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COMMANDER NEARELF VISITS UNFICYP

Major General H.D.G. Butler (right) who has recently taken over the appointment of General Officer Commanding the British Near East Land Forces from Major General M. W. Holme CBE, MC, paid an official call on the Force Commander Major General Prem Chand PVSM (left) at HQ UNFICYP on 27 July. He also met the Senior Political Adviser Mr J. Miles, the Chief of Staff Brigadier F. R. Henn (centre rear) and senior HQ staff officers. He visited HQ Britcon and 644 Signal's Troop. Major General Butler will visit the Britcon units at Camp UNFICYP, Gleneagles Camp and Polemidhia.



GREAT SNAKES ALIVE

Since the arrival of UNFICYP in 1964 only three soldiers have been bitten by Daudin's Viper, the only poisonous snake on the island. In 1965 a soldier serving with Britcon was bitten and recovered in hospital. This year two soldiers serving with the 3rd Battalion the Parachute Regiment were bitten. Bandsman Christopher Dorrington was bitten on the hand on the 11 May and Lance Corporal James Frame on the leg on 2 June. They were treated at the Royal Air Force Hospital, Akrotiri and have now recovered.

Bandsman Dorrington showed great common sense and made full use of his first aid training by remaining on the spot, rather than running to the First Aid Centre, and applied a tourniquet to his arm with his lanyard. Which goes to prove that first aid training is worth doing.

There are two types of snakes on the island, the poisonous Daudin's Viper and the less colourful snake known as the "Rat Catcher" which in fact will kill and eat the Daudin's Viper.

The Daudin's Viper has a heart shaped head a distinct neck and the tail is small - generally one tenth of the total body length. It may reach 4½ feet in length. Its colour

is grey, greyish buff or brown, with two dorsal series of darker spots or orange bars which may however be indistinct.

The "rat catcher" is so named owing to its habit of catching small rodents and constricting them. Small specimens up to 3½ feet long are pale olive in colour with numerous black spots. Adults may grow to 8 feet and are bluish with cream underside.

Snakes are by nature shy and will, if given warning, simply disappear. They however like to sleep after a meal, who doesn't in this climate, and enjoy dozing in the sun. It's when they are surprised in these situations that they attack to defend themselves.

ACCIDENT STATISTICS

During the month of June the number of road accidents in which UN vehicles were involved increased to a total of 33 as against 14 in the month of May. In June the total mileage was 927, 192 against 973, 192 the month before.

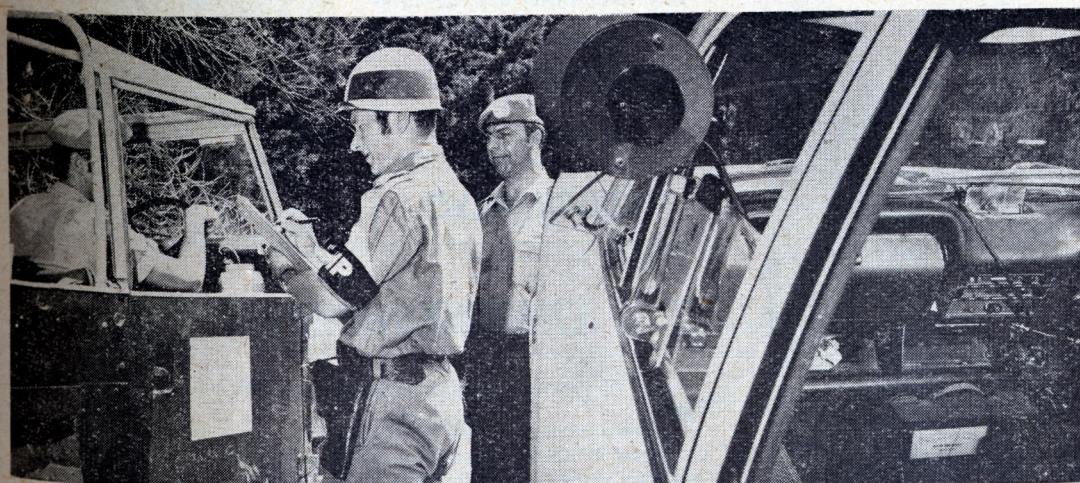
The MP Company at HQ UNFICYP has compiled an interesting statistical survey covering the period from January 1972 to July 1972. The total number of accidents in which UN vehicles were involved was 159, the statistics show the accident rate hour by hour. From it can be seen that the greatest number of accidents occurred between 0900 and 1800 hours as 111 of the 159 accidents took place during this period.

Major R. Mooney the Force Provost Marshal says that most of the accidents were due to speeding and careless driving. It should, however, be mentioned that the MP's have a radar speed-check car. It may appear on any of the roads in the island. If you are caught driving too fast, you will have to pay a fine.

So remember the three Cs: drive with care, consideration and courtesy.

