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MESSAGE BY THE SECRETARY - GENERAL

On the 21st of March, responding to the call of the General Assembly Governments, the United Nations and numerous national and private bodies throughout the world commemorated International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

As Secretary-General of the United Nations, I wish to take this opportunity of my first statement on this occasion to declare that I fully support the struggle against racial discrimination, wherever it occurs and whatever form it may take. The tireless efforts of the United Nations as well as of the overwhelming majority of Member States have already helped to bring about a better understanding among races, ethnic groups, nations and religions. Despite these encouraging developments, organized and publicly-admitted discrimination remains in certain areas of Africa. There and elsewhere racial discrimi-

nation is a constant evil and a danger to the peaceful development of society.

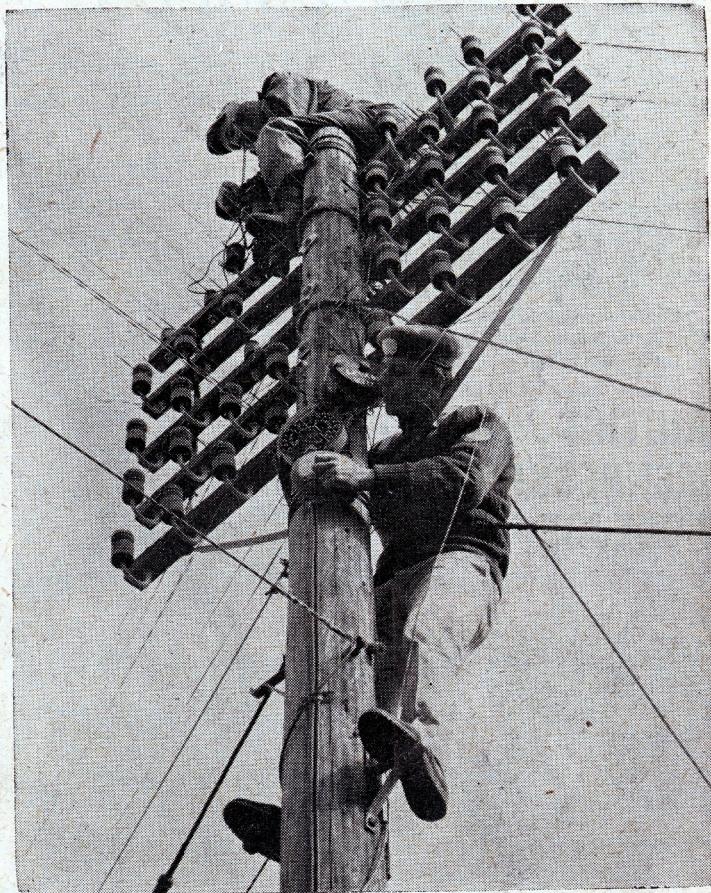
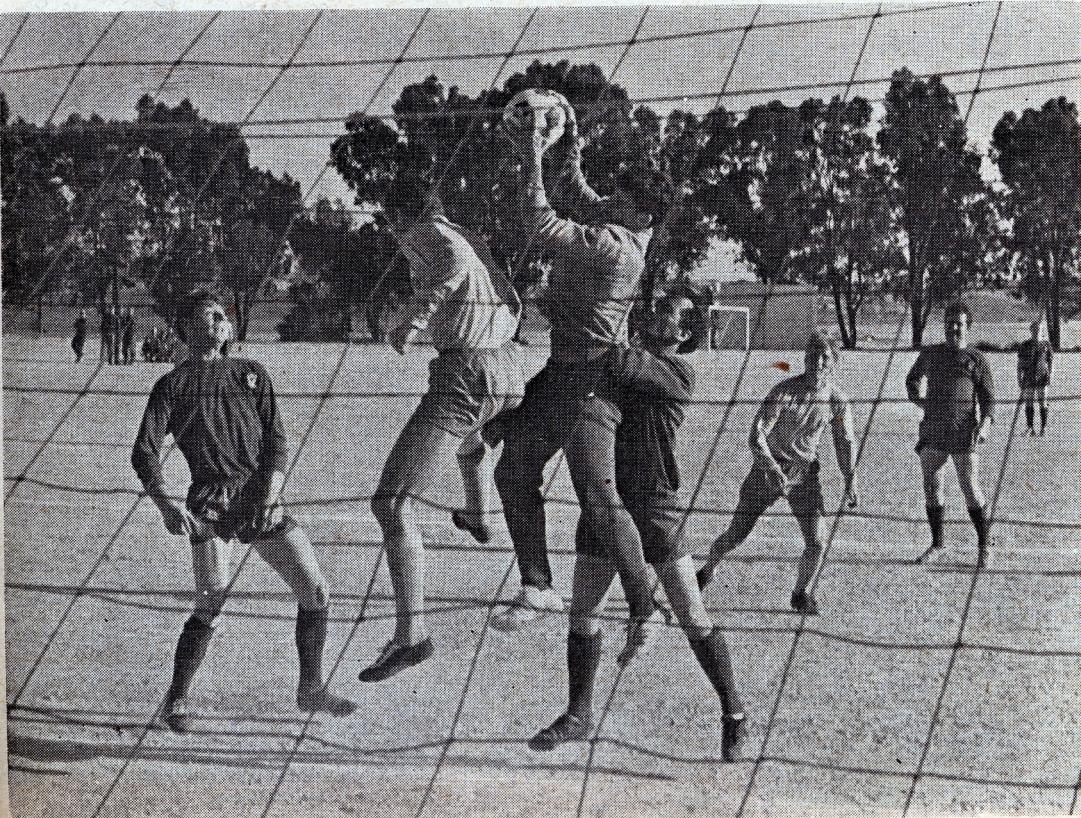
It is my sincere intention as Secretary-General of the United Nations to do my utmost within the framework of my possibilities to ensure that all decisions taken by the various organs of the United Nations in regard to racial discrimination will be put into effect. In order to achieve this goal, we need not only the assistance and support of Governments, public leaders and mass media but also of all concerned individuals. Only thus will we be able to bring about, in the future equal enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms by all.

