



# The Blue Beret

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## COLONEL RIDDELL-WEBSTER LEAVES

Colonel D.B. Riddell-Webster OBE last week handed over his duties as Deputy Chief of Staff and Commander Britcon on completion of a two year tour with UNFICYP.

Colonel Riddell-Webster joined UNFICYP in July 1968. He was however no stranger to Cyprus, having previously served on the Staff at Episkopi during the period 1957 — 1959.

Many tributes have been paid to Colonel Riddell-Webster for the valuable service which he has given to the United Nations. He will be missed both professionally and

socially by his colleagues and many friends throughout the island.

Colonel Riddell-Webster is returning to England by car. After a short spell of leave he will be assuming a new appointment with the Ministry of Defence in London.

On behalf of all our readers we wish Colonel Riddell-Webster "bon voyage", and every success in the future.



## NEW CAO

Mr. S. Dharman, the new CAO, joined the UN in the early 1950's. During his service with the Organization, he served in various parts of the world, including the UN Mission in the Congo as DCAO and as CAO with UNTSO in Jerusalem. His most recent field assignment was with the UN Economic Commission for Africa as the Director of Administration. We wish Mr Dharman a happy and successful tour with UNFICYP.

## COMBINED OPERATION TO FIGHT BLAZE

In the early evening of 26 August a forest fire was observed by UNCIVPOL in the Kyrenia range in an area between the boundaries of the National Guard and Turkish Cypriot Fighter positions.

The fire spread rapidly and could have resulted in serious damage to property had it not been for the prompt action taken by Fincon who, at the request of CYPOL, provided an escort for National Guard fire fighters to move into the area. Altogether some 160 soldiers of Fincon, 80 National Guard soldiers and 65 soldiers of the UN Force Reserve were committed to fighting the blaze, while Turkish Cypriot Fighters were alerted in case the fire spread to their positions. The fire was

eventually brought under control in the early hours of the following morning.

## DESIGN AWARD

Ibrahim Hashmet, a civilian fitter employed in the UNFICYP workshops REME at Nicosia, recently had a bright idea for improving the method by which repairs are carried out on Generating Equipments.

His invention of a commutator repair device has considerably reduced the overhaul time for the 27½ KVA Generators used by UNFICYP at Kokkina and Limnitis, and earned for him an immediate cash award from his unit. In the meantime, Mr Hashmet's design has been forwarded to the Ministry of Defence in London to be considered for a further award.

The picture shows Mr Hashmet receiving £3 from the Camp Adjutant — Captain Tony Swain. Also in the picture is Staff Sergeant John Pover the artificer in charge of vehicle and generator repairs.

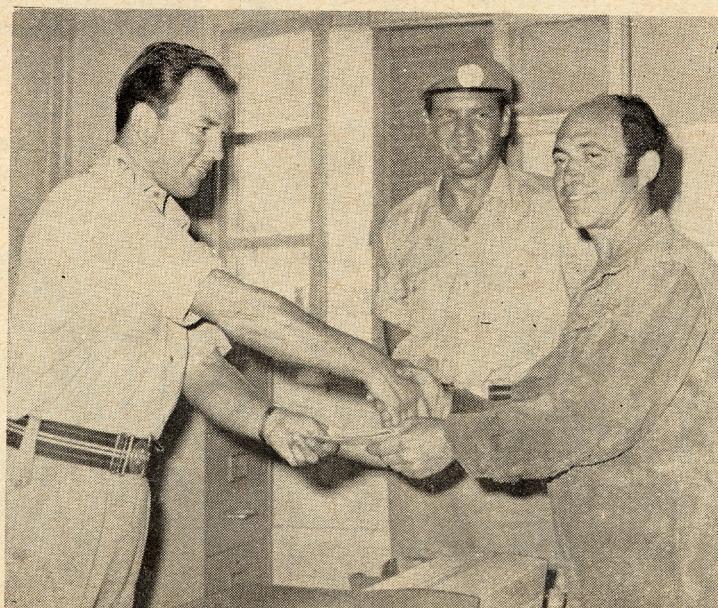


## SWIMMING GALA

A swimming Gala in which all Contingents will take part will be held in the RAF Nicosia swimming pool on Saturday 5th September starting at 1500 hours. The events will include:

- 50 metres Butterfly.
- 100 metres Freestyle.
- 100 metres Backstroke.
- 100 metres Breaststroke.
- 200 metres Freestyle.
- 4 x 50 metres Freestyle Relay.

The Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand will present the prizes at the end of the meeting, at approx 1645 hours. Spectators from all Contingents will be welcome.



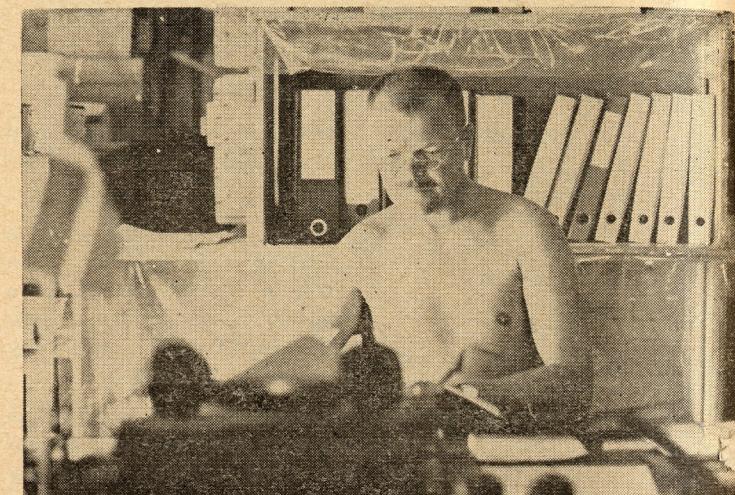


## OMFATTENDE ARBEJDSFELT

Et militærdepots arbejdsfelt og fagområde er så omfattende, at det ikke lader sig beskrive udtymmende i få ord, med mindre man vil møjes med at benytte ordet "omfattende".

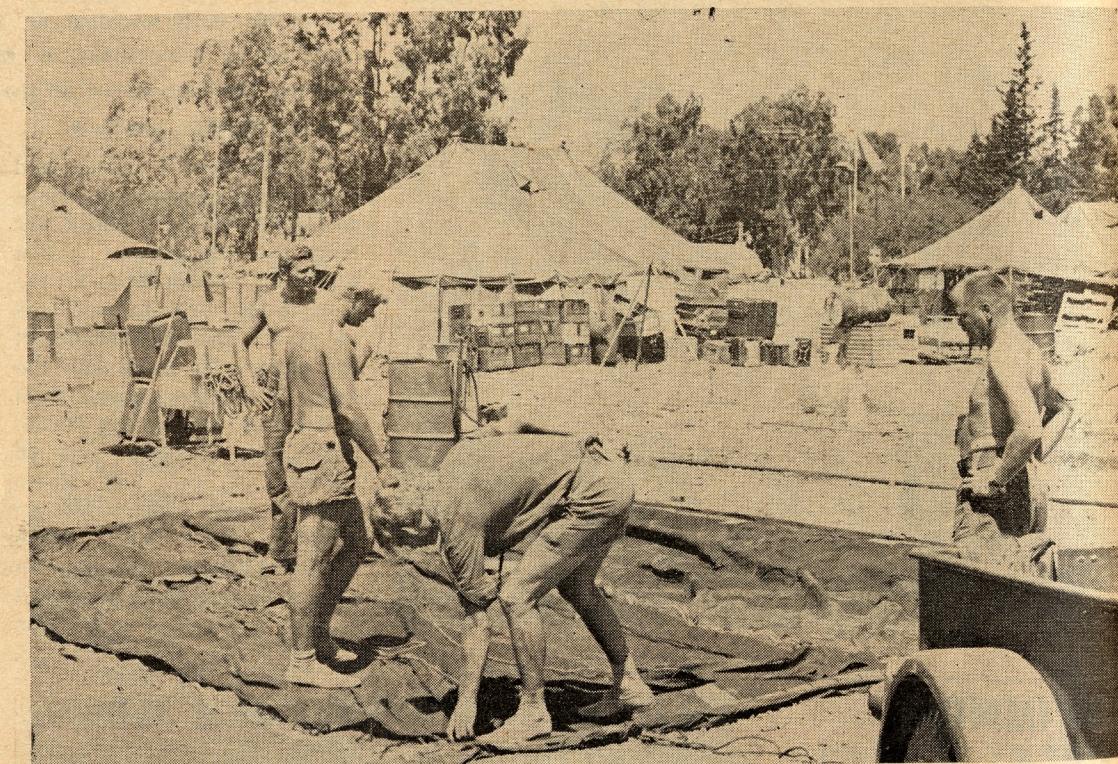
Telte og våben, inventar, materiel og udstyr af enhver art til brug

