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PRESENTATION



Brigadier-General E.M.D. Leslie, Chief of Staff, makes the presentation of a silver bowl to the Brigadier.

FAREWELL TO CYPRUS



Brigadier Harbottle waves a fond farewell to Cyprus as he boards his aircraft bound for the United Kingdom.

FAREWELL TO STAFF



Lt Col Nilo Brask, Chief Personnel Officer, HQ UNFICYP, bids farewell to the Brigadier, together with other members of the Staff, as he departed his office for the last time.

BRIGADIER HARBOTTLE DEPARTS FROM CYPRUS AS RETIRING COS

Brigadier M.N. Harbottle, retiring Chief of Staff, was dined out by the United Nations at the Officers' Mess, HQ UNFICYP, on Friday, 23rd August.

Some 70 mess members attended including, Mr. Osorio-Tafall, Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Mr. Gorge, Chief Political Adviser, and Brigadier-General E.M.D. Leslie, Chief of Staff.

After dinner Mr. Osorio-Tafall made a farewell speech to the Brigadier on behalf of the United Nations during which he read out cables received from U Thant, the Secretary General and Dr Ralph J. Bunche and Mr. J. Rolz-Bennett, Under-Secretary-Generals, thanking the Brigadier for his dedicated service to the Organization.

This was followed by a presentation from the Staff made by Brigadier-General Leslie, of a silver bowl, standing on "lion's claws", embossed with a crest of the United Nations on either side, and engraved appropriately — From the Force Commander and Officers of HQ UNFICYP.

The Brigadier departed for the United Kingdom on Tuesday 20th where he will terminate his service shortly.

He intends to return to Cyprus in October for a long holiday and rest, in Kyrenia.

The Blue Beret wish him the very best of luck in his retirement.

ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS MAKES VISIT TO FINLAND

The President of the Republic of Cyprus Archbishop Makarios arrived at Konigstatt, Finland, at 2030 hrs on Monday 19 August, for an unofficial visit till 22 August.

His Beatitude had dinner with the Finnish Prime Minister, Mr. Koivisto. Lt Gen A.E. Martola, the Force Commander was in attendance. Also present was the Chief of the UN offices of the Ministry of Defence in Finland, Major Raitasaari.

Due to the visit of the Archbishop to Finland, 19-22 August 1968, the For-

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TUMULTER UNDER KRONINGSFESTEN

I 1371 var "Lillepeter" blevet kronet til konge af Cypern i St. Sofia katedralen i Nicosia. Aaret efter blev han gift med Valentine Visconti, datter af hertugen af Milano. Tilbage stod, at Peter også skulle kronas som konge af Jerusalem. Det var, synes vi, en tom titel, for det hellige land var forlængst gået tabt, men på den tid havde titlen større betydning end vi forestiller os. Kroningen skulle efter traditionen finde sted i St. Nicolai katedralen i Famagusta, og tidspunktet var kort efter Birgittas afrejse fra Cypern i Oktober 1372.

Selve kroningen forløb uden nævneværdige episoder, men efter højtideligheden i kirken var det skik, at kongen skulle ride gennem byen til borgen. Konsulen for republikken Genua skulle gå til højre for hesten holdende i tømme, og tilsvarende skulle konsulen for Venedig gå på venstre side. Da kongen stiger til hest, sker der imidlertid det, at Venedigs udsending går over på højre side og fatter tømme. Konsulen fra Genua optager dette som en grov fornærmelse og tilsidesættelse af Genuas privilegier på Cypern. Nu opstår der tumult, der snart udvikler sig til regulære gadekampe, og herunder dræbes flere genuesere.

Da man i Genua modtager rap-

porter om hændelserne, bliver det besluttet at hævne de døde. I 1373 stævner en flåde på 49 skibe under kommando af admiral Fregoso mod Cypern. Famagusta erobres hurtigt. Paphos og Limassol bliver taget, og selv Nicosia indtages og udplyndres. Året efter belejres fæstningen Kyrenia, men den holder stand, og der indledes fredsforhandlinger. Cypern skal udrede en enorm bod, og Genua beholder Famagusta til hele gælden er betalt. Først i 1464 lykkes det at generobre Famagusta for Cyperns krone, men det var næppe ulejligheden værd, allerede syv år senere er det Venedig, der spiller herrer i byen, og i 1489 overdrages hele Cypern til den venezianske republik.

