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AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR VISITS UNFICYP



The Austrian Ambassador His Excellency Dr S Koller visited UNFICYP Headquarters last Thursday, and is seen with the Special Representative of the Secretary General Ambassador Perez de Cuellar.

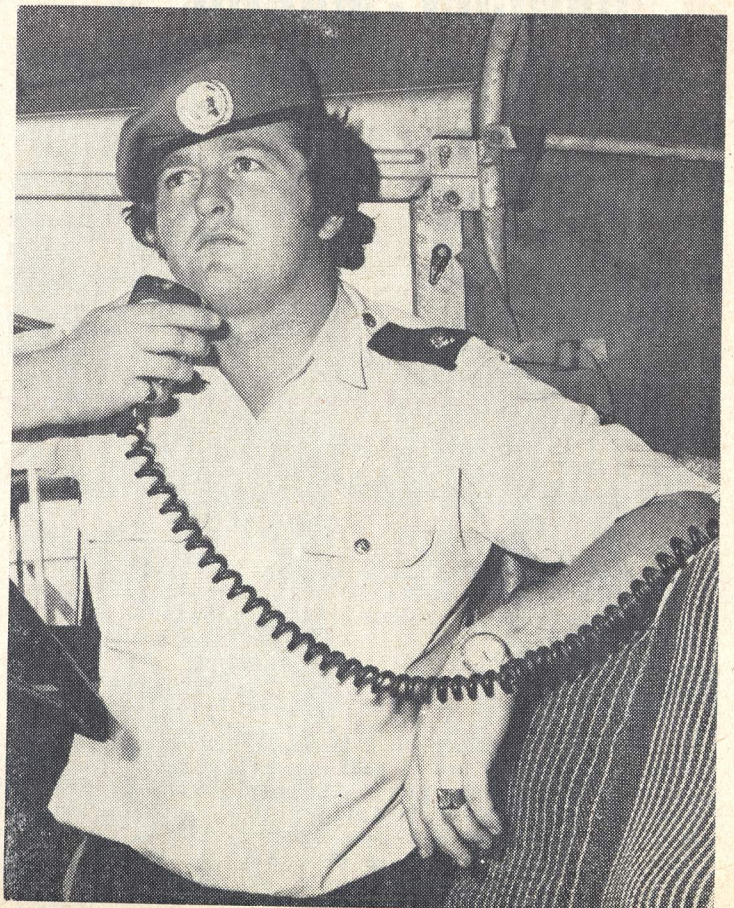
AUSTCIVPOL IN NEW HQ



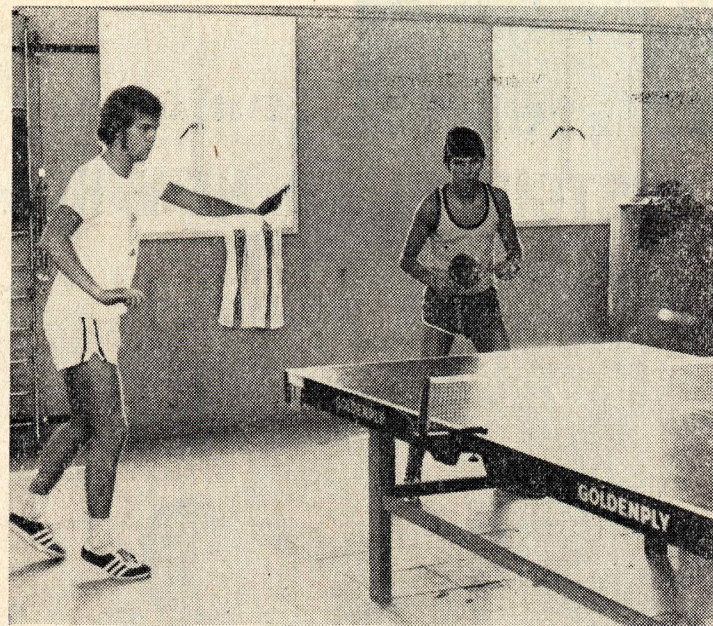
It will soon be rotation time for the Australian Police, who are now well organised in their new Headquarters in Sector Two. In the picture above Chief Superintendent Max Everett is seen talking to Inspector Bessell, while below Inspector Wayne is seen getting ready to go out on a patrol.



