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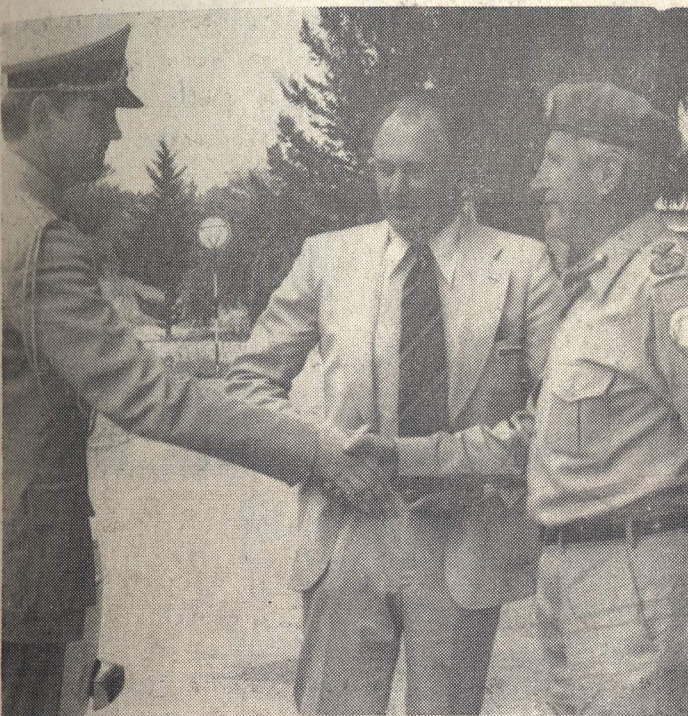
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COMMANDERS CHANGE



The Commander of the United Nations Flight of the Army Air Corps Major D.N. Thornewill has ended his tour with UNFICYP. He is seen above handing a helicopter and "stick" over to his successor Major C. Blount before leaving for a new post in Hong Kong.

His Excellency Mr Erik Krönmark the Swedish Minister of Defence visited Cyprus last week to see the Swedish Contingent in Famagusta. During his visit he called on the Force Commander in Nicosia. While he was at Force Headquarters he was briefed by the Chief of Staff Brigadier H.M. Tillotson CBE. The Minister was accompanied from Sweden by the Under Secretary Mr Gunnar Nordbeck, Rear Admiral Dag Arvas, the Chief of the Defence Staff Lieutenant General Lennart Ljung, the head of the UN Section of the Army Staff Colonel Yngve Ekman and Mr Lars Schonander the Section Head at the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



The Swedish Minister of Defence introduces his ADC Major Anerud to the Force Commander General Quinn at the start of his visit to the Headquarters in Nicosia.

MINISTER VISITS HQ



The Chief of Staff Brigadier Tillotson about to begin briefing the Minister and the other members of his party.

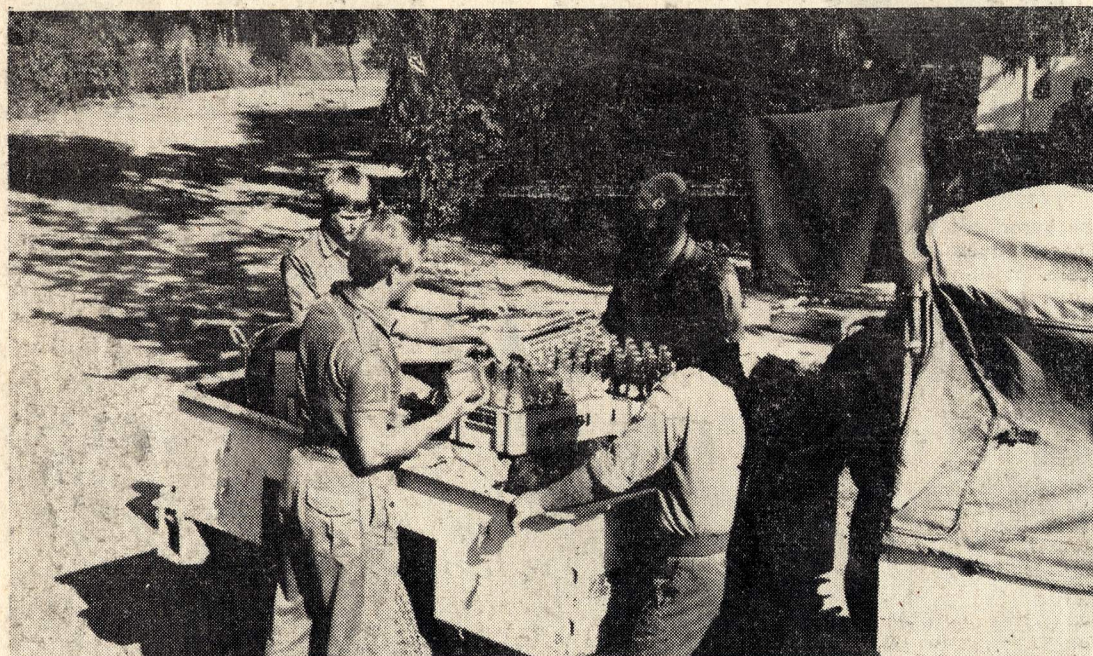
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NEWS

