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VOLLEYBALL COMPETITION WON BY FINCON



The Inter Contingent Volleyball Competition was held last week in Nicosia. The competition was organised by Cancon and took place in Wolseley Barracks.

After some hard matches, Fincon came out well on top to take first place. Swedcon were second and Cancon third.

The prizes were presented by the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, PVSM.

The day went very well and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



NEW ADC TO THE FORCE COMMANDER

Captain Ruthar Starwing fixes the ADC's lanyard onto his replacement, Captain Thomas Fredholm, who has now taken over as ADC to the Force Commander.

The Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, PVSM, is looking on.

Captain Fredholm arrived in Cyprus in January 1974 and will serve with UNFICYP for one year. Captain Starwing has already returned to Swedcon after 18 months in Cyprus.



DEFENSIVE DRIVING

In the weeks to come we will begin a campaign in the Blue Beret to promote better and safer driving. Each week there will be an article on Defensive Driving. We start with Concentration, Courtesy and Patience:-

CONCENTRATION: do not permit distraction by passengers, scenery or day-dreaming. Keep alert, watch for rapidly changing conditions and always expect the unexpected.

COURTESY and PATIENCE: treat all other drivers and pedestrians as you would want them to treat you. Many of the older people on the road are impaired by age and cannot adjust to traffic! Give them a chance.

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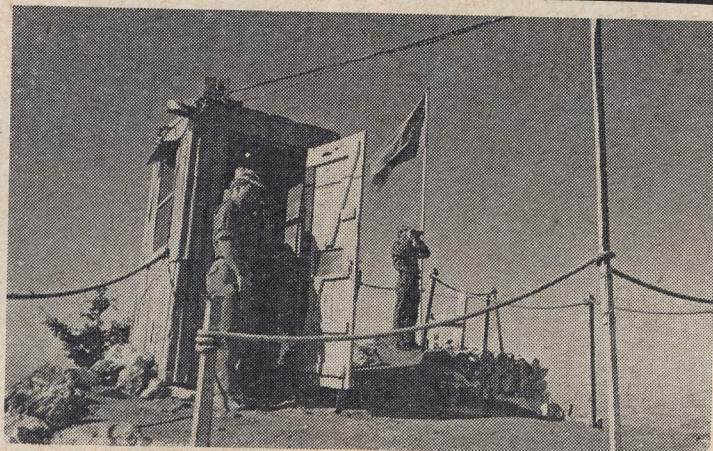
A United Nations Radio Programme is broadcast every day by the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation.. The Ircon programme is broadcast on Mondays at 1330 hours. All other programmes are on the air at 2000 hours as follows, Swedcon on Tuesdays, Cancon on Wednesdays, Fincon on Thursdays, Auscon on Fridays and Dancon on Saturdays. On Sunday nights the programme alternates between Dancon, Swedcon, Fincon and the International Edition of the programme. Why not make a habit of listening in every evening on 498 metres (602 kilohertz).

NEWS IN BRIEF

On Tuesday the 12th of February 1974 Swedcon will have their Medal Parade in Famagusta.

It is St. Valentine's Day on the 14th of February. On that day there will be many social activities in UNFICYP Messes around the island.

The Finnish Contingent has recently completed a partial rotation of about 100 men of all ranks. The next Contingent rotation will be Cancon in early April.



Soldiers of the Finnish Contingent on duty at an OP in the Kyrenia Range. Photo by Yutaka Nagata of UN Headquarters, New York.

BESØG VED AFRODITES FØDESTED

I Weekenden 26-27 Januar var der velfærdstur denne gang mod den Sydvestlige del af øen.

Efter at bussen havde rundet Limnitis og Dansborg blev de sidste samlet op i Xeros. En blandet flok var vi - UN-krigere, politifolk, folk fra Tøjhusmuseet og en mor med søn - ialt 30.

Kl. 1300 gik bussen fra Xeros og der lå nu en lang køretur forude, idet vort første stop skulle være Curium-udgravningen ca 15 km vest for Limassol og turen blev ikke kortere af at vi måtte køre over Nicosia grundet snefald i Trodos. Turen forløb dog godt og vi var fremme ved vort bestemmelsessted ca. Kl. 1530, endda efter at have holdt os tøjlagte både på den ene og anden måde under hele turen.

Resten af eftermiddagen tilbragte vi med at gå "orienteringssang" efter nogle af vor feltpræst udleverede skitser og kom bl.a. her forbi Appollentemplet, stadion og det pragtfulde opbyggede teater i Curium. Turen til vort overnatningssted i Limassol blev lagt forbi middelalderborgen "Kolossi", men grundet tidsnød blev den nærmere besigtigelse af denne prægtige borg forlagt til næste dags morgen.

