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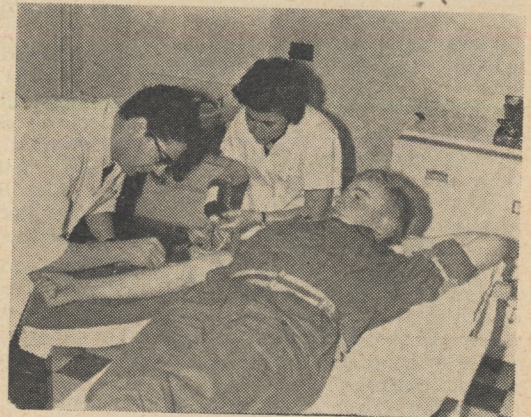
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"IN THE SERVICE OF PEACE AND LIFE..."



Members of FINCON and the Austrian Civilian Police serving in Cyprus came to the aid of the Cypriot medical authorities when two of them donated blood of a rare group for transfusion to a newly-born Cypriot baby. The blood needed was not available at the hospital. The baby is making good progress.

The photographs show the two donors making their contributions at the hospital. They are (L) Sen. Con. Herbert Werberning of Austrian Civilian Police and (R) Sgt. Kimmo Valttomen of FINCON/HQ Coy.



"OBSERVATIONS" IN THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPORT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON UNFICYP

Following is the full text of the chapter headed "Observations", contained in the report of the Secretary-General, U Thant, to the Security Council on the United Nations Operation in Cyprus from 8 June 1968 to December 1968, which was circulated at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 5 December 1968 as Document S/8914:

It is most gratifying for me to be able to report to the Council that relaxation of tension in Cyprus has continued and that at last the emphasis seems to be shifting from military confrontation to negotiation. The last six months have been good for peace in Cyprus. Not only has there been no bloodshed, but not one serious inter-communal incident has occurred to mar the atmosphere of calm and expectancy surrounding the important talks taking place between leading members of the two communities. The talks are proceeding in all earnestness, and I take this opportunity to pay a warm tribute to the patience, goodwill and statesmanship being displayed by the two negotiators and their principals. Nevertheless, in spite of some rapprochement on certain questions, no breakthrough on fundamental issues has yet been announced and the conversations are bound to continue for some time. This is not surprising, in view of the complexity and difficulties of the Cyprus problem.

What is significant and promising in these talks is that the parties in Cyprus are now engaged in a determined effort to emerge from the deadlock resulting from the rigid positions adopted in the past. This in an encouraging indication of their willingness to move forward from those positions and to entertain other policies which, while still maintaining principles which they regard as vital, are capable of being harmonized to the benefit of all people of Cyprus.

As I have often stated, no peace mission of the United Nations can hope to succeed without the co-operation and effort of the parties themselves, but once such co-operation and effort are present, the United Nations can be of great assistance. Since its establishment in March 1964, the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus has laboured diligently — sometimes by direct intervention but more often by

using the moral authority of the United Nations — to prevent the recurrence of fighting and to contribute to a return to normal conditions in so far as that is possible short of a final political settlement. At this stage, in my view, it may be said that the presence of UNFICYP in the Island constitutes an assurance to both communities that no unforeseen accident will be allowed to initiate a chain of events that might bring back the tragic conditions of the past and disrupt the efforts being undertaken by the Greek and Turkish

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MESSAGE BY SECRETARY-GENERAL ON OCCASION OF HUMAN RIGHTS DAY 1968

The celebration of Human Rights Day on 10 December 1968 has a special significance because it commemorates the twentieth anniversary of the adoption and proclamation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10 December 1948.

A unique international instrument and one of the world's greatest proclamations, the Declaration has served not only to promote respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms throughout the world, but also to further the cause of peace and justice. These universal aspirations of mankind — peace and justice, and the full realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms — are, in my view, so inseparably linked that one cannot be achieved without the other.

The road pointed out by the

United Nations — to a world where each human being will be free from the fear of war, will receive his equitable share of the goods which can now be produced and will be respected in his inherent dignity as a human being — is the only road which can envisage as worthy for mankind to follow.

The insistence of the United Nations upon the realization of the right of independent peoples to self-determination has been a powerful factor in the attainment of independence by millions who once lived in humiliating conditions under a colonial system. One needs only to compare the membership of the Organization today with its membership in 1948 when the Universal Declaration was adopted to realize how immense are the advances in the direction of self-government and independence.

Yet the vast majority of mankind continues to live in what can only be described as a sub-human state, in poverty and despair, and to suffer from the effects of squalor, disease and illiteracy.

The United Nations, in the two decades since the Universal Declaration was adopted, has fashioned much of the legal machinery necessary for the realization of the principles which the Declaration proclaims. The two Covenants on Human Rights, adopted in 1967, elaborate those principles and provide the means for their protection by the international community. Together with such other instruments as the Declaration of the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, the Declaration and Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Genocide Convention, the Slavery Conventions of 1926 and 1956, and a whole series of conventions aimed at advancing the status of women, they constitute a veritable code of law on human rights, with provisions by Members of the United

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AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR VISITS UNFICYP



His Excellency, the Austrian Ambassador for Greece and Cyprus, Dr Ludwig Steiner, visited HQ UNFICYP on 5th December. Sitting on his left is Mr B.R. Osorio-Tafall, Special Representative of the Secretary-General. On his right is Brigadier General E.M.D. Leslie UN Chief of Staff. Also present was the Commander of the Austrian Contingent Lt Col L. Effenberger.

