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NEW RSM FOR CAMP HQ

Last week WO I R.E. Harriman, Royal Tank Regiment, handed over his duties of Camp Regimental Sergeant Major to WO I D.G. Rabley who joins UNFICYP from the 15/19 Hussars.

The two RSMs are pictured here with the Force Commander, Mr Harriman, on the right, will be returning to the RAC Gunnery School.



REGIMENTAL CAP BADGE

Being unable to wear one's own regimental cap badge during a tour with UNFICYP, it is not surprising that their construction in stone becomes an art form of self expression in the outposts. Typical, is this example depicting the badge of the Royal Green Jackets, which is seen here against the suitable background of a Whirlwind helicopter of UNFICYP 230 Squadron RAF detachment.



A NEW YEARS PRAYER FOR CYPRUS

Another year has come and gone
A new Year lies before us.
We stand on guard to keep the Peace
On this sunny isle of Cyprus.
A time for resolutions now
To guide us through the New Year.
But let's look back on years gone by
For inspirations new here.
Let Peace on earth, Good Will to men
Be our New Years resolution.
And let us pray that in this year
There'll be a peaceful solution.

By Cpl Frank Neufeld.

MORE COUNTRIES CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS UNFICYP UPKEEP

In the past six weeks the following member countries of the UN have responded to U Thant's appeal made last June for contributions towards the cost of UNFICYP for the period 16th December — 15th June 1970.

Belgium — 2.5 million Belgian francs.

Guyana — 5,000 (G) dollars.

Pakistan — 3,000 (US) dollars.

Thailand — 2,500 (US) dollars.

Contributions for the period 16th June — 15th December 1970 have also been pledged as follows.

Belgium — 2.5 million Belgian francs.

Finland — 50,000 (US) dollars.

TRAGEDY AT POLEMIDHIA

Four British soldiers serving with UNFICYP suffered severe burns in a tent fire which occurred at Polemidhia Camp in the early hours of Friday 1st January.

The injured men who were all members of 3rd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets, were admitted to hospital at RAF Akrotiri. One of the men, Rifleman Ronald Patrick Hill, aged 21, subsequently died from his injuries. A second soldier, Rifleman Kevin Chavner, aged 17, described as very seriously ill, has since been evacuated to hospital in England. Rifleman Bernard McAreyve, aged 21, and Peter Hopkins, aged 19 are both still detained in hospital in Akrotiri.

Rifleman Hill was unmarried and came from Peterlee

Co. Durham. He had been serving with UNFICYP since October. His body has been flown back to England.

A board of inquiry has been convened to examine the circumstances of the fire.

STOP PRESS

Since going to press we regret having to announce that Rifleman Chavner died from his injuries on 4th January. He was unmarried and came from Hebburn Co. Durham.





En anden yndet fritidsbeskæftigelse, for "uden mad og drikke". Her nydes en velfortjent frokost i messen i Kokkina.

FRITIDSSYSLER

Der er mange former for fritidsbeskæftigelse, og nu da DANCON atter snart er samlet efter jule- og nytårsperioden, vil velfærdstjenesten især gå igang med arrangement af orlovsture og ture på øen. Det påtænkes at "gentage" alle ture med 14 dages mellemrum, således at alle i DANCON vil få mulighed for at deltage i disse.

