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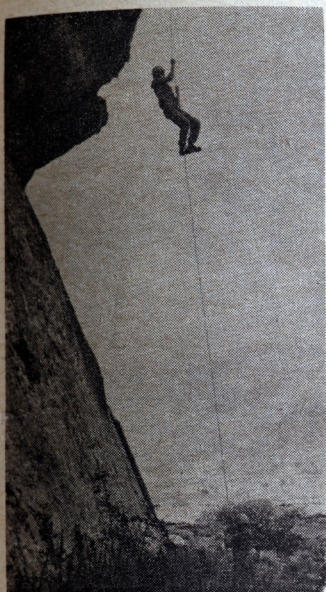
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FOR YOUR OWN GOOD KEEP YOURSELVS FIT



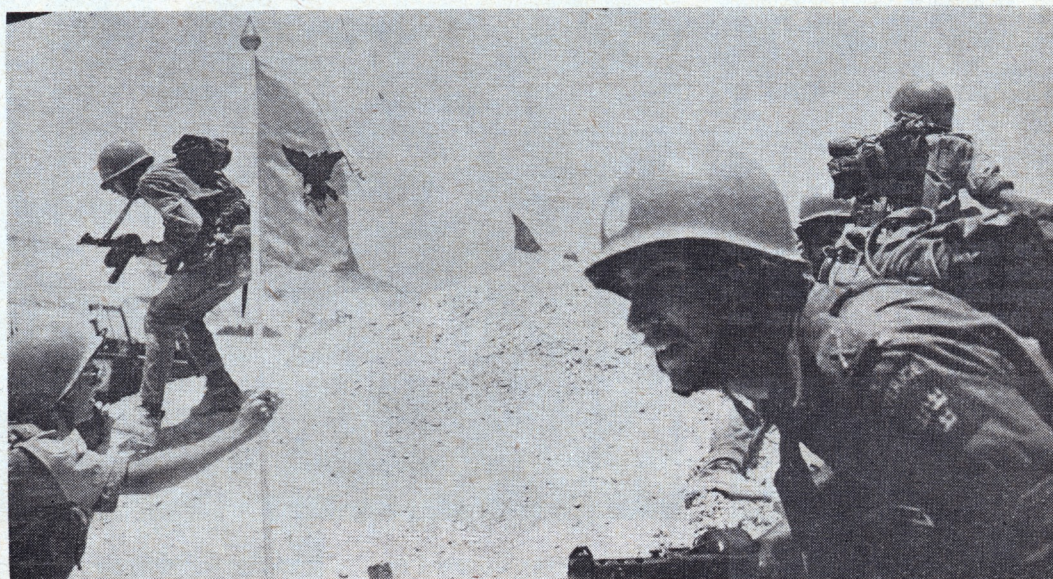
"Easy now, do not use too much force. Control your movements."

That could be instructions for a mountain-climber on his way up or down (see picture). Climbing, like other sports and physical exercises teaches a man to control his body, react quickly, gives him confidence, determination and teaches him how much he can withstand.

Physical training may be taken many ways and is included in military training (see picture). It is important that

you spend some of your leisure time on a sporting activity, of course, being physically fit increases your resistance to illness. Get in touch with your sports officer and let him be your guide as to how to use your spare time. Being physically fit will enable you to enjoy your tour in Cyprus to the full, it will also make it easier for you to cope with your job.

Finally: Physical exercise should stop you from getting the "Cyprus supplement" — gaining more weight.



NEW COMMANDER FINCON

Lieutenant Colonel P. Kallio, centre, the new Contingent Commander designate for Fincon arrived on the island in the early morning of the 20 July.

He was met by Lieutenant Colonel E. Lehtovirta (right) the present contingent commander, seen welcoming Major Pajunen the contingent Logistics officer designate. Standing behind Lieutenant Colonel Kallio, is Major Norkola who is due to take up an appointment in the Operations Branch at HQ UNFICYP.

This will be Lieutenant Colonel Kallio's third tour with UNFICYP, his first was from 1964 to 1965 as the operations officer of Fincon. His second tour was as second in command of the Contingent.



WATERCRESS

Many streams in Cyprus contain water-snails which carry the Liver-Fluke, a small worm which attacks the liver, primarily of sheep but also of human beings. The usual way of becoming infected is by swallowing the worm eggs with watercress: you are warned not to pick and eat watercress in Cyprus.



VELFÆRDESTURE TIL INTERESSANTE STEDER

Velfærd - ordet lyder ofte og i mange sammenhænge indenfor Dancon. Vi vil gerne leve et godt liv både under tjenesten, og når det gælder udnyttelsen af fritiden. Velfærdstjenesten søger at tjene dette formål også ved at tilrettelægge ture til øens mange naturskønne og historisk interessante steder.

