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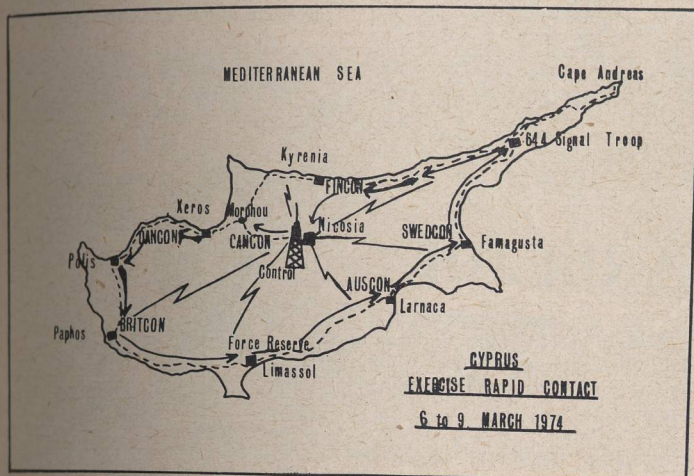
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RAPID CONTACT

The vital communication links that hold all Contingents together in UNFICYP are to be practised in another dimension between the 6th and 9th of March 1974. Whilst continuing to practise the skill of

communicating, all Contingent communications personnel are taking part in "Exercise Rapid Contact". The aim is to complete a relay run around the island of Cyprus of approximately 450 miles.



Each contingent represented in UNFICYP will cover its own area, although it will be appreciated that some adjustments are necessary to balance the distances. It is estimated that between ten and twenty runners in each area will help to cover the total distance. The runners are to carry specially selected radio frequencies. These will give the information to the central control at CANCON who will plot the progress of the run, the time, place and number of runners, and their achievement in distance. Run-

ning will take place day and night, information will always be available from the control at CANCON as to the position of the run, so if you have some spare time go out and encourage your communicators — RUNNING.

Following the run on the evening of the 10th of March all the RUNNERS will gather in Nicosia at the Canadian Contingent. Each participant is to receive a commemorative certificate and it is hoped enjoy a social evening to discuss the run and the success of their communications.



Force Commander in Camp UNFICYP

The Force Commander, Major General D Prem Chand, PVSM, recently visited some of the units in Camp UNFICYP.

In our picture above the Force Commander is seen with some members of the UNFICYP Aviation Flight outside their hangar and in the picture below he is speaking to the Officer Commanding the Flight, Major P N Gill, RA.



NEWS IN BRIEF

On the 28th of February 1974 a reception will be given by Headquarters UNFICYP and Contingent Signals officers for the Cyprus Telecommunications Authority Officers.

CYTA provides many of the communications facilities for the United Nations Force in Cyprus and this occasion is to mark the close co-operation of CYTA and United Nations Force Communications Officers.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING PART IV

AVOID TAILGATING: Prevent rear end collisions. The best rule in good conditions is; "For every 10 mph one car length between you and the car ahead".

TURNING: Reduce speed and bring your vehicle into the proper traffic lane. In the city you must signal your intentions at least 150 feet prior to a turn.

This aerial view of UNFICYP Headquarters in Nicosia was taken during the visit of Mr Yutaka Nagata, an official photographer from UN Headquarters in New York.





KRYPTO, Van Deurs, E.H.S. Jacobsen på feltkabelarbejde.

SIGNALSEKTIONEN I ARBEJDE

En almindelig morgen, feltkabelvognen starter fra Viking Camp fyldt op med feltkabel, feltkabelstænger, telefoner samt nogle morg enfriske "Signals", der er klar til dagens arbejde. Udskiftning af gamle telefonlinier, reparation af defekte telefonlinier, ialt et dagsarbejde på ca. 8 km nyt udlagt feltkabel afhængigt af terrænet.