2 ECHELON VED DANCON

2. Echelon ved DANCON, hvis værkstedsleder er PRLTS B. Dahlhoff-Andersen, omfatter ligesom værkstedstjenesten ved regimenterne hjemme, såvel et våbenmekaniker-, som et motomekaniker - og et radio-mekanikerværksted samt et sadelmagerværksted. Ligeledes skal værktøjerne ved DANCON som ved regimenterne hjemme kunne udføre 3. echelon's arbejde.

Arbejdet omfatter på alle værktøjerne såvel vedligeholdelsesarbejde som reparationsarbejde.

Våbenmekanikerværkstedet, hvis faggruppeleder er OFRS A. Hansen, varetager eftersynstjeneste, vedligeholdelse - og reparationsarbejde på alle våben, der indgår i DANCON.

Eftersynarbejdet omfatter bl.a. et månedligt eftersyn af samtlige håndvåben. Vedligeholdelse - og reparationsarbejdet fremkommer, dels som et resultat af de stedfundne eftersyn, og dels i det tilfælde, hvor våben skal inddrages og klargøres til opmagasinering. Udover arbejdet med våben, hvor man reparerer alt undtagen pipe og låsestol (styreramme), udfører man også det arbejde, der ikke klart indgår i de øvrige værksteders arbejdsområder, som f.eks. reparation og vedligeholdelse af værktøj, køkkenmateriel o.lign. ITT-materiel kan man endnu ikke reparere, men må nøjes med at sende det til ombytning i Danmark.

Motormekanikerværkstedet, hvis faggruppeleder er OFRS A. Rasmussen, udfører alle former for reparationsarbejder på motorkøretøjer, dog kniber det her med reservedele, og selvom UNFICYP er meget hjælpsom på dette område, skal alle reservedele i princippet leveres fra Danmark. Udover den begrænsning, som de tilstedeværende reservedele sætter, kan værkstedet udføre alle arbejder på motorkøretøjer både mindre reparationer og udskiftning af motorer og transmissionsdele, såvel som karosseriarbejde og det i forbindelse hermed nødvendige malerarbejde. Herudover har motorværkstedet nu afsluttet udskiftningen af afviservinger med blinklys og har fortløbende udført helårseftersyn af køretøjer.

DRIVER'S CORNER

Faste motorførere kan efter tre måneders tjeneste som sådanne få tildelt et særligt certifikat.

Dette certifikat, "UN SAFE DRIVING CERTIFICATE", udstedes af HQ UNFICYP. Certifikatet kan kun fås ved professionel kørsel, hvilket vil sige, at man i mindst tre måneder skal have kørt uden at være indberettet for færdselsforseelser eller dårlig vedligeholdelse af sin vogn.

Motorførere, der mener sig kvalificerede, henvender sig til deres garagemester.

V-mek KS P.K. Sørensen er på billedet i gang med soignering af et 7.62 mm maskingevær, som derefter skal konserveres og opmagasineres.

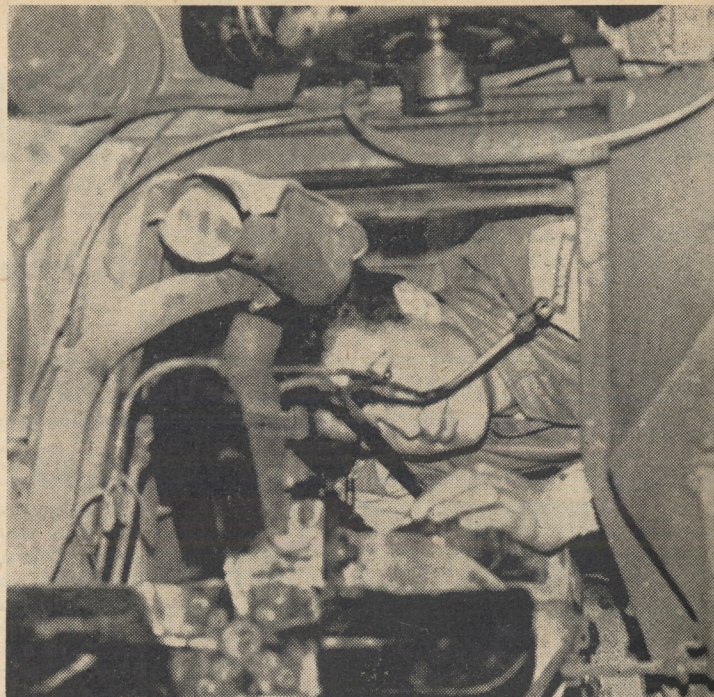
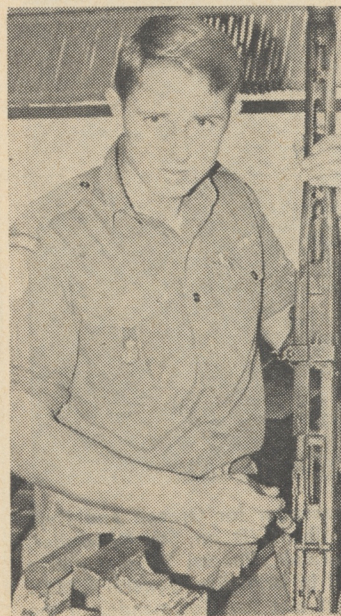
Radiomekanikerværkstedet, hvis faggruppeleder er FRS N.H. Bjerre, udfører eftersyns-, vedligeholdelses- og reparationsarbejder af enhver art på det i DANCON indgående telefon- og radiomateriel. Manglende reservedele kan undertiden medføre, at reparationer ikke kan udføres før reservedelene er skaffet tilveje fra Danmark. Udover telefon- og radiomateriel tager værkstedet sig også af reparationssarbejder af velfærdstjenestens materiel, når det drejer sig om filmsapparater, højtalere, radioer, båndoptagere og pladespillere. Værkstedet forestår ligeledes reparation af skrivemaskiner, og de elektriske eller elektroniske apparaturer, der findes inden for DANCON området.

