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● OP Chatos in Famagusta District was recently visited by The Force Commander Major General D. Prem Chand PVSM. He was accompanied to the OP by Commander Swedcon, Lieutenant Colonel Bengt Medin and C OPS Major Bertil Mattsson.

CHRISTMAS CARD

Christmas is coming and you are probably going to send a lot of greetings to your family and friends. So why don't you use UNFICYP's own Christmas Card? The card which has all the colourful flags of the countries with UNFICYP can be bought at the Secretariat at HQ UNFICYP for 50 mills. Contingents and units are requested to place bulk orders on behalf of their personnel.

UNFICYP International Radio Programme

Listen in on Sunday the 2nd of December when the UNFICYP International Radio programme is on the air on 498 Meter and 602 Kilohertz. There will be news and music as usual.

UN PILOT'S IN - FLIGHT EMERGENCY

On the morning of the 10th of November 1973 Sergeant Meston of the UNFICYP Aviation Flight was completing a training flight when disaster struck. Without warning his engine failed during a manoeuvre. Coolly he carried out his emergency drills and was eventually able to return to his base without further incident. His expert handling of the controls prevented what could have been a serious accident.

In our photograph Sergeant Meston is being congratulated by Captain P E A Hope, RA, Second in Command UNFICYP Aviation Flight, and Warrant Officer Class 2 M.L. Green, the Flight Qualified Helicopter Instructor.



● The Force Commander, Major General D Prem Chand, PVSM, presents the Long Service and Good Conduct medal to Sergeant Douglas, REME, attached to 16/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers, Force Reserve.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFICYP

During the last week Japan contributed US \$50,000 towards the UN Peace Keeping Force in Cyprus.

DANCON XX OVERTAGER ANSVARET FOR LEFKA DISTRICT

Lørdag den 17 NOV 1973 fandt skiftet fra DANCON XIX til DANCON XX sted.

Allerede den 9 NOV 1973 ankom det første rotationsfly til Cypern med 104 officerer, befalingsmænd af sergentgruppen og konstabler, der skulle sættes ind i deres fremtidige job ved det danske kontingent. Ugen efter, den 16 NOV 1973, kom OL A.J. Adolph, chefen for DANCON XX sammen med de resterende 20 mand af styrken.

DANCON XX' samlede styrke er nu på 274 mand, så det er ikke få gengangere fra DANCON XIX, som det nye personel vil kunne støtte sig til, når rotationen er overstået, den 23 NOV 1973. Den dag forlod DANCON XIX's chef, OL L.M.K. Skern, sammen med hovedparten af sin stab og det resterende personel, fra DANCON XIX, øen.

Overdragelsen af kommandoen mellem de to kontingenter blev markeret ved en kort højtidelighed i officersmessens have i VIKING CAMP, XEROS. Her overrakte OL L.M.K. Skern sin efterfølger en funkende ny UN-stander til chefsvognen, og overdrog samtidig sin fangsnor til OL A.J. Adolph. Herefter overrakte officererne fra DANCON XIX deres fangsnore til deres afløser.

Ved den efterfølgende frokost kom de to kontingentchefer ind på det helt specielle forhold, som knytter sig til dette chefskifte. OL L.M.K. Skern har siden 1964 været chef for FN-afdelingen i Jægerspris, indtil han for 6 måneder siden blev kontingentchef på CYPERN. OL

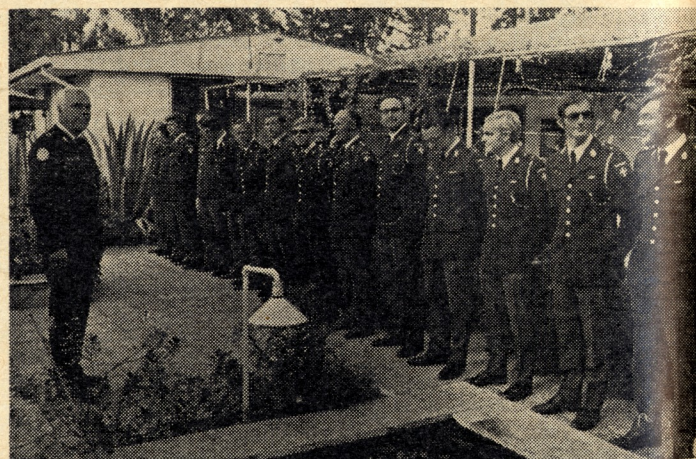
A.J. Adolph har i disse 6 måneder været chef for FN-afdelingen, og ved chefskiftet i lørdags byttede de to OL roller, således at OL L.M.K. Skern nu igen har overtaget kommandoen over FN-afdelingen. Endelig skal OL A.J. Adolph ved sin tilbagevenden til Danmark om 6 måneder igen være chef for FN-afdelingen, når OL L.M.K. Skern har nået aldersgrænsen.

