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XXXTH ANNIVERSARY FOR UN UNITED NATIONS DAN MESSAGES FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY



We must not commemorate today's anniversary like people seated at the bedside of an invalid, murmuring complaints or meaningless ritual phrases.

True, these three decades have abounded in frustrations and even failures. Nevertheless, what must be stressed is not so much the ending of an epoch, of an idea, but rather the new vitality which the Organization can draw from its new dimension.

Spectacular changes have occurred. We started with 51 States. New voices are now clamouring for greater justice and more humanity for today's 142 Member States, which represent 95 per cent of the earth's population. A New world equilibrium is being established, and the United Nations is both its inspiration and its reflection, and must adapt itself to it for the sake of its own survival.

Of course, not all the battles against hunger, injustice, ignorance and the denial of personal rights have been won, but I want to invite the peoples who, as the Charter requires, are the living foundation of the United Nations, to help us to build a new world. On this thirtieth anniversary, this is the wish I make. This is the challenge of our times, which we must accept together.

RELIEF TIME IN FINCON

Lt Col Pullinen CO of the (above) arriving at HQ UNFICYP
Finnish Battalion with his relief and (below) talking with the
Lt Col Lopmeri were pictured Force Commander.



Every year, on 24 October, we mark the anniversary of the day on which the United Nations Charter came into force in 1945.

This year we celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of our Organization which has grown from modest beginnings into a near universal instrument for world-wide co-operation without precedent in history. The United Nations is vitally involved in the creation of a better World for us all. It has played a major role in the process of decolonization which has yet to be fully completed. It stands at the centre of efforts to organize economic, social and humanitarian co-operation on a global basis.

The United Nations continues to have an overriding concern in the maintenance of international peace and security. In a world of tension and danger the massive production and stockpiling of weapons of war must be curtailed if peace is to be secure.

The scourges of poverty, hunger, disease and illiteracy still have to be overcome. If all peoples are to share equitably in the world's benefits, we must use the technology and resources available to us in building a new international economic order.

In meeting these challenges, the full use of the United Nations is more necessary now than ever before. Success, as the unanimous results reached at the seventh special session of the General Assembly have shown, will require the firm determination and the will of all Member States to work together within a multilateral framework.

The United Nations Charter opens with the words "We the peoples of the United Nations". Thus, every man and woman has a profound personal stake in the future of the United Nations. If we work together in a spirit of friendship and understanding, we will have little to fear. Let that be our personal commitment as we celebrate this thirtieth anniversary.

DANCON - MARCH II

Da ikke alle, der ønskede det, kunne frigøres fra tjeneste under den første gennemførelse af DANCON — marchen, blev der atter arrangeret march weekenden 11—12 oktober.

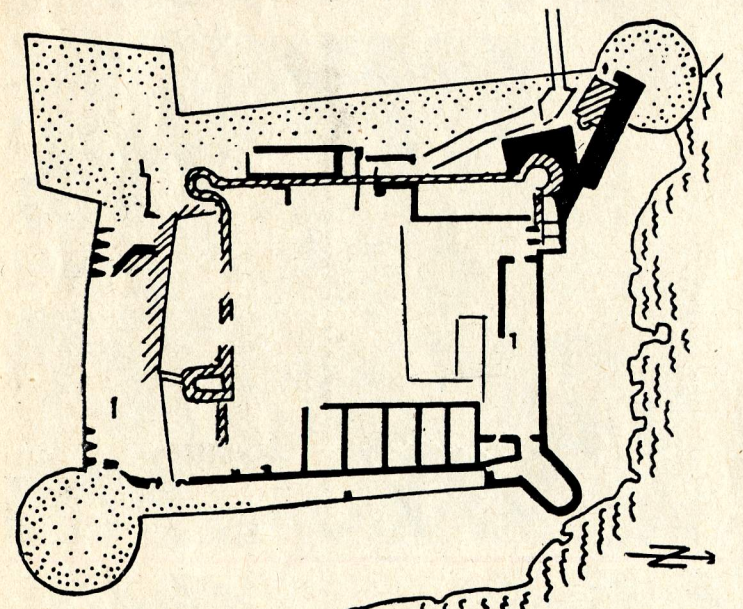
Der deltog 113, hvoraf 89 gennemførte. Det samlede deltagertal kom dermed op på 296 med 234 diplomtagere.



Chefen for DANCON OL T.B. Pilgaard og intendanturofficeren MAJ E. Buhl var blandt dem, der i overlegen stil gennemførte DANCON — marchen.

