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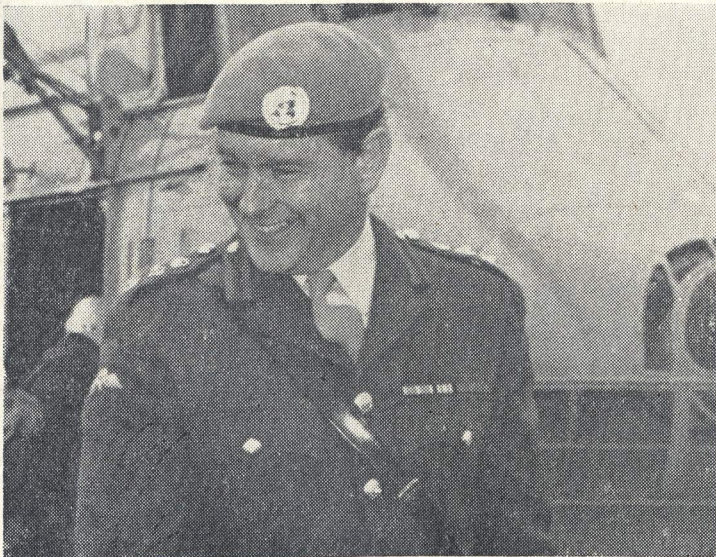


Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Mountbatten of Burma, the Colonel of the Life Guards outside HQ UNFICYP with the Force Commander Lieutenant General D Prem Chand and Lieutenant Colonel S C Cooper.



Major H E de Coste of the Royal Canadian Dragoons has recently arrived in the Headquarters to assume the post of Operations Officer. Before coming to Cyprus he was a staff officer at the Mobile Command Headquarters at St Hubert, where one of his jobs was as project leader of a trials and evaluation team who were looking at a number of wheeled armoured vehicles.

COLONEL PI CHISWELL AWARDED CBE IN HONOURS LIST



Colonel P.I. Chiswell the last Deputy Chief of Staff and Commander of the British Contingent has been made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire in Her Majesty the Queen's Birthday Honours List for his work in UNFICYP.

C IN C INSPECTS SWEDCON



Lieutenant General C E Almgren the Commander in Chief of the Swedish Army visited UNFICYP last week as part of a tour of the Swedish contingents with United Nations in the Middle East. He is seen above inspecting a Guard of Honour at the Monastery OP.

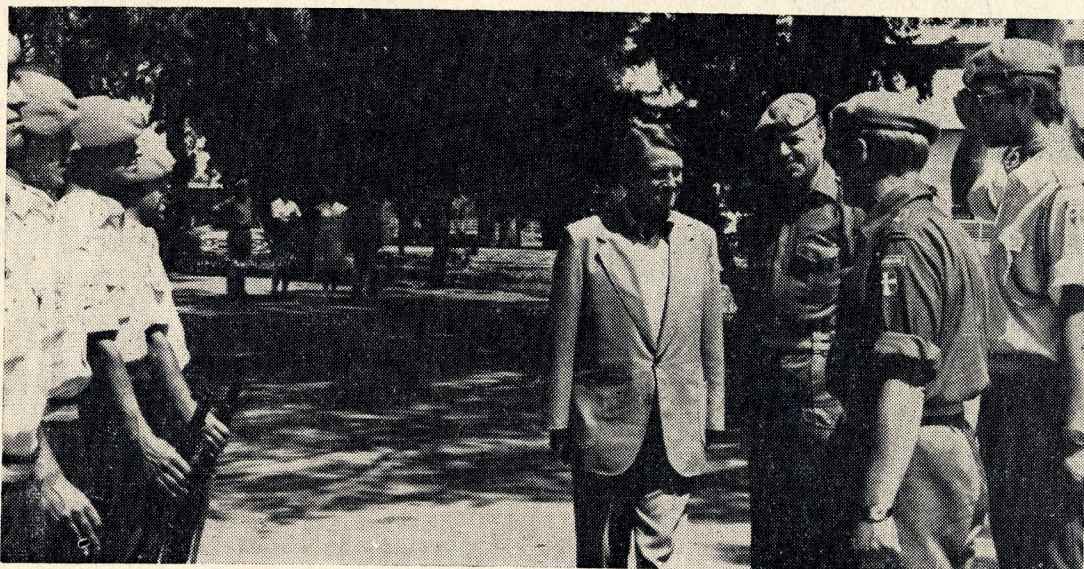
DANCON NEWS

I UNFICYP-mesterskaberne i hold sig en 2. plads på maskinskydning der afholdtes i Dekelia den 30 maj erhvervede det danske pistol og en 3. plads på pistol. På billedet ses de deltagende skytter.

