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VISITS TO UNFICYP

● The Right Reverend Gerard Tickle, Roman Catholic Bishop to the British Forces, called upon the Force Commander on Saturday 5 February. He also visited The Royal Irish Rangers and Camp UNFICYP.



● Dr. L. Tonic-Sorinj, Secretary-General of the Council of Europe, who recently visited Cyprus, paid a courtesy visit on Mr. Osorio-Tafall and the Force Commander. He also toured the Austrian Field Hospital where he was met by Colonel B. Nussbaumer.



ARTIST PAINTS CANCON

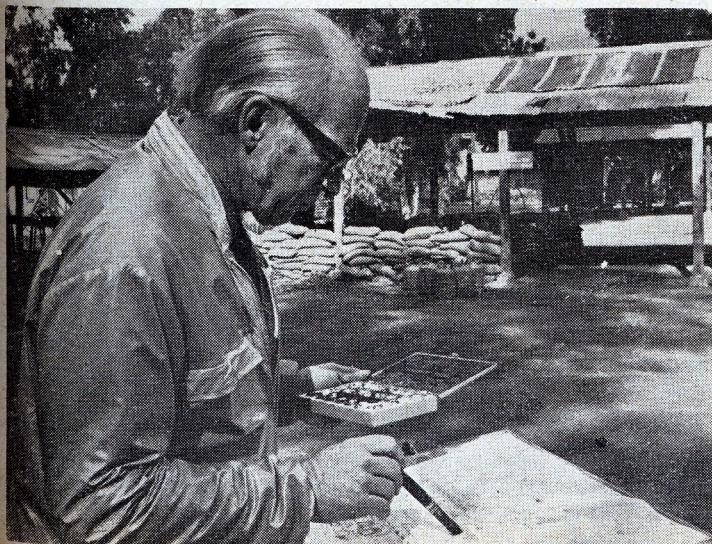
Bill Houstoun, from Canada, who has been a professional artist for some thirty years, is at present working on paintings of the Royal 22e Regiment's operations in Nicosia and also in Kyrenia District, which was Cancon's operational area prior to 1970. His work has been commissioned by the Canadian Department of National Defence. The art of photography has taken over from the War Artist's record of regimental life. However, there is no doubt that a series of pen and ink sketches or a full oil painting hung in the regimental mess is a record of special interest, which has captured the atmosphere of the moment.



SKI TRIALS

Cyprus Ski Club's 2nd International Ski Championship is to take place in the second week of March. Competitors from Bulgaria, Greece, Turkey, Lebanon, Cyprus and UNFICYP will attend.

The UNFICYP teams consist of (slalom) Lundstedt, Swedcon, Fillon, Cancon, Rauter, Austrian Civilian Police (reserves are St. Jaques, Cancon, and Gaiswinkler, Auscivpol). Giant slalom: Lundstedt, Swedcon, Schartner, AFH, and St. Jaques, Cancon, (reserves are Rauter and Gaiswinkler — the latter seen practising in the picture above).



● A Military Medical Team from Sweden recently paid a visit to Swedcon. During their stay they visited the Austrian Field Hospital, where they were briefed by Colonel B. Nussbaumer.

SNEEVENTYR I TROODOS

Den 5.-6. februar var der arrangeret velfærdstur til Troodos. Vi startede lørdag den 5. kl 1400 og kørte op ad den gamle Troodosvej, igennem Lefkadalen. Det var en interessant tur; man så hvordan landskabet ændrer sig, desto længere man kommer op i Troodosbjergene. Ca. en time efter afgang fra Xeros, ankom vi til Hotel Edelweis, hvor vi blev indkvarteret.

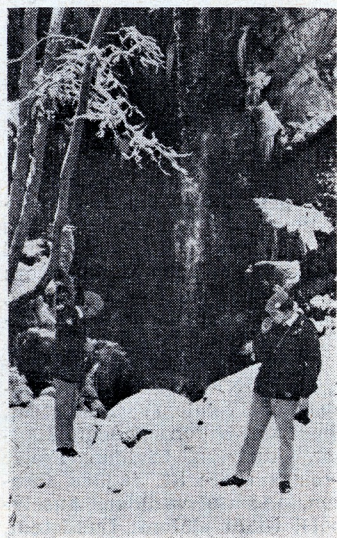
Søndag stod vi tidligt op (kl 8) og fik et solidt morgenmåltid, hvorefter de mest veloplagte gik en tur op til Kaladonia Fall, (Kaladonia Fall har et fald på ca. 7m. det er ca. 3 miles fra hotellet). Men sikken en tur. Der var faldet 40 cm sne om natten, og der var flere, der vendte om på halvvejen,



● OS Batler instruerer i vinteroverlevelse, KS Stabel og KS Mernø ser uforstående på det hele.

