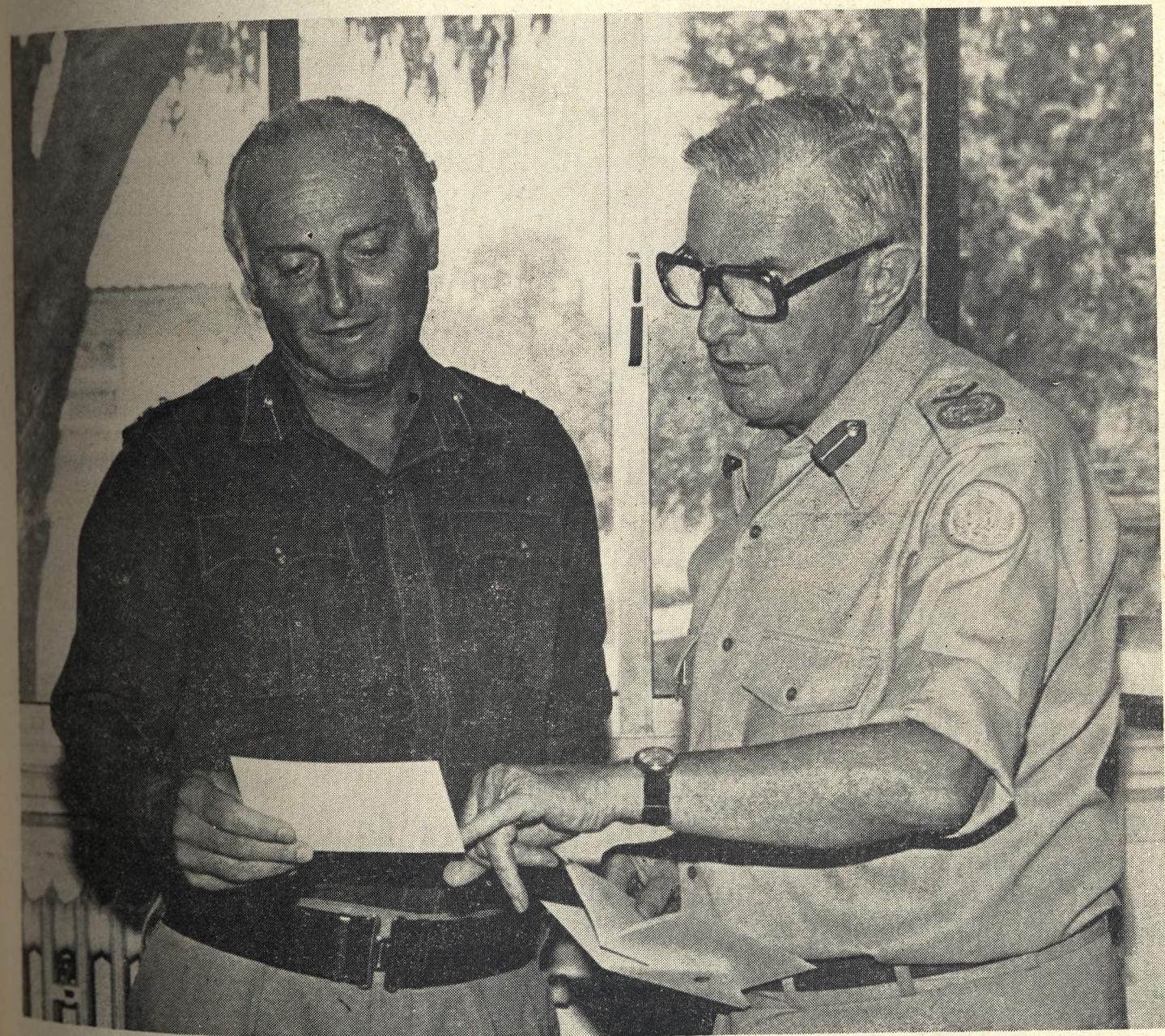




9th August 1978

BRITISH GENERAL VISITS BBC



On Tuesday, 1st August Maj. Gen. W. R. Taylor, Commander British Forces Cyprus, visited all the BRIT-CON units based in Blue Beret Camp, Nicosia. In the picture he is seen talking to the Force Commander when he visited him before setting out on his tour of Blue Beret Camp.

