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MINISTER VISITS UNFICYP

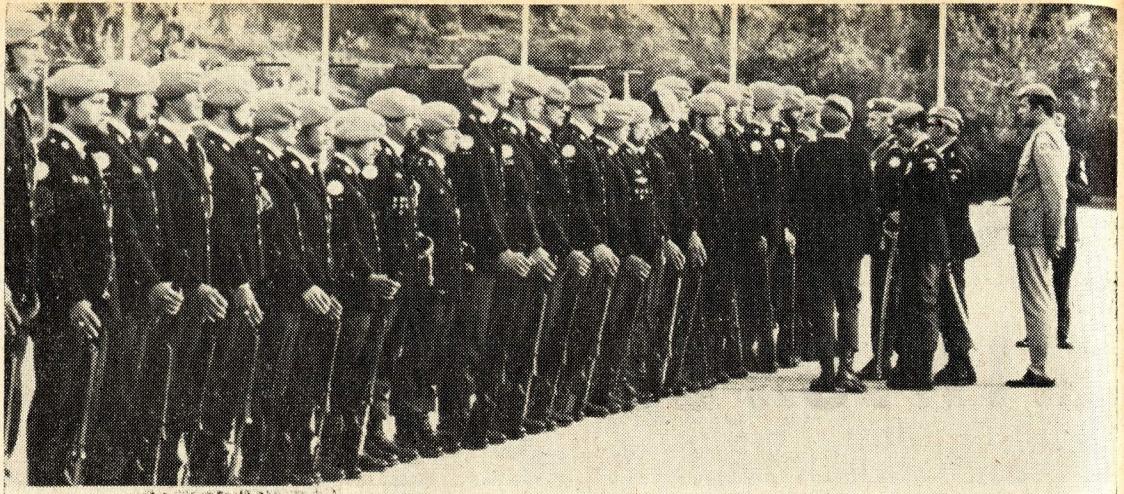


The Finnish Minister of Defence His Excellency Mr Seppo Westerlund visited Headquarters UNFICYP last week and called on both Ambassador Perez de Cuellar and Major General J. J. Quinn. With the Minister were Major General A. Pajunen (extreme left) and Ambassador Kahiluoto.

General Quinn Visits Force Reserve

General Quinn paid his first visit to B Squadron 15th/19th The Kings Royal Hussars, the Force Reserve, recently. During his visit he was briefed on the squadron's current tasks and saw for himself what conditions are like on patrol. He is seen with his ADC Captain L. Bonthron, (right) being briefed by Sgt Harrison and left in his ferret ready to move off.





Fra DANCON's medaljeparade 25 februar. Force Commander dekorerer de udvalgte medaljetagere.

The Force Commander, Major General J. Quinn is seen presenting UN Medals to the soldiers of the Danish Contingent.



Force Commander madtager honnøren under paradens forbideriling.

The Force Commander during the March Past.

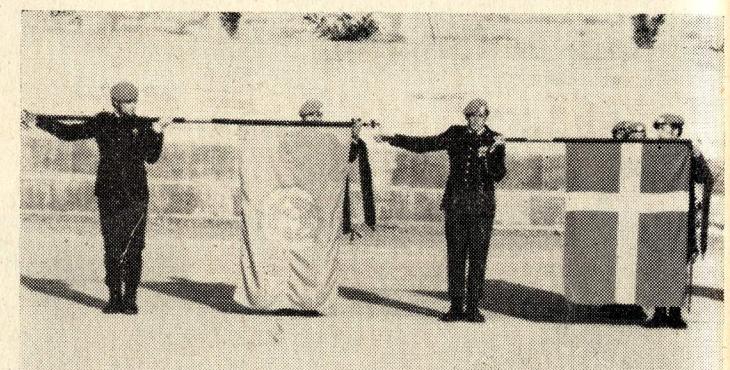
Der har været afholdt prøver i selv forsvar i velfærdecentret i Viking Camp.

As can be seen in the picture a course in self defence is taking place at Viking Camp.



L. Cpl. Peter Poulsen fra BRITCON holder tale på fejlfrit dansk. under kontingentfesten.

One of the guest, L/Cpl. P. Poulsen can be seen giving his speech in Danish.



Farene afdækkes.
 The national flag of Denmark and the UN flag being unfurled.