UNFICYP TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS BY TIME JANUARY 1972 TO JULY 1972 TOTAL — 160 ACCIDENTS

0001—0100 hrs	1 accident
0100—0200 hrs	3 accidents
0200—0300 hrs	6 accidents
0300—0400 hrs	1 accident
0400—0500 hrs	0 accidents
0500—0600 hrs	0 accidents
0600—0700 hrs	2 accidents
0700—0800 hrs	9 accidents
0800—0900 hrs	8 accidents
0900—1000 hrs	11 accidents
1000—1100 hrs	8 accidents
1100—1200 hrs	15 accidents
1200—1300 hrs	14 accidents
1300—1400 hrs	9 accidents
1400—1500 hrs	4 accidents
1500—1600 hrs	16 accidents
1600—1700 hrs	11 accidents
1700—1800 hrs	15 accidents
1800—1900 hrs	8 accidents
1900—2000 hrs	4 accidents
2000—2100 hrs	5 accidents
2100—2200 hrs	1 accident
2200—2300 hrs	4 accidents
2300—2359 hrs	5 accidents



Watch out this could happen to you. The radar-device, on the right, has measured the speed the landrover was travelling at and the MP's are, having told the driver the speed he was travelling at, taking his particulars for their report.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION: SEE SWEDCON PAGE.



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ANKOMST



Vi følger vor tidligere omtale af familiebesøget i perioden 16 JUL - 5 AUG op med billeder fra mødestedet for ankomst og afgang, Nicosia Lufthavn. Billederne giver situationen og stemningen, så vi undlader navne her. Men på denne måde vil vi markere, at besøget blev et godt indslag i Dancon XVII's tilværelse, gode dage for gæster og værter. Man var meget ude og se sig om og indfange nogle af øens mange muligheder for oplevelse. "Messen" viste sig også at være et godt tilholdssted for hele familien ved måltider og hyggelige aftensamvær på terrassen under den natblå himmel med blidt månelys.

AFGANG



Hertil kom så også festlig udfoldelse med dans for hele familien. Dagen vil nu samle sig til minde hos de berørte personer, ikke mindst børnene vil sikkert vise sig at have fået meget med fra dagene på Cypern. Tak for besøget og på gensyn derhjemme i Danmark.

tomater, majs og blomster.

En hyggelig atmosfære om det daglige rutinearbejde.

Indendørs har man sørget for et velindrettet køkken med fornødent køkkengrej til den daglige madtilberedning, kun ingredienserne leveres fra Xeroslejren. To køleskabe gør god fyldest. Så er der også sørget for underholdning ved udstyr med radio og fjernsyn og båndoptager, og filmstjenesten når også frem.

Så Gaziveran er en god position.

GAZIVERAN DØREN TIL DANCON

OP-lejren ved Gaziveran bliver kaldt, døren til Dancon, den østligste position indenfor det tildelte område. I modsætning til de fleste Op-poster er Gaziveran beliggende ved den jævne landevej, så en hilsen fra vagtposten hører med til en Dancon-tur frem eller tilbage fra Nicosia.

Gaziveran observationen skal tilgodese fri passage på vejen og overholdelse af trufne aftaler vedrørende dyrkede arealer ned mod kystlinien.

befinder sig godt på stedet, det fremgår bl.a. af den lille lejrs velholdte fremtræden.

Der er kalket og malet og gangene velfriseret, og man hæger om en lille køkkenhave med persille,



Skønt Gaziverandelingen hører under LKMP i Limnitis er den af praktiske grunde indkvarteret i Xeroslejren sammen med STKMP. Når vagtholdet kommer fra Gaziveran opholder det sig den første uge i Xeroslejren under beredskab og deltager i lejrarbejder og alm. vedligeholdelsestjeneste. Den sidste uge i lejren har de som andet OP-personel tjenestefrihed med visse muligheder for at tage ud og se sig om.

De der gør tjeneste i Gaziveran



OS J.C. Christensen og KS J. Eriksen ved patruljevognen.

De hvide hytter med KS Eriksen, SG Christensen, KS N. Pedersen og KS Bent Olsen udenfor.

DANCON NEWS

ENGELSKUNDERVISNING

Der vil umiddelbart efter familieflysperioden blive undervisning i engelsk. Undervisningen vil finde sted i Limnitis. Lærer er KS B. Rasmussen, der foruden studentereksamen har skoleophold i England som baggrund. Første hold vil blive et begynderhold. Det vil være af en varighed på 5 uger med 2X2 timer ugentligt. Tilmeldingslister og nøjagtige datoer for undervisningen vil tilgå KMP med og i en velfærdsmeddelelse.

“EVERYONE HAS BEEN AWARDED HIS MEDAL, SIR”

Denna anmälan från stabschefen till Force Commander, general Pren Chand angav slutet på den högtidliga medaljeringen av svenska FN-bataljonen 48 C. Ceremonien ägde rum på Carl Gustav Camp under förmiddagen den 29. juli.

Efter medaljeringen riktade så Force Commander några ord till bataljonen varvid han underströk att bataljonen aktivt har bidragit till freden inom Famagusta distrikt och därigenom på hela ön. Han uttalade också sin tillfredsställelse med bataljonens sätt att lösa sina uppgifter.

Trots ett noggrant pussel blev det ej möjligt att medaljera alla på Carl Gustav Camp. Dagen innan hade därför bataljonschefen medaljerat personalen på post i Chatos, Bey Keuy och Trypimeni.

