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FORCE COMMANDER AT LIMASSOL

Last week the Force Commander visited Limassol to see at first hand the work of UNCIVPOL in the zone.

The Australian Police Element of UNCIVPOL which has responsibility for both the Limassol and Paphos Districts is of special interest in that its members are all volunteers from nine separate and independent police forces within the Commonwealth of Australia.

While serving with UNCIVPOL they form an integral part of UNFICYP and maintain a close liaison with the UN Military Force and also CYPOL and the Turkish Cypriot Police Element.

The Force Commander made a 30 mile tour of villages in the zone as well as Limassol town itself where he viewed the harbour project.

During a break for refreshment at the HQ, he became very interested in the Australian boomerang, and was later given the opportunity to throw one after a little instruction from Inspector Albert. We can report that the General shows great promise as a "boomerang novice".



● Boomerang — come back!



● The Force Commander with (left to right) Inspector 1st Class Ron Albert, Officer in Charge of Limassol Station, Inspector 2nd Class Jim Keenan, Liaison Officer, and Commander R. Walton, the Commanding Officer of the Australian Police Element.

SKIING IN CYPRUS

Snow has come at last to Cyprus much to relief of the skiing enthusiasts.

Though the season is short and conditions not always very good, there is always great enthusiasm among UN soldiers off duty to take part in this sport.

● Corporal Farthing, of the Royal Green Jackets, gets some practice before competing in the local British Service Championships which were held last week at Troodos.



THE "OPS FAMILY" AT HQ UNFICYP

With so many recent rotations of personnel there are many new faces at HQ UNFICYP. Last week the military members of the Operations Sections took a five minute break to pose for this photograph.



"UGENS BILLEDE"

I velfærdsmeddelelse nr 10 annoncerede jeg en fotokonkurrence for dels at øge fotointeressen og dels for at få gode og aktuelle billeder til DANCON-bogen. Måske har ikke mange læst velfærdsmeddelelsen. I hvert fald er det en kendsgerning, at kun en, SKLT K.B. Jørgensen, har indleveret et billede. Dette er imidlertid af en så fin kvalitet, at redaktionen ikke har betænkt sig på at udpege dette som "ugens billede" og at uddele præmien til SKLT. I håb om, at dette må opmuntre andre til at forsøge sig i fotofaget, vil jeg her nævne konkurrencebetingelserne: billedet i sort/hvid udførelse med angivelse af nummer og navn på bagsiden. Skal afleveres senest onsdag inden kl 1200 til AD.

VIDSTE DE —

— at den ved vejen mellem Ktima og Paphos liggende grav, kaldet Ayia Solomani, er en af de ældste og interessanteste på Cypern og derfor også et besøg værd.

Fra vejen kommer man gennem en gitterlæge ind på en lille plads, som ganske domineres af et stort figentræ. I skyggen heraf fører trin udhugget i klippen dybt ned i undergrunden. Inden De begiver Dem ned, så betragt rigtigt figentræet, hvis rødder her bryder sig vej igennem klippen, og læg især mærke til træets krone, hvori der næsten altid hænger tøjstumper eller hele klædningsstykker—et eksempel på, hvordan en ældgammel skik stadig er i brug. Søgte man helbredelse eller hjælp ved hellige steder, skænkede man guden eller helgenen en gave, ofte af mere personlig art, i håbet om at blive hørt.

Graven stammer fra hellenistisk tid og vides i det fjerde århundrede e.kr. at have været tilholdssted for kristne eneboere. Den er viet til Skt. Solomani, som i virkeligheden var en jøde, hvis syv sønner alle led martyrdøden for deres jødiske tro i året 168 f. kr. Det er troligt,



●Vedrørende Ugens Billede fortæller SKLT Jørgensen, at motivet er hentet fra Lapitos med udsigt mod Kyrenia-kæden. Filmen er en KO DAK TRI-X, 27 din, taget med et

Voigtlander apparat. Billedet er taget på 1/300 sek, blænde 5,6, i let diset vejr. Til kopieringen er anvendt ILFOBROM, 1B 2.IP, 2 Glossy single weight paper.

