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THE FIELD OPERATIONS SERVICE

At the end of January Mr A. De Lauro, the United Nations Deputy Director of Field Operations Service visited UNFICYP. The men in this service are employed by the United Nations to staff its field missions. The Service consists of five main occupational groups, viz: Security Officers, Vehicle Mechanics, Radio Technicians, Radio Officers and secretaries.

There are twenty five Field Service Officers in the UNFICYP secretariat, who have between them over 300 years of experience in the administration of peace-keeping Forces, experience that includes procurement, accommodation, security, finance and communications, gained in established UN offices in New York and Geneva as well as in the field.

The Officers in the UNFICYP secretariat have served in eleven peace-keeping or relief-operations. For most of the Field Service Officers, service in the field has meant working for the United Nations during wars and emergency periods. Eleven officers currently serving in UNFICYP were in the Force during the

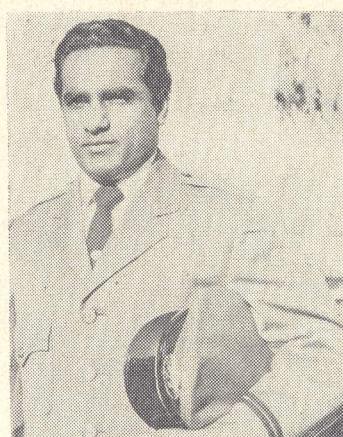


Mr R Petersen, the supervisor of the Radio Staff. He has previously served with the United Nations in Egypt, Jerusalem, India and Pakistan and Geneva.

NEW COMMANDER VISITS



The future Commander British Forces Near East, Air Vice Marshal R.D. Austen-Smith, CB, DFC, RAF visited UNFICYP last week. While he was here he called on Lieutenant General D. Prem Chand, PVSM, the Force Commander and is seen sharing a joke with him.



Mr Harry Ramnasine, the Procurement Officer. He has served for seven years in Jerusalem with the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation before coming to UNFICYP.

operations of July 1974. Before coming to Nicosia for their present tours all twenty five had served in UNTSO (the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation, Jerusalem, which is normally the first duty station for Field Service Officers), eleven with the Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan and four with the Special Observer Mission there. Nine had served in UNEF, six in the Congo, four in Korea, two in the Observer Mission in the Yemen (UNYOM) and two in the Lebanon. Two officers had previously been in UNEPRO, the Emergency Pakistan Relief Organisation, two in the Relief Operations in Bagladesh and Dacca. Three of them have served in UNFICYP before, including one before 1964, when the UN organisation on the Island was The UN Cyprus Observer Mission (UNCOM).

A number of military and police officers who have served with UNFICYP have joined the UN Field Operations Service. Within the past year three former members of the Force have done this, and all are now serving at UNTSO in Jerusalem.



Mr A. Bevelacqua, the Assistant Registry Officer, who has previously served in India, Pakistan and the Yemen as well as Jerusalem.



Mr Joe Morris a finance officer. His previous service for the United Nations has included tours in Jerusalem, the Congo and the Emergency Pakistan Relief Organisation.

DANCON NEWS

MEDALJEPARADE

Fredag d. 20 FEB tildeltes "The United Nations Medal for Service in Cyprus" alt personel som tiltrådte tjenesten på Cypern 10-17 NOV 1975. T. h.: Et udsnit af personellet fik overrakt medaljen af Force Commander: KS J. R. Jørgensen, B-KMP, modtager UN-medaljen af Force Commander. Herunder: Fænrene afdækkes. Faneløjtnerne er LT S.W.B. Wollenberg og SKLT J. H. Bonde. Fænrene bæres af OS A.L. Kjeldsen og SG G. L. Andersen.

On Friday, 20th February UN medals were presented to Danish UN Contingent XXIV. Right: The Force Commander presents UN medals to members of DANCON. Below: The Colours are uncovered.



PORTRÆTGALLERI



Fredag d. 27 FEB besøgte Air Vice Marshal Sir John Austen-Smith DANCON. Sir John overtog, for at være på den sikre side, selv styrepinden.

On Friday 27th February, Air Vice Marshal Sir John Austen-

DANCON NEWS har den glæde at kunne præsentere: OLFERT. OLFERT er en gave fra officerne ved DANCON XXIV til OL T.B. Pilgaard. Her er PRLT P. Vejre ved at prøvekøre den nye "jallascooter". PRLT har i sinde at anvende OLFERT i stedet for FJSKR for at få signalerne hurtigere frem.