Th UNCIVPOL Executive Officer Major Herby Weiss leaves Cyprus on 28th April to become the Deputy Chief Constable of Salzburg. He has spent many tours in UNFICYP, and at the end of this one will have spent more than nine years in the Force.



BORDTENNISTURNERING



Onsdag d. 7 APR afholdt DANOCN det uofficielle UNFICYP — mesterskab i bordtennis i Viking Camp. Der var mange interessante kampe og der blev vist god sportsånd. Turneringen blev en triumf for SWEDCON, der blev placeret som vinder af både single og double. Billedet herover viser de danske deltagere KS K. Mählitz og KS E. Ø. Larsen. Trods en ihærdig indsats blev de ikke placeret.

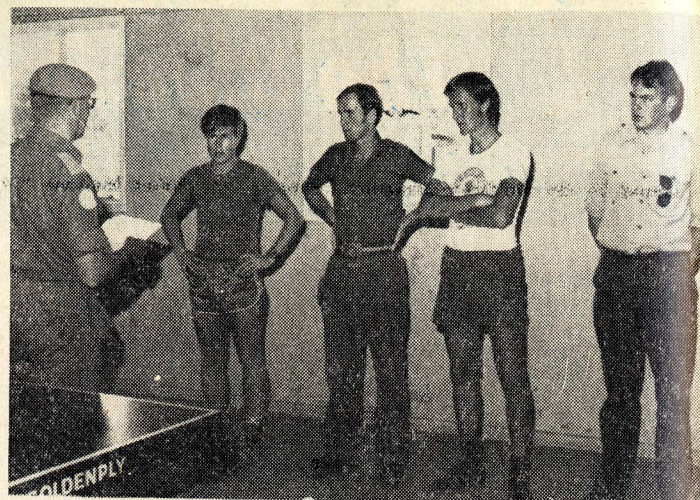
A table tennis competition was held at Viking Camp on April 7th. The competition was a triumph for the SWEDCON team which took first prize in both the singles and doubles matches. In the pictures (right) the sports officer Camptain M. B. Termansen presents the prizes to the winners, and the winners congratulate the AUSCIVPOL team.

DANCON NEWS

DANCON - MARCH II



DANCON — March nr. 2 havde ca. 100 deltagere og selve arrangementet forløb lige så godt som sidste gang. Et par af deltagerne viste at viljen til at gennemføre marchen ophævede vabler og træthed. KS E. Ø. Larsen og KS O. Holt gennemførte førstestegen på 2 timer og 59 min. Desværre fik E. Ø. Larsen ondt i halsen så han ikke kunne gå næste dag, hvor O. Holt gik på tiden 3 timer rent og således slog E. Ø. Larsens rekord fra 1. DANCON—March.



Øverst: Vinderne i single: 1. WO I Wallo, 2. Pte Olsson, 3. Pte Augustsson, alle tre fra SWEDCON. Nr. 4 blev Pte Lankinen, FINCON. Nederst vinderne af double: 1. WO I Wallo of Pte Augustsson SWEDCON, 2. COL H. Fuchs og INSP F. Braunstein UNCIVPOL, 3. INSP B. Harsch og INSP W. Pikalo UNCIVPOL.



PORTRÆTGALLERI



DANCON NEWS har fået ny redaktør, KN E. Nielsen der samtidig er tiltrådt posten som AO. "Den gamle redakteur" takker af for denne gang og ønsker DANCON NEWS's læsere alt godt i fremtiden. Redaktionen takker KN P.E. Stougaard for godt samarbejde og ønsker held og lykke med den nye post som UN-observatør i Kashmir.

DANCON NEWS introduces Captain E. Nielsen the new adjutant of DANCON. He also assumes the role of editor of this page in the Blue Beret.