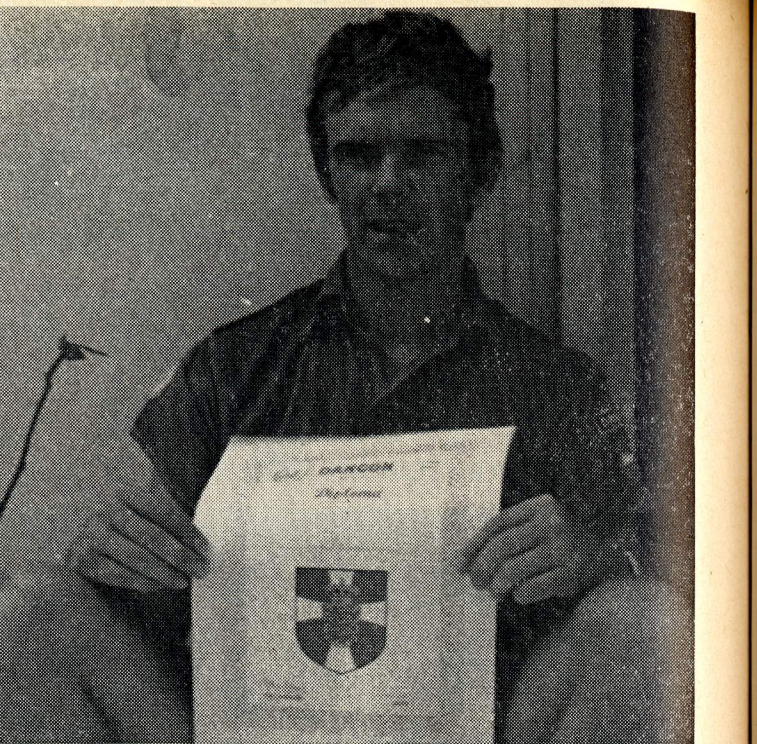
I baggrunden reservelæge E. B. Pauly, der også klarede strabadserne.

CASTLES OF CYPRUS KYRENIA CASTLE



Where Kolossi is neither a beautiful nor cunning fortification, the Lusignan work at Kyrenia is of more imposing order. The Byzantines, chose for their site the acropolis of the classical town, a small promontory on the north coast of the Island, dominating the little harbour of Kyrenia. Here arose, by a process of reconstructions the most important castle of the Island.

For three and a half centuries it played a vital role in the internal politics of Cyprus, and was the mainstay of the Lusignans during the Genoese occupation of Famagusta (3172—1464), resisting a vigorous siege in 1374. The characteristic siege weapons of the period were employed. After attempting to take the place by assault with scaling ladders, the Genoese sent for an



OKS E. Jørgensen fra A-KMP med det nyhvervede bevis på velgennemført march.

DANCON NEWS

outside mangan (catapult) which hurled immense stones. The Constable in charge of the castle was an engineer and the damage was successfully repaired. The Genoese then brought up wood assault towers, one of them three storeys high, but the defenders set fire to them. The siege was raised after the Constable invited some of the Genoese knights to a banquet and gave them ocular proof of the impregnability of the defences.

At the time of the Mameluk invasion (1426), members of the royal family with the royal treasure found security in Kyrenia and, from the strength of this single castle, Charlotte, the last legitimate Lusignan queen with her husband maintained calm to the sovereignty of the Island for three years (1460—3).

After the Venetian occupation the fortifications were considerably strengthened. It was to little purpose. At the time of the Turkish invasion the governor betrayed the castle to the Pasha of Cilicia.

Lusignan Kyrenia was rectangular in plan and buttressed by four powerful towers at the corners, those on the north, lapped by the waves, were square and horseshoe-shaped respectively. The castle included a royal palace that overlooked the castle entrance and the harbour in the west. This harbour and the berg (town) behind it were ringed with their own walls of which some towers survive.

Venetian fortification has obscured much of the earlier work. The Venetians entirely rebuilt the outer wall and to protect the walls in the south of the castle, built ponderous tower bastions and filled with earth the gap between the

inner and outer walls. Designed to repel artillery the resulting defences are probably the most massive stone-faced earthworks of their type ever devised. On the north coast where the sea provided security and additional fortification seemed superfluous, much Lusignan work fortunately survives. The masonry speaks of Crusader building. The north curtain, with its two fighting galleries below a parapet whose merlons are pierced for fire, and the elegant horseshoe-shaped tower at the north-east, still indicate the formidable character of the Lusignan fortress.

