



The Blue Beret

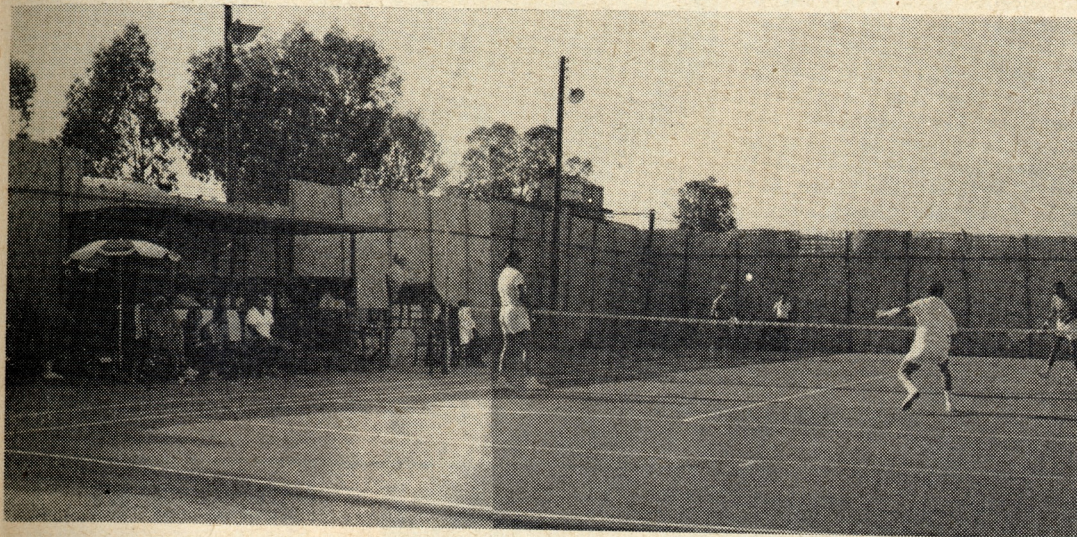
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INTER CONTINGENT TENNIS FINALS

On Saturday 13th October 1973, at Blue Beret Camp, Nicosia, the finals of the Inter-Contingent tennis were played.

Auscon were the winners with Swedcon runners up.

At lunch, Auscon led 3-1. Swedcon then drew up to 3-4. All depended on the last two games. These however were convincingly won by Auscon to give them the Championship by 6-3.

The teams were made up of 6 players forming 3 doubles pairs.

Each pair played each of the opposing pairs giving 9 matches in all.

The teams were Auscon; Barenthaler and Kristamet, Komada and Hutterer, Dallinger and Dr Kurz. Swedcon: Lundbladh and Andersson, Jansson and Östergrens, Lindbladh and Kreibom. The umpire was Captain D.A. Campbell.

The prizes were presented by Lieutenant Colonel M. R. Pennell MBE.

In the previous rounds Auscon

beat Dancon and Swedcon beat Headquarters UNFICYP.

UNFICYP INTERNATIONAL RADIO PROGRAMME

Listen in at 2000 hours on Sunday 21st October when the UNFICYP International Radio Programme is on the air on 498 metres and 602 kilohertz. The theme of the programme will be AUTUMN in the various countries from which the contingents of UNFICYP come from and there will be music as usual.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFICYP

During the last week Greece made a contribution of US \$400,000 towards the UN Peace Keeping Force in Cyprus.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO 2/LT G.A. PATERSON, 1 PARA

We very much regret to announce the death of Second Lieutenant Gordon Alan Paterson, 1st Battalion The Parachute Regiment through a motoring accident on the Stavrovouni Monastery Road during the morning of Saturday 13th October 1973.

