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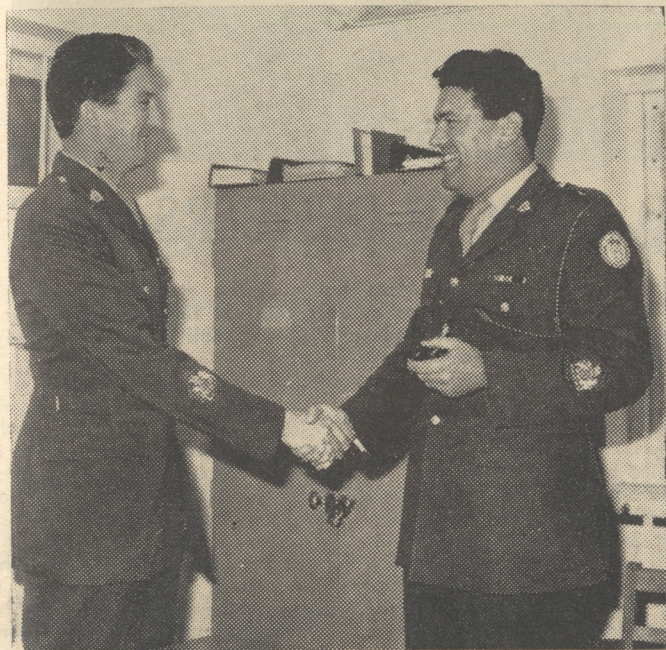


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"SPECIAL" ROTATION



Some coppers are.... pretty good guys! Farewell is said this week to Warrant Officer Tom Jones (right) from Sunderland of the Royal Military Police (Special Investigation Branch) who leaves the SIU post to Warrant Officer Les Hooper from Southampton.

JARRING TO MEET UTHANT AT UN HEADQUARTERS, NY

Ambassador Gunnar Jarring (of Sweden), U Thant's special representative in the Middle East, is scheduled to arrive in New York today to meet with the Secretary-General.

In a message to Mr. Jarring, U Thant said he felt it would be useful at this stage to consult and exchange views as only limited communication was possible through cable messages.

Among the subjects to be considered at the meeting, the Secretary-General said, would be possible next steps and prospects for entering upon a new stage in the discussions with the parties concerned.

Ambassador Jarring has been carrying out his mission as special peace envoy to the Middle East under the terms of a UN Security Council resolution adopted last November. This called for appointment of a special representative of the Secretary-General to contact the States in conflict "to promote an agreement and assist in the efforts to

achieve a peaceful and accepted settlement".

After consultation with the Secretary-General, Mr. Jarring will return to the Middle East and resume his efforts.

UN BODY URGES RETURN OF MID-EAST DEPORTEES

A draft proposal calling on the UN Commission on Human Rights — currently meeting at UN Headquarters in New York — to affirm the right of the people displaced or deported as a result of last June's Middle East conflict to return to their homes was submitted last week by India, Pakistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Yugoslavia.

The proposal would also have the Commission affirm that it was the obligation of the Government concerned to ensure the return of the people without delay.

India, in introducing the four-power draft, said that purely humanitarian considerations had motivated its sponsors. It was, India added, an indication of the concern at the state of tension in the area and represented a "timely reminder" to Israel to act with humanity.

AFTER WASHINGTON TALKS

Time to Halt Suffering In Viet-Nam, S-G Says

UNITED Nations Secretary-General, U Thant, said last week that the world was "anguished and sickened by the continued intensity and savagery of the war" in Viet-Nam. It was "time to call a halt" to hostilities in that country.

U Thant said: "It is heart-rending to witness the agony of the innocent civilians who cannot possibly know what it is all about. Also the military casualties steadily mount.

The ugliness of the war is matched only by its futility. There can be no victory, no defeat, only more suffering, more death and more destruction.

The very survival of Viet-Nam is at stake. It is time to call a halt".

In a statement issued by the Secretary-General on Saturday, following his meeting with President Johnson in Washington on Wednesday of last week, U Thant reiterated his view that peace talks would follow a halt to the bombing of North Viet-Nam.

"If such a step were to be taken, I am more than ever convinced that meaningful talks will take place much earlier than is generally supposed — even perhaps within a matter of days", said U Thant.

The Secretary-General added: "As for the questions concerning the conduct of the fighting after the unconditional cessation of the bombing particularly in the Demilitarised Zone and across the frontiers, it can reasonably be assumed that these will be dealt with in good faith.

The parties themselves

should solve this problem in order to allow for the larger negotiations to take place, with the participation of all parties concerned".

Touching on the worldwide effect caused by continued hostilities in Viet-Nam, U Thant said the war there "has already poisoned the atmosphere" and strained international relations. This strain, he added, "is keenly felt in the United Nations whose effective functioning has been impaired as a result. "We are witnessing more and more the unfortunate and undesirable repercussions of this war in other parts of the world".

