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1970

New Helicopter Squadron For Headquarters Unficyp

For the past year a flight of three Wessex helicopters from No. 72 Squadron RAF have been flying in support of the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

During this time the aircraft have flown over 1000 hours, both at day and night, in all weather conditions, on tasks which include resupply, troop rotation, training and medical evacuation.

During the weekend of March 8th and 9th two of the Wessex were dismantled and loaded aboard two Belfast aircraft. The detachment will return to their main base at RAF Odiham which is situated in the South of England

some 35 miles South West of London.

All the personnel who have served with the detachment over the past year have found it a most enjoyable and valuable experience.

The spirit of cooperation and interest which has been shown them by all the Contingents has always been excellent and has been the major contribution to making it such a successful year.

In particular they have enjoyed a very close liaison with the Austrian Field Hospital and between them have managed to provide a fast and efficient aeromedical service.

Their contribution to the United Nations work in Cyprus has been both useful and significant. It is with much regret that they leave Cyprus and all the friends they have made whilst serving with UNFICYP.

Our photograph shows Flight Lieutenant Peter Benson of No. 72 Squadron (Wessex) handing over to Squadron Leader Trevor Jones of No. 230 Squadron (Whirlwinds).

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UNFICYP Air Liaison Officer's Rotate

Flying Officer John Hockin handed over as Air Liaison Officer on 26th February 1970 to Flight Lieutenant Les Rigby.

Flying Officer Hockin is returning to 230 Squadron and will be flying UNFICYP Whirlwind helicopters in the summer.

Flight Lieutenant Rigby came to us from RAF El Adem where he commanded the helicopter Search and Rescue Flight.



FORCE COMMANDER VISITS KOPHINO

On Saturday, 7th March, Major General D. Prem Chand PVSM paid a final visit to the outgoing Kophinou Company of the Pompadours before the District was handed over to the Irish Contingent.

Accompanied by Major P. Gill he toured Kophinou Compound and met soldiers of the Company.

Our photograph above shows the Force Commander shaking hands with Staff Sergeant Sam Lowe.



FRIENDS AT CAMP MAPLE LEAF

The Canadian Contingent welcome 'B' Squadron The Royal Scots Greys at Camp Maple Leaf.

Our photograph left shows Trooper Ian Gray (driver) and Corporal Charles Mason being met at Camp Maple Leaf by Sergeant Bill Harvey of the Black Watch Pipes and Drums.



■ En "god del" af Melody Mixers.

MELODY MIXERS

Melody Mixers er jo nok en ting, der vil blive husket i lang tid hernede. Det lykkedes dem i den korte tid, de var her, at komme rundt, så alle havde en mulighed for at se og høre dem. Det var meget forskellige forhold, de optrådte under, men de nød hver gang at have den umiddelbare kontakt med publikum, og det lykkedes hver gang. En anden ting, de også nød i stor udstrækning, var den personlige kontakt, der blev udviklet efter hver optræden, hvor de enkelte i gruppen dels optrådte privat og dels snakkede med folk.

Nu er det vel ikke nogen hemmelighed, at en sådan optræden ikke er noget, man bare lige ryster ud af ærmet. Før hver fremtræden blev programmet fastlagt afstemt efter de lokale forhold, således at netop dette publikum følte, at denne optræden var specielt for dem, og det var den også. En af de ting, der nok tog flest kegler, var når gruppen trak O.D. Andersen, E. Jensen, Farmer og Bak, for ikke at glemme den uforlignelige Thorsdam, op på scenen for at synge for i "O'Marie, a will hjem".