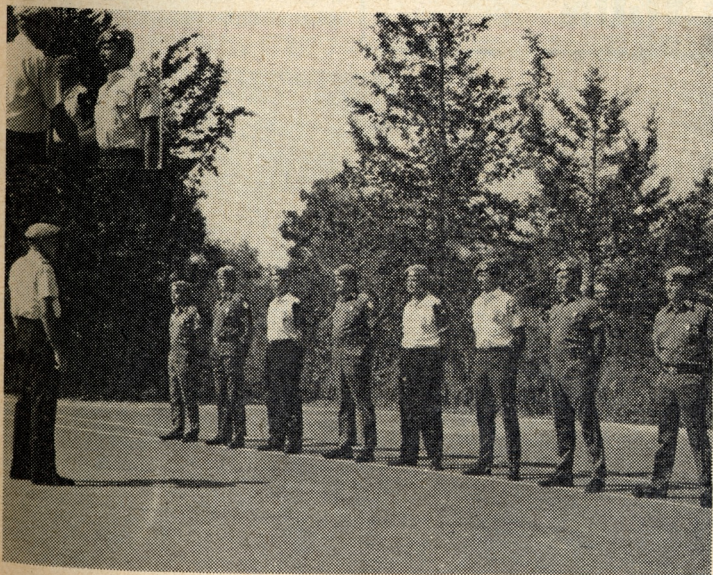
He was travelling down the road with a party of soldiers returning from a training run in preparation for the Battalion's Hill Race.

2/Lt Paterson was married and his wife lives in Carnoustie, Angus, Scotland.

MEDAL PARADE AT MP COY

The Force Provost Marshal, Major R. W. Parker, C.D. presenting UN Medals to one Danish, two Canadian and five British members of the UN MP Company in MP Company Lines in Blue Beret Camp, Nicosia on Tuesday 9 October, 1973.

In the photograph in the left corner Corporal J. N. Jensen, Dancon is receiving his medal.



The Chief of Personnel and Logistics in the British Ministry of Defence, Air Chief Marshal Sir Christopher Foxley-Norris, KCB, DSO, OBE, MA, seen here during a recent visit to UNFICYP with the Chief of Staff, Brigadier F. R. Henn CBE.

SCACYP ARBEJDE

Til forsendelse af såvel tjenstligt gods som private pakker mellem Cypern og Skandinavien råder DANCON og SWEDCON over et fly kaldet SCACYP'en, som flyver hver 14. dag fra ARLANDA i Sverige over KASTRUP eller VÆRLØSE til NICOSIA og retur.

Flyene, der anvendes, er dels civile charterfly fra STERLING AIRWAYS og dels HERCULES-transportfly fra det svenske flyvevåben.

SCACYP'en ankommer til NICOSIA lufthavn hver anden tirsdag eller onsdag og flyver igen torsdag eller fredag hvis det er et HERCULES-fly. Hvis det er et civil charterfly, afgår det 1 1/2 time efter, det er landet. Pakker, som skal med SCACYP'en, skal afleveres på posthuset senest om fredagen før flyets ankomst tirsdag eller onsdag, hvorfor der normalt er travlhed på posthuset før og efter en SCACYP's ankomst.

Lørdagen før SCACYP'ens ankomst skal MOVEMENT CONTROL i HQ/UNFICYP have et såkaldt CARGO-manifest, hvoraf lastens vægt fremgår. CARGO-manifestet udstedes af DEPOF for tjenestegods og af POSTBM for postsækkene.

SCACYPOF, som på hold XIX er VSOF, PRLT J.R.J. Holm, forestår læsningen ved posthuset dagen før flyets afgang kl. 1000 samt transporten til lufthavnen samme eftermiddag, hvor MOVEMENT CONTROL-officeren, MAJ F.S. Prebensen, forestår losning og lastning, hvilket altsammen sker ved flyets ankomst. Derefter transporteres den modtagne last tilbage til Xeroslejren under SCACYPOF kommando, hvor den afleveres på depotet til fordeling, postsækkene med pakkepost fra Danmark afhentes af POSTBM, som derefter fordeler posten på posthuset.



Scacyp-officeren PRLT J.R.J. Holm ved at gennemgå CARBO-manifestet.

