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RAC RALLY

FINLAND WIN TOP HONOURS, WITH SWEDEN SECOND IN BRITISH RALLY

Finnish driver Simo Lampinen won Britain's toughest car rally last Wednesday, 20 November, 1968.

The young Fin, son of a ski manufacturer, was crippled in childhood by polio.

Only a few years ago he was told by doctors that he would never be fit enough to compete as a driver.

Fair-haired Simo proved them wrong by contesting all the top international rallies.

But he never quite made it as a winner — until last Wednesday when he steered his Swedish Saab over the finishing line at London's Heathrow Airport.

Swedish driver Carl Orrenius, also driving a Saab, was second.

Behind him to take third place in a Ford Escort was private entrant Jim Bullough, a 41-year-old estate agent from Bolton, Lancs.

So tough was the 2,500-mile course that only 37 of the 112 entrants finished.

The rally was organised by the Royal Automobile Club and sponsored by the Sun Newspaper.

TURKEY'S FIRST HEART TRANSPLANT

Turkish doctors in an Ankara hospital have successfully carried out Turkey's first heart transplant operation. The operation lasted for nearly four hours, during which the heart of a 14-year-old boy was given to a 40-year-old woman.

The leader of the team of doctors who carried out the operation, Dr Kemal Beyazit, said that the donor had died as a result of an explosion of a boiler in a bakery.

The condition of the woman is reported to be satisfactory.

(News from Turkey, Weekly Bulletin, Vol. VI No. 52).



SIMO LAMPINEN

ROAD SAFETY

"IT WAS NOT MY FAULT"

A major problem on the Island of Cyprus is 'Road Safety', each week 'Blue Beret' publishes a 'Road Safety Corner' but it is often wondered whether this is enough.

From reports, published in the Cyprus Press, of Road Safety statistics for just one week, ending Sunday, 17 November, 1968, it seems that The Cyprus Police have their hands full with Road Traffic Problems.

Five people were killed and 54 injured in 100 road accidents.

A total of 1,149 traffic offences were reported by the police and 857 cases were brought before the courts, which imposed fines totalling £2,465 and suspended driving licences in 21 cases.

Police Radar reported 53 cases of excessive speeding in

built up areas.

For the corresponding week, UNFICYP's Road Safety statistics were: Seven accidents, in which no one was injured, and one speeding offence. These figures are good in comparison with other weeks but, however, it is still seven accidents and one speeding offence too many!

EDITORIAL NOTE: To all contingents; Read page 4. BRITCON, this week, are sticking their necks out by issuing a challenge to allcomers.

GOC NEARELF VISITS



Lt Gen A.E. Martola welcomed Maj Gen D.L. Lloyd Owen DSO, OBE, MC, when he visited HQ UNFICYP on Thursday 21 November, 1968. Maj Gen Lloyd Owen was entertained to lunch at the Officers Mess.

AUSTRIAN NEW CHAIRMAN OF OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE

The Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space on

22 October, 1968, unanimously elected Heinrich Haymerle (Austria) as its Chairman, to succeed Kurt Waldheim, Foreign Minister of Austria who informed the Committee on 18 October that, in view of his duties as Foreign Minister, he was relinquishing his post as Chairman of the Committee.

Following the election, members of the Committee congratulated the new Chairman and paid tribute to Mr. Waldheim and to Franz Match (Austria), who has served as the Committee's first Chairman.

UN NOW 126 MEMBERS

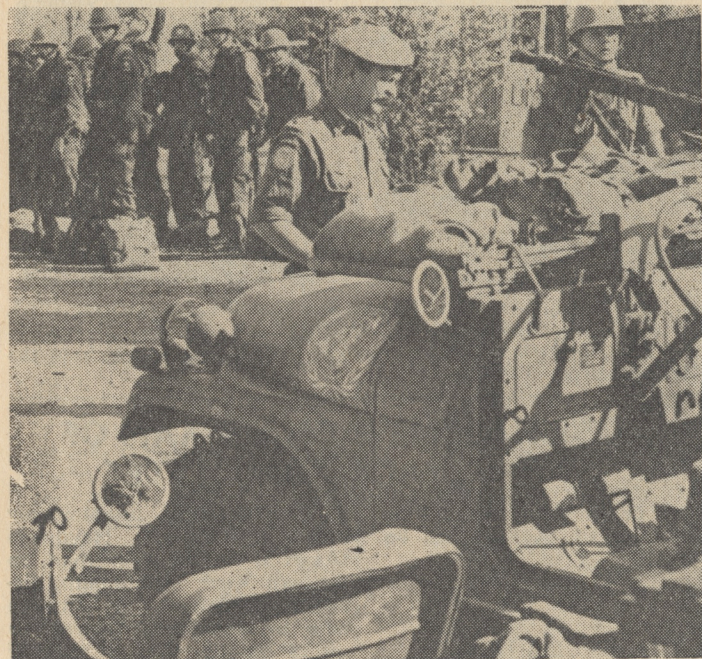
On the 12 November, 1968, the 125-member body of the General Assembly unanimously approved Equatorial Guinea's application for membership to the United Nations.