Der har været afholdt sanitetsmærkeprøver ved kontingentet. Her er OKS F.P.F. Jensen ifærd med genoplivning ved indblæsningsmetoden.

The Danish soldiers in Sector I have recently been put through a first-aid examination, which included having to demonstrate an ability to give artificial respiration — to a dummy of course!



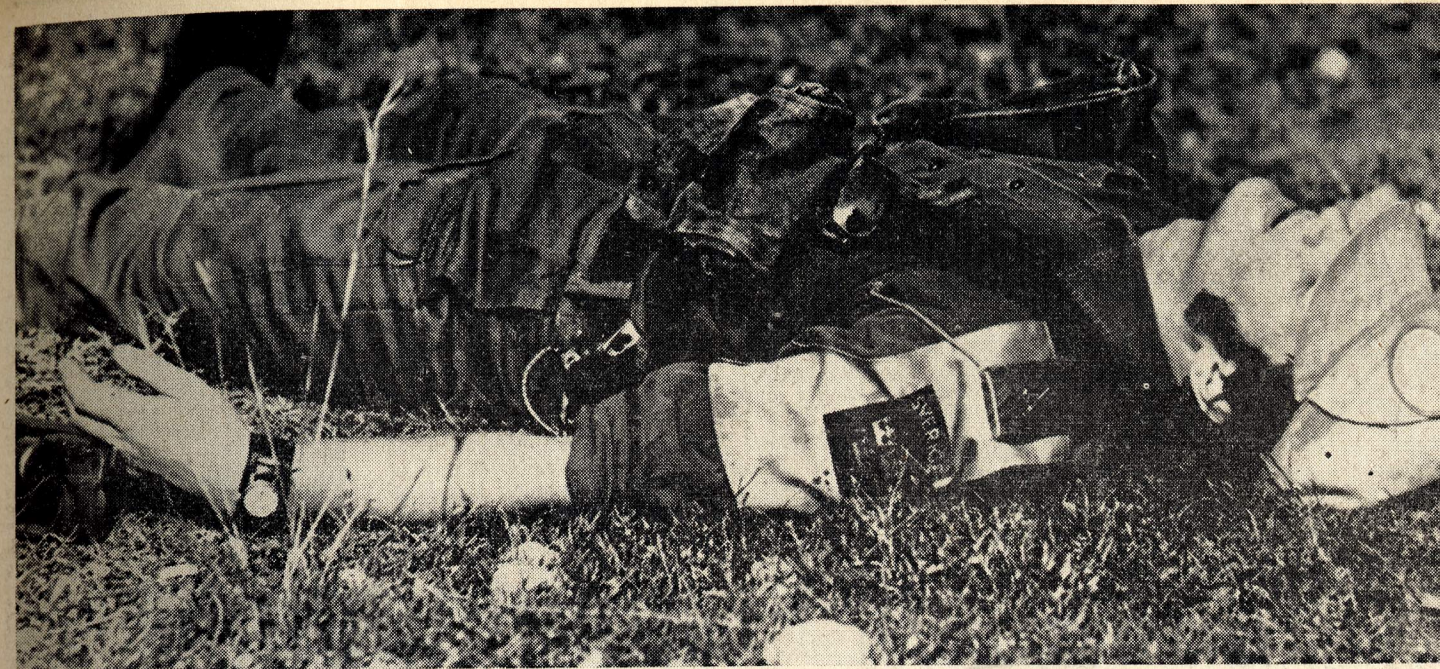
Muljevognen gøres klar til at køre ud på DANCON's nye OP, Mazokambi.