Ved ankomst til vort overnatningssted - hotel Alasia - følte vi os straks hjemme - hotelværtens lod til at kende Dancon-krigernes behov, for han havde en velkomstdrink parat. Forfrisket af denne kunne vi så gå til vore værelser for et bad og omklædning før middagen.

De hurtige nåede også inden at aflægge baren et besøg for en eller to drink(s). En herlig middag på 4 retter ventede os og denne blev vel fortæret, endda afpasset med at desserten kom samtidig med at Dancon's radioudsendelse begyndte. Efter radioudsendelsen sørgede Danmarks Kaj og præsten m.fl. for at stemningen steg endnu højere. Hvad der herefter skete denne aften er velfærdstjenestens uvekomende, men ved morgenbordet kunne man på de "rustne" latter høre at de ikke havde stoppet med fællessangene.

Afgang næsten præcis kl. 0900 mod Paphos, dog en lille omvej til borgen "Kolossi" igen, som var besøget værd. På vej til Paphos stoppede vi ved "Afroditekysten", hvor premierløjtnanten som først stod op 2 min i 9 nåede sit morgenbad - men Afrodite lignede han nu ikke. Videre til Afrodites tempel, hvor præsten med dreng, salt og tælegave, genskabte stemningen ved de gamle ritualer som knyttede sig til templet. Paphos blev nået ca. 1300 og efter indtagelse af en lamme-kotte blev "kongelige grave", en romersk villas pragtfulde mosaikgulve, en havn med middelalderborg og to pelikaner beset.

Inden turen hjemover en forevisning af stedet, hvor Erik Ejegod angives at være begravet. Herefter tværs over øen til Paphos ad kystvejen over Kokkina til lejren.

Turen vil blive gentaget den 16-17 Februar 1974.

DANCON NEWS

Velfærdskalender for FEB/MAR

- 9/10 FEB Skitur til Troodos
- 16/17 — Velfærdstur til Limasol
- /22 — Bingospil i Limnitis
- 23/24 — Alslapningstur til Famagusta
- 2/ 3 MAR Velfærdstur til Larnaca.
- 9/10 — Afslapningstur til Limasol
- 14/15 — Dancon-march nr 1.
- 16/17 — Velfærdstur til Larnaca
- 28/29 — Dancon-march nr 2.

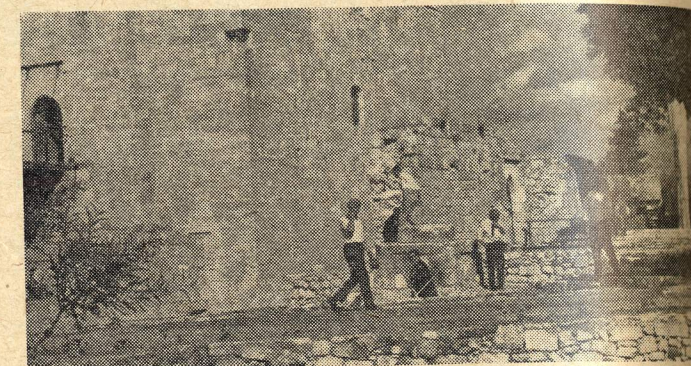
Ovennævnte en kun at betragte som en planlægning, endelig orientering kommer i velfærdsmeddelelse.



Feltpræsten uddeler smagsprøve "Afrodite" (salt)



Klar til afgang.



Middelalderborgen "Kolossi" beses



Kig ud over Afroditekysten

CIVPOLAREN LARS SEGRADE I TENNIS

I strålende væder og med stor publikum avgjordes kontingentsmesterskabet i tennis lørdagen 26 januari. Efter setsiffrorna 6-1, 3-6, 6-1, stod civpolaren Lars Norberg som segrare. Motståndet i finalen svarade idrottsförfaren själv för - fänrik Håkan Lindgren från Sundsvall.

I matchen om tredje pris möttes Claes Stridhammar från Ulricehamn och Tomas Lund från Älmhult. Här segrade Stidhammar med 2-1 i set.

I såväl tennisturneringen som i andra mästerskap har uppslutningen varit god och många hårda dueller har utkämpats redan i turneringarnas början. Bordtennis är en annan bollsport som kommer att avgöras inom det när-

maste med finalspel.

På bilden till vänster ses finalisterna i tennisturneringen efter avslutat spel. — Grattis, säger Håkan från Sundsvall och Lars från Nacka som av kollegorna i Yialousa kallas "sömnuta" ler ett riktigt charmfullt civpol-leende. Klart är att även om han många gånger älskar sömnens sötna i sin ljuva säng så kan han verkligen vara på alerten då det gäller tennis.

