



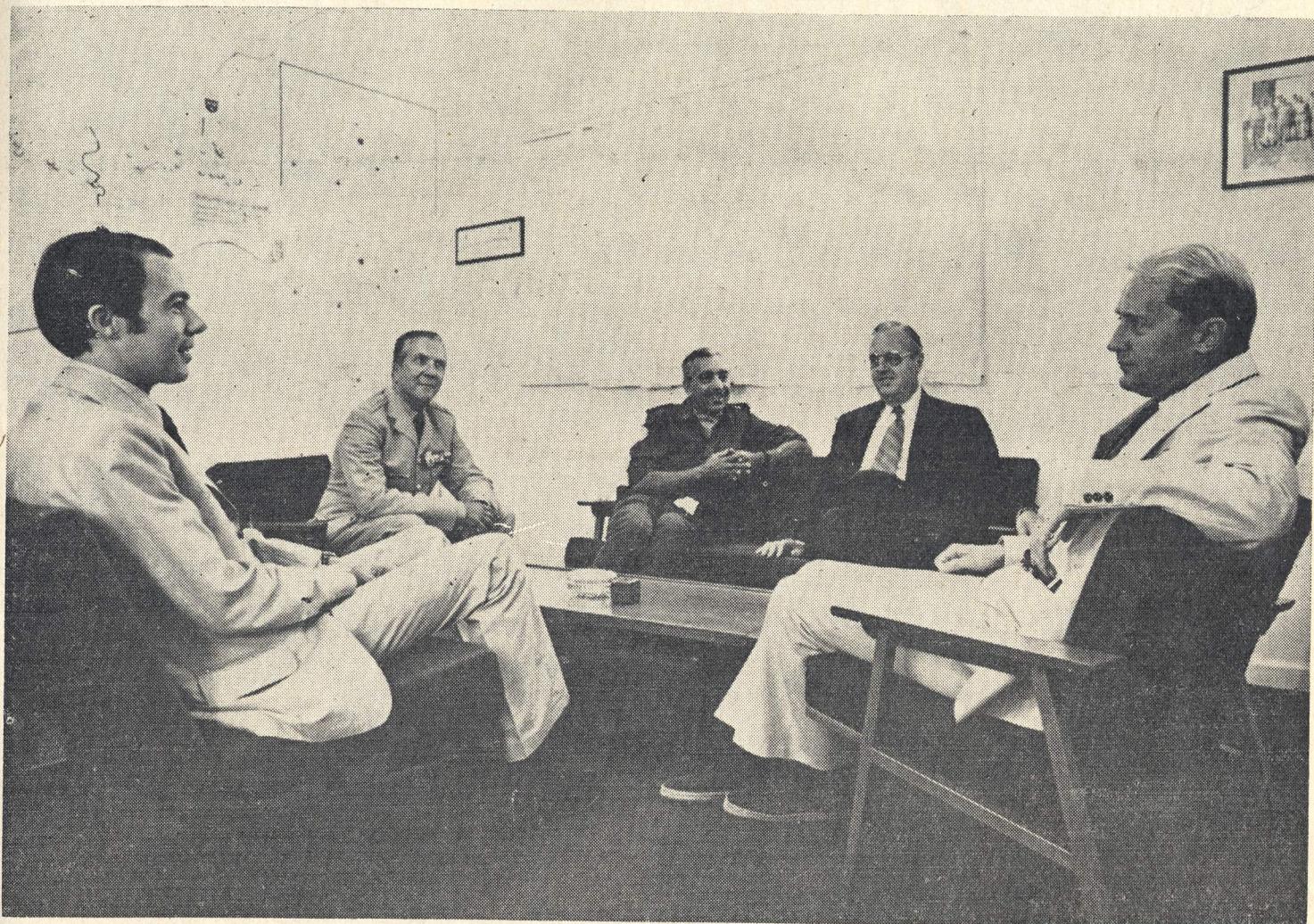
# The Blue Beret

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## SWEDISH AMBASSADOR VISITS HQ



The Swedish Ambassador to the United Nations Ambassador Olof Rydbeck visited HQ UNFICYP to call on the Force Commander.



### MP COMPANY MEDAL PARADE



The Provost Marshal Major D. Stone reports to Lt. Gen. D. Prem Chand PVSM.

