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EXTENSION OF MANDATE RECOMMENDED

Full text of the "Observations", contained in the report of the Secretary-General, to the Security Council on the United Nations Operation in Cyprus from 2 June 1970 to 1 December 1970:

The record of the past six months shows neither progress toward further normalization and deconfrontation nor a return to the tense and explosive situation which existed prior to the commencement of the inter-communal talks in June 1968. The situation now prevailing in Cyprus is one of "negative stability" — quite on the surface, but strained, abnormal and fraught with the serious danger inherent in the continuing close confrontation of well armed and trained forces. With the passing of time, this situation is threatening to become the way of life of all Cypriots, thus perpetuating the need for UNFICYP's presence in the island.

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It is with regret that I have once again to voice my disappointment that, notwithstanding the persistent efforts of my representatives in Cyprus, no significant advance has been made toward a return to normal conditions, especially to freedom of movement along all roads for unarmed citizens. Furthermore, the parties continue to be disinclined to a greater or lesser degree to respond positively to the repeated urgings of my Special Representative and the Force Commander to reduce, if not altogether eliminate, close and dangerous military confrontations in several sensitive areas of the island, as described in detail in the body of the present report. I remain convinced, however, that there are a number of helpful measures which both sides could take without endangering their political and

security positions. For instance, a number of suggestions have been made to the Turkish Cypriot Leadership which, if agreed to, could, at minimum risk to them help to generate an atmosphere of increased mutual confidence and contribute significantly to the improvement in the living conditions of their community. On the Government side I would welcome a determined move to solve the long-outstanding problem of displaced persons and their rehabilitation. This is a humanitarian problem which involves the alleviation of the hardship of several thousand needy people.

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An encouraging exception to the present immobility is the increased cooperation between the two communities in the economic field... It is significant that a recent severe drought brought the farmers of both communities in the stricken area closer together. This seems to indicate that with goodwill, and when their common interests are involved, a "rapprochement" between the communities is



● Mr Osorio-Tafall, the Secretary-General's Special Representative, and Major General D. Prem Chand, the Force Commander, pictured on their departure from Nicosia Airport last Sunday. They will both attend the Security Council's meeting which is to consider the Secretary-General's report on Cyprus to the Council. The Force Commander and Mr Osorio-Tafall are expected back in Cyprus in approximately one week.



definitely possible. It is my earnest hope that further progress along that road can be made through the establishment of a number of common services and mixed institutions whose main objective would be to serve the people of Cyprus as a whole.

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Force Commander At Lefka District

On Tuesday last week the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, paid his first official visit to the new Danish Contingent, Dancon XIV.

The General flew by helicopter to Xeros where he was met by the Contingent Commander, Lieutenant Colonel P. E. P. Skov, and other staff officers. The General first inspected Xeros Camp, and later on visited the Rifle Coy at Limnitis and also had the opportunity to see some of the OPs. The visit finished with lunch at the Officers' Mess in Xeros.

● Private L. Petersen salutes the General on the arrival to OP Limekiln.

