



The Blue Beret

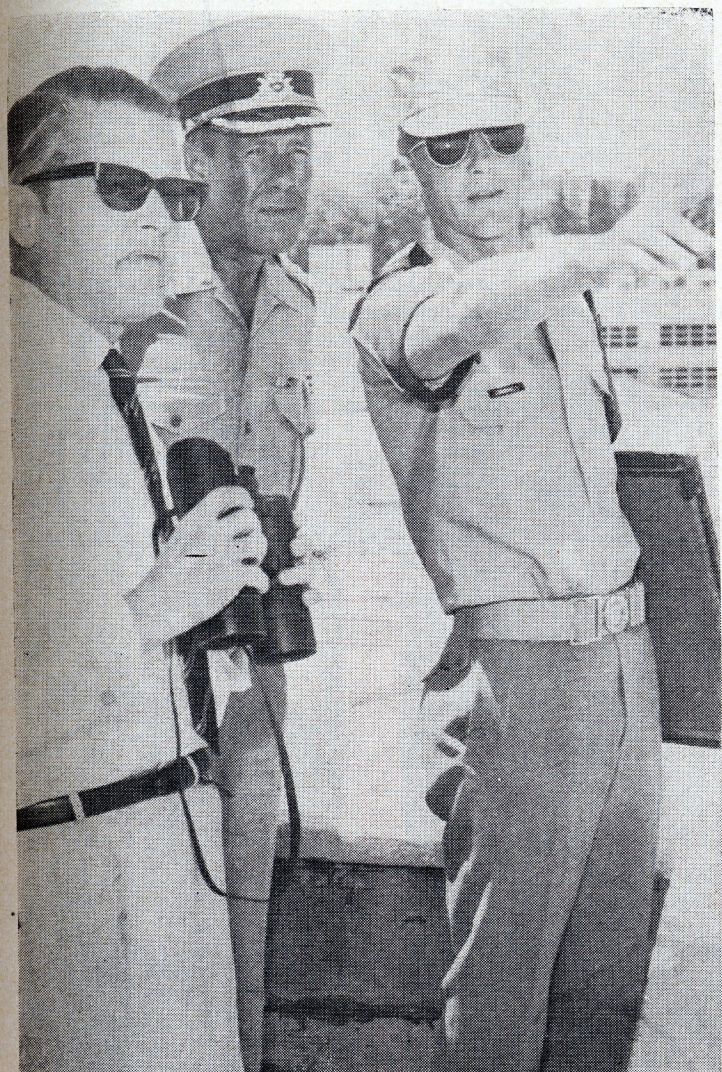
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COS SWEDISH ARMY VISITS HQ UNFICYP

Last week, the Chief of Staff Swedish Army, General Karl-Erik Holm, inspected the Swedish Contingent serving with the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus. He was accompanied by

● General Holm was also taken on a tour of the Green Line in Nicosia. He is here pictured with the Swedish Ambassador to Cyprus, Mr. Aake Jonson, on one of the OP's in the old part of Nicosia.



Brigadier Niels Stenquist, the head of the Army's UN Department in Stockholm.

General Holm also called on the Force Commander, Major General Prem Chand, the Secretary-General's Special Representative in Cyprus, Mr. B. F. Osorio-Tafall, and the Chief of Staff, Brigadier General Leslie.

General Holm left Cyprus last Saturday accompanied by the Commanding Officer Swedcon, Lieutenant Colonel C. C. Norderup, who returns to Sweden to take up a new appointment as the head of the UN Department.

● Major E. Bonde, Economics Officer at HQ UNFICYP, greets General Holm on his arrival to the Headquarters.



HERE'S TO YOUR HEALTH!

In the United Kingdom in 1969, 711 deaths followed drowning, about one quarter of these occurred in the sea and 45 in swimming baths; 51 cases could be directly attributable to alcohol. In about one fifth of the cases, death was due to spasm of the vocal chords when asphyxia supervened without water enclosing the lungs. While the seas around Cyprus are considerably warmer than they are around the British Isles the same factors operate.

The direct causes of drowning include injury, spasm of the vocal chords, vomiting, cramp and exhaustion. Spasm of the vocal chords may follow inhaling sea water or vomit or, reflexly, by sudden immersion in cold water. Vomiting may be induced by



● To illustrate our article on the hazards of drinking and swimming we posed this picture. The secret is to use the empty bottle as a "flotation bag" after drinking the contents. Seriously though think before drinking and swimming.

