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● Lieutenant Colonel J. J. Griffin, Commanding Officer 20th Infantry Group, is welcomed by Lieutenant Colonel T. Tracey, Commanding Officer of the present Irish Contingent. Colonel Griffin has served with the UN in Cyprus before. In 1969 he held an appointment as an Economics Officer at HQ UNFICYP.

ROTATION TIME

April is rotation time for many of the contingents serving with the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus. Four contingents are to be relieved this month, Ircon, Fincon, Swedcon and Britcon.

The Irish rotation started on 16th April and is due to be completed on 27th April. 420 personnel, all ranks, are to be rotated, and the incoming troops will form the new Irish Contingent, 20th Infantry Group, which will replace 19th Infantry Group in the Larnaca District. The new Irish Contingent Commander is Lieutenant Colonel J. J. Griffin.

A partial rotation of the Finnish Contingent commenced yesterday, 20th April, with the arrival of 40 new members to join the present contingent serving in the Kyrenia District which is commanded by Lieutenant Colonel E. T. Lehtovirta. The rotation, totalling 110 personnel all ranks, will be completed on 28th April.

Lieutenant Colonel Carl Goesta Norderup, the new Commander of the Swedish Contingent, UN Battalion 46 C, arrived in Cyprus together with his advance party three weeks ago. The regular Swedish rotation will start to-day and is due to be finished on 23rd April. 306 incoming troops will take over responsibility in the Famagusta District and replace Swedish UN Battalion 45 C.

The British rotation will commence on Friday, 23rd April, with the arrival of the 109 strong advance party of the 1st Battalion the Gordons.

The main party, lead by the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel J. R. A. MacMillan, MA, will arrive between 26th April and 1st May, to replace the 3rd Battalion the Royal Green Jackets in the Limassol Zone.

25 YEARS SERVICE WITH UNITED NATIONS

There are not many members of the United Nations International Secretariat who can boast of 25 years unbroken service with the Organization.

One such man is Jean Back, the Principal Information Officer with UNFICYP, who in 1945 was a member of the French delegation to the San Francisco Conference at which the Charter of the present United Nations Organization was signed.

Mr. Back has served in a number of important posts before coming here in May, 1969. In 1962, when he was for some time the UN Representative in Katanga during the Congo crisis, he first met the present Commander of UNFICYP, Major General D. Prem Chand, who at that time commanded a UN Brigade in

Katanga. Immediately prior to taking up his present post with UNFICYP, Mr. Back was for 4 years Director of the UN Information Centre in Athens.

Last week, at an informal ceremony in his office, Mr. B. F. Osorio Tafall, the Secretary-General's Special Representative in Cyprus, presented Mr. Back with an illuminated scroll, signed by U Thant, in commemoration of his 25 years service with the UN Secretariat. In recalling his own close association and friendship with Mr. Back, Mr. Osorio Tafall said it gave him particular pleasure to be able to pay tribute to Mr. Back's outstanding contribution to the United Nations and especially to UNFICYP.

● Mr. Osorio Tafall makes the presentation to Mr. Back. Also in the picture are the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, the Senior Legal and Political Adviser, Dr. Remy Gorgé, and Mr. Back's daughter, Nicole.

THURSDAY 22 APRIL
4.30 p.m.

DO NOT MISS!

THE BAND OF THE
ROYAL CORPS OF
SIGNALS CONCERT

ST. BARNABAS SCHOOL
FOR THE BLIND
NICOSIA

ADMISSION FREE!



DAMERNE MOD HERRERNE

I familieperioden afvikledes en "venskabskamp" mellem et herre- og et damehold fra Dancon. Kampen afvikledes i en fordragelig tone med få og fair nærkampe, der gjorde hvervet let for kampens dommer, SKLT O. Andersen, der her (med cigar i munden) er forevigt blandt holdene til den traditionelle fotografering før kampen.



