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Recently the Force Commander Lt. Gen. D Prem Chand PVSM and the DCOS Col. P.I. Chiswell OBE visited the part of the demilitarized zone looked after by the Swedish contingent. They are seen being briefed by Lt. Col. A. Rolff, the Contingent Commander of the area between Dhekelia and the Sea.

NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM HQ UNITED NATIONS

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General Mr Perez de Cuellar and the Force Commander Lieutenant General D Prem Chand PVSM have received the following New Year message:

"I send to you and to all the military and civilian personnel of UNFICYP my greeting and my best wishes for the New Year. I take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation for the devotion, efficiency and resourcefulness and courage shown by you, your staff and the contingents of the Force in performing your important tasks. The excellence of the work done by UNFICYP in often difficult and delicate circumstances is particularly appreciated here at Headquarters. It is my earnest hope that the forthcoming year may bring more peaceful and stable conditions to the island."

Kurt Waldheim, Secretary - General.

UNMP COMPANY HOLDS ITS MEDAL PARADE

Recently Lt. Gen D. Prem Chand PVSM, wearing the badge of the Military Police Company, took the salute at a parade held outside the Military Police Company's office in Blue Beret

Camp. He then presented United Nations Medals to the officers and NCO's; after which he

spoke to all those on parade and was entertained to lunch in the Company Club.



Above: Force Commander arrives. Below: He is seen talking to Sergeant Tom Frandsen of the Danish Military Police, Captain Calsson, ADC to the Force Commander and Sergeant Major Harman, DCM look on.



Above: Force Commander is seen inspecting the parade before the presentation of medals. Below: He talks to MWO Dave Mallett immediately after presenting him with his UN Medal.