“JUNTA MEETING” AT SECTOR 5

At one stage during their tour, the Sector Commanders assembled in the village of Pyla where, on the right, they are pictured outside the coffee house. Left to right: Lt. Col. Lars Wanrud, Sector 5, Lt. Col. Walter Fritz, the new Commander Sector 6, Lt. Col. David Houlton, Sector 2, Maj. Richard Coghlan, Force Reserve, Lt. Col. Heinz Oberwinkler, the outgoing Commander Sector 6, Lt. Col. Walther Elsberg, Sector 1. From Pyla the party travelled by open landrover to OP S20 on the heights above the village.



SWEDCON
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The Swedish Contingent was host for the latest Sector Commanders' meeting on 27th July. All commanders were present except for Lt. Col. L.W. MacKenzie of Sector 4 who was on leave in Western Germany.

The day started with a short briefing given by the Swedish Commander, Lt. Col. Lars Wanrud and the SOO, Maj. Bertil Mattsson. After the briefing the commanders set out for a tour of Sector 5. When the tour of the various company camps and OPs was completed, the party returned to Larnaca for lunch. After lunch, the assembly was offered the chance of a bathe and refreshments at "The Flamingo", the Swedish Leave Centre, but surprisingly there was little response.

Tennis Champions

For the third year running, Swedcon succeeded in winning the team prize in the UNFICYP Tennis Competition. After a tough final match against Auscon with a 2-2 result the Swedish team came out the winner having won most sets.

Pte Lars Olsson, also of the Swedish Contingent won through to the singles final but lost to Lt. Michael Lower of Sp Regt with a score of 6-7 and 3-6.

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Claes Lars Olsson, Thomas Rosenberg and Bertil Johansson.



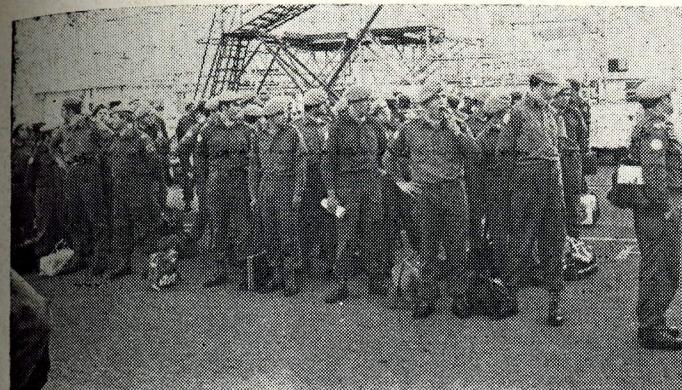
Pte Lars Olsson is above seen fighting bravely against Lt. Michael Lower in the final... but he was beaten. Below he is seen being presented with his prize by COS, BGEN J.A. Cotter.



The UNFICYP Tennis Champions, from left to right, Claes Lars Olsson, Thomas Rosenberg and Bertil Johansson.



