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NEW ARRIVALS IN THE HEADQUARTERS



The Joint Operations Centre at the Headquarters had a complete change of Staff Officers when both Major H Schipper and Lieutenant Commander S Lintula handed over to their reliefs Captain E Strohmyer and Major V Vuorjoki. In the picture the outgoing staff officers are seen handing most of the 'tools of their trade' to their reliefs — but they forgot the bell!



A change in the political staff of the Headquarters will take place at the end of this week when Mr Andre Resich (right) assumes the post of Political Affairs Officer. His predecessor Mr Pyrich is returning to Poland to an appointment in the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



Three of the Finnish Staff Officers in the Headquarters were pictured last week with their reliefs — From the left are Major I Tiihonen, Major O v Fieandt, Captain S Kiiski, Captain J Niemi, Major V Vuorjoki and Lieutenant Commander S Lintula.

UNFICYP'S ARMY AIR CORPS FLIGHT IS 10 YEARS OLD

The UNFICYP Flight Army Air Corps had its tenth birthday eleven days ago. It was formed on 1 August 1966 on the disbandment of 4 Air OP Troop Royal Artillery. Since its formation the Flight has operated four 270 hp super-charged Sioux AH Mk 1 helicopters.

The Flight, which is the Army element of UNFICYP's air support, specialises in observation, and air liaison tasks. It is also capable of casualty evacuation and resupply missions.

There are 19 members of the Flight of whom 5 are pilots, 7 are REME aircraft technicians and 7 are drivers and ground support personnel.



NEW CO SAVES SWIMMER



While swimming off a public beach at Paphos on 29 July Lieutenant Colonel JEL Gollner heard a cry of alarm from a civilian swimmer in difficulties about 40 yards from the shore. Not without difficulty Colonel Gollner made his way over to this swimmer, and found that the individual was being pounded by the heavy surf and was in great difficulty. Colonel Gollner began at once to get the man to the shore, a difficult task in view of the sea and surf conditions. As he approached the shore with the virtually unconscious man two other men came to help him complete the rescue. Lieutenant Colonel Gollner has only recently been promoted and yesterday evening took over command of The Second Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, and responsibility for Sector 4.

DANES DECORATED BY HER MAJESTY QUEEN MARGRETHE II



Help from 84 Squaron



Hendes Majestæt Dronningen, Margrethe II af Danmark, overrakte den 15 juni på Amalienborg den kongelige belønningsmedalje af 1. grad med krone til 12 tjenestgørende og 6 hjemkommanderede befalingsmænd og konstabler samt 1 politibetjent, der under kampene på Cypern i sommeren 1974 forrettede tjeneste ved den danske FN-styrke. De påfældende blev af kontingentet indstillet til denne hædersbevisning for "udvist mod og selvopofrelse udover det pligten byder". Fra venstre ses: MAJ K.G. Hornung, MAJ R.K. Jacobsen, KN K. Skafte, KN L. Nielsen, LT P.K. Andersen, OS N.E. Rolin, OS J.B. Dall, OS J.F. Jespersen, SG J. Kamp, LT L. Kongsted, OKS K. Jensen KS F.L. Snitgaard, RLG P. Brandt, KS H. H. Jensen, OS J. Elsmann, KS B.S.K. Sørensen, og politibetjent K. Shristoffersen. Her Majesty, Queen Margrethe II of Denmark has decorated 19 former members of DANCON for their extraordinary efforts during the summer of 1974.

DANCON



NEWS

C-coy er i øjeblikket i fuld gang med at oprette en ny OP — Mavrovouni D 35.

The C Coy is building a new

En Kranvogn var omtalt for nylig som hører til REME. Den hører imidlertid til 62 sqn...

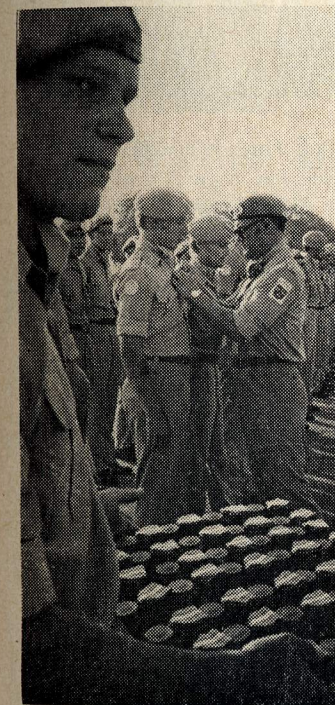
OP, D 35 at Mavrovouni. All the materials needed in its construction are being flown to the site by helicopter.

