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VISITORS TO HQ UNFICYP

During the past two weeks the Force Commander Lt Gen D PREM CHAND, PVSM has received two distinguished visitors. The first was from the Chief of Defence Staff of the Swedish Armed Forces, Lt Gen G EKLUND, who also visited the Swedish Contingent at Famagusta. The second visitor was Field Marshal Sir Michael CARVER, GCB CBE, DSO MC, the British Chief of Defence Staff who during his short stay visited a few UNFICYP locations in the Nicosia area.



The Force Commander, Lt Gen D PREM CHAND, PVSM and Lt Gen G EKLUND share a joke during their recent meeting.



The Chief of Staff, Brig Gen CE BEATTIE, CD, accompanied by the Force Commander, Lt Gen D PREM CHAND, PVSM, points out a few interesting locations to Field Marshal Sir MICHAEL CARVER, GCB, CBE, DSO, MC. Several other senior officers of UNFICYP, together with Lt Col PM McCahey, Cdr P BELL, RN, and Capt CD LOWTHER (ADC) accompanied the party.

THE FORCE COMMANDER VISITS TO GURKHAS



On the 25th October the Swedish Contingent commences its rotation at Famagusta. Our picture shows the present Swedish Commander Lt Col S KRISTENSSON of the 53C Battalion saying welcome to his successor, Lt Col M FORNELL who commands the 55C Battalion.



The Force Commander, Lt Gen D PREM CHAND, PVSM, recently paid a visit the 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles at Alexander Barracks, Dhekelia. Our picture shows the Force Commander watching a Carl Gustav anti tank team.

BENGNAVEFEST UDI LIMNITIS - HØVDINGENS BORGGAARD

De gode hirdmænd og deres høvding havde gennem nogen tid været på smalkost og sanket i lade af gastronomen Geertsens suleflæsk. Dog fortrinsvis sådanne godbidder, som i Dania kaldes for gnaveben, alt med den kulinariske bagtanke, at høvdingen kunne samle hele hirden til et fælles måltid i sin borggård.

Hirden opfordredes til at aftage den gamle veltjente klædning, grundigen at tvætte sig, samt uden derved at krænke evt. skjoldmøers blufærdigt nedslagne øjne møde op i fantasifuld påklædning. Høvdingen havde befalet langbordene stillet op ude i borggården, og midt på selve gildespladsen stod det store sulekar, hvori hird-



mændene og høvdingen kastede deres renslikkede gnaveben under megen mandig latter.

Som skik er, når gode stridsmænd fylkes i festligt lag, øvedes også ved denne lejlighed mandig dåd, idet de to overhirdmænd, Skaarup og Engelbrechtsen, på kammeratlig vis brødes midt i sulekarret. Også livsfangen Hostrup fra Alcatraz fik sit sidste ønske opfyldt og trådte i sin karakteristiske stil dansen sammen med skjoldmøen Gasque.

Senere på dagen lød hirdmændenes smukt klingende dybe baser i flere timer i høvdingens borggård, samtidig med at stemmebåndene flittigt fugtedes med den gode likale mjød.



MANDEN BAG KAMERAET



Samtlige billeder i "The Blue Beret" og i den kommende DANCON bog er konstabel R. L. Benche fra Gardehusarregimentet ansvarlig for. Benche har virkelig gjort et stort arbejde, først og fremmest med alle de mange billeder til den efterhånden meget omfangsrige bog, men også som medarbejder og hjælper for redaktøren af den danske side i "The Blue Beret" har han været en dygtig og god hjælp. Det har ind imellem givet noget "arbejde i marken" med efterfølgende mørkekamerarbejde på de mest mærkelige tidspunkter af dagen.

Af profession er Benche typograf, men har fotografering som sin meget store hobby. En tak til Benche for mange gode billeder.

DANCON NEWS



Som bekendt har velfærdstjenesten allieret sig med et ualmindeligt skønt hotel i Limassol, hvor personel fra DANCON under meget afslappede forhold kan nyde et 48 timers ophold. Her mangler intet, idet man vågner op som "Jeppe X i Baronens seng" til sagte, blid musik, nyder de skønneste måltider tre gange om dagen, og ellers frit kan benytte de mange faciliteter såsom svømmebasin, havbad, sauna, bar og natklub. Der er intet at sige til, at soldaterne på billedet her i fulde drag nyder tilværelsen i Limassol efter de ikke særlig spændende opholdsbetingelser, som bydes på i Lefka District.