New Faces at Sector 6

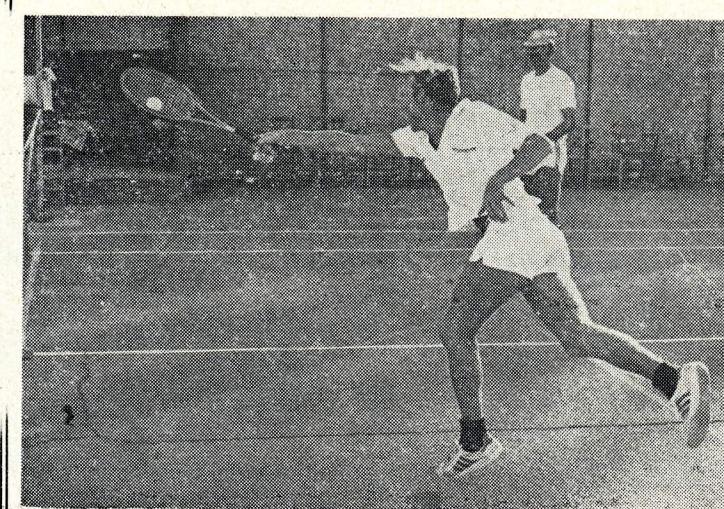


On Wednesday 26th July the first part of the Auscon rotation took place. A total of 60 officers, NCOs and soldiers arrived at Larnaca Airport early in the morning. The "newcomers" arrived at day break and gazed around with tired but bright eyes forming their first impression of their new posting — Cyprus. As they made their way to the buses waiting for them they passed "the old soldiers" on their way back to Austria and were greeted by taunting calls of "Gecko"! The buses took them to Camp Duke Leopold V where they began their first day with briefings, welcome speeches followed by routine signing for equipment. Among the arrivals were soldiers who had served with the Austrian contingent some time ago, and they were surprised when briefed about the changed situation and the new tasks of the Battalion. During the first few days the newcomers felt slightly overwhelmed as they took over their new tasks, however within

three months they will be "old Cypriots" and will welcome the next group of "geckos" with a taunt and a knowing smile.



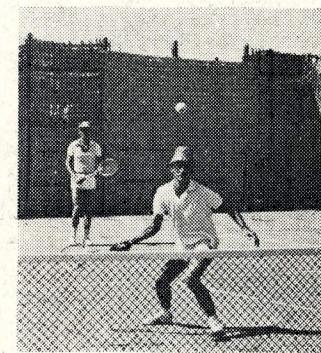
A few days after the rotation, another important event took place. On Saturday, 29th July, the new CO Auscon, Lt. Col. Walter Fritz, assumed command of the Battalion. As a symbolic act, the whole Austrian Contingent paraded whilst Lt. Col. H. Oberwinkler handed over the Austrian banner to the new Commanding Officer.



It's worth a headline! The Auscon tennis team came in second! The successful team consisting of Maj. A. Eigenthaler, Capt. P. Prasch, Lt. W.G. Zlamala, SSgts Muller and Auer together with 1/Cpl Orish fought hard right through to the final game.

Above — A backhand to intimidate the opponents.

Below — This one is going where I want it to!



AUSCON



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OUTGOING ANTICS

The departing soldiers left behind them a dummy hanging by its neck with a placard which read "Geckos, you poor swine"! Perhaps a hint of sarcasm, as most enjoy their time in Cyprus.

HOME LINK

Everyone in the contingent is keen to keep in close contact with Austria. Because of this we think of the radio operator of the so called "Heimatfunk" as the key of the door to home.



PEACEFUL HAVEN — THE LIBRARY

Again we highlight one of the many jobs whose importance is often overlooked — the librarian. After an exhausting day either on the line or in an office there is no better way to relax than with a book. Even an empty beach can become interesting with the added spice of literature.