Under feltkabeludbygningen fald- er klapperne i centralbordet i

vort comcen. Centralvagten bliver skældt ud, fordi der går for lang tid, inden samtalen går igennem, eller fordi abonenten man skal tale med, ikke er ved sin telefon. Men tag det med ro, vore centralvagter er dygtige. De har dog flere opgaver end at formidle samtaler, idet de også passer AN-VRQ 3 radioen med forbindelse til LKMP, OP'er samt patruljevogne, og den radio har fortrinsret fremfor centralbord-

et. Så går samtalen ikke straks igennem, så hav tålmodighed og giv centralvagten en chance, han gør sit job for Dancon på aller bedste måde.

Di-da-di, KRYPTO sidder ved morsenøglen og prøver at skaffe forbindelse til Danmark hver aften kl. 19 og 21. Dette er et vanskeligt job, idet det er meget svært at udskille de prikker og streger der kommer fra Danmark, fra al den støj der iverigt er i æteren.

En mørk nat, telefonforbindelsen til Ghaziveran er gået, feltkabelvognen rykker ud med projektøren tændt, fejlen skal findes og repareres. "Signals" er på tærne døgnet rundt.



PRLT J.C. Balle, KRYPTO og OS J. Petersen planlægger øvelse "RAPID CONTACT".



VIKING CAMP's "Signals".

CHEFEN FOR DANCON XXI PAA BESØG

Den 14 FEB ankom OL C.J.K. Severinsen til Cypren på et to ugers orienteringsbesøg. OL, der skal være chef for DANCON XXI, har tidligere været chef for DANCON VIII i 67-68, da kontingentet lå i Nicosia. OL var for øvrigt den første danske kontingentchef på Cypren, som fik gennemført udgivelsen af en DANCON-bog.



J.E. Hansen har travlt ved centralbordet.

ÆARSKE ORD FRA ET VIKINGETOGT



Skjalden John Sagnfortæller: "Tror du vores Herold har fået en hjernerystelse?" Bent Tallerkensvinger: "Umuligt skjald! Jeg så selv ned i det hul som Herold'en havde fået i skallen, og der var helt tomt!" (DANCON XX gennemførte den 16-17 FEB endnu en vellykket velfærdstur til Limassol med feltpræsten John Graver som guide.)

DAHLSTRÖM-SEGER I BORDTENNIS

I en oerhørt spændende bordtennisfinal klarade chefen på fjerde pluton Göran Dahlström av att kamma hem segern i femte och avgörande set. Han blev med sin seger över Ronny Nilsson därmed kontingentsmästare i denna finurliga bollsport och kunde motta den stora publikens jubel samt gratulationer från bl a stabschefen Curt Sjö. Vid kontingentsaftonen 12 feb erhöill han sitt pris av betoljouschefen.

Dahlström segrade alltså. och Nilsson kom tvåa. På tredje plats hamnade Håkan Lindgren medan Tommy Johannesson blev fyra. Totalt ställde från början 84 man upp i utslagsturneringen och inte endast finalerna innehöll mycket vackert spel.

Samtliga matcher spelades på ett bord uppställt i Muskelhallen. Att bt-sporten är mycket populär bland svenskar framgår inte endast av det stora antalet deltagare i turneringen utan också av det stora publikantalet.

På bilden till höger har stabschef Curt Sjö just överräckt en blomsterkvast till kontingentsmästaren Dahlström och drar igång en stor applåd för segraren. Bilden nedtill visar tvåan Ronny Nilsson i aktion vid spelbordet.

(Resultat semifinaler: Fk Lindgren Lt Dahlström 21-17, 13-21, 18-21, 21-11, 18-21 Nilsson - Johannesson 21-14, 21-15, 21-12. Tredje pris: Lindgren - Johannesson 21-17, 21-16, 21-17. Final: Dahlström - Nilsson 21-19, 21-17, 13-21, 17-21, 21-18.



SOLIG SLALOMTÄVLING TOMMY LÖÖV BLEV 4:A

UNFICYP-mästerskapen i storslalom avgjordes den 14:e februari i strålände solskin på en av Troodos-bergets branta sluttningar. Det var Auscon som svarade för arrangemongen och själva tävlingen var förlagd till North Hill. Nu hade förmodligen alla också trott att österrikarna skulle kamma hem segern - men nej. I stället segrade brittiske kaptenen Vicors medan Tommy Lööv från Kil gjorde en fin insats och blev fyra.