The impregnability of the castle commended itself for use as a state prison. About twenty nobles and knights were confined there in 1310. The leaders were later sent to the "oubliettes" (dungeons) to die a lingering death by starvation. In 1343 Aimery de Minars employed his imprisonment in the castle on transcribing the Gestes des Chiprois (The History of Cyprus) and happily so for his is the only copy that has survived. In 1349 Hugh IV imprisoned his two sons as punishment for their abortive attempt to pay a clandestine visit to Europe. One of them when he succeeded to the throne as Peter I must therefore have found special satisfaction in committing his enemies to the cells, among them the ambassadors sent by the Mameluk Sultan in 1368. They were followed, during Peter's absence in Europe, by his own mistress, Jeanne Laleman, who had been sent to the castle by Eleanor his jealous queen, and during the sad crisis which ended in his assassination, the dungeons at Kyrenia were seldom empty.

57: an månad för månad



Inför rotationen kan det vara dags met en liten bildkavalkad över 57:an. Kommer ni ihåg de första exercispassen på I 4:as kaserngård i april?



I juni firade vi midsommar — den enda storhelgen under vår bataljon. Det var dans kring midsommarstången och lekar. C Pers mj Ivar Genesjö deltog i äggstafetten.



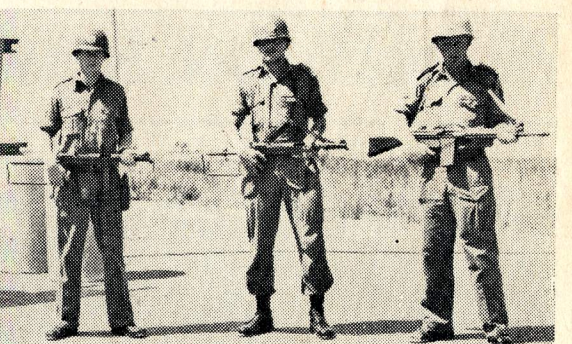
Under hela bataljonen har vi kunnat sola och bada men i augusti var vattentemperaturen högst, närmare 30 grader. Ernst Kügler, 3:e komp var en av dem som gillade snorkeldykning.



OP-tjänsten började i full skala i maj. Det var mycket att lära innan rutinerna var inkörda. Mats Eriksson, 3:e komp sitter på post vid 307:an.



Under juli hade vi många övningar. Bl a sköt kompanierna med grg och ksp på Dhekelia. Två killar ur 3:e komp tränar på ksp m/58.

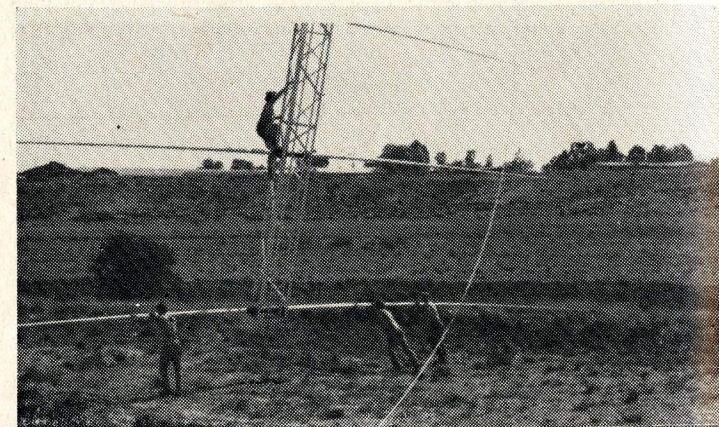
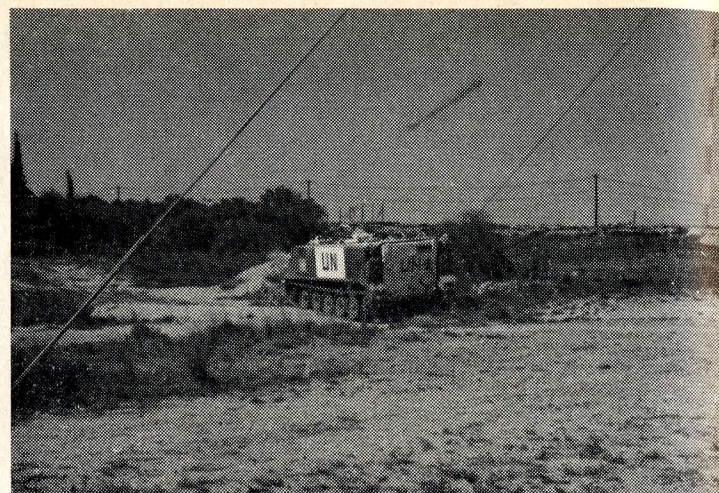
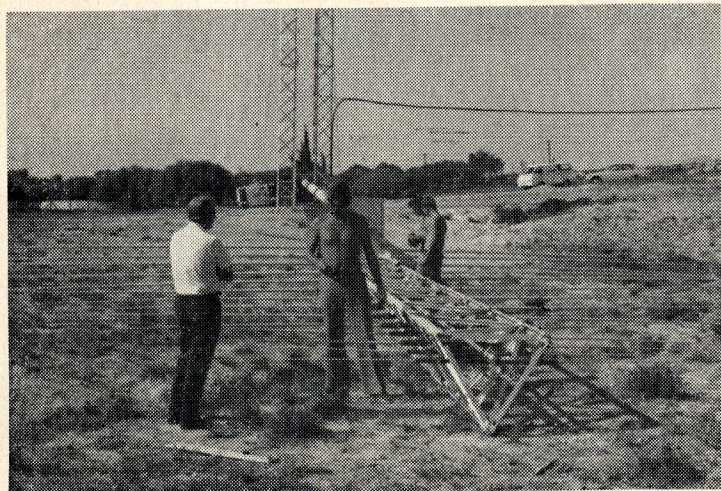