Tilstede ved frokosten var tillige en del af de danske officerer fra HQ/UNFICYP, samt repræsentanter fra DANCIVPOL med chefen - politikommissær Viggo Fogt - i spidsen. Chefen for DANCIVPOL overrakte OL L.M.K. Skern en gave til erindring om det gode og nære samarbejde, der har været mellem DANCON XIX og den danske politifolk.



DANCON XIX's chef, OL L.M.K. Skern, overdrager her sin fangsnor til OL A.J. Adolph, chef for DANCON XX. Den nye kontingentchef har lige modtaget en ny UN-Stander til sin chefsvogn.

DANCON NYT



DANCON XIX's chef, OL L. L.M.K. Skern, sammen med officererne fra DANCON XIX



Skal vi ikke snart ind og have frokost?



Her ses de to kontingentchefer med deres respektive officerer opstillet i officersmessens have i VIKING CAMP, XEROS.

FC BESÖKTE SWEDCON EN FIN UPPVISNING

Den svenska cypribataljon 51:s uppställning, parad, orientering om förhållandena i Famagusta District samt rundvisning på olika OP blev en tillställning som mycket uppskattades av UNFICYP:s Force Commander generalmajor Prem D. Chand. Allt klaffade till belåtenhet och den indiske generalen uttryckte sin tillfredsställelse och tacksamhet för arrangemangen.

Vid denna välkomsthälsning av den svenska vinterbataljonen som ägde rum 15 november hoppades också Prem D. Chand att vår tid här på Cypern inte endast skulle vara fylld av betydelsefullt FN-arbete utan att det också skulle ges möjligheter för oss att uppleva all den charm och skönhet som ön har att bjuda.

Programmet vid FC-s besök inleddes med mottagning av campvakten. Efter avlämning följde

inspektion och välkomstal. Föredragningar ägde rum i bataljonschefens "plåtoffice" och efter förfriskningar i offmässen för FC, som åtföljdes av sin adjutant svenske kaptenen C. R. Stawring, till OP Trypimeni och OP Chatos. Transporten gick med helikopter och med i denna följde även batchefen Bengt Medin och C Stri Bertil Mattson.

Bilderna: Till höger samtalar FC vid Chatos-besöket med Sören Ber-



glund från Stjärnhov och på bilden därunder ses FC vid inspektionen på HF-planen vid CGC. På lilla

bilden till vänster är det "dörröppnare" Trygve Persson från Hörja som hälsar på generalen.

Swedcon News

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BATALJONENS FÖRSTA HQ-VAKT

Fjorton mannar ur första pluton övertog måndagen 19 november UNFICYP:s HQ-vakt strax utanför Nicosia. Bas i gänget var Leif Eriksson från Huddinge. Detta var 51-ans första HQ-vakt och enligt uttalandena från styrkans deltagare fanns det inte mycket negativt att säga om denna tjänstgöring.

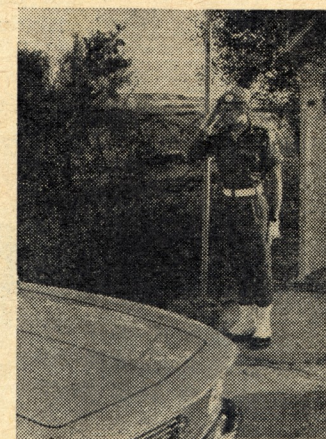
Förläggningen för vaktstyrkan finns alldeles intill HQ-entrén och äter gör man i en mäss i närheten av flygplatsen.

Utöver att stå vid vaktkuren och göra tusentals honnörer varje dygn får HQ-vaktmanskaper ibland följa med gäster in på camp-området som vägvisare eller utträtta andra "hjälp-sysslor". Enligt Frank Axell från Jönköping som flera gånger vid tidigare bataljoner gått HQ-vakt är det en fördel att man numer slipper bära vapen och skyldra gevär vid varje passage av fordon.