Sadelmagerværkstedet, hvis faggruppeleder er OS I.H. Jacobsen, varetager vedligeholdelses- og reparationsarbejdet af lærredseffekter såsom presenninger, feltsejle o.lign.

Inden for 2. echelon's område er der tre reservedelslagre. Reservedelslaget for motorværkstedet f.eks. omfatter ca. 2500 forskellige genstande lige fra små skruer og op til motorer, hvis nettovægt kan være helt op til ca. 350 kg.

Værkstedslederen, hvis arbejde dels er at fordele arbejdet, og dels gennem rekvisitioner at sørge for genforsyningerne fra Danmark, oplyste, at de områder, hvor værkstedet var ansvarlig for genforsyning, er blevet udvidet i forhold til tidligere hold f.eks. med anskaffelsen og genforsyningen af værktøj. I det forangående halvår har man sendt ca. 2000 rekvisitioner til Danmark og på grund af udvidelsen af ansvarsområdet regner man med at nå ca. samme tal i det næste halvår, selvom DANCON er blevet reduceret.

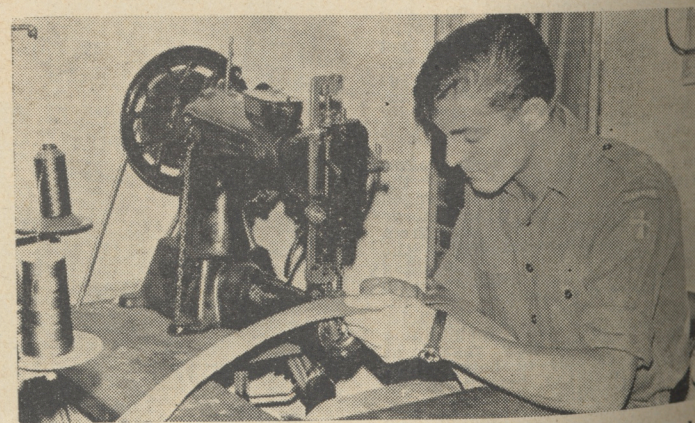
I 2. echelon indgår 25 mand, hvoraf de 14 er beskæftiget på motorværkstedet.



M-mek KS E. Kristoffersen ses her i færd med at isætte tændrør efter, at motoren er blevet udskiftet.



T-mek FRS N.H. Bjerre overvåger her T-mek OS H. Knudsen's kontrol af en VRC 10 station.



På billedet ses KS O.F. Nielsen på sadelmagerværkstedet i færd med at sy nye sidekanaler til feltsejle.

DANCON NYT

TRIVSEL sektionen

BATSTAB I BILD



● Sektion 3 - personalvård eller underholdning eller varfor i trivselsektionen? En av de tre bataljonsstab, alltså. Alldeles för mycket ryms under dess tak för att Blue Beret skall kunna ge rättvis beskrivning på detta knapp utrymme. Vi väljer i stället att presentera "treen" i bild. T.h. fr Bror Gustafsson dryftar ett ärode med telefonerande sektionschefer m.j. Kurt Amundson.

SWEDCON NEWS Swedish Forces Photos



● Varför inte åka till Afrika, på safari? Ja, "resbyrå-Kalle" Johansson, branschvan från Sverige, har många stimulerande resmål att erbjuda dig under cyperntjänsten. (Ovan).

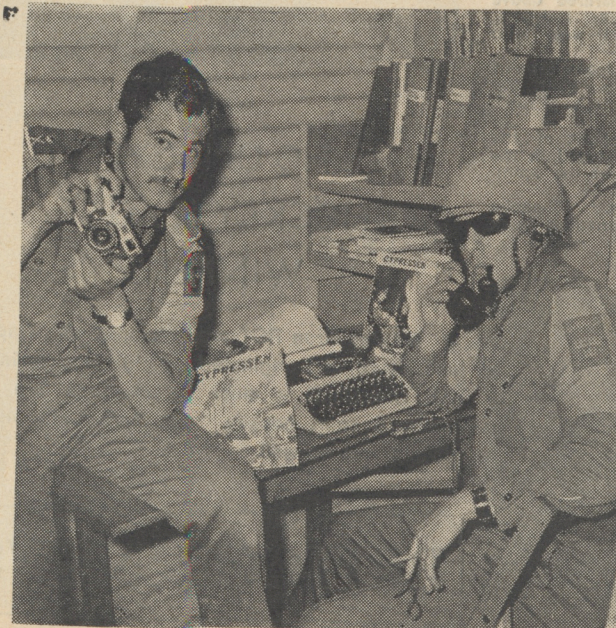
● Leende gossar hjälper auditören med utredningsärendena. Sektionens i särklass gladaste nunnor? Nye rättsvårdaren Ingvar Rönnbäck blir insatt i jobbet av MP-rustm Rolf Hagbäck, t.v. (Nedan)



● Själens vård och andens. Sektion 3 har det väl sört för FN-svenskarna på Cypern. Batpastor Ingvar Holmqvist konfererar med sin rumsgranne batass Roy Alnebeck. (I mitten ovan).