Equatorial Guinea is the only independent Spanish-speaking country of Africa. Its mainland section lies on the West Coast of Africa, just North of the Equator, and is bound to the South and East by Gabon, to the North by Cameroon.

The state also comprises Fernando Poo and other smaller islands.



Vi præsenterer herover DANCON -X feltpræst A. J. Hindsholm, der iøvrigt er designeret som feltpræst ved PLR. Feltpræst A. J. Hindsholm er i det civile liv sognepræst i Sennels Sogn, der ligger i Thy, i nærheden af Thisted.



Herover ses kompagnichefen, MAJ H.F. Hansen, der inspicerer køretøjernes pakning under alarmeringen, til højre for majoren ses SG N.C.R. Nielsen fra støttedelingen.



På billedet ses regnet fra højre KS H.P. Hansen, P.A.B. Jensen K.J. Olesen, S.L. Jensen, I. Vejgård, S.K. Simonsen og J.S. Rørstrøm.

CYPERNMESTERSKAB

I BADMINTON

Ved de åbne cypriotiske mesterskaber i badminton, der afholdtes i Episkopi i tiden 14-16. november 1968 vandt PRLT P.T. Eriksen, DANCON, mesterskabet i single og desuden sammen med englænderen WO I Randy Reid, mesterskabet i herredobbel.

PRLT P.T. Eriksen har tidligere vundet Jyllandsmesterskabet i badminton både i singel og herredobbel.

På billedet tilhøjre ses premierløjtnanten med de pokaler han vandt ved de åbne cypriotiske mesterskaber.



DANCON NYT

A-KOMPAGNIETS RESERVEDELING

Under det beredskab, der var gældende medio november, blev reservedelingen i A-kompagniet alarmeret.

DANCON-Fotografen var tilstede under alarmeringen og klar-

gøringen af delingen. Billederne nederst tilvenstre viser forskellige situationer i forbindelse hermed.

Kompagniet meldte klar til DANCON under den tid, der var krævet i følge beredskabsgraden-

BRIEFING I HQ - UNFICYP



Chefen for DANCON med flere officerer, blev ved en briefing i HQ UNFICYP fredag formiddag først budt velkommen af generallojtnant A.E. Martola, og fik derefter gennemgået UNFICYP status og HQ-UNFICYP funktioner.

HÅR ÅR DE NYA RADIOTIDERNÄ!

Du kanske minns, att vi för någon tid sedan gjorde en intresseundersökning i Swedcon om de lämpligaste tiderna för FN-programmen i radio. Cyprus Radio hade nämligen meddelat, att man pga det ena och det andra måste ändra på de sändningstider som hittills gällt.

Ung. 36% svarade på enkäten, och de flesta av dessa tyckte att radiotiderna borde ligga någonstans mellan kl. 1700 och 2030. Zonpressoff stoppade resultatet i fickan och för tillsammans med övriga FN-kontingenter representanter upp till radion. Där hade man emellertid en ganska bestämd egen åsikt om saken och hade inte många alternativ att erbjuda!

Efter en hel del diskuterande lyckades vi ändå utverka att "önskeprogrammet" från Sverige behålls på kvällstid. Däremot får vi finna oss i att Swedcons eget program på söndagarna flyttas till tidiga eftermiddagen. Enda möjligheten, svarade man på radion.

Observera, att tidsändringen gäller först fr o m nyårsafton 1968, då de nya tiderna blir: önskeprogrammet med sverigehälsningar - tisdag 2000-2030, och Swedcons eget program var tredje söndag kl. 1330-1400.

Tack för intresset, och väl mött i etern!

Glada svenska miner i FN-tjänsten

Vill du se, hur ett svenskt soldatansikte ser ut efter dryga månadens FN-tjänst på Cypern, då kan du bege dig till förslagsvis OP 211. Eller - mycket enklare - se på bilderna i Blue Beret.

