



# The Blue Beret

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## BRITISH DEFENCE MINISTER VISITS UNFICYP

Lord Balniel, the Minister of State for Defence in the British Government, visited HQ UNFICYP on 3rd June, where he had discussions with the Force Commander and other senior officials, and was given briefings on UNFICYP operations.



● On his arrival at HQ UNFICYP, Lord Balniel was met by the Force Commander. In the picture he inspects a Guard-of-Honour provided by Dancon.

Whirlwind Helicopters of UNFICYP 230 Squadron RAF Detachment flying in formation while on a sortie over the central plain.



## CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS UPKEEP OF UNFICYP

The Charge d' Affaires a.i. of Singapore to the United Nations has informed the Secretary-General that the Singapore Government has decided to contribute a further sum of US \$500 to the UN Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus for the period from 16th December 1970 to 15th June 1971.

## SWIM SAFELY

Drowning fatalities occur every year. In nearly every case they would have been prevented if the persons concerned had taken elementary precautions.

There are some basic rules which should be always observed by EVERYBODY.

Here they are:

1. Don't enter the water unless there are at least two of you.
2. Don't enter the water if you do not feel well.
3. Don't enter the water if you are under the influence of alcohol.
4. Don't enter the water for at least one hour after having a meal.
5. Don't go out of your depth until you can swim well.
6. Don't indulge in rough play in or near the water.
7. Don't swim when the sea is rough.
8. Don't swim where there are eddies or currents.
9. Don't dive in shallow water.
10. Don't dive where you may injure yourself and or another person.
11. Learn how to float and how to tread water.

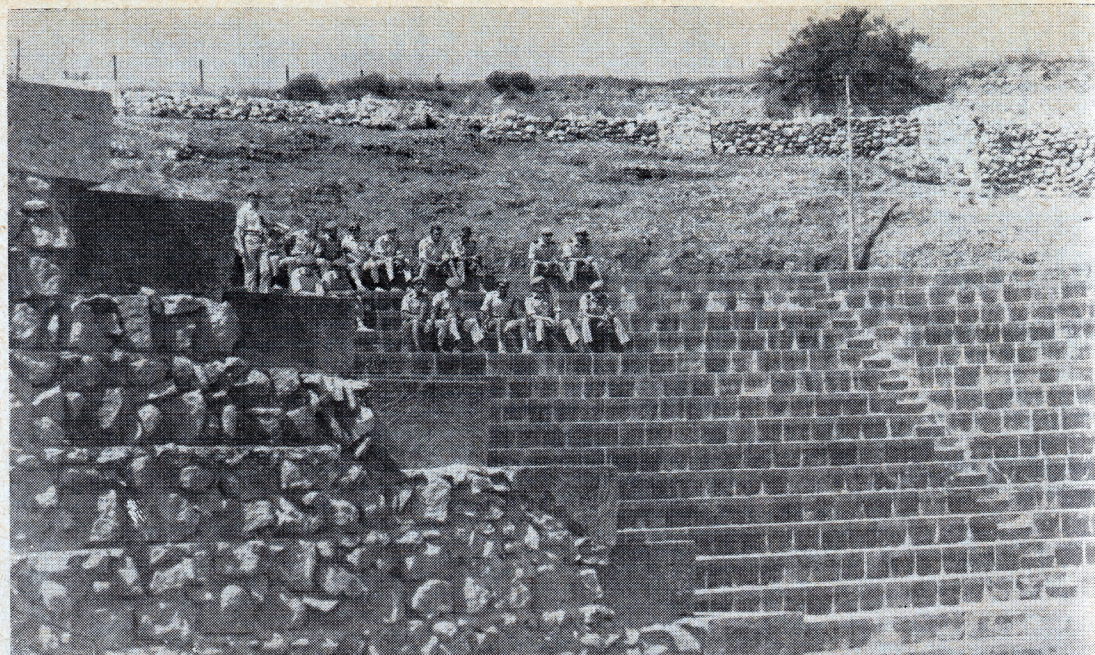




## GUDSTJENESTE I SOLI TEATRET

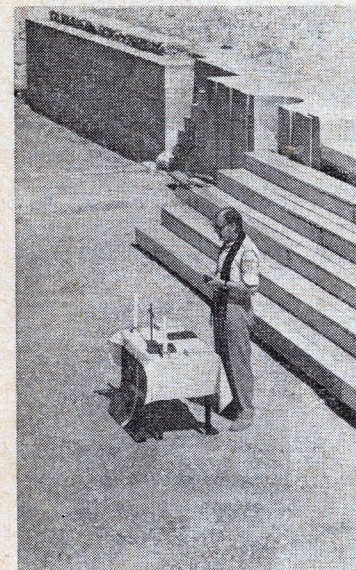
Pinsedag afholdtes der gudstjeneste i det gamle Soli teater. Billedet her kan måske give et indtryk af teatrets vældige dimensioner. Det kan i sin nuværende skikkelse rumme ca. 2000 tilskuere. - Så mange var vi ikke! Men dog nok til at få en festlig gudstjeneste i u-sædvanlige omgivelser og med en storslået udsigt over Morfu-bugten.