● Lagens man på bat och domvärjovan från Sverige och tidigare FN-tjänst, auditör Gunnar Dejenfelt. "Kompisen" på bordet väger tungt i sammanhanget - Svea Rikes lag. (T.h. ovan)

● Ett skarpladad gäng, bataljonens kanonfotograf och skjutjärnsjournalist. Jan Erlandsson, linskonstnär samarbetar med Åke Landqvist, chefredaktör för Cyperns. Den som utkommer med ett stort julnummer inom kort! (Nedan)



Vad vet Du om Cypern?

FN-svensk på Airoidites ö, vet du egentligen ...

att Cypern är nummer tre i storleksordning bland Medelhavets öar,

att två bergskedjor - Troodos i väster och Kyrenia i norr - ramar in ett stort bördigt slättområde, Messaoria,

att cypriotererna är 615.000, drygt tre fjärdedelar är grek-cyprioter. De andra turk-cyprioter och övriga,

att bland städerna är Nicosia störst (med förorter ca 100.000 inv) med Limassol på andra, och Famagusta - öns största hamnstad - på tredje plats,

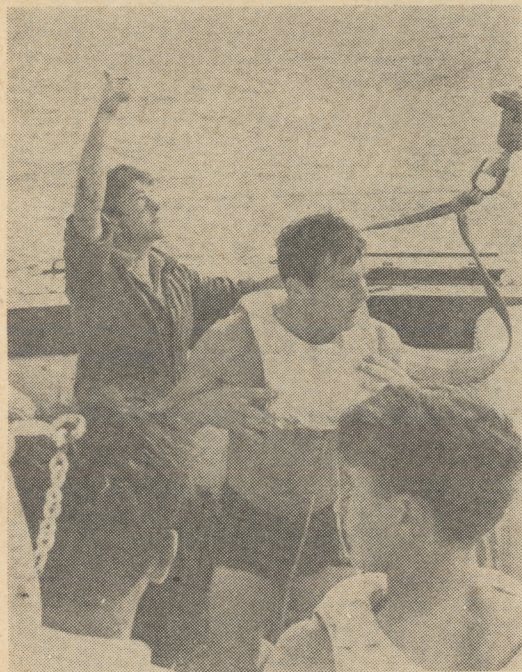
att Cypern, som spelat en betydande politisk och kulturell roll i östra Medelhavsområdets historia, i årtusenden haft ett vittgående anseende för sina kopparrikedomar och skogar, att ön därför haft bl a grekiska, persiska, ptolemeiska, romerska, bysantinska, frankiska, venetianska, turkiska och engelska "herrar",

att Cypern blev en självständig republik i augusti 1960,

att öns främsta exportvaror är frukt och vinvaror,

att ölet på Cypern heter Keo? Jaså, det visste du!

AHoy THERE!



Men of Limassol Town Company have been volunteering to take part in a weekly air/sea rescue exercise. They leap into the depths from the RAF launch and hopefully wait for an Air Sea Rescue Whirlwind to winch them up.

Once on board they are lowered back onto the high speed launch whilst it ploughs through the sea, towards the harbour.

RECOVERER HAD TO BE RECOVERED

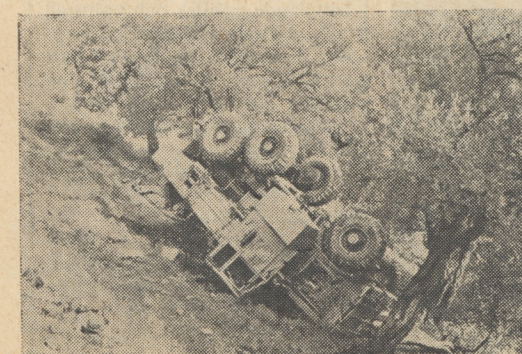


When the Canadian 3/4 Ton Truck pictured above tumbled seventy feet down a hillside near Tremblos, UNFICYP Workshop REME were told that it was "in a ditch".

Corporal Bob Yates and his recovery team set out in their Scammel for the scene of the accident. But before they arrived they were also in the ditch, pictured below.

The track collapsed beneath the weight of the recovery vehicle, and although Cpl Yates stayed in the cab until the last moment he could not get the Scammel out of gear.

A team from 48 Command Workshop Dhekelia finally recovered the Scammel and the Canadian truck was winched out by hand.



What a heck of a way to spend Christmas.