Bilderna: Till höger är det Börje Johansson från Borås som gör en av de många honnörer som vaktstyrkan svarar för varje dygn och

på bilden till vänster syns vaktgänget sånär som på vaktchefen Eriks-son Sören Böhre och Björn Jons-son.

Det är John Haurinen, Johnny Karlsson, Gunnar Frej, Lars Lindgren, Bror Saxvold, Tommy Nilsson, Olof Carlsson, Göran Johnsson, Gert Klaesson, Börje Johansson och Frank Axell.



BRITCON MEDAL PARADE AT CAMP UNFICYP

On Wednesday the 21st November 1973 Britcon held their Medal Parade on the Aviation Square at Camp UNFICYP. The medals were presented to a Medal Party consisting of 24 all ranks by the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, PVSM.

There were 158 on parade, made up as follows: 1 guard from A Squadron 16/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers, currently serving as Force Reserve, two guards from 65 Squadron RCT and one from the Britcon Element at Force Headquarters. Also on parade were the Band of the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards. The parade was

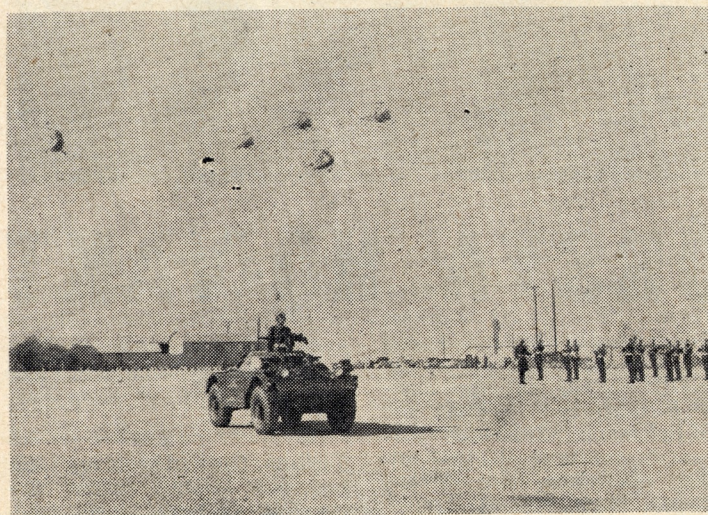
commanded by Major M. M. Barker, Royal Signals, the Camp Commandant.

In his address to the parade the Force Commander thanked the members of Britcon for all their good work and praised the high standard achieved on the parade. The parade concluded with a march past by three of the guards and a drive past by Force Reserve in their Ferret Scout Cars. As the final vehicle drove past, helicopters from 84 Squadron Royal Air Force and the UNFICYP Aviation Flight flew over the parade ground.

After the parade there were receptions in the various Messes.

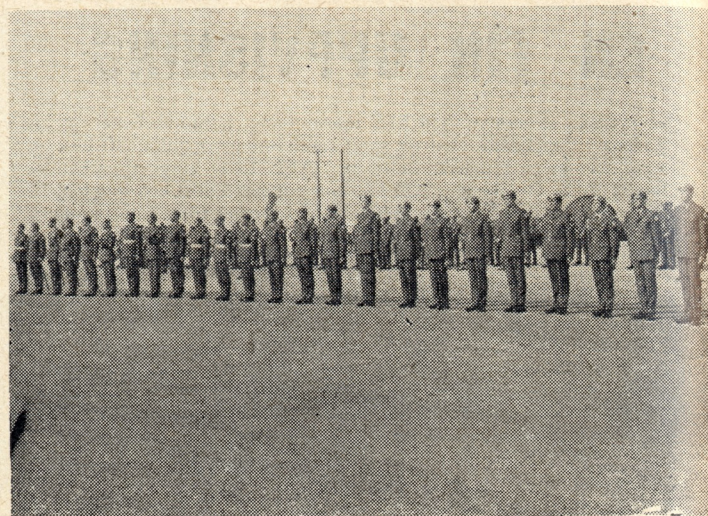


● The Officer Commanding Force Reserve, Major T. Durie, receives his medal.



● Warrant Officer Class 2 R Usher drives past, the helicopters fly past and the Band play on!

▼ The Force Commander during his inspection of the parade.



● The medal party line up in front of the parade before the presentation of medals.