GOODBYE ALL FRIENDS

This week the 53rd Swedish UN Battalion serving with UNFICYP will rotate after the fulfilling their six months contract. However for the first time in many years only half the strength will leave for Sweden. The 53rd battalion had a strength of 215 men when it arrived in Cyprus during mid April. At the beginning of August more than three hundred new soldiers arrived, many of whom came almost straight from the Middle East where they had been serving with the Swedish battalion UNEF. It is only the "original" part of the battalion, who are leaving the "Island of Love".

All the Swedes serving in Cyprus this summer wish to say goodbye to all their friends within the other contingents.

In command of Famagusta district from now on will be the 55th Swed UN Bn, commanded by LtCol Magnus Fornell. To our successors we also wish to say: Good luck, you will need it!

Swedcon News

Swedish Forces Photos



General Eklund besöker OP Makrasyka och Hans-Erik Andersson, Östersund och Lars Skagerling, Färsta skyldrar för brinnande livet.



Jaha, general, Sverige låt mig se, det ligger troligen åt det hållet, över Larnacavägen och bort mot Nicosia..... eller var det kanske Libanon som låg där. Hur som helst general, så är jag i Sverige i slutet av den här månaden. Var det än ligger. Chefen briefar general Eklund på toppen av mjöluplaget.



General Eklund hann också med besök på OP:na under sitt komprimerade besök på bataljonen. Här hälsar generalen på serg Olle Håkansson, OP-chef i Athna. T.v. major Göran Vrenngård, överste Carl-Gösta Norderup, C Ast/FN, general Eklund, serg Håkansson och t.h. Chefen.

KVAR ÄR BARA BOKEN

Bataljon 53 är förd i hamn. Kvar som minne efter sex månader på Cypern är egentligen bara bataljonsboken som sista månaden ökade med ett par sidor om dagen. Från ursprungliga 140 sidor kommer att utges en bok på nästan 100 sidor mer. Innehållande drygt 230 bilder. Utförd i boktryck

fyller den förhoppningsvis en plats i var mans bokhylla. Dessutom blir den något av ett fotoalbum över sommarens händelser. Till slut bara ett tack till Chefen till hela bataljonen och civpolavdelningen utan vars stöd boken varit omöjlig att genomföra.

HEJ OCH TACK

Jaha, rotationen pågår och drygt 200 man av bataljon 53 lämnar Cypern. Lämnar "kärlekens ö" efter att ha sett den förvandlas till något helt annat: En modern krigsskådeplats där tusentals turister och FN-soldater överraskas av brutaliteten i händelserna.

På något sätt har paradiset våldtagits. 53:an blev en anorlunda bataljon genom att vi började med liten styrka och växte ut till en "stor" bataljon. Till er som kommer i augusti och nu tjänstgör till april säger vi bara när ni ny byter nummer på bataljon: Tack för den tid som varit. Ha så trevligt!



Bataljonen har spelat landskamp igen. Mot turkarna på fotbollsplanen utanför campen. På bilden t.v. den turkiske lagkaptenen och t.h. den svenske lagbasen, Lt Ulf Birath. I mitten den opartiske domaren, bataljonens rättsvårdare, Lt Kurre Sandberg, själv stor motionsfantast. Matchen vann Sverige med hela 9-3.

Lcpl Alan Twinning, Royal Engineers, now serving with the United Nations Force in Cyprus, has been formally presented with a Commander in Chief's Commendation for outstanding conduct in Dhofar, Oman, earlier this year whilst serving with his Squadron on a four month detachment from their base in Waterbeach, Cambridge.

During the last week of their tour Alan was supervising the work of some local civilians restoring a school. It was in an area still subject to guerrilla fire from time to time. They had two local soldiers for protection. Suddenly, about 100 yards away there was an explosion which badly injured a corporal and a sergeant of Alan's Squadron. Believing that they were under fire, he immediately put the workmen in a place of safe-

C-in-C's COMMENDATION



ty, directed the soldiers to defensive positions and ran to the aid of the injured British soldiers. He found that one of them had stepped on a mine. He rendered life-saving aid, stopped a passing patrol and calmly reported the situation to the NCO in charge.