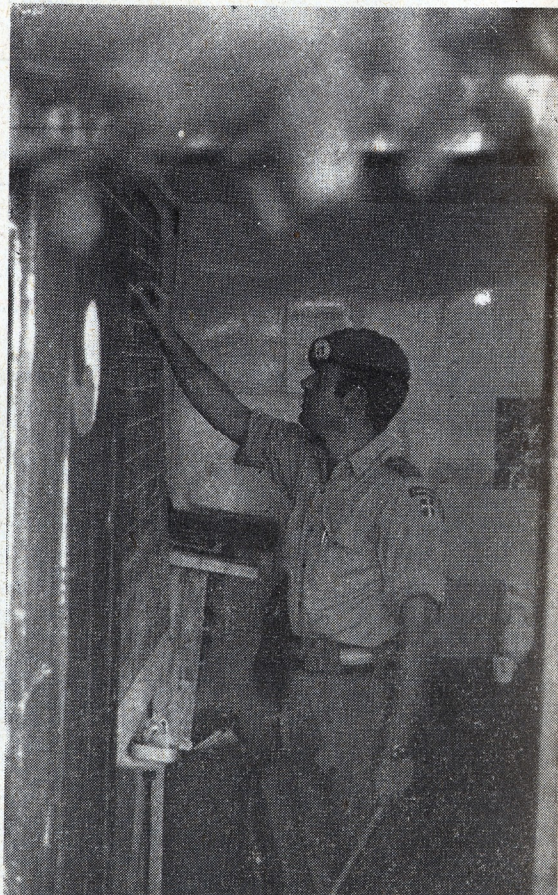
DANCON NYT



DANCON

Første tur vil blive arrangeret som en week-end tur til Paphos, igen under feltpræstens kyndige ledelse. Pastoren har netop i denne week-end været på recognosering i Paphos for at finde det bedste overnatnings- og spisested og lover, at det vil blive en udbytterig tur, om hvilken nærmere vil komme i en velfærdsmeddelelse i den nærmeste fremtid

Et udsnit af deltagerne fra turen til KYRENIA afventende rejselederen pastor Stubs orientering.



To udmærkede former for fritidsbeskæftigelse. Överst PRLT Hansen/LKMP i færd med at udføre en detalje på frisen i LIMNITIS og nederst Sg Dupont/LKMP i færd med en ligeså vigtig detalje i forbindelse med det populære billardspil.

Det nye året

Det nye året firades af den svenska kontingenten i enlighet med gamla svenska traditioner. Vid tolvslaget samlades FN-personal och anhöriga vid eldar på uppställningsplatsen på Carl Gustav Camp och väntade klockringningen från campens kyrka.

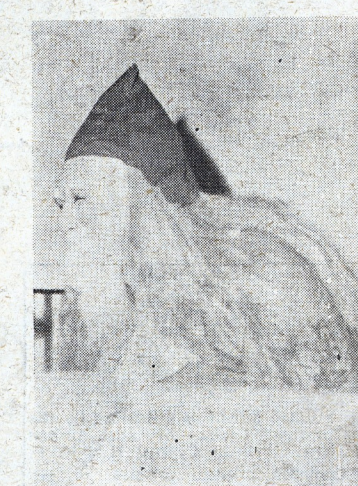
Men innan dess hade man avnjutit ett julbord, som var lika förnämligt arrangerat och sammansatt som julaftonens. Och den här gången kom man väl också litet snabbare till bords i manskapsmatsalen tack vare mässtället som hjälpte upp utrymmena. På vår bild är det pionjärerna som smörjer kråset, fr v Kjell-Åke Nilsson, Sture Karlstedt, Olle Jonsson, Lars Jegenberg, K-G Ragnarsson, Jerry Albinsson och basen själv, rustmästare Rolf Bergström i bakgrunden.

Kabaré blev det i idrottshallen, bilden längst ned visar Bengt Jansson, Benny Wallin, Tomas Johansson, Ronnie Haraldsson och Björn Hernblad i sketchtagen.

SWEDCON NEWS
Swedish Forces Photos



Nyårsgäst vid bataljonen var major Kjell Persson, Stenstorp, som nu tjänstgör vid UNTSO i Mellersta Östern, där han är stationerad som observatör på västra Suez-kanalstranden. Major Persson var stabskompanichef under utbildningen i Strängnäs och är alltså också egentligen en 45:a.



Tomten i läddan under kabaren spelades av Hans Råling.

NEW DRIVER FOR COMBRITCON

At the end of this week, 60 Squadron RCT will hand over their duties to 1 Squadron RCT who are normally based in Colchester.

For some days now, members of the incoming Squadron advance party have been busy familiarising themselves with their new responsibilities and preparing for the arrival of the main party.