I therefore appeal to Governments as well as individuals, and particularly to the mass media, to help the United Nations in this fight for the elimination of racial discrimination.

SOCCER FINAL

Two weeks ago, The Royal Irish Rangers and Swedcon met in the final of the UNFICYP Soccer Championship. The match ended 1-1, and last week a new final was played in Nicosia between the two teams. Again it became a very hard and equal match ending 3-3. They then played an extra 30 minutes. It was only seven minutes before time when the Rangers scored the final goal and won 4-3.

• Combricon, Colonel D. E. Thornton, presents the trophy to the Rangers' team captain.



HULLO MUM!

Sergeant R. Sargent (below), Britcon, and Corporal D. Bjarnason, Cancon, both li-

nesmen of 644 Signal Troop, carry out repair work on a series of lines from Blue Beret Camp. This branch of the troop, like the others, is a 24 hour task. Their work takes them to most of the contingent areas. Next time you put a call through spare a thought for the men who have made it possible!

CONTRIBUTIONS

In a letter to the Secretary-General, the Deputy Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the United Nations states that the Government of the United Kingdom is willing to continue its financial support for UNFICYP at its past level and will contribute up to a total figure of £875,000 for the period of the renewed mandate. As before this figure will include both the extra costs of the British Contingent and a cash element, which will not exceed £625,000.

The Government of Japan also has made an additional contribution of U.S. \$50,000. Towards the costs of UNFI-CYP.

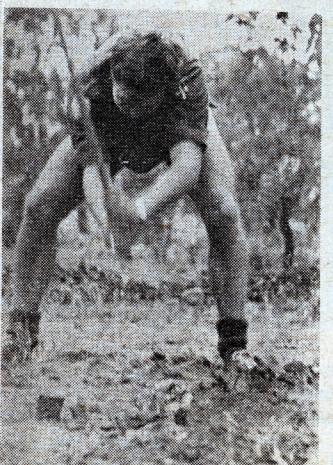
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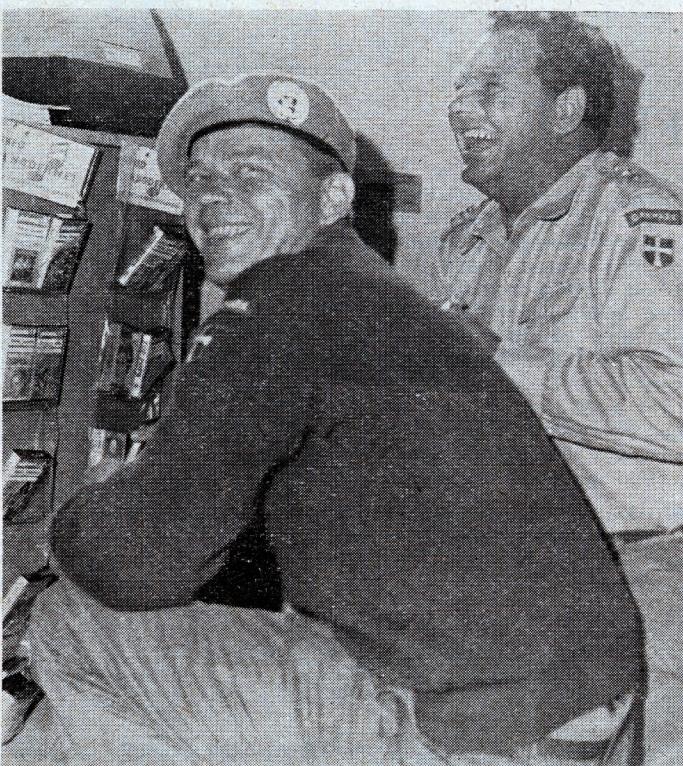
NYT JOB FOR DANCON

DANCON har nu fået et nyt job. For første gang skulle UNFOLGE dynamitleverancerne til kobberminen i Xeros. OS E. Madsen og KS W. Schult, V.A. Svendsen, P.F. Hedegård og J.M. Jensen får sig her en køretur gennem minens område i dynamittoget. Dynamitten skal bruges til at bortsprænge klippestykke i udvindingsområdet.

