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● The winning Finns approaching the finish duly supported by shouts from their comrades.



● The Force Commander presenting the winners prize to Private Vihervirta, Fincon. A situation which attracted many photographers.

The Finns were on top at the cross country race, which took place on Friday afternoon at the Austrian Field Hospital. The two Privates, Vihervirta and Tukki, both Fincon, made the five miles distance in 30.03 minutes, followed by the Swedish Sergeant Arvidsson in 30.20 minutes.

In the team result Fincon was number one, followed by Swedcon, Britcon, Cancon, 36 Squadron RCT, Ircon, Force Reserve and Auscon.

42 competitors took part in the race, which was well organized by Force Reserve, who also had managed to get the band of the 3rd Battalion the Queens Regiment to entertain with music. The Force Commander, Major General Prem Chand presented the prizes, and said, that he felt sure it had been a good route, which was enjoyed by the runners. He congratulated Fincon on the good result, and drew attention to his days as a cross country runner, memories, the Force Commander said "which still give me nightmares".



● The rescuer Tommy Stenberg

A British tourist who got into difficulties while swimming in a rough sea at Famagusta the other day, was rescued by two warrant officers of the Swedish UN contingent, Tommy Stenberg and Tommy Andersson, who were on the beach sun-bathing, when the situation came up.

A Swedish woman told them that an Englishman, who had been relaxing next to her on the beach, had been swimming for more than an hour, and she was worried about him.

WO Andersson ran into a hotel to call for a beach rescue guard while WO Stenberg, after scanning the sea, located the swimmer about 300 yards off shore. He ran into the water to assist the swimmer, who was tiring and grabbed the soldier as he came close, holding on grimly in a manner which endangered both of them.

Stenberg, however, succeeded in quieting him, and after a tough swim he managed to bring the exhausted man ashore.



The following is an extract from the Article of War issued by King Charles I of England in 1629:

"The Provost must have a horse allowed him and some soldiers to attend him and the rest commanded to obey and assist or else the Service will suffer, for he is but one man and must correct many and therefore cannot be beloved. Thus he must be riding from one garrison to another to see that the soldiers do not outrage nor scathe the country".

And so off rides the Force Provost Marshal, Major R. C. Mooney on his charger, a registered blue Mazda 1500.

Made up of officers and men from Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Sweden and the United Kingdom, the UNFICYP Military Police Company bears the responsibilities of military traffic control and assisting Commanders with the maintenance of discipline outside unit lines throughout the Island.

With a headquarters in Blue Beret Camp the Company operates multinational detachments in Nicosia, Famagusta, Limassol, Paphos, Xeros, and Larnaca and a Special Investigation Section located in Nicosia. The MP Company is an independent unit responsible to HQ UNFICYP. From the detachments the Military Police do patrols of areas frequented by UNFICYP personnel, investigate traffic accidents, incidents and offences involving UNFICYP personnel and, in general, supply military police services to the United Nations Force in Cyprus.



● Before leaving for the patrol Staff Sergeant Göran Nilsson, Sweden and Corporal K. Miettinen, Finland conferring in the duty room with Corporal Kamp, Denmark.



● The MP's also make bar-check's and are in this picture seen in a bar checking an ID card.

The intrepid reporters of the Blue Beret, taking life in hand, have at last penetrated that amorphous mass known to the world as 'Camp'. Here, for the first time are revealed the true facts of what happens in this remote outpost of the UNFICYP complex.

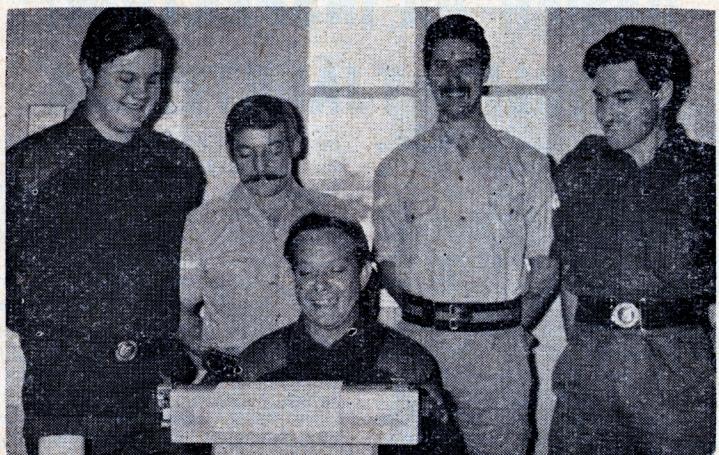
Almost all who serve in the Headquarters will, at some time or another have had the advice 'Camp deals with that' or 'Try Camp'. Some bring their problems in person and go away happy but confused whilst others use the telephone or send notes and never discover during the whole of their tour who or what they have been dealing with.

