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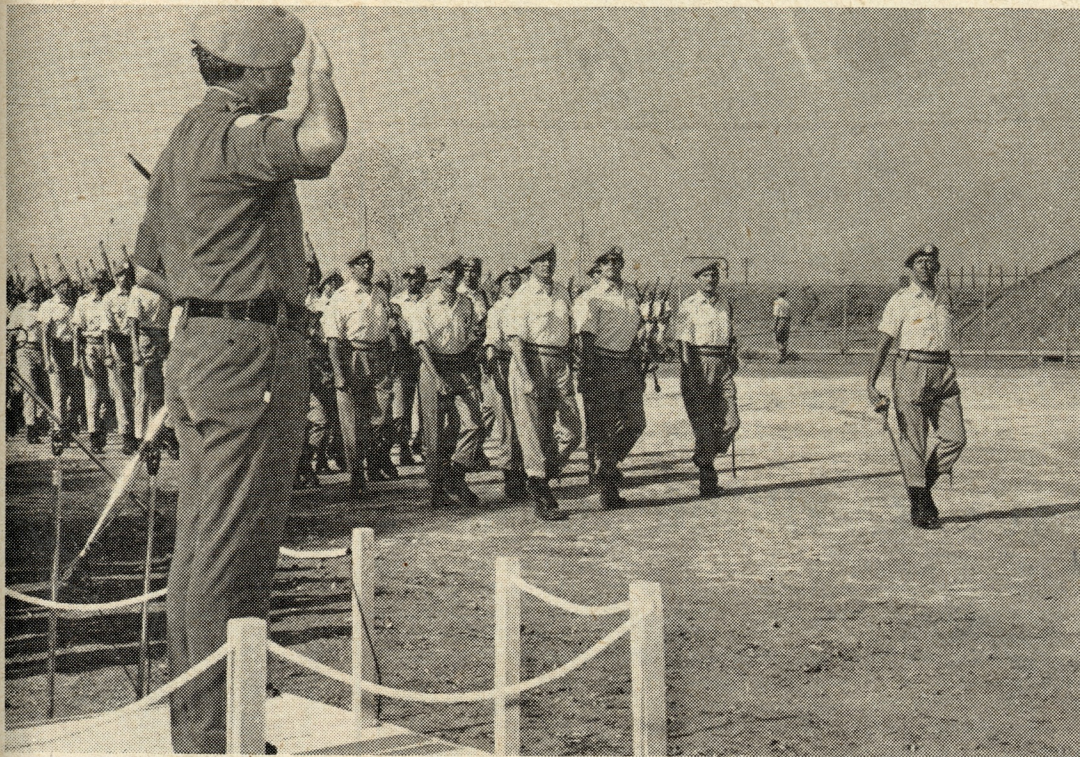
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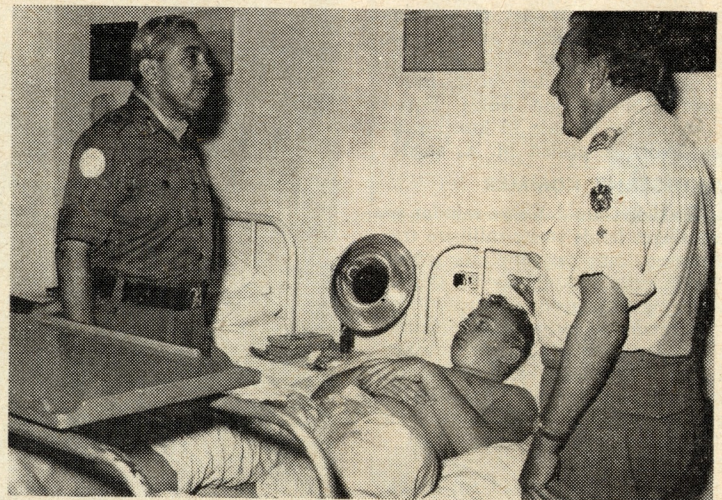


MEDAL PARADE IN XEROS

On Tuesday the 21st of August Dancon had their Medal Parade in Viking Camp in Xeros. About 170 men of all ranks of the Danish Contingent received the UN Medal. A selected group representing all ranks received the Medal from the Force Commander Major General D. Prem Chand PVSM. The Force Commander expressed his satisfaction with the job of the Danish Contingent and he specially thanked the Contingent Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Skern, whose knowledge and experience of UN. Peace keeping operations has been of good value to UNFICYP.

CONTINGENT PRESS OFFICER'S CONFERENCE

Every month the Contingent Press Officers meet to discuss press matters and to exchange views. The meeting is held at each Contingent in turn and the opportunity is taken to brief the Press Officers on the operations and organisation of the host Contingent. This month's meeting was at Ircon and the photograph shows the officers in Inishfree Camp.



On last Saturday, the 25th of August, the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand visited The Austrian Field Hospital. He was taken around by the Commander of the Hospital, Colonel J. Mayer.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

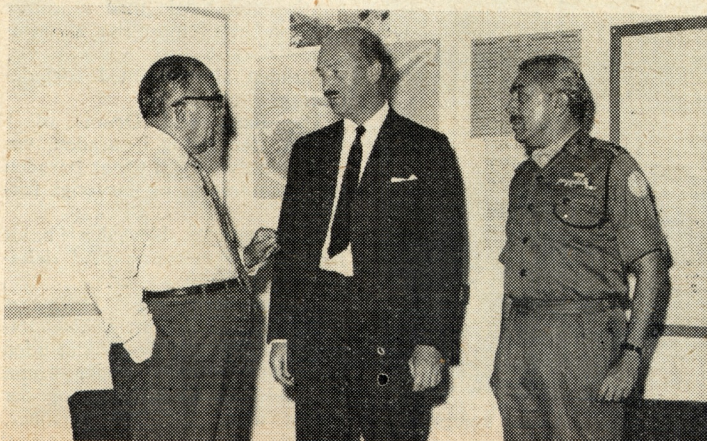
The main cause of accidents this week is again "Driving without due care and attention", or, put in another way, "Carelessness costs lives", or at least can cause damage to men and vehicles. Drive carefully and make your contingent accident free next week.