DANCON NYT

VI TABTE DE VANDT

Fodboldkampen mellem et hold fra DANCIVPOL og et officershold fra DANCON var naturligvis kun ment som en spøg. Men næppe mange havde regnet med, at spøgen skulle drives så vidt som til at politiet skulle vinde. Sådan gik det imidlertid. Heldigvis husker ingen hvor stort nederlaget blev. For kampen blev nederlagets mængde forevigede. Knælende ses fra venstre: Løjtnant C.J. Aakerlund, premierløjtnant F.G.C. Richard, premierløjtnant V.F.H. Jensen og løjtnant A.E.C. Vestergaard. Stående ses fra venstre, major E. Kingo Christensen, overfenrik T.F. Isasen, major I.M. Terkildsen, major K.E. Nielsen, oberstløjtnant O.M. Achon, premierløjtnant J.B. Nielsen, kaptajn G.C. Ulrich, overfenrik H.P. Dall og premierløjtnant H.N. Weje.

PELIKANER OCH KAMELER

SWEDCON NEWS



Förevigade på kameler framför Cheopspyramiden utanför Kairo är fr v kaptenerna Kristian Bernstone, Uddevalla, och Ulf Stenquist, Lund, samt FN-soldaterna Nils Nygren, Alvesta och Conny Quist, Umeå.

LEAVERESORNA SLÅR ALLA REKORD

Det stora lugnet under vår tid på Cypern har lett till en ovanligt intensiv reseverksamhet. Det har, lindrigt sagt, varit fullt upp att göra på bataljonens resebyrå.

Sammanlagt har t ex över 200 anhöriga vistats hos oss på Cypern under olika perioder.

Beträffande leaveresorna har Libanon varit det populäraste målet — innan bataljonen upplöses kom-

mer nämligen över 250 man att ha besökt det landet. Ca 200 kommer att ha besökt Israel och ett 50-tal Egypten. Dessutom har ett 100-tal tagit tillfället i akt och besökt anhöriga hemma i Sverige.

MINNESBOK BAT 40C

Svenska FN-bat 40 C kommer med en minnesbok, "FN-vakt på Cypern" som skall tryckas i 750 ex och delas ut till varje man lagom till rotationen börjar i oktober. Ett 70-tal extrabeställningar har också inkommit.

Vi skall inte avslöja alltför mycket om boken på det här stadiet, annat än att de som är indragna i arbetet, bataljonens press — och fotofolk, har haft bråda dagar. Boken trycks hos Zavallis Press i Nicosia och proven på de första tryckta arken bådar gott. Färgplanschier i offset framställs i Beirut.

Nu behöver vi lite hjälp. Ett avsnitt har nämligen fått rubriken "Vi blickar tillbaka" (även om det kanske är lite för tidigt att redan nu blicka tillbaka), och då fordras bidrag från kompanier och OPn.

Alltså:

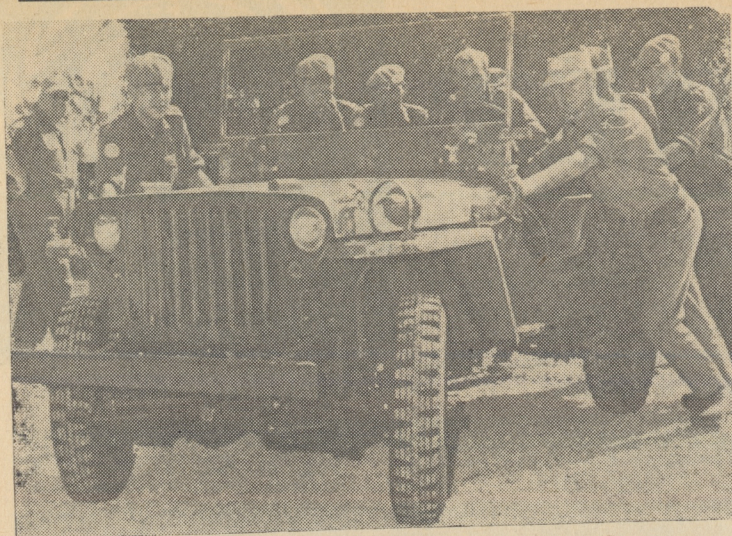
Skriv några rader och säg vad Du tycker och tänker om tiden här nere. Om den har varit av ondo eller av godo. Säker har Du gjort några reflektioner kring tjänstgöring och miljö, som kan vara intressanta för såväl kamrater som utom-

stående. Du bör inte skriva för mycket, 15 till 20 handskrivna rader räcker, eller 10 till 12 rader om Du använder skrivmaskin. Det har kommit ett antal bidrag, men inte tillräckligt många.