The Military Police Company held their medal parade last week. Cpl. Traenker is seen receiving his medal from General Prem Chand.



Sergeant A. J. Day of the Canadian Military Police receives his medal outside the headquarters of the Military Police Company.



Den 27 AUG afholdtes medaljeparade ved DANCON. 16 officerer, 31 befalingsmaend og 161 konstabler blev dekoren. På billede ses Lieutenant General D. Prem Chand PVSM skridte frønen af.

The force Commander Lieutenant General D. Prem Chand PVSM inspecting DANCON at the Medal Parade, before presenting medals to the Danish Contingent.



General D. Prem Chand PVSM overrækker medalje til LT A. Knudsen, B-COY. The Force Commander presents the medal to Lt. A. Knudsen, B-COY.



Den 24 August havde DANCON besøg af den svenske feltartistgruppe, der underholdt det danske kontingent i KS-messens have i Xeros, hvor over 100 fra DANCON var samlet.

On the 24th of August a group of Swedish entertainers gave a performance in Viking Camp. The show was seen and enjoyed by more than 100 soldiers.

## AN AMBASSADORS VISIT

After being the Swedish Ambassador at the United Nations for a few years, Mr Olof Rydbeck had the opportunity to visit the Swedish UN Battalions in the Near East before becoming the Swedish Ambassador in London in October. He began his tour at Carl Gustav Camp, Famagusta, and then visited all the OPs in Sector 6 where he was briefed about their tasks. While he was here Mr Rydbeck told the soldiers that their job in Cyprus was very important, because as long as they are where they are, the politicians have time to negotiate. He also talked to both the Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot negotiators.

Last year Mr Rydbeck was the Secretary General, Mr Waldheim's special charge d'affaires in North Western Africa.

After his visit to Cyprus, Mr Rydbeck went onto the Middle East to visit the Swedish Battalion there.

London.  
Olof Rydbeck besökte samtliga svenska Observationsposter och

fick träffa soldaterna ute på fältet.  
Han hann också med att träffa de grekiska och turkiska förhandlarna, innan han reste vidare till Mellanöstern och svenskarna där.



Captain Jan Ravheden, 21C 1st Company, briefs Mr Olof Rydbeck about the OP Carton Factory.



## THE WHITE ELEPHANTS ARE DEAD

After 34 years of duty it is time for the old Swedish APCs to disappear. The "white elephants" have completed their useful service life and are now being sent home to Sweden, never to be seen again.

These old carriers were respected wherever they were used in the "service of peace", be it in the Congo or in Cyprus. But now their service life has finished, and the Swedish Battalions will probably have unarmoured trucks to replace "the white elephants".

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Så var det dags för de gamla vita elefanterna, KP-bilarna att avsluta sin långa och trogna tjänst i FN. Efter 34 års arbete skall de nu bytas ut, troligen mot lastbilar.

Men de har gjort ett bra jobb, säger dom som kan. Dom har förutom tjänst i Sverige varit med i Kongo och här på Cypern och överallt har de väckt respekt.