OP-gruppen har många viktiga bevakningsuppgifter i området norr om det gamla Famagusta, men det hindrar tydligen inte att det blir fritid över för solbad - av bilden t.h. att döma. Såvida inte stabsfotografen bättrat på färgen med någon vätska i fotolabbet.

Förresten tycks trivselen ha övat inflytande på pysselanlagen och traditionsvårdandet kring bockhornet på OP 211. Av grabbarna från Gold Fish Camp har blivit Silver Fish Boys!

●"Silverfiskarna" kring bockhornet på OP 211 är fr.v. Hans Olsson, fu Hans Carlsson, Bernhard Stolle och Lars-Erik Mellberg.

●Ständig uppsikt över OP-omgivningarna! Posten Anders Pettersson vakar i kikare.

●Och så är det dags för "vaktavlösning". FN-soldat Bernhard Stolle (t.h.) tar över vaktpostens uppgifter från kollegan Anders Pettersson. Gruppchefen fu Hans Carlsson följer ceremonin.



Julkortshälsning med UNICEF

Julen närmar sig, som bekant, och med alla traditioner även julkortsskrivandet. Har du tänkt på att du kan kombinera julhälsandet med din FN-tjänst? Jo, genom att använda UNICEF:s julkort, när du skriver till vänner och anhöriga.

UNICEF är FN:s barnhjälpssfond, som har ett omfattande och minst sagt väsentligt program. Men därför också stora omkostnader!

Varje jul ger UNICEF ut en serie julkort, som gjorts av kända konstnärer från olika länder, så också i år. Priset är ca 75 öre styck, och behållningen går givetvis till UNICEF:s arbete.

Korten levereras i askar om tio styck i varje, och kan beställas från UNDP, P.O.Box 1835, Nicosia - eller genom zonpressoff, HQ UNFICYP, Nicosia.

Kriget mot kackerlackan! STINKY MED SPRUTA I JAKT PÅ FIENDEN

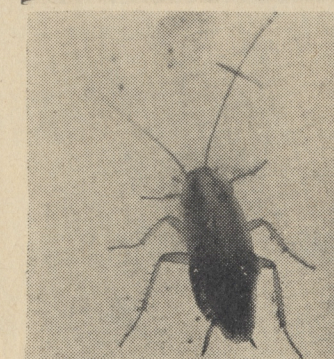


SWEDCON NEWS Swedish Forces Photos

Svenska cypernbataljonen är i fullt krig! Ett utrotningskrig mot en envist uthärdande fiende, som får ständiga truppförstärkningar. Men nu har de svenska raiderna intensifierats, och det vore väl underligt om inte fienden snart måste uppges sina ställningar.

Fienden - ja, det handlar givetvis om kackerlackorna. De där olustiga små krypen, som älskar att invadera våra kök, mäsar och matsalar. "Stor-stinky", dvs hälsovårdsinsp Bengt Persson har tillsammans med "lill-stinky" gått fältherremässigt till ett beslutsamt försvar, utrustade med en brummande spruta - rena döden för krypen!

●Där skall du spruta! "Lill-stinky" Sören Blom instrueras av fv Bengt



Persson i jakten på kackerlackorna. (Bilden t.v.)

●Fienden i närbild! Jo, just så här ser den ut - kackerlackan!

A GLORIOUS DAY FOR 42 SQN RCT



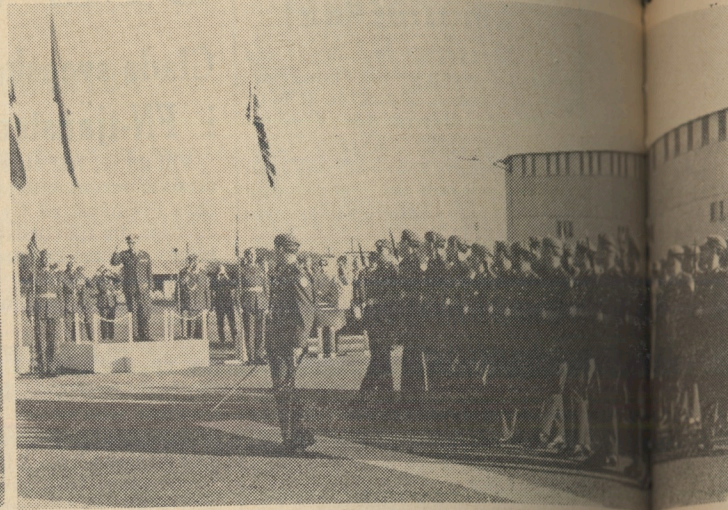
The Drive-Past led by Sqn 2i/c Capt R. Scrimshaw-Wright.