DANCON NYT



●Under besøget på St. Hilarion udnytter deltagerne lejligheden til at gøre nogle indkøb. Man genkender blandt disse LT Kristiansen og SSG Jensen.

at den da har været anvendt som synagoge for jøderne i Paphos. I det lille kapel, der er indrettet i graven, bærer væggene endnu nogle freskomalerier fra det niende og tiende århundrede, de ældste, der er fundet på øen. På bunden findes en brønd med fuldstændig klart og gennemsigtigt vand, og den gamle kustode, der fremviser graven, vil

sikkert med hånden øse lidt vand op og tilbyde Dem det. Sig ikke nej vandet har forebyggende og helbredende egenskaber mod øjensygdomme. Bad deres øjne eller drik lidt, det kan aldrig skade, men vil De være helt sikker, så efterlad en stump af Deres tøj i figentræet som en votivgave til Skt. Solomani, og han vil våge over Deres helbred.



● Måske som en reaktion mod vikingevæsenet har KP J.E.Pedersen her formummet sig som sheik udi Limnitis klar til kamp.
●KP I.S. Larsen og KS Lambertsen i skjorteærmer i den varme periode i den første tid af vort ophold hernede. KP har tilsyneladende ladet Lambertsen trække det største læs.



●Våbeneftersyn under OS Linnets skarpe øje. De interesserede tilskuere er fra venstre:KP Christensen, SG Lomholt, OS Linnet, KS Jensen, Pedersen og Toft samt SG K. Lund.



VIVI TÄCKHOLM

Professor Vivi Täckholm, professor i botanik vid Cairo universitet, gjorde ett succébetonat besök vid den svenska kontingenten i Fama-gusta förra veckan. Hennes föredrag om sitt andra fosterland—hon har bott över fyrtio år i Egypten—vid kontingentsaftonen formligen trollband de mer än 250 lyssnarna i idrottshallen i mer än femkvart.

Tidigare under det alltför korta besöket hade hon gjort en utfärd till Kyrenia och Bellapais med major Hans Akke som guide.

Ett besök hos generalsekreterarens specielle representant på ön, mr D F Osorio-Tafall, stod också på programmet. Mr Osorio-Tafall är en mycket skicklig botaniker och har en stor samling växter.

På bilden till vänster visar professor Täckholm en bit papyrus för ett par intresserade åhörare, sjukvårdarna Thomas Lundkvist och Göran Fyhr.

Vi ska inte förglömma kontingentsaftonens musikaliska inslag, både The Swinging Blue Berets och sångkören drog ned applådaskor. Bilden nedan visar kören i aktion under ledning av civilpolisen Bo Nyström.



SWEDCON VANN LÄTT I FOTBOLL

Sverige gick lätt vidare i UNFI-CYP-mästerskapsturneringen i fotboll genom att besegra Austrian Field Hospital i en match i Fama-gusta med 8-0 efter 2-0 i halvtid.

Det var egentligen inget resomang om vart segern skulle gå. Även om österrikarna resultatmässigt hängde med någorlunda under första halvlek, var det svenska laget alltför bollkunnigt för att det skulle ha några större problem att reda ut. En eloge till spelarna från AFH för en kämpastark match, som de genomförde med glatt mod trots de stora baklängessiffrorna.

På övre bilden till vänster bryter fänrik Ingemar Kruse ett österrikiskt anfall medan korporal Thomas Andersson avvaktar.

Den nedre bilden visar fem belätta svenska målgörare, från vänster Göran Ledin ett mål, Rolf Björk tre mål, Per Erik Sandberg två mål, furir Nils Hjalmarsson ett mål och korporal Leif Lorén ett mål.

BUDGETPRIS

Den första mars erbjuder markan på Carl Gustav Camp eau de cologne och rakvatten av det världsberömda märket Prestige till budget-priset 200 mils per flaska.

(Det här var en annons från markan, kanske vi i fortsättningen då och då kommer att puffa för saker som försäljs på markan. Andra annonsörer gör sig dock icke besvär, möjligen med undantag för Leave-Anders om han har någon mysig resa att offerera).

SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos



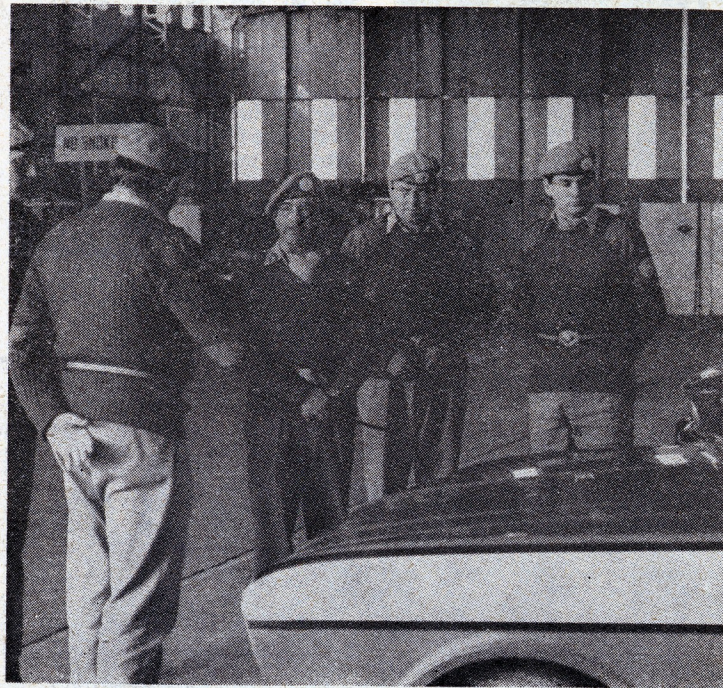
NEW CAMP COMMANDANT

Major K. G. Cain, Kings Own Border Regiment, (left) this week took over the duties of Camp Commandant HQ UNFICYP from Major N. Joplin RA. The two officers are seen with the Commander Britcon, Colonel D. E. Thornton during the hand-over ceremony.



FORCE COMMANDER VISITS 1 SQN

Last week the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, paid his first official visit to 1 Squadron RCT. He is seen here with the OC, Major F. Selleck, Staff Sergeant Dave Green, and Lieutenant A. Lyons.



"UN LIMASSOL SIR!"

There is one department in the Battalion whose work is often taken for granted and that is the telephone exchange.

Rifleman David Wallace of

the Signals Platoon is one of the four men who permanently man the exchange on an eight hours on and twenty four off basis. His voice is well known to many saying "exchange Sir" or other common phrases of the trade, but it is comforting to see that he is human and not a machine.

SKIING SUCCESS FOR 3 RGJ

Last Friday saw another success in the sporting field for the 3rd Royal Green Jackets. The NEARELF Skiing Championships were held at Troodos and the Battalion entered two teams as visitors.

The 'A' team took the first place for the visitors and first overall position, while the 'B' team took the second. The course involved some distance of langelauf or cross country skiing and then going down a short slalom course. Unfortunately the conditions were not very good but this did not prevent Second Lieutenant James Robertson McLeod one of the platoon commanders from having the best individual time.

BRITCON NEWS



D-DAY

Last week Britain took the plunge and switched over to decimal currency. This will not immediately affect members of 3RGJ so very much, but they will have to be prepared when they return home in April to find their fellow countrymen quite accustomed to it.

Not wanting Riflemen to feel like foreigners in their own home shops when they get back, the Royal Army Pay Corps personnel attached to the Battalion have naturally made it their job to familiarise all ranks with the changes. Here the team, lead by Captain Eric Town and Staff Sergeant Powney, prepare to fly off and spread the gospel in the outposts of Paphos District.

Inter-Contingent Soccer Championship

On Monday 15th February, Ircon moved into the second round of the Inter-Contingent Soccer Championships by defeating Cancon 7 goals to NIL at the RAF Pitch, Nicosia. Ircon won this competition last year when they beat Britcon in the final by 3 goals to 2.

Cancon, traditionally not a soccer playing force, nevertheless put up a very creditable performance against the much more experienced Ircon team. Indeed, for twenty minutes in the first half, there was no score until the Canadian defence finally crumbled.

Ircon then started to play some excellent football, and led by four goals to NIL at the interval.

A brilliant display by the Cancon goalkeeper in the second half prevented an avalanche of goals. He could not be blamed for the three goals that eluded him. Scorers for Ircon were: Captain Carey (2), Sergeant Nolan (2), Sergeant Callaghan (1), Corporal Barclay (1) and Private Frawley (1).