The Secretary-General's visit to Washington followed his talks on Viet-Nam with Government leaders in New Delhi, Moscow, London and Paris, and with representatives of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam.

U Thant met for an hour with President Johnson and subsequently had a working lunch with US Secretary-of-State Dean Rusk.

Norway Contributes To UNFICYP Costs

UN Secretary-General, U Thant, in a communication dated 16 February and sent to the Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations, Mr Edvard Hambro, expressed satisfaction for the contribution of \$60,139.86 (US dollars) made by the Government of Norway on 8 February towards the expenses of the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

McNAMARA ASSUMES BANK POST IN APRIL

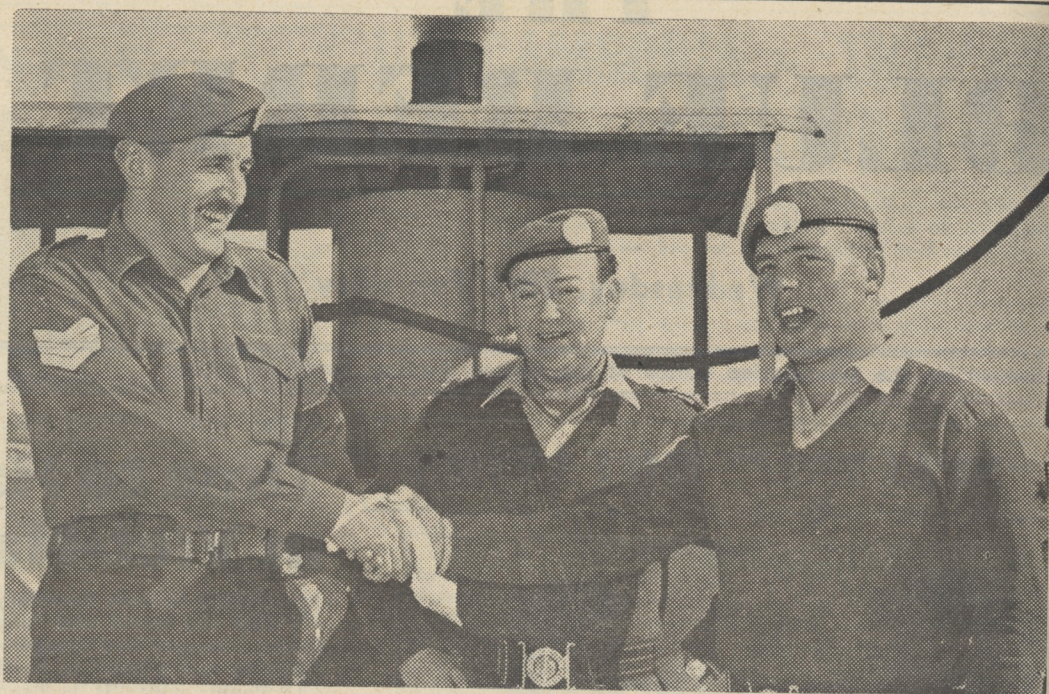
Mr Robert S. McNamara will assume the presidency of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and its two affiliates, the International Finance Corporation and the International Development Association, on the first of April, according to an announcement made by the World Bank last week.

MOBILE BATH UNIT ROTATION

The Mobile Bath Unit, under control of the Force Ordnance Officer, supplies a vital need to men in the observation posts of contingents outside the Nicosia and Kyrenia Districts where no facilities exist for taking a hot shower in which to remove the Cyprus mud or dust — depending on the season of the year.

The unit covers some hundreds of miles per week supplying this service and, from various remarks overheard, its appearance is very much appreciated by the bathers.

Operated by the Ordnance Detachment, now commanded by Captain Alan Ross, RAOC, (centre), the unit has travelled under the direction of Sergeant Jim Chalmers (right) from Nottingham. Whilst visiting Arsos in the Swedish contingent area, he cheerfully handed over his duties last Saturday to Sergeant Graham Angove from St. Albans, Herts.



BRITCON NEWS

HQ UNFICYP OFFICERS MESS

HQ UNFICYP Officers' Mess has a dining strength of some sixty members as well as a fairly constant flow of visitors for which to cater and accommodate. All nationalities in the Force are represented by the residents.

Combined with the constantly changing scene, the numbers involved necessitate good administration. Such service is currently supplied by the Scottish 'team' of Colour-Sergeant Andy Brunton from Edinburgh (left) and Sergeant Steve Ramage from Montrose.

