POLICE AMALGAMATE

The Force Provost Marshal’s Office, Special Investigation Unit and UNFICYP MP Company are now under one command. The SIU is now redesignated The Special Investigation Section.

The Company Officers pictured above are from l to r: Capt G.I. Sigurd, Famagusta Det, Capt P. Flynn, Irkon, Capt A. Mortensen 21/c, Major N.B. Stampe-Neilsen, outgoing OC, Lt Col R.T. Grogan, FPO and OC, Captain H. Mansfield, Admin Officer.

FORCE COMMANDER ON LEAVE

Lieutenant-General A.E. Martola, Commander of the United Nations Force in Cyprus, left Nicosia on Monday, 25 November 1968, for a period of home leave in Finland.

The Commander will return to Nicosia on 9 December 1968. During his absence, Brigadier-General E.M.D. Leslie, DSO, CD, Chief of Staff, will be officiating Commander of the Force.

US CONTRIBUTION TO UNFICYP

The United States has made another contribution of five million dollars (over £2 million) towards the upkeep of the U.N. Force in Cyprus, it is reported from New York. The new contribution is to cover the period ending on December 20.

Mr. UNFICYP SNOWMAN WELCOMED

It happened only a few days ago. Mr UNFICYP Snowman arrived on the island. And he is going to stay around for quite some time, as he pledged — white and crystallising as is his habit.

On his arrival in the Troodos mountains Mr Snowman received a hearty welcome and was helped to adjust his dress by Cpl. Dag Hoffsten, Pte. Ensi Andersson, Pte. Ingvar Klang and Cpl. Anders Nicander, all Swedish personnel at HQ UNFICYP.

INJURED RAF MEN IN MOUNTAIN RESCUE

Two injured members of the Near East Air Force Mountain Rescue team helped a Finnish member of the U.N. Peace Force (Pte Kotiranta), of Peace Force (Pte Kotiranta), of and fallen 400 ft on Troodos last Sunday.

The two RAF men, Cpl. David Wright of RAF Episkopi and SAC John Little of Akrotiri, were left in the Troodos base camp at Mount Olympus while the rest of them were practising recoveries elsewhere.

On receiving an emergency call, the two men took a stretcher from the ambulance stationed at Troodos and SAC Little, who only left hospital on Thursday after injuring his knee playing rugby, lowered Cpl Wright and an RAF policeman to the scene.

Volunteer helpers Pte Kotiranta was placed on the stretcher and SAC Little (continued on page 6)

WHAT, WHERE AND WHEN

PROGRAMME OF THE FINNISH INDEPENDENCE DAY, 6.12.1968

at HQ/Fincon

0945 Troops ready,
0955 Flag brought in
1000 Troops report to ComFincon
1005 Field church
1020 ComFincon’s speech
1030 Stand by for marchpast

1040 Marchpast, Lytra-street, Commander’s residence
1100 Celebrations in Coys
1300 Reception for NCOs, Commander’s residence
1900 Official reception for guests and officers of Fincon, at Ledra Palace Hotel
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At bli pårrett, når man sover som skånsen på efermåten. Att stalla opp i morgonen, bli forstadd i vegetationen og pålost ble inne en i ganspressord fra et av dei bergetsteninga. Att Sottna seser, at ta av sig trøjen, at piano og flamina, at få skarvular, at gå åndel, at med on se solen på sitt, at bli lilla av mosquitoskapsa skitser, at fotogra- fer, at øyna, att man mista sig liggande for nina mure.


Klin sjale, karl!

Vad vet Du om FN?

CONCERT AT LEFKAS

The men of 'A' Company took to the stage on Sunday night last and treated a large audience to a few hours of music, song and comedy sketches.

Our picture (right) shows Gunner Chris Davey (L) and Pte John Ainslie (R) playing a few lively tunes on the horns with Lieut Lee Quinlan (Centre) proving himself as a very popular vocalist.

On (Left) we have a comedy sketch in which Coy Sergt Peter McCullagh (Left) looks as if he is compeing for the title "Miss UNIFOCY" whilst Coy Francis Norris seems to be admiring the off-the-shoulder frack worn by his stage partner.

CHANGING THE GUARD

The IRCON guard supplied by 'B' Company and under command of Sergt I. Murphy march happily away and return the salute from the Finnish Platoon with an "Eye Left!". They have just completed their weeks tour of duty at UN HQ.

