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## PATRICIANS REMEMBER KAP'YONG

One of the most notable battles of the Korean conflict, Kap'Yong, was quietly observed at the Canadian Contingent by six members of the 1st Battalion PPCLI, whose heroism, 20 years ago won them the United States Presidential Unit Citation. Along with an American and Australian Unit, they stood against a 6000 strong enemy attacking force in the 1951 two day action.

The six veterans formerly of the 2nd Battalion, have crossed paths many times since Korea and have celebrated their anniversary together in military bases in Germany, Calgary and Edmonton. Kap'Yong is a notable accomplishment of the Patricia's, and though no formal observation of the anniversary was undertaken here in Cyprus, the six man group, wearing their blue and gold insignia on their shoulder, are recognized by the

most junior battalion recruit. The U.S. citation praises the PPCLI "for extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of combat duties in action against the enemy". The 2nd Battalion PPCLI was the first Canadian unit to see action in the Korean conflict and the only Canadian unit ever to win a U.S. citation.

● Representing more than 150 years of total service, Sergeant Sterling MacAuley, Private Robert Lyons and Sergeant Frank Brignell, friends since they fought together in the Korean battle of Kap'Yong 20 year ago, gather again in Cyprus to observe the anniversary. Missing from the photo are Warrant Officer J. Mills, Sergeant Lou Haley and Sergeant Bill Terhune.



## LUCKY ESCAPE

When Private A.M. Nielsen arrived in Cyprus last Friday to start a six month tour of duty with UNFICYP he could never have foreseen that within 3 days he would be in hospital and lucky to be alive.

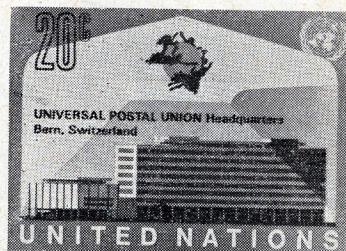
On Sunday, while on duty at a lonely and remote OP in Lefka District, Private Nielsen was struck by lightning and thrown unconscious to the ground.

An emergency casualty evacuation was carried out by a helicopter of 230 Squadron UNFICYP Detachment and we are glad to be able to report that he is making good progress in the AFH following his miraculous escape.

## BAND CONCERT

On 8th May, the 1st Battalion The Gordon Highlanders marked their arrival in UNFICYP with a display by the combined Drums and Pipes and the Military Band of the regiment. The bands, playing under the direction of Bandmaster I. A. Renton, Drum Major G. Hall, and Pipe Major J. Kerr, put on a magnificent display which was greatly enjoyed by the large audience of invited guests.

## NEW STAMPS



On 28th May a new stamp in the United Nations "Building" series will be issued to commemorate the opening of the new building of the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union in Berne, Switzerland.

There will be two denominations — 20 C and FS 0.75.





## CHEF DANCON XV: VELKOMMEN TIL CYPERN

DANCON XIV er på vej ud, og DANCON XV er ved at flytte ind. Officielt har DANCON XIV's chef, oberstløjtnant P.E.P. Skov, med virkning fra den 15 MAJ kl. 1200 overdraget mig kommandoen og ansvaret for Lefka distrikt. Jeg vil først og fremmest byde alle gengangere fra DANCON XIV velkommen i DANCON XV's rækker og til alle dem, jeg allerede har hilst på i Jægersprislejren, velkommen til Cypern.



●Bingospillet i KS-messen blev en stor succes med mange flotte præmier. Hovedgevinsten, en Ronson-lighter, vandtes af KP T. Christensen, som her for den overrakt af KS P.C. Brejnholt.

Da jeg for ca. halvanden måned siden efter et ophold her på øen fløj tilbage med SCACYP'en, henvendte en konstabel som åbenbart skulle være genganger, sig til mig og udtalte håbet om et godt samarbejde, når nu jeg blev chef for DANCON XV. Jeg kunne berolige ham med, at der i denne retning intet skulle mangle fra min side, navnlig ikke så længe han gjorde, hvad jeg eller andre befalingsmænd gav ham ordre til og iøvrigt opførte sig sådan, som jeg ville have det. Min sidste bemærkning kan måske af nogen opfattes som tenderende i retning af det uvenlige. Dette er ingenlunde tilfældet, men bemærkningen afspejler følgende erfaring, som jeg har gjort gennem snart 30 års tjeneste i hæren.

Jo fastere rammer, der skabes om den militære tjeneste, og jo mere konsekvent disse rammer opretholdes, des bedre befinder soldater af alle grader sig.

