



# The Blue Beret

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## SWEDISH C-in-C VISITS UNFICYP



A welcome visitor to the Force last week was the Commander-in-Chief of the Swedish Army Lieutenant General N Sköld. On his arrival he inspected a Guard of Honour made up of detachments from all the Sectors, before being taken into the conference room for a briefing by the Chief of Staff Brigadier Tillotson, during which he was pictured right.

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Chefen for UNEF II, generalmajor Rais Abin, besøgte DANCON XXVII 6 September.

Major-General Rais Abin, Commander of UNEF II, visited DANCON XXVII on the 6th of September.

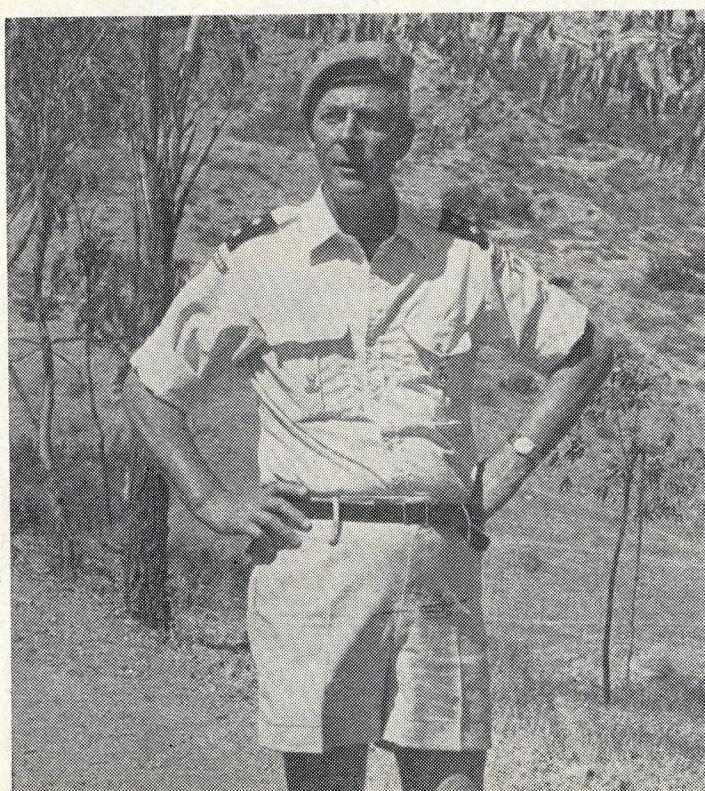
Chefen for FN-afdelingen, OL A.J. Adolph, besøgte DANCON XXVII i perioden 18-30 AUG.

CO of the Danish UN-Department, Lt. Col. A.J. Adolph, visited DANCON XXVII from the 18th to the 30th of August.