Efter gudstjenesten fortalte teatrets kustos om udgravningsfeltet i Soli.



## SYN PÅ KØRETØJER

I sidste uge påbegyndte man syn af alle Dancons køretøjer. De vogne, som blev synet på de to første dage, var gennemgående i god vedligeholdelsesstand og ret god renholdelsesstand. Forhåbentlig vil man blive ved med at holde samme gode standart. Det betyder blandt andet også øget sikkerhed på vejene.



●FPRÆST Ole Ø. Gade ved feltaltret foran teatrets scene. Trapperne bagved er tømret op i anledning af en teaterforestilling, en gammel græsk tragedie (Medea), som måske også er spillet på samme scene for over 2000 år siden.



●PRLT J. Nielsen er ved at undersøge et køretøj fra bunden.



●KS J.O.C. Struck giver sin jeep en omgang med spraydåsen, som dog hverken indeholder fluegift eller den parfume, mænd bør bruge, men derimod petroleum, som dog i det mindste er i stand til at gøre synsmænd glade.

## SIGNAL - KONVENT

En gang om måneden samles alle kontingenternes signalofficerer under forsæde af Force Signal Officer. De forskellige kontingenter skiftes til at være vært for konventet

og i sidste uge var turen kommet til Dancon. Ved mødet foretages briefing med hensyn til foreliggende signalproblemer ved en mand fra hvert kontingent. Endvidere spi-



ser man frokost og benytter lejligheden til at besøge en seværdighed indenfor det pågældende kontingents område, denne gang Vouni Palace. Dancons signalofficer, LT Nichum, ses yderst til højre.

## SWEDCONS BESÖK PÅ ZYYI CAMP

Blue Berets utsände till Limassol var Lt Janis Mieritis från 4:e pluton som nedan alldeles själv skildrar vad som tilldrog sig denna minnesvärda dag:

Besöket på Zyyi Camp inleddes med ett välkomstanförande av Camp Commandant Major G M Kelly varefter Capt Martin Bates presenterade och förklarade den irländska kontingentens fana.

Säckpipeblåsaren John Butler underhöll med solospel under det att vi gäster släckte törsten.

Så var det dags för den första av flera uppvisningar. Tunga granatkastare, det enda artilleri som FN-styrkorna på ön disponerar. Vi fick också se snabbgruppering av granatkastare under ledning av Capt M Shannon. När den ingående presentationen genomförts var det dags för Lt Roche att ta över och presentera den signalmateriel som används av Ircon.

Vi förflyttades ut till fotbollsplanen för en uppvisning i Hurlingspel, något som närmast kan liknas vid landhockey. Man spelar med kraftiga träklubbor och en hård läderboll med korkkärna. Det gäller att få bollen mellan ett par målstolpar. Någon övre gräns för målet finns inte.

Spelet verkade mycket påfrestande och hårt. Blåmärken och bulor på armar och ben efter kontakt med klubborna förekom. När matchen var slut fick de svenska soldaterna tillfälle att känna på "redskapen". I dammet kunde man bl.a se sgt. Bo Harder forsa fram i en soloraid.

Nästa programpunkt var en förevisning av pansarbilen Panhard. Fordonet är utrustat med en granatkastare som kan skjuta både direktriktad och indirekt eld. Vidare har det två kulsprutor med kaliber 7.62 mm. Terrängframkomligheten såg ut att vara bra. Efter demonstrationen bjöds svenskarna på en åktur i vagnarna. Bland de första som tillvaratog denna möjlighet var krp Greger Eriksson och öfu Tord Gustafsson som krampaktigt höll sig fast i tornet när fordonen studsade fram.