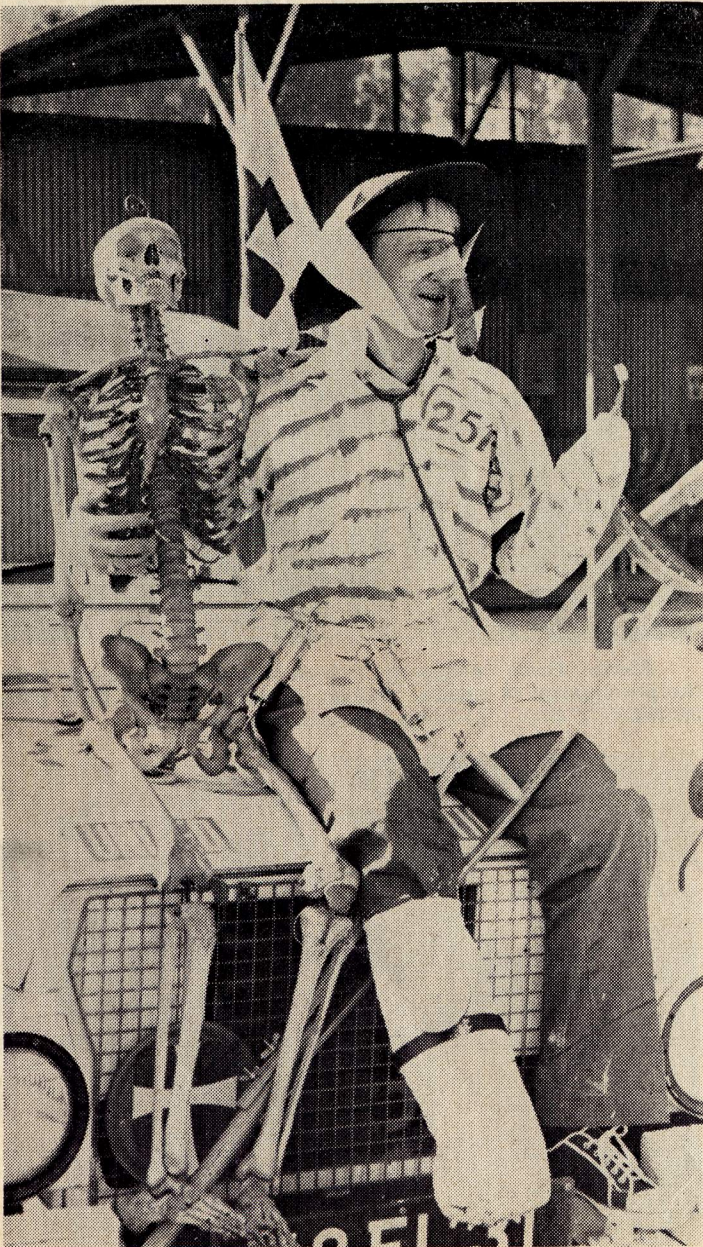


DANCON NEWS



22 DEC aflagde Force Commander Lt. Gen. D. Prem Chand besøg ved DANCON for at ønske kontingentet glædelig jul og godt nytår. På billedet herover ses generalen i samtale med fra venstre SKLT J. Bonde og LT B.T. Johansen. Til højre for generalen ses KS B. Kennig som overbragte kontingentets julehilsen.

On 22nd DEC the Force Commander visited DANCON to wish all ranks a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.



Julestemninger: SSG C.J.C. Møller tænder træet i VIKING CAMP (herover). Også på OP-erne blev der fejret jul, herunder ses (fra venstre) KS S.K. Christensen, KP H.J. Olsen og KS H.E. Larsen som tilbragte juleaften på OP MARATHASA.



JULEBADNING

Den 25 DEC rykkede Kong Neptun og Dr. Knogle ud med deres respektive hustruer, for at tilsikre at deres undersåtter fik det årlige bad. Nederst til venstre Dr. Knogle (alias RLG B. Østerbye). Til højre føres Kong Neptun (PRLT O. Haufort) og frue (PRLT P. Vejre) tilbage til deres rette element.

Once again King Neptune and Dr. Bone come to DANCON to make sure that their subjects have had their annual bath. Left Mr and Mrs Bone right King Neptune and his Queen are seen being taken back to the sea.



CHILDREN REMEMBERED TOO

For weeks before Christmas the soldiers in the Battalion had been busy collecting money amongst themselves for the Cypriot refugees of both communities. They reached the target they had set themselves just in time; and shortly before Christmas the first party of men from SWEDCON — complete with a Santa Claus, singers and musicians from the battalion choir and orchestra — set off to try to lighten the everyday life of some of the refugees on the Greek side of the demilitarized zone.

SWEDCON NEWS

Santa Claus and his assistants had a hard day singing carols and giving presents to the children; who made their contribution to the party too when they sang some of their own Christmas carols.

Two weeks later, with Santa Claus recovered, another party set off to visit some refugees in the Turkish Federated State, to bring them the Christmas message with carols and the giving of presents.



Lt. Bustavsson disguised as Santa Claus making his way towards the Greek Cypriot children.

THE UNWANTED CHRISTMAS FIRE

It was a highlight, but nobody wanted it. On Christmas Eve a big fire started in one of the barrack huts in Carl Gustav Camp. The Camp fire picquet had a difficult job, not only because of the darkness, but also because the small arms ammunition in the building began to explode. As a result of this a vast area had to be sealed off.

In addition to the fire picquet, fire appliances from the British Base at Dhekelia and the Municipal Fire Brigade from Fama-

gusta were called to the scene, and within a short time of their arrival the fire had been put out. No one was hurt, but 2 Company's hut had been seriously damaged.

An investigation into the cause of the fire was started at once, and later it was established that a faulty radio receiver had started the fire. The camp's fire picquet has now had a full scale live exercise, and it is to be hoped that it won't have any more.



Part of the choir and orchestra.

Hur stora värden som gick till spillo vid branden natten till juldagen har väl ännu inte helt uppskattats. Man får vara glad att ingen i brandmanskapet kom till skada. Att branden uppstod

SWEDISH SUMMARY

genom ett fel i det sk slutsteget till en Ra 145 tycks vara klart, så långt man nu kan komma efter en brand som lämnade mycket lite kvar åt MP och andra att undersöka.

Kampens brandberedskap sattes på hårda prov i nattmörkret. Allt för många frivilliga ville göra allt för mycket samtidigt.