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TIME IS RUNNING FAST

Time is running out fast now for the Swedish Battalion 59C, and it will soon be rotation time in Sector Six again. The recce party of the next Battalion visited Carl Gustav Camp last week to find out what it will have to do when it takes over at the end of April.

SWEDCON NEWS

The recce party of Battalion 61 C, led by Lieutenant Colonel Paul Strömberg, was briefed on the wide variety of tasks they will have to carry out this summer. During their visit they went to some of the OPs in the Demilitarised Zone as well as Liaison Posts in the Karpas where they saw the distribution of relief supplies and pensions to the Greek Cypriots who live there.



Lt Col A Rolff briefing his successor Lt Col P. Strömberg.

£27.000 A MONTH



Lt Gen D Prem Chand PVSM inspecting the Swedish Civilian Police in Famagusta.

The Swedish Civilian Police in Sector Six have many different tasks, one of which is to deliver pensions of £C27 to the 4,300 Greek Cypriots living in 22 villages in the Karpas each month. There are also a number of them detached to Nicosia to work in the Joint Operations Centre, and in the Missing Persons Office.

SWEDCON SPECIAL



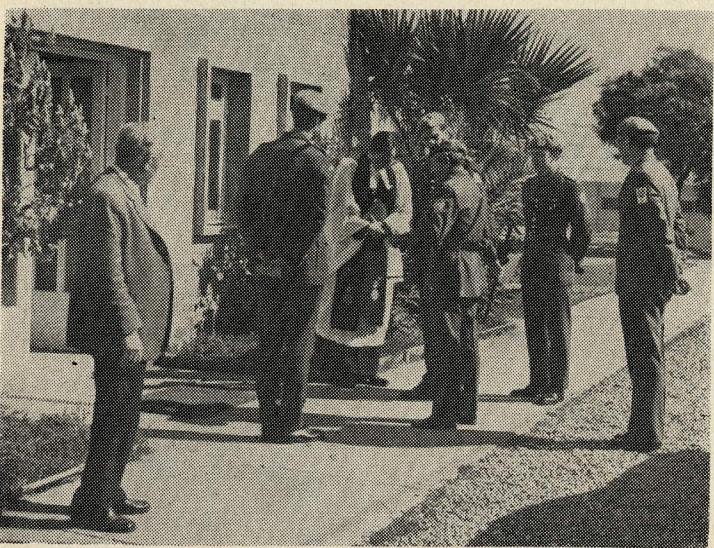
Last month they all paraded in Famagusta to receive UN Medals from the Force Commander Lieutenant General D. Prem Chand

Hur många vet egentligen vad våra vänner inom civilpolisen har för sig när de inte sitter på sin ryktbara mäss eller på BMH? Ganska lite förmodligen. Kanske beror det på att när civpolarna jobbar så gör dom det långt uppå Karpas och få har tillfälle att se vad dom egentligen håller på med. Det handlar om pengar, mycket pengar. 27,000 pund i månaden som betalas ut till isolerade grekcypriter på Karpas från regering och organisationer i Nicosia. Häromveckan hade civpolarna medaljparad och därmed har väl alla som ska ha fått sina ribbor för den här perioden.

SWEDISH SUMMARY

Vidare i det här numret berättar vi om våra efterträdare från kommande bataljon 61 C. I förra veckan var några av cheferna på plats för att få en första orientering om läget med öv Lt Paul Strömberg i spetsen och om bara några veckor har vi dem här igen i form av förtrupper.

WELSH GUARDS CELEBRATE ST DAVID'S DAY



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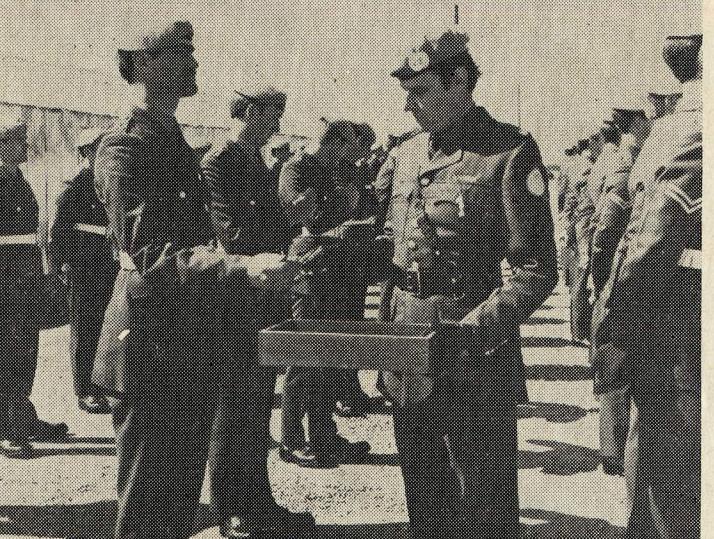


