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TOP COOK



The Officers' mess in Blue Beret Camp is lucky to have on it's staff Corporal N. (Scouse) Wilson. Corporal Wilson has just won the Army (Cyprus) Cookery Competition 1972 as the best individual cook. To do this he had to prepare and cook a better meal than twelve other unit cooks. He is pictured here with his trophies.



On Sunday 3rd December the UNFICYP International Radio Programme will be on the air. It is sent over Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation's Network at 20.00 hours on 602 kilocycles — 498 metres. Again it will contain topics of overall interest.

BRITCON MEDAL PARADE

It is normally invidious to pick out an individual from a large Medal Parade but we are making an exception in the case of Sergeant D. Shipley RAOC, pictured above right. Sergeant Shipley is a Yorkshireman from York itself and is the Chief Clerk of the MPIO's Branch at HQ UNFICYP.

We also picked out the photo seen above left, where Major General Prem Chand, presents the UN Medal to Sergeant G. J. (Jim) Robertson, Force Workshops. He has been in the Army for 26 years and has seen service in East Africa, Mauritius, Aden, Cyprus and BAOR. The Force Commander seems to find it difficult to find room for the UN Medal.

His main task each week is to ensure that the various units that make up the British Contingent send in their contributions to the Blue Beret. — These he knocks into shape for their final appearance in the paper. As can be seen each week he achieves his object but at times some-ones ears must burn fiercely.

The Secretary-General has acknowledged the receipt of \$3,000 from Pakistan as a contribution to the Peace Keeping Force in Cyprus.

It is hard work climbing up to OP Hill Top, but it is well worth it, for the reward is a splendid view of the surrounding district.



KOMMANDOOVERDRAGELSE

Det er igunden hårdt at være rotant. Man har ikke rigtigt noget ansvar, men skal sættes ind i sagerne - eller afvikle. Megen tid går med optællinger - med at drøfte de andre lidt rundt i krogene. Man er måske ikke helt tilfreds med den måde, de har kørt løbet på - eller man synes, de kommer med alverdens tanker om at revolutionere det hele.

Men der er altså nogle, der skal gå, og andre, der skal komme - og i Dancon er det blevet skik at gøre det på den måde, at "de gamle" officerer giver høvdingehjelm, fangsnore og stapel-belts videre til "de nye" som tegn på, at nu er det

dem, har kommandoen og ansvaret. Det skete i officersmessens have.

Festligt var det - og samtidigt sjovt, sådan som vi danske helst vil skjule det stilige og igunden højtidelige bag en munter maske.

Men bag ved det hele lå altså det alvorlige, at nu ligger ansvaret på Dancon XVIII.

Bånd og stjerner og snore og hjelm bæres, fordi der er noget, der skal gøres.

Lettede for dette ansvar inviterede Dancon XVII på frokost.

Uden mad og drikke, du'er helt ikke.



● Med ryggen til ses oberstløjtnanterne H.E. Skaarup og V. Ubbe efter kommandooverdragelsen.

PÅ MED VANTEN

Der er ting, der skal gøres, og der er andre ting, man kan gøre.

I Xeros er de midt i flytningen af reservedelslageret.

I Limnitis skal teltene skiftes ud.

I Selemani skal der også bygges.

Der skal uddeles varmeovne og meget andet.

Værktøj skal afrenses.

Til januar skal vi plante også i Xeros. Skovvæsenet sørger for planter og muld, men vi skal gøre arbejdet.

Den gamle Xeroslejr er en hel planteskole, som kan bruges til at forskønne den nye lejr - og de øvrige lejre med. Enhver kan lære at skære sig en stikling - og jeg tror ikke engang det er forbudt at stjæle - blomster skal som bekendt helst luskes ind for at gro godt.

Hvem sagde spildtid? - Vi spilder kun den tid, vi selv vil. - Der er nok at tage fat på.

Desværre er fotografen på orlov, og det er ikke rigtigt til at få billeder.

Måske har I et i apparatet - så giv det til feltpræsten, så vi kan vise de andre lejre, hvordan det ser ud.

DANCON NYT

UD OG SE MED F.O.V.

Cypern er en skøn ø.

Der er mange ting at se her på øen - gamle historiske mindesmærker fra en kultur, der eksisterede, mens det endnu var yngre stenalder i Danmark.