Men campens brandberedskap har haft sitt "elddop". Vi hoppas att det inte blir fler. I det här numret berättar vi också om våra insamlingar till Cyperns flyktigbarn som inte bara väckte uppmärksamhet och uppskattning där "tomten" och hans anhang av kör och orkestermedlemmar drog med sina presenter, utan också skildrades i den Cypriotiska televisionen.

Vi som är verksamma här på Cypern kan göra insatser för befolkningen på många sätt. De flyktigbarn som fick våra små presenter kommer inte att glömma oss i första taget.



Part of the barrack hut on fire.



A PRESENT FROM THE WELSH GUARDS

During a recent visit of officers from the Welsh Guards to Wolsley Barracks the officers of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry said they would like to have a mascot.

No sooner had this been said then the Welsh Guards set to work. A goat was obtained, medically examined and trained

by Drummer Mathews. Then after a good grooming she was presented to Lt. Col. Leitch by the CO of the Welsh Guards with the words: "You are not only getting a mascot, you are getting two for the price of one", for on its medical examination the goat was found to be with kid.

On the left, Drummer Mathews was seen with the mascot he had trained just before it was given to the PPCLI.

RAOC WARRANT OFFICER HONOURED



Warrant Officer E. Walker, RAOC, the Force Ordnance Warrant Officer was among those honoured by Her Majesty, The Queen, in her New Year's Honour's List. In the list it was announced that he has been made a Member of the Most

Excellent Order of the British Empire (Military Division).

WOI Walker arrived in the Force at the beginning of November, having come here from 3 Base Ammunition and Petroleum Depot in Germany.

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OUR PILOTS

Two of the Army Air Corps pilots Captain P.W. Hitcock —

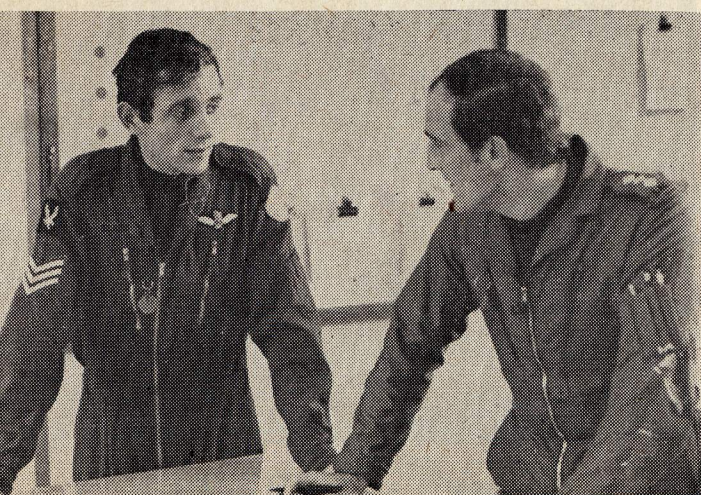
left and Sergeant Steve Slade, were pictured recently in the crew-room at their headquarters at Nicosia Airport.

ORDNANCE DETACHMENT COMMANDERS CHANGE



It is relief time in the Ordnance Detachment again. Captain R.K.B. Bensaid, RAOC as arrived and taken over from Captain J.A. Ross. Captain Ross has left the Force after a six

month tour to return to 5 Ordnance Field Park in Tidworth. Shortly after his arrival Captain Bensaid was seen, above, being showed some of the faults that can occur.



OBERST F. RIEGER - FULL COLONEL

Während eines Aufenthalts in Österreich erhielt unser Kontingentskommandant aus der Hand des Herrn Bundesministers für Landesverteidigung K. F. LÜTGENDORF das Dekret über seine Beförderung zum Oberst. Obst RIEGER wurde 1925 geboren, nahm als Offizier am 2. Weltkrieg teil und diente in österreichischen Bundesheer seit dessen Wiederaufstellung. Das Kommando des österreichischen UN — Bataillons in Zypern übernahm Obst RIEGER am 16.01.74, also vor nunmehr 2 Jahren. Erst kürzlich wurde er zum Kommandanten eines Landwehrregiments ernannt.