Jeg vil som chef bestrebe mig på at opretholde så faste rammer som muligt om Deres militære tjeneste her på øen, og jeg vil af bedste evne medvirke til, at Deres ofte lange fritid kan forkortes gennem lødige og sunde arrangementer. Det er min overbevisning, at der herigennem vil blive skabt den bedste basis for et godt samarbejde.

Endnu engang velkommen til DANCON XV.

### DANCON NYT

### TAK FRA OL SKOV

Idet jeg takker hold XIV for et halvt års veludført tjeneste, ønsker jeg for alle på hold XV, at de ved deres afrejse må kunne se tilbage på lige så mange lyse minder, som jeg har haft.



●OL N.K. Nørgård på vej ned fra flyet for sammen med sin stab at blive budt velkommen til Cypern.

### DE ØVEDE SIG



●Medens flyene lander med hold XV, har SGGP sikret sig, at deres afrejse fra Cypern kan foregå standsmæssigt; ved intensiv træning på den nøjagtige kopi af flytrappen opstillet ved messen, er der opnået en forbavsende sikkerhed i ombordstigningen; KP I.S. Larsen på øverste trin.



## I VECKAN

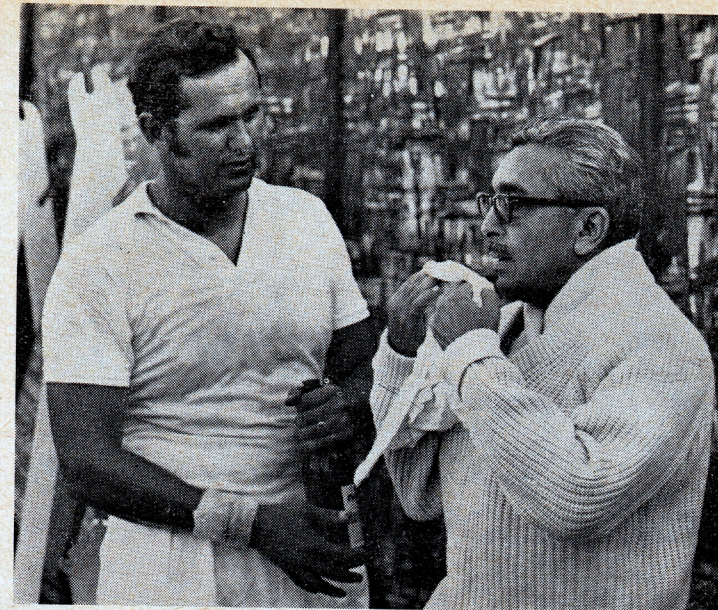
Den gågne veckan distribueredes det første "riktiga" CYPRESS-EXTRAT. Några har undrat hur många papper som egentligen skall delas ut så det kan vara på plats med en kort förklaring: CYPRESS-EXTRA är tänkt att bli bataljonens komplement till Blue Beret, kompaniorder och Cyperpressen. På pappren med det blå trycket skall meddelas vad som händer och sker just den veckan. CYPRESS-EXTRA är med andra ord inaktuellt efter ca sju dagar. Om någon har någonting som kan kallas "kort-information" att distribuera går det bra att lämna in ett kort meddelande på stabssredaktionen för veckans CYPRESS-EXTRA.



Tisdag 25 maj får Swedcon besök av Ircan där samma program gäller som distribuerades för Fincons visit onsdag 19/5



Vi påminner än en gång om anhörighetsresa nummer 1 som lämnar Malmö den 16/6 klockan 22.25. Ingen övernattnig sker i Berlin om någon undrat. Bara ett kort uppehåll. Planet landar Nicosia klockan 06.10 på morgonen. Den 28/5 är sista anmälningsdag för den resan. Fortfarande saknas ett tiotat deltagare för att fylla planet.



### NY STABSCHEF

Natten mellan den 21 och 22 maj tillträder bataljonens nye stabsschef, mj Arne Lindblom från P 10 som närmast kommer från en tjänst vid Värnpliktsverket. Han avlöser mj Sten Wiberg som åker SCACYP hem den 27 maj efter avverkade månader på Cypern. De båda stabsscheferna på bilden t.h Swedcon har under en vecka haft vakten vid HQ i Nicosia. Bilden är tagen under avlösningen av IRCAN. Fu Tidlund närmast kameran

### SWEDCON NEWS Swedish Forces Photos



### RESEBYRÅN

Bataljonens "resebyrå" har denna vecka infört vissa öppethållandetider. Mellan klockan 8 och 10 varje dag finns "Spies" Lundblad på expeditionen sektion 3. Var snäll och respektera dessa tider och kom inte senare på dagen. Som läget är idag hinner resebyrå och dess föreståndare inte ens arrangera alla de resor som han får frågor om. En speciell stencil har delats ut till bataljon och civilpolis om resorna. Specialstudera den! Reseverksamheten kommer efterhand att tillföras nya resmål som kommer att presenteras via ett CYPRESS-EXTRA.

### STANDARDRESOR VARJE VECKA TILL ISRAEL, EGYPTEN, LIBANON

Nästa vecka börjar någonting synnerligen efterlängt: Leave-resorna. En speciell rese-stencil befinner sig under distribution. Men då man vet var stencilen brukar hamna publicerar vi en del av reseplanerna även i Blue Beret.

Egypten, Israel och Libanon är fasta resmål. Tripper dit ordnas varje vecka i samarbete med lokala resebyråer. Samtliga standardresor inkluderar transport från CGC till Nicosias flygplats. I priset ingår vidare biljetten tur och retur till

respektive resmål, halvpension på alla hotell. Däremot vissa lokala Sightseeingturer som ordnas på olika platser skall dock betalas enskilt.

Deltagare skall vara på flygplatsen i Nicosia minst en timme före avfärd. Färdhandlingar hämtas hos LOUIS TOURIST AGENCY:s kontor på flygplatsen. Det ligger till vänster om huvudingången.

Anmälan om resor skall ske senast sju dagar före beräknad avre-

sedag till resebyrå/sekt. 3 Programändringar och dylikt kommer kontinuerligt att meddelas via order eller CYPRESS-EXTRA. Programmet om Safarin till Etiopien kommer att distribueras sista veckan i maj.

Där kan en nyhet meddelas: Preliminärt kommer ytterligare en safari-tripp att ordnas mellan den 16 och 22 september. Denna gång blir resmålet Kenya.

Förutom färdhandlingar skall varje resenär vara försedd med: ID-kort, ID-bricka (påtagen), svenskt pass plus UNFICYP:s leavepass. Inte minst väsentlig är den gula vaccinationsboken.

Standardresorna är beräknade till ett visst antal dagar, men kan om så önskas förlängas eller eventuellt förkortas.

"Spies" har talat.

## SVENSKT I FINAL

UNFICYP-mästerskapen i tennis började i förra veckan. Ett dubbellag och två singelspelare mönstrades från Swedcon. Samtliga var i elden redan på fredagen. Det svenska dubbellaget, mj Torssten Jeppson och kn Björn Holmqvist mötte Nick Hewitt och Edward Anson från Force Reserve och vann utan ansträngning med 6-2, 6-0. I den första singelmatchen mötte fv Bertil Blohm för andra året i rad Force Commander, genl D Prem Chand (bilden t.v.) Det blev ingen revansch för Bertil Blohm som fick se sig slagen med 6-2, 6-2 av en vältränad FC. Fredagens sista match spelades mellan Oliver Howard, Force, Reserve och Swedcons resebyråman "Spies" Lundblad. Även han fick stryk. Siffrorna blev 1-6, 3-6. Dubbellparet fortsatte vinstraden på lördagen och slog HQ-laget Sten Wittboldt/ Vance McGuire med 6-2, 6-0. Det svenska laget är därmed uppe i final.



## FORCE COMMANDER VISITS 1 GORDONS

Major General D. Prem Chand is seen inspecting the Quarter Guard on his arrival at Polemidhia Camp. From L. to R. Force Commander, Drummer Harper, Corporal Auchterlonie, Lance Corporal Beatie and Private Rae.



Staff Sergeant Gibby, Sergeant Colville and Sergeant Riach.

The Force Commander chatting with members of the Warrant Officer and Sergeants Mess of 1 Gordons during his visit to the Battalion. L. to R. Major General D. Prem Chand,



## VIP GUESTS AT POLEMIDHIA

Seen watching the band display given by 1 Gordons at



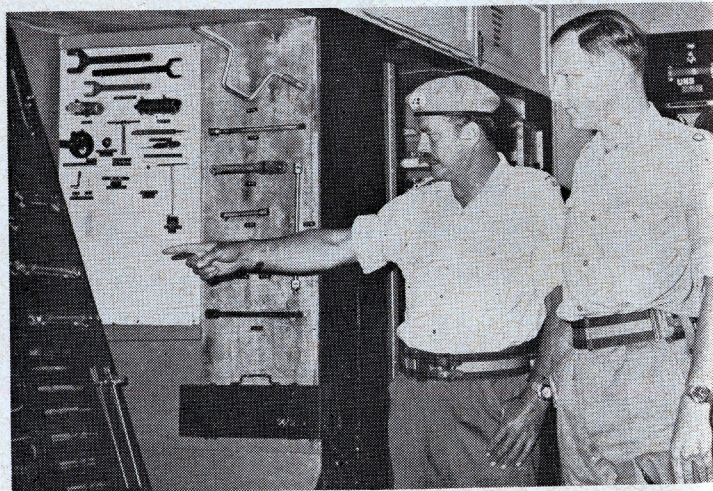
Polemidhia Camp on 8th May to mark their arrival in UNFICYP are, from left to right, Major General M. W. Holme CBE, MC, GOC NEARELF, Major Rooke, Mrs. Prem Chand, Major General D. Prem Chand, Force Commander, and Lieutenant Colonel J. MacMillan, Commanding Officer.

## KEEPING FIT

The parade ground at Polemidhia Camp has a spectacular view, and it is best early in the morning — some say!

The Gordons know all about it. At six a.m. every morning the entire camp staff there parade "to start the day right" with PT.

Some of the "chairborne warriors" in the force may get a twinge of conscience when they see this picture.



## NEW OC FOR AVIATION FLIGHT

Command of HQ UNFICYP Aviation Flight passes this week from Major J. Bedford-Davies, RA, to Major J. Heath, RA.

They are seen above during their handover as Major Bed-

ford-Davies explains a point to his successor.

Major Heath comes to UNFICYP from the School of Army Aviation at Middle Wallop. Major Bedford-Davies, after two years in Cyprus, will be returning to Netheravon.

**BRITCON NEWS**

## COMMUNICATIONS CHAPS

The Irish Signal Corps collar badge features the Archangel Gabriel, bringer of good tidings. It is appropriate for Signallers everywhere, but particularly apt for the Ircon Signal Platoon.

Totalling 21 in all, they are commanded by Lieutenant Jim Roche, who is on his first overseas trip. Any trepidation he may feel at tackling Signals problems is easily dispelled by the consoling reflection that he has a solid body of experienced Sergeants and Corporals led by Platoon Sergeant Bill Brennan, practically all of whom have previous overseas experience either in the Congo or here in Cyprus.

overhauled and repaired. Batteries have to be charged and lines maintained and repaired.

All this is run-of-the-mill stuff for any Signal Corps element. What is too often overlooked in UNFICYP is the multitude of other tasks that the platoon handles.

There is the SDS, without which secure collection and transmission of important messages would be impossible.



● Corporal Jim Arundel servicing some wireless equipment.

The only other neophytes in the Platoon are Corporal Arundel and Signallers Heavy, Dempsey, Redican, Joyce, Fogers, Fenlon and O'Connell.

Switchboards have to be manned round the clock, unbroken communications must be maintained, sets have to be

Tedious hours in camps are enlivened by frequent film shows. These require skilled projectionists. Who supplies these? Would you believe Signals?

More than other units, Signals are only in the limelight when things go wrong. Film



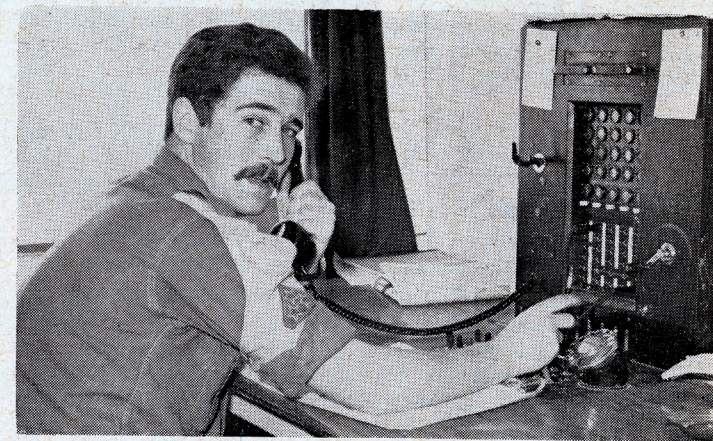
● The SDS car en route to Nicosia.

shows that go without a hitch for weeks are forgotten when one breaks down.

Patient switchboard operators coping with foreign accents and languages and a most erratic telephone system, bear the brunt of short tempers and "flap". Through it all the Signallers are invariably helpful and good-humoured. They are too busy to worry about what people think or say about them.