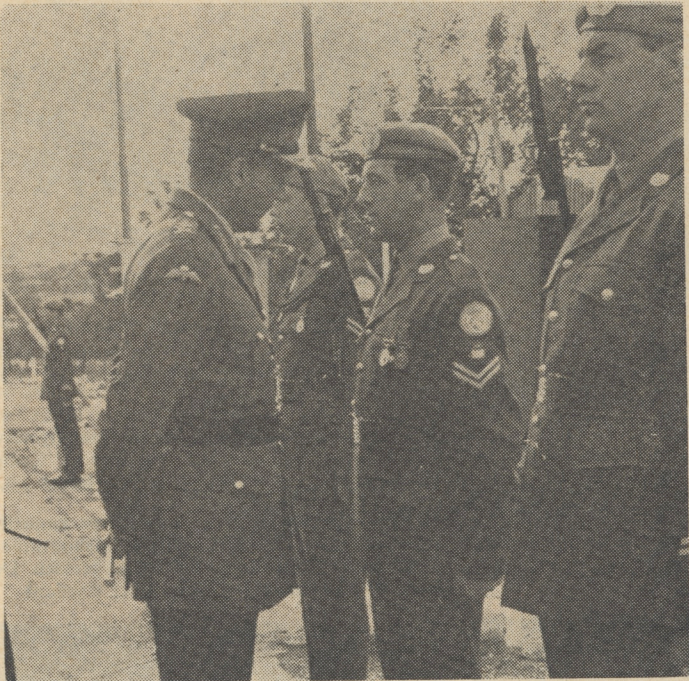
UGH! AHoy



A welcome sight at Kophinou is the 'UGH!' wagon, which trundles down there frequently, as soon as the hot sun Kophinou requests. The action packed photo above shows Eagle rapidly absorbing Kophinou Compound, outside their HQ.

There has however been some consternation in the Guard that the wagon could well have some connection with a mysterious lady which has struck the area. It has been described locally, with a wire fence that is, as the 'Kophinou Twitch'. Further details, as recommended by Capt Bob Long, will be published shortly.

GOC NEARELF VISITS ROYAL HAMPSHires



Major General D.L. Lloyd OBE, MC, visited Limassol Zone HQ Tuesday 3 December. He is seen here talking to Captain M.J. Martin, Adjutant, and Colonel W.R.B. May, Commanding Officer of the Battalion.

Left: The GOC also inspected the Quarter Guard formed by the Drums.

HQ UNFICYP HOCKEY LEAGUE WINNERS

42 Squadron RCT team pictured with Captain Jack Howe who originated 4 a side Hockey in the HQ. The Game is much the same as 6 a side enclosed court hockey, but there are only 4 players and no wall.

BRITCON NEWS



THAT LETTER FROM HOME



The most eagerly awaited vehicle into any Company HQ each day is undoubtedly the mail car bringing letters and papers from all parts of Ireland to comfort and cheer up the men in the OP's high up in the Lefka hills.

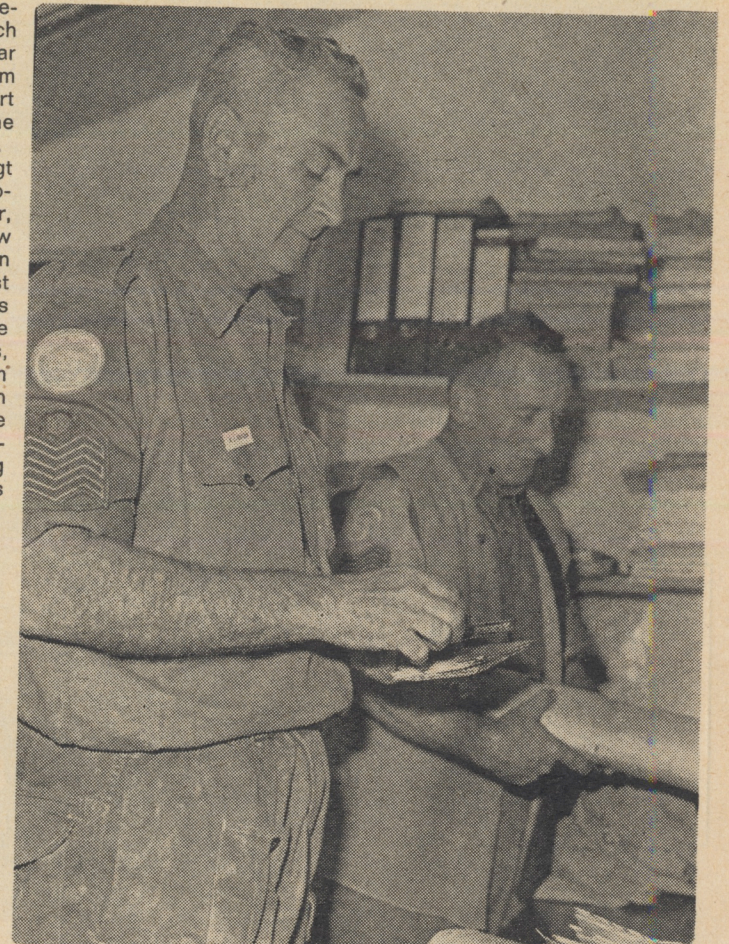
It is little wonder then that Sgt Dermot Emerson is the most popular, and sometimes unpopular, NCO in 11 Inf Group HQ. Few realise that Sgt Emerson is on his way from Xeros to the Post Office, Nicosia, before 0600 hrs daily whilst most others are sleeping soundly in their tents, and dreaming about letters from home, perhaps. He takes with him the outgoing mail on the first stage of its homeward journey and collects the incoming sacks for Ircon. Our pictures tell the rest of the story.