● Ircon Soccer Team: Front, left to right, Lieutenant Gleeson, Captain Carey, Privates Devlin and Frawley, Sergeant Nolan and Corporal Shiels. Back, left to right, Sergeant Mullins, Private Regan, Sergeant Callaghan, Corporal Corrigan, Corporal Barclay, Privates Fallon and Thompson.

● The Cancon goalkeeper is beaten by this penalty shot taken by Corporal Barclay.



IRCON PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the following personnel who were promoted to Acting Ranks effective from January 1971: To Acting Company Sergeant, Sergeant Kevin Quigley (Athlone). To Acting Company Quartermaster Sergeant, Sergeant Frank Brennan (Curragh), To Acting Sergeants, Corporals Dick Sullivan (Dublin) and Ollie Walsh (Dublin). To Acting Corporals, Privates James Duffy (Dublin), Edward Ryall (Cork) and Gunner Tom Cunningham (Mullingar).

The seven of them together can boast of a total of 125 years service. The longest "old timer" is Sergeant Walsh who has been 30 years in uniform. For Sergeant Quigley and Corporal Ryall this is their fourth tour of duty with UNFICYP. Corporal Cunningham is on his third tour, and Company Quartermaster Sergeant Brennan, Sergeant Walsh and Corporals Duffy and Cunningham are all on their second tour. Only Sergeant Sullivan is here for the first time — we hope he is enjoying it!



● Personnel promoted —left to right, CS Kevin Quigley, CQMS Frank Brennan, Sergeant Ollie Walsh, Corporal James Duffy and Corporal Tom Cunningham.

IRCON NEWS

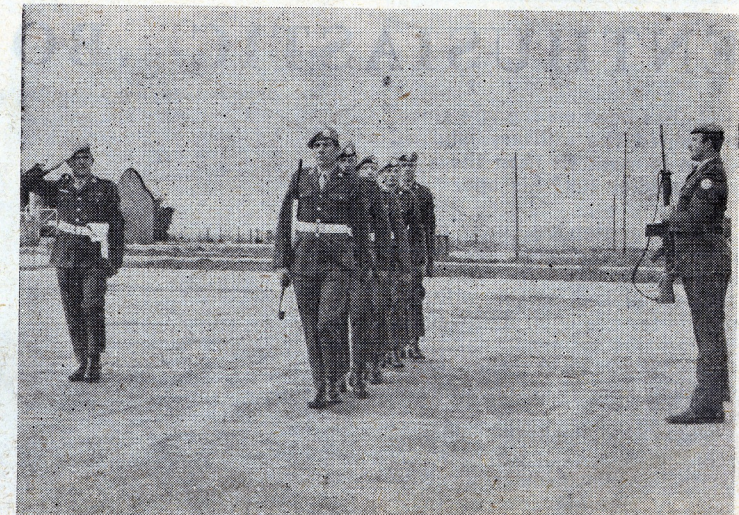
● Sergeant Dick Sullivan also promoted.



HQ UNFICYP DEFENCE PLATOON

'A' Company provided the Defence Platoon at HQ UNFICYP from 8th February to 15th February 1971. Sergeant

P. McDonnell (Dublin) NCO in charge of the Defence Platoon is seen returning the compliments of the new guard commanded by Sergeant John Bronson, 3 RGJ, at Camp UNFICYP. 'A' Company guard from front to rear are all Dublin men. Privates T. Anglim, E. Wall, T. Kearney, J. Huthinson and T. Breen.



"PLACE PIERRE"

It was never intended to be a cultural centre or an architectural "first" so its rise to fame and national attention was only by chance.

When the RCR took up residence in Nicosia from their Kyrenian outpost in 1970, like many of their facilities, the Company Kitchen was a temporary structure. In early December, after approval was given for a permanent kitchen facility, Pioneers of the 3rd PPCLI, assisted by some self help labour, began the project. Working under strain of construction material shortages, the "Bearded Builders" were further pressed by actual need and occasion.