PORTRAIT OF A HOMEGOING SWEDCON

THE WAY WE WERE



Preparing:

On a gloomy day in early October 1975, in Linköping, Sweden, we started preparing to come to Cyprus. We were all volunteers, a few of us had served with the UN before, but to the majority the mission was new and the prospect exciting.



Champions:

The Contingent took part in every competition we could, and won some of them.



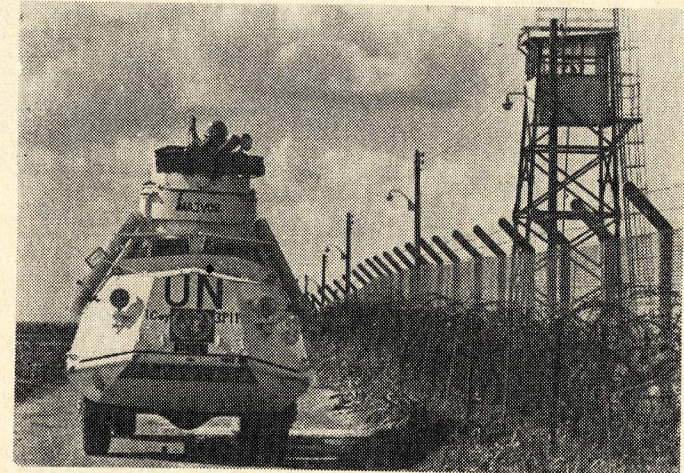
Training:

Combat training, including some with the assistance of helicopters, has been carried out, but most of our training took place whilst carrying out our everyday tasks.



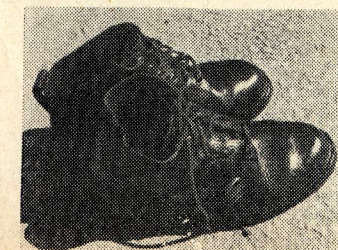
Taking over:

Two weeks later we flew to Cyprus to begin our six months tour with UNFICYP and on the 27th October the UN Flag and the command of the Swedish Contingent was passed to Lt Col Arne Rolff and Battalion 59 C. Now — six months later — it is our turn to hand over.



On patrol:

Our main tasks were to operate a number of Observation Posts, Liaison Posts and Standing Patrols along the demilitarised zone, to patrol our operational area and to deal with humanitarian affairs in the Pan Handle.

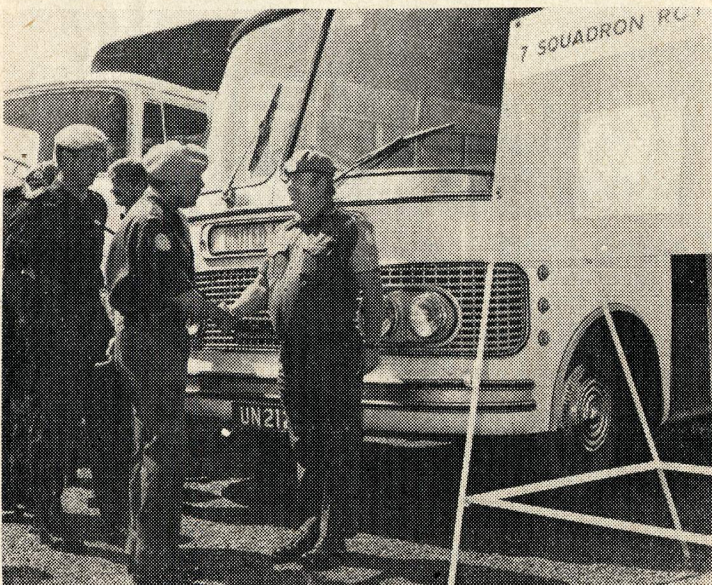


Good bye...

HALLO AND GOODBYE



Before going on leave the Force Commander, Lt Gen D. Prem Chand, PVS.M., visited A Squadron The Life Guards, who arrived a month ago to become the new Force Reserve. He is seen with Major J. R. Bedells, the Squadron Commander, Corporal of Horse Willis and his ADC Captain J. Ratia on the vehicle park. General Prem Chand also paid a farewell visit to 7 Squadron RCT, and is seen talking to L/Cpl Bob Taylor (below).