The supply vehicle ready to move up to the new Dancon OP, Mazokambi.



Det gode vejr har lokket folk udendørs. Her er Pte Peter Stack fra Canada House og OKS Jens Thorsen fra sekretariatet igang med guitarene.

The recent fine weather has drawn soldiers out of barracks to practice their musical talents.



PATROL COMPETITION NOT A SUNDAY WALK

Some weeks ago, Sunday was not the usual day of rest for the Swedish Battalion, and especially not for those who took part in the Battalion's Patrol Competition in the hilly country around Fig Tree Bay, on the south coast of the Island. The Patrol Competition began at Dhekelia rifle range, where no hits while firing meant five minutes would be added to the final time taken by the patrol. This plus the daunting fact that the competitors knew that they had only 40 minutes in which to reach the next check point where the navigation part of the competition was to start, set the tone for the whole competition. The patrols had to go by the quickest

route — over a distance of 12 kms — round the five check points. At the first point they had to run over a particular track of difficult terrain, at the others they had different tasks to complete including throwing practice hand grenades, estimating distances to objects and so on. The final task was to carry a soldier on a stretcher about 80 metres. The fastest managed to complete the run with the "wounded" comrade within 20 seconds. At the finish of the competition most of the soldiers were exhausted, but they admitted that the day had been "interesting". They even made a request for more similar competitions.



PARAS LEAVING CYPRUS



Private Crosley and Corporal Sheridan coming in to land on target.

VISITORS TO SECTOR TWO



The Chief of the Defence Staff Admiral of the Fleet Sir Edward Ashmore with Brigadier Tillotson and Lieutenant Colonel Brierley in Sector Two.



The Deputy Air Commander in Cyprus Air Commodore D A Arnott.

The 1st Battalion The Parachute Regiment are shortly to complete their six month tour in Cyprus and return to their home base in Aldershot. To mark this event the Battalion free fall team gave a display at St Davids Camp in which they jumped in two parties from different heights. At the end of the display the team were presented to the British High Commissioner His Excellency Mr D.M. Gordon CMG to whom they presented a regimental shield.

After the display the Regiment's Band and Drums performed the Beating Retreat ceremony.



Bandsman Clarke blowing retreat.