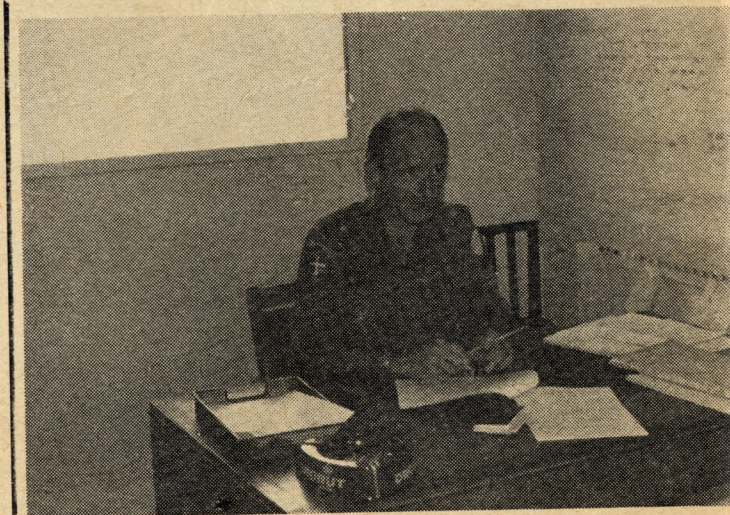
NEWS IN BRIEF

The Danish Contingent have had a kondi test. All men under 50 years of age were ordered by the Chief of the Danish Army to run a certain distance. Dependent on age all personnel have to run between 2,000 and 2,500 metres in under 12 minutes. Most personnel succeeded but a few had to train a little harder to get rid of the extra kilos in order to comply with the instructions.

Two social events in Dancon XIX. Last week there was a wedding in Camp Royfle in Limnitis. It was Senior Sergeant Winther who finally got his bride. Next week Captain Aa. Jørgensen and his wife Aase are going to have their newborn son baptised in Dancon.

SOO

SOO betyder Senior Operations Officer af mange kaldet "store O" (altså bogstavet). DANCON XIX, SOO, Major C.J. Forman, varetager de mange og alsidige opgaver, der kræves af lederen af O-SEK, hvad enten det drejer sig om briefing, forhandlingen eller udfærdigelse af rapporter.



IDO

Combined service at Swedcon

On Sunday 30th September 1973 a combined church service was held at Carl Gustaf Camp, Famagusta. The Swedish Chaplain, Major Rune Bergman, and Chaplain to the Forces, Reverend Peter Bayley of 1st Battalion The Parachute Regiment, officiated at the Service. Members of Swedcon, Ircon, Cancon and Austcivpol were in the congregation.

An Austcivpol member played the organ and a member of Swedcivpol sang a solo.

The sermon was given by the Reverend Peter Bayley who spoke about love between man.

After the service members of Austcivpol were invited to dinner in the mess, and the evening was much enjoyed by all.

The Britcon Chaplain proved himself to be not only a good preacher, but also a good entertainer.



The Swedcon Chaplain, Major Rune Bergman and his British colleague, the Reverend Peter Bayley from 1 Para, during the combined church service at Carl Gustaf Camp on Sunday 30th September 1973.



DYK-CHEF

This is Mr Fritz Eilmberger, the diving master of Swedcon. He has just started his third diving course for the Swedish soldiers.

Up to now about 15 men have graduated as divers — and ten more are on their way.

The picture to the left shows Mr Eilmberger in action, reading a newspaper under water!



VÅR MESTE MÄSTARE

Han blev vår meste mästare - smålänningen Folke Lindqvist på 1. plutonen. Tre titlar plockade han med sig hem från kontingentsmästerskapen i friidrott i Dhekelia - och det var en bravad som han faktiskt inte var ensam om. Duktige civilpolisen Håkansson svarade för samma konststycke, men Folkes tidigare insatser - i UNFICYP-mästerskap och Town Race - gör honom väl värdig titeln vår meste mästare.

●Dhekelia-tävlingarna bjöd kanske inte på de bästa resultat - men kampandan var god. Och största överraskningen serverade väl trossplutonen genom att vinna lagtävlingen mellan avdelningarna.



●Här har ni samtliga 50-ans kontingentsmästare:

100 m: Hägglund, 4:e plut
200 m: Hägglund, 4:e plut
400 m: Östergrens, Tross
800 m: Lindqvist, 1:a
1500 m: Lindqvist, 1:a
3000 m: Lindqvist, 1:a
Kula: Mauritzon, Civpol
Diskus: Mauritzon, Civpol
Spjut: Nilsson, 2:a
Höjd: Håkansson, Civpol
Stav: Håkansson, Civpol
Längd: Håkansson, Civpol
Tresteg: Östergrens, Tross
4X100: 4:e plut
4X400: 1:a plut

Swedcon News

Swedish Forces Photos

och fler mästare!

●Och här är fler glada mästare - våra segerherrar från Famagusta Town Race. Främre raden fr v: Lindqvist, Hägglund, lagkaptenen Leif Andersson, Wadenhög och Bengtsson. Bakre ledet fr v Andersson, Kåplår, Anders Grönlund, Jonsson samt Fredriksson.

FIRE AT CAMP UNFICYP



Part of the charred remains of what used to be the Camp UNFICYP building.