ON Wednesday 20 November, 42 Sqn produced a performance on their Medal Parade, that not only matched the weather which was like a summers day, but will be remembered for it's precision, smartness and effort.

The Force Commander arriving at 3 pm, inspected the Guard of Honour, before receiving a General Salute from the Squadron on parade. Major C.H.U. Foster having reported the parade state, accompanied the General on his inspection. This complete, the Parade marched past in slow time, followed by the Advance in Review Order.

The Medal Party then received their medals from the Force Commander, before marching off parade in quick time. The Band of The Royal Hampshire Regiment played a selection of music including an excellent arrangement of "Thank-u-very much!".

The Squadron soon drove past in every conceivable mode of conveyance they use, from "Ughis", to Dino's cars, very spruce and smart. After the Parade spectators, over two hundred, were entertained at the Officers Mess, Sgts Mess and The Wheel Em In. Needless to say as the evening grew old, all parties got intermingled and a fine day was enjoyed by 42 Sqn and their guests.



The Squadron march-past in slow time

THE HASH HOUSE HARRIERS ARE OFF!

Blood curdling yells of "On - on - on", heard over the hills of Paphos week, could well have struck terror and challenge into the hearts of those who would spend their afternoon having an idle 'kip'. This noise signified that Robin Laird had organized his first Cyprus "Hash".

Off duty personnel, the unspeakable, were in pursuit of the "hares", the uneatable human ones. This extraordinary sight, similar to a paper-chase, is known as a "Hash", and continued for some 2½ miles.

Before the start, the two hares laid a series of paper trails or 'runs' of not more than half-a-mile. Then the trail stopped or "checked". Within a 100 metres the trail restarted so the pack of harriers, hotly pursuing, were forced to 'check' before casting on, thus giving the back markers time to catch up. As soon as the new trail was found, it was 'On - on', and away they went. The course chosen last week, lasted for 40 minutes, and they will gradually increase, as everyone gets fitter. Paphos District are so keen on "hash", as opposed to "hashish", that they will pass on details of how to run this sport, or accept any challenges most willingly. So why not sort out a team, contact Major Laird at Ktima, and spend a mad day hunting the hills of Paphos. Or perhaps CANCON will challenge Paphos to send a team to Kyrenia!

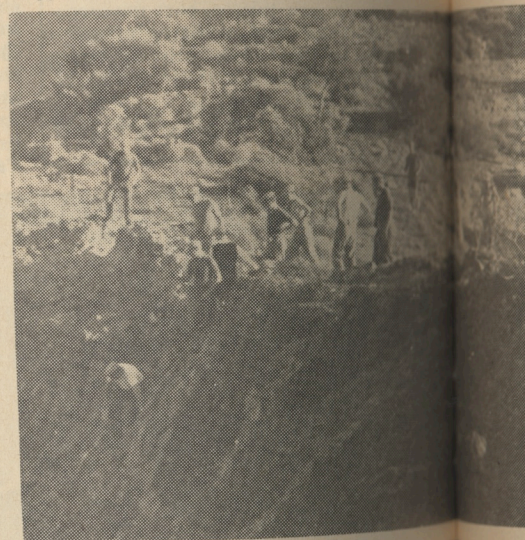
Copies of rules and instructions from the "Hash" secretary, Captain Alan Withers, HQ Paphos District.

LEFT

The finish means 'Mash' or beer, for the thirsty pack. All in pursuit pay a fee to enter, which covers the cost of refreshment at the end.

RIGHT

Lt James Dewar being awarded the hash **** for short-circuiting the course. You have to go to Paphos to find out what a hash **** is.