RIGTIGT MENNESKE- ARBEJDE



SG N.O.H. Sørensen, regnskabskontoret, er for en gang skyld kommet på rigtigt menneskearbejde. Samtlige sergerter er for tiden i gang med at indrette deres messe i den nye lejr. I den anledning er Sørensen udtaget til midlertidig haveindretningsekspertarbejde.



DANCON NYT



•Hvordan pokker skal vi få begrundt? SG Tøjbjerg-Frandsen, OS H. J. L. Christensen og OS E. Madsen diskuterer planeringsarbejde.

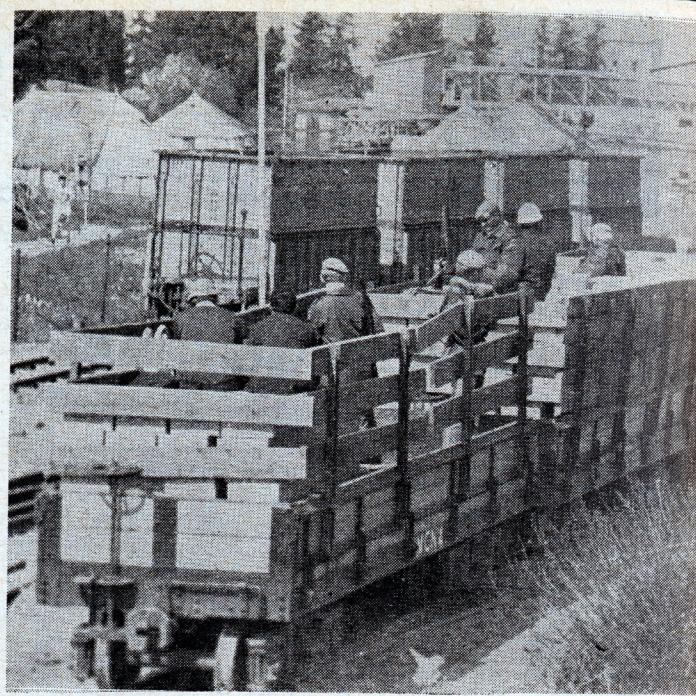


DET SKULLE BLIVE TIL EN BAR

Man tror det ikke, men det brædt, som OS J.S.S. Olsen, SG Tøjbjerg-Frandsen og SG J. Hansen arbejder med bliver måske til en ny bar.



•SG Allan Sørensen, som står for den daglige kundebetjening, synes at tage alle klager og "osere" med godt humør. Det kan vi andre kun være glade for, idet vi jo alle er interesserede i, at udsalget er populært. Det giver lidt flere penge i velfrdskassen.



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FANTASTISK FOTBOLLSDRAMATIK

Ända in i de sista minuterna av den andra finalmatchen i UNFICYP-fotbollen behölls spänningen. Först när sju minuter återstod av förlängningen på två gånger femton minuter kom det ödestriga målet från Irish Rangers som gjorde slut på denna svårvärjorda fotbollsturnering.

Aven första matchen som finallagen spelade i Larnaca slutade 1-1 efter förlängning och det var därför denna andra final spelades på RAF:s plan utanför Nicosia den 22:e mars. Vid full tid var ställningen 2 - 2 och det blev alltså även här förlängning. I denna blev det först 3-2 till Rangers och sedan 3 - 3. Segermålet 4-3 för Rangers kom efter en hörra.

Två av de svenska målen gjordes av Hans Johansson från Oskarshamn som kanske var planens bäste spelare. Det tredje målet gjorde Jan Croner. Även om det inte var stor svensk publik vid matchen så hejade den styrka som mött upp på de svenska ordentligt.

På bilden har Hans Johansson just slagit in Swedcons andra mål och vid stolpen syns han glatt sträcka händerna mot skyen.



NY SEKRETERARE VID BATALJONEN

Kontingentchefen och därmed hela CGC har fått en ny engelsk sekreterare. Det är Miss Linda Rutter som ryckt in i sekreterarrummet tillsammans med livsmedelsmannen Bruce Nilsson.

Miss Rutter efterträder Mrs Anne Leech som tjänstgjort vid CGC i två år. Hon flyttar nu med sin make från Dhekelia till Limassol där han tillträder en ny tjänst vid en av de engelska baserna väster om staden.

På bilden till vänster Miss Linda Rutter och till höger Mrs Anne Leech tillsammans med Bruce Nilsson.



CHAMPAGNE FÖR KÖKET

Köksbyggnaden fortsätter och bataljon 48 kommer att kunna rycka in med sina kockar i en pampig anläggning. Fredagen den 17:e mars var första stora etappen klar - själva kökslokalen med spisarna och ugnarna. Och stor champagnefest blev det. Se bilden till vänster där pi-grupps-folk och kockar i glad förbrödring korkar upp.