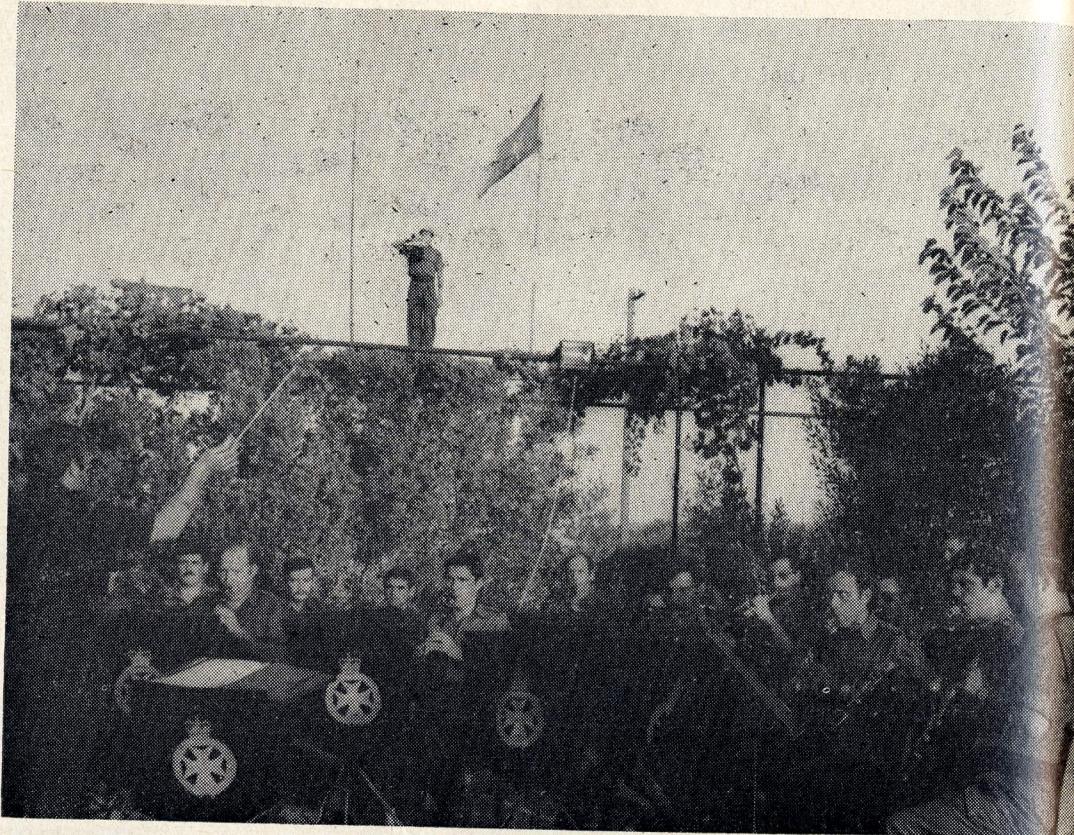
The last trip aboard on the Hercules-carrier, the old APC had to be pushed by a truck.

## RGJ BAND AT MAMMARI

The Regimental band and bugles of the 1st Battalion The Royal Green Jackets are seen here at a concert they gave to C Company at Mammari village in Sector 2. In the band's busy programme are included concerts for all the different parts of the battalion in Sector 2 so that the riflemen can enjoy their band playing, and also the provision of music or the Danish Contingent's Medal Parade.



Bugler on the roof of the OP.  
Bugler P Munnik (The Commanding Officer's Bugler).



Bandmaster. WOI D C Little.

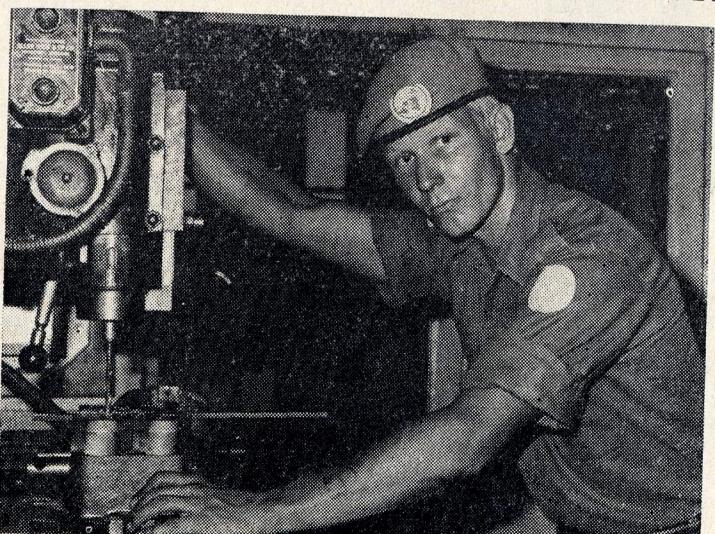


### BUGLES PLAYING A CALL

Bugles playing a call.

left to right L/Cpl L Benton, Bugled J Ball, Cpl A Grenell, Buglers J Smith, S Browning, G Reid and a Shorthose.

## CRAFTSMEN AT WORK



Corporal Beatty of the Force Workshop repairs a battered 4 Ton truck.

Lance Corporal Heaton at work with a lathe.



Corporal Cripps replacing a hose in a 4 Ton engine.