The harriers cope with a small



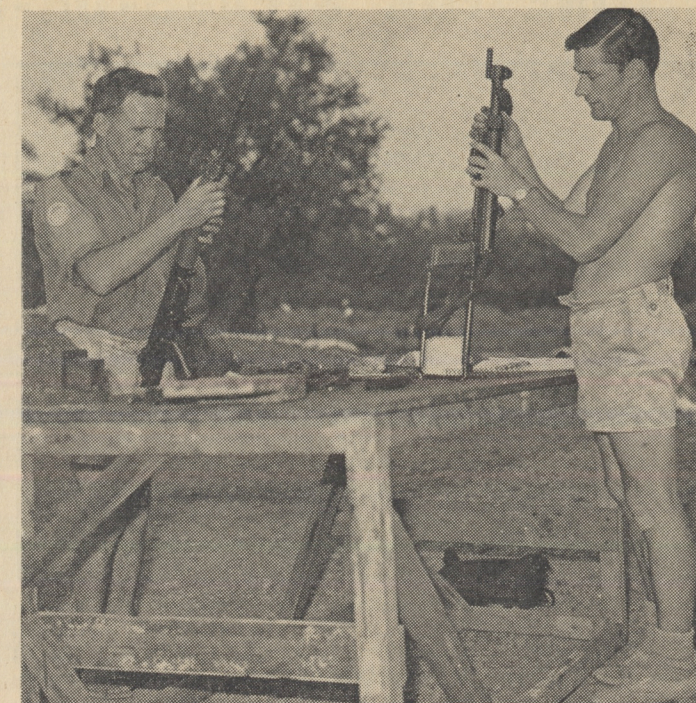
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ON POINT DUTY



INSPECTION OF WEAPONS



Sgt ML Clery (Left) and Cpl R. Sinnott inspect 'A' Company weapons at Lefka. Both NCOs are armourers by trade and are members of the 2nd Garr. Ordnance Coy, Cathal Brugha Bks, Dublin. Sgt Clery is on his third tour of duty with UN whilst Cpl Sinnott is on his first trip.

LEFT

Adopting the dual role of soldier cum policeman is Pte Francis Hogarty of 'B' Company. He is shown here on checkpoint duty near the entrance to Camp Knockanure on the main road through Limnitis village. Nineteen year old Francis is a native of Ballinasloe, Co. Galway and is stationed at Athlone with No. 4 Garr. S & T Coy. This is his first trip overseas.

PHYSICAL FITNESS

That the members of 'A' Company believe in good healthy recreation is evident from the very keen volley ball competition which is being run in Lefka at present. Our photographer was on hand to get this action picture during a recent game.



"HULLO ALL STATIONS"

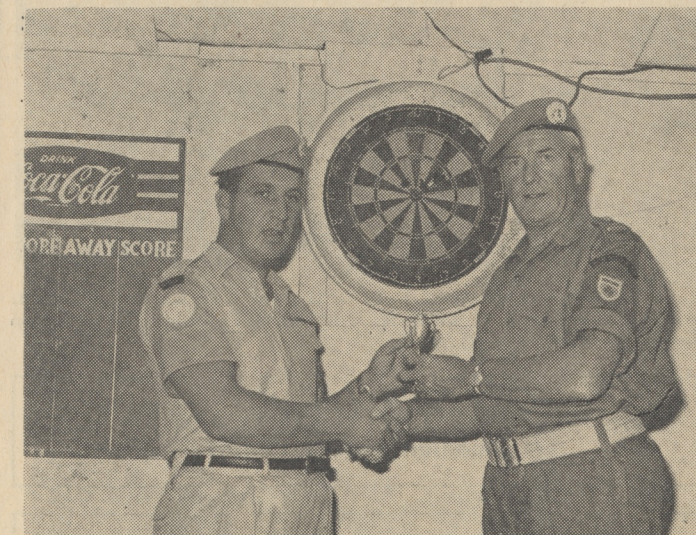


With the present CYTA strike in progress wireless communications has assumed greater importance with consequent extra work on the Operators. Taking the job lightly but seriously on his bare shoulders is 19 year old Sgmn Patrick Rice, Patrick, who is one of the youngest members of the Signal Platoon has barely two years army service and is on his first tour of duty with United Nations.

IRCON NEWS



DARTS COMPETITION



Comdt John Slye, Camp Commandant presents a Cup to Cpl Patrick Lynch, winner of the Darts competition at Xeros. Judging from the number who participated in this contest the Dart board seems to have a magnetic attraction for both young and the not-so-yongs at HQ 11 Inf Group.

ANYONE FOR STEAKS-OR-A COMBAT RATION PICNIC



It is not often that Canadians can picnic in the sun in November. During the recent Canadian exercise, four members of the reserve company of 3 R22eR, took advantage of warm sun, a quiet moment, field rations and a vivid imagination to have a picnic. L to R; Cpl J. J. Lemieux, Pte J. V. Gallant, Cpl A. J. Brown and Pte B. Clouthier.

