirke (Standing on right).



● Private John Murphy adjusts brakes while in the background Private Paddy Bradshaw works away.

IRCON NEWS

SPORT AT LARNACA

VOLLEYBALL

A volleyball league has just begun with a view to selecting a team to compete in the inter Contingent event due to take place on Friday the 8th of December 1972. It is expected that competition between the eight teams will be very keen. As yet no team has emerged as favourites though Sergeant Joe Spillane, coach to No 2 Platoon is claiming that the league will be a matter of form for his team. We will wait and see.

SHOOTING

The process of selection of teams for the forthcoming Falling Plates competition got under way on Monday 13th November 1972 when personnel of 23 Infantry Group fired sub machine guns and pistols at Dhekelia ranges. A feature of the day's shooting was the very good form displayed by Company Sergeant Fox was Champion sub machine gun shot in the Irish Army shooting competitions in 1971.

with the response and it is expected that the competition will be a very good one. It is hoped that the final will take place before Christmas.

TRAINING

On Thursday 16 November 1972 members of the 23 Infantry Group were out early to undergo training in helicopter drills. The training which was carried out with Aviation Flight, HQ UNFIGYP proved to be very enjoyable and personnel are keenly looking forward to further training of this type.

DARTS

An individual darts competition is being run at the present time. The organisers of the competition. Sergeant Kit Kemmy and Sergeant Joe Spillane, have been inundated with entries. They are very pleased

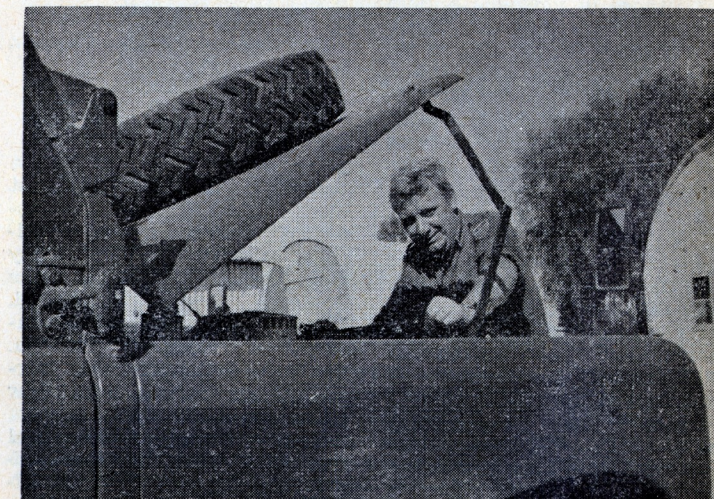
PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

Our fitter Sergeant is Sergeant Barney Ryan who is now on his fourth tour of duty with UNFIGYP. Sergeant Ryan whose home station is Sarfield Barracks, Limerick also served in Kolwezi in the Republic of the Congo in 1963. In his previous tours with UNFIGYP he

served in Xeros and Zyyi. Sergeant Ryan's job is obviously a vital one and together with his assistants Private John Murphy and Private Paddy Bradshaw he does a great job in keeping the wheels turning for 23 Infantry Group.

ONE MINUTE GAINED

COULD MEAN ONE LIFE LOST



CITY COMPANY

In early October, B Company, Second Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, commanded by Captain Louis Barbeau, took over from City Squadron, The Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians). The company assumed command of eight manned outposts on or near the Green Line and responsibility for several vehicle and foot patrols.

City company portion of the Green Line is continually in the public eye. The favourite tour made by United Nations visitors, foreign journalists and tourists is along the Green Line east from Paphos Gate to the area of Hermes II. In addition to their normal observation duties, the sentries at Paphos Gate and Hermes II often act as information agencies for tourists requiring assistance to find streets and shops.

Other outposts are in quieter locations, particularly Electra House and Paphos II which are on the top of tall buildings. These positions offer magnificent views of the city both by day and by night but they are lonely places, especially during the night. The professional ability and sense of responsibility



● The picture shows Corporal Ron Matheson operating the switchboard at City Company Command Post.

of the young corporal and private ensure that the company outposts maintain their vigilance at all times.

Probably the most unusual outpost in the company area is Roccas Bastion. Situated on a bastion of the walled city, the purpose of the position is to watch the sports field below. The Green Line runs along the edge of the sports field with the stands in Greek Cypriot territory and the field on the Turkish Cypriot side. Whenever a soccer game is played, the outpost reports the

game to company headquarters and a security section is despatched to watch the field.