Stemningsbillede fra DANCON's fest, hvor også soldater fra de andre kontingenter var inviteret.

The Danish Contingent held a party to which soldiers from all the Contingents were invited.

THE "ENEMY" FAILED TO INVADE CAPE PYLA

Five times "enemy forces" tried to invade Pyla and five times they failed. That was the result when two platoons from the Swedish battalion practiced field firing at Cape Pyla. There was no helicopter available that day so the airborne troops were dropped in the battle area by a Land-dover!! The "White Elephants" — the English nickname for the old Swedish armoured cars — also took part in the battle. In the afternoon, at the end of the exercise, approximately 4,000 rounds of ammunition and 20 grenades had been fired.



A BLANKET BANQUET

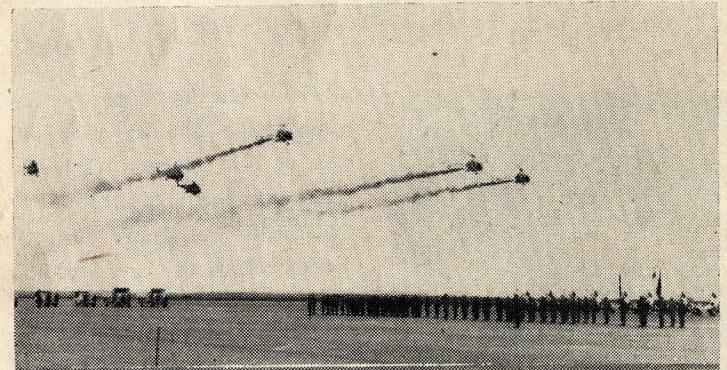


"Clean Monday" that is the name of the first day of the 40 days of Lent in the Orthodox Church. In Sector Six this day is traditionally celebrated in the neighbourhood of Cape Greco. A large number of families and youths from the surrounding villages gathered in the area and the narrow roads were packed with cars and strolling people. As in the past the Swedish soldiers from Famagusta joined the picnic. Almost everywhere people could be seen sitting on their blankets enjoying such food as cuttle fish and all kinds of vegetables which are typical for Lent and the "Clean Monday", and drinking the local red wine and brandy. Many of the Swedish soldiers said that the day was like a rehearsal for their "Midsummer Night", and that they had thoroughly enjoyed taking part in this Cypriot festival.

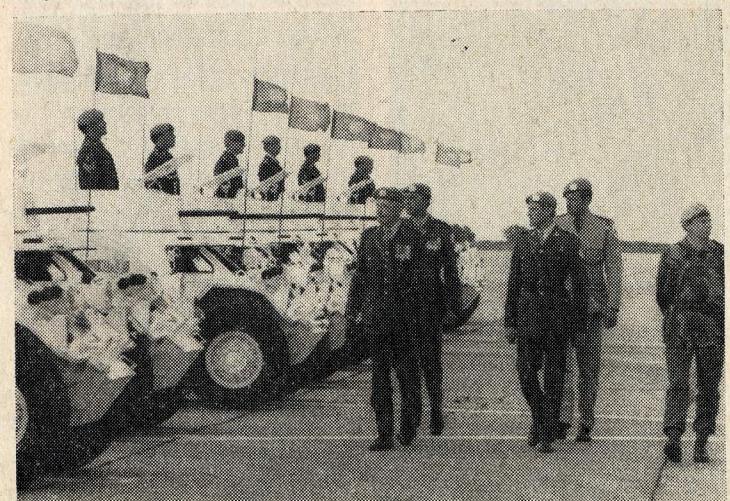
MEDAL PARADE AT AIRPORT



The colours of 1st Battalion The Parachute Regiment and the armoured cars of the Force Reserve seen coming onto the parade ground.



The helicopters of the Army Air Corps and 84 Squadron RAF flying past the parade.



The parade also marked the closure of the RAF Station Nicosia, as responsibility for the area has now been taken over by the Army Headquarters in Episkopi. The RAF presence in UNFICYP was clearly seen when Corporal R. J. Coventry of 84 Squadron Detachment received his medal (above) from General Quinn.

BRITCON NEWS



The Force Commander inspecting B Squadron's ferrets.

2nd PLACE FOR AUSCON



The Force Commander is seen presenting the medal for second place in the UNFICYP Skiing Competition to Cpl HASENAUER.

