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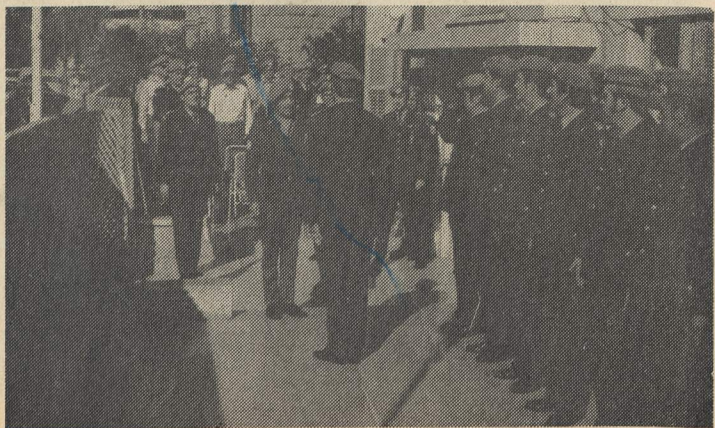


On Wednesday 20th November 1974, General Sir Peter Hunt, GCB, DSO, OBE, ADC (Gen), Chief of the General Staff visited UNFICYP. In our picture the Force Commander, Lt. Gen. D. Prem Chand, PVSM accompanies the General to his car after having a discussion in the Headquarters. Also shown are the Chief of Staff, Brig Gen CE Beattie,

CD, Deputy Chief of Staff, Colonel P.I. Chiswell, OBE, Special Representative of the Secretary General, Mr. L. Weckmann-Munoz, Senior Political Adviser, Mr. R. Gorge and Capt T. Fredholm, ADC to the Force Commander. From the Headquarters the General paid a visit to the Para Sqn RAC and Camp UNFICYP before returning to AKROTIRI.



Even small children were caught in the movement of their village. The Force Commander, Lt. Gen. D. Prem Chand is shown trying to bring a smile to a young face whilst his mother and other villagers look on.



EVACUATION OF GREEK CYPRIOTS

During the month of November two Greek Cypriot villages, Voni and Gypsos in the Famagusta District, have been evacuated to the Southern part of the island. The initial agreement for these evacuations to take place, was the result of humanitarian discussions between Mr. Clerides and Mr. Dentash. From thence it was passed to UNFICYP and the International Committee of the Red Cross to provide transportation.

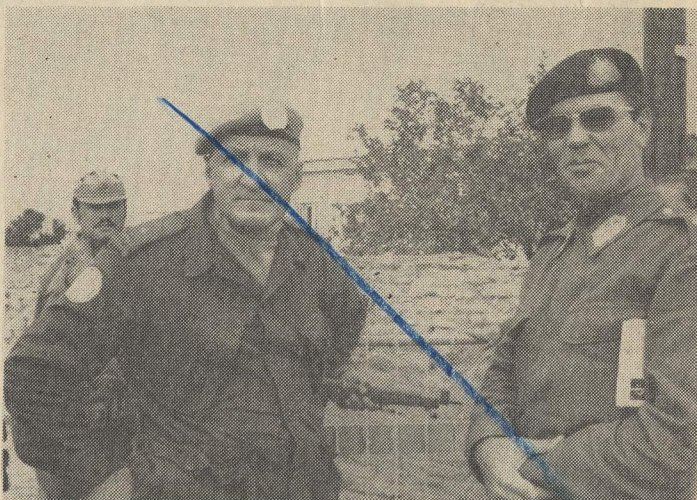
The ICRC, who had Health Centres in both villages, recorded the status of the evacuees and provided medical

care. The Red Cross (Cypriot) made arrangements for the final destination of the evacuees.

Several detachments of the British, Canadian and Swedish UN contingents, assisted by Austrian and Swedish Civilian Police and ICRC teams were involved in this operation. Whilst the evacuations were being carried out, both the Force Commander, Lt. Gen. D. Prem Chand, PVSM and the Chief of Staff, Brig Gen. CE Beattie, CD visited the Gypsos evacuation as can be seen in our photographs.



The Force Commander speaks to one of the villagers at Gypsos whilst Lt. Col. B.E.M. Fornell, Commander of the Swedish Contingent looks on.



