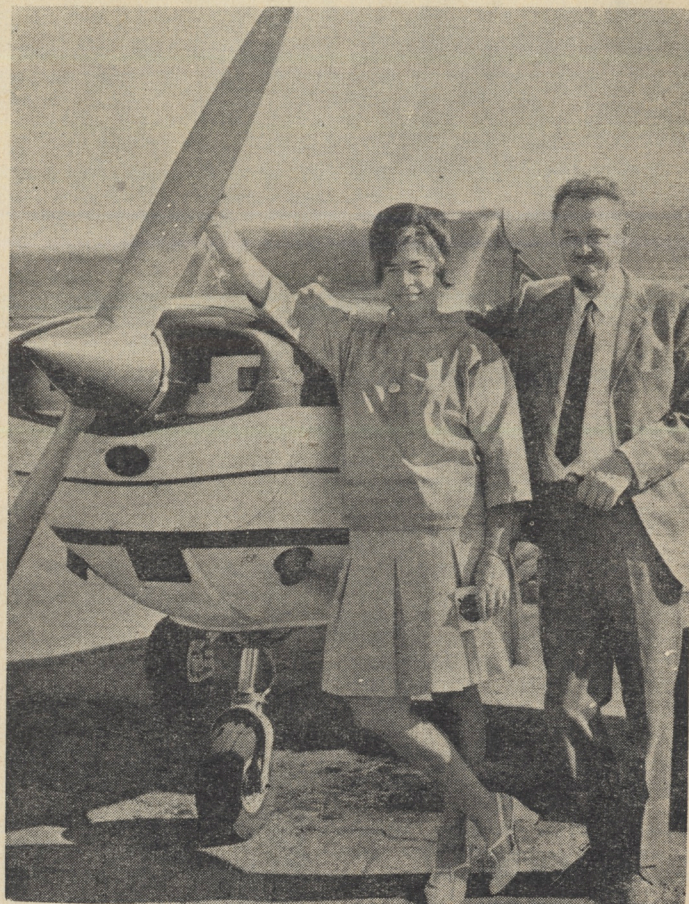




Wednesday  
26th November  
1969

## UN Personnel Receive Private Pilots Licence



Mrs. and Mr. Raaso "ready to go". (Picture above).

At a ceremony at the Daedalus Aviation Club in Nicosia on Friday 21st November Mrs. Anina Raaso and Mr. Raymond Young were presented with U. S. Private Pilot's Licences.

The U. S. Ambassador to Cyprus, Mr. David Popper, presented the PPL's and present was also the examiner and the Middle East representative of the U. S. Federal Aviation Administration, Mr. A. L. Smith, Beirut.

Mrs. Raaso is the wife of Mr. Finn Raaso, Claims Officer at HQ UNFICYP, and she decided that she should be her husband's "safety pilot". Mr. Raaso already has a PPL, and this is very likely to be the

first time in the UN Field Service history that both man and wife have PPL's.

Finn Raaso qualified for his licence in August 1968. The Raasos — both from Denmark and now called the "Flying Raasos" — have been with UN Field Service for 17 years.

Mr. Raymond Young, who is 19 years old Canadian, is the son of Mr. Bruce Young, also attached to the Claims Office at HQ UNFICYP.

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### Involvement With West Iran Closed

The General Assembly has closed the chapter of UN involvement in West Iran by approving a Dutch-Indonesian resolution taking note of the Secretary General's report on the recent self determination process which resulted in the Territories remaining with Indonesia.

Consultation with UN advice and assistance was provided for under a 1962 agreement which ended the long dispute between the Netherlands and Indonesia.

### UNFICYP Press Officers Conference

A meeting of the Contingent Press Officers on Wednesday 19th November at HQ UNFICYP provided a good opportunity for the officers to meet each other and to be briefed on the major activities within UNFICYP which are due to take place during the remainder of this year.

