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P R E S E N T A T I O N



AT HQ UNFICYP

While the Chief of the General Staff of the Finnish Army, Lieutenant General E. Kanninen was visiting UNFICYP he made a presentation of a bayonet to the Force Commander, Major General J.J. Quinn, in appreciation of the good work and cooperation that has existed between the Finnish Army and the other Contingents of UNFICYP during the past 13 years. This presentation was watched by the Chief Personnel Officer of the Finnish Army, Major General J. Valtanen and the Contingent Commander Colonel O. Lopmeri.

VISIT TO TELEPHONE EXCHANGE



OPERATIONS OFFICERS CHANGE



A Canadian rotation took place last week in the Headquarters when Major G. Owen took over the post of Operations Officer from Major H.E.H. De Coste. Major De Coste is leaving the Force to return to Canada to command a squadron of tanks in the Canadian Hussars.

Last week the Force Commander visited the telephone exchange and watched the calls being connected by three hard-worked ladies.

DANCON



NEWS

DANCON MARCH
1977

DANCON — marchen blev afviklet 5-6 Marts. Her ses et udsnit af deltagerne på den Kra-vende rute.

The DANCON March took place on 5th and 6th of March. This time a route in the Troodos mountains was used and it proved to be very hard.

VISITOR AT VIKING CAMP



Chefen for FN-ajlelingen, OL A. Adolph på besøg ved Kongenendets kompagnier har skiflet clud. Her overdrager afgående cluf i C-KMP, Major E. Hansen Vikingehjelmen til sin aflosser, Major K.E. Albrektsen.

The head of the UN department in Denmark, Lt Colonel A. Adolph is visiting DANCON. He is seen being welcomed by Lt Thuesen.



CHANGEOVER AT LIMNITIS



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A change-over of the company Commanders of C Coy in Limnitis has taken place. Major E. Hansen is seen handing over the viking helmet to his relief Major K.E. Albrektsen.

A WONDERFUL VICTORY . . .



Which contingent was the Swedcon football team to meet in the final of the competition if not the Danish one! On an international level the matches between Denmark and Sweden are a very old tradition and have been played since the beginning of the century. A remarkable day in Swedish football history was the day when the Danes were defeated for the first time, but for a long time now the balance has been turned in the favour of the Swedish football team.

The outcome of another victory was to be decided when the teams from the Swedish and Danish Battalions met at Dhekelia soccer ground to play in the final of the

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UNFICYP football competition.

After a goal in the 72nd minute Dancon was defeated, but the victory was not an easy one and several spectators thought that a draw or even a Dancon victory would not have been an injustice. However, Swedcon had taken the best advantages of their opportunities and won the final.

The Swedish Contingent was undefeated throughout the tournament and the two draws against the Austrian Contingent were the only points lost. In the semi-final Swedcon had defeated its neighbouring country at home, Fincon by 1-0.

In the pictures you can see the winning team and the goal scorer Per-Olof Olsson after the match.

. . . AND THE DANISH REVENGE

Snow, mud, constant up and down hill slopes and burning asphalt paths are parts of the Dancon March the entrants will never forget. The Dancon March consist of two days of walking 25 kms within a time limit of seven hours daily and at the end, the presentation of medal to successful participants. 25 soldiers from the Swedish Battalion at Famagusta took part in the march and everybody reached the finishing post in the village of Nikos. The commonest after effects suffered by the soldiers were pains in the legs, knees, feet and back, and though no one was completely exhausted after the March, and for the next seven days Swedish soldiers in Famagusta could be seen walking more like ducks than soldiers!



SIOUX FLIGHT VISITED



Recently General Quinn visited the UNFICYP Support Regiment. His visit he went to see the UN Flight Army Air Corps, where he was pictured sharing a joke with Major Thornewell, Sergeant Sharpe and Staff Sergeant Ball.

CHANGE IN HEADQUARTERS



SAFE DRIVING COMPETITION

Last week The Force safe driving competition was held in Camp UNFICYP. The competition was organised by Lt Haller and the men of 38 Squadron RCT. At the end the Force Commander presented the prize for the best Land-rover driver to Pte Jussila of FINCON, while 38 Squadron received the team prize.



An important change took place in the operations branch last week when WO2 Newman arrived to take over from WO2 Charlesworth as the chief clerk. WO2 Charlesworth leaves to become the chief clerk at the RAOC Depot at Bicester after spending twelve months in the Force. While he was here he was presented with his Long Service and Good Conduct Medal by Brigadier Tillotson.

SHOOTING AT DHEKELIA



Schießen am 14.03. in DHEKELIA

Von Teilnehmern sämtlicher Kompanien wurden Übungen für das StG 58 und für das MG 42 geschossen.

Men from all Coys carried out live-firing exercises with StG 58 Rifles and MG 42 Machine guns on 14th March at Dhekelia.