AUSCON NEWS

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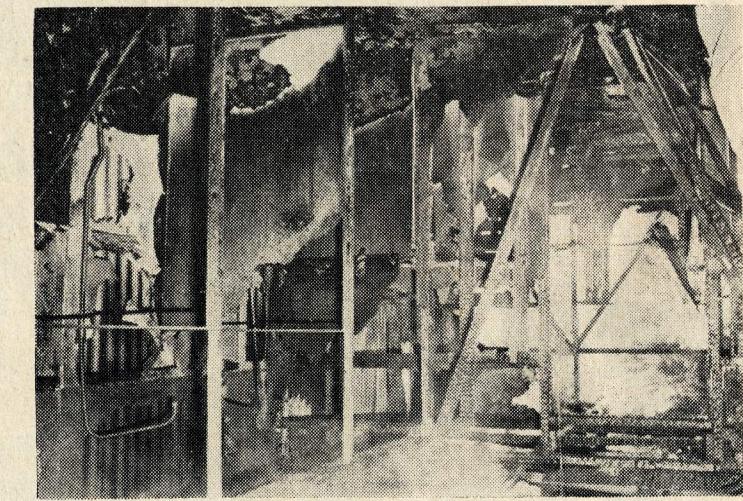


Unser Tel Mechaniker Vzlt KLEEWEIN. Seit er hier ist, trauen sich nicht einmal mehr die Batterien zu streiken.

Has a cockroach got in again?



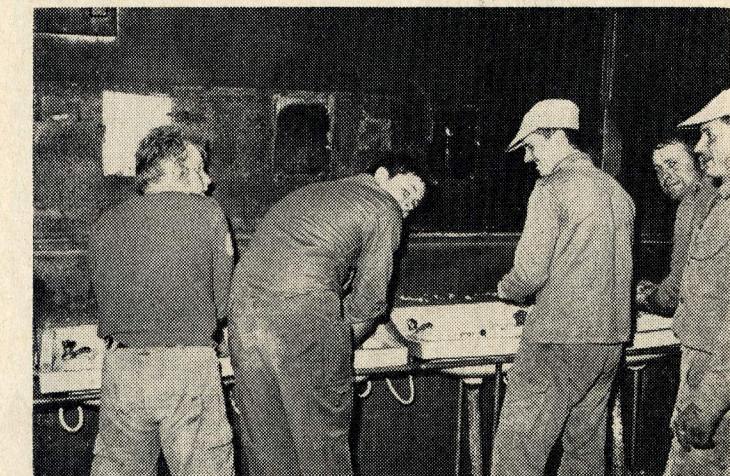
FIRE!



AND AGAIN "WASSER MARSCH" AT AUSCON CAMP

Unserer "Feuerlöschübung" am 10. Februar war ein voller Erfolg beschieden. Aber schon 2 Stunden später hatten es unsere Pioniere geschafft - das Wasser lief wieder.

The routine fire drills at Auscon were put to the test successfully when a fire broke out in the sauna on 10th February. Due to the skillful work of the Pioneers everything was repaired and in working order only 2 hours later.



The Pioneers prove their repair works as they wash their own hands after the fire.



Mr William Barton inspects a Guard of Honour at Wolseley Barracks.



Mr Michael Bell seen outside the operations room with the Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel D. B. Ells CD and the Deputy Commanding Officer Major McCabe CD.

Besides keeping busy on spring cleaning and briefing of visitors, we are still finding time to participate in sports. A Canadian winter sport which our Logistics Coy people successfully brought to Cyprus was curling. Although normally the game is played on ice, Log Coy had a very enjoyable Curling Bonspiel by the use of a bit of imaginative thinking.

(See picture below right)



Patrolling goes on all the time. Pictured above are Master Corporal Publicover and his driver while on patrol on the Pegasus Track.

Curling? Lieutenant Mombourquette leaves a rock in play in the Blue Beret Camp.

CANCON E W S

Recently Cancon has been honoured by two visits by members of our Diplomatic Corps. On 21st February Mr Michael Bell visited the Contingent from his post in Tel Aviv. On 24th February Mr William Barton, Canada's Ambassador to the United Nations visited both the Canadian Contingent and other contingents on the Island. Some of our members also were introduced to another sport, rugger, during a recent UNFICYP tournament. They report that they suffered only one broken nose.