CHRISTMAS PARCELS



With the experienced help of Postal Cpl Bernie Maurais, Cpl Laurent Beaudoin gets his Christmas Parcels gift wrapped ready for mailing to Canada.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

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Butchering a side of beef in Camp Maple Leaf are L to R; Sgt Raymond Roy and Cpl Andre Houle.

CANCON ON EXERCISE



The Canadian Contingent conducted a recent alert exercise in Cyprus. The Reserve Company of the 3rd Battalion, Royal 22e Regiment, were the participating group. In the photo Captain Marcel Sauve describes locations to Brigadier General E.M.D. Leslie, Chief of Staff. On the left is Major G.R. Bowen, Information Officer, and next to him is Mr Dale O'Hara, a visiting Canadian newsman.

CHECKMATE



A game of Chess helps to pass the waiting hours for members of the reserve company of 3 R22eR during a recent exercise. L to R; Cpl J.R. Poirier, Cpl G. St. Pierre and Cpl J. D. Gilbert.



Vuoristo-olosuhteissa ja yleensä maastossa ajaminen vaatii moottoripyörää käyttävältä tiedustelijalta pitkälle kehittyntä ajotekniikkaa. Kuvassamme taituroivat jääk A Holappa, K Kortevara ja H Hissa.

PENTADAKTYLOKSEN JUURELLA



"No niin, kuulkaa tänne. Kuten tiedämme, vähemmistö siirtää sotapotentiaalia rannikolta enklavin alueelle. Tehtävämme on estää tämä. Yhä enemmän on nähty lähellä rannikkoa mantereelta tulleita maihinnousualuksia. Tulemme nyt siirtymään kiireimmiten....." Näin yllä Saloranta. Tilanne on tietenkin kuviteltu. "Vaan sitä minä ihmetelen, kun ovat kiivenneet tuollekin matalimmalle sormelle köysiä ja hakuja apuna käyttäen. Pojat kiipesivät sinne ihan noin vaan, puolesta tunnissa. Pääsee sinne samoja reittejä, mitä kebabitkin ovat käyttäneet". Näin kers Nissinen vuoristokoulutuksesta.

Kuten tiedämme, Pentadaktylos on Kyrenian vuoristossa oleva erillinen vuorenhuippu, tai oikeastaan viisi toisiaan hyvin lähellä olevaa huippua. Siitä se on saanut nimensäkin, Viisisorminen. Siellä viiden sormen juurella oli Suomen Pataljoonan tiedustelujoukkue viikon ajan maastoharjoituksissa jokin aika sitten.

Tänä aikana pojat ehtivät saada monenlaista uuttakin koulutusta ja kokemuksia. Tiedustelua suoritettiin maastosta käsin, välillä partiointiin yhdessä vastaavan kanadalaisen yksikön kanssa. Toden tun-

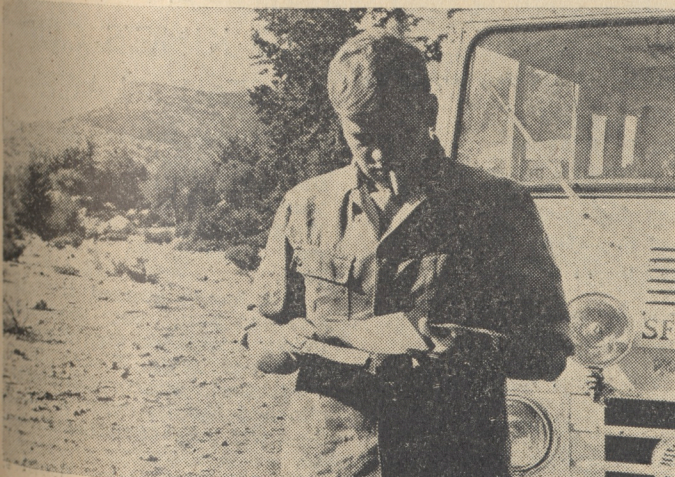
tuisia tilanteita kehiteltiin. Välillä olivat kanadalaiset vihollisia. Siinä sivussa kului aikaa moottoripyöräkoulutukseen ja nopeaan liikumiseen vaikeissa vuoristo-olosuhteissa. Kun päästiin "prätkän" sarvista irti, ruvettiin valloittamaan Viisisormisen huippuja, pikusormesta peukaloon. Kertoman mukaan aika kului tavattoman nopeasti ja hyvin viihdyttiin kii-reistä huolimatta. Harjoituksia johti pataljoonan tiedustelu-upseeri, yllä L Saloranta.