**DANCON**



**NEWS**



## The Swedish Chief of Army visits Swedcon



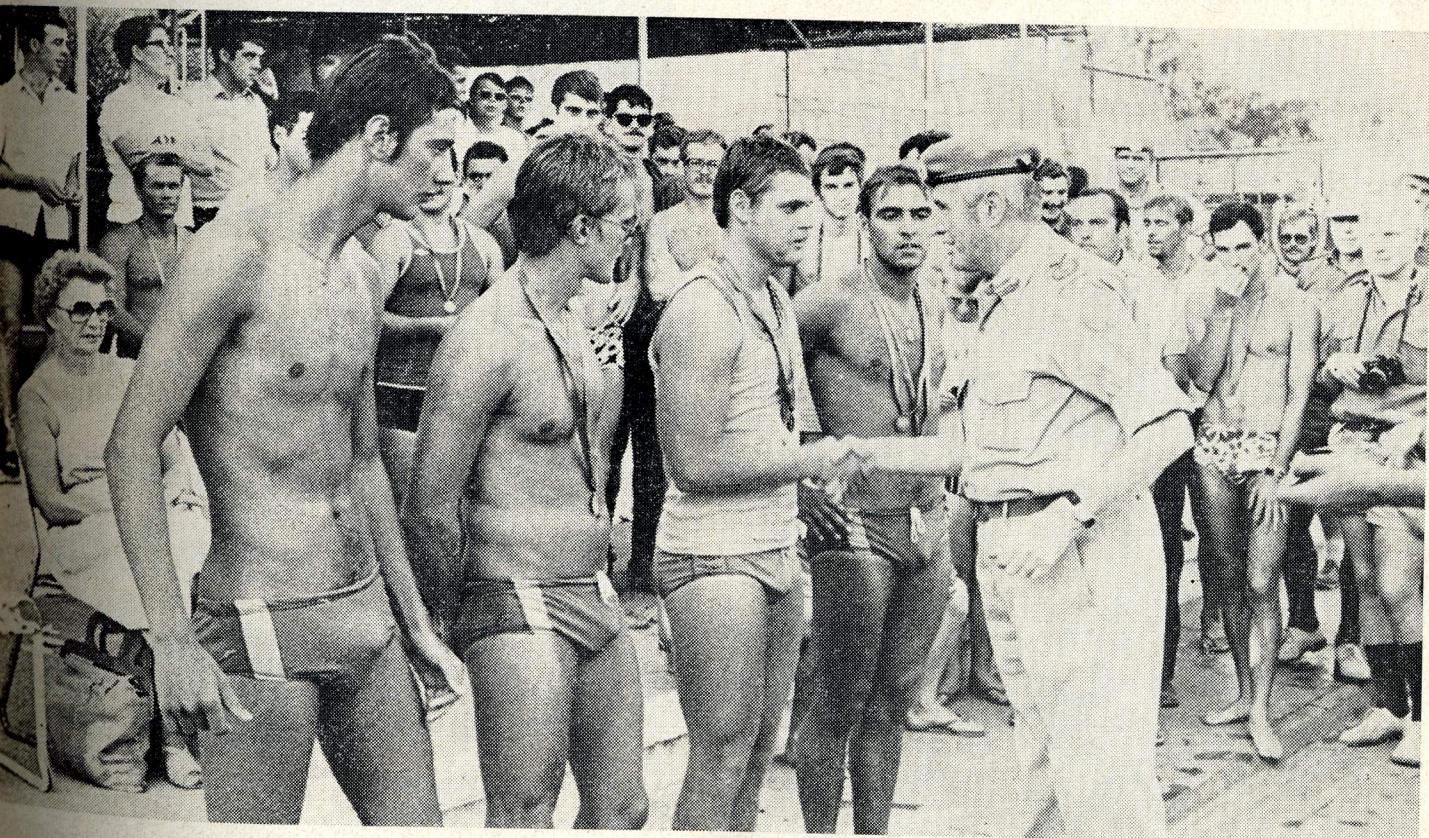
General Nils Sköld talks to some of the soldiers out on the OP-line.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Swedish Army, General Nils Sköld, recently visited the Swedish Battalion in Famagusta. Although the General served as a United Nations officer with one of the Swedish Battalions in Gaza in the late fifties, this was his first visit to a UN battalion since he was appointed Commander-in-Chief last year.

After a tour of the OPs, the General said he was very impressed by the way in which the Swedish soldiers were carrying out their duties.