En parad skall ske med precision. Tiden medgav dock inte någon lång förövning. Klockan åtta sam-

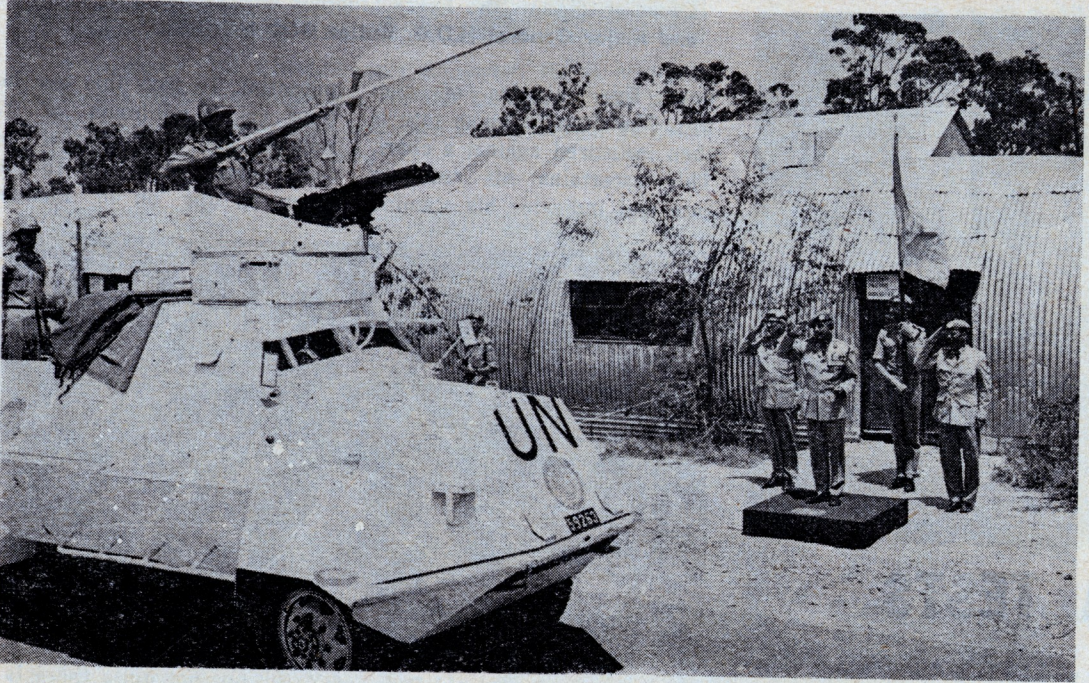
ma dag gavs den första instruktionen "KI elva skall allting fungera perfekt". Och efter en god insats från varje man blev detta ett ej så ovanligt omdöme efter ceremoniens slut.

När medaljparaden var till ända följde så förbimarsch för Force Commander med bataljonen uppstutten på SKP och med den blå FN-fanan i täten.

Trots den tryckande värmen smakade sedan festlunchen utmärkt gott där den aväts på olika mässar tillsammans med inbjudna gäster från övriga kontingenter och med bekanta och anhöriga från när och fjärran.



Klart för medaljering.



Förste fanförrare, löjtnant Bruno Granlund saluterar Force Commander och distriktschefen under förbimarschen.



Medaljeringen har barjat. Stabschefen, major Gunnar Lundgren i giv-akt efter erhållen medalj och kommandanten, major Bror Hansson under mottagandet.

SWEDCON NEWS
Swedish Forces Photos

MEDALJE I SYGESENGEN UNFICYP PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

The Blue Beret announces that it is organizing a Photographic Competition, the rules of which are set out below. So why not enter and win a prize.

1. Photographs may be submitted only by members of UNFICYP, military or civilian. They must have been taken by the person submitting the photograph.

2. There are two categories in the competition:

a. Photographs of UNFICYP at work or off duty.

b. Photographs of Cyprus in general. It is intended that both categories cover a broad spectrum to allow entrants a broad choice of subject matter.

3. The competition will be in two parts:

a. Contingent Press Officers will hold a competition with in the contingent. A maximum of six photographs from each category will be submitted, by them, to the Editor of the Blue Beret for final judgement

b. A final choice will be made by an impartial committee at HQ UNFICYP to choose a winner in each category. Each winner will receive a prize of photographic equipment of his own choice to the value of £20.

4. The photographs should preferably be in black and white, but may be in colour print or colour transparency. The smallest print size should be postcard size and the largest full plate. Negatives are to be submitted with prints.

5. Trick photography and unusual developing and techniques may not be used.

6. Timings:

a. 31 Aug. - Contingent Competitions to be completed.

b. 1 Sep. - Up to six entries in each category to be submitted by Contingents to the Editor of the Blue Beret.

c. 14 Sep. - Final results to be published in the Blue Beret.

7. Information should be submitted with photographs on type of camera used, location of picture and any relevant technical data.

GOC NEARELF VISITS 644 SIGNALS TROOP

Lance Corporal Brian McCarthy (left) and Signalman John Marriot are pictured (below) manning the HQ UNFICYP telephone switch board, while the Officer Commanding 644 Signals Troop, Captain D. Stokes explains the operation of the switch board to Major General H.D.G. Butler, General Officer Commanding British Near East Land Forces, who paid an introductory visit to HQ UNFICYP on 27 July.