MP NOTEBOOK

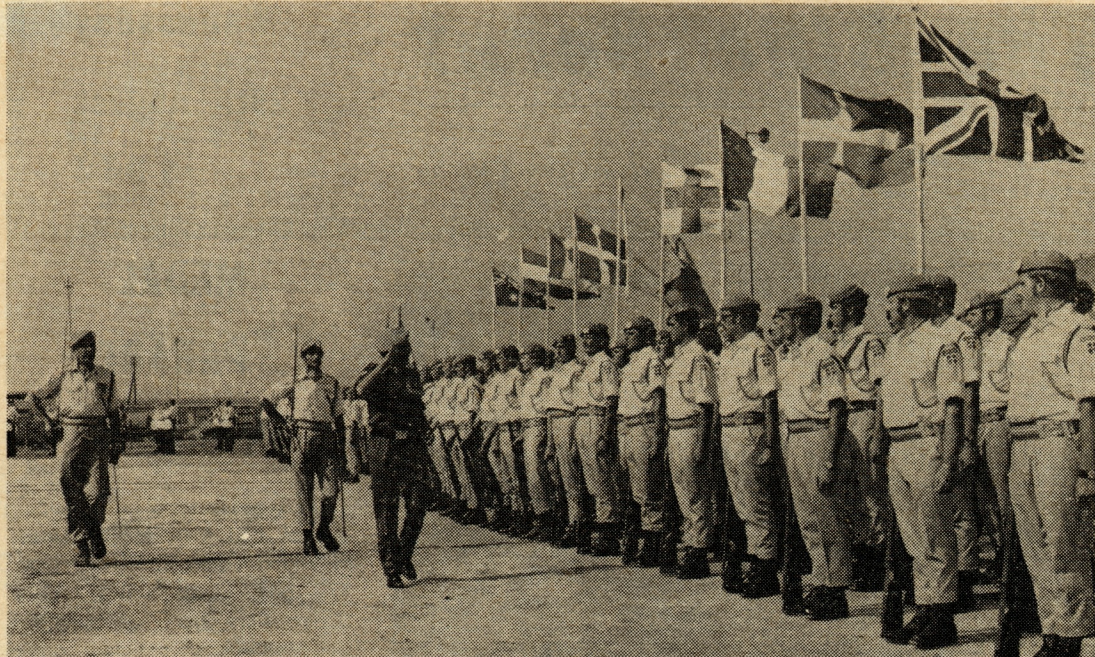
Week Ending	
24 Aug 73	12
Same Period	
Last Year	5
Total This Year	246
Same Period	
Last Year	228

Main Cause Of Accidents
This Week:

DRIVING WITHOUT
DUE CARE AND
ATTENTION.



← Brigadier D.B. Riddell- Webster OBE who was Deputy Chief of Staff at HQ UNFICYP between 1968 and 1970, paid a visit to the Force Commander and the Special Representative to the Secretary General Mr Osorio Tafall on Saturday 25th.



● Force Commander skridter fronten af ledsaget af kontingentchefen Oberstløjtnant L. M. K. Skern og Major H. O. Sietam, chef for Let Kompagni.

MEDALJEPARADE I VIKING CAMP

Tirsdag den 21 august holdt DANCON XIX sin medaljeparade. Paraden indledtes kl. 1450 med indmarch på paradepladsen, hvor kontingentchefen Oberstløjtnant L.M.K. Skern overtog kommandoen, lod fanerne føre til midten og afleverede paraden til Force Commander, General D. Prem Chand.

Generalen inspicerede paraden og dekorerede derefter et udvalgt kommando bestående af personel af alle grader med UN-medaljen. Efter at hele paraden havde modtaget UN-medaljen holdt Force Commander en tale til kontingentet, hvori generalen bl. a. sagde:

VIKINGERNE KOMMER

"Paraden her i Xeros minder os om Deres lands stolte militære traditioner, om dengang da råbet 'Vikingerne kommer' skabte skræk og ødelæggelse i mange lande. Allerede på et meget tidligt tidspunkt deltog danske styrker i FN's fredsbevarende operationer, og vi er glade for her i UNFICYP at have haft et dansk kontingent iblandt os lige fra oprettelsen i 1964.

Lefka Distriktet var for nogle år siden et område, hvor der skete adskillige alvorlige sammenstød, og

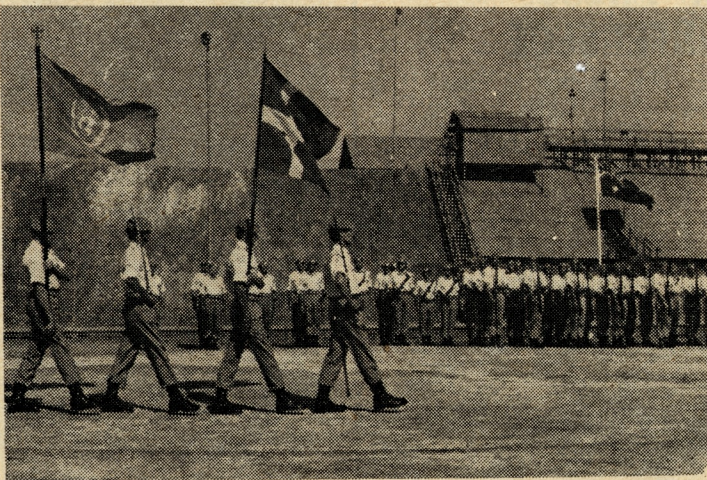
disse minder os stadigvæk om konflikten i denne del af øen. Der er imidlertid stadig store spændinger i distriktet, men DANCON har trods dette forstået at opretholde ro og orden, og det tillægger vi den ansvarsbevidsthed, hvormed tjenesten udføres ved kontingentet."