It was agreed that these Press Officers meetings should be held more frequently and if possible in different Contingent Headquarters. Lunch was provided for the members in the HQ UNFICYP Officers Mess before they left for home. (picture below)

### UN General Assembly Affairs

#### Curbing of Strategic Missiles

The Secretary General has issued a statement in connection with the US-Soviet Talks on the curbing of Strategic missiles being held in Helsinki Finland.

He said the Helsinki talks constituted one of the most important steps taken by two super powers in the field of disarmament since the end of the Second World War.







■ Movement Control, PRLT S.E. Svane checker den tidligere adjutant, MAJ Koefoed og SG H.V. Hansen af, mens OL I.Vase og OL C.H. Christensen ser til. MAJ Søren Wissum er synlig bevæget i afskedens stund (Herover)



■ Det går skråt opad - og hjemad til den lille by! (Billedet til højre)



■ Mon de har husket det hele? FRS G.M. Røge, OS J.H. Petersen og OS H. Knudsen er ved at være klar til afrejse.

## TAK FOR DENNE GANG...

Når dette nummer udkommer, er jeg i Danmark. Jeg siger tak til alle, jeg har været i forbindelse med-både inden for DANCON og "ude i byen."

Det har været et interessant arbejde at redigere denne lille ugeavis. Og det har lettet arbejdet betydeligt, når folk selv kom med et billede og en tekst.

Jeg er vis på, at min efterfølger, FPR Fuglsang-Damgård, vil være glad for et billede og en tekst i ny og næ.

Venlig hilsen  
N.C. Lilleør,

## Men livet går videre

Rotationen nov. 69 er endelig ved at være overstået. DANCON XI er efter en god indsats på vej ud i historien, og DANCON XII er blevet hverdag.

BLUE BERET var i lufthavnen forleden morgen og forsøgte at indfange afskedsstundens blandede stemning af farvel-vemod og glæde over at skulle hjem igen til de vante omgivelser.

Vi gætter næppe forkert, når vi tror, at disse vil blive noget prægede af de hjemvendte sønners højrøstede beretning om alt, hvad de har set og hørt hernede.

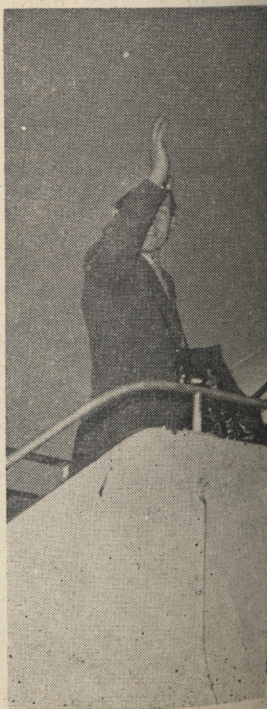
Må vi i den forbindelse minde om den gamle vise om Hans, der havde været udenlands med herremandens søn et år....!

"Og i den lille bondeby fortalte han nu stolt og kry om, hvad i fremmed land han så, til fryd for store som for små, men er end noget af det sandt, der er dog megen løgn iblandt."

Og imens vil DANCON XII så fortsætte jobbet hernede.

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## 3 komp höll nollan-Sex mål i engelsk bur

Sex gånger nätade 3 komp men behöll själv nollan i en match mot ett Kophinou-förlagt brittiskt kompanilag i söndags. Spelet som dömdes av en engelsk domare var mycket just och de svenska målen fördelade sig jämt med tre i varje halvlek.

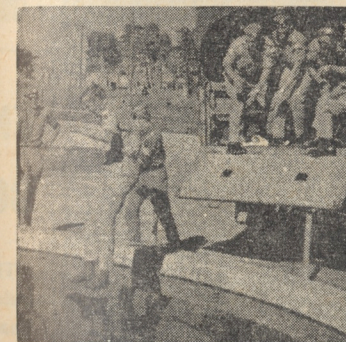
3 komp spelade på hemmaplan och enligt t.f. lagledaren, krp Olle Wennergren, skötte sig hela laget utmärkt. Kanske, menar han dock, brast det någon gång i försvaret. Till skillnad mot det lag som 9:e signalregementet ställde upp mot STR-komp var Britcons kompanilag inte särskilt samtränat utan hade en mer osäker uppläggning av spelet.