Det var meningen, man skulle have været i Troodos og stå på ski, men vejen til Troodos var lukket. Vi startede hjemturen lige over middag for at være sikker på at kunne nå hjem inden aften. Vi tog den nye Troodosvej og kørte tværs over til Morphouvejen. Det gav problemer, for bussen kørte i grøften. Efter flere forsøg på at få bussen op ved håndkraft, gav man op. En doser trak os fri, og kl ca. 1800 var vi igen tilbage i Xeros efter en meget vellykket "slap a' tur".

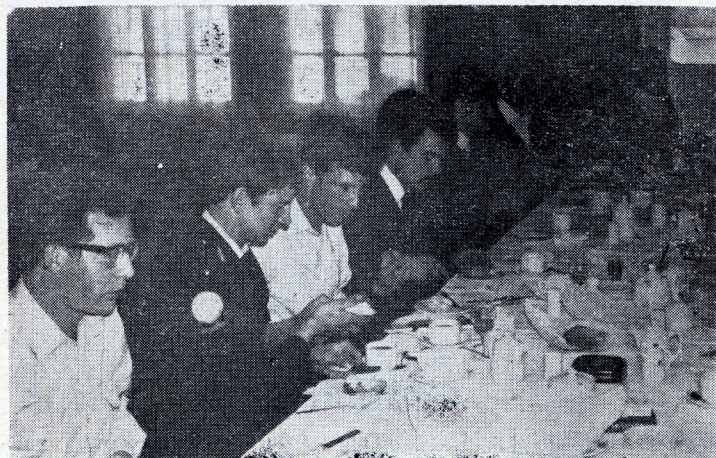
DANCON NYT



● Fikkerne, KS K.D. Jensen og KS "Torkild", var blandt de få, der nåede op til Kaladonia Fall.

SPORT

.... Dancon spillede mandag den 7 ds. 3. runde i UNFICYP FOD-BOLD TURNERINGEN og sluttede denne med det meget flotte resultat, 5 mål mod O. Royal Hussars var nærmest "chokerede" over resultatet, men tabte dog kampen med godt humør og god sportsånd. Vort udmærkede hold skulle hermed være i semifinalen.



● Flaskeposten, Urmageren Leo, Pinky, Benny og Flaskepostens medhjælper indtager deres morgenmad oven på nattens anstrengelser.



● Super Tjuk Tjuk og Flaskeposten forsøger at flytte bussen, medens KS Esbjerg og KS Mortensen giver gode råd.

ITO/OPS-E SKIFTER CHEF

Den 1 feb. skiftede ITO/OPS-E chef. Den nye er Maj.N.R. Mortensen. KN A. Jørgensen forlod Cypren med sidste SCACYP.

ITO-funktioner omfatter intendanturmæssige opgaver, såsom pengeregnskab, kostforplejning, kantine m.v.

OPS-economics-funktionen er udadvendt med kontakter til såvel GK-CYP som TK-CYP civile administration. Opgaven omfatter behandlingen af fremsatte anmodninger om f.eks reparationer af veje, vand og elforsyning. Desuden behandles adgangsproblemer i forbindelse med markarbejde o.s.v. Resultater af OPS-economics arbejde rapporteres til OPS-section, HQ UNFICYP.

OPS-economics har således primært til opgave på lokalt plan at medvirke til normalisering af forholdene parterne imellem.



● KN. A. Jørgensen overgiver roret til Maj. N.R. Mortensen.

SWEDCON TILL SEMIFINALEN

Efter 2-2 mot irländarna är Swedcon nu klart för semifinal i UNFICYP-turneringen i fotboll. Ja Swedcon segrade till och med i den grupp som laget från början spelade i. Nu återstår att slå HQ UNFICYP:s lag i Nicosia någon i slutet av denna månad. Gör vi det går vi till final där vi i så fall med största sannolikhet får möta Irish Rangers som hittills i turneringen visat sig oerhört säkra.