for afdelinger eller mandskabet personligt i det daglige såvel som ved særlige lejligheder; depotofficeren og hans hjælpere må skaffe det alt sammen til veje og holde styr på det.



Som billedet viser, fortæller mærket i bogstaver, farver og symboler, at her i lejren befinder sig et dansk kompagni, som udover sin FN tjeneste i Cyperns bjergfulde Lefkakondistrik.

● Premierlejtnant M.P. Christensen checker depotpapirer passende udstyr til arbejdet i 35-40 graders teltvarme.



● Kantinechefen løjtnant S.H. Pedersen fotograferet mellem de eftertragtede varer i hovedkantinen.

Hovedkantinenens rolle som forsyningsorgan for alle mulige daglige og mere varige forbrugsgoder er kendt og værdsat af alle, hvilket giver sig tydeligt udslag i omsætningen, som ligger på en 200-250 tusinde kroner om måneden. Overskuddet ved salget bliver til i høj grad værdsatte velfærdsmidler, som blandt andet dækker udgiften til Danconbogen.

● Detalsalget foregår i filialkantinen også kaldet souvenirkantinen, som ikke blot betjener Dancon, men sælger betydelige varemængder til medlemer af andre kontingenter. Her ekspederer sergent L.A. Jørgensen en kunde fra det østrigske felthospital.



