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DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

Last week the Adjutant General of the British Army, General Sir John Mogg, KCB CBE DSO, toured units of Britcon during his visit to NEARELF.

Figuratively speaking, the General came wearing three hats, for in addition to being Adjutant General, he is also Representative Colonel Commandant of the Royal Green Jackets and Colonel Commandant of the Army Air Corps. His visit, therefore, had special significance for the 3rd Battalion the Royal Green Jackets at Polemidhia and the HQ UNFICYP Aviation Flight.

SWEDISH PRIVATES COMMENDED

On 21st November, the Swedish Contingent Commander, Lieutenant Colonel L. Oenfelt, commended three Swedish Privates, Johansson, Edlund and Sandin, for their attempt to save the life of a man, who drowned at Salamis Beach.

HAPPY TO BE IN CYPRUS

A group of 'C' Squadron The Royal Hussars pictured in the arrival lounge at RAF Akrotiri shortly after their arrival from UK. The Squadron will take over the duties of Force Reserve, stationed at Nicosia.

FORCE RESERVE MEDAL PARADE

The Force Commander presenting Major HRH The Duke of Kent with his UN Medal at a parade in Nicosia last week. More pictures and story on page four.



● General Sir John Mogg inspecting the Quarter Guard provided by 3rd Battalion the Royal Green Jackets at Polemidhia Camp last Thursday. On the left in the picture is Lieutenant Colonel J. Glover, the Commanding Officer.



Aid For Pakistan

U Thant's Special Representative in Cyprus, Mr B. F. Osorio-Tafall, last week received a cheque for £40 collected by the UNESCO Society in conjunction with the Religious Society of Thecklia Ekpedefityria, Limassol, in aid of the victims of the recent floods disaster in Pakistan. The contribution has been forwarded to the High Commissioner of Pakistan in Beirut.

● In the picture Mr Osorio-Tafall is seen with the party, who visited HQ UNFICYP to make the presentation.



JEG — EN VELFÆRDSOFFICER

Alle soldater husker sikkert den dag, da de som skræmt rekrut for første gang stiftede bekendtskab med soldaterlivet. Følelserne skiftede mellem forventning, forurolig-

gelse og dyb medfølelse med sig selv. De samme tanker er ikke så fjerne for en "ny" mand, en rekrut, på velfærdsjobbet.

Velfærdstjenesten har jo mange grene, arrangement af rejser, radioudsendelser, planlægning af rundture, undervisning samt redigering af "The Blue Beret"

For at Dancon-siden i denne lille "ugeavis" skal nå sit mål, med interesse at blive læst af alle i Dancon, må den indeholde aktuelt stof fra vore lejre, måske små interviews og ikke mindst et morsomt og træffende billedmateriale.

Op her kommer DE ind i billedet. De er jo på stedet, når de små, sjove hændelser sker. Fotografer og lad mig venligst låne billedet, så vi kan få et godt udvalg at tage af og således at alle lejre er repræsenteret. Det er at foretrække, at billedet er i sort-hvid, men farve-



● Efter en farvestrålende og flot opvisning stillede den skotske orkesterleder sig beredvilligt til rådighed for OS Lyngaa, der havde fået lyst til at prøve sine evner som "piber". Det lykkedes da også at få nogle hyl ud af posen - efter forlydender var skotterne dybt imponeret!

TELTBRAN- DEN I XEROS

De sørgelige rester efter teltbranden i Xeros-lejren i sidste uge. Nu da den kølige tid nærmer sig, kan dette friste til uforsigtighed. Fristes De, se da på billedet og husk, at ilden er en god tjener, men en ond herre, der i løbet af få minutter kan forvandle teltet til et flammende bål. Følg de givne instruktioner vedrørende anvendelse af ovne og elektriske installationer, og er uheldet ude, bevar da ro og omtanke.



negativer kan også bruges - derimod ikke diapositiver.

Har De en god ide, oplevet en spændende eller morsom hændelse, eller har De et eller andet talent, da henvend Dem til VFO. Det er måske netop DERES bidrag, jeg har brug for.