Probably the best known appointment is that of Camp Adjutant, at present Major D.H.D. Lamond of the Staffordshire Regiment, who with his pay team of Staff Sergeant Butterfield and Ser-

CAMP UNFICYP



● The Pay Staff:- From left to right Staff Sergeant Butterfield, Sergeant McDowell, Sergeant Gatward (seated) and the Camp Adjutant, Major D.H.D. Lamond.



● Camp Officer Staff:- From left to right Private Brown, Lance Corporal Jennings, Lance Corporal Chapman and Corporal King. Seated at the typewriter is the Chief Clerk, Sergeant C. Thorpe.

HANOVER

The 3rd Battalion The Queen's Regiment has recently relieved the 3rd Battalion The Parachute Regiment as part of Britcon. It is the first time any battalion of the Regiment has served with a United Nations Force since 1952, though a number of individuals from the regiment have done so. Our picture below shows Lieutenant Colonel S. G. Lorimer (left Commanding Officer of the 3rd Battalion The Parachute Regiment, handing over the responsibility of the Limassol Zone to Lieutenant Colonel C. L. Tarver MBE, Commanding Officer of the 3rd Battalion The Queen's Regiment.



VISIT TO FORCE RESERVE

Major General R. Younger CB, CBE, DSO, MC, Colonel of the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, recently paid a four day formal visit to 'D' Squadron. Whilst in Cyprus he stayed in the Officers' Mess and was thus able to take part in, and see the Squadron in all its routine duties. He managed to

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Britcon element and for dealing with the administration matters through to booking RHE flights at the end of a tour. In addition they are the machinery by which the orders for the smooth running of the Camp and Headquarters are published and circulated.

To give immediate relief to the ailing and decide on which cases require the attention of the Austrian Field Hospital, Corporal Silkstone and his medical colleagues of both Camp and Force Reserve run a most efficient Medical Centre and are always ready to welcome visitors or customers.

This unit also boasts its own Post Office under the management of Corporal Jackson, Royal Engineers.

No mention has been made of the Quartermaster and his staff whose charter covers housing, feeding and provision of material comforts for members of all the Contingents who are attached to the UNFICYP Headquarters. It is not proposed to write more at present as the Quartermaster is to be invited to explain his activities in a future edition of the Blue Beret. It is understood that the Camp Commandant has already ordered his copy.

Tying for top place in the publicity ratings is the Regimental Sergeant Major, Warrant Officer 1 J. Haworth, 15th/19th the King's Royal Hussars, who may be encountered almost anywhere in either Camp checking on everything. On Monday mornings he is always to be found supervising the changing of the Blue Beret Camp Guard.

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Camp Headquarters staff under the direction of the Chief Clerk, Sergeant C. Thorpe, Royal Engineers, is responsible for the reception and documentation of the

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VISIT TO IRCON BY FORCE COMMANDER

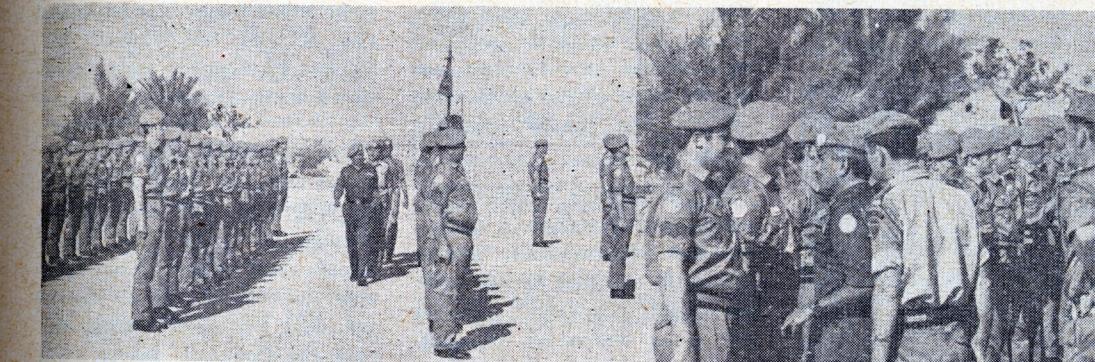
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After the inspection the Force Commander addressed the parade and spoke of the tasks of UNFICYP and emphasised the importance of the work being done by the troops. Following a briefing by the Group Staff, the Force Commander then visited OPs and local problem areas before his departure.