Et tilbageblik på kalenderen viser, at der har været gennemført søndagstur til Kyrenia-Bellapais-Hilarion 18 JUN og 9 JUL og weekendtur til Famagusta-Salamis-Barnabasklosteret 1-2 JUL. Til slutningen har været ret så besæden, men dog stigende fra 4 over 6 til 12 deltagere. Det er ikke let at konkurrere med badestranden ved Famagusta i højsæsonen.

De der tog med nød det på alle måder og havde travlt med fotoapparatet. Der var meget nyt og spændende at snakke om, an-



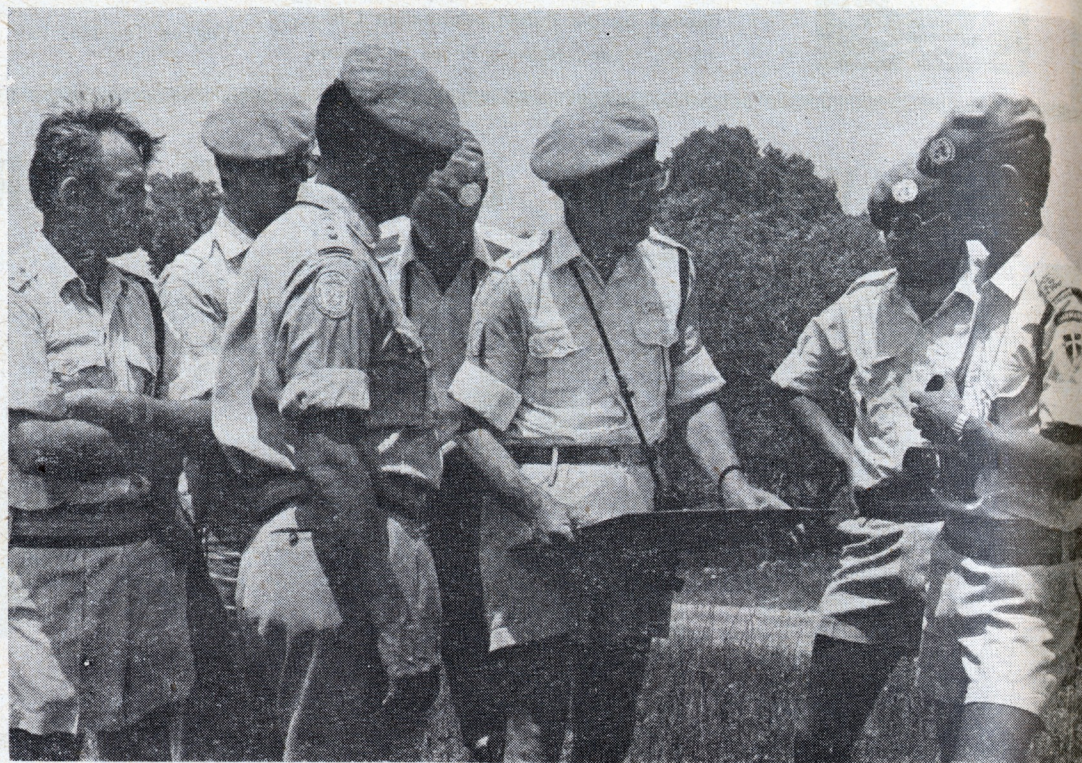
KS B. Rasmussen lægger hoved til en af de gamle skulpturer i Salamis.

sigt til anigt med fortiden og nutiden på een gang. Man oplever kammeraterne på en ny måde i nye omgivelser. Fyldt med nye indtryk og friskt humør vender man tilbage til hverdagen og til vagt-tjenesten. Man har noget godt at tænke tilbage på, og kan glæde sig til næste udfærd.

Ser vi fremad i kalenderen, kan vi efter den beslaglæggende glade familiebesøgsperiode notere, at velfærdsturene fortsætter med en weekend-tur til Paphos d.12.-13. august, et turprogram der gentages d.16.17 september. Endvidere er der planlagt en weekend-tur til Limassol-Larnaca d.2.-3. september, et turprogram der gentages d.30.-1. oktober.

Velfærdskontoret er til tjeneste med yderligere oplysning og tager gerne mod tilmelding. Det gælder din egen velfærd.

Hyrden.



I Salamis. Gruppedrøftelse. Fra venstre PRLT B.H.R. Jensen, KS S. Pedersen, LT K. Kiple, KS A. Olsen, FPR H. Jacobsen, KS N. Dalsgård, KS N. Stentoft Hansen.

DANCON NYT

FAMILIE BESØG

I perioden 16 JUL - 5 AUG har Dancon familiebesøg. Denne tilgang af ægtefæller, pårørende og børn liver svært op på den daglige Dancon-tilværelse. Også de, der ikke har besøg af deres egne, får del i klimaforandringen.