With rumours going around that the Canadian troops serving with UNFICYP might receive a visit from Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau on his way to or from the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference in Singapore, the old kitchen replacement became a personality. The visit never materialised, but nevertheless "Place Pierre", the gourmet palace for the troops at City Company's Beaver Lodge, was born.

In honour of the occasion, the Regimental Band, a Guard of



Honour, and officers and NCOs of B Company formed up in the shadow of Place Pierre for the opening ceremonies. Major General C. B. Ware

● Major General Ware inspects the Honour Guard accompanied by the Company Commander, Major Barry Winfield, and Lieutenant Lloyd Hackle.

unveiled the small brass plaque which reads: "in commemoration of the opening of City Company Mess 3 PPCLI on February 12th, 1971, by Major General C. B. Ware, DSO, CD, Colonel of the Regiment."

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

● It was a scene that would make the average Frenchman blow his mind, but for Piper Corporal Bob McLeod, from City Company, blowing the pipes is his bag.



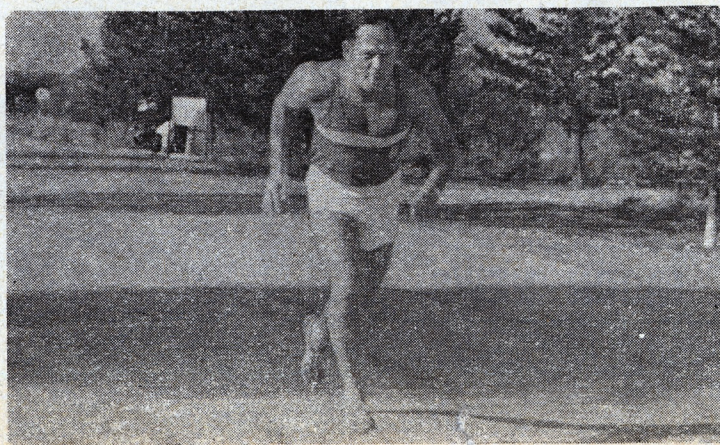
● Following opening ceremonies, Major General Ware talks to Sergeant George Louzon, Pioneer Platoon Sergeant and project officer for the building.

ENTHUSIASTIC BOXER AND RUNNER

He has been on the run since he joined the military, and at 43 he is more fit than the average soldier half his age.

Corporal Ron Caplin is more than just a runner, he is an enthusiastic boxer as well. In 1954 he picked up the military trophy for the open lightweight Boxing Championship and for five years held the open featherweight title (military).

This pipe smoking soldier's athletic career goes back 18 years to when he started cross country running for the military. He was team captain for



the Canadian brigade cross country team in Germany when they held top spot for three consecutive years, and he headed the winning team which won the Training Command Cup for the first time.

He turned out for the cross country competitions in Victoria, and in 1968 he won the individual competition sponsored by the University of Victoria. In what he terms "the conclusion" of his running career, he recently completed 250 miles in a period of 50 days — a distance which equates to a trip once round the island.

RAUHANTURVAAJAN JUHLAA JA ARKEA



Rauhanturvatyötä arvostetaan. Tati osoittaa sekin, että YK-mitaleja on jo jaettu yli 50 000. Kuvassa nme 42 uutta mitalinsajaa.

Pataljoonan komentaja evl E T Lehtovirta jakoi mitalit yksiköiden edustajille. Ensimmäisenä vuorossa OPS A maj P Mattinen.

VIHDOINKIN

saatiin esikunnan alueelle uusi kylpypaikka. Parhaimmat kiitokset siitä lankeaa kers Rääkkösen johtamalle pioneeriryhmälle. Rakennustöitä tehtiin urakalla viikon ajan melkein yötä päivää. Tuloksena syntyi uusi miellyttävä puhdistautumispaikka, jonne itsekin voi mennä kokeilemaan nahkansa kestävyttä kaikkina viikon arkipäivinä klo 14.00-20.00 välisenä aikana.

Jääk'S Aaramaa viimeistelemässä pataljoonan uusinta ja upeinta saunaa.



MILTSUN PALSTA

Kenttäpostikonttori toimii täällä etelän auringon alla normaalin suomalaisen postitoimipaikan mukaisesti muutamien poikkeuksien. Sinne voi jättää kotimaahan tarkoitetut kirjelähetykset ja asioida postipankkiasioissa.