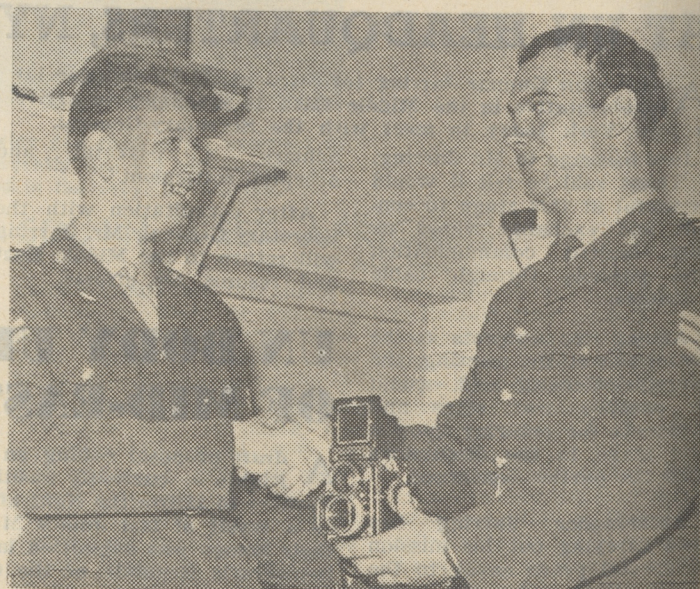
Colour Sergeant Brunton, the Mess Manager, belongs to the 2nd Battalion of the Parachute Regiment. His family is at present living in Australia where he intends to join them on leaving

the Service next year.

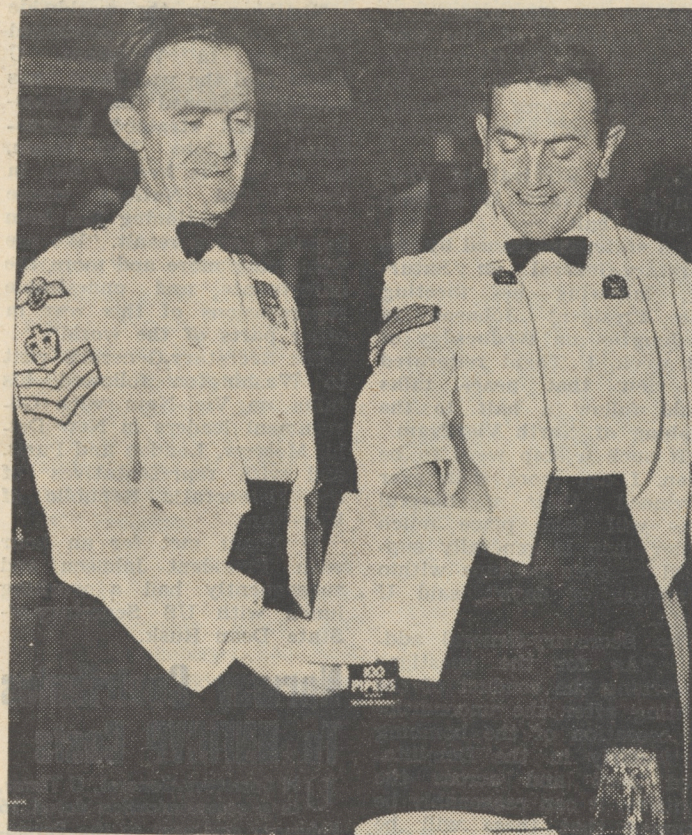
Sergeant Ramage's parent unit is the Royal Scots Greys, the sole Scottish cavalry regiment. He is a keen member of the Sergeants' Mess football team which has been very active this season.

Perhaps, pronunciation of the French item on the menu is causing the amusement to the two Scots but the advertisement on the menu-holder for a brand of their national beverage is quite appropriate.

THE 'SNAPPERS' SNAPPED



The BRITCON photographer, Sergeant Frank Rhodes from Southport, Lancs, left for home on Monday having handed over to Corporal Ian Haithwaite from Halifax Yorks. Before the change took place, their Irish colleague, Corporal Terry Mulcahy, snapped them in their "Development Centre", namely the new darkroom recently completed by the Force Engineers' staff and welcomed by the users as a great improvement on the previous set-up.



4 Troop Corporal of 'B' Squadron, 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards, Lcpl John Williams from Clydebank, is seen on patrol in Zyyi where the sea-breezes have been in full sweep recently.



161 - årig kvartett gulfiskar vann hård patrull-fälttävling

Vårt viktigaste "zonmästerskap", patrullfälttävling, blev i 1. komp:s regi en mycket hård tävling, som avgjordes i torsdags med start vid skjutbanan i Dhekelia och mål inom Reindeer Camp. En kvartett med en sammanlagd ålder av 161 år och alltså en medelålder av drygt 40 år segrade. Heder åt de konditionsstarka gulfiskarna på 2. komp: major Åke Cronebäck, Solna, 39 år, kapten Per-Owe Sabel, Åsumtorp, 34 år, förvaltare Lennart Nyberg, Falun, 47 år, och förvaltare Fred Elofsson, Hässleholm, 41 år.

Men 2. komp nöjde sig inte med denna framgång. För säkerhets skull lade man också beslag på andra och femte platserna.

En särskild honnör i sammanhanget skall tredjepristagarna ha. De återfinns till vardags på STR-komp, där de är - kockar! Furir Lars Ericsson, Stockholm, och hans tre patrullkamrater blev tävlingens "kulinäriska" överraskning!

