SNOW AND RAIN

The Winter arrived serious on the Island last week, with heavy rain, high winds and snow.

Snow not only fell in the Troodos Range but also the Kyrenia Range was covered for about 24 hours. There was so much snow in the Bogaz Pass on the Kyrenia road last Thursday that the pass was blocked for about three hours and one of the UN convoys had to be cancelled.

The winter is not over yet, and according to statistics the last four days in January are the coldest of the year; so more snow, high winds and rain may be on the way. Remember to take it easy when driving on the slippery roads and take care when handling heaters.

UN MEDALS

Although there is no Irish Contingent serving with UNFICYP at the moment there are still a few Irishmen serving in Headquarters.

Last week two Corporals were presented with the UN Medal by the Force Commander, Major General D. Press Chand, PVS/MB.

In our picture the Force Commander congratulates Corporal Martin Peddah who is a Clerk in Operations Branch. On the right is Corporal John Nolan of the UN Military Police Company. He previously served under General Press Chand in the Congo in 1961/62. He is the last Irish MP to serve with UNFICYP and departs for UNIFIP next week.

FOOTBALL

The Inter Contingent Football Tournament due to take place in the Spring is now being planned. It will be organised by Darcon who were the winners of both the Spring and Summer Competitions last year. From the successful teams there will be eight players serving with UNFICYP and Darcon are hoping they can follow up their success from last year.

On the 10th of January 1974 a soccer team from Sweden defeated a team from Australia by four goals to nil. The game was played at Four Mile Point in Famagusta. Afterwards the two teams enjoyed a pleasant supper in the Mess at Headquarters Sweden.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

The traffic accident statistics for December 1973 have just been published and although statistics themselves can be misleading there are two figures in the December list which need to be improved upon.

First of all the UN drivers were to blame in 50% of all accidents. A very high figure. Secondly, 16.5% of the accidents happened in private or privately hired vehicles.

It makes nauseous reading but the main cause of accidents is DRIVING WITHOUT CARE AND ATTENTION!

The only other statistic of any significance is the fact that the UN Military Police had their fifth month without an accident.

The Chaplains of all Contingents meet each month to discuss matters of common interest. The last meeting was held at Camp Seca Camp, Famagusta, under the auspices of Sweden. In our picture the Chaplains are seen prior to the meeting.
KOKKINA

Vi har i en tidligere artikel beskæftiget os med KLMP i Liminitis. Fortæller vi nu venligst om KOKKINA, som er et andet stort og velkendt amfibe i Danmark. Det er en meget vigtig type, da den specielle posthuminom המדעית חיות, der er at henseende.
January the 25th is a special day in the Scottish calendar. It is the birthday of their national "Bard," Robert Burns, and Scots around the world celebrate the event in their own unique way — by having a Haggis Supper! The Haggis is usually served with mashed turnips and potato, and a sauce, with a liberal amount of Scotch whisky in it, is poured over the haggis.

This year the Warrant Officers and Sergeants Men of B Squadron, 4/7th Royal Dragoon Guards, decided to have a "Burns Night" and, on their behalf, the Chief Clerk at Headquarters Briton, Sergeant Les Chalmers, wrote to a famous Scottish Company asking for ten Haggis to be sent to Cyprus.

Their reply was reproduced below and we feel any comment from the editorial staff would be quite inadequate.

"We acknowledge receipt of your enquiry for Haggis to Cyprus and regret to inform you that this would not be possible. It appears that Haggis is viewed with grave suspicion by Customs in various countries and the chances are that any parcel would be confiscated. It would most certainly be a very expensive chance to take since the cost would be £1 per Haggis.

We had a similar enquiry recently from the International Club and had to reply in the same terms. We regret that the prospects do not look very promising."

New FOO Takes Over
The UNFICYP Ordnance Detachment recently said a sad but fond farewell to the Force Ordnance Officer, Major J Dobie RAOC. A small ceremony was held in the unit lines and in our picture to the left the youngest serving soldier in the detachment,Private Bos Kendal, presents Major Dobie with a tray on behalf of the unit as a memento of his tour with UNFICYP.

At the same time the detachment took the opportunity to welcome the new Ordnance Officer, Major B L Brest RAOC who joins UNFICYP from Headquarters 24 Brigade which is in Topciclip, Yorkshire. We hope Major Brest enjoys his tour of duty with UNFICYP.