Børnene morer sig stort set indenfor vore enemærker og ved stranden. De springer frimodigt omkring, og der er rigeligt for deres umættelige nysgerrighed at gå ombord i. Det faderlige kommer op i enhver soldat, når børnene dukker op.

Hjertelig velkommen, kære gæster med det friske pust fra Danmark. Nu ser I, hvordan vi har det her nede. Så er der mere at være fælles om, når vi kommer tilbage.



En søjle står, hvad den bar, ligger spredt i Salamis.

MP NOTEBOOK ACCIDENTS — UNFICY

Week Ending	
21 Jul 72	— 11
Same Period	
Last Year	— 03
Total This Year	— 185
Same Period	
Last Year	— 164

Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:

FAILING TO YIELD
RIGHT OF WAY

MOT TOPPEN

Svenska FN-folket på Cypern är vid detta laget kända som bergsklättrare. Varje man brukar normalt under en bataljons tid hinna med att klättra (vandra) upp på tre olika toppar. Eftersom de här färderna görs som plutonvis övningar innebär det att sammanlagt 12 bergsmarscher arrangeras av den svenska FN-kontingenten under varje bataljonstid.

Den första bergsvandringen går traditionsenligt upp till Kantara Castle. Lika traditionsenligt går den andra färderna upp till klostret på Stavrovouni. Upp till Stavrovouni är det något brantare än till Kantara, i gengäld behövde inte truppen medföra hela stridspackningen.

Väl uppe på toppen gav vandringen lön för mödan. Klostret, som började byggas år 327 av Konstantin den Stores mor, är en intressant byggnad med bl. a. det heliga kors som Konstantin brukade föra med sig i strid för att vinna seger. Men det skönaste av allt är utsikten. Från platsen kan man se stora delar av bergskedjeområdet nordväst om Larnaca.



På bilden ovan ser vi delar ur stabstross och andra pluton på väg upp mot Stavrovouni. Det blev en svettig vandring trots att marschen påbörjades redan före klockan 6 på morgonen.

På bilden till vänster är vila anbefalld. Bilföraren Ronny Larsson från Staffanstorp tog hand om FN-flaggan under färderna.

Väl uppe smakade det gott med melon och saft. På bilden till höger svalkar sig korpral Östen Sivertsson från Sundsvall. Han arbetar på stabsexpeditionen.

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SVALKA



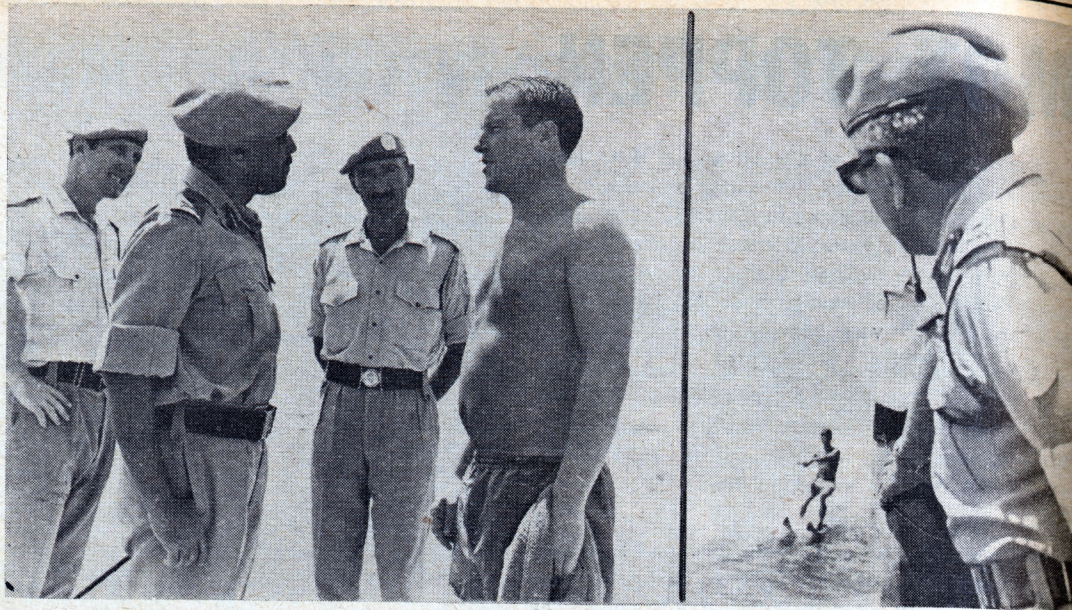
I GOSHI har den svenska kontingenten övat strid. I rök och damm kämpade sig andra och fjärde pluton under en varm dag framåt. Plutonerna fick öva både framryckning och strid.

På bilden till vänster har stabsfotografen fångat ett par man ur fjärde plutons granatgevärsgroup. Nedan ser vi till vänster Robert Pettersson från Gävle och till höger Bo Andersson från Vaggeryd. Båda tillhör fjärde plutons granatgevärsgroup.