Innan eftermiddagens volley- och fotbollsmatcher hann vi bada i Govenors beach. Till matcherna hade det börjat blåsa vilket omöjlig-



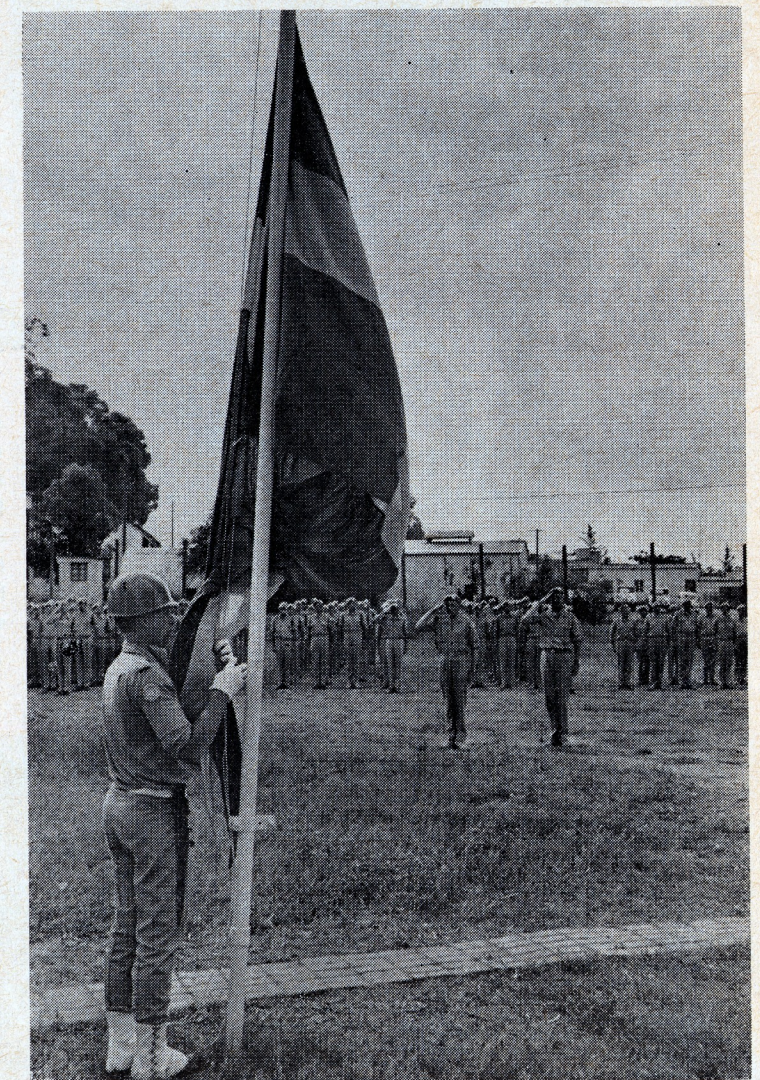
gjorde alla försök till skönspele. Första set i volleyboll förlorade Swedcon med 15-5 medan däremot andra gick betydligt bättre. Dock förlust även där. Siffrorna blev 18-16.

Om vi efter den första förlusten hoppades på fotbollen för att "återupprätta" vårt rykte som bollspelare så dämpades önskingarna direkt. Ircon inledde med stark press. Endast svenske målvakten Jan Karlssons spel hindrade att nollan spräcktes.

Efter fem minuter in på andra halvlek var det dock klippt! Irländarna gjorde 1-0 genom P Kellehar. Kjell Kihlgren utjämnade i 23:e minuten och hoppet tändes åter. Efter dryga halvtimmen slogs spiken i den svenska kistan genom nytt mål av P Kellehar. Trots förlust med 2-1 skall vi nog vara glada att vi inte fick stryk med fler mål.

Bilderna: Ovan en Panhard under terrängkörning. Nedan öfu Tord Gustafsson och fu Sonestad i provåkningstagen.