FIN PARADE

Generalen henvendte sig derefter

direkte til kontingentchefen og udtrykte sin glæde over, at kunne drage nytte af Oberstløjtnantens store erfaring med fredsbevarende operationer, idet Oberstløjtnanten foruden at have været chef for FN-afdelingen i Danmark har været tilknyttet hovedkvarteret i New York og har deltaget i aktionen i Congo.

Force Commander sluttede



Fanerne føres til midten.

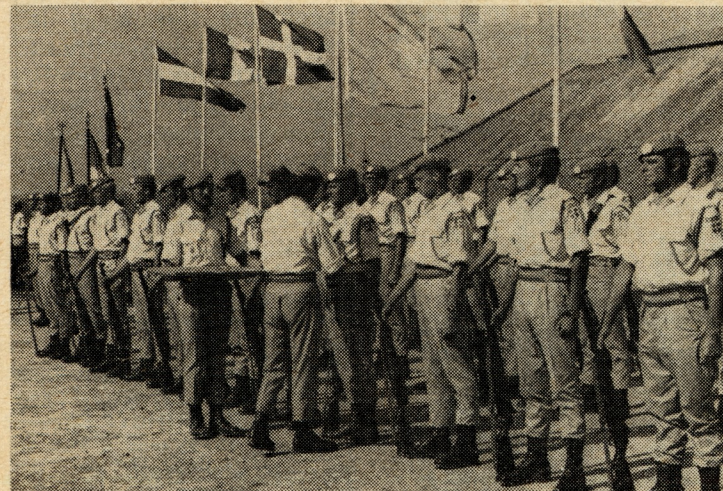
med at udtrykke sin beundring for den standard, paraden havde opnået på trods af de vanskeligheder, som han var velvidende om, at kontingentet havde med at samle mandskabet til indøvelse af paraden.

Paraden sluttede med forbidefiling.

The Band and Drums of 1 PARA, der deltog i paraden, var stærkt medvirkende til, at paraden fik et så festligt og farverigt forløb.

Efter paraden blev der holdt reception i messerne med deltagelse af ca. 150 gæster.

Dagen sluttede med en meget festlig middag for alt DANCON-personel. Denne blev afviklet uden for konstabelmessen under skæret fra fakler og levende lys, og der deltog mere end 200 personer.



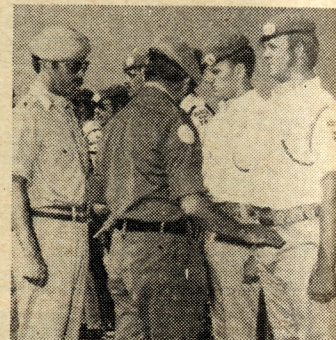
Kompagnichefen Major H. O. Sietam dekorere det lette kompagni.

I FREDENS TJENSTE

Blandt vikingerne i DANCON XIX var der valgt et kommando, repræsenterende alle grader til at modtage Cypernmedaljen "In the service of Peace" direkte af Force Commander Nederst ses nogle af de udvalgte.



Kontingentchefen Oberstløjtnant L. M. K. Skern faar medaljen.



Force Commander Major General D. Prem Chand har netop overrakt medaljen til konstablerne B. P. E. Rasmussen og B. D. Nielsen fra Stabskompagniet.



Kaptajn Aa. Jørgensen, AMPIO/HQ takker for medaljen, mens feltpræsten H. Gelardi, der netop har faaet sin, ser til.



Konstabel K. V. Lind fra Let Kompagni faar overrakt medaljen af Force Commander.

DIPLOMA FOR YOU

●This may be is a diploma for you? If you join the Swedcon in their marching exercises you will have one. And as you saw in last weeks issue of the Blue Beret this marching has become very popular.

●Up to now Britcon and Cancon have joined for marches up to the Kantara Castle - and Dancon was the first to go with us up to the top of Platani.

Swedcon News

Swedish Forces Photos

●Everyone has enjoyed this meeting with the soldiers from Sweden, and as you know, it is some more than just a marching exercise.

●It is also an opportunity for you to be among Swedes in a friendly atmosphere - and might create lifelong friendship.

●So haven't you joined us yet - you are very welcome!

●So are they looking. The Swedcon drawer Hans Sjödin in action with drawing the names of those who already have done their exercise on the special diploma that everybody will have.