### TREMÅLSSKYTT

156 krp Karlsson vann skytteligan i den här matchen och svarade för tre av målen, medan andre man med två mål på sitt konto var men Evengård.

Det är i skrivögonblicket annu inte klart, men man har starka funderingar, inom 3 komp, på att utmana STR-komp i en match. Resultatet av den skulle ju också bli ett bra underlag för uttagningen av ett bataljonslag.

## "GRATTIS"



Dick Johansson som fyllde 21 år för fjorton dagar sedan gratulerades på 2 komp:s traditionsenliga sätt med att kastas i dammen, när han återkom från HQ-vakten i Nicosia

## BRITTISKT HÅRDSPEL STR-KOMP:s NEDERLAG

Med siffrorna 4-7 (1-5 i halvlek) förlorade STR-kompaniet på bortaplan förstärkt med några man ur 2 komp och MP, mot britternas 9:e signalregemente. Det var en match som trots siffrorna mer gick i svenskarnas favör än motståndarnas.

Engelsmännen förde genom hela matchen ett mycket hårt spel, och den engelske domaren försökte aldrig ens stävja den hårda tendensen.

Detta resulterade också i en straff för svenskarna i första halvlek.

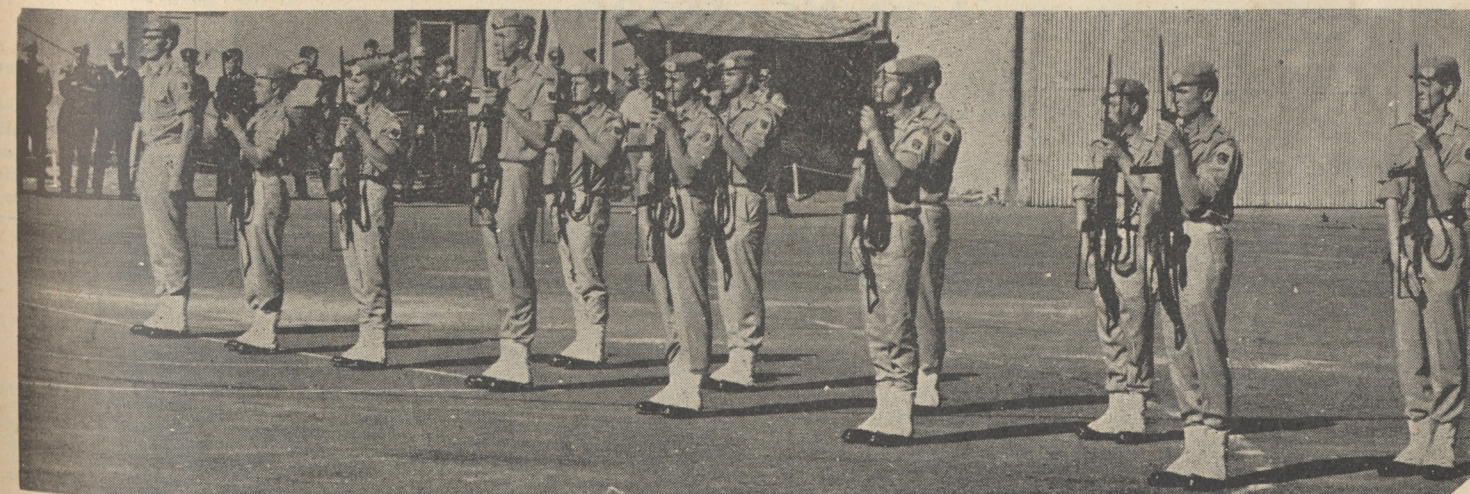
Klart är emellertid att engelsmännens teknik och effektivitet framför mål var överlägsen svenskarnas.