UN MEDAL PRESENTATION
The Force Commander, Major General D From Chand, PSC, recently presented the PA to the Chief of Staff, Staff Sergeant Mark Cockram RAOC, with his和服务的"Service of Peace". Staff Sergeant Cockram has served a 13 months with UNFICYP.

After a short leave in the United Kingdom he starts his new job with Headquarters 44 Parachute Brigade, which is the TA and VR unit in Chester. We wish him "Bon Voyage" and good luck in his new post.

Corporal John Turpans marks the concrete mixer whilst Lance Corporal Mick Herring wheels the barrow.

"SKINS"
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Lance Corporal Mick Herr- ring starts to level the ground in preparation for the concrete steps.

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"IM COMCEN SIND
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Roger Breret has recently achieved the "Neuromant" of our Battalion, de der Cremer, the T-Officer Hennig/Baumruether, who is 24 years of age, has received the award for having the best performance in the unit. He is currently serving as a Signals Officer at Headquarters.

The lump of the course is led by the T-OFFICER KOTESCH, who is a rising star in our Signals Corps. He has been in the Signals for six years and has served in all three branches: Army, Navy and RAF. He is now a Signals Officer at Headquarters.

The German is an important language to learn, especially for those who work in the Signals Corps. He is currently serving as a Signals Officer at Headquarters.

AUSCON NEWS
Unser Comecon macht es auch möglich, Telefonanspräche mit der Heimat zu führen. Hier der Weihachtsbrief, in dem er so laut, rund 20 Gespräche mit Österreich durchzustreichen, auf unsere Tätigkeit in Verlass.

"ISONOROUS"
The new Force Ordnance Officer, Major B L Brest RAOC in his office in Blue Beret Camp.

Der Aufbau des Comecon erfordert die Tätigkeit der entsprechenden Stellen. Der Krieg ist noch nicht endgültig beendet, aber die Arbeit geht weiter.

Der offizielle Erfolg zeigt, dass die Arbeit von Fachleuten beachtet wird, wie zum Beispiel beim Herstellungsvorgang und zunehmendem Wirbel der Rückschläge, der immer noch eine Gerät auf seine Tragfähigkeit untersucht.

THE BLUE BERET
Wednesday 23rd January
PIONIERE BAUEN WIEDER

Unser Pionier-Zug, der sich mit der Arbeitsstätte bekleidet, ist wieder einmal im Bauen. Eine neue Nase hat sich im Camp Sapadere Y erstellt. Sie wird ganz deutlich, das gesamte Pionier-Unterricht ersetzt.

Hier sehen wir (von l. nach r.) Jürg Belart, Jürg Freudiger, Jürg Höfliger, Jürg Planer und Jürg Hanno bei den letzten Vorarbeiten zum Betonieren des Fundamentes.

Wir haben an den Tagen des Überwachungs-teams unsere neuen Camps mit Erfolg geschaffen, das hervorragend, was die Männer von Pionier Bataillon Meisumitzer in dieser kurzen Zeit schon alles geleistet haben. Wir hoffen, dass die Zahl der betroffenen Einwohner, die oft nur mit Arbeit und Unterstützung von Papagei nach Larnaka notwendig waren.

Dieses Jahr wird unser Lager ein echtes Ergebnis des Bauens bereiten, ein weiteres Zeichen für den ermutigenden Arbeitseinsatz unserer Pioniere, die sich in allen Sparten bewähren.
Corporals Sandy Sanford, John Cameron, Master Corporal Dave Eason and Sergeant Bernie Forrester of Movements hard at work loading a C 130 Hercules.

PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

This week Cancon would like to introduce Privlile Clayton Hopkins of 3 Platoon, Suburb Company, Private Hopkins hails from Macquarie Harbour, Nova Scotia, and joined the RCR in 1971. His present home is down at the WHO where he has converted one of the spare rooms into a small gymnasium, complete with weights and body building equipment. In addition to pursuing a regular programme of exercises Private Hopkins supplements his diet with a variety of health foods.

Lieutenant Colonel E. C. Quinn greets Mr and Mrs Les Hopkins. Mr Hopkins is Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence.