FORCE RESERVE FOCUS

Corporal Tony Lloyd, 5th Troop, is a married man with three children. He came over to Cyprus in May 1973 to serve as Troop Corporal of the 5th Troop with Force Reserve. Since his enlistment into the Army in March 1964 Corporal Lloyd has seen service with the Regiment in Aden, Western Germany and

Northern Ireland.

His primary trade is Signaller/Gunner but he has had experience working in the Quartermaster's Department.

Whilst in Cyprus he has visited other contingents many times and confesses to being a keen "sun worshipper".



Annual SMG Classification is currently under way in "A" Squadron, 16/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers (Force Reserve). Our picture shows Trooper Paul Cutting, Lance Corporal George Stokes and Trooper Ari Blake during a recent firing day on the ranges at Dhekelia.



**BRITCON
NEWS**

At two o'clock, in the early hours of the morning of Thursday 11th October 1973 a fire broke out in the administrative offices of Camp UNFICYP.

The alarm was raised immediately and the Station Fire Brigade of Royal Air Force Nicosia are to be congratulated on the remarkable speed in which they reached the fire. The building was, however, extensively damaged although some files and nearly all personal documents have been salvaged.

The cause of the fire is not yet known.

The Camp Staff have promptly set up shop in another location and business goes on almost as normal together with the massive clean-up operation.



MP COY MEDAL PARADE

On Tuesday the 9th of October 1973 the UNFICYP Military Police Company held their Interim Medal Parade. The medals were presented by the Force Provost Marshal, Major R.M. Parker CD.

Our pictures show — top right; Warrant Officer Class 2 E. Richards RMP, centre right; Cor-

poral A. Fee RAOC and bottom right; Driver J. Quinn RCT. Top left; Corporal D. J. McCullie and finally Corporal R. Nowolielski both RMP.

In addition medals were presented to two Canadians and one Dane.

IRCON STAFF AT HQ UNFICYP

Pictured, for the first time together, before they depart for Ireland, the Ircon staff who have spent all or part of their tour in Cyprus working at Headquarters UNFICYP.

They are, back row; Company Quartermaster Sergeant G. Byrnes of Personnel and Logistics Branch, Corporal J. Flanagan of Operations, Corporal J. Twohig the Force Commander's orderly and Private P. Dixon of the Irish Liaison Office.

Front row; Captain B. Howard the Irish Liaison Officer, Commandant K. Page the Liaison Officer to the National Guard, Commandant M. Hallahan the Force Engineer and finally Company Sergeant P. Cody the Chief Clerk in the Irish Liaison Office.

We wish them all luck in their new jobs in Ireland.



IRCON NEWS



A happy group from the Ircon Transport Section at their recent function to celebrate their good record on the roads in Cyprus — Well Done!



The members of Number 1 Platoon Ircon hand over the Guard at Blue Beret Camp to Auscon. This was the last guard which the 24th Infantry Group had to provide for the Camp.

NEWS FROM UNCIVPOL

POLDO JOC means Police Duty Officer Joint Operations Centre.

In the "Jokken", as it is commonly called, the POLDO and VO work together taking care of the

tasks for Dancon and Dancivpol but in the Lefka District on Dancivpol matters alone. They also work on the Dancivpol patrols in the area. This task is aided by

Motorola which is connected to other Headquarters radio stations in Cyprus and the mobile patrol of the Military Police in Lefka District.

The JOC is manned by POLDO round the clock at Dansborg.



MP NOTEBOOK ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

Week Ending	
12 Oct 73	— 10
Same Period	
Last Year	— 5
Total This Year	— 288
Same Period	
Last Year	— 279

**Main Cause of Accidents This Week:
DRIVING WITHOUT
DUE CARE AND
ATTENTION**

NEWS IN BRIEF

The first flight to Ireland taking half of the Irish Contingent home was on Tuesday 16th October 1973. All "Mingi" is bought, money is scarce, but spirits are very high.



↑ Private Danny Beebe of "G" Company unpacks his kit in his new quarters in Conor House.

CANCON NEWS

↓ Private Robert Babineau of the Signals Platoon unpacking his kit.