Matchen mot irländarna gick den 9:e feb på planen i Old City och enligt våra idrottsarrangörer vid kontingenten borde det blivit svensk seger. Men så blev det alltså inte - bl a beroende på att vi missade en straff. Målen gjordes i alla fall av Bo Jonsson, Hälsingborg och Hans Johansson från Oskarshamn.

På bilden är det Hans-Åke Arneson från Bottnaryd som trixar med bollen.



LOTTERIVINST FINT GRILLAD

Det lyckliga livet för 2:a plutons mascot Snoopy tog helt plötsligt slut en vacker dag. Med ägaren Sven Arklöfs erkännande döddes kalkonen för att en kväll förvandlas till en grillad läckerhet utanför plutonsförläggningen. Hur den smakade finns emellertid delade meningar om, men flera av grill-deltagarna var ense om att fågeln var en delikatess.

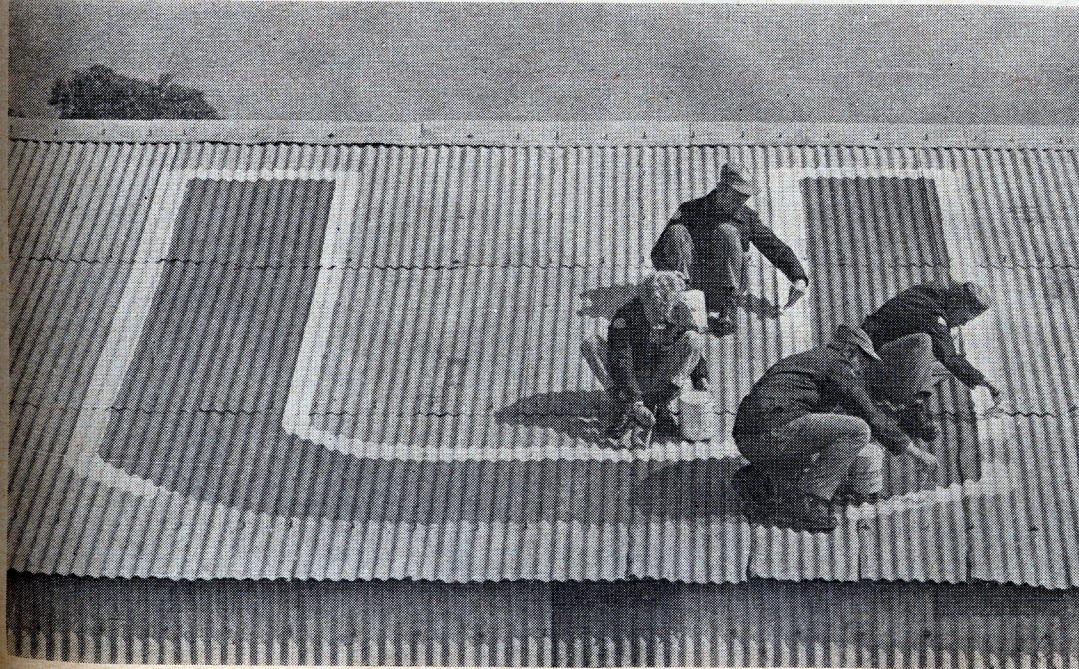
På bilden pågår grillningen av jul-lotteri-vinsten och från vänster syns Sören Svartling, Östersund, Sven Arklöf, Storuman, Lennart Nilsson, Kil, Hans Johansson, Oskarshamn, Lennart Jonasson, Solna, Börje Brännvall, Partille och Per-Olof Larsson från Mörbylänga.



MÅLERIJOBB PÅ HÖG NIVÅ

UN skall synas. OP:n skall synas. Bilar skall synas. Den blå färgen som basrar, halsdukar och flaggor har skall visa vad som är UN. Därför har markeringen på våra stora plåtbyggnader inom Carl Gustaf Camp också nymålats med klar blå färg. För att man från flyg vidare lätt skall kunna se var UN-förläggningen finns har de blå bokstäderna dessutom omgett med en vit bård. Och nu framträder de mycket tydligt.

På bilden är det Hans Arvling Inge Jönsson, Thomas Johansson och Göran Arvidsson från 4:e plut som sysslar med detta "hög" målarjobb.



SWEDCON NEWS
Swedish Forces Photos

FOLK CONCERT

Saturday night was music night with a difference at The Irish Rangers Junior Ranks Club in Polemidhia Camp. The occasion — a Folk Concert organized by The Rangers — with "The Travelling People" and soloists from The Limassol Folk Club together with Ranger singers.