Alan stayed to assist the helicopter evacuation of the wounded. The citation of the Commendation says: "In a confused situation this Sapper remained calm throughout. He assumed command of the situation and boldly carried out first-aid procedures and ensured the safety of others. His conduct was in the highest tradition of the Service".

The presentation was made by Colonel Peter Chiswell, the Commander of the British Contingent of UNFICYP.

BRITCON NEWS

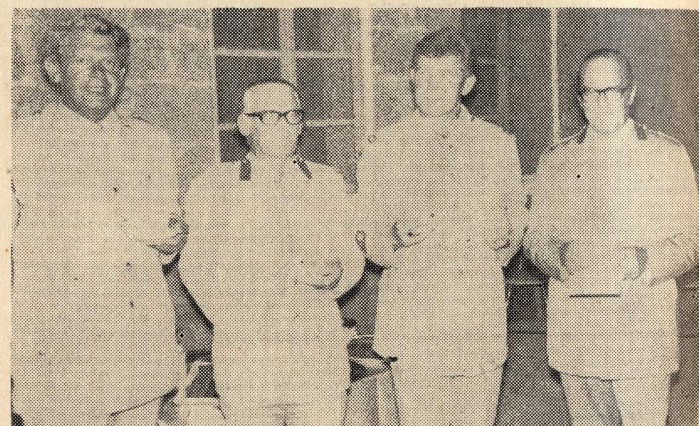
ORDNANCE DET UNFICYP



Having been pestered and cajoled by members of the RAOC (who wish to remain anonymous) I have finally managed to scrape their photograph into the Blue Beret. Granted this is only the members of Ordnance Stores Section, the remainder who are missing unfortunately are mainly Staff Clerks and could not be spared from their duties at the time. On a serious

note though the "workers", as they like to be called, carry out their many tasks quietly and quickly. They are, back row: Sgt CAMPLIN and Pte BURFOOT; centre row: Captain INGRAM, Pte TOMKINS, Pte DENT, Sgt PETERS, Sgt BLAKE, WO2 COX, Pte Scott and Pte BURNS; Front row: Ssgt GORE, Cpl WALKER and the civilian BIA.

DINING OUT NIGHT BRIG FR HENN, CBE



On the 28th September 1974, the Warrant Officers and Sergeants of Camp UNFICYP held a Dining Out evening prior to the departure of Brigadier F.R. Henn, CBE, the former Chief of Staff. Our picture, taken outside on the patio of the WO's & Sgts' Mess, shows from left to right: Major M.M. Barker, Camp Commandant, Colonel W. O'Carroll-Fitzpatrick, Chief Medical Officer, WO1 S.P. Birch, Regimental Sergeant Major of Camp UNFICYP and Brigadier F.R. Henn, CBE.

SPECIAL IRCON NEWS

Who kissed the 'Blarney Stone'? Well if Comdt J.J. FLYNN, IRCON, didn't, he had everyone in HQ UNFICYP's undivided attention. Here he is seen passing on some of that blarney to the Force Commander, Lt. Gen. D. Prem Chand, PVSM and the Chief of Staff, Brig. Gen. C.E. Beattie, CD.



UND WIEDER'ROTATIONS-TIME BEIM AUSCON



Der diesmal besonders freudig erwartete letzte Tag auf der Insel ist aus dem strahlenden Gesicht von Gfr Mike QUIRING deutlich erkennbar. Am 16. und in weiterer Folge am 27. Oktober 1974 verliessen die Kameraden des UNAB 5 die Insel. Sie alle haben einen Abschnitt der Geschichte Zyperns erlebt, der ihnen in jeder Hinsicht in Erinnerung bleiben wird.