## SWEDCON NEWS Swedish Forces Photos

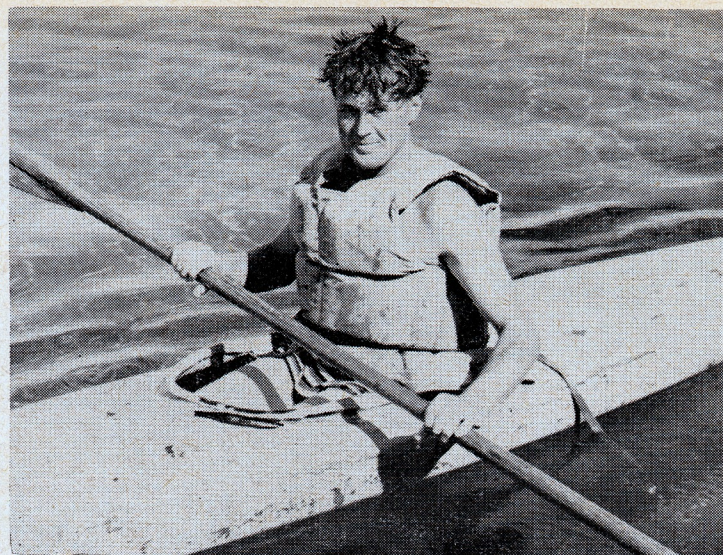


I arla morgonstund på söndagen inleddes firandet av Svenska flaggans dag. Alla utom postmästaren stod uppställda 7.55 Fem minuter senare hissades flaggan. På kompaniets uppställningsplats inleddes på kvällen en kort ceremoni där chefen hälsade generalkonsuln, mr Pierides och konsul Hahouliades med fru välkomna till campen. Efter ett kort tal, fanmarsch och korem upplöstes styrkorna för att fira dagen med gemensam middag för befälskärerna på offmässen. Bilden är tagen från morgonens hissande av flaggan.



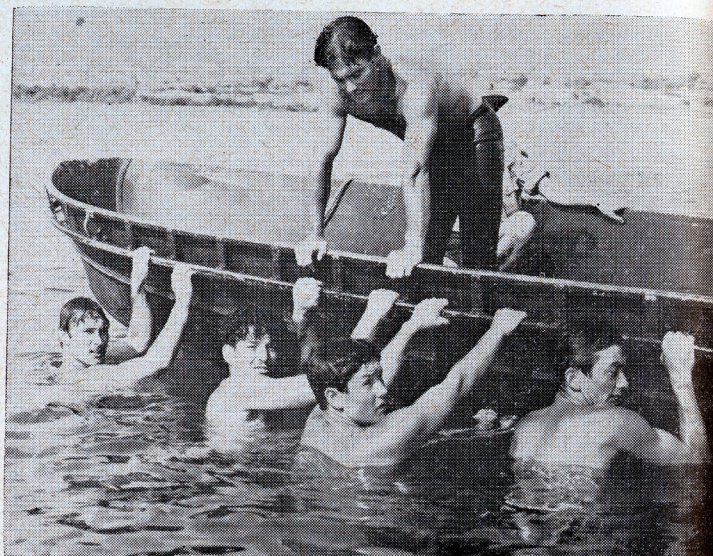
## PADDLING HIS OWN CANOE

Looking pleased with himself is Corporal C. Dent paddling his own canoe. With a calm and warm sea and no tide, canoeing for beginners is very straight forward. Has Corporal Dent tried an Eskimo roll yet? Not recommended for beginners.



## SWIMMING TRAINING

Pausing for a rest during a swimming session under the watchful eye of Sergeant J. Harrison, Army Physical Training Instructor, are left to right Second Lieutenant S. McDonald, Private A. Moir, Private G. Farquhar and Lance Corporal B. Shand. Sergeant Harrison is responsible for all the training aspects at Lara Point.



## ABSEILING

Looking somewhat apprehensive but under control is Private P. Graham trying his hand at abseiling at Lara Point. Private Graham is a member of 11 Platoon recently up from Limassol where they have been on duty in the Town Observation Post.



## BRITCON NEWS

### LARA

### CAMP

Twenty miles up the coast from Ktima The Gordon Highlanders have their "Rest Camp", where every week one of the platoons spends a complete week soaking up the sun.

The morning begins with reveille at a leisurely 6 o'clock followed by forty minutes physical training which includes a run and a dip in the sea. The rest of the day is spent on various activities including canoeing, sailing, aqualung diving and abseiling. A week by the sea makes a pleasant change from the Observation Posts.



## PERSONNEL BRANCH ROTATION

The handover of the Logistics Branch Ration/Stationery NCO is now taking place between Sergeant Taff Clement and Corporal Dave Burnley.

We welcome Corporal Burnley from Headquarters 3rd Division, Bulford. He has also served in France, Aden, United Kingdom and Hong Kong. Corporal Burnley has been in the army for 6 years.

Sergeant Clement who came to us from 22 Special Air Service Regiment, Hereford is going back there for another 2 years when he hopes to retire.



## IRISH SHADOW MINISTER VISITS IRCON

20 Inf Group got its first taste of visiting firemen from the old sod, when Deputy Richie Ryan T. D., Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs, paid a flying visit to Cyprus on the weekend 29-30 May.

