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Members of 1 RCR's Corps of Drums doing gardening chores at the Red Cross Sick Childrens Hospital in Kyrenia.

CALLING ALL MEN OF GOODWILL

In keeping with the well established tradition that Canadian Contingents help support the Red Cross Sick Childrens Hospital in Kyrenia, the members of the Sergeants' Mess have undertaken to co-ordinate our efforts to help the hospital.

In the past week, members of the Corps of Drums have given a hand gardening and mowing the lawn around the hospital. Others have gone up to entertain the children.

It is evident that not everybody in the contingent can go to the hospital and personally help. However there are deeds we can all do to contribute to the well-being of the kids and here are some:

Marked cans have been placed in messes and other well attended buildings throughout the contingent to collect donations, however small. Why not get into the habit of dumping those cumbersome copper pieces — and others too — out of your pockets when you see one such box? (You will probably save yourself some repairs to your pockets also!).

Other items that could be saved are candies and choco-

late bars from hard ration packs.

Now if you're in town buying goodies for the kids at home, please have a good thought and get an extra game or colouring book and crayons. These are items that will be greatly appreciated by the little ones themselves.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFICYP

In letters, dated 1st and 10th April respectively, to the Secretary General, U Thant, the Permanent Representatives of Sweden and Iceland to the United Nations, regarding the expenses of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP), say:

SWEDEN:

"With reference to your letter of 17 February 1970, in which you appealed for voluntary contributions to provide the necessary financial support for the United Nations Peace-keeping Operation in Cyprus, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Sweden has decided to make a further contribution of 180,000 US dollars to meet the costs

of the UNFICYP for the period ending 15 June, 1970".

ICELAND:

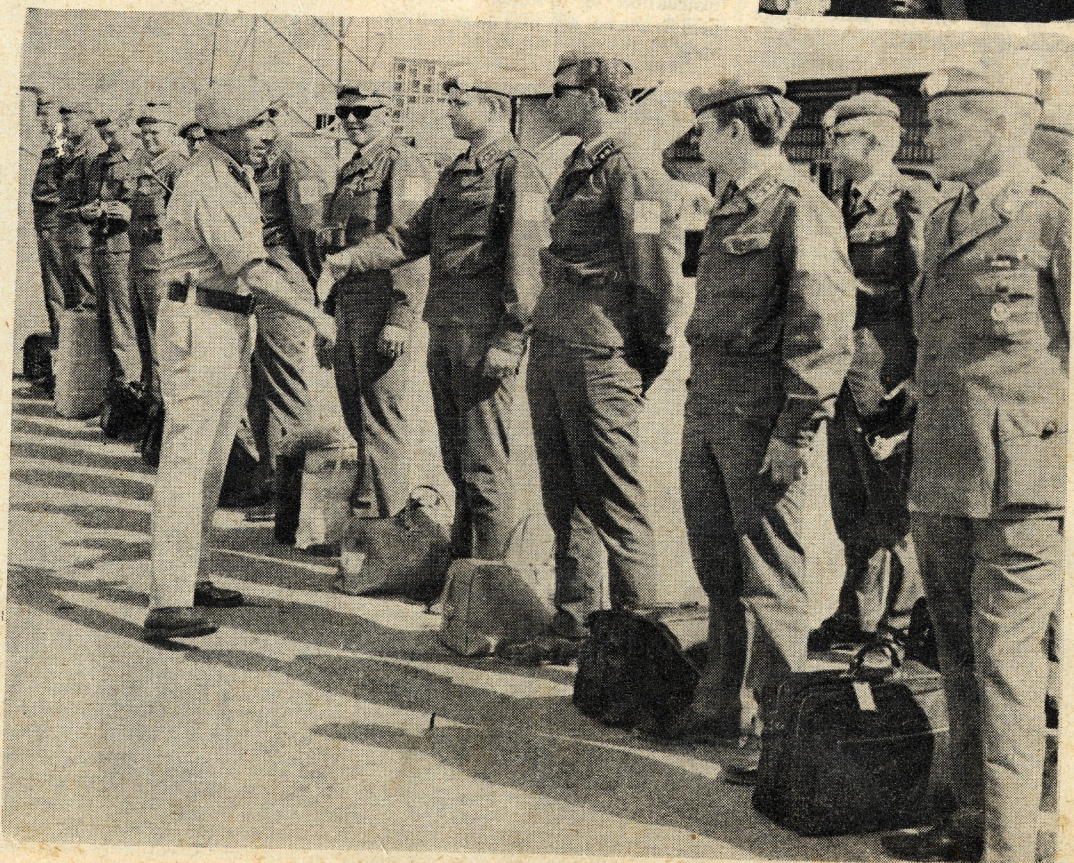
"In response to your Excellency's latest appeal in your letter of 17 February 1970, for further contributions for the financing of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus, the Government of Iceland has decided to make a contribution of \$2,000."