● The Force Commander arrives at Larnaca — from left to right, Major General Prem Chand, Lieutenant Colonel C. Donovan, Commandant K. Page, Captain C.R. Starwing and Commandant D. Sweeney.

The Force Commander then inspected a parade of 23 In-



● Our picture on the left shows the Force Commander accompanied by Commandant L.G. O'Connor inspecting 23 Infantry Group. On the right the Force Commander stops to talk with Corporal Norman Nolan of No 1 Platoon.



● In the picture we see the Force Commander in conversation with Lieutenant Colonel C. Donovan.

DRIVER TO OC ON ORDERS

"But Sir, I Wasn't doing 60 or even 50 mph"

"I see Driver"

"I wasn't doing 40, not even 30 mph"

"Stop! Stop!" said the OC, "before you reverse into something!!!"

fantry Group personnel under the command of Commandant L.G. O'Connor. During his inspection he spoke with many members of the Group and asked them about their previous service with the United Nations both in the Republic of the Congo and Cyprus.

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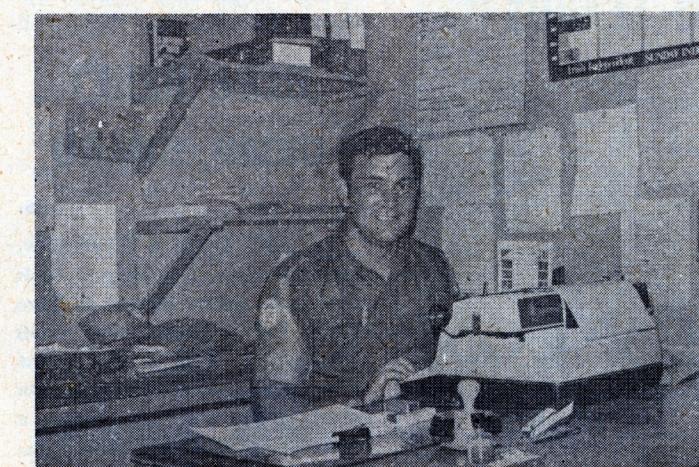
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IRCON NEWS

PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

Our personality this week is Sergeant Kit Kemmy our Operations Sergeant now in his 15th year in the Army. He is normally based at Headquarters Curragh Training Camp. Sergeant Kemmy is on his third tour of duty overseas, previously he served with the United Nations Forces in the Congo in 1961 and with UNFI-



SPORTS NEWS

Soccer:- On Sunday 5 November 1972 Ircon played their first competitive match since their arrival in Cyprus. The game was against a team from Troulli, and ended in a 3-3 draw, which was considered satisfactory as the team have not yet adjusted themselves to the playing conditions in Cyprus. Ircon's goals were scored by Private Greene, Corporal Brendan Ryan and Lieutenant Terry Young. A feature of the game was the return to form of the Group Adjutant Noel Kelly who had a very fine game.

Cross Country:- An inter-platoon cross country race was run on Monday 6 November in preparation for the Inter-Contingent race held on 10 November. No 2 Platoon were rather lucky winners of the team event as Private Frank McEvoy, the individual winner, had not been selected for the No 3 Platoon team which was narrowly beaten.

MP NOTEBOOK ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

Week Ending 10 Nov 72	—07
Same Period Last Year	— 02
Total This Year	— 302
Same Period Last Year	— 276

Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:
DRIVING WITHOUT DUE CARE AND ATTENTION.

BEHIND THE SCENE

The success of a party or reception in the Officers' Mess depends a great deal on the professionalism of the Mess Staff and especially upon the pride they take in their work. Here in Cyprus, the Canadian Contingent Officers' Mess is fortunate to have an excellent staff headed by Master Corporal George Kuffner, the Mess Steward, and Master Corporal Bert Struthers, the senior cook.