In addition to manning points on the Green Line, the company undertakes vehicle and foot patrols to check areas of contention and buildings of importance in the Nicosia area. One of the patrols is a joint one with the Austrian Civil Police who are responsible for civil affairs in Nicosia District.

As yet, the company has not been able to conduct refresher training. However, to maintain their efficiency as infantrymen, members of the company have fired range practices and have thrown grenades on the Dhekelia range. These practices are conducted annually throughout the infantry no matter where battalions are serving.

Sport and recreation activities occupy the spare time of the soldiers. The company is well represented on the battalion cross-country and soccer teams and in participating in the inter-company sports programme. The company has recreational facilities both at Beaver Lodge and Manor House and these are used frequently



● Bicycling to work. Privates Robert Dunne (left), and Ken Willerton Beaver Lodge on their way to outpost duty on the Green Line.

by all soldiers. In addition, the men are able to go shopping downtown in their time off and to see in detail what normally they only glimpse in passing on their way to and from the outposts.

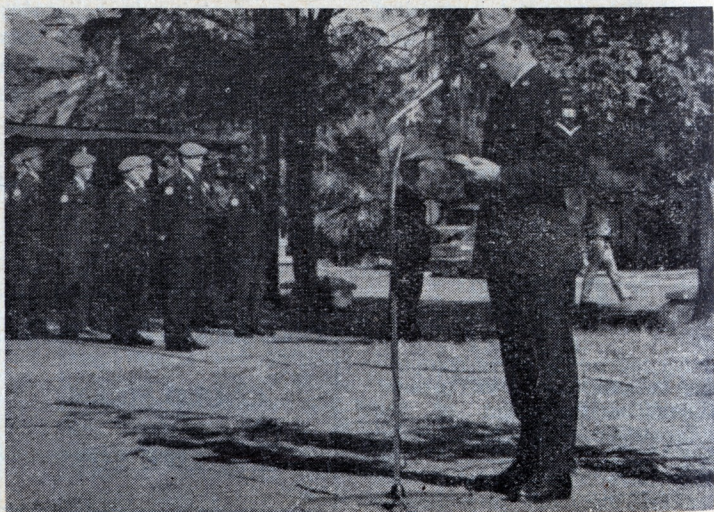
CANCON NEWS

LEST WE FORGET

For the Canadian Armed Forces 11 November has traditionally been a day when we pay our respects to those gallant Canadians who gave their lives for their country in the Great War and subsequent wars. Although we are far from home, this year was no different for members of the Canadian Contingent. Poppies were sent from Canada and were worn by all members of the contingent.

At 1100 hours, 11 November, a Remembrance Day Service was conducted at Wolseley Barracks to honour the men

and women who gave their lives for Canada. The scripture was read by Private Paul Meredith and the prayer by Private Bob Bray. In addition, the traditional two minute silence was observed. Those soldiers who, because of operational duties, were unable to attend the service, were asked to pause for a few moments at eleven o'clock and observe a short period of silence. Our picture below shows Private Paul Meredith reading the Remembrance Day scripture during the 11 November service held at Wolseley Barracks.



RUN AROUND THE ISLAND

To those of you who seldom visit Wolseley Barracks, and do not know the location of the gymnasium, the expression "Run Around the Island" is probably unfamiliar. However, to members of Headquarters Company it represents an interesting challenge.

As an incentive to maintaining a personal physical fitness programme, and as a means of fostering a competitive spirit, Sergeant Ian Ford, the Physical Education and Recreation Instructor, has introduced "Run Around The Island". A man runs two or more miles a day on his own and registers the distance with the gymnasium staff. The staff maintains a graph showing the distance each man has covered. Once he

has completed 388 miles, approximately equal to the circumference of the island, the man is presented with a suitably engraved scroll commemorating the feat.

Can anyone catch Captain Montgomery?

NEW ARRIVALS

Two new faces joined the Canadian Contingent this past week. Arriving from the Second Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry rear party in Winnipeg was Corporal Jaye C Sheppard. Corporal Sheppard will be employed in Transport Platoon. The second newcomer is Corporal John Cannon from our Third Battalion in Victoria, British Columbia. Corporal Cannon, a cook, is being employed in the men's mess Headquarters Company.