The operators work a continuous 24 hour shift system. Their greatest problem is that during their six month tour

they have to memorise the HQ staff list, which continually changes appointments and telephone numbers. This means that they should have 450 pieces of information in their heads for this headquarters alone. The way you the readers can help them is to ask for a number and not a person by name. In this hot weather it is a credit to the troop, that the operators always remain helpful, courteous and cheerful.

The troop is staffed by Canadian and British signallers and maintains out stations at Troodos, Zeros and Famagusta.



STAMINA TESTS

An article on last week's front page told us how important it was to be physically fit. The 3rd Battalion the Parachute Regiment have, in common with many other regiments, always considered that unless a soldier is fit he is useless. This article highlights the Physical Fitness Assessment test which every man in the Battalion has to complete.

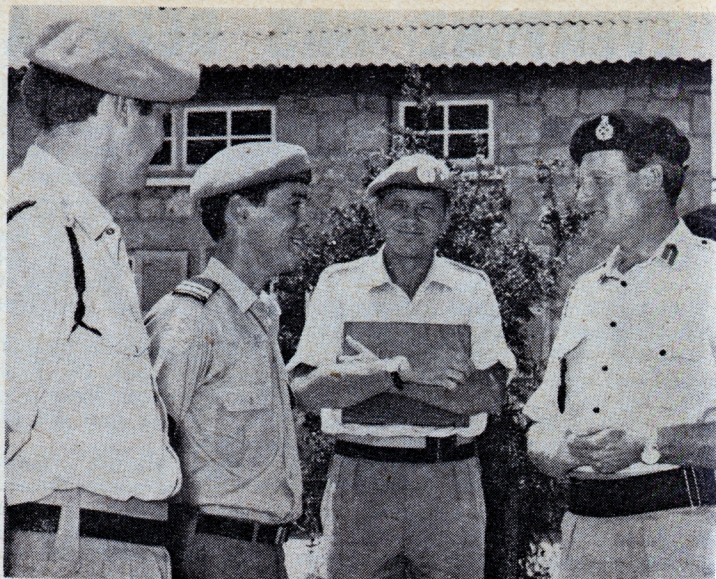
When Field Marshall Montgomery said to Sir Winston Churchill, "Sir I don't smoke and I don't drink and I'm 100% fit", Churchill replied "I smoke and I drink and I'm 200% fit". One wonders how these two eminent gentlemen, one famous for his ability to train armies to a high standard of physical fitness, the other noted for his mental fitness, would have responded to the Physical Fitness Assessment tests. The tests are complimentary to the normal Physical Training test

which is a "ten mile bash". They are designed to measure stamina, strength of arms, legs, shoulders and trunk.

The soldier starts his test by



● Ahh! a moments peace during the rigorous test. Pulse rates being taken by Sergeant Instructor Michael Lee, Army Physical Training Corps and Sergeant Fred Clark, Royal Army Medical Corps.



● Pictured from left to right are the Radio Officer, Lieutenant J. Spiers, the Second in Command K. Hiltz of the Royal Canadian Signals the Force Signals Officer Major J. Cathcart and Major General H.D.G. Butler GOC NEARELF.

doing five minutes of step ups. The drop in pulse rate is then measured against a chart. This ascertains his recovery rate and indicates his stamina

potential. To pass this test he must get a minimum of 37 points. The remainder of the test consists of heaves to the beam, sit ups on an incline,



● "The Grand old Duke of York" but not quite there is a purpose behind this test. Private Terry Hopkins looks on and records as Private Bland, Corporal Maher, Private McKinley and Private Green push up their pulse, rates on the final minutes of the "step up test".

dips and a standing jump. He must score ten points on each movement, but if he does more he gets additional points.

To score an 'A' pass he must collect 110 points, slightly lower is a 'B' pass at a 100 points. In an infantry battalion nobody should be below a 'B' pass. In a Parachute Battalion soldiers must achieve an 'A' pass.

BRITCON NEWS

ROME WAS NOT BUILT IN ONE DAY

If you asked Sergeant Phil Grant what he would like most for his Engineer Section at Larnaca he would probably say "Men". Sergeant Grant has to work on a shoe string of three men. One might imagine that in a small Unit such as we have at Larnaca the Engineering chores would be very small.



● Sergeant Phil Grant, Ircon's Engineer. He is normally stationed with Depot Engineers in the Curragh. This is his fourth trip to Cyprus and he was once in the Congo. Sergeant Grant is married with three kids.

This is far from the case. Keeping Wolfe Tone Camp in shape is a job for a Platoon of Engineers and the day is gone when we can call on outside help to build new accommodation for our troops. Consequently when a new Elephant hut was required at Custom House who do you think got the detail to build it? The Engineer Section of course.

As always they did an excellent job.

The other two members of the Section are Private William Mulligan and Private Matt Doyle.



● Working on the Elephant hut at the Custom House are from top to bottom Pte Matt Doyle and Private William Mulligan.

SOCCER NEWS

Ircon continued their series of challenge matches during the latter part of July. On 19th we sent a team to Glen Eagles Camp where the Force Reserve

came out victors by two goals to one.