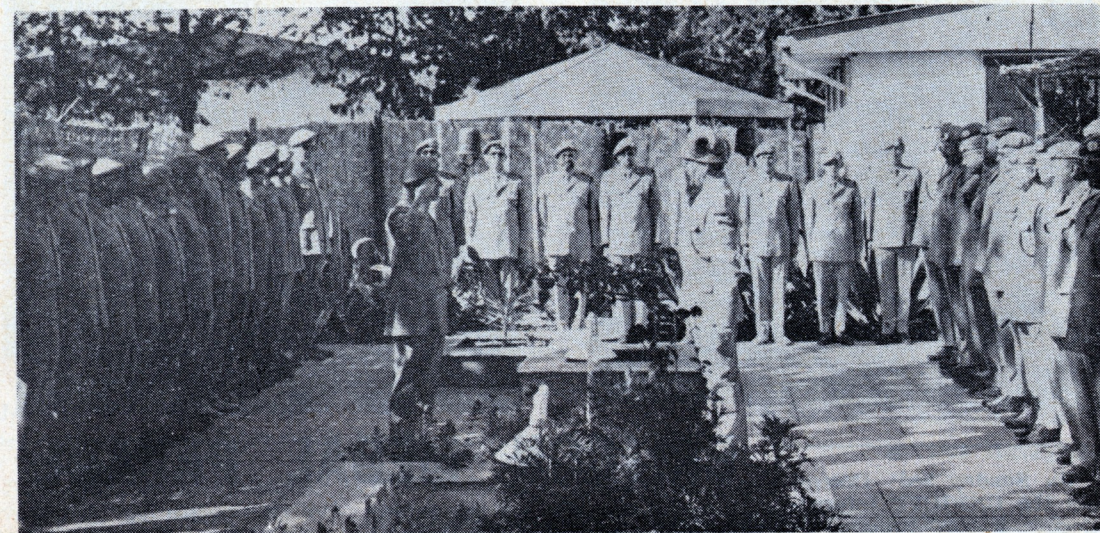
Vi må ud og se på dem.

Lige her til at begynde med arrangerer vi nogle små, uforpligtende ture, ud og se, hvordan de

andre bor - og lige et smut ind til de ting, der ligger nærved.

Senere vil vi gå længere og længere ud. Vi skal nå meget, før vinteren sætter ind, for selv om den er anderledes end derhjemme, er den i alle fald ikke behagelig for kørende trafik på bjergveje.

Vi skulle jo gerne hjem allesammen.



● Til venstre de nye og til højre de gamle, klar til at lade sig afløse. I midten den nye og den afgående chef, og i baggrunden officererne fra HQ og dem der også bliver ved Dancon XVIII

ROTATION DANCON

Mon de hentede den benzinchauffør i Saloniki pr. cykelordonans ind til byen?

Det var i alle fald hårdt at sidde der for åben dør og bare vente.

Men så var vi der altså omsider, alle vi ialt 131 officerer, befalingsmænd, overkonstabler og konstabler.

I lufthavnen i Nicosia havde man også ventet - og alle var vi nok glade for, at transportofficererne så hurtigt fik os afsted til lejrene og morgenmaden - og måske til et par timers søvn.

Nu er vi her altså og skal til at finde vore egne ben.

Hvert hold har sit særpræg. Vi kan nok ikke lave det hele om, selv om vi måske ville, men der er dog nok ting, der kan gøres anderledes. Og vil prøve på at gøre vort til, at forholdene bliver stadigt bedre.

Vi skal være sammen i 6 måneder og vi skal være her allesammen. Det kræver, at vi indstiller os på at hjælpe hinanden med at gøre opholdet her godt, så tiden går på en god måde og ogaverne løses sådan, at de ikke bliver for tunge for nogen.



● I den tidlige morgenstund gik det med ilskridd ud af lufthavnen - ud til arbejdet.

ETT BREV BETYDER SÅ MYCKET...



"Ett brev betyder så mycket". Posten gamla välkända slogan är väl kanske mer aktuell än någonsin vid en sådan här utlandstjänst. Att befinna sig en hel världsdal från hemmet sätter sina spår och de "litterära" kontakterna blir plötsligt oändligt väsentliga.

Dagens höjdpunkt på CGC eller vid något av våra OP blir därför i allmänhet när posten kommer och skulle kommunikationerna klicka någon gång blir posttjänstemännen nedslusade med förfrågningar.

I allmänhet anländer brevposten dagligen, medan de tyngre breven, paketen och tidningarna brukar få vänta till läglig Scacyp och låter alltså vänta på sig i 14 dagar. Men när de sedan kommer så är de dessto fler. Sist innehöll Scacypen fem postsäckar och sammanlagt 143 kilo. Gången innan var motsvarande siffror 8 och 176.

Det blir alltså en hel del försändelser. Samma sak gäller för Scacyp-posten från CGC. Den här gången skickade man 38 paketpåsar och förr gången var antalet hela 138 säckar. Kom alltså inte och säg att vi inte skickar post. På bilden ses postmannen Hans-Göran Lindgren och den senaste "Scacyp-sändningen".



CIRKUS À LA TPC

Livet är inte bara tjänst! Det finns ju fritid också, eller hur? Jobbar man på TPC kan "tiden som blir över" med fördel utnyttjas för att förkovra sig i artisteri av den högre skolan. Någon föregångare på transportenheten byggde nämligen en cirkuscykel och sedan dess har det blivit kutym att våra drivers även skall behärska enhjuliga fordon, som Kenneth Eriksson på bilden t ex. Men det kräver onekliga både talang och tålmod.

bilden, nedan, ses två av TPC:s drivers, Karl-Gustav Johansson och Rolf Eriksson, sätta sina namn i den våta cementen.