Ensi viikolla: Tiedustelevalle rauhanpuolustajat.

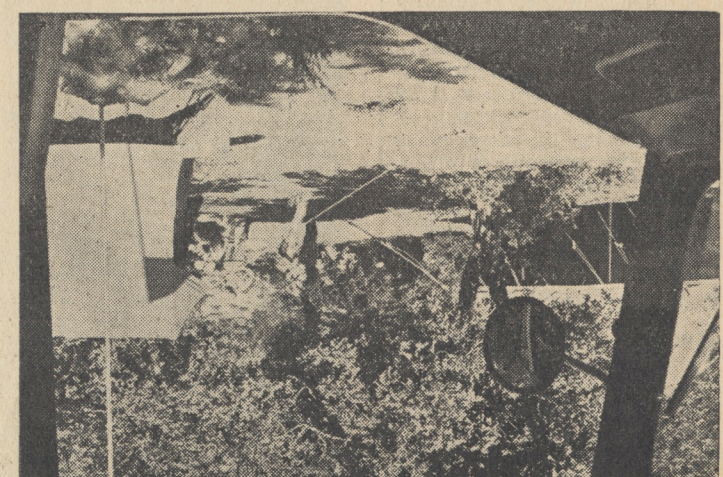


Ns. pellepuku on osoittautunut tarkoituksenmukaiseksi Kyprokselakin. Eipä paljon miehiä erota puiden suojusta valojen ja varjojen seassa.

FINCON NEWS

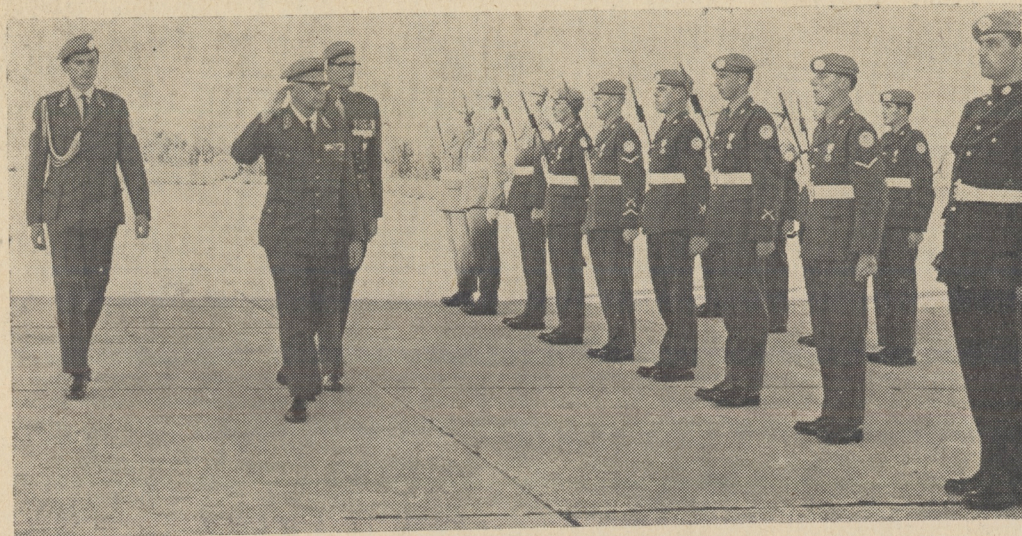


Posti kulki myös Pentadaktyloksen juurelle harjoitusten aikana. Jääk K Suomela on pysähtynyt lukemaan. Ilmeisesti hyviä uutisia kaukaa Suomesta.



