



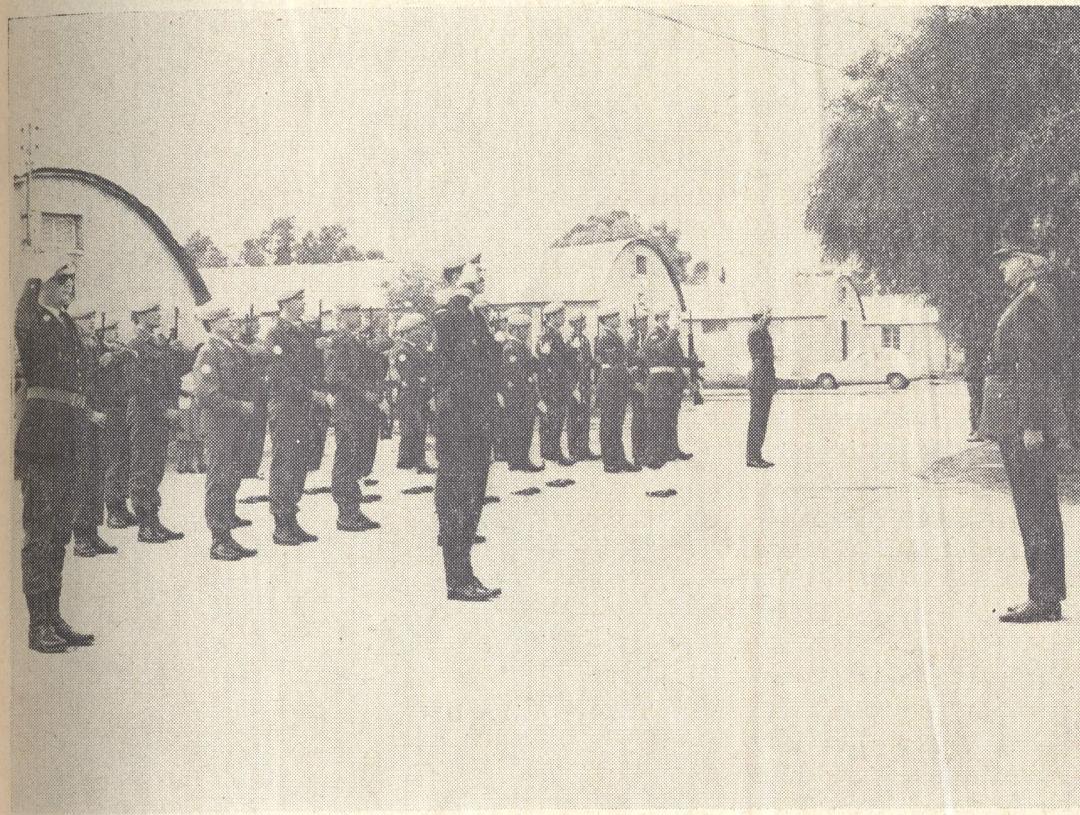
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Guard of Honour for British General



BACK FOR ANOTHER TOUR



Chief Inspector Charly Rabanser is the Administration Officer in the Austrian Civilian Police Contingent. He has come to UNFICYP from the Federal Gendarmerie in Salzburg for his second tour, having been a member of the first AUSCIVPOL contingent in 1964. Before joining the Federal Gendarmerie in 1945, Italian-born Chief Inspector Rabanser had a remarkable military career which began in 1933. He served in the Italian Infantry in Abyssinia and the German Air Force in the Western Desert.

The following message has been received from Mr Paddy Donegan TD the Irish Minister of Defence on the occasion of St Patrick's Day.

"Once again it is my great pleasure to send greetings and best wishes for St Patrick's Day to the officers and men of the Defence Forces serving with the United Nations in the Middle East and in Cyprus. On this our National Feast Day the thoughts of all Irish men and women wherever they may be turn towards the homeland, and I know your thoughts reach out to your families and friends who are celebrating the occasion here in Ireland. You may rest assured that you are in our thoughts also and that in the midst of the festivities we will remember you and look forward to your safe return.

We at home are indeed proud of the important work you are doing for the United Nations and of the great contribution you are making to the cause of peace. We will continue to pray for the continued success of your mission and for your own safety.

May God bless you all."