TPC PÅ ALERTEN IGEN! TEAMWORK GAV NY GÅNG

TPC är utan tvekan en av de mera alerta enheterna på CGC. Man sköter transporter och bilar med den äran så gott som dygnet runt och nu har man dessutom givit sig in i byggbranschen. Häromdagen lyckades nämligen styrkan, genom ett homogent teamwork, att åstadkomma en stilig cementgång från förläggningen till TPC-kontoret. Jobbet tog en hel dag i anspråk, men det lär bli väl värt mödan när vinterregnen kommer och därmed också gyttjan. På



DAGENS DIKT

Morgonen är sval, så skön rymden är klar över ön. Löven är gröna, fågelkvitter, se gammal man springer, att han gitter, sin runda runt lägrets sand, som han gör i sitt fädernesland. Måste ha fel på nerven, är kanske officer i reserven. Jag är gammal i bena men mina tankar är lena och jag låter dem gärna vandra vart de vill med varandra, mens jag njuter av mitt ljumma the och en stilla rök breve. Bergen mörknar varje kväll drunknar nu i ljus pastell "Kanylen"

NEWS IN BRIEF

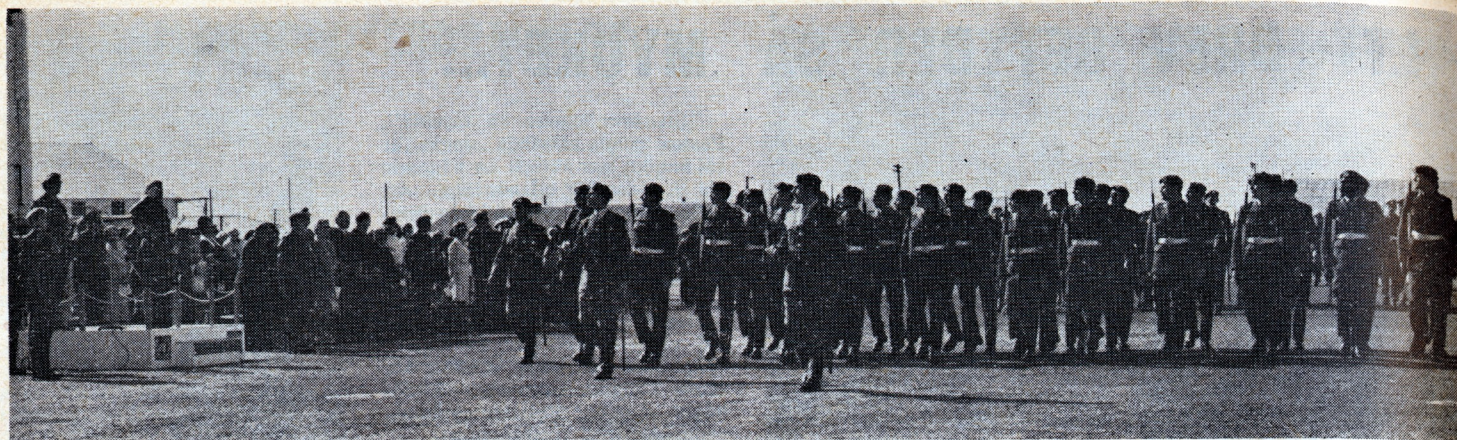
The Swedish medical attendance unit within the frame of our preparedness for UN-service is now the subject for discussions at the Army staff in Stockholm. A special research has been done and it has also been discussed with the UN-coordinator for catastrophe matters, the Turkish diplomat Farouk Berkol, when he visited Stockholm this autumn.

A medical attendance unit would fit well in the Swedish preparedness organization for UN-duty, which among other things is meant to be used in case of catastrophes. Today the unit contains two battalions, one of which is on duty in Cyprus. There is also a contingent of technicians with several independent units as the technical cader, transport management, the helicopter platoon and so on.

The Swedish national defence now has all the necessary resources to send medical attendance units to UN when needed.

SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos



● The Force Commander, Major General Prem Chand, is seen taking the salute as 36 Squadron, Royal Corps of Transport, lead the march past.

BRITCON MEDAL PARADE

On Wednesday 22nd November a very successful Medal Parade was held on the Aviation square at Camp UNFICYP. On parade were D Squadron The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers and Greys), 36 Squadron, Royal Corps of Transport and the Britcon element of Force Headquarters. The salute was taken by Major General D. Prem Chand, PVSM, the Force Commander.

In his address to the parade, the Force Commander thanked all ranks for their individual contribution to the United Nations Force in Cyprus. In particular General Prem Chand thanked the Force Reserve for the efficient way in which they carried out their role, 36 Squadron on their most effective maintenance support and the Britcon Element for their valuable essential backing towards the

morale, efficiency and welfare of the Force. Finally, in congratulating all ranks on their turnout, steadiness and drill he appreciated the fact that as many of them had busy jobs to do, the standards achieved were all the more commendable.

The parade then ended on

an unusual note as first the armoured cars drove past after a "Le Mans" type start, then the RCT Squadron and the Britcon Element marched past and finally, with impeccable timing, the three helicopters of the UNFICYP Aviation Flight flew past trailing blue smoke.



● Helicopters of the Aviation Flight UNFICYP fly past leaving a trail of blue smoke.

