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FORCE MOVEMENT CONTROL IN THE AIR PORT

Every time a UN Flight arrives at Nicosia International Airport carrying supplies or personnel to UNFICYP and UNEF the Force Movement Control Officer, Major O Taagely and the Force Movement Control Warrant Officer, WO 2 N H D Helver, are at the airport to meet the flight to assist the crew and passengers on arrival in Cyprus.

Our pictures show Major Taagely and WO 2 Helver discussing the handling of a Norwegian plane right and WO 2 Helver assisting the Loadmaster with the cargo.



NEW CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER TAKES OVER

Last week the new Chief Medical Officer, Colonel W O'Carroll Fitzpatrick, arrived from England to replace Colonel J G P Power. Colonel Power has served as CMO with

UNFICYP for 2½ years and leaves for England this week. In our photograph Colonel Power is being presented with a tray as a farewell gift from the UNFICYP Medical Staff.

INTER CONTINGENT SOCCER COMPETITION

Swedcon won the League 1 in the Inter Contingent Soccer Competition closely followed by Fincon. League 2 was very close, Camp UNFICYP finished

narrowly ahead of Dancon. The semi finals are taking place this week in Nicosia and the final will be played next week.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING — PART 7

VEHICLE CONTROL: Friction between the road surface and tyres — only that rubber which touches the road — enables a car to start, move, turn and stop. Dry roads and good tyres provide good traction. Slippery road surfaces reduce friction and car control. Uneven and bumpy roads bounce the wheels up and down, causing unequal friction and make steering and braking difficult. To prevent skids, reduced speed is as essential on bumpy roads as on wet and slippery road surfaces. Maintain a moderate speed on slippery roads and avoid sudden acceleration or braking.

MEDAL PARADE IN DANCON

On the 11th of March, the date of the birthday of the late Danish King, Frederik XIX, Dancon held their medal parade on the sports ground in Xeros.

About 90 men were on parade in the dull cloudy weather which for a time threatened rain but fortunately it held off until late in the afternoon.

The Force Commander, Major General D Prem Chand, PVSM, presented the medals to a group representing all ranks. In our picture Captain H K Hansen is receiving his medal from the Force Commander.



URØRLIG PAA LANDEVEJ

I Italien, hvor Ole Ritter og Leif Mortensen gennem en årrække ved gode resultater har virket som ambassadører for dansk cykelsport, har denne idræt fået blanket sin måske lidt falmede glorie.

På Cypren har man i KS O. Holm, som til daglig er kontorordonnans i STKMP, en lige så god repræsentant for dansk idræt. Han startede som konkurrencerytter i 1969 og har siden da deltaget i ca. 125 cykelløb med i hvert fald 40-45 udmærkede placeringer. Det helt store resultat mangler KS O. Holm dog endnu, men han træner i øjeblikket hver dag ca. 30 miles og bruger enhver lejlighed til at deltage i de af RAF arrangerede løb, som han i øvrigt vinder meget suverænt. Ud af fire er det indtil videre blevet til tre førstepladser.

Denne store succes må formentlig have virket opmuntrende på andre end KS Holm selv, idet flere andre i Viking Camp er begyndt at anskaffe sig landevejsracere og træne ihærdigt.

Flot at en ung sportsmand fra "det flade Danmark" er i stand til at klare sig så godt på de meget krævende stigninger og de mange sving, som de cypriotiske landeveje er så rigt forsynede med.



På de meget skrappe stigninger må selv KS O. Holm op og stå i pedalerne.



VEJRGUDERNE VISTE SIG FRA DEN BEDSTE SIDE

Søndag den 10 marts sendtes mange bekymrede øjekast mod de lavthængende skyer, hvorfra der med jævne mellemrum faldt regn i betydelige mængder.

Onsdag, torsdag og fredag havde ellers helt stået i forberedelsernes tegn, således at alt var så godt forberedt, som overhovedet muligt. Blot var vejrguderne ikke taget i ed. Heldigvis var de højere magter kontingentet venligt stemt, idet regnen ganske udeblev, omend det nok af og til så lidt truende ud.

Allerede mandag d. 11 marts kom formiddagen uddelte CH/LKMP, MAJ P. E. Frederiksen og CH/STKMP, MAJ B. Koefoed hovedparten af de i alt 97 medaljer, som skulle fordeles.