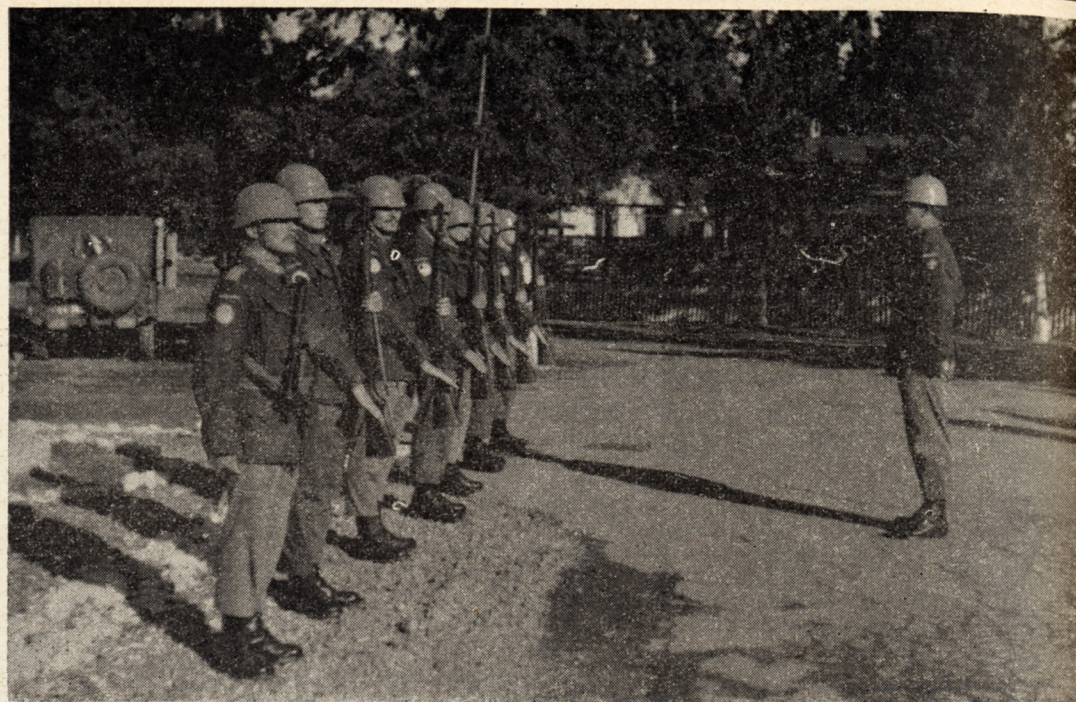


FORCE COMMANDER HOS DANCON

●Velpudset, med øjnene rettet mod højre og højre hånd strakt ud, afventer æresvagten i Xeros-lejren, under LT Plet-Hansens kommando, generalens komme. Generalen udtalte, at det var "a very fine guard"



●"Var det Hansen, De sagde?" Under sit besøg ved Dancon XIV er Force Commander, generalmajor D. Prem Chand, nået til Limnitis, hvor officererne fremstilles.



●Xeros-lejrens fodboldhold opstillet før kampen onsdag eftermiddag mod Lefka. Vi scorede 5 mål, medens vi holdt op med at tælle modstanderens mål, da de var et godt stykke over 10. Vi må vist have gang i den fysiske træning.

den moderne teknik i gudstjenesten ved at indspille salmerne på bånd. Chefen læste trosbekendelsen og KS Lambertsen udgangsbedønnen.

Endvidere var der blandt tilhørerne et islat af den lokale befolkning, blandt hvilke en lille purk ivrigt kommenterede pastorens ord.

FØRSTE GUDSTJENESTE

Efter pastor Stubs første gudstjeneste nyder deltagerne en velforberet "kirkedrik" i haven ved officers messen. Præsten havde indført



DANCON NYT

JULEFORBEREDELSE

Juleforberedelserne hjemme er i fuld gang i sne og kulde-og her forbereder vi også at kunne holde en rigtig dansk jul. Vel er forholdene anderledes, men med fantasi og opfindsomhed vil vi også her kunne få en fornemmelse af, at nu er det jul.

Adventskransene er allerede tændt og juletræer er dels undervejs hjemmefra og dels indkøbt her på øen.

Også flæskestegen er bestilt, og den vil vi jo i særlig grad kunne nyde ovenpå julebadningen. For bade det skal vi, om ikke for andet, så dog for til sin tid at kunne fortælle børnebørnene om den tid, da der var rigtige soldater til, hvorfor der udfærdiges et diplom til hver af de badende som bevis på den rette vikingeånd.

Endelig må vi jo ikke glemme, at nogle får mulighed for at rejse hjem, medens andre får deres pårørende herved. Desværre måtte vi jo udelade nogle soldater, der gerne ville hjem, på grund af den for store tilslutning, men disse står naturligvis først på listen til påske-flyene.