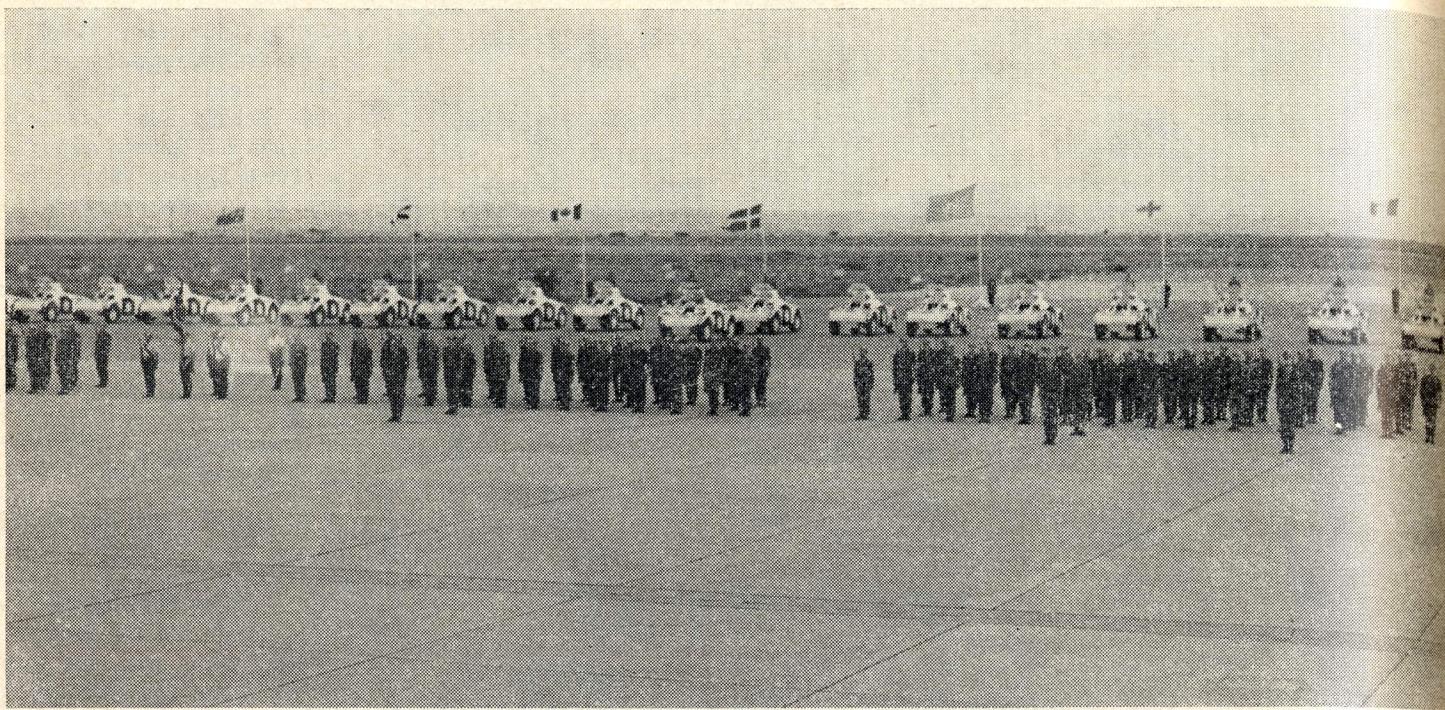
The General also paid a visit to HQ UNFICYP in Nicosia before leaving Cyprus to visit the Swedish UN battalion in the Sinai desert. On his departure, General Sköld expressed satisfaction at the usefulness of his visit because, being responsible for the organisation and training of the Swedish UN troops, it had enabled him to gain a closer insight into the problems of the soldiers serving in UNFICYP.

## Number three in the swimming-competition



Swedcon tied for third place with Cancon when the UNFICYP Swimming Competition was held at the pool at the Headquarters in Nicosia recently. Winner of the thrilling competition was UNFICYP Support Regiment followed by Fincon. The Force Commander, General Quinn is pictured awarding and offering his congratulations to the Swedson medley team.

# BRITCON Medal Parade



On Tuesday 6th September the second British Contingent Medal Parade of 1977 took place at Nicosia Airport. On the parade a representative party of all the units serving in the Contingent received United Nations Medals from the Force Commander Major General J J Quinn.

On this occasion A Squadron The 15th/19th The Kings Royal Hussars, four guards of 1st Battalion The Royal Irish Rangers, and detachments from the minor units of the Support Regiment under the command of Lieutenant Colonel W H Clements took part in the parade.