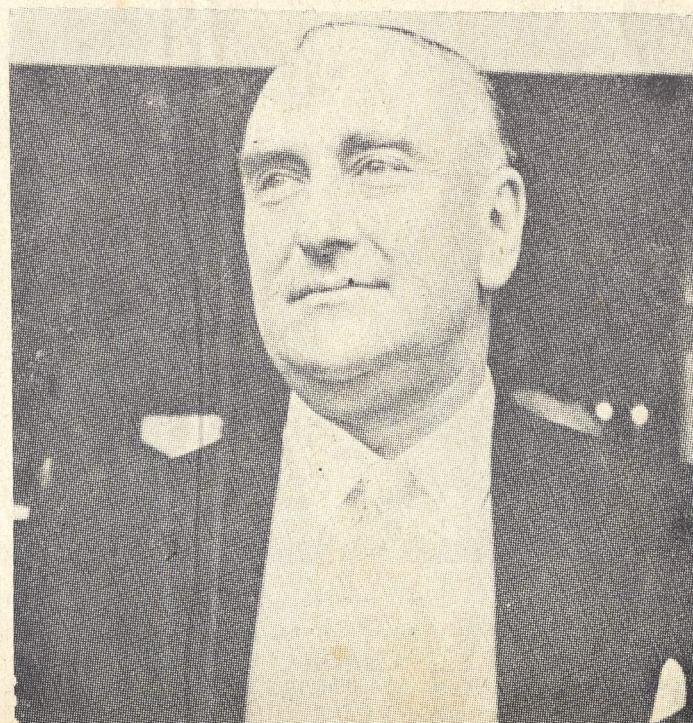
During a recent visit to Cyprus, the Chief of the General Staff of the British Army, General Sir Peter Hunt, GCB, DSO, OBE, ADC General visited UNFICYP Headquarters to call on the Force Commander, Lieutenant General D. Prem Chand, PVSM. On his arrival he was received by a Guard of Honour commanded by Major D. B. Brodie, CD, which consisted of detachments from each of the sectors. He is seen on the left receiving a General Salute from the Guard.

After meeting the Force Commander, General Sir Peter Hunt watched the British Medal Parade; then he visited the International Club in Camp UNFICYP, and met some of the soldiers who had been on the parade.

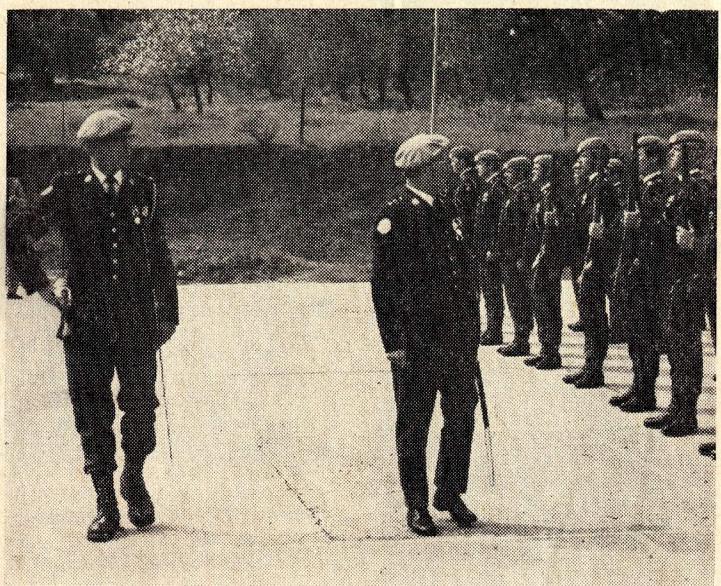
MERCY FLIGHT

A Turkish Cypriot, who had been seriously injured in a traffic accident, was flown from Kokkina to the Golf Course in Nicosia last week in a Whirlwind helicopter of the United Nations Flight of 84 Squadron RAF.

ST PATRICK'S DAY MESSAGE



CHEFSKIFTE VED C-KMP



Torsdag d. 4 MAR skiftede C-KMP chef. På samme dag for nøjagtig 6 mdr. siden tiltrådte MAJ L.A. Andersen posten som chef ved C-KMP. OL T.B. Pilgaard takkede i sin tale ved overdragelsesparaden MAJ L.A. Andersen for en god indsats ved C-KMP, og ønskede samtidig MAJ J.J. Kennild held og lykke med hans nye post som chef for KMP.