Formed in Germany the club has had varying fortunes but enthusiastic members have kept it going and the WRVS Organizers — Gabby Page in Germany and Betty Winn in Cyprus have given invaluable assistance.

in 'A' Company to form a similar group in Kophinou.

The club plans fortnightly concerts at which visiting artists and groups will attend — the next ceilidhe will be held on Saturday 26th February — won't you join us?



● Corporal John Bloomer — seeking inspiration.



● The Battalion Post NCO in Musical Mood — Corporal Eddie Devine.

BRITCON NEWS

Prior to leaving Germany, the club arranged a concert at which the internationally known folk singers "The Dubliners" were featured — it was a first rate entertainment and augured well for the future.

Since arriving in Cyprus the club membership has been increased — unaccompanied tours works wonders for attendances! Interest in folk music has grown and Town Company had their own folk group, led by Corporal Willie Abbot, organized for a Christmas Concert. Plans are afoot



● Corporal Jimmy Grace and Corporal Dave Creswell singing at an Irish Rangers Folk Club Concert.

LOCAL BOY STORY

Throughout the year newsmen and photographers from provincial newspapers arrive on the island, sponsored by the Ministry of Defence, to write stories on members of the forces who come from the catchment area of their newspaper. Lance Bombardier Brian Glanville, (back to camera) Ration Storeman at Camp UNFICYP, who comes from Hackney, London, poses for the photographer of the East London Newspapers Group, at the Canadian OP at Paphos Gate in Nicosia.



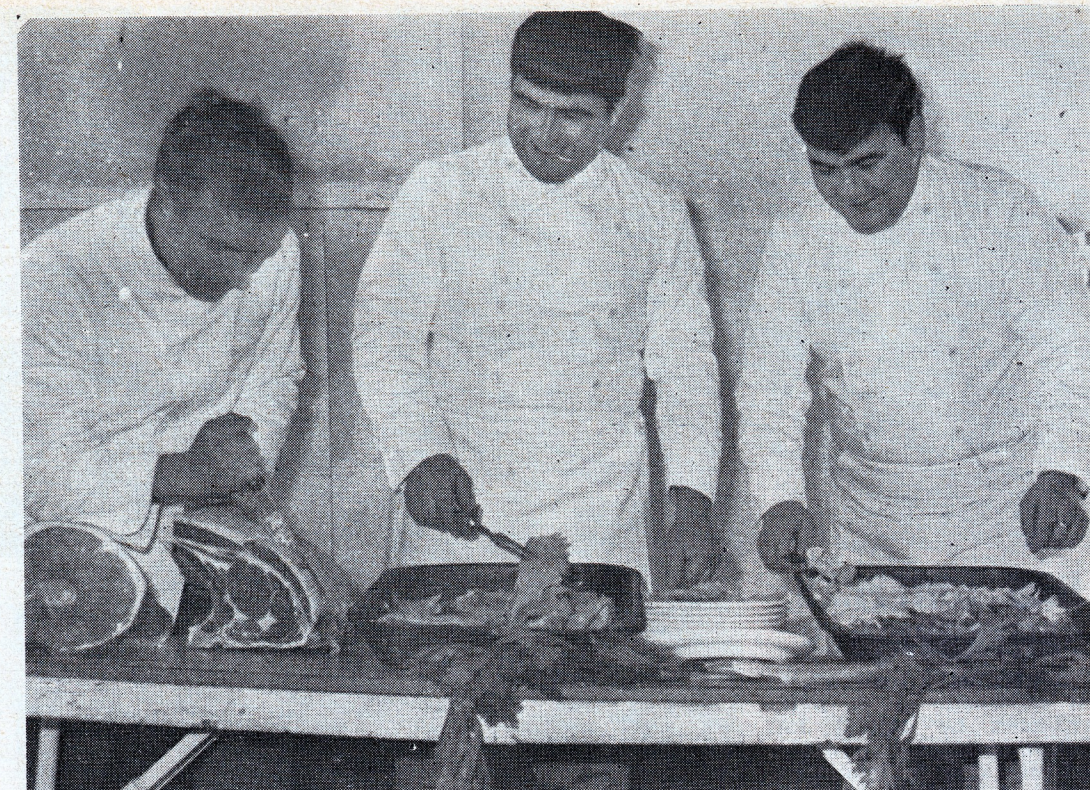
KNOW YOUR OPs

Probably one of the lonelier outposts manned by the Royal Irish Rangers is Mandria Hill on the Paphos-Limassol road. Over the past few months a large regimental badge has

been made on the hillside above the camp. The picture shows Lance Corporal Sammy Wilson using a bit of "Regimental Spirit" and keeping it clean and tidy.