Såfremt De får Deres pårørende herved, er velfærdstjenesten naturligvis til rådighed med brochurer og forslag, således at De og Deres pårørende får en virkelig oplevelse ud af opholdet her på Afrodites ø.

Silver för SWEDCON

SWEDCON har under den senaste uge erövret tre silvermedaljer i UNFICYP-mästerskapen. Medaljerna fördelar sig på PX-förvaltaren Stig Axelsson, som blev två i singelfinalen i badminton och fanjunkare Lars-Göran Andersson, som blev tvåa i hinderlöpningen, samt i lagtävlingen, där Sverige tog silver efter FINCON.

För att börja med badminton vann Stig Axelsson de inledande matcherna lätt. Först slog han den irländske korpralen Dennis MacDonald med 15-0, 15-4. Där-efter besegrades danske kaptenen Bech Isaksen med 15-5, 15-2. Den utomordentligt spelande engelske soldaten Tom Bradbury blev dock för svår, men ett set knep dock svensken, 9-15, 15-10, 10-15.

Svenskarna gjorde en mycket bra insats i hinderlöpningen och det var inte långt ifrån att segern hamnat hos SWEDCON. Individuellt fick L-G Andersson stryka på foten för den finländske sergeanten Savolainen med bara två sekunder och i lagtävlingen förlorade svenskarna med fuffiga trettio sekunder.

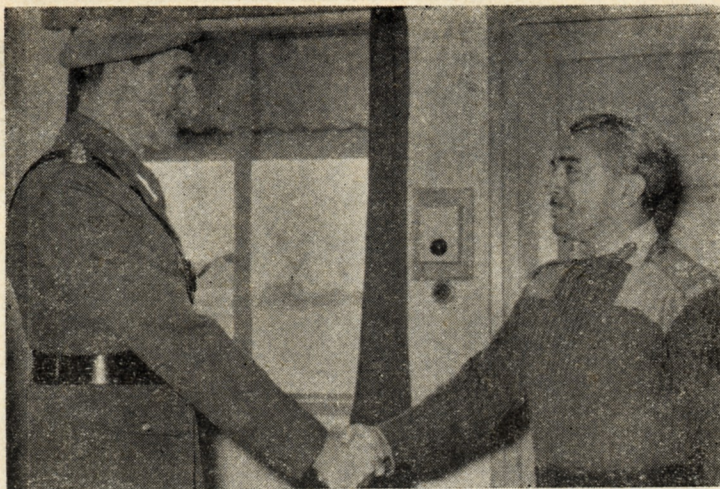
Sergeanten Savolainen var som sagt snabbast med tiden 2.36 följt av L-G Andersson 2.38. Därefter följde sergeant Rauhala, FINCON 2.42, Arne Eriksson, och Kjell Nilsson, SWEDCON 2.43 resp 2.45 samt korpral Juntunen, FINCON och Jörgen Persson, SWEDCON 2.47 och 2.48.

Till höger två bilder på L-G Andersson, först strax efter det han gått i mål, sedan en stilstudie från banan. Nedan furiren Rune Ekvall vid grävhindret. Längst ned hela svenska laget, fr v Karl Gustaf Ragnarsson, Lars Nilsson, L-G Andersson, Jerry Paulsson, Rune Ekvall, Kjell Nilsson, Jörgen Bergström, Jörgen Persson, Royne Käck, Leif Söderkvist, Arne Eriksson och Conny Brandel.

SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos





UN MEDALS FOR STAFF OFFICERS

● The Force Commander pins the UN Medal on the chest of Lieutenant Colonel P. Morgan, Chief Logistics and Personnel Officer.

● A hand shake of congratulations for Colonel D.E. Thornton, Deputy Chief of Staff, after he had received his medal.