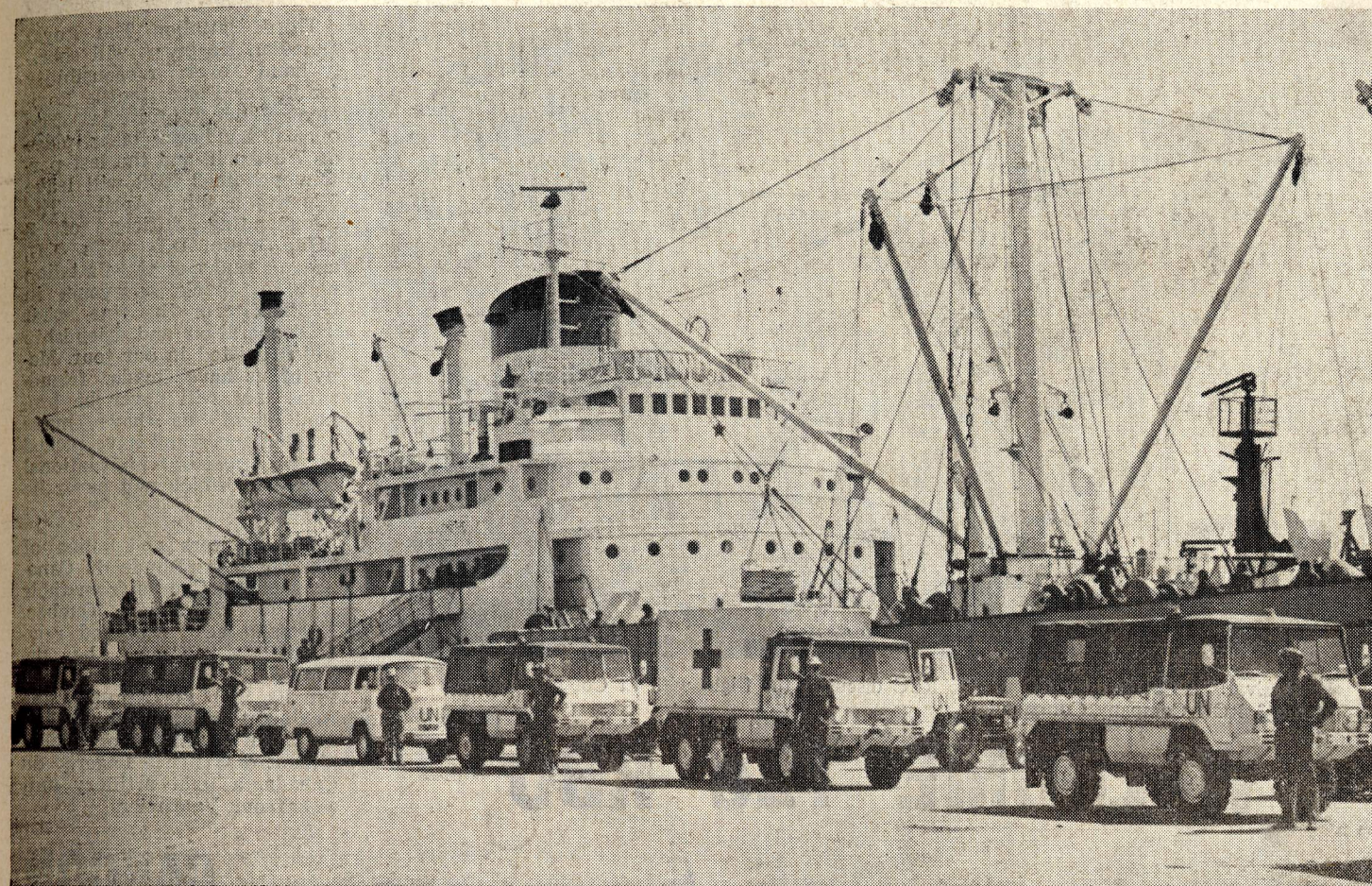
The Band and Drums marching off at the end of the display.

ENGINEERS IN CYPRUS



The Force Headquarters and Support Regiment engineers were pictured recently in the RE yard in Jubilee Camp. They are (back row) Sami, Theo, George, Charlie, Vasilis, Costa, Costa, Ponti Costa, Andy, (centre row) Cpl Armstrong, Spr Westcott, WO2 Graham, Spr Walker, LCpl Massie, (front row) Spr Bell, Dvr Alexander, Spr Davies, Dvr Campbell.

AUSCON'S WHITE HORSES



On the 25 March the new Pinzgauer Cross Country Vehicles for AUSCON arrived in Cyprus by sea on board of the YUGO-Line "SKOPJE". Looking back to 1972 the UNAB 1 equipment was also shipped by the "SKOPJE".

"Die weißen Pferde von Österreich"

Ausnahmsweise ist diesmal nicht von den Pferden der weltberühmten Spanischen Hofreitschule die Rede, sondern von unseren "Pinzgauern", den für den UN — Auslandseinsatz weiß lackierten, österreichischen Gefährdefahrzeugen: Wir kennen natürlich die Leistungskapazität dieser Fahrzeuge bereits von Österreich, aber hier auf der Insel konnten wir uns ganz besonders von den Pinzgauerqualitäten überzeugen und begeistern. Das rauhe Gelände in der Pufferzone fordert Mensch und Maschine bis zur äußersten Leistungsgrenze.

Kein Wunder, daß am 25. März 1977 die Ankunft von 8 weiteren Pinzgauern in LARNACA von unserem KO, Hptm REISENAUER, seiner Mech Crew und besonders von den Pinzgauerfahrern freudig begrüßt wurde. In "Joint Operation" mit dem S 4,

Hptm KNOTZER, und seinen Mannen wurden nach einigen "Papiergefechten" mit den befaßten zypriotischen und UN — Dienststellen am 26. März 2 San-Pinzgauer, 1 Pinzgauer-Wasserwagen, 5 Zweifachser-Pinzgauer, 2 VW-Busse und ein M3-Kipper aus dem Hafen LARNACA ausgefahren. Sofort nach Eintreffen im Camp LEOPOLD mußten von unserer bewährten Mechaniker-Crew die notwendigen Vorbereitungsarbeiten (Abwaschen des Seewasserbelages etc.) durchgeführt werden, um in kürzester Zeit die Pinzgauer in ihr ursächliches Element, ins Gelände, zu bringen.