Jotta kirjeet ehtisivät aamupostilahtoon on posti jätettävä kenttäpostikonttoriin aamuisin klo 07.00 mennessä. Postimerkkejä myydään kaikissa messeissä.

Päivärahoja, prosenttinoitoja tai valuutta-anomusnostoja suoritetaan on asiakkaan aina esitettävä asianomaisen viimeinen tiliote. Seuraavia päivärahoja nostettaessa on muistettava, että helmikuun loppupuolelta maksetaan vain 13 pv:n päivärahat.

Paketteja voi lähettää Suomeen seuraavassa rotaatiossa, joka suoritetaan huhtikuun lopussa.

Muihin maihin kuin Suomeen tarkoitetut kirjelähetykset on postitettava Nikosian paikallisen postikonttorin kautta.

Kaikissa epäselvissä postiasioissa kääntykää asiantuntevan kenttäpostihenkilökunnan puoleen.

PAPIN KEIKKA

Viime sunnuntaina tehtiin papin retki Troodos-vuoristoon. Piikki-lankojen sisäpuolella elävälle YK-sotilaalle nämä matkat tarjoavat tilaisuuden tutustua saaren luontoon, nähtävyyksiin ja rikkaaseen historiaan.

Tällä rotaatiokaudella on jo ehditty astella Salamiin gymnasiumin pylväikköä, oltu lumimyrskyssä Troodoksella ja kierrelty Nicosian vanhassa kaupungissa.

Ensi sunnuntaina suuntautuu keikkamatka Kyrenian vuoristoon, St Hilarion linnaan ja Bellapaisiin kylään.



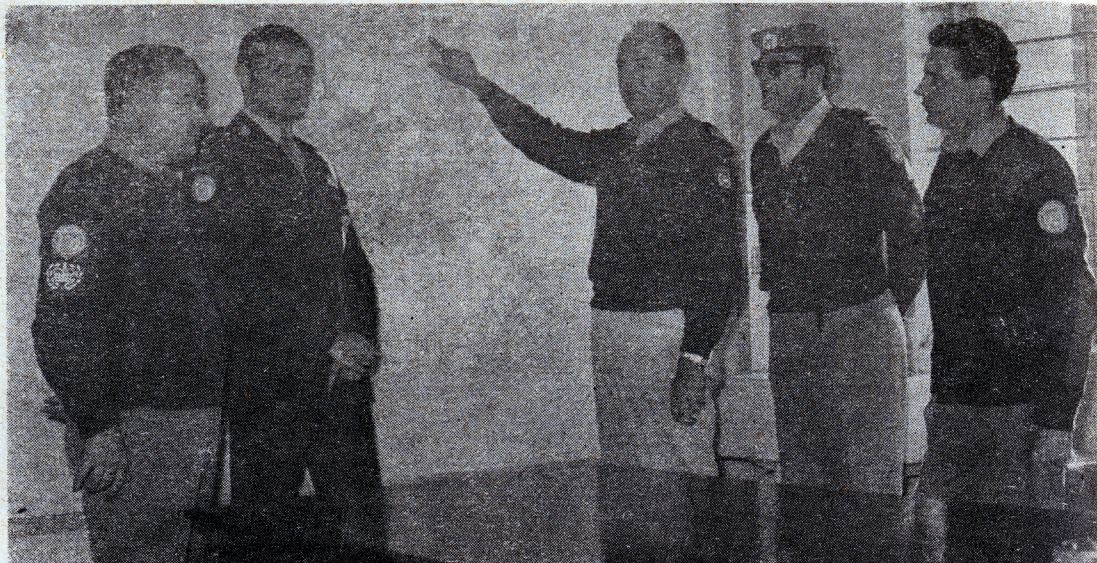
Tuttu tilanne keikkamatkoilla — "kamerat esiin ota"!

KEEPING THE PEACE AMONG THE PEACEKEEPERS

Much has been written, and wide publicity given, to the UN Force in Cyprus. When peace-keeping in Cyprus is mentioned we immediately conjure pictures of those soldiers patrolling the Green Line in Nicosia or manning the many outposts throughout the island.

