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Capt. D. Brell Auscon at speed on a curve.

BRITCON CAPTAIN FASTEST SKIER

The UNFICYP Skiing Competition on Mount Olympus last Thursday was won by Captain P.M.D. Vigors from the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards. Private I. Pichler from Auscon was second and Lieutenant J.P.G. Wathen, again from Britcon, third.

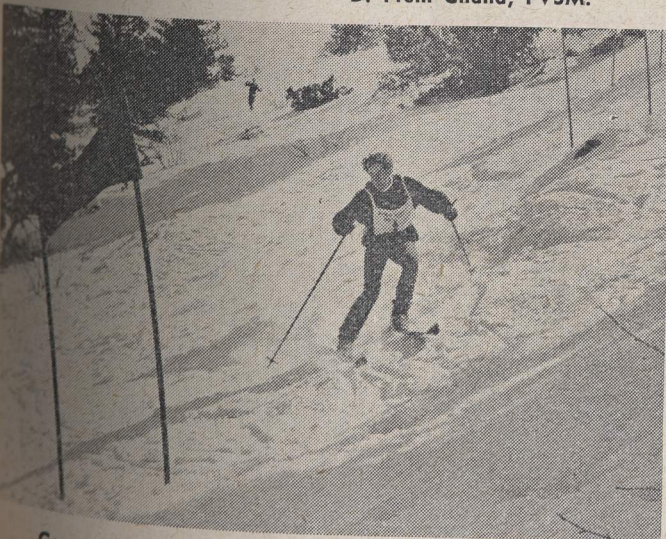
Captain Vigors came down the 350 meters long Slalom in 52 and 51 seconds. The other times were, No 2, 54 and 55 seconds and No 3, 65 and 57 seconds respectively.

The fastest run of the day, however, was by Inspector H. Hans-tanger of the Austrian Civilian Police, who came down in 50 seconds on his second run. His

← The winner Capt. P.M.D. Vigors receives the gold medal from the Force Commander Major General D. Prem Chand, PVSM.

first run, however, was 1.21 which left him in 11th place in the final list

The weather was fine, with bright sunshine and the skiing conditions were not too good. There was one small accident when one of the competitors ran into a pine tree on his way down and hurt his leg. Except for this mishap the day went very well and the event was well organised by Auscon.



Capt. P.M.D. Vigors, Britcon on his way down the slope.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING PART III

SPEED: The rule is that vehicles must be driven at a reasonable and prudent speed according to traffic, road and weather conditions. If there is a choice between maintaining a schedule or driving at an unsafe speed, the safe speed must be selected. It is better to be a few minutes late than to be involved in an accident.

ALERTNESS: Keep alert in areas where children or pedestrians are to be expected. Each child is a living caution sign. Restricted zones are danger areas.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFICYP

During the past week the following countries have contributed towards the cost of the UN Peace Keeping Force in Cyprus:-

Australia—US \$100,000.00

Guyana — US \$ 2,190.60

Japan — US \$300,000.00

UNFICYP FOOTBALL

The Inter-contingent Soccer Competition is now well under way. The results from the first series of matches are as follows:

A League:

Fincon 0 — Auscon 5

Cancon 0 — Fincon 6

Britcon 1 — Auscon 0

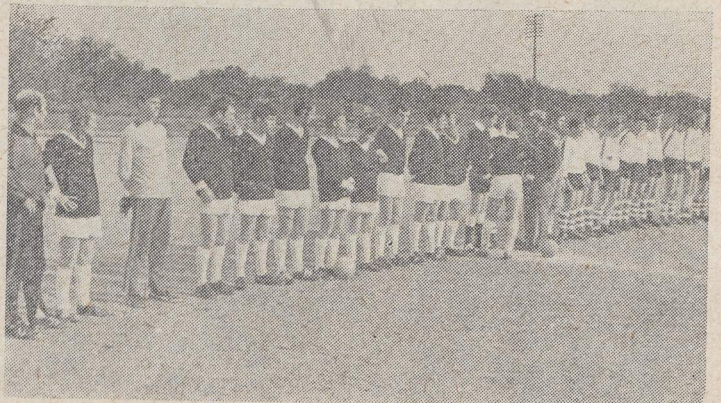
B League:

Dancan 6 — UNCivpol 0

Force Res 3 — Camp UNFICYP 4

The semi-finals will be played on the 12th and 14th of March and the losers will play on the 19th of March. The final is due to take place on the 21st of March.