MEDALS TO ALL THE SWEDES



SWEDCON E W S

The Force Commander General Prem Chand inspecting the Staff Company before presenting medals to the Swedish Battalion.



Så, fick vi då våra medaljer för våra tre månader på Cypern och i FN:s tjänst.

Efter en timmes träning uppe på flaggplan under Bengt Lindéns ledning var alla så uppställda och ansågs så bra på att ställa upp att general Prem Chand kunde komma.

Men långt före själva medaljparaden hade personalavdelningen; främst Torsten Rosén och Roger Löfgren planerat allt in i minsta detalj.

Alla medaljerna låg snyggt uppplagda på sina blå brickor innan Prem Chand kom och tog de första för att dela ut till kontingentsnämnden och sedan var det alla kompanichefer tur att dela ut till sina respektive soldater.

Och efter det högtidliga blev det buffet och dans nere på offmässen och där alla gick omkring med sina nya bronsglänsande medaljer på skjortbrösten.

Having completed 90 days in the Force, the soldiers of the Swedish Battalion qualified to receive the UN medal. They received them at a parade held at Carl Gustaf Camp in the presence of the inspecting officer Lt. Gen. D Prem Chand PVSM and other distinguished guests.

Sergeant Persson being presented with his medal by the 3rd Coy Commander Major Nils Jacobsson.



October is rotation month for Swedcon and the reconnaissance team of the next Battalion arrived in Cyprus at Akrotiri where they were met by Lt. Col. B. Linden.

Seen above are the future 2i/c Lt. Col. S. Friedsam, SOO Major G. Nordblom, and Commander Lt. Col. A. Bäärhielm.



1st Coy Commander, Major Carl-Olof Westberg presenting a medal to Pte Ernst Roger Lindberg.



The Commander of Swedcon, Lt. Col. P. Stromberg presenting a medal to Sergeant Stedt, one of the escorts to the National and UN flags.

Force Commander on Patrol.

Lieutenant General D Prem Chand PVSM visited A Squadron The Life Guards last week and, after inspecting 6 Troop, went out on the Airport Patrol. The Force Commander was seen left with his driver, Lance Corporal of Horse Male, just before he set out for his early morning ride.



The Force Commander seen during his inspection of 6 Troop with Troopers Woods and Gee.

BRITCON'S MEDICAL TEAM



The British Element of the UNFICYP Medical Centre were pictured recently outside their Medical Reception Station. From the left are: back row, Cpl Sheppard, Cpl Jones, L/Cpl Leak, Dvr Clarke, L/Cpl McKeown, Sgt Gibson, seated WO1 Simpson, Major Ahern, Col Forbes, Maj Clarke and Sgt Miller.

AUSCON NEWS

Rotation Time Again

Dienstag den 20.7. und Dienstag den 27.7.76 führte AUSCON wie immer seine Rotation in zwei Etappen durch. Die Newcomers der 1. Rotation mußten sich auf Grund der "tropischen" Hitze in Österreich kaum auf das Klima Zyperns umstellen. Unsere besten Wünsche begleiten die Heimkehrer für ihre Zukunft.

Kontingentskommandant Obstdt. W. Fritz verabschiedet persönlich jeden einzelnen Heimkehrer.

The AUSCON rotation took place on the 20 and 27 July 76. Due to the present heat-wave in Austria the newcomers were already acclimatised to Cyprus conditions.

Lt Col Fritz, CO AUSCON bids farewell to every soldier who left the camp to the accompaniment of Austrian music.

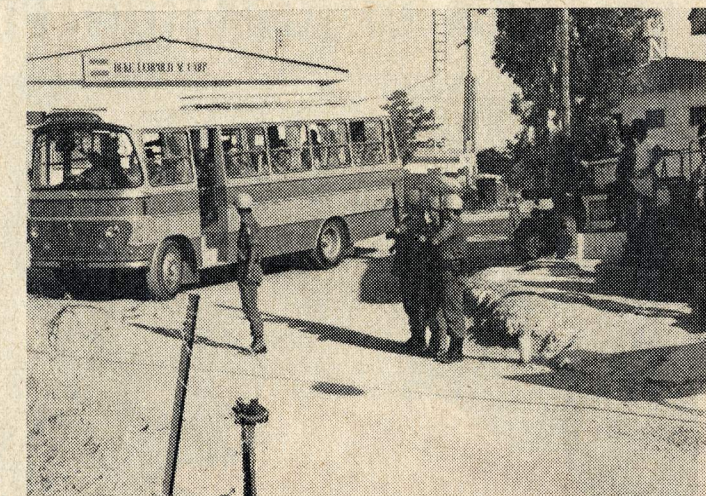


Wieder Lebensrettung durch AUSCON



Another Life Saved by AUSCON Soldiers.