Totalt deltog 40 man i UN-tävlingen och det var dessa som i det nollgradiga föret kämpade om mästerskapet. Vicors segertid blev 1.43 min medan Lööv klarade banan på 1.54. Utöver Lööv deltog från Swedcon även Gregor Andersson, Stefan Skalman, Bernt Edlund och Lasse Hansson.

På bilden nedtill mottar Lööv sitt pris från FC Prem Chand, överst

till vänster ses Skalman i aktion i backen och därunder några av svenskarna samlade efter tävlingen. Från vänster Andersson, Lööv, Skalman, åskådare Karl-Göran Granstedt samt Edlund.

Swedcon News
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CHIEF OF STAFF VISITS CAMP UNFICYP

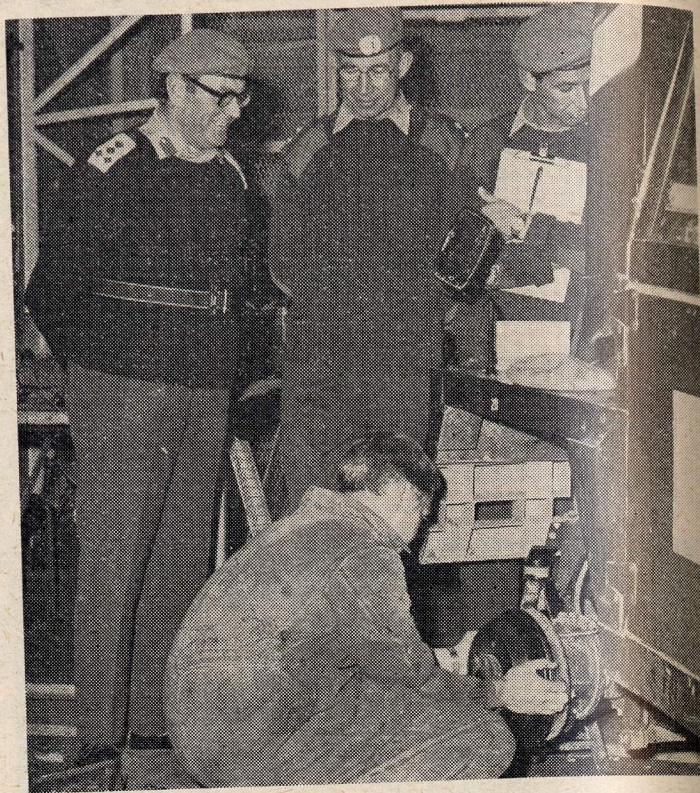
The Chief of Staff, Brigadier ... recently visited the units and departments in Airfield Camp, UNFICYP. Brigadier makes these visits out once in every three

months to meet the soldiers. The visits are necessary because of the constant rotation of personnel.

Our pictures illustrate just a few of the units or departments he visited.



● The Chief of Staff meets Sergeant A V Gray of the Tels Section, UNFICYP Workshop REME.



● The Chief of Staff watches one of the REME mechanics work on a Landrover with Lieutenant D W Parnaby and Warrant Officer Class 1 (ASM) A D S McColl.