Senere ankom 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards orkester, som på fremragende vis var medvirkende til, at paraden fik et så heldigt og vellykket forløb.

Kontingentet fulgte stort set det normale danske paradeceremoniel med fanemarch osv., og alt gennemførtes af de deltagende enheder på eksemplarisk vis. Ved generalprøven var der dog en smule vaklen i gelederne hos fanekommandoen, men det skyldtes, at orkesteret ikke helt havde fundet det rette tempo til fanemarchen.

Major General D. Prem Chand uddelte personligt 20 medaljer til særligt udpegede befalingsmænd og menige, hvorefter han modtog kontingentets honnør under forbidefileringen.

I Viking Camp fortsatte festlighederne under lidt mere afslappede og selskabelige former, idet der var receptioner i alle tre messer. Endelig sluttede dagen med det for samtlige medaljetagere absolutte højdepunkt: Medaljemiddagen i Limnitis, som LKMP på forbilledlig vis havde arrangeret.

Det blev en meget vellykket aften, som LKMP har al mulig grund til at være tilfredse med. Endnu en gang må DANCON orkesteret fremhæves for den beredvillighed, hvormed man altid stiller sig til rådighed, dels til at spille "taffelmusik" ved receptionen i officersmessen og dels til at trække det store læs ved arrangementet i Limnitis.



CH/STKMP MAJ B. Koefod og STKMP KN P. Hanssen uddeler medaljer til STKMP.



Kontingentet under march til paradepladsen.



KS J. Budde/STKMP modtager sin medalje fra Major General D. Prem Chand PVSM.

BESØG

FRA

DANMARK

Kontingentet besøges i disse dage af CH/FN-AFD, OL L. M. K. Skern, som ledsaget af MAJ J. Cortes er på orienteringsbesøg, hvorunder OL, der var kontingentchef for DANCON XIX, selvfølgelig vil benytte lejligheden til at besøge lejrene i Limnitis og Kokina samt forskellige OP'er.

Endelig skal det nævnes, at MAJ P. E. Frederiksen afløser, MAJ R. K. Jacobsen ankom til øen d. 12 marts for at overtage kommandoen over LKMP. Den officielle overdragelse finder sted i Limnitis d. 25 marts om eftermiddagen.

MAJ R. K. Jacobsen er fra SJLR, men har tidligere været ved BV. MAJ har bl. a. gennem en årrække forrettet tjeneste ved TLBS som leder af kurser i taktisk efterretningstjeneste.

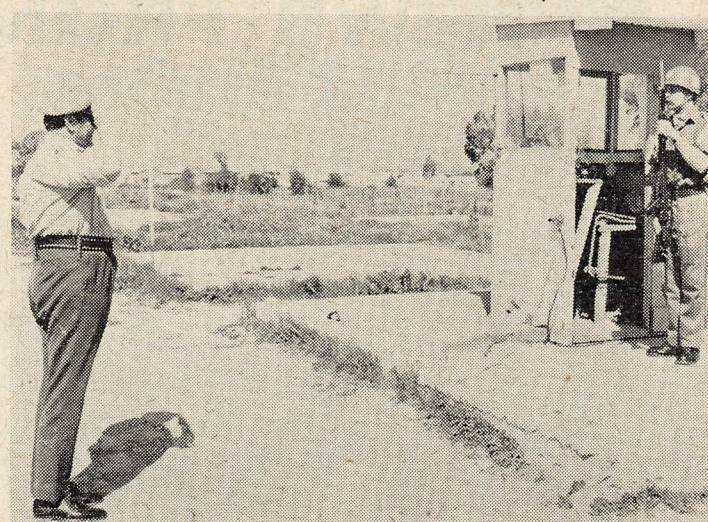
DANCON NYT

COS BESÖKTE SVENSKA TOP:N

UNFICYP:s stabschef Brigadier Frank Henn besøkte nyligen en rad svenska OP:n. Med vid besöket var även chefen för UNFICYP:s stri-avd överstelöjtnant Clausen samt politiske rådgivaren Mr J. Miles. Gästerna anlände först till Chatos med helikopter och blev där såväl som i Trypimeni orienterade om problemen i området och verksamheten vid de svenska posterna. Gästerna passade också på att prata en hel del med den svenska tjänstgörande personalen. Därefter for gästerna till Ayios Andronikos (Topsiou Keuy) och

vidare till CGC varifrån en rundtur till de svenska när-OP:na inleddes. Bilderna är från besöket vid OP Karaolos. På stora bilden samtalar Brigadier Henn med vakten Göran Svensson från Kalmar. Längst till höger ses OP-chefen Tommy Johansson från Ed och vidare ses på bilden öve stelöjtnant Bengt Medin, överstelöjtnant Clausen och politiske rådgivaren J. Miles.