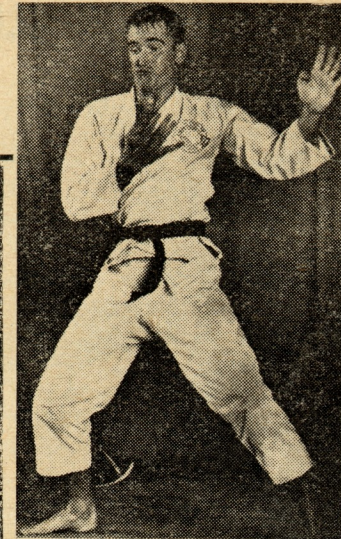
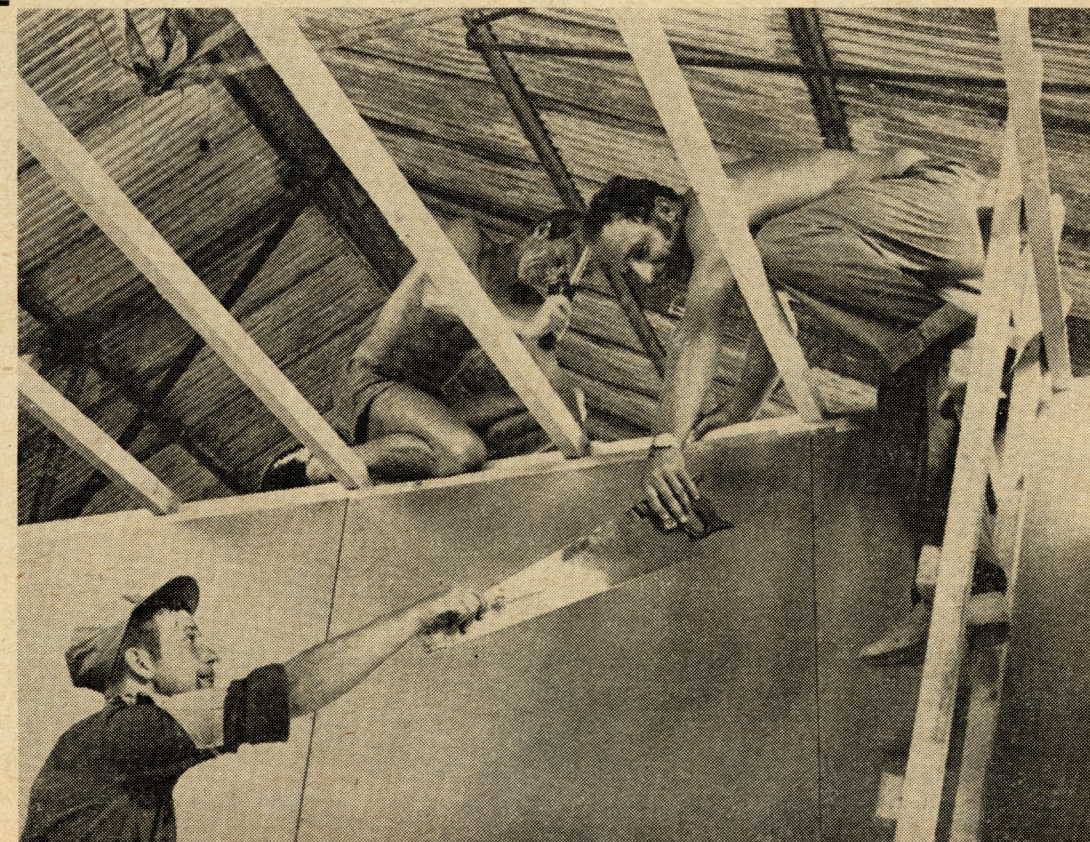
Pi-gänget bygger vidare

En ny soldatförläggning håller på att ta form på Carl Gustaf Camp i Famagusta. Den slitstarka och yrkesduktiga pi-gruppen är i full fart att omändra ett av de gamla förrådsskju-len till nya fräscha bostäder.

Den gamla "inredningen" har helt rensats ut - och nya innertak, innerväggar och fönster håller på att komma på plats.

Den nya förläggningen ingår i förbättringsplanerna för en något nersliten camp - och fler saker är på gång. Långt har man redan kommit på nya vattentoaletterna vid stabs expeditionen och slår tecknen inte fel blir det invigning av de nya bekvämligheterna redan under 50-ans tid.

På bilden ser du tre pi-grabbar i arbetstagen. Hans Ström-gren räcker upp sågen till Inge Frost medan Sigvard Östergren slår i ännu en spik.



●John Peppino i aktion.

JUDO-SHOW

●Fart och fläkt - och kul! Det blev intrycken av den uppvisning som bataljonens egen judo-klubb anordnade på Carl Gustaf Camp.

●Med hjälp av engelska instruktörer hade kocken Sven Forsell - som är chefsinstruktör och ledare för vår judokurs - trimmat ihop ett fartyllt program som visade vad judo egentligen är.

●Men så var det inga amatörer som kom till vår hjälp heller-utan snarare proffs från våra engelska vänner i PARA.

●Dessutom fick de ca 50 åskådarna se en uppvisning i karate av engelske sergeanten John Peppino från HQ UNFICYP.

AVIATION FLIGHT COMPLETE 7 YEARS SERVICE WITH UNFICYP

It was seven years and one month ago that the UNFICYP Aviation Flight was formed on the disbandment of 4th Air OP Troop, Royal Artillery. Happily the Royal Artillery tradition continues in the present flight, there being three members of that famous Regiment serving with the flight at the moment.

During these seven years the flight has logged nearly 588,000 miles which is the equivalent to flying 21 times round the world. The tasks carried out vary from checking on grave sites to life saving casualty evacuation.

The Flight has operated four 270 hp Supercharged Sioux AH 1 helicopters since its formation. These excellent aircraft are ideal for the tasks the flight has to undertake, as all passengers have clear unrestricted vision.

The Flight is commanded by Major P.N. Gill, Royal Artillery, and he has four other pilots. Three of the pilots serve on 6 month tours and one, the helicopter instructor Warrant Officer Class 2 M. L. Green, stays with

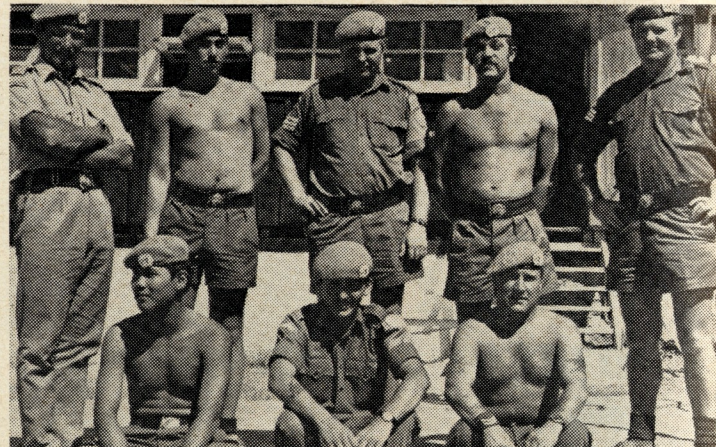


the flight for 2 years. The servicing team is led by Staff Sergeant P. Mason who has 6 technicians under his command and 7 drivers

and ground control personnel.

This happy sub unit very much enjoys serving with UNFICYP and looks forward to further service.