DANCON NYT

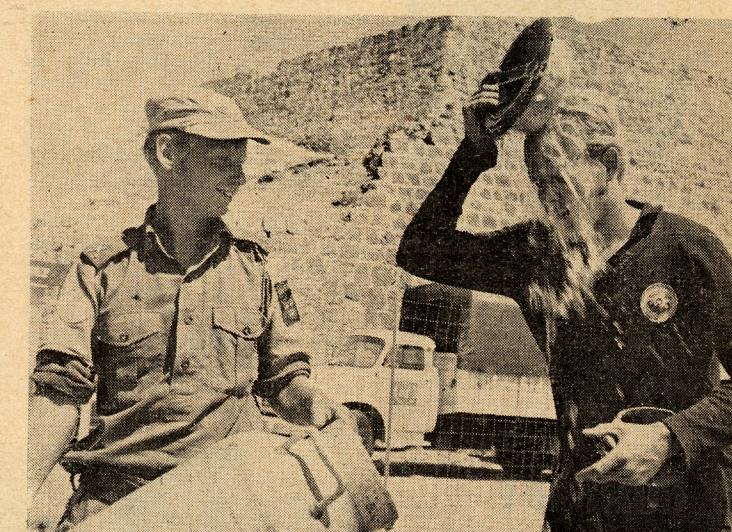


DANCON



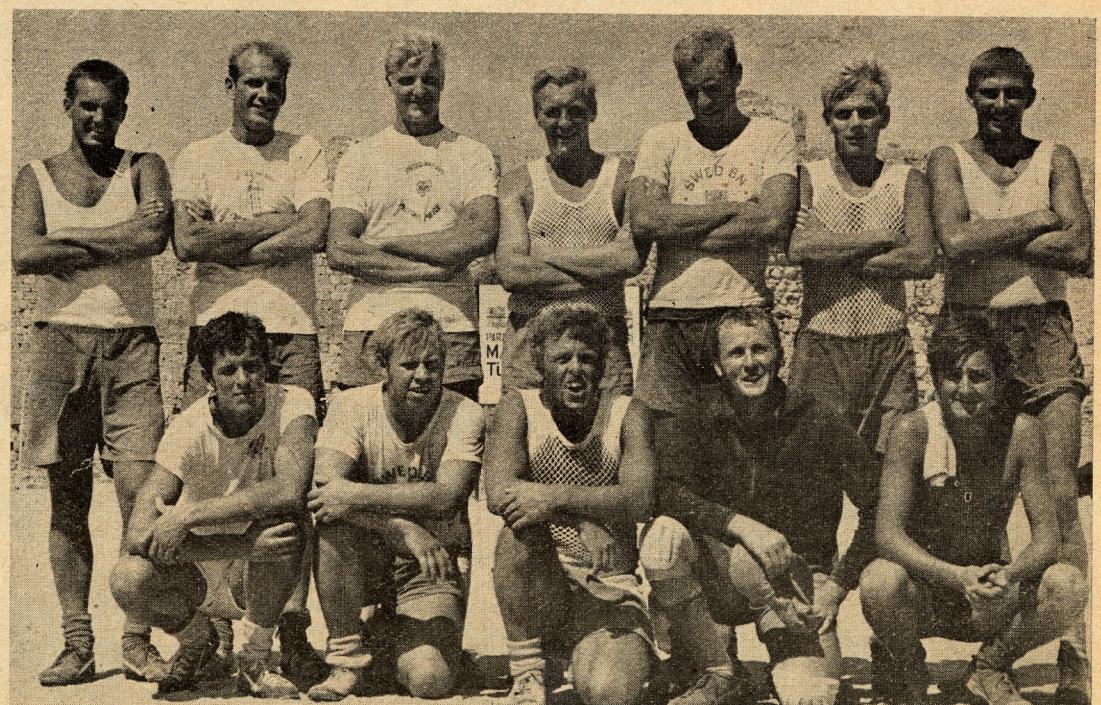
● Staben blev bataljonsmästare 1970 i fotboll. Slog "Snoopy's grabbar" med 1-0 i cupfinalen. Kunde varit 4-0 om inte om hade varit. Längst upp: Ett av de många anfall som "inte gick hem". Mera foto i Cypressen nr 7-8.

● Hårda bud, ovan t.v.: Göran Oliwers, Perstorp, t.h., grinar illa för Göran Gustafssons, Lenhovda, grusiga attacker. T.v. skyntar Lars Bohman, Västerås. Visst är han gracjös Oliwers, va?



● Cupdagen var en av de mera välförberedda denna sommar. Det var varmt och mysigt på läktarna. Inte sant? Kenneth Ek, Kalmar, bistrod då och då. Med svalka. Här duschar Bo Fagerblom, Borås, direkt ur flasklocket.

● Nedan har ni GÄNGET, bakre raden fr.v.: Leif Kronqvist, Norrköping, Alvar Johansson, Landeryd, Tommy Lönn, Stugun, Ingvar Gustavsson, Stockholm, Winn Wallström, Malmö, Kjell Fredriksson, Halmstad, Ulf Svensson, Värnäs Nöbbele. På knä fr.v.: Göran Oliwers, Ronny Magnusson, Gislaved, Sonne Lundmark, Nyköping, Kjell Andersson, Svenljunga, och Anders Ström, Luleå.



## STRONGA STABBAR MÄSTARE

SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos

## RADIO MAINTENANCE



Lieutenant Richard Le Fleming, the Signals Officer of 3rd Battalion Light Infantry, watches Sergeant Peter Edwards REME working on the maintenance of some of his signals equipment in Polemidhia Camp. Sergeant Edwards is a radio technician and has served in the Army

for 7 years. He comes from Dagenham, Essex.

Lieutenant Le Fleming is unmarried and comes from Chappel, Nr Colchester, Essex. He originally joined the Durham Light Infantry and has previously served with UN in Cyprus. He started his army life as a short service officer but now has a regular commission.

## DAWN WATCH

Private Trevor Purcell on duty at the OP at Stavrokono in the early morning. This OP is far out in the hills of Western Cyprus and overlooks the village which gives it its name. It is one of several OP's manned by soldiers of 3rd Battalion Light Infantry.

Private Purcell is a newcomer to the Battalion and has only been with it for about one and half months. He is a single man, and his home town is Church Stretton, Shropshire.