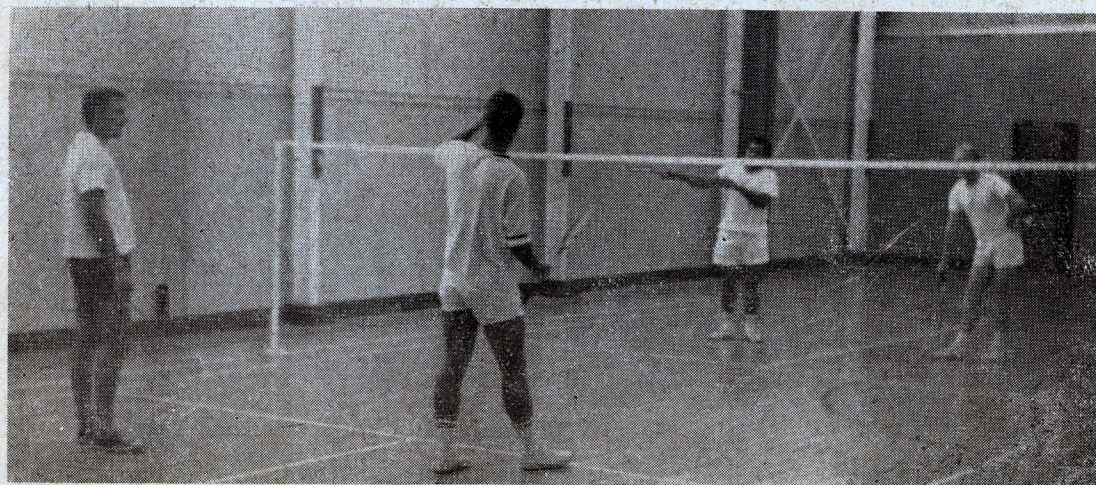
● I pausen nydes en velfortjent drink, medens OS Pedersen foretrækker at stifte nærmere bekendskab med holden, dog unden at slippe øllen.



BADMINTON

Dancon har spillet badmintonkamp mod holdet fra Royal Green Jackets, som blev besejret 8-1.

Single:	L. Blumensadt	J. Waccott	15-4,	17-16,
	L.R. Hansen	B. Curtis	15-10,	15-11,
	E. Skovbjerg	B. Dutberg	10-15,	8-15,
	C.B. Jensen	D. Waters	15-3,	15-5,
	Plet-Hansen	D. Hogarth	15-3,	15-3,
	P. Sørensen	J.Bo	15-5,	15-4,
Double:	Waccott/Curtis	Blumensadt/Skovbjerg	15-17,	3-15,
	Butberg/Waters	Hansen/Jensen	10-15,	3-15,
	Hogarth/Bo	Plet-Hansen/Sørensen	7-15,	3-15,

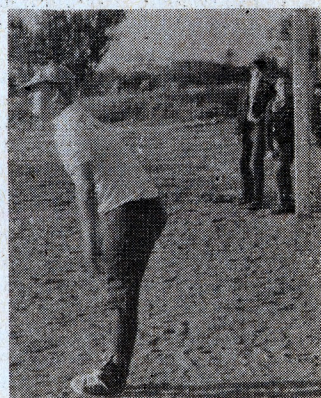


FODBOLD

I den interne Dancon-turnering i fodbold er indtil nu følgende kampe spillet:

KS/STKMP B - KS/LKMP A	2-5
OFF/DANCON - BM/STKMP	0-9
BM/LKMP - KS/LKMP C	0-10
KS/LKMP B - KS/STKMP A	
STKMP A uden kamp	

● Fra pausen mellem BM/LKMP - KS/LKMP C.



● BMs målmand, SSG Vis-sing, gør sig bred i målet.

DANCON NYT

● Fra badmintonkampen mod Royal Green Jackets. Doublen mellem, på denne side nettet, Plet-Hansen-Sørensen mod Hogarth-Bo. 7-15, 3-15.



FAMAGUSTA TOWN RACE

Swedcon vann övertygande stafett-löpningen Famagusta Town Race, som avgjordes förra veckan på Famagustas gator och vägar. På andra plats kom Britcon A, d v s Royal Green Jackets, som tappade sammanlagt sjutton sekunder på svenskarna på den 10. 200 meter långa banan. På tredje plats kom Fincon, distanserade med ytterligare 53 sekunder.