BRITCON NEWS



Our photograph above does not depict 1 Para's seven-a-side rugby team, nor are they the heavy boys of Support Company. They are in fact the fabled Orderly Room Staff.

Most of them refuse to divulge their vital statistics and Corporal Bonham was heard to mumble something about classified information and not being positively vetted.

However, their surreptitious early morning runs have led people to believe they are soon to enter an Orderly Room tug-of-war team. Either that or they are pursuing a rigorous slimming course at a secret health farm up in the hills.

Captain Boyle and Chief McMenemy along with their merry band of men are renowned for

the cheerful friendly way they deal with the average idiot who appears from out of the blue with such classic remarks as: "Wot about my course?" or, the equally pleasant, but far more subtle, manner potential stationary hoarders are steered in the direction of the more naive departments such as the Operations or Information sections.

Our congratulations to Sergeant Newbury who was recently promoted. It is to be hoped that his elevation does not reduce the flow of those nice sets of felt pens amassed in his inner sanctum!

In the picture we have, back row; Captain D. Boyle, Private A. Stenge, Sergeant J. Newbury, Corporal P. Bonham and Staff Sergeant J. McMenemy and in the front row Privates A. T. Su and J. Bleakley and Corporal P. Reed.



The Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand PVSM, visited the Force Reserve on Tuesday 21st of August 1973 while they were firing their .30 Browning Machine Guns on Pyla Ranges.

In our picture the Force Commander is talking to the Officer Commanding, Major Durie, with Second Lieutenant Boddy (back to camera), Lance Corporal Rigby and Trooper Schmidt looking on.

INTERIM MEDAL PARADE AT IRCON



Lieutenant Colonel Sean Garvey presents Corporal Peter Origan with his UN Medal.

On Monday the 20th of August 1973 a ceremony took place at Inishfree Camp which meant quite a lot to many of the Irish Contingent. Their Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Sean Garvey, presented the United Nations Medal to a large group of the Irish Contingent who, because of the call of duty, were unable to take part in the official Medal Parade which took place the previous week, at which the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, made the presentation of medals.

In his remarks on this happy occasion Lieutenant Colonel Garvey praised the recipients and expressed his pride in making this presentation to Irishmen serving the cause of peace.



IRCON NEWS

A general view of the interim medal parade at Inishfree Camp.

PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

The personality of the week this week is a very important person in Inishfree Camp. He is the canteen manager, Corporal Tony O'Brien. As everyone knows the canteen caters for the majority of any unit, and so it is in Inishfree Camp.

Corporal O'Brien is responsible for the entertainment of the men and one can safely say that he performs this duty very well.

Corporal O'Brien joined the Irish Army in 1965 in Cork with the 4th Battalion and after finishing his training he returned to the Curragh where he was born. He then joined the Military Police and served with them on the Border for some time.

Corporal O'Brien has served in Cyprus before, in 1967, and is therefore no stranger to the island. We in Ircon feel we are lucky to have him along on this trip because his personality works wonders among the men and he is so helpful to them.

We are sure that he would want his trusty helper mentioned and it is with pleasure that we thank his assistant Private Davy Fox. He also plays his part in making the mens' canteen function in an orderly fashion. It is due to both of them that the canteen is one of the friendliest places to go to in Inishfree Camp.



Our personality of the week — Corporal Tony O'Brien is allowed just one minute off from his duties as canteen manager.

NEWS FROM UNCIVPOL



Part of the task of the Danish Civilian Police in Ayios Theodoros is a daily patrol through the mixed village. Our picture shows three policemen in the village. The photograph was taken earlier this year by Mr Yutaka Nagata from UN Headquarters, New York.

LE COMMANDEMENT GAGNE LA NATATION

Jeudi, le 16 août, s'ouvrait officiellement la série de compétitions inter-compagnies qui se terminera par une remise de trophés "monstre" prévue pour le 15 septembre.

Malgré le petit nombre de spectateurs qui y assistèrent, la compétition de natation en mer, tenue à Kyrenia, souleva beaucoup d'enthousiasme même parmi les touristes présents.

La compagnie de commandement remporta les trois épreuves, soit la "patrouille militaire", la course à relais 4x400 mètres et les 800 mètres avec masque et tube. Cependant, comme me faisait remarquer un officier venant du front, si les sauveteurs du bataillon ne peuvent gagner une telle compétition, on devrait les envoyer faire de la garde sur la ligne rouge. Sans commentaires.



Vous avez gagné, mon capitaine, payer pour votre gloire!



La compétition de "patrouille militaire" fut sûrement la plus spectaculaire des épreuves, tout en étant une bonne forme d'entraînement.



La patrouille 81 D, le Cpl/C Arsenault et le Cpl Tremblay.



800 mètres, de la petite bière pour le Cpl Bouchard, le Sdt Gauthier, le Sgt Maccabé, et le Sdt Carroll.

LA PATROUILLE 81D SE DISTINGUE

Mercredi le 8 août, vers 1145 hres, je me dirigeais vers Palekettio sur la nouvelle route de Famagusta. A environ 4 milles de Nicosie, j'aperçus une jeep canadienne stationnée sur le côté de la route devant une auto civile. Un soldat s'occupait de la circulation.

Croyant nos gars en panne, je suis arrêté pour m'informer. C'est alors que je me suis rendu compte que notre patrouille de reconnaissance, commandée par le Cpl/C Arsenault, s'occupait d'un accident de la route.

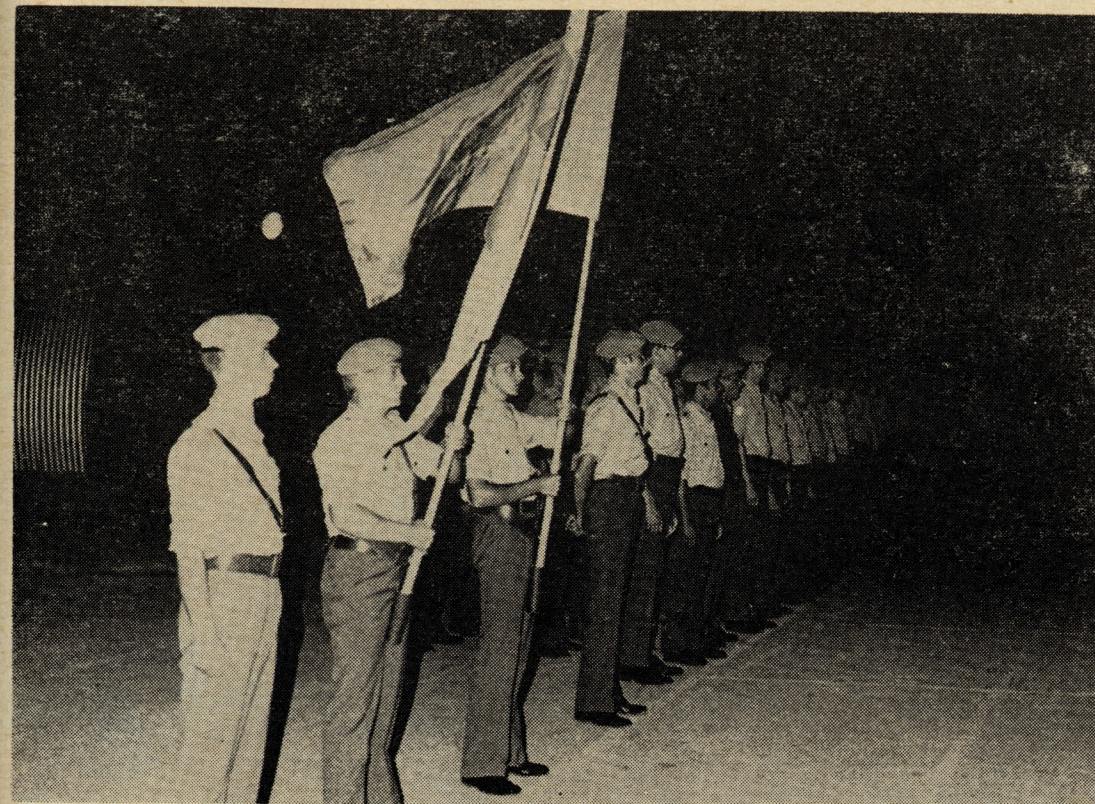
Pendant que mon chauffeur prêtait main forte au Cpl Tremblay, chauffeur de la patrouille,

pour contrôler la circulation, le Cpl/C Arsenault s'affairait à joindre notre poste de commandement à Wolseley Barracks pour demander l'aide de la police et d'une ambulance.

Quand je vis que la patrouille 81 D avait la situation bien en main, je repris la route, fier d'avoir de tels hommes dans notre organisation. Encore une fois, nos patrouilleurs ont démontré la courtoisie et le professionnalisme des Canadiens à Chypre.

CANCON NEWS

RAUHAN PALVELUKSESSA — IN THE SERVICE OF PEACE

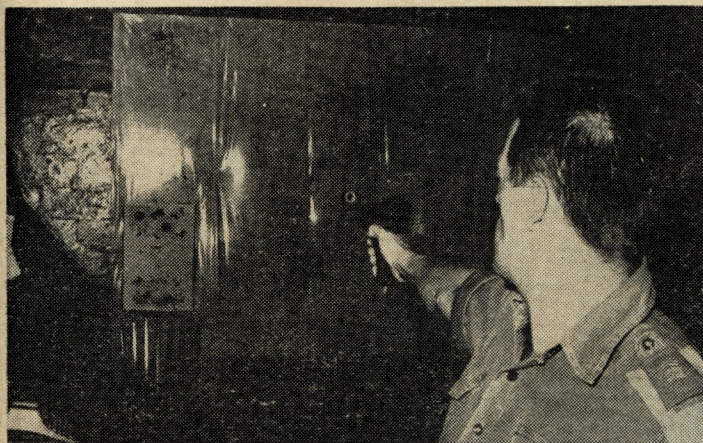


Mitalienjakotilaisuuden rivistöä lippuvartiineen. Lippu-upseereina Lt nautiovaara ja Lt n Öhberg, Lippujen takana Yliv Lintunen ja Väp Jokela.



Evl Kemppainen ojentamassa mitalia jääk Nikkaselle, avustajanaan kapt Hinkkanen.

LAST WEEK IN FINCON



Pistoolin kahvassa Kers Kaakinen, operaatiotoimiston pistoolikilpailujen aliupseerisarjan ylivoimainen voittaja.

Huhtikuussa rauhanturvaamistehtäviin saapuneet palkittiin viime perjantaina Kypros-mitalein. Yleensä tällaisia sotilaallisia huomionoitoituksia jaetaan taisteluissa osoitetusta rohkeudesta tai urheudesta ja muistoksi taisteluun osallistumisesta. Saamamme YK-mitali eroaa näistä muista siinä, että se annetaan varsinaisesti palveluksesta rauhan puolesta Yhdistyneiden Kansakuntien tehtävissä.

YKSP:ssä on vuoden aikana neljä mitaliparaattia, joista kaksi on viime viikkoisen kaltaista jakotilaisuutta. Huomattavasti suurempia ja juhlallisempia palkitsemispäiviä ovat Puolustusvoimien lippujuhla, kesäkuun neljäntenä, ja Itsenäisyyspäivämme joulukuun kuudentena. Tällöin kuuluvat ohjelmaan karun juhlallinen ohimarssi ja juhlal kansainvälisine vieraineen. Mainittakoon, että mitalin saamiseen vaaditaan vähintään yhdeksänkymmenen vuorokauden yhtäjaksoinen moitteeton palvelus YK:n rauhanturva-tehtävissä.

