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ATHLETICS MEETING

On Thursday last week, the Swedish Contingent sponsored the UNFICYP Athletes meeting at the Gasie Stadium in Famagusta. About 200 competitors took part in the events, which lasted all the day.

The Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, presented the prizes and trophies to the winners. A new trophy was given for the "Sportsman of the Day", and was presented to Captain Robin Broad, RCT, who won both the 1500 m. and the 3000 m. race — the latter was a new UN record time of 9.26.4 minutes. — For full story see back page, and for further pictures turn to page 3.

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● Private Barry Wannamaker, Cancon, receives congratulations and a medal from the Force Commander for finishing 3rd in the 200 meter race. Major Hunt, Cancon, was the winner and Corporal Andersson, Swedcon, 2nd.



COMMANDER 3rd SIGNAL GROUP VISITS UNFICYP

Colonel C. O. Bound, OBE, Commander 3rd Signals Group paid a visit on Friday 24th September to the Force Signals Troop. He is pictured (above) talking to Warrant Officer Class II (Yeoman of Signals) G. H. Wright. Captain Bill Backhouse, (centre) Troop Commander, escorted Colonel Bound and introduced members of the Troop.

I GORDONS SCOTTISH DAY

Contingent National Days are occasions which always create great interest. 1 Gordons who are a Scottish Battalion felt that as past Britcon battalions had held British National Days that they would for a change put on a Scottish Day, which was held on 22nd September. Planning for a National Day starts weeks ahead of the occasion. Sponsors of National produce have to be obtained from the home country. Careful planning and tasking of responsibilities for the various activities throughout the day have to be made so that the normal day to day operational tasks are not neglected. Invitations to other Contingents are sent out. On the day itself many members of the Contingent have to remain on duty hosting guests, providing displays and manning the stalls.

The day was greatly enjoyed by all who attended, who left feeling that they had gained an insight into the customs and produce of Scotland. For full report please turn to Britcon page.



HVAD ER DET DOG DER SKER

Man har minsandten set både pionerdelingen og signaldelingen i fuld aktivitet i flere timer, ja endda dage.

Årsagen til signaldelingens cir- kuslignende masteøvelser og andre festligheder (inclusive et par ord, der ikke kan trykkes her) er, at vor kære nabo skal bruge det område, hvor commanderens og signaldelin-

gens telt samt "nervencentret" med flere ligger, eller rettere lå. Der skal bygges en ny dam og, påstår minens udsendte medarbejder, hvis den ikke er færdig til 1.JAN 72 koster det 1.000£ OM DAGEN i tabt fortjeneste!! Det er jo en gruelig bunke pund, så teltrejer- og cementstøberdelingen blev til- kaldt, så skramlet kunne være af vejen til aftalt dato, nemlig den 20. september. Yderligere hjælp blev tilkaldt til flytning af radiomasten, nemlig folk fra 644 Signal Troop. Disse fluemenneskers opvisning gav iøvrigt anledning til et enormt for- brug af film.

Med alle disse skønne kræfter samlet blev det hele så flyttet til højre og venstre i en mægtig fart, ja der er endda observeret flere med sved på panden (onde tunger siger dog, at det var et par tilskuere fra Limnitis).

Ros til alle implicerede for et



●KS Vang og KS Olesen får hjælp af frekvens eksperterne, OS Olsen og SG Nielsen.

●I fladtrykt julehumør er motor- vognsfører SKLT Møller i gang med en større teknisk opgave. Gode råd og bemærkninger fra både Kan- tinebestyreren og Signallofficeren gav dog tilsidst en lykkelig udgang på det vanskelige tilfælde.



●Kontingentet har fået ny læge. Vor nye DOC hedder Søren Jensen; ja, det er den bløge mand med bril- ler, der allerede er set klavre rundt ude i bjergene.

godt, hurtigt og præcist stykke ar- bejde.