The parade, which began with a fly-past of helicopters from both the Army Air Corps flight and the Flight of 84 Squadron was watched by a large crowd of distinguished guests. The fly-past also marked the last occasion on which Sioux helicopters will take part in the British Contingent parades.

## CMO HANDS OVER



## A SQN 15/19 H LEAVE



The Medal Parade also marked the end of A Squadron's six month tour with the Force, and it was appropriate that almost their last official task was to charge past the Force Commander to the tune of The Post Horn Gallop.

A Squadron are being replaced by C Squadron of the 3rd Royal Tank Regiment.

## BRITCON NEWS

A new face seen last month in the Medical Centre at HQ UNFICYP was that of a TAVR Medical Officer, Major K Steen, who was the first TAVR doctor ever to serve with the Force and wear our Blue Beret.

Last week the longest serving officer in the Contingent, Colonel H Forbes, handed over the appointment of Chief Medical Officer to Colonel D Worsley. They were pictured together shortly after Colonel Worsley arrived in the Force.

## TA DOCTOR IN FORCE



# OP MARCH



Beim Observermarsch am 05.09.77 durch die Pufferzone wurde so mancher Tropfen Schweiß vergossen.

Obzwar die Observer-Crew auf ihre gewohnten "fahrbaren Untersätze" verzichten mußte, war die gute Laune ungebrochen.

## POOR PIONEERS



Die Angehörigen des Pionierzuges können mit Recht von sich behaupten, ständig im Einsatz zu stehen. Unser Bild zeigt Pioniere bei Ausbesserungsarbeiten am OP A 23.

The men of the Pioneer platoon can rightly say they are always on duty. They were pictured recently while they were improving OP A 23.

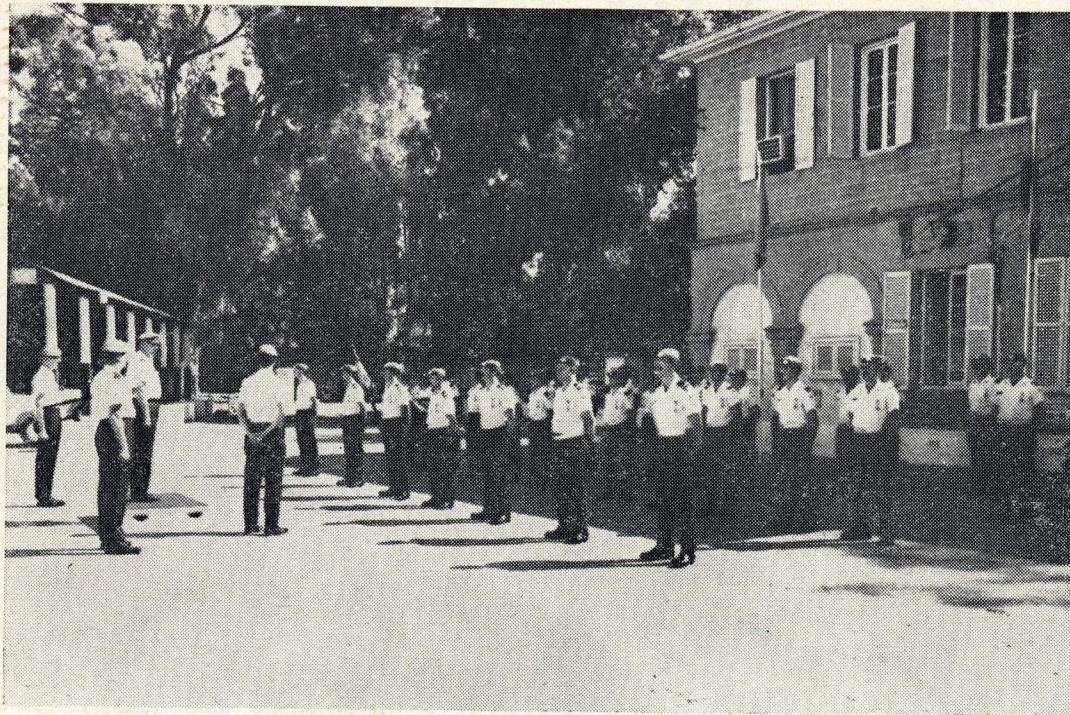
## HQ COMPANY WINS



Bei der Bataillonsmeisterschaft im Fußball ging die Mannschaft der Stabs-Kompanie als Sieger hervor. Gleichzeitig dienten diese Spiele zur Vorbereitung auf die in naher Zukunft stattfindende UNFICYP — Meisterschaft.