OPSISSA AMMUTAAN

Nyt ankan harjoittelun aikana on myös operatiotoimiston henkilöstö aloittanut valppaana sotilaallisen kuntosuorituksen. Milloin tilanne vain suinkin sallii tavataan mies toisen jälkeen ilmapistoolin kahvassa vertailemasa kätensä ja silmänsä tarkkuutta. Viereisten virastojenkin virkamiehet vierailivat ajoittain tällä patalojoamme uusimmalla valmentautumisaikalla, voittotulokset ovat tosin useimmiten jäänneet isäntien haltuun. Takaseinän karttaan on muuten ilmestynyt pari aivan uutta kaivantoa, vai mitä lienevätkään?

NEWS IN SHORT

"Minor Medal Parade" took place last week in Fincon. We have four medal festivities annually. Two of them are these minor ones. The other two are: The Flag Day of the Finnish Armed Forces, 4th of June, and The Independence Day of Finland, 6th of December. These major events are celebrated with parades and international parties. ●The obstacle race course training has started in Fincon. The competition is hardly known, in its "local" form, to any of the Finnish newcomers. So they must start from the very beginning. ●Those "unlucky ones" who have to endure the summer days inside, keep up their military condition by air-pistol exercises in their offices. "Knock on the door before entering the room".

KUNTOA KÖYDELLÄ



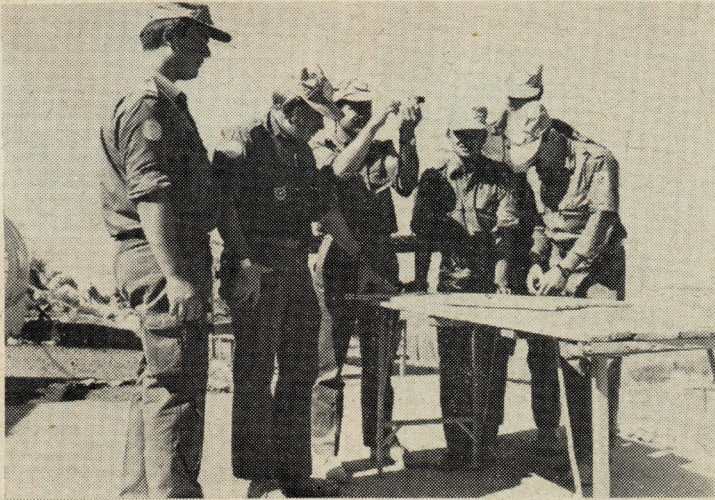
Jääk Lintu lennossa.

FINCON NEWS

ESTEILLÄ

Kuntorataharjoitukset ovat taas kerran alkaneet. Useimmille tänne tuleville laji on täysin tuntematon. Jostain syystä sitä ei tämän päivän varusmieskoulutuksessa käytetä, mutta juuri vaikeutensa ja rasittavuutensa johdosta sitä voidaan pitää palkkasoturille sopivana. Laji vaatii kestävyyslisäksi ennen kaikkea voimaa käsiin ja jalkoihin, tarkkaa silmää, nopeutta ja tasapainotaitoa. Fincon järjestää kaksi kertaa vuodessa kontingenteille suurkilpailun, jonka olemme tähän saakka aina voittaneet, niin henkilökohtaisen kuin joukkuekilpailunkin. Viime keväänä voittomme oli jopa niin ylivoimainen, että kymmenen parhaan joukkoon mahtui ainoastaan yksi ulkomaalainen, Ruotsista. Mainemme kilpailussa on todella kova ja harjoituksia on pidettävä sen mukaisesti.

DER OP STAVROKONO



●Neben den Hauptaufgaben des UN-DIENSTES gehört die fortgesetzte Ausbildung zum OP-Dienst. Unterricht mit Kompass und Karte vermittelt der OP-Kommandant.

4. MIL PATROUILLENMARSCH

Die Sieger des Patrouillenmarsches vom 18.8.1973 waren nur schwer zu ermitteln. Drei Gruppen, unter der Führung von Oblt Weilhartner, Lt Walgram und Zgf Hackl kamen punktgleich ins Ziel. Schliesslich war die Zeit für die Entscheidung ausschlaggebend. Zgf Hackl und die Männer

seiner Gruppe gewannen mit 127 Punkten und 2; 23 h vor Lt Walgram, ebenfalls 127 Punkte in 2:27 h und Oblt Weilhartner, dessen Gruppe 127 Punkte in 2:30 h erreichte.

Gute Leistungen, zu denen wir gratulieren.

Die Ortschaft Stavrokono liegt idyllisch am Fusse eines Berges, über dem Tal des Xeros Potamos.

In dieser herrlichen Gegend befindet sich unser OP Stavrokono, der auf dem Osthang des Hügels gelegen, einen freien Ausblick auf den Ort gewährt.

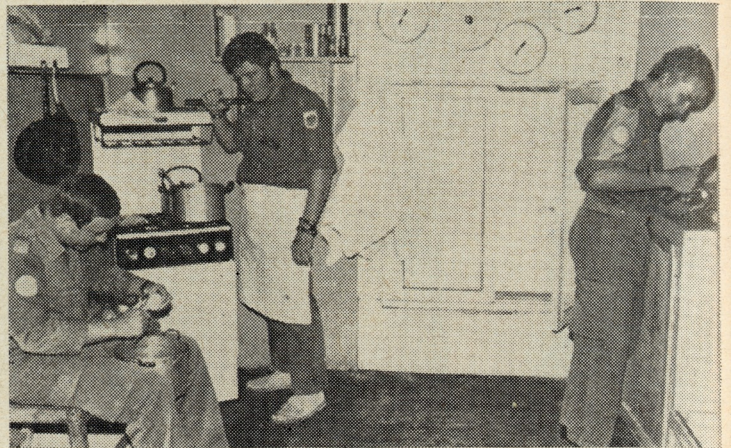
Die Besatzung wird von der ersten Kompanie gestellt. Zur Zeit befindet sich eine Gruppe des zweiten Zuges auf dem OP.