## AUSCON MEDAL PARADE



Freitag den 20. August 1976 fand im Camp Duke Leopold V. in kleinem Rahmen die Medaillenparade statt, an der wie immer FC Lt Gen D. Prem Chand PVSM teilnahm.  
On Friday, 20th Aug 1976 the AUSCON Medal Parade took place in Camp Duke Leopold V., in which the Force Commander Lt Gen Prem Chand PVSM took part as usual.



### AUSCON NEWS

#### Swimming star

Auszubereitende vortreten!  
Der FC überreicht persönlich die Medaille "In the Service of Peace".

Ready for decoration! The FC presents personally the medal "In the Service of Peace".

Bei der diesjährigen UNFICYP Swimming Competition, die am Donnerstag den 26. Aug 76 im RAF-Bad in Nicosia stattfand, konnte AUSCON trotz zahlreichen geschwächten Team einen beachtlichen Erfolg erringen.

Links: Gfr Köstlbauer (1.Kp) mit Goldmedaille un Pokal.

Pte I Köstlbauer (1st Coy), the winner of UNFICYP back stroke — event with goldmedal and trophy.



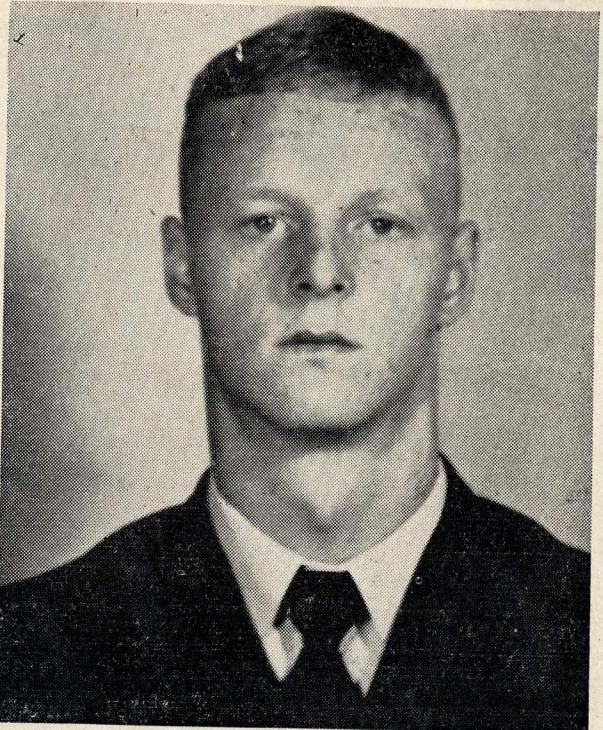
### OP COMMANDERS CONFERENCE



Am Dienstag den 24. August 76 fand wieder eine OP-Kommandanten - Besprechung im Camp Leopold statt.

An OP-Commanders meeting took place on 24 Aug 76 at Camp Leopold.

## TRAGIC DEATH IN CANCON



The Canadian Contingent was saddened by the death of one of our members, Private Donald Krieger. Private Krieger was killed in a vehicle accident on the 17th of August while on duty in the Larnaca area. Donald Krieger was a quiet individual who was well liked by all who knew him. He was a good soldier and a loyal friend and will be sorely missed within the Regiment. He is survived by his wife Shirley Anne and daughter Shelly of Winnipeg.

## JUMP CLUB AT DHEKELIA



A happy group of jumpers load their aircraft in Dhekelia in preparation for yet another jump. The Patricia's maintain an active jump club in Cyprus as well as back home in Winnipeg.



Lieutenant Colonel Gollner congratulates Sgt Ted Laas on his promotion to Sergeant.

## CANCON NEWS

## Mr McKINNON VISITS 2PPCLI



CANCON was visited by Mr. A. B. McKinnon the Canadian Parliamentary Defence Critic. Here he is seen chatting with Pte Laing of Charlie Company.



Perjantaina 20 päivänä elo-kuuta otti Fincon selvää siitä kuka on kuka yleisurheilussa. Kuussa vasemmalla alik Lankinen selvittää hiuksieni osti kär-rynpöytäillä voittokorkeuden. Komppanoista parhaaksi selvisi yhteispitessä kakkonen. Seuraavina olivat EK, 1JK ja E. Kisat pidettiin Central Gymnasiumin kentällä Nicosiassa.

Seuraava huomattava yhteenotto onkin sitten minimaottelu Ruotsi-Suomi joka pidetään Swedconissa.