Velfærdsofficeren.



● Et varmt håndtryk de to kommanders imellem markerer endnu et kontingentskifte indenfor Dancon. Lad os nu i hold XIV hurtigt finde den rytme og arbejdsglæde, der betinger opgavens løsning, således at vi til sin tid kan melde "opgaven løst" til Dancon XV.

DANCON NYT



DANCON

JUDO

Måndagar, tisdagar, torsdagar och fredagar dunkar och dammar det alldeles extra i gymnastiksalen på Carl Gustaf Camp. Det är dom fruktade judokämparna som ägnar sig åt sina övningar med iver och energi.

Sammanlagt är det 25 deltagare i judo-kursen, som är uppdelad i två grupper med träningsstid två dagar i veckan. Samtliga i judo-kursen är nybörjare, men i bataljonen finns faktiskt en erfaren judo-man i löjtnant Bengt Erixon, som bär orange bälte.

Instruktör i judokursen är Basil Scoutarides från Famagusta. Han har svart bälte, vilket visar att han verkligen kan sina saker.

● Bilderna nedan: Före träningen värmer man upp. Längst till vänster instruktören, sedan igenkänner man Ingemar Nilsson, Örebro och Bengt Löfrot, Bjästa. På den mindre bilden åker Bengt Bernefalk, Växjö i luften kastad av Jim Larsson, Strömsund.



SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos

FÖRBANDS- NÄMNDEN

Förbandsnämnden, den militära motsvarigheten till de civila företagens företagsnämnder, har hittills hållit två sammanträden inom kontingenten. Minst en gång i månaden ska nämnden sammanträda i fortsättningen.

Nämnden består av sjutton ledamöter med kontingentschefen som ordförande och bataljonspastorn som sekreterare. Representerar för myndigheterna är chefen för sektion 2 major Lars Tideman, chefen för sektion 3 major Erik Lundqvist och kommandanten major Frans Forssblad.

Personalrepresentanter är kapten Aurell officerskåren, förvaltare Kristoffersson underofficerskåren, rustmästare Sven Andersson underbefälskåren, kompaniassistenten korporal 16475 Olsson, 16173 Carlsson 1. pluton, 16402 Johansson 2. pluton, korporal 16582 Odén 3. pluton, 16276 Frej 4. pluton, 16147

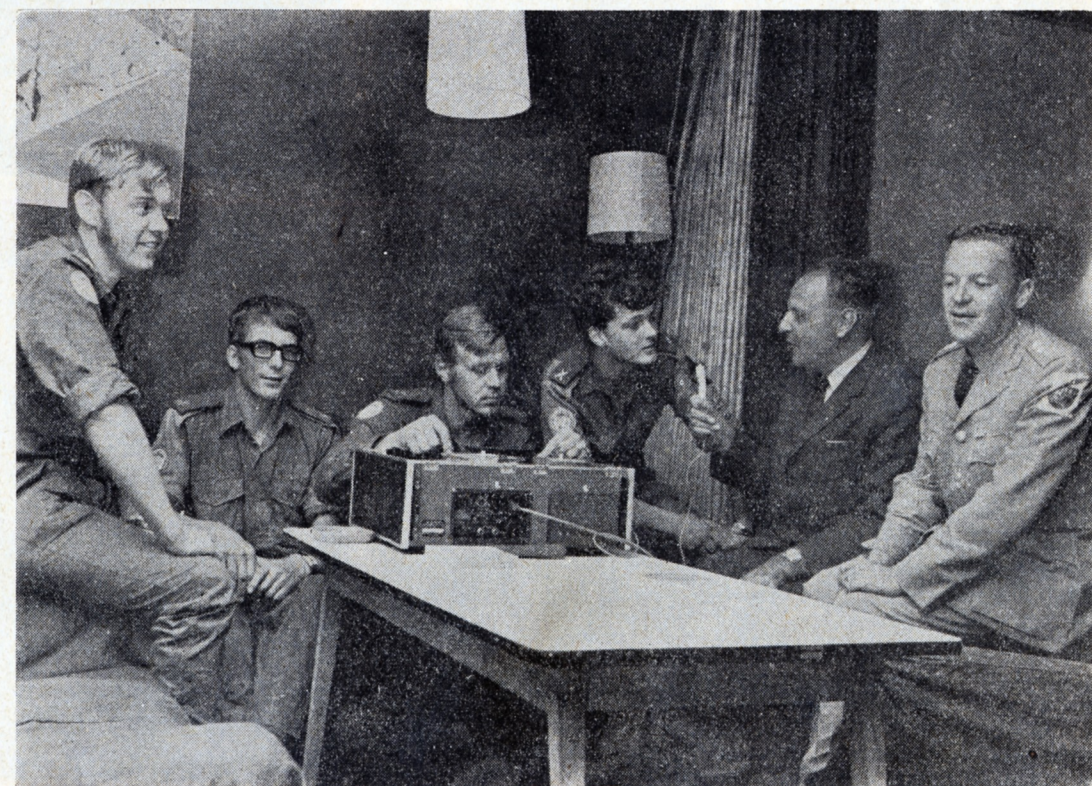
Bergkvist stabstroppen, 16300 Edlund trosstroppen, rustmästare Franke MP och assistent superintendent Pettersson, Cypol.