In this picture, Lance Corporal Ken Redgate of 60 Squadron points out features on a map to his relief, Corporal Arthur Spellman. Arthur has 27 years of service tucked away, and he expects to be leaving the Army at the conclusion of his tour with UN-FICYP.



ARMoured CAR COMPARISON

Multi-force operations afford an excellent opportunity for soldiers of the different contingents to compare their vehicles and equipment and to swap their experiences.

While engaged in operations with the Force Reserve, Rifleman Bob Voller explains to Sergeant John Ryan of Ircón the workings of a Ferret Armoured Car belonging to the Royal Hussars. Rifleman Voller has driven a Ferret with 3 RGJ in Germany. Sergeant Ryan normally commands a Panhard Armoured Car.

PRESENTATION

A picture of the presentation by 'B' Company Non Commissioned Officers to Lieutenant Colonel Tom Tracey, on the occasion of his visit to the NCOs Mess at Larnaca on Christmas Day. Company Sergeant W. Gaynor, 4 Garrison Company Ordnance (Roscomon) makes the presentation.



GAS DELIVERY

Sergeant J.O. Driscoll, 3 Battalion (Curragh) and Private J. Hughes, Depot S. & T. (Newbridge) delivering gas containers to Observation Posts along the Artemis Road in Larnaca.



IRCON NEWS

GETTING BRIEFED

The scene in 'A' Company Ops Room at Kophinou with Sergeant P. McDonnell, 5 Battalion, (Dublin) briefing visiting 'B' Officers who were on a familiarisation tour of the Larnaca District. Seated left to right, Senior Lieutenant Stig Edelman (Fincon) Lieutenant Ralph Mac Diarmaid (Cancon) and Captain Carl Dodd (Ircón).

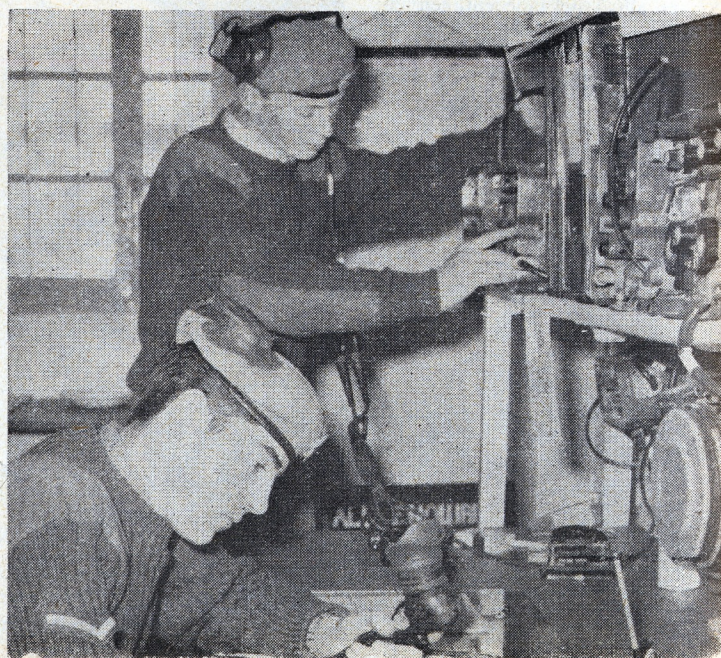
BRITCON NEWS



COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE

The Communications Centre in any camp is always a busy place and Gleneagles Camp is no exception. Men of 'C' Squadron The Royal Hussars seen in this picture are Lance Corporal Leslie Kennel (seated), and Trooper Paul Withers.

Both are Hampshire men. Leslie comes from Portsmouth and Paul from Romsey.



THE LOUROUJINA PATROL

Twice daily a patrol moves out from the UN Outpost in Louroujina to patrol the high ground around the village and to visit the unoccupied Observation Posts on hill 1126 and Ayia Varura. The members of the patrol need to be in top physical condition as their

route takes them over some extremely difficult terrain with steep gradients.