LEFT

Sgt Emerson collects the mail at the Post Office.

RIGHT

Mail being sorted into bundles for the sub-units at UN HQ by Coy Sgt Aston and Sgt Emerson.



The final stage in which the lucky ones move quietly into a corner to read the latest news from wife, mother, sweetheart or pen-friend. (L to R) Pte Liam Neilan (Galway) Sgm Henry Twamley Dublin and Pte John Mullins Limerick.

FOOTNOTE. It is reliably learned that a big fan mail from many parts of the world is pouring into Limnitis of late thanks to the appeal sent to an Irish Magazine by a certain Platoon Commander on behalf of his 32 'lonely' men.

IRCON NEWS



New Arrivals HQ UNFICYP

Two Irish officers arrived during the week to take up duties at UN HQ. Comdt Aiden Larnihan replaces Comdt Pat Nulty as District Economics Officer whilst Comdt Liam Prendergast succeeds Comdt Kevin Page in the appointment of Irish Liaison Officer. Picture taken at Nicosia Airport, (L to R) Comdt A. Larnihan, Lt Col D. O'Brien Irish Contingent Commander, Capt. T. McKeever, Comdt Prendergast and Comdt K. Page.





PERSONNEL OFFICERS

UNFICYP personnel and Signals officers held their regular meeting at Camp Maple Leaf this week.

SIGNALS OFFICERS

CANCON NEWS

CANADIAN FORCES PHOTOS.



5,000 MILES



Corporal Mark Deschenes who has driven 5,000 miles in two months was presented with a safe driving certificate and mug by Major Jack Burstall.

OLD GUARD TO NEW



The Canadian Contingent took over guard duties at UNFICYP Headquarters this week. In the photo, the old guard from Fincon is marched off as the new Canadian sentry takes post.

ADD NINE TO THE NOMINAL ROLL

"Snoopy", CML's favourite, is happy to announce the birth of nine, brown, black, fawn and grey puppies.



FINCON NEWS

Rele ulkoapäin. Etualalla näkyy kebab-grilli. Kuvanottohetkellä radioliikenne ei sattunut olemaan kovin vilkasta, ja nuolenheitto-kilpailut pistettiin heti pystyyn.



R E L E

Suomalaisten tehokkuudestaan ja vieraanvaraisuudesta kansainvälisestikin tunnettu relesema sijaitsee Kyrenian vuoristossa noin kymmenen minuutin ajomatkan päässä Buffaventon linnasta itään. Yksi teltta, jonka yhdessä nurkassa on keittiökalusto, toisessa neljä kenttävuodetta, kolmannessa epälukeinen määrä erilaisia radioita ja neljännessä murkassa oviaukko, muodostaa käsitteen Rele. Tietenkin siihen kuuluvat vielä ulkona suriseva generaattori sekä Nessinen ja Caponen, tai suomalaisittain Kaponen, edellinen kissa, jälkimmäinen koira, Releen kotieläimet.

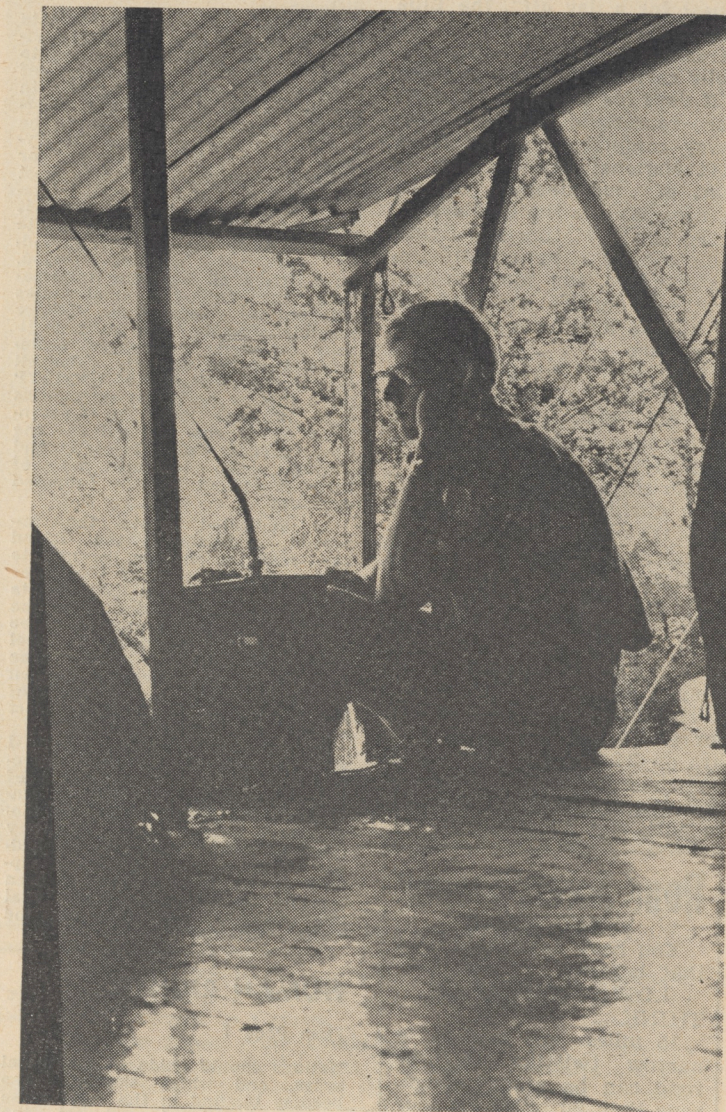
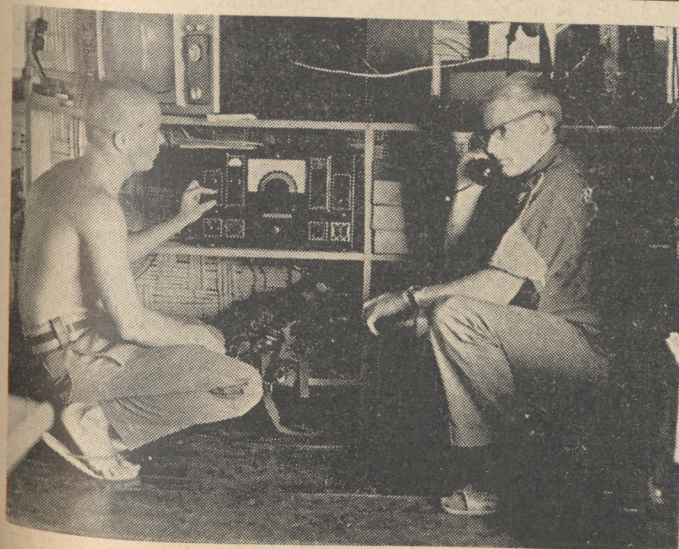
RADIO