Swedconin kautta tuli meille kylälemään ruotsalainen viihde-ryhmä. Laulusolisti, orkka ja tai-kuri esintyivät Finneaglesissa 23.8. Oikealla jostain syystä huomion puoleensa veätynyt laulusolisti Lena Ericsson ja alhaalla vase mmalla taikuri Kenneth Olofsson, jonka temput saivat jälleen taikurin itsensäkin hämästymään.

Pataljoonan koulutuskoskoteista valittiin tällä kertaa julkistetavaksi koirakoulutus. Vartikoiriahan on Finconissa kaksi; Terminaalilla Veksi ja Finneaglesissa Uffe. Kuussa Uffe kouluttaja-ja jääk Niskasen käskyä noudatamassa.



## RIMANYLITYKSIÄ JA "MUSTAA MAGIAA"



## ENGLISH SUMMARY

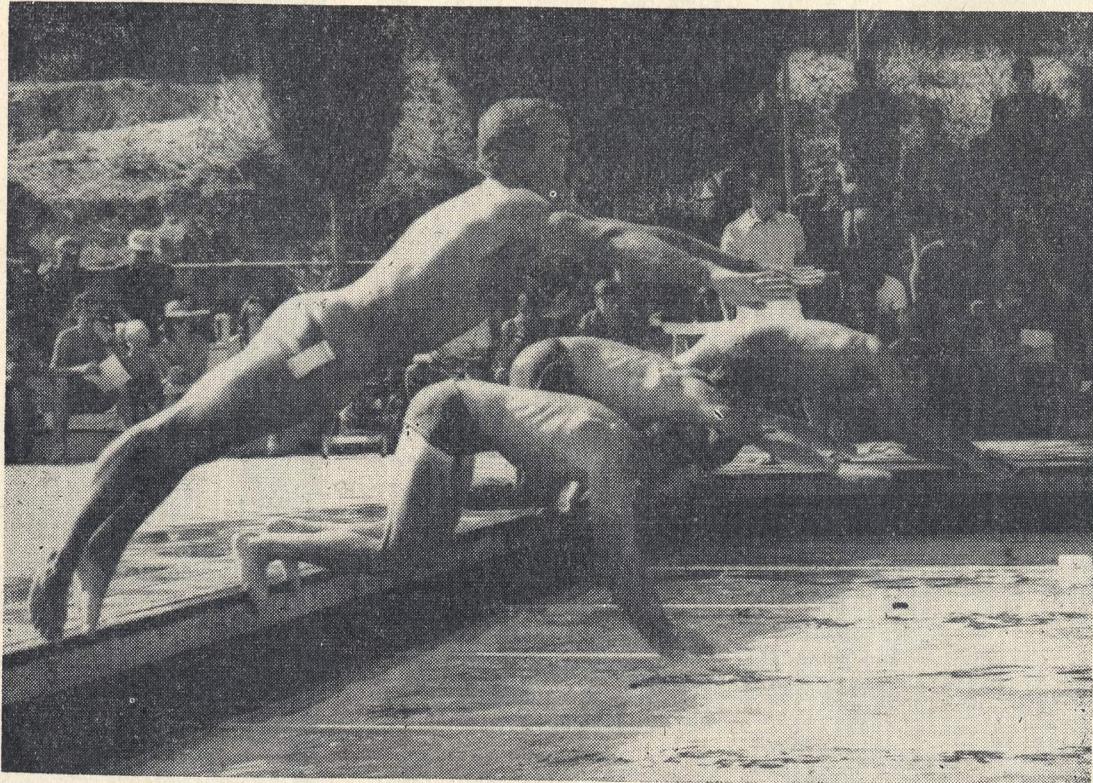
Fincon's athletic contest took place on the Central Gymnasium's sports ground on 20 August. 2 Coy turned out to be the "Athletic Coy". Second was HQ Coy, third I Coy and fourth HQ/Fincon. In the picture on the left above, Cpl Lankinen, the winner of the high jump. The next contest will be the Swedish - Fincon athletic games.

The Swedish entertainment group visited Fincon on 23 August and their performance took place in Finneagles Camp. In the picture above on the right Lena Ericsson the leading singer of the hand and on the left the Magician, Kenneth Olofsson, whose tricks surprised the magician himself.