Konditionsmässigt höll i alla fall våra gossar, vilket bl.a. andra halvlekens målprotokoll visar. Tre för de blågula mot två för britterna.

Krp Bo Olofsson svarade även den här gången för fyra mål liksom han gjorde mot det turkiska division II laget häromveckan.

SWEDCON NEWS  
Swedish Forces Photos

## FN-bat 43 C:s första HQ-vakt avslöst



■ I början av förra veckan avslöstes FN-bat 43 C:s första HQ-vakt av det Kungliga Engelska Regementets 3:e bataljon (The Pompadours). En av som skedde under festliga former med musik och trumvirvar.





## THE POMPADOURS' 1889 and 1969

This is the second time that "The Pompadours" have been stationed in Polemedhia Camp, Limassol.

In 1889 Bn HQ and four companies sailed from Malta to Cyprus where they were employed in road construction at Troodos.

The roads were named Warley Road (after the Depot of the Essex Regiment), Pompadour Road, Essex Road, Spencer's Walk (Lt Col Spencer being the CO at the time) and the 56th extension.

Recently eight graves of the "Pompadours" who died 1890-92 were found in the overgrown cemetery below the camp on the road to Polemedhia Dam. During the battalions tour in Cyprus the Limassol Town Company intend to tidy up the cemetery and to restore the damaged grave-stones.

### BRITCON NEWS

● One of the gravestones showing clearly the old Regimental badge of the "Pompadours". (Picture above)

## PHILATELY

"The Dhekelia stamp club welcomes new members and the committee has agreed to make membership open to all members of UNFICYP.

The club meets twice a month on Monday evenings from 7.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. and interests include all aspects of philately, with strong representation in Great Britain and Cyprus.

The next event will be a "Cyprus night" on Monday 1st December when there will be a small display of Cyprus stamps followed by an auction of Cyprus material. Bar facilities are available and a welcome is extended to all stamp collectors.

The junior section (up to 14 years of age) is open earlier the same evening and has a keen membership. The 48 Club is situated in 48 Command Workshop REME Dhekelia. Fees are very reasonable being 150 mills membership and 50 mills per meeting".



## The Postman

Post NCO "The Pompadours". The most popular man in the battalion. Cpl Kennedy.

## RAOC Dinner

On Wednesday 19 November the RAOC WOs and Sgts held a get together dinner in the Sgts Mess HQ UNFICYP.

Guests were Major D.M. Mockford RAOC (Force Ordnance Officer), Capt J.N. Gunson RAOC, Capt Doyle RAOC (OC Ord Det), RCM W. Waterski BLUES AND ROYALS), C/S R.M. McCarth and C/S P. Doherty.



### RUGBY

On Saturday 8 Nov HQ UN played Dhekelia 'B' team and HQ UN were well and truly beaten. Nothing seemed to go right and every time the ball bounced it went to the opposition. The final score being HQ UN 3 — Dhekelia 'B' 20.

One week later on the 15 Nov HQ team played a mixed team of Dhekelia 'A' and 'B' teams. Dhekelia should have romped home to an easy victory but once again the HQ team turned the tables on the favourites.

The scoring was opened half way through the first half with a fine try by the winger "Paddy" McGrath.

This inspired the HQ side and victory was soon to be HQ's.

Ten minutes from the final whistle the score was 14 — 0 to HQ and in the last few minutes two tries and two conversions were scored to make the final score HQ 24 points and Dhekelia 0 points.

Trys by Lt Dransfield, Lt Steel, Sgt Hoyland, Paddy McGrath.

### BADMINTON

The Badminton season started for the Headquarters UNFICYP team on Monday 17 November 1969 when they played a SwedCon team at Wolseley barracks. The games resulted in a win for the HQ team.

They second game was played on Friday 21 November when they beat UNCIV-POL 87 points to 76 points.