● The Louroujina patrol climbing Stavros hill. Included in the group are Corporal J. Bracken, (16 Bn) Privates S. Foy (1 Bn), G. Crichton (4 Fd RA Regt), P. Barnwell (3 Bn), F. Frawley (6 Bn), E. Fallon (4 Bde HQ) and J. O'Connell (4 Garr Ord).



HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Commanding Officer and men of 19th Infantry Group wish all other Contingents a "Happy New Year".

"BLIAIN NUA FAOI MHAISE DHIOBH"



● Signalman M. Sheedy, 2 Field Signals (Dublin) on duty in the UN outpost at Louroujina.



ROTATION OF PA TO COS

WO II Bryan Taylor, passes on a tip to Staff Sergeant Ken Blease who succeeds him as Personal Assistant to Brigadier General E.M.D. Leslie, the Chief of Staff.

Staff Sergeant Blease is used to working with an integrated HQ as his last posting was with the NATO HQ of Allied Forces Central Europe.

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A SERVICEMAN'S WIFE

During the past few days we reached the mid-point in our tour in Cyprus and experienced the Christmas and New Years season away from our home and families. Undoubtedly most of us reflected at some time during this period, just how 'mother' stood up under the pressure of this season at home alone with the children. As a tribute to these girls for all they must cope with, we reprint this article written by Mrs Jo Barker, 'A Serviceman's Wife'.

A Serviceman's wife is mostly girl. But there are times, such as when her husband is away and she is mowing the lawn or fixing a flat tyre on a youngster's bike, that she begins to suspect that she is also a boy.

She usually comes in three-sizes: petite, plump and pregnant. During the early years of her marriage it is often hard to determine which size is her normal one.

She has babies all over the world and measures time in terms of places as other women do in years.

"It was at Whitehorse that we all had the mumps.... in Germany Dan was promoted..."

At least one of her babies was born or a move was accomplished while she was alone. This causes her to suspect a secret pact between her husband and the army providing for a man to be overseas or on temporary duty at times such as these.

A Serviceman's wife is international. She may be a

prairie farm girl, a French mademoiselle, an Indian princess or a maritime nurse. When discussing service problems they all speak the same language.

She can be a great actress. To heartbroken children at posting time, she gives an academy award performance. "Wainwright is going to be such fun. I heard they have Indian Reservations... and gophers... and more gophers". But her heart is breaking with theirs. She wonders if this service life is worth the sacrifice.

An ideal Serviceman's wife has the patience of an angel, the flexibility of putty, the wisdom of a scholar and the stamina of a horse.

If she dislikes money, it helps. She is sentimental, carrying her memories with her in an old barrack box.

She often cries at parades

without knowing why. She is a dreamer when she vows: "We'll never move again". An optimist: "The next place will be better" A realist: "Oh well, as long as we are together".

One might say that she is a "bigamist" sharing her husband with a demanding entity called "duty". When duty calls, she becomes No. 2 wife. Until she accepts this fact, her life can be miserable. She is, above all a woman who married a soldier who offered her the permanency of a gypsy, the miseries of loneliness, the frustration of conformity and the security of love.

Sitting among her packing boxes with squabbling children nearby, she is sometimes willing to chuck it all... until she hears the firm step and cheerful voice of that lug who gave her all this. Then she is happy to be... a Serviceman's wife.

NEW YEARS LEVEE

Lieutenant Colonel T.M.C. Marsaw chats with guests during a New Years Levée at Cancon Headquarters Officers Mess. Left to right: Chief Superintendent Peter McAulay, Australian Police; Mrs McAulay, Mrs Sorensen, Inspector Ib Sorensen, Dancivpol; and Lieutenant Colonel Marsaw. Members of several contingents visited Cancon to take part in the traditional Levée.