Senast den 2 september vill bokens redaktion ha materialet. Stoppa in det i ett kuvert och sänd det till Zonpressofficeren, H.Q., Nicosia eller lämna det till stabsredaktör Lars Torekull som också besvarar ev förfrågningar under zonpressofficerens Sverige-leave 14 till 28 augusti.

Välkomna!

Nej, Mats Berglind, Borlänge! Vi tror inte att Du är så stark, som Du på denna bild vill göra gällande. Redaktionen känner minsann igen valvet bland ruïnerna i Salamis.



De mange færdelsuheld er nok medvirkende årsag til at der altid er travlhed på DANCON's værksted. En jeep er netop blevet "rettet ud" efter et sammenstød, og nu skubbes den over til maleren. I baggrunden til venstre ses værkstedslederen, premierløjtnant K.B. Pedersen, og rundt jeppen har vi sergent F.H.P. Johansen, konstablerne B. Baisner, F.H.E. Pedersen, K. Nielsen, J. Jensen og A. Bech.



Den eneste der virkelig nød fodboldkampen mellem DANCIVPOL og DANCON sidste onsdag var vist, som det ses på billedet, målmanden, polititbetjent Frode Hansen.



WHERE GOES THAT TROOP?



Tpr Arthur Meek, left and Cpl Reg Buckley found a new Ferret Commander, 'Durox' Grenadier Company watchdog!

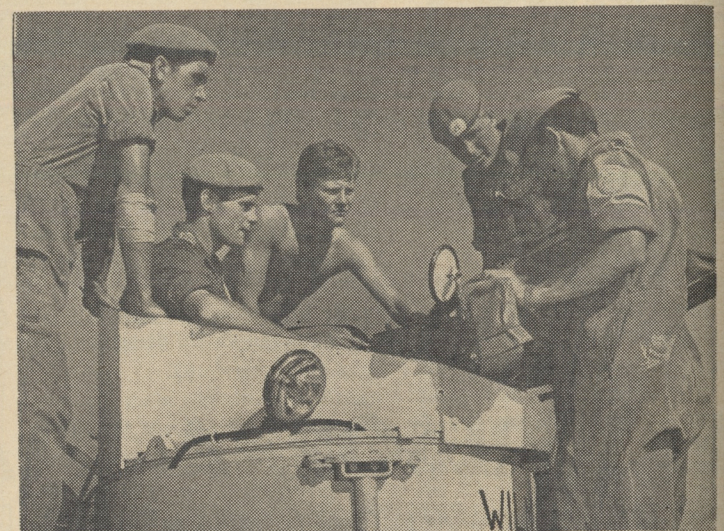
If you see a Troop of 4th/7th DG's Ferret armoured cars travelling outside Britcon country they are not lost — we hope! Just on a six day 'getting to know you', training scheme, from 'C' Squadron at Zyyi.

Last week 2Lt Christopher Price returned to Squadron HQ with a rather tired but infinitely more knowledgeable 5 Troop! They had just completed their 380 mile round trip.

On Thursday the 8th August they set off for Paphos District and headed North for Polis vi-

siting villages on the way. In one or two places villagers who had not seen Armoured Cars before, were put at ease by the informality and friendliness of the crews, who dispelled any fears the locals might have had about their presence.

This served a useful purpo-



An interested group look over a Swedish APC, from left to right: Tpr John McGee, 2 Lt Chris Price, Tprs Frank Pursell and George Gibson. In the centre is Cpl Billy Holmström from Lapland — and very proud of it!

SHOOTING MATCH AT POLEMIDHIA



Both teams on the firing point firing their personal weapons.