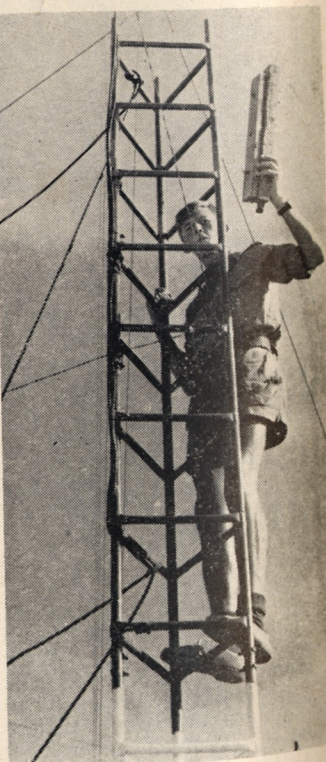
Da alt var væk, gik LDEL/Xeros i gang med at rydde op og flytte hegn. Også her gik man til den og alt er nu i den skønneste orden.

MEN, alle er ikke glade: Næsten nede i flodlejet, med moderjord direkte under violinkasserne, sidder en brølende mand: "Det støver! Og jord i skoene får man også! Det her telt er bedre egnet til heste- stald! MØLLER, sørg for at der bliver hældt vand på og revet!" "REVL OG KRAT!"

Og livet gik sin vante gang i Vi- king Camp!

DANCON NYT

●Arbejdsleder Horsted (han har ikke fundet noget) overvåger, at KS Simonsen og KS Johansen knokler afsted under høje hyl og støn!



●OS B.K.K. Nielsen klar til det "sture" nummer: Baglæns ned- spring.

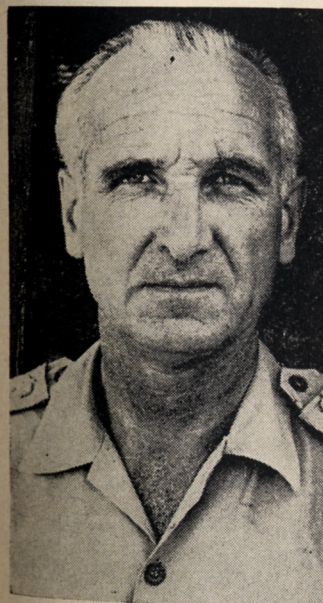
ARRANGERADE SÅGS OCH SEGRADE

UNFICYP-mästerskapen är av- verkade. Vi vann. Med 127 lag- poäng mot 76 för närmaste lag som var CANCON. General Prem Chand höll tal efter tävlingarna och överlag kunde vi nog känna oss rätt nöjda med den avverkade täv- lingen. Allt klaffade perfekt.



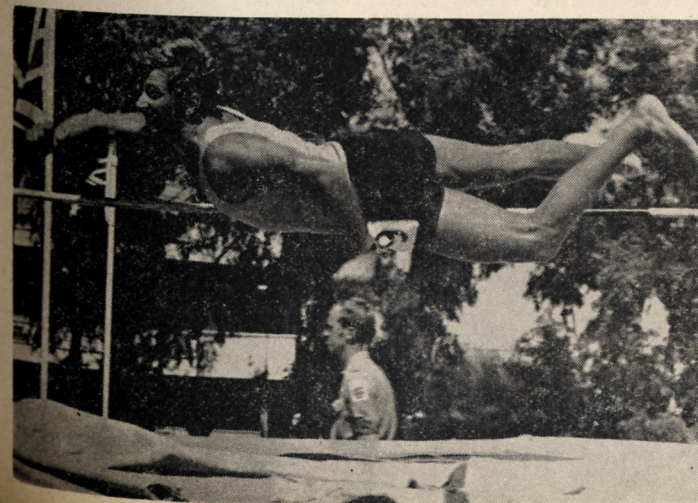
GOODBYE CHEFEN

Denna vecka har vi bytt boss Överstelöjtnant Carl-Gösta Norderup som följt bataljonen sedan utbildningstiden i Lin- köping har mönstrat av och ersatts med överstelöjtnant In- gemar Bondesson som "tar över" från och med oktober. Tack för den tid som varit, Carl Gösta.