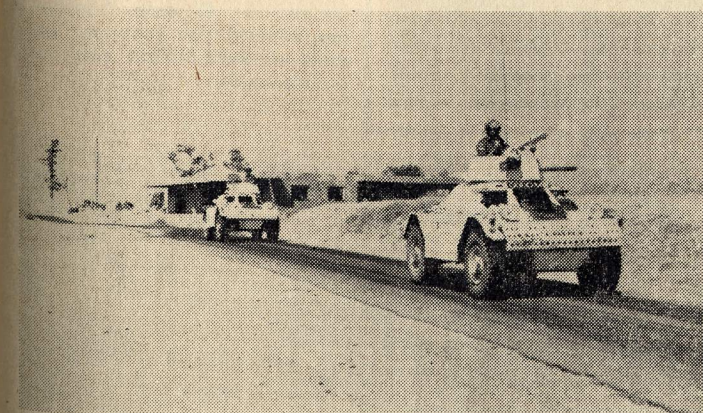
An dieser Stelle sei jedem einzelnen nochmals gedankt, für seine Mithilfe bei der Erfüllung einer Aufgabe, die einem der höchsten Ziele dient, dem Frieden auf Erden. Und sollte einer der Heimkehrenden Zweifel am Erfolg der Aufgabe haben, dann möge er sich die dankbaren Gesichter jener Menschen in Erinnerung rufen, denen er helfen konnte, es waren viele!

KLEIN, ABER OHO!



Seit 9. Oktober 1974 dürfen wir vom AUSCON mit unseren britischen Kameraden von der Force Reserve direkt zusammenarbeiten. Ein Zug scout cars mit 4 gepanzerten Ferret scout cars Typ MARK 2 unter dem Kommando von 1/Lt Rod LEICH, einem sympathischen jungen britischen Offizier, mit dem Vorzug, ein beispielhaftes Oxford-Englisch zu sprechen, ist nun in LARNACA stationiert und kooperiert mit dem AUSCON auf der Basis aZA.

Im Bild sehen wir die englische Crew und ihren Kommandanten beim Shake-Hand mit unserem Observerzugs Kdt Obi MOSER.



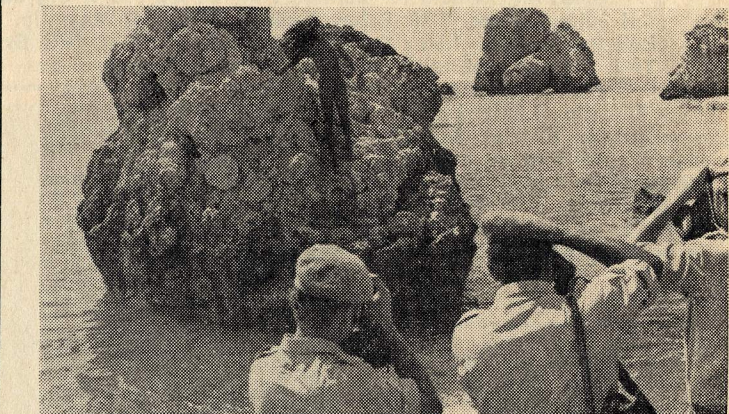
Mit einem herzlichen Wiener "Servas, und auf Wiedersehn in Österreich" darf sich auch euer Gelegenheits-Pressesoffizier, Capt Ali OEZELT verabschieden. Ganz sicher werden wieder viele mit ihm nicht zufrieden gewesen sein, ebenso sicher hat er einige Freunde gewonnen. Die Ersteren mögen dem Individualisten am "Feuerstuhl" verzeihen, jedem Recht getan ist eine Kunst, die auch er nicht kann.



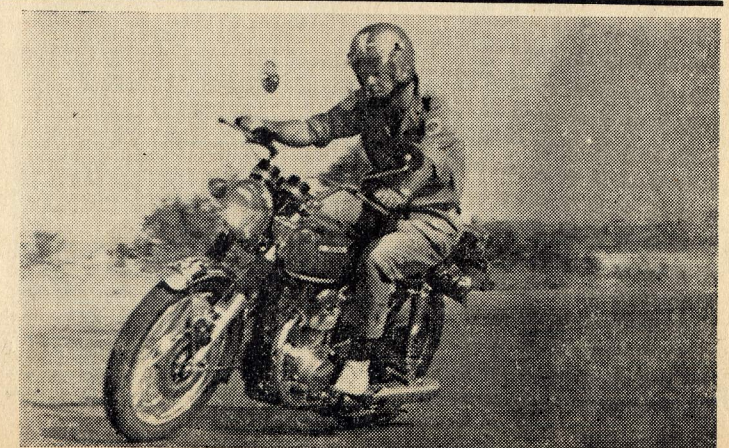
Seltener Besuch in der Men's Mess im Camp LEOPOLD V. in LARNACA. Am 12. Oktober folgten 5 Kameraden des CANCON einer österreichischen Einladung und überraschten mit einem ihrer landesüblichen Dudelsackstücken unsere Soldaten.