● På bilden igenkänns bl a majorerna Forssblad, och Tideman, kontingentschefen, pastorn och major Lundqvist.

Radioinspelning

Häromdagen besöktes Carl Gustaf Camp av gamle radioveteranen Günther Stiel från Sveriges Radio. Han har tillbringat ett par semesterveckor på Cypern och i Israel och passade då tillfället att spela in ett programinslag från bataljonen när nu inte Sven Jerring på grund av sjukdom kan göra sitt traditionella julbesök.

● På bilden nedan är inspelningen i full gång på underbefälsmässen. Från vänster är det Ingemar Nilsson, Örebro, Ellert Andersson, Ståldalen, tillfällige ljudteknikern överfurir Olle Olsson, Strängnäs, Jim Larsson, Strömsund, Günther Stiel och batpastorn Erland Henningsson, Malmö.



SCOTS GREYS PREPARE TO LEAVE

On Monday 23rd November, at a simple but impressive parade in Gleneagles Camp, 125 officers and men of 'C' Squadron The Royal Scots Greys (2nd Dragoons) heard the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, pay tribute to the contribution which they have made to UNFICYP over the past six months. They have carried out all their duties, he said, "with the customary dash and precision which is characteristic of the finest traditions of the cavalry".

The Squadron will shortly be giving up their blue berets to don once more their own regimental grey berets worn to commemorate the famous grey horses which have long since given place to tanks and armoured cars.

The Squadron will be returning to Scotland where the Royal Scots Greys, at present an Armoured Reconnaissance Regiment, forms part of the Strategic Reserve. Besides being Scotlands senior regiment, they are her only regiment of cavalry.

Next year they will amalgamate with the 3rd Carabiniers to form a new regiment to be known as the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards.

Last week, the advance party of 'C' Squadron the Royal Hussars arrived in Cyprus to start taking over from the Greys. Commanded by

Major Robin Merton, the Squadron has been serving in Tidworth.

● The parade formed up with the Pipes and Drums marching past the spectators.



● Major General D. Prem Chand, accompanied by Colonel D.E. Thornton, Commander Britcon, and Major HRH The Duke of Kent about to inspect the pipes.

BRITCON NEWS

● The Force Commander congratulating SQMS John Kerr after having awarded him the UN Medal. Also in the picture below is, Lance Corporal Bruce Sinclair, Captain D. Le Sueur and WO II John Audis.



ADJUTANT GENERAL VISITS GREEN JACKETS AND . . .

On 26th November the 3rd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets received a visit from the Adjutant General, General Sir John Mogg KCB, CBE, DSO. The General is himself a former Green Jacket and the present Colonel Commandant of the Regiment.

Despite torrential rain he managed to carry out a full programme visiting the outposts of Mandria and Anadhiou as well as the training camp at Lara point where he launched one of the battalion's newly arrived Alvacore Sailing dinghies.