Svenskarnas A-lag tog ledningen på första sträckan, men föll sedan tillbaka till tredje plats på nästa sträcka, då det svenska B-laget överraskade med att sega sig upp till täten genom en utmärkt löpning av Börje Info-Andersson. Sedan var det Green Jackets i täten länge och det var först på nionde sträckan som det svenska A-laget var uppe i täten efter en fin insats av Rolf Gustavsson, mera känd som fotbollslagets säkre keeper.



Tävlingen avjordes sedan på nästa sträcka då fanjunkare L G Andersson klippte av alla diskussioner genom att dra ifrån konkurrenten från Britcon helt och hållet. Och sedan återstod mest defilering för Swedcons löparstjärnor Leif Söderqvist och P E Sandberg på de två slutsträckorna in mot Carl Gustaf Camp.

Resultat: 1) Swedcon A 26.30; 2) Britcon A 26.47; 3) Fincon 27.40; 4) Swedcon B 28.09; 5) Cancon 30.24.

Bilderna: Överst Swedcons segrande lag. Bakre raden fr v Leif Söderqvist, Lars Göran Andersson, Leif Bäck, Conny Ljunggren, Rune Ekvall, Per Erik Sandberg, Jan Fredriksson. Främre raden fr v Rolf Gustafsson, Sören Eriksson, Conni Brandel, Tage Sahlén, Arne Eriksson.

Därunder en bild från starten, fr v Mats Jönsson, Swedcon B, Jan Fredriksson, Swedcon A, Korhonen, Fincon, Mackenzie, Cancon och Williams, Britcon A. På bilden under gör svenske slutmannen P E Sandberg segergesten.

PISTOLSKYTTE

Kontingentsmästerkapet i pistol-skytte har avgjorts med följande resultat:

- Rustmästare Rolf Bergström 266 p.
 2) Major Lars Tideman 251 p
 3) Kapten Stellan Jansson 251 p.
 Lagtävling:
 1) Swed Bn lag I (Bergström, Tideman, förvaltare Åke Sandberg)
 2) Civilpolis (Börje Lantto, Jan Lindersson, Per-Ove Stillgren)
 3) Swed Bn lag II (S Jansson, FN-soldat Tomas Nilsson, löjtnant Bengt Erixon)



MILITÄRPOLISEN

Militärpolisförbandet inom UN-FICYP är ett helt integrerat förband, där befattningshavare från alla de sex olika kontingenterna tjänstgör sida vid sida. Tjänstespråket är i allmänhet engelska, alla rapporter och all kommunikation mellan befattningshavarna sker på detta språk.

Militärpolisdetachementet i Famagusta, stationerade i den vackra MP-villan utefter Salamis Avenue, består av åtta militärpoliser med den

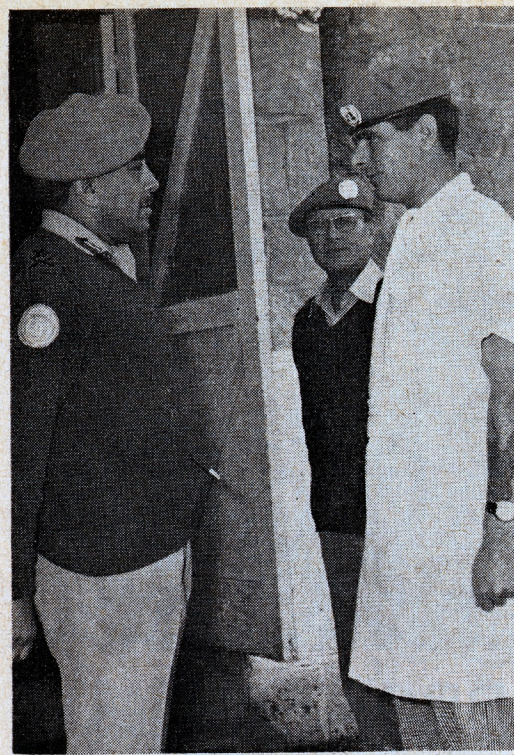
svenske rustmästaren Jan Eklinder som chef. I övrigt består detachementet av ytterligare två svenska samt vardera en man från Danmark, Finland, Irland, Kanada och Storbritannien.