The Chief of Staff, Brig. Gen. C.E. Beattie is pictured with Major I. Berish, LO for the Turkish Force HQ, who assisted UNFICYP in arranging the evacuation.

On the 14th November 1974 a medal parade was held at HQ AUSCIVPOL in Nicosia. The Force Commander, Lt. Gen. D. Prem Chand, PVSM presented the UN Medal "In the Service of Peace" to 11 Officers of the Austrian Civilian Police. The photograph on the left depicts the reporting of the Contingent to the Force Commander.



I forbindelse med DANCON XXII overtagelse af ansvaret over LEFKA DISTRICT, blev der efter den traditionelle overdragelsesceremoni afholdt en frokost i officersmessen i VIKING CAMP. Her er et billede fra denne frokost, hvor man, regnet fra venstre, ser den gamle feltpræst Rønn Sørensen, den gamle kontingentchef OL C.J.K. Severinsen, den nye kontingentchef OL E.B. Herlevsen samt politiassessor J. Sandholt.



Mange har omkring rotationstidspunktet sagt goddag og farvel, men kun eet sted står det på tryk, nemlig ved Charles' souvenirbod i VIKING CAMP.



Det varer ikke længe før alle i DANCON XXII mærker juletravlheden. Men vi har alle på nuværende tidspunkt sørget for at sende julegaver hjem til familie og venner, og det har givet anledning til ekstra travlhed. Især på posthuset har det givet ekstra arbejde. Her ses POSTBM OS R. Haugeland og "Søren Post" i færd med at tømme postkassen uden for posthuset. Husk iøvrigt at breve og julekort skal være indleveret på posthuset inden 16 DEC kl. 1330 for at nå rettidigt ud til jul.



Der er mange sjove motiver at indfange med kamera. Her er et fra Motorpuljen (Mere korrekt MOTSEK/DEP-og VEDLDEL/STKMP) visende Nuser bag rattet. Motorpuljens vartegn er så gammelt, at selv de ældste i Motorpuljen ikke kan huske andet om dets oprindelse, end at vartegnet stammer tilbage fra den tid, da DANCON lå i Nicosia.



OVDEL/STKMP er blevet udlagt i egen lejr nær Pinewood Valley. Her ses delingen i færd med de indledende arbejder i forbindelse med etableringen.



Ja, man tror det næppe! Der kan altså komme vand i de udtørrede flodlejer her på Cypren. Dette foto er fra Xeros. Enkelte af Viking Camps huse ses øverst til højre i billedet.

Ingvar Rosén vid civilpolisen har återförenats med sin älskade. Även om han var förberedd, blev mötet något av en chock för honom. Så bär beskriver han det själv.

Min älskade, jag lider med Dig

Min älskade!

Jag är åter hos Dig, jag finns hos Dig, men ändå.... Trots att jag längtat så efter Dig, söker mina tankar sig tillbaka till en annan tid, då jag också var hos Dig.

Jag minns Dig som Du var då: Som en dröm - så vacker, så ljus, så riktig, så rofull. Du var allt: Du var solen som gjorde min kropp varm och brun, Du var den gyllene stranden och det mjuka vattnet som smög sig in och lekte med sandkornen, vatten som smekte mig, kristallklart, skiftande i grönt. I bakgrunden hördes barnens skratt när bollarna kastades i luften.