Trotz aller dienstlicher Sorgen sollte der Sport nicht zu kurz kommen. Grund genug, eine neue Fussballmannschaft beim AUSCON auf die Beine zu stellen und wie die Erfolge zeigen, gar keine schlechte. Am 9. Oktober 1974 ein 3:1 Sieg in DHEKE-LIA gegen eine gute und schnelle britische Mannschaft und am 12. Oktober ein nicht allzu hoher "Verlierer" (1:3) gegen die immer hoch und sehr spielstark einzuschätzende Mannschaft des SWEDCON, lassen nur Bestes hoffen.



Immer wieder begeisternder Anziehungspunkt für Amateurfotografen, der Aphroditfelsen im PAPHOS-Distrikt. Wenn dann noch eine zypriotische Schönheit (Im Bild leider nicht so wirkungsvoll als in Wirklichkeit) den Ruf der Schaumgeborenen vernimmt, dann sind UN-Fotografen aller Ränge nicht mehr zu halten.



AB HQ & SIG SQN — NEWS ARTICLE

On Monday, 7 Oct 74, ten members of the Airborne Headquarters and Signal Squadron received United Nations Medals for their service in Egypt with UNEFME. The Medals were presented to the group by the Commander Nicosia Zone East Col G. Lessard, CD at a parade held for the occa-

sion in the Wolseley Barracks area.

The group was part of Operation Danaca that took place in Nov 73 and resulted in over a 1000 Canadian troops deploying to the Middle East. These members of the AB HQ & SIG SQN were employed in Egypt with the newly formed 73 Ca-

nadian signal unit. After spending an average of seven months in the Middle East all these people returned to the Canadian Airborne Regiment in Edmonton to enjoy only a few brief weeks with their families prior to deploying to Cyprus in July 74. Their medals have been well earned. Airborne!



UNEFME medals for members of the Ab HQ & Sig Sqn. Front row left to right Cpl John Lepage, TPR Brian Buck and Cpl ED Mayville. Back row left to right Sgt Bob Prouse, Cpl Terry Cassells, WO Bob Hubley, TPR Greg Wells, Mcpl Paul Cook, TPR Jacques Robitaille and Cpl Norm Banfield.

Le COL Guy Lessard commandant du district de Nicosie s'entretient avec deux membres du 1er Commando Aéroporté les soldats Sylvestre JJ et Pelletier JR sur le poste "MAPLE ONE"



Field Marshal Sir MICHAEL CARVER, GCB, CBE, DSO, MC, visiting a CANCON OP post, accompanied by Col GHJ LESSARD, CD, and Maj R GOUDREAU.

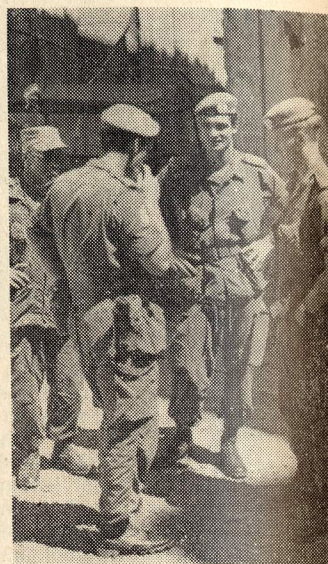


CANCON NEWS



Le Caporal Prévost JL du 1er Commando Aéroporté membre du Contingent Canadien de la Force des Nations-Unies à Chypre est le chauffeur du Commandant de la Cie "A".

LE PREMIER COMMANDO AÉROPORTE



"O" group sur la Ligne Verte. De gauche à droite: l'Adj Clavette FM, le Capt Jacques Valière, le Capt Carol Mathieu et le Major "Bob" Gaudreau.