I september fortsatte evakueringarna av turkcyprioter till norra delen av ön. Jan Carlsson, Bo Svensson och Kaj Sandgren, 1:a komp fick bevaka transporterarna genom Nicosia.



Under hela oktober övade högvaktstyrkan flitigt. De vände och marscherade fyra timmar om dagen under lt Tommie Anderssons ledning.

GOING UP



UN SIGNALLERS AT WORK

Putting up a UN ariel is not a simple affair, any more as these pictures show. A new directional antenna was put up recently at BLUE BERET CAMP and took the continued efforts of some civilian radio technicians, some members of our Signal Troop and a Canadian Armoured Personnel Carrier.

Mr. Deans the Chief Administrative Officer talking to Mr. John Knutsen while the antenna was being assembled. Pte Marenette of the Royal Canadian Signals attached to 644 is the background with another technician.

Going up.

FUNNY CUSTOMS



The Signal Troop Detachment at Troodos do not often get visitors, but those who do go there see "the shoe tree", shown in the picture on which departing members nail their shoes.

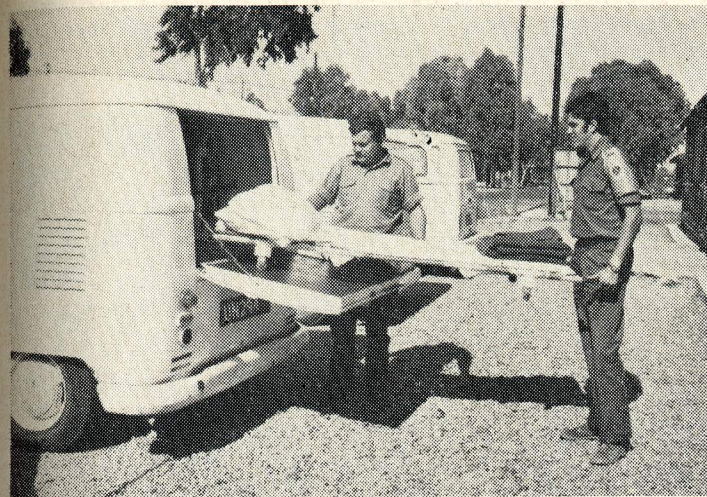
BRITCON NEWS



WHICH NATIONALITY

The four senior NCOs are all British. They are all vehicle mechanics and are attached to AUSCON, DANCON, FINCON and SWEDCON. They met at Nicosia recently on the occasion of the departure of Sgt Jim Scurr at the end of his tour with the Finnish Contingent. From left to right they are Sgts Ted Borda, Ted Spavold and Andy Amos who work with the Danish, Swedish and Austrian contingents respectively.

AUSCON NEWS



Als unschlagbar erwies sich wieder einmal die Rudercrew der 2. JgKp. Was wunder bei dem Schlagmann..... 1. v. 1., 7. v.r..... haben Sie ihn entdeckt?