THANKS FOR GOOD SERVICES

Last week another Finnish rotation was completed.

At the airport the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, expressed his thanks to the Finns for their valuable services to UNFICYP in the past six months.

Do we have space enough for all the luggage?



The Force Commander saying good-bye to some of the Finnish Officers.

TRAFIKREGU- LERING I XEROS

Rygtet går, at der skal opstilles et "FULDT STOP" skilt på vejen foran kontorteltene i Xeros-Lejren for at forhindre sammenstød mellem dem, der kommer for sent om morgenen, og dem, der går for tidligt om eftermiddagen.



En spændende verden

Det er jo ingen hemmelighed i Dancon, at Nicosia's herligheder ligger lidt langt borte nu, men til gengæld er der også flere, der har fundet vej til en anden "underverden", der gennem udflytningen er kommet os langt nærmere ind på livet end før.

Vore sportsdykkere er i fuld gang med at udforske havbundens mysterier og har allerede haft mange spændende oplevelser.



DANCON NYT

OS I. Svane fra SIG/DEL og KS B. Holm, PI/DEL, som ses på billedet har mangt og meget at berette. MEN PAS PÅ!

Vejen til alle disse nye herligheder er ikke helt så ligetil, som mange tror. Man skal ikke vove sig ud på den slags, uden forudgående grundig instruktion og træning. Men tal med Svane om det, hvis du er interesseret.

KONTAKT TIL BEGGE SIDER

Ude i det nye distrikt er der langsomt ved at komme gode kontakter mellem Dancon og såvel den græske som den tyrkiske befolkning. Man ser ofte vore soldater sidde og hygge sig med den lokale befolkning på de små cola-værksteder langs kysten, og forleden var frivagten i Gaziveran inviteret til skolefest, hvor børnene optrådte med, hvad de havde lært. En af vore snuppede dette billede af fire små, men meget dygtige gymnaster.

Vagtskifte i UNCIVPOL

Torsdag d. 30. april afleverede Dancivpol substationen i Xeros til det østrigske politi, og dermed afsluttede det lange spand af år, hvor Dancon og Dancivpol har arbejdet hånd i hånd i det samme distrikt, først i Nicosia og tilsidst herude.

Det har altid, både tjenstligt og selskabeligt, været snævre bånd, der bandt de to danske enheder her nede sammen, og selvom de rent tjenstlige nu slækkes, så håber vi, at de andre må holde. Men altså:

Tak for tiden, vi har haft sammen i by og på land-

- og et velkommen til Austrian Civpol, med hvem vi håber at få et godt samarbejde

SIDSTE NYT

Umiddelbart før redaktionens afslutning indløb der meddelelse om, at den påtænkte trafikregulering i Xeros-Lejren var opgivet, da det viste sig, at det drejede sig om de samme mennesker, der mødte for sent og gik for tidligt.



Skickliga svenskvännerna Los Indo Americanos, Ramon och Reseda, tvekade inte en sekund att ställa upp. Bejublades enormt. Tack säger vi alla på 44C och välkomna igen!