Suomenkielisten radio-ohjelmien lähetyksajat muuttuvat. Joulukuun 29. päivästä lähtien Suomi-ohjelmien lähetyksajat tulevat olemaan seuraavat: Helsingistä tuleva terveis- ja toivelevynauha lähetetään ulos Kyproksen radion kautta 29.12.1968 lähtien joka torstai kello 20.00-20.30. Joka kolmas sunnuntai Kyproksessa tehtävät sunnuntai-ohjelmat radioidaan muuten entiseen tapaan, siis sunnuntaisin, mutta kellonaika muuttuu 29.12 lähtien ja on se päivällä klo 13.30-14.00.

Joulukuun 29. päivään asti menään vielä entiseen tapaan molempien ohjelmien kanssa. Seuraava sunnuntai-ohjelma radioidaan 22.12.

On releellä miehiäkin, kolme kappaletta kerrallaan. He tulevat hyvin toimeen salaperäisen näköisten radioiden kanssa, jotka kohisevat kilpaa. Rele on eräs niistä paikoista, joissa viihdytään. Vapaaehtoisia löytyy kertoman mukaan vaikka millä mitalla. Onko se niin, että metsäsuomalainen haluaa yksinäisyydessä mietiskellä, vai halutaanko pois koulutuksesta, mene ja tiedä. Eivät kantapäät pääse leviämään releelläkään, lenkkeilymaasto on nurkan takana, samoin vuorten huiput, joille voi vapaa-aikanaan kiipeillä. Näköaloistakaan ei ole puutetta.

klo 19.30. Koko puolituntinen on meidän. Soitellaan Kulkusia ym. mukavaa. Huom! Aallot pysyvät samana koko ajan: 602 Kc.



Viestimies ja radio. Jääk H Honkaranta kokeilee yhteyksiä eri pisteisiin pataljoonan alueella. "...Vahti kaksi, täällä Rele, tulee vito-sella, loppu". Jotenkin tuohon tapaan.

Rele sisältäpäin, tarkemmin sanottuna sen radionurkkaus. Napuloissa on jääk R Leppänen, kuuloketta pitelee jääk Honkaranta.



The above photograph of a whirlwind was taken recently, at Carl Gustaf camp, Swedcon HQ, by WO3 Jan Erlandsson, the Swedcon Photographer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Whilst your item "A Sergeant-Major's answer to a request for a day off", the Blue Beret dated 27 Nov 68, was interesting it was not mathematically correct. You cannot count 122 days for sleeping, 122 days for recreation and then take away complete days for leave and National holidays etc., as part of your sleeping calculation comes into the holidays.

To arrive at the true figure all complete 24 periods off, leave, Sundays, etc., must be subtracted from 365 and then 1/3 of the days left count as working time.

I believe I could show the Sergeant-Major I needed a day off, but what I suggest, as a better idea, is 'How to shorten your 6 month tour'.

The six months means 182.5 days, during which you have 26 Sundays off, 14 days leave entitlement and 4 days National holiday, leaving 138.5 days.

As you are only required to work 8 hours in every 24 the total days will be a third of 138.5. That is 46 days to the nearest figure.

The plea to the Sergeant-Major is 'Please may I work 24 hrs on 24 hrs off for 92 days and then go home', having earned a medal and cut the tour in half. (Sgt Rabjohn SIS).

Road Safety Corner

SPEED KILLS

You have heard and read that before.

LOW SPEED KILLS THINK.....

15 miles an hour on a narrow twisting Cyprus road can be more dangerous than 90 miles an hour on a motor way. There are many other examples you can think of for yourself.