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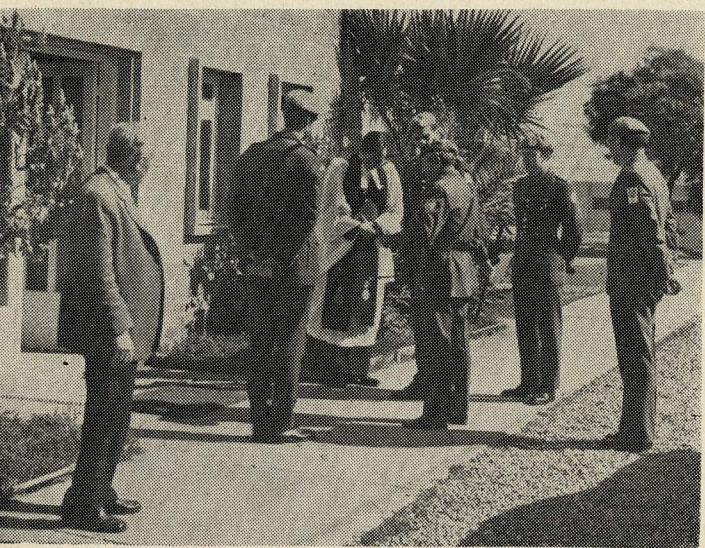


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UEBEN FUER DEN ERNSTFALL



Eine Eimerkette ist rasch organisiert — die Sache macht offensichtlich Spass.
A bucket-chain is quickly organized — a funny thing, as long it is only an exercise.

"Feuer" Rufe, Sirenengeheul, Betaetigen anderer akustischer Warnsignale, wie Glocken, Triangeln, Kartuschen — das war die Geraeuschkulisse fuer die Brandschutzebung im Camp DUKE LEOPOLD V am 28. Februar. Der Campcommander, Mjr LINNINGER, fungierte als fachkundiger "Feuerwehrhauptmann" und leitete mit gewohnter Energie den Einsatz.

Innerhalb kuerzester Zeit war jedermann mit Eimer oder Feuerloescher bewaffnet. Entgegen anderslautender Geruechte, war die Ops-Branch diesmal als erste am Brandherd.

Hptm REISENAUER, auch in seiner Heimatstadt WELS fuehrend im Rahmen der Feuerwhr taetig, zeigte wie's gemacht wird. Die Eimerkette funktionierte hervorragend und bereits nach 15 Minuten hieß es "Brand aus".

Wenige Tage zuvor hatte bereits die 1. Kompanie in ATHIENOU "Uebungsalarm". Es galt unter anderem, einen Verletzten aus einem brennenden Haus zu bergen.

Alle waren mit Feuereife bei der Sache, will man doch auch im Ernstfall den Schaden auf den Verlust einiger Kubikmeter morschen Holzes beschraenken.

ENGLISH SUMMARY

A fire practice was held at Camp DUKE LEOPOLD V on Saturday, 28th February. As usual the members of the Ops Branch were the first on the scene. Capt REISENAUER a fire-brigade officer from Austria, showed how a fire should be tackled professionally, while on the orders of Maj LINNINGER, a bucket-chain was organized. The practice fire was as a result soon extinguished.

A few days later a similar exercise was held by the 1 Coy in ATHIENOU. Such training helps avoid larger losses than that of a



"Sicherheitskappe entfernen, auf den Knopf schlagen, Strahl auf den Brandherd richten..."

"Remove safety guard, strike the knob, direct jet at base of fire..."



Zur Bergung eines Verletzten koennen oft Gasmasken noetig sein

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COMBAT GROUP COMMANDER VISITS



Inspecting members of 1 Platoon at Camp Berger in Louroujina.



BG Gen Neatby being briefed at OP BASTION, while Maj Kempling, the Company Commander, looks on.

Promotion Time



6 NCOs from 3 PPCLI recently received their long awaited promotion to Warrant Officer. Pictured with the CO, RSM and Company Commanders are (L-R), Maj Gentles, Maj Kempling, WO R L Timms, WO D J Danyleyko, L Col Leitch, CWO Lochrie, WO J L Dickie, WO R E Mac Donald, WO P E Kolbe and Maj Brodie.



Departing on the Pegasus Patrol in a "Lynx" Armoured Reconnaissance Vehicle.

3PPCLI OFFICERS vs AUSCIVPOL



The officers of the 3rd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry fielded a Football Team to play the Austrian Civilian Police recently. After a very friendly game the final result was a draw.

CANCON NEWS

During the week 17-24 February, Cancon was honoured by a visit from Brigadier General P A Neatby, CD, Commander of 1 Combat Group, of which 3 PPCLI is a part. Although this was BG Gen Neatby's first trip to Cyprus, he is by no means a stranger to UN Peace Keeping, having served with the Canadian Recce Squadron attached to the UN Emergency Force in the Sinai several years ago.

Gen Neatby's stay included briefings of both Sector and Company operations, as well as a trip down the Pegasus Patrol route, and a visit to the Platoon at Louroujina.

Brigadier General Neatby's tour marked the last of a long line of official visits to Sector 4 in Cyprus, a welcome reminder that, for 3 PPCLI, 'Home is just around the Corner'.



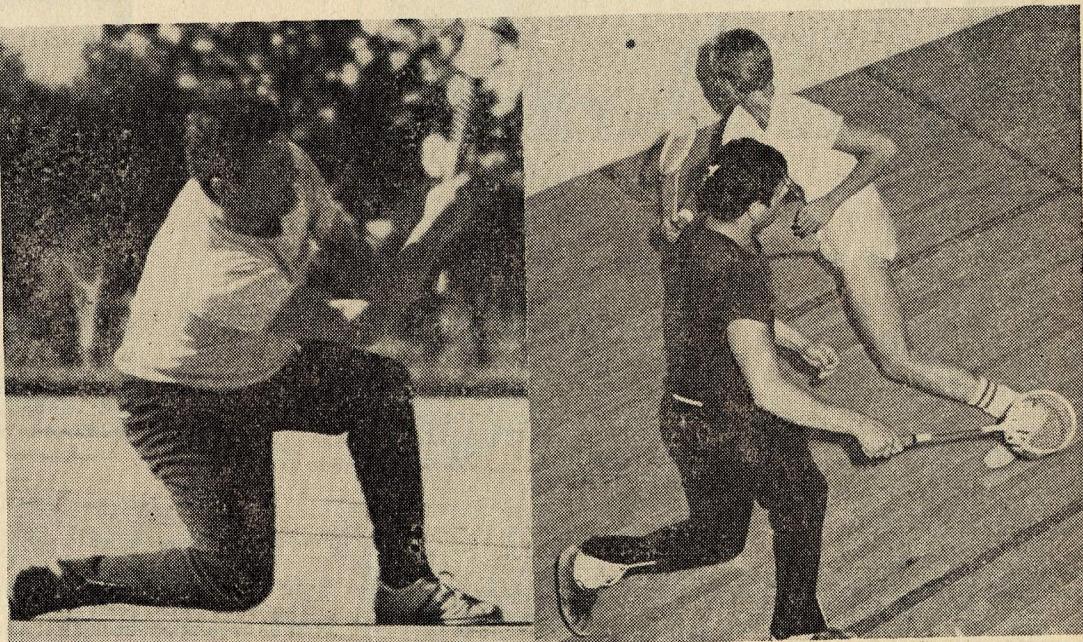
SSgt Räisänen who came second chasing WO1 Mölsä who came third.

Toiseksi tullut ylik Räisänen ajamassa takaa kolmanneksi jäiänytä sotimest Mölsää.

FINCONISSA URHEILLAAN

ENGLISH SUMMARY

During the last two weeks the emphasis has been on sport in the Finnish Contingent. In this period the Battalion ski cross-country championship was held; squash and table tennis were played against Swedcon and there were friendly volleyball and football games. A new game HOCKEY (English style) was also introduced, thanks to Major Hughes-Wilson who came to teach the rules. Hockey is not a completely strange game to the Finns as it is not unlike bandy-ball which is popular in Finland.



Major Pepe Huhtanen giving a proof of his skill in hockey.