Gruppens gode fremtræden skyldes dels den disciplin, der herskede indenfor gruppen, og dels Jørgens strålende indsats som konferencier og igangsætter, og selvfølgelig var vi allesammen lykkelige, når de to piger, Alice og Annie, stod frem og gav et nummer. Det var morsomt at se Jørgen på scenen og så være sammen med ham udenfor scenen, han var nøjagtig lige så slagfærdig og munter det ene sted som det andet. Vi gik igennem den tyrkiske bydel i Nicosia en dag, og han noterede sig, at de elektriske ledninger hang udvendig på alle husene, hvorefter han bemærkede:

DANCON NYT

"Jeg har hørt at de er meget omhyggelige med de elektriske installationer hernede, særlig vedligeholdelsen." "Ja, sagde jeg." Det er også derfor, ledningerne hænger udvendig på husene". "Nåh, ja, så er de lettere at komme til" sagde Jørgen.

De sang så mange melodier, at det nok er et spørgsmål, hvilken de vil blive husket på. Men "The French-Song" blev ihvertfald gennemgået med publikums fulde tilslutning. Og det vakte jo almindelig munterhed, når de sang "We shall not be moved" med speciel dedikation til Dancon, det gjorde de også, dengang Force Commander overværede deres sidste optræden. Men den sang, der nok bedst karakteriserede dem som den specielle underholdningsgruppe de er, var "Når man har kysset en fremmed dame" med omkvædet "u-ha da-u-ha da."

Vi siger tak for oplevelsen, og ser dem gerne hernede en anden gang.

Tilbage til civilisationen...

Så er de første hold kommet velbeholdne tilbage til civilisationen fra de ensomme OP'er.

De fortæller samstemmende, hvor vigtigt det er, at kammeratskabet holder, så der ikke opstår nogen surhed mellem sådanne tre, der er henvist til deres eget behagelige selskab i en hel uendelighed af dage. Men de er også kommet tilbage fulde af begejstring over alle de nye og spændende oplevelser, sådanne 16 dage på en ensom bjerg-top byder på.

Vi hørte i flæng jalla- scooter, solopgange og nedgange, pragtfulde udsigter, kakkerlakker, hyggetimer om aftenen, Dancon-radio over telefonen og meget mere.



■ KOM bare AN.

Men billederne her kan give vorrende bjerggæder en lille forsmag på, hvad der venter dem deroppe.



■ Hvorfor har man ikke sørget for at få et kørekort til denne her noget før?



■ Det er rart at høre en anden stemme end de to andres. Dem er man næsten ved at være træt af. Men ellers "Her går det godt"



■ Man kan godt blive lidt beklemmt om hjertet, når man står og ser "Jalla-sooteren" forsvinde ned ad bjerget. Så er det godt, at vi er tre. Det ligesom luner i ensomheden.

APELSINERNAS FESTIVAL

**3 milj träd
ger 1000 milj
citrusfrukter**

Höjdpunkten under året för Famagustas del är apelsinfestivalen som pågick under förra veckan. Man hyllar citrusfrukterna för den betydelse de har för öns ekonomi och särskilt för Famagusta-områdets 1 söndags avslutades festligheterna med ett karnevalståg genom staden efter uppställning och prisutdelning på Evagoras stadium.

Den här traditionen har inte några gamla anor. Mellan åren 1935 och 1939 hölls de första festivalerna, enligt den broschyr som myndigheterna givit ut i samband med festligheterna. Därefter hände inget liknande förrän 1963, och det är nu åttonde året i rad som karnevalen genomförs.

Inte förrän i början av 1960-talet tog citrusindustrin riktig fart. I Famagusta-området plockade man vid sekelskiftet omkring en miljon frukter. I dag ger skörden 200 miljoner. Den totala siffran för hela ön uppgår till en miljard frukter från tre miljoner citrusträd. 85 procent av dessa växer i områdena Morphou, Famagusta och Limassol.