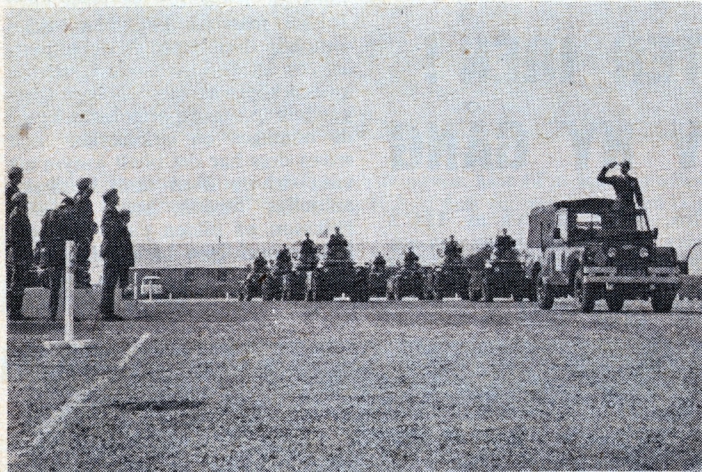
84 SQUADRON (DETACHMENT)



Flight Sergeant Kerry Ellis (left) and Flying Officer Keith Dunning of 84 Squadron share a joke before a flight to Xeros.

Keith Dunning's wife, Jill gave birth to a son last month. The baby has the distinction of being the first born to a member of the Squadron since it formed as a permanent UN detachment in January.

Kerry Ellis has just finished a very successful cricket season in which he played for a variety of teams ranging from that of the Squadron to the Combined Services in Cyprus. The high spot of the season was the occasion when he hit a six off the bowling of the ex-England bowler Jim Laker in a match against a touring team.



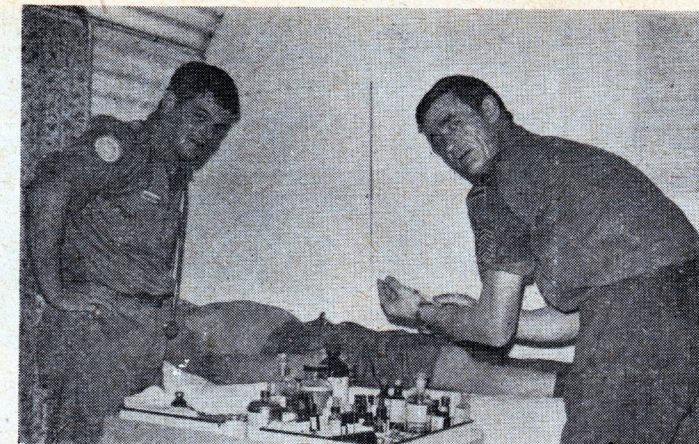
● Armoured Cars of D Squadron The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards drive past the saluting base.

● The picture below which shows the cooks of Camp UNFICYP was excluded from last week's Blue Beret owing to the lack of space. They are from left to right, Mr A. Aobion, sergeant B. Schwarzer, Corporal J. Adams, Corporal D. Fuller, Lance Corporal M. Heley, Sergeant I. Elrick, Mr Christodoulous and Mr. P. Petrides.



NEW ARRIVAL

On Thursday 23 November 1972 Commandant Pat Erraught arrived in Nicosia from Ireland to take up duty as Second in Command of 23 Infantry Group and District Economics Officer, Larnaca Sector. He replaces Commandant Donal Sweeney who moves to HQ UNFICYP as Irish Liaison Officer. The members of 23 Infantry Group regret losing Commandant Sweeney, however all are looking forward to working with Commandant Erraught who should settle in quickly as he is no stranger to Cyprus having previously served with UNFICYP as a Rifle Company Commander.



● Captain Chris Brown (left) and Sergeant John Lenihan of the Medical Section attend to a patient.

PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

This week our personality comes from the Medical Section of the 23 Infantry Group and he is Sergeant John Lenihan.

han. Always an important part of a unit, our Medical Section is no exception and Sergeant Lenihan plays a key role in keeping our unit fit and healthy. In addition to his normal duties Sergeant Lenihan has recently been kept busy helping the local civilian hospital in Larnaca by arranging for blood donors from 23 Infantry Group to donate blood.

Sergeant Lenihan's home station is St. Bricins Military Hospital in his native city of Dublin, where he lives with his wife and three children. He is now serving overseas for the sixth time. He has already served in Kamina, Elizabethville, Kipushi and Kolwezi with the United Nations Force in the Republic of the Congo and he is on his fourth tour of duty with UNFICYP, having already served in Kato Pyrgos, Limnitis and Kophinou as well as Larnaca.

SPORTS NEWS

VOLLEYBALL

The Inter-Platoon volleyball league which started recently is now in full swing and with one series of games played it is evident that it will be very closely contested. Competition up to the present has been so keen and winning margins so narrow that as yet no team has emerged as favourites. It is very clear however that whatever team wins they will have to fight very hard to gain victory.

was well deserved. The match which was played in a very sporting manner, was pretty evenly contested for an hour or so but then, thanks to some great play by Lieutenant Terry Young, 23 Infantry Group drew comfortably ahead and from then to the end of the game were in complete control.