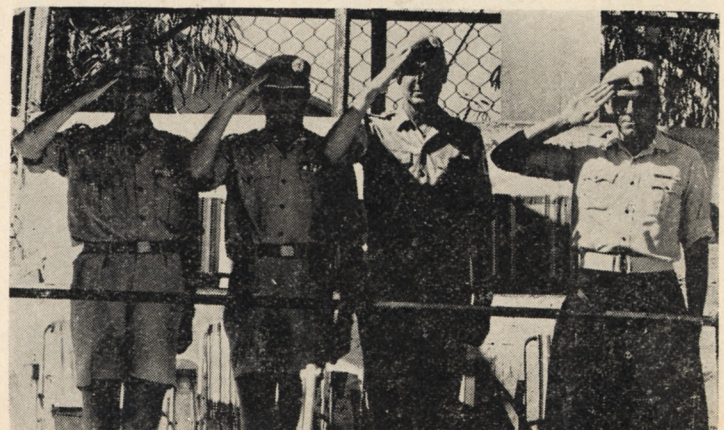


SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos



Vi passar i detta nummer av Blue Beret på att ta farväl även av en annan veteran från batal- jon 46. Kapten Christer Röing som åker hem denna vecka. Hans ersättare har redan kom- mit.



BILDERNA

Hela den svenska sidan är en bildsida idag. Vi återkommer nästa vecka med textkommenta- rerna. Tills vidare kan vi läsa resultaten på sista sidan i veckans Blue Beret. Bilderna på denna sida visar längst t.v. kulvinnaren Hallberg som stötte 12.40 och bärg- ade sju poäng till SWEDCON.



T.v. inmarschbilden av den svenska lagenheten som vann täv- lingen totalt. Frank Starborg, lag- kaptenen, för fanan. Ovan en bild på svenske sprinterkungen Wass som blir slagen på mållinjen av canadensarnas lag. Nedan en bild på dragkampslaget som "åkte dit" mot proffen från SCOTCON som vann finalen. "Taikon" försökte dock stimulera manskapet.

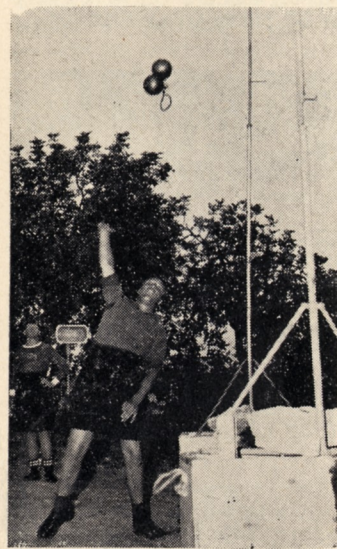
Bilden under inmarschen visar den intresserade svenska delen av publiken med tygoff, Chefen S 3 och Chefen S 2 i mitten. Nyström och Hofvenstam med kollegor svarar för den polisiära represen- tationen.



Längst ner t.v. visar "hoppkun- gen" kapten Sune Arnesson hur man tar ny rekordhöjd 1.73 i höjd. Även längdhoppet bärgades sedemera med ett hopp på 6.06. T.h. nedan en bild från hedersläk- taren där övl Ingemar Bodesson, COS maj Lindblom, chefen samt major Gordon från Scotcon salu- terar fanorna under inmarschen.

NATIONAL DAY

Contingent National Days are occasions which always create great interest among the members of UNFICYP. Previous Britcon battalions having produced British Days, 1 Gordons, who are a Scottish regiment, decided to "ring the changes" and produced a Scottish Day which took place at Polemidhia Camp on Wednesday 22nd September.



● A competitor in the Hammer Throwing Event lets fly with the weights. They weigh approximately 26 lbs. and the winning height/throw was in the region of 16 feet.

The Scottish Day events began, in the cool of the late afternoon, with an opening address by Lieutenant Colonel J.R.A. MacMillan, Commanding Officer of 1 Gordons, welcoming all those who had come to participate in, or just enjoy the day.