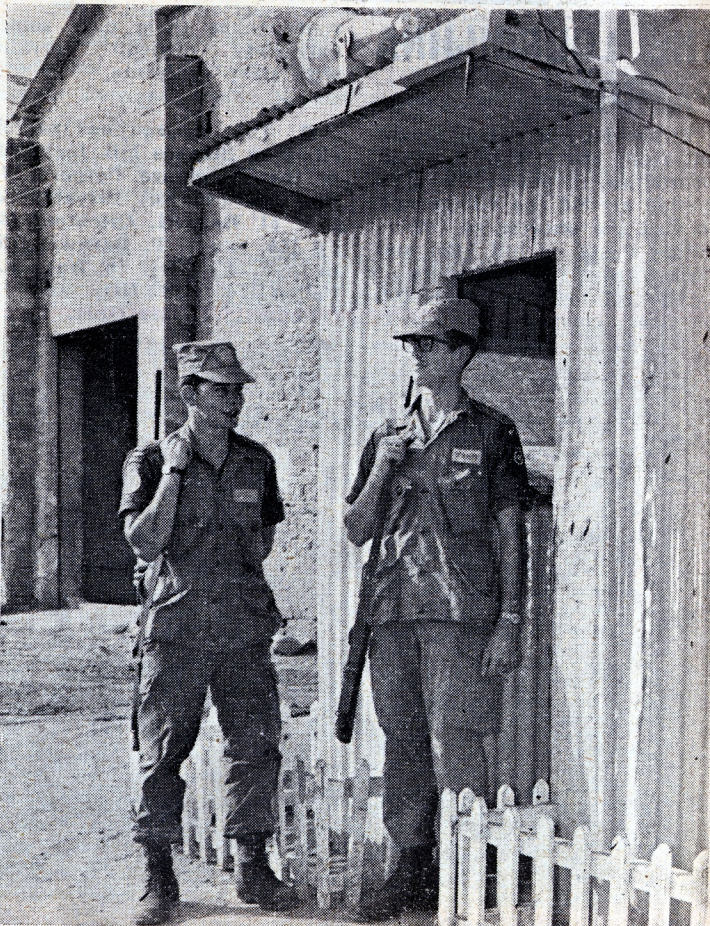


CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

BRIEF STOP

Private Roland Dupuis (Left) stops for a briefing and a chat with Private David Ward during a routine foot patrol of the 'Green Line'. Both are members of 2 Platoon, Suburbia Company located on the outskirts of Nicosia.



TOURIST BUREAU

Sergeant Chuck Addison points out 'the Dome of the Rock', one of the famous tourist attractions in Jerusalem, to Corporal Tom Smith.

Among their many other duties, Sergeant Addison and members of the Welfare Office plan and arrange tours for soldiers of the Contingent who are going on leave.



OPERATIIVINEN TOIMISTO VALVOO



Operatiivisen toimiston päällikkö majuri Paavo Mattinen tarkastelee tilannetta päivystysluonon kartalta.

Operatiivinen toimisto muutti viimeisen esikunnan toimistona Kyko Campiin toiminnan jatkuessa keskeytyksettä. OPS on pataljoonan ns. hermokeskus, joka koostuu päivittäin vartiopaikoilta, joukkueilta, kompanioilta tiedot tapahtumista välittämällä tärkeimmät asiat edelleen komentajalle ja UNFICYP'in esikuntaan, jonne OPS'illa on nopeat viestiyhteydet. Samoin on yhteys jokaiseen kompaniaan vartiopaikat mukaanlukien. Mitä tilannepäivystäjä tekee? Ei mitään? No, hän monistaa, opettelee kirjoittamaan koneella ja käy kymmeniä kertoja päivässä erilaisien viestiläinien, kuten puhelinten, radioiden ja jopa työtoverinsa kimppeun.

OPS'in päällikkönä on maj Mattinen, varapäällikkönä kapt Kukkola. Tilannepäivystäjinä toimivat yll Edelman, ltn Koskinen ja ltn Tuomola.



Viestiupseeri kapteeni Jorma Kukkolan työhön liittyy hyvin läheisesti puhelimet ja radiot. Kuvassamme viestiupseeri puhelimessa ja tilannepäivystäjä luutnantti Jukka Tuomola lukemassa sanomakirjaa.