Dygnet om är tre man i tjänst. En man har s k desk-duty, d v s tjänstgör vid expeditionen i MP-villan, och två man är ute på patrull eller är beredda att omedelbart gå ut på uppdrag, t ex för att göra en utredning på platsen av en trafikolycka med UN-fordon inblandad.

Sedan den 1 januari i år har Famagusta-detachementet gjort 19 utredningar och handlagt fem incidenter, d v s händelser, där MP-personal själv har varit närvarande. Till detta kommer ju åtskilliga uttryckningar och ingripanden, som inte lett till utredningar.

På bilden är en del av Famagusta-detachementet i verksamhet, fr v vid telefonen sergeant Ralph Schultz, Cancon, stående MP-chefen rustmästare Jan Eklinder, Swedcon, vid skrivmaskinen sergeant Harry Lethbridge, sittande på bordet rustmästare Paul Franke, Swedcon, annars normalt tjänstgörande i Nicosia, samt korporal Mike Whelan Ircon.





CAMP INSPECTION

The Force Commander recently carried out an inspection of the camp area at HQ UNFICYP.

Accompanied by the Camp Commandant, Major K.G. Cain, and the Quartermaster, Captain K. Armitage, he toured the different departments at Camp UNFICYP and met a large number of soldiers who carry out vitally important jobs in the administration of the Headquarters.

● At the Cookhouse door he stopped to talk to Sergeant John Carson, the Cook Sergeant who joined UNFICYP last January. When his six-month tour is over Sergeant Carson will not be moving far away. His next job will be in the Garrison Officer's Mess at Dhekelia.

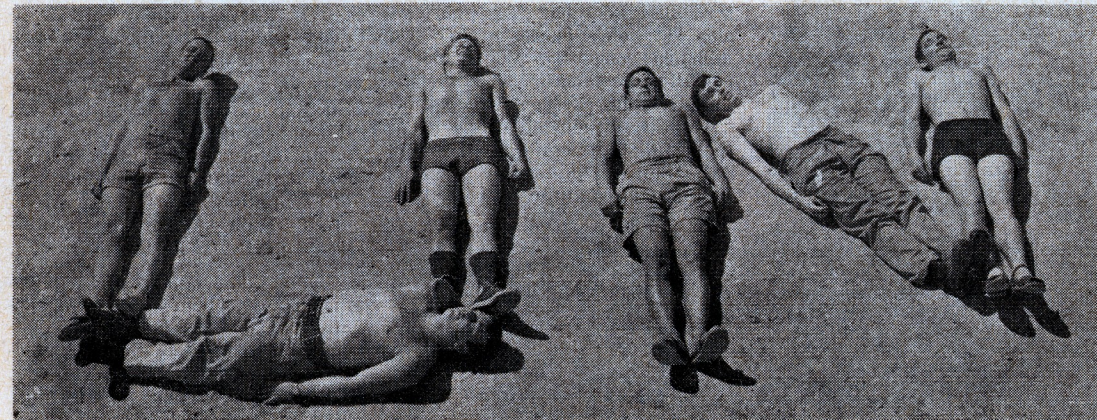
● The Force Commander pictured with WO I D. G. Rabley, 15/19H, who is RSM of Camp UNFICYP. The RSM is on a nine month tour with UNFICYP and came to us in December 1970.



PANIC TAN

With only a few days left to serve in Cyprus, the men of the Royal Green Jackets have a problem. Determined to go home with that "bronzed, well travelled look", they are really up against it with the present spell of bad weather.

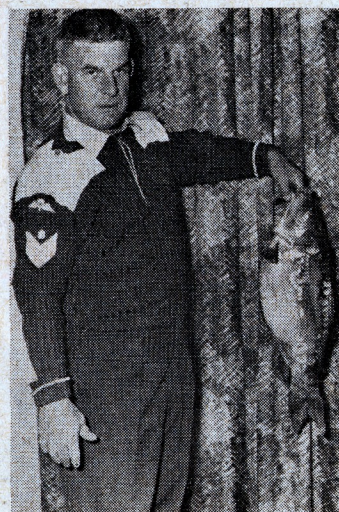
● Members of Corporal Smith's section of 9 platoon off duty at Mavroli snatch the opportunity of one of the rare brief sunny spells.