DO NOT DRINK AND BATHE

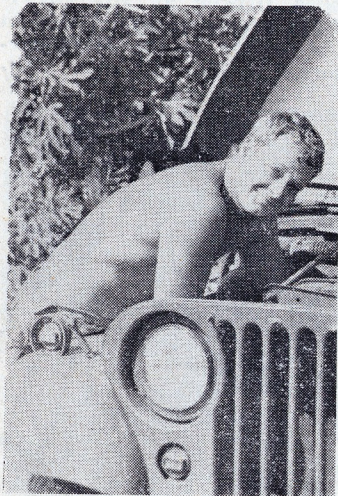
swallowing sea water, swimming immediately following a heavy meal or drinking alcohol. Cramp is due primarily to poor circulation to the affected muscle. This may be caused by cold, prolonged exertion, salt imbalance, the diversion of blood to other organs which occurs following a heavy meal or excessive alcoholic intake. Finally, exhaustion is due primarily to excessive exertion but is hastened by cold, alcohol or bathing following a heavy meal.

Swimming while drunk is particularly dangerous, since in addition to predisposing to cramp, vomiting, exhaustion, it induces a false sense of well-being and security which encourages a person to take risks which he would not undertake when sober.

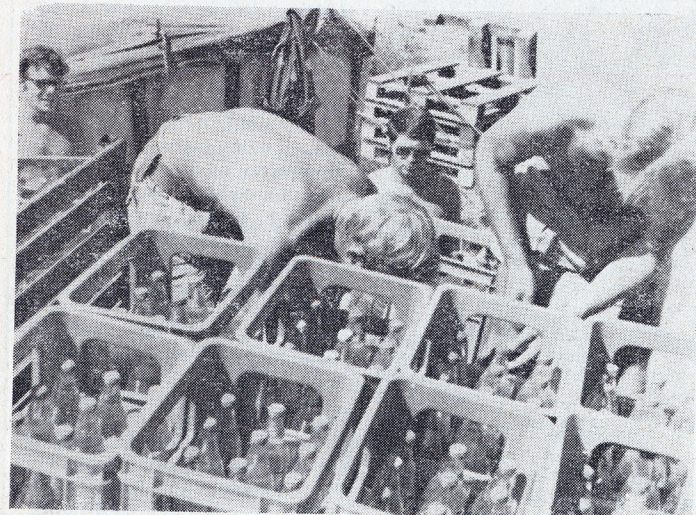


● SG Mc Donald og de to holmere, Ruben og Flemming, ved mikrofonen i radiohuset i Nicosia. De var heldige. Allerede tredje udkast lykkedes, efter at først et manuskript var kasseret og derefter et andet var smidt væk af velvillige sjæle, som sikkert har villet rydde op, så alt kunne se pænt ud til de mange mere eller mindre private og officielle besøg. Mens arbejdet

skred planmæssigt frem i studiet trillede SG Rasmussens kone tomfingre i teknikerrummet, nervøs som en mand, hvis kone er ved at føde (hun er jordemoder).



● Hvis bilerne ikke kan køre, ville mange andre vigtige hjul gå forsmædeligt i stå. De, der sidder ved skrivebordene, skriver tykke rapporter om mangt og meget, mens folk som f.eks. L.O. Jensen, Kokkinas mekaniker (m.m.), holder det meste af det i gang ved at sørge for, at bilerne kan køre.



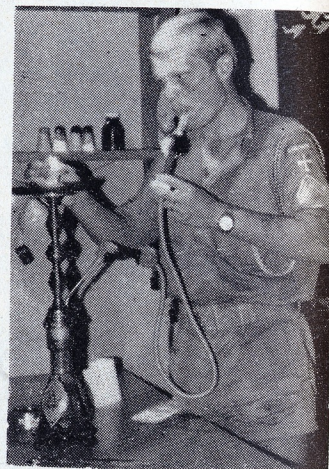
● Uden mad og drikke, duer helten ikke. Hver fredag kører kantinevognen med forsyninger til Limnitis. Svend Erik, Kralas-Ole, Gotfred og Smirnof læsser en bil med forsyninger fra Viking Camp til kæmperne mod vest, som undertiden tilbringer halve dage ad gangen i deres lukkede prærieskonnerter.