CUP WINNERS

The IRCON news.

Sgt Michael O'Sullivan, captain of the 11 Group HQ soccer team proudly displays the Cup won recently when his team had a good victory over a civilian team from Xeros.

TIGER NEWS

The Royal Hampshire Regiment, who is soldiering at Kophinos, announced its engagement last week to Miss Sarah Hounderson from Prince, Stirlinghire.

Incidentally, Kophinos are examining Susquehanna designs for a Kophinos tie, which will probably be a white tie with a maroon stripe running across it. Perhaps Pipkins will follow suit and we may see one of the following designs!

a. A psychohel design with H3 on it
b. A pink tie with a pair of rusty cheetah expanders embroidered.

c. A design incorporating Amphipolis, a Kiangaroo, and a soldier after six months on the outback. The compilation in this design, when you have decided the order of pursuit.

NEWLY PROMOTED

Two promotions in The Royal Hampshires since arriving out are Sg t Fred Hawkins, left, and Pte Stephen Taylor. Both are at Kophinos and pictured above on Bunker Hill.

WORLD CUP: SCOTLAND v CYPRUS

Denis Law will not be in the Scotland team who play Cyprus in Xeros on Dec 11, in their World Cup qualifying tie. Law helped Scotland to a 1-1 victory over Austria November.

He scored the first goal Mitchell sent off, and the police joined in the festivities between the teams.

RAIN DANCE AT WHEEL EM IN

Names: you wondered why there were no dates available in the Lachryma? 5th Sqn BCT, They have been keeping storms away in The Netherlands for the past 10 years. They were only able to keep it up because they had 100% of the same weather. It was recorded that even of that day some of the weather was caused by clouds in a storm. They were never seen on a cloudy day. Even of that day the morale of the ground control was high. They were said to be the best in the world. Even of that day the weather was caused by the prayers of the weather they had been an.

THAT WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS

By the time this edition of the Blue Book reaches your Christmas and New Year, hopefully you will have been a week or two back home. I hope the weather is good around Abotrain and Poole. There is no doubt that those who travel will have to face the severe weather there. The Portmouth Evening News and Arthur Smith, The Southend Evening News (continued on page 8)

APOLGISES SSMI!

There was much congestion in 42 Sqn Office when last week's Blue Beret arrived. Despite the literary masterpiece on their Medal Parade there was no photo of SSMI Padre Whelan in sight! This error is hastily amended!

SMHFRBFRBD AND ALL THAT

Tory Officers, H3 UNIFOCY could well have been transformed to a Serbian crooner in Gp F, however Cameron's unbridled enthusiasm for the crooners "W Europe" and "Dizzy Dizzy" ensured that the traditional customs were observed.
VISITING PRIEST ASSISTS AT MASS

Lt Col F.A. Halle, Command Chaplain (RC) from Mobile Command Headquarters in Montreal, visited Cyprus last week and assisted at the regular Sunday Mass conducted by Major G.B. Farlin, Contingent Chaplain. Also assisting was Major Mike Kearney, Economics Officer at UN Headquarters.

NEW ARMED FORCES UNIFORM

The new Canadian Armed Forces walking out uniform has recently become a common sight in Cyprus, with the arrival of the 3rd Battalion, Royal 22nd Regiment. It will be worn by the Sea, Land, and Air elements of the forces.

Dark green in colour, the new uniform is worn by all ranks. Ranks have been changed for officers and two non-commissioned ranks.

COS VISITS OP's

Brigadier General E.M.D. Lecil, UN Chief of Staff recently visited the Canadian Contingent outposts. He was accompanied by Lt Col A.J. Kirtoson, Chief Operations Officer. Briefing the General is Corporal Gilles Bouchard, N.C.O. and in charge of Pacopina Hill. The instrument in front was designed by Col Bouchard to assist in the pinpointing of locations.

The Queen's Colour and the Regimental Colour of the 3rd Battalion, Royal 22nd Regiment which are encased in the Officers Mess of Camp Maple Leaf. The Queen's Colour is now the Canadian Flag with the Regimental Cypher and Three in Roman numerals, mounted in the center of the Maple Leaf.