ESSENTIAL SERVICES

This week we feature the backroom boys who keep the system ticking over, and never complain. We feature those who keep us fed, healthy, moving and happy, and in order not to invite their displeasure we do not list them in any order of priority. At times we in the combat corps like to needle them by jibing that we are their very reason for existence, but behind it all we realise that without their twenty-four hour service we would be constantly in the doldrums. No one appreciates their presence as much as the man at the OPs. Apart from keeping them warm and fed they are always on hand when the OP roof leaks, the window breaks or the draught finds an entrance at the bottom of the door. This week then we pay tribute to the men of the service corps at Wolfe Tone Camp.



IRCON NEWS

● Private: "Will it hurt?"
Medic: "Why are you so nervous? This is my first time too!"

Corporal Kiernan Hogan is from Tullamore in Co. Offaly, and he makes no secret of the fact that the home county won the All-Ireland football final this year. Mind you for the first time too, so he better shout about it while it lasts. He always give the Galway men who go sick a deeper jab. Without going into detail it suffices to say that the medical personnel provide a wide range of remedies for a wide range of complaints. Our picture shows Corporal Hogan practicing the science of medicine on Private Doherty, from Derry.



● Too many cooks spoil the men but with the excellence of the food at Wolfe Tone Camp we could never have enough cooks as good as Corporal John Hanlon (right), and his staff, Privates Michael Cremin and "Larry" Sheehan. With a total of seven years service overseas with the U.N. is there any other trio on the island with as much U.N. service in catering.

PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

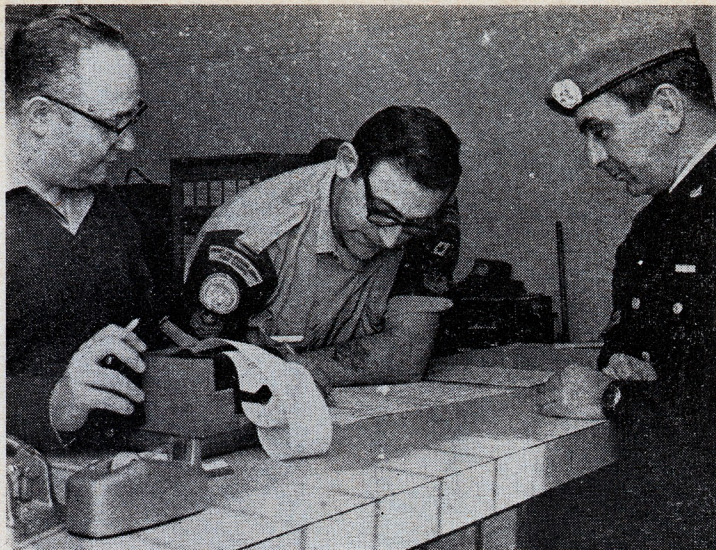


● Private Michael Lynch, from Cork City, is on his first trip to Cyprus. Married with one child, he has two years service with the army and hopes to punch in most of his army career overseas.

Supply & Transport

Affectionately referred to as meals on wheels the transport section has an important role to play in the overall success of our tour of duty in Cyprus. An accident free record is the ultimate achievement for these men, and although there have been a few minor bumps, we complement them on their record to date. Our picture shows the transport N.C.O., Corporal John Walsh, (centre) from Cork, with his drivers, (from left) Privates Michael Ryan, Michael O'Donnell, Jim Hayes and John Warren.





DES CHIFFRES FANTASTIQUES

La solde est la solde, que ce soit en dollars ou en livres chypriotes. Le caporal J.A. Nadeau, un signaleur canadien cantonné avec le Contingent Danois s'apprête à recevoir sa solde. Le sergent Peter Carlin (gauche) calcule sa solde canadienne en argent chypriote, et le caporal Roger Berthiaume (centre) additionne les chiffres.