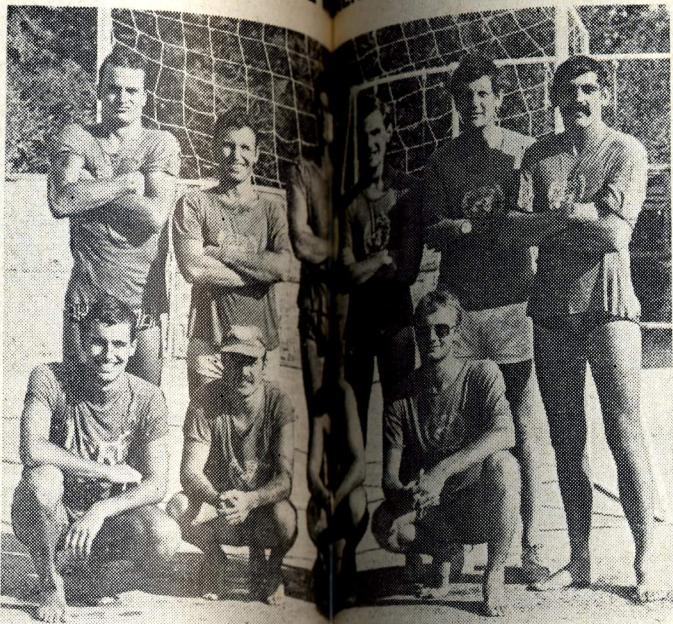
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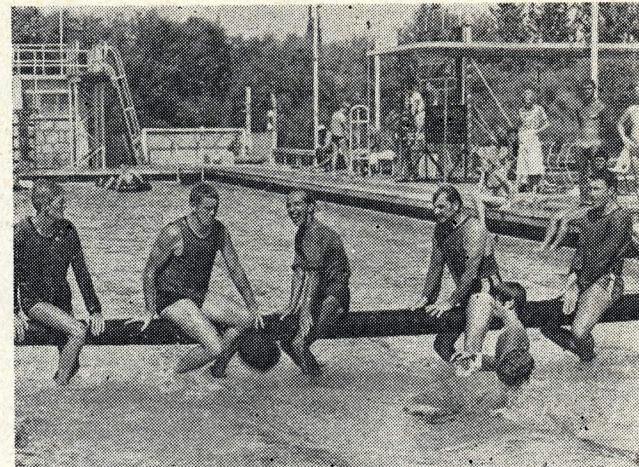
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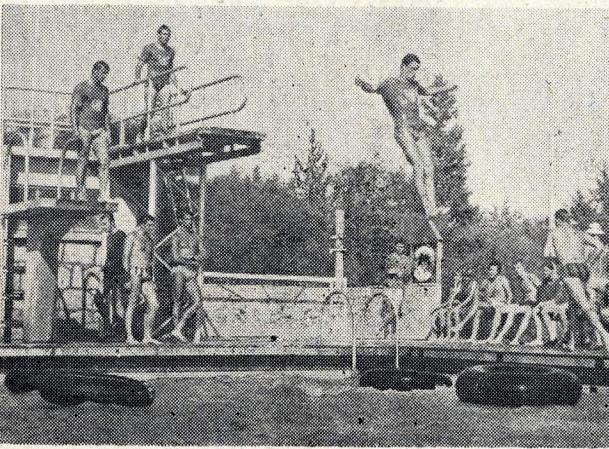
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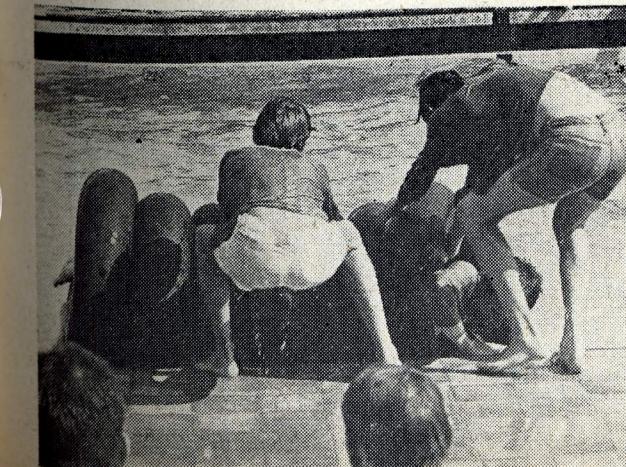
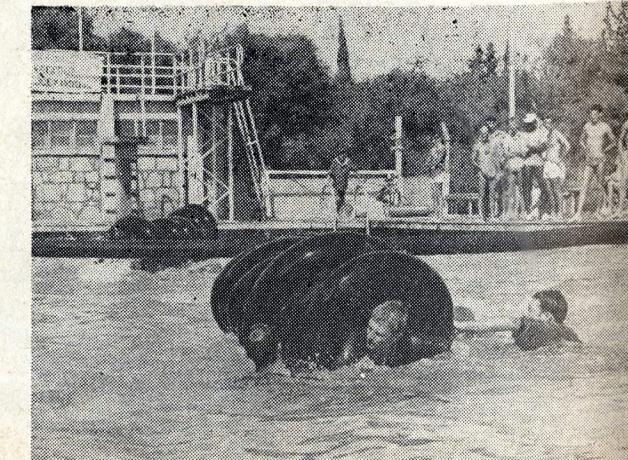
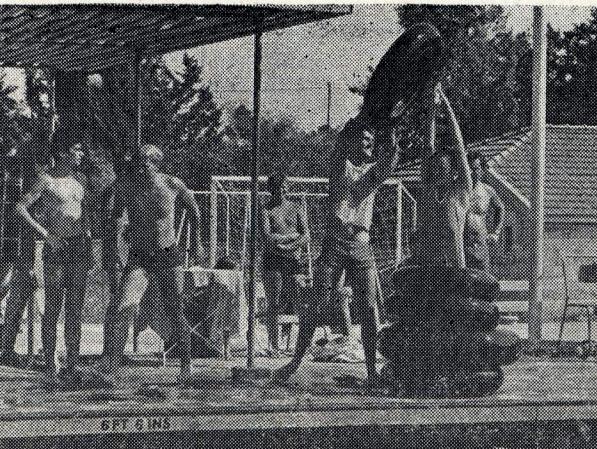
SHORT LIVED CATAPULT