● The General talks to members of the guard formed by 'C' Company, 3rd Royal Green Jackets, during his visit to Anadhiou. On the left is Major C.E.W. Jones, the District Commander.



. . . HEADQUARTERS UNFICYP

● At HQ UNFICYP the Adjutant General shakes hands with Staff Sergeant (Foreman of Signals) John Hill. Waiting his turn is Lance Corporal John Kelway.

FALLING PLATES COMPETITION

The Armoured Car Group team won the inter-unit Falling Plates Competition held at Dhekelia Ranges on 24th November 1970.

Spurred on by Commandant Ted Sheehy, OC Armoured Car Group, the team reached the final by beating Headquarters Company team in a very close contest. They were joined in the final by 'A' Company who had previously beaten 'B' Company.

The stage was set for what promised to be an exciting struggle. We were not disappointed as both teams gave an exceptional display of accurate shooting with the Armoured Car team eventually emerging as winners. Their time for knocking down all the plates was twenty two and a half seconds.

Contrary to the Cook Sergeant's belief, the Falling

Plates Competition takes place on the open range and not in the dining room! A team fires at twelve black plates each measuring 30 centimetres square and placed in line approximately 30 centimetres apart.

The competition is run on a knockout basis with two teams firing at a time. Each man is issued with a loaded magazine of 8 rounds at the 250m firing point. On a given signal both teams run and adopt the prone position at the 200m firing point and fire off their rounds in single shots. A team wins its match if it knocks down all its targets before the other team, or the greater number of targets than the other team, or all its targets in the same time as



the other team but with fewer rounds.

Ircon have won the UNFICYP Inter Contingent Competition on the past two occasions, and on current form they are confident of putting on a good show in the next contest.

● The winners, (Left to Right) front row: Trooper Fahy (Kildare), Commandant Ted Sheehy (Dublin), Corporal McGlynn (Kildare). Back row: Sergeant McEvoy (Lacis), Trooper McGee (Kildare) and Corporal Carey (Cork).

ORDNANCE INSPECTION

The Group Ordnance Officer, Captain Paddy Trears, (Cork) 2nd from left, inspects 'B' Company rifles at the Falling Plates Competition. Others in the group from left to right, Corporal T. McGuire (Dublin), Sergeant Driscoll (Curragh), Captain J. Vize (Curragh), Private J. Green (Athlone), Gunner Devaney (Mullingar), Corporal F. Glynn (Galway), Private Kinsella (Curragh) and Corporal Barclay (Athlone).



AMERICAN DEFENCE ATTACHE IN CYPRUS VISITS IRCON

● Colonel A.L. Whitley, the American Defence Attache in Cyprus, poses above with Lieutenant Colonel Tom Tracey, Officer Commanding 19th Infantry Group, on the occasion of the former's recent visit to Ircon Headquarters at Zygi.



IRCON NEWS

GUARD DISMOUNTS

● Sergeant Moroney, 'A' Company, marches off the Defence Guard at HQ UNFICYP after dismounting.

REGIMENTAL MESS DINNER



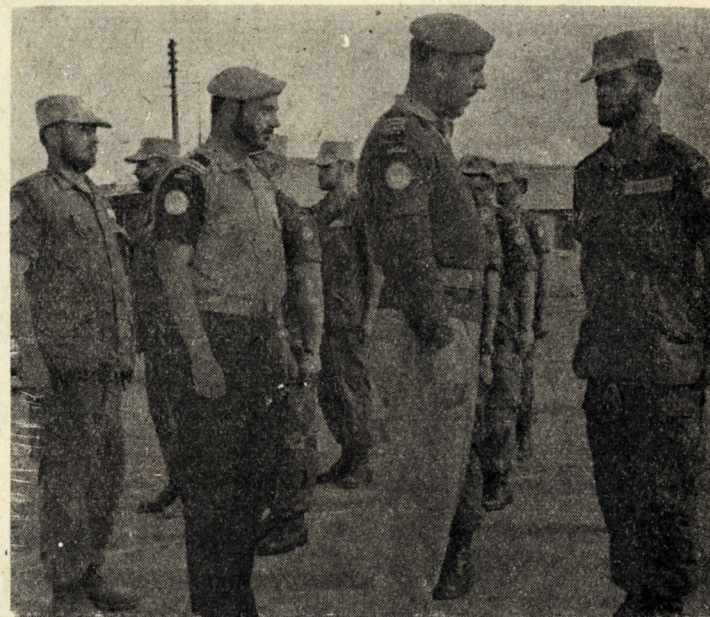
The Canadian Contingent Senior Non Commissioned Officers' Mess at Camp Maple Leaf, recently had their battalion commander, Lieutenant Colonel TMC Marsaw, as guest of honour at a Regimental Mess Dinner.

