AUSTRALIAN OPPOSITION LEADER VISITS CYPRUS

Mr. E. G. Whittam, Opposition Leader in the Australian Parliament, last week paid a short visit to Cyprus. During his stay in the island, Mr. Whittam visited the Australian Police Contingent serving with the United Nations Force, and he also had the opportunity to meet senior officials of UNFICYP.

(Right to Left) Mr. B. F. Osorio-Tafall, Special Representative of the Secretary-General; Colonel D. E. Thornton, Commander British Contingent; Mr. R. Hall, Private Secretary to Mr. Whittam; Mr. E. G. Whittam, Chief Superintendent P. McAulay, Police Adviser at HQ UNFICYP, and the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand.

REDUCTION OF IRCON

According to decisions taken by the Government of the Irish Republic, the Irish Contingent serving with the United Nations Force in Cyprus is to be reduced to approximately company strength. 165 men of 21 Infantry Group left the island on 4th January and 90 men will depart on 18th January.

During this period UNFICYP will regroup to ensure continuity.

In the picture (above) Commandant Condron, Ircou, and Major M. Scott 1st Battalion The Royal Irish Rangers, Eriton, exchange plaques as “B” Company of Ircou handover Camp Aherlolk, Kophinou, to “A” Company of The Royal Irish Rangers, “B” Company moved to Larnaca on 30th December.

HAPPY NEW YEAR
PROKLAMATION


Vi Neptune er i dag sammen med min ydige og ålsomme prinses "Gylfi Aage" samt min L, livlige, sin jorgerleg og i livtherer samt min øvre holshaf, steget op fra mit våde rige til havens bund, for på dette sted at døbe alle å alle nytt innvandere i mit underverkige rige, der på denne julehelgedag ønsker at visevære i dette mit ydilhav, det blå Middelhav.

Men før i kan føle "med-
sier i mit rige vil min L, livlige, doktor Kingle, under- nager eders helbredelighet, lignevann han vil give hver enkelt en vinskel. Min jorgerleger "Bratte-Tutcher" vil komme, om hvor enkeltst jorgeren står gunstig for eders opptattelse i mit rige.

Før i billes døbe vil min L. Eichardt, Mr. Fitting, rike skjøn- get af hver enkelt, de skjøn ikke telleres ved ditblandning. Mine to håndflager og be- gravingen, me. Knevels en Tes, vil trille de forende foran-
slattning.

Med ønsket om at alle guder i og på havene ma bevare jer, er det herfor min gut at sende hver enkelt i mit våde element. Til slut sendes et bilsen til Førerne og Grøn-
lund, samt til senere øvne folk.

Givet under vor kongelige
Hånd og Sigl
Neptune Rex.
"INITIATIVE"

When they heard that they were coming to Cyprus Corporal Terry Maryan and Lance Corporal Howie Robinson decided to forego the luxuries of Air Support Command and to drive there in a car they were building.

The car is basically an Austin Healey Sprite which they have completely rebuilt from spare parts.

As a tribute to their engineering skill the drive was, comparatively, uneventful. However, an oil leak in the Alpina tented their ingenuity when four old tyres and a farm gate were used to prop the car up while the sump was removed.

The St. Gotthard Pass defeated them 200 feet from the top because of snow. However, the drive down to Brindisi was uneventful.

They arrived in Cyprus on December 12th the trip having taken 11 days and covering a total of nearly 2000 miles.

Now that the car is here they intend to make the best use of it and see as much of the island as possible.

CHRISTMAS "RANGERS STYLE"

JUST AS GOOD AS MUM'S!!!

Ranger Asquith, a regimental cook with the Royal Irish Rangers, tests the readiness of a turkey before the Christmas dinner.

BIRTON NEWS

WAITER THERE'S A... IN MY SOUP

The Officers and guests of 1st Battalion The Royal Irish Rangers serving dinner to the men of the battalion for Christmas day at Polendinhan Camp.

SAD FAREWELL

On 8 March 1970 Corporal P. Walsh of Irom had the honour of assuming command of OP Skarinou from 3 Battalion, Royal Anglian Regiment. On 20 Dec 1971 he handed the care and custody of this OP back to another British Unit, namely, 1 Battalion, Royal Irish Rangers. The photograph shows incoming OP Commander Corporal J. O'Keeley (left) being orientated by Corporal P. Walsh atop Skarinou OP.

IRCON NEWS

"TRUMPETER WHAT ARE YOU SOUNDING NOW?"