On Saturday 4 November, the Officers' Mess held an official Cocktail Party for members of the local civilian and military community. Because



● The picture shows members of the bar staff for the Cocktail Party. From left to right we have Privates Ken Willerton, Bob Henry, Joe Culleton, Corporal Bernie O'Brien, Privates Dan Aymont, Barry Campbell, Larry Baldwin, Corporal Bob Bray, and Master Corporal George Kuffner, the Officers' Mess Steward.

of the number of guests expected, it was necessary to augment the Mess staff with bar-men from other clubs within the Contingent, and with volunteers from the companies,



● Pictured in front of the Pioneer Axes are members of the Officers' Mess Kitchen Staff. On the far right, with his eyes closed, is Master Corporal Bert Struthers, the senior cook. On the left is another cook, Corporal Bob Nelson. The other members of the staff are Mrs Pirson and from left to right Mr. Georgios Hadjideimou, Paulou, Kyprianou, Georgios Polydorou, Phokas Panayiotou, the Head Waiter, and Andreas Aspropoulos.

SUNDAY SOCCER LEAGUE

A Sunday morning soccer league has been formed in the Nicosia area. The game is designed to allow people who enjoy a friendly game to play once a week. Teams have been entered from RAF Nicosia, REME Workshop, 644 Signal Troop, the British High Commission, and the Canadian Contingent.

The calibre of play will certainly not reach First Division standard, but anyone wishing to play, or even watch, on Sunday morning, is welcome to do so. The Canadian Contingent

gent team is open to all members of the Contingent, so if you want to exercise and have fun at the same time, contact Captain Bunner at the Welfare Office and leave your name.

CANCON NEWS

BLUE BERET CAMP GUARD



At 1100 hours 6 November, the Canadian Contingent took over gate guard duties at Blue Beret Camp from the Irish Contingent. This is our first gate guard since rotation. On duty is Private Kim Paton, a member of the battalion Support Weapons Platoon.



PIIKIT KUNTOON

Israelissa on todettu koleraa. Meikäläisten ei kuitenkaan tarvitse tästä syytä peruaa matkasuunnitelmiaan. Meidän iskettiin Niinisalossa täyneen piikkijä kaiken maailman sairauksista vastaan ja aina silloin tällöin joutuaan vanhentuvaa rokotussuojaa uusimaan. Kolerapiikinkin saa kuuaden väliajoin. Pelkkä piikki ei kuitenkaan riitä, vaan ilman leimaavaa kansainvälisessä rokotustodistuksessa joutuu vaikeksi raja-viranomaisten kanssa, vaikka iho olisi reikiä täyteen.

Kansainvälisen rokotussääntöjen mukaan rokotteet ovat voimassa seuraavasti: isorokko 3 vuotta, tetanus eli jääkäkouristus 2 v, polio 2 v, pilkkukuume 3 v, kolera 6kk ja keltakuume 5-10 v. Polio, pilkkukuume, kolera ja TAB eli kolmoislavantauti uusitaan YK-miehille kuitenkin tehosteipikkinä puolen vuoden välein. Tetanus annetaan uudelleen esimerkiksi tapaturman yhteyssä estämään jääkäkouristusta. Sairaalan vääpeli Siitari suosittelee lisäksi vapaaehoisen rokotteena ns. Gammaglobuliinia suojaamaan tuukarokolta, vihurirokolta, epidemiselta keltataudilta ja vaikeilta bakteeri-infektiolilta.

Jokaisen olisi syytä käydä sairaalassa tarkastuttamassa kortistaan rokotteidensovaumassa, jotta ne eivät pääsisi vanhemmumaan.



Pienellä vaivalla pääsee paljosta pahestaan



Suomalaiset valkoisissa paidoissaan hankkiutuvat heti kärkeen.

VIHDOINKIN KULLAN MAKUUN

Englantilaisilla tuntuu olevan perinteinen konkreettinen käsitys maastotojuoksusta. Koska kerran maastossa on juostava, sillöin ei ole syytä käyttää teitä ja polkuja hyväseen, vaan reitti on vedettävä ryteikköihin ja louhikkoihin. Force Reserven viime perjantaina Itävaltaisen maastoon vetämä maastotulenki olikin juoksjalle todellinen tuskien tie, mutta piikkipensaiden naarmut unohtuivat siinä hetkessä, kun Finconin todettiin vieneen niin kaksoisvoiton kuin joukkuemestaruuuden kontingenttiin välissä kilpailussa.