VALBORGSMÄSSOAFTON

firades, kanske som aldrig förr, på CGC med dunder och brak. Och blev en stormande premiärsuccé för allas vår underhållningsminister Lennart Alasjö och hans medhjälpare. Allsång, toppenartister, skämt och skoj i lagom blandning. Det bådar gott för arrangemang som komma skall inom bataljonen. Publikbilderna får tala för sig själva.

Löjtnant "Snoopy" Strandberg, Göteborg, hade stukat ena foten men hans killar på 2:a plut tog helt resolut "Snoopy" med säng och allt och bar honom upp till festplatsen, översta bilden. Flott trumpetfinal svarade Henry Andersson, Uddevalla, för, t.h.



Jan Eringsmark, civpolare från Famagusta, flitig kund hos postis. Här nedan ivrigt slickande innan luckan stängs för dagen.

BIOGÄNGET

har vederbörligen trimmats under ledning av Lennart Alasjö och Henrik von Vegesack, fr. v. Så nog skall det bli snurr på föreställningarna på CGC. Och skulle "snöret" mot förmodan gå av någon gång så vet ni nu vilka som skall ha "träkningsarna" dagen efter, t.v.

SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos



TÄNK ATT

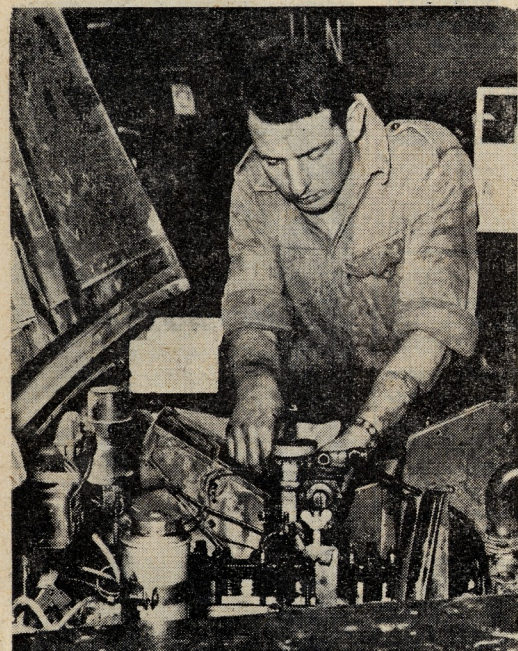
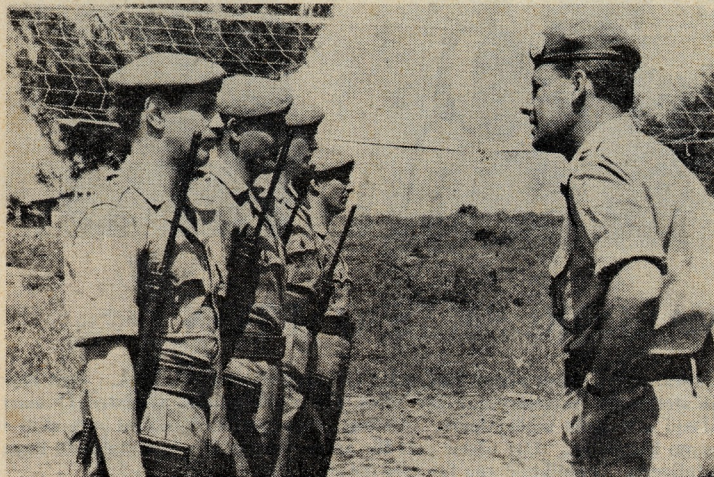
efter dagens id få vila ut i hemmets frid... Tycker kvintetten här som läskar sig med saft och vatten i uoffmässen. Fr.v.-Eric Hjalmarsson, Uppsala, Sven Kärneskog, Karlskoga, Sigge Sandberg, Uppsala, Henry Hansson, Farsta, och Ulf Hedblad, Uppsala.