No believer in an Officer's privacy is Private Robert Raymond of the unit's pipe band. His melodious bugle notes can be heard hanging in the air at the most inopportune times i.e. inopportune for the weary gentlemen of Ziyi trying to catch up on lost sleep. Private Raymond, an accomplished piper as well as a bugler, is sometimes relieved by Company Sergeant O'Connor who himself is well able to master all the bugle calls, but generally it is Private Raymond who is the man whose "trumpet" goes a "speaking" in Ziyi Camp.
THE ROYAL 22nd REGIMENT

The 2nd Battalion of one of Canada's most famous regiments, the Royal 22nd, was the Canadian battalion here in Cyprus. Seven years ago the 1st Battalion of the Regiment was the first group of Canadian soldiers to arrive on the then strife torn island.

The "Van Does" were formed in 1914 when authorization was given from the Canadian Prime Minister to build a force entirely of French speaking Canadians. Up until this time French Canadians who joined the forces were integrated into English speaking units.

Lieutenant-Colonel P. M. Gaudet became the first Commanding Officer and in 1915 took 1,250 officers and men to war.

Their first assignment made them real veterans as they fought in the battle at Ypres. In 1916 they left there for more bloody fighting at the Somme and Creucette.

After this came Vimy, Lens and Hill 90. Paschendaele, Maricourt, Anims, the Hindenburg Line, Cherisy and finally Cambrai and victory. It was at Cherisy that the 22nd broke the defences of the Hindenburg Line.

The war took a great toll of the regiment. In August 1918 there were only 33 men left commanded by a Sergeant Major. Every officer was either killed or wounded and of 700 men there remained 49.

The regiment was re-formed in time for the final break-through of the Hindenburg Line and in Christmas 1918 occupied the Rhineland.

De-mobilised in 1919 the 22nd came back in 1920 to be elevated to the status of Regiment and became part of the order of battle of the Canadian Permanent Force. Their home was the Citadel of Quebec and Field Marshall Fox their Honorary Colonel. In 1921 His Majesty King George V bestowed the title "Royal" on the regiment.

The years between wars were uneventful but in 1939 when war broke out the Royal 22nd were again on route to England where they began training for that country's defence. They trained for three years until finally committed to action in July 1943 at Sicily.

After Sicily came Reggio, Gambatesa, Ortona, Cass Bocche and others in the Italian Peninsula.

They then joined the lst Canadian Army in North West Europe and fought in the liberation of Holland.

At the close of the war in Europe a second battalion for operation in the Pacific but Japan's surrender led to its demobilisation. The regiment came back to Canada in September 1945.

In 1950 war broke out in Korea and a 2nd and 3rd battalion were raised with the 2nd being sent to Korea in 1951. The 1st battalion replaced the 2nd in 1951 and one year later they were replaced by the 3rd.

Between 1953 and 1959 each of the battalions spent two years in Germany with the NATO Brigade.

In 1964 when trouble broke out in Cyprus the 1st Battalion was sent and by 1969 all three battalions had completed a year of duty on the island.

The regiment's motto "Je m' souviens" means "I remember". Its nick-name is "Van Does" and the mascot, a goat.

The present Commanding Officer is Lieutenant Colonel G. H. L. Lesnard.

—from the news of Val-Cartier to the jungles of Jamaica. The Regiment goes through its exercises to maintain its operational readiness.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

PATALJOONAMME JOULUVIETTO


Pataljoonamme joulunäyttely Suomen hautaluokituksen paljon suomalaisten joulun tuntua. Oli joukkokirjakoja, joukkovakkeria, joukkosotilaista ja sellaisia vielä aivan uusi saatavissa Kykoon.

FINCON NEWS

"Olen pieniä pojasta omuut lyhätä vuoralla tunnustuksa..."

"Pavo suuraa, pitää roikata, he on talon alkaa poika."
SO YOU THINK YOU HAVE PROBLEMS?

After six glorious sun-soaked months, 8 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport is going back to its ancestral home in Longmoor, Hampshire, England. The squadron has made its mark on the island both in work and play.

In keeping with the squadron's policy of staying in the eye of the public, the photograph (right) was taken of a representative selection of the various vehicles driven by them. In creations such as these they have managed to drive almost one million miles during their sojourn here—a feat that is not only laudable but barely credible.

Now, with only some 8 days left, they are eagerly awaiting the main body of 7 Squadron RCT, commanded by Major T. Allum, the advance party having already arrived.

Daily routine for members of 8 Squadron RCT!

Ready to go!—Four different vehicles ready for details.

Outgoing Force Photographer Sergeant Paul Cooper checks the inventory list of darkroom equipment as he hands over to Sergeant Frank Osgood whose first task was to produce the Christmas front page picture.

MP NOTEBOOK

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