Miss Linda Armitage pataljoonan uusi viehättävä sihteeri. Miss Armitage on ollut saarella n 3 kuukautta ja hänen tarkoituksensa on viihtyä täällä vielä vuosi eteenpäin. Hänen harrastuksiansa kuuluu mm hockey ja radiosähkötyö.

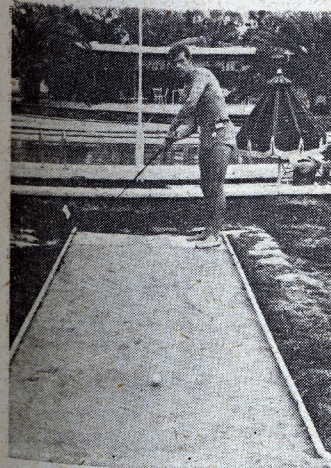
VAPAA-AJAN VIETTOA

Joskus sunnuntaisin tuntuu ai ka kulkevan hitaammin kuin etana konsanaan. Varmasti lepo on paikallaan mutta useasti sunnuntai-ilta tulee mietittyä hukkaan heitettyä aikaa.

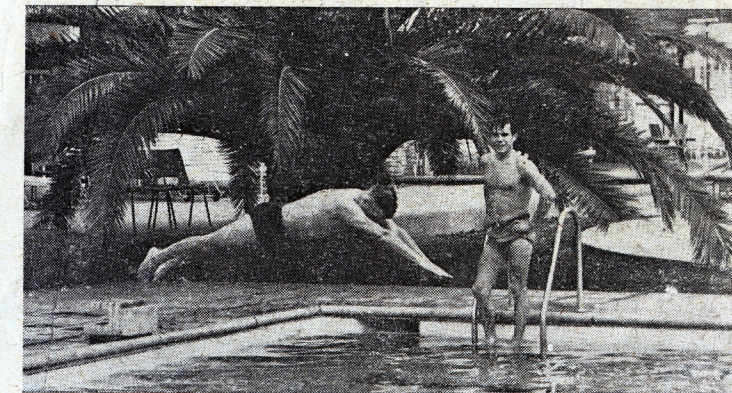
Viime sunnuntaina joukko uimareita ja pienoiskolfin ystäviä suuntasi kulkuneuvonsa kohti Ledran uima-allasta.

Uima-altaan vesi oli miellyttävän lämmintä. Golfin pelaajat jännäsivät monennellako löynnällä pallo vieri reikään. Siinä touhussa aika kului niin mukavasti, että tuli kiire ruokailuun.

Eiköhän meidän kaikkien olisi syytä etsiä se oikea hiekkalaatikko, jossa vapaa-aikaa voisi viettää. Yllämainittu paikka on vain yksi monista mahdollisuuksista.



Jääkäri Osmo Ilmari Korhonen on lyönyt näpökästi pallon kohti koloa. Taisi tulla täysosuma. Keskitettyistä lyönnistä ainakin vaati.



Ei ponjan poikia palele kun... lämmittää. HP eli huoltopäällikkö majuri Eikka Kukkonen tyylikkäässä laskussa autonkuljettajansa jääkäri Korhosen seurattuna suorittamassa.

UNFICYP WORKSHOPS REME

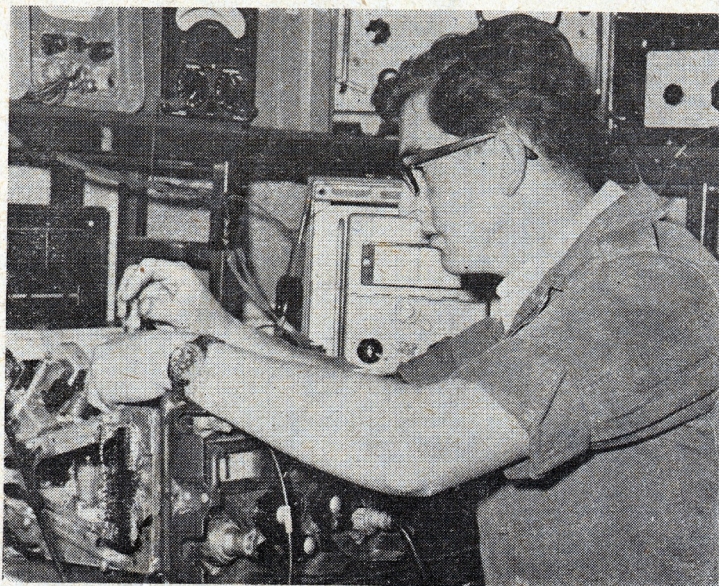
The UNFICYP Workshop, staffed by Britcon, is located within the HQ UNFICYP perimeter at Nicosia and provides Second Line repair support as well as Recovery facilities for the Force.