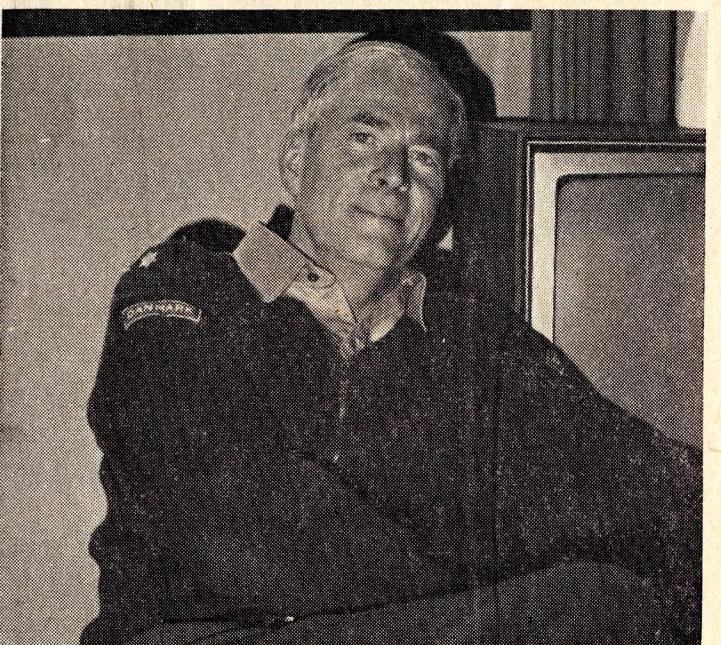
On the 4th of March C. Coy changed Company Commanders, Major L.A. Andersen handed over to Major J.J. Kennild. In the picture (right) the C. Company black and white lanyard is being put on Major J.J. Kennild's shoulder.



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DANCON NEWS

BESØG AF CH/FN-AFD



Ambassadør Perez de Cuellar, Senior Political Advisor Mr. R. Gorge og Chief of Staff Brig. Gen. C.E. Beattie besøgte 15 MAR DANCON for at høre nærmere om situationen i vort område. På billedet ses fra venstre: Brig. Gen. C.E. Beattie, ambassadør Perez de Cuellar, Senior Political Advisor Mr. R. Gorge og yderst til højre MAJ L.S. Arentz.

DANCON har i disse dage besøg af CH/FN-AFD OL A.J. Adolph. Oberstløjtnanten er på Cypern for ved selvsyn at sikre sig, at samarbejdet DANCON-FN-AFD stadig er det bedst mulige. Samtidig benytter OL sig af lejligheden til at få talt med samtlige personelgrupper ved møder i KMP.

The Special Representative of the Secretary General Ambassador Perez de Cuellar, the Senior Political Adviser, Dr. R. Gorge and Brig. Gen. C.E. Beattie CMM CD visited Sector One on 15th March to have a short briefing on the situation in the area.

A DAY ON THE SPORTS FIELD

An interest in sport and fitness has been growing since the Swedish Battalion arrived in Cyprus last October to join UNFICYP. The two camps in Famagusta are well equipped with facilities for running, football, volleyball, bad-

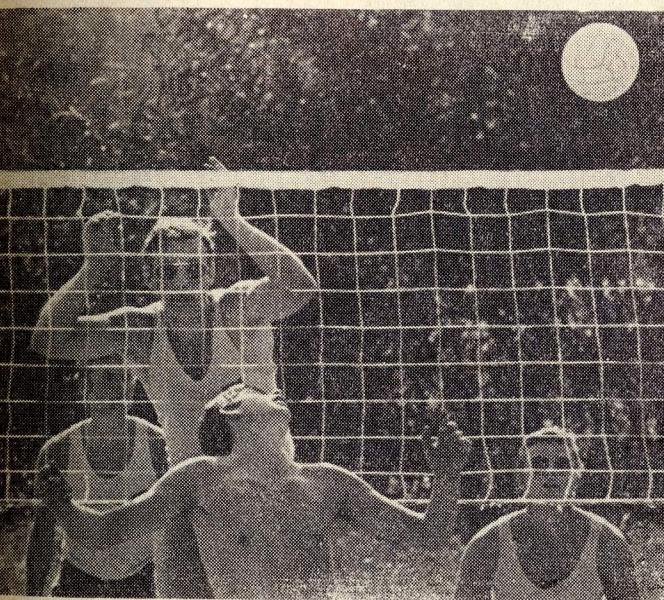
SWEDCON SPECIAL

mington and tennis. In addition each has a "Muscle Range" where weight-lifting is popular.