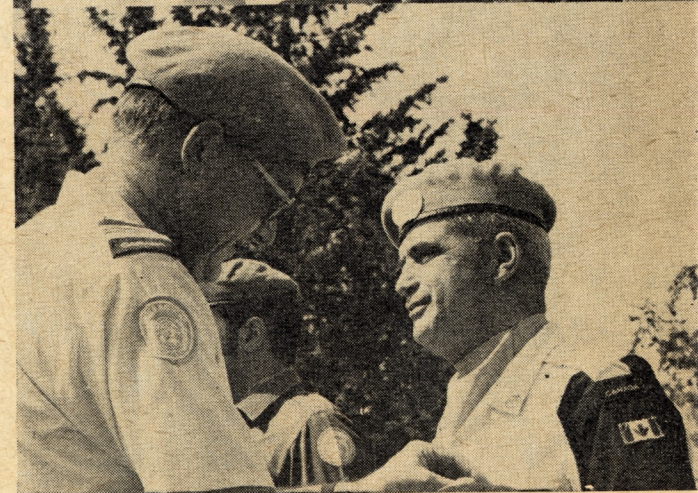
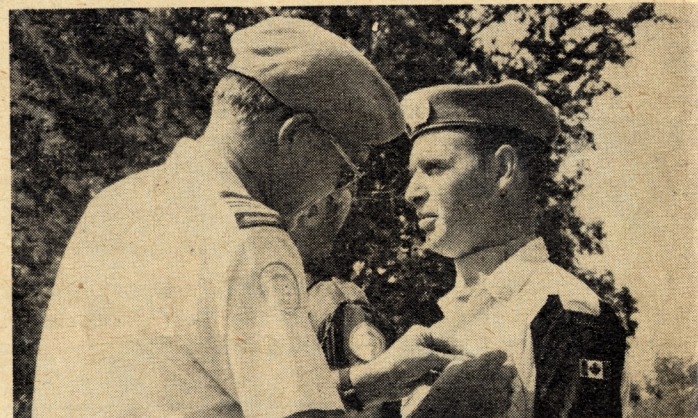
Warrant Officer "The DJ" Moffatte takes over as DJ from Corporal Schoumaker of 3R22eR.

2 RCR SETTLE IN

The Canadian rotation is now complete and personnel of 2 RCR are settling into their new home for the next six months. Never satisfied with conditions, the Royals continually improve their surroundings. The seemingly never ending task of washing, sweeping, raking and painting has begun. Each platoon seems to take a personal pride in improving their own living quarters. After observing some of the newly renovated quarters we find there must be a few aspiring interior decorators. It is rumoured that Corporal Charlie Doyle of the UMS has many talents in this field and may enter the field on his retirement

from the Forces.

In Wolseley Barracks, Headquarters Company, Company Sergeant Major R. D. "THE BULL" Smith is conducting a clean-up campaign in his own infamous manner. He can be heard bellowing as far as Regina Street. "If it doesn't move — paint it, if it does — salute it, if it moves too slow for an officer — nail it down." "The Bull" is also directing a Run The Island campaign. Under "The Bull's" supervision Royals who accumulate 388 miles during their tour will receive special achievement awards. Beware, "The Bull" knows if your miles are honest ones!



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In the top picture we have Sergeant W. S. Paterson receiving his medal and below it is the turn of Sergeant J. G. Verreault. In addition to the two Canadians, medals were presented to five British and one Danish soldier.

KUNTORADAN KUUMAA SYKSYÄ

PARHAAT

Pataljoonan kuntoradan käyttäjät on saatu paremmuusjärjestykseen tältä kaudelta. Valtikka siirtyi ykköselle, kakkosen taitoilla hopealle ja saihan esikuntakompaniakin pronssia. Tämän kilpailun parhaimmisto tullaan asettamaan "tuleen" kauden viimeisessä suuressa tapahtumassa, eli kontingenttien kohdatessa toisensa joulukuun puolesta välissä samaisella radalla. Meillä on paljon puolustettavissamme, olemmehan voittaneet Omorffitassa ylivoimaisesti kerta kerran jälkeen. Mainittakoon, että nyt saavutetulla voittotuloksella olisi viime kansainvälisessä kilvassa jäänyt viidenneksi. Silloin oli voitoaika 2.15,4. Nyt oli voittajan, alik Miettisen aika 2.21,8. Toisena oli alik Koskela 2.28,0 ja kolmantena jääk Petäjäjärvi ajalla 2.29,4. Viimeksi mainittu on EK:sta, kahden edellisen tullessa 1 JK:sta. Parhaiden keskiarvot komppanioittain: 1) 1 JK 2.45,4 2) 2 JK 3.02,0 3) 3) EK 3.38,3.