It deals mainly with British equipment and hired cars, although it also handles contingent owned equipment in special circumstances.

Contact with all contingents is maintained through the OC Major B. S. Turner, who is also the Force Electrical and Mechanical Engineer.

The Second in Command and ASM is WO I N. D. Walker, with a repair force of 34 tradesmen in which Staff Sergeant A. Kemp is responsible for vehicles, and WO II (AQMS) P. Finlay is responsible for telecommunications. The control office is run by Staff Sergeant W. Rowlands who has been attached from 60 Squadron RCT. The inspection of hire cars and military vehicles is directed by Staff Sergeant S. Tarbrooke, and all spare parts are supplied by a Stores Section RAOC which is commanded by WO I J. Crawford.

In all work, the emphasis is on speed of repair, and in this respect the UN Workshop is one of the most efficient of its type. Tradesmen often work late hours in order to return equipment to units.



In spite of this, the Junior Ranks find time to run their own popular canteen, "The Craftymans Arms", in which they can meet their opposite members from other contingents for sport and entertainment.

● WO I John Crawford, on the right, is in charge of the RAOC Stores Section. He is also an expert collector of butterflies Private James McIntyre is a clerk in the Stores Section and is detached from 16 Light Air Defence Regiment Workshops.

● Corporal Jerry Coles, a telecommunications technician with eight years service comes from 27 Command Workshops REME. His hobby is sailing.



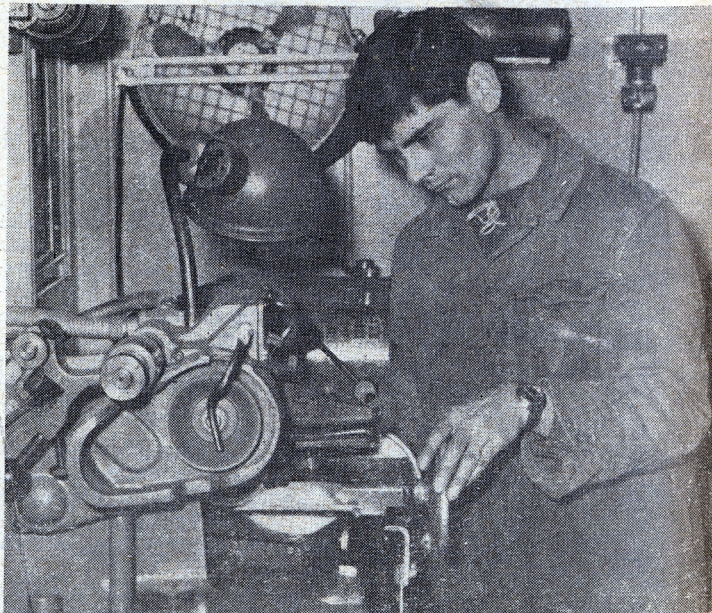
● Lance Corporal Peter Wootton, a keen constructor of plastic models, comes from Wolverhampton. He is the receipts and Issues clerk in the Workshops office.



● Craftsman Adrian Miles, whose hobby is football, is attached from 60 Transport Squadron Workshops REME. He is seen above re-fitting a transfer gear box.



● Corporal Brian Eyre comes from 3 Field Workshops and has a wife and small son at home in England.



● Lance Corporal Harry Zaslavsky has been in the Army four years and is detached from 2nd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets. He is seen above working in the Machinery Vehicle.