At the shooting competition in Dhekelia the 30th of May, DANCON ended no. 2 in submachine-gun and no. 3 in pistol. The picture shows the Danish shooting team.



AMBASSADOR VISITS VIKING CAMP



Den danske ambassadør for Mellemøsten var i dagene 29 og 30 maj på orienteringsbesøg ved DANCON. På billedet ses ambassadørens ankomst til Viking Camp, hvor han blev modtaget af CH/DANCON.

The Danish Ambassador for the Middle East Mr. Thorning-Petersen visited DANCON on May the 29th. In the picture the Ambassador is seen talking to Lt Col T. Stang and Maj O. Hansen.

EVEN MOTORBIKES GO TOO!

Der sker noget på depotet når der pakkes SCACYP. Stereo-anglæ, klaverer, ja! endog motorcykler er med til at pæge lasten i SCACYP'en. På billedet ses SCACYP-teamet under vandte omstændigheder.

Something happens when you are loading SCACYP in DANCON. Radios, pianos and even motorbikes are included in the SCACYP cargo. On the picture you see the SCACYP team working under usual circumstances.

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SWEDCON SUMMARY

Armechefen; general Carl-Erik Almgren har gjort sin sista inspektionsrunda till svenska FN-trupper före sin pensionering till hösten.

Tillsammans med honom kom dagen efter försvarskommittén med ordföranden Per Pettersson i spetsen.

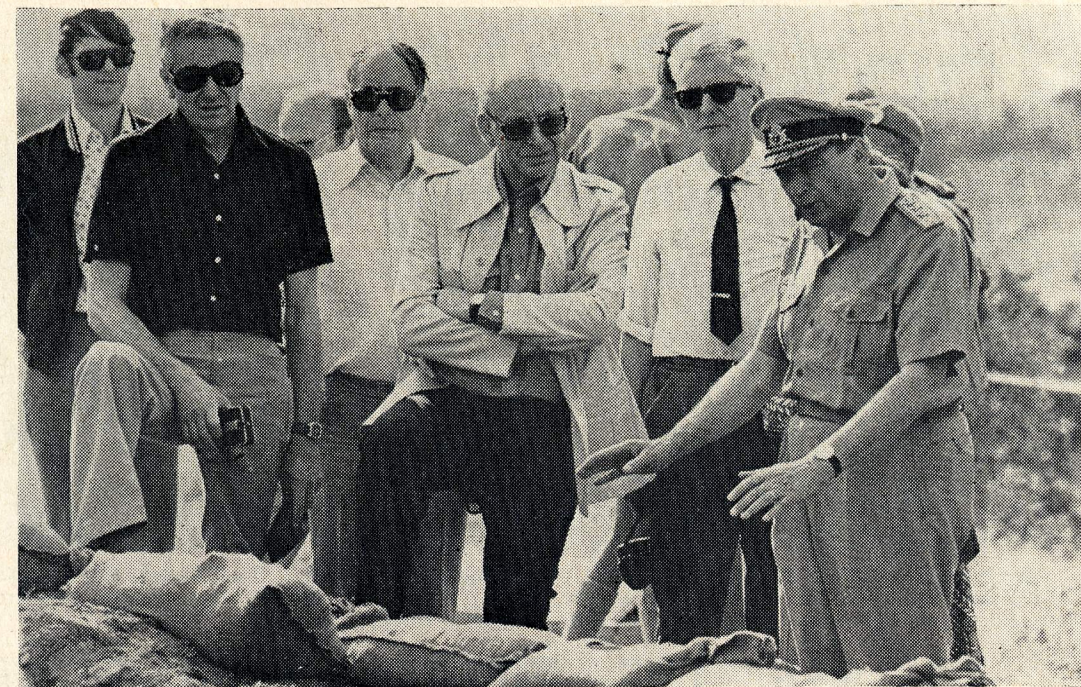
Utskottet åkte tillsammans med general Almgren ut på en "OP-runda" och tittade bl a på Klostret och Kartongfabriken före middagen på officersmässen med gäster från alla kategorier i bataljonen.

Samma dag man åkte iväg hann man med att titta på Stolfabriken och Dherinialinjen innan man åt lunch tillsammans med Force Commander i Larnaca.

Per Pettersson var mycket nöjd med vad han sett, framförallt var han imponerad av det jobb som läggs ner på OP-na och i förläggningarna.

Med på resan var bl a riksdagsmannen Bengt Gustavsson som också sitter i Rikspolisstyrelsen. Han la ner en god stund på att diskutera civilpolisens problem och arbetsförhållanden i Varosha.