● The only representative from the Royal Air Force on parade, Senior Aircraftman R. McGrath is congratulated by the Force Commander.

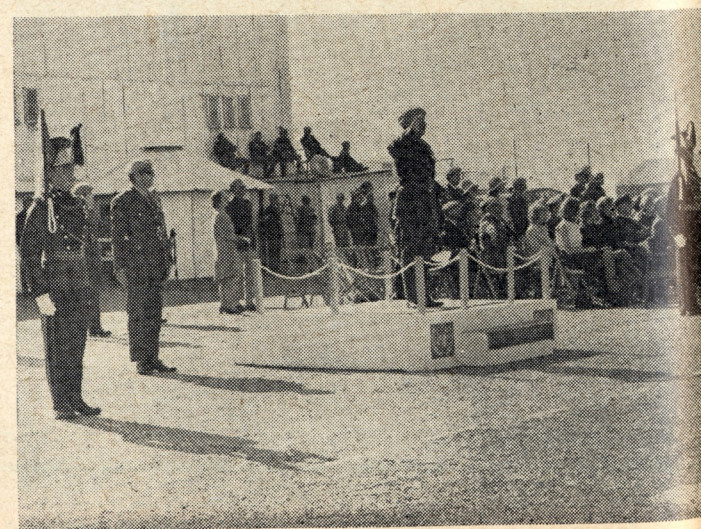
LANCE ORDERLIES

One of the features of the parade were the two Lance Orderlies from 16/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers. They are seen in our picture below flanking the Force Commander as he takes the General Salute.

On the left, in the full dress uniform of the 16th Lancers (their nickname is the "Scarlet" Lancers), is Trooper Frank Foy. On

the right in the 5th Irish Lancer uniform is Trooper Les Scott who recently joined the Squadron from the Royal Armoured Corps Junior Leaders Regiment.

The uniforms are typical of those worn by the two Regiments in the early part of the 19th Century. The amalgamation of the two Regiments took place in 1922.



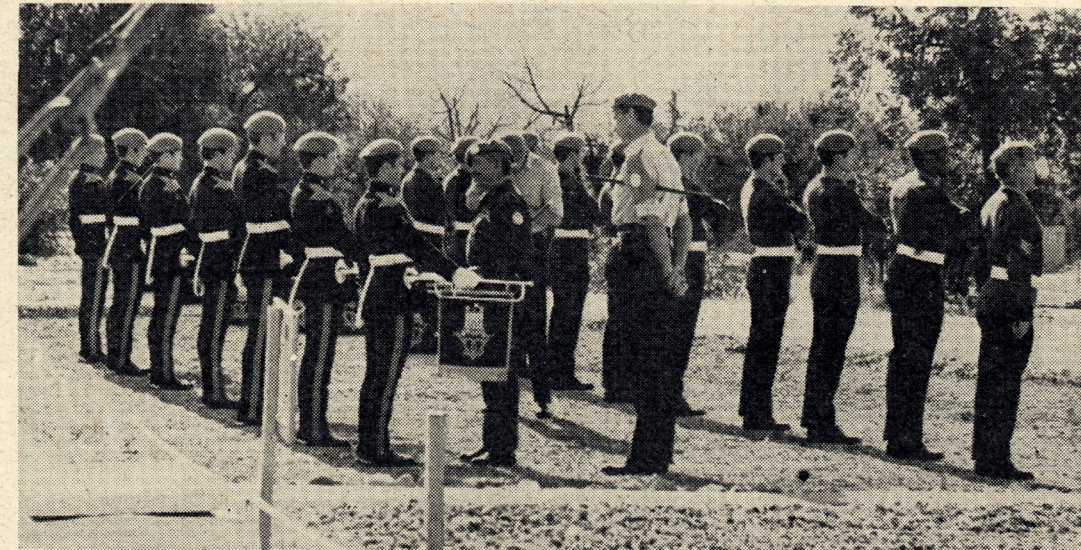
THE 'SKINS' SETTLE IN



● Trooper Albert Jameson finding the outdoor life in the UN role very pleasant. A Chief-tain tank gunner by trade he sees very little of the outside world when carrying out his normal crew duties.