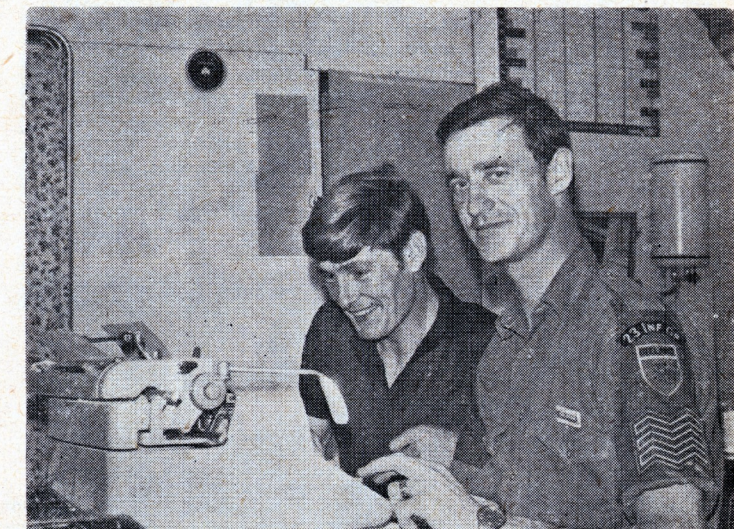
Scorers for the Iron side were Private Jimmy Greene (2), Captain Paul Quirk, Lieutenant Terry Young and Private Pat Ryan. In addition to the scorers the team was very well served by Corporal Kevin Murphy and Private Danny McEntee.

SOCCER

23 Infantry Group played "A" Company 3 Battalion, Queen's Regiment in Larnaca Stadium on Wednesday 22 November 1972. The result, a 5-1 win for 23 Infantry Group

DARTS

The Darts Championship is generating great excitement and nightly tense battles are



● Private Peter Brennan (left) and Sergeant John Lenihan of the Medical Section.

fought. Results so far have generally been according to form with the exception of the surprise defeat of Signalman Noel Mullins by Private Christy Sherry and the defeat of Corporal Tony Hipwell by Private Tom Moynihan.

IRCON NEWS

ACCIDENTS DON'T JUST HAPPEN THEY ARE CAUSED. DRIVE WITH CARE

MP NOTEBOOK

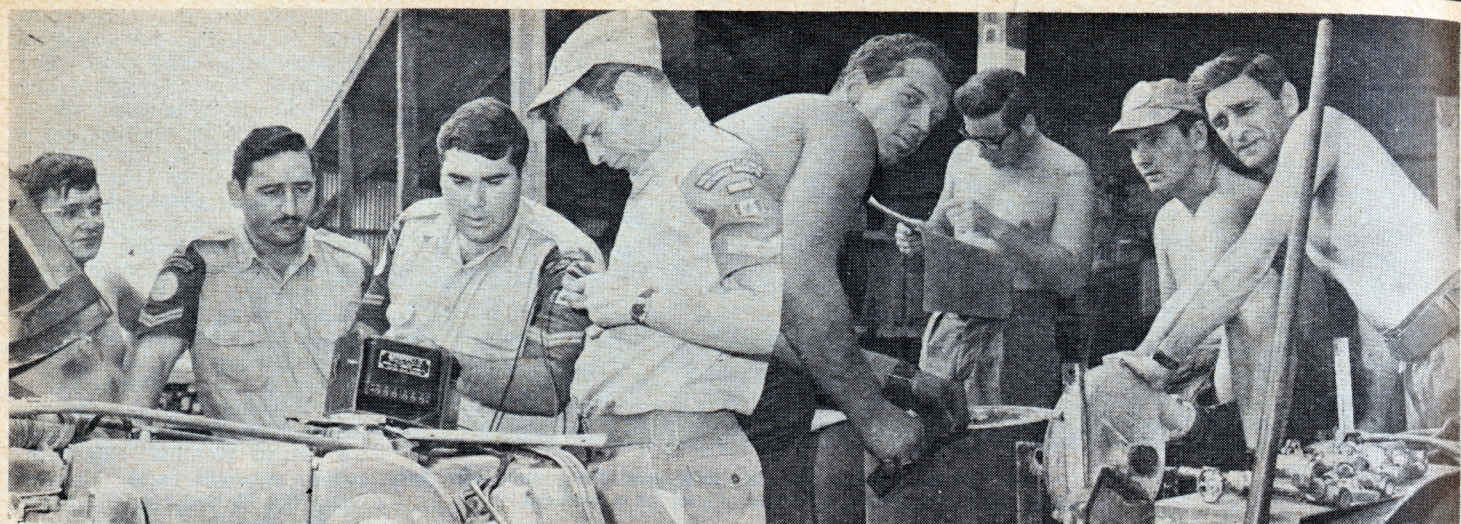
ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

Week Ending	
24 Nov 72	— 11
Same Period Last Year	— 7
Total This Year	— 320
Same Period Last Year	— 288

Main Cause Of Accidents This Week: DRIVING WITHOUT DUE CARE AND ATTENTION.