TV-KAMERA KYKOSSA

Kyproksen televisio päätti viime viikolla tehdä televisioreportaasin aiheesta Päivä YK-miehen elämässä. Ainakin alkuun joutui Fincon toteuttamaan melkoisesti filmaajien suunnitelmia. Viime torstaina kuvausryhmä ikuisti suomalaisen sotilaiden vapaa-ajan viettoa. Pastorin improvisoitu kitarayhtye soitteli suomalaisia kansanlauluja ja Kykon aliupseerimies miljö muodosti rekvisiitan.

Perjantaina oli vuorossa toiminnallinen puoli. Kapteeni Hartikainen oli kaikessa kiiressä harjoittanut EK:n valioista kuntopiirijoukkueen, joka aamuvoimisteli tv-kameran edessä. Ja kuin tilauksesta sattui helikopteriharjoitus samaksi päiväksi. Kapteeni Källvikin johdolla harjoiteltiin heikosta hyppäämistä ja köyden varassa laskeutumista televisiokameroiden ristitulessa.

Finconin osuus on luonnollisesti vain osa koko 15 minuutin filmin pätkästä. Muilla kontingenteilla on tarjottavana Kyproksen televisiolle kullekin tyypillistä toimintaa. Tämän vuoksi ohjelman suomalainen anti jää pakotakin lyhyksi, mutta se mikä tulee ulos, on varmasti täysipainoista.

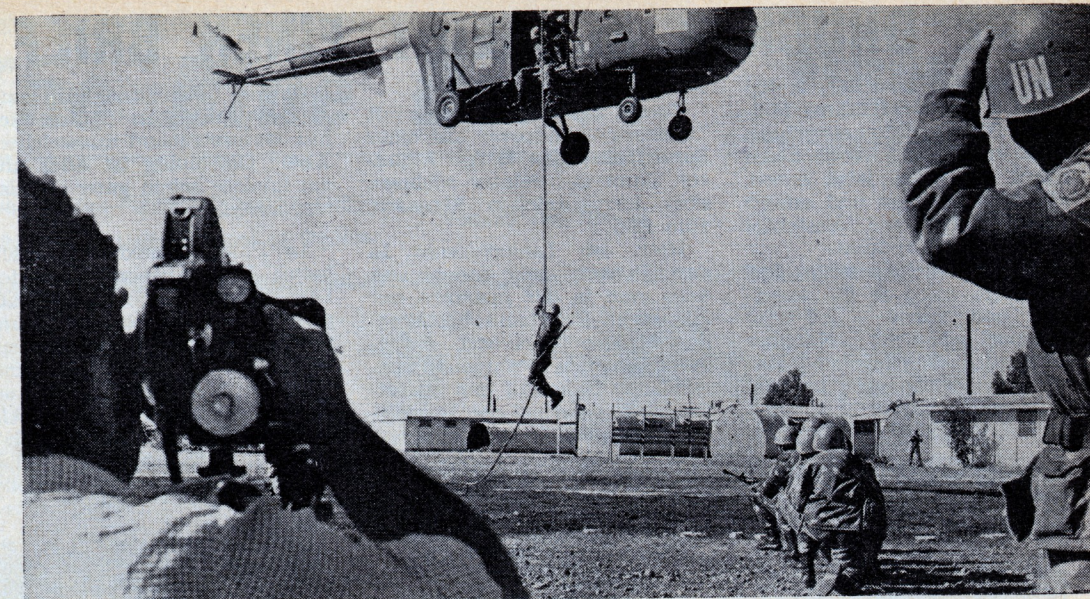
Päivä YK-miehen elämässä on tarkoitus lähettää kuvaruutuihin joskus joulukuun alkupuolella. Tässä yhteydessä on syytä muistuttaa, että Finconin oma radio-ohjelma, Finnish Sunday Programme, radioidaan jälleen, ja ensi sunnuntaina 26. marraskuuta on alustavaa ajana EK.

FINCON NEWS

Evl Lehtovirta Täytti 50v.