The photograph shows Britcon (left) and Auscon prior to their hard fought match which Britcon eventually won by a goal to nil.



GOD START FOR DANCONS FODBOLD- HOLD

Den 12 FEB spillede DANCON XX sin første kamp i UNFICYP-turneringen mod UNCIVPOL. DANCON spillede en god kamp mod de langt tungere betjente og vandt 6 - 0, et resultat som lover godt for holdets kommende kampe.

Næste kamp skal spilles den 20 FEB mod CAMP UNFICYP på udebane. Billedet viser en situation fra kampen, som blev spillet på Lefka station.



OS Ursin og KS O.L. Andersen.

DEPOTET I XEROS

Depotet er et serviceorgan, som skal prøve at fremskaffe det materiel som stabskompagniet og letkompagni har behov for hvad enten det drejer sig om dansk materiel, engelsk materiel eller UN-materiel og det lige fra knappenåle med store hoveder til dybfrysere. Vi på depotet er de første til at beklage, når brugerne må vente på materiellet, men når forsyngsv-jene går helt til Danmark og til England, kan det i mange tilfælde tage flere måneder at fremskaffe tingene. Med andre ting er vi tildelt visse normer hver måned, det gælder bl. a. toiletpapir og flydende sæbe, i disse tilfælde kan vi kun håbe at ikke for mange får "jalla-mave". Udover at fremskaffe materiellet er det også depotets opgave at holde styr på det, vide hvor det er og føre wiscard over hver genstand. Personellet er depotofficeren

PRLT Hartvig, depotofficershjælper OS Ursin, depotkontorhjelper KS O.L. Andersen og depotdriver KS Pedersen.



KS Pedersen.

BRAND I SAUNAEN

Lørdag den 26. januar opstod der en mindre brand i sauna-bygningen i Viking Camp. Der blev alarmeret i lejren, og Xeros Fire Brigade blev tilkaldt. Ilden kom hurtigt under kontrol og blev slukket af eget personel med 2 gl. vandslukkere. Da brandkorpset ankom, foretog de en grundig efterslukning.

En kommission under UN Fire Adviser har netop fastslået, at brandårsagen var en glød fra skorstenen. Der skete en del materiel skade, og Pioner-sektionen arbejder for tiden på genopbygning.



Et kig ind gennem døren til selve saunaen.

DANCON NYT

gen, der forventes afsluttet sidst i denne måned. PIOF



Brandmænd fra Xeros Fire Brigade arbejder på efterslukningen af sauna-branden!

IMPONERANDE PARAD MED SOL OCH MUSIK

I vårsol og med lagom vind som fick flaggor och fanor att fladdra genomförde Swedcon årets första stora medaljparad inom UNFICYP. Väderbetingelserna var alltså utmärkta - dock kom det lite ljummet regn under eftermiddagen då hela utomhusprogrammet väl hade genomförts och gäster samt alla deltagande personer inom Swedcon kopplade av på Carl Gustaf Camp.

Att hela evenemanget lyckades är väl ingen tvekan om. Gästerna var onekligen imponerade och F C Prem Chand uttryckte flera gånger under dagen sin uppskattning över hur pampigt hela arrangemanget genomfördes. Även övriga HQ-gäster samt folk från de andra kontingenterna gav berömande ord.

Naturligtvis var det kanske ett vågspel att låta den svenska truppen med vita damasker och andra vita "tjiddevitter" komma inmarscherande på stora fotbollsplan som utsetts till paradplats. Förövningsarna var visserligen intensiva dagarna före 12 feb men våra repetitioner gick kanske inte alltid så perfekt. När nu det hela lyckades så uteblev dock inte effekten.