Sammanlagt ställde 19 patruller om 1+3 upp, varvid bestämmelserna sade att patrulledaren måste vara lägst furir. Sex grenar avverkades: skjutning, punktorientering, fri orientering, avståndsbedömning, handgranatskastning samt hinderlöpning. Totala löpsträcka var 12,5 km! 1. komp försitter sannerligen inga tillfällen att hålla bataljonen vid god kondition.

På bilderna ovan kämpar till

vänster ett svettigt gäng ur 2. komp fram under so'en. Belöningen kom i form av hedersam andraplats i hela tävlingen. Patrullmedlemmarna heter fr.v. sergeant Leif Karlsson, Sundbyberg, korporal Roland Wård, Rundvik, furir Håkan Olsson, Myssjö, och furir Leif Wadgren, Malmö.

Till höger svingar sig en av de fyra zonmästarna över vallgraven, förvaltare Lennart Nyberg, Falun, 47 år gammal.



Flickscouter gav Sverige god PR

Sex vackra flickor i en ring - kapten Ulf Gyllenswärd på 3. komp i Larnaca har förstått att ordna det för sig på Cypern. Buketten som omger honom är alla flickscouter, iklädda svenska folkdräkter från Dalarna och Skåne. Anledningen därtill är att flickscouterna i Larnacadistriktet förra onsdagen representerade Sverige vid ett stort s.k. jamboree, d.v.s. scoutmöte, i Nicosia. Idén bakom jamboreen var nämligen att var och en av de större städerna på Cypern skulle "framställa" ett främmande land. Det passade naturligtvis bra i sammanhanget att Sverige föll på flickornas i Larnaca lott, eftersom 3. komp där var mer än villigt att hjälpa flickorna att lösa uppgiften.

Uppgiften i Nicosia bestod främst i ett 10-minuters dansframträdande med hambo och svenska ringlekar på programmet. De svenska turnerna tränade flickorna in under ledning av kapten Gyllenswärd och Gnesta-Kalle - den senare på grammofonskiva.

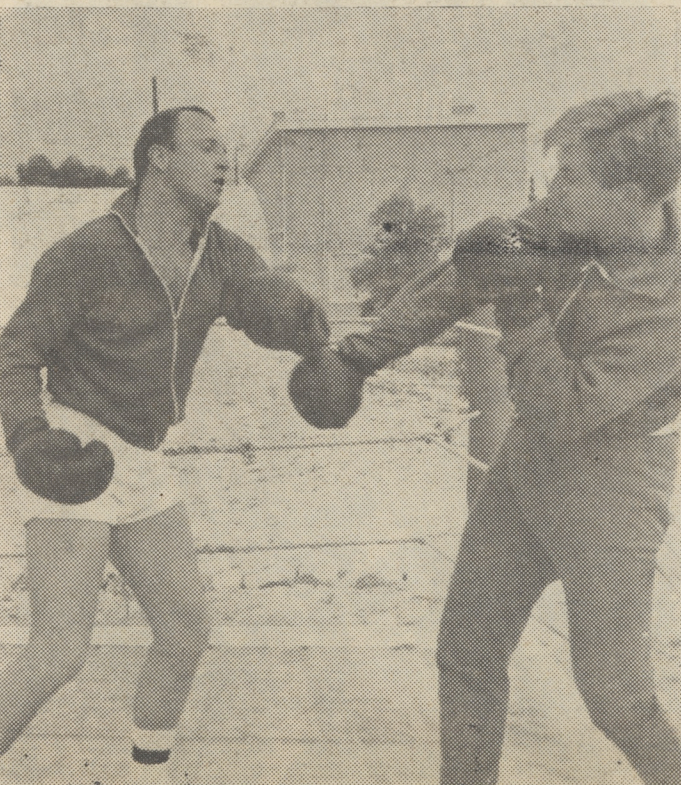
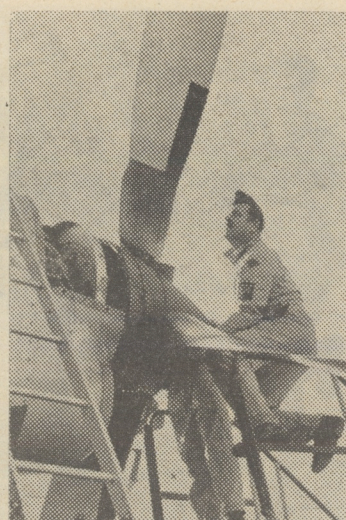
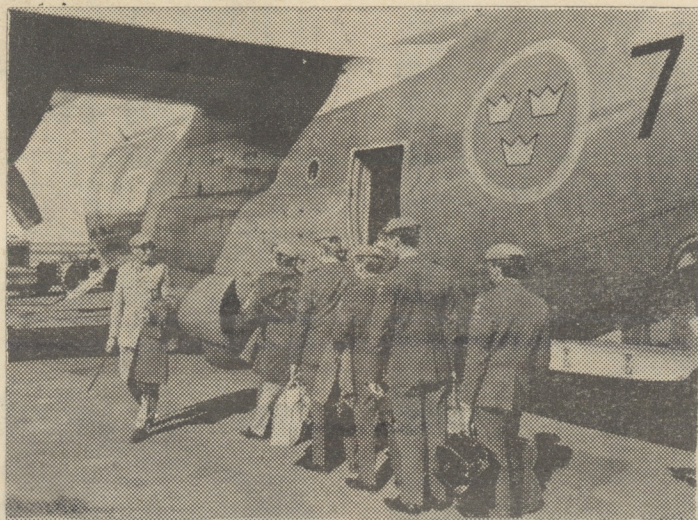
Flickscouterna från Larnaca lärde sig mera äktsvenskt, nämligen att med hjälp av hårt bröd, smör,