INTE TRODDE JAG PÅ SNÖBOLLSKRIG HÄR

För många kom snöfallet i Famagusta-området kvällen den 22 januari som något ganska fantastiskt - ja även om det var en blandning av snö och hagel. Det kom i alla fall så mycket att man utan besvär kunde börja kriga med snöbollar. — Inte trodde jag att vintern var så här på Cypern, hördes från flera håll.

NEWS IN BRIEF

At the top of the Swedish page this week is a story about the Tennis Championships held at Carl Gustaf Camp. The final was between Håkan Lindgren from Sweden and Lars Norberg from Sweden. After an exciting game watched by a lot of spectators Lars Norberg who serves at the Sub-station in Yialousa, won the Championship.

In the middle of the page there is a story about winter in Cyprus and about the unusual snow-fall in Famagusta on 22 January. The picture shows Håkan Thulin making snowballs.

The bottom of the page shows the handover at the Swedish Hospital (right) where Otto Paulsen hands over to Rutger Heyden. In the main store, Captain Sune Johannesson (left) is about to leave and is replaced by Captain Bengt Olsson.

Nåja, snön gick ju bort följande dag och redan några dagar senare hade vädret ändrat sig. Det tycks dock nästan alltid vara så att många svenskar som engagerat sig i en vintlig FN-bataljon på denna sk "kärlekens ö" tänkt sig ett dagligt badande och solande - ja en tid då man mest går omkring i badbyxor.

Nu finns det vid varje kontingent många som tjänstgjort här nere tidigare och de kan ju berätta Dock är det de som inte tror på dem när de beskriver isiga nätter då kronans ribbstickade "yllekalsingar" värmer skönt eller att man ibland till och med njuter den värme som välfödrade vindrocken ger.

Enligt statistiken brukar januari och februari vara kallaste Cypernmånaderna på året. Så ännu har vi hopp om att få en eller annan frostnatt. Dock nalkas våren med stormsteg och i mars - april börjar det gro och blomma ordentligt.

Bilden till höger togs efter snöfallet den 22:e då fänrik Håkan Thulin från Löderup var bland dem som roade sig med att rulla snöklott.



ROTATION PÅ VIKTIGA BAT-POSTER

Vid månadsskiftet januari-februari var det rotation på två viktiga poster inom svenska FN-styrkan. Dr Otto Paulsen på Villa Oasis lämnade över ansvaret till sin efterträdare Rutger Heyden som tagit ledigt från ordinarie tjänst som överläkare vid Ängelholms lasarett. Rutger stannar med bataljonen till slutet av april. I huvudförrådet lämnade samtidigt kapten Sune Johannesson över ansvaret till kapten Bengt Olsson från Kristinehamn. Bengt kommer från tjänst som förrådschef vid A 9. På bilderna ses de nya och gamla befattningshavarna.



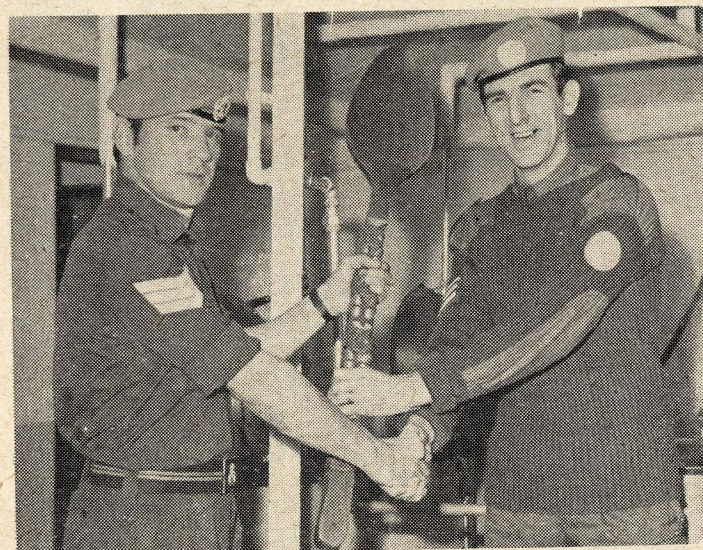
HANDOVERS IN CAMP UNFICYP

There have been a lot of handovers recently in Camp UNFICYP. We highlight three of these, but give pride of place to the Blanket Stacker Extraordinary — Warrant Officer Class 2 Geordie Campbell, patron of the Wine Shop, Prince of Wit-Geordie leaves UNFICYP to return to his unit, 15 BOD, in Vierson, West Germany, and we wish him luck in the future.

Replacing him in the Ordnance Detachment is Warrant Officer Class 2 George Goodswen who joins UNFICYP from COD Bicester. We welcome him and hope he enjoys his stay in Cyprus.