I sitt tal till den svenska bataljonen framhöll general Prem Chand den tillfredsställelse det alltid varit för honom att arbeta tillsammans med svenskar såväl här på Cypern som i Kongo där han

tidigare tjänstgjort.

Efter själva paraden bjöds gästerna på kallskuret och potatissallad varetter en uppsluppen sanvaro följde på mässarna. General Prem Chand som är mycket förtjust i sång, musik och dans deltog också i samtliga dessa aktiviteter.

Bilderna: Överst till vänster ses kapten Rolf Ereback fästa medaljen på Jan Brusebäck medan Bo Axelsson håller brickan. Därunder medaljerar general D. Prem Chand sin egen kalfaktor Danny Kitti medan Bengt Herner är bärare av medaljbrickan. Till vänster ses chefen, stabsschefen och generalens adjutant Fredholm. Nederst på sidan marscherar pers-avdelningen i perfekt takt med medaljerna till höger ses bataljonschefen och Bengt Medin medaljera Roland Johansson vid den "förmedaljparad" som ägde rum på uppställningsplatsen 30 jan. Bror Saxvold har just erhållit sin medalj och till höger ses major K. G. Sundvall assistera.

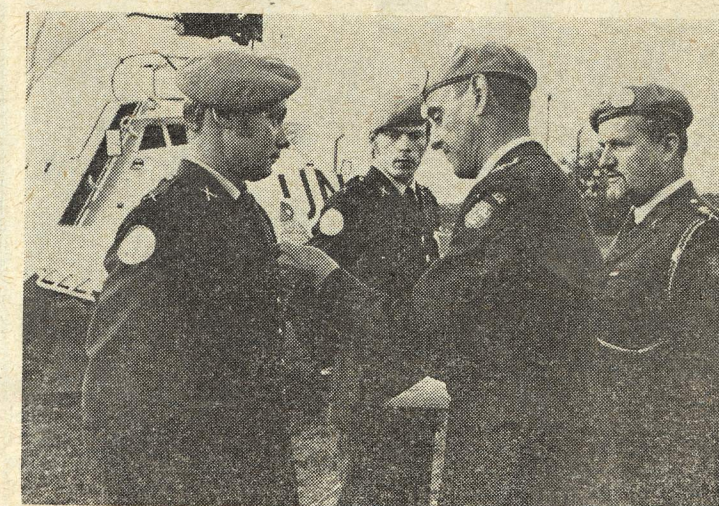
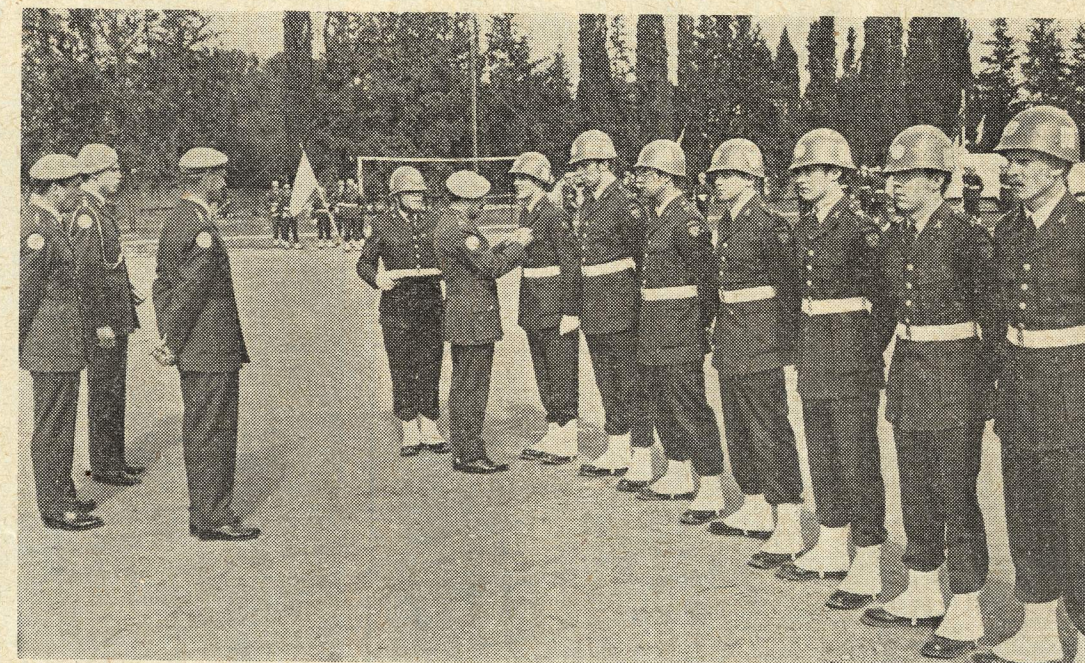
Swedcon News Swedish Forces Photos