On July 21st Ircon took on the team of the 3 Para Battalion at the Stadium Larnaca. This game was awaited with keen interest for it was Ircon's first engagement with a full team from another Contingent. The match got off to a good start and we had good displays of hard football from both sides. The Paras were certainly the most impressive side during this half and seemed destined to take the lead when awarded a penalty after twenty minutes. However a fine save by Commandant John Martin kept the scores to nil all at half time.

Ircon came more into the picture during the second half despite the fact that the Paras took an early lead. After continuous pressure Ircon were awarded a penalty and Signalman O'Callaghan made no mistake from the "spot". With the teams level once again the scene was set for a great tussle. Ircon managed to grasp a winner with a good goal from Corporal Daly shortly before the end.



IRCON'S MP DETACHMENT

By the outward appearance it is always easy to distinguish a Military Policeman from the ordinary soldier. What, with their leather belts, black and white arm bands and white helmets you can't miss them.

Despite all the differences the Military Police still wear the same United Nations Uniforms as every other soldier and even though they sometimes have to perform awkward tasks their lot is the same as everyone else's.

Here in Larnaca we are glad to have a detachment of two Irish M.P.'s and one Canadian.

The detachment is commanded by Company Sergeant Maurice McQuaid (left) who is the father of nine children. This is his third trip to Cyprus and he spent one tour of duty in the Congo.

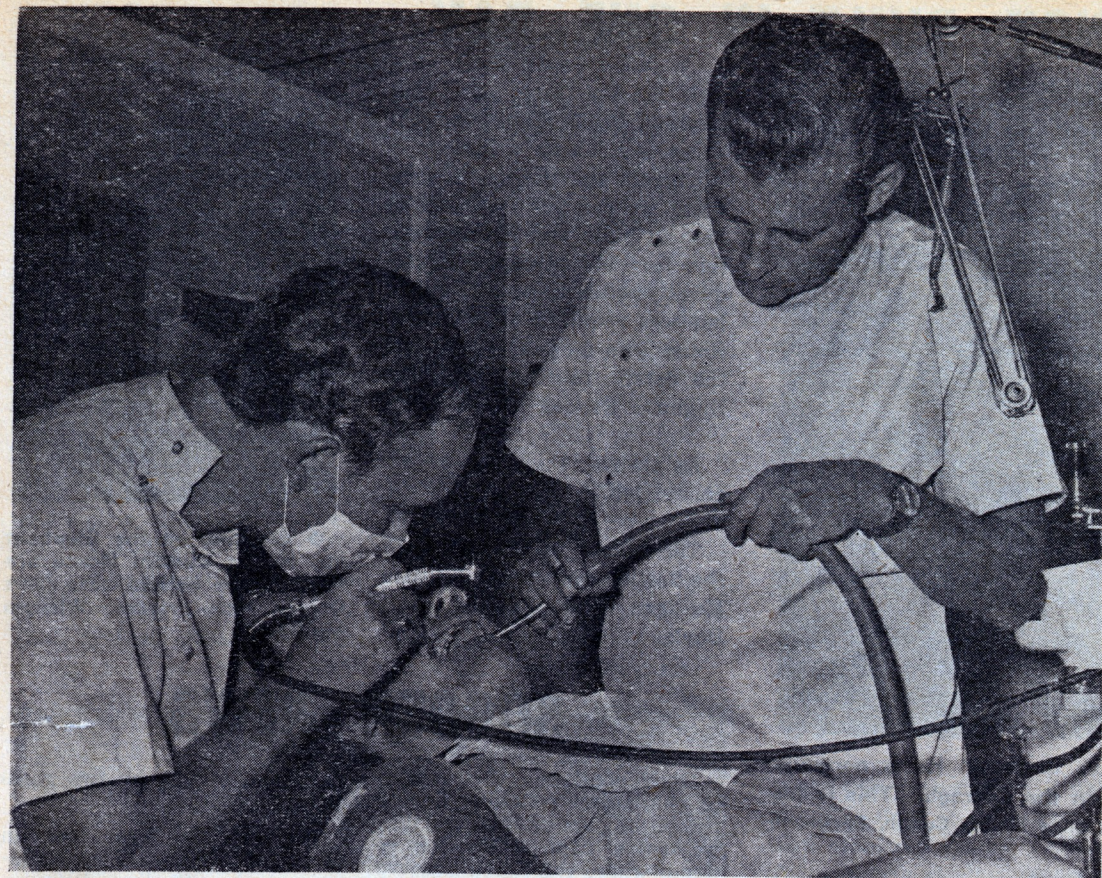
Corporal Paul Dalton (right) is the other Irish M.P. at Larnaca. He is from Dublin and hopes to get married here in Larnaca in August. Our Canadian M.P. is Corporal Wardell.