A villager of Athienou was bitten by a poisonous snake, a Viper Levantina. Quick action by Auscon medical staff prevented possible tragic consequences.

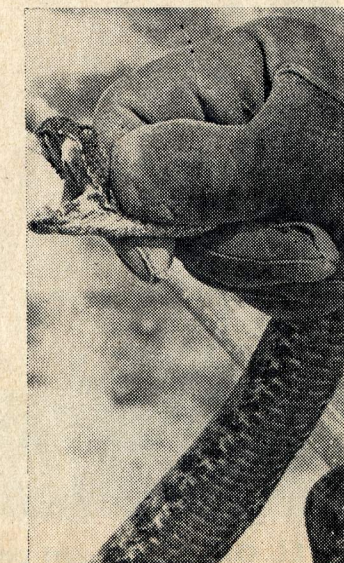


Unter Klängen österreichischer Musik verlassen die Rotanten das Camp LEOPOLD.

WIEDER LEBENSRETTUNG DURCH AUSCON

Diesmal waren es Kameraden der 1. Kompanie, die einem Einheimischen, Georgios ZORBA aus Athienou, der von einer Giftschlange gebissen wo den war, erste Hilfe leisteten. Obdt SMETANA (links im Bild), der vom Unfall verständigt wurde, ließ dem Mann durch unseren Sanitäter Vzlt BETTIN (Bildmitte) den Arm abbinden und ihn niederlegen. Ostv KAMMESBERGER und Zgt FELLERER (rechts) verarzeten ihn dann fachgerecht und brachten ihn anschließend ins Spital Larnaca, von wo der Greis am nächsten Tag entlassen werden konnte.

Vipera Levantina, die einzige Giftschlange Zyperns, sieht unserer Kreuzotter ähnlich und kann fast 1 m lang werden.