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Swedish page this week shows the medal parade held at Carl Gustaf Camp in Fama-gusta on Tuesday the 12th of February 1974. The Force Commander, Major General D Prem Chand, PVSM, presented the medals and in his address to the Swedish Battalion thanked all ranks for their hard work in Cyprus.

The weather for the parade was excellent, bright sun and a warm wind. In the afternoon there were receptions in the various messes for the guests.

Music for the parade was provided by the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards from Britcon.



SIMULATED CASUALTY EVACUATION



First of all, the ankles are bound together....



.... into the ambulance....



On Tuesday the 12th of February, Auscon visited Polemidhia to play football against the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards in the Inter Contingent Soccer Competition. Britcon eventually won by 1 goal to nil in a hard

fought, evenly matched contest. In our photograph Trooper Noel Walsh, his face contorted, rises above the Austrian forwards to clear during a period of heavy pressure from the Austrian team.

Recently the Camp UNFICYP Medical Centre Staff and a helicopter from the UNFICYP Aviation Flight carried out a casualty evacuation exercise.

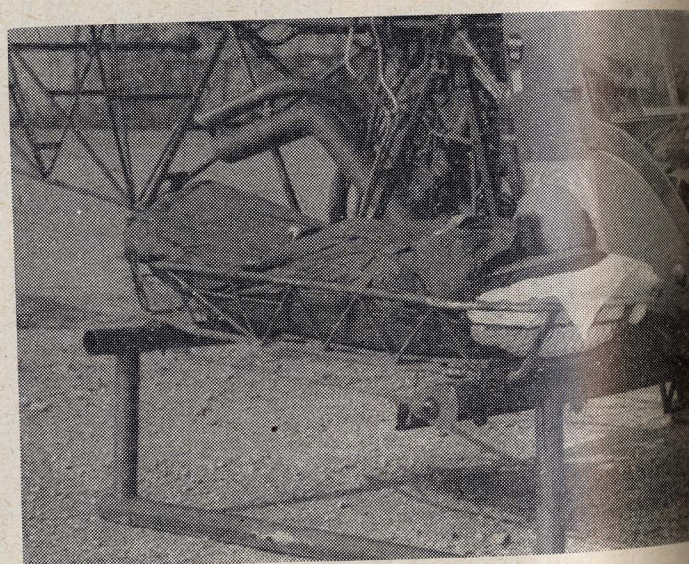
The casualty, also provided by the Aviation Flight, suffered a fractured tibia and fibula (shin-bone and the outer bone of the leg). He was given emergency first aid and treatment, prepared

for helicopter evacuation and transported by ambulance to the helicopter pad. He was then loaded on to the Stokes Litter of the Sioux and flown rapidly to hospital.

The whole exercise, supervised by the Chief Medical Officer, Colonel J.G.P. Power, was completed in 10 minutes and provided valuable training and experience for all concerned.



.... then the legs secured.....



..... onto the litter.....



..... and finally — airbourne.