OBSTACLE RACE TEAM

The Britcon team, drawn from 60 Squadron RCT, which finished third in the Intercontingent Obstacle Race Competition last week, (L. to R. front row): Corporal Tulloch, Lance Corporal Bowers, 2/Lieutenant Hennings, Corporal Monk and Driver Page. (Back row): Lance Corporal Davison, Driver March, Lance Corporal Harvey, Driver Knight, Driver F. Jackson, Driver J. Jackson and Driver McLean. The team average time for completing the course was 3 minutes 36 seconds. Corporal Tulloch was the fastest British competitor with a time of 2 minutes 56 seconds.



BRITCON NEWS

OLD TIMER

Contingents come and contingents go, but there is one soldier who is unaffected by rotation. He is alleged to have been on the UN post at Mandria hill for nearly six years.

He regards the OP as his home and seems quite content with his perpetual changeovers of Commanding Officer. He is Rifleman Blackie seen here with his current Section Commander, Lance Corporal Rock of B Company, 3rd Battalion Royal Green Jackets.

BADMINTON

The winning team in the Force Badminton Tournament (Report on page 8). Corporals N. Brett and R.W. Branson of 644 Signal Troop, with (holding the cup) Trooper G.A. Samson, Royal Scots Greys.



"MEET THE IRISH" RECEPTION

A very enjoyable reception was held at the Officers' Mess Zyyi on Saturday night 27th November at which representatives of UNFICYP Headquarters and all contingents serving with UNFICYP were guests of the new Irish Contingent. Also in attendance were representatives from many countries.

● Major General and Mrs Prem Chand arriving at the Officers' Mess for the reception.

● Officers of Fincon, Sweden and the Austrian Field Hospital form a happy group at the reception.



CHIEF OF STAFF INSPECTION

The Chief of Staff, Brigadier-General E. M. D. Leslie, DSO, DD, visited the 19th Infantry Group on Monday 30th November. Accompanying him was Mr Dharman, the Chief Administrative Officer.

Lieutenant Colonel Tom Tracey greeted his guests on the arrival at Zyyi. Having inspected the Guard of Honour, under

the command of Lieutenant Fergus Marshall, they were taken on a tour of Camp Headquarters, and later visited "A" and "B" companies in Kophinou and Larnaca respectively.

IRCON NEWS

● Brigadier-General E. M. D. Leslie returning the salute of the Guard of Honour on his arrival at Zyyi.