A FISHY TALE

While most of us sit miserably looking at the pouring rain, the fishing enthusiasts are out making the most of it.

On Easter Monday, in marvellous fishing weather!, twelve members of the HQ Staff spent the day at Kanli Dam. Some good catches were recorded. In our picture, Colour Sergeant Jack Swan, the Officers Mess manager, proudly displays a 13½ pound mirror carp that he landed. He tells us that he put an even bigger one back! There is a fisherman's tale for you!!!



BRITCON NEWS

WATER FATIGUE

The OP at Mandria Hill which is manned by members of the Royal Green Jackets

does not have the benefit of a mains supply, so water must be delivered by bowser and carried by hand up to the top of the hill to replenish the tanks. Members of 6 platoon are seen above carrying out this tedious but necessary task.

A FAREWELL VISIT

The Force Commander paid his final visit to 3 RGJ on 16th April. He arrived in a torrential downpour of rain just in time to see the men disperse and run for cover. In his address he thanked the members of the battalion for their contribution to the peace keeping operation in Cyprus and reminisced over his own associations with Rifle Regiments in the past. He later flew to Ktima where he bade farewell to the men of Paphos District.



IRCON ROTATION

Rotation time is here again, and the 19th Infantry Group is at the moment in the middle of hand-over to 20th Infantry Group. The advance party of the 20th Infantry Group arrived on 16 April and the home-going advance party departed on the same day.

The recce party consisting of the Officer Commanding the new Group, Lieutenant Colonel J. J. Griffin, Commandant B. Kelly, OC HQ Coy, Commandant F. Flemming, OC "A" Coy, Commandant T. Higgins, OC "B" Coy, and Captain P. Now-

lan, Welfare Officer, arrived by civil airline on 13 April 1971.

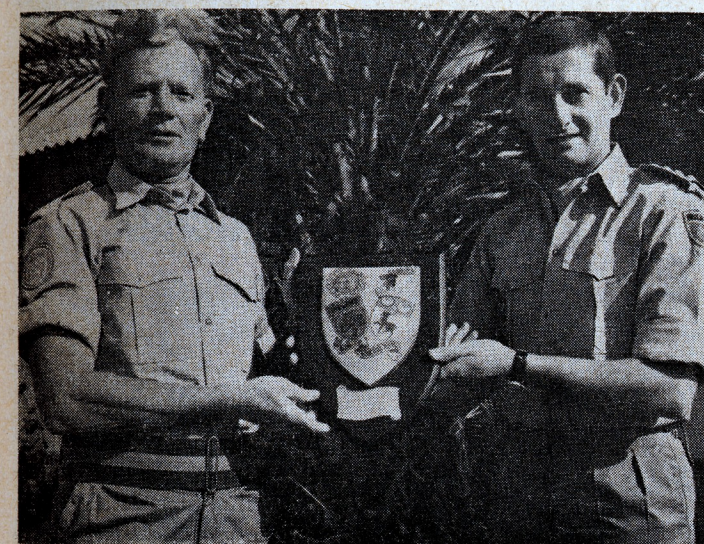
● Lieutenant Colonel J. J. Griffin, leads his Company Commanders from the plane on their arrival at Nicosia.



PRESENTATION BY IRISH MINISTER FOR DEFENCE

The Irish Minister for Defence, Mr. Jerry Cronin, who visited Ircon in October 1969, has sent a memento of his visit to COMIRCON. This takes the form of a plaque, bearing the Cronin coat of arms, and both the Ircon and UN crests.

The plaque is held here by CQMS Jim Mahony, a former schoolmate of the Minister, and Captain Carl Dodd, Operations Officer 19th Infantry Group, who is a next-door neighbour of Mr. Cronin's in his home town, Mallow, Co. Cork. The motto of the Cronin clan, "Fortes Fortuna Juvat" (Fortune favours the brave) expresses a sentiment that many UNFICYP members will heartily endorse.



"B" COY WIN BASKETBALL LEAGUE

In winning 44 of the 45 matches played, "B" Coy Ircon were clear winners of the East Cyprus Senior Basketball league held in Dhekelia SBA.

ROAD

SAFETY

AWARDS

Thirty drivers of the 19th Infantry Group received accident-free certificates from the Commander at a recent ceremony at Zygi.