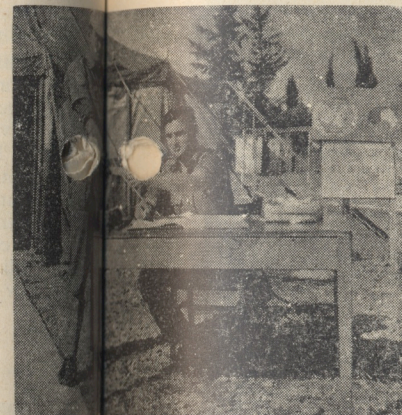
The members of the HQ team are:-

2/Lt I. Anderson RCT, ASM Caldwell, REME, Sgt D. Williamson REME, Sgt A. Hoyland RCT, Lcpl M. Callaghan RCT, Lcpl Cassidy REME, and Dvr R. Archer RCT.

Anyone interested in playing for the team should contact ASM Caldwell on ext 217.



● This was well held by the Ircon goalkeeper in the match played recently against Swedcon.



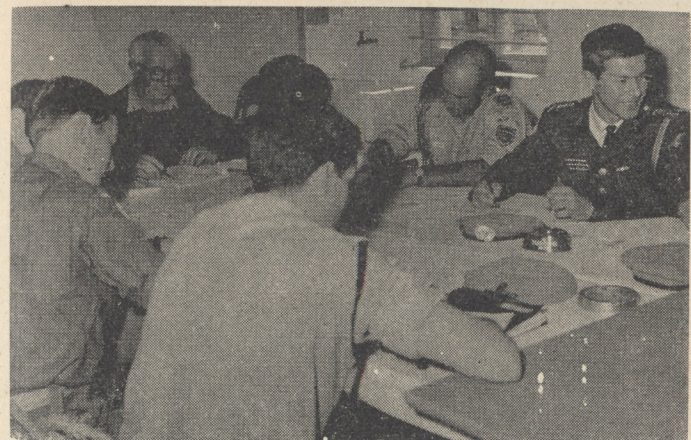
## Transport Section

The man who says "NO" to everyone in 13 Inf Gp.

Sgt Denis Holland has been known to let out the CO's car without a twenty-four hour requisition, but that was an emergency.

Here Cpl Frank Sheerin seems to be one of the lucky ones as his requisition has been approved. (Picture left)

The "Workshop" in Xeros. Fitting springs is a frequent task in an area where mountain OPs have to be supplied daily. Here Pte J. Mann (left) and Sgt John Walsh get another landrover back on the road. (Picture right)



## ENGINEER CONVENTION

The Engineer Convention was held in Camp Maple Leaf last May 17 Nov. Here we see Pte Shanahan, Force Engineer (At top of table) discussing a point with the Contingent Engineers. (Picture right)

## "THE ICE MAN"

Pte P. Carberry, "The Ice Man" must be the most travelled man of Ircon.

His duties begin at 0430 hours when he leaves Xeros to collect the precious commodity — ICE. Before he is finished, around 0600 hours he has completed 150 miles of rough track driving but never yet failed to deliver his cargo even to the most remote OP.

The pessimists say that 'The Ice Man' will soon have a rest when the winds blow down from the snows on Troodos.

For us, we hope he has to work right through to March.

Here he chats with a farmer on the road to Limnitis. (Picture right)

## IRCON NEWS

## SPORTS RESULTS

Ircon had a mixed bag of results in the various field of sporting endeavour last week.

Pride of place must go to our cross-country team who put up such a fine display in finishing second of seven teams in the race which was held at Mercury Barracks, Four-mile-Point last Wednesday. This was the fourth league race of the season and Ircon are now in third position in the league table, ahead of all other UNFICYP competing.

Special mention must be made of Sgt Sean O'Sullivan whose time of 40 mins 50.6 secs was an excellent one for the course.

Congratulations to all members of the team for a great performance, it certainly augurs well for the future.