LIGHT INFANTRY SETTLED IN

Commanding Officer 3rd Light Infantry briefing soldiers.

ers on their responsibilities. Lieutenant Colonel Robertson toured his battalion area on 28th April 1970, and was very pleased to see how quickly the soldiers had settled down to their new role with the United Nations.



REME WITH RCT

Craftsman Steve Ellis is a vehicle mechanic with 65 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport. He was photographed whilst working on a top overhaul. The main task is to fit a new cylinder head, which Steve has done and was just fitting the vacuum tube.



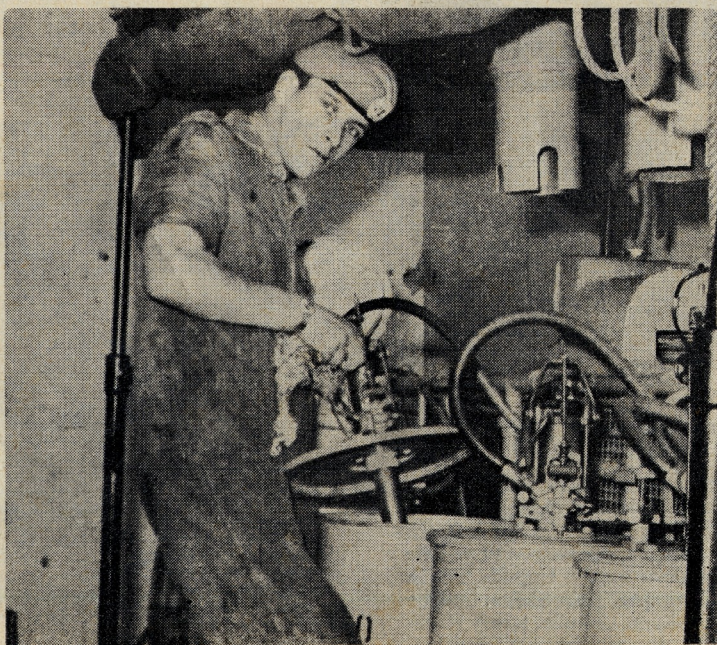
REFILLING THE TUBES

Driver "Galloper" Cowen refilling the grease tubs on the high pressure servicing unit belonging to 65 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport. He and Corporal Taffy Jones form a two man servicing team and it is on their efficiency that the smooth running of all the Squadron vehicles depends.



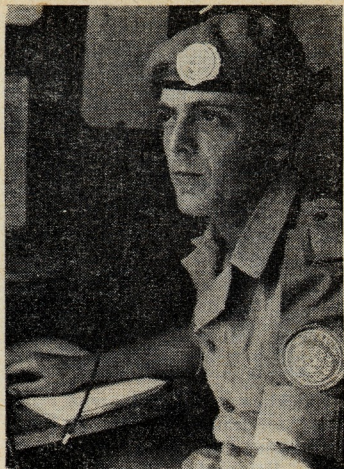
BRITCON NEWS

European Fairs Cup
ARSENAL V OMONIA
Sunday 10/5/70 at
Nicosia Stadium, K.O. 1645 hrs.



WIRELESS OPERATOR

Private Andrew Hardie, 3L1, is at present working as a Platoon Headquarters wireless operator in Paphos. He has served in the Light Infantry for four and a half years and has already seen service in Malaya, Northern Ireland and Mauritius. He is a single soldier and his home is in Rugeley, Staffordshire.



HOLIDAY IN CYPRUS

Three senior ranks wives arrived on the island on the 20th April to spend a fortnights holiday with their husbands away from the cold and wet at home.

Our photograph shows the three couples seated on a Ferret Scout Car.

Left to right (front row) Mrs Forbes, Mrs Hubbard and Mrs Yates. Back row, Sergeant David Forbes, Staff Sergeant Major John Hubbard and Sergeant David Yates all of whom are members of 'B' Squadron The Royal Scots Grays stationed in Nicosia.