SECTOR TWO CHANGES HANDS

At mid-day on Sunday 11th April the Welsh Guards handed over Sector 2 to the 1st Battalion The Royal Green Jackets. This will be the third time the Royal Green Jackets have served in UNFICYP, and the second time the 1st Battalion has been here.

The 1st Battalion, under the command of Lt Col C.E.W. Jones, has come to Cyprus from Dover. Earlier this year, it spent two months in London carrying out ceremonial duties — the job the Welsh Guards are returning to England to do.



The Quartermaster, Capt Parrott and two company commanders, Maj Stewart and Capt Clark, having a discussion during their take-over.



Recently Colonel P. I. Chiswell OBE, paid a farewell visit to the Force Transport Squadron. He was seen above sharing a joke with Sergeant Wright.



Recently Captain P. W. W. Hitchcock, the 2 i/c of the UNFICYP Army Air Corps Flight, passed the 2000 hour milestone in his flying career. He was pictured, above, shortly after he landed, entering his flying time in the log.

ABSCHIED vom MEDICAL CENTRE



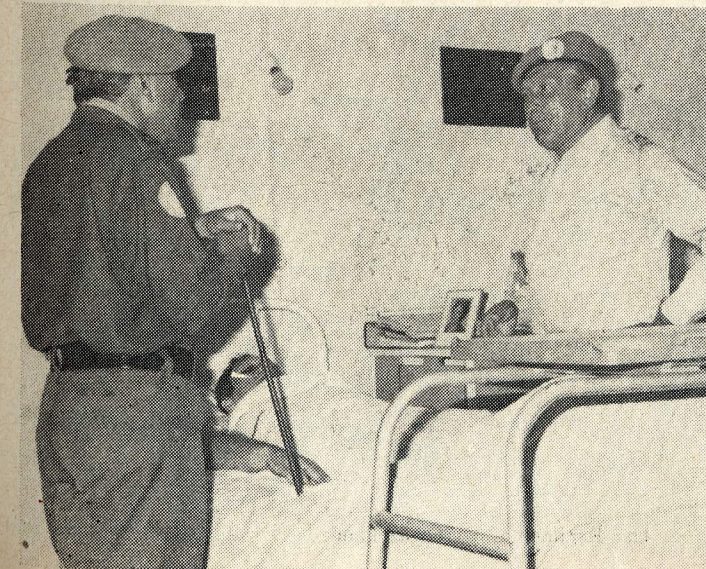
From Left to Right: Ostr Grubr, Zgf Kern, Ostr Fisher, Vzlt Pontasch, Obst A Myer, StWm Presenhuber, MJA Mittermeyer, Ostr Kissling, Gfr Gilner, Ostr Haslinger, Vzlt Steinseder, Pte Bayer.

"Heute ist ein Abschnitt der Geschichte der österreichischen Sanität zu Ende gegangen", meinte Oberst-Arzt Dr. MAYER in seiner Antwort auf eine Tischrede des Kontingentskommandanten, Obstlt FRITZ, anlässlich eines Abschiedssessens fuer alle jene Offiziere die mit der kommenden Rotation Cypern verlassen werden. Diesmal werden auch die drei Aerzte und 11 Angehoerigen des UMC dabei sein. Damit endet ein zwelfjaehriger Einsatz oesterreichischer Sanitaetsskontingente im Rahmen von UNFICYP. Bereits 1960—1963 war oesterreichisches Sanitaetsspersonal im Rahmen der Vereinten Nationen im KONGO

eingesetzt gewesen. Von 1964 unterhielten oesterreichische Aerzte und Sanitaeter ein Feldspital in Cypern, dass 1973 in das heutige Medical Centre umgewandelt wurde. In dieser Zeit konnte sich das oesterreichische Sanitaetsspersonal hohe Anerkennung in fachlicher Hinsicht erwerben. Aber auch in gesellschaftlicher Hinsicht erfreuten sich seine Angehoerigen hoechster Beliebtheit und erwarben sich viele Freunde. Der Dank der Kameraden innerhalb des Bataillons ist nicht nur eine Formsache: Sehr viele von und haben Vorteil und Vorzuege oesterreichischen Sanitaetsspersonals aus eigener Erfahrung zu schaeetzen gelernt.