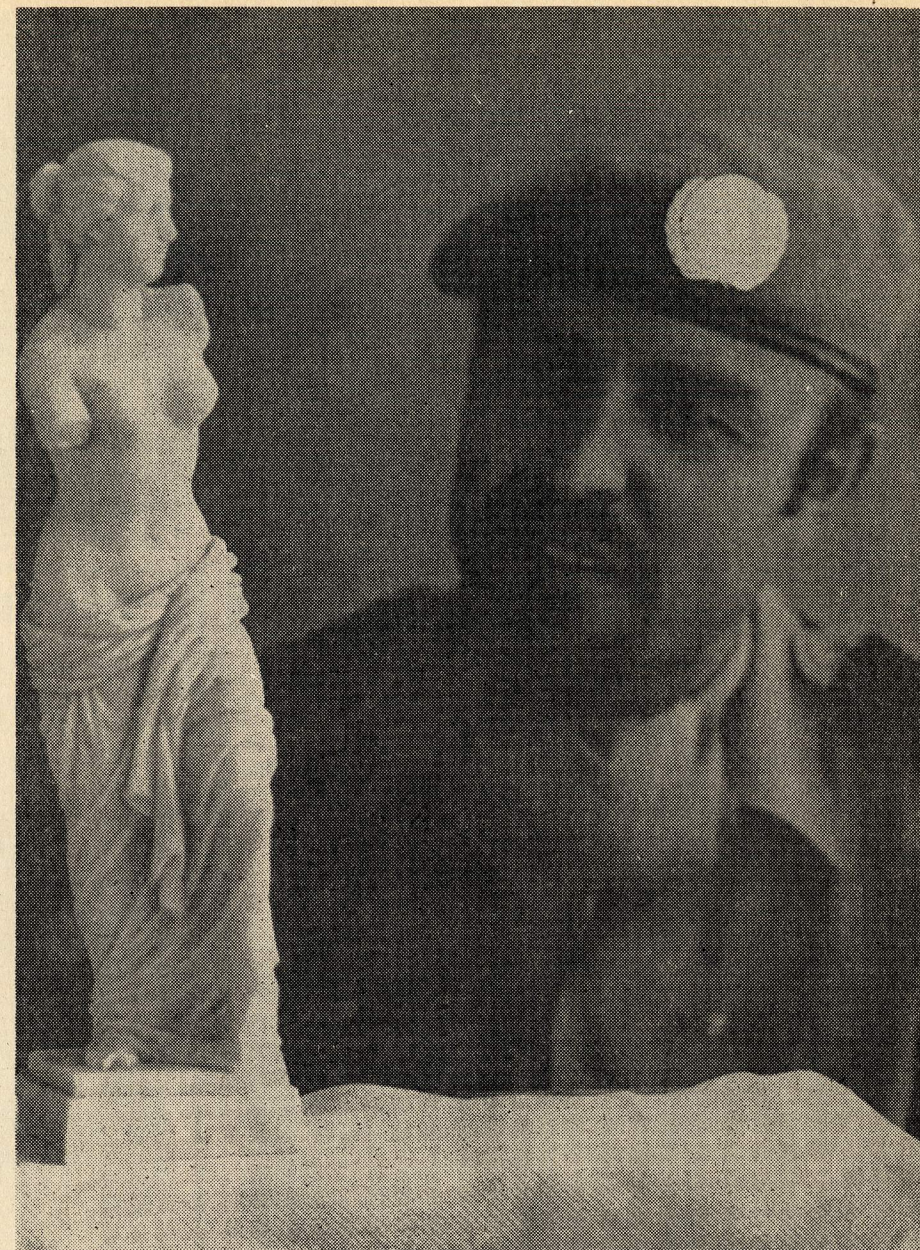
Du var den ljumma sommarnattens vind. Du var de vackra stjärnenätterna, det mjuka månskenet med dess avslöjande skuggor. Du var den kalla uppfriskande drinken på vårt stamställe en trevlig dansafton. Du var en kollegas och kamrats uppskattande dunk i ryggen, känslan av gemenskap. Du var det varma skrattet från en vacker kvinna vid min sida.

Du var stark, rik, vacker. Jag gladdes med Dig. När dagen kom, då jag skulle lämna Dig, grät jag i mitt hjärta. Jag visste inte om jag skulle få se Dig igen. Jag längtade redan efter Dig.

Idag är Du sjuk.....

Nu är jag åter hos Dig. Jag finns mitt i Dig, i Ditt innersta. Idag är Du inte densamma Du var då. Idag är Du sjuk, ensam och övergiven. Idag behöver Du mig, som jag då behövde Dig.

Vad kan jag göra för Dig, jag lilla människa? Det var vi människor som en gång byggde upp Dig och gav Dig ett liv på gott och ont. Vi har skapat Dig och hjälpt till att göra Dig till den Du blev. Sen har sjukdomen kommit, den sjukdom som vi människor bär inom oss. Den



virus som nu angripit Dig och långsamt bryter ner Dig, min älskade. Alla människor har samma virus inom sig. En del bekämpar den, andra inte. Inte ens en liten grupp om två människor, vigda saman för livet, som lovat att älska varandra i nöd och lust, kan hålla samman. Hur trodde Du då, att vi alla skulle kunna vara sams, leva i fred och glädjas med Dig i Din skönhet?