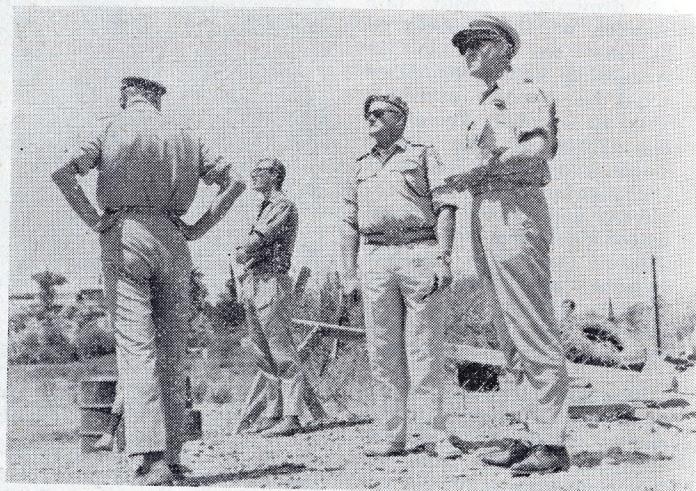
● Doc og OL Skjern ser ud til at have en interesseret tilhører

til deres dybsindige samtale i MAJ Cortes, mens de alle tre slentrer i solskin på lejrpladsen i Viking Camp i Xeros.

DANCON NYT



● SG Overgård har med stor energi bidt sig sammen om et instrument, som han har købt hos Charlie for at være en tyrkisk vandpibe. Rygterne vil vide, at det virkelig kan lade sig gøre at få næsten lige så stort et kvantum røg ud af det, som man stopper tobak i.



● OL Norderup, SG Sørensen, OL Nørgård og Niels Steenquist skuer ind i varmekammeret over Troodos (eller er det modsat?), hvor helikopteren med den svenske stabschef, general Karl-Erik Holm, nærmer sig for at lægge an til landing ved Viking Camp.

GENERAL HOLM PÅ BESØK

I tisdags förra veckan anlände till Cypern generallöjtnant Karl-Erik Holm, den svenske arméstabschefen. I hans sällskap anlände överste Nils Stenquist, chef för arméstabs FN-detalj. Det var överste Stenquist sista besök hos bataljonen som detaljchef. Han kommer i höst att efterträdas av vår bataljonschef, övrl Carl-Gösta Norderup som lämnar ön före 46:ans huvudstyrka.

General Holms program var mycket omfattande och visade ett tvärsnitt av bataljonens verksamhetsområde med täta orienteringar om den aktuella situationen på ön. Bl. a. besökte han alla OP:n utom Trypimeni. I sitt avskedsanförande uttryckte generalen sin tillfredsställelse med bataljonen. Han poängterade att hans goda intryck grundade sig på vad han sett samt de samtal han haft med FN-personal, allt från FC till den enskilde soldaten.

Bilderna: T.v. besöker generalen Detachment Goldfish och möter krp Greger Eriksson, bataljonens eminente fotbollsdomare. Båda var ju regementskamrater i Boden 1965. Nedan inspekterar generalen trupp på CGC före uppvisningen i FN-exercis som gjordes av en vältrimmad 3:e pluton.



ROTATIONEN

Vi har haft ett fjorton dagar långt besök på CGC. Det var den blivande stabschefen på bataljon 47 C, major Kal-Axel Kjellgren längst t.v. från P S i Skövde. Samt T.H. Den blivande intendenten i nästa styrka mj Bengt Sjöholm F 21 Under de två veckorna har båda satt sig in i sina blivande arbetsuppgifter och det nuvarande läget.

Bataljonen kommer att bli avlöst enligt följande: 1:a flighten kommer hem till Sverige och Kungsängens flygfält i Norrköping den 25/10 kl. 06.30 omkring. 2:a flighten anländer hem 27/10 06.30 och sista flight beräknas vara hemma 28/10 06.30. Avrustning och provtagning beräknas vara klart under hemkomst dagen. Utryckning sker samma dag.

Den 25/8 avgörs Falling Plate på Dhekalia. Åtta skyttar ställer upp i Swedcons lag.



NYA HJÄLMAR

Fotbollen rullar vidare. UN-FICYP-mästerskapen står för dörren. Först möter vi Force Reserve den 18/8 på "hemmaplan" i Old City. Därefter åker vi för att möta danska civilpolis och sedan Ircan som troligen blir svåraste motståndarna. Tävlingen är uppdelad på två grupper. I den andra gruppen spelar Fincon, HQ, Cancon, Britcon.

I förrådet finns nu nya plast-hjälm varför ni snarast skall byta ut så ni har en UN-märkt hjälm med FN-märket fram. Före bytet skall ni ta ut det läderförsedda bandet plus hakremmen. Båda dessa sättes in i den nya hjälmen. Hjälmar byts efterhand under förrådets öppethållandestider.

● Orienteringstävling kommer att hållas den 15:e september i trakten av Troodos. Swedcon får starta med fem man. Vi behöver anmälningar från om möjligt aktiva orienterare och bra amatörer.



SIMNING

Force Reserve arrangerade årets UNFICYP-mästerskap i simning den gånga veckan. Tävlingsarna hölls vid RAF:s pool. Deltagare från Swedcon var (se bilden t.v.) vårt "stora" ess, Tