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U Thant Proposes More UN Observers For Middle East

NEW YORK, 18 AUGUST.

Secretary-General U Thant formally proposed today to the Governments of Israel and Lebanon that United Nations observers be posted along both sides of the Israeli-Lebanese sector to deter acts of violence and provide U.N. with reliable information when they do occur.

Meanwhile, the Security Council continued its debate on the reciprocal charges of aggression brought to it last week by Lebanon and Israel.

Lebanon's complaint centres on a week old Israeli air attack on southern Lebanese villages which, she says, killed four persons. Israel says that the strike was directed at Palestinian commando bases used for terrorist attacks against her.

U.N. observers are currently stationed along the Egyptian - Israeli and Syrian-Israeli sectors.

Danish Handover



On completion of his tour with Unficyp Major E.R. Baehr, Staff Officer (Danish) at HQ Unficyp since 8 January 1969, is seen above handing over his duties to Major G.K. Kristensen of the Royal Danish Army.

Major Kristensen (left) has been serving with the Danish Ministry of Defence for the last five years. Major Baehr will leave for Denmark on 21 August and take over duties as operations officer on the staff of a Danish Corps.



• During his two-day stay in Cyprus Dr. Bunche was received by His Beatitude Archbishop Makarios.



• Inspecting the Swedish Quarter Guard at HQ Unficyp, Dr. Ralph Bunche is seen above accompanied by Force Commander, Lt Gen A.E. Martola.

"No gap between any two sides is so great that it cannot be bridged and no problem of human relations is insoluble" Dr Ralph Bunche said on his departure from Cyprus on 14 August after a two-day visit to the Island and Unficyp.

Dr Bunche, who was replying to a query as to the gap existing between the communities in Cyprus, also stressed that "on the other side of the Mediterranean the gap is far wider, longer and more difficult to bridge but it is bridgeable too".

Dr Bunche, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Special Political Affairs, who

ber. He was received by H.B. Archbishop Makarios, President of the Republic of Cy-

**DR RALPH BUNCHE
ON CYPRUS PROBLEM:**

**No Gap
Too Great
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Bridged !**

arrived in Nicosia on 12 August, had been on an unofficial trip to Honolulu, the Philippines, Thailand, India and Lebanon to visit projects of the Rockefeller Foundation of which he is a board mem-

prus, Acting Foreign Minister Nicos Dimitriou, and Vice-President Dr Fazil Kuchuk. In the course of his stay he also conferred with Mr. B.F. Osorio-Tafall, Lt Gen A.E. Martola and other members of Unficyp.

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• Dr Ralph Bunche also met with Vice-President Dr. Fazil Kuchuk and leaders of the Turkish-Cypriot community while visiting Cyprus. Pictured here are (L to R): Mr B.F. Osorio-Tafall, Mr. Osman Orek, Dr. Bunche, Dr. Kuchuk, Lt Gen A.E. Martola, and Mr. H. K. Nidai:



Smid ham ud paa lossepladsen!
Spark ham!
Se nu det store..... der!
Dommeren skal scacyppes!

Svensken og dommeren fik deres synderes mangfoldighed at vide hin dag i Famagusta.

DANCON var sejrssikker - og saa tillod svenskerne sig at spille ligesaagodt som os.

2-2 var en rimelig fordeling af maaleene.

Blue Beret bringer situationer fra kampen, hvor mangen en brav DANCON-soldat gjorde en solid indsats paa tilskuerpladserne.

Adskillige vendte den dag hjem med flosset drøvel.



HISSA HUSSA HEJSASA



Publikum holdt vej og vinde i ave, da SG Andreasen scorede paa straffespark.

Øooooovvv!

Et udsnit af DANCON-raaberne. Lt Larsen fører klart efterfulgt af LT Westerby og tandlægen. Men enhver kan se, at Jacob ved siden af Alfes ølkasse gir den - ikke for lidt.



KS M. Hagelquist i nærkamp. Det ser ud som om han gaar af med sejren.

DANCON NYT

Banen erobres af konstablerne P. Thomsen og B.C. Sørensen:

Hvem var det der vandt i da' det var dem fra DANCON a!

Jo! 2-2 til DANCON.

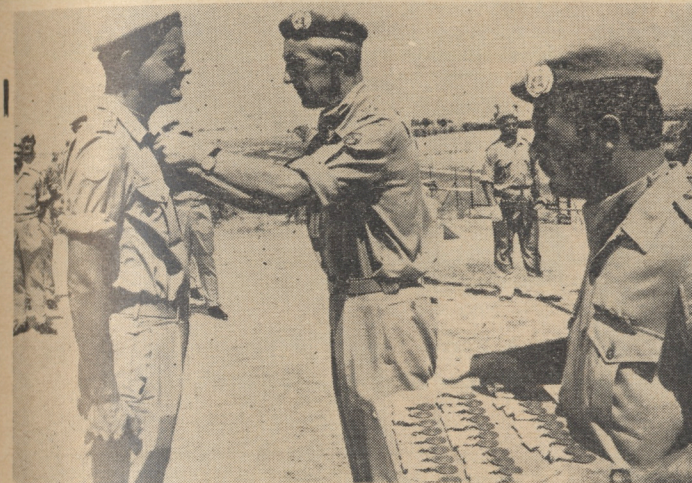


282 nya FN - medaljörer

Tre medaljparader

Onsdagen den 13:e augusti var den Stora Medaljuddelningssdagen för svenska FN-tabaljonen. Då åkte bataljonschefen, öv Lars Låven, runt på de tre svenska camperna och hängde upp medaljer på de knappålar som i förväg noga fästas på de nyblivna veteranernas bröst. 273 medaljer för tre månaders oförvitlig tjänst in the Service of Peace. Lägg därtill 9 som utdelats tidigare och vi är uppe i 282 nya FN-medaljörer på den militära sidan av Swedcon. Civilpolisens har redan haft utdelning.

Grenadjärernas chef, mj Anders Wennsten, medaljeras av öv Lars Låven vid medaljparaden på Grenadier Camp i Larnaca.



CIRKUS I STAN

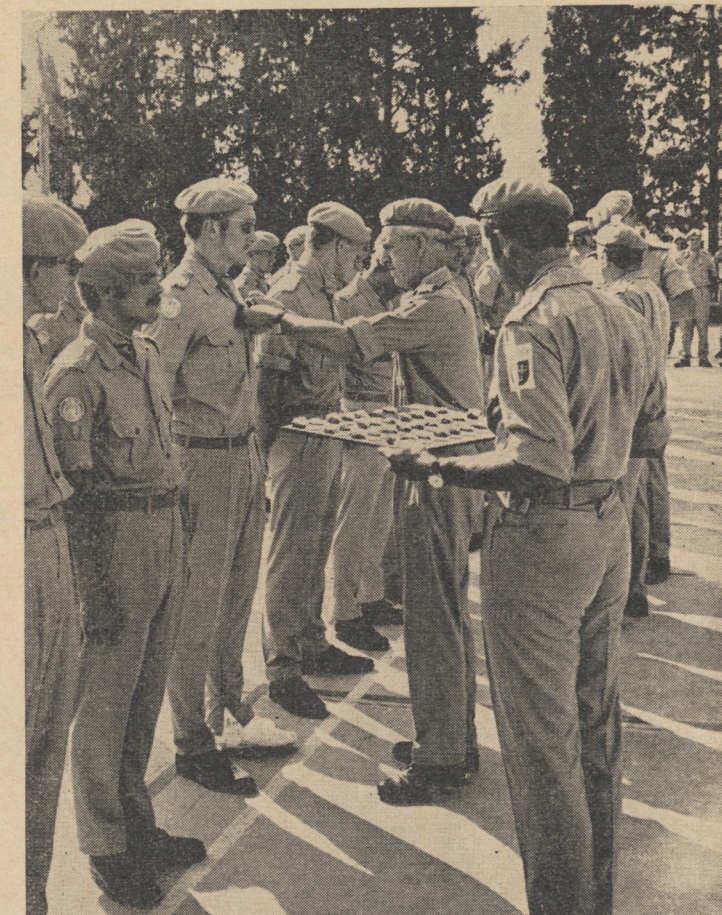
Den italienska cirkusen La Veglia har "drabbat" Famagusta. En stor del av den svenska kontingenten passade på tillfället att se cirkus på cyprisk mark. Och det var cirkuskonster på gott och ont. Högklassiga nummer varvade med buskis i gammal god cirkusstil.

La Veglia har en lejonämjare som med flitig hjälp av piskan får tre lejonhannar att utföra konst. Åtminstone en kväll gjorde lejonnumret stor succé. En av hannarna vållade "panik" på en av läktarna. Han urinerade en fontänartad stråle in bland publiken, som skyndsamt förpassade sig

utom räckhåll för den överraskande extraduschen.

Cirkusens toppartister är utan tvekan den akrobatgrupp som avslutar föreställningen. Det är en kvartett akrobater som utför konst av yppersta klass med hjälp av hopptorn, gungbrädor och sitt eget stora kunnande. Andra skickliga artister är en knivkastare som även är skicklig med piska samt en kvinna som bl a har tämt vita duvor.

På bilden löser Leif Grundberg och Leif Andersson biljett till föreställningen. T v står cirkusens skickliga knivkastare.



Öv Lars Låven delar ut medaljer på Carl Gustaf Camp assisterad av lt Bo Lewin. Rm Sture Edin, med foten i gipsbandage, står i tur att få sin FN-belöning för tre månaders tjänst.

Mer om Troodos

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Ovanför gruvan ligger byn Troodos, bergsmassivets högst belägna by. Den ligger 1.700 m över havet. Därifrån går en väg upp till Cyperns högsta punkt, Mount Olympus, 1.952 m ö h. Byn Troodos är originell så tillvida att den inte har några fasta invånare. Det är en renodlad turistby med besökare såväl sommar som vinter. Snön ligger djup från januari till mars, då Troodos skidklubb hyr ut skidutrustning och kälkar för åkning utför Mount Olympus branter. På sommaren skänker byn Troodos både sol och svalka. Idrottsintresserade kan spela tennis vid natklubben Dolphin. Just nu inleds en stor internationell turnering där. Vidare kan man promenera i skogen eller bestiga bergstoppar.

På vägen ner till Platres, som är den största byn uppe i Troodos, kan man ta av på den gamla vägen och besöka Caledonian Falls, ett vattenfall inne i ödemarken. Sista biten fram till fallet är en stig som löper fram genom täta buskage av guldek. Nyper man av ett blad på någon buske och ser på bladets undersida upptäcker man varför busken fått just det namnet. Färgen på undersidan är gyllengul. Fallet ger inte precis något majestätiskt intryck men ljudet av fallande vatten och den friska, fräscha miljön gör ändå platsen väl värd ett besök. Vill man, kan man laga mat där. Som

på de flesta andra vallfartsplatser i Troodos-naturen finns det en plats att grilla kött på.

Platres har ett dussintal hotell, alla välbesökta under de heta sommarmånaderna. Ett av hotellen, Forrest Park, har swimmingpool. Det är en luxiös anläggning med alla badtillbehör samt bar och en terrass med hänförande utsikt över sluttningarna i sydost. Även folk som inte bor på hotellet kan bada i swimmingpoolen. Det kostar bara 5 shillings.

SWEDCON NEWS Swedish Forces Photos

Själva byn Platres är intressant att lära känna. Förutom hotellet finns flera restauranger, coffeshops och ett diskotek. Många välbärgade cyprioter har egna sommarvillor i byn och tillbringar större delen av den heta perioden där. Byn har dessutom en fast befolkning på ungefär 1.000 personer. Bland utflyktsmålen i Platres omedelbara närhet kan förutom Caledonian Falls nämnas klostret Trooditissa och Mesopotamska klostret. Man bör också passa på tillfället att besöka byn Phini, där enorma vinfat tillverkas. De kan rymma 900 gallon vin.

Andra byar man bör besöka, när man är uppe i Troodos, är Prodromos och Pedhoulas.



Sigm Sylvester of 644 Signal Troop connecting a subscriber to a required extension on the HQ Unficyp Exchange.

Signallers at Work

Sigm Wishart of 644 Signal Troop checking communications on the HQ Unficyp VHF Command Net.



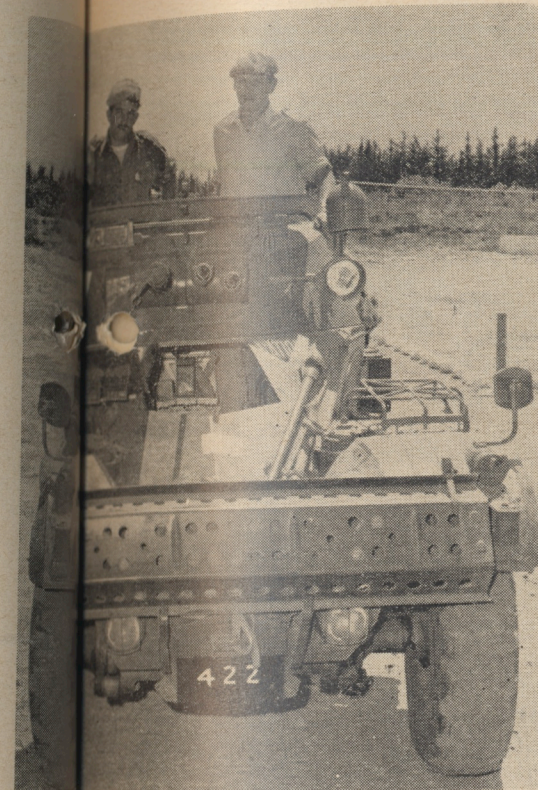
Force Reserve in the Xeros Area



A Ferret Scout Car passing through one of the many villages in the training area. Above.

Trooper James Derek, QOH, (right) gets to know the inside information of the Panhard armoured car from Trooper Whelan, 12 Inf Gp. Right.

On Wednesday and Thursday of the two troops of the patrol training in the Xeros areas. Training was carried out with the assistance of 12 Inf Armoured Car Squadron.



Training for Peacekeeping duties. QOH is pictured in the turret of the Ferret Scout Car. Below.

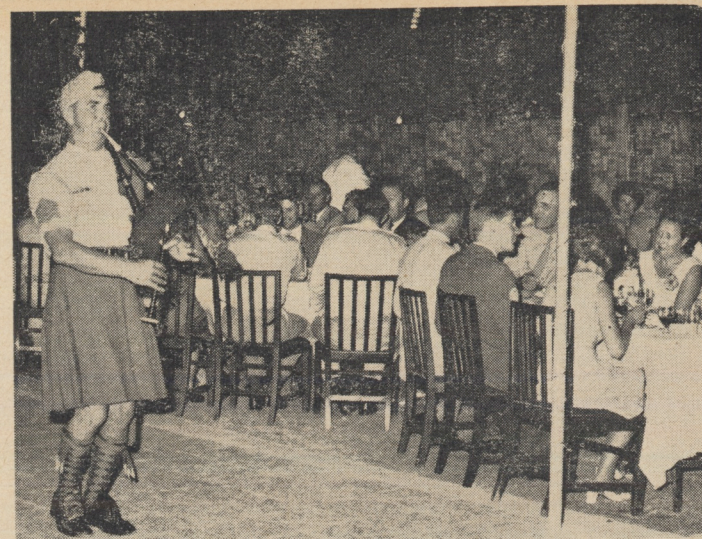


IRCON NEWS

Irish Forces Photos

Contingent Party

IRCON last weekend played host to members of the other Contingents and their friends at a Party held in Xeros Camp. During the dinner entertainment for the guests was provided by the Group Pipe Major, CQMS Duggan (seen here) and a Ballad Group.



SOCCER Vs IRISH GUARDS

On Monday 11th last the 12th Group soccer team played a challenge match at Lefka against a team from the Irish Guards.

After a somewhat slow start the Group team began to dominate the game and apart from a period early in the second half when they were under heavy pressure seldom looked anything but winners.

Goals by Cpl Wallace (2) Lt Kavanagh, Pte Kenny and Pte Frawley gave Ircon a good 5-0 victory.

All this hot weather makes for thirsty customers in the Canteen and Pte Patrick Kinsella "dispenses" a well known brand of mineral to one such customer. (Below).



'B' Company At Limnitis

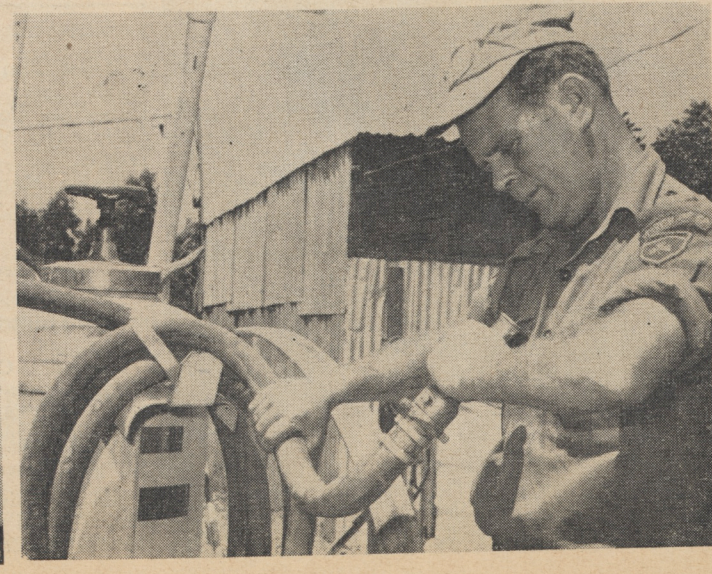
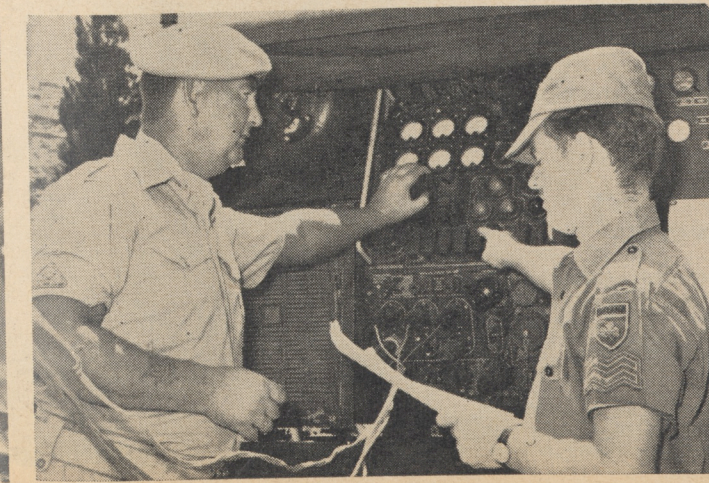
It was the turn last week of 'B' Coy to be visited by Ircon's photographer and on his visit he met the following personnel of that Coy at work in Limnitis Camp.

Checking "Mingies" in the Coy Canteen, in preparation for the shopping spree before the Group returns home is Pte Edward Hayes. (Above).

Ensuring that the fire fighting apparatus, a very important piece of equipment, especially in this hot dry weather, is in working order is Pte Noel Kelly, a member of the 12th Bn at home. (Below).



Pte Michael Faul (left) and Cpl Tracey check an important Generator Plant, which supplies the Camp with electricity. (Below).



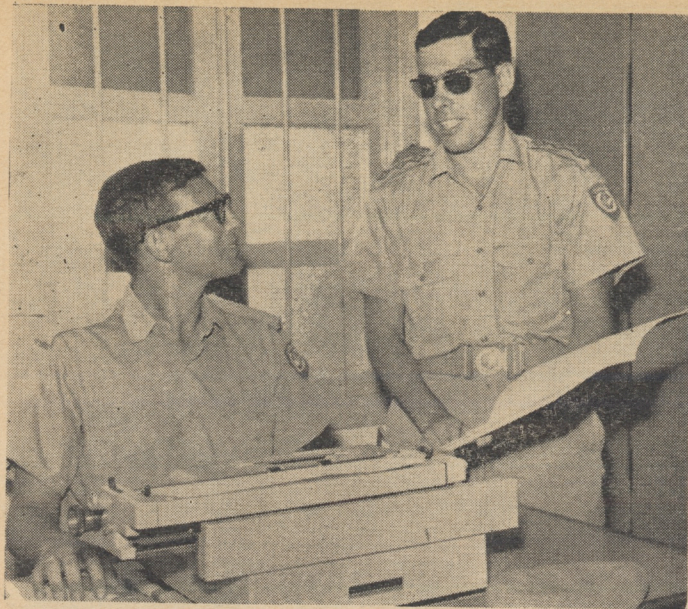
BRITCON NEWS

QOH Versus R 22e R

A Volley ball match was held on 14th August, between the QOH and R 22e R. After a hard, tough match, the home team came out as winners, 2 games to 1.

L cpl Mitchell QOH leaps for the ball as L cpl Wood looks on. Two Canadians prepare to defend their area.





Corporal Gerals St-Amour (left) clerk-typist, and Captain Marc Metivier process demand vouchers. (Above)

Sergeant Jacques Michaud (left) and Corporal Andre Payette count stacks of blue berets. (Right)



Corporal Frank Maher (left) and Master Warrant Officer Guy Lacelle compile figures in the aftermath of stock-taking.



CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

Major Jim Marshall (left) hands over his duties as Canadian Contingent Finance Officer to Major Denis Labrecque.

Major Marshall returned to Canada last week.

OBSERVATION

Master Corporal Marcel Maltais, non-commissioned officer in charge of Hanley's Hill in Kyrenia District on duty.

His battalion, the 2e Battalion, Royal 22e Régiment, returns to Canada in October.

There is a time-tarnished story about all Ordnance people in the armed forces that their immediate answer to a request for anything is — NO!

There is also a certain public image of an Ordnance man which would indicate that he is an expert in the field of tailoring, for no matter the size of clothing issued by his stores they "just fit".

The Canadian Quartermaster Stores at Camp Maple Leaf, commanded by Captain Marc Metivier, are not immune to these traditional allegations. As a matter of fact they are proud of them, and according to Captain Metivier, "it's the most efficient section of the Canadian Contingent".

The QM Stores handle over

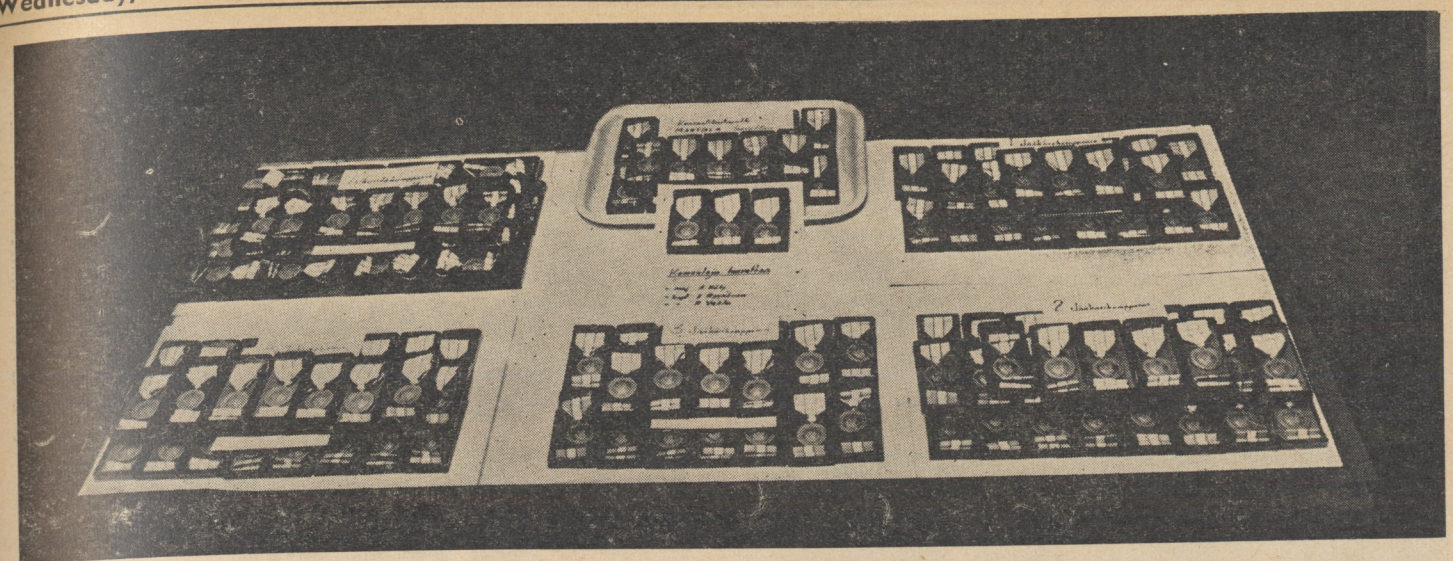
2,000 different items ranging from pencils to electrical generators. They have several sources of supply including Canada, the British forces on the Island and local contractors.

Their busiest time occurs during rotation, for it involves the immediate requirements of nearly 1,000 soldiers.

NO!



A New Face



MITALI MIEHEEN

— eli pöytä oli kovin koria".

Mitaliparaati pidettiin kaikkein siihen kuuluvine seremonioineen jälleen kerran. YK -mitalin omistavien kaarti kasvoi jälleen lukuisalla joukolla.

Eversti Anttilan velvoittavan puheen jälkeen saapui kenrli Martola, joka puheessaan totesi, että kyseisen mitalin arvoa ei suinkaan ole omiaan himmentämään se, että mitalin saaneiden lukumäärä todennäköisesti tulee olemaan kaiken

kaikkiaan vain muutama tuhat suomalaistenkin osalta. Tilaisuuden päätyttyä siirryttiin eri puolille kahvitilaisuuksiin ja juhlamieltä tuntui riittävän iltapuhteelle saakka.



FINCON NEWS

KUVIEN KERTOMAA

Pöydän "antimet" on tasapuolisesti jaettu.

Kuvassa kenrli A.E. Martola sekä eversti Anttila tarkastavat mitalin-saaneiden "rintavat" rivistöt.

AIHETTA MUISTAA!

- Hoitaa pikaisesti kaikki lomasiat kuntoon lomatoimistossa.
- Lähettää toimitukselle kaikki sellaiset asiat, jotka haluaisitte julkaistavaksi Blue-Beret'n palstoilla. Aktiivista osanottoa kaivataan kipeästi.
- Kuunnelkaa myöskin radio-ohjelmia
- Oppikaa ja opiskelkaa Englantia
- Oppikaa käyttämään hyödyllisesti vapaa-aikanne
- Pitäkää huolta puhtaudestanne, syökää suolaa tarpeeksi, juokaa hieman enemmän kuin janottaa ja lukekaa ote lääkirin jutusta viereisiltä palstoilta
- Käykää pastorin "Keikoilla" - tämä tältä erää -

LÄÄKETIETEELLISIÄ NÄKÖKOHTIA KYPROKSELLA

(ote pataljoonan vanhemman lääkärin, evl Eero Peltö-Timperin Ruotuväki -lehdelle kirjoittamasta artikkelista).

Suomalaisten terveydellisiin olosuhteisiin Kyproksella vaikuttavat

erikoisesti kaksi seikkaa, jotka eroavat siitä, mihin kotimaassa on totuttu, -nimittäin ilmasto ja yleinen hygieninen taso.

Sairastavuus on yleensä samaa luokkaa tai pienempi kuin koti-

maassa, johtuen osittain siitä, että tehtävään valittujen miesten tulee olla ennestään terveitä.

Sairauksista joita esiintyy, ovat yleisimpiä suolistotulehdukset, korvatulehdukset, ihon tulehdukset ja sukupuolitaudit. Silmiinpistävintä onkin juuri erilaisten tulehdustautien suuri osuus, johtuen juuri em. kuumasta ilmastosta ja hygienisistä puutteellisuuksista. Pohjoismaalainen tottuu kuitenkin kuumaan ilmastoon muutamassa viikossa.

Luontainen siisteys ja itsensä puhtaanapito ovat siis Kyproksella hyveitä, joilla ehkäistään tehokkaasti sairauksia.

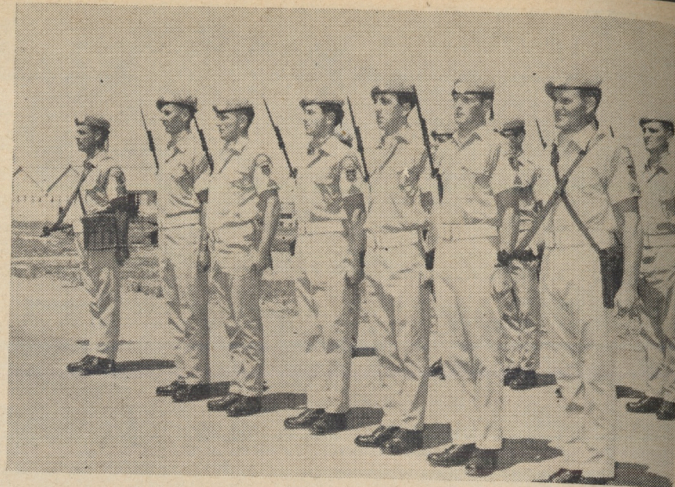
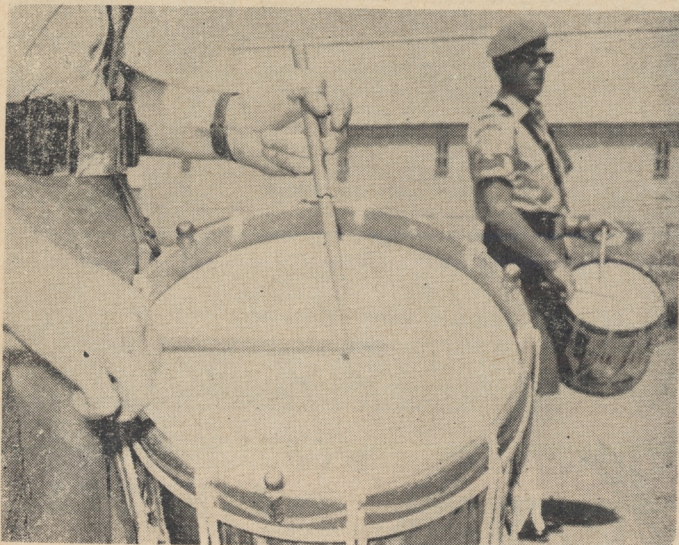


Illoiset ovat ilmeet pataljoonan komentajan korkeilla vierailla, kenraali Martolalla ja tohtori Ralph Bunche 'lla heidän vieraillessaan FINCON'ssa 13.8.1969. Tohtori Bunche lähti New York'iin seuraavana päivänä.



Vieraita kävi kovasti myöskin pataljoonan illassa samana iltana 13.8. Kokonainen viihderyhmä Tanskasta oli saapunut ilahduttamaan kaikkia kontingentteja. Huolimatta kielivaikeuksista kaikilla, niin kuin pitääkin, oli hauskaa. Tango oli poikaa - muistatthana?

The Roll of Drums



Monday the 18th August, saw soldiers from Ircon take over the main HQ Unficyp guard from Swedcon.

• Members of the Irish Contingent parade for inspection prior to taking over the guard. (Above).

• The Guard Mounting was carried out with music provided by the Ircon Pipe Band. (Left).

NO GAP . . .

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At the airport Dr. Bunche stated that he considered this a rewarding trip in the course of which he had "good talks". He added that he would report

to Secretary General U Thant on 15 August.

In reply to another query on the Cyprus question Dr. Bunche said that he was disappointed that it had not been possible to find a solution to the Cyprus problem

Chrys- MISS UNFICYP No. 17

Our Miss Unficyp for this week is Mrs Chrys Munday, who comes from Lytham St Annes, and is in Cyprus on holiday with her husband Flt Sgt. K. N. Munday of the 72 Sqn Det UN.



"Bubbles" at Cape Greco

The UN (Bubbles) Sub Aqua Club recently held a four days diving session near Cape Greco. On the particular dive pictured here, the divers descended to a depth of 95 feet.

after five years had elapsed, and expressed the hope that things could be speeded up.

As to the role of the United Nations he said "it is not one of initiative but consist in affording assistance when the parties think it can be helpful". He emphasized that the United Nations are always standing by but that they could not help, were they to try to impose a solution. "The United Nations are ready to assist in Cyprus, Palestine, Vietnam, in any conflict, to give every possible help the parties want!"

Concerning the current intercommunal talks, Dr. Bunche stressed that "talking is the road to an ultimate solution" and expressed his gratification that the talks were continuing. This, he underlined, is a new and welcome development as compared to the situation at the time of his last visit to the Island three years ago.

WATER SAFETY

Drowning fatalities occur every year. In nearly every case they would have been prevented if the persons concerned had taken elementary precautions.

There are some basic rules which should be always observed by EVERYBODY.

Here they are:

1. Don't enter the water unless there are at least two of you.
2. Don't enter the water if you do not feel well.
3. Don't enter the water if you are under the influence of alcohol.
4. Don't enter the water for at least one hour after having a meal.
5. Don't go out of your depth until you can swim well.
6. Don't indulge in rough play in or near the water.
7. Don't swim when the sea is rough.
8. Don't swim where there are eddies or currents.
9. Don't dive in shallow water.
10. Don't dive where you may injure yourself and/or another person.
11. Learn how to float and how to tread water.