"vauhtia, kiipeämistä, hyppyä, loikkia, ylös, alas, eteenpäin, nopeamin, nopeammin....."

AJETAAN AUTOLLA, MUTTA

Lähetevä kuljetusupseerimme ylikuutnantti Lasse Welander on katsellut tälläistä liikennettä nyt yhdeksän kuukauden ajan ja ottanut myös itse osaa liikennöimiseen. Hän on ystävällisesti lupautunut antamaan mielipiteensä ikäänkuin ohjeeksi ja neuvoksi tänne jääville tien käyttäjille.

Mikä on mielestäsi suurin ja yleisin virhe, johonka meikäläiset syylistyvät?

He unohtavat kaksi mielestäni kultaista sääntöä, jotka ovat: päämääränämme on lähteä täältä terveinä, ruskeina ja ehjinä takaisin kotimaahan, eikä suinkaan paikattuna tai paketissa. Etelän auringon alla kiire on aina pahasta. Palkka on sama ajoimme me vähän hitaammin. Meidän tulee myös aina muistaa, että ajotapa, antaa kuvan pataljoonan kurinalaisuudesta ja meistä itsestämme. Tuntien tälläisen ajotavan korostan, että meidän on omaksuttava "puolustuksellinen" ajotapa itsellemme. Emme suinkaan saa käyttää Suomesta tuttua "hampaat irvessä - olen oikeassa" tyyliä.

On ollut varsin helppo huomata, että "kuskit", jotka täällä ammatikseen ajavat, ajavat myös ehdottomasti parhaiten. Suurin kolarivaara piilee näissä tilapäiskuljettajissa, joita pyritään entistä enemmän karsimaan.

Yleensä ottaen Fincon voi olla tyytyväinen kolaritilastoihinsa. Se on pienuudessaan varsin vertailukelpoinen muihin kontingentteihin.



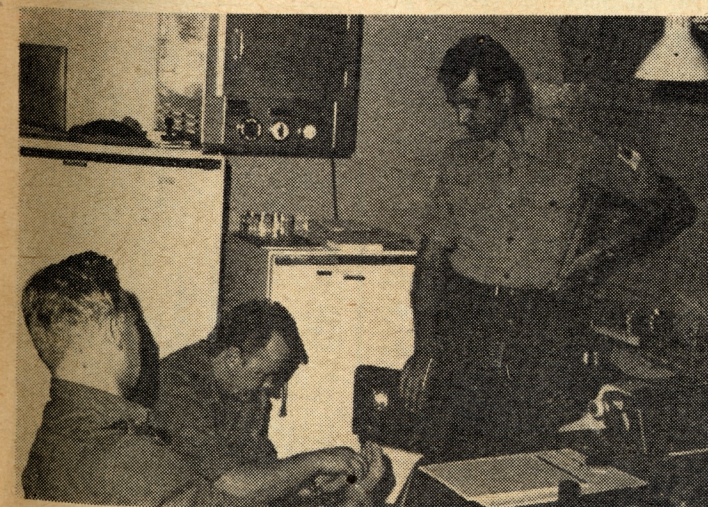
Evl Kemppainen palkitsee parhaita. Alik Miettinen, alik Koskela, jääk Petäjäjärvi ja väp Jokinen.

APUA

Oman pienen sairastupamme henkilökunta on ollut viime aikoina varsin kiireistä. Osasyynä tähän on ollut itävaltalaisen kenttäsairaalan vetäytyminen UNFICYP:sta, joten mikäli vain mahdollista, olemme pyrkineet pitämään potilaamme kotona lääkintämajuri Cord Hildebrandtin hellässä hoidossa. Apunaan hänellä on ollut nyt kotiin lähtevä väpeli Kangas, ylikersantti Huttunen, sekä jääkärit Matalamäki, Skogster ja Varpio. Vastaanottoaika on aamuisin klo 7.30, mutta mikäli tarve vaatii, on apua aina saatavilla. Sairaalan henki ja palvelu on niin miellyttävää, että sillä käy välillä vaikka ei mikään vaivaakaan. "INTER ARMA CARITAS" eli ei suinkaan "Caritan käsivarsilla".



Kers Venäläinen väp Kankaan "uhrina"



Ylik Huttunen paikkaamassa kapt Ojantakasta lääkemaj Hildebrandtin tarkassa valvonnassa.