FORCE COMMANDER VISITS ZYI

On Friday 14th July Major General Prem Chand visited Zyi Camp and our newly acquired post at Louroujina. While at Zyi the General was able to see the range of water sports offered to the Soldiers of 3 Para during their off duty hours. The marina, organised by Support Company, provides water skiing, dinghy and mini sailing, water polo and swimming gala venue.



● The Force Commander talks with Pte Jimmy Wall, Support Company as the Second in Command and OC Support Company look on. LCpl Andy Keddie "skims" past the marina watched by Major General Prem Chand.

FOOTBALL MATCH 3 PARA - AUSCON

This inter-contingent game was watched by a good crowd at Episkopi. The more aggressive style of 3 Para overcame the neat, precise play of the Austrians and the 7-1 victory was a fair reflection of the play.

After a vigorous start by both teams, 3 Para took the lead through Sgt Clark. Before Auscon had time to recover they had lost another two goals, both scored by Second Lieutenant Mackay. With the first half drawing to a close

Corporal Trafford converted a penalty-kick for a 4-0 interval lead.

Auscon pulled back a goal in the second half, but the four goal margin was restored by Second Lieutenant Mackay. The Auscon goalkeeper was injured in a collision but was able to continue. As the game progressed the Austrians tired and 3 Para added to their total when Private Bland scored. Five minutes from the end Sergeant Clark used his height to head home the goal of the match.



● Sergeant Fred Clark scoring the seventh goal.

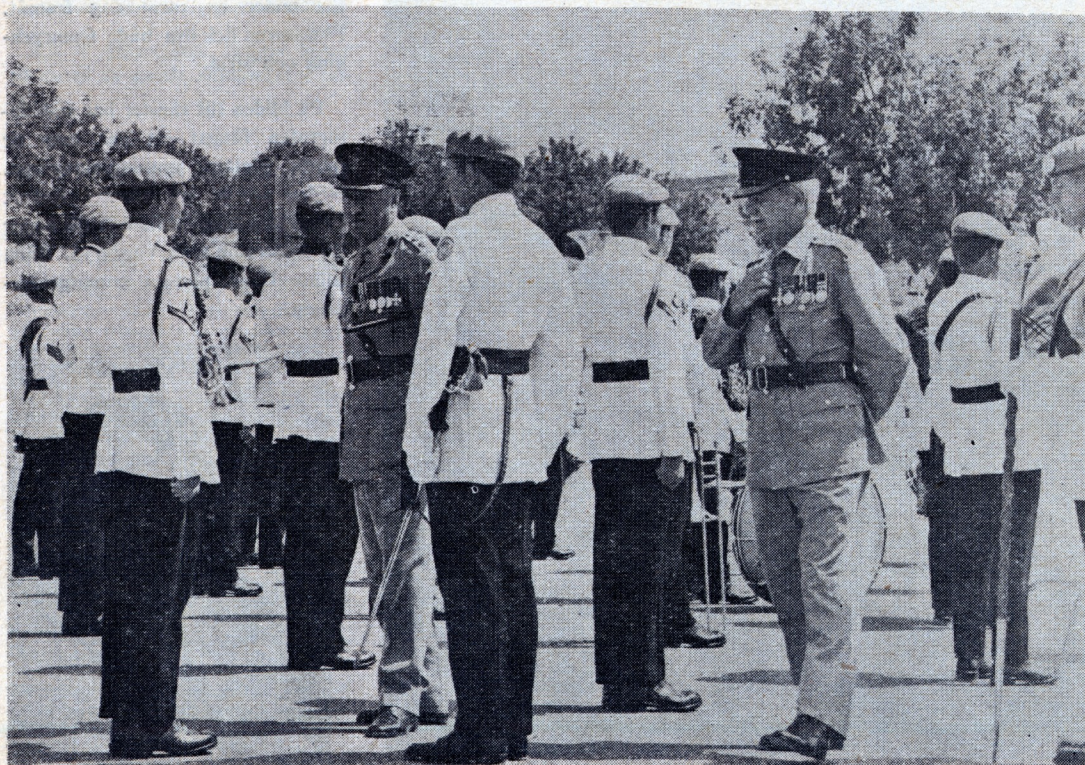
INSPECTION OF THE BAND

Seen left is the Colonel Commandant The Royal Military School of Music, Colonel F. J. Jefferson (left) accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel R. B. Bashford the senior director of music of the British Army and chief instructor Knellar Hall, with Bandmaster E. R. Mortlock, during their inspection of the band of the 3rd Battalion the Parachute Regiment last week.

Bands of the British Army are inspected once every five years. Last week was their turn. Every administrative, personal and musical detail is scrutinized most thoroughly during the inspection.

A report on the standards found is then produced, if the past few performances of the band are anything to go by, the result should be favourable.