The Commanding officer of the AUSTRIAN CONTINGENT Lt Col F. RIEGER has been promoted to full colonel by the Austrian Minister of Defence. Col RIEGER was born in 1925, and served with the Austrian Federal Army since its very first beginnings after World War II. He has been in command of the Austrian Battalion in CYPRUS for the last two years, and leaves now to take over the command of an infantry regiment.

AUSCON NEWS



BLUTS PENDEAKTION



Am 20.12.1975, wenige Tage vor Weihnachten, spendeten 36 Mann über 12 Liter Blut für die Blutbank des "British Military Hospital" in DHEKELIA.

Auch StWm MERDAUS werden 350 ccm "abgezapft". On the 20 December 1975, 36 members of the AUSTRIAN CONTINGENT donated over 12 liters of blood to the blood-bank of the BMH DHEKELIA. Here 350 ccm are being given by SSgt MERDAUS.



CAMP ZYYI AUFGEGBEN !

Am 27.12.1975 übersiedelte die 2. Kompanie von Camp ZYYI ins CAMP DUKE LEOPOLD V., LARNACA. Am 6.12.1973 hatte Hptm SCHALBER ZYYI von den Iren übernommen. 2 Jahre lang galt ZYYI im AUSCON als der "Geheimtip". Zu Recht: Allein während des letzten Halbjahres wurden 2 Tonnen Holz im offenen Kamin verfeuert um abends Stimmung zu erzeugen. Hptm HOCH HAUSER — er war ein Jahr lang Kommandant von ZYYI — meint nun zu LARNACA: "Beides probiert, kein Vergleich".

Die 1. Kp hingegen hat in ATHIENOU ein neues Camp bezogen.

THE DAYS OF ZYYI ARE GONE !

On 27.12.1975 the 2. Rifle Coy moved from ZYYI to Camp DUKE LEOPOLD V. in LARNACA. For the two years AUSCON was occupying the Camp at ZYYI it was considered by the soldiers as the best accommodation in AUSCON.

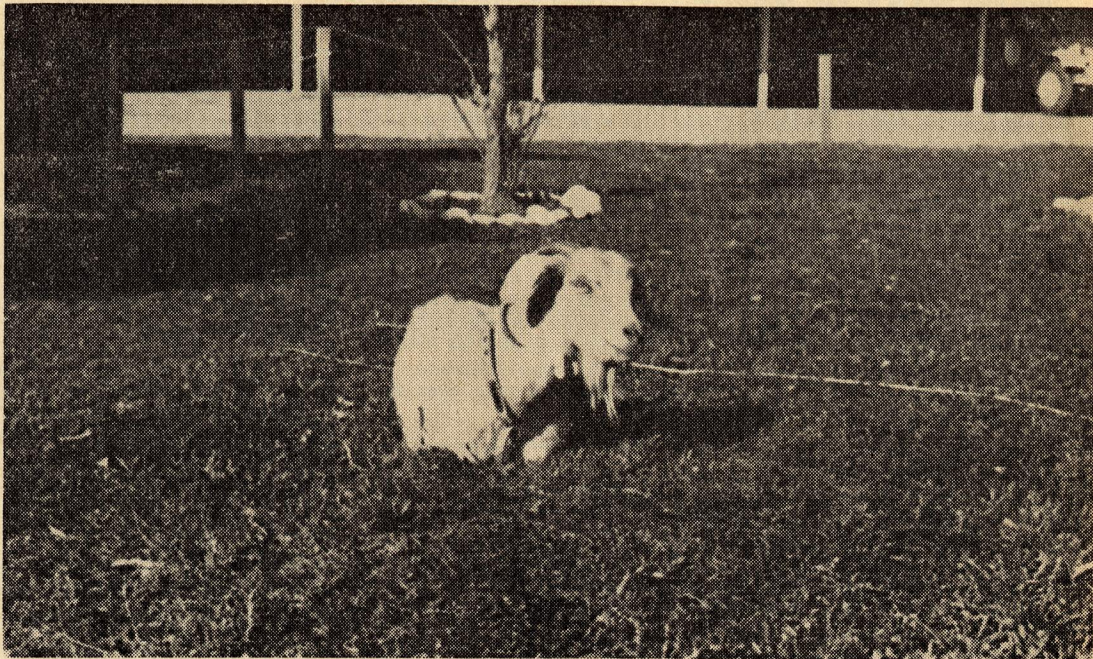


The Force Commander LtGen PREM CHAND P.V.S.M. is seen inspecting weapon training on SMG on occasion of his visit to the new camp in ATHIENOU.