KENRAALIT KÄVIVÄT KYPROKSELLA

Tärkeiden vierailujen sarjan viimeinen tapahtui Finconissa 28.02.—04.03. Tällöin tutustuivat YKSP:n toimintaan puolustusvoimien yleisiskunnan pääliikö kenrl E. Kanninen ja komentopäällikkö kenrm J. Valtanen. Vieraat saapuivat huolto-koneella Akrotiriin josta matka jatkui helikopterilla Nicosiaan. Ohjelmassa oli mm. YKSP:n katselus ja ohimarssi sekä tarkastukset eri komppanioissa. Finconin ohella kenraalit tutustuivat HQ UNFICYP:in ja muuihin contingenteihin sekä osallistuivat mitaliparaatiin, jossa 80 finconilaisia sai YK-mitalinsa. Erääksi vierailun kohokohdista muodostui upseerimessissä pidetty pataljoonallinen jossa kaikki pataljoonan arvoasteet ja toimialat olivat edustettuna. Tällä kenrl Kanninen luovutti YKSP:lle puolustusvoimien kultaisen ansiomitalin, tunnustuksena pataljoonan Kyproksella tekemästä työstä. Perjantaina 04.03. vieraat jatkoivat matkaansa Siinaille tutustuakseen siellä toimiviin suomalaisiin. Yllä olevassa kuvassa vieraat

tutustuvat OP Aron toimintaan ja haastattelevat vartioryhmää. Kuvassa vas. kenrm Valtanen, ev Lopmeri, maj J. Lehtinen, a kenrl Kanninen juttusilla vartiomiesten kanssa.

The last of the important visits to Fincon was that of the Chief of General Staff and the Chief Personnel Officer of the Finnish Defence Forces from the 28th February to 4th March. During the visit The Finnish Defence Forces Chief of General Staff and Chief Personnel Officer, Lieutenant General E. Kanninen and Major General J. Valtanen, inspected the Finnish Battalion, visited HQ UNFICYP and the other contingents. The visit also served as an occasion to present The Golden Medal of the Finnish Defence Forces to the battalion. In the picture (above) the generals are seen talking to the sentries on OP F42. From the left: Major General J. Valtanen, Colonel L. Lopmeri, Major J. Lehtinen and Lieutenant General E. Kanninen.



FINCON NEWS

HYVIN LUISTI SUksi

Vaikka lunta olikin vähäisesti. Pataljoonan hiihtokilpailuissa Troodoksella 19.02. viti ylil E Heiska vakuuttavan voiton yleisessä sarjassa. Seuraavat olivat alik Narva 1JK:sta ja jääk Kantola 2JK:sta. Yli 35 —vuotiaista oli paras sotimest Herranen ja harrastelijoista nopein alik Huovinen. Alakuvassa ylil Heisan tyylinäyte.

The most traditional sport in Finland is of course, skiing, and particularly cross-country skiing. A competition was held on the 19th February at Troodos. In the picture (below) the winner Sr Lt E. Heiska can be seen beginning the course.

AUSCIVPOL MOVE



On the 22nd February the remainder of AUSCIVPOL moved into their new premises at Wolseley Barracks and Ledra Palace. They were welcomed at a short ceremony to mark this move by Lt Col D. B. Ells CD, CO 3 RCR who in a speech emphasised the excellent cooperation that exists between the police element and Concan.

AUSCIVPOL have already settled down and are extremely grateful for the hospitality offered by Concan.

UNFICYP SKI COMPETITION



On 23rd February the Austrian contingent organised and ran a most successful ski competition on the north face of Mount Olympus. The course, which was laid out by WO1 A Bayer, was a real test that required both skill and courage to complete.

The Swedish contingents team (picture right) won the team prize with Pte Hogberg first. The Austrian contingents team were second and the British third.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

2 Weeks ending 5 Mar	6
Same period last year	7
Total for the year	45
Total for the same period last year	43

LESSON OF THE MONTH

Drive Dangerously and Die

Drive Safely and Survive.

MP COMPANY MEDAL PARADE



The Military Police Company held its own Medal Parade recently at its camp in Nicosia. After the parade Lieutenant McMahon presented the Force Commander with his own UNFICYP MP Company Badge.

FORCE COMMANDER BADGED



General Quinn receiving his badge.