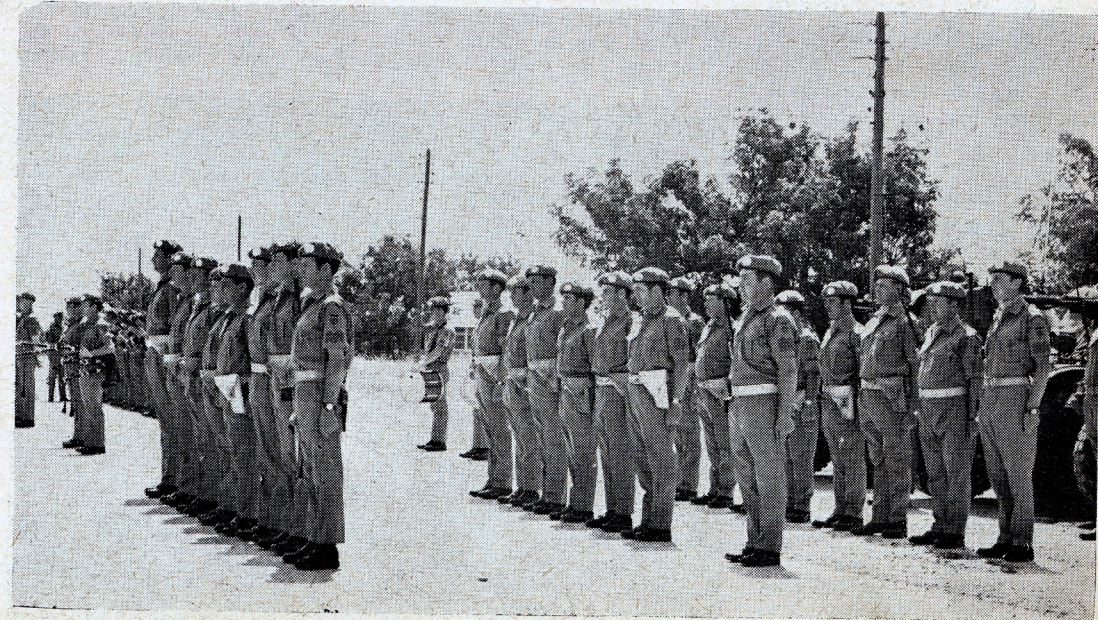
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● Signalman Christy Rogers at Ircon HQ switchboard.

**IRCON NEWS**

● First Commanding Officer's inspection at Zyyi Camp.







● Her name is Charlie and though she is the mascot of City Company her popularity and freedom of access to all facilities is often questionable. She leads an enviable life nevertheless and Privates Mervin Mooney and Bryan Gee are visible proof that Charlie still has friends.



● Donald, the young boy often seen around City Company's gate, is the charming kid next door to the troops there. Private Cecil Lace, like many of the soldiers who know him, swaps a few stories about things guys generally talk about.

## CITY COMPANY'S "PLACE PIERRE"

The honour might have fallen on a faceless trophy waiting on a dusty shelf for annual recognition in the peonuckle tournament; for it was the occasion of a very distinguished visitor and the Canadians in Cyprus needed something quickly to perpetuate his memory.

It all began in early January, when the Commander of the 3d Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, Lieutenant Colonel T. M. Marsaw, received word that the Prime Minister might stop over in Cyprus on his way to or from the Commonwealth Prime Ministers Conference in Singapore.

Patriotism in the contingent rose three fold at the idea of

ny's Beaver Lodge along the inner edge of the ancient wall of Nicosia. The building opening was moved up to conform with the visit and the kitchen would be ceremoniously opened in his presence and named in his honour.

A last minute cancellation of the visit was not enough to discourage the Patricians and

the ceremony continued on his behalf. In mid February Major General C. B. Ware, Colonel of the Regiment, declared Place Pierre officially opened.

A letter supported by photographs of the ceremony was then sent to the Prime Minister's office. Recently a personally autographed portrait and a copy of the Prime Minister's return letter to Colonel Marsaw was passed on to the Commanding Officer of the 1st PPCLI now in Cyprus. The portrait was presented to the chief cook Sergeant Garnet

Bigelow, to be hung on the walls of Place Pierre.

Army meals are not always distinguished by their culinary art. The non-gourmet has been known to complain and in spite of the aristocrat for whom it was named, Place Pierre could easily have become a slop shop. Not so under the guidance of Sergeant Bigelow and his staff. A visitor there is astonished at the flexibility and appetising choice and a week past daily fresh pastries and deserts reduces the weight watcher to putty.

In his letter to the battalion, the Prime Minister expressed his disappointment in not being able to visit the contingent and sent his greetings to the officers and men of the unit. "May the food from Place Pierre", he went on, "earn an international reputation for quality and tastiness", and was signed with all good wishes. P. E. Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada.