Also leaving the Ord Det is Sergeant Mick Holmes, fellow patron of the Wine Shop, who leaves the island to rejoin his unit in Dulmen, West Germany. He is replaced by Sergeant Paddy Bell from 3 Division Air Head Company RAOC, Perham Down.

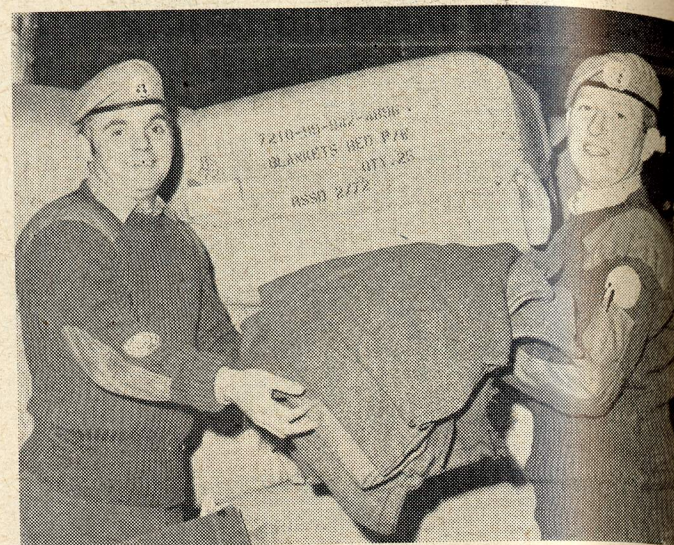
Finally, handing over the large wooden "stew stirrer" is Sergeant Jim Inglis, left, to his replacement Sergeant Terry Smith, who has now taken over responsibility of Camp UNFICYP dining hall. Sergeant Inglis didn't have far to move, joining the Anglians in the SBA at Episkopi. Sergeant Smith is stationed in Arborfield in Berkshire.



● Sergeant Terry Smith accepts the "spoon of office" from Sergeant Jim Inglis.



● Polemidhia Telephone Exchange operators Corporal Ricky Hassett and Lance Corporal Tony Finn haul up a new telephone cable.



● WO 2 Geordie Campbell hands over his blankets to WO 2 George Goodswen.



● Sergeant Mick Holmes and Paddy Bell count sandbags prior to their handover.

SKINS ON VILLAGE PATROL



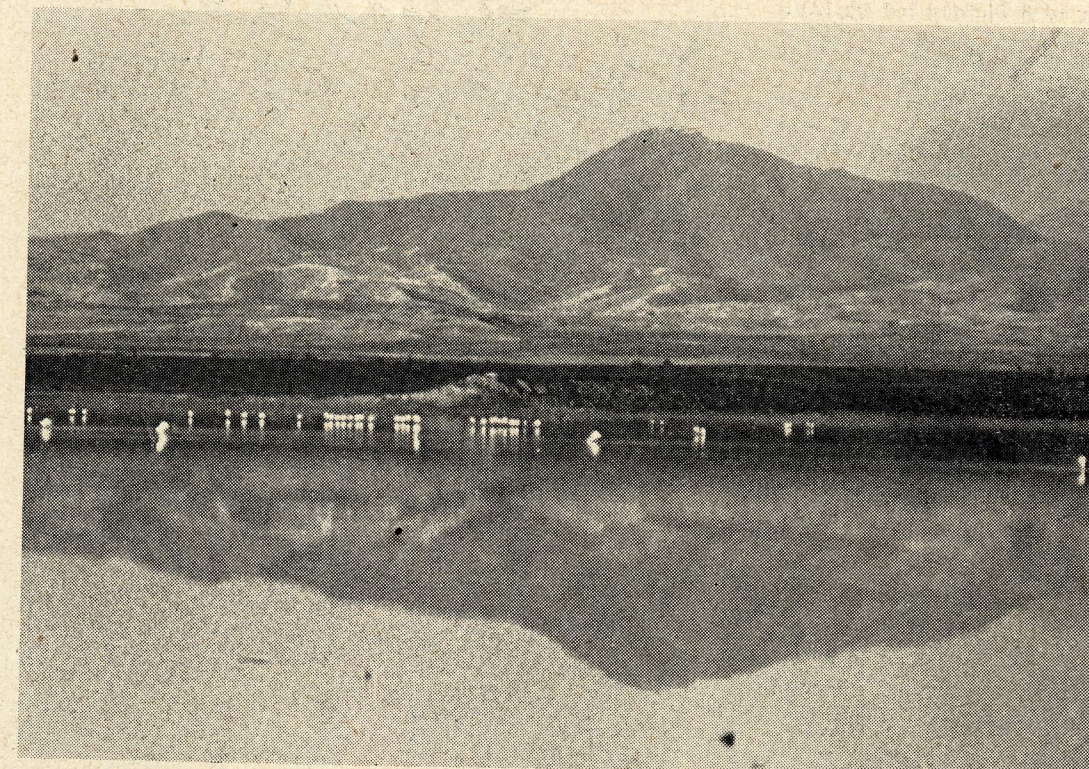
Corporal Micheal Bartlett is seen discussing the route with the other members of his routine village patrol. The patrols go out daily and the aim is to visit all the villages in the Limassol Zone at least once in each month. These visits help to maintain the friendly con-

tacts the patrols have established with the village inhabitants and prove to be a useful means of gaining information on economic matters.