In the Battalion football championships the HQ Company team were the winners. At the same time this competition has enabled the Battalion to select its team for the Force competition.

# COMMAND SQUADRON PARADES



Medals Parade for Command Squadron.  
La Parade de Médailles pour l'Escadron de Commandement.

## A NEVER-ENDING JOB



MCpl Levesque doing maintenance on an A Squadron APC.

Le Cpl Levesque faisant la maintenance sur un TTB de l'escadron A.

## NEW OP IN SECTOR FOUR



Our new OP ADSUM.

## CANCON NEWS

12e RBC is getting ready to go home. The Advance Party of 3 RCR will be on the Island in a matter of days' and the change over of responsibilities will start. The Regiment has been busy in the past two weeks with preparations for our change over, and also getting ready to return to our normal role of armoured reconnaissance.

Le 12e RBC commence les dispositions pour notre retour au Canada. Le groupe précurseur du 3 RCR sera sûr l'île dans l'affair de huit jours et le changement des responsabilités commencera. Le Régiment était bien occupé durant les deux dernières semaines avec toutes les préparations, et au même temps, on commence de retourner à notre rôle normal comme un régiment de reconnaissance blindé.

# MITAALIPARAATI FINCONISSA



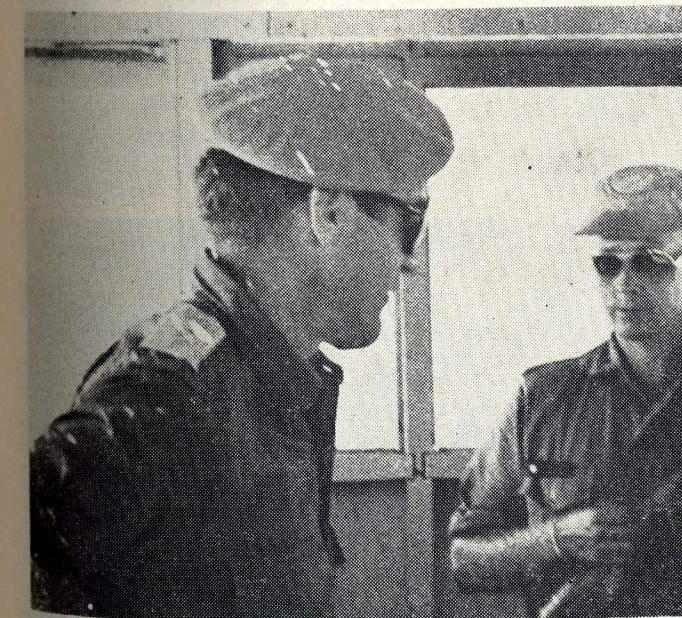
Perjantai 2. syyskuuta ollut juhlapäivä Finconissa. Tällöin saivat mitalinsa joukoissa kolme kuukautta rauhan palvelussa olleet. Mitalit jakoi Force Commander kenraali Quinn, vuorossa pataljoonan komentaja evi Saarikoski (vas.3).



Finconin ehdottomaksi kauden uintimestariksi osoittautui jääl Parkkonen. Kolmen Finconin mestaruuden lisäksi hän nappasi UNFICYPIN mestaruusuintien kunninkuusmatkan 200 yardin vapaauintin voiton. Onnittelemme! Yhteispisteissä Suomi oli toinen.



## KORKEITA VIERAITA



Viime viikolla suorittivat evi Pullinen ja kapt Pihkala YK-valvontajoukkotoimistosta tarkastuksen kontingentissa. Vieraitutustuivat myös OP:ihin, "puhutteluviurossa" viidettä kertaa YK-joukoissa palvelustaan suorittava jääl Sorvali.