● Contingent Commander Lieutenant Colonel W. E. Hutehinson presents the autographed portrait of Canadian Prime Minister P. E. Trudeau to Sergeant Garnet Bigelow and Private Mike Bludd at City Company Mess in a recent ceremony at Beaver Lodge.



## CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

the popular Canadian leader visiting the United Nations based troops, and action centres were double manned.

At the same time the Pioneer Platoon was building a new kitchen and combined mess facility in City Compa-

## TURVALLISUUSTARKASTUS



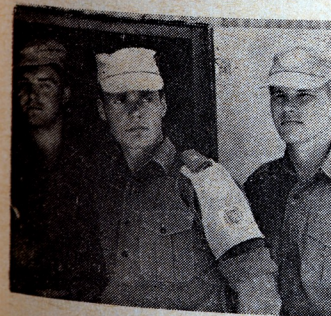
Turvallisuustarkastuksessa tutkittiin myös a-tarvikkeiden säilytystä. Kuvassa vas tarkastukseen osallistunut englantilainen kersantti, kapt Ahlholm ja yliv Tulkki

## HE OVAT OP:lla

Tässä numerossa aloitamme esitelykierroksen, jolla on tarkoitus läpikäydä pataljoonan kaikki yksinäiset vartiopaikat eli OP:t. Ensimmäisenä on vuorossa OP Tembloksen esittely.

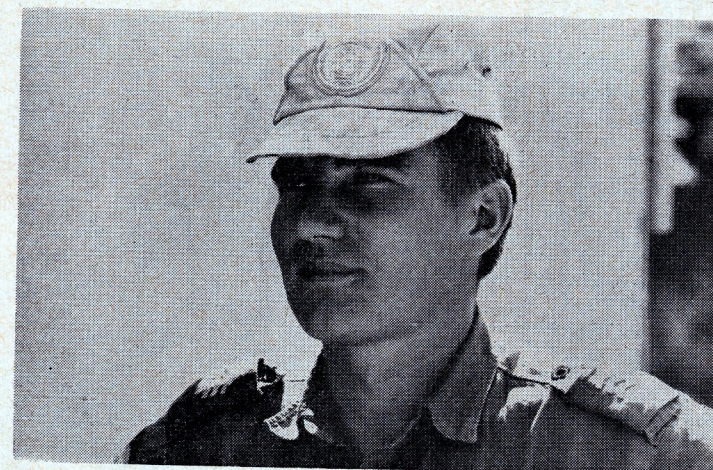
Tembloksen kylä sijaitsee muutamien mailin etäisyydellä Kyreniasta länteen. Aivan tämän kylän laidassa on vartiopaikkamme jota nimitetään tämän turkkilaisen kylän mukaan. Paikka eroaa selvästi luonnonkauneudeltaan muista vartiopaikoistamme. Tembloksessa on vehreää vielä nytkin, kun muualla jo aurinko alkaa polttaa kaiken kasvillisuuden. Väli-meri on lähellä uimarantoineen, Snake Island kaikkein lähimpänä.

Päivä on kuuma kun tulen Temblokseen. Vartioryhmän päällikkö kers A. Koistinen tarjoaa mehut. Vesi kaadetaan jerrykannusta, sillä oma "vesiperä" on korjattavana. Koistinen onkin jo ehtinyt ruskettaa, onhan hän ollut saarella huh-tikuusta v. 70 lähtien. Jollain tavalla niin pitkä aika on vain kulu-nut: kirjat, televisio, Snake Islan-din uimaranta ja kamera ovat an-taneet mahdollisuuksia vapaa-ajan viettoon. Entä englanninkielä? Siitä tämä 23-vuotias Outokum-pulainen sanoo: hyvä olisi opiskel-la, mutta ei tahdo jaksaa. Samaa mieltä on jääk O. Salonen, 21, muuten poikamies hänkin kuten kaikki tämän OP:n rauhanturvaa-jat, alik R. Salonen, 26 jääk M. Marjava, 22 ja "pykälässä" oleva jääk K. Viinanen, 21.



Tembloksen poikia vas jääk O. Salonen, alik R. Salonen ja jääk M. Marjava.