Other members of the patrol in our picture are Troopers Kevin Gallagher, Frenchy Vereux and Willy Richards.

FLAMINGOS IM SPIEGEL

Sie gehören schon zum täglichen Bild der Umgebung unseres Camps, die grazilen Stelzvögel, die sich Tag für Tag auf dem Salzsee aufhalten, und sie erinnern uns daran, wie weit im Süden wir uns befinden, denn die Heimat der Flamingos ist Afrika. Dorthin werden sie auch im März wieder zurückfliegen, wenn unser Salzsee langsam beginnen wird, auszutrocknen. Sie werden uns fehlen, wenn sich auch die Fotoamateure (auch der "Hauptamtliche") ärgern, dass sie sich listigerweise meist in der Mitte des Sees aufhalten, wo sie sich ausserhalb des "Feuerbereichs" befinden. Der Anblick, den diese schönen Tiere mit ihrem Spiegelbild im See bieten, hat alle von Anfang an so beeindruckt, dass man verstehen kann, wenn verschiedentlich schon der Vorschlag zu hören war, unser Camp Leopold auf "Flamingo-Camp" umzutauften.



BATAILLONSABEND

Zur privaten Verabschiedung von Mjr Fritz fand sich Dienstag, den 22.1.1974 abends in einem Strandrestaurant eine grosse Anzahl von Unteroffizieren, Wehrmännern und Chargen im Rahmen eines Bataillonsabends ein.

Mjr Fritz, der in Begleitung von Mjr Dr. Miksch gekommen war, richtete nach einer kurzen Ansprache unseres Dienstführenden Ostv Mayerhofer, in der das herzliche Verhält-

nis des gesamten Bataillons zum scheidenden Kommandanten hervorgehoben wurde, Worte des Dankes an alle, und gab der Freude Ausdruck, die ihm die gute Zusammenarbeit mit dem Bataillon bereitet hatte.

Im Anschluss daran trug eine Gruppe der Teilnehmer das von Mjr Dr. Miksch verfasste "Zypernlied" vor, was zu weiteren Liedern anregte und das gemeinsame Abendessen fröhlich ausklingen liess.

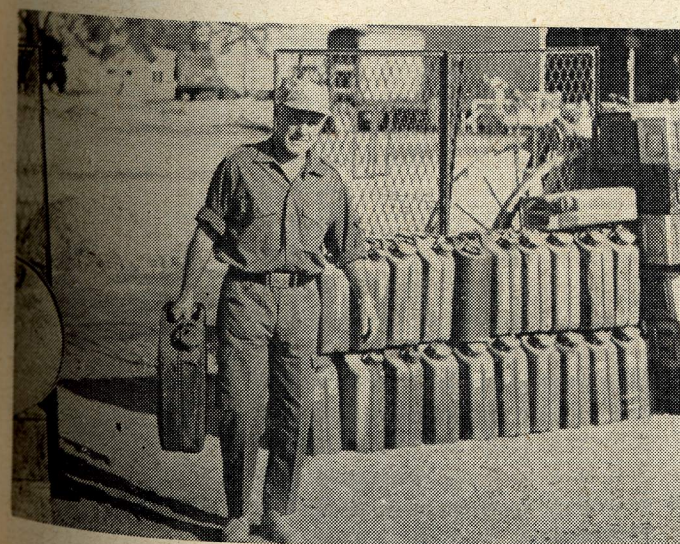


WUSSTEN SIE SCHON,

dass OWM Binter, unser unermüdlicher und vielseitiger Tankstellenleiter und Hubschrauberinweiser, einen eigenen Rechen aus der Heimat mitgebracht hat? Damit führt er Planierungsarbeiten grossen Umfangs durch. Trotz der beispielhaften Sauberkeit und Ordnung, die auf der Tankstelle herrscht, beteuert OWM Binter stets,

erst am Beginn der zu leistenden Arbeit zu sein.

Als gewissenhafter Einweiser der Hubschrauber kommt er öfters zum Landeplatz am Ufer des Sees, wo es ihm, wie böse Zungen behaupten, bisher als einzigem vergönnt war, Pinguine und Flipper zu erspähen, ein Gerücht, das natürlich jeder Grundlage entbehrt.