DA SCHIESSEN HUNGRIG MACHT...



verzehrten die Schützen anschließend das von unserer Küchencrew StWm GABER, StWm KONRAD, Gfr GERSTBAUER, Gfr HEUGENHAUSER, Gfr NIEDERMÜLLER und Whm REIS wie immer hervorragend zubereitete Mittagessen.

As live firing makes everyone hungry those shooting had lunch on the range after the training exercise. The food was prepared in the usual excellent way by the Austrian cooks.

FOOTBALL ?

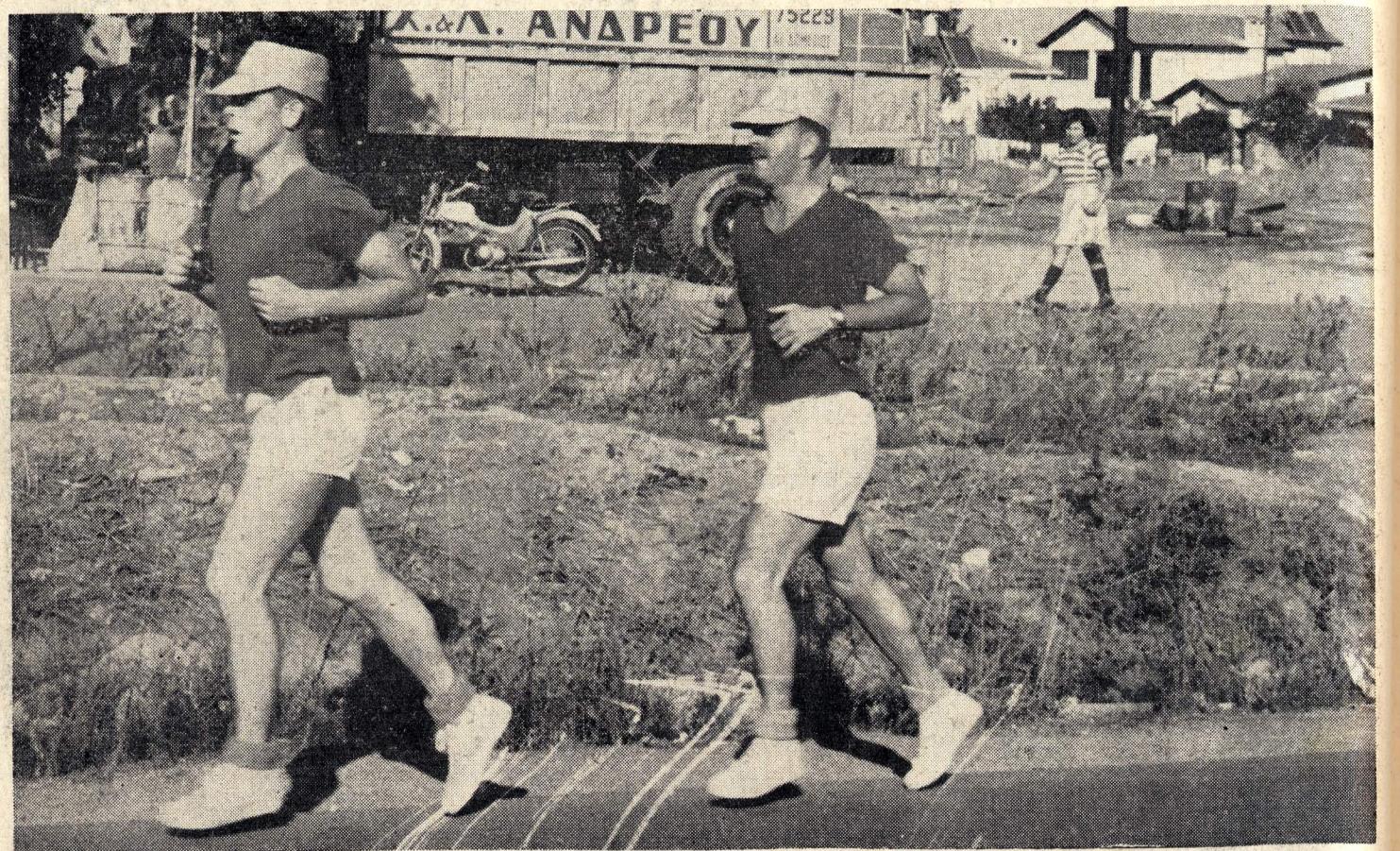


Senior ranks kämpfen gegeneinander

Diesmal am 16.03. auf dem Fußballplatz in ATHIENOU. Unter den Begeisterungsstürmen der Zuseher lieferten die Unteroffiziere und Offiziere der 1. und 2. Kompanie einander ein spannendes Match, welches die 2. Kompanie trotz verzweifelter Gegenwehr 2:4 verlor.

Accompanied by the cheers of the crowd, NCOs and WOs and Officers of the 1 Coy and 2 Coy played football on the pitch at Athienou. The game ended 2-4 for 1 Coy.

149,000 MILES



Still running.

GENERAL QUINN VISITS CANCON



Pte Fitzpatrick of MLC briefs the Force Commander on the area around his OP.

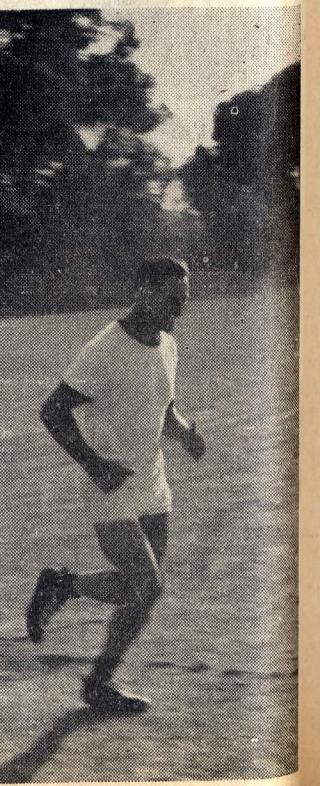
CANCON NEWS

Yes, Cancon is still on the run. As was mentioned in an earlier article, we participate in a running programme which is designed both to increase the physical fitness of our soldiers, and to take full advantage of Cyprus' mild winter. The distance of three hundred and sixty miles, or roughly the road distance around Cyprus' shores, has been picked as the qualifying distance to receive the 'round-the-island' plaque. As most Canadians spend only six months in Cyprus, about three miles a day must be run to permit a rest on days off, UN leave, or especially busy times.

The major unit in the Canadian Contingent, 3 RCR, is due to return to Canada shortly. At present, about 400 of the 470 men in the Battalion have run the required 360 miles. About 100 of these have run 500 miles and ten have reached the 1000 mile mark since arriving here last fall. At present the total

number of miles run stand at
 MLC Coy — 40,339 miles
 Ledra Coy — 39,207 miles
 HQ Coy — 32,772 miles
 Log Coy (BBC) — 37,185 miles

In other words, a Battalion total of 149,203 miles run in five months — good business for makers of running shoes!



Below on the right, soldiers of Fincon aiming their Valmet machine guns on Pyra range.

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 AUTOILJA



Ryhää UNSOMOCin (YK:n esikuntaupseeri — ja sotilastarkkailijakurssin) opettajia tutustui Finconin maanantaina 14.03. Osa vieraista saattiin kuvaan oopsis edustalla, kuvaassa vas. evl E Hornslien, maj J Kronlund, ev L-E Wahlgren, maj K Kargaard ja maj L Rapp.

PYLASSA PAUKKUU



ENGLISH SUMMARY

A group of UNSOMOC instructors visited Fincon on Monday 14th March and were briefed by the 2IC Maj J Kronlund. In the picture above on the right some of the visitors are seen in front of the Fincons JOC, from the left Lt Col E Hornslien, Maj J Kronlund, Col L-E Wahlgren, Maj K Kargaard and Maj L Rapp.

The safest driver — when it comes to Land Rovers — of the whole UNFICYP is Pte S Jussila. This was found out after a competition which was held on 12th of March in Camp Unficyp.

In the picture above the happy winner.

RAUHANTURVAAMISEN
 OPETTAJIA FINCONISSA

Pylä on ampumarata tuolla Dhekelian lähestöllä. Siellä meikäläiset voivat koetella ja kehittää taitojaan singon, konekiväätin ja käsikranaatin käytössä. Kuva taunoisesta harjoituksesta.

UNCIVPOL NEWS



AUSCIVPOL, with their Canadian reinforcements, — German speaking Major Herb Weber and Captain Jeff Sawchuk (first row second and third from left), — after successfully completing the DANCON March.



Blistered, but bemused.

SWEDCON WIN AGAIN



The final of the UNFICYP annual Football competition took place recently at Dhekelia. The match was played between Swedcon and Dancon once again, and resulted in another win for Swedcon, who have now won this competition every year since 1974.



THE DANCIVPOL CUP



Recently a Darts and Table Tennis competition was arranged between the Austrian, Australian and Swedish Civilian Police Contingents for a sports trophy presented to UNCIVPOL by the Danish Civil Police Contingent prior to their departure from Cyprus. The Cup was won by Swedcivpol and will be held by them for a period of 6 months.

Cup competition results were as follows:

Swedcivpol 5 — Auscivpol 3

Auscivpol 3 — Auscivpol 5

Austcivpol 3 — Swedcivpol 5

Photographs show some of the final night between Austcivpol and Swedcivpol HQ Kokkina Trimithia, and Swedcivpol at Austcivpol HQ Kokkinotrimithia.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

2 Weeks ending 19 Mar

Same period last year

Total for the year

Total for the same period last year

LESSON OF THE MONTH

Drive Dangerously and Die

Drive Safely and Survive.