Valdtagen

Nej, viruset kom och förstörde. Jag vet att Du är svårt sjuk och jag vet att det är vi människor som gjort Dig till vad Du är idag. Bränd, sönderslagen, sparkad, valdtagen och skändad.

Du, min stackare. Det är som om inte ens havet längre var blått. Det är som om en dimma skymde solen och hindrade den från att lysa med samma vackra sken som förut. Det är som om månens förr så vackra ljus blivit kallt och ödsligt. Det är som om stjärnornas ljusknippen pekade på oss som kalla fingrar och sa:

—Hur kunde ni?

Jag vill hjälpa Dig

Min älskade....

Jag hoppas jag kan göra en insats för att hjälpa Dig, om än aldrig så liten. Du skall veta att jag själv är svag. Ibland är det nästan så jag inte står ut Din sjukdom, att jag vill överge Dig, rymma min väg för att kanske komma tillbaka när Du är frisk.

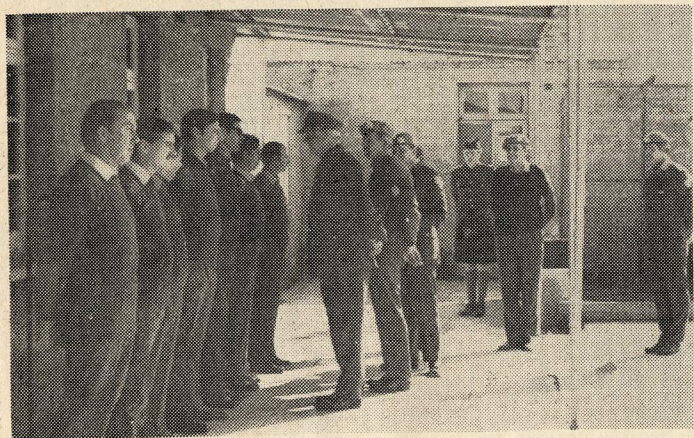
Men jag vet att det vore fegt av mig. Jag lovar att jag skall försöka stanna och kämpa vid Din sida, se Dig friskna till. Kanske får jag åter se Dig rik och vacker så att jag får glädjas med Dig.

VISIT OF CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF

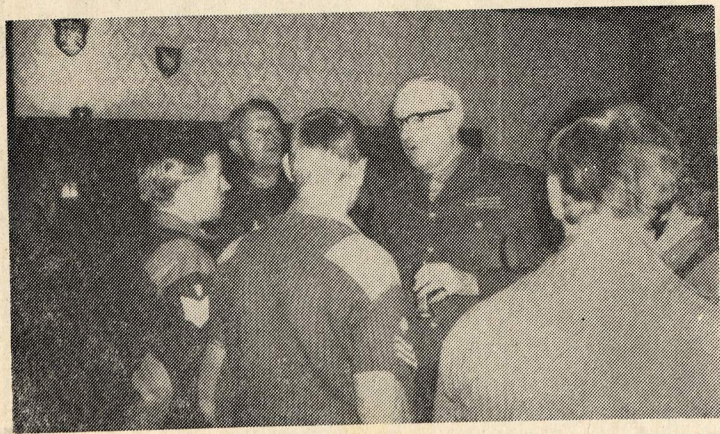
General Sir Peter Hunt is seen speaking to Lt. I. Morrell the Armourer of the Parachute Squadron RAC whilst Major P.D. Bentley looks on.



On Wednesday 20th November 74, General Sir Peter Hunt, Chief of the General Staff paid a visit to several of the British Contingent units attached to the United Nations Peace Keeping Force in Cyprus. In our photograph above left he is seen speaking to WO 1 Ray Whitehouse, Regimental Sergeant Major of 41 Commando RM, during his brief visit to Polemidhia Camp. Also shown are Colonel P.I. Chiswell, Deputy Chief of Staff of UNFICYP and Lt. Col. M.R. Marchant, CO of 41 Commando RM and Limassol District Commander.



During his visit to Camp UNFICYP in Nicosia, General Sir Peter Hunt spoke to several officers and soldiers (in the picture above and below) representing all the various Corps within the camp. Throughout his visit, around the different locations, he was accompanied by Colonel P.I. Chiswell, Deputy Chief of Staff of UNFICYP, Colonel J.C.V. BILES, RA (NEARELF) and Captain Grant-Peterkins the Generals ADC.