Considering that any accident, however trivial or minor, disqualifies a driver, the total number entitled to these awards is a source of justifiable pride to all drivers of 19th Infantry Group. Gunner Paddy Tughes (Mullingar) gained the top award with a total of 14,000 miles accident-free driving.



● Lieutenant Colonel Tom Tracey poses for our camera-man as he presents a certificate to Private Denis Daly. (Cork)

Major Lindsey of the RMP at Dhekelia presented the award to the team Captain, Company Sergeant Liam Gaynor, on the completion of the competition. Congratulations to "B" Coy on an excellent performance.



IRCON NEWS

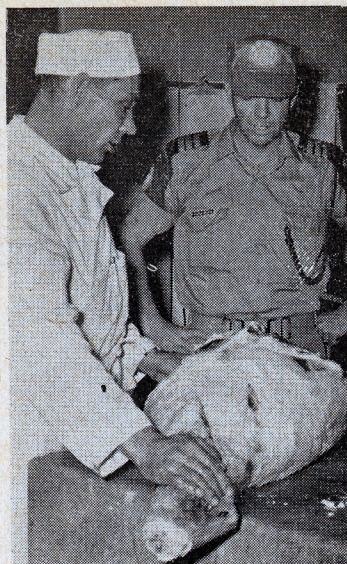
● A happy group of drivers after the ceremony, from left:- Corporal Colm Shields, Corporal Jim Duffy, Private Tom James, Signal-man Charley O'Shea, Gunner Paddy Hughes, Private Frank Kavanagh and Private Paddy Burke.



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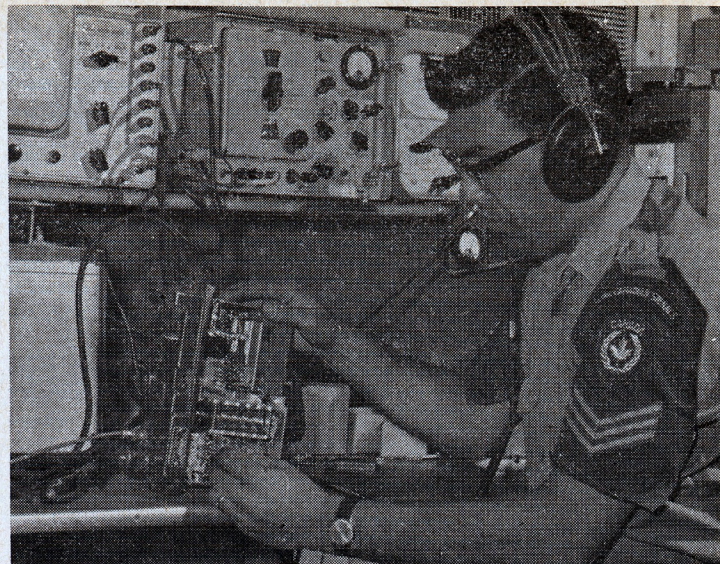
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COMMANDING OFFICER INSPECTS THE BEEF

On his first major inspection since rotation, Lieutenant Colonel W. E. Hutchinson covers every inch of the contingent, Corporal Jim Rosta explains to the Commanding Officer just why there are so few steaks on a hip of beef, while on tour of the butcher shop.



THE MOVEMENT STAFF

Shortly before his departure to Canada, Sergeant John Robinson explains to Captain Bill Fletcher and Corporal Fred Herman, just how painful it is for him to leave after his six month tour. The movement team, the fulcrum around which the rotating contingent revolves, is an action centre for the unit. Besides regular troop rotation, they administer to more than 1,000 passengers, and over 100 tons of freight in a given six month period. In booking a single passenger from western Canada, eight individual flight arrangements are processed, and dozens of local calls help to keep the contingent abreast with changing flight plans. In addition to the trio above, Corporal Norm Rainville and Private Bob Muir make up the five man Movements Staff.