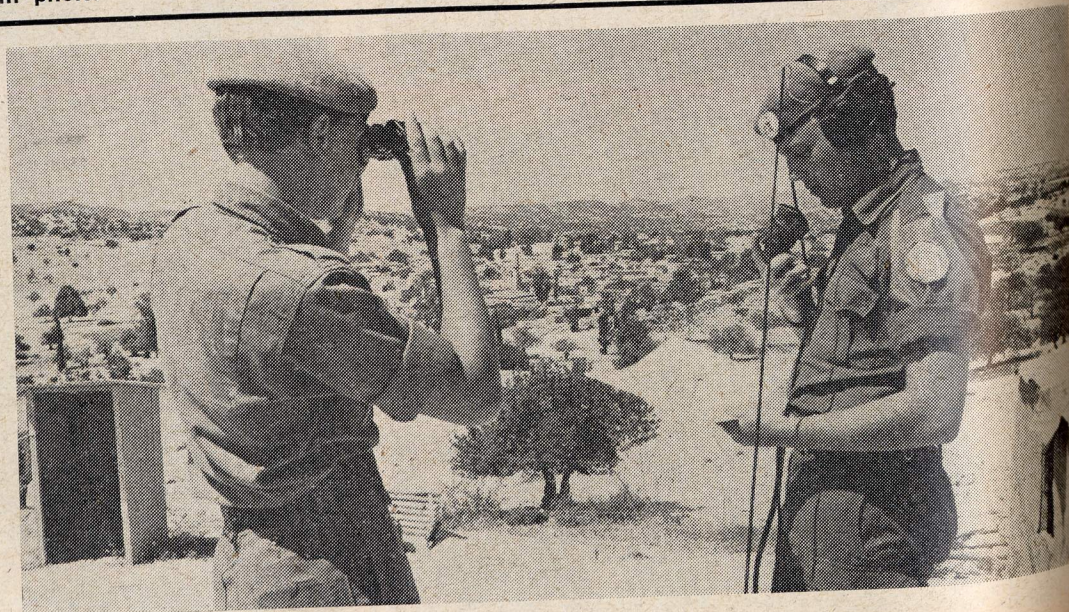
● The Brigadier is seen here with Sergeant Dick Meston, one of the UNFICYP Aviation Flight pilots.



● The Chief of Staff, raises a smile from Lance Corporal D Locke and Staff Sergeant E C Hutchins of 8 Squadron RCT.

BRITCON SOLDIERS ON BUNKER OP

Two soldiers of Britcon on duty at Bunker OP in the Kophinou Sector. This OP has since been handed over to Auscon. The picture was taken during the visit of Mr Yutaka Nagata, of Headquarters UN in New York, to UNFICYP last year.



BRITCON NEWS

FUSSBALL MEISTERSCHAFT UNFICYP

Mit einiger Sorge ging unser Team Dienstag, den 12. Februar in den Kampf gegen das BRITCON, war doch zu erwarten, dass es gegen diesen starken Gegner nicht so gut wie gegen das FINCON in der Woche vorher laufen würde. Kurz, wir verloren 0 : 1, ein Resultat, dass sich ohne Schande sehen lassen kann. Die Engländer waren, wie erwartet, ausgezeichnet, und wären unsere Leute nicht mit entsprechendem Kampfwillen in das Treffen gegangen, wäre eine höhere Niederlage durchaus im Bereich des Möglichen gewesen.

Andererseits aber hätte bei etwas mehr Glück auch eventuell ein Unentschieden herauskommen können.

Die Niederlage gegen das hoch einzuschätzende britische Team hat - so hoffen wir - die Kampfmentalität unserer Mannschaft für die weiteren Begegnungen nicht gemindert.



Während sich auf dem grossen Fussballfeld die Niederlage abzeichnen begann, bahnte sich in unserem Rücken auf einem klei-

neren Platz ein Erfolg für ein anderes österreichisches Team ab, unser Volleyball-Team besiegte, leider fast unbemerkt von den Zuschau-

ern, das britische Team 2 : 1, ein erfreulicher Erfolg für eine unserer Sportmannschaften.

UNFICYP-SCHIMEISTERSCHAFTEN

Bei strahlendem Wetter und noch guten Schneeverhältnissen wurde am 14. Februar am Troodos die UNFICYP-Schi-Meisterschaft abgehalten.