● Durant le mois de janvier les quelques 150 conducteurs du bataillon et de la force de soutien ont accumulé un total de 100,000 miles, en conduisant nos véhicules militaires, sans aucun accident. Aucun autre contingent canadien n'a réussi une telle prouesse à ce jour.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

LE JOUR PRÉCÉDANT LA SOLDE



● Le capitaine A "Sandy" Cumming (assis), l'officier de la solde du Contingent et l'adjudant Terry White vérifient certaines pièces d'indentification requises pour le contrôle de la solde, de tout le personnel du CONCAN.



UN NOUVEAU VENU

Le caporal Rod Dupuis est arrivé à Chypre quelques jours avant Noël. Ci-contre, il est en compagnie de Mme Jennifer Sanderson qui travaille avec le CONCAN depuis plus de deux ans. Mme Sanderson est l'épouse d'un membre du "Royal Signal Corps". Le caporal Dupuis est originaire de Stes-Catherines, (Ont.).

UN BUDGET BIEN EQUILIBRE

Le capitaine John Strong, le contrôleur du Contingent Canadien et le sergent Jean-Paul Theriault, en charge de la section des fonds non-publiés jettent un coup d'œil sur les livres de comptes du CONCAN. Le capitaine Strong est contoné à Halifax, (N.S.) et le sergent Theriault est de Valcartier (Que).

Force Reserve ja Nyrkki harjoittelivat



"PAPIN RETKI"

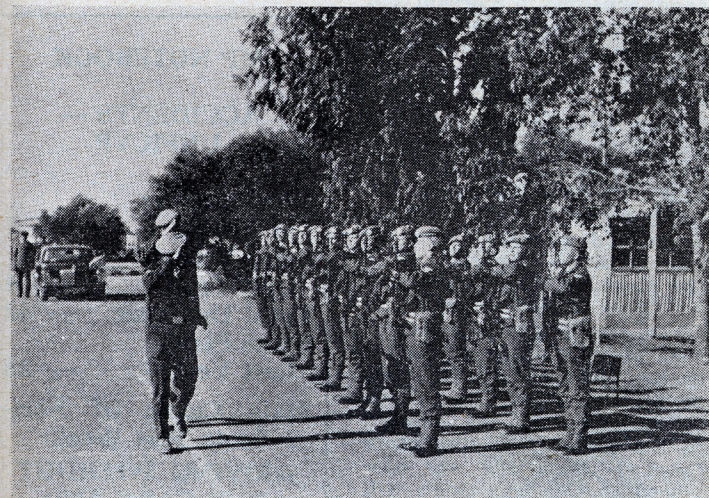
Ensi sunnuntaina 20.2 tehtävä opintomatka suuntautuu Li-massoliin, jossa seurataan ilta-päivällä tapahtuvaa kevät-karnevaalien päätöstilaisuutta. Aamupäivän kuluessa tutustutaan Khirokitian myöhäiskivikauden asutusalueeseen.

Lähtö Kykkosta tapahtuu klo 10. Ennakkomoiutukset retkelle lähtijöistä tehdään perjantaihin klo 12:een mennessä.

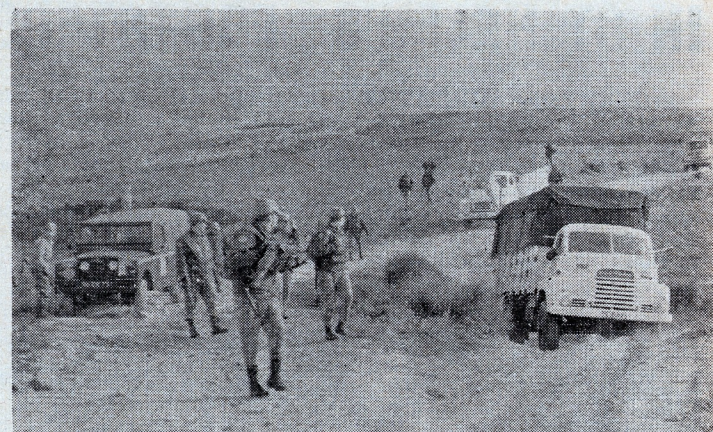
Taas pidettiin yhteistoimintaharjoitus Force Reserven ja pataljoonamme kesken. Ferretit ja Lantikat liikkuvat Mesaorian tasangolla ja väliinmenoja harjoiteltiin ahkerasti. Kuvat puhukoon omalta osaltaan harjoituksen kulusta. Isossa kuvassa juuri on levittäyditty aseisiin. Kuva vasemmalla esittää kapt Källvikä pitämässä alkupuhuttelua "siellä jossakin". Oikean puoleisessa kuvassa on juuri suoritettu jalkautuminen ja ollaan matkalla kohti asemaa.