IRCON NEWS

PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

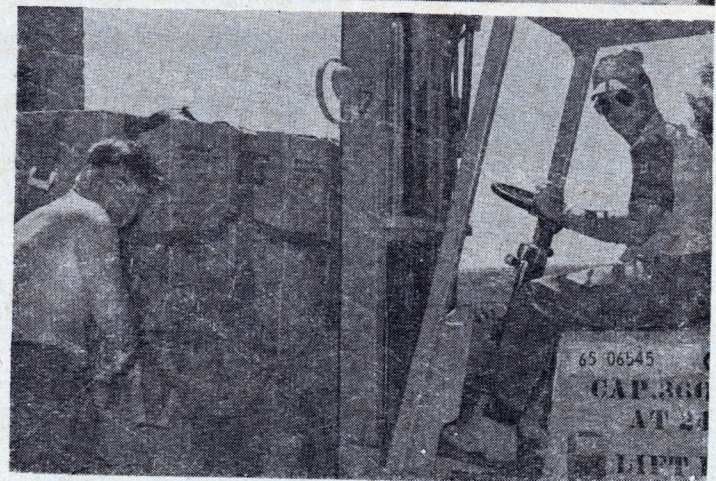
Our personality this week is Private Thomas Gaffey the cook from Number Three Platoon. Private Gaffey is from Athlone is married with five children. He has seen seventeen years service with the Irish Army and had two tours of duty in the Congo. This is his second tour in Cyprus.



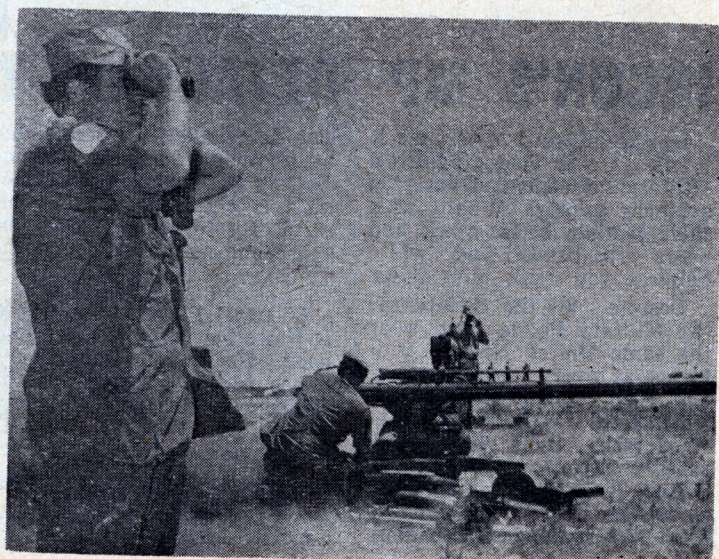
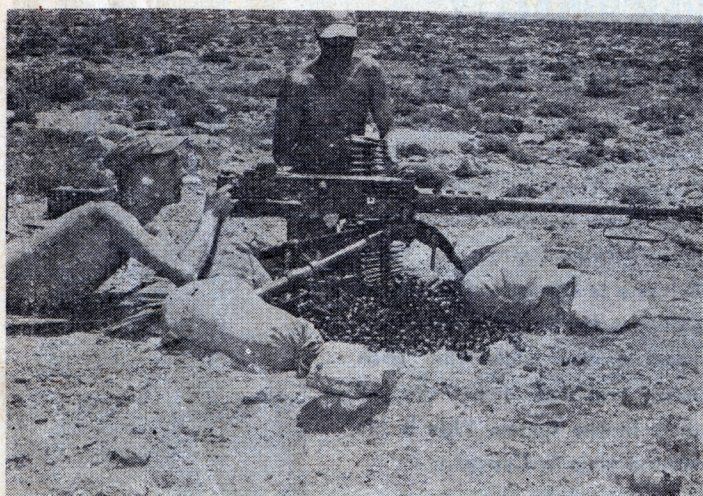


WEAPONS REFRESHER TRAINING

Last week, the Heavy machine gun Section and the Anti-tank Section completed their weapons refresher training period by firing their weapons at the Goshi and Dhekelia ranges. With the firing of the mortars, two weeks ago, heavy weapons refresher training is now complete. In the photo at the left Corporal Bob Murphy fires the .50 Heavy Machine Gun while Corporal Al MacIntyre guides the ammunition.



In the photo on the right Corporal John Beaty observes the target area for the 106 mm Recoiless Rifle, while Private Kelvin Hill loads and Private Herb Isbester aims the weapon.



Every Wednesday, a Canadian Armed Forces, Air Transport Command Boeing 707 arrives at Nicosia Airport with passengers, mail and cargo from Canada. The aircraft is serviced primarily by personnel from Logistics Squadron transport. Tasks involve, the loading and unloading of cargo from the cargo compartments in the aircrafts belly and on the main deck — to the cleaning of ashtrays in the passenger compartment. Corporal P. D. Brown steadies a load of pack rations while Corporal Doug Nash operates the fork lift truck.



MEDICAL FACILITIES

The maintenance of Observation Posts along the Green Line is the primary concern for the majority of the Contingent. However, the responsibility for a healthy and dentally fit soldier lies with the medical and dental staff of the Contingent.

Shown at the left is the Dental Officer Captain Greg Ames working on the teeth of Warrant Officer Earl Smith, while Dental Assistant Sergeant Bruce Harwey, provides the necessary assistance.

At the Unit Aid Station, under the Command of Captain Dave Blaine, Sergeant Doe Ramsley and the staff advise the Contingent Commander on all Medical matters concerning the Unit. In the photo above Master Corporal Glen Ellis receives a booster needle from Corporal Mike Steen.