Mr. Ryan, who was on an official inspection tour for Dail Eireann, arrived at Nicosia Airport at 1800 hrs on Friday 28, to be met by COM-IRCON, Lieutenant Colonel J.J. Griffin, and the Irish LO, Commandant Peter Hayes. On Saturday morning Mr. Ryan was briefed at UNFICYP HQ by the Officiating Force Commander, Brigadier General E.M.D. Leslie DSO, CD and Dr. R. George, Senior Legal and Political Adviser.

A heli flight to Zyyi, and Mr. Ryan was exposed to an intensive programme of briefings and inspections of various sub-units and installations.

A working lunch was followed by a trip to 'A' Company at Kophinou, where the Deputy met Commandant Frank Fleming and his staff. Visits to OP's Bunker and Crown Hill afforded a first hand opportunity of seeing just what UN peace-keeping duties entail.

● Inspecting the Quarter Guard at Kophinou Camp.



guest of honour at a dinner in Zyyi Camp Officers Mess. The Irish tradition of "informal formality" was very much in evidence and the scheduled ETD for his Nicosia hotel took on the aspects of a moveable feast.

After reading the Lesson at Mass in Paphos Gate on Sunday morning the infatigable Deputy left for Wolfe Tone Camp Larnaca, where he was received by Commandant

● A closer look at one of the Armoured Car Group's Panhards.



● At OP Bunker, Left to Right: Commandant P. Hayes, Irish LO, Commandant F. A. Fleming, OC 'A' Coy, Lieutenant Colonel J. J. Griffin, Mr. Ryan, Corporal Patsy Gettings NCO I/C OP, Signalman John Magaharan, Privates Denis O'Gorman, and Michael Dermody.

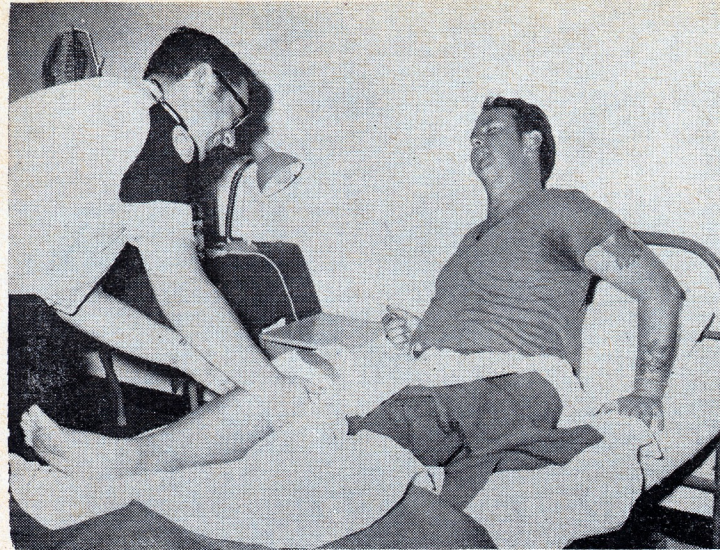
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● Sentry reports to Mr. Ryan at OP Crown Hill, Mari.

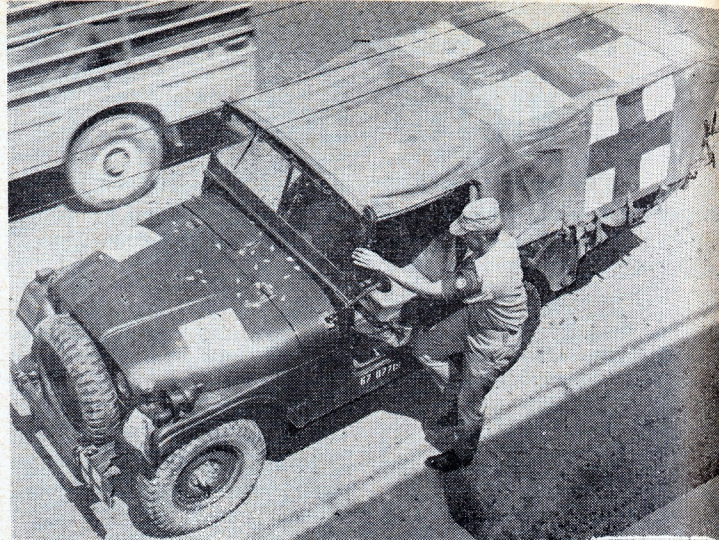


Terry Higgins and his staff. After a tour of Wolfe Tone Camp, the party visited Artemis Road with all its realities of close confrontation. Flying visits to the Mosque of Hala Sultan Tekke and to Famagusta and Salamis were squeezed in before the Deputy was guest of UNFICYP HQ Officers at farewell dinner. There was just time for a lightning trip to some of Nicosia's tourist spots after dinner, and Mr. Ryan took off from Nicosia Airport at 0200 on Monday morning.