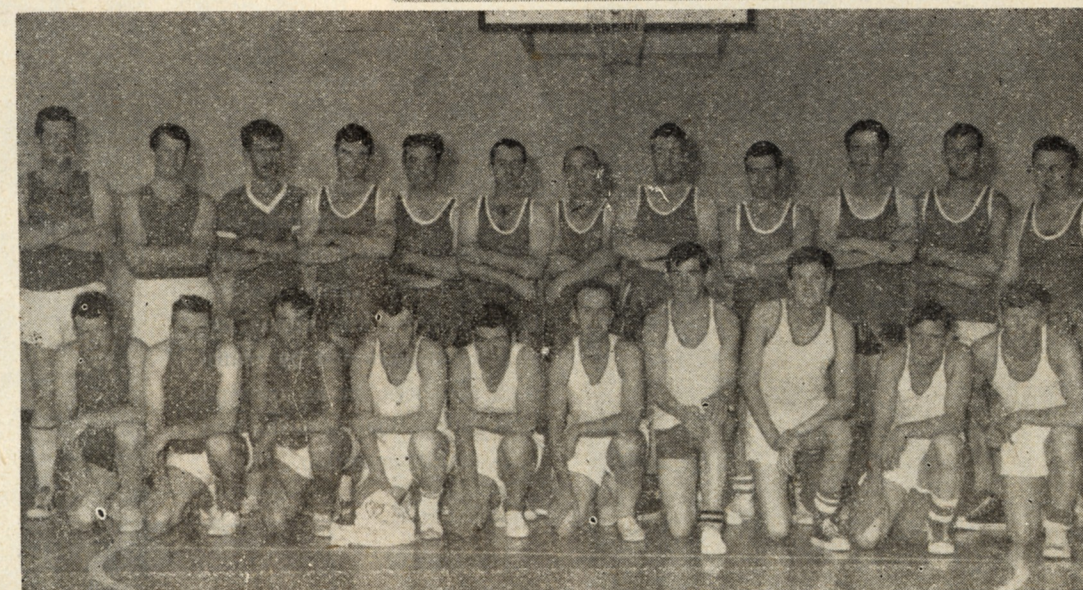
HEAVY MORTAR TRAINING

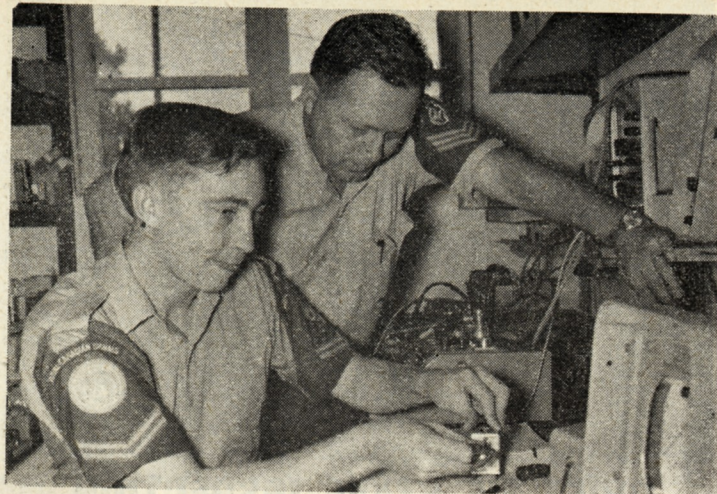
● Gunner Pat Matthews, (Offaly), Radio Operator with the Heavy Mortar Troop, seen here taking part in mortar training exercise recently.



BASKET BALL BLITZ

A highly entertaining inter-unit "Basketball Blitz" was organised by "B" Company at Fourmile Point recently. Teams from all units took part. The eventual winners were "B" Company who beat Headquarters Company in a very exciting final. Pictured in the group are all the players who took part in the competition.



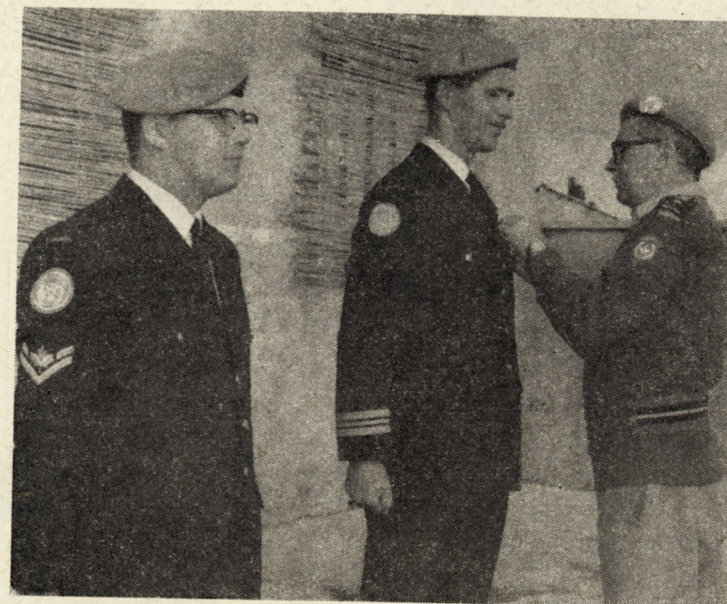


HELLO, HELLO

It is people like Corporal Harvey Wooley who keep the communications systems operating. Corporal Wooley (left) and Sergeant Fred Lothman (right) are members of the Electronic Maintenance and Repair Team. This team is responsible for some 125 radios, 180 telephones, and 14 switchboards: a heavy and a continual task.