Um es gleich vorwegzunehmen - der erhoffte Erfolg für das Auscon blieb aus. Ein "Zweiter" und in weiterer Folge die Plätze 7 und 9 waren die für die "Schi-Nation" Österreich etwas magere Ausbeute. In dem von Ostv Hönigsberger

ausgesteckten recht flüssigen Riesentorlauf wurde eine etwas schwierigere Torkombination den meisten unserer Läufer zum Verhängnis, so auch unter anderem unserem Schnellsten - Jg Rieser, und im zweiten Durchgang Hptm Brell, beide Sieganwärter stiegen dort aus. So lautete das Ergebnis:

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| 1. Capt Vigors | Britcon |
| 2. Pte Pichler | Auscon |
| 3. Lt Wathen | Britcon |

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| 4. Pte Lööv | Swedcon |
| 5. Maj Whitley | Britcon |

Als weitere Österreicher unter den ersten Zehn platzierten sich Jg Eder (7. Platz) und Hptm Brell (9. Platz).

AUSCON NEWS

WUSSTEN SIE SCHON,

dass sich die Besatzung vom OP Bunker eine eigene Antenne gebaut hat, um ein besseres Radio-Programm empfangen zu können? Sie besteht zwar nur aus Holzlatten und einigen Metern Draht (sichtbar im Bildhintergrund), erfüllt aber vorzüglich ihren Zweck, ja es wird sogar behauptet, man könne auf OP Bunker Ö 3 empfangen.

Im Bild v.l.: Gfr. Jöbstl, Kpl Wunderl, Gfr Enz, Kpl Kogler, der OP-Koch. Der unter uns "Journalisten" als etwas pressscheu bekannte OP-Kdt Wm ROA Pucher blieb im Augenblick der Aufnahme diskret im Hintergrund.



Unsere Schimannschaft, v.l.: Ostv Hönigsberger, Jg. Rieser, Jg Berchthold, Jg. Traub, Jg. Eder, Hptm. Brell u. Gfr. Pichler.



Gfr Pichler kurz vor dem Zielhang - Platz 2, bester Österreicher.



● Cpls Bernie Chisholm and Ray May of Headquarters Coy issue bedding to Cpl Cecil Kelly of the Officers Mess.



● Ptes Nelson Easton, Gary Malick, and Bob Doyle of City Coy clean a GPMG in the company stores.

BE KIND TO YOUR STOREMEN

Company stores is one of the hardest working sections in any company. This small group of industrious individuals is at our beck and call day and night. They receive little praise or recognition for their efforts and we all tend to take them for granted. It seems that the only time we speak of them is when they fail us which is very rare and then its not on the friendliest of terms. Lets take a look at what Coy Storemen really do:

- They move about a ton of dirty laundry a week. That's a lot of dirty socks. Think when was the last time you saw a fat storemen!
- They keep track of the thousands of articles on their

charge and we don't help by moving them around without telling them.

- They keep the flies away by supplying you with mosquito bombs and netting.
- They work in the afternoon so you can pick up your clean socks at your convenience — ever say thanks?
- They act as a repair depot for n/s equipment.
- They issue you blankets and heaters to keep you warm

- They supply everything necessary to keep you smiling (well almost everything).
- They act as a complaint department for any of our complaints.

Its time we paid tribute to these hard working individuals in their honour March 1-7 has been declared "Be Kind To Your Storeman Week".

Remember "Never has so much been done by so few", etc.



● WO Jack Meeks and Cpl Vick Jenkins of Logistics Coy load laundry into the back of a 1/2 ton vehicle. Company store personnel handle about a ton of laundry a week.

CYPRUS ISLAND RUN



● Cpl Charlie Quinlan recently completed the Cyprus Island run. Cpl Quinlan has run more than 390 miles since the beginning of his tour.

IN MEMORIAM

Cpl Al Roach passed away at the age of 40 last Sunday. Cpl Roach joined the forces in 1958 and served with both the Black Watch and 2 RCR. He was employed as a cook in the Officers Mess. He will be missed by the many friends he made throughout his career. Cpl Roach is survived by his wife, and three children. A memorial Service was held in Wolseley Barracks on Wednesday.



● Cpl Stan Nelson and WO Bob Smith of Suburb Company check the thousands of articles on their charge



● Cpl "Willie" Williams models the new shorts to be issued to personnel in Cyprus. Padre Roy White suggests that the hem should be taken up. Sgt Keig of the QM looks on.