Seen here are some of the members enjoying the affair, (Warrant Officer Jim Petty on the left and Sergeant Ron Johnston on the right).

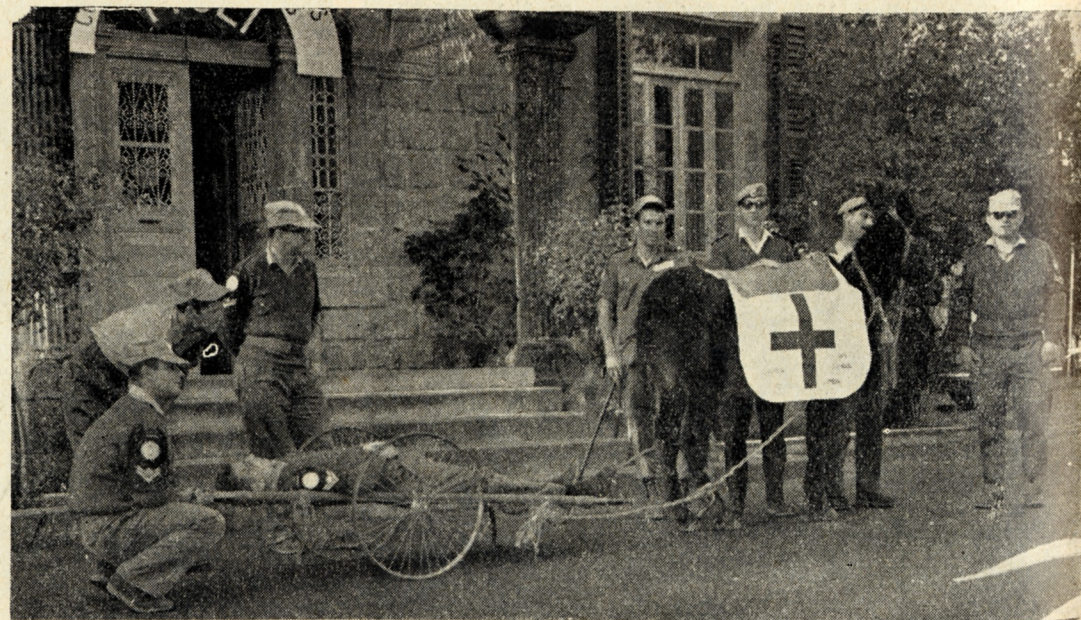
Other guests included; The senior Regimental Sergeant Major of the British Army, Regimental Sergeant Major (Warrant Officer first class) Phillips from The Royal Military College Sandhurst, as well as the Regimental Sergeant Majors from the Third Battalion the Royal Green Jackets, HQ UNFICYP, and RAF Nicosia.

JACK ASKS
FOR HELP

Members of the unit aid station are conducting trials on their latest acquisition to the medical force. Although difficult to distinguish, the three pairs of legs intermingled with those of the donkey belong to, (from left to right) Corporal Al Campbell, Captain John Buski, and Sergeant J. Michaud. Jack is the result of a request that was submitted to Canada, for a new box ambulance. The initial tests, with the exception of speed in reacting, have been very promising.