## FINCON NEWS



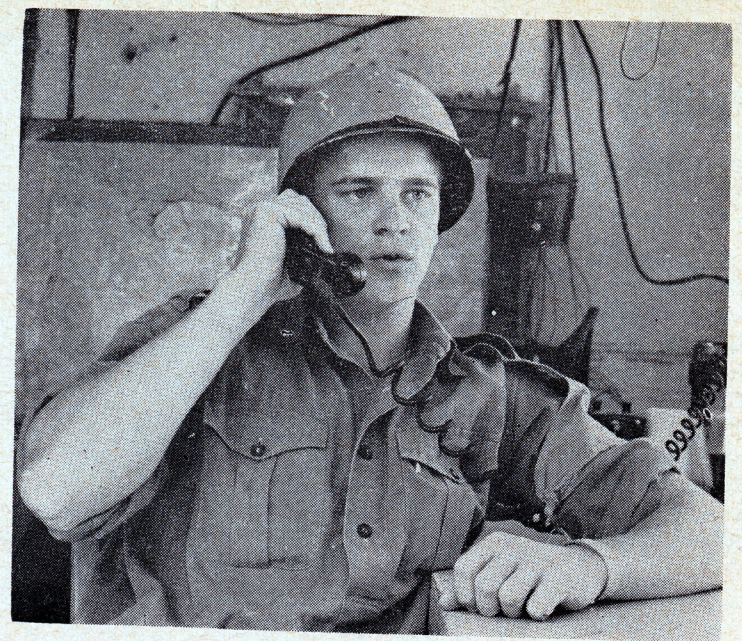
OP Tembloksen vartioryhmää johtaa kers A. Koistinen.

## KYRENIA JA BELLAPAIIS - KANNATTAA KÄYDÄ

### Kyrenia

Vuonna 1967 suoritettuna väestön-laskennan mukaan Kyrenian asuk-kaista oli 2371 kreikkalaista, 695 turkkilaista, 30 armenialaista, 9 maroniittia ja 195 englantilaista. Heidän lisäksi valtaa kaupungin vuosittain epälukeinen määrä tu-risteja. Suomalaiset YK-sotilaat ovat tuttu näky Kyreniassa.

Kaunein paikka Kyreniassa on epäilemättä satama. Hevosken-gän muotoisen sataman laitamilla on idyllisiä kahviloita. Sataman itäpuolista näkymää hallitsee Ky-renian linna, johon kannattaa käy-dä tutustumassa. Alkuaan tämän linnan rakensivat bysantilaiset. Se mitä nyt nähdään, on pääa-siassa peräisin 1200-luvulta. Läpi saaren myrskyisen historian tämä linna on pitänyt puoliaan valloit-tajia vastaan. Linnassa on pieni museo, joka sisältää "suuria" historiaa. Noin 4:llä vuosisadalla ennen ajanlaskumme alkua oli pieni alus tulossa Kreikasta, Sala-miista Kyreniaan lastinaan satoja astioita (amfora) viintä sekä kym-meniä jauhinkiviä. Matkalla puh-



Huomio, Vuori... Tembloksen vartiomiehenä jääk K. Viinanen

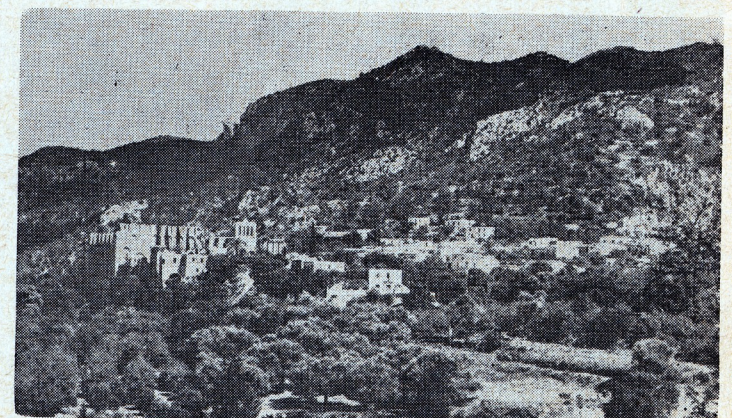
maan FINCONin sukellusharras-tajia. Jos olet kiinnostunut, ota yhteyttä pastoriin.

### Bellapais

Niin katoa mainen kunnia - tä-mä pitää paikkansa Bellapaisista.

Tämä kylä eli suuruutensa aikaa 1200-luvulla. Tälle paikalle rakennettiin luostari, jonka ranska-laiset rakentajat nimittivät Rauhan luostariksi, Abbey de la Paix. Tästä nimityksestä on vääntynyt nykyinen kreikankielinen nimi Bel-lapais. Lyhyen kukoistuskauten jälkeen alkoi luostarin alamäki, joka päättyi munkkien moraali-seen rappioon ja turkkilaisten val-loitukseen 1570. Tänäpä voi kä-vijä aavistaa jotain muinaisesta suuruudesta liikkueensa hyvin säilyneessä luostarin ruokasalissa. Salista on suurenmoinen näköala Väli-merelle.