kall potatis och sill trixa till 400 sandwichar, varmed alla besökare till den svenska paviljongen på jamboreen trakterades.

Vi tar för givet att 3. komp på lämpligt sätt tackat flickscouterna i Larnaca för den PR de gjorde för Sverige.

SWEDCON NEWS





ÉN PÅ FRAKKEN *

Kunne De tænke Dem at lære at boks? Så har De i det mindste chancen til det her på DANCON VIII, idet DANCON's "sportsafdeling" arrangerer træningstimer i Louroujina hver onsdag og fredag mellem kl 1330 og 1430.

HAR DE SET...? ST. HILARION-BORGEN

Borgen er vel nok den mest imponerende af Kyreniakædens 3 korsfarerborge. Den blev bygget i det 12. århundrede og har sit navn efter et lille kloster, der siges at have ligget på dette sted. Klostret blev beboet af eremiten Hilarion. Borgen er bygget i tre etager, hvoraf den nederste etage er forsvarsværker, mellemste er kapel og beboelse og øverste, hvortil der for tiden ikke er adgang, er kombineret udkik, forsvar og beboelse for borgherren selv. Særlig interessant er de rundbuede tagkon-

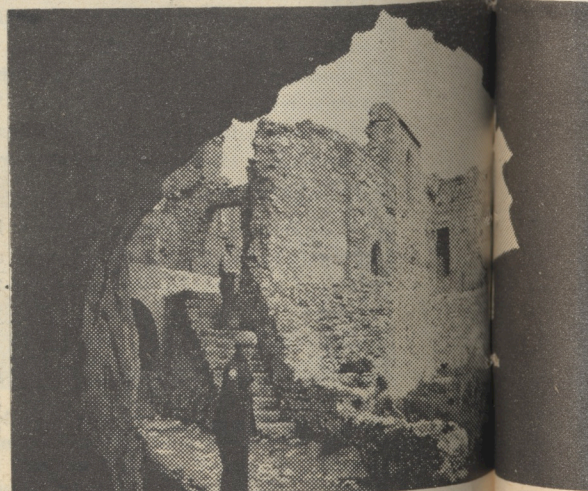
HJEM ???

"14 - 7 - 1 - 0 dage!" sådan lød "meldingerne" fra de "skæve" rotanter lige til den 16. februar, hvor SCACYP-flyet "Herkules" skulle føre dem hjem til Danmark. Alt var fryd og gammen, da flyet lettede. Men det blev kun til en sight-seeing over Kyreniabjergene, da Herkules' motor nr. 3 satte ud, og flyet måtte returnere til Nicosia. Årsagen var den, at motoren ikke kunne holde olietrykket, hvorved den løb varm og spolerede et leje, der bevirkede, at propellen blev slået skæv. Da man ikke kunne få en ny propel sendt herved, besluttede besætningen af sikkerhedsmæssige grunde at gå tom hjem på de tre motorer. Det viste sig, at den nærmeste propel til Herkules fandtes i Canada, hvortil det er fløjet.

Nu var rådne æg dyre! Hvordan skulle rotanterne komme hjem til tiden? Jo, som så mange gange før fik vi rekvireret et fly fra præsten St. Erling, og han fik efter kun en uge "sorg til glæde vendt", så både rotanter og fragt kom til Danmark.