Under den gångna veckan har man därmed så smått övergått från att använda de svenska fältspisarna och provat de nya. Naturligtvis är de efterlängtade och mycket enklare att arbeta vid men enligt kockarna kunde det gärna vara lite bättre "fart" på dem. Kanske "farten" kommer så småningom.

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"IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE APOSTLES"

Because of its close proximity to the Holy Land, Cyprus is an ideal base from which to organize visits. The Royal Irish Rangers have availed themselves of the opportunity provided by their tour with UNFICYP to organize many such trips.

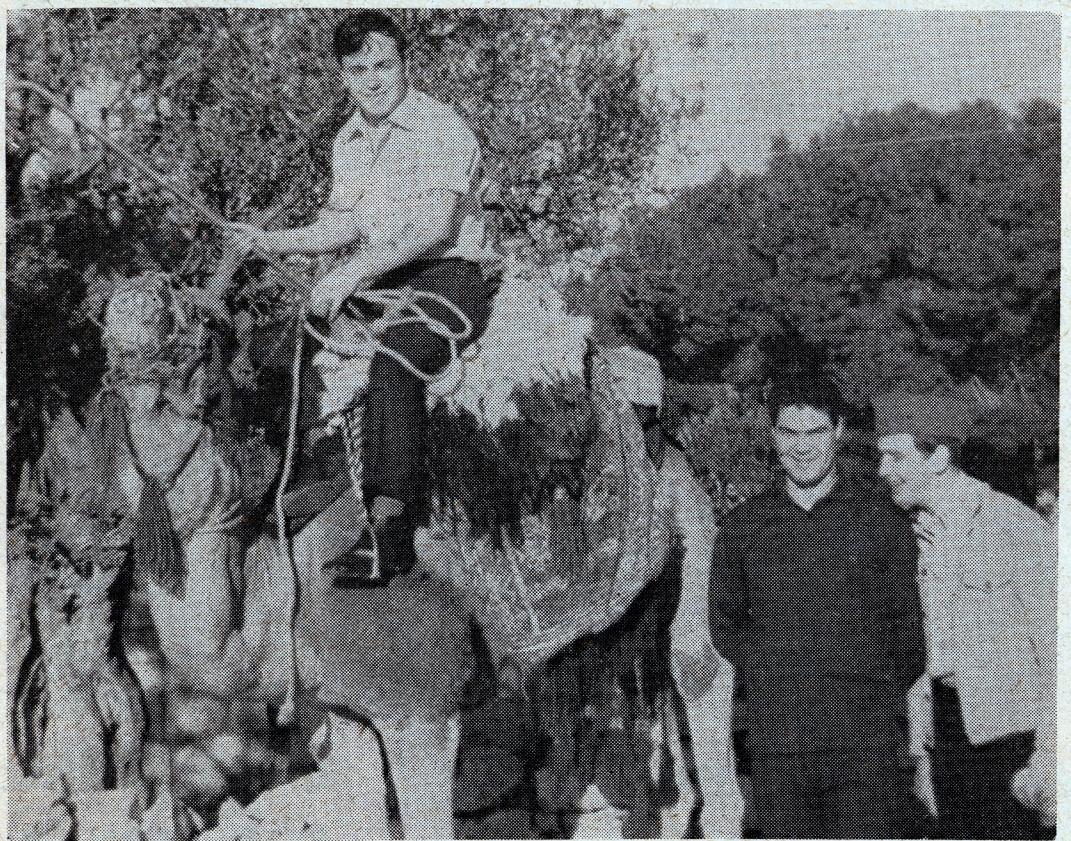
The first party, from C Coy, went in January and on their return brought vivid reports of a very pleasant and rewarding visit. Further groups were organized, and all who

have taken the Sunday flight from Nicosia Airport have enjoyed a well organized tour to the holy places in Jerusalem and to other places of interest in the country.