The OP's too have weight-lifting and body-building equipment, which gets used energetically each day.



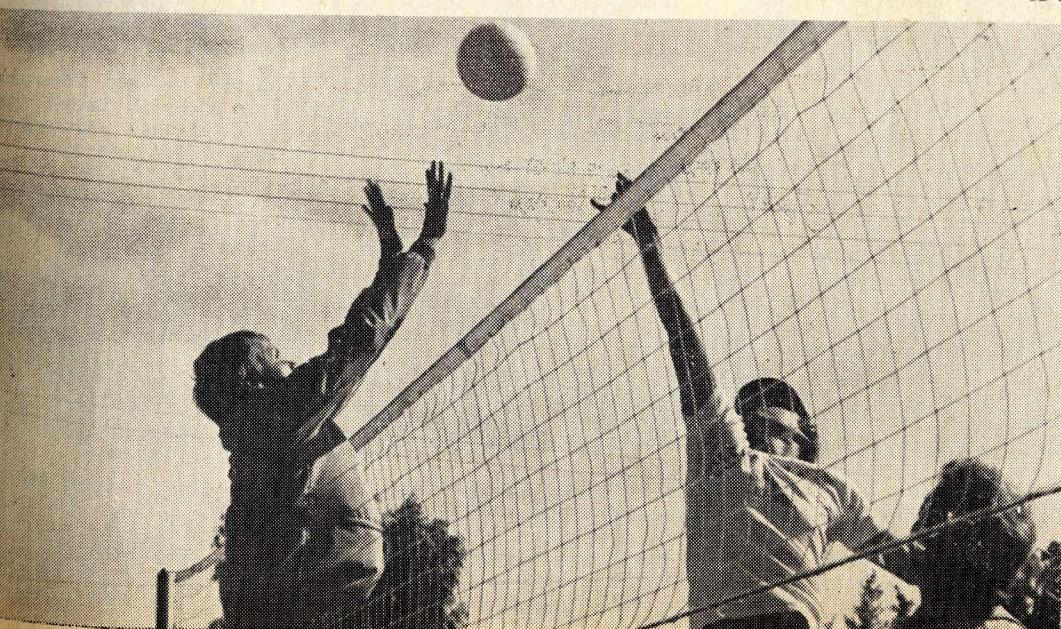
A hard day's work at the "Muscle Range".



Concentration, and tension above the Volleyball net.



A last lift.



Det är egentligen inte att undra över att intresset för idrott har ökat sedan vi kom till Cypern i oktober förra året. Den omfattande träningen har gett riklig utdelning i tävlings sammanhang oavsett om det gällt Force Marsch, slalom eller som nu senast UNFICYP-mästerskapen i fotboll. Och goda tävlingsresultat ger som bekant utslag på intresset.

SWEDISH SUMMARY

Dessutom har en rad OP utrustats med ny idrottsmateriel. Flera har fått ny utrustning för tyngdlyftning andra har tillverkat själv. Huvudaken är att grejorna används och på den punkten kan man alltså inte klaga.

Så när den klart överväktiga bataljon 59 C åker hem i nästa månad så är det förhoppningsvis också några kilo extra muskler med vid invägningen.

BRITISH CONTINGENT HOLDS MEDAL PARADE



The British Contingent Medal Parade was a very special occasion for Major J.R. Herbert and Sergeant M. Hickson, both of the Force Transport Squadron.

The parade took place on Friday, 5th March in the presence of General Sir Peter Hunt, GCB, DSO, OBE, ADC General, Major General C W B Purdon, CBE, MC, GOC NEARELF and many other distinguished guests.

Officers and men from all the units in the British Contingent took part in the parade under the command of Lieutenant Colonel P R G Williams Welsh Guards, during which the Force Commander, Lieutenant General D Prem Chand, PVSM presented United Nations medals to a representative detachment.