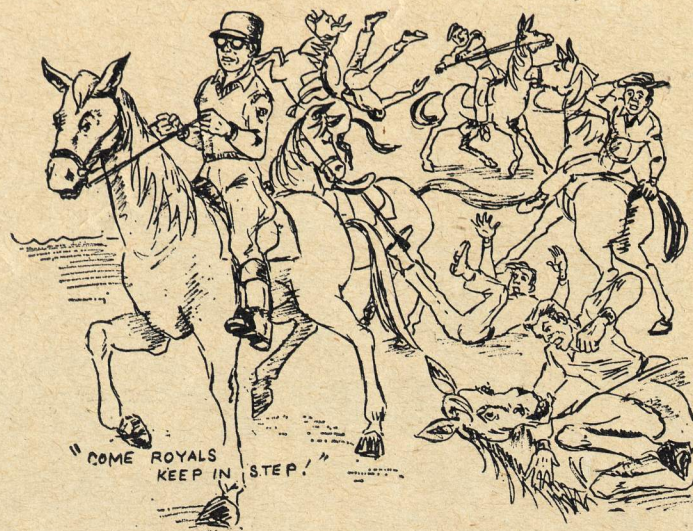


AUSCON NEWS

HORSIN' AROUND CITY COMPANY

In November 1973 some members of 6 Platoon led by Lieutenant Barry Taylor, decided to replace the dangers of bicycle riding for the comfort of a horse saddle. After their first lesson under the whip of Sergeant Major Mrs Sinclair-Burke it was uncertain as to just why they all volunteered to return for more. The presence of two young female stable hands could well be part of the explanation. Two of the new horsemen, Private Randy Price and Private Robert Parks, were observed working above and beyond the call of duty assisting a young lady with a wheelbarrow full of horse manure.

Great progress is being made by Privates Paul Parker, Nelson Easton and Len Simon. Private

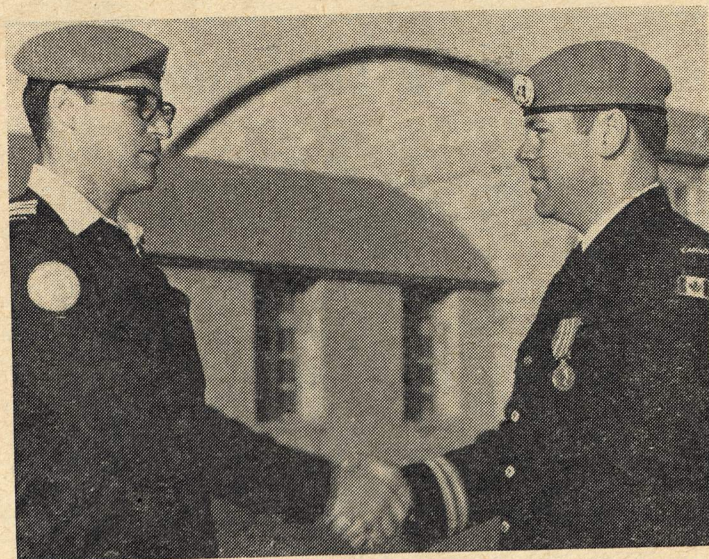


te Newman, attached to 6 Platoon from 4 Platoon for this mission, is having a little difficulty in adjusting to English saddles. It appears that Newman has considerable experience as a horseman in Newfoundland. He claims that the only way to ride is with a Newfoundland saddle — bareback! His horse did not agree with him last time out and he was seen being thrown from the animal several times. Old Howard wasn't hurt — he landed on his head!

5 Platoon has put Sergeant Reg Warren in charge of its Equestrian team and the competition between 5 and 6 Platoons on Cancon's fun day will be very close.



• Lieutenant Colonel E C Quinn, Commander Nicosia District, accompanies visiting Senator, Mr Hazen Argue, as he tours Cancon's area of responsibility. Private Michael Roy explains his duties to the Senator.



• Major Al Clarke, Officer Commanding Logistics Company, presents the CD to Captain Terry Demeria. The CD is presented to members of the Canadian Armed Forces who have completed 12 years meritorious service.



• Five Driving Awards were presented in Logistics Company last week. With their awards left to right are: Corporals Bob Falconer, Houch MacLean, F X Marsh, Lov MacPherson and Art MacIntyre. The awards are presented to personnel who manage to accumulate over 3,000 accident free miles in the first three months of their tour.



"All things come to he who waits", or, "the meek shall inherit the gravel!"

For three months Warrant Officer Ken Manuel, Second in Command of 2 Platoon, Suburb Company, has been patiently awaiting the delivery of a load of gravel at the Police Barracks (Better known as Swancon Palace).