● Pataljoonamme edellinen komentaja, everstiluutnantti evp Eero Lehtovirta täytti 50 vuotta 13. marraskuuta. Kotiaskareiden ohella evl Lehtovirta on viime aikoina yhä tiiviimmin käyttänyt aikaansa mieliharrastukseensa tähtien tutkimiseen ja tästä syystä upseeriverit lahjoittivat hänelle merkkipäivänään tähtikaukoputken Sen ovensi hänelle pataljoonan komentaja, evl Kallio, joka myös kukitti rouva Lehtovirtan



Kamera seuraa tiiviisti heko-harjoitusta



...ja aamuvoimistelijoita



Evl Pentti Heino informoi heti saapumisen jälkeen tarkastuksen tarkoituksesta. Evl. Kallion vasemmalla puolella evl Bertel Helenius ja evl von Flitneristä seuraava inskapt Veikko Sainio.

LEHDISTÖ FINCONISSA

Fincon toimi vuorostaan eri kontingenttien tiedotuspseerien kuukausikokouksen isäntänä ja samalla viime viikon keskiviikon kokous oli ensimmäinen virallinen kokous, joka käytiin uuden MPIO:n majuri Terry Thorntonin johdolla. Suomalaisen YK-tapojen mukaisesti vieraat kiikutettiin kokouksen jälkeen Hill Topille ja sen jälkeen saunaan.

TARKASTUS ALKOI

YKSP:n huollon ja hallinnon tarkastusryhmä saapui viime sunnuntaina Nicosiaan ja aloitti heti maanantaiaamuna pataljoonan historian ensimmäisen perusteellisen materiaaliin kohdistuvan tarkastuksen. Suomesta saapuivat evl Pentti Heino puolustusministeriön rationalisointiosastolta, pääesikunnan muonitustoimiston päällikkö evl Bertel Helenius, maj Aarne Seppänen pääesikunnan sotavarustetoimistosta, inskapt Veikko Sainio Viestikoulusta ja toimistosihteri Pekka Viskari YK-toimistosta.

Hengenravintoa



● Elävä kiinnostus hengen asioita kohtaan ei suinkaan ole Finconin sotilaiden keskuudessa niin vierasta kuin saattaisi luulla. Pastori on järjestänyt syksyn mittaan useitakin keskustelutilaisuuksia, joissa ajatusten vaihto elämän perustotuksista ja esimerkiksi Raamatun todenperäisyydestä on usein niin vilkasta, että pastorin on sanojensa vakuudeksi turvaututtava kirjoitettuun todistusaineistoon, kuten esimerkiksi perjantaina EK:n jääkärimessissä.

KPL DRUCKER SCHREIBT EINEN BRIEF

Kpl Konrad Drucker, 2. Kp UNAB 2, als Kraftfahrer Melder am OP Anadhiou eingeteilt, ist seit mehr als 5 Wochen auf Zypern. Er weiss jetzt schon, "wie der Hase" in und ausser Dienst, "läuft" und berichtet darüber in die Heimat.

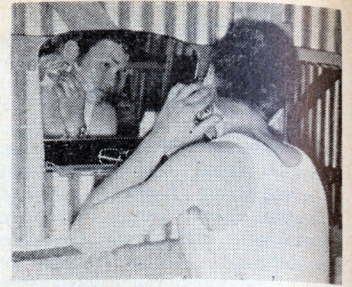
"...täglich stehe ich um $\frac{3}{4}$ 6 auf, werfe mich in die sportkluft und von 6 — $\frac{1}{4}$ 7 wird Frühsport gemacht. Nachher geht's zum Waschen und Rasieren. Das Frühstück ist fast wie in einem Hotel: Spiegel-eier mit Speck oder Würsteln;

Richtung Paphos. Zuerst holpere ich mit "meinem" Landrover auf einer Sandstrasse den Berg hinunter, dann auf relativ schönen, aber kurvenreichen Strassen, zum Ziel.

Hier ist Linksverkehr. In der Praxis sieht das so aus, dass man in der meistens nur aus einer Fahrbahn bestehenden Strasse fährt und entgegenkommende Fahrzeuge haben nach links auf das zu beiden Seiten befindliche Bankett auszuweichen. In den Ortschaf-

fussweg betrachtet wird und die zypriotischen Autolenker nur widerstrebend ausweichen. Aber: Gewöhnung ist alles und ich komme schon ganz gut damit zurecht.

In Paphos melde ich mich beim HQ Auscon mit der Dienstpost, bringe die Privatpost meiner Kameraden zum Postamt (sie wird in Osterreich bereits erwartet) und hole die für meine OP-Kameraden eingetroffene Post. Als Letztes fahre ich zur Küche, lade das "Futter" für den Stützpunkt auf, in natura, denn wir kochen selbst und fahre



● Morgentoulette so schnell es eben geht.

gegen 1300 Uhr wieder Richtung Anadhiou.