Översta bilden visar Göran Svenssons anmälan för stabschefen Henn vid OP Karaolos.



PÅ GOD FOT MED ÅSNAN

En dag fick CGC helt oväntat ett par nya invånare. Från början var det ju endast meningen att det skulle röra sig om tillfälliga gäster. Genom kompanichefens försorg omhändertogs nämligen ett par åsnor som med fara för liv och lem irrade omkring ute på vägen. Djuren fördes in på campen och saken anmäldes till polisen—men ingen ägare dök upp.

Nu har det gått flera veckor och vi har fortfarande en åsna kvar—ett djur som varit till glädje för många och som alla försökt bli vän med. Framför allt är det vaktmanskapet som sköter om den. Den som så önskar kan smällertid få sig en "ritt" och åtskilliga har utnyttjat detta. Det kära djuret har också vid olika tillfällen blivit skrudad i stridsutrustning eller mer eller mindre "lätt" klädsel.

Swedcon News

Swedish Forces Photos

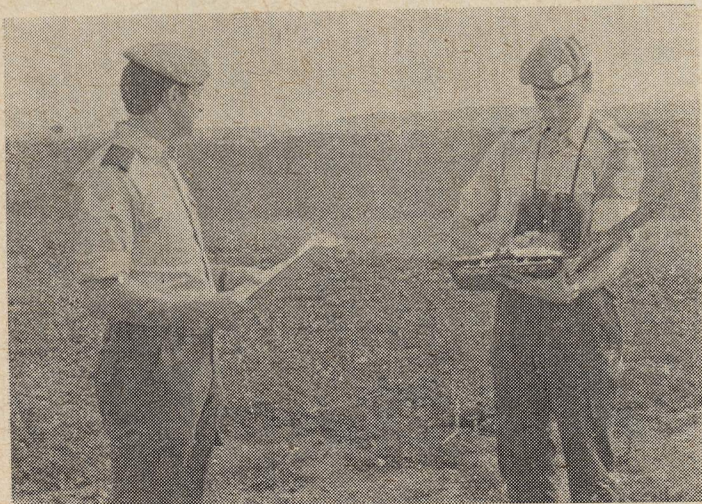


SVENSKT FN-JOBB VISADES

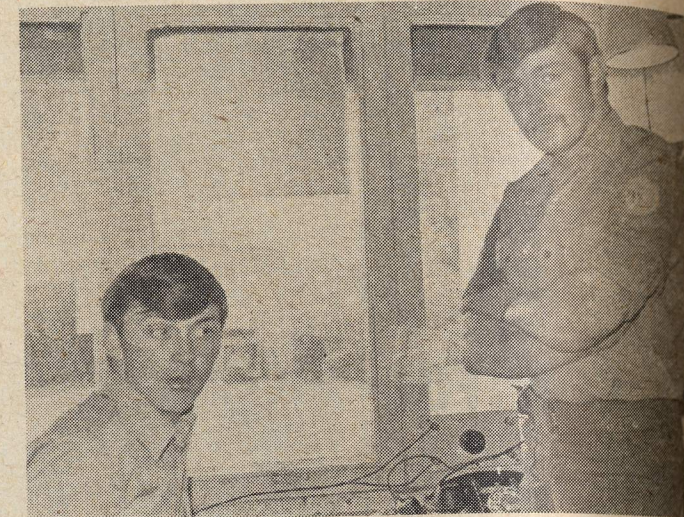
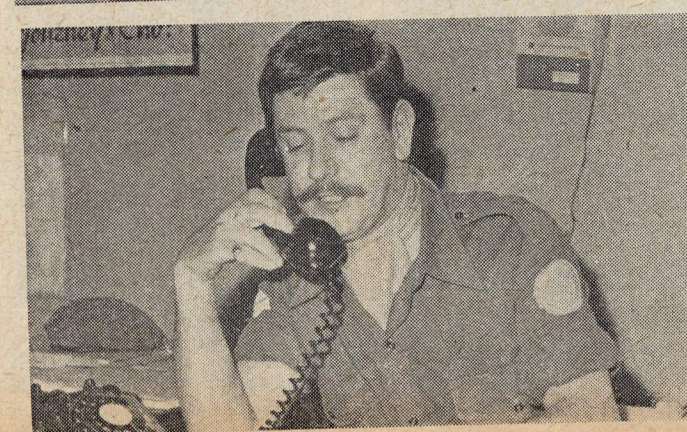
Många gästar Carl Gustaf Camp under ett halvår som en bataljon tjänstgör. En del kommer endast för att hälsa på anhöriga eller att gå i kyrkan och de flesta ser campen vid "turist-orienteringarna". Två mera prominenta besökare hälsade på i februari. Det var två sovjetiska militärattachéer som tjänstgör vid sitt hemlands ambasad i Nicosia. En förmiddag fick de studera livet och svenskarnas FN-arbete. På bilden ser de på när Gunnar Freij från Göteborg och Tommy Nilsson från Visby håller på med materialvård. Chef och stabschefen guidar. Campen har tidigare haft ett liknande besök av den amerikanske militärattachén.