THE SWEDISH C IN C IN SECTOR 6



General Carl-Erik Almgren explains the work on an OP to the MP:s. Seen in the middle, the chairman of the Committee of Defence, Mr Per Pettersson.

The Commander in Chief of the Swedish Army, Lieutenant General Carl Erik Almgren has visited the Swedish contingent and the Force Commander.

This is his last visit before he retires this year. After visiting Cyprus he went to the Middle East to visit the Swedish battalion in UNEF.

General Almgren has always taken a keen interest in the UN and the Swedish contingents serving with United Nations.

The day after he arrived, some Parliamentary members of the Committee of Defence arrived. It is four years since he visited a Swedish battalion stationed overseas.

First they went to the OP "Klostret", (S24), and later had dinner with all members of the Swedish contingent.

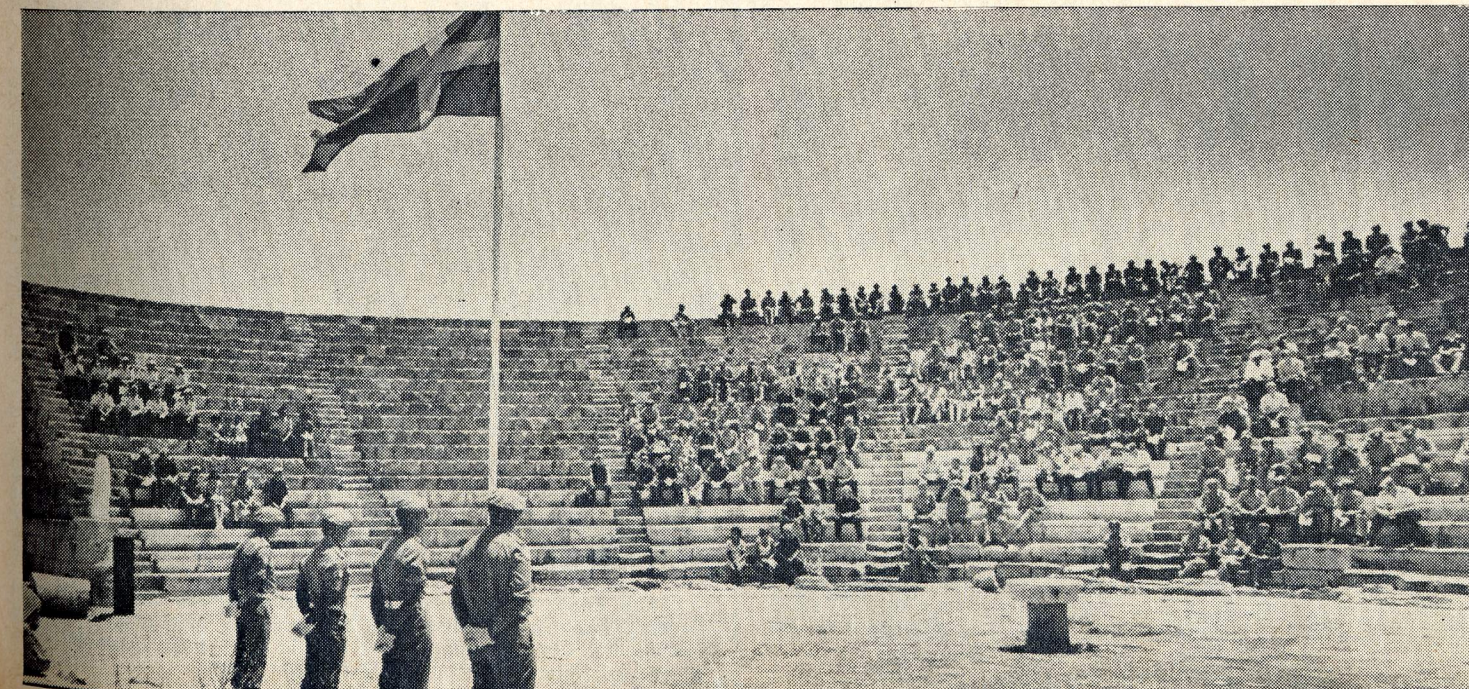
Mr Per Pettersson, the Chairman said "I am very impressed with everything I have seen and it is always good to meet the soldiers and see under what circumstances they work."