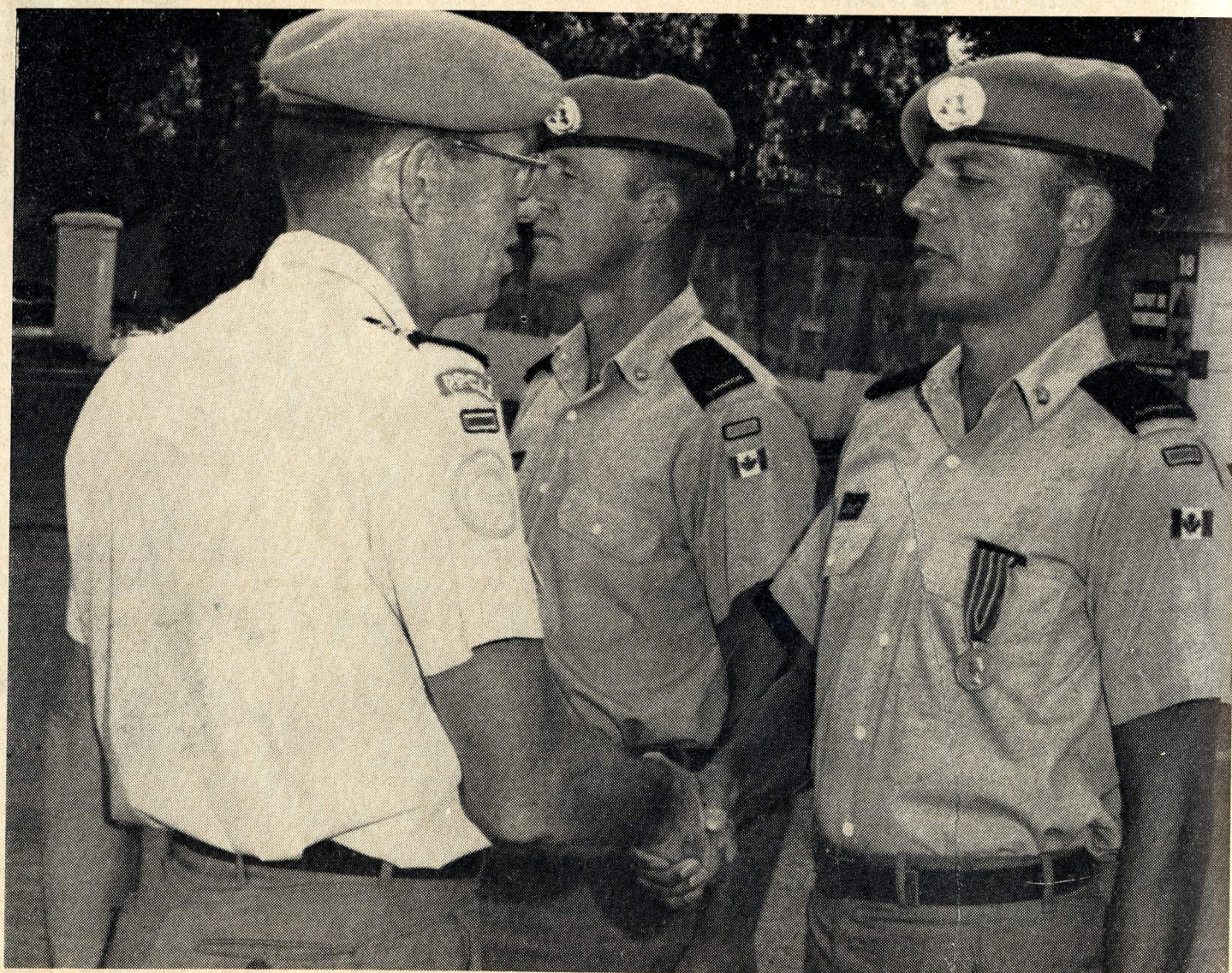


Sgt Gerry Bashura makes a last minute adjustment to his scuba tank.

CANCON NEWS

The heat is on and the Canadians are starting to appreciate the fact that they are fortunate enough to have a swimming pool located in or close to each of their three complexes. Water sports such as water polo and competitive swimming are becoming increasingly popular. The Scuba Club has become so popular that they can't find room for any more members. Of course, we also have our own aquatic joggers. Numerous members of the contingent dutifully swim dozens of lengths every day with the sole intent of seeing how many miles they can total up during their tour.

CANADIAN DECORATION FOR LOGISTIC COMPANY W.O.



Lt. Col. R.I. Stewart congratulates WO Arndt on the award of his Canadian Decoration.