NEWS FROM THE SKINS

A Squadron, 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, recently took over the Paphos District from C Squadron. In the picture to the left Captain M B Ward-Harrison is seen briefing Corporal A Wilkinson on his duties as the OP Commander at Mandria and below Lance Corporal R Lewis and Trooper S J Johnston are in the Polis OP.



On the 7th of March the Skins entertained a party of 30 all ranks from Fincon. In the morning Fincon won the soccer match by 5 goals to 2 and after lunch proved too strong for the Sergeant's Mess Volleyball team. The photograph shows Fincon being welcomed on their arrival by the RSM, Warrant Officer Class 1 Terry Moxham, Corporal Ron Cox and Trooper Dick Tracey.

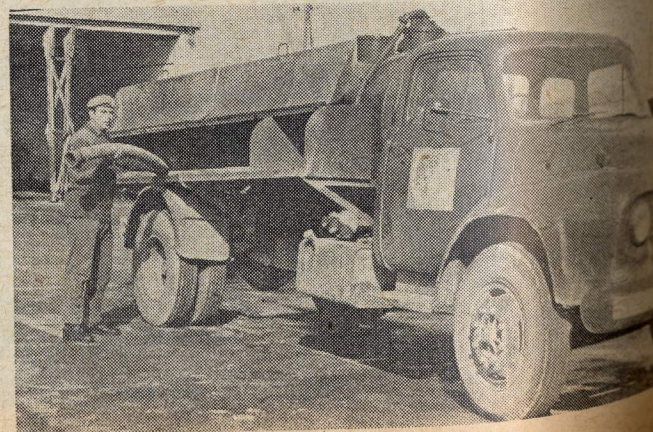


● Sergeant Mick Hunting receiving a tray from the Chief Medical Officer, Colonel J G P Power, prior to his departure for the United Kingdom. Sergeant Hunting has served with UNFICYP for six months and will join his new unit in London shortly.

8 SQUADRON RCT

Some of the backroom boys in 8 Squadron RCT are usually just a voice on the other end of a telephone. On the top is Lance Corporal Taff Haywarl, the Details NCO of A Troop

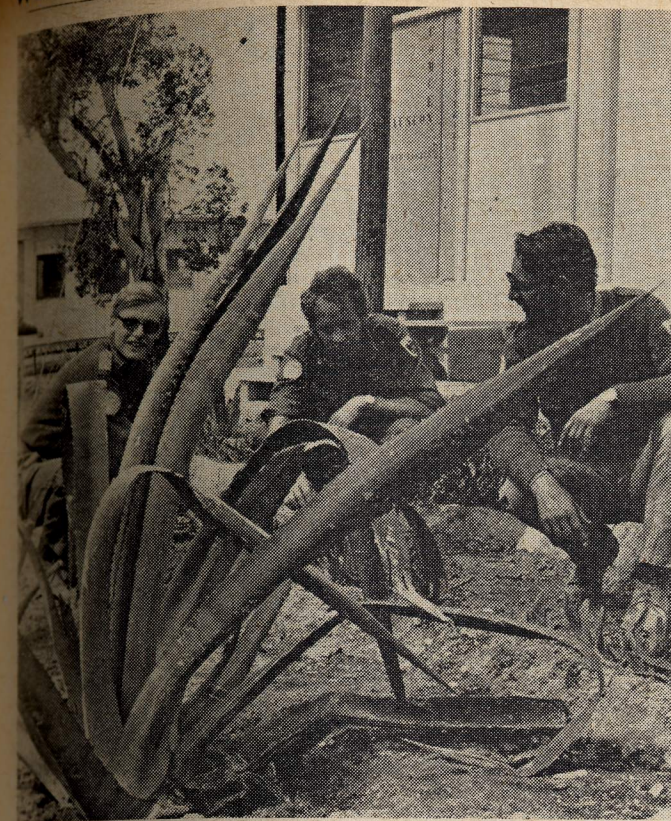
and below Corporal Bill 'Jock' Ogilvie who is B Troop NCO. One of unsung jobs in 8 Squadron is the 'Oggi' driver, Lance Corporal Eric Helley seen here with his 'charge'.