During his stay Lt Col Bashford attended a Curium Band Concert and, as is customary, was invited to conduct the final item on the evenings programme.



BRITCON NEWS

THE QUARTERMASTER AND WELFARE MEN



● Ircon's Quartermaster and Welfare Officer Captain Jerry Keyes.

Looking after the Welfare of a unit is a very important job. Being Quartermaster of a unit is a very important job. Add the two together and you have two very important jobs. Well, that is just what Captain Jerry Keyes has, for he is

both Quartermaster and Welfare Officer of the 22 Inf Gp. This week we are introducing our friends in the "mingy" and quartermastering business to the "Blue Beret".

Sometimes in the operational functioning of a unit we are inclined to forget about all the ledgers and vouchers and paperwork that is going on behind the scenes. When we see a hundred men being fed in the dining hall we forget the organisation that goes into putting



● "Try and push this Brand". That is what Corporal Jerry Toher, the Canteen NCO seems to be saying to his barman Private Nagle.

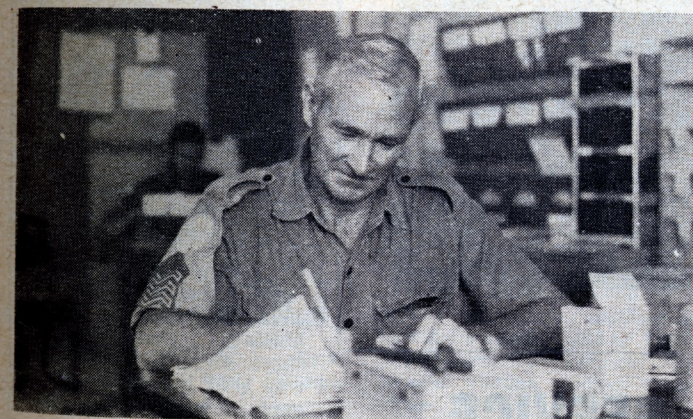


● Battalion Quartermaster Sergeant John Lawless.

duced into the Irish Military Vocabulary by Irish troops who served in the Congo. At this stage the Welfare Stores is being stocked up with items for purchase by our troops before returning home. These items we call "mingies".

In any unit the Welfare of troops takes a place of the utmost importance. This involves ensuring that the soldier can get what he wants as cheaply as possible. A balance must be struck between profit and overcharging. The canteen and mess stocks must be kept up and of course following on that, the bills must be paid.

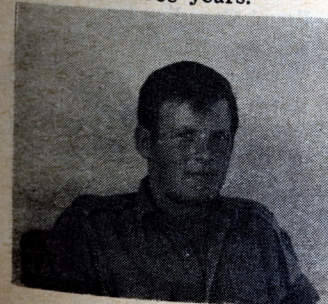
There are other things that Welfare covers. When a soldier



● Ircon's Welfare NCO Quartermaster Sergeant Fitzmons.

PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

This weeks Personality is Private Freddie Gillen from Letterkenny, County Donegal. This is his first trip overseas. Private Gillen is a driver with No 3 Platoon. Back in Ireland he is stationed with the Sixth Battalion. He has been in the Army for three years.



the food on the tables. When one thinks about all the items that the Quartermaster has on charge one wonders "How does he keep track of it all". Well Battalion Quartermaster Sergeant John Lawless assures us that it can be done and watching him working we are left under no illusion.

At Company level Company Quartermaster Sergeant Gleeson looks after the "Q" needs of the Rifle Company.

Welfare people are often referred to as the "mingy men". The word mingy comes from the Kiswahili word meaning "much or many". It was intro-



● Company Quartermaster Sergeant Gleeson is a sun worshiper. He even checks the ordnance "out in the midday sun". Helping him is Private Patrick Harding.