The Rowing-Crew of the 2nd Rifle Coy unbeatable again.

Nicht weniger stark beschaeftigt als ihr Administrations-UO sind die beiden Ambulanzfahrer Kpl KERN und Gfr ESTERL, die fuer 3 San KW und 1 Hunter verantwortlich sind.

Ambulance Drivers Cpl KERN and Pte I. ESTERL are responsible for 3 Ambulances and 1 VW Hunter, which is a fulltime job.

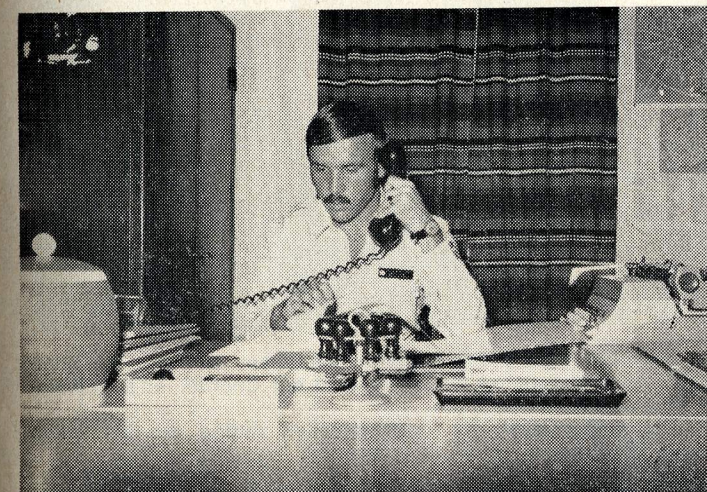
Der im Finale unterlegene StWm MUELLER (rechts) gratuliert dem klar besten Tennisspieler des Bataillons, Hpmt A Dr. CERWENKA, zu dessen ueberlegenem 6:3, 6:0 Finalsieg.

Sgt MUELLER is congratulating the best tennisplayer of the battalion SMO Dr. CERWENKA who won the final 6:3, 6:0.



Unser Kontingents — und Distrikts kommandant, Obstlt RIEGER, briefed Under Secretary-General for Special Political Affairs, Mr. Brian URQUHART, im Gelaende. Im Moment der Aufnahme zeichnet Obstlt RIEGER auf einer Lageskizze gerade jenen Weg ein, ueber den die TKFC in Verletzung des Waffenstillstandsabkommens dauernde Verbindung zur TCF-Stellung in PYLA halten.

CO Auscon Lt. Col. Rieger, briefing the Under Secretary-General for Special Political Affairs, Mr. Brian Urguhart. The briefing took place in the confrontation area, Larnaca District.

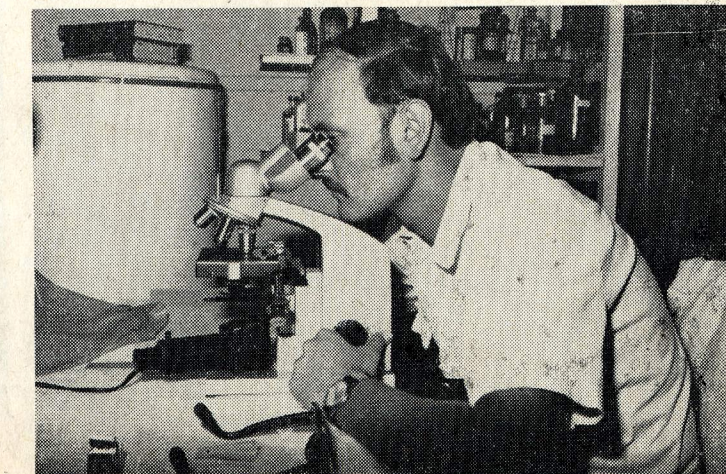


OSTv GRUBER ist ein vielbeschaeftigter Mann: Gleichsam in Personalunion ist er Dienstfuehrender, Wi—, Kzl— und Post UO des UMC. Klar, daß ihm bei dieser Fuehle von Agenden seine langjaehrige Auslandserfahrung zugute kommt.

WO II GRUBER is a busy man: he acts as Chief clerk, Supplies NCO, Postmaster and also C.S.M. of the UMC.