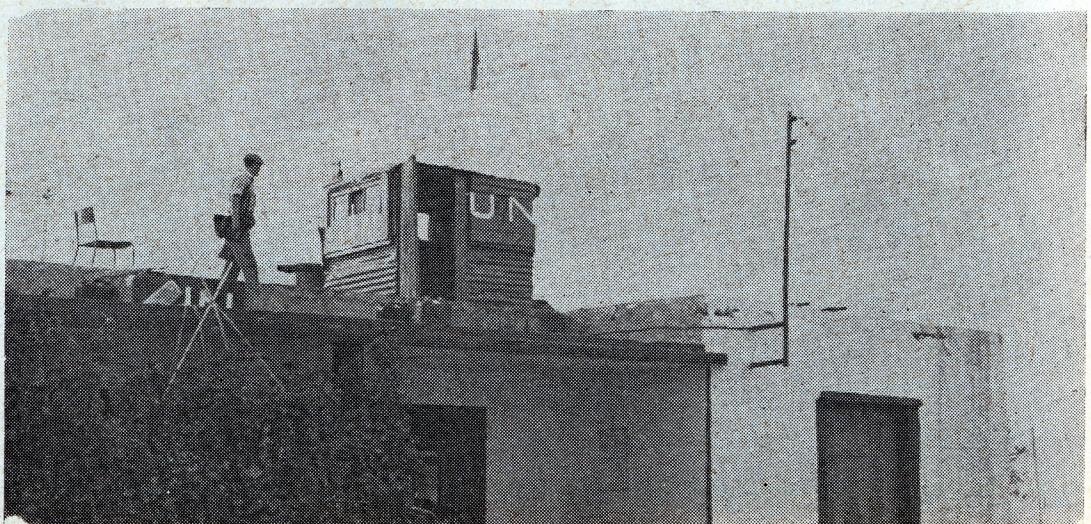
• Chaplains serving with The Royal Irish Rangers: Rev A. Stockbridge (left) and Fr J. N. Williams. The Chaplains have been instrumental in organizing unit visits to the Holy Land.

ROYAL IRISH CAMEL CORPS !! HURRAH ! HURRAH !



• Ranger Jim Galbraith, tries his hand at camel riding in Galilee while Lance Corporal Rodney Ward and Ranger John McAfee await their turn. It's not true, the Rangers have not exchanged their vehicles for camels!!! — We think!!

"ORDERS— MAYBE !!!



BRITCON NEWS



• Group of Irish Ranger visitors to The Holy Land, pictured with friends in Jerusalem.

KNOW YOUR OUTPOSTS NO. 3

• This is Mavroli just outside Paphos which is manned by a Section of C Company.

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IRISH COFFEE

Much interest was shown during our recent National Day celebrations in the Irish method of making coffee. So many enquiries as to the recipe were made that we thought we ought to publish the secret and satisfy the palates of all our inquisitive guests.

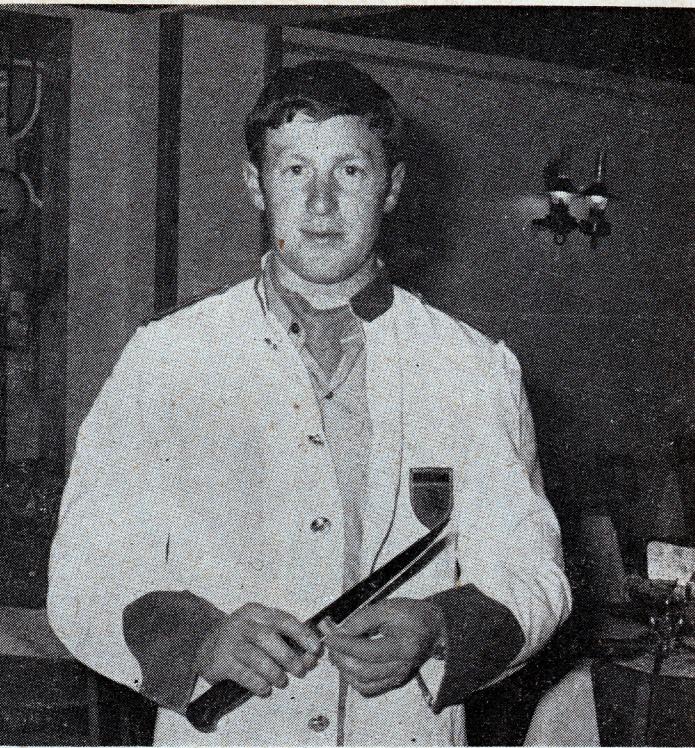
1 oz of Irish Whiskey in a stemmed goblet add the required amount of sugar. Now pour in 3 oz of hot black coffee and stir. Half immerse an inverted spoon into the coffee and pour on whipped cream. Be sure you use Irish whiskey and stir before adding the cream.
"Enjoy it."

HAND OVER

On Wednesday March 23rd, Ircon handed over Zyyi Camp to the Royal Irish Rangers. Zyyi was the headquarters for the Larnaca District when the contingent was at full strength. Ircon's area of responsibility is now confined to Larnaca town and the village of Louroujina.