DANCON NYT

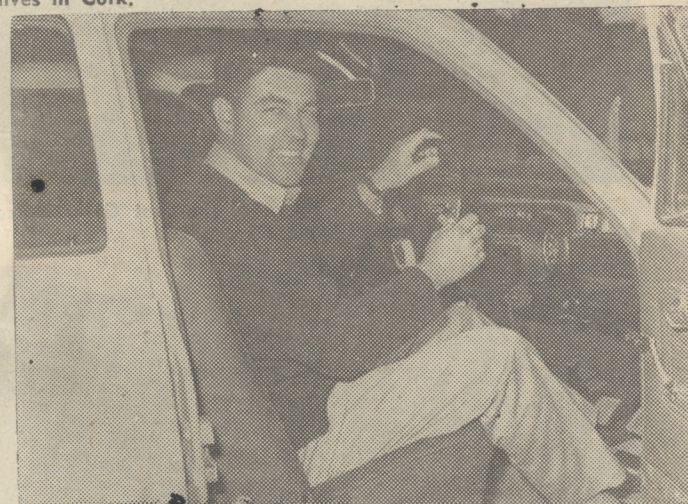
Det er menneskeligt at glemme!



struktioner, der har holdt i ca. 700 år. Billetter løses i den lille restaurant ved indgangen for den sidste opstigning.



Pte Jimmy O'Callaghan (L) and Pte James McCarthy admiring the orange crop at Glaziveran. Pte O'Callaghan comes from Cork and is on his first UN tour of duty. Pte McCarthy joined the Army in 1965 and serves with 4 Battalion in Cork, he is married and lives in Cork.



Cpl Mick Smith seems to be enjoying his work as driver to the Contingent Commander. Cpl Smith lives in Athlone and served in Cyprus in 1964 as driver to the Officer Commanding 3 Infantry Group.

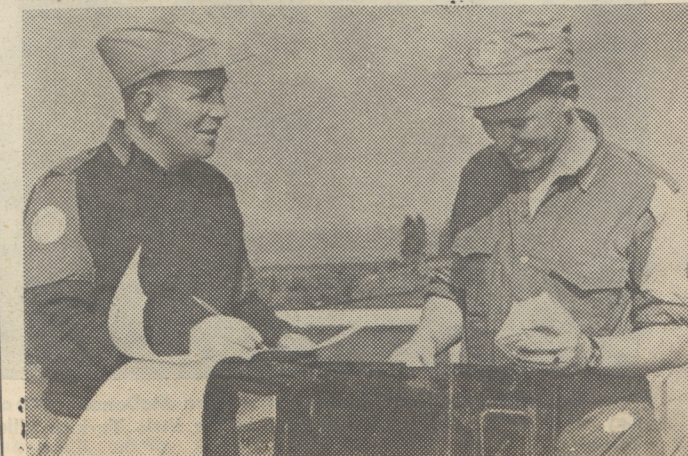


Photo shows Cpl Jimmy O'Sullivan (left) from Killarney and Sgmn James Hogan from Kilkenny carrying out a routine patrol from outpost Kilo. Cpl O'Sullivan serves with 20 Battalion in Dublin and has served 5 years in the Army, Sgmn Hogan is a member of 2 Field Signals Company, Collins Bks Dublin and has 2 years service in the Army.



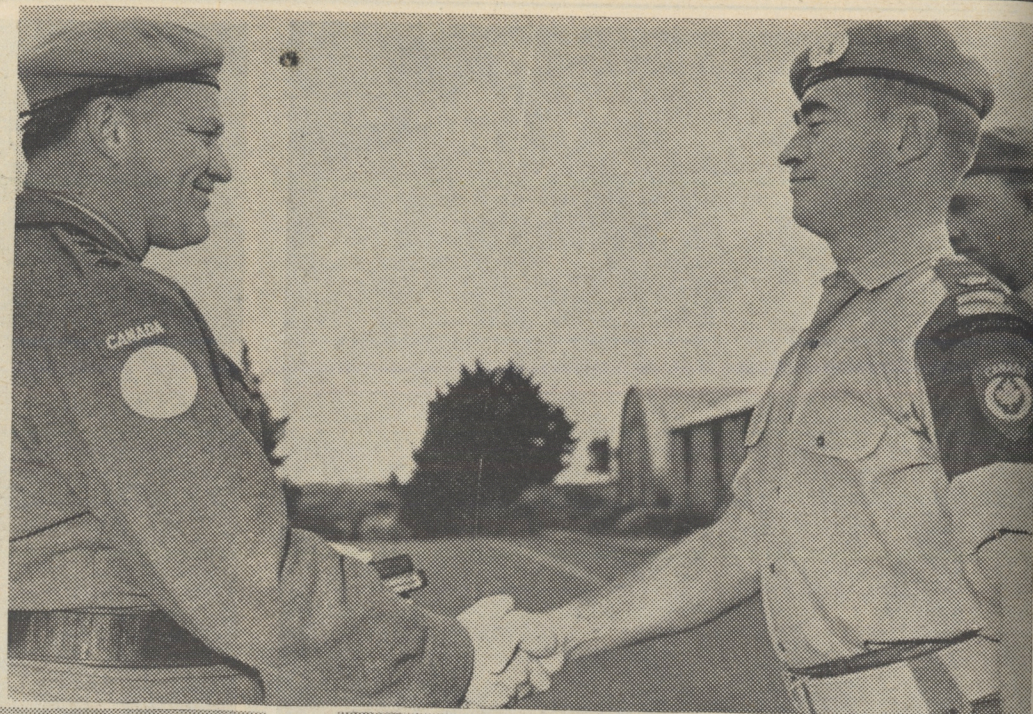
Sgt Patrick Gray making friends with a local Cypriot boy at Lefka. Sgt Gray is married and lives at Farranree Cork.