Anadhiou liegt in den Bergen, daher muss sich der Rover Motor schon ziemlich



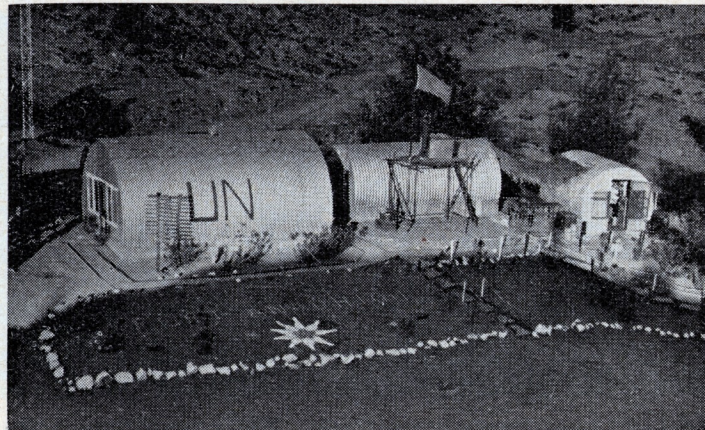
● Übergabe der Meldung durch Kpl Drucker an Hptm Jedlaucnik.

aber Butterbrot und Marmelade tuts auch.

Nach der Standeskontrolle bereite ich mich für die tägliche Fahrt nach Paphos vor. Ich prüfe mein Fahrzeug, hole die Post ein, lade das Leergebinde für die Küche im Camp auf und bin auch dafür verantwortlich, dass am OP alles vorhanden ist was benötigt wird (Kraftstoff, Kerrosin usw.) Der Kommandant des OP übergibt mir die Dienstpost und, nachdem ich mich abgemeldet habe geht's ab in

In der Zeit vom 30.10.—10.11.72 fand bei der 1. Kp in St. Patricks Camp und bei der 2. Kp am Op Anadhiou ein truppenkurs statt. Auscon gratuliert den erfolgreichen Absolventen!

ten ist das gar nicht leicht, da der Teil links und rechts der asphaltierten Strasse, als



● Ein Tag im "Fort" Anadhiou geht zur Neige; ein neuer Tag mit neuen Pflichten wird folgen.



● Das Mittagessen schmeckt immer.

plagen bis ich mich, hoffentlich wie bisher "ohne Vorkommnisse", zurückmelde. Dann habe ich eine Rast nach dem Mittagessen redlich verdient.

Der weitere Tagesablauf ist verschieden. Patrouillentätigkeit, Fahrzeugpflege oder auch "Küchendienst" wechseln.

Nach dem Abendessen sitze ich dann im Kameradenkreis in der "Kaffeebude", denn ausgehen kann man in Anadhiou nicht. Wohin auch?

Trotzdem, oder gerade deswegen, gefällt es mir in Anadhiou!....

AUSCON NEWS



● Die Ausbildung auf der Waffe wurde gross geschrieben.

Liebe Kameraden!

Freundlicherweises wurden mir von der Redaktion des Blue Beret einige Zeilen zur Verfügung gestellt — herzlichen Dank dafür! Ich möchte diese Gelegenheit nützen, mit meinen Kameraden auf der Insel einen ständigen Kontakt zu pflegen. Ob mein Beitrag ernst oder heiter geschrieben ist, das sei dahingestellt — er möchte auf jeden Fall so aufgefasst werden wie die Sendung: "Einfach zum Nachdenken" auf O 3 jeden Tag um 2255 Uhr in Osterreich. Hier versucht man jedesmal einige Denkanstösse zu einem bestimmten Thema zu geben — kein 100% iges Rezept, keine Patentlösung wird angegeben, wir sollen nur zum Nachdenken ange-regt werden! Und das scheint mir hier in Zypern recht wichtig zu sein, weil wir ja alle miteinander der Gefahr ausgesetzt sind, geistig zu versanden und auszutrocknen. Vielleicht kann ich mit meinen Gedanken ein bisschen Öl für unser geistiges Getriebe sein.

Das nächste Mal möchte ich damit beginnen — bis dahin alles Gute.

Euer Kaplan