No Scottish Day could start without "Highland Games" where men show their strength and skill by Caber Tossing, Weight Tossing, Cumberland Wrestling and Tug of War as well as their agility in the intricate steps of Highland Dancing. Piping and Bugling competitions also took place. Everyone was invited to participate in the games and side shows which included a putting stall (Golf was invented by the Scots, wasn't it?), trampolining and the slippery pole, which was over a pool of water, and of course the whiskey stalls.



● Two competitors struggle with each other trying to lift the other off the ground. This is a sport which originated in the border county of Cumberland — hence its name "Cumberland Wrestling", which is now part of any Highland Games.

BRITCON NEWS

● We picture on the right Pipe Major Kerr and on the left Company Sergeant Major Murphy, of Ircon, both of whom entertained the gathering at the Celiedh.

All these events helped to turn the first part of the evening into a great success. The Bugling competition for the Commanding Officer's Silver Bugle was won by Private Alexander. Prizes for various competitions throughout the day were presented by Lady Gordon Lennox, wife of the Colonel of the Regiment, Lieutenant General Sir George Gordon Lennox, KBE, CB, CVO, DSO, who was visiting the Regiment and Mrs Holme wife of Major General M. W. Holme, CBE, MC; GOC NEARELF.

At 1900 hrs the Drums and Pipes played a floodlit Beating of Retreat. The Colonel of the Regiment took the salute at the March Off. The setting, with the view of the lights of Limassol in the distance, must come a close second to the backdrop of Edinburgh Castle where the Edinburgh Tattoo is held.

The next event was the Celiedh, a loose translation of this Gaelic word is "a gathering of persons to sing ballads, eat and be merry". This was indeed the case with good Scottish food and drink provided, including Haggis that well known Scottish delicacy. The show included piping, Highland dancing, recitals. Bothy (this means a small

hut and refers to the Crofters huts of Scotland) Ballads and evensome Yodelling!

Approximately, 300 guests were invited and enthusiastically took part in the sports and singing. It was an evening thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thanks must go, not only to Lieutenant Colonel MacMillan and the Officers and men of 1 Gordons but also to the many sponsors from Scotland who helped to make it a truly Scottish Day.



● Captain Gavin Peebles, Adjutant of 1 Gordons, dressed as befits the "professional" of the Polemidhia Golf Course watches as a member of Swedcon lines up for a tricky approach shot on the green!



● A visitor to the Scottish Day tries his hand at Tossing the Caber. Those used in Scotland are 25 feet in length. 1 Gordons kindly reduced the size on this occasion to one of 12 feet and one of 16 feet. Competitors lift the caber in the vertical position holding it against the chest and the shoulder. They then run forward and toss the caber hoping that it completes a full circle by landing on what started as the topmost end. Judges also consider the length of the throw and the lie of the caber for a final result.

"LIVELY SEPTEMBER"

If August, as the Irish novelist Edna O'Brien claims, is a wicked month, then September has been for Ircon's 20th Infantry Group an extremely lively one. A totally unexpected victory at Orienteering was followed by a successful run right through to the final of the UNFICYP Soccer Championships (organised by Ircon). On the social front there was a very successful Farewell Party in Zyyi Officers' Mess. Finally, there was a visit from an Opposition T.D., who was on a fact-finding mission.

Ircon parties are always held in high esteem, and this latest one was well up to the standard of its predecessors. Over 200 guests, were received by Lieutenant Colonel J. J. Griffin, OC 20 Infantry Group. Guest

Sept to be met at the Airport by the Chief Operations Officer, Lieutenant Colonel P. D. Hogan and Lieutenant Colonel Griffin.

A helicopter tour which brought Mr Cluskey to Zyyi



● Lieutenant Colonel J. J. Griffin with the Force Commander and Mrs Prem Chand at the Irish Stand Down Function.