MILKAPL PÖSCHEK

verabschiedet sich mit einem Bibelwort: (Apg 13)

„Vom Heiligen Geist ausgesandt zogen Paulus und Barnabas Seleuzia hinab und fuhren von da nach Zypern. In Salamis angelangt, verkündeten sie in den jüdischen Synagogen das Wort Gottes. Als Gehilfen hatten sie Johannes bei sich. Sie durchwanderten die ganze Insel bis Paphos. Dort trafen sie einen jüdischen Zauberer und falschen Propheten namens Barjesus. Er war beim Statthalter Sergius Paulus, einem verständigen Manne. Dieser liess Barnabas und Saulus zu sich kommen und verlangte, das Wort Gottes zu hören. Allein Elymas - der Zauberer, denn dies bedeutet der Name - trat ihnen entgegen und suchte den

Statthalter vom Glauben abzuhalten. Paulus aber, der auch Saulus heisst, erfüllt vom Heiligen Geiste, blickte ihn scharf an und sprach: Du Sohn des Teufels, voll Falschheit und Bosheit jeder Art, du Feind aller Gerechtigkeit, hörst du nicht auf, die geraden Wege des Herrn zu durchkreuzen? Siehe, die Hand des Herrn kommt über dich; du wirst blind sein und eine Zeitlang die Sonne nicht mehr sehen. Sogleich umfieng ihn Dunkel und Finsternis, er tastete umher und suchte jemand, der ihn an der Hand führe. Als der Statthalter dies sah, wurde er gläubig, voll Staunen über die Lehre des Herrn.“



Mil Kapl PÖSCHEK liest die Hl. Messe für Soldaten des AUSCON



KANO PAPHOS: Die in der Apostelgeschichte erwähnten Stätten.



Vzlt MELCHER bei der Ausgabe der Österreich - Post.

VIZELEUTNANT MELCHER

Vizeleutnant Erwin Melcher, DfUO der I.Kp UNAB 3, ist ein „Musterspiess“. Autorität ohne autoritär zu sein, ausgeglichen, fürsorglich und gerecht, die Mutter der Kompanie, wenn man dieses strapazierte Wort gebrauchen will. Ist es schon in der Heimat eine wichtige Aufgabe Dienstführender zu sein, hier auf Zypern, im Rahmen einer taktischen Jägerkompanie, müssen alle Aufträge unter erschwerten Umständen erfüllt werden. Standeskontrolle, Innerer Dienst, Kanzleiaufgaben, Verpflegungszufuhr für die OP's unterstehen seiner Verantwortung, nicht

zuletzt ist er ein wichtiges Bindeglied zwischen Kompaniekommandant und Mannschaft. Eine Vertrauensperson schlechthin. Vzlt Melcher ist bei seinen Soldaten beliebt, denn er bleibt immer sachlich und ruhig. Zu den wohl erfreulichsten Tätigkeiten des „Spiess“ gehört aber die Verteilung der Post aus der Heimat. Wer möchte da nicht gerne Vzlt Melcher in die Hand fallen?

Auscon News

ZYPERN ADE

Wir alle haben mehrere Monate Zypern hinter uns. Eine schöne Zeit, arbeitsreich und bewegt. Wir haben ein Land kennengelernt und Leute, die obgleich freundlich und aufgeschlossen, unter besonderen Verhältnissen leben. Voll in die Problematik dieser Insel involved, wurden eigene Sorgen zurück gedrängt. Der Dienst im Rahmen des UNAB 3 war sicher nicht immer leicht, manchmal musste man gewaltig schlucken - aber dann ging es weiter, denn die Aufgabe des UN-Dienstes kennen keine Pause. Heute können wir zurückblicken, - nicht in Zorn, denn der Einsatz im Rahmen des AUSCON war wohl für jeden von uns ein Erlebnis. Die Redewendung: „Frage, Lage 15 Tage“ drückt lediglich die Freude über die baldige Heimkehr aus. Hand aufs Herz; Selbst wenn es ins herbstlich kühle Österreich geht, freut sich der „härteste Krieger“ über die Heimkehr. Zypern aber sagen wir ade, in der Hoff-

nung dieses gastfreundliche und landschaftlich so reizvolle Land später als Touristen zu besuchen.

TENNIS NEWS

On 6. Oct. 1973 the tennis game between DANCON and AUSCON took place at Paphos. AUSCON won the competition 8:1.



Abmeldung zum Postdienst