But who keeps the peace among the UN soldiers? This task is left to a company of well trained Military Policemen. They hail from Britain, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Ireland and Sweden and comprise the only unit on the island which is representative of all contingents.

How do they manage to be so effective, notwithstanding their varied backgrounds? The



● Corporal Powell (Ircon), and Corporal Refstrup, (Dancon), employed on a radar speed check in the Nicosia area.



gations relating to the UN or its members.

Whether it be the investigation of a traffic accident, rendering assistance or policing likely trouble spots, the firm but courteous manner in which they carry out their duties is a credit to their profession.

● Daily briefing: Lieutenant Colonel R. H. Murphy, Force Provost Marshall, (Cancon), explaining the current situation to Master Warrant Officer E.F. Smale, Company Sergeant-Major/Crime Reader, (Cancon), Captain T. Broedsgaard, Deputy Commanding Officer, (Dancon), Captain M. Wilson, Nicosia Detachment Commander, (Cancon) and Warrant Officer II B. Johnstone, WO IC Special Investigation Services (Britcon).

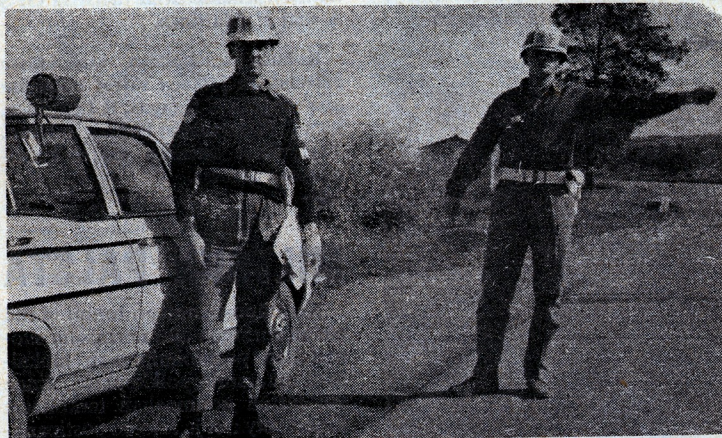
MP NOTEBOOK

ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

Week-ending	
20 February 1971	— 5
Same Period	
Last Year	— 3
Total This Year	— 33
Same Period	
Last Year	— 65

Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:

"DRIVING WITHOUT DUE CARE AND ATTENTION"



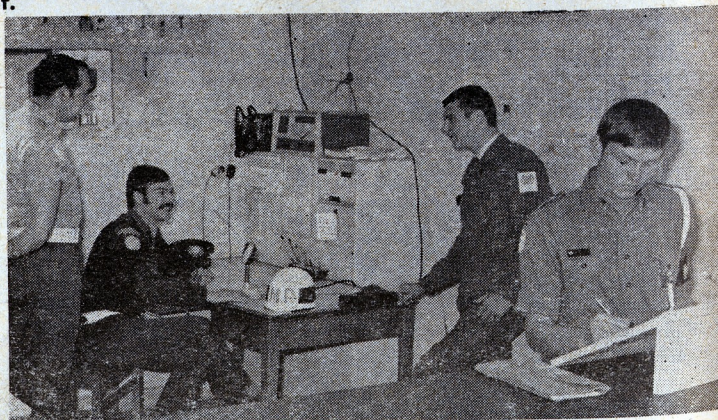
answer — a policeman is a policeman is a policeman!

Headed by a Lieutenant Colonel from Canada, they have been welded into a competent force. With detachments at Nicosia, Famagusta, Limassol, Larnaca and Xeros, they cover the entire island and capably maintain discipline and order among all members of the UN and expertly conduct all types of investi-

● Cabaret check: Senior Sergeant Franke, (Swedcon), and Corporal Soerensen, (Dancon), checking UN soldiers in a Nicosia cabaret.



● Traffic accident: Corporal Restrup, (Dancon) and Corporal Bishop, (Cancon), of the Traffic Section, busily engaged at the scene of a traffic accident.



● Corporal Jenkins, (Cancon), Senior Sergeant Franke, (Swedcon), Senior Sergeant Kukkola, (Fincon), and Corporal Kristiansen, (Dancon) at work in the Nicosia Detachment Patrol Office.