● Ircon's winning Orienteering Team, Lt Col Griffin (centre) and Captain Heaslip holding the Cup.

of Honour was the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, who was accompanied by his gracious wife. The entrance to the Officers' Mess had been converted to a temporary Reception Area, where cocktails were dispensed to the guests as they arrived.

The theme of the menu for the Buffet Supper was Irish foods, and each course introduced the guests to a different food product of our native land. It hardly needs to be added that the whole lot was washed down with Irish Coffee, with a tincture of Irish Mist to assist the digestive juices.

Another welcome guest during this month was Mr Frank Cluskey, TD, Labour member of parliament for one of the Dublin constituencies. He flew into Nicosia on Monday 20th

Camp, Kophinou and Larnaca, with trips to a number of OPs, afforded him the opportunity of seeing at first hand the magnitude of the task confronting Irish troops in Cyprus, and the nature of their duties. He was obviously quite impressed by all that he saw, and will be in a position to inform his colleagues in Dail Eireann about the nature and implications of Ircon's contribution to UNFICYP.

Finally, there was the delightful news that an Irish Orienteering Team, lead by Captain Dick Heaslip had sprung a major surprise by sweeping the boards at the UNFICYP Inter-Contingent Orienteering competition held in the Troodos area. Not even the most sanguine of the team members could have hoped for

anything better than a good showing in an event at which the Irish are comparative newcomers, hence their delight at the successes (winners in the team competition, and 1st, 3rd and 5th in the individual events). Captain Heaslip showed inspired example to his team when he and Trooper Doyle set a competition individual record

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with 153 points, the next pair being Swedcon's best with 125 points. Yes indeed, it was a famous victory!!



● Mr Frank Cluskey, being greeted on arrival by (left to right) Commandant P. Hayes, Lieutenant Colonel P. D. Hogan, Lieutenant Colonel J. J. Griffin.



● Corporal N. R. Ladouceur (left) and Corporal B. A. McLeod, of the Quartermasters Stock Records Section, check over an item on the stock ledger cards. The cards reflect the total holdings of all individual Canadian Contingent items thus giving QM stores an instant inventory if it is required.

QM STORES

One of the largest sections at Blue Beret Camp is the Quartermaster Stores which looks after all logistics for the Canadian Contingent. Commanded by Captain John Tyrrell, the stores include not only the large supply section but also Barrack Stores, Tech Stores, the Airhead and the Paper, Printing, and Stationery Section.

● A change of command will soon take place at the Quartermasters. Captain John Tyrrell (seated), the present Quartermaster, briefs Captain Marc Metivier, of the R22e Regiment, as to what his duties will be during the next six months.



● Sergeant R. C. Peaker has good reason to smile on his job. He gets to supervise the work of Miss Angela Olympiou, the Quartermaster's Typist, and gets paid for it.