THE RADIO EQUIPMENT TECHNICIANS SHOP

Sergeant Bob Stevens, 2i/c of the Radio Equipment Technicians Shop, works on a transceiver portable man-pack in the lab at Blue Beret Camp. R.E.T. is the repair pool for a wide range of equipment used by the support company.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

SALAMIS TOUR

Salamis, reputed to be in its heyday the greatest of all the city kingdoms of Cyprus, and twice its capital, is steeped in history and is the focal point of 20th century archaeology. Canadian soldiers on a recent tour are (l. to r.) Sergeants Stirling McAuley, Bud White, Bill Holloway, Don Mitchell, John Jenkins, Frank Brignell and Peter Stretz.



YKKÖSEN LÄHTÖJUHLAT

Lauantai-iltana 17.4.71 kokoonuivat "ykkösen" messin jäsenet viettämään viimeistä yhteistä iltaansa. Ainakin poislähtevät saivat vatsansa täyteen makkaraa, sillä sitä oli varattu riittävästi. Makkarapaiston lisäksi ohjelmassa oli yksinlaulua, kaksinlaulua, yhteislaulua, huumoria ja ym. ym.

Ilta oli miellyttävä ja lämmin-henkinen vaikka normaalia viileämpi.

1 JK. sta kotiutuu tässä rotaatiossa kaikkiaan 18 miestä. Toivotamme heille kaikille kuten muillekiä kotuville hyvää kotimatkaa.

FINCON NEWS

Tyytyväisistä ilmeistä päätellen makkara oli h y v ä ä .



KV-SINKO AMMUNNAT



Etäisyys 200, ennakko 3 - TULTA.



Pitkänperjantain meriseikkailu. Kuvassa lähimmäisemme Matti, Miitsu, Ali, Pekka ja Martti. Olihan mukana omaisiakin mutta heidän osaltaan kuva on sensuroitu.



FAMAGUSTA TOWN RACE

Kapt J Ahlomin johdolla järjestettiin Pylan ampumaradalla kv-singolla kovapanosammunnat. Kovilla ampuminen oli varmasti uusi kokemus kuvassamme etualalla oleville jääk Rönkölle ja kers Voutilaiselle. Ammunnoissa käytettiin sirpale-ja ontelokranaatteja.

Taas kerran on juostu Famagustassa. Pronssimitalijoukkueemme ylh. vas. lukien: Jääk Vähätörmä, Pulkkinen, alik Salomäki, väap Rauhala, ylik Laari, kers Juntunen, jääk Erkkilä. Alh. vas. Jääk Hartikainen, Lämsä, alik Vieri, väap Rautanen ja jääk Korhonen.

THE FAMAGUSTA TOWN RACE

The Famagusta Town Race was held last week, and Swedcon scored a double success — not only because of the excellent way in which they organised the event, but also because their team came first in the 10,200 metre long relay race.

The Swedes made a very good start by taking the lead at the first distance, but later on, the British "A" team, representing the Royal Green Jackets, overtook Swedcon and looked like winning until the last stages of the race. Then Rolf Gustafsson, the Swedcon soccer goalkeeper and the two top-runners, Leif Soderqvist and P. E. Sand-

berg, showed a large crowd of spectators how to win the race. Britcon "A" team was second only 17 seconds behind Swedcon. The results were:

1. Swedcon "A" 26.30 minutes,
2. Britcon "A" 26.47 minutes
3. Fincon 27.40 minutes
4. Swedcon "B" 28.09 minutes
5. Cancon 30.24 minutes.

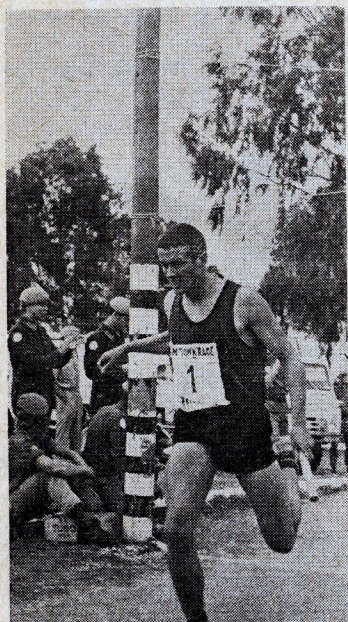
After the race, the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, assisted by Lieutenant L. Oenfelt, Commanding Officer Swedcon, presented the medals to the winning team.