Der Force Commander LtGen PREM CHAND P.V.S.M. besuchte das neue Camp in ATHIENOU. Dabei inspizierte der FC auch die Ausbildung — auf unserem Bild den Waffendrill am 1MG 42.

PATCON GETS WELSHCON'S GOAT

It all started when the officers from the Third Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (affectionately known as PATCON) invited the officers of the Welsh Guards to Wolseley Barracks for a meal. Reports subsequently received at this headquarters reveal that when the meal was over, the Patricia officers treated the Welsh Guard officers to a series of rollicking ballads. The next evening PATCON was invaded once again by WELSHCON who had returned in strength and proceeded to exercise their vocal chords to the delight of all who heard them, including the "Commander of PATCON" LCol Leitch, who decided that he would rather sing than sleep. A few days later the Colonel attended a conference and returned, not alone as he had gone, but with a young female accompanying him. More than that we cannot reveal, but suffice it to say that she is alive and well and eating all of the grass in CANCON.



PATCON's New Found Friend.

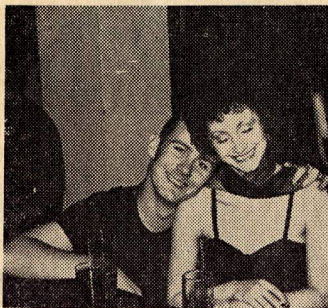
ROTHMANS NEW FACES SHOW VISITS FROM CANADA



Lilian Stilwell and the boys in the Band.



M — M — M — M.....



Happiness is a soft shoulder

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Soldiers away from home, especially during the Christmas season inevitably suffer from homesickness. On 2 and 3 Jan a group of entertainers from Canada brought home a little closer for over 500 members of CAN-

CON. The show included singers, dancers, a band and Miss Canada, all of whom had given up their own Christmas at home in order to make the season brighter for Canadian soldiers serving overseas.



(l to r) Pte's Butterfield, Simoni, Newton, Miss Canada, Pte Farewell.



Grant Smith and some of the girls.



And another thing.....



Kämpä oli kuin paremmanpuoleisen perheneuvottelun jäljiltä. Edessä oli sinipiian kuittaaminen varastolta.

TERVOLLA TULINEN HERÄTYS

Yliväapeli Pekka Tervo ei jäänyt vuoteeseen venyttelemään keskiviikkona 7.1 klo 22.45. Liekit nuoleskelivat rannetta ja savu kutitti sieraimia. Kämpä oli tulossa.

—Savua ja tulta oli siksi paljon, etten unentokkuraisena löytänyt ovea. Pari kertaa piti heittäytyä lattialle haukkaamaan raitista. Viimeinen muistikuva oli lattialla makaamisesta ja ajatuksesta, että tähän jäätin, kertoi Pekka Tervo seuraavana aamuna.

Mutta ei Tervo siihen jäänyt. Siitä ovat todisteena kävelvän Tervon lisäksi hajonnut seinä ja ikkuna. Ulos piti päästä ja lakimiehen jäljiltä tyhjän naapurikämpän seinä antoi periksi. Naapurihuoneesta Tervo oli mennyt ikkunan läpi ulos kuin elokuvissa ikään. Siitä ei Tervo muista mitään. Kulkureitti on kuitenkin selvästi nähtävissä.

Ikkunan alle oli ehtinyt vastaanottaja, joka toimitti savusukeltajan sairaalaan. Onnea oli mukana, sillä ainoat vammat tulitanssista, seinän ja ikkunan läpi menemiseen olivat pienet maarmut ja palojäljet ranteissa.