General Prem Chand went on to present the Long Service and Good Conduct medal to Sergeant Hickson. This has been awarded to him in recognition of his twenty two years in the British Army. He then presented Major Herbert with the Commander-in-Chief's Commendation for distinguished services, which was awarded to him by the Commander-in-Chief of the British Forces Near East in recognition of his outstanding services during the operations in Cyprus in 1974.

LIFE GUARDS BACK AGAIN



Captain Vickery and Lieutenant Garbutt, C Squadron 14/20 King's Hussars, briefing Captain Musgrave and Lieutenant Hunter of the Life Guards.

THE LIFE GUARDS COME BACK TO UNFICYP

The Force Reserve Squadron for the next six months will be 'A' Squadron The Life Guards. They arrived here last week to take over from 'C' Squadron 14th/20th Kings' Hussars, a repeat of the changeover that took place in 1964 when 'C' Squadron, then based in Libya, was relieved by 'A' Squadron.

The whole Regiment of the Life Guards was in Cyprus in 1964 when UNFICYP was formed. Some of the officers and men at present serving in the Squadron were in Cyprus at that time.

'A' Squadron has come to UNFICYP from Windsor, where it was a part of the 3 Division Armoured Reconnaissance Regiment.

'C' Squadron leave Cyprus having beaten the other British units in the Force in most of the UNFICYP and British Contingent sporting competitions. They have gone to rejoin their Regiment in Germany, and take some well earned leave.



On Friday 12th March the Chief of Staff, Brigadier General C. E. Beattie, CMM, CD visited Sector Two. The General is seen during his visit at one of the OP's in Number Three Company's area with Lieutenant Colonel P R G Williams, Captain C R Watt and Lance Sergeant Flanagan, the OP Commander.

The new and old Squadron Leaders, Major J. Bodell and Major P. Harman photographed during their handover.



Recent visitors to the MPIO's Office were Major J. Tedder, Grenadier Guards, the Staff Captain A in HQ BRITCON, and his relief Major P. Bradley DERR who are seen talking to Miss Diana Down.

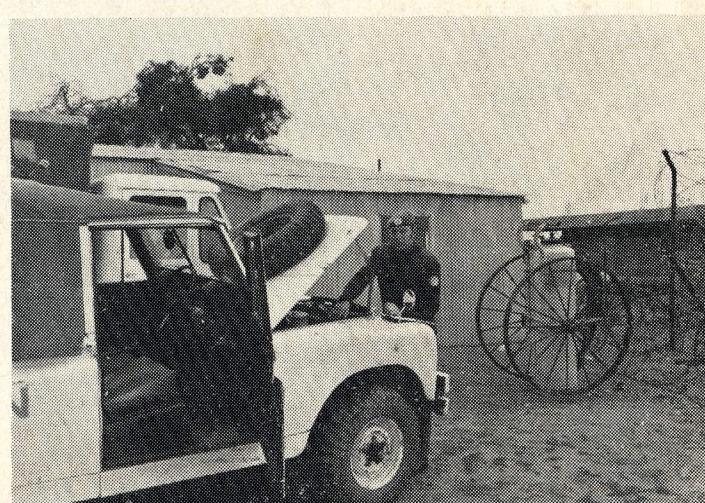


VIP BEIM AUSCON



Am Montag, den 15. Maerz besuchte der britische Defence Adviser Col HUNTER das AUSCON. Bei einem Besuch der UNDMZ wurde er von Obstl FRITZ in die Lage eingewiesen. Als bewahrter Begleitoffizier fungierte einmal mehr Hptm SINTLER.

The British Defence Adviser, Colonel Hunter, visited AUSCON along with Lt Col Fritz and Capt Sintler.



Eine bewahrte Hilfe fuer unser Kontingent ist der britische Sgt Jim BLADY, der fuer die Instandsetzung unserer Land-Rover sorgt.

A well known and popular NCO in AUSCON is Sgt Jim Blady REME who is responsible for the maintenance of Sector Five's land-rovers.

AUSCON NEWS

Einen Monat hindurch verliessen taeglich um halb sieben Uhr vier LKWD das Camp DUKE LEOPOLD V. in Richtung LIMA MASSOL und kehrten immer erst spaeht nachmittags zurueck. Im Rahmen des humanitaeren Hilfsprogramms waren 900 Tonnen an Hilfsgueter in den Nordteil der Insel zu transportieren. Am 17. Februar wurde diese Aktion gestartet. Seither haben unsere Fahrer 11.241 kilometer unfallfrei zurueckgelegt.