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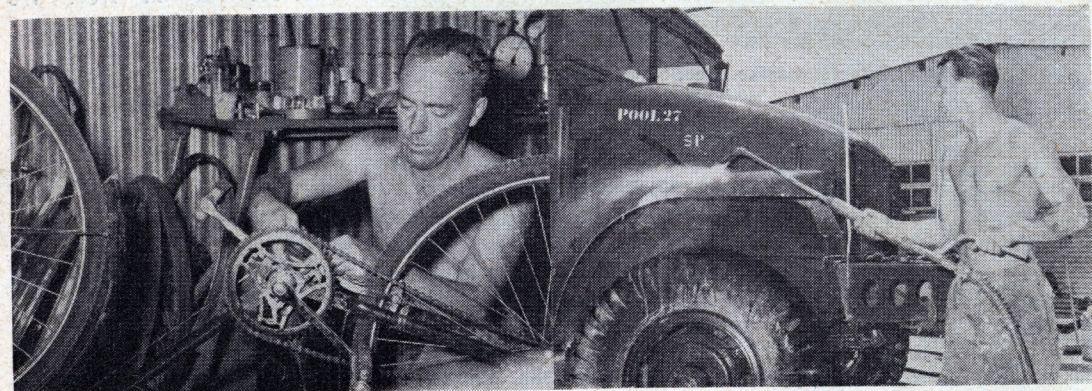
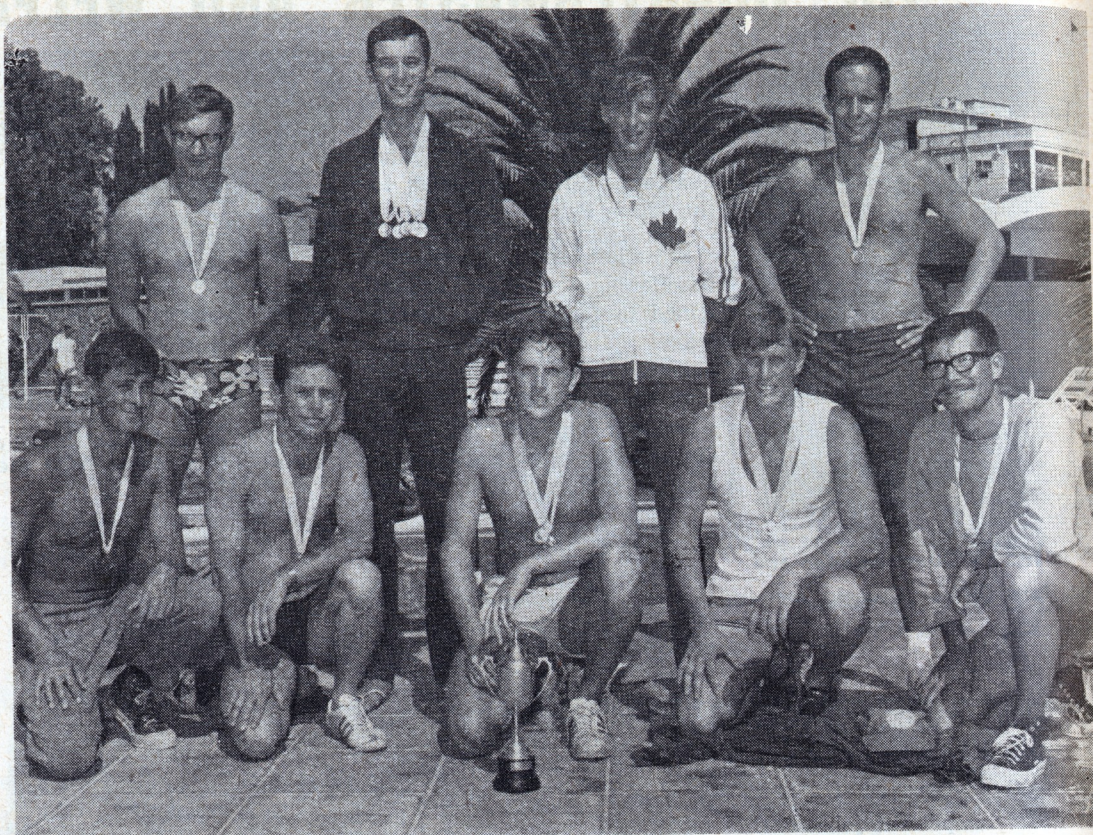
IRCON NEWS

CANCON SWIM MEET

Pictured is the Headquarters Squadron Swim Team which won the Inter-Squadron Swim meet at the Ledra Palace Pool, July 15. Logistics Squadron was the runner-up in the competition. Pictured in the front row. Left to Right, Corporal Al MacIntyre, Corporal Mort Hicks, Captain Colin Murch, Private Andy Allison and Corporal Pete Smitz. Second Row, left to right, Captain Bowden Wasilewski, Captain Bruce Jeffries, Corporal Rick Nash and Major Sean Henry.

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Logistics Squadron at Work. In the left photo, Corporal Doug Shepherd, from the Maintenance Troop keeps the 70 contingent bicycles on the road. In the right photo, Corporal Harry Thompson assists in keeping the wheeled transport clean and maintained.



Weapons Refresher Training: On Tuesday 18 July, the mortar troop completed their refresher training period by firing their mortars during range practice at Goshi. Pictured below are Corporal Tom Parsons and Corporal Moe Danis in action.

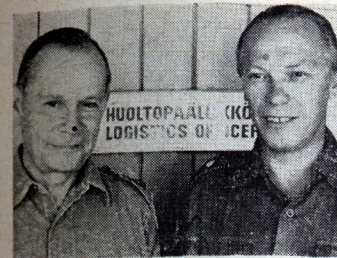


MEMORIAL SERVICE



On Tuesday 18 July 1972, at the Dhekelia Military Cemetery, a short Memorial Service was held by the Contingent in memory of the nine Canadian Servicemen who have died and been buried on Cyprus since the arrival of Canadians in 1964. The service was conducted by the Contingent's two padres, Captains Leyman Coleman and Jerry Veilleux, shown in the photo above.