● Left to Right: Private Willie McGrath, Corporal Brendan Ryan, Sergeant Dick O'Brien and Corporal John Harmon, getting ready for firing on Dhekalia Range.

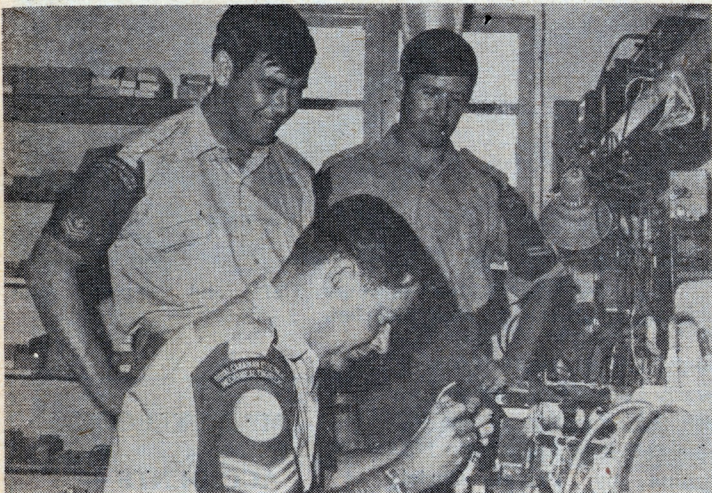


Working on the electrical system of a jeep are from left to right Private Jim Perry, Corporals Ron Miller and Tony Markoff, and Master Corporal Jim Cress.

MAINTENANCE PLATOON

Sixteen men from the Battalion Maintenance Platoon have been joined by fourteen technicians from various bases across Canada to form the Canadian Contingent Maintenance Platoon working out of Blue Beret Camp. The men have become a well-knit team capable of carrying out the

difficult repairs which are often necessary in Cyprus. The men find the work interesting and challenging. Already the vehicle technicians have changed an engine and several clutches, and have overhauled a single cylinder Peddes diesel water pump. The electricians and weapons



Sergeant Don Parks working on a C42 radio set. Looking on are Corporal Al McCooye and Joe Benkhe.

NEWS IN BRIEF

NEW ARRIVALS:- There were two additions to the Canadian Contingent this week. Arriving from the battalion rear party in Winnipeg was Master Warrant Officer Jim Hood. The other new member is Sergeant M.J. Stevens who will be joining the Quartermaster staff.

CANADIAN FORCE DECORATION:- Five members of the Canadian Contingent re-

ceived their Canadian Forces Decoration last week. To become eligible for the award a man must complete twelve years service with a good conduct record. The following members of the contingent received their medals, Captain Bill MacMillan, Sergeant Wes Kopp, Corporals Al Cheralley, Don Dee and Mike McRitchie.

WELCOME TO CYPRUS:- Mrs Betty Glowasky, wife of Corporal K.F. Glowasky of A Company is the first wife to visit Cyprus from Winnipeg. She arrived by service flight on Wednesday 22nd November and will be staying for two weeks. Welcome to Cyprus!

TAKE CARE WHEN OVERTAKING

Four members of Maintenance Platoon repairing a steam jenny. From left to right we have Corporals C. O. Shaddock, Earl Publicover, Scott Smith and Harold Briggs.

technicians are presently checking and repairing heaters in preparation for the winter season. In addition, the weapons technicians are checking all weapons held by the contingent and bringing them into first class condition.

The maintenance and repair of bicycles is not normally a Maintenance Platoon task in Canada. However, in Cyprus the battalion has approximately one hundred bicycles, used for patrols and for getting to observation posts on the Green Line. Maintenance platoon is responsible for the repair of these bicycles.

Two busy men are the platoon welders, Corporal Terry Orcutt and Private Vic Severance. There is a considerable amount of metal work to be

done, from vehicle body repair to welding barbells for sports stores. In fact, Cyprus is one place where the technicians can find challenges to tax their skill and knowledge. Maintenance platoon also have a good softball team as the other teams in the Logistics Company softball league can testify. Led by the pitching of Sergeant Dave Johnson, the "Rats" are on top of the league. Other members of the platoon are strong supporters of the company volleyball team.

Although away from home, the platoon admits that it is more pleasant working here in shorts in November than working in parka and mitts in Wainwright in January.



PROMOTIONS

Sergeant Doug Love, Battalion transport, and Master Corporal John MacDonald were promoted to Warrant Officer and Sergeant respectively on 21 November. In a brief ceremony at Wolseley Barracks, Lieutenant Colonel J. H. Allan, Battalion Commanding Officer, presented them with their new badges of rank. Our picture above shows Sergeant John

MacDonald being congratulated on his recent promotion by his Company Commander, Captain Louis Barbeau.