MARATHON



AQUATIC MICHELIN MAN



BRITCON FINAL

On the afternoon of Wednesday 26th July, four teams assembled at the BBC Pool to compete for the final of the BRITCON "It's a Knockout" — a competition full of crazy water games. The idea was taken from the competition by the same name which is seen on TV in the UK and when shown on Eurovision is known as "Jeux Sans Frontier".

The first game of the afternoon was a "form" of basketball, in which the participants had to score baskets from a slippery pole spanning the width of the pool. The Sp Regt team walked away with 8 points — having used their Joker which doubled their score.

Between games a "Mini-Marathon" was played — in the true "Jeux sans Frontier" tradition. This was a strenuous event in which the aim was for the teams to amass the highest possible score by jumping from the diving boards into differently scoring inflated inner tubes that were anchored to the bottom of the pool. 1 RRF dominated this game showing great stamina and spirit.

The next remarkable event required the teams in turn to form a fire-chain passing buckets full of water along a floating path across the pool and then empty the buckets into a tub on the far side; the total amount of water in the tub being measured when the whistle was blown. The Youth team showed foresight in using their Joker, for they came home with 6 pts and won the game.

The following game involved two teams at a time, one sitting astride a pole across the pool, the other attempting to shoot bags from a catapult so that they went over the pole their opponents were seated upon. Unfortunately, a technical hitch brought the game to an end — the Youth team managed to break the catapult! A short break was announced and the pool suddenly overflowed with spectators, enjoying an unexpected cool dip in the hot afternoon.

Revealing impressive initiative a new game was quickly "invented" — "The Michelin Man", which turned out to be the most amusing of the games. Each team had to move as many of its members across the pool as quickly as possible — inside a stack of tyres! The most difficult part of the game was the removal of the "Michelin Man" from the pool at the far end!!

The most ingenious game of the afternoon, maybe, was the Jousting — on floating bikes! The idea was for one of the combatants to achieve a strike by bursting a small balloon on the other's bike. However, to do this he had to hit the hinged lid of a can attached to the back of the bike. If the lid was hit it closed and a pin inside the lid burst the balloon which was in the can!