FINCON NEWS


TIEĐIỆSTÈLEVAT (RAUHANPUOLUSTAJAT)

Laeti ja Lare. Kasv- ja satialsen näköistä kave-

nuut, vaikka raahantuuriin aiomaan tapahtuma, yli F.

Saaremaa ja vihde Lare.

Tanko poikalla. Täisimmä on tällä kertaa ohi, ja

ilmaisevävi vietetään vähän raahattumissa.

Saanen Kypruun pataljoonan historiaa lienee
tuken kertakampaan aikaisemmin tapahtunut sellaista, että

jokin muuta olisi olleet maastourheilukseen suuntaan
tilalle otettavaksi olennaasta. Niitä pääsemme ahdiksi

patolasta pataljoonan tiettutajikseen juljille Kyproen vuoristo on

Viime viikolla ohjain Pentadakty-

leiken juurella. Samaan harjo-

itukseen käytetty on myös säätetty

rankeille esitetyn vehemmistö-

liikkeen kykin, joka on aukiotsa.

Tiedustelut ja palkatut suosituk-

sin tästä kylästä kumpi parin päi-

van ajan.

Reconyoukse on palanut nyt

onsilla komppanian ja meni nielle

sillä baikin mielen siitä suunnan

vikon päästa nika, joka valitse-

levittä harjoituksen aineen koko-

masta ja kehitti rauhantuvarmist

henkilöllisyynmäen kuin ehdit

vielä osastojen suunnan.

Osa tiettutajikset yleisesti kypriaisen rannekkaamais-

uusia. Viikonloppuna moottoripyörätilastolla on palanut kiertokaltaan

suuntaa maisenaan. Ylik P. Hammstaen.
FORTHCOMING INTERCONTINENTAL SPORTS EVENTS

An UNIFICYP Sports Officers meeting was held at HQ FINCON on Tuesday, 28 October, 1968, at which plans were made for a number of Intercontinental events to be held during the next four months. There is a full programme and it is hoped that as many, if not all, contingents will participate in these events. An outline of the proposed arrangements are given in the table below—

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<td>FINCON</td>
<td>December to March</td>
<td>Each Contingent to play every other contingent once.</td>
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<td>Week Ending 21 December</td>
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Pictured left are the Sports Officers on a visit to the ‘Obstacle Course’ at FINCON HQ.

**RAF RESCUE** from page 1 and volunteer helpers then raised the stretcher to the top of the slope, where the injured man was taken by ambulance to Princess Mary’s Royal Air Force Hospital at RAF Akrotiri.

SAC Little is an electronic mechanic working on navigational instruments and is a volunteer member of the NEAF Mountain Rescue team.

Cpl Wright, who is also a volunteer member of the team, is a wireless fitter. The RAF policeman who helped in the rescue was LAC Anthony Gronland, who was on duty at the Troodos guardroom at the time.

**MISS UNIFICYP : No. 2**

Echo, old friends of The Royal Hombroshire Regiment who are looking after them until their departure on Dec. 10.

On the same plane was Major John Crisp 2 LI, who is replacing Capt Christopher Davis as AMPNO BRITCON and takes over the production of the page you are reading. Capt Davis, complete with back pack, moves to North Wales, where he will be seen leaping over the mountains and other things, and talking to the goons, (with 6 months experience of taking interviews, he should get some interesting answers.). Departing on the same plane on 7 Dec is Capt Peter Roe 11 H, who has been replaced by Capt Roger Rees-Low RCT, as Camp Adjutant at HQ UNIFICYP.

Cpl Roe enters the corridors of MOD with bowler in left hand and squash racket in right.

'C' Son 4/7 RDS moved off to Omagh, N. Ireland on 6 Dec. with them what can only be described as happy memories of Zyri. Major Peter Crockett handed over to Major Nick Hamilton-Fletcher and 'C' Son 3 RTR.

In addition to the arrival of Counties & County Editors of Polemidia, the GO, NEARBF, Maj Gen D.L. Lloyd Owen DSO, OBE, MC, visited The Royal Hombroshires on Tuesday 3 Dec. and photographs of this visit will be in the Blue Beret next week.

This week’s Miss UNIFICYP is Miss Eleanor Cracknell of Guildford, Surrey. Eleanor was secretary for Personnel Branch HQ UNIFICYP. We take this opportunity to wish her ‘Bon Voyage’ on her return to the United Kingdom in November after serving with the force for 18 months.