CANCON NEWS



FINGON VARMANA

Cancon pystyi ottamaan vain yhden erän Finconilta, ja silloinkin oli vastassa lähinnä B-miehistö. Viime viikon keskiviikon harjoitus-ottelussa lentopalloilijoiden valmentaja, yliv Jorma Ake saattoi tyytyväisenä todeta, että harjoitetut kuviot osattiin, koska kanadalaiset murskattiin helposti. Silti ei ole syytä lähteä joulukuun 8. päivän turnaukseen ylimielisenä, vaikkakin harjoittelu on jatkunut koko syksyn. Pääpaino on ollut pallon käsittelyssä, jotta saavutettaisiin sama varmuus, millä ennenkin on napsittu mestaruuksia. Siinä ohessa on treenattu isku- ja paterilyöntejä, jotka saivat ainakin kanadalaiset äimiksi.

HUOLTO LUJILLA

YKSP:n huolto joutui tosi kovaan tarkastukseen, mutta niinhän Suomesta saapuneet tarkastajat jo etukäteen lupasivat. Joka tapauksessa kaikesta selvittiin kunnialla. Yläkuvassa jääkäri Kukkonen hämmentää keittoa Kakkosen keittiössä todellisen asiantuntijan, everstiluutnantti Bertel Heleniuksen seurattessa työtä. Onhan evl Helenius pääesikunnan muonitustoimiston päällikkö. Vieraat poikkisivat myös Satulassa, jossa evl Helenius vanhana Kyp-roksen kävijänä pystyi toimimaan evl Pentti Heinin op-paanakin.



ISRAEL LOMAMAANA

Lomakausi on taas alkanut ja monet suuntavat matkansa ulkomaille. Eräs suosittu lomakohde on Israel. Israeliin lähtijän on syytä muistaa, että hinnat siellä eivät ole samat kuin Kyproksella, vaan on syytä varautua pohjoismaisiin hintoihin. Lomalle lähtijän on syytä vaihtaa Kyproksen valuutta muuksi valuutaksi ennen matkalle lähtöä, sillä pankit Israeliissa eivät noteeraa Kyproksen punttaa. Parasta matkavaluutta ovat kotoiset Suomen markat, dollarit, Länsi-Saksan markat, Ruotsin kruunut ja tietenkin Israelin punnat, joita saa edullisesti Nicosian lentoasemalta.

Mitä nähtävää Israel matkailijalle tarjoaa? Jokainen tuntee nimet: Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nareset, Galilea, Öljymäki, Via Dolorosa (Tuskien tie), Golgata, Kuol-lut meri, Jerico, Kapernaum, Getsaresetin järvi, Tel Aviv, Jaffa, Haifa, Natania jne. Maailmassa löytyy vain harvoja lomakohteita, jossa auringon lisäksi on tarjolla niin paljon nähtävää kuin Israeliissa.

Matkustaminen Israeliissa on halpaa ja yhteydet hyvät. Sabbattina (perjantai klo 17.00—lauantai klo 17.00) julkinen liikenne on lähes pysähdyksissä. Bussit ovat hyviä ja nopeita, junalla voi myös matkustaa ja erittäin edullinen ja nopea matkustusmuoto on "Sherut-taxi", joka vastaa Kyproksen service-taxia. Erityisesti pitkät matkat kannattaa tehdä "Sherut-taxilla". Israel on myös kauniiden tyttöjen luvattu maa, joten poikamiesten kannattaa olla varuillaan. He ovat tavoiltaan lähes pohjoismaisia. Eräs turistinähtävyys on-

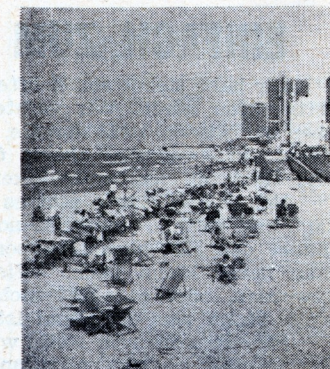


HAPPY HOURS eli EK:n lauantaan vietot on jo saavuttanut vakiintuneen aseman Kykossa asuvien keskuudessa. Joskus varhaisyöksystä aloitettiin herrasmieskilpailulla, ja pari viikkoa sitten käytiin joukolla veneretkeilyllä Kyrenian edustalla. Viime lauantaan bingoilta puolestaan tuotti sievoisen kassan vastaisia lauanta-iltoja varten.

FINCON NEWS

kin naissotilaat ja—poliisit, he auttavat mielellään pulassa olevia ja neuvovat tien eksyneille.

Matkamuistot ovat suhteellisen halpoja. Israeliissa voi myös ostaa timantteja kohtuulliseen hintaan. 5 - 7 päivän matka Israeliin on lyhyt, mutta pienellä suunnitelmallisuudella onnistuu järjestämään ikimuistoisen matkan ystäväillisten ja vieraanvaraisten ihmisten Israeliin, jossa on todella helppo hankkia itselleen ystäviä. Se tietää jo huomattavasti halvempaa lomamatkaa, jos aikoo toisenkin kerran Israeliissa vieraillla. Tällä hetkellä Suomi on pop Israeliissa, joten juopottelemalla ei sitä kuvaa maastamme kannata siellä pilata. — KÖPI



Tel Avivin hiekkaranta houkuttelee auringonpalvojia Taustalla hotellijättäiläiset Dan ja Hilton.