Since the arrival of 41 Commando RM on the island, C Squadron of the Queens Royal Irish Hussars have been attached to them to assist in carrying out patrols in their area. Our photograph shows Lt. Ian Hannah leading one of these patrols in a Ferret Scout car, towards a village in the Polemidhia area.



VISITOR TO 41 COMMANDO RM



A few days after the visit to Polemidhia Camp by the Chief of the General Staff, 41 Commando Group received another visitor. This time it was Colonel J.J. Hunter, the Defence Advisor for the British High Commission. After his arrival by helicopter and being greeted by Lt. Col. M.R. Marchant the Limassol District Commander, they both then embarked upon a walking tour of Polemidhia Camp.



BESUCH BEIM INFO AUSCON



Im Verlauf seines "take over" besuchte der Ops B des CANCON, Oblt Greg TAYLOR mit seiner Crew die Ops Branch des österreichischen Kontingents in LARNACA. Trotz heftigem Gewitter waren die Gäste mit dem Hubschrauber aus NICOSIA gekommen. Nach einem kurzen Briefing im Camp Duke Leopold V. zeigten sich die Besucher vor allem an den eigenartigen Verhältnissen in PYLA und ATHIENOU sehr interessiert. Ein Lunch, der dem Erfahrungsaustausch beider Info Crews diente und vorbereitende Massnahmen für gezielte Zusammenarbeit an der gemeinsamen Distriktsgrenze rundeten das Samstag-programm ab.

TRUPPENKURS IN ZYVI

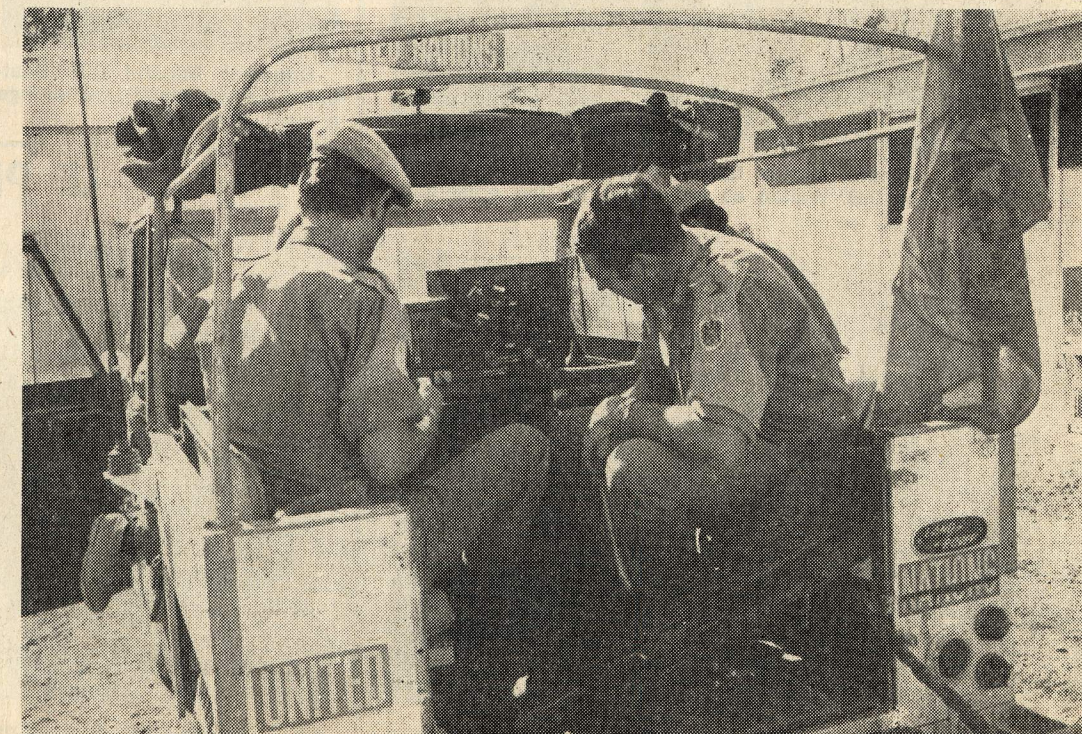


In der Zeit vom 11. — 25. November wurde im Rahmen der Jägerkompanie des AUSCON ein Truppenkurs durchgeführt. Vor allem die spezialisierte Gefechtsausbildung stellte an die Kursteilnehmer hohe Anforderungen. Nach Aussage des Kurskommandanten, Oblt AUGUSTIN, war das Prüfungsergebnis als recht gut zu bezeichnen. Unsere Bilder zeigen den Höhepunkt des Kurses — die Zusammenarbeit mit Hubschraubern im Verlaufe einer Gefechtsübung.



Das AUSCON erhielt eines der modernsten Fernsprengeräte für die FM Verbindungen auf Zypern. Der TelMechUO des UNAB 6, Vzlt KLEWEIN, baute die Kff-19-0 für unsere Beobachter-Rover und in das COMCEN ein. Um diese Funkgeräteausstattung werden uns sicher die anderen Kontingente beneiden.

AUSCON
NEWS



LOGISTICS COMPANY — NEWS ARTICLE

There are approximately 200 Canadian personnel at Blue Beret Camp of which 140 belong to Logistics Company, and it is these 140 men, of all trades and specialties who maintain, feed, supply pay and administrate the Canadian Contingent. In addition provide a mess hall that feeds not only Canadians, but also British members of UNFICYP MP Coy, and the Austrian Field Hospital Staff.

Canadians arriving and leaving the island do so through Log Coy facilities at Blue Beret Camp, formerly through Nicosia International Airport and now by convoy through RAF Akrotiri; which operation is run by Capt Rene Caron, Sgt Emery and Movements staff. The outward movement of personnel being one of their most popular functions.

In addition to maintaining logistics support for the Contingent, Log Coy has numerous other activities to take up any spare time. The day starts with a mile and half run at 0600 and an active soft ball and soccer team play most days of the week.

In addition an attempt must



M/Cpl Les Szabo one of our culinary technicians at Blue Beret Camp.

be made to maintain military proficiency and all pers travel in turn to Dhekelia to fire their personal weapons on the range.

During the recent disturbances Log Coy was mobilized en bloc, together with British Camp UNFICYP pers to take over the contested International Airport Terminal and hold it against all comers, obviously prospective attackers were either thoroughly intimidated

or completely confused by the nature of this force; as none attempted to wrest the terminal building from their grasp, firing only a few desultory shots from extreme range. In addition to other talents Log Coy boasts aspiring private pilots (including a maintenance officer so anxious to get Airborne he is building his own plane) free fall enthusiasts, scuba divers and even their own evil-kinevil.



Cpl John Langford Postal Clerk at CANCON Post Office within BBC.



Sgt Joe Friend of CANCON Medical staff with "Petty Officer Wilbur Duck".

CANCON NEWS

HOWS THAT!



Brigadier General C.E. Beattie, Chief of Staff, sure swings a mean bat.

LE PREMIER

COMMANDO AÉROPORTÉ



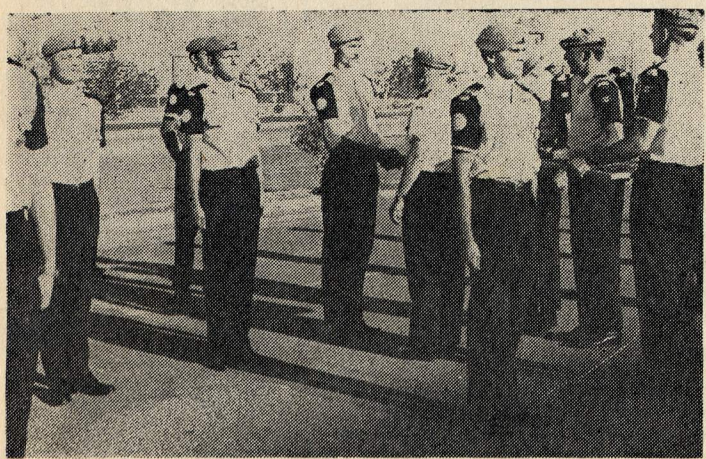
La C e de "SN" du 1er Commando Aéroporté après la marche de 10 milles.