QUITE A MOUTHFUL

Corporal Doug Burns, the unit ration clerk, and Corporal Don Cruickshanks (right) of the Headquarters Company Stores, struggle to load a container of fresh fruit and vegetables. It is estimated that members of Headquarters devour almost one ton of these foods every week.

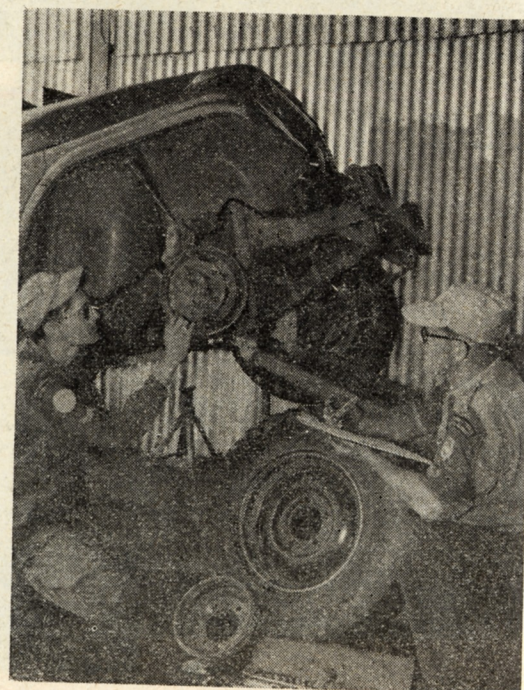


RECEIVE UN MEDALS

Last week two members of Cancon, both serving with HQ UNFICYP, were awarded their UN medals. Chief of Staff, Brigadier-General E. M. D. Leslie, presented the medals and congratulated both Canadians for their duties at the Headquarters. — Pictured at the medal presentation are (left to right) Corporal B. Mikkola, Major Bob Greer and Brigadier-General E. M. D. Leslie.

ROAD WORTHY

This 1/4 ton vehicle is being put through a thorough inspection by mechanics of the Canadian Contingent. Corporal Rod Easterby (left) and Master Corporal John Clendinneng conduct these inspections on each vehicle every three months. Daily vehicle inspections are done by drivers and by transport members, in an attempt to keep the vehicles in the best operational condition.



BEAUTY AND THE BEASTS

A busy and frequently visited unit at Camp Maple Leaf is the Accounts Office. Corporal Wayne Manick (left) and Sergeant Don Martin (right) ensure that bills are paid and that the budget is followed. Mrs. Jenny Sanderson, (foreground), could be a reason for the frequent visits: she is one of 52 civilian personnel employed by the Canadian Contingent.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

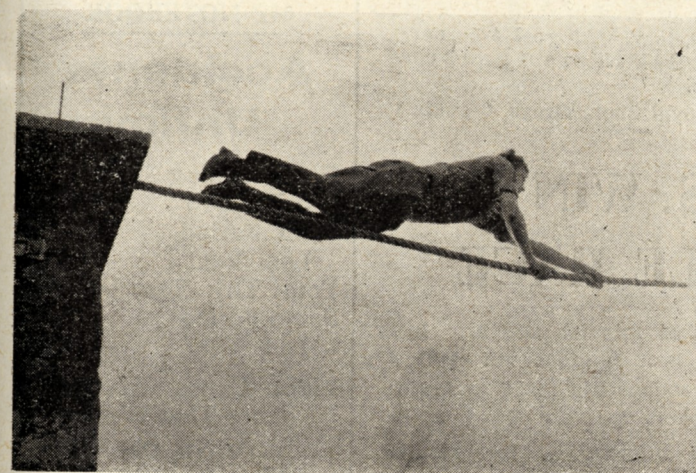
KUNTORATAKILPAILUT



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Ilmojen halki.....