"A chapter in the history of the Austrian Medical Corps is closed now" commented the CO Colonel MAYER, when the UNFICYP Medical Centre was closed on 12th April 1976. An Austrian medical team has served for 12 years in UNFICYP

providing a Field Hospital from 1964 to 1973 and since then running the Medical Centre. Prior to that an Austrian medical team served in the Congo with the United Nations from 1960 to 1963. The Team will be missed by the Austrian contingent.

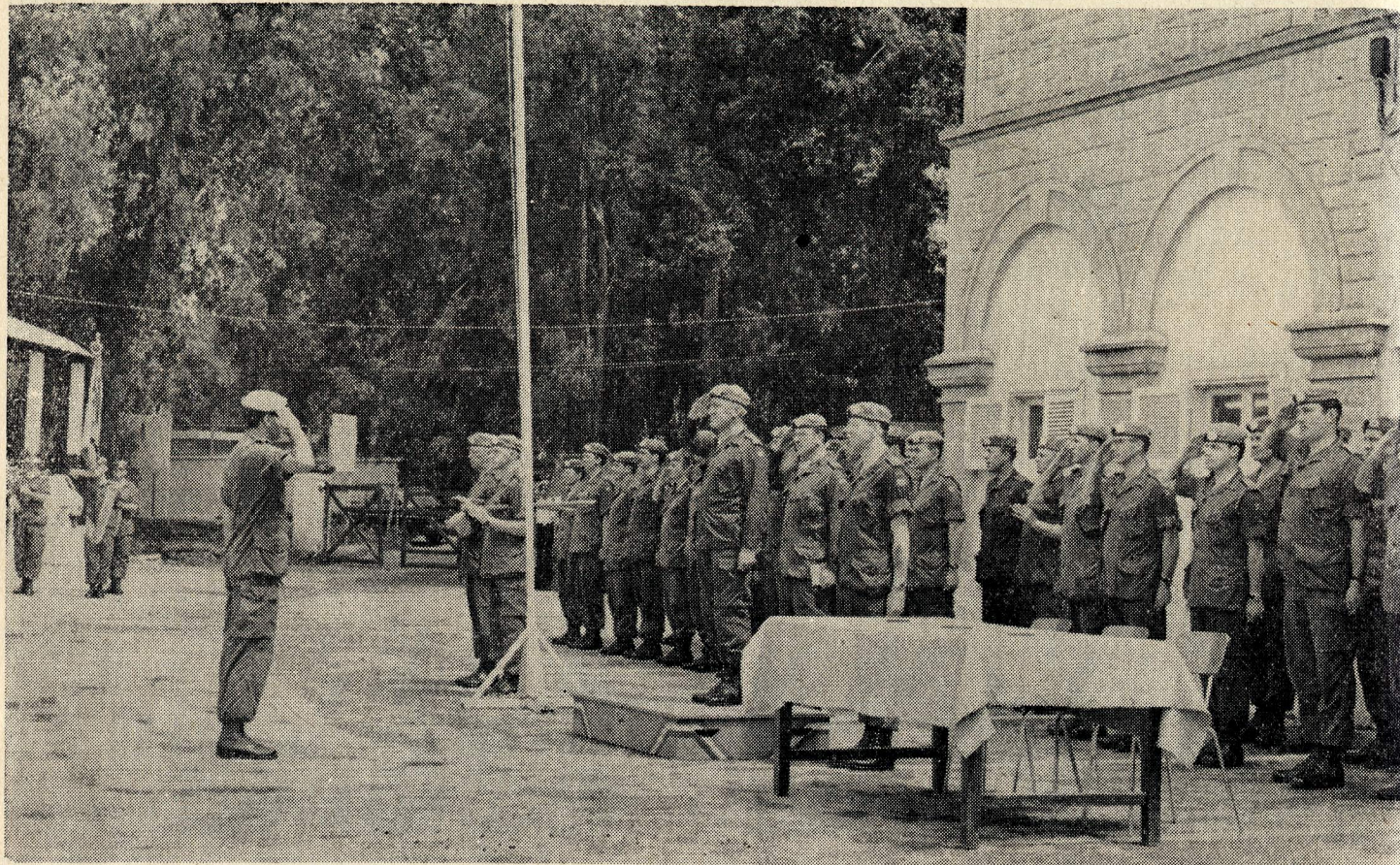


Abschiedsvisite: Lt Gen D Prem Chand P.V.S.M. Mit ObstA Dr. MAYER

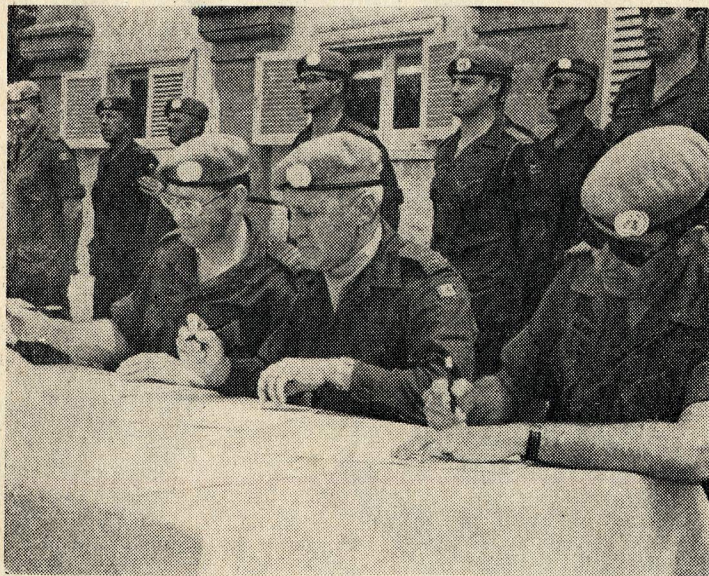


Ostv FISCHER macht den Sterilisator uebergabebereit.

PPCLI BATTALIONS CHANGE OVER



On Thursday 15th April responsibility for Sector 4 changed from 3 PPCLI to 2 PPCLI. To mark this event a short change of command parade took place at Wolseley Barracks. The Inspecting Officer Brig Gen C.E. Beattie CMM, CD, took the salute and watched the flags of the 3rd Battalion lowered, and those of the 2nd Battalion raised. During the parade the change of command of sector 4 certificates were signed by the Commanding Officers, and witnessed by General Beattie.



THE SNOW SHOE RACE