FUSSBALL

Die erste Begegnung im Rahmen der UNFICYP-Fussball-Meisterschaften 1974 war ein grosser Erfolg für das Team des Auscon. 5 : 0 gegen Fincon - ein Sieg, der durch den Kampfwillen und bedingungslosen Einsatz unseres Teams erlöst wurde. Nach einem Halbzeitstand von 2 : 0 für Auscon war der Kampf noch keineswegs entschieden, erst der Hattrick durch Jg Irrasch, der neben Gfr KLEPITS besonders hervorstach, entschied dann diesen hohen Sieg. Dienstag, den 12. Februar 1974, erwartet uns ein schwerer Gegner, für das Spiel gegen das Britcon ist kein allzu grosser Optimismus am Platz, gilt doch die britische Mannschaft als die stärkste in der Gruppe A. Während diese Zeilen in Druck gehen, wissen wir jedenfalls schon mehr, und unsere besten Wünsche begleiten das Team, das bewiesen hat, dass es kämpfen kann. Auch



eine Niederlage gegen das Britcon wird, wie auch der Betreuer Spor-

toffizier Oblt Schermann hofft, für die nächsten Begegnungen nicht die Kampfmoral unseres Teams mindern.

ORIENTIERUNGSLAUF

Der am 6. Februar 1974 vom Swedcon organisierte Orientierungslauf bewies die dominierende Rolle der Skandinavier, wo diese Sportart ja fast als Nationalsport betrieben wird! Ein Schwede - Sieger in Gruppe 1 (über eine Strecke von ca. 9 km), ein Finne in Gruppe 2 (6km). Die 9 Stationen, die anzulaufen waren, befanden sich in sehr schwierigem Gelände an Südhängen des Kyrenia-Gebirges, und das relativ gute Abschneiden des Auscon (11. Jg GLAS, 16. Gfr Schöner und 17. Jg Jöbstel), sowie 12. Platz für Vzt LEKACS in Gruppe 2 war eine Überraschung, bedenkt man die hohe Teilnehmerzahl von 78 und die Tatsache, dass keiner unserer Teilnehmer für die-

sen Wettkampf trainiert war. Unser Schnellster, Jg Glas, hätte sogar bei etwas mehr Glück - der gutversteckte Posten 3 machte ihm etwas zu schaffen - einen Platz unter den ersten Zehn erreicht. Verständlich, dass der 16. Platz des Gfr Schöner den Kontingent Press Offr besonders erfreute, beweist doch dieser gute Platz die Vielseitigkeit unseres "Hoffotographen". Mit verbissenem Gesicht immerzu seinen Leibspruch murmelnd ("das Leben ist eines der härtesten, weil es trotz fortgesetzten Lebenswandels meist zum Tode führt"), erkämpfte er sich seinen Rang.

Insgesamt, ein "Bravo" unseren Sportteams.



CHIEF OF STAFF BEIM AUSCON

Am 7. Februar 1974 stattete der Chef des Stabes UNFICYP, Brig Henn, dem UNAB 4 wieder einen offiziellen Besuch ab.

Nach dem üblichen Informations-briefing durch den Bataillonskommandanten des UNAB 4, Obstdt Rieger, und den Fachoffizieren der Ops-Branche, besuchte Brig Henn und in seiner Begleitung der Kontingentskommandant Obstdt dG CLAUSEN einige OP's der Österreicher im Raume Kophinou.

Als besonders gelungen darf das von Quartermaster Mjr Cesnovar organisierte und von der OP-Besatzung "CLIFF" durchgeführte Lunch bezeichnet werden. Brig Henn liess es sich nicht nehmen, dem Koch OWM Berger Rupert persönlich seine Anerkennung auszusprechen.