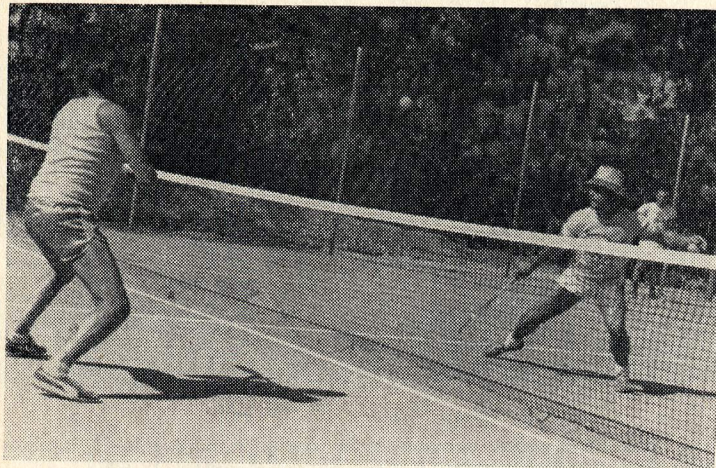
ObWm MUSCHITZ auf der Suche nach GONOKOKKEN.

Sgt MUSCHITZ looking for gono-cocci.



TOURNOI DE TENNIS

Le 14 octobre dernier, prenait fin le tournoi de tennis au sein du Contingent canadien. La compétition fut très forte et ceux qui suivirent le tournoi de près purent voir d'excellents échanges.



Deux adversaires durant le tournoi, le sgt Fiset et le cpl/c Larose.

Two opponents during the tournament, sgt Fiset and MCpl Larose.



Le Cpl/C Campeau vainqueur du tournoi de dards est félicité par le Commandant.

MCpl Campeau winner of the darts tournament is congratulated by LCol J. Painchaud.

Le soldat Paré dans tout son style.
Pte Pare gave a demonstration of his style.

CANCON NEWS



Le Major J. Deschamps nous quittera bientôt pour retourner au Canada.

Major J. Deschamps will soon leave us for Canada.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The 14 October marked the end of the tennis tournament within the Canadian contingent. The competition was of a high caliber and those who observed the matches closely were witness to the talents among the Canadians.



Après la remise des médailles tous prirent un verre à la santé des vainqueurs.

After the presentation of the medals everyone drank to the health of the winners.

HAUT COMMISSAIRE CANADIEN À CHYPRE

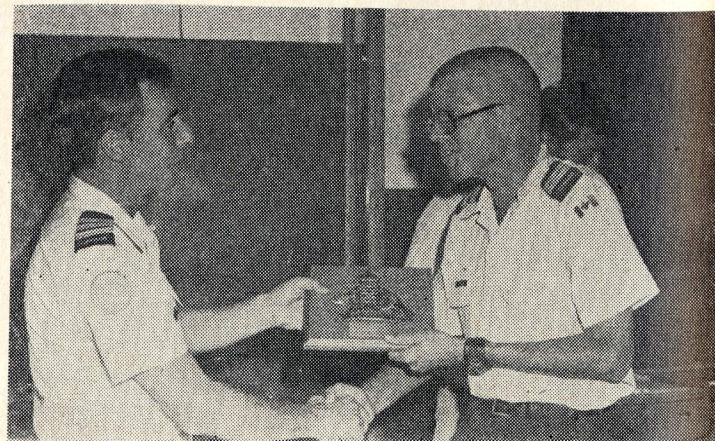
Son Excellence E.G. Lee nouvel ambassadeur canadien en Israël visita le contingent canadien du 15 au 17 octobre.

His Excellency E.G. Lee the new Canadian ambassador to Israel visited the Canadian Contingent from the 15 to 17 October.



L'ambassadeur passe la garde d'honneur en revue en compagnie du commandant de la garde le sgt Chartier et du Lieutenant-Colonel J. Painchaud.