Le soldat Deleto RJL, membre de la Force des Nations-Unies à Chypre observe le mouvement des troupes grecques et turques de son poste d'observation

NO TERVE!

Lanaa, lanaa — niin, niin tämän kuun 28. päivänä se sen tekee, lanaa. Meille 96:lle YK-veteraanille.

Millä mielellä lähdemme, niin? Tietenkäin vetää pikkuisen puse-roa ruttuun, kun täytyy jättää jäähyt Ellenille, Kebu-rukkaselle, Marialle (molemmille). Panokselle ja panostukselle, Boghazini PU:lle ja kaikille aseveikoille, mutta akat itkekööt.

Ja mitä meille vastineeksi tarjoaa Suomi — Finland; muik-kukukkoa ja pottuhaukkaita, piimää ja ruisleipää, pontikkaa ja röntäsadetta, hämäläperäisiä naisia ja ehdotuksia, elikkä siis ei paljon mitään. No miksi esim. minä Uuno menen Suomeen? No ensinnäkin on nääs nyt niin hyvä suparusketus, että sillä kaksi viikkoa kummasti pasteerailee Tikkurilan uimaltaan laidalla, toisekseen naapurin muija kirjoitti että hän odottaa minua ja lastani ja kolmanneksi, veljeni vaimo on innokas imbesilli (elikkä postimerkkeillä) ja haluan luovuttaa hänelle henkilökohtaisesti löytämäni harvinaisuuden nimeltä muunnelma makkaraista ilman pulisonkeja kaksoishammastuksella.

Sytä on siis lähtää. Se kuinka viihdyn Suomessa riippuu ihan siitä kauanko ystäväpiiriini jaksaa kuunnella tarinoitani tosi toimista. Epäilen, että he kyllästyvät yhdessä illassa, sillä ei kolme pulloa riitä pidemmälle, mutta joka tapauksessa tämän kuun 28. päivänä konstille lanaa senkin.... keleen hiutaleet.

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Sodan jäljet ovat edelleen selvästi nähtävissä Tjikloksessa. Raunioita ja palaneita puun runkoja leirin sisällä, mustuneet vuoren rinteet joka puolella, ja ilmassa tuoksua edelleen hiili ja tuhka.

YKKÖSKOMPPANIA — TJIKLOS CAMP



Majuri Karl-Erik "Ekku" Lenck, Tjikloksen päällikkö.

—Kolme päivää me olimme kuseksa, osapuolet tapella rystistelivät joka puolella, vieläpä meidän leirimme alueella, kertoo majuri Lenck.

—Vuoren rinteillä ja huipuilla sijainneet OP-miehitykset oli pakko vetää pois taistelun kestäessä, tosin kaikkia ei haluttu evakuoida etukäteen ja pojat joutuivat suojissaan hoitamaan OP-tehtävänsä, jonka he tekivät kiitettävällä tarkkuudella ja rohkeudella.

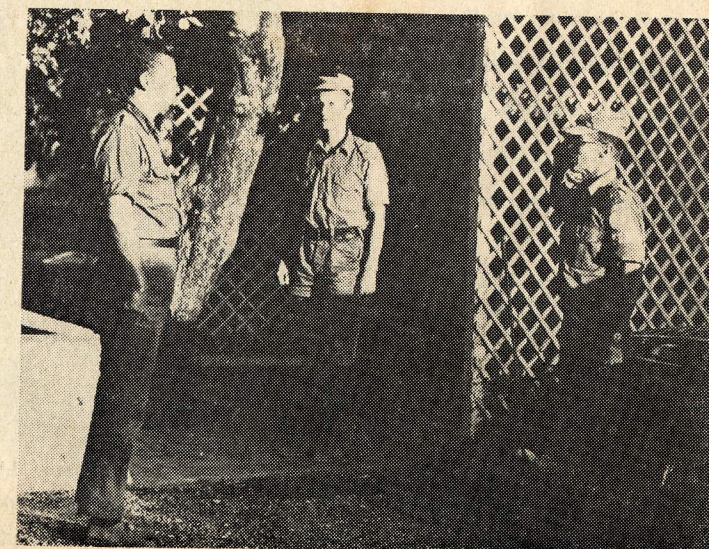
Tjiklos-Campissa oli ahdasta kun puolitoistasataa siviilipakolaista hakeutui YK:n alueelle suojaan.