Suomalaisten kuntoradalla pidettiin joulukuun neljäntenä päivänä kontingenttien väliset mestaruuskilpailut. Suomalaiset olivat perin epäkohteliaita isäntiä, sillä he voittivat joukkuekilpailun. Henkilökohtaisen kilvan voitti suomalaisen, vääp Osmo Savolainen.

Tulokset: Joukkuekilpailu: 1.FINCON 2 SWEDCON 3.IRCON 4: BRITCON Henkilökohtainen kilpailu: 1.Vääp Savolainen 2.Vääp Andersson Swedcon 3. Vääp Rauhala 4. Jääk Erikson Swedcon 5. Jääk Nilsson Swedcon 6. Jääk Juntunen.

ITSENÄISYYPÄIVÄ

Itsenäisyyspäivänä Finconissa juhlittiin kahtakin asiaa, nimittäin Itsenäisyyspäivää ja YK-mitalien jakoa. Keskipäivän aikaan pidettiin esikunnan kentällä paraati,

jossa jaettiin mitalit 90 vuorokautta nuhteettomasti palvelulle. Illalla oli komentajan vastaanotto upseerimessissä.



Ohimarssin otti vastaan Force Commanderin edustajana brigadier Lesley. Lippuryhmä jopa marssi tahdissa.



Komppanioiden edustajat saamassa mitaliaan. Brig Lesley kiinnittää mitalia kapt.Ojasen rintaan.

FINCON NEWS

UN BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

Sponsored by Camp HQ UNFICYP, the tournament took place on 2 December at Wolesley Barracks in the form of a singles and a doubles knockout. Teams of three players came from the Canadian, Danish, Irish, Swedish and British Contingents. The latter provided two teams, BRITCON 'A' (3 RGJ) and BRITCON 'B' (Camp HQ and Force Reserve). The competition fulfilled its purpose well, in providing some enjoyable sport and exercise.

The real thrills were provided by the singles matches

and in particular by the Swedish player, Warrant Officer Stig Axelsson. Axelsson, a good deal older than most competitors played two sporting and skilful matches before meeting Rifleman Tom Bradbury of BRITCON 'A' (3RGJ) in the final. This proved the climax of the tournament with some exciting badminton, the match was clinched only in the last moments by the younger Bradbury. A pity there had to be a loser! The Cup was played for by the teams representing the winners of the singles and doubles, players being drawn in pairs playing off in one game each. After three crisp matches BRITCON 'B' finally won 2-1. Presentations were made by the Chief of Staff, Brig Gen EMD Leslie, DSO, CD.



● The finalists, rifleman T. Bradbury and Warrant Officer S. Axelsson after their match.

THE FINNS WIN THE OBSTACLE RACE

The Obstacle Race Competition, again well-organised by Fincon, took place last Friday at Nicosia.

The Finns showed no hospitality on the result list, winning the team competition

in 2.59 minutes and also had the best single result, WO 3 Savolainen in 2.36 minutes. Runners-up were Swedcon in 3.10 minutes — More results and pictures in next week's "The Blue Beret".

6-A-SIDE HOCKEY

	P	W	L	F	A	Corners	Pts
ROYAL SCOTS GREYS	4	4	0	25	2	8	8
644 SIGNAL TROOP	4	4	0	21	9	12	8
60 SQN RCT 'A'	4	3	1	7	9	8	6
CAMP HQ	4	2	2	7	13	8	4
RAF NICOSIA	4	2	2	5	13	8	4
REME	4	1	3	16	14	3	2
AVN FLT	4	0	4	6	11	4	0
60 SQN RCT 'B'	4	0	4	5	21	7	0

Results of matches played last week were:-

644 Signal Troop, 6 goals 2 corners, beat Avn Flight, 2 goals 1 corner.

60 Sqn 'A', 1 goal 4 corners, beat RAF Nicosia, 1 goal 3 corners.

Royal Scots Greys, 6 goals 1

corner, beat 60 Sqn 'B', nil goals 2 corners.

Camp HQ, 3 goals 4 corners, beat REME, 1 goal nil corners.