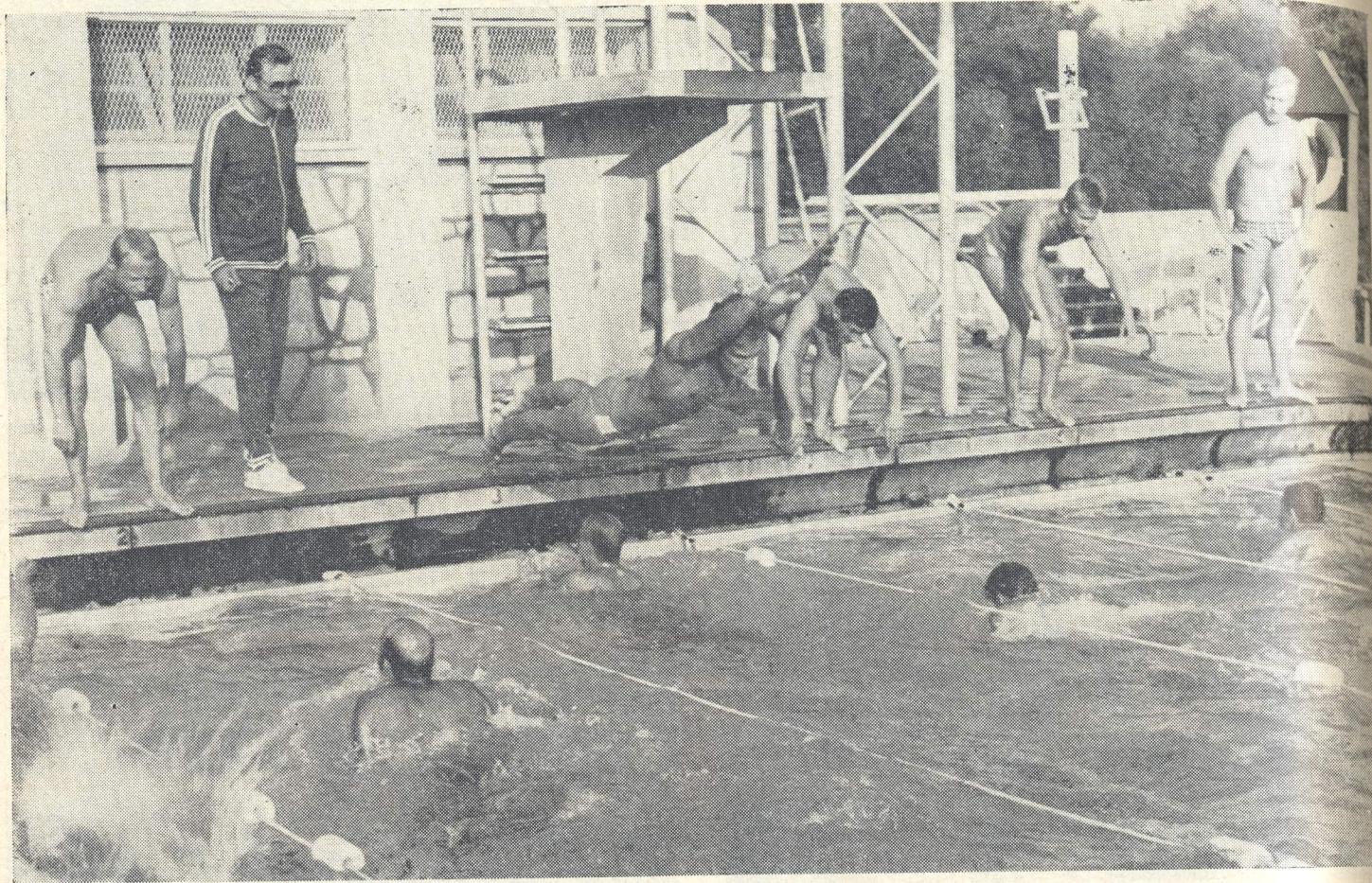
## ENGLISH SUMMARY

"In the Service of Peace". On the 2nd of September the Force Commander, General Quinn presented UN Medals to the soldiers who had completed three months in the Force. Among the Medal recipients was the Commander of Sector 3, Lt Col Saarikoski (top left).