SWEDCON NEWS
Swedish Forces Photos

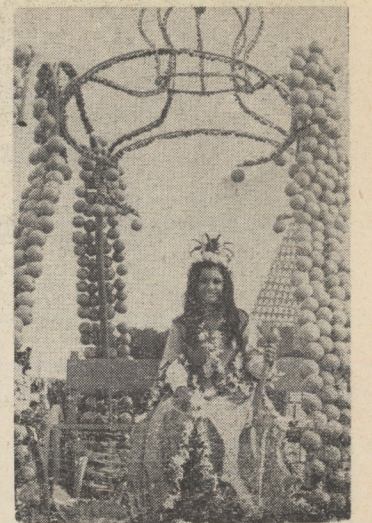
Vagnen med fruktbartessymbolen i form av biet bland blommans pistill och ståndare vann störst bifall bland jurymedlemmarna, som bedömde de nio vagnarna i tåget på Evagoras stadium. Varje figur och vagn var täckta av en mosaik av apelsin- och citronskal och citrusträdens blad.

ÄKTENSKAP MED KUNSKAP



Äktenskapsskolan - det är den kurs som dragit det ojämförligt största deltagarantalet bland alternativen. Omkring 35 deltagare har i genomsnitt besökt de olika avsnitten, som behandlat bl a ekonomiska, etiska och juridiska frågor. Fem eller sex avsnitt hoppas arrangörerna ha med sig Lars Berg och hans Gunther Niemeyer ska hinna genomföras. På bilden Gunther Niemeyer i sin redogörelse för samlevnad.

I FOTBOLL pågår just nu kompanimästerskap i form av en dubbelserie. Första omgången har spelats med följande resultat: STR - 2 komp 0-0, 2 komp - 3 komp 0-1, STR - 3 komp 0-0. En ny omgång på börjas inom den närmaste tiden.



Soteroulla Chrysanthou, 17 år, tronade på sin apelsinklädda vagn som festivalens drottning. Klänningen var smyckad med apelsin-trädets blommor.

Svensk tävlar om mästartitel i Cypern-hopp

Under de sista fyra - fem dagarna i mars hålls de "Öppna Cypern-mästerskapen i fallskärmsbrottning" på Dhekelia-basen. Hoppen ska göras och bedömas som individuella och i lag. En svensk kommer åtminstone med största sannolikhet att ställa upp - Bo Syde, som varit instruktör för bataljonens nybörjare.

Möjligheterna att ställa upp med ett svenskt lag finns även om de är små, men det är inte klart vilka som ska hoppa. Annars deltar mest engelska hoppare.

Av de 16 som utbildat sig under Syde under bataljonsperioden har nästan alla hoppat minst tre gånger



Eric Persson var förste man som prövade de teoretiska kunskaperna i praktiken i förra veckan. Det var bara att hoppas. Efter honom Anders Källsten.



BIRTHDAY PRESENT

Staff Sergeant Ken Crosswaite with 65 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport tests the local wares in Nicosia. The sheepskin rug is for his daughter's birthday present.