MP NOTEBOOK ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

Week Ending	
23 Nov 73	— 7
Same Period	
Last Year	— 11
Total This Year	— 331
Same Period	
Last Year	— 320
Main Cause of Accidents This Week:	
DRIVING WITHOUT DUE CARE AND ATTENTION	



● The Force Commander, Major General D Prem Chand, PVSM, accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel R C Keightley speaks to Bandsman W Ship as he inspects the Commanding Officers Guard and Trumpeters during his recent visit to the Regiment.



● SSI John Nicholas, APTC, attached to the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, discusses the physical training programme with Warrant Officer Class 2 Paul Bray, the Squadron Sergeant Major of Logistic Squadron.



● Trooper Loftly Uhl looks pleased with life as he takes a rest from his duties at the Mari OP. A member of C Squadron he is a keen sportsman and plays rugby for the Regiment.

NEWS FROM UNCIVPOL

Superintendent Roy Farmer the outgoing Commander of the Australian Civilian Police is seen below handing over to his relief, Superintendent Alex McDonnell.

Superintendent Farmer is a

member of the Australian Commonwealth Police and Superintendent McDonnell a member of Victoria State Police. Both men are in their 23rd year of service, most of which has been spent in the investigation field.



Major E R Baeumel, a member of the Austrian Civilian Police, exhibited a series of his oil paintings at the Hilton Gallery for a week beginning on the 22nd of November 1973.

Major Baeumel studied art in Austria and won several international awards for his works. Most of his work, which covers a variety of motifs of daily life, is done with a painting knife.

The exhibition was opened by the Special Representative of

the Secretary General, Mr Oso-rio-Tafall, who is a keen art admirer and enthusiast. Major Baeumel shared the exhibition with some oil paintings by Mrs C Potesta, who works in HQ UNFICYP as a secretary. Her paintings are also of a high standard.

The Force Commander, Major General D Prem Chand, PVSM, and many officers and members of the staff of UNFICYP attended the opening of this exhibition.

COMBINED TROOP SERVICES

The combined services of Pay, Movements, Welfare and Warehouse Services are located in Blue Beret Camp and are busy supplying Cancon with the "necessities" and the "nice-ties" with the hope of making the Canadian soldiers stay on the Island a bit more pleasant. With the view to keeping people informed and making them aware of what services are supplied... Read on...

The Combined Troop Services like to think of these services as "Combined" and the best way to illustrate this is to imagine a soldier preparing for two weeks leave in Lahr, West Germany. Firstly he notifies "Welfare" of his intention who then book a flight through "Movements". That completed the soldier heads for the "Pay" office to draw every cent he owns and finally he goes to the "Warehouse" to buy a bottle to take on leave.

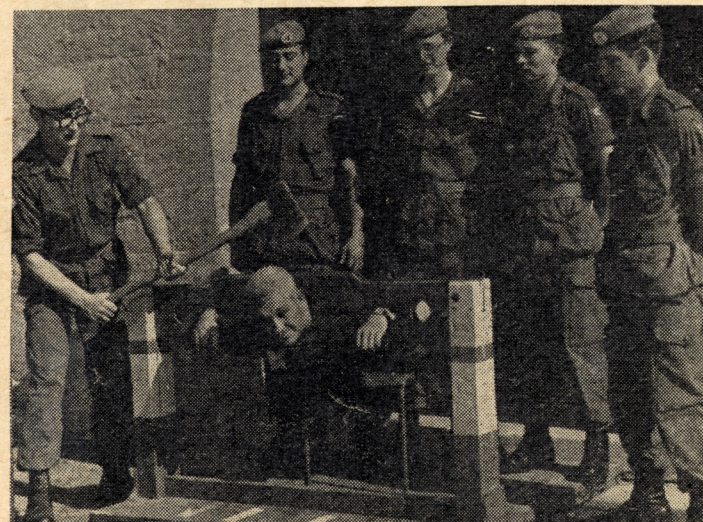


● The Combined Services of Pay, Welfare, Movements and Warehouse show their wares. They are from left to right Sergeant John Labrecque of the Warehouse, Captain Tom Purves the Comptroller, Captain Bob Richards of Movements, Lieutenant Bob Butt of Welfare and Captain Mel Bullock the Paymaster.



Master Corporal Jack Mihan is presently employed with the OPs B Section at Wolseley Barracks as the unit drafting NCO. With his many years of experience behind him, Jack does not become perturbed by the mountains of work he has to tackle in his back-room hide-away.