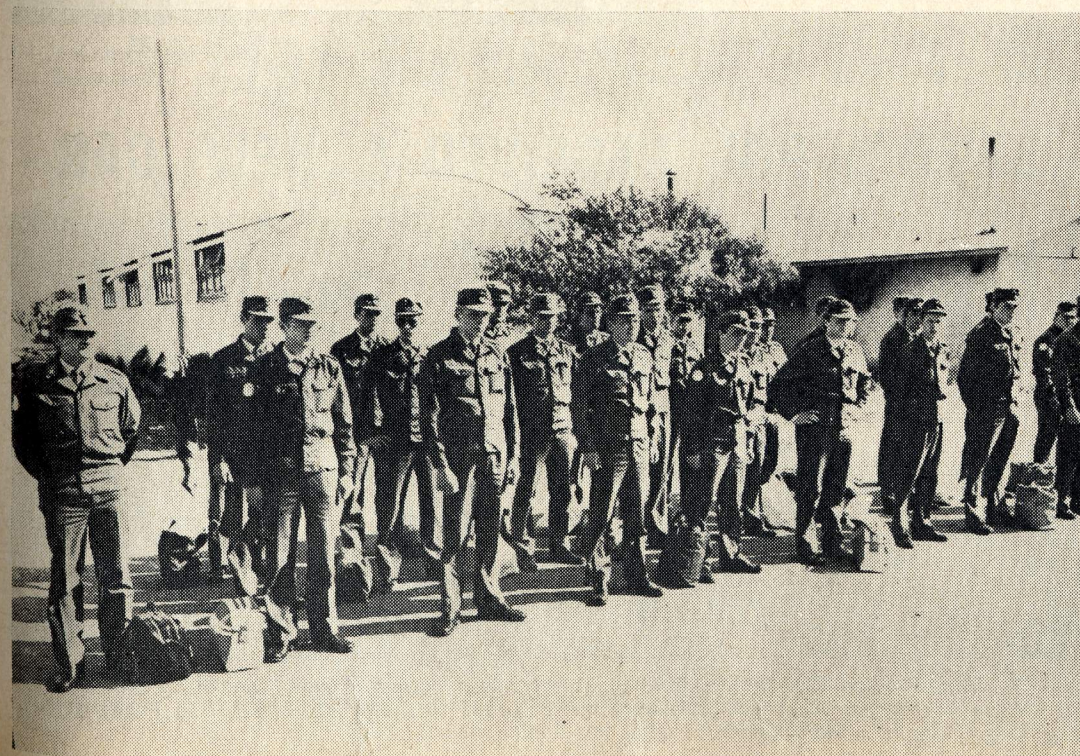
VANHAT LÄHTEVÄT; UUDET TULEVAT

Pikkurotaatio — suomeksi sanottuna heinärotaatio on nyt suoritettu Finconissa. Todellakin pikkurotaatio; uusia miehiä saapui pataljoonaan vain 37. Lähtijöitä sitävastoin oli enemmän; peräti 135. Pataljoonan supistaminen tuntuu joka paikassa; Finconin vastuuluettakin kavennettiin. Vastuu saaren tärkeimmäksi katsotusta alueesta — Nicosian kansainvälisestä lentokentästä — jäi edelleen suomalaisille. Alimmaisessa kuvassa hiutaeet platalla haistelemassa ensi kertaa kyproslaista ilmaa. Varsinaisessa rotaatiolennossa saapui saarelle lääkäri, 1 toimi upseeri ja 26 jääkäriä; osa oli saapunut jo edellisellä huoltolennolla.

Viereisessä kuvassa uusi lääkäri ottaa kannettavakseen vastuun pataljoonan ruumiillisesta hyvinvoinnista, vas lääkmaj Markku Helle luovuttaa virkasteoskoopkinsa lääkmaj Heikki Laapiolle. Helle itse palaileepi pikkuhiljaa Kotisuomeen jatkamaan parantelyötä siviilipuolella. Uusi lääkäri on mm innokas sukellusharrastaja; asiasta kiinnostuneet voivat ottaa yhteyttä näissäkin merkeissä.