IRCON NEWS

Checking and preparing ammunition for hand over to 10 Inf Group (L to R) CQMS Jim O'Sullivan and Sgt John Feeney. CQMS O'Sullivan from Ennis, Co Clare has 14 years Army service. Sgt Feeney lives in the Curragh Camp and serves with No 1 Garrison Company Ordnance Corps, he has 8 years Army service.

DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF PRESENTS UN MEDAL

Major Robin Bourne (right) who is attached to UNFICYP HQ receives the Cyprus Medal from the Deputy Chief of Staff, Col H.C.F. Elliot at a recent parade at Camp Maple Leaf.



CANCON NEWS

(Canadian Forces Photos)



Captain Bill Molnar (left) Bn Adj and Major Bill Bailey 2 i/c 1 Black Watch, are shown in Bn HQ at Kyrenia.



OUTPOST DUTY — Cpl Martin Russell, of Glase Bay N.S., tries out the defensive positions that surround his outpost at the Teko Lime Plant.



Cpl Bill Power and Bob Braye of the Fort Garry Horse, pose in the turret of their Ferret Scout Car.



Lt Rod Turpin (centre) and Major John McDonald, OC of "C" Coy, chat with a 102 year old lady in the little Turkish village of Temblor.



Ensimmäinen erä viivalla in cinemascope. Lähtöön on aikaa tuskin sekuntiakaan.

JUOSTIIN MAASTOSSA

Pataljoonan maastajuoksumestaruuskilpailut suoritettiin Kikossa 21.2.68. Osanottajia oli kaikkiaan viisikymmentäneljä sekä eri yksiköistä saapuneita kannattajia epäluukuinen määrä lähtö- ja maalipaikan tuntumassa. Tunnustuksen ansaitsee kilpailujen hyvä järjestely plus nopea ja tehokas tulospalvelu väliaikatoimistuksineen. Juostun matkan pituus oli 3 km. Kolehkossa säässä suoritettun kilpailun voitti jääkäri Kulju HK:sta ajalla 10.38. Huoltokomppania menestyi hyvin, sillä myös toinen ja kolmas mies olivat tästä yksiköstä.

Toiseksi tuli kersantti Rissanen ajalla 10.48 ja kolmanneksi jääkäri Tornikoski, 10.58. Kolmoisvoitto HK:lle.

Joukkuetulokset ja muut mieskohtaisen kilpailun tulokset ovat Me-lehden seuraavassa numerossa.

FINCON NEWS

Pataljoonan maastajuoksumestari, jääkäri Kulju, HK, saapumassa maaliin.



Työ tehty on-tunnelmia kuvassa alhaalla. Tiukille otti ja pisti vähän puhaltamaan, mutta onneksi oli sauna odottamassa.



Security Council Moves To Act On SW Africans Prisoner Issue

THE seven African, Asian and Latin American members of the 15-nation UN Security Council have called on that Council to demand the immediate release and repatriation of the 33 South West Africans recently sentenced to prison terms by the Republic of South Africa under the Republic's so-called "Terrorism Act".

A draft resolution submitted on Monday by the seven Powers would further have the Council decide that, should the South African Government fail to comply with this demand, the Council should meet immediately to consider the application of effective measures to get it to do so.

Submission of this new resolution — by the representatives of Algeria, Brazil, Ethiopia, India, Pakistan, Paraguay and Senegal — follows a period of consultation among Security Council members on how to handle South Africa's continued refusal to heed earlier Council demands for release and repatriation of the South West Africans.

No date has so far been set for a meeting of the Council.

ROAD SAFETY CORNER

HERE are five points to remember when driving:-

1. CONCENTRATION

Under existing traffic conditions, absolute concentration is the key to good driving.

2. ANTICIPATION

By concentrating on road conditions and situations, an intelligent driver can interpret the actions of others or changes in road surfaces and direction well in advance and is thus prepared for emergencies.

3. COURTESY

Consideration for the needs and limitations of other road users, particularly cyclists, people in charge of animals, the elderly and the young, and restraint in coping with traffic situations are the hall marks of the professional driver.