—Nykyään täällä on kovin hiljaista, osia komppaniastamme on komennettuna Kykkoon ja muiden komppanioiden vahvennuksiksi, kertoo majuri Lenck.

Nelisenkymmentä "vuorenpaikkoa" rakentelee leiriään uudelleen niiltä osin kuin se on mahdollista. Yhteys muuhun pataljoonaan on vain kolme kertaa viikossa, huoltoconvoy on ainoa mahdollisuus päästä joskus vaapaalle leirin ulkopuolelle.

→ "Herra majuri, huoltoconvoy palannut Kykkosta, ilmoitti sotilasmestari Seppälä". Ykkösen vääpeliä vastaanottamassa myös luutnantti Savonen. Kyrenian tiellä ajavat convoyt nykyään kolme kertaa viikossa Tjikloksesta Kykkoon ja takaisin.

FINCON NEWS



FOOD AND REFUGEE CONVOYS

Since the 18th August until approximately the 16th October 1974, the United Nations Peace Keeping Force in Cyprus has delivered 470 tons of food and relief supplies to the Greek Cypriots living in the northern parts of the island and 1,360 tons to the Turkish Cypriots living in the southern parts. This is the equivalent of 364 truck-loads. Added to this means of supplying the refugees on the

island, the Transport Squadron has also had the task of taking small groups of civilian refugees from one location to another. Recently a few members of the unit escorted some Turkish civilians from the Hilton Hotel in Nicosia to the Red Crescent in the Turkish quarter of Nicosia. On the return journey they escorted some Greek civilians from the Red Crescent to the Greek Embassy in Nicosia.



Our picture shows Lt. P.J.T. Maggs, Sgt Owen, Cpl Frayling, Dvrs Woodward and Gowar assisting the Greek civilian refugees from out of the vehicles at the Greek Embassy.

HANDOVER OF AMBULANCE TO LOCAL RED CROSS

On the 6th September 1974 the Chief Medical Officer, Col. W. O'Carroll-Fitzpatrick, handed over a Landrover Ambulance to Mr M. Marti, Chef du Mission of the International Committee of the Red Cross. This fully fitted ambulance was donated by the British Government for use in Cyprus. UNFICYP Workshops carried out all the preliminary inspections and road checks of the vehicle.



In our picture, taken at the Cleopatra Hotel in Nicosia, Col. W. O'Carroll-Fitzpatrick is seen shaking hands with Mr M. Marti whilst Major G.P. Jones, OC UNFICYP Workshops, accompanied by WO1 Tambling the former ASM of the Workshops, hand over the vehicle documents and inspection reports to another member of the Red Cross.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFICYP

During the last two weeks the following country has contributed towards the UN Peace Keeping Force in Cyprus:

OMAN \$US 2,000

THANK YOU

The Secretaries of UNFICYP wish to thank all those who have so generously contributed towards their drive for the refugees. To date a sum of £265 has been received, together with assorted clothing, and distribution will be made soon.

If there is anybody who would still like to contribute, it is not too late, and you can get in touch with Ms Joan Martin, Office of the Senior Political Adviser, extension 331, UNFICYP HQ.

FAREWELL ?

On Saturday 12th October 1974 many of the Staff of HQ UNFICYP and Camp UNFICYP were all invited to a 'Farewell' drinks to the departing members of IRCON (three quarters of their strength). Unfortunately they have still not departed, although it could be any day, week or month from now. On a more serious note, we of the "Blue Beret" staff and we believe all members of HQ UNFICYP and Camp, wish to take this opportunity to say 'thank you' and bon voyage — when it comes.



The Force Commander, Lt. Gen. D. Prem Chand, PVSM, speaks to Comdt J.J. Flynn, whilst CQMS 'Tony' Byrne and Sgt 'Jim' Casey, IRCON, wait to say their farewells also.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS UNFICYP

Week ending 17th October	18
Same period last year	17
Total period this year	252
Same period last year	284

LESSON OF THE MONTH

Drinking and Driving is a deadly combination.



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