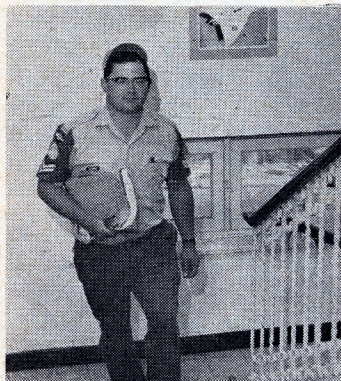




● The agony of the cure seems worse than the ill for Sergeant Bill Kolachynski, receiving a leg dressing from Senior Medical Officer, Doctor Peter Lindsay.



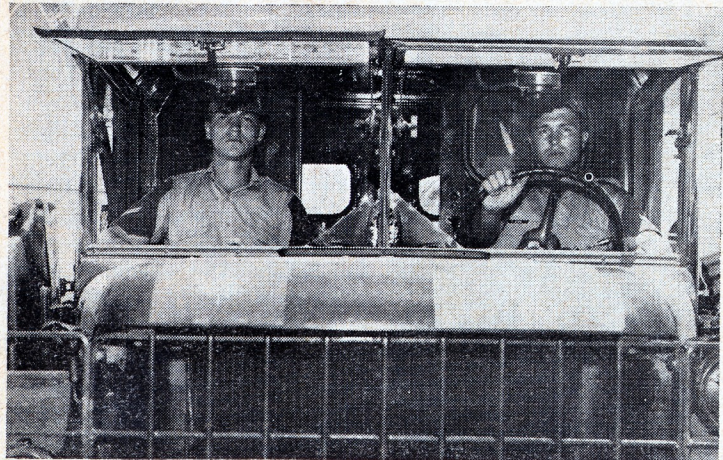
● Part of a fleet of five vehicles, a field ambulance driven by Private Gord Harper pulls up to the Unit Aid Station.



● Administration and hygiene inspections are part of the responsibilities of Corporal John Schornagel carried on throughout the Contingent.



● Drug dispensing following treatment is carried out by Corporal Lloyd Greene for Private Mike Cormier of A Company.



● Corporals Al Taylor and Al Fyrk, staff drivers at the Unit Aid Station, on call in the box ambulance in the Nicosia area.

## THE UNIT AID STATION

Before leaving Canada, military personnel are closely screened, X-rayed, lab-tested and fed into the system with only the strong and healthy emerging to appear on the list of foreign postings.

In truth, it is these same healthy personnel that have pressed the Unit Aid Station into service. The medics handle more than two hundred patients a month on daily sick parades with more than two hundred reasons for being there.

Sports, occupational hazards, respiratory ailments and skin infections lead the list of reasons for being; but health is no guarantee, even for the young and healthy and they come daily for treatment.

Like any other organization, preventative action is a force to be reckoned with. Hygiene inspections embracing food preparations, medical supervision and checks on food handlers are made. Living accommodations, furnishings, water supply and control of sewerage, pools and water consumption are constantly monitored; as are the general area health problems which often pose special hygiene problems.

The ten man unit has facilities for extensive treatment of

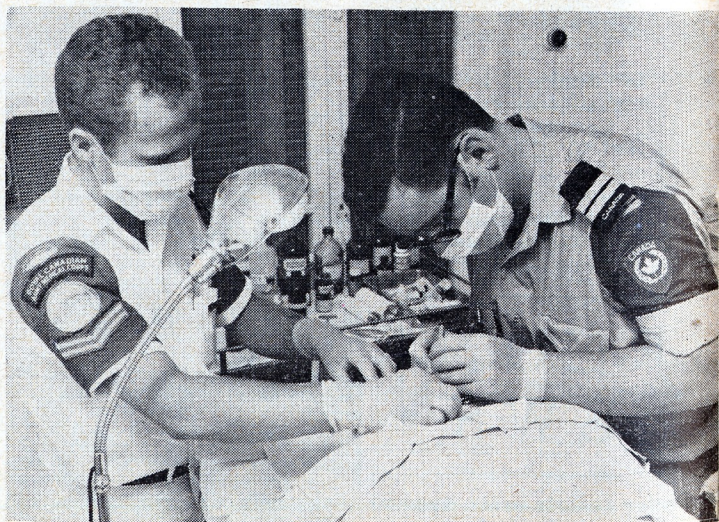
the less serious and emergency cases with a good control in referral for the more serious.