CHILDRENS PARTY



Some of the children pose with the Drummers.

REGIMENTAL DAY

Each year, March 17th is celebrated as the Regimental Day of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. This date commemorates the birthday of our final Colonel-in-Chief, Princess Patricia of Connaught.

The Regimental Day is traditionally celebrated with sports games during the day, and games in all of the Messes in the evening. This year, unfortunately March 17th was also the chosen for the first of the talks, held as provided for at the round of talks in Vienna, which CANCON has the responsibility of providing both accommodation and security. Therefore the sports aspects of the were postponed until Saturday March 20th.

However, although the date changed, the spirit and tradition behind the Regimental Day did not. Inter-Company polo (in the newly re-opened Ledra Palace pool) was enjoyed by all as well as the traditional game of BROOM-LOO.

Broom-loo, which was played on both an inter-company and inter-mess basis, is a game close to the Patricia's. Played on a "specially prepared" field of sand and other assorted "goodies", the team tries to hit a volleyball through the opponents goal brooms, feet, arms, etc. etc. virtually no rules and an "anything goes" attitude, it is genuinely a very rough game but lots of fun!!!



Pte Fred Olsen watching members of the Press.

CANCON NEWS

Part of Sector 4's operational task is to provide security for the meeting held in the Ledra Palace Hotel, as provided for at the Fifth Round of the Cyprus Talks. With these talks now occurring on the average of once a week, 3PPCLI has been pretty busy.



Two of the children seen in an APC above, while below one little girl enjoyed her cake.



The Director of the Evangelismos Home, Mr. Neophito, said that such activities are not only great fun for the children but also help with their speech therapy, as it gives them something unusual to stimulate new thought and speech.

All in all, it was a very rewarding experience both from the point of view of the children, and that of the soldiers who helped out.

An important part of Sector 4's responsibilities is in the economic and humanitarian fields. To this end our Ops E Section recently held parties in both Kyrenia and Nicosia for Turkish and Greek Cypriot retarded children.

72 children and 12 staff members from the Evangelismos Home for Retarded children in Nicosia attended the party at the Ledra Palace, which featured a concert by the 3PPCLI Corps of Drums, a feast of cake, cookies and ice-cream and rides in APC's and jeeps. A half dozen or so children attended a similar party a few days later on the Kyrenia water-front.

PRENIKAT RINTAAN



Force Commander presenting a medal accompanied by CO FINCON Lt Col Olli Lopponen and ADC Capt Jyrki Ratia.

★ Vain 22 mitalinsaajaa sai rintaansa koristeen tunnustuksena nuhtetusta kolmen kuukauden palveluksesta. Miehiä ei ollut monta, mutta paraati pidettiin ja Force Commander ripusti prenikat rintaan. Merkkimiesten lisäksi tilaisuudessa olivat mukana heidän suoranaiset esimiehensä sekä kapt T Revon johtama lipujoukkue.

Tuulisessa säässä ei tarvinnut kauan seistä, sillä hetimiten päästiin käsiksi asiaan. Uusien sinivalkoisten mitalinauhojen loistossa miehisten rintapeliissä Force Commander piti puheen, jossa hän korosti jokaisen YK-miehen velvollisuutta ja vastuuta rauhantilan jo tasapainon säilyttämisessä. Kenrli Prem Chand toi julkii tyytyväisyysensä sen johdosta, että saajien joukossa oli kaikkien alojen edustajia, oli vartiojääkäriä, viestimiehiä, huoltomiehiä sekä esikunnan väkeä.

Hän korosti puheessaan alueemme vastuullisuutta. Huostassamme on Ketsupin lisäksi monia Camppeja, huoltoysiköitä sekä kansainvälinen lentokenttä kallisarvoisine koneineen ja laitteineen.

Ohimarsia ei joukkojen pieniin takia suoritettu, vaan maj P. Huutason komentamat joukot poistuivat ryhdiästä takaoikaiselle ja mitalimiehet jatkoivat sieltä matkaansa Corneriin lounaalle.