MP NOTEBOOK

Accidents - Unficyp

Week Ending		
5 DEC 70	—	6
Same Period		
Last Year	—	7
Total This Year	—	354
Same Period		
Last Year	—	332
Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:		
"DRIVING ON THE WRONG SIDE OF ROAD"		

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MANDATE...

Two and one-half years have passed since the inter-communal talks began. Unhappily there is, as yet, no real prospect of a long-term settlement. The expectations repeatedly voiced by the Security Council have so far failed to materialize, and the talks themselves have yet to produce any significant agreement on fundamental questions.

Despite all the difficulties, it is essential that the inter-communal talks should continue. In the present circumstances they not only remain the sole available method to achieve agreement between the communities, but also provide a useful means for dissipating existing suspicions and tensions. However, what is sorely needed is a new dynamism and direction in the negotiations between the two main parties concerned. There is no road to a settlement other than the arduous one of negotiations steadfastly and honestly pursued with the aim of achieving a reasonable and workable compromise, which would be neither a victory nor a defeat for either side.

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I believe that both communities in Cyprus now realize that the Cyprus problem cannot be solved by resorting to force and that any attempt to revert to the use of force would only worsen the conflict and prove catastrophic for all on the island and

perhaps beyond. The two sides have also indicated that a settlement can be worked out on the basis of an independent, sovereign and unitary state of Cyprus in which the two communities participate. This limited consensus indicates that there is a basis for at least some kind of accommodation. Obviously, in the prevailing circumstances, more than goodwill and exhortations is required to reach a reasonable and just agreement. However, as I said in my report of 1 June 1970, I believe that the elements necessary for a political settlement in Cyprus do exist and that a compromise solution could be worked out, including the crucial issue of local government.

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In view of the situation prevailing in Cyprus, I have no doubt that the presence of the Force in the island continues to be necessary and that its withdrawal would involve an acute risk of a return to the pattern of inter-communal violence. In the circumstances, I see no alternative but to recommend to the Security Council the extension of UNFICYP's mandate for another period of six months. The Government of Cyprus and the Governments of Greece and Turkey have in-

formed me of their agreement to the proposed extension.

In recommending a further extension of the UNFICYP mandate, I must once again draw attention to the serious situation concerning the financing of the operation. The deficit in the UNFICYP budget remains high and, as indicated in the body of this report a slight reduction in the overall deficit is in fact likely to be nullified by certain problems relating to the payment of the pledges of one government. This makes it all the more necessary for governments to give adequate financial support to this important United Nations peace-keeping effort. At the same time, I must again point out that this situation is obviously related to the unsatisfactory method of financing UNFICYP by voluntary contributions.

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Before concluding, I wish once more to place on record my gratitude to the governments providing contingents to UNFICYP and to those governments — all too few — which have made voluntary contributions for its maintenance. Without that generous help it would not have been possible to carry on this vital peace-keeping operation for nearly seven years.

I wish also to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to my Special Repre-

sentative, the Commander of the Force, and its officers and men, as well as the UNFICYP civilian staff, for the exemplary manner in which they have performed their important and difficult tasks.

UN PROGRAMMES FROM C.B.C.

The weekly C.B.C. transmission of special programmes for UN Forces are broadcast on 498 metres, 602 kilocycles, as follows:

Monday 1330 — 1400 hrs
Radio EIREAN production.
Tuesday 2000 — 2030 hrs
SWEDISH local requests.
Wednesday 2000 — 2030 hrs
News from CANADA and records.
Thursday 2000 — 2030 hrs
Radio HELSINKI production.
Friday 2000 — 2030 hrs
UN Discotheque presented by John Crosbie.
Saturday 2000 — 2030 hrs
DANISH local requests.
Sunday 2000 — 2030 hrs
SCANDINAVIAN local productions from each of the Nordic Contingents in turn.
News in English can be heard every day at 0830 hrs, 1400 hrs and 1945 hrs.