CANCON NEWS

KOMENTAJA VAIHTUI

“Hyvän kilvan jälkeen yleisö ja kilpakumppanit antavat tunnustusta parhaimmilleen. Evl. Lehtovirta on suorittanut hyvän kilvan vuodesta 1964 alkaen YK:n palveluksessa eri tehtävissä. Kun hän nyt jättää pataljoonan toimittuaan sen komentajana lähes kahden vuoden ajan, me muut tunnemme suurta kunnioitusta tällaista uraa kohtaan. Me emme tiedä, jatkuuko tuo YK-ura vielä toisissa merkeissä, mutta siirtykään evl. Lehtovirta mihin tehtäviin tahansa, hänet tullaan muistamaan YK-sotilaittemme ja YK-veteraanien mielissä. Tällaisen hyvän kilvan jälkeen on paikallaan antaa reilu tunnustus tehtävänsä jättävälle komentajalle. Kolminkertainen hei-huuto evl. Lehtovirralle”.

Nämä jäähyväissanat lausui evl. Pentti Kallio evl. Eero Lehtovirralle lauantaia 29. heinäkuuta ottaessaan vastaan YKSP:n komentajan tehtävät. Ja varauksesta niihin voivat yhtyä niin evl. Lehtovirran komentajakauden aikana hänen alaisinaan palvelleet kuin menneiden vuoden aikana hänen kanssaan työskennelleet sotilaat. Evl. Lehtovirta saapui Kyprokselle ensimmäisten rauhanturvaajien mukana kesäkuussa 1964 ja työskenteli UNFICYPin esikunnan

OPSissa. Hänen tehtäviinsä kuului silloin lähinnä pakolaisten huolto. Joulukuussa 1965 hän siirtyi YK:n Suomen pataljoonaan pataljoonapäämajaksi, ja tätä virkaa hän hoiti maaliskuuhun 1967. Heti kuuden päivän sodan jälkeen evl. Lehtovirta astui UNTSO:n palvelukseen Kantara Control Centeriin. Suezin kanavalla hän viipyi vuoden. Tammikuussa 1969 hän meni jälleen UNFICYPin esikuntaan, tällä kertaa henkilöosaston päälliköksi. Tästä virasta evl. Lehtovirta siirtyikin YKSP:n komentajaksi marraskuussa 1970.



Lippuvartio saapuu platalle.

CHANGE OF COMMANDER

Lt. Col. Lehtovirta relinquished and Lt. Col. Kallio assumed Command of Fincon and Kyrenia District w.e.f. Saturday 29. July. Lt. Col. Lehtovirta arrived in Cyprus already in June 1964 as Staff Offr. OPS in Unficyp. In December 1965 he transferred to 2 IC FinBn, where he was until March 1967. From Summer 1967 he was working as Chief Operations Offr. in Kantara Control Centre in UNTSO. In January 1969 Lt. Col. Lehtovirta became Chief Personnel Officer in HQ Unficyp and in November 1970 he assumed Command of Fincon.



Evl. Lehtovirta (vas) luovuttaa komentajan tehtävät evl. Kalliolle.

KUUMA TUULINEN MARTTI

Kakkosen jääkärit eivät suinkaan ole vahingonil isia. Siitä huolimatta he huokaisevat helpotuksesta, kun Martti siirtyi Ykköselle. Se ei ollut suinkaan rakastettu paikka. Vaikka se sijaitseekin mukavan matkan päässä niin Kyreniasta kuin Nicosiasta, saldo jäi enemmän miinuspuolelle. Kersantti Räisänen, Marttiin päällikkö luovuttamiseen asti, tulkitsee omia ja miestensä tunteita seuravasti ja antaa samalla evästyksiä nykyiselle päällikölle, alikers. Kojolle.

“Näät sinisen pisteen etäällä kukkulalla. Lähestyt sitä keinu- vassa autossa, joka matelee tuota kuoppaista tietä, tietä joka sateisena aikana on keltovon autolla ajettavaksi. Saavut perille. Yrität etsiä varjoa paahtavalta auringolta, mutta sitä varjoa ei löydy kymmentä kilometriä lähempää. Löydät jonkinlaisen suojan ja tunnet, kuinka tuuli alkaa elää. Se puhalttaa hiljaa ja toivot, että se voimistuisi. Kellon kääntyessä iltapäivän puo-

lulle toiveesi toteutuu, mutta peruuttaisit sen heti, jos voisit. Sillä kuuma viima polttaa ihoasi ja tuulen mukana lentävä hiekka tunkeutuu kaikkialle, —suuhun, korviin, silmiin.

Siitä huolimatta sinun täytyy olla valpas, tähyttää eteen ja taakse, oikealle ja vasempaan. Sinun täytyy tietää, mitä näköpiirissäsi tapahtuu. Olethan rauhanturvaaja OP Martin's Moundissa, paikassa jossakin Nicosian ja Kyrenian vuoriston välillä.