1 AB BTY UN MEDALS PARADE

The highlight of the past four weeks was the Medals Parade held on 31 October 1974. Brigadier General C.E. Beattie presented the UN Medals and remarked that it gave him special pleasure not only to present medals to fellow Canadians but also to fellow Gunners. The Airborne Battery is the fourth battery to serve in Cyprus and the first to come in an Artillery role. The parade was followed by the customary "smoker" which lasted until the wee hours of the morning.



Brigadier General Beattie takes the general salute from CO 1 AB Bty, Major D.B. Walton as he arrives for the presentation ceremony.



The COS is seen congratulating Tpr Webster on the receipt of his medal.

The COS of UNFICYP, Brig. Gen. C.E. Beattie, CD visited the Fin Bn accompanied by the DCOS Col. P.I. Chiswell on 22 Nov. In the picture the COS is seen inspecting 2nd COY in Air Venus Camp with Capt M. Kivistö (left). After visiting every OP, there was a 5 km run and sauna arranged for the visitors.

TERVEHDYS UUNOLTA

Sainpa tuossa pari päivää sitten muiden kirjeiden lomas- sa tervehdykset Uunolta, joka entisenä BLUE BERETIN paki- noitsijana kertoi kuulumisen- sa kotimaastamme. Kylmää ke- hui olevan, kohta jopa täytyy heittää shortsit pois, koska huurtuu ne... Kesä mökin puu- tarhasta kirjoitti tehneensä en- tisen sotatilanteen näyttämön, oli rakentanut sinne bunkkerit, juoksuhaudat ja miinoitukset, jossa naapurin muija menetti sitten myöhemmin henkensä



astuessaan ansoitteeseen, joten helpotuksen henkäys Uunolle. Työtä ei osaa vielä tehdä, totutelee siviililämää. Lopuksi

FINCAMPIN kunnostustyöt täydessä vauhdissa. Tiedus- telujoukkueen ryhmänjohtaja luutnantti Juhani Jokelainen maalaa silmä tarkkana ja käsi vakaana tulevan tupansa ovi- pieltä, alik Eero Kolehmainen ja jääk Seppo Kykkänen nikka- roivat bunkkereiden tähys- tysaukkojen tukirakenteita. Va- sara paukkuu ja pensseli heiluu vielä kauan Fincampissa ja asumistaso nousee sitä mukaa. Laaja-alueisen Fincampin ra- kennusten ja puistokäytävien lomasta löytyy jalkapallokenttä,



terveiset komentajalle, kaikille sojakumppaneille ja menestys- tä hiutaleille.

Uunon kuulumisin Hemppa.

FINCON NEWS



tenniskenttä, koripallokenttä, keilarata ja rakennettaneepa sinne vielä pistooliampumarata- kin.



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The Former Austrian Field Hospital now called FINCAMP, the new camp of 3rd Coy Fin Bn.

NEW DISTRICT COMMANDER



At the beginning of November, Lt. Col. M.R. Marchant took over the responsibilities of Limassol as the new District Commander. Whilst also being the Commanding Officer of 41 Commando Group, he is an expert pistol shot. He is pictured here outside the District Headquarters building.

SAFE DRIVING AWARDS



Cpl Wain Busenius, Cpl Rod Baines and Master Cpl Ernest Shewchuk (left to right) were all presented with safe driving awards by Brig. Gen. C.E. Beattie, CD after having completed 10,000 miles without an accident.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS UNFICYP

Week ending 27 November 15
Same period last year 13

Total for period this year 299
Total same period last year 323

LESSON OF THE MONTH

Bad weather may excuse a delay,
But never an accident.

AROUND THE ISLAND



'It's not much — but its home'. One of the many observation posts which are manned by United Nations Forces (this one in fact belongs to F Company, 41 Commando Gp in the Troodos mountains).

BRITISH WAR CEMETARY



In November a volunteer force of members of the British Contingent from Camp UNFICYP, under the direction of Regimental Sergeant Major SP Birch, QOH carried out temporary repairs to the War Cemetery in NICOSIA. As can be seen in both our pictures, this work entailed making photographic and written records of all types of damage caused to the cemetery during the recent troubles. Also the general renovating and minor repairs, where possible, to some of the actual plots. The initial work has been completed. The British Contingent will continue to tidy up from time to time until the Commonwealth War Graves Commission can resume its usual arrangements.