RECENT ARRIVAL



Staff Sergeant Michael Roberts, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers recently arrived in the island for a two year tour with the UN Flight Army Air Corps. He has taken over the duties of aircraft artificer.

VIGILANT PEACE KEEPERS

One of the most important men in the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force is the man in the OP. On the shoulders of this "man on the spot" rests the responsibility of keeping UNFICYP informed of all actions which might be a threat to the maintenance of peace and harmony on the island.

Private Liam Cosgrove is one of these men.

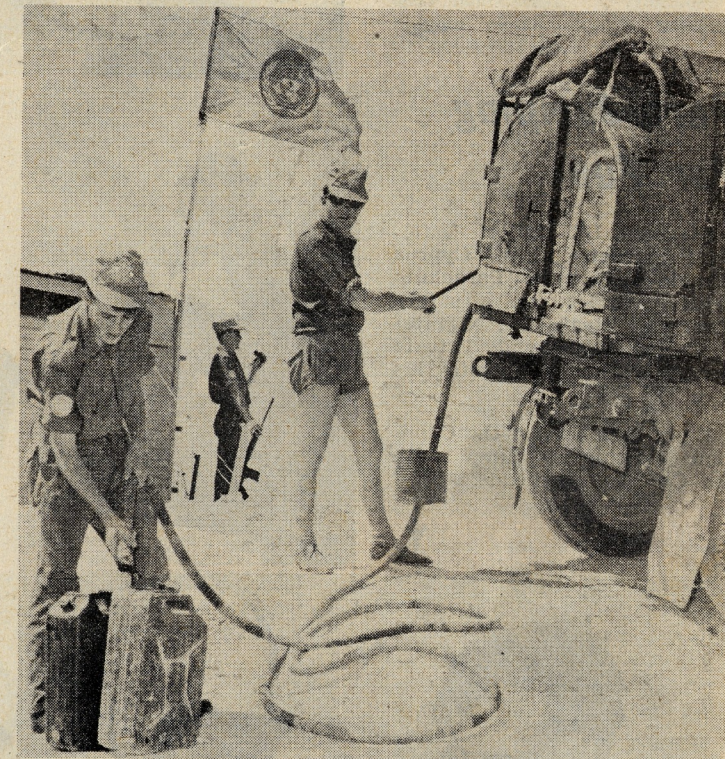
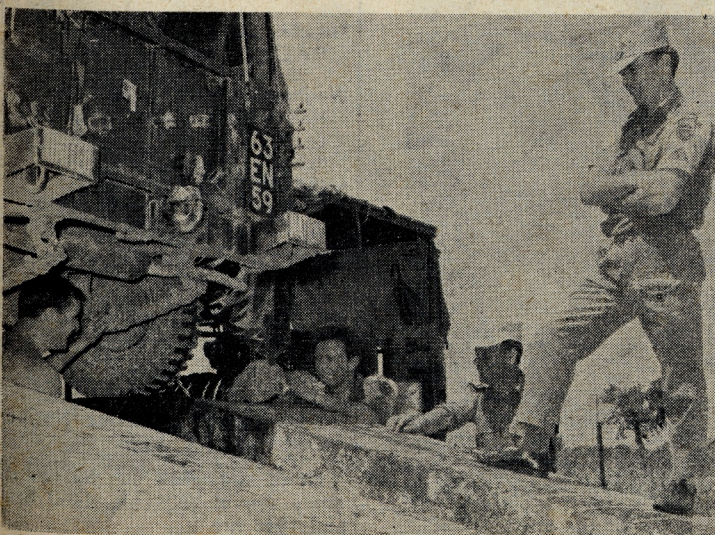
Here he keeps a lonely vigil on Crown Hill 200 feet above the Nicosia/Limassol road. He is a seasoned campaigner having served with the 42nd Irish Infantry Battalion in Lefka in 1965. He comes from the 1st Anti-aircraft Regiment, Kildare. He is married and his family live at 2305 Maryville, Kildare.