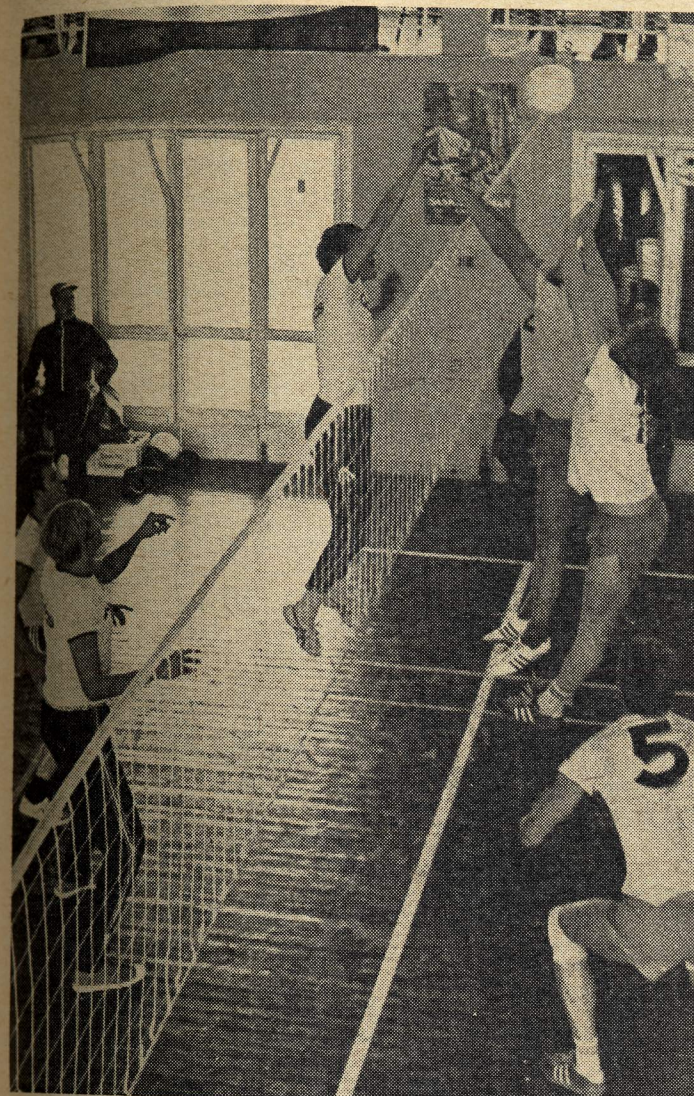
On the 23rd of January 1974 it finally arrived amid great fanfare and wild celebration. However, he was forced to admit that now it has finally arrived he can't remember why he ordered it in the first place. Oh well, "dig in Ken", you'll find some use for it".

HARD LUCK STORY

Corporal Moe Cormier of Logistics Company smiles as he receives word that his baggage has finally arrived after a 3 month wait. Moe will have no excuse for not appearing on parade now.



FINCON VOITTI JÄLLEEN LENTOPALLOMESTARUUDEN



Ja jälleen piste...

Viime tiistaina 29.1 Wolseley Barrackissa pidettiin Contingentien väliset lentopallokisarit.

FINCON aloitti aamulla DANCONia, vastaan, mutta he olivat vain suupala meidän voimakkaalle joukkueelle. Päivällä oli sitten jännitysperi FINCONin kohdatessa SWEDCONin.

Ensi erän FINCON voitti niukasti 15-13. Toisen erän SWEDCON aloitti salamavauhdilla, johon meikäläiset eivät tahtoneet ehti mukaan ennekuin pelin lopussa. Tällöin tuli näkyviin suomalaisten taiteluhenki kun he tasottivat 6-14 tilanteen 14-14.

Tämä raju tasotus vei kuitenkin meikäläisten voimat ja SWEDCONi vei toisen erän nimiinsä 14-16.

Kolmannessa erässä ruotsalaiset olivat jo väsähtäneitä ja FINCON korjasi helpon voiton ja voitti täten ottelun 2-1. Seuraava vastustajamme oli CANCON, mutta he kaatuivat helposti 2-0, vaikka pelaajamme ottelivat varovasti säästään itseään loppuotteluun.

Illalla finaaliin kohtasimme uu-

ROTAATIO

Tammikuun 28 pñä FINCONissa oli rotaatio. Tällöin saapui saarelle jääkärit ja loput aliupseereita ja upseereista. Kaiken kaikkiaan tänne tuli 77 "hiutaletta" ja 78 YKveteraania siirtyi kotimaan lumisiin maisemiin.