"LIG 1974" LARNACA INTERNATIONALE GARTENSCHAU

könnte man ihn nennen, den Wettbewerb, den unser Bataillons-Kommandant, Obstdt RIEGER, ausgeschrieben hat. Nachdem die dringenden Arbeiten im Camp LEOPOLD erledigt sind, geht es nun an die Verschönerung des Lagers. Die Soldaten sind eifrig am Werk, die Plätze vor und zwischen den Unterkünften, der Kommandobaracke und dem UO-Kasino, in Gärten zu verwandeln, und

es ist erstaunlich, was man da in kurzer Zeit entstehen sah. Angespornt durch die ausgeschriebenen Preise wurde die Arbeit in Angriff genommen, und bald verwandelten sich alle Beteiligten in eifrige "Garten-Architekten", die mit Erfindungsgeist und Geschmack ans Werk gehen. Der Zweck ist erreicht, und unser Camp wird zu sehends schöner.



MISTER SALAMIS

Man hört Gerüchte, dass Ostv WILFINGER heimlich Body-building betreibt. Anders ist wohl seine erstaunlich athletische Statur schwer zu erklären, die sein "Bademantel" im "Feldherrnlook" erst richtig zur Geltung bringt.



AUSCON NEWS



KÜCHEN DUNST

Jeder, der die hervorragende Küchenbesatzung vom Camp LEOPOLD kennt, wird auf dem Foto einen Mann vermissen, der durch seine langjährige Zypserfahrung mit dazu beiträgt, dass man bei uns gerne Essen geht. Aber OWM GABER war nicht vors Objektiv zu bringen. Alle Überredungskünste waren vergeblich. Ein harmloses Foto drohte fast die Harmonie des sonst so eingespielten Teams zu stören. Das wollten und konnten wir nicht riskieren und mussten also auf ein Bild des attraktivsten Kochs verzichten.

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v.l.n.r.: Kpl SCHOLD, Zgf BAUER
OSWm FICHTL



CANCON VARIETY SHOW

Lights! Curtain! Actors take your places. Such was the scene at the Wolseley Barracks Gym 1 March 74 as the CANCON Variety Show presented itself to the troops of the Canadian Contingent.

The show was made up of troops from the Contingent with talents worth displaying to the others. Organized and produced by Lt Bob Butt (the mad Newfie of Sub Coy). The show featured music and short skits by the companies and messes of the contingent. It was attended by about 200 enthusiastic CANCON troops and guests from other Contingents.

The Show started with a band formed by members of the Junior Ranks Mess of the Contingent called the Two Day Old Rock and Roll Boogie Woogie Band (so named because they started the band 2 days before the show). Members of the band were Cpl Loyd Keefe of Log Coy on lead guitar, Cpl Wayne MacIssac of City Coy on lead rhythm guitar, Pte Amos Porter of Sub Coy on backup rhythm guitar,



● "Big Al" the MP checks the boys out in a local Bar.

M/Cpl Benney Bennet of HQ Coy on bass guitar and Cpl Clint David of City Coy on drums. The band was well received by the audience especially when they featured the vocal stylings of Wayne Mac-

Issac on such favorites as "Phantom 309" and Clint singing "Jesus Was A Soul Man". The band had to do an encore at the end of the show.