CANCON NEWS

MESSIMIEHET

Messimiehiin ei yleensä kiinnitä paljon huomiota, kun he ovat työpaikallaan, mutta jos he jostain syystä sattuvat olemaan vähänkin aikaa poissa, niin tämä kyllä huomataan heti.

Messimiesten työskentelyaika vaihtelee hiukan riippuen siitä, missä messissä he työskentelevät. Kykkon upseerimessin messimiehet työskentelevät päivittäin noin 14 tuntia, kun taas aliupseeri- ja jääkärimessissä työajaksi kertyy jopa 15 tuntia. Messimiesten työaika koostuu messissä olevasta ajasta ja hankinta-ajasta, jonka he suorittavat aamupäivisin. Jokaisessa messissä on kaksi messimiestä ja he vuorottelevat siten, että joka toinen päivä on yieensä vapaata. Poikkeuksina ovat juhlat ja vierailut, jolloin molempien messimiesten on oltava paikalla, jotta tarjoilu olisi nopeata ja joustavaa. Tällöin työaika saattaa venyä aina 18-20 tuntiin.



Messimiehen lepohetki.

FINCON NEWS

NEWS IN BRIEF

In FINCON we have seven messes altogether. There are two messmen in every mess and their working time is sometimes up to 15-18 hours when we have a party or celebration.

FINCON officers team won the volleyball competition in Wolseley Barracks last Monday.

LÄÄKINNALLINEN KATSAUS

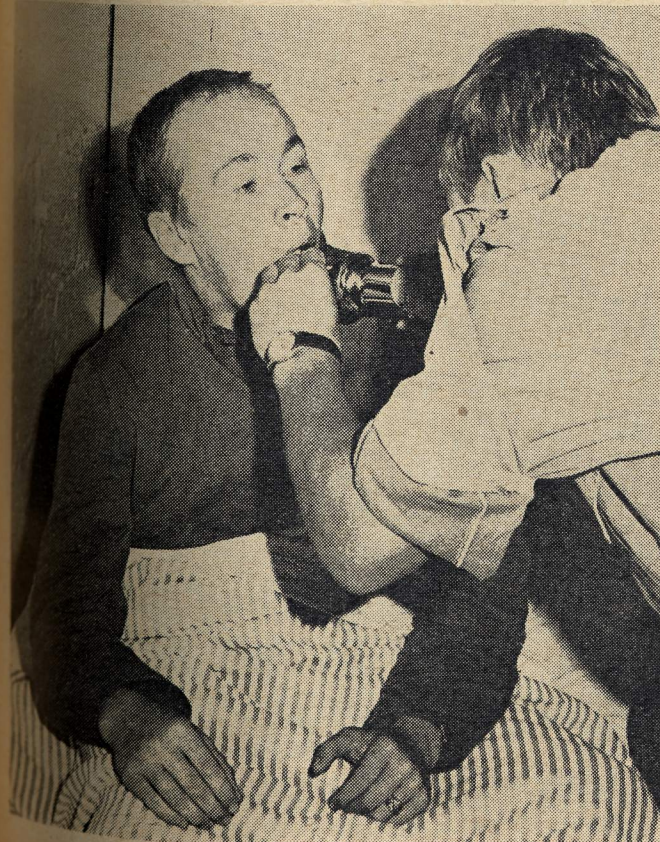
Oma terveys ja hyvä kunto on jokaisen kallein pääoma, jonka ylläpitoa kannattaa harrastaa säännöllisesti ja oma-aloitteisesti.

Vuonna 1973 FINCONissa sairasti 222 miestä hengitystietulehduksia eli saivat kylmää tai vetoa. 20 oli sairaalassa pahempien vammojen takia, ja monen miehen nilkka nyrjähti.

Siitit varastot kevääksi



Voimakone on OPn henki, sillä siitä saadaan tarvittava virta kaikkiin sähkölaitteisiin.



Kurkku on kipeä ja nielemisvaikeuksiakin on.



Lentopallokisassa taas voitto.