Below are some of the men who man "Bunker Hill" overlooking Kophinou. They belong to 'B' Company 18th Infantry Group and they come from the Western Command.

They are Corporal Tom Cassidy, Private Lenon and Private Westman.

IRCON NEWS



SUPPLIES AND TRANSPORT

No operations could work successfully without supplies and the transport to get them there. The job of supplying water to 'B' Company is a difficult one especially when the water must be driven up steep and twisting tracks to lofty OP's.

This requires first class drivers with ice-cool nerves but to Private Gormley, of the 4th Garrison Supply and Transport, it is old hat having served with 41st Battalion in Lefka and Famagusta in 1964 and 1965.

Above we see him with

Private McConnell who is filling the Jerrycans on top of "Bunker Hill". Private McConnell, who comes from Athlone, is being 'Blooded' very quickly having been in the Army for a mere seven months. In the background is Private Gallagher of 6th Battalion.

To keep these jeeps and trucks on the road, we are lucky to have excellent men in our transport unit. They seem to be enjoying their work too. Left to right Corporal J. McGee, Corporal C. Quirke, Sergeant T. Daly and Private T. Rickard.

British Commonwealth Leader Dines With Canadians

His Excellency Mr Harold Smith, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, and Mrs Smith visited their fellow-Canadians last week during a tour of Cyprus.

Mr and Mrs Smith (seen here on either side of Lieutenant-Colonel Dan G. Loomis at the head-table) were guests of honor at a formal mess dinner held at the Kuchuk House Officers' Mess.

Major-General D. Prem Chand and Mr Osorio-Tafall were presented souvenir blazons of the Royal Canadian Regiment on the same occasion.



Para-Jumping For Fun

Sergeant Bill Elliott (left), chief instructor at the Cyprus Combined Services Parachute Centre, carries out a safety check on Private Jim Nightingale's parachute while Private Gerry Narbonne awaits his turn.

Eight members of the Canadian Contingent jump with the Club on weekends.



THE ROUNDEL CLUB swimming pool, by the time you read this page, might be in operation thanks to the efforts of the pioneer platoon and the "self-help" work of the corps of drums.

Corporals Bob Clark (left) and Ray Berube putting a finishing touch to the cement work.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

UN PROGRAMMES FROM C.B.C.

The weekly C.B.C. transmission of special programmes for UN Forces are broadcast on 498 metres, 602 kilocycles, as follows:

Monday 1330 — 1400 hrs
Radio EIREAN production.

Tuesday 2000 — 2030 hrs
SWEDISH local requests.

Wednesday 2000 — 2030 hrs
News from CANADA and records.

Thursday 2000 — 2030 hrs
Radio HELSINKI production.

Friday 2000 — 2030 hrs
UN Discotheque presented by John Crosse.

Saturday 2000 — 2030 hrs
DANISH local requests.

Sunday 2000 — 2030 hrs
SCANDINAVIAN local productions from each of the Nordic Contingents in turn.

News in English can be heard every day at 0830 hrs, 1400 hrs and 1945 hrs.



Hiljakseen sateli vettä kun ev Raitasaari jakoi miehet uusiin tehtäviinsä EK:n aliupseerimessin katoilla.

FINCON NEWS



Rotaatiassa tulleet uudet tulokkaat ovat tuskin muina vuodenaikoina niin valkeita iholtaan kuin juuri huhtikuussa. "Hiutaleita" Kykkon platan vierellä valmiina turvaamistehtäviin.



Runsaasti ylennyksiä FIN BN 13:ssa

Poikkeuksellisen runsaasti eli noin kaksinkertainen määrä normaaliin pataljoonan vaihdokseen verrattuna määrättiin aliupseereita ja miehistöön kuuluvia uusiin tehtäviin YKSP 13:ssa. Ylennystilaisuus pidettiin maanantaina 27.4.