## B COMPANY TRAINING CAMP

Major Brian Wilson OC B Coy (centre) and Captain Robin Garrett 2ic B Coy (left) have laid out an excellent training camp for members of their Company at Laira Point on the West Coast of Cyprus. Sited just beside the sea the camp offers facilities for swimming, canoeing, volleyball and cross country running. Many soldiers of 3rd Battalion Light Infantry have already spent some of their time there.

Sergeant John Brister (right) has now moved from Laira Point and taken over as Provost Sergeant in Polemidhia Camp. He is a married man with three sons and has served for 13½ years during which time he has seen service with 1 Somerset LI, 22 SAS, 1 SCLI and 1 Welch.

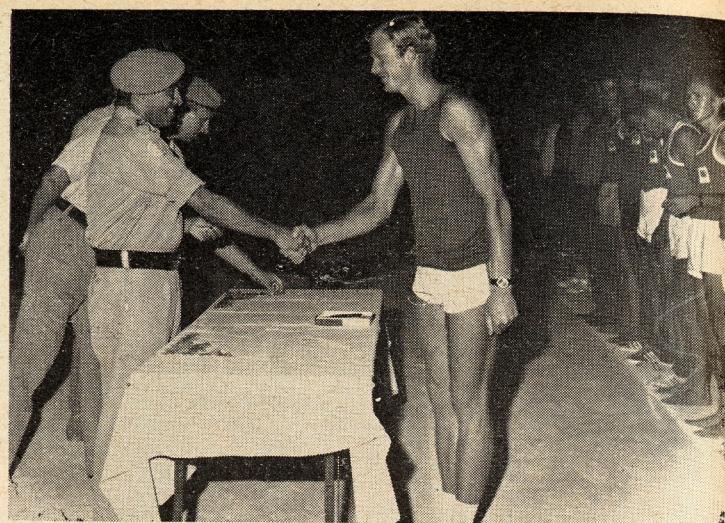
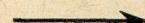


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## INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

A little international cooperation is shown in this picture with (left to right) Craftsman John Stolk and Craftsman Reg Fraser two Canadian fitters with the Canadian LAD at Nicosia, explaining the intricacies of one of their vehicles to REME Craftsman Ray Woodacre and Lance Corporal Jim Bashford of the LAD attached to 'C' Squadron of the Royal Scots Greys.



## THE WINNING TEAM

Lieutenant Nick Gaskell seen receiving the team prize from the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand,

on behalf of the team from 3rd Battalion Light Infantry who won the United Nations Inter Contingent Athletics Meeting at Dhekelia on Thursday 27th August 1970.

Lieutenant Gaskell also came second in the Discus event, throwing a personal best of 113 feet.

## BRITCON NEWS



## SPORTING ACTIVITIES

The big event of the week was the Inter Contingent Sports held at Dhekelia on Thursday 27th August 1970. The 18th Infantry Group fielded an under strength team and acquitted themselves very well ending in fourth position one point behind Fincon.

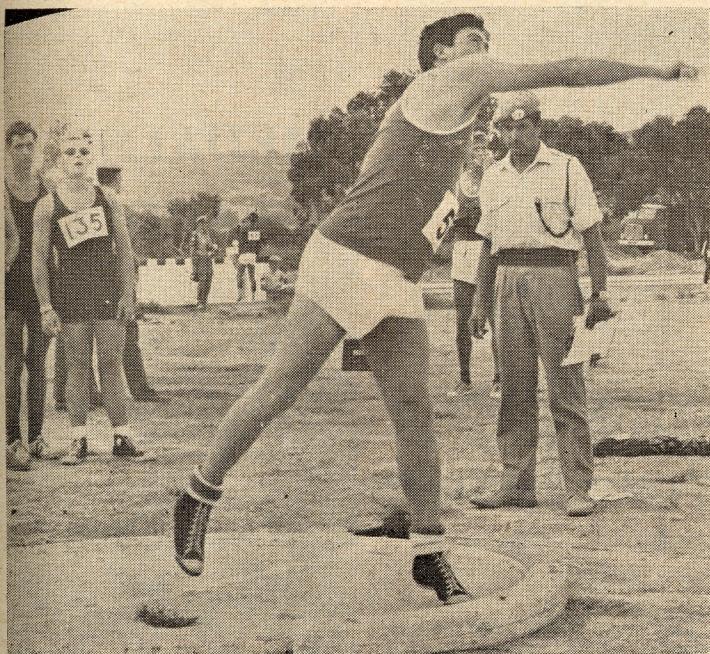
Lacking speedy athletes in the track events, the Group team had to rely on their team members competing in the field events, and they were not disappointed, as they registered a very good win and second place in those events.