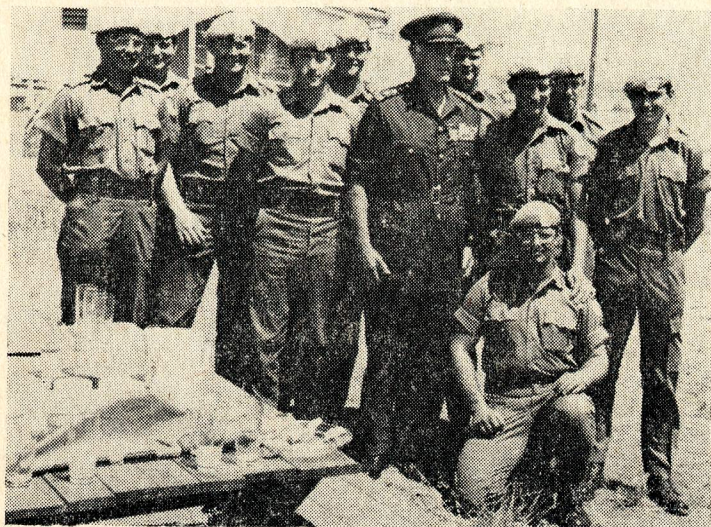
Sgt Dennis Ekbohm briefs General Almgren on the situation around OP "Klostret", S24.

THE SWEDISH NATIONAL DAY

The Swedish National Day on the 6th of June was marked with a ceremony at the ancient amphitheatre in Salamis, in the presence of many invited guests from other contingents.



COLONELS VISIT LIFE GUARDS



Admiral of the Fleet, Earl Mountbatten of Burma, the Colonel of the Life Guards visited A Squadron recently. During his visit he went to Larnaca and was photographed with Number 1 Troop.



The Colonel and the Lieutenant Colonel also visited Sector Six and were met on their arrival by Lieutenant Colonel P Stromberg.

TO SEE THE FORCE RESERVE AT WORK!

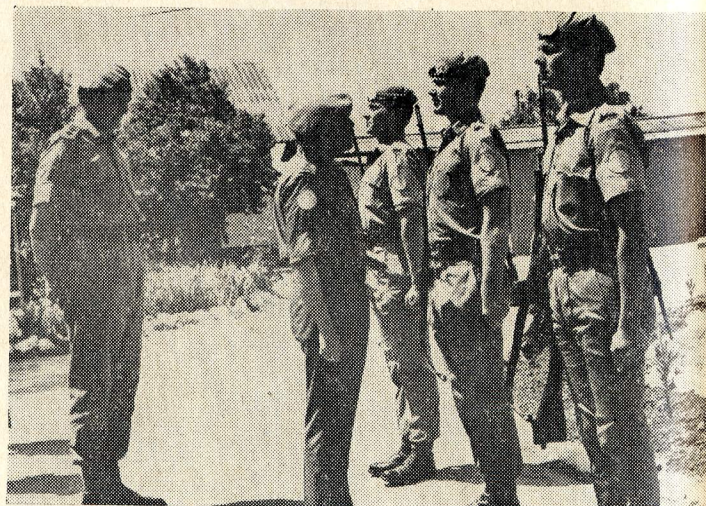


Lance Corporal of Horse K L Burns and Trooper J Wallace on duty in the Squadron Radio Room.

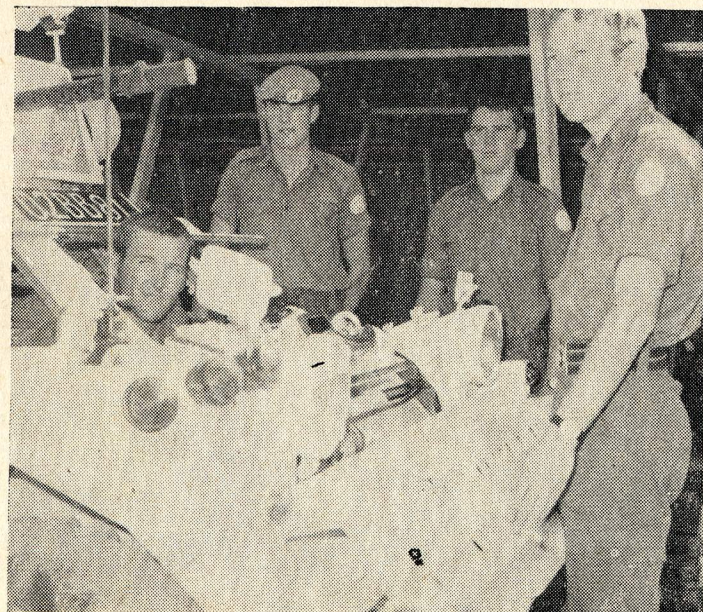


WO2 (AQMS) D.W. Lodder, the commander of the Squadron's LAD checks the serviceability state.