FINCONin upseerijoukkue voitti lentopallokisan kohdaten ensimmäiseksi Camp UNFICYPin joukkueen. Heidät voitimme suuremmita vaikeuksista, ja jatkoimme heti CANCONia vastaan, joka antoiinkin hyvän vastuksen, ja saimme panna parastamme voittaan heidät 2-1.

Muista Suomi-radio torstaisin klo 20.00. Osoite:

Kypros-konsertti Oy Yleisradio Ab Kesäkatu 2, Helsinki 26.



MEDAL PARADE AT MP COY IN NICOSIA

Recently the UN Military Police had their Medal Parade in Nicosia. Twenty two men from the Company were on parade and the Force Commander, Major General D Prem

Chand, PVSM, presented the medals.

In our picture to the left, Chief Warrant Officer Horton from Canada receives his medal with Warrant Officer Class 2

Dalsgaard from Sweden waiting to receive his medal.

In the picture to the right, Lieutenant Dave Clemis, Canada, has just received his medal. Next to him is the Second in

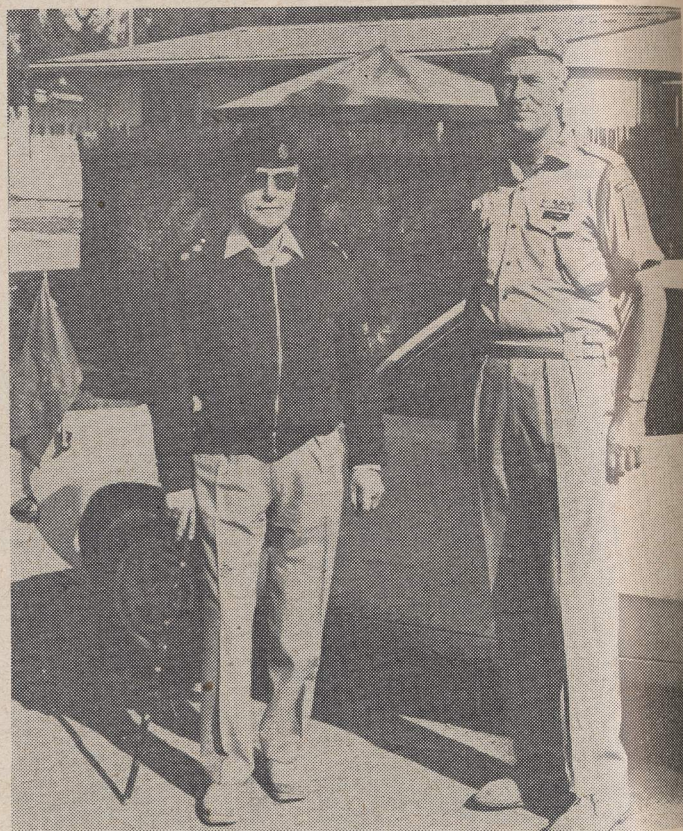
Command of the Company, Captain H Lehmann, Denmark, who also received his UN medal. The Officer Commanding the Company, Major J L Cullen, CD, is behind the Force Commander.

COS VISITS CAMP UNFICYP

The Chief of Staff, Brigadier F R Henn, CBE, recently visited units in Camp UNFICYP. He is seen here with the Officer Commanding the UNFICYP Aviation Flight, Major P N Gill, and Warrant Officer Class 2 (AQMS) P J Mason and Sergeant M Roberts. See story page 4.



● The new Force Catering Adviser, Warrant Officer Class 2 Dave Bradley, is seldom in one place for any length of time. His job takes him to all Contingents, where he offers his experience on Catering matters. In our picture he is seen in the kitchen at Camp UNFICYP in Nicosia.



COMMANDER DANCON XXI VISITS DANCON XX

The next Commander of Dancon (XXI), Lieutenant Colonel C.J.K. Severinsen, is currently visiting Dancon in the Lefka District.

Colonel Severinsen was Commander of the Danish Contingent in 1967-1968 when Dancon were responsible for the Nicosia District with their Headquarters in Wolsley Barracks.

In our picture he is seen with the present Dancon Commander, Lieutenant Colonel A J Adolph.