BEARD GROWING CONTEST — The competition of the Cancon pioneer beard growing contest is growing along! The Commanding Officer of the Third Battalion of The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, is inspecting Private Tremblett and his two months growth. Accompanying Lieutenant Colonel TMC Marsaw is the platoon commander Captain John deSolla and the platoon sergeant, Sergeant George Lauzon. This traditional competition will continue until the battalion returns to Canada. It is not often that these specialized infantrymen can find time for a parade from their continual tasks of creating and maintaining facilities for the Canadian Contingent.

A TEST
FOR TELL

Corporal DR Schermerhorn, the William Tell of the "Rifles Inn" in Camp Maple Leaf, demonstrates his accuracy to (left to right) Sergeant VH Wainwright, Warrant Officer Jerry Venn, the Canadian Liaison Officer temporarily attached to City Company, and Corporal ET Cruickshanks, who held the target for the next round. The tournament took place at the invitation of the members of City Company: the results are still being debated by both factions.

CANCON
NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

KYPROKSEN AINOA SUOMALAINEN SAIRAALA

Suomen pataljoonan sairaalan työhön normaalisti kuuluvien lääkärinvastaannottojen ja hoitotuntien lisäksi kuuluu olennaisesti desinfektioitointia pataljoonan alueella Tarkastuksia ja myrkytyksiä suoritetaan joka viikko. Tarkastuksissa kiinnitetään erikoista huomiota asuintilojen saunan ja ruuanvalmistustilojen kuntoon sekä siisteyteen. Myöskin ennakoltaehkäisevä valistustoiminta ensiavun ja henkilökohtaisen hygienian kohdalla kuuluu sairaalan työhön. Tärkeän osan sairaalan työstä muodostaa päivystys.

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Sairaalapäivystyksen lisäksi on ympärivuorokautisessa lähtövalmiudessa ampulanssi, kuljettaja ja päivystävä lääkintäali-upseeri. Ambulanssin saadessa hälytyksen kuuluu sen vahvuuteen autonkuljettaja sekä lääkintäaliupseeri.

Terveystilanne pataljoonan alueella on tällä hetkellä hyvä. Edessä oleva muutto Kykkoon ei sairaalan väkeä paljon ilahduta.



Sairaalan henkilökuntaa vasemmalta lukien yliv Pertti Juvonen, alik Stig Mattfolk, jääk Veli Mutanen, jääk Eino Hyvönen ja lääkevl David von Flittner.



Poliklinikkatoimintaa. Yliv Pertti Juvonen lastoittaa jääk Paavo Petäjän kättä. Työtä valvoo lääkevl David von Flittner.

FINCON
NEWSPostimestari
tiedottaa

Suomeen lähetettävät joulukortit, kirjeet ja paketit on toimitettava kenttäpostikonttoriin viimeistään torstaina 17.12.

Jokainen mies saa lähettää yhden paketin, joka saa painaa enintään kaksi kiloa. Postista saa tarkempia ohjeita pakettien lähettämistä varten.