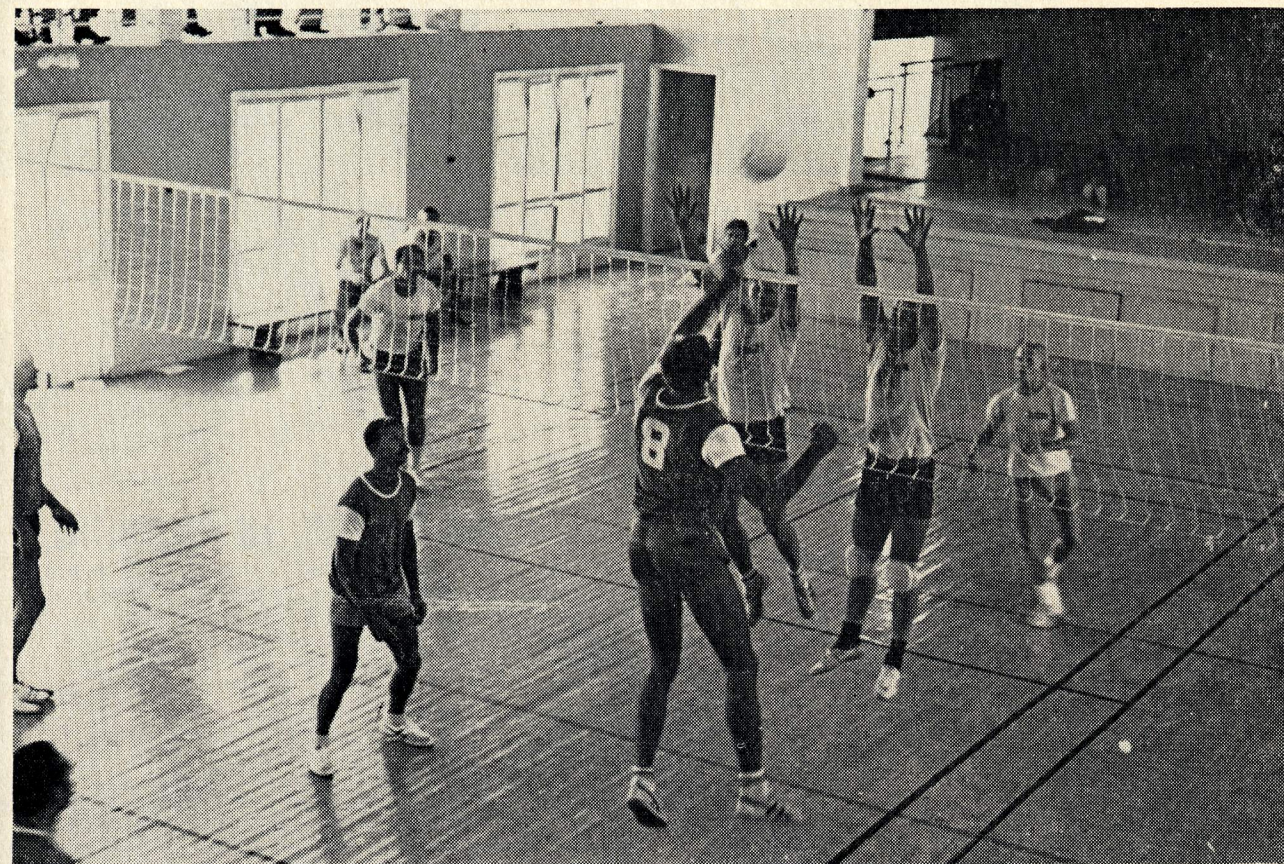
The ambassador was accompanied during the inspection by sgt Chartier and LCol J. Painchaud.



Le Capt. Black nous a quitté la semaine dernière pour retourner au Canada.

Capt. Black left last week to return to Canada.

FINCON PARAS LENTOPALLOSSA



Kontingenttien väliset lentopallokisan pelattiin torstaina 02.10. Wolseley Barracsien hallilla. Aikaisempien vuosien tapaan oli Fincon jäleen ylivoimainen. Ensimmäisessä ottelussa joukkueemme voitti Camp Unficypin puhtaasti 3—0. Finaalissa oli vastassa Canconin yhdistelmä, joilla ei ottelussa ollut mitään sanomista, vaan Fincon hallitsi peliä suvenerisesti. Lopputulokset tässäkin ottelussa oli 3—0. Erät 15—1, 15—3 ja 15—5.

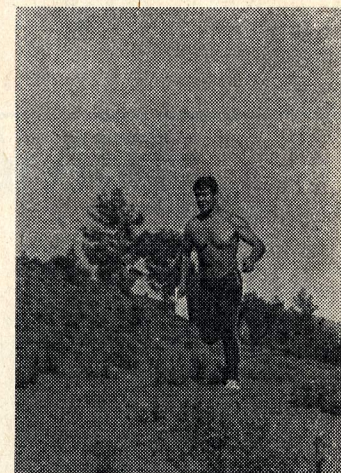
Parisen viikkoa sitten pelatussa pataljoonan sarjassa saatiin vaihteeksi uusi voittaja, kun tämän vuoden aikaisempien kisojen ykkönen 2. IK jätettiin kolmanneksi. Tällä kertaa voiton vei 3.JK, joka voitti kaikki ottelunsa. Seuraavina olivat 1.JK, HK ja EK.