IRCON'S PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

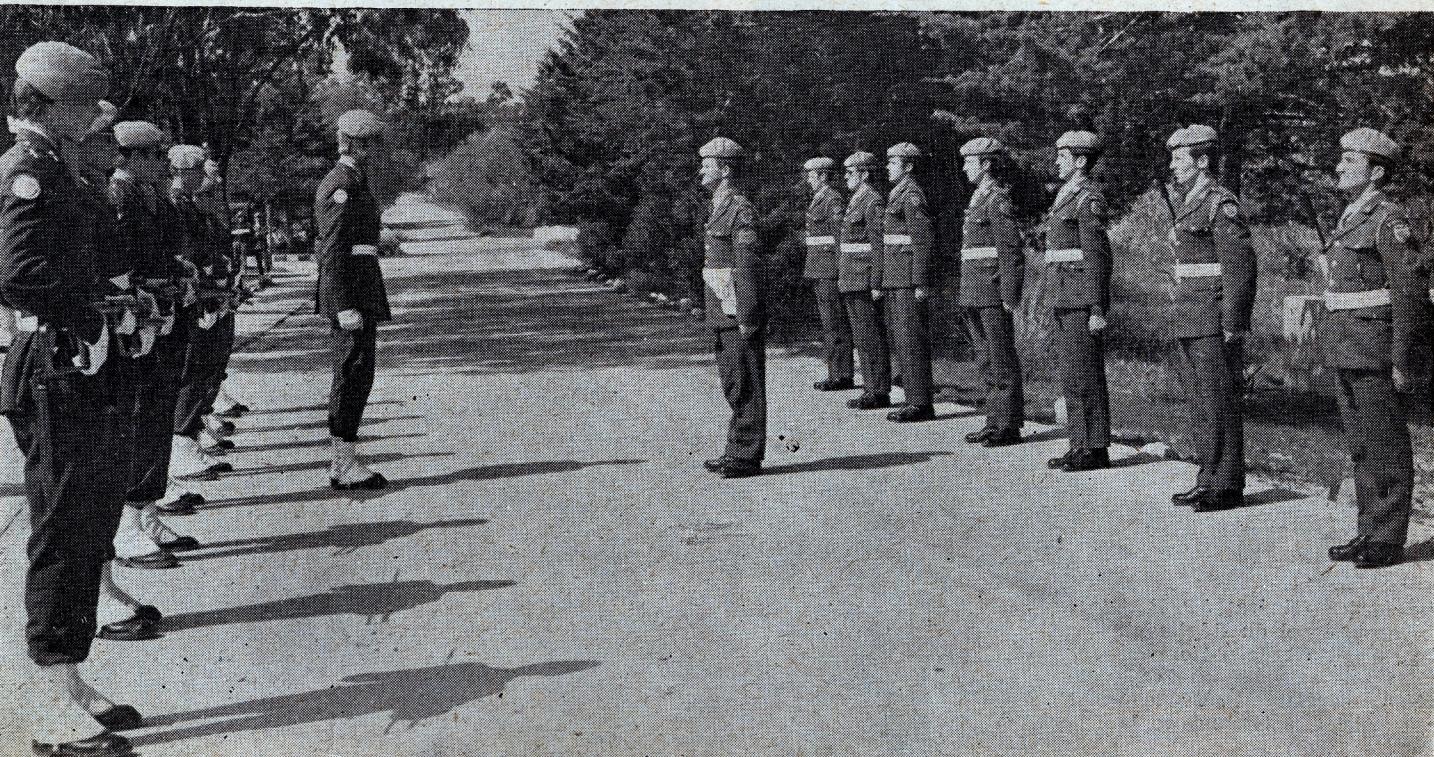
The Officers mess at Larnaca is in the very capable hands of Private M. Ryan the head waiter. A native of Co. Galway, Private Ryan has three years service in the Army and intends staying on. He has enjoyed his trip to Cyprus very much and hopes to be back again. He recently returned from a tour of the Holy Land.



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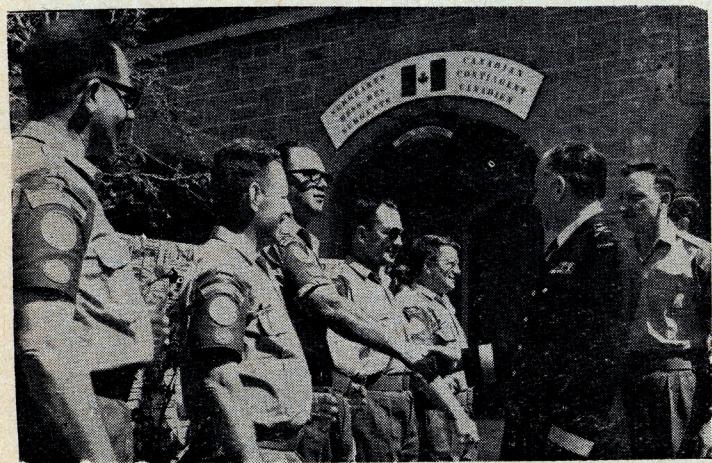
FINAL HQ GUARD FOR 21st INFANTRY GROUP

On Monday 20th March the last UN Headquarter guard of the 21 Inf. Group took over duties from Swedcon. They were under the command of Sgt. Patrick Grace, a veteran of 8 tours of duty with the United Nations. A native of Dublin, Sgt. Grace is stationed in Cork and has 15 years service with the Army. He has been in the Congo four times and is on his fourth trip to Cyprus. This is his third time serving under the present COMIRCON.