Molemmat naapurikämpät olivat tyhjinä, joten apu ei ollut aivan käden ulottuvilla. Tällä kertaa selvitettiin kuitenkin pelkällä sähköhdyksellä.

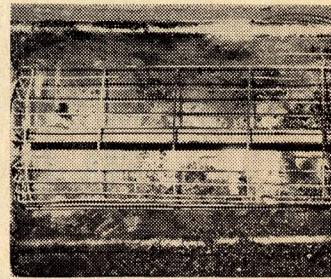
Palon syynä olivat ilmeisesti kuusvitosen housut, jotka Tervo oli pannut nojatuolin selustalle nukkumaan mennessään. Lahkeet olivat liian lähellä sähkölämmittintä. Housut syttyivät ja tuli siirtyi nojatuolin toppauksiin ja

yöpöyttään. Housuista jäi jäljelle yön solki ja hylkyyn menivät myös tuoli ja pöytä.

BEWARE OF HEATERS

WO II Pekka Tervo had a hot awakening on the 7th of January, at 10.45 p.m., for his room was on fire. The fire was caused by leaving his trousers too close to his electric heater.

Worse results, however, were avoided. Tervo woke up just in time. He was surrounded by flames and smoke but emerged from the crisis with only slight burns and scratches. He was very fortunate that the fire had not grown bigger.



Tästä se alkoi. Vastuksen suojaus voisi olla tehokkaampi.

ONGELMALLINEN LÄMMITYS

Pienten pahviviiipaleiden lämmittäminen on ongelmallista. Kero- tai kaasulämmittintä ei normaallilla itsesäilytysvaistolla varustettu halua tyynynsä viereen. Avotuli pienessä tilassa ei ole miellyttävä seuralainen ja toisaalta kero ja kaasulämmittimet ovat liian tehokkaita. Pitäisi herätä tunnin välein sammuttamaan ja sytyttämään liekkiä.

Sähkölämmitin on turvallisempi miellyttävä, mutta sekään ei näköjään ole aivan YK -varma. Liian lähelle jäänyt esine saattaa syttyä palamaan. Turvallisia, paremmin suojattuja lämmittimiä on kyllä yleisesti kaupan, mutta on eri asia, saadaanko niitä YK:n ja Finconin käyttöön. Saattaa toisaalta olla, etteivät enkkujohtot kestäisi kasvavaa kuormitusta. Jo nyt viestimiehet katselevat sähköpiuhvoja kunnioittavasti.

Eipä siis voi muuta kuin varoa. Nukkua korvat auki, ovi raollaan ja tuntolevy kaulassa.



Pekka Tervo seuraavana aamuna.

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THE SYLVESTER RACE

The annual Swedish race — the Sylvester Race — run over a 9 km. course — was held at Carl Gustav Camp on 31st December. The race is usually only for Swedish soldiers, but this year a team from the Fin-

nish Contingent were invited to enter; and they took first, fourth, seventh, ninth and fifteenth places. Matti Virtanen, the winner, completed the 9 km. course in 34 minutes 25 seconds.



Competitors in the Sylvester race.

"IT'S A KNOCKOUT" COMES TO UNFICYP

On Boxing Day UNFICYP Workshops arranged a most successful "It's a Knockout" competition for the units in Camp UNFICYP. The competition included races blindfolded, driving under difficult circumstances, two obstacle races and

a relay race. The team marks were very close all the way through the competition. When the last race was decided, the Camp team won the prize for first place with the Welsh Guards team a close second.



ACCIDENT STATISTICS

Week ending 31 Dec. 1975	7
Same period last year	8
Total number for 1975	295
Total number for 1974	335

LESSON

OF THE WEEK

Drive carefully. Why die in perfect health.



Matti Virtanen coming in to win the race for Fincon.



Sgt White of the Army Air Corps, above, trying to carry some potatoes over an obstacle course while other competitors pelted him with wet sponges.

On the left two of the teams in the first race in which the non-blindfolded members had to guide the carriers to get him to a bucket so he could drop a jelly into it.

Below the final race involved a slack scramble net and some inflated inner-tubes.