FINCON NEWS

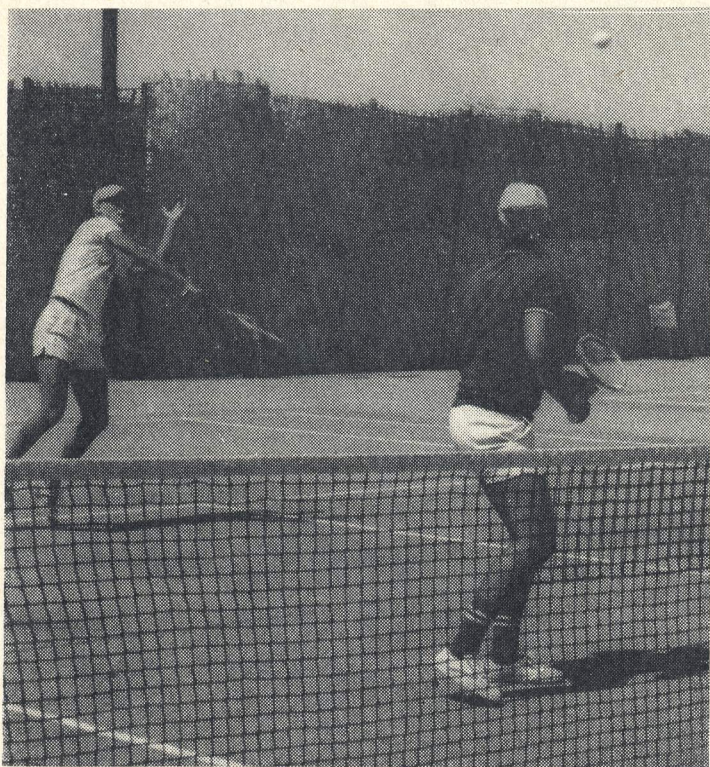


ENGLISH SUMMARY

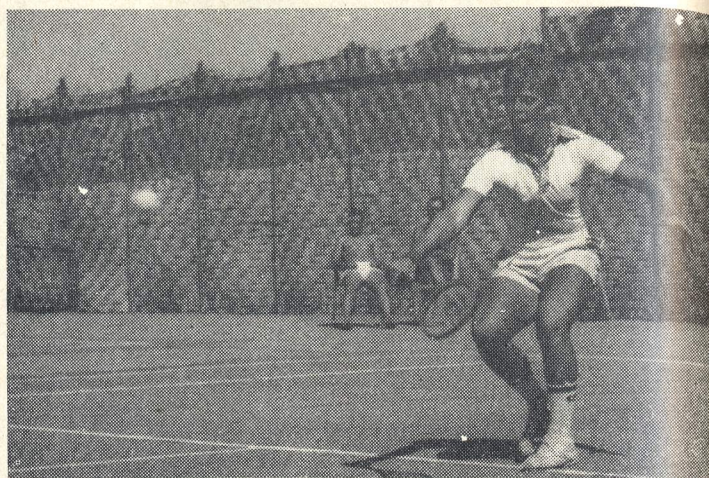
FINCON's partial rotation took place as usual at the end of July. This time though, because of a reduction in the strength of the Contingent, the number of new arrivals was only 37 while 135 left to return to Finland.

The newcomers are seen on the left just after their arrival in Kykko Camp. Among them was a new doctor who has come to take over from Major Markku Helle, who has completed over one year as the resident physician in Kykko Camp. In the picture above Major Helle (left) is seen handing his stethoscope to his relief Major Heikki Laapio.

SWEDCON ARE TENNIS CHAMPIONS FOR 1976



The doubles champions Capt Ewers and Pte Nulin in winning form.

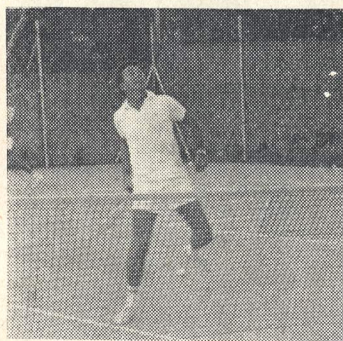


Pte Salgaback the winner of the singles on his way to victory.

During the past month the annual tennis competition has taken place, organised as is usual by the British Contingent. The competition took the form of an american tournament in two halves, so that at the end there were two winners and two runners-up. Then four teams play-

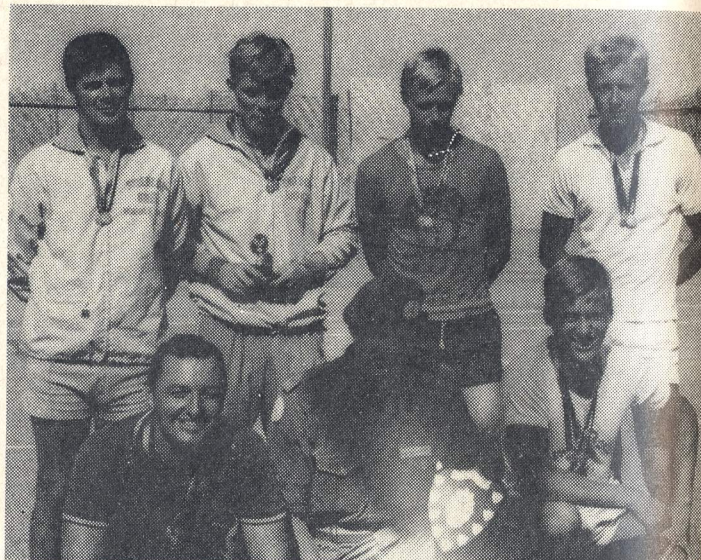
ed each other in semifinals and the finals to find who were the winners. In the end the Swedish team won the Team prize and collected all the individual prizes too. At the end of the competition the Deputy Chief of Staff Colonel H M Tillotson presented the medals.

AUSCONS TEAM HAD A HARD TIME



Bad Luck struck the Auscon Tennis Team when two players were injured.

Major Oezelt seen above before and after the competition. Capt Bauer suffered from knee injuries too.



The victorious Swedish team from the left, Capt Ravhedew, Pte Salgaback, Sgt Fransson Pte Strom, Capt Ewers, Lt Lundqvist and Pte Nulin.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Week ending 1 August	8
Same period last year	14
Total for the year	166
Total for the same period last year	195

LESSON OF THE MONTH

LEARN FROM YOUR NEAR MISSES.

SWEDCIVPOL RECEIVED A NEW CAR



The Swedish Civil Police Contingent recently received a new, specially equipped Volvo police car. Last week they brought it to HQ UNCIVPOL to show it to Assistant Commissioner J. Hamilton OBE, QPM, the Police Adviser.