Chief at the UN Office MOD Finland, Lt Col Pullinen visited Fincon last week. In the bottom left picture he is speaking to Pte Sorvali.

Pte Parkkonen (top right) won the UNFICYP championship in 200 yards freestyle swimming. The picture below left shows Finnish soldiers repairing the UN barbed-wire fence in the area of the Nicosia International Airport.

# FORCE SWIMMING CARNIVAL



On Thursday 8th September, the 1977 UNFICYP Swimming Carnival was held before a large and enthusiastic crowd. Not only were the heats in all events closely contested, but the finals produced magnificent efforts from all competitors with many split-second finishes.

Possibly the most exciting events were the 200 yard Freestyle and Relay events. In the 200 yards Freestyle PARKKONEN of Fincon, came home in fine style to just beat KNIGHT of Support Regiment, with CHANCE of Cancon a stroke behind in third place.

In the 4 x 50 yards Freestyle Relay event, the crowd was very vocal in its support of the six teams competing. UNFICYP Support Regiment displayed tenacious endurance to hold off Swedcon, who come in second with Fincon gaining by a terrific burst coming home third.

The 4 x 50 yards Medley Relay event although brilliantly contested saw an upset in the final result with two teams being disqualified for using unorthodox strokes. There was no doubt that UNFICYP Support Regiment of Harding, Skill, Platts and Eustace were the winners with Auscon being placed second (Lacher, Svejda, Litchenbecker and Eckersberger) and Swedcon (Akerberger, Duwta, Jansson and Jantunen) third.

In the sprint 50 yards events of Freestyle, Breaststroke, Butterfly and Backstroke, the heats and finals saw some very good results. Possibly the most sensational result was given by Tardif of Cancon who in two consecutive events took the gold medals for the Butterfly and Backstroke events.

Following the conclusion of the events, The Force Commander, Major General J J Quinn presented gold, silver and bronze medals to the winners and runners-up, after which the Police Adviser, Assistant Commissioner J Hamilton, presented the aggregate trophy to the top point scorers — UNFICYP Support Regiment who amassed a total of 14 points.

## RESULTS

### 50 Metres Freestyle

1st J THIRGAR, Austcivpol  
2nd CAMPBELL, Sp Regt  
3rd LINDBLOM, Swedcon

### 50 Metres Breaststroke

1st DUWTA, Swedcon  
2nd LACROIX, Cancon  
THOMSEN, Dancon

(equal)

### 50 Metres Butterfly

1st TARDIF, Cancon  
2nd PARKKONEN, Fincon

3rd SIVENNOINEN, Fincon

### 50 Metres Backstroke

1st TARDIF, Cancon

2nd MAKI, Fincon

3rd LIGHTENECKER, Auscon

### 200 Metres Freestyle

### 4 x 50 Freestyle Relay

### 4 x 50 Medley Relay

1st PARKKONEN, Fincon  
2nd KNIGHT, Sp Regt  
3rd CANCE, Cancon

1st Support Regiment (Gilbert, Stark, Campbell & Kidd)  
2nd Swedcon (Jantunen, Ollas, Lindblom & Goransson)

3rd Fincon (Sarajarvi, Aakvia, Timonen & Enonkoski)

1st Support Regiment (Harding, Skill, Platts, Eustace)

2nd Auscon (Lacher, Svejda, Lichtenbecker, Eckersberger)

3rd Swedcon (Akerberger, Duwta, Jansson, Jantunen)



## TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Two Weeks ending

18th September

Same period last year

Total for the year

Total for the same period

last year

Lesson for the month

15

9

166

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