Pictured in the photo on the left are seven former members of the Royal Canadian Dragoons who served with Trooper Campbell prior to his death in 1964. From left to right, Corporals Jerry Sutherland, Harve McQuaig, Ron Gillis, Sergeant Bob Santer, Corporals John Clancy, Dave Trevors and Joe Whalen.



●Huoltopäällikkö: evl. Koponen (vanha) ja majuri Pajunen (uusi).



●Sotilaspastori: pastori Ahonen (uusi) ja pastori Reimaa (vanha).



●1 JK:n päällikkö: kapt. Turunen (vanha) ja kapt. Nieminen (uusi).



●2.JK:n varapäällikkö: kapt. Konnos (vanha) ja kapt. Nakkala (uusi).



●1.JK:n varapäällikkö: ltn. Sintonen (uusi) ja ltn. Penttilä (vanha).



●Postimestari: ltn. Huttunen (vanha) ja ltn. Mikkonen (uusi).



●Evl. Kallio (vas) ottaa komentajan tehtävät vastaan evl. Lehtovirralla.

UUDET KASVOT — UUDET TUULET

Vaikka juuri tapahtunut rotaatio ei ollutkaan kooltaan mikään suuren suuri, se oli sikäli merkittävä, että useimmat pataljoonan tärkeimmistä viroista vaihtoivat haltijaansa. Tärkein niistä on luonnollisesti komentajan vaihtuminen. Everstiluutnantti Pentti Kallio ottaa virallisesti komentajan tehtävät vastaan evl. Lehtovirralla 29. heinäkuuta. Evl. Lehtovirta ehti hoitaa komentajan virkaa lähes kaksi vuotta.

Uusi komentaja tuntee Kyproksen hyvin jo ennestään, sillä hän palveli jo YKSP 2:ssa 1964-65. Silloin evl. Kallio toimi OPS:n päällikkönä ja myöhemmin 1969-70 pataljoonapuseerina. Hän on siis Saarella jo kolmatta kertaa.

Rotaatiossa saapui muitakin, jotka ovat käyneet Kyproksella aiemmin. Uusi huoltopäällikkö, majuri Pajunen toimi samaisessa virassa 1967-68, mutta YK-asiat ovat hänelle muutenkin läheisiä, sillä hän on työskennellyt kauan YK-toimistossa Helsingissä.

Todellinen YK-veteraani lienee uusi postimestari, ltn. Mikkonen. Hän vaihtaa tehtäviä ltn. Huttusen kanssa, joka muuten sai hommat juuri Mikkoselta vuosi sitten. "Miltu" saapui Saarelle jo neljännen kerran. Ensimmäisen kerran hän kävi täällä jo 1966-67.

Tällainen YK-veteraani, joka monen vuoden jälkeen saapuu tänne jälleen kerran, kokee nykyisen Kyproksen ja etenkin YKSP:n perin toisenlaisena kuin silloin alkuaikoina. Useimmiten sitä myös jonkin verran pettyy, ihmisen muistihan tuppaa aktiivisti unohtamaan huonot kokemukset, ja jäljelle jää pelkkiä kauriita muistoja. Tästä syystä näin ensin alkuun Miltuskin kertoi oudoksuvansa ympäristöä, vaikka on ehtinyt asua viimeisten kuuden vuoden aikana enemmän täällä kuin koti-Suomessa. Lähinnä moiseen vierastamiseen vaikuttaa kasvojen tuhkatiheä vaihtuminen,

vaikkakin olot ovat kuulemma kovasti muuttuneet, — autokanta lisääntynyt ja sen sellaista.

Viereinen kuvakavalkaadikin osoittaa, että pataljoonassa ruvetaan jatkamaan töitä melko uudistetuin voimin. Uudet luodat lakaisevat varmasti, mutta toisaalta on syytä muistaa, että luuta on uusi vain niin kauan kunnes se tulee tomukseksi. Ja kuussa, pölyisessä Kyproksessa tuohon ei kauan aikaa kulu.

NEW FACES

●Many of the most important offices in FINCON changed hand during rotation last week. The new Commander of FINCON, Lt. Col. Pentti Kallio arrived and will be taking over from Lt. Col. Eero Lehtovirta on the 29 July. Another new arrival was the Logistic Officer Major Pajunen. Some of the new men have served before in Cyprus, for example Lt. Col. Kallio is here for the third time and the new postmaster, Lt. Mikkonen for the fourth time.



●Rahastonhoitaja: sot. virk. Vartiainen (uusi) ja sot. virk. Laukkanen (vanha).



●Esikuntaväpeli: sot. mest. Kontkanen (uusi) ja väpeli Komi (vanha).