The 1976 Annual 3 PPCLI/2 PPCLI Snowshoe Race was held in Troodos last week.

Fortunately the snow stayed on the upper slopes long enough for the traditional Regimental event to be held. The snowshoe race, usually held during the month of January, had to be postponed this year because 3 PPCLI was in Cyprus.

The winner of this year's race was Sgt G. Ledwon of 3 PPCLI in a time of 24 minutes and 17 seconds over the 3 mile course.



The Regimental goat was handed over during the parade, and was accepted by Captain Mike Rushton for the 2nd Battalion.

Tunnelmat suunnistuskisoissa:

EI MUILLA KAHTA SANAA



The winner WO I P Mölsä
Voittajan sotmest P Mölsän tyylinäyte

★ Sää oli loistava ja tunnelma muutenkin korkealla UNFICYPin kisoissa FINCONin loistavan suunnistuksen jälkeen. Ennalta uskottiin kotikunnilaan kipittävien ja ahkerasti harjoittelevien ruotsalaisten mahdollisuuksiin. Mutta niinhän siinä kävi, että Suomi korjosi kolmoisvoiton ja lisäksi viidennen sijon yleisessä saajassa. Kun kontingentin edustusjoukkueeseen kuului neljä parhaiten sijoitunutta, ei tarvinnut kovin hyvää ynnäpäättää voittajien selvittämiseksi. Ikämiehissä ylil Peltonen toi Suomella hopeaa sotmest Vesterisen ja väap Isotuvan sijoituksella viidenneksi kuudenneksi.