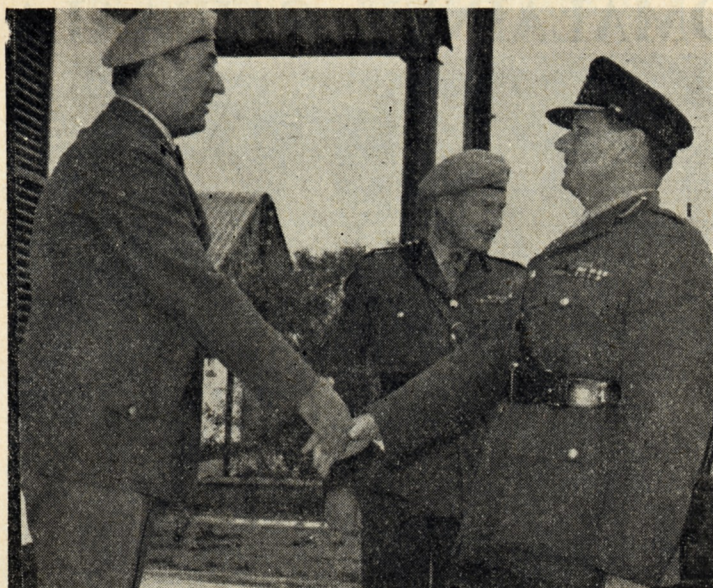
KUN SAUNA PALOI



Keskiviikkona 18.11. myöhään illalla huomattiin Kykossa, että saunasta oli pyritty ottamaan vähän liian makeita löylyjä. Se oli nimittäin ilmiliekeissä. Paikalle saatiin sammutusmiehistöä, mutta sauna senkun paloi vaan. Asiaa tutkitaan. Väapeli Olli Haranen laatimassa tutkintapöytäkirjoja.



Viestimiehen työ vaatii joskus raakaa voimaa. Rankimpia puuhia on puhelinpylvään pystyttäminen ja joskus jopa kaataminenkin. Pylvään vaihto esikunnan portilla käynnissä.



6-A-SIDE HOCKEY LEAGUE

	GOALS						
	P	W	L	F	A	Corners	Pts
ROYAL SCOTS GREYS	3	3	0	19	2	7	6
644 SIGNAL TROOP	3	3	0	15	7	10	6
60 SQN RCT 'A'	3	2	1	6	8	4	4
RAF NICOSIA	3	2	1	4	12	5	4
REME	3	1	2	15	11	3	2
CAMP HQ	3	1	2	4	12	4	2
AVN FLT	3	0	3	4	5	3	0
60 SQN RCT 'B'	3	0	3	5	15	5	0

Results of matches played last week were:

Royal Scots Greys, 9 goals 1 corner, beat RAF Nicosia, nil goals 2 corners.

644 Signal Troop, 7 goals 6 corners, beat REME, 5 goals 1 corner.

60 Sqn RCT 'A', 3 goals 1 corner, beat 60 Sqn RCT 'B',

2 goals nil corners.

Camp HQ, 2 goals nil corners, beat Avn Flt, 1 goal 2 corners.

Highlights were the high scoring REME v 644 Signal Troop game. This was the fastest match played so far and the Signals constant pressure payed off in the end.

The Royal Scots Greys, who are shortly to be replaced by the Royal Hussars, "tanked" RAF Nicosia in a surprisingly one sided match.

Camp HQ lifted themselves off the foot of the table by a good win over Avn Flight, whilst the 60 Sqn 'A' versus 'B' Derby match ended in a close win for the 'A' team, and puts them in a challenging position, while 'B' team slide to the bottom.

BRITISH VISITOR TO AFH

Lieutenant General Sir Norman Talbot, the Director General of Army Medical Services, British Army, last week paid a visit to the Austrian Field Hospital where he met members of the staff and toured several of the wards.

The DGMS was accompanied on his visit by the Force Chief Medical Officer, Colonel E. D. H. Williams.

In the picture above the General is being greeted by Lieutenant Colonel L. Effenberger Commanding Officer AFH, on his arrival at the hospital.

OPERATION MUSIC

One of the many functions of British Regimental Bands is to perform for the local communities and to act as ambassadors for their battalions in "Hearts and Minds" operations.

The band and bugles of the 3rd Battalion the Royal Green Jackets have just completed a very successful tour of the Paphos District. During their four days there, they played in both Polis and Ktima, and had an enthusiastic and appreciative reception.

● Under the command of Bugle Major John Jackson, the bugles are seen here leading the band through the streets of Paphos.



● One of the lesser known band instruments is the Post Horn, seen here being played by Sergeant Tony Jarrey during a band performance. Sergeant Jarrey is a thoroughly experienced musician and the star trumpet player of the 3rd Royal Green Jackets band. He also leads the dance band section. Included in the variety of instruments that he plays is the .303 Lee Enfield rifle, which sounds very similar to the Post Horn.

MP NOTEBOOK

Accidents - Unficyp

Week Ending
28 NOV 70 — 9

Same Period
Last Year — 5

Total This Year — 348

Same Period
Last Year — 325

Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:

"SPEED TOO FAST FOR ROAD AND TRAFFIC CONDITIONS"