The band was followed by Capt Ben Gilmore's interpretation of "The Shooting of Dan McGrew" in a Cypriot setting. The rewritten poem was acted out by such stalwarts as L Col (Big Ed) Quinn, Maj (Old Bill the dancer) Pettipas, Lt Roger (the Girl) Powley and Lt Bob (the stranger) Butt. The story involved the love triangle involving Big Ed, the girl and the stranger which culminated in the death of Big Ed by the stranger breathing in his face. The skit was highlighted by the Greek dancing of Old Bill and the charms of the girl.

The second skit was by the BBC BOR featuring Major Al (the RP) Clark, Capt Jim (the first nut) Youngs and Lt Thom (the second nut) Thomson.

The second half of the show started with some down home

style Newfie Music supplied by a band from Sub Coy supported by M/Cpl Benny Bennet on bass guitar from HQ Coy and Pte Bob Doyle of City Coy on drums. The band featured M/Cpl Don Smith on vocals, singing some of his original songs, Pte Amos Porter on rhythm guitar, and Pte Ike Keeping on the ever popular squeeze box. The music was obviously enjoyed by the hand clapping foot stomping acceptance shown by the audience.

Having been warmed up by the band the crowd sat back and enjoyed Cpl Mike Walsh's impressions of a Newfie Radio Station and his special guest Cpl Eric (Sherlock) Adams.

The last scheduled act of the show was a silhouetted version of an operation in a hospital performed by the Sgts Mess. It showed what the patient thinks is being done to him. The Academy Awards Actors were led by Sgt Matt Billard, Pipe Major Bill Gilmour, Drum Major Jack Wade and Sgt Art Gallant.

All in all the CANCON Variety Show was a great success mainly due, to the hard work of the participants who devoted their time and efforts to it.



Big Ed and his girl friend.

CANCON NEWS



● Ike Keeping and his Squid Jigger Dance Band.

The big event in City Coy this month was the Moustache Contest. After 3½ months of ardent moustache growing the big event was judged by LCol Quinn, Maj Pettipas, and the RSM on the 27 Feb 74, Paardeburg Day.

There were about 45 participants in the coy entered in 4 events. The events were best trimmed, Bushiest, Largest Handle Bars and Best Effort. The winners were, Bushiest Cpl Wall 5 Pl, Best trimmed Sgt Smyrl 5 Pl, Longest handle bars Cpl Spanky McFarlane and Best effort Moose Morrison of 5 Pl. The winners were presented with mugs and all participants received a scroll.

The complete company participated in the 10 miler with most of the personnel completing it in good form with Sgt "Speedy" Allen doing it in 1 hr & 34 minutes. Well done, Sgt.



- The participants in the recent City Company Moustache Contest.
- Spanky gets his stach measured by the RSM, the Colonel and the DCO.