FORCE COMMANDERIN VIERAILU

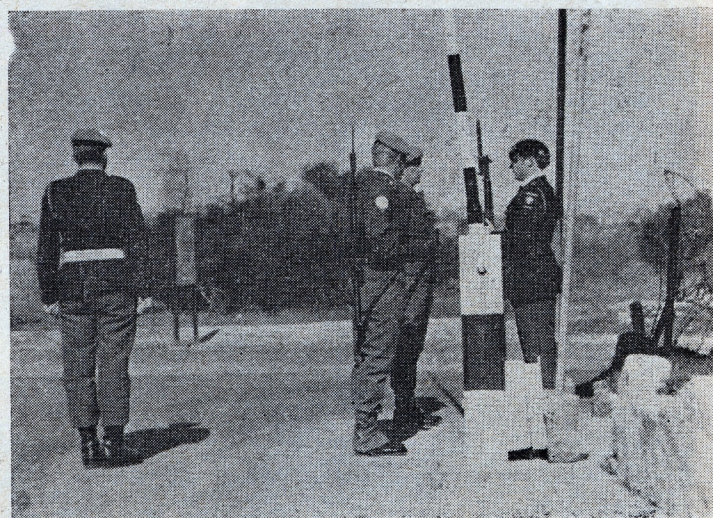


Force Commander teki tarkastusluontoisen vierailun pataljoonamme viime viikolla. Kuvassamme Force Commander tarkastaa yhdessä pataljoonan komentajan kanssa kunniasastoa.



FINCON NEWS

VAHDINVAIHTO HQ UNFICYP'SSÄ



Suomalaistenkin osalle on nyt tullut pykälänheittoa HQ UNFICYPin ja Camp UNFICYPin porteilla. Vuoromme kestää kerrallaan noin neljä vuorokautta. Kuvamme esittää ensimmäistä vaihtovaihtoa, jossa jääk Kortelainen ottaa tehtävät vastaan tankkalaiselta vartiomieheltä.



TIME SPENT... IS SELDOM WASTED

That well known army expression "time spent in reconnaissance is seldom wasted" is well depicted by this picture which shows Lieutenant Colonel J. A. Fox (pointing) and seven members of his regiment, the Lord Strathcona Horse (Royal Canadians) being briefed by the Operations Officer of Suburbia Company. The Royal Canadians, an armoured squadron based at Calgary, takes over from the Vandoos in April.



Mr HANS WAGNER APPOINTED POLICE ADVISER

The United Nations Force in Cyprus announces that Mr Hans Wagner, Austria, has been appointed Police Adviser with title of Chief Superintendent. He succeeds Mr Ronald MacAulay, Australia, who has left the island.

IN ST HELEN'S FOOTSTEPS

THE SWEDES ARE AT IT AGAIN — marching that is. This time a party from Sweden climbed to the top of Stavrovouni (mountain of the cross) to the Monastery which was founded by St Helen, mother of Constantine the

Great, in AD 327. In it she is said to have placed a piece of the True Cross, which is preserved to this day and can be seen by visitors.

St Helen, while on her way to Constantinople from Jerusalem by ship, was forced to



seek shelter on the southern shore of Cyprus by a terrible storm. Her ship anchored at the mouth of the Vasilopotamos river near Mari village.

While she was resting an angel appeared in a dream and told her to build churches on the island of Cyprus and to place in them pieces of the True Cross.

Upon awaking a servant told her of a strange gleam of light on the hill opposite their camp. St Helen searched the box in which she kept the True Cross and discovered that it was missing. Suspecting that the gleam of light came from her Cross which the angel had taken, she decided to make for the gleam of light. After overcoming terrible difficulties along the route, St Helen reached the hill and climbed to the summit. Finding there the lost Cross, she was convinced that it was God's will that she should build a monastery at the same spot.

After having climbed to the

monastery which is on a hill-top 2,258 feet above sea level, the Swedish soldiers were able to see the old monastery before they returned to Famagusta by landrover.

MP NOTEBOOK

ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

Week Ending	
11 Feb 72	— 7
Same Period	
Last Year	— 4
Total This Year	— 42
Same Period	
Last Year	— 28

Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:

**DRIVING WITHOUT
DUE CARE AND
ATTENTION**