FORCE COMMANDER VISITS RGJ

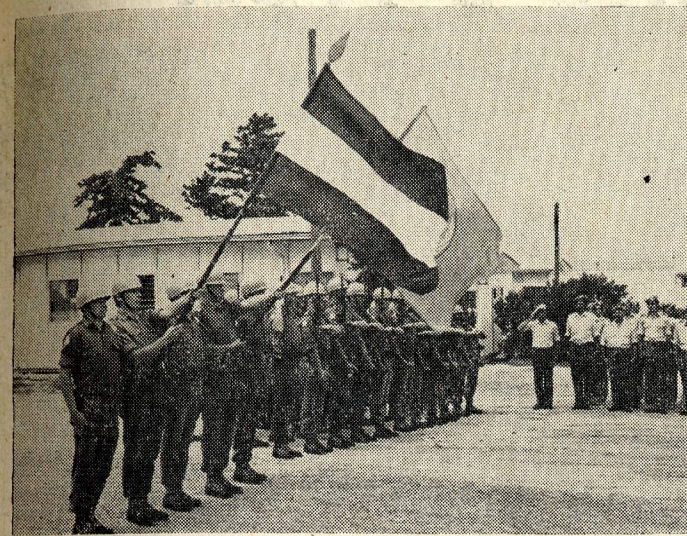


The Force Commander, Lt Gen Prem Chand visited 1 Royal Green Jackets for the first time on Thursday 27th May. He was met by the Commanding Officer and is seen here inspecting his Guard of Honour in St David's Camp.



One of the Ferrets in the LADs repair bay.

MEDAL PARADE

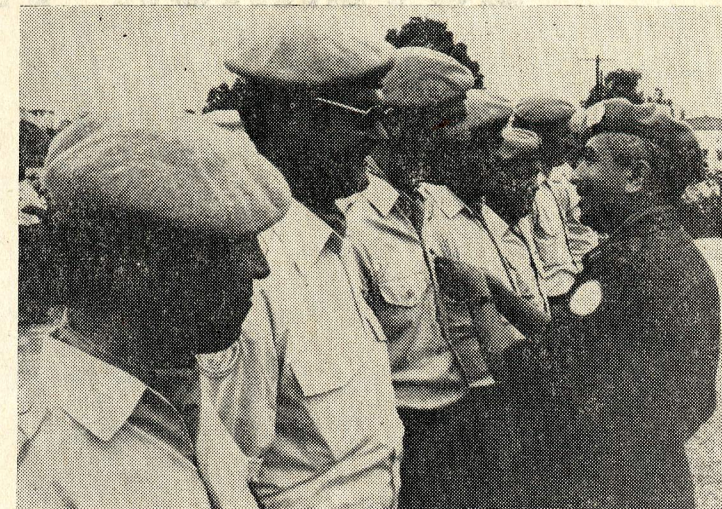


May 28th: The Austrian Battalion complete and ready for Medal Parade to begin.
28 Mai 76: Das Bataillon angetreten zur Medal Parade.



The Force Commander attended a lunch at the Flamingo Beach Hotel after the parade, during which a display of Austrian folk music was presented by Cpl SCHAIBLAUER, Cpl BOECK and Pte 1 HAIDER.

Am Lunch, der nach der Parade im Flamingo Beach Hotel stattfand, nahm auch, Lt Gen D. PREM CHAND teil. Unsere Musiker Kpl SCHAIBLAUER, Kpl BOECK und Gfr HAIDER sorgten fuer oesterreichische Atmosphaere und gute Stimmung.



Lt Gen D. Prem Chand PVSM decorates AUSCON members. From left: Maj HUTTERER, Capt BUTTINGER, Capt Dr. WISNIEWSKI, Capt PLESSBERGER, Capt SPREITZENHOFER, 1/Lt UNTERWEGER.

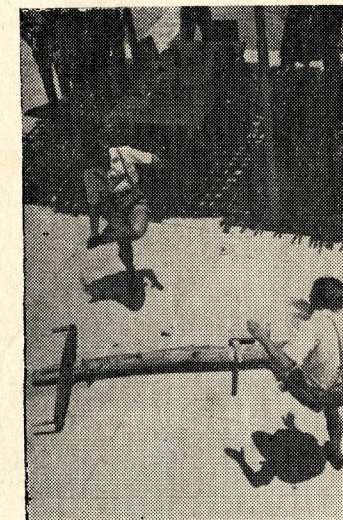
Lt Gen D. PREM CHAND PVSM verleiht persönlich die Medaille "In the Service of Peace".

Von Links: MjrdG HUTTERER, Hptm BUTTINGER, Hptm Artz WISNIEWSKI, Hptm PLESSBERGER, Hptm SPREITZENHOFER, Oblt UNTERWEGER.