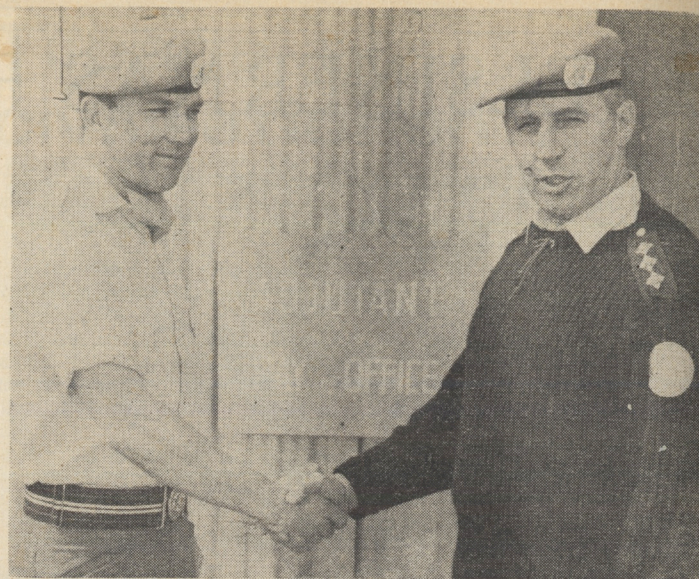
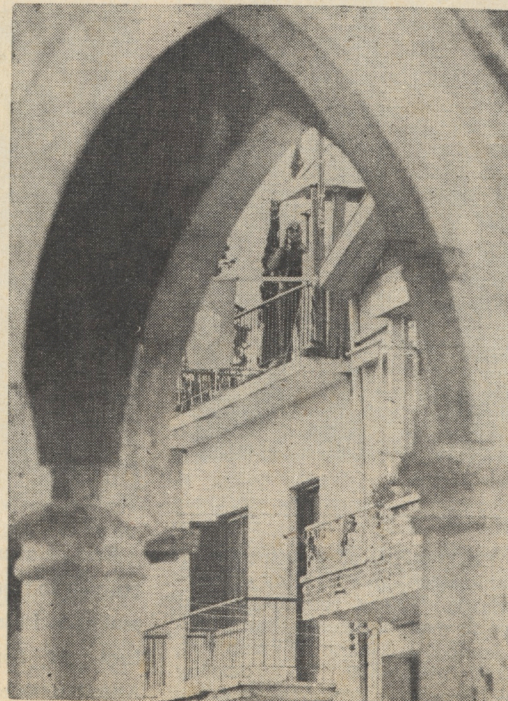
Ken works in the transport details office of the squadron and handles all of the very complicated traffic accident procedures for all accidents involving Headquarters UNFICYP vehicles. (picture above).

BRITCON NEWS

Lance Corporal Bill Rodgers with 'B' troop, 65 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport, recently became the personal driver to Major General D. Prem Chand, the Force Commander. Bill started with MPIO branch of the Headquarters before being selected for his present job. He is married and has three daughters who are presently at his home station in Bulford, Wiltshire. (picture above)

Limassol Town Observation Post

Perched on top of a building is the only Observation Post in Limassol Town. Here Private Trevor Mallett is seen on the radio to his Company Headquarters in Polemidhia Camp.



ADJUTANTS ROTATE

Camp, Headquarters UNFICYP is going to sadly miss Captain 'Bill' Barnes when he leaves us to take up his new appointment as Camp Commandant and OC Troops Troodos.

He arrived last November and his truncated tour will not only deprive the Headquarters of a cheerful extrovert but the Officers Mess lose one of its better darts players and in Ellen, Bill's wife, a real "floater"!

Bill's replacement is Captain 'Tony' Swain who comes to us from 20 LCT Support Regiment, Royal Corps of Transport in Gosport. Sad to say his next posting is to the Maritime Troop, Hong Kong!!

FORCE COMMANDER'S DRIVER



NEW RQMS FOR UNFICYP

Regimental Quarter Master Sergeant 'Geordie' Shiel recently arrived in the island to take

up the duties of RQMS for UNFICYP.

Geordie's parent unit is Command Ordnance Depot, Chitwell.

He is on a 9 months tour with the Headquarters and has served in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps for 23 years.

TIDY LINES

The Heavy Mortar Troop were not long in getting their lines in apple pie order at

Zyzi, and here we see Gunner Peter Connolly of 508, Ballor-ris Road, Ballymun, Dublin, on left and Sergeant James Murphy finishing a stint of voluntary work. Both are members of the 2nd Field Artillery Regiment, McKee Barracks, Dublin.



OFF DUTY AT ZYI

Private Michael Hamill who is married and lives at Brownstown, Upper Curragh, Co Kildare, was off duty from the Signal centre at Zyzi when we met him last week.

IRCON NEWS

IRISH COFFEE RECIPE

In response to many requests we publish to-day the recipe for IRISH COFFEE.