Doctor Peter Lindsay, Senior Medical Officer of the Canadian Contingent unit says, "Our job in an operational role is dealing primarily with health people; of recognizing that this state can or cannot be maintained medically, then

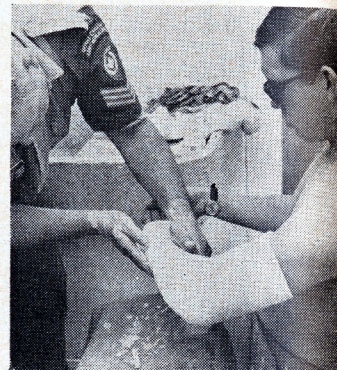
## CANCON NEWS

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administering both professionally and operationally. My job is maintaining good health", he went on; "the health of my patient and the health of the Battalion; I have no higher priorities."



● Captain Peter Lindsay, assisted by Corporal Bob De Breyne, performs a minor operation in the treatment room.



● Sergeant Gord Gascoine forms an arm cast on Private Garry Doyle in the Unit Aid Station cast room.

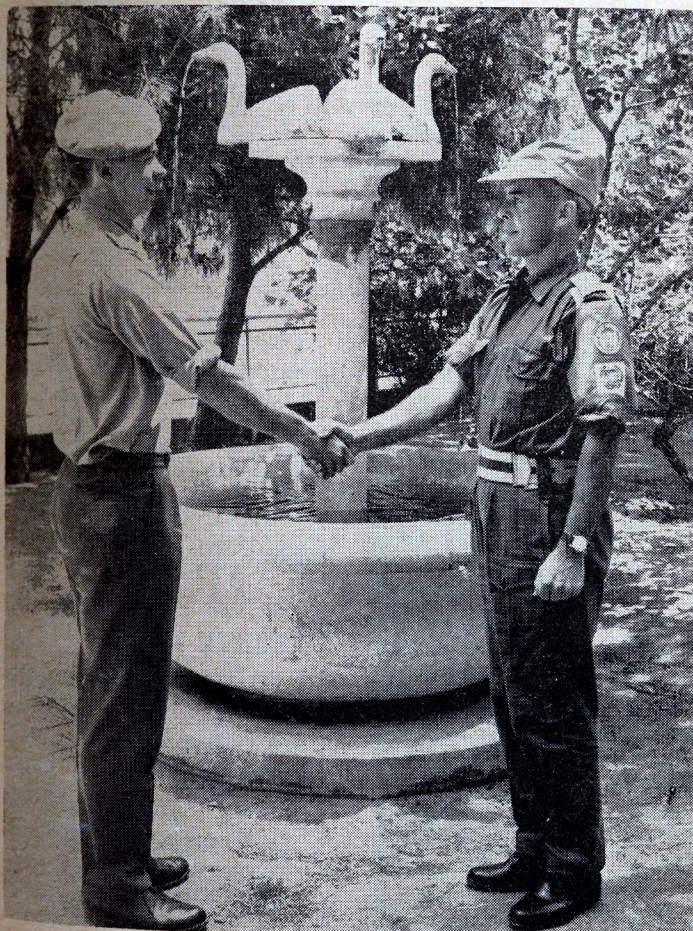


● Medical Assistant Corporal Garry Thomas runs a routine blood test during the confinement of a patient in the eight bed Unit Aid Station.

# LIPPUPÄIVÄ — MITALIPARAATI



## PÄÄLLIKKÖ VAIHTUI IJK:SSA



Vajaan kuukauden 1 JK:n päällikkyyttä hoitanut ltn Jorma Räisänen luovuttaa komppanian uudelle päällikölle kapt Jeri Vuorelalle. (oik)

## KAPT JERI VUORELA

vastaanotti poikkeuksellisesti yksikön päällikön tehtävät kesken rotaatiokautta. Syy tähän poikkeustapaukseen oli edellisen varsinaisen päällikön kapt M Hieta-lahden siirtyminen UNTSON tehtäviin, tarkkailijaksi Suezin kanavalle.

1 JK:n vt päällikkönä toimi

komppanian varapäälikkölle ltn Jorma Räisänen.