KYPROS - KONSERTTI

Kypros-konsertin osoite on muuttunut. Saarelle lähetettävät terveiset tulee nyt osoittaa YK-toimistolle. Osoite: Puolustusministeriö, YK valvontajoukkotoimisto, PL 31, 00131 HELSINKI 13. Aikaisemmin konsertin valmisti toimittaja Oke Jokinen, joka teki työn omalla ajallaan. Pataljoona on muistan toimittaja Jokista tupakkapöydällä ja vesipiipulla, jotka ovat paikallista käsityötä.

Pataljoonan suunnistusmestaruuskilpailut pidettiin viikon vaihteessa Mitseron kylän lähistöllä. Kilpailuihin otti osaa pari kymmentä suunnistajaa. Kilpailu maasto oli kumpareista ja vaihtelevaa. Pataljoonan mestariksi sarjassa alle 30 v. tuli alik. Lonka ja sarjassa alle 40 v. yll. Valkonen. Kilpailun johtajana oli ylik. Nietula ja retamestarina kers. Erkkola.

Tällä viikolla ovat suunnistajat Unficypin mestaruuskilpailuissa Famagustassa, josta voidaan odotella hyviä sijoituksia.



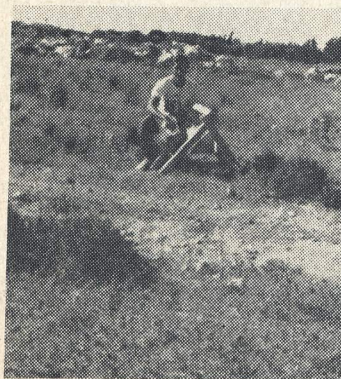
IN THE SERVICE OF PEACE



UNITED NATIONS FORCE IN CYPRUS

*God Jul**Season's Greetings**Rauhallista Joulua**Frohe Weihnachten**Glaedelig Jul**Nallag Fe' Mhause Dhibh**Joyeux Noël*

ORIENTEERING



CHRISTMAS IS COMING

A reminder that there are under 70 days to Christmas is provided by the offer of a choice of UNFICYP Christmas cards this year. These cards are available now. Orders should be accompanied by the correct amount of money and be sent to the Procurement Officer of the Secretariat at HQ UNFICYP. All profits from the sale of the cards will be given to the Force Welfare Fund.

Card A: — The flag and the writing are in UN blue on a white background.

Card B: — The flags and medal are in the correct colours on a white background, with the writing in blue.

The inner Page — This is the same for both cards and has blue writing on a white background.

SPORTS CORNER

The UNFICYP championships in orienteering became a total success for Swedcon. They organized the competition in the Cape Greco area. The course was about 8 kilometers (5 miles) and had six checkpoints. It was tough with plenty of climbing up and down, rocks.

In the first class (under 35 years old) Swedcon had four competitors and they finished in a one-two-three-four order. The winner was Pte Gert Persson from the Swedish workshop. His time was just under one hour.

In the second class (over 35 years old) were two Swedes. They were beaten by WO 1 Kersting, Britcon but took second and third place.

Swedcon also won the team-competition (four men in each team) with 2 hours and 49 minutes over the Fincon team.

Out of 29 starters, 10 men failed to compete the course and they were disqualified. So it really was a tough championship!

Pictures shows the winner Pte Gert Persson when he starts and when he comes to the Finish.

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS



Dancon were the winners when Swedcon arranged the unofficial UNFICYP championships in football on October 11th and 12th. Five teams played in a single series. All the matches were played on the very fine grass of Paralimni football-stadium.

Dancon started with a 4-1 victory over Fincon. Then they beat Swedcon 1-0. The goal was scored just a minute before the signal. Britcon was beaten with

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS - UNFICYP

Week ending 16 October 75	14
Same period last year	22
Total period this year	265
Total for same period last year	253

LESSON OF THE WEEK

Speed does not kill - it's that sudden stop.

3-1 and finally the Danes played 1-1 against Force Reserve.

Dancon won with 7 points and 9-3 in scoring. Swedcon took second place with 6 points and 15-2 and Force Reserve came third with 5 points.

Pictures shows the Danish team and Swedcon's 2 IC Lt Col Per Ribbing is presenting the gold medals to the Danish team.