●Automestari: sot. mest. Vainikka (uusi) ja sot. mest. Lahtinen (vanha).



●Viestimestari: yliv. Havanka (uusi) ja yliv. Heino (vanha).



●1.JK:n väpeli: yliv. Nurkkala (uusi) ja yliv. Rasi (vanha).



●2.JK:n väpeli: yliv. Ake (uusi) ja yliv. Pursiainen (vanha).

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●Varusvarasto: väp. Miettinen (uusi) ja väp. Sääksjärvi (vanha).



●Tjikkoksen saunamajuri: jääk. Sorvali (vanha) ja jääk. Korpinen (uusi).

TRUPPENKURS IM AUSLAND

Viel Mühe und Überlegungen hat es bedurft, dass neben umfangreichen Aufgaben des täglichen Dienstes bereits zwei Truppenkurse beim UNAB 1 stattfinden konnten.

Im Rahmen des Ausbildungsprogrammes fand in der Zeit vom 3. bis 12. Juli 1972 bei der 2. Kompanie in Polis der II Truppenkurs statt. Der Ausbildungsstoff nach den einschlägigen Richtlinien des österreichischen Bundesheeres umfasste alle wesentlichen Gebiete vom Allgemeinen Gefechtsdienst, Waffen — und Schiessdienst, Körperausbildung — die Leistungen des ÖSTA II. Klasse waren zu erbringen — bis zu den Allgemeinen Dienstvorschriften.

Alle Anwärter hatten sich auf diesen Kurs gewissenhaft vorbereitet, waren mit Eifer bei der Sache und es mag wohl der Umstand, dass wir hier in besonderer Mission in Einsatz sind, zum Erfolg beigetragen haben, da jeder Soldat das Gefühl haben konnte, nicht nur leere Theorie zu pauken, sondern echtes Wissen für den Ernstfall zu gewinnen.

Die erfolgreichen Absolventen des I. Truppenkurses:

Jg Franz Brunner,
Jg Werner Hahn,
Jg Franz Klein,
Jg Helfried Haas,
Jg Werner Katterbauer,
Jg Wilhelm Mayer,
Jg Friedrich Nebely,
Jg Robert Pirker,
Jg Franz Schmoll,
Jg Werner Nussbaum,
Jg Walter Schindelka,
Jg Friedrich Wurnitsch.

Die erfolgreichen Absolventen des II Truppenkurses:

Jg Gerhard Waldhart,
Jg Albert Strobl,
Jg Harald Schwaiger,
Jg Gottfried Schwarzenberger,
Jg Johann Oberanzmayer.

Jg Johann Haginger.

Der 13. Juli 1972, Tag der Abschlussprüfung des II Truppenkurses am OP Anadhiou, wird wohl einigen Frequenzanten als typischer "13." erschienen sein, als sie im Prüfungsfieber mit dem Kompass und der Armbanduhr eindeutig feststellten, dass die Sonne eigentlich gar nicht im Westen untergehen könne. Der Prüfungskommission, bestehend aus dem 2 IC. Mjr Klocker, Mjr Berger und Hptm Goess, wird dabei wieder die Fama von dem altösterreichischen Offizier eingefallen sein, der da bei einer ähnlichen Situation leicht nasalierend gesagt haben soll: "Meine Herren, es ist doch im Prinzip ganz egal,



● Jg Waldhart am Kartentisch.....

wo die Sonne untergeht, aber bitte nur einheitliche Feststellungen".



●und an der Waffe. Dem kritischen Blick von Mjr Klocker entgeht kaum ein Fehler.



● Jg Schwaiger bei der Bestimmung der Marschzahl.

HS-LANDEPLATZ ST. PATRICK'S

Hohes Verantwortungsgefühl und eben solches Einfühlungsvermögen erfordert es, richtig und den einschlägigen UN-Vorschriften entsprechend, die Aufgaben des Hubschrauber-Einweisers zu erfüllen.

All diese Eigenschaften besitzen Wm Gerhard Malus und Zgf Peter Baisteiner, sie sorgen als "Marshaller" gemeinsam mit je 2 Mann der Feuerlöschbereitschaft täglich für den reibungslosen "Touchdown" aller UN-Hubschrauber.

Sorge für die Platzsicherheit, Feuerlöschbereitschaft herstellen, die Windrichtung dem Piloten signalisieren sowie Tankungen vorbereiten und durchführen, zählen zu ihren Aufgaben.

Und das sie es können, haben sie schon bei X-Landungen bewiesen. Selbst eine unvorhergesehene Hubschrauberlandung während der Nacht konnte sie nicht aus der Ruhe bringen und die anerkennenden Worte des Piloten in dieser Nacht waren bestimmt keine Höflichkeitsfloskel.



● Zgf Baisteiner bringt wieder einmal eine Whirlwind gut herunter.

AUSCON NEWS