LE COMMANDANT DE LA FORCE MOBILE

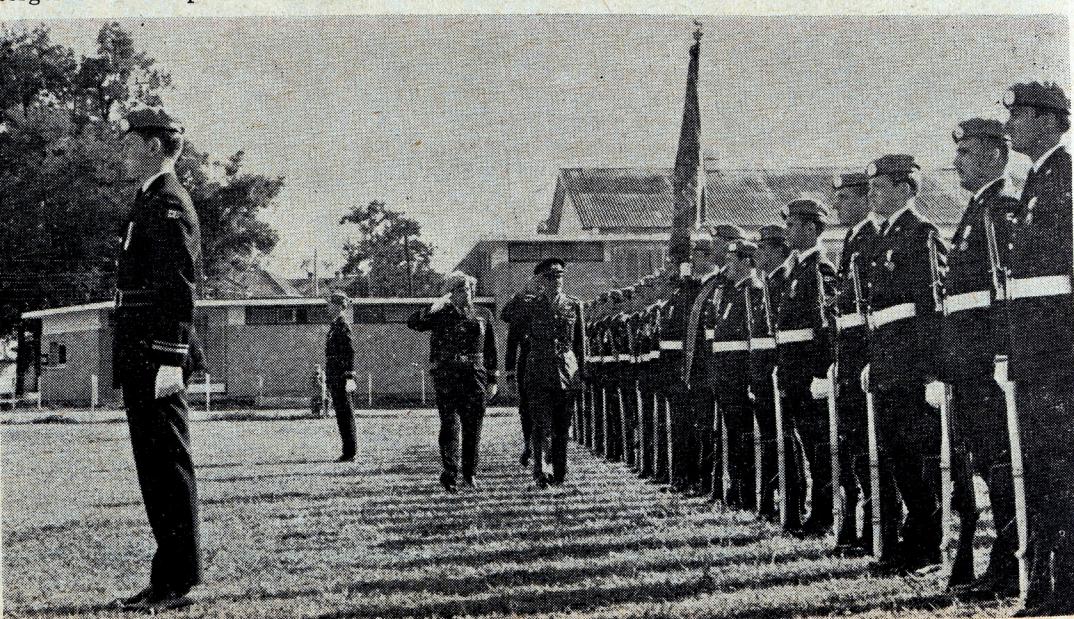


Le Contingent Canadien a reçu la visite du Commandant de la Force Mobile, le Lieutenant Général Turcot. Ce dernier serre la main de l'adjudant-maitre Thibaudeau au cours de sa visite au mess des sergents du Camp Béret Bleu.

CANCON NEWS Canadian Forces Photos

GARDE D'HONNEUR

Le Major Général JP Bernatchez, Colonel du Régiment, inspecte une Garde d'Honneur au cours de sa visite au CONCAN. Le capitaine P. Brunneau est l'officier commandant la garde.



ENCORE PREMIER

Le caporal Lessard JHP de la compagnie "A" n'en est pas à sa première victoire. Cette fois-ci, il traverse le fil d'arrivée d'une course à relais inter-compagnie, et conduit son équipe vers la victoire.



LE POSTE D'OBSERVATION "FLOUR MILL"

Le caporal Godin JL de la compagnie "B" surveille la ligne verte du plus haut point d'observation de la compagnie. Ce poste d'observation est situé à l'endroit le plus étroit de l'enclave, et est considéré comme très important.

DERNIERS ACHATS



Trois membres de la compagnie "A", profitent de leur dernier temps libre, pour acheter des cadeaux et des souvenirs dans différentes boutiques, situées sur la ligne verte.



Crazy Corner Platoon, 1 JK:n pykäläjoukkue

Pataljoonamme komppanioista "ykkönen" tunnetaan lähiinä convoykomppaniana, mutta kyllä ykkössä muutakin tehdään kuin ajetaan convoyta. Ykkösellä on oma vartijoukkue, joka kantaa nimeä "Grazy Corner Platoon" tai "Grazy Corner Platoon" eli Hullun kulman pykäläjoukkue. Ykkössä tehdään siis myös pykälähommia, joka onkin pataljoonamme päätehtävä saarella. Tällä kertaa lähdemme tutustumaan ykkösen pykäläpaikoille ja vartijoukkene ryhmien sijoitteluun.

120 eli Grazy Corner on vartijoukkueen komentoapikka ja sen pykäläpaikka tunnetaan nimellä



Alik Härkönen toimii ryhmän varajohtajana ja velvollisuksiin kuuluu päävystäminen Crazy Cornerissa muiden tehtävien ohella.

"Paskaojan torni" tai Trachonas 3. Vartioipaikan päätehtävänä on osapuolien toiminnan tarkailu vihreällä linjalla ja sen välittömässä läheisyydessä, tosin tornimies hal-

tunut. Ruoka tuodaan täänne suoraan Kykosta, sillä ykkössä ei ole omaa keittiötä.