AUSCON NEWS



Chief of Staff Beim Auscon

JOINT PROJECT BY SIGNALS PLATOON AND 644 SIGNAL TROOP

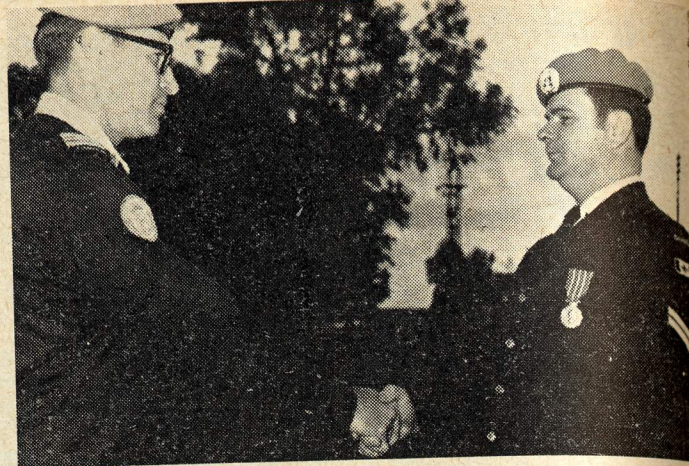
In a joint project directed by Sergeant "Sonny" MacIntyre, Signals Platoon and members of 644 Signal Troop have worked together to build a new communications tower for the Louroujina OP. The tower, known as a Jontz Mast, was built to provide better communication between Louroujina and Nicosia.

The Radio Section, under the command of Sergeant Rick Arscott, and comprising of Corporal Brian Armstrong, Lance Corporals Sandy MacDonald, Fred Cottingham and Gordie Hall and Signaller Ian Johnston, provided

the technical assistance for the project.

The two steeple-jacks; Corporals Jim Usher and "Jumper" Todd displayed no fear of the tower, as "Jumper" explained; "After 3,000 feet this is like stepping from your front step". Corporal Ralph Larter devised a frame which would accommodate the antenna. Corporals Young, Philpitt and Musgrave provided the much needed bull work for the project.

There is a picture of the tower and the men who helped in the project on Page 8.



Major A. Clarke presents the CD to Corporal John Pembleton. The CD is presented to those who have completed 12 years meritorious service in the Canadian Armed Forces.

CANCON NEWS



Mrs Alberta Falconer, wife of Corporal Bob Falconer, presented Warrant Officer Bill MacInnis with a plaque last week. After spending 2 years in Transport, Bill will take up new duties on his return to Canada in April. In addition to the plaque the platoon presented him with a .308 pump action rifle. Mrs Falconer is one of the wives who recently visited Cyprus.

HQ COMPANY UPSET

Suburb Company upset the favourites, HQ Company, in the Inter-company Volleyball tournament last week. In the semi-finals, Suburb Company, coached by "Long Vince" Spicer defeated City Company 2 straight to advance into the final as the under dog.

In the final they defeated HQ Company by 15-2 and 15-8 to take the Championship. The Suburb Company victory was the result of some fine team work and skillful playing by Privates Clayton, Faulkner and Porter.

have joined the Cyprus Combined Services Parachute Centre, in conjunction with the British Parachute Association, run by Staff Sergeant P. Card, the British Army Accuracy Freefall Champion.

On their day(s) off these four fellows take a long ride to Dhekelia, pack a parachute, hop into an Islander or a Cessna, go up a couple of thousand feet and jump out to sail the skies!

FREEFALL

The members of City Company participate in many sports during their Cyprus tour; softball, volleyball, scuba diving, gliding and horseback riding are just a few examples. Privates Steve Gledhill, Steve Morrison, Les Pellrine and Gord Sutherland, all members of City Company, have found yet another sport, "Sky Diving". They



Private Steve Gladhill and Gord Sutherland, two of City Company's new sky-drivers.

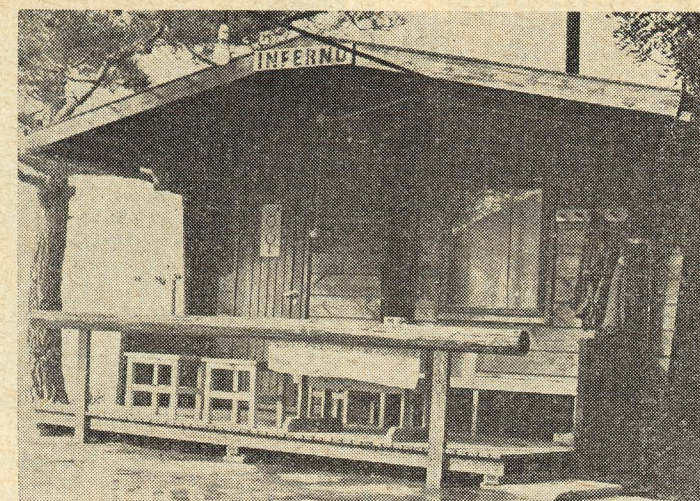
Three driver awards were presented in City Company this month. From left to right are; Sergeant W. Wellwood, Corporals J. Leblanc and L. Keddle. The awards are presented to those who accumulate 3,500 miles without an accident.