INGREDIENTS

Cream-rich as an Irish brogue,
Coffee-strong as a friendly hand,
Sugar-sweet as the tongue of a rogue,
Whiskey-smooth as the wit of the land.

PREPARATION

Heat a stemmed whiskey goblet.
Pour in $\frac{1}{2}$ of glass of Irish Whiskey, the only whiskey with the smooth and full body needed.
Add three coffee spoons of castor sugar.
Fill goblet with strong, black coffee to within one inch of the brim.
Stir to dissolve sugar.
Top off to brim with whipped cream, slightly aerated, so that cream floats on top.

N.B.

Do not stir after adding cream, as the true flavour is obtained by drinking the hot coffee and Irish Whiskey through the cream.

SLAINTE!!! (Good Health)

With Compliments of
OFFICER COMMANDING
&
OFFICERS

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ADAMS ALE

TAKE AIM

Drawing water for B Company Observation Post is vital work. Here Private Colin Whyatt, 3 Royal Anglian Regiment, on left, and Private Michael Doherty 'B' Company are seen filling up at Zyzi. (Picture below).

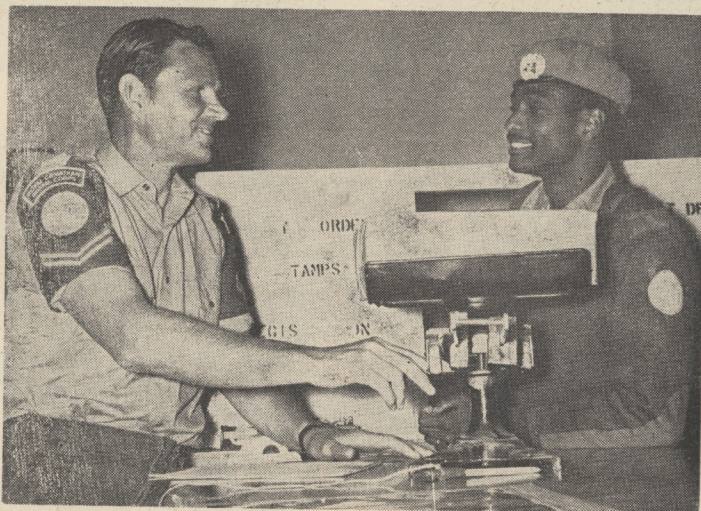
We had to pay our photographer danger money to get this picture above. Private Albert (Ginger) Smith Headquarters Company and member of the Ircon Pipe band takes aim to throw his third horse shoe.





DISCUSSING CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS

Civilian Employment in the Canadian Contingent being discussed by Mr. Andreas Michaelides (left) and the second-in-command of support company, 2RHC, Captain T.P.A. Power. At the present time the Canadian Contingent employs a total of 89 civilian employees from the Nicosia area. They do many jobs ranging from stenography to carpentry. Mr. Michaelides is the contingent's civilian foreman of labor.



Corporal Louis Belle, chief clerk for the Scots Greys (right) makes good use of the Camp Maple Leaf post office. His parcel is weighed by Corporal Herbert Clark of the Royal Canadian Postal Corps.



Trooper G. Tague, Royal Scots Greys (seated) rapidly becomes familiar with the Camp Maple Leaf switchboard. Lending him a helping hand is Corporal J.L. Stevens, 2nd Battalion, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada.