CANCON NEWS



It appears that where ever one travels the chance is that Newfoundlanders will be there — even on the Island of Cyprus! Three Platoon, Suburb Company is no exception. The Newfoundlanders taking part in the 'execution' are from left to right: Private I E Keeping from

Ramea Island, Private A W Porter from Kelligrews, Private D W Doyle from Grates, Private D T Purcell from St Philips, Private J W Barton from Goulds and in the centre is Warrant Officer D G Lemoine from Grand Falls.



● Master Corporal Bill Smith and Private Stephen Maysfield survey the Louroujina area from the top of Stavros Hill.

COGS - LOUROUJINA MOUNTAIN MEN

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a mountain goat? The "Special" forces employed at the UN Camp at Louroujina could supply a detailed picture of one. Every day these brave souls conquer 3 gruesome hills, and it is pointed out, this is done with a glad heart and a very willing spirit.

These "Heroic" few have some pretty exciting "combat" tales to tell. The current favourite tells of a certain young rookie, unnamed for the moment, who (bravely?) ascended Hill 343 twice in the same day. He will tell of the lesson to be learned from his daring exploit: "Never, Never leave the patrol map on the top of Hill 343 and only discover this fact

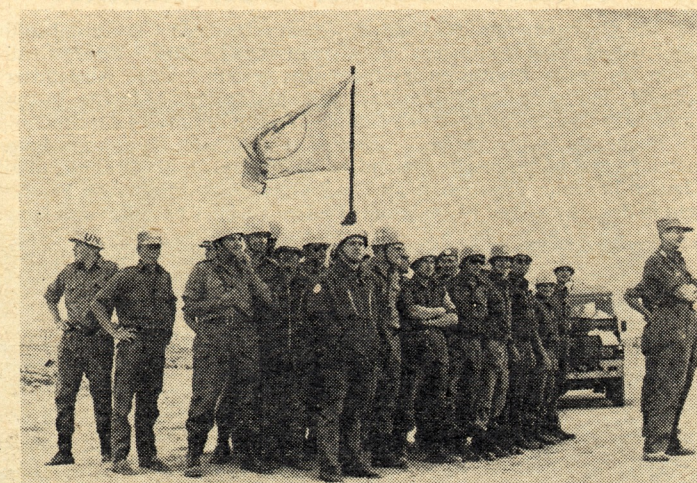
half way up Stavros". He had to get the map the hard way — UP the DOWN route of Hill 343. However, it's all good training.

The VIP in this group is known under the code name of "Shepherd", and, along with his faithful sheepdog "Smitty" keeps the other goats in proper check. These two form the back-bone of General Operations for Goat Squad (C.O.G.S.) The Louroujina Detachment is currently being manned by Number 1 Section of 1 Platoon of Suburbia Company. Members of the section include: Sergeant L Mayo, Master Corporal W Smith, Corporal F MacDonald, Privates B Daly, J Hiland, R Hill, S Maysfield, G Muise and M Roy.

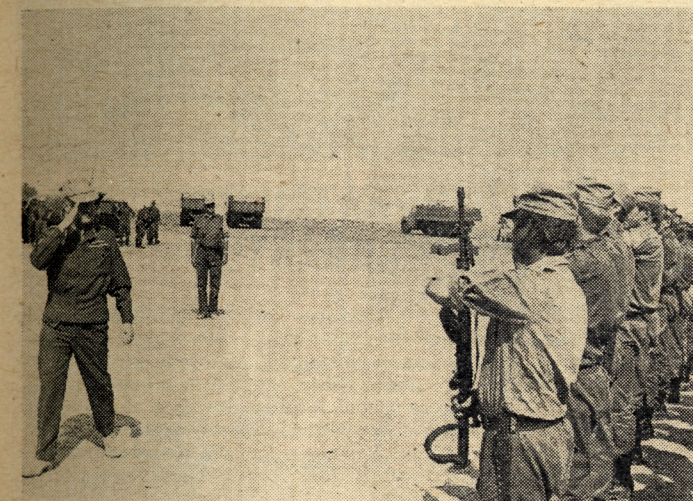
SUEZIN KUVASATO A



Suomalainen vartiomies kanavan varrella - OP Lima



Eversti Raitassaari YKSP:n miesten "takaamana"



Kenraalimajuri Siilasvuo ensi vierailullaan Osasto Kemppaisen telttaleirissä



Jääkäri Rantanen valmistautumassa taisteluun vieraita bakteereja vastaan.