MOUSTACHE CONTEST

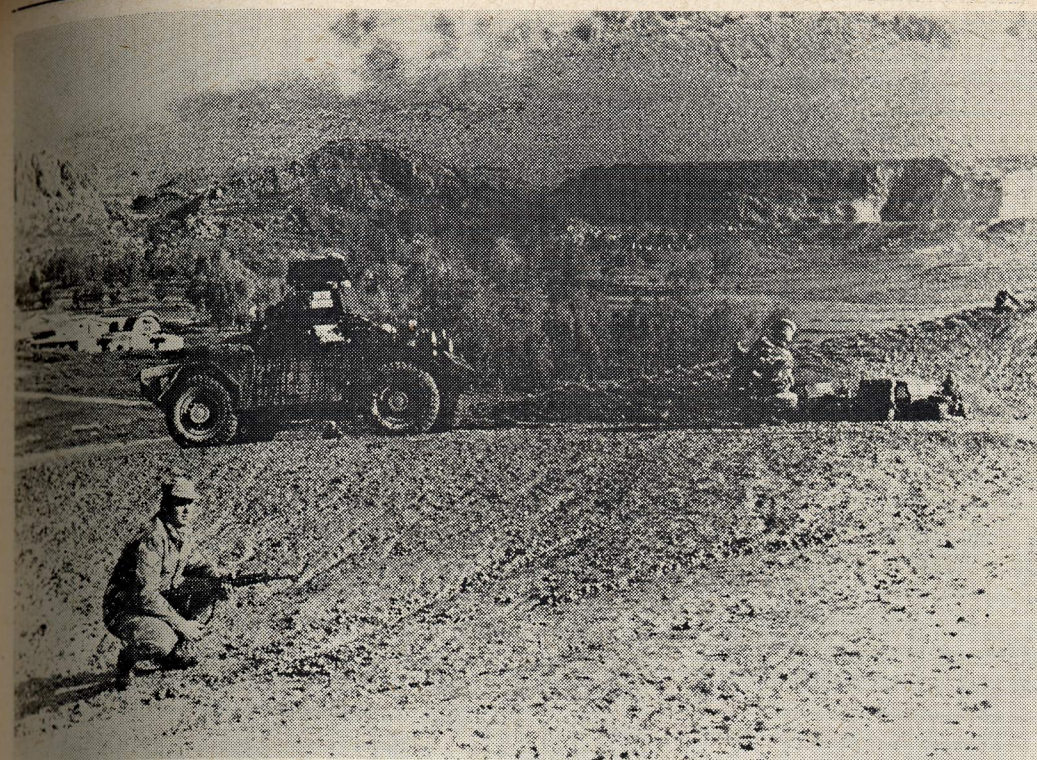
FINCON NEWS

Yhteisharjoitus

Force Reserven ja Vuoren Nyrkin yhteisharjoitus pidettiin tiistaina 12.3. Temploksen miehittämättömällä OP:lla ja keskiviikkona 12.3. Farmilla. Kuvasamme ollaan miehitetty kukkula, joka sijaitsee Kalkin ja Dhikomon kylän välissä. Englantilaisten Ferret-panssariauto on toiminnassa Vuoren miesten kanssa.

Muista Suomi-radio torstaisin klo 20.00 ja sunnuntaina 31. maaliskuuta.

Torstain toivekonsertin osoite: Kypros-konsertti, Oy Yleisradio Ab, Kesäkatu 2, Helsinki 26



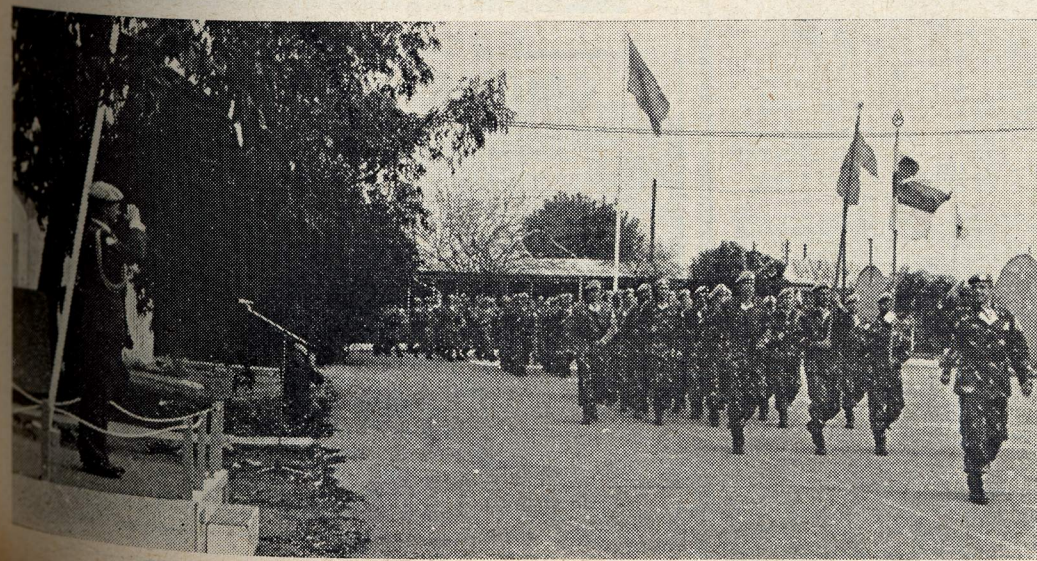
Pistoolimiehet harjoittelevat kilpailua varten



Jääkäri Viljo Lindroos suorittaa kenttäkeskuksen määräaikaishuoltoa ja säätöä

MITALI-PARAATI

Viime lauantaina 16.3.1974 pidettiin Finconissa mitaliparaati. Kyseessä oli ns väliparaati, jossa lokakuussa saapuneet saivat rauhanmitalinsa. Mitalien jaon suoritti everstiluutnantti Aulis Kempainen. Kaikkiaan mitalin saajia oli 88 miestä. Kuvasamme komentaja on vastaanottamassa paraatijoukkojen ohimarssia.