CANCON NEWS Canadian Forces Photos

DEPARTURE

... ARRIVAL

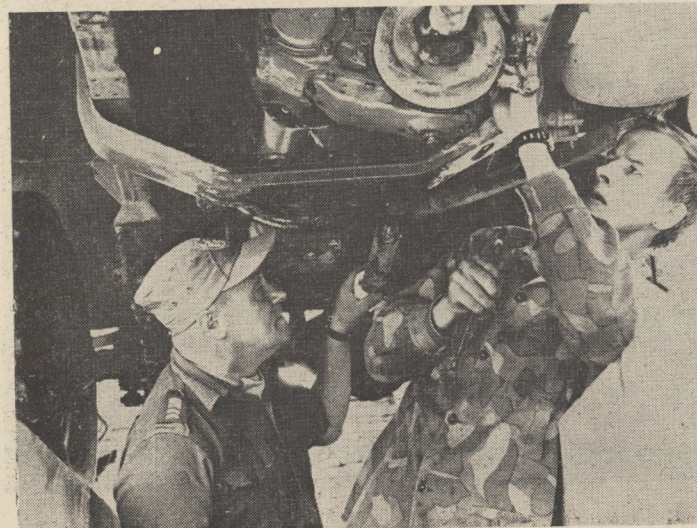
Hand-over week for the protestant padres of the Canadian Contingent at CML. Captain Foster Jenkins (right) returned to Canada this week following a six-month tour in Cyprus. His successor is Captain Colin Curtis. (Picture below).



Corporal Mike Roach, Royal Army Medical Corps, (left), is employed in the Canadian Contingent's medical section. He is attached to "B" Squadron, Royal Scots Greys. Corporal Roach is shown the section's pharmacy by Sergeant J.A. Bergeron (right), Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps.

MEDICAL SECTION ASSISTANCE

KANSALLISTEN AJONEUVOJEN KATSASTUS



Kuvassa sotmest Autio ja jääk Meriläinen tarkastamassa Volvon vaihdelaatikon öljymäärää.

Automiehillä on nyt kiireiset ajat. On kunnostettava kansalliset ajoneuvot sotmest Auton suorittamaan katsastukseen. Tällä kertaa oli vuorossa SF 16. Jääkäri Meriläinen oli hoitanut ajokkinsa kunnolla, ainoastaan lippuvalon lamppu oli palanut, muuten kaikki oli okei.

FINCON NEWS

LINJAA SYNTYY

Puhelinmiehet vastaavat siitä, ettei pataljoonan operatiivinen toiminta viestiyhteyksien osalta vaikeudu. Miehet toimivat puhelinkeskustoissa, suorittavat linjojen korjauksia ja viestivälineiden huoltoa. Puhelin- ja radioryhmiä ei ole erikseen eroteltu. Li-

säksi suoritetaan normaalipalvelus esikuntakomppaniassa. Pataljoonan alue on laaja ja viesti-yhteyksien tarve suuri. Annettakoon miehille tunnustus sotilaan ammatitaidolla suoritetusta palveluksesta.



Jääk Ruotsalainen (vas.) ja jääk Hirvonen rakentamassa linjaa FINCON:ista "oikeuspalatsille".



Maj Kiviluoto on saapunut filmihankinnoille Kykkoon siirrettyyn hankintavarastoon. Myynnistä huolehtivat hankintapuseeri (kesk) yllil K Aaltonen ja ylik H Laurila. Entiseen hankintavarastoon siirtyi EK:n ja 1.JK:n jääkärimesi.

Tippaakaan en kehu....

Taisi olla muuttomiehillä vesi kielellä tai kukaties kurkku kuivana, kun pataljoonan koko hankintavarasto kaikkine pulloineen eräänä lauantaipäivänä kuormattiin autoon ja vietiin pois.

Ei kuitenkaan hylkäykseen, vaan arvostusta kun on kyse, varmaan talteen uuteen varastoon Kykkoon.

Varaston arvo siirrettäessä oli noin £ 1300 verovapaita tuotteita. Tavarat mahtuivat yhteen kuorma-autoon. Ne vietiin monien huulten ja "herjojen" säästämänä esikuntarakennuksen luota ja hankintapuseerin tarkassa valvonnassa.

Kykko Kartanon Baarin rakennukseen, jonne tavarat sijoitettiin huolellisesti hyllylle riviin ja ojennukseen. Varastossa on mm. liköörejä 20 eri lajia, konjakkeja 12, viskejä 10 lajia muiden väkevien viinon ohella. Makkaroita, olutta, filmirullia kaikkia tarpeen mukaan.