Our sports star of the week was Sergeant Larry Poynton who won the individual discus event with a throw of 124 feet 9 inches having several feet to spare over his nearest rival. He and Lieutenant Liam Coleman also won the team event in great style.

Sergeant Larry Poynton also competed in the Javelin



and finished a creditable fourth. In the long jump our experts finished second to a brilliant Finnish team, while in the 16 pound shot, Lieutenant Liam Coleman and the unorthodox Corporal William Doran finished in third position. In the three thousand metres Private James McCabe through sheer determination and fitness finished second.



## FORCE COMMANDER VISITS CONGO VETERANS

On Thursday 27th August 1970, the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand paid a visit to Ircon Headquarters at Zyyi, to visit some of the men who had served with him in the Congo.

Major General D. Prem Chand, Force Commander, talks with Sergeant John McGlinchey, Operations Sergeant, 18th Infantry Group.

Sergeant McGlinchey served in the Congo with UN HQ Staff, Leopoldville, during 1963/64.

↑  
 • Lieutenant James Lally appears to be sipping a drink as he competes in the Long Jump event in which he and Corporal Kelly finished second.

### THE DISCUS CHAMPS

• Lieutenant Liam Coleman (left) and Sergeant Larry Poynton who won the Discus.

→  
 • Corporal William Doran lets fly in the 16 pound shot.

## SOCER NEWS

Soccer has reached its final stage, and meeting one another in the final will be A Company and Headquarter Company. B Company and A Company played a match during the week to determine

## IRCON NEWS



who would play Headquarter Company in the final. Although the match was a draw, A Company qualified on a points system.



# UNFICYP "DAVIS CUP" TOURNAMENT

All UNFICYP contingents are involved in the UNFICYP "Davis Cup" Tournament which has been going on for several weeks. The finals are scheduled to be held about 12 September. The photo shows WO Bob Heffler (left) and Major General D. Prem Chand (right) at the start of their match at the Nicosia Field Club Monday last.

The Canadian Team is captained by WO John Bray, with members WO Bob Heffler, Capt. Tom Brown and Major Peter Harrison.

In the first round Cancon defeated the Austrian contin-



## WELCOME BACK

Stepping from the Yukon on his return to Cyprus is Major Gerry Bowen. Major Bowen who is now the Co-ordinator

## MEDALS AWARDED

## CANCON NEWS

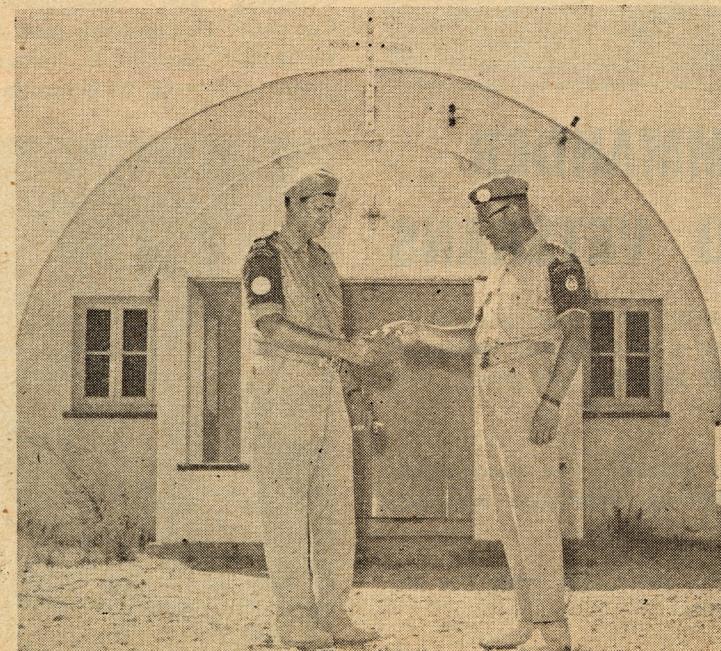
Canadian Forces Photos



Lieutenant Colonel D.G. Loomis presented the Canadian Forces Decoration to Sgt. Bob MacDonald (right) and the United Nations Medal to Sgt. Larry Tergeon (centre). Both are members of Support Company. The presentations were made during the CO's Inspection of the Support Company on 22 August.