One highlight of the folk music display was "Schuhplattler" by Lt GRABNER and Pte 1 LIST.

Ein Hoehepunkt des Unterhaltungsprogramms: Unser Schuhplattler Team bestehend aus Lt GRABNER und Gfr LIST.

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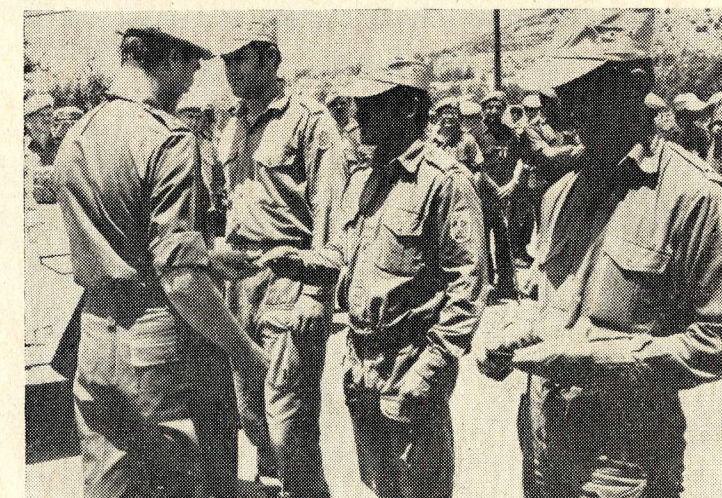
FALLING PLATES COMPETITION



The Austrian team competed in the shooting competition and recorded the fast time in the rifle — a fine result. The Team: Capt KRESSL, Pte 1 SCHAAR, Sgt THAUTENDORFER, Pte 1 BERGER.

Mit vollem Einsatz kaempfte unsere Stg — Mannschaft am 30.5.76 in DHEKELIA bei der Falling Plate Competition: Tagesbestzeit und 3. Platz — ein schoener Erfolg.

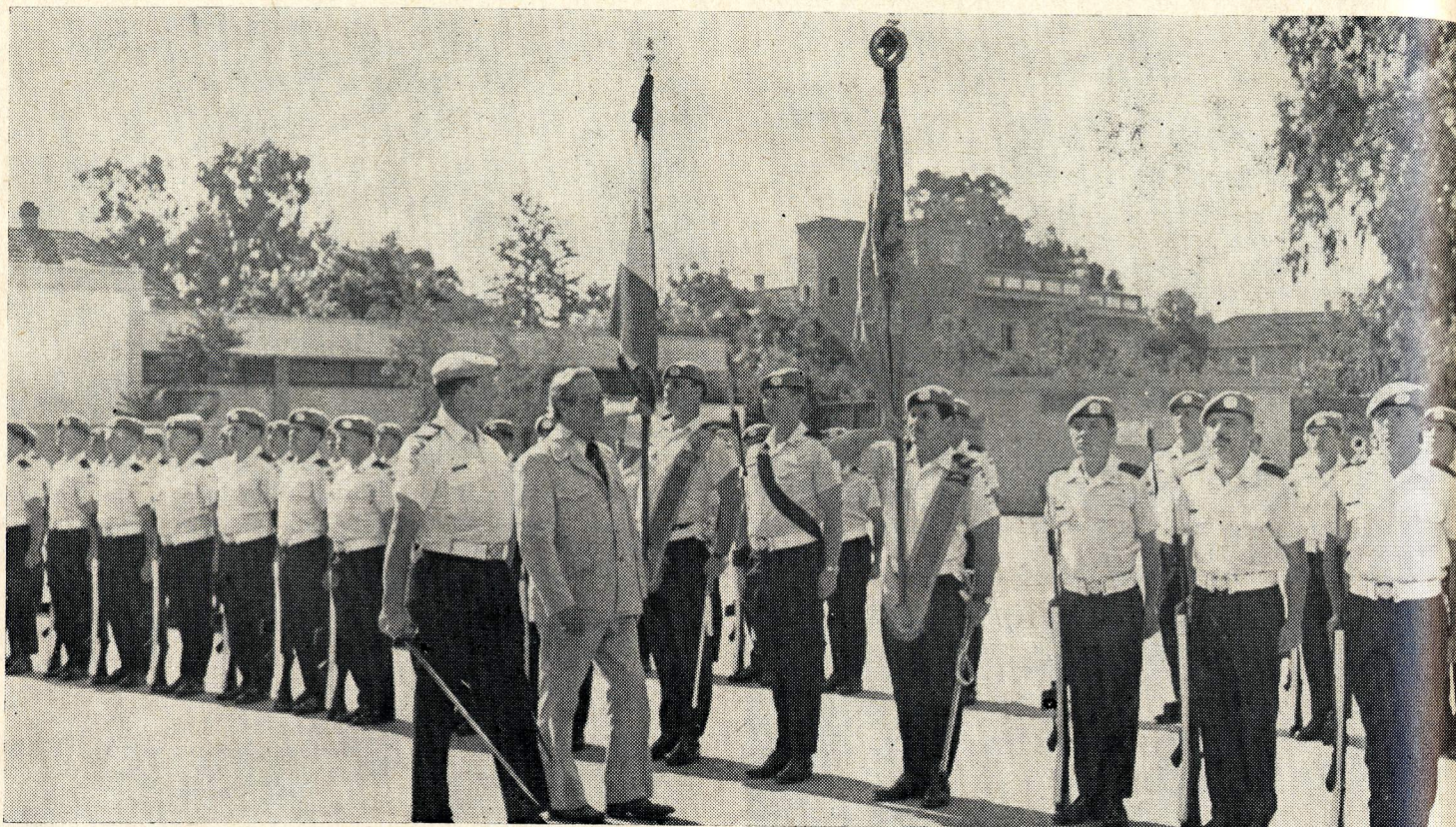
Die Mannschaft: Hptm KRESSL, Gfr SCHAAR, Wm THAUTENDORFER, Gfr BERGER.