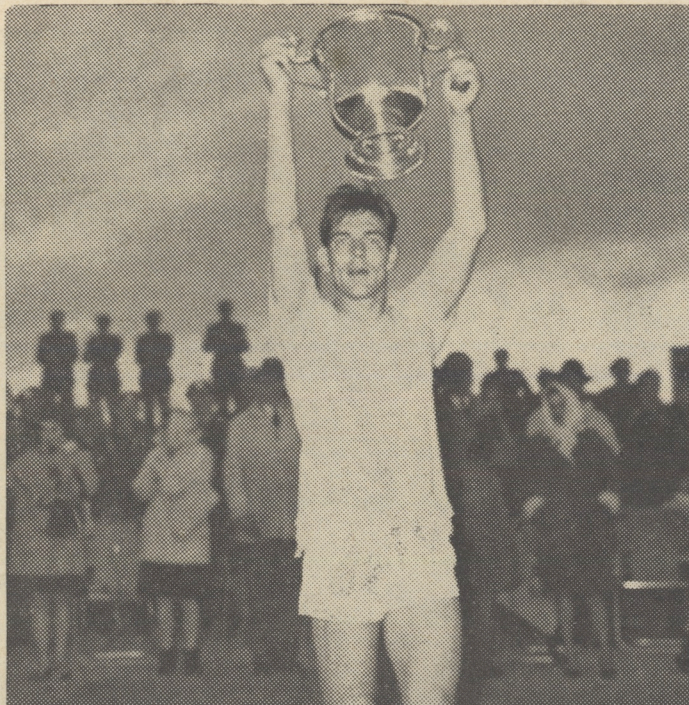
4. CARE OF PEDESTRIANS

Many pedestrians, particularly the elderly, and the very young, have little or no idea of stopping distance under varying conditions, they may be deaf, they may be invisible behind a parked vehicle.

5. POSITIONING

Keep to the left except when overtaking or turning right. Keep a distance of at least your vehicle's length for every 10 M.P.H. of your speed between you and the vehicle in front — unless you are overtaking.

Give these points the attention they deserve!



The Minor Units Knock-out Cup is proudly displayed by Corporal John Lumsden from Hemsworth, Yorks, who skippered the UNFICYP REME Workshops team to victory. Corporal Lumsden is also an accomplished basket-ball player and has played for HQ UNFICYP and the Army (Cyprus) teams on several occasions.

FORCE REME ELEVEN TAKES MINOR UNITS CUP

UNFICYP Workshops, REME, always the better side, beat a combined RAMC/RADC/REME/PROVOST team from the Sovereign Base Area in the Minor Units Cup Final at Dhekelia on Wednesday, 21 February. Before the match started both teams were introduced to Lieutenant Colonel E. J. Younghusband, CRCT in Cyprus.

Taking the initiative right from the start, Workshops swarmed to the attack; quick thinking by Stroud enabled them to open their account in the eighteenth minute. This goal was the springboard from which Workshops so devastatingly plunged throughout this half.

A further goal came when Tiley slammed home a twenty-five yard shot, which the goalkeeper was unable to hold.

Half time: RAMC/RADC/REME/PROVOST 0 UNFICYP Workshops 2.

During the interval the Pipe Band of the Canadian Black Watch entertained the large crowd with stirring Scottish melodies.

The pattern of the game was reversed after the interval with the opponents increasing pressure but Workshops' defence stood up well. However, the Sovereign Base team did score twice which left the game wide open.

The goal that mattered came in the last minute when Nesbitt picking up a loose ball in his own half beat two men then, when everyone expected a forward pass, unleashed a terrific drive from thirty-five yards out that beat the Base goalkeeper all ends up. A brilliant goal.

Playing with verve and precision throughout the game, Cfn Boast of Workshops was easily the outstanding player

on the field. After the match, Mrs Younghusband presented the Cup and medals. UNFICYP Workshops REME now have the distinction of being the first team outside Dhekelia to win the Cup.

Final score: RAMC/RADC/REME/PROVOST 2 UNFICYP Workshops 3.

OF MALE INTEREST

UN GROUP URGES FURTHER STUDY ON FAMILY PLANNING

THE UN Commission on the Status of Women has concluded a three-week session at UN Headquarters in New York. Among its decisions was one providing for continuation of a study of family planning as it affects the status of women.

The Commission is particularly interested in determining the effect of lack of family planning on the status of women in countries suffering from over-population.

The Commission also called for condemnation of slavery as well as what it held to be similar practices of apartheid and colonialism. It urged that steps be taken to extend the practice of political rights already granted to women throughout most of the world; and, it called for examination of ways of improving the status of women in matters of family law such as property rights and issues of marriage and divorce.

Statistical Commission Opens in N.Y.

The UN Statistical Commission opened its 15th session last week at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Mr Philippe de Seynes, UN Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, said that the work of the Commission in the field of international statistics during the past 20 years had greatly aided countries to see what progress they had been making.

The Commission elected Mr Keith McRae Archer of Australia as its chairman.

New UN Air-Mail Stamp



UNITED NATIONS POSTAL ADMINISTRATION will issue on 18 April a new 20-cent air mail stamp (see photograph above) which will be available also — for philatelic purposes — at UNFICYP Headquarters (Secretariat section, Main Hangar). The new stamp was designed by Eole Hamann of Denmark and printed in Finland by Suomen Pankin Setelipaino. The stamp — 36 mm. x 26 mm., perforation to perforation — will have an initial printing of 3,000,000.