Rounds were fired down the range at Polemidhia last Friday, by a Swedcon Famagusta team from the 7.62 calibre, modified construction of the German Automatic carbine "Gewer 3". This weapon is manufactured in Sweden under licence and is a newcomer to their small arms armoury.

Paphos Company 4LI "fired back", with the 7.62 SLR. Considering the lack of range comparisons and ballistics were exchanged on the GPMG, no stranger to the Swedish soldiers and the 9mm SMG. Soldiers also exchanged personal weapons and had a good trial-firing, with each ot-

hers small arms.

ge work due to duties both teams used the day to "get their eye in". The Swedish however, invited a return at Famagusta when no doubt scores will be taken a little more seriously!

RIGHT

Maj "Mike" Benson, Second-in-Command, 4LI relaxes concentration during the shoot, whilst trying his hand with the Swedish carbine. It has an effective range up to 400 metres, and weighs 10½ Lbs. The magazine holds 20 rounds and its rate of fire, semi-automatic is 60 per minute, automatic 120 per minute. A boyonet is included, but no night sights yet.



Under The Ocean Wave

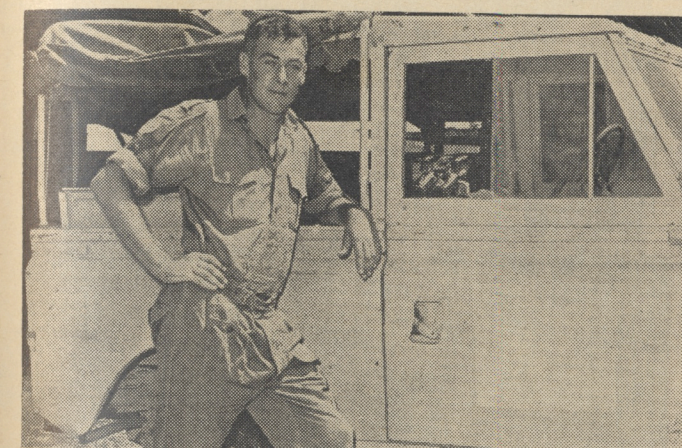


This photograph was taken in Kyrenia at the conclusion of a weeks sub-aqua training by Capt Shane Grey (centre, front row). Learning the "do's" and the "don't's" of this new element were (left to right) (front row) Rev Fr Colm Matthews, Gnr Eddie Buckley, Gnr Pat O'Rourke, Sgt Joe Murray, C/S Tony Fogarty, Insp Coll Briscoe and Gnr Mike Hogan. (Back Row) Sgt Roddy Taylor, Lieut Dave Betson, Cpl Mick Ragan, Sgmn Chris Doran, and Cpl Bill Sisk.

IRCON NEWS

THE WILLING HAND

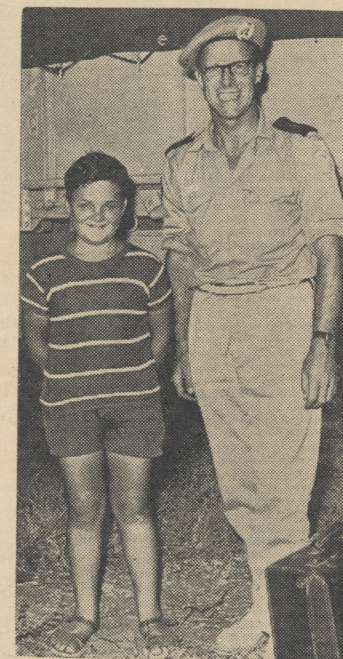
WHEELS A GO GO



Pulling his weight in the unit and not even on its strength! that is the position of the smiling boy here shown with the IRCON chaplain, Rev Fr Matthews.

He is Toni Renko, who has cheerfully played the role of alter-boy to many Irish contingents in Xeros..... but never before so cheerfully as with 10 Inf Gp for, through the thoughtfulness of an Australian member of UNCIVPOL, Inspector Ron Lawlor who has since returned home, a new soutane and surplice for his "official" duties were delivered to him last March by Fr Matthews.

Toni, like the singer of the once popular song, "doesn't know how, doesn't when" but he is determined to one day come to Ireland to meet again the many friends he has from there in Xeros.