OMORPHITA, tällä asuu yksi ykkösen pykäläjoukkueen vartioryhmistä. Vanha Kyproksen kävijä muistaa Omorphitan vanhana kolmoskomppanian komentoapikana. Omorphitan vahvuus on 2–7 miestä ja sen pykäläpaikka on nimeltään Omorphita 2. Sen päätehtävä on myös, kuten kaikkien YK:n vartiopaikkojen, linjan tarkailu, sekä luonnollisesti osapuolien toiminnan tarkailu. Valoisana aikana 2:n vartiomies on tornissa ja suorittaa tärkeää vartio-



Sauna kuuluu olennaisena osana vartioipaikolle. Tämä Green Line sauna on tekstilläkin mainittu ja uima-allas näkyy kuvan vasemmassa laidassa.

FINCON NEWS

HOSPITAL FLIES TO THE WOUNDED

On 21 March 1972 the Flying Ambulance of the Austrian Field Hospital was alerted and sent to Yialousa under the pretext that the flight from Rhodes to Damascus had crashed in that region. Forty-five minutes after the alert, all groups of the Flying Ambulance, comprising one Battalion Medical Cover Team of increased strength with 2 doctors, 10 NCO's and other ranks, together with a surgical team comprising 2 doctors and 4 NCO's, and finally an ordnance group comprising



• The Chief of Staff, Brigadier General E. M. D. Leslie, confers at the end of the exercise with Commanding Officer AFH, Colonel B. Nussbaumer.

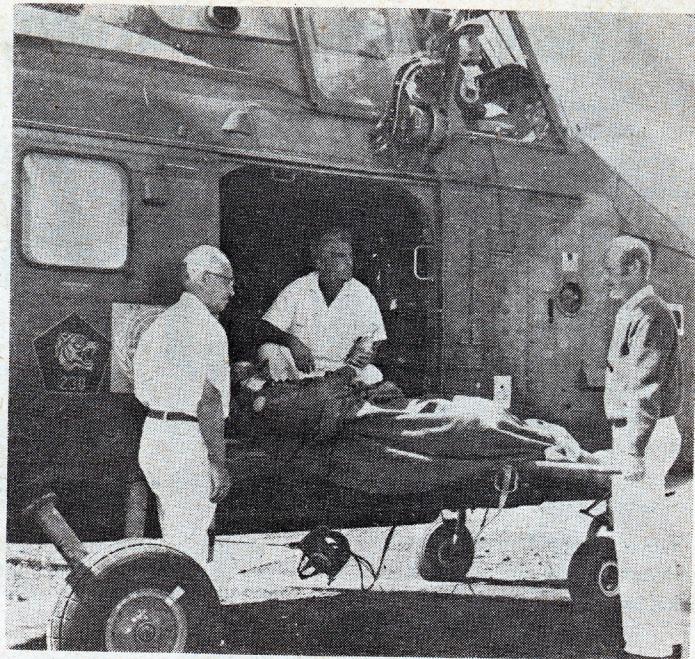
• All hands turn to the work of loading the equipment, speed of reaction being of the utmost importance.



a field kitchen, generator, and specialists (1 officer and 7 NCO's), were ready to depart. Immediately after first light the first Whirlwind left the AFH helipad and arrived after a 45-minute flight in Yialousa, where a signal station had been organised at the Swedish UNCIVPOL station.

It was assumed that the debris of the aircraft together with a total of 44 survivors was situated on the hills 1½ miles south-east of the tobacco manufacture in Yialousa. In the immediate vicinity of the place where the crash had taken place, group A of the Flying Ambulance the Battalion Medical Cover team, established a casualty clearing post and after first aid, the casualties were either flown back directly to the AFH or brought to the surgical station which had been established in the meantime at the Swedish UNCIVPOL station.

The Whirlwind and Sioux helicopters landed at and left from the AFH helipad in



• After on the spot immediate first aid an exercise casualty is loaded into the helicopter for movement to the AFH.

uninterrupted succession. A total of 3½ tons of cargo were flown to Yialousa.

Towards 1100 hours all survivors had been rendered first



aid, it being understood that the local hospital had been taken into account to take care of the light casualties.

The radio link between the Austrian Field Hospital, the helicopters, and Yialousa had been perfectly established by 644 Signal Troop. The Swedish UNCIVPOL assisted in the operation by putting at the AFH's disposal their offices and motor vehicles.

By using its own generator the surgical operations centre which had been established was independent of the local power station. Our friends from the 2nd Bn R22R acted as casualties, the majority of whom were flown back from Yialousa to the AFH.

Towards 1300 hours the task foreseen for the Flying Ambulance had been performed and a hearty meal was served from the field kitchen to all those who had participated in the exercise.

The population of Yialousa were very friendly. They were very much interested in the exercise and waved to all passing UN soldiers.

To sum up, it can be stated that the Flying Ambulance, comprising a total of 2 Officers, 4 Doctors, 21 NCO's and other ranks, has shown that it can be called upon to act in case of a disaster and would be able to assure an effective medical service according to modern medical practice.

Indeed, it can be said that the hospital went to meet the casualties.

• At first light the Flying Ambulance moves into top gear, a quick conference is held with the Whirlwind pilot confirming loading tables, whilst the loading party stands by.