Maj Pepe Huhtasen tylinäyte maahockeyki-

... Urheilua harrastavilla on varia valita. Voi hiihtää murtoalla ja slalomrinteillä, pelata lentopallop, jalkapalloa, juosta Cooperin testiä ja suunnistaa. Jos nämä alkavat tuntua vanhan kaisilta, voi tarttua squashmailaan tai peräti lähteä maahockeykentälle. Amppua voi ilma-aseilla ja vähän isommillaakin, pesäpallosarjat ovat luvassa ja koripallojoukkueita kaavillaan. Tenniskenttiä ja yleisurheilijoillekin löytynee askareita.

Lähinnä muille kontingenttien osaksi pannaan tähän vielä hiihtokuvaa pataljoonan kisoista, vaikka tulokset onkin jo julkistettu Supasetissa. Skandinaavit murtoahiihdon tuntevatkin, mutta muun maalaisissa kapeat, kevyet suksit ja kärjestä kiinnitettävät hiihtokengät ovat herättäneet melkoista ihmetystä.

Alhaalla näkyy kuva Swedconia vastaan käydystä squashottelusta. Ruotsalaisilla ei ollut sanoa sijaa, vaan meikäläiset peittosivat maj Ojanperän johdolla vieraat 4-1. Jotta puntit olisivat tasana, käyttiin samana päivänä, 29.2., häviämässä pingiksessä Swedconille Famagustassa. Suomalaiset säilyttivät puhtaan pelin, pistelit pysyi nollilla koko ottelun ajan. Hieman paremin menestyiin Itävallan siviilipoliisilta vastaan ja Ruotsin poliiseille tarjottiinkin jo täysä vastus.

Lentopalloon on pelattu ahkerasti, ystävysotteluja on käyty, ja joukkue on kuntoutumassa UNFICYPin kisoja varten. Mikäli ei ihmeitä satu, ensimmäisen palikinnoon voisi jaka jo etukäteen.

Jalkapalloilijoilta riesana ovat olleet otteluiden peruuntumiset. Aitoon etelämaiseen tapaan vauhtustaja ei olekaan saanut rivejään kootuiksi. Pojat kyllästyivät perustelluksiin otteluihin siksi perusteellisesti, että siirtyivät viime viikolla maahockeylinjalle. Englantilaiset opettivat meikäläisiä tunnin veran, käyttiin läpi taktiikkaa, teknikkaa ja sääntöjä. Sitten piti ottaa lyhyt näytös- ja ystävysottelu enkkujen joukkueita vastaan. Kun peli heti kärkeen oli 2-0 Suomen hyväksi,

aikaa pidennettiin puolella ja otelusta tuli totinen. Enkut saivat tasoituksesta 2-2, mutta siitä huolimatta finconilaisten panos oli täysin odottamaton. Welsh Guard paitoitiin seuraavalla viikolla 3-0.

Meikäläiset eivät voi kuitenkaan kokonaan siirtyä maahockeyammattilaaksi, sillä 16. ja 17. päivä otetaan osaa UNFICYPin jalkapallomestaruuskiisoihin.

Lauantaina 13. päivä pidetään paluit Fagustassa. Siellä katt-Finconin suunnistusmestaruuskielaan joukkueita ensi kuun alussa järjestettävää kontingenttiin välistä kisoja varten.



Sgt Antikainen trying to do his best against Swedcon. Kers Antikainen yritymässä parastaan Swedconia vastaan.

Swedcon was beaten in squash 4-1.

Squashissa Iivariin Swedcon 4-1.

SPORT IN CAMP UNFICYP

FOUR NEW STAMPS



The Camp UNFICYP Football Competition this winter was won by the 644 Signal Troop team, some of whom are seen above when they were presented with their prizes in the Wheel-em-Inn Club last week. The Signals team went through the whole competition without losing a game.

Transport Squadron's Zoo



The Transport Squadron not only maintain their vehicles, but also a 'private zoo' of budgerigars, a donkey and a duck. The donkey and the duck are great friends as seen above.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Week ending 28th Feb 76	6
Same period last year	14
Total for the year	43
Total for the same period	
Last year	42

LESSON OF THE MONTH

Don't take the Right of Way — give it.

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The United Nations Postal Administration announced that four new stamps were issued on 9th January. It also announced at the same time that the old 30 cent and 50 cent stamp, which have been in circulation since 1961 and 1964 respectively, will not be sold after that date. The new definitives — shown here — may be obtained from the Finance Office at HQ UNFICYP on Fridays.