Kyrenia, Bellapais, St Hilarionin linna ja Kyrenian vuoristo ovat tulevia papin retken kohteita. Jos haluat mukaan, seuraa sanomia ja viikko-ohjelmaa.

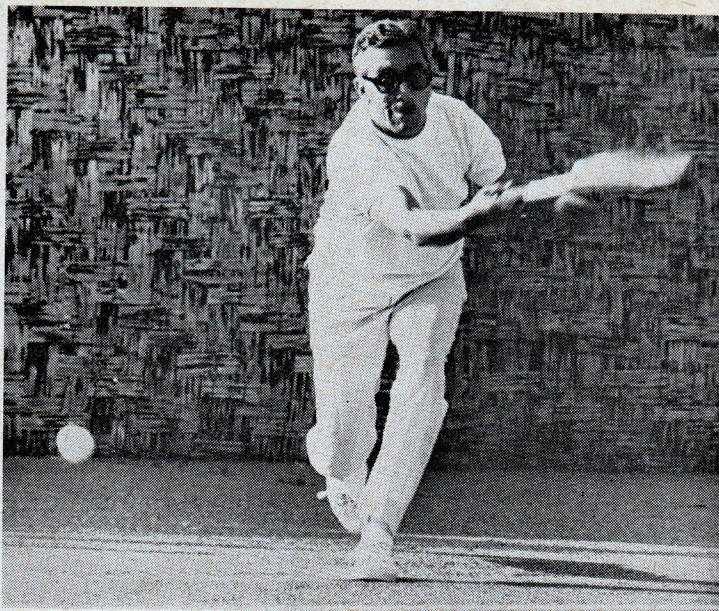


Bellapaisin kylä nähtynä Kyrenian - Bellapaisin tieltä. Maisemaa hallitsevat 1200 - luvulta peräisin olevan tuomiokirkon rauniot



## FORCE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

As most of our readers know, the Force Commander is a formidable opponent in many sporting activities. In this picture, taken during the quarter-finals of the Force Tennis Tournament, he seems well satisfied with one of his powerful forhand drives. On this occasion he beat Bertil Blohm, Swedcon, 6-2, 6-2.



## AUSTRALIA CONTRIBUTES TO UNFICYP

The Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations has informed the Secretary-General of his Government's voluntary financial contribution to the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus in the amount of \$US 25,000 per quarter up to the end of 1971.

## SERGEANTS MESS QUIZ TEAM

Having been 'off the air' for some months, the HQ UNFICYP Sergeants Mess Quiz team were again in business on May 4th against formidable opposition from the teachers of St. Michael's School RAF Nicosia.

They again covered themselves with glory winning by 52 points to 47 over 11 rounds which included such difficult subjects as 'Aeroplanes and Space', 'English literature' and 'Classical Music'.

The team consisting of WO I Mick Daniels RAMC, WO II Jeff Jones REME, Sgt Bob An-

derson R. Signals and Sgt Mick Powell AAC showed that even with such a wide range of subjects on which to answer questions, their general knowledge was impeccable!

The Quiz Master and Co-ordinator was SSgt John Hill R. Signals. The team is now hoping to receive challenges from other messes in UNFICYP.



● A welcome for Commander A. Fry (left) from Commander Bob Walton, who after 12 months with UNFICYP, is returning to Sidney.

## AUSCIVPOL ROTATION

After a 30 hour flight via Bangkok and Bahrain, 20 "Aus-sies" from down under flew into Nicosia on 12th May for the start of a six month tour of duty with UNFICYP.

Led by Commander Andrew Fry who will relieve Commander Bob Walton in the Limassol Zone, the Australians are drawn from different State police forces in the Commonwealth of Australia and are all volunteers.



### MP NOTEBOOK ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

|                 |   |     |
|-----------------|---|-----|
| Week Ending     |   |     |
| 15 May 71       | — | 2   |
| Same Period     |   |     |
| Last Year       | — | 3   |
| Total This Year | — | 117 |
| Same Period     |   |     |
| Last Year       | — | 150 |

Main Cause of Accidents This Week:

**"DRIVING WITHOUT DUE CARE AND ATTENTION"**

### SAFETY TWIST

4 little drivers, happy as could be; One passed upon a hill, and then there were three. NEVER PASS ANOTHER CAR WHEN YOUR VISION IS OBSCURED.