Kapt J Vuorela ei ole saarella aivan uusi tulokas, sillä hän toimi HK:n päällikkönä YKSP 8:n aikana 1967-68. Palveluspaikka Suomessa oli Asevarikko 3 Vammalassa.

Kapt Vuorelan harrastuksiin kuuluu ampuminen ja lentopalloilu. Toivotamme koko Vuorelan perheen, johon kuuluu Jeri, Pirkko ja Jari, tervetulleeksi Kyprokselle.

Liput saapuvat. Huomio... Ryhdikkäästi marssinutta lippuvartiota johtaa vanhempi lippu-upseeri ltn Juha Siilasvuo. Lippuvaliupseereina vääp Timo Hytönen ja ylik Jouni Pihlajaniemi.

## FINCON NEWS

## HE OVAT OP:LLA



Kaveruksia kuun maisemassa (vas oik) kers A Saukkonen, jääk J Väänänen, E Luttinen ja M Schroderus.

Lienee paikallaan puhua kuun maisemasta. Näin voisi lähinnä kuvata OP Martins Moundin ympäristöä. Kerroskivilajit ovat painuneet Kyrenian vuoriston suunnassa poimuille kuin kasa mattoja. Maa on huuhtoutunut aikojen kuluessa pois ja jäljellä on kuin jättiläisen kyntämä kivinen pelto tai kuin kiveksi jähmettyneet valtameren mainingit. Harmaan ja ruskean yksitoikkoinen ankeus tuo mieleen valokuvat kuusta. Lähellä ei ole mitään asutusta; vain osapuolten asemat näkyvät kauempana. Yksinäiseltä näyttävät vartiomiehet niissäkin.

Sanotaan, että Martissa tuulee aina. Pitänee paikkansa, ainakin joka kerta käydessäni olen huomannut saman. Uutta on OP:n

miehitys, joka jälleen on vaihtunut sitten viime näkemän. Kers A. Saukkonen johtaa nyt Martin porukkaa, johon kuuluu hänen lisäksi jääk J. Väänänen, M. Schroderus ja E. Luttinen. Pykälämiehenä on sillä hetkellä jääk H. Perälä.

Menemme sisälle kämppään ja pian on edessämme kahvimuki. Jutellaan asioista, jotka sillä hetkellä ovat pinnalla: palveluksesta, vapaa-ajan vietosta, jne. Pitkään voi joutua sidotuksi palvelustehtäviin, ei ihme jos syntyy patoutumia jotka vaativat purkamista.

Lyhyt vierailu on päättynyt, heitämme hyvästit ja kiipeämme Lantikkaan. Jälleen on edessä sateen uurtama, pölyinen ja epätasainen tie.



## 644 SIGNAL TROOP MAP READING RALLY

Despite an "eleventh hour" change of plan, yet another treasure hunt run primarily for 644 Signal Troop, (but including guest teams from RCT, RE, REME, Camp Staff and Army Avn Flt) got under way at 1300 hours on Saturday 29th May 1971.

The gruelling seventy mile course, set by Staff Sergeant (FofS) Hill, proved to be not only a test of map reading and driving ability, but a trial as to the roadworthiness of the 15 vehicles that participated. Incidentally, all came through with flying colours over some of the most punishing terrain in Cyprus.

The winning vehicle was navigated by Sergeant Jim Annear whilst proving his skill at driving was Captain George Finney, both of 644 Signal Troop, having beaten Sergeant Jim Nunns and Signalman Tony Stokes into second place.

Congratulations, however, must go to all participants for not only taking part, but in successfully completing the course.



● Staff Sergeant (FofS) Nobby Hill, who organised most of the rally, is seen talking to Corporal Flynnne who headed the RCT entry.



● Corporal Clark and Signalman Watson serving drinks to the Cancon entrants during the rally.



● Members of 644 Signal Troop in the Mercury Club preparing their maps and route cards before proceeding on the rally.

### MP NOTEBOOK

#### ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

|                 |   |     |
|-----------------|---|-----|
| Week ending     |   |     |
| 5 June 71       | — | 5   |
| Same Period     |   |     |
| Last Year       | — | 3   |
| Total This Year | — | 129 |
| Same Period     |   |     |
| Last Year       | — | 159 |

Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:

**"DRIVING WITHOUT DUE CARE AND ATTENTION"**

#### SAFETY TWIST

1 little driver who's still alive today; by following the safety rules, he hopes to stay that way

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