THE WRONG SPEED AT THE WRONG TIME AT THE WRONG PLACE KILLS

Think of those other examples and apply them when you are driving, not just in Cyprus ALWAYS.

OBSERVATIONS.....

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Cypriot leaders to overcome their differences.

It would be most unfortunate in my view if the promising efforts of the parties in Cyprus to reach a peaceful settlement of their differences were to be in any way jeopardized by the uncertainties that might arise if the United Nations presence in Cyprus were to be withdrawn or radically changed at this most constructive and crucial stage. Therefore I consider it essential that the mandate of UNFICYP should be extended for yet another period. Since, from all available information, the inter-communal talks will require some time before tangible results can be realistically expected, I strongly recommend that the Security Council extend the stationing of UNFICYP for a further period of six months until 15 June 1969. The Government of Cyprus, as well as the Governments of Greece and Turkey, have informed me of their agreement for the proposed extension.

As indicated above, the improved conditions in the Island have made it possible recently to reduce the strength of the Force by about 25 per cent. But despite this reduction, the deficit of the UNFICYP budget continues to be of alarming proportions. I feel obliged to raise this matter once again with the Security Council and to appeal to the Members of the Council to give it their most serious and urgent attention.

In concluding this report, I wish to reiterate my deep appreciation to the Governments of those countries providing contingents to UNFICYP and to those who have made voluntary financial contributions to its budget. Without their generous support it would not have been possible to maintain this vital peace-keeping operation of the United Nations."

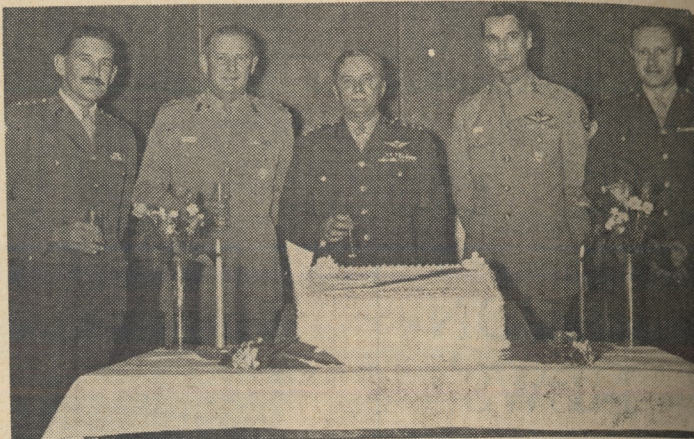
HUMAN RIGHTS.....

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Nations should abide in the moral sense, and which should also become binding in the legal sense wherever this is not yet the case.

While justifiably proud of these achievements, the United Nations must now proceed even more rapidly than in the past to translate ideals into actions. If it is to meet the hope of making for a world in which there are no major transgressions of human rights and fundamental freedoms, it must on the one hand perfect procedures to deal with gross violations of civil and political rights wherever they may occur, and on the other hand develop the material means and forms of co-operation for

WHIRLWIND



GUNNERS ALL

The Gunners of the United Nations Force in Cyprus, celebrated St. Barbara's Day, their patron saint, at Camp Maple Leaf this year. A total of 33 attended. The Artillerymen from CanCon are seen from left to right: Capt. Clary Reid, Major Mike Kearney, Brig. Gen. Leslie, Major Chuck Burant and Major Reg Redknapp.

FINCON INDEPENDENCE DAY



On the occasion of Finland's Independence day, celebrations were held at FINCON H.Q. The photograph above shows Col A. Purhonen, Comd Fincon, centre, making his speech, and on his left, Chaplain S. Lari and on the right, Lt Col P. Sirola, 21C. The Band of 1 Royal Hampshire Regt (Britcon) is in the background.

promoting the full enjoyment by everyone of economic, racial and cultural rights.

There are still too many areas where the individual citizen's right to complain of a violation of his rights or freedoms is offset by the absence of efficient national procedures and processes to enable the complaint to be disposed of promptly and fairly, or where justice is hampered by the tremendous costs involved. There are still too many areas where unemployment undermines the right to work, where illiteracy inhibits the right to education, where poverty and squalor make a mockery of the right to health, where conflict and violence negate the enjoyment of every human right and fundamental freedom.

The stimulation of action on the national level to promote and to protect human rights is an important method which the United Nations has used successfully in the past and will continue to use. The Universal Declaration has been most effective in providing broad ethical standards and obligations, applicable to all members of the international community, and in setting up "a standard of achievement" which nations and peoples can themselves apply. Indeed many States already have established effective governmental and social machinery with the wide powers and the means for giving effect to the international

instruments and the constitutional and legislative texts which guarantee civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights.

But today we recognize the need for something more than can be accomplished by action on a national scale. The international community has accepted the responsibility for co-operation in eradicating massive denials of human rights. It has agreed, in adopting the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and the Covenants on Human Rights, that the time has come for truly international measures to protect the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms. It has outlined the nature of those measures.

The main effort must now be directed toward the earliest possible genuine acceptance by every eligible State of the international human rights treaties adopted by the United Nations. There is no other way to create the machinery required for the full and effective defence of human rights and fundamental freedoms. This is a matter of immense concern to every individual and every organization, who must recognize the importance of the further development and implementation in practice of the principles set out in the Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a most urgent task and indeed a necessity for the progress of mankind.