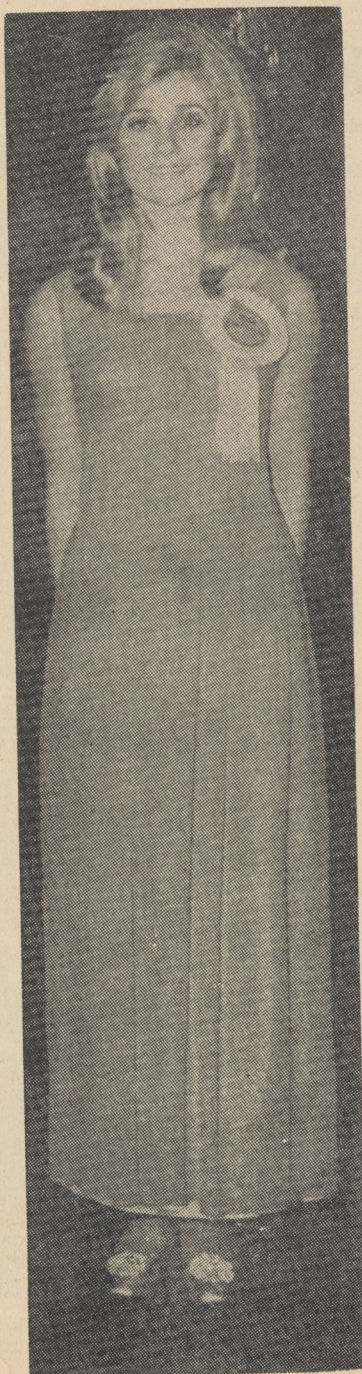
Miehet ovat jossakin harjoituksissa, vain päivystäjä on koiran kanssa paikalla. Kaksi telttaa ja osa aluetta nähtynä Volvon ikkunoiden läpi.

42 SQN RCT MEDAL PARADE



Lt Gen A.E. Martola inspects The Guard of Honour. (Other pictures and story on page 4).

MISS WORLD



Road Safety Corner

More tips on Night Driving

- 1) Keep the windscreen clean.
- 2) Keep the entire lighting system in good condition.
- 3) Avoid tinted glasses or other devices which reduce the light reaching your eyes.
- 4) Avoid lighting matches or bright lights of any kind inside the vehicle.
- 5) Avoid excessive smoking.
- 6) Keep your headlights adjusted so that the dip beams will fall below the level of an oncoming driver's eye.
- 7) If for any reason you park your vehicle on the road at night, switch on your parking lights. Make it a point to carry always with you the internationally approved "Red Triangle" with reflectors which you can place 20 feet in front and 20 feet to the rear of your vehicle in case your lights are out of order. Failing this, inform the nearest Police Station so that adequate action may be taken to avoid accidents.
- 8) Pay particular attention to pedestrians especially in poor lighted areas. It is difficult to spot a pedestrian when he wears dark clothing.
- 9) Check the beam of your headlights and your dipping system.
- 10) Check your electric trafficators.



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The new Miss World, chosen at the Lyceum Ballroom in London on Thursday, 14 November, 1968, is Miss Australia, 18-year-old Penelope Plummer.

BRITCON NEWS

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A BUNNY STORY!

A pilot from the AAC Flt HQ UNFICYP had a sortie to Anadhiou last week. Whilst waiting for his passenger to complete his task on the ground there, he offered to take a soldier up 'for a ride'.

The soldier leapt at the opportunity during which the pilot put the Sioux through a series of spiralling manoeuvres.

On return to terra firma, the soldier returned to his Section Post where he shed the details of his flight to a friend, including how the pilot had descended whirling round and round, like a sycamore leaf.

"What did he do that for?" enquired the slightly puzzled listener, "Why?" said the soldier, "to look down rabbit-holes, at least that's what the pilot said!"

A SERGEANT-MAJOR'S ANSWER TO A REQUEST FOR A DAY OFF

A CALENDAR year has 365 days. Of those, each man in the Army gets eight hours of sleep, totalling 122 days, leaving 243 days. Also, you can set men eight hours each day for recreation, which makes another 122 days, leaving 121 days. Less your five Zulu weekends a year, you also get 47 weekends consisting of Saturday and Sunday, making 74 days, which leaves 47.

Now the Army gives each man 30 days leave each year, so we only have 17 working days left — minus ten legal holidays, leaving only seven days. Normally, you men swing the lead at least 30 minutes a day, making another six days, leaving only one day out of our original 365 and I'll be darned if I'll give you that one day off because we still have the Army to run!

SWEDEN SWEEP TO KING'S CUP 'SEMI' PLACE

SWEDEN qualified to meet Denmark in the semi-finals of the King's Cup lawn tennis tournament when they beat West Germany 4-1 in Bremen Sunday, 24 November, 1968.

The teams started the day level at 1-1, but Sweden's indoor specialist Ove Bengtsson beat Hajo Ploeth 6-2, 6-4 and Martin Charisteir clinched the tie with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Christian Kuhnke.

Then in the closing doubles, Bengtsson and Lars Oelander beat Karl Meller and Hans Juergen Pohmann 6-2, 6-4.