FINCONIN SAUNAT

Kuten tunnettu suomalaiset rakentavat saunan ensimmäiseksi, mihin tahansa he menevätkin.

Nykyisin Finconilla on yhteensä kolme saunaa, joista Kykkösa on kaksi, Neapoliksessa yksi ja Tzikloksessa kolme. Myös kaikilla OPilla on saunat, mutta vain Hill Toppilla on telttasauna.

Fincon on tunnettu saunoistaan ja senpä vuoksi eri kontingenttien jäsenet ja muut ulkolaiset haluavat tutustua tuohon suomalaiskansalliseen paikkaan. Suomalaisen järjestämät "sauna-partyt" ovat erittäin suosittuja muidenkin kontingenttien keskuudessa.



Tjikloksen ylpeys: Sauna

KOMENTAJAT FINCONISTA

Kaikki kuuden kontingentin komentajat vierailivat Finconissa 13.2. He tutustuivat aluksi tehtäväämme Kyrenia Districtissä ja tämän jälkeen heidät tutustutettiin suomalaisen saunaan, jonka kyllä useimmat heistä jo tunsivat entuudestaan.

FINCON NEWS

Last week 13.2. District Commanders visited Fincon in the Kyrenia District. After a short briefing they became acquainted with Finnish sauna in Kykko Camp.

Altogether we have thirteen sauna in Fincon and in every one of our OPs we have sauna, too.

FOOTBALL-CUP

FINCON - AUSCON 0-5

FINCON - CANCON 6-0

PUJOTTELUKISAT

Britcon yllätti pujottelukisoissa voittamalla sen. Viiden parhaan joukossa oli kolme englantilaista joka kuvastaa heidän voimaansa. Suomalaisosanottajia oli kaksi: kers O. Henttonen ja alik M. Suomalainen.

Kers Henttonen lasketteli kuudenneksi, vaikka hän joutui hieman kiipeämään takaisin toisessa laskussa ohitettuaan yhden portin vääriä puolelta. Alik Suomalainen pani kaikki yhden kortin varaan toisessa laskussa ja epäonnistui kaatamalla kahdeksannella portilla. Ensimmäisessä laskussa hänellä oli sama aika kuin Henttonella.

WHAT TO DO IN SAUNA

Come and enjoy yourself in the refreshing sweet heat of the SAUNA. After sauna you feel a better person: you have had a physical and psychological "face lift". Sauna always ends with complete relaxation of body and soul. The sauna is a proper stage ego far peace keeping and other important negotiations, in order to eliminate the tension among the negotiators. The sauna transforms a harassed person beset with problems into a buoyant, confident character able to relax and enjoy himself. The SAUNA bath is Finland's gift to humanity.



Jokke lähti Saksaan ja

Timo tuli Englannista



Tasapainotellen maaliin

ENGINEERS MEET AT BRITCON

In this photograph are the engineer representatives from all contingents who recently met at Polemidhia Camp to discuss various engineering problems. The visit however was not entirely all work as it included a visit to the Keo factory, Limassol, where the sales staff arranged a wine tasting ceremony and presented a bottle of Commandaria to all visitors.