You're told it by cooks, by military police, by communications personnel, by staffs of all types, — how important is the task of each on this peace keeping mission — but drivers have their mileage statistics to prove it! Here, back at his HQ in Lefka, Pte Bernie Broderick checks over the vehicle that he has partnered over so many miles of Cypriot roads. With now over 7 years service to his credit, Bernie who is married and lives in Athlone, Co Westmeath, is following in the footsteps of his father who is serving with 17 Bn in Longford.

PERSONNEL EXCHANGE

Arrangements have been made between contingent commanders concerned whereby, during the month of August, a number of Canadian and Irish personnel exchanged duties.

Each exchange is for seven days and consists of 1 officer and 3 non-commissioned officers. The exchange has proved to be both popular and useful, each party seeing at first hand the methods and systems of the other.

Our photo shows the exchange parties for last week. They are (left to right — front row) Sgt John Barnes (IRCON), Cpl K. R. Habing (CANCON), Sgt Paddy Murray. (Back row) — Cpl R. L. Davis, (CANCON) Cpl Ed Cromwell (IRCON), Sgt E. D. Remin (CANCON) Lt D. A. Krystia (CANCON) and Lt B. O'Reilly (IRCON).



A HELPING HAND



Private G.W. (Garry) Shephard, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery Regiment of Middle Sackville, N.S., gives a helping hand to a young Cypriot in filling his water bucket at Bore Hole one of the 18 outposts manned by Canadians on peace-keeping duties in Cyprus. Bore Hole is a water well controlled by the UN and used extensively by the locals on a daily basis. The 19-year old Private is the son of Mr & Mrs John Shephard of Middle Sackville, N.S.



COMMUNICATIONS A MUST: It is hot dirty work but a lineman's job has never been easy. Weather or combat does not affect his aim to maintain communications. This Canadian crew is seen re-wiring over 130 miles of telephone cable. L. to R. they are: Pte P.V. Johnson, Cpl. R.L. Davis and Pte R.A. Oakley.



COMFORTS OF MODERN TIMES: Company Quartermaster Sergeant Joe Walushka of the Kyrenia Company PPCLI, probably remembers when clean linen, for that matter, any linen, was not a supply problem. In fact at one time it wasn't any problem at all, it just didn't exist. But times have changed and the weekly issue of fresh linen is a must. With the CQMS is his storeman Cpl. J. Thir.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos



GENTLY NOW: Pruning young trees and flowering bushes is a must if you want healthy plants, but great care must be taken not to cause injury. Private R.W. "Stick" Vandekamp of the Kyrenia Company is the professional.



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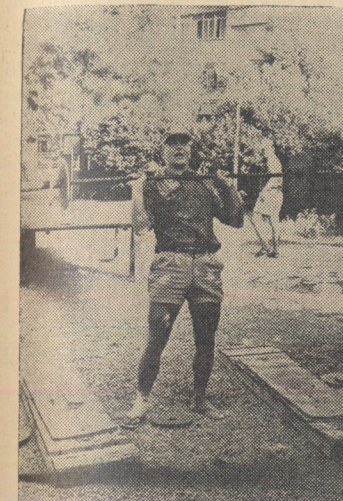
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LEPOA JA VIRKISTYSTÄ



Jääk Y Putkinen, EK, on repäissyt rinnalle ja on valmiina aloittamaan punnerruksen.

...ja saunomista, olisi vielä voitu jatkaa hyvällä omalla tunnolla, sillä sauna se on, joka suomalaisen tiellä pitää Kyproksellakin. Saunassa rentoutuu perusteellisesti enemmän tai vähemmän raskaan työpäivän jälkeen.

Tämän ovat huomanneet ulkomaalaisetkin, lähinnä kanadalaiset, mutta kyllä tanskalaisia taitaa käydä 2JK:n saunassa lähes yhtä paljon kuin kanuskeja pioneerien saunassa. Tämänkertaisen suomalais-sivumme tapahtumat keskittyvät pioneerijoukkueen pihamaalle, saunaan ja uima-altaaseen. Paikka on varsin tuttu meille suomalaisille, mutta sen tuntee ja tietää myös hyvin moni kanadalainen, itävaltalainen siviilipoliisi tai melkeinpa multei kuka tahansa rauhanturvaaja kontingentista riippumatta.