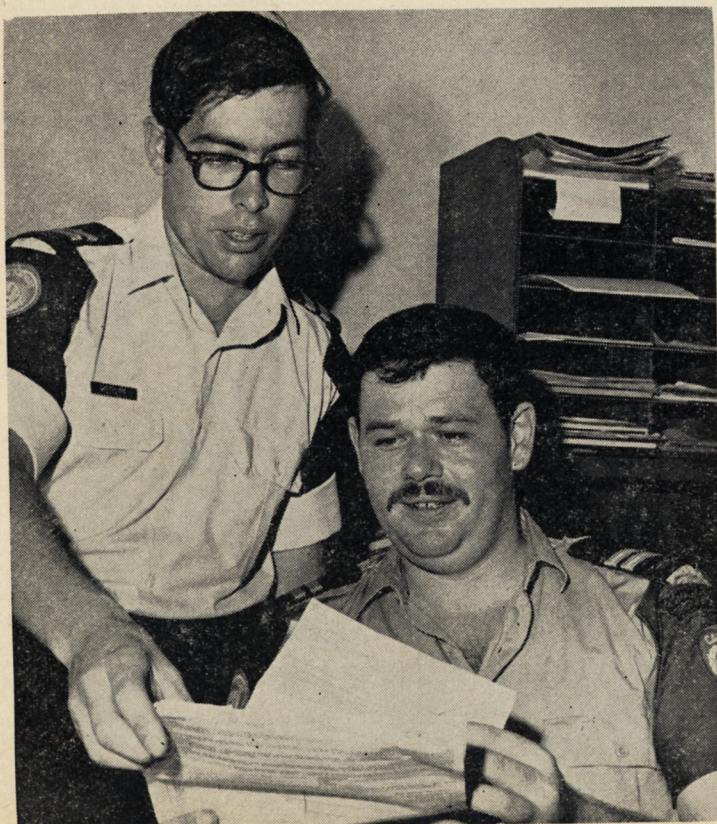


● One of the duties of the Quartermaster Stores is the handling of the laundry and bedding for the Canadian Contingent. The two members of this department are Corporal J. W. Matthews (left) and Corporal B. R. Whiffen, who are checking through a large bundle of laundry.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

● Corporal R. W. Kinnersley, of the Clothing Section, stacks a new load of blue berets on the shelf. The Clothing Section is another of the Quartermaster Stores complex.



"LAHJOMATTOMAT"



Järjestyspartio lähdessä kierrokselle mukana ylikersantti Ojanen ja alikersantti Lampi.

"Kylän suurin kypärä ja..." No, ei ehkä suurin mutta valkoisin kuitenkin. Meitä valkean kypärän alla työskenteleviä suomalaisia ns. militaareja on seitsemän kuin veljeksiä Jukolassa. Meidät on sijoitettu kansainväliseen sotilaspoliisikomppaniaan kokonaan eroon Suomen pataljoonasta ja asuinpaikkamme on Blue Beret Camp, jonkin kivenheiton matka Kykkosta. Kaksi meistä on komenmuk-sella, yksi Limassolissa ja toinen Famagustassa, joten tarvittaessa voitte saada näissäkin kaupungeissa suomalaisen sotilaspoliisin apua. Olemme aina valmiit lähtemään hälytykselle ympäri vuorokauden satoi tai paistoi. Partiointia suoritamme toisten contingenttien edustajien kanssa ja siinä joutuu kielitaito koetukselle, mutta aina siinä joku uusi sana tarttuu kovempaan-

mesta. Käytettävissä on poliisi-alan välineitä aina ajoneuvon kuljettajan alkoholin nauttimisen toteutamispuullista sormenjälkien talteenottamisvälineisiin ja varkaan ilmaisevaan värijauheeseen saakka. Syytä on itsekunkin varoa tekemästä sellaista, joka johtaa kuvan esittämälle kuulustelupenkille. Siinä ei ele tosiaan kevyt olla ja siinä voi pian ruveta tekemään mieli pistää pää pensaaseen eli kuten kuvan kuulusteltava yrittää "pelastaa kasvonsa."

Oikeusupseerin tehtävät täällä toisen valtion alueella toimivassa suomalaisessa joukko-osastossa ovat laadultaan ja laajuudeltaan



Kuulustelu meneillään sotilaspoliisitoimistossa. Väepeli Pesonen jääkäri Malmi ja ?.

kin päähän'...Pienenä toivomuk-sena voisimme vielä mainita, että liikkeussanne kaupungilla muistai-sitte sotilaallisen käyttäytymisen. On tullut huomautuksia siitä, kun miehet kävelevät kädet taskuissa, baretti on missä sattuu ja kaulaliina puuttuu kaulasta. Muuten kaikki on mennyt mukavasti puolin ja toisin ja toivottavasti tämä hyvä yhteistyö tulee jatkumaan tulevaisuudessakin.

Pataljoonan sotilaspoliisitehtä-vien hoitamista varten on esikun-nan sotilaspoliisitoimistossa sekä tutkija-aliupseeri että kirjuri-aliup.