ENGLISH SUMMARY

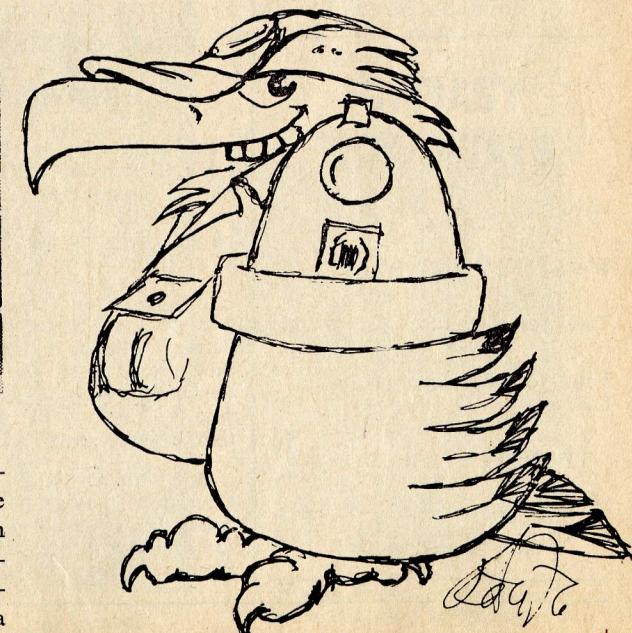
A mini medal parade took place on 19th March with 22 soldiers receiving medals and the flag platoon on parade. On the left Lt Gen Prem Chand is seen presenting a medal.

In his speech the Force Commander emphasized the duty and the responsibility of every UN soldier to help preserve peace. He also thanked all those receiving medals for their excellent service to UNFICYP.

When a part of FINCON moved to Gleneagles Camp two months ago and its name was changed to FINEAGLES Camp, Pte Seppo Yrjola gave the idea shape by painting a humorous figure of an eagle. The "Fineagle painting" is located on the sign board at the gate of the Camp. The design is also used on all the vehicles in the Camp, it is seen on the Private's Mess Sign and also on the shirts of SrLt Taponen's platoon. Now it is planned that it will decorate the shirts of the Fincon hockey team as well.

The painting can not help but make you smile. The dress is not according to our orders and the cap is too big. But you recognise him being a FINCON soldier from his well-fed stomach, happy face and from the twinkle in his eyes.

FINNEAGLE VIHTYY JA LEVIÄÄ



Finneaglesin isä, jääk Reijo Yrjölä, ajelee työkseen ykkösen autoja ja piirtelijä ihan supana. Hänenä ei ole aivan määräysten mukainen ja lakkikin on hieman liian syvä. Aidoksi finneaglesiksi sen kuitenkin tunnistaa hyvinvoivan näköisestä vatsasta, iloisesta ilmeestä ja pilkeestä silmäkulmassa.

SWEDCON WINS BY LAST PENALTY



TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Week ending 19 Mar 76 18

Same period last year 23

Total for the year 61

Total for the same period
Last year 65

LESSON OF THE MONTH

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

FIELD OPERATIONS

SERVICE

The Secretariat at Headquarters UNFICYP have received a number of inquiries about the Service since the article about it was published in the last issue of the Blue Beret.

If any of our readers are interested in applying for the Field Service with the United Nations, they should visit the Secretariat Personnel and Travel Officer who will help with the preparation of their applications.

Recruitment into the Field Operations Service takes into account "geographical distribution"; for example the twenty six Field Service Officers in UNFICYP

ANOTHER NEW STAMP

The United Nations Postal Administration will be issuing a new series of stamps featuring the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on 23rd April 1976. These stamps and attractive first day covers will be on sale as usual in the Finance Office at HQ UNFICYP.

come from fourteen different countries. The countries of the military contingents in the Force are represented among the FSO's by one from Denmark, two from Austria, five from Ireland and four from the UK.

SPORTS NEWS

The UNFICYP annual Inter-contingent Football competition was held at Nicosia last week, and resulted in the kind of finish that few people have ever seen before.

The final game for the trophy was between the Swedish and Danish teams. It was a really exciting game that looked as though it would finish at the end of the second half with a 2:1 win for the Swedish team, when in the last seconds the Danes scored the equalising goal.

The game continued through two further periods of extra-time without addition to the score. Each side then had to take six penalties alternately. When five kicks each had been taken, the score was five all; then the Swedish team scored its sixth goal, and everything rested on the last Danish kick which the Swedish goal-keeper managed to save. The score in penalties was 6:5 to the team from Sector Six, who were presented with their trophies by the Force Commander.