Kilpailu ratkesi yllättävän aikaisessa vaiheessa, heti ykkösen jälkeen. Ainoana kärkipään miehenä sotmest Mölsä lähti kipitämään kohti ykköstä suunnalla kivikkoisen ja pusikkoisen harjun yli. Tämä reitinvalinta toi eroa muihin ja kakkosen väliaikaisella keula oli jo 2,5 minuuttia. Kun loput rastit olivat helppoja, uskottiin kilpailun ratkennut jo tässä vaiheessa.

Mölsän loistavaa juoksua täydensivät muiden suomalaisten esitykset. Toiseksi tuli kers Mur-su kolmisen minuuttia hävinneenä. Väapeli Koivula toi pronssin runsaat seitsemän minuuttia reitillä, kauemmin viihtyneenä. Neljänneksi sijoittui Svensson

Swedconista ja viidenneksi ylik Räisänen.

Kilpailijat — ainakin menestyneet — kiittelivät rataa onnistuneeksi. Reitin oli suunnitellut Ruotsissa asuva ratamestari, joka oli pannut kartan tulemaan kirjeessä veljelleen kapt Ekille. Kapt Ek kävi ripustamassa rastit paikoilleen. Hyvin tuntui reitti pysyneen salassa.

Matkalle lähti monen näköistä taivaltajaa. Oli barettipäisiä, patinijalkaisia englantilaisia, joiden pukueleganssia täydensi vyössä riippuva pistin ja pieni ensiapu- tai eväslaukku. Urheilumielä kuitenkin riitti ja suuri osa ensikertalaisista osasi maaliin, vieläpä kaikki rastit löytäneinä.

RESERVE PLATOON OF 1 COY ON WHEELS

Ykkösen reservijoukkue "POLKUPYÖRÄRETKELLÄ"



It was not as easy as it looks.
Ei se ollut niin helppoa kuin kuvasta saattaisi päätellä.

ENGLISH SUMMARY

On the 2nd April the sun had a golden glint for FINCON as it shone on the Orienteering competition that was taking place at Cape Greco.

In Class One FINCON won the gold, silver and bronze medals, and to make the day an even bigger success the silver medal in Class Two was won as well.

Cycling has always been popular in FINCON. In 1964 many men of the first Finnish Battalion in Cyprus cycled from Dhekelia to Nicosia. To commemorate this "first bicycle march" the reserve platoon of 1 Coy, together with some "additional" participants, took to their bicycles for a 41 mile ride over a hilly route that tested the stamina of the riders.

FINCON NEWS

SPORTS NEWS

TABLETENNIS AT AUSTCIVPOL



Two weeks ago an UNCIVPOL table tennis tournament took place at the Australian Civilian Police Headquarters at Kokkinotrimithia. All the Police Contingents entered teams for the singles and doubles matches.

In the final the Austrians, led by their Commander Colonel Fuchs, succeeded in winning both matches after some very close games.

The Police Adviser, Commissioner Hamilton, presented trophies to the winners and runners up at the end of the competition.

HQ COMPANY WINS !



On 12th April the Austrian Contingent held an inter-company cross-country marching competition, and, to the surprise of everyone, the HQ Company team gained nearly all the first places, while a 2 Company team was the overall winner of the team competition. The winners are seen above from left to right WO II Retenschober, Pte I. Müller, Pte I. Rittlob and Pte I. Händl.

UNICORNS PLAY ON EASTER SUNDAY



The Unicorns Hockey Club continued their custom of never refusing an invitation to play a game, when they played on Easter Sunday.

NEW STAMP FROM UNPA

On 23rd April 1976 the United Nations Postal Administration will issue some new stamps to commemorate the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD): The new stamp will be printed in denominations of 13 cents, 31 cents and F.s. 1,10 (about 43 cents). These stamps will be on sale in the Finance Office, at HQ UNFICYP on Fridays from 23rd April.



TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Week ending 19 APR 76	7
Same period last year	13
Total for the year	81
Total for the same period last year	78

LESSON OF THE MONTH

Accidents don't just happen — there is a cause.