Als besondere Überraschung wurde von Oldtimern vermerkt, daß der Fahrzeugtransport von demselben Schiff durchgeführt wurde, welches seinerzeit im April 1972 des gesamte Gerät — einschließlich der Fahrzeuge — des 1. Österreichischen Kontingents beförderte, dem Frachtschi ff "SKOPJE".



Undoubtedly this car is a favourite with our drivers, because of its unique performance when driving in difficult terrain.



The people who are specialized to service the new vehicles are from left to right:

L/Cpl GEDER, L/Cpl WEISS, WO I MASKA, WO I PICHLER F., L/Cpls SCHREIBMEIER, KIRSCH, and MOTTINGER.

CHANGEOVER TIME AGAIN



Arrival! Lt Col Geddry CO of 12e RBC discusses the flight with Lt Col Ellis and two of the 3 RCR Company Commanders.

WELCOME 12e RBC



Captains Caines and Sawchuck greet each other on arrival at the airport.



Arrival procedures — with change of currency the first priority.

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RSM Grenon of 12e RBC and RSM Dirks of 3 RCR.

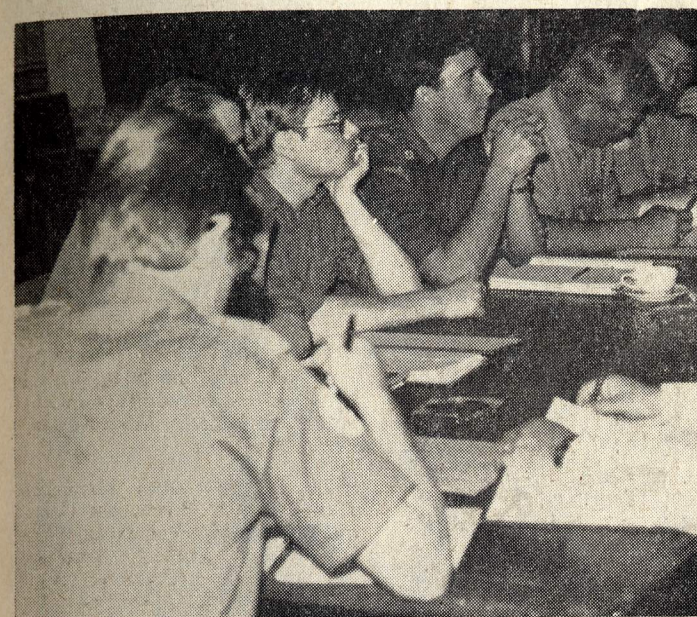
The main news in the Canadian Contingent is the rotation of the major unit in the contingent which begins this week.

Third Battalion The Royal Canadian Regiment will shortly hand over responsibility for Sector Four to 12e Regiment Blinde du Canada. The official hand-over takes place on 7th April, and the last personnel from 3 RCR will leave Cyprus on 8th April. The Commanding Officer of 3 RCR, Lt Col D.B. Ellis CD, and all ranks of the Battalion wish to thank everyone in UNFICYP for the fine spirit of cooperation and friendship which existed in our tour. Many of us have made friendships that will never be broken! all of us have made acquaintances and have picked up a sense of international soldiering which will never be forgotten.

The Officers and men of 12e Regiment Blinde du Canada come to Cyprus from their Base in Valcartier, Quebec. Normally an armoured regiment, 12e RBC will be deployed as an infantry battalion for its tour in Cyprus. The Regiment is also supplemented from X Battery of 5e Regiment d'Artilerie Legere du Canada, a light artillery unit also from Valcartier.