## NEW PROTESTANT CHAPLAIN FOR CANCON

Chaplain Alex I. Wakeling (left) accepts the keys for the chapel at Camp Maple Leaf from Chaplain Colin Curties. Chaplain Wakeling who is attached to 3 PPCLI in Victoria is the new Protestant Chaplain for CANCON. Chaplain Curties returned to Petawawa 1 September.



Suomalaisen yleisurheilijoukkue kontingentti välisissä kisoissa.

## URHEILUA

Torstaina 27.8. oli tunnelmat korkealla Dhekelian urheilukentällä kun kontingentti parhaat urheilijat mittelivät taitojaan.

Suomalaisen sijoitus yhteispisteissä oli kunnioittettava 3. sija. Parempia olivat vain BRITCON ja SWEDCON.

Pistesalistuksesta vastasivat tällä kertaa lähiinä kenttämiehet.

Parhaana suomalaisuorituksesta mainittakoon luutnantti Kauko Ketolaisen yliivoimaiset suoritukset kolmiloikassa ja pituushypyssä

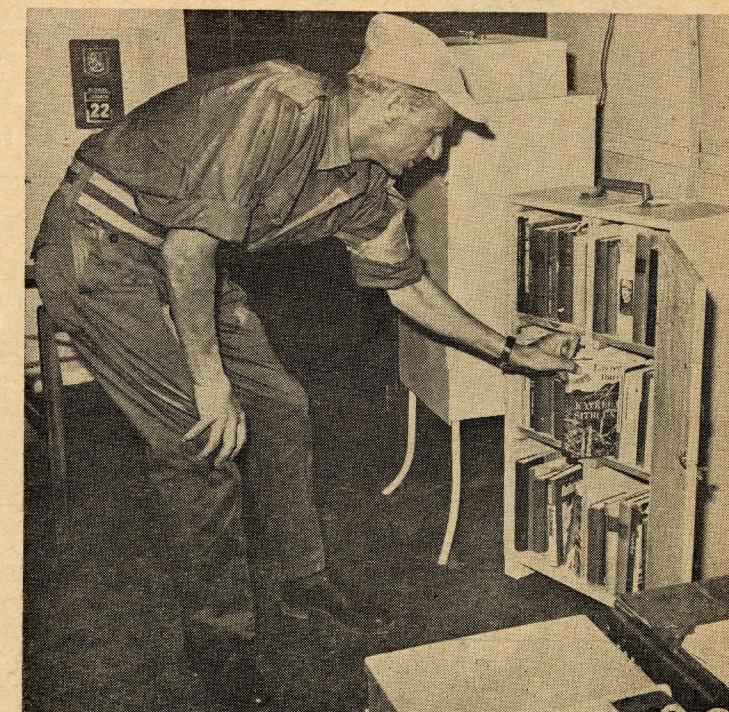


Jääkäri Eino Kanerva tempaisu keihäänheitossa. Hopeaa.

## KIRJASTOTIEDOTUKSIA

Kun suomalaiset ja kanadalaiset vahioivat viime keväänä vastuualueitaan, joutuivat suomalaiset luovuttamaan myös talon jossa pataljoonan kirjasto oli. Kirjat ovat siitä lähtien olleet enimmäkseen varastossa. Jo keväällä alettiin järjestää komppanioiden komento-paikoille yksinäisille vartio-paikoille minikirjastolaatikkoja. Kukin laatikko sisältää 60 - 100 teosta, jotka ovat enimmäkseen romaanuja. Näitä laatikoita voidaan myöhemmin käsikyn mukaan vaihtaa paikasta toiseen, niin ettei tarvitse lukea samaa kirjaa kahteen kertaan. Minikirjastosta voi jokainen lainata kirjoja, tietenkin kuitusta vastaan.

Järjestelyt ovat parhaillaan käynnissä, joitakin laatikoita on jo lähetetty ja lisää on luvassa.