On Saturday the 9th February, 1974, the Force Commander Major General D. Prem Chand, PVSM, visited the UNCivpol Headquarters at HQ UNFICYP, where he was briefed on the various duties by the Headquarters staff. In the photograph from left to right are Insp. B. Forsberg Registry Officer, Capt. T. Fredholm A.D.C. to the General, Maj. L. Maier, Executive Officer, Insp. W. Wenzel Admin Officer, Miss B. Donelan, Secretary, Insp. T. Wright, Planning and Research Officer, Maj Gen D. Prem Chand, PVSM, Insp. H. Lauritzen, Registry Officer, Chief Supt. Dr. H. Wagner, Police Adviser, and Insp. T. Klaar, Chief Motor Transport Officer.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

Number of Accidents
for week ending

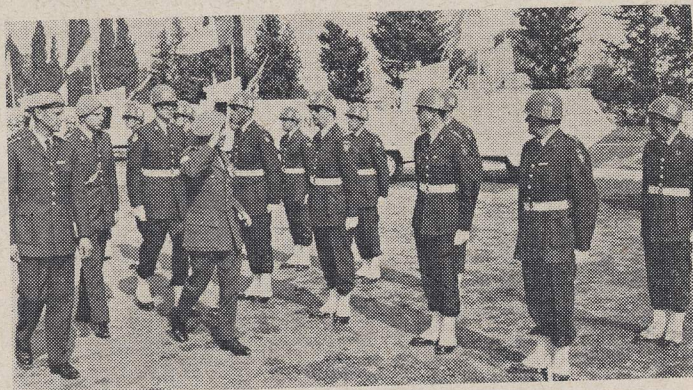
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Total for year — 30

LESSON OF THE WEEK:

Sudden stops invite rear end collisions.

Lieutenant Colonel P.H. Bridge-stock, the Commanding Officer of 30 Regiment RCT, recently visited 8 Squadron RCT. In our picture he is seen with the Officer Commanding 8 Squadron, Major W.R. Barker, RCT.



MEDAL PARADE AT SWEDCON

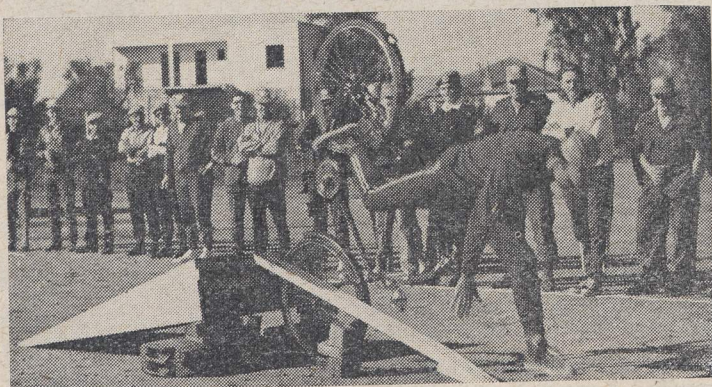
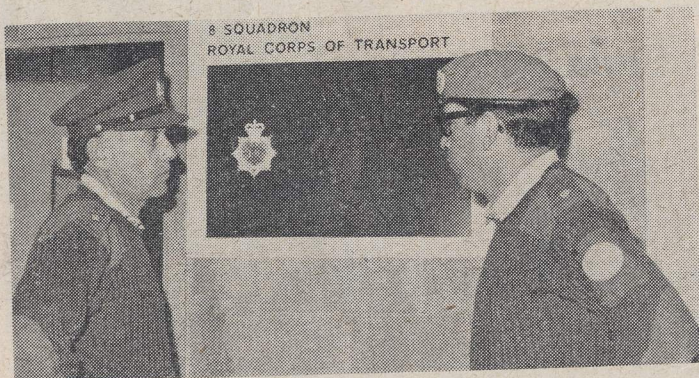
Recently Swedcon had their Medal Parade in Famagusta. In the picture the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, PVSM, is seen inspecting the parade. The Swedish Contingent Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Bengt Medin is on the left.

NEWS IN BRIEF

On the 4th of March 1974 Cancon will have their Medal Parade on the Aviation Flight square in Camp UNFICYP.

"Fred", the friendly chameleon who took up residence in the Mercury Club in Camp UNFICYP has disappeared from his tree. It is believed the management are offering a substantial liquid reward for his return.

Louroujina tower completed by members of Sigs Platoon and 644 Sigs Troops. Story Page 6.



HQ Company stunt driver Cyril Abbott displays his talents during the bicycle rodeo at the 2 RCR Fun Day at Wolseley Barracks.