Very involved!! One amusing hazard of the game was that any violent evading action by a rider caused his mount to turn turtle! At this game the Force Reserve/84 Sqn RAF team excelled and proved unbeatable!

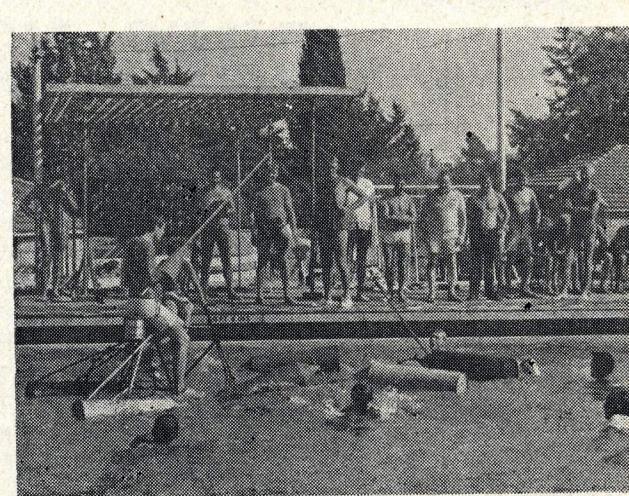
Finally we witnessed the Boat Race! In this game all the teams set off together with one member of the group in the boat — blindfolded — the remainder in inner tubes tied on behind. Upon reaching a pole across the pool, the boats had to pass underneath and the players over — which caused a few problems. 1 RRF again showed their winning form and romped home yards ahead of their opponents, and so became overall winners of the competition.

The whole idea of the competition was to give competitors and spectators alike an afternoon of fun and this it certainly did. Although the Youth Team came last in the results, they deserve a pat on the back for taking on their seniors and giving them a good run for their money.

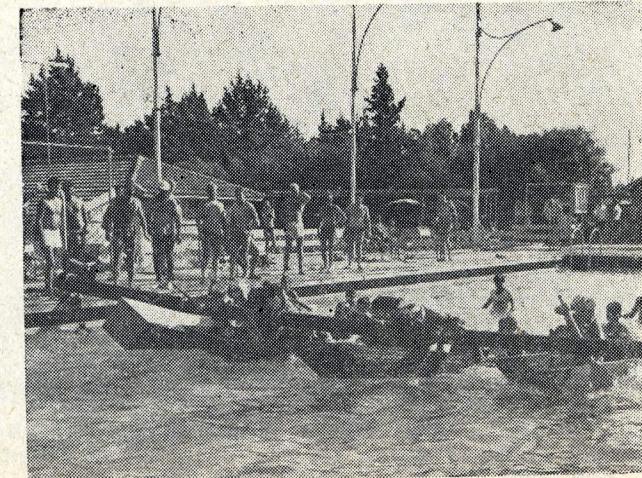
Now the idea is to have an inter-contingent "It's a Knockout".

How about it, all you others?

By a visiting reporter.



BOAT RACE FINALE





A light hearted moment during the visit to 84 Sqn RAF UN Det. Left to right: CBFC, Sqn Ldr S.M.V. Situnayake, F.S. Jack Abbott, Sgt Eric Ridsdale.

CBFC Visits BRITCON



At the RAF Fire Section CBFC meets Fireman Violaris whilst Fireman Stassi looks on.



At Force Reserve CBFC chats to members of the standby troop. Left to right: Lt. J.A. Fife, CBFC, Tpr Dave Corbin, Lcpl Tom Hume, Tpr Chris Harris, Cpl Jim Bond.



For the second year running the singles champion came from BRITCON. After a hard fought match Lt. Michael Lower of REME Workshops beat Pte Lars Olsson of SWEDCON in straight sets 6-7 and 3-6.