Our soccer team, who had which little has been heard, been doing so well to date, met playing in the Inter-Contingent their match in a very competitive League had a good win over Swedcon team who defeated Ircon by four goals to one. Sgt P. Slattery, Ircon's number one, had a tough encounter in the top singles match of the night.

At one stage he was 8-1 down in the first set but rallied and eventually ran out the winner in two straight sets.

The badminton team, of 15-9, 15-8.



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● A Black Watch piper, Pipe Major William Gilmour (left) greets Mitchell Sharp (centre) as he alights at Nicosia Airport.

Mr. Sharp was met aboard his aircraft by the High Commissioner for Canada, Gordon Brown (right). (Picture above)

● Gordon Brown, High Commissioner for Canada, inspects a Black Watch Guard of Honour at Camp Maple Leaf. He was accompanied by the Guard Commander, Captain Brian Johnson. (Picture right)

## CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos



### A Helping Hand

Flight Sergeant Duncan McDougall, 22 Helicopter Squadron (UN Detachment) about to extend a helping hand for General Bourgeois. (Picture above)

### General Visits OP

General Bourgeois visits Observation Post Hilltop and is briefed by Master Corporal W. E. Johnson (centre).

Lieutenant M. R. Newman (right) is a platoon commander for Observation Company. (Picture left)

## CanCon Visitors

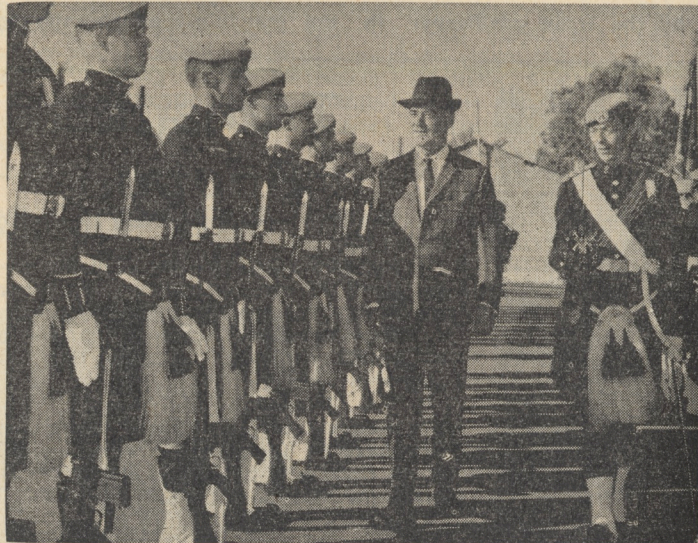
The 2nd Battalion, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment of Canada), was recently visited by the High Commissioner for Canada in Nicosia, and the Director General Information, Ottawa.

A minister of the Canadian Government also paid a short visit to Cyprus during his recent tour of the Middle East. The Honorable Mitchell Sharp, Secretary of State for External Affairs, met Canadian and Cyprus Government officials during a one-hour stop-over at Nicosia Airport.

His Excellency, Gordon Brown, High Commissioner for Canada visited the contingent at Camp Maple Leaf and the

headquarters and out-posts of the battalion in Kyrenia District.

Brigadier-General L. A. Bourgeois, who heads the Armed Force's Directorate of Information Services, toured the observation posts by RAF helicopter, was a guest of the company headquarters at Tjiklos and visited the headquarters of both Camp Maple Leaf and UNFICYP.