Mikä on pioneerijoukkueen saunan saavuttaman suosion salaisuus?



Syitä voi vain arvailla. Se sijaitsee keskeisellä paikalla, se lämpiää joka päivä ja hyvissä ajoin, ns. uima-allaskin on, saunaa ei lämmitetä aivan mahdollottoman kuumaksi ja koska se on sopivan suuri, ei siellä lopu ilmakaan.

Jos työpäivän päätyttyä on vielä puhtia jäljellä, niin voi vaikkapa nostella painoja, nakutella pingistä tai heittää tikkaa, ennen kuin menee makoisaan sadan asteen löylyyn ja sukeltaa sen jälkeen altaaseen, jossa saattaa olla joskus jäitäkin, kanadalaisten tuomia.

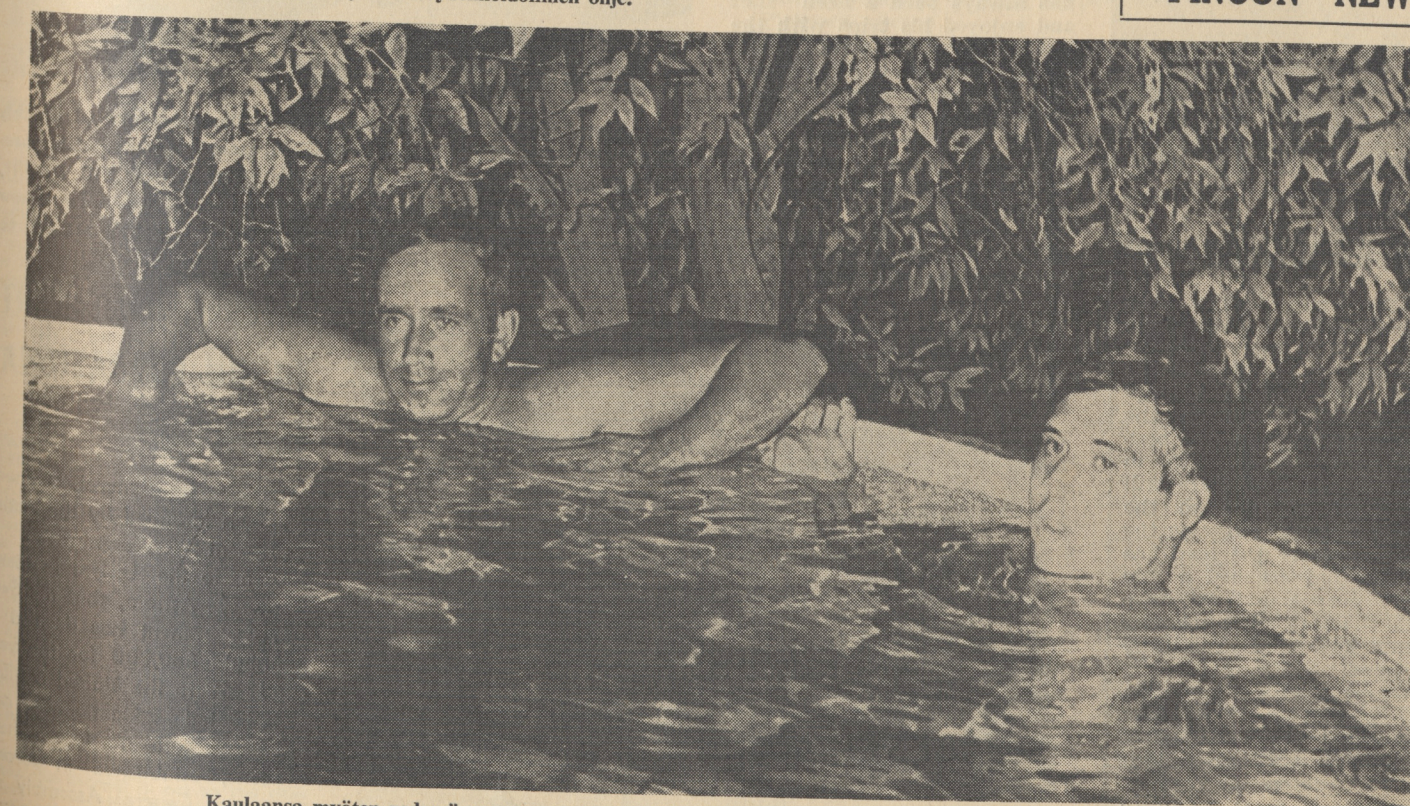
Joka tapauksessa keskeinen paikka tuo pioneerijoukkueen pihamaa, ei ainoastaan suomalaisille vaan myös eräiden muiden kontingenttien rauhanturvaajille.