Martti on viiden miehen OP, joka käsittää pari sinistä peltirakennusta, majan ja keittiön sekä tietenkin vartiokopin, jossa vuorolasi teet kolmen tunnin pykälän. Sen lisäksi kierrät kahdesti viikossa kymmenen kilometrin partio-lenkin, jolloin tarkastat osapuolten asemat ja teet havainnoistasi raportin. Puhelinlinjasta on tullut aikamoinen riesa. Melkein joka toinen päivä saat olla vikapartiossa. Milloin on synnä oikosulku, milloin puuttuu parikymmentä metriä piuhaa väliltä. Käi sitä joku on tarvinnut. Yleensä alueella on rauhallista, eikä sotilaallistakaan toimintaa ole tapahtunut.

Ruuanlaittotaito on muuten välttämätöntä Martissa. Muonaa kun ei tuoda valmiina, vaan raaka-aineina. Ennen kävi täydennys kätevästi hekoteitse, mutta Ykkösen hoitelee muonan Marttiin omin keinoin. Omistajan vaihdos ei tosin elämää Martissa muuta. Joka tapauksessa Kakkonen huokaa helpotuksesta luovuttaessaan OP:n Ykköselle”.



OP Martti siirtyi Kakkoselta Ykkösen hoitoon. Majuri Matikainen (selin) luovuttaa pöytäkirjat ja muun välttämättömän välineistön ltn. Sintoselle majuri Mäkipään (oik) toimiessa todistajana.

'JOINT TRAINING' - ES HAT GEKLAPPT

Am 19 Juli 1972 mittags trafen vier Scout-Ferret-Cars der Force Reserve UNFICYP/NICOSIA zu einem Besuch beim UNAB 1 in Paphos ein. Der Kdt des Trupps, Oblt Marc Auchinlec und seine Soldaten von den Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, wurden herzlich in St. Patrick's empfangen und konnten sich nach den ersten Kontaktnahmen und einer kurzen Orientierung im Lager der vorgesehenen Recreation widmen. Vom Pi-Bootfahren bis zum Zambizi-Club liessen sich die Royal Scots Dragoons nichts entgehen.

Am nächsten Tag begann allerdings der Ernst des militärischen Alltags, diesmal mit einer interessanten Abwechslung, einer gemeinsamen Übung unseres Alarmzuges mit dem 3. Trupp der D-Squadron/Force Reserve.

Nach einer kurzen Einweisung durch den 2 IC Mjr Klocker in die geographische, wirtschaftliche, militärische und allgemeine Lage des Distrikts wurden unsere Soldaten von ihren englischen Kameraden auf den Scout-Cars eingewiesen. Dabei hatten sie sogar Gelegenheit, selber am Steuer, dieses fast ulkig Anzusehenden Spähwagens, einige Runden im Camp zu drehen.

Dan erfolgte von Oblt Joast als eingeteilter Kdt der Übung die Lage- und Befehlsausgabe und nach einer kurzen Lagebesprechung der Gruppenkommandanten ging es im gesicherten MotMarsch Richtung Stavrokono.

Im Übungsgebiet lief dann

alles programmgemäss. Erstklassige Funkverbindungen zu den Scout-Cars, überraschend gute Ortskenntnisse der Soldaten und echte Begeisterung aller Übungsteilnehmer sprachen für das Gelingen des Unternehmens.

Am Ende der Übung wurde gemeinsam mit den englischen UN-Soldaten im Kameradenkreis des OP Stavrokono nochmals der Übungsablauf besprochen und vielleicht einige Freundschaften geschlossen. Sicher ist jedenfalls, dass auch in der Zukunft mit der Force Reserve kombinierte Übungen stattfinden werden und es macht uns Freude, mit den Angehörigen einer so traditionsreichen Einheit wie The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards gemeinsam in wichtiger Mission zu handeln.



● Absitzen.....

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SCHNITZEL À LA POLIS



● Grosses Interesse für den kleinen Spähwagen.



● StWm Loidolt tauschte den Hobel gegen ein Messer aus und teilt gerecht die Ration auf.



●und in Stellung gehen funktionierte ausgezeichnet. MG-Schütze 1: Gfr Frohofer Josef, MG-Schütze 2: Jg Pölzl Friedrich, beide aus der Steiermark.

Um den dringendsten Unter-
kunftsproblemen abzu-
helfen, wurde in Polis wieder fleissig
gearbeitet. Eine Baugruppe,
bestehend aus Jg Schindeika,
Jg Kreutzer, Kpl Dunkler und
Jg Mayer, sorgt durch die
Schaffung eines Gehweges,
dass weniger Staub in die
Unterkünfte dringt und Gfr
Burtscher und Jg Scherz helfen
mit ihren Ma'eraarbeiten das
Haus zu verschönern.



MP NOTEBOOK ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

Week Ending	
28 Jul 72	— 09
Same Period	
Last Year	— 11
Total This Year	— 194
Same Period	
Last Year	— 175

Main Cause Of Acci- dents This Week:

DRIVING WITHOUT
DUE CARE AND
ATTENTION

StWm Günther Loidolt sorgt
für das leibliche Wohl seiner
Kameraden in Polis. Er selbst
hat die vertrauens-erweckende
Statur einer Chef-Schiffskochs
und seine Kochprodukte ent-
sprechen diesem Eindruck. Was
so Tischlermeister aus Wien
alles können.