JÄLLEEN KOTONA

YKSP 20 vietti syntymäpäiväänsä matkoilla toimiessaan UNEF:in karkijoukkona Suezillä. Rotaatiosta muodostui varsin merkittävä ja sitä seurasivat koko maailman lehdistö ja muut viestiliikenteen alat. Uuden pataljoonamme "valkovarpaat" kokivat jo ensimmäisinä viikkoina kanssamme enemmän kuin olimme täällä kokeneet koko rauhanurvaamiskautenamme. Voimme olla ylpeitä suoritusta tehtävästämme. Olemme saanneet tunnustusta aina YK:n pääsihteeriltä asti ja nyt olemme valmiit suorittamaan tehtäväämme täällä rauhallisemmissa olosuhteissa maineemme mukaisesti, emme menneisyyteen tuijottaen vaan valpaina eteenpäin tulevaisuuteen.

FINCON 20 IN CYPRUS AGAIN

YKSP 20 is back in Kyrenia District from Suez. There was a certain feeling of coming home among the returning members of Fincon, back to familiar places and faces. The weather is cold but the saunas are hot again.

FINCON NEWS



Kuuluissa "check point 101" syntymässä

NEUER KOMMANDANT DES ÖSTERREICHISCHEN CONTINGENT

Mit Oberstleutnant dG Clausen, einem erfahrenen Generalstabsoffizier, wurde das Kontingent in Cypern unter seine Verantwortlichkeit als neuer Kontingentskommandant gestellt. Seine Auslandserfahrung und eingehende Kenntnis der militärischen Materie in- und ausserhalb Österreichs gewähren dem Kontingent optimale Unterstützung auf Ebene des Hauptquartiers. Seiner Bestellung zum Kontingentskommandanten kommt insoweit besondere Bedeutung zu, als Oberstleutnant Clausen in seiner Eigenschaft als Chief Operations officer dem Kontingent in der schwierigen Phase seines Wiederaufbaus behilflich sein kann.



NEUER BATAILLONS KOMMANDANTEN

Mit der Rotation am 17. November kam die Bestellsurkunde zum Bataillonskommandanten für Major Fritz. Mit Major Fritz übernimmt ein Offizier die Führung des Bataillon, der bereits als Bataillonskommandant-Stellvertreter über reiche Zypern-Erfahrung verfügt. Zusätzlich hat er während der letzten Wochen bewiesen, daß es kaum etwas geben kann, das ihn aus der Ruhe brächte. Seine menschlich-verständnisvolle Art hat ihm das Vertrauen und die Anerkennung aller Dienstgrade gebracht. In dieser, für das Bataillon schwierigen Situation, ist er der richtige Steuermann.

ÖSTERREICHER ÜBERNEHMEN OP,s IN LARNACA

Als "vorläufige Lösung" bezeichnet, haben Angehörige des Österreichischen Kontingents am 15. November die OPs in der Stadt Larnaca übernommen. Vorerst war die Personallage noch äußerst angespannt, die Rotation vom 17. brachte die erste Erleichterung. Von den vielen neuen Eindrücken beeinflusst, hatte manch einer zu einer Akklimatisierung überhaupt keine Zeit. Es hiess vom Transportfahrzeug herunter und sofort auf den OP. Kurze Einweisung und dann mußte es schon laufen. Es wären nicht unsere Leute gewesen, wenn es nicht gelaufen wäre. Zum Kennenlernen der Stadt und der Umgebung war vorläufig nahezu keine Zeit. Sehr eindrucksvoll: Der zu dieser Jahreszeit mit Wasser gefüllte Salzsee, darauf eine Kolonie rosaroter Flamingos und im Hintergrund die berühmte Moschee Hala Sultan Tekke. Das

ganze dann noch gespiegelt in der Oberfläche des Sees. Weiter möchte ich hier nicht ins Schwärmen kommen, denn es gibt hier auch den Sommer, wo das Wasser aus

dem See verdunstet und eine Sand-Salz-Wüste hinterläßt.

Das Camp, Inishfree sein Name, ist neu und liegt in taktisch beherrschender Lage mitten auf einem

Hügel zwischen den griechischen und türkischen Stellungen. Ob dieses Camp die endgültige neue Heimstätte des AUSCON werden wird ist zur Zeit (19.11.1973) noch ungewiß.