TENNIS SINGLES CHAMPION

"A COMPANY"



Before going out on the line each soldier is thoroughly inspected by his Section Commander. Left to right, Sgt John Elson, Pte Ron Hamilton and Pte Ray Venedam.

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In the following issues a series of articles will appear designed to give you, the reader, a greater appreciation of the organisation of the Canadian Contingent here in Cyprus. What better way to start than by portraying some of the soldiers who have the responsibility of manning Observation Posts in the United Nations Buffer Zone!

Alpha Company is one of two Rifle Companies of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry within Sector Four manning the "LINE". Commanded by Major Charlie Jurek, A Company has a strength of approximately 108 personnel who man 7 Observation Posts and Check Points 24 hours a day. In addition, some of its officers, NCOs and men are constantly roving the Buffer Zone to ensure the status quo is maintained! For these soldiers the job at times becomes frustrating and boring but you can be assured that the soldiers of A Company are interested and contributing to PEACE!



Behind every good company there stands a strong Company Commander and Company Sergeant Major. Right to left, Major Charlie Jurek and MWO Phil Baumgarten of A Company.



The soldiers who man Observation Posts in Nicosia require an intimate knowledge of every detail of the Buffer Zone in their area to assist them in maintaining the Status Quo. Three of these soldiers are (left to right), Pte John McDougall, Pte Alan Coles and Pte Phil Best.



Visitors are a regular occurrence to the line. Above Lt. Mike Morneau, the Platoon Commander of 1 Platoon A Company briefs the PPCLI Colonel-in-Chief, Lady Patricia Brabourne, in the walled city of Nicosia.



Pte Mike Goodwin of the A Company Standby Platoon mans the Ledra South Checkpoint (C-40) to control access into the Ledra Palace/Wolseley Barracks areas.



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Pte Don McNabb carries out maintenance on an Armoured Personnel Carrier. The APCs belong to the standby platoon, which each of the three A Company platoons become two weeks out of six.

LIMNITIS CAMP - C COY



The changing of the Guard at the main entrance to Limnitis Camp. Left to right, Lcpl J.E. Tonder and Pte F.B. Christensen.

DANCON



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Originally the camp was a rather primitive one but over the years it has been transformed into a comfortable, nissen hutt camp, thanks to the imagination and initiative of Charlie Company personnel. The overall effect of the camp has been further improved with well tended gardens surrounded by white painted stones. C Coy, the largest company in Dancon, lives in Limnitis Camp. The company consists of one hundred and thirty six men of which thirty three are based in the platoon



The new "Sludge Ditch" is inspected by Cpl B.E. Pedersen and Pte A. Olsen.

sized camp at Kokkina. Ten OPs are manned by personnel from C Coy. The never ending arrival and departure of helicopters is one of the company's distinguishing characteristics. These helicopters are used to resupply and visit our OPs as they are very difficult and time-consuming to reach by road. The resupply of

the OPs is carried out three times a week. The social life in the messes of C Coy is very active due to the isolated location of the camp; there is no possibility of going to town in the evenings and, as a result, there is a "Full House" in the messes almost every night.



OP Squad D13 from 1st Platoon at Limnitis Camp with their supplies waiting for their helicopter. Left to right, Pte J. Simonsen, Cpl T. Hansen and Lcpl M. Munk.

FAREWELL OLFERT.

We are sorry to announce that the donkey, OLFERT, our mascot and "good adviser" for many years died on 27 July in Viking Camp after a sudden and short illness.



OP D14 KAMBOS ROAD. Members of the OP relax after a day's work having completed construction of the new sleeping accommodation seen in the left rear of the picture. Seen left to right, Cpl P. Larsen, Lcpl K. Nielsen, Lcpl C.P. Hansen and Pte J.B. Jensen.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Two weeks ending 4th August	12
Same period last year	7
Total for the year	154
Total same time last year	128

LESSON OF THE FORTNIGHT — Look for the guy on two wheels.