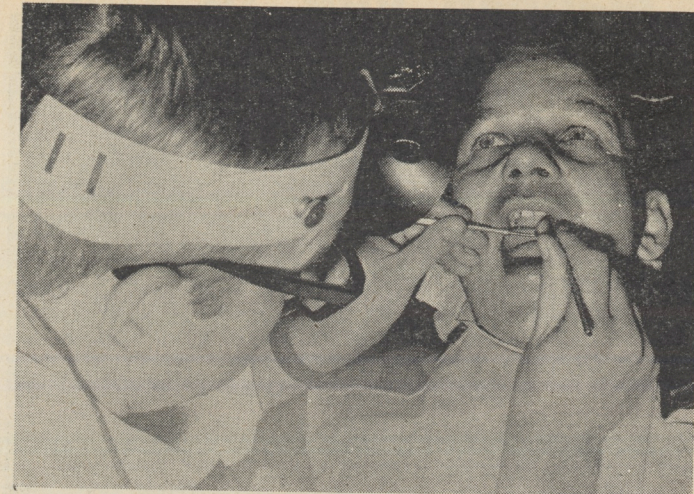
## VIP CREW



The crew of the first Canadian airforce Cosmopolitan aircraft to fly on the eastern side of the Atlantic. The aircraft carried the Honorable Mitchell Sharp on his tour of the Middle East recently. (Picture below)

## AJA TURVALLISESTI PIMEÄSSÄ

Pimeäajokoulutusta Suomen pataljoonassa —  
Tutkimus (vv. 1963-64) pimeän aikana tapahtuneista liikenneonnettomuuksista kertoo mm., että onnettomuuksia tapahtuu vähintään 11 % enemmän kuin valoisana aikana.



Jalankulkijoita loukkaantuu n. kaksinkertainen määrä. Kuolemanriski lisääntyy lähes 30 %. Kuolemanriski jalankulkijoilla on n. 2,5-kertainen. Kuinka Kyproksella? Koulutus on tarpeen jatkuvasti. Moottoriajoneuvolla liik-

kuminen tuo joka päivä eteen vaarallisia tilanteita, joita kaikkia ei voi välttää, mutta joista useat pystytään hallitsemaan riittävän taidon avulla. Kuvamme vasemmalla on näpätty koulutustilaisuudesta 3 JK:n messissä 19.11. Oppitunnin piti sotilasteknikko Rantanen (kuva yllä). Asiat täytyvät jäädä päähän vaikka poraamalla. Seuraava koulutusjakso käsittelee ajamista liukkaalla kelillä.

### Adventtikirkko Sekä Sunnuntairadio

Perjantaina 28.11. kokoonnutaan jälleen jumalanpalvelukseen St. Paulin kirkkoon - tällä kertaa adventin merkeissä. Pataljoonan kuoro esittää Hoo-siannan.

Papin kaikki suuntautuu tulevana sunnuntaina Salamiukseen. Sunnuntaina on myös "Se joka kolmas viikko", joollin lähetetään kevyt puolituntinen Kyproksen suomalaisille. Radiot auki puoli kahdelta (602 kc).



■Pioneerit kunnostamassa kone-sahaa. Vas. kers Luostarinen, jääkärit Pakarinen, Piironen ja Nissinen.

## FINCON NEWS

KUVIEN KERTOMAA

## JÄMERÄT SUOMALAISSOTILAATT

vuorollaan vartiassa

Eteen - vie! Suomalainen soturi tiukassa asennossa, vaan ei kaiken kallella kypärin. Tarkastus on meneillään. Puvut moitteettomat. Puhtaat. Valmiina edustustehtävään HQ-UNFICYP:iin viikon ajaksi. Se alkoi maanantaina klo 11.00 ja loppuu ensi maanantaina, kun toinen osasto toisesta kontingentista ottaa vastaan vartiotehtävät. Edustaakseen omaa maataan. Tehtävät ovat samat. Varusteet erilaiset. Tulos punnitaan tehtävän suorittamisen ja moitteettoman esiintymisen perusteella. Salainen, julistamaton kilpailu, johon on hyvä osallistua, jos tehtävä on selvänä mielessä ja miehet huoliteltuja.

— SUOMALAISVARTIO —



### PIONEEREJA AINA TARVITAAN

...maan eestä vaikka kaatumaan, jatkuu tunnettu laulu. Laitetaan vaan pioneeri alkuperäisen puusepän paikalle ja laulusta tulee monipuolisempi kuin taikaiskusta. Pioneeri on puuseppä ja kirvesmies. Metallinpurija ja kaiken kaikkiaan kätevä keksintö. Tarvittaessa löytyy peukalo paikaltaan, oli paikka kuinka visainen tahansa. Ja "tarvittaessa" tarkoittaa ainakin kahta asiaa. Revitään tahi rakennetaan. Rakentavassa mielessä kumpakin. Kuvassamme jääk Kauppinen "rakentavassa" työssä. Lampunvarjostin saa uuden maalin ja asiakas on tyytyväinen.