Presentation of medals by Deputy Chief of Staff, Colonel H M TILLOTSON. From right: Capt KRESSL, Sgt TRAUTENDORFER, Pte BERGER.

Preisverteilung, vorgenommen durch Deputy Chief of Staff Colonel TILLOTSON. Von rechts: Hptm KRESSL, Wm TRAUTENDORFER, Gfr BERGER.

GOVERNOR VISITS 2 PPCLI



FORCE COMMANDER INSPECTS GUARD

The Second Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry have been honoured by three welcome and distinguished visitors during the last two weeks. The Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, His Honour F L Jobin inspected a Guard of Honour and then took the opportunity to travel in a Lynx while visiting an OP. The Force Commander, Lieutenant General D Prem Chand PVSM is seen (right) inspecting a Guard of Honour; while (below right) the father of our Colonel-in-Chief Admiral of the Fleet Earl Mountbatten of Burma, the Colonel of the Life Guards, is seen at Checkpoint Patricia.

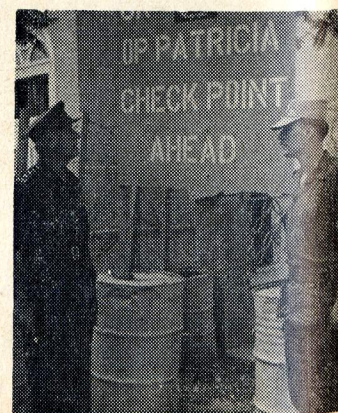
The picture below shows the Battalion's A team as they won the rifle part of the Force Falling Plate competition at Dhekalia Ranges. They beat CANCON's B team to take the top prize.



'A' TEAM WINS



COLONEL IN CHIEF'S FATHER AT CHECK POINT PATRICIA



PARAATI PARHAASTA PÄÄSTÄ

"Tämä on yksi parhaista paraateista, joita olen nähnyt FINCONIN esittävän. Olette nähneet paljon vaivaa saadaksenne kaiken näyttämään niin täsmälliseltä ja tarkalta." Näin totesi Force Commander, kenrl Prem Chand paraatipuheensa päätteeksi Lippujuhlapäivänä.

Oikeassa hän olikin. Vaivaa oli nähty tavallista enemmän. Oli jätetty ensi kertaa Kykon ahdas Platta ja tultu avarammille ohimarssinäyttämöille RAFin Hockeykentälle. Tuloksenkin huomasi. Paraati oli varmasti FINCONIN parhaita.

Kolme kuukautta nuhteettomasti palvelleet saivat rintaansa Kyp-ros —mitalin. Kaikkiaan 120 miestä oli saamisvuorossa. Force Commander totesi olevansa hyvin tyytyväinen FINCONIN panokseen tärkeällä vastuualueella.

Force Commander oli pistäytynyt lomalla Suomessa ja toi paraatijoukkoille edeltäjänsä kenrl A. E. Martolan terveiset. Force Commander totesi olevansa tyytyväinen voidessaan välittää terveiset juuri tänä lippujuhlan ja mitaliparaatin päivänä.



Ltn Ari Tikka saamassa mitaliaan.

Ohimarssin jälkeen alkoivat iltajuhlat kaikissa Kykon messeissä. Kaikissa niissä oli mukana

kansainvälisiä vieraita ja tunnelma korkealla aina juhlien loppuun asti.