ObWm ZÖHRER ist zum gegenwärtigen Zeitpunkt OP Kommand-

ant. Unterstützt von seinem Stellvertreter, Zgf Maca, sorgt er dafür, dass der Dienst reibungslos und im Sinne der Dienstanweisungen abläuft.

Kpl Ulrich, Gfr FEIGL, Gfr Filzwieser, Gfr Haugeneder und Gfr Dietrich versehen abwechselnd Dienst in der Sentry-Box und am Funkgerät.

Sie verstehen es, mit der Bevölkerung guten Kontakt zu pflegen und bilden ein Team, auf das man sich verlassen kann.



●Nicht nur Liebe geht durch den Magen.

Ein gutes Essen hebt auch die Dienstfreudigkeit, daher helfen alle gerne mit.

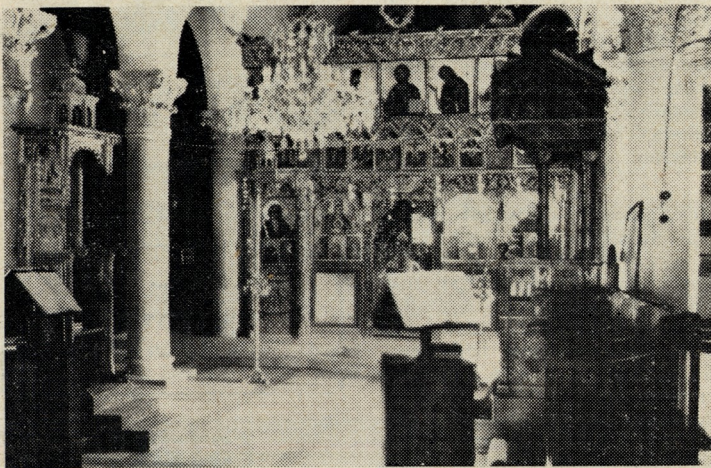
Erlebtes Zypern: Ayios Neophytos

Oft fragt man: Wo verbringst du denn Du Kamerad Deinen Urlaub! dumme Frage, in Famagusta..... Sechs Monate Paphos, was

gibt es da eigentlich alles? Ca. 6 Meilen von unserem Camp entfernt Ayios Neophytos, ein Kloster, wie vielleicht viele auf dieser Insel. Aber es hat eine Besonderheit, denn in den Felshöhlen hinter den heutigen Klostergebäuden wird uns etwas vom Schönsten auf Zypern gezeigt. Wandmalereien, ganz frisch und farbenfroh, nicht gestern hingemalen, nein aus dem 12. Jahrhundert. In diesen Höhlen wird auf einmal dieser Mönch Neophytos wieder lebendig. Die Malereien drücken aus, worauf dieser Man seine Existenz setzte. Übrigens, auf was setzt Du Kamerad Deine Existenz; vielleicht kann man in Famagusta darüber nachdenken?

Euer MilKaplan

← ●Die Kirche von Ayios Neophitor ist wirklich sehenswert.



●Das Geburtstagskind des Monats August: Kpl Fiala von der 2. Kp in Polis.

Ailes Gute, Kpl FIALA

Korporal Werner Fiala feiert am 28.8.1973 seinen 25. Geburtstag.

Als Angehöriger der 2. Kompanie in Polis steht Kpl Fiala seit 27.4.1973 im Auslandseinsatz des Bundesheeres in Zypern und hat sich beim Ausbau des neuen Alpenland - Camp besonders bewährt.

Kpl Fiala stammt aus Niederösterreich und ist als Pionier am Wasser daheim.

Neben einer gediegenen Pi-Waserausbildung, die einen Aussenbormotor-Kurs an der Pionier-Truppschule einschloss, war er erfolgreicher Absolvent des Chargenkurses in Anadihou.

Eine normale militärische Laufbahn? Ja, aber mit Fleiss und Ausdauer verfolgt und fortgeführt.

Solche Männer werden überall gebraucht, daher alles gute Herr Korporal und weiterhin viel Soldatenglück.

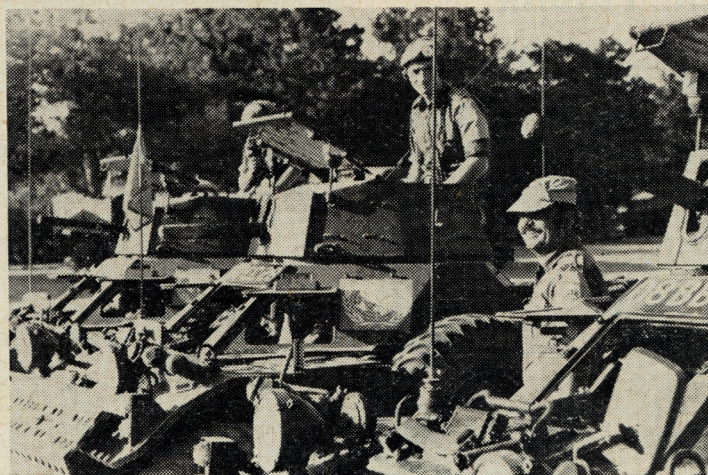
FORCE RESERVE BESUCHTE PAPHOS

3 Spähpanzer der UN - Force Reserve waren kürzlich im Duke Leopold V Camp in Paphos zu sehen.

Unter dem Kommando des britischen Leutnant Philip Davis waren 5 weitere Soldaten Gäste des AUSCON.

Oblt Weilhartner, 1. Kompanie UNAB 3, bewährte sich als Führer unserer Gäste und verstand es, den Paphos Distrikt so zu präsentieren wie er wirklich ist:

Ein landschaftlich besonders reizvoller Teil dieser Insel.



●Oblt Weilhartner verabschiedet den britischen Leutnant der Force Reserve im Duke Leopold V Camp in Paphos.