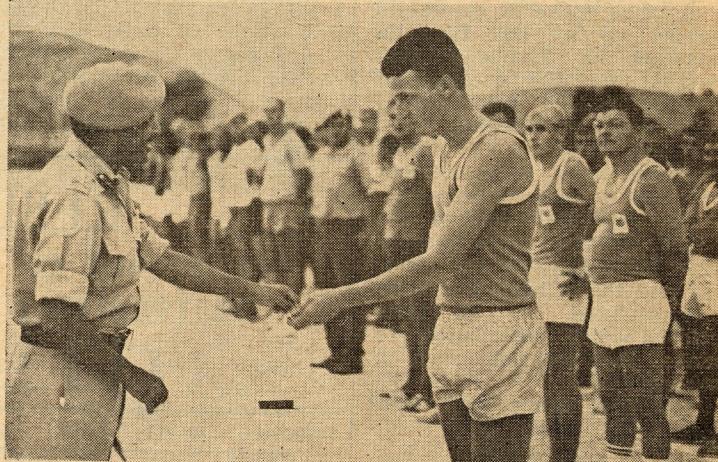


Jääkäri Taisto Pöllänen valitsemassa luettavaa itselleen 1JK:n minikirjastosta.



Luutnantti Kauko Ketolaisen tyylinäyte. Kultaa pituushypyssä ja kolmiloikassa.

## FINCON NEWS



Luutnantti Markku Koskisen mitalisaalis hopeaa korkeushypyssä ja pronsia kiekossa.

# INTER CONTINGENT ATHLETICS MEETING



A large crowd of spectators turned up at the Dhekelia Stadium on Thursday 27th August for the occasion of United Nations Inter-Contingent Athletics Meeting.

A full programme of events provided plenty of excitement and first class entertainment.

The 3rd Battalion of the Light Infantry were responsible for organising the meeting and the officials are to be congratulated for all their efforts which contributed to make the occasion such a success.

The chief Referee and Chief

Track Judge was Major D.T.L. Beath and the Chief Steward and Chief Referee for Field Events was Major J.F. Hibbert.

Britcon emerged as the final winners of the competition

with Swedcon as Runners-Up.

At the conclusion of the meeting the prizes were presented by the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand.



● Winner of the High Jump was S.G. Jacobsen (Dancon) with a jump of 5 feet 9 inches.

## NOTICE

The Souvenir Canteen at Dancon will be closed on Tuesday 8 September 1970.

## RESULTS:

	100m	200m	1500m	3000m	High Jump	Long Jump	Triple Jump	Discus	Weight	Javelin	4 x 100m	Tug of War	Total Points	Posn
BRITCON	10	11	10	10	5	2	2	3	4	3	12	9	81	1
CANCON	—	1	—	2	1	—	—	1	2	4	—	—	11	7
IRCON	—	—	1	5	—	5	4	6	3	1	6	—	31	4
DANCON	—	—	—	—	6	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	15	6
FINCON	—	—	—	—	3	6	6	4	5	5	5	8	37	3
SWEDCON	4	4	7	1	4	4	5	5	6	6	10	6	62	2
HQ UNFICYP AND FORCE RESERVE	7	5	3	3	2	1	1	2	1	2	4	—	31	4

## HOME LINK

The British Forces Broadcasting Service has introduced a series of programmes called 'Home Link' for requests and interviews to be exchanged with local radio stations in the United Kingdom. If you are interested in having a record played for friends and relatives at home you should contact BFBS using the form printed on page 1 of Radio Times.



● Winner of the Long Jump was Lieutenant Keto-lainen (Fincon) with a jump of 32 feet 1 inch.

## MP NOTEBOOK

### Accidents

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Week Ending 29

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Same Period Last

Year — 8

Total This Year — 255

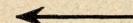
Same Period Last

Year — 253

Main Cause of Accidents This Week:

'CARELESS DRIVING'

● Winners of the Tug-o-War were 3rd Battalion Light Infantry. Our photograph shows the 3 LI and their opponents in the Final Swedcon.



● Winner of the Shot Put was Staff Sergeant Hansson (Swedcon) with a put of 39 feet 2 1/2 inches.