Jääk Risto (selin) ja jääk Muranen tyytyvät naputtelemaan pöytätienistä muutaman erän ennen saunaan menoa.



FINCON NEWS

Kuvateksti sisältyy kuvaan. Hyvä terveydenhoidollinen ohje.

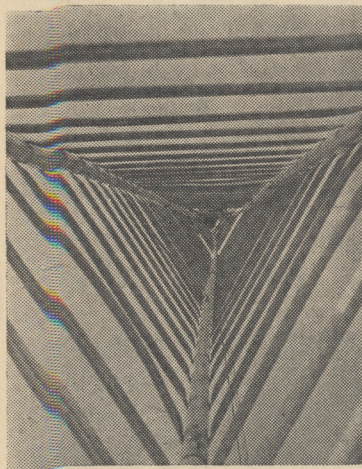


Kaulaansa myöten vedessä rentoutuvat kers O Päiväranta ja ylik R Korhola saunan löylyjen jälkeen.

KEEP IT UP



Accidents, whether they are scrapes, fender benders or crispy crunches, are a curse in any military operation and proper defensive driving by all vehicle operators is a must. One of the reminders at Kyrenia Company, PPCLI, is the accident free board at the main gate, where all can see the statistics as they drive away. Keeping the board up to date is Cpl Eric Thomas.



GUESS WHAT?

Have you any idea what this photo is? It is quite easy for some! The answer and story will be on BRITCON page next week.

FIREBALL FORMATION!

Brigadier M. N. Harbottle has always been a keen flier and enjoyed his trips with the UN Flight AAC, with whom he has 'put-in' over 150 hours. Major David Craig, Flight Commander, who flew the Brigadier back from Zyyi last Thursday, pictured below, arranged for three Sioux to join formation outside Nicosia and they flew into the heli-pad at HQ UNFICYP. A flight which delighted the Brigadier.



ARCHIBISHOP MAKARIOS....

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ce Commander, Lieutenant-General A.E. Martola, who has been on home leave, has postponed his return to Nicosia, previously scheduled for 14 August. General Martola will now return on 23 August.

Brigadier M.N. Harbottle, OBE, who had been officiating

as Force Commander during the absence of General Martola, relinquished his appointment as Chief of Staff on 15 August. Brigadier General E.M.D. Leslie, DSO, CD, assumed the appointment of Chief of Staff and will officiate as Force Commander during General Martola's absence, from that date.

SHOOTERS SHOT



Three "Blue Beret" photographers, at the conclusion of roughly concurrent tours of duty with UNFICYP, meet for a tripartite farewell handshake. They are (left to right) Petty Officer Bill Cardiff, (CANCON), Sgt Ian Haithwaite (BRITCON) both of whom have now left Cyprus and Sgt Tom Scott (IRCON). On your behalf we say to each of them 'Thank you..... and smile, please'..!

Road Safety Corner

The Grape Harvest does not just mean that there will soon be more wine on the market. It also means that there will be a large number of lorries on the roads loaded, and overloaded, with grapes. This in turn means that there will be a lot of juice on the roads — particularly on the corners where the load has shifted and crushed a few more grapes and on steep hills where the lorries speed has been drastically reduced.

Grape juice on the road, as opposed to in a glass, has much the same affect as oil. It can cause skids — particularly on corners, where it is most likely to be found. Be warned.

SWEDEN CONTRIBUTE TO UN EDUCATIONAL TRAINING

The Secretary-General, U Thant, has been informed by the Acting Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations, Sverker C. Astrom, that the Swedish Government has decided to contribute \$80,000 for the year 1968—69 to the United Nations Consolidated Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africans, established in accordance with General Assembly resolution of 19 December 1967.