Kaikkiaan 67 aliupseeria ja miehistöön kuuluvaa oikeutettiin käyttämään tehtävän mukaisia arvo-merkkejä ja nauttimaan vastaavaa palkanlisää. Uutena nimityksenä pataljoonassa otettiin käyttöön alikersantin arvo, joka annettiin 28 jääkärielle. Alikersantit lasketaan täällä miehistöön kuuluviksi ja he toimivat ryhmän varajohtajina, vartiassa ja erilaisissa ammattitehtävissä. Alikersantin arvo on aikaisemmin ollut vain sotilaspoliiseilla siten, että he ovat saaneet jääkärien palkkaa. Nykyiset alikersantit luetaan palkkauksessa alemman palkkaluokan kersanteiksi. Viime rotaatiassa kotiutettiin kaikki 1 vuoden palvelleet, pääosa 9 kuukautta, noin puolet 6 kuukautta ja toistakymmentä 3 kuukautta palvelleista, josta syystä uusia vakansseja reduktiosta huolimatta vapautui tavallista enemmän.

YKSP 12 aikana suuria mullistuksia

Tämä pataljoona on kokenut suurempia mullistuksia kuin mikään pataljoona ennen sitä lukuunottamatta ykköstä. Tämä aloitti jäykissä kivitaloissa, joutui lähemmään liikkeelle, siirtymään vuorille ja pienentämään vahvuuttaan. YKSP 12 tehtävänä on lisäksi ollut lähettää tarvittaessa joukkoja muualle. Tällainen tehtävä on ollut olemassa, mutta ei monella tiedossa. Nyt on koossa



valmiusjoukko, jolle tämä tehtävä on siirtynyt.

Näin kertoi pataljoonan komentaja, eversti R K Raitasaari, edellisen pataljoonan päättäjäistilaisuudessa, jossa oli upseerien lisäksi läsnä kotiutuvien aliupseerien ja miehistön edustajat.

YKSP 13 osalta ev Raitasaari sanoi, että tulevaisuus ei ole vielä asetunut kohdalleen. Ei ole vielä varmaa minne muualle kuin vuorille pataljoona sijoittuu.



Uusille tulokkaille pidettiin iltahartaus takalekon tulopäivänä. Vuorten äärellä hiljakseen hämärtyvän illan suussa seisovat vuorikomppanian miehet kuunnellen sotpast J Pulkkasen ja ev R K Raitasaaren puheita.