ENGLISH SUMMARY

FINCON had its Armed Forces Parade on 4th of June, the Flag Day of Finnish Defence Services. Because the square at Kykko Camp was too small for the march past the parade was held on the RAF Nicosia Hockey Pitch. On this parade, 120 soldiers of FINCON received their blue and white ribboned UNFICYP medals in the presence of a number of invited guests.

The Force Commander, Lt Gen D. Prem Chand PVSM had visited Finland during his leave, and he brought back with him the greetings and best wishes of the former Force Commander, Lt Gen A. E. Martola to the officers and men on parade.

The picture below shows the newest member of FINCON, Lt Col Rauli Helminen at a briefing with Maj Jussi Lehtinen, Staff Officer Operations. Lt Col Helminen will take over the duties of the Chief Operations Officer, HQ UNFICYP.

UUSI KETSUPIN-SUOMALAINEN

Finconilaisten lukumäärä kasvoi parisen viikkoa sitten yhdellä evl Rauli Helminen tultua HQ:n OPSin päälliköksi. Ketsupissa yhdistettiin operatiiviseen puoleen taloudellinen sektori ja näin hänen hoidettavakseen tuli kaksi tehtäväkenttää. Kuvassa evl Rauli Helminen FINCONin OPSissa majuri Jussi Lehtisen briifattavana.

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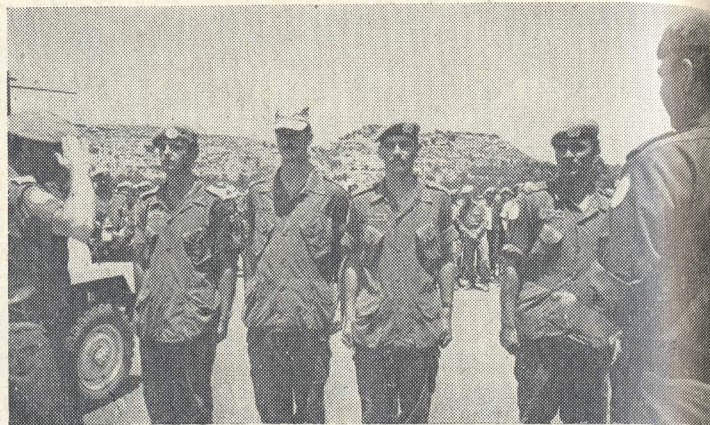
CANADIANS WIN TOP SHOOTING TROPHY



The final of the rifle falling plate competition with the two Canadian teams arriving on the firing point.



FINCON won the SMG competition and are seen in the final shooting against the DANCON team.



CANCON's number two team won the silver medals.

The first of the biannual Force Shooting Competitions took place at Dhekelia Ranges on Sunday

30th May. As usual the Finnish Contingent organised an extremely exciting falling plate contest for team firing rifles, submachine guns and pistols.

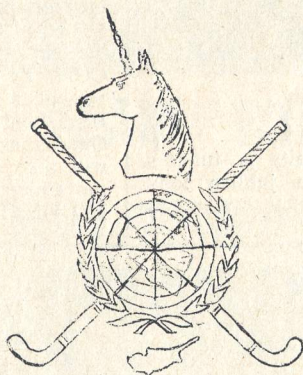
The first final to be decided was between two Swedish teams and resulted in the SWEDCON team beating the Swedish Civilian Police. In the SMG the Finnish Contingent's first team beat the Danish Contingent's first team. The last competition to be decided was the rifle, in which the Canadian first team beat the Canadian second team.

In each competition the losing finalists competed against each other to decide who should take third place. These were won by DANCON in the pistol competition, SWEDCON 2 in the SMG and AUSCON in the rifle.

WHICH SWEDISH TEAM WON?



A UNIQUE UN BADGE



The UNFICYP UNICORNS Hockey Club Badge (seen above) is an unique badge for a unique club. The club was formed with the help of 7 Squadron RCT in the autumn of 1975, with the aim of reviving Hockey within UNFICYP. A high spot of the season has been the Finnish Contingents participation. The Finns learnt the game in February 1976 and 3 members of their contingent now play regularly for the Force. Following a successful 6-a-side competition in March, (which was won by the Workshops) the Unicorns have twice played the Saxons, the premier hockey club on the Island. The first game was predictably lost, but in the last game on Sunday 23 May the UNICORNS held the Saxons to a 2-2 draw — an outstanding result for such a new club.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Week ending 12 June	6	Lesson of the month
Same period last year	10	
Total for the year	136	if you have a seat belt —
Total for the same period last year	141	USE IT