Hankintavarasto tilaa ja ostaa tavaransa pääasiassa Duty Free-kaupan kautta ja myy ne edelleen messeille, josta kaikki voivat ostaa niitä määrättyin rajoituksin itselleen. Myyntipäivät messeille ovat maanantai ja perjantai. Varaston tavaravaihto on keskimäärin £ 3000 kuukaudessa.

KOVA KUNTORATAKILPAILU



Viimeviikon torstaina oli perinteinen kuntoratakilpailu, jonka jälleen voitti ensimmäinen jääkärikomppania. Kuvassa kers Kelloniemi ylittämässä aitaestettä.

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4.	Ek	4.07		Jääk Kettukangas	1Jk 2.45
5.	Hk	4.12		Kers Konttinen	Hk 2.45

644 SIGNAL TROOP WIN 6 - A - SIDE CUP

The Final of the Headquarters UNFICYP Knockout Cup between 644 Signal Troop and 65 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport 'B' Team was played before a very enthusiastic crowd in the UN Hanger on Wednesday 11th March, 1970.

644 Signal Troop were slow to settle down allowing 65 Squadron to open the scoring with a well taken goal by Lance Corporal Harvey and went further ahead with two goals from Lance Corporal Calvin. When 644 Signal Troop eventually settled down Signalman Marchant, playing on the left, scored two quick goals.

The equaliser came from Lance Corporal Taylor so, at half time, the honours were even.

The start of the second half saw 65 Squadron taking the lead again with a goal from Lance Corporal Poultney.

With good man to man passing the 644 team put on the pressure and Signalman Marchant added a fine hat trick to his first half brace of goals.

Despite the roar of the very excited spectators 65 Squadron failed to add to their score and 644 Signals Troop ran out winners by 6 goals to 4.

The Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, presented the Cup to Sergeant (Oh Dear) Copeman, captain of the 644 Signals Troop side.

The winners of the League,

RAF Nicosia, who played their seven league matches without defeat, were presented with the Championship Trophy.

Our photograph right shows the winning team of 644 Signal Troop Headquarters UNFICYP.

Photograph below shows one of the goals being scored by Lance Corporal Taylor of 644 Signal Troop.



UNFICYP PROVOST MARSHAL'S ROTATE



Lieutenant Colonel Harold Murphy, Royal Canadian Military Police arrived in Cyprus on the 3rd March 1970 for a 12 month tour with UNFICYP.

He will take over the duties of Force Provost Marshal and Commanding Officer of the UNFICYP Military Police Company from Lieutenant Colonel W.J. Dabros, CD.

MP NOTEBOOK

Accidents - Unficyp

Week ending 14 MAR 70 — 14
Same period last year — 5
Total this year — 104
Same period last year — 72
Main Cause of Accidents this week:

Failing to yield right-of-way.

COLLISION WITH AN ON COMING VEHICLE

The deadliest of all collisions is one that occurs with an oncoming vehicle. A number of factors contribute to the fatalities that result from such accidents:

1. In a headon collision, the vehicles involved stop almost immediately; unfortunately, their occupants usually keep on travelling — right into the windshield and dashboard.

2. Since most headon collisions occur slightly off-center, one or both vehicles spin and their occupants are thrown out of the car.

A collision with an oncoming vehicle can occur in any one of three basic situations:

1. On a straight road.
2. On a curve.
3. At an intersection while one vehicle is turning.

THREE WAYS TO PREVENT HEADON COLLISIONS

1. If you come off the paved

road don't panic, don't brake, slow down and keep the vehicle on a straight course.

2. Do not allow your vehicle to drift into the opposite lane on curves, slow down before the curve, and apply power to the wheels when in the curve.

3. Yield the Right-of-Way. The rule of the road is "Oncoming traffic always has the right-of-way"!