"WHITHER THE UNITED NATIONS?"

will be the subject of a lecture by Dr. Ernest Newman, D. Econ B. Com., at St. Michael's School Hall, RAF Nicosia, on Thursday 29th April at 1030 hrs.

Admission will be free.

● On your marks, steady go! From left to right Private M. Joensson, Swedcon B, Private J. Frederiksson, Swedcon A, Captain MacKenzie, Cancon, and Rifleman Williams, Britcon A.



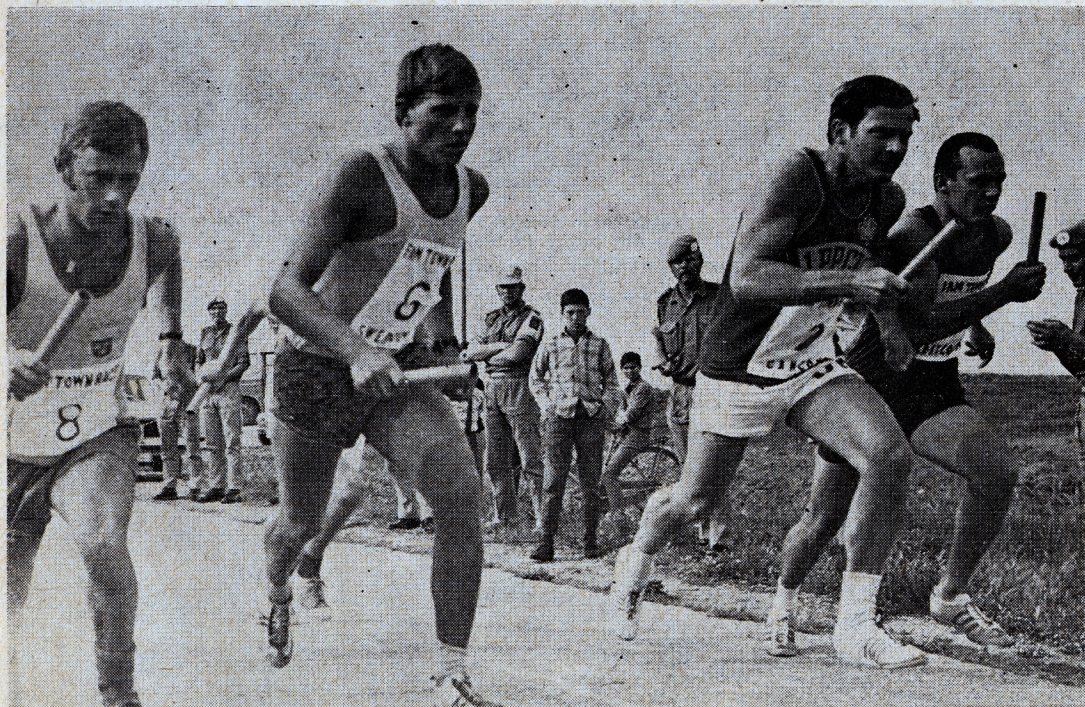
● Rifleman Stitchbury, Britcon "A", leads his team to come second in the final stage.

● The Force Commander congratulates the Swedish team (left to right) Privates Arne Eriksson and Jan Frederiksson, Staff Sergeant Rune Ekvall, Sergeant Soren Eriksson, Private Tage Sahlen, Sergeant Conni Brandel, Private Rolf Gustafsson, and Civilian Police Officer Leif Baeck. On the right is Lieutenant Colonel L. Oenfelt.

MORE COUNTRIES CONTRIBUTE TO UNFICYP COSTS

The following additional contributions towards the expenses of UNFICYP have been acknowledged by the Secretary General.

Ghana — \$ 10,000.
Jamaica — \$ 1,000.
Philippines — \$ 1,000.



MP NOTEBOOK

ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

Week Ending	
17 April	— 8
Same Period	
Last Year	— 11
Total This Year	— 70
Same Period	
Last Year	— 127
Main Cause Of Accidents This Week.	
DRIVING WITHOUT DUE CARE AND ATTENTION.	

SAFETY TWIST

8 little drivers, and the evening seemed like heaven; one showed his driving skill, and then there were seven.