CHIEF OF STAFF VISITS OP's IN FAMAGUSTA

The Chief of Staff, Brigadier F R Henn, CBE, the Senior Political Adviser, Mr J Miles and the Chief Operations Officer, Lieutenant Colonel H C Clausen visited different OPs in the Famagusta District recently. In our picture the Chief of Staff is seen talking with Sergeant Tommy Johnsson and the guard, Private Göran Svensson. The Swedish Contingent Commander, Lieutenant Colonel B Medin is on the right of the picture.



● The recent communications exercise, "Rapid Contact", was a great success. One hundred and eleven runners completed the 497 mile long run round the Island. In our picture a Fincon vehicle which was used as one of the checkpoints along the route.



TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

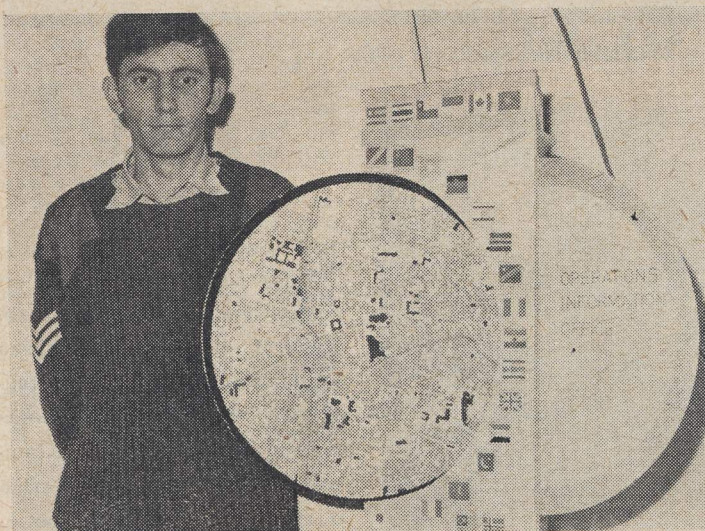
Number of accidents for week
ending 8th Mar 74 — 2

Number of accidents for week
ending 15th Mar 74 — 5

Total for the year so far — 47

Lessons for the week:
Where ever you drive —
expect the unexpected.

Safety is a word — make it
a habit.



● Sergeant Phil Chew of the Ops Information Office leaves the Island this week after spending six months with UNFICYP. He will spend a short leave in the United Kingdom before joining his new unit in Singapore.

CIVILIAN POLICE ON MARCH

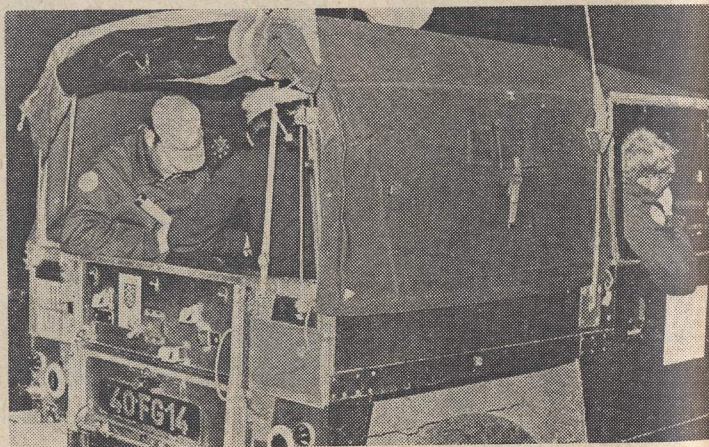
Fifteen Danish Policemen, along with some of their slower friends, took a six mile walk Sunday 10th of March 74, a chilly, windy, cloudy morning which was guaranteed to keep the pace brisk.

Two of the participants were veterans of the four day Nijmegen march in Holland; all were warming up for the Dancon march which will take place on 27 and 28 Mar 74.

Winning time of 71 minutes was set by Per Byrgersen and Jannick Nielsen of Dansborg, Xeros. The fact that these two were wearing the least clothes probably had something to do with their speed.



● Competitors are having some refreshments at the end of the March.



OBITUARY

The Danish Civilian Police Contingent regret to announce the death of Commander Viggo Fogt on Friday, 15 March 1974. Superintendent Fogt, who was 58 years old, joined the Danish Police Force in 1939, and he had served with Unficyp for nearly seven years as paymaster, 2IC and for the last four years as contingent commander. He is survived by his wife Gerda who was with him in Cyprus and two children who are in Denmark.