Taktiikalla saattoi olla suurikin osuus menestykseen. Ensin oli määärä juosta viiden mailin lenkin puoliväliin yhtenä ryhmänä, ja sitten vasta päästää pellit auki. Jääkärit Vihervirta ja Tukki lähdivät tässä vaiheessa vetämään letkaa, mutta ruotsalaisten Arwidsson ja eräs irlantilainen pysyivät sitkeästi kelkassa. Pari kilometriä ennen maalia suomalaiset kuitenkin huomasivat ruotsalaisten ilmeestä, ettei tällä ollut vaikeuksia ja silloin he nykäisivät. Vihervirta ja Tukki pääsivät yllättävän helposti karkkuun ja olisivat voineet vaikkapa kävellä loppumatkani. Viime metreillä kypsnyt ajatus oli ylitävä maaliviva yhdessä, mutta englantilaiset olivat joistakin systävetäneet kaksikin linja ja Vihervirta ehätti sen oikean yli ensimmäisenä. Näin hänestä tuli kontingenttiin mestari.

Jääkäri Vihervirran ja Tukin lisäksi joukkuemestarudessa olivat mukana jääkäri Sirkka, ja jääkäri Keränen. Sirkka tulii kahdeksanneksi ja Keränen yhdeksänneksi. Majuri Matikainen varmisti suomalaismenestystä sijoittumalla 11:nneksi. Kuudes edustajamme kers Nietula oli hänkin puolen välin paremmalla puolella.

Joukkuetulokset saatati laskeutua sijaluvut yhteen. Ruotsalaiset menestivät myös melkoisesti. Kolmas, neljäs, viides ja kymmenes tila takasivat hopeatilan. Osat vahittuvat, sillä kuluneen syksyn kilpailuissa ovat ruotsalaiset yleensä vieneet kullan ja me olemme joutuneet tytymään hopeaan.



Voittajapari Vihervirta-Tukki ottaa kevyesti lopun



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Kultua ja kunniaa: (vasemmalta) jääkäri Tukki, jääkäri Vihervirta, jääkäri Sirkka, jääkäri Keränen, majuri Matikainen ja kers Nietula.

IT'S A LONG WAY - 15000 MEILEN

Für Obstt. A. Kloss, C. O. Auscon, war es eine besondere Freude die Kraftfahrer Kpl Guggenberger, Kpl Schabernigg und Gfr Penker für unfallfreies Fahren über 15000 Meilen, bei einem besonderen Rapport am 18.10.72 in St Barbara, zu beloben.

Die drei vorbildlichen Kraftfahrer stammen alle aus dem Bundesland Kärnten. Ob das wirklich nur Zufall ist? Wir benützen die Gelegenheit die drei "lustigen Kärntner", die weiterhin Meile für Meile zurücklegen, vorzustellen.

Kpl Johann Guggenberger ist 28 Jahre alt und kommt von der Artillerie. Guggenberger ist bei Auscon seinem Metier treu geblieben, denn er ist von Beruf Kraftfahrer. 15000 Meilen beeindrucken diesen Mann keinesfalls, da ist er schon andere Strecken gefahren, und die von ihm auf Zypern gefahrenen Kraftfahrzeuge, wie Bedford, Steyr, Rover, VW und

Mazda, sind eher "Kleinkaliber".

Der 20 jährige Kpl Johann Schabernigg ist Pionier und leistet freiwillig verlängerten Grundwehrdienst auf der Insel. Er, sowie Gefreite Franz Penker, sind gleichfalls excellente Kraftfahrer, die so ziemlich jede beim Auscon in Verwendung stehende Fuhrzeugtypen gefahren haben.

Ein besonderes Kennzeichen: Alle drei sind immer gut aufgelegt.

Auscon wünscht den drei tüchtigen und sicheren Fahrern auch für die Zukunft noch viele unfallfreie Meilen.



● Der Kommandant UNAB drückt dankend Anerkennung aus.

Von links nach rechts: Kpl Guggenberger, Mitte Kpl Schabernigg, rechts Gfr Penker.



● Einweisung in die Lage.

Auscon's OP Stavrokono zählt zu den landschaftlich schönsten im Paphos District. Aber auch sonst hatte dieser OP in letzter Zeit Besonderes zu bieten.