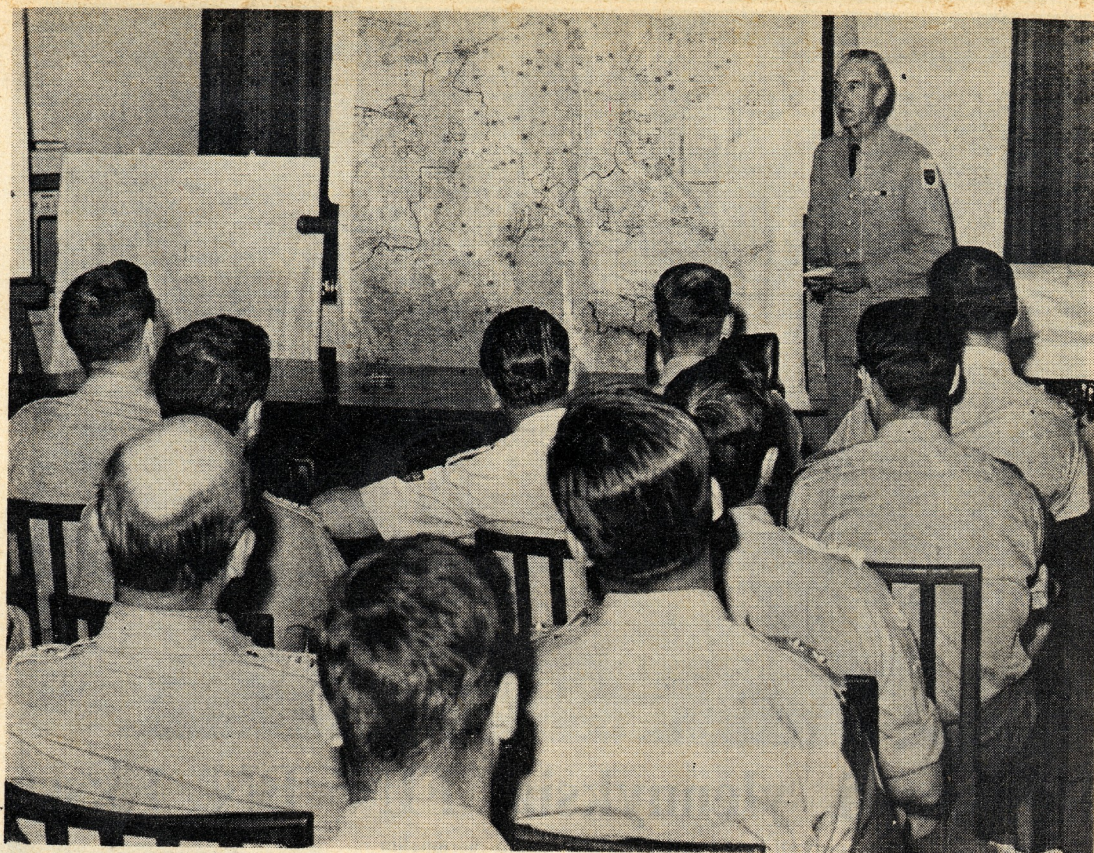
Work Shop'in eli entisen 2.JK:n rakennusten ja alueen luovuttaminen kanadalaisille tapahtui 28.4. Maj A Rätty (vas.) luovuttaa alueensa valvonnan maj Bob Herseylle, 1 RCR 'A' komppanian päällikölle.

BRIEFING FOR CANCON OFFICERS

Colonel L.M. Laven, commander of the Swedish Contingent, briefs the officers of the Canadian Contingent on the Swedcon organization and operations in the Famagusta district.

The briefing was the first of a series to be hosted by Cancon as part of an officers' training program. The Saturday morning gatherings are aimed at promoting and maintaining comradeship and understanding between the members of UNFICYP.

Together with Colonel Laven at this first meeting were a dozen Swedcon officers including Major Finn Rideland, a Press Information Officer who showed one of his recently completed feature films on the UN peacekeeping forces.



A TOUCH OF FINLAND



Blond and typically Nordic is this charmer — a stewardess on board of one of the Finnish rotation flights.

SWIM SAFELY

Drowning fatalities occur every year. In nearly every case they would have been prevented if the persons concerned had taken elementary precautions.

There are some basic rules which should be always observed by EVERYBODY.

Here they are:

1. Don't enter the water unless there are at least two of you.
2. Don't enter the water if you do not feel well.
3. Don't enter the water if you are under the influence of alcohol.
4. Don't enter the water for at least one hour after having a meal.
5. Don't go out of your depth until you can swim well.
6. Don't indulge in rough play in or near the water.
7. Don't swim when the sea is rough.
8. Don't swim where there are eddies or currents.
9. Don't dive in shallow water.
10. Don't dive where you may injure yourself and/or another person.
11. Learn how to float and how to tread water.

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MP NOTEBOOK

Accidents - Unficyp

Week ending 2 May, 1970	7
Same Period Last Year	7
Total this Year	161
Same Period Last Year	122

Main causes of accidents this week:

Speed too fast for road and traffic conditions and inattention.

A Busy Pair

Rotation time for the Nordic Contingents is a busy one for Movement Control Officer, Major H. P. Jahn, and his assistant, Sergeant O. Frederiksen, both of the Danish Army.

They are here pictured beside one of the rotation aircraft before take off.