He suorittavat tarvittavat tut-kimukset ja kuulustelut. Poliisi-koulutuksen saaneina he tutkivat ensisijaisesti varsinaista ammatti-taitoa vaativat tapaukset, kun taas vähäisemmät asiat hoidetaan aina-kin alustavasti komppanioitten toi-

vallan toista luokkaa kuin koti-maassa. Tästä syystä häneltä vaa-ditaan oikeusalan erikoiskoulutus. Tehtäväkentästä mainittakoon paikallisen väestön kanssa tehdystä sopimuksista, kaupoista tai muista vastaavista oikeustoimista syn-tyneiden erimielisyyksien ja tulkin-tojen selvittelyminen. Yksityi-sissä oikeudellisissa asioissa voi-daan oikeusupseerilta saada tieto-ja ja selvityksiä asioiden hoitami-sesta. Vähäisempiä asiakirjoja laa-ditaan ja tarvittaessa hankitaan suomessa asianajaja apua, jonka

varaton henkilö erittäin tärkeissä asioissaan voi saada valtion kustan-nuksella. Huomattavan osan oik-keusupseerin työstä muodostaa vir-ka-autoille sattuneiden vaurioiden tutkintalautakunnan asiakirjojen valmistaminen, kääntäminen ja kokoaminen sekä näissä asioissa tapahtuva kirjeenvaihto ja muu yhteydenpito UNFICYP:n esikun-nan kanssa. Oikeusupseeri toimii kuvassakin esitetyn tutkintalauta-kunnan puheenjohtajana eli tä-käläisen sanontatavan mukaan pre-sidenttinä!.



Board of inquiry - istunto meneillään. Ritamäki, Kiiski ja Ahtiainen.

PASTORIN VIRKISTYSMATKAT

Lokakuussa suoritetaan pastorin virkistysmatkat seuraavan ohjel-man mukaan:

3.10. ajellaan Troodos vuoriston kauniita teitä ja pistäydytään ainakin Troodosen korkeimmalla paikalla, joka on nimeltään Olympos. 10.10 lähdetään länteen. Matkan kohteina ovat Vounin palatsi ja Soli teateri. 17.10. mennään jälleen Troodos vuorille. Ainakin yhtenä matkan pysähdyspaikkana on Makheraksen luostari. 24.10. tutustu-taan Kyrenian linnaan. 31.10. lienee jo rotaatio ohi ja niinpä etsimme sinä pyhänä joitakin kohteita Nikosiasta.

Käytännön saneleman syyn takia lähdetään matkoille suununtai-sin Kykkosta sunnuntaiaamuisin klo 10 eikä enää klo 9,30 kuten aikai-semmin. Tervetuloa mukaan näille virkistys- ja opintomatkoille.

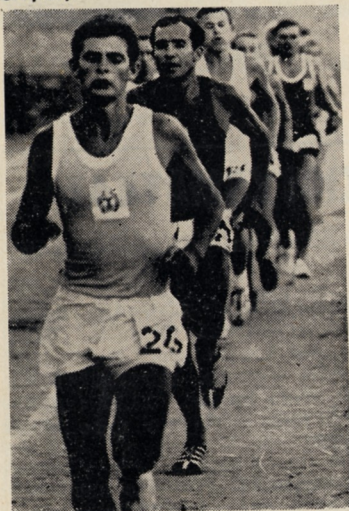
FINCON NEWS



Vihreän linjan viesti juostiin 21.9. Kovan kilpailun ratkaisi EK:n hyväksi ylikersantti Erkkilä, joka omalla osuudellaan juoksi 1 JK:n etumatkan kiinni ja otti vielä rakoakin. Loppuaika oli EK:lle 7.13. Toi-kesti tulleen 1 JK:n aika oli 7.23 ja kolmannen eli 2 JK:n aika oli 7.27. Kuvamme esittää erittäin tasavä-kistä lähtöä.



● Private Wass (Swedcon), second from left, wins the 100 metres in a very exciting finish. From left to right — Privates Andersson and Wass (Swedcon), Warrant Officer Class I Bauer (Austrian Field Hospital, who was second, Sergeant McMahon (Austcivpol), Private King (Cancon) and Inspector Kaspersen (Austcivpol).



● The 3000 metres runners after the second lap. In the lead Trooper Wragg, Force Reserve, followed by Captain Broad, Camp Unficyp, who won the event.

● We picture the field in the 1500 metres event, which was won after four heats by Captain Robin Broad who represented Camp Unficyp. In our picture he is the fourth runner from the left.

ATHLETICS MEETING

The UNFICYP Athletics meeting held last week in Famagusta was well-organized by Swedcon, and approximately 200 competitors had a very interesting day which will be remembered for a long time to come.

A magnificent programme was produced by Swedcon which not only covered the events to be held at the sports meeting, but also contained detailed information on the Famagusta Town Race which is to be held on 12th October. The programme included lists of the events and detailed information on the participants from each contingent with photographs of each team. Spectators found the programme of great assistance.

The final results were:

1500 m.: Captain Broad, Camp UNFICYP, 4.23.9, Sergeant McMahon, Austcivpol, 4.27.7, Staff Sergeant Erkkila, Fincon, 4.28.4.

3000 m.: Captain Broad, Camp UNFICYP, 9.26.4, Staff Sergeant Erkkila, Fincon, 9.55.0, Private Gillies, Britcon, 9.56.9.

High jump: Captain Arnesson, Swedcon, 173 cm. Private Halonen, Fincon, 165 cm, Private Martinen, Swedcon, 165 cm.

Long jump: Captain Arnesson, Swedcon, 6.06 m., Private Halonen, Fincon, 5.85 m, Lieutenant Raisanen, Fincon, 5.77 m.

Discus: Corporal Starborg, Swedcon, 36.55 m, Private Suoniemi,



● Winners of the Tug-of-War competition were the team from 1 Gordons, who "Pulled Away" (I'm sure the experts will inform the Editor that this is incorrect phraseology) from the Swedish team in the final round. We picture the Swedish Team Captain, Staff Sergeant Curt Naslund (is he hypnotising his team to win?) giving the order to "heave!!"

MP NOTEBOOK

ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

Week Ending	
24 Sep 71	— 7
Same Period	
Last Year	— 9
Total This Year	— 247
Same Period	
Last Year	— 261

Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:

"CARELESS DRIVING"

Fincon, 36.38 m, Captain Egar, Ircon, 35.99 m.

Triple jump: Private Karlsson, Swedcon, 12.29 m, Sergeant Somestad, Swedcon, 11.56 m, Lance Corporal Butler, Force Reserve, 11.46 m.

100 m.: Private Wass, Swedcon, WO I Bauer, AFH, Corporal Andersson, Swedcon, Sergeant McMahon, Austcivpol, all in 12.0 seconds.

200 m.: Major Hunt, Cancon, 24.5, Corporal Andersson, Swedcon, 24.6, Private Wannamaker, Cancon, 24.7.



● Two of the hardest worked people at the meeting were, the announcer, left, Lieutenant Anders Wendelberg, Swedcon Press Officer and Lieutenant Pentti Lampinen, Fincon.

400 m.: Sergeant Moodie, Britcon, 54.4, Private Wannamaker, Cancon, 55.1, Major Hunt, Cancon, 55.7.

800 m.: Private Manchester, Cancon, 2.15.7, Private Leger, Cancon, Sergeant Grey, Britcon, both 2.15.8.

4x100 m.: Cancon 47.5, Swedcon 47.7, Britcon 48.6.

4x400 m.: Cancon 3.46.8, Swedcon 3.47.0, Britcon 3.47.1.

Shot putt: Private Hallberg, Swedcon, 12.40, Captain Egar, Ircon, 12.09, Private Adam, Britcon, 12.06.

Javelin: Martinen, Swedcon, 54.98, Private Suoniemi, Fincon, 49.44, Sergeant Sonestad, Swedcon, 49.15.

Tug of War: 1. Britcon, 2. Swedcon, 3. Cancon, 4. Ircon.