FINCON NEWS

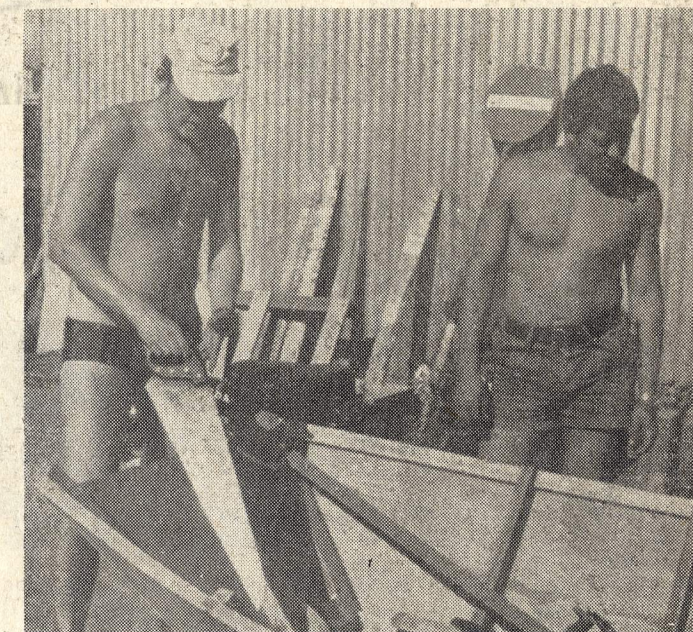
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Komentotoimistoissa työskentelevät upseerit pitivät konferenssia FINCONissa 24. maaliskuuta. Päivän aikana keskusteltiin eräistä henkilöstöhallintoon kuuluvista asioista. Lähiaikoina tullaan kiinnittämään huomiota mm. UNFICYPin jäsenten tervehtimiseen. YK-mitalien jakperusteita täsmennettiin ja korostettiin liikenne-onnettomuuksia koskevan materiaalin toimittamista hyödyntämään mahdollisimman laajoja piirejä.

VAPAA-AIKAA....

Ryhmä veneenrakennuksesta kiinnostuneita FINCONin jäseniä on askarrellut kevään kuluessa pioneerivarastolla. Tuloksena on jo puolivalmis vene ja paljon kokemusta. —Että milloinkin vene vesille? —o, viimeistään silloin, kun jäät lähtevät!



MUTTA MIKÄ TÄMÄ ON?

Pioneerivarastolla taipuu myös rauta. Tuloksena on tällä kertaa a) ikiliikkuja, b) tisluslaite, c) Valmetin kehittelemä salainen ase. Viimemainittu vaihtoehto on lähinnä oikein. Suomalaisten uusin salainen ase on kiuas design—Kuuppo. Hyvät on löylyt. Käykää kokeilemassa!

ENGLISH SUMMARY

Duty (above left) UNFICYP Personnel Officers, Conference was held on 24 March at FINCON Officers' Mess: Various personnel matters were discussed. Some participants were (from left): Maj J v. Fieandt (Chairman), Capt H Kivistö, Capt E Halme, Capt T Timmis, Maj S Bälman, Capt T Helmersson.

Relaxation (right) Throughout history man has built and used

sailing vessels for various purposes— escape like Noah wander like Odysseus, discover new lands like Columbus. What plans are Cpl P Kivistö and Sgt A Koho making?

And what is that? (lower left) It is the newest top-secret, finnish-made weapon. It's peak power is 100 degrees Centigrade. Pte A Kuuppo is designing a bath-house stove.

UNCIVPOL NEWS



As mentioned in the last issue, an indoor sports competition for the Civilian Police Contingents has just been completed. It resulted in a win for the Swedish Police. On 30th March the winners were presented with the Dancivpol Cup by the Police Adviser, Assistant Commissioner J Hamilton OBE QPM. In the picture Inspector T Larrson is seen receiving the Trophy at a social afternoon in the Cop Inn.

MEDICAL TEAMS IN NICOSIA



The Canadian and British medical staff were pictured recently with the Chief Medical Officer Colonel H Forbes outside the Canadian Medical Centre in Blue Beret Camp.

NEW UN STAMPS



The United Nations Postal Administration will issue a new stamp on 22nd April 1977 to commemorate the United Nations Water Conference

which convened in Mar del Plato Argentina on 14 March 1977. These stamps will be on sale in the Finance Office at HQ UNFICYP.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

2 Weeks ending 2 Apr	8
Same period last year	6
Total for the year	62
Total for the same period last year	64

LESSON OF THE MONTH

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