FINCON NEWS

YLENNYKSET

Tammikuun viimeisenä päivänä alkoi FINCONissa hillitön vanhojen arvomerkkien ratkominen, kun 60 miestä ylennettiin. Kykossa sai tuon ylennyksen osakseen 24 miestä, 1 JK:ssa 14 ja 2 JK:ssa 22.

Samalla tämä tarkoittaa palkan korotusta, joka on useimmille kaikkein tärkein juttu, sillä rahahan se on mikä ratkaisee. Onnittelut ylennetyille!

NEWS IN BRIEF

FINCON again won the volleyball-cup. The hardest opponent was SWEDCON but in the final FINCON beat them quite clearly. At the beginning of February altogether 60 persons were promoted in FINCON. Now the football-cup is starting and we have prepared for that so watch out and may the best team win

Kapt. S. Arponen ratkoo takistaan vanhoja natsojaan silmä tarkkana ja kädet vakaana.

destaan SWEDCONin. He olivat tällöin jo melkoisen väsyneitä, ja FINCON korjasi helposti voitton 2-0.

FINCONin joukkueessa pelasivat seuraavat henkilöt: Sarasto, Harva, Lankinen, Mikkola, Myllymäki, Kamppinen, Hytönen, Koskela, Vainio ja huoltajana toimi Nykänen.

Lopputulokset kärjen osalta oli seuraava:

FINCON

SWEDCON

CANCON



Tehtävien vaihto meneillään. Kapt. J. Kuittinen luovuttaa 1. JK:n päällikkyuden kurssitoverilleen kapt. S. Peltolalle.



Automestari vaihtuivat. Oikealla luovuttaja sot. mest. J. Karvinen ja vieressään tehtävän vastaanottaja yliv. M. Pekkala.

Muista Suomi-radio torstaisin klo 20.00 Toivomukset ja terveiset osoitteella:

Kypros-konsertti Oy Yleisradio Ab Kesäkatu 2, Helsinki 26

SKIING EXERCISE IN TROODOS

Last week some of the officers from Headquarters UNFICYP, together with their families had an afternoon in the Troodos Mountains. The skiing conditions were very good and the participants, including the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, PVSM, the Chief of Staff, Brigadier FR. Henn, CBE, and the Chief Operations Officer, Lieutenant Colonel H. C. Clausen, enjoyed themselves on the slopes.

After the skiing everyone went to a nearby hotel for food, warmth and gluwain.

In our picture Lieutenant Colonel H. C. Clausen and Flight Lieutenant J. S. Garnons Williams make their way up the hill on the ski-lift.



TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

— UNFICYP

Number of Accidents

for week ending	
1st February	— 4
Total for year	— 18
UN Driver to blame	— 3
Other driver to blame	— 1

LESSON OF THE WEEK:

1. Make sure there is sufficient road ahead,
2. Make sure there are no intersections,
3. Signal your intention clearly.

The Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, PVSM, recently paid a visit to Swedcon in the Famagusta District during stormy and rainy weather. In our picture he is seen signing the visitor's book at the Othello Tower OP. The Swedcon Commander, Lieutenant Colonel B. Medin is looking on.



AUSTRALIA DAY

On Monday the 28th of January 1974 members of the Australian Civilian Police and their friends celebrated Australia Day with a Donkey Derby, which was held at Limassol.

The Derby consisted of a six race programme, each race having eight donkeys and riders. The feature race of the day was the Australia Day Cup, which was run over four laps and won by Lance Corporal Bill Cummings riding Skippy.

The afternoon gave Cyprus a look at some of Australia's best Donkey Men and there was plenty

of excitement with some riders experiencing difficulty in staying aboard their mounts. Keeping the donkeys on the track proved difficult too and a few anxious moments were had by the spectators as the donkeymen brought their mounts down the main straight, one or two went out of control and broke the barriers, charging into the spectators.

Liquid refreshments were provided for the thirsty donkeymen and spectators and after a fun filled afternoon a Bar-BQ dinner was enjoyed at Austcivpol Headquarters.



AMATEUR EVENING AT DANCON

Last week 12 members of Dancon and Dancivpol gathered in Viking Camp, Xeros, to show their talent as singers, musicians and players.

It was a very gay evening with about 150 members of the contingent in the audience.

The musical accompaniment was provided by three Staff Sergeants from Riffle Company in Limnitis. Some of the amateurs

were really good and may appear later in one of the UNFICYP International Radio Programmes.

We relate this story to draw your attention to the fact that any UN soldier who has talent, be it singing or playing a musical instrument, is welcome to contact the MPIO Staff concerning a possible appearance on one of the UNFICYP International Radio Programmes.



MP's on Patrol

Members of UNFICYP Military Police are seen on patrol in the city of Nicosia near Metaxa Square. They are Cpl. Antero Nikkanen from Finland and Cpl. Alfred Oster from Austria, both from MP COY Nicosia.