ERSTREBENSWERTE AUSBILDUNG : WASSERRETTUNGSMANN

Neigung, Talent, Sport und Dienst aufeinander abzustimmen, ist keine leichte Sache. Gelingt es aber, dann kann sich das Ergebnis sehen lassen.

Die 2. Kompanie in Polis berichtet: Im Rahmen einer Sonderausbildung haben zwölf Osterreichische Soldaten einen Kurs im "nassen Element" erfolgreich absolviert und sind jetzt Wasserrettungsmänner. Sie haben damit die Verpflichtung übernommen, ihre erworbenen Wasserrettungskennnisse überall dort bedingungslos einzusetzen, wo ein

Mensch der Gefahr des Ertrinkens ausgesetzt ist.

Alle Nachmittage vom 30.10. — 11.11. wurden diesem zweiten Wasserrettungskurs, der von Vizeleutnant Schimanek vorzüglich betreut wurde, gewidmet.

Neunzehn mutige "Wasserretter" hatten sich vorerst gemeldet. Nach der ersten Überprüfung stellte sich allerdings heraus, dass zwei Soldaten nur wie "Haustorschlüssel" schwimmen konnten, fünf weitere fanden es besser, wegen

kleiner "Wehwechen" dem Wasser fernzubleiben.

Mit den restlichen zwölf Soldaten, die grossen Eifer und erste Ansätze für "Schwimmhäutchen" an Händen und Füssen zeigten, konnte der Kurs mit Erfolg abgeschlossen werden. Nicht nur Teenager waren bei den Absolventen. Vizeleutnant Koger (44) und Vizeleutnant Giacomuzzi (41) haben so manchem "Jungen" etwas

vorgelegt. Obs Lt Zügner von der Heeresport — und Nahkampfschule des österreichischen Bundesheeres fand einen Weg, die Wasserrettungsabzeichen, die auch zur Uniform getragen werden dürfen, rechtzeitig nach Zypern zu übersenden. Herzlichen Dank dafür.

Die Ausbildung ist vorerst mit der Stufe "Wasserrettungshelfer" abgeschlossen. Die Möglichkeit für "Köner", Wasserretter zu werden, oder den Wasserrettungslehrschein zu erwerben, bleibt offen.



● Feierliche Überreichung des Wasserrettungs-Abzeichens an die erfolgreichen Kursabsolventen.



● Vizeleutnant Schimanek (im Bild links) und seine "Wasserratten".

POLICE DUTIES IN THE JOC

Ringling telephones — messages on military and police radio-sets being transmitted — investigating groups being despatched or reporting back — personnel dashing in and out of the room — messages being logged — activity.

Activity at the JOC, the Joint Operation Centre, Nicosia District.

AUSCON NEWS

Der Ausbau des St. Patrick's Camp hat begonnen. Soldaten aller Dienstgrade betrachten wohlgefällig den sichtbaren Baufortschritt. Der "Winter" ist für Auscon kein Schreckgespenst mehr.

In a room at Wolsey Barracks, officers of P.P.C.L.I. Cancon, and Austrian Police perform the duty 24 hours a day. Whatever happens in Nicosia District — and that is not only the City, but an area of more than 1400 square kilometres — the matter will be — and is — dealt with by or via the JOC.

Presently four military and three UNCIVPOL duty officers perform the duty there in turns, always one of each being on duty, directing the tasks to the appropriate officers.

Police duties are carried out every day by Austrian Civilian Police, which are not so closely connected with the JOC: just to mention a few as examples — the daily Joint Patrols with Cypol on Green Line, the Village Patrols, the District Patrols, the escort of members of the Land Registration Office, Bank Escorts, and so on. These duties are sort of a daily routine without being too much routine and they can have the pang of excitement 'what comes next?' in them — but at the JOC it's

like that all the time.

Within all the activity at JOC one has to experience the atmosphere. May it be at 0800 arises, it is an atmosphere of at 2300 hrs, when a problem arises, it is an atmosphere of competence, cordial and friendly, the military and police duty officers acknowledging and relying on each other, thus achieving optimal results.

As this is a contribution from the Austrian Police, it has to be said, when talking about the JOC, for us it is impossible, to see the police point of view only, because, as the name says — it is a Joint Operation Centre.



● The Police Duty Officer at the JOC in Nicosia District busy at the Motorola.

EINFACH ZUM NACHDENKEN :

Ihr habt sicher schon öfter den Muezzin von den Minaretts rufen hören. Wir verstehen zwar nicht, was er sagt, aber wir wissen, dass der die gläubigen Mohammedaner zum Gebet ruft, von der Arbeit für einige Minuten aufzuhören und Gott die Aufmerksamkeit zu schenken.

Bei uns zu Hause gibt es das Gebetläuten — früh, mittags und abends. Ich weiss noch gut, wie die Männer früher immer den Hut heruntergaben und still beteten. Das sieht man heute kaum noch. Vielleicht ist die Zeit zu hastig geworden, oder es passt nicht mehr in unsere Zeit — ich weiss nicht, was der Gund ist.

Schade wäre nur, wenn wir überhaupt das Beten vergessen würden. Übrigens, wann hast Du zum letzten Mal an Gott gedacht??

Euer Kaplan