## Austrian Night

Frau Helga Beier, the attractive wife of Major Willie Beier the Austrian UNCIVPOL Commander, is pictured (below) wearing the traditional 'Dirndl of Styria' a colourful costume worn by Austrian ladies on national occasions. Frau Beier was hosting the Austrian night along with other Austrian members, in the Officers Mess HQ UNFICYP on Friday 21 Nov. 69.

Praise for the splendid and most enjoyable evening was widespread. The PMC, Lt Col Walter Dabros, can feel assured that his efforts and those of the Mess members, particularly the Austrian element, were much appreciated.

### The Sound of Music

Such was the effect of the impelling nostalgic Austrian music that many a die-hard non-dancing officer was drawn onto the dance floor, creaking joints and all, to swell the bobbing bouncing throng.

Prominent amidst all the fun were of course the Austrian members in the party;



Faces glowing with exertion and beaded with sweat.

Here and there and everywhere was Herbie Weiss the master of ceremonies, his unbounded energy keeping the tempo going at a lively pace.

Earlier in the evening Herbie had gained much pleasure in pinning little Arch Angels onto the bosoms of lady guests.

### Delectable Austrian Food

A highlight of the evening was the delectable Austrian food which included in its calory packed richness 'Griesnockerl Suppe' a clear soup with semolina noodles; followed by 'Kalbsschnitzel Cordon Bleu' which was a most palatable veal stuffed with ham and cheese and rolled in bread crumbs.

### MP NOTEBOOK

## Accidents - Unficyp

Week ending 22 Nov. 69: 4  
Same period last year: 2  
Total this year: 314  
Same period last year: 397

Main causes of accidents  
this week: Improper backing/inattention  
Backing requires perfect control of the vehicle and great skill.

Use the following precautions for every backing manoeuvre:

A: Check traffic carefully

## SUSANNE Miss UNFICYP No 24

Susanne Orvad  
15 years, daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Orvad, Chief of Registry UNFICYP Secretariat.

At present attending her 11th school, The Cyprus College, Nicosia.

She has been to India, Pakistan, Kashmir, Geneva, Denmark, Israel, Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan.

Interests: Mathematics and Languages. Music, Swimming/Diving and Dancing.



### ROAD SAFETY:

The more you hear of safety the less you hear of accidents.

There was a tasty mixed salad to ease it down.

Lastly came the 'Sachertorte Viennese' a featherweight chocolate sponge fortified with a liqueur and heavy with cream which melted in the mouth and rounded off this memorable meal, an experience guaranteed to create havoc with the slimmest of waists.

### Tavern Atmosphere

Scenic views of Austria adorned the walls and a typical Austrian drinking room transformed the mess to such an extent that one Austrian officer with tear rimmed eyes was heard to say "its just like home".

## UN PROGRAMMES FROM C.B.C.

The weekly C.B.C. transmission of special programmes for UN Forces are broadcast on 498 metres, 602 kilocycles, as follows:

Monday 1330 — 1400 hrs  
News from CANADA and records.

Tuesday 2000 — 2030 hrs  
SWEDISH local requests.

Wednesday 1415 — 1445 hrs  
Radio EIREAN production.

Thursday 2000 — 2030 hrs  
Radio HELSINKI production.

Friday 2000 — 2030 hrs  
UN Discotheque presented by Sally Bourdillon.

Saturday 2000 — 2030 hrs  
DANISH local requests.

Sunday 1330 — 1400 hrs  
SCANDINAVIAN local productions from each of the Scandinavian Contingents in turn.

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