Mr Reg Mayhe, MLA for ORMOCTO, chats with Clat Biggs, Sergeant Jerry Godland and Captain Mel Bullock. Mr Mayhe was one of four distinguished visitors to Cancon recently.

Captain Ike Kennedy, newly appointed Suburb Company Commander, poses with the UN Medal to Warrant Officer Fred Boyd prior to his departure for Canada.

VAHDINVAIHTOJA


Pataljoona painui vaihtu. So Piet Martti Vappula lähtee ja seuraal Piet Martti Pekkarinen. He ovat molemmat vahvasia pappuja Puoluevaltioneuvostossa ja ovat toimineet yhteisesti ja opiskeluaikaan, jolloin yhteisessä näkymissä ja työssä heillä on.
**VISITORS TO DANJIPOL**

Visitors from the Danish Police HQ, Copenhagen to DanJipol, UNIFCYP, from the left, 2 OIC Metro, Chief Superintendent Wredel, Police Attorney Dambor, Superintendent Dyrvig, the Commander of DanJipol Supt. Hjortegaard, and Chief Inspector Jorgen Friis. The Commander of DanJipol presented Chief Superintendent Wredel with a painting.

On Friday the 11th January, 1974, Chief Superintendent Wredel, Police Attorney Dambor, Superintendent Dyrvig, arrived in Cyprus for an official inspection of DanJIPOL. On Saturday they visited sub-station Aylas Theodosia, where they were briefed by the OIC Chief Inspector Askager. On Monday the visitors left the Gulf Course for a final inspection of the Sub-station Dambor.

Chiel Supt Wredel, the Danish Police HQ, Copenhagen, receives the Commander, DanJipol, Supt. Hjortegaard, a plaque for 10 years service in Denmark from the Danish Police Contingent in Cyprus.

Christmas was celebrated in traditional style by the 23rd Swedish Civilian Police Contingent. The festivities commenced on Christmas Eve with the “dip in the pot” for all members and their relatives. After that everyone went down to the beach at Rivera Court to take a Christmas swim in the chilly Mediterranean. Afterwards everybody became honorary members of the Polar Bear Club.

It was decided that there was dancing and games round the Christmas tree and then Santa Claus, played by Inspector jog Jeurad, arrived with his bag of presents. Amid squeals of joy he handed his gifts to the children. Finally Santa was helped into the sea for his Christmas swim!

**FRED**

On the 2nd of January 1974 their was a small article on the back page of the Blue Beret about "FRED", the lonely chamelion, living in the Mercury Club in Cyprus UNIFCYP.

The Christmas decorations have now come down but we are glad to report that Fred is alive and well and still living in the Christmas tree, which the management of the Club have left standing until the weather is warm enough for their visitor to leave.

The "back room" boys take time for a rare unit get-together — the UNIFCYP Workshop REME unit photograph taken recently.

**MP NOTEBOOK ACCIDENTS — UNIFCYP**

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Main Cause of Accidents

This Week

Driving without due care and attention

**MARCH IN THE RAIN**

3 Platoon of Sub Company finishing the final leg of their tax mile march. The platoon completed the march in 2 hours despite rain and 40 degree F temperatures. This should dispel any notion that the airmen are on holiday in the beautiful sunny winter resort of Cyprus.

**MEDAL PRESENTATION**

In their monthly meeting to discuss all matters Contingent Press Officers were at DanJipol in Xeros last week. They visited OIP Limskellin, in Lefka District and are seen here at the OP. They also visited the ruins of Venet Palace for a conducted tour.

**VISITORS TO UNIFCYP**

Major Herbert E. Werner, Auscon, was last week presented with the British War Medal for his service in the Special Services of the British Army during the 1939–45 War. The presentation was made by the Force Commander, Major General D’rom Chard, PVS9. Major Werner served in the Special Services from November 1944 to March 1945. Members of the Special Services had to undergo rigorous training, including parachute jumping under adverse conditions and they operated in small groups behind enemy lines.

Recently the Irish Quarter Master General, Col. O’Sullivan, and the Director of Plans and Operations Irish Defence Forces, Colonel J. Dempsey, paid a visit to Force Commander, Major General D’rom Chard, PVS9, the Chief of Staff, Brigadier P. P. Mean, CBE, at HQ UN. The two Colonels were returning to Ireland after visiting the Irish Troops serving with UNIFCYP.