Am 19.10.1972 fand in Stavrokono die Übergabe des OP vom 'alten' an den 'neuen' Kommandanten statt: Von Vzlt Schmolek an Vzlt (ROA) Schmolek. Es kommt sicher nicht alle Tage vor, dass sich aussarhalb der Heimat Brüder treffen und einer vom anderen verantwortungsvolle Dienstgäden übernimmt. Vzlt Hubert Schmolek, 39 Jahre alt, seit dem Jahre 1953 mit Leib und Seele Soldat und von April-Oktober 1972 Angehöriger des UNAB1, war nicht nur Besitzer des schönsten Schnurr-

DIE STAVROKONO STORY

bartes im Baon, sondern auch als hervorragender Unteroffizier bei Vorgesetzten, Kameraden, und Untergebenen gleichermaßen beliebt. Seine vorbildliche Haltung als Mensch, sein soldatisches Auftreten und ein besonderes Taktgefühl haben zweifellos auch "seine Mannschaft" geprägt und zu einer Crew zusammengeschweisst.

Da war es natürlich schwer, den richtigen Nachfolger zu finden. Eine schwere Aufgabe,

wenn es ja wenn es eben nicht doch noch einen "anderen" Schmolek gäbe. Vzlt (ROA) Edgar Schmolek, 37 Jahre alt, seit 1954 bei der Jägertruppe des Bundesheeres, ist, so glaubt "Blue Beret", ein würdiger Nachfolger.

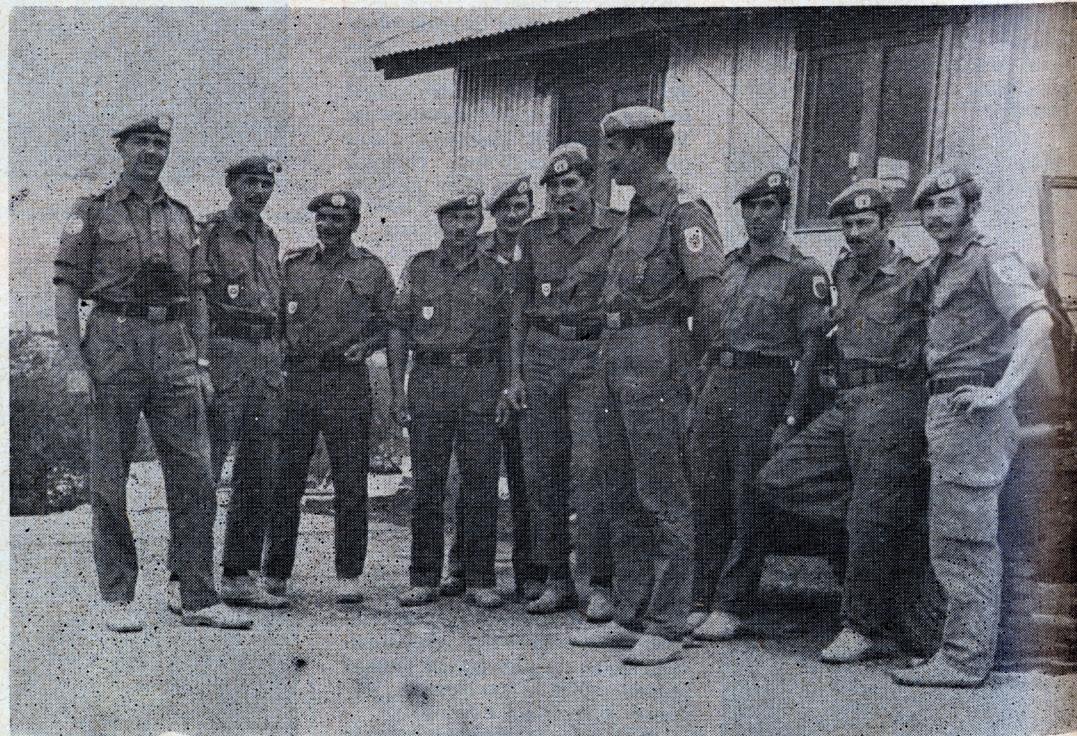
Eines hat ihm sein "grosser" Bruder allerdings voraus:

Er hat seine Dienstzeit auf Zypern schon erfolgreich beendet. Auf Stavrokono's schwarzen Brett künden nur noch

Zeitungsausschnitte von Panzermanövern aus aller Welt, dass hier ein Mann vom PzB 34 Kommandant war.

Vzlt (ROA) Edgar Schmolek steht vor den gleichen Aufgaben wie sein Bruder Hubert. Er hat sich einiges vorgenommen und wird beweisen können, dass ein Schmolek so gut wie der andere ist.

Der bereits hurtig spriessende Schnurrbart ist, so scheint's ein gutes Omen.



● Die Schmoleks im Kreise "Ihrer" Soldaten.

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