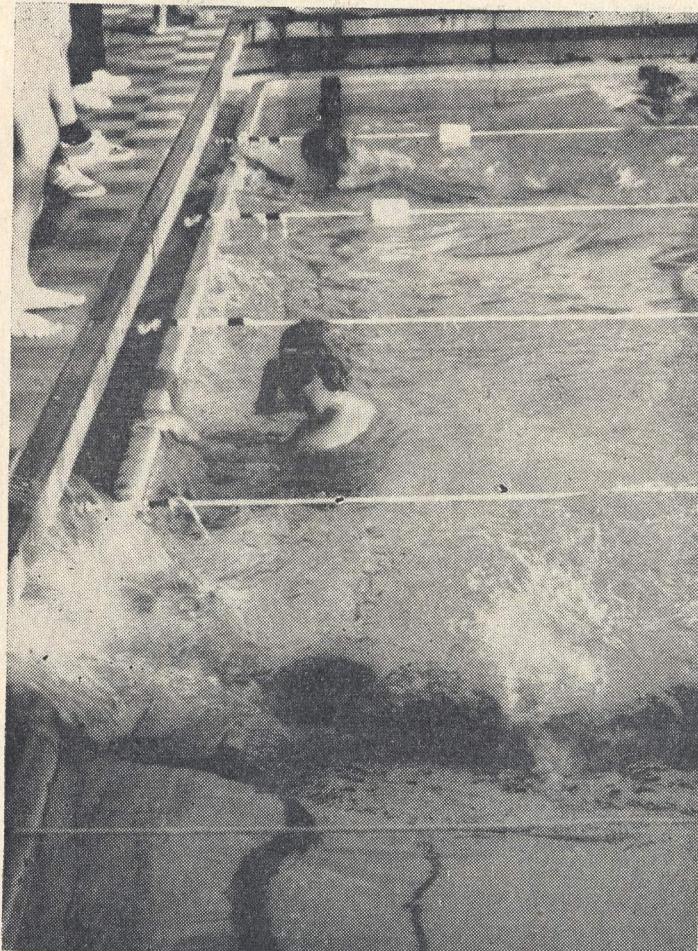
Fincon has two four-legged members, Veksi and Uffe. The two alsatians serve as watch-dogs in Finneagles Camp and the Airport. In the picture on the right, Uffe can be seen going through his daily training programme under the guidance of his handler, Pte Niskanen.



# UNFICYP SWIMMING COMPETITION



The first heat of the breast-stroke begins with Nielsen of the MP Company — the eventual winner of this event — nearest the camera.



The finish of the final of the 50 metres Breast-stroke.

## TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Week ending 5 September	13	LESSON OF THE MONTH
Same period last year	16	
Total for the year	179	WHY DIE IN PERFECT
Total for the same period last year	211	HEALTH.

The UNFICYP Swimming Competition took place in the RAF Swimming Pool at Nicosia on Thursday 86 August. Teams from all contingents competed in seven events, in a programme organised with their usual efficiency by the Australian Civilian Police Contingent.

There were five individual events, four over 50 metres and one over 200 metres — the 200 metres free-style. Team points were awarded to those swimmers who took part in the final of each event.

The result of the team competition was:

1st	SWEDCON
2nd	CANCON
3rd	84 Squadron
4th	AUSCON
	FINCON
6th	RGJ
7th	CANCON 2
9th	FORCE RESERVE
	MP COY
	UNCIVPOL
11th	CAMP UNFICYP

The winners of the individual events were:

— Dawson (CANCON 1)
— Nielsen (MP Company)
— Koestlbauer (AUSCON)
— Sanstroem (SWEDCON)
— Petersen (SWEDCON)

The 4x50 metres Free-style Relay was won by FINCON and the Medley Relay by SWEDCON to the cheers of a large appreciative crowd of spectators.



The Police Adviser Commissioner J Hamilton OBE QPM shaking hands with Collens of CANCON 1 who came third in the 200 metres free-style while the winner Petersen of SWEDCON and the runner-up Dodkin of AUSTCIVPOL look on.



Dawson of CANCON 1 receiving his trophy for winning the 50 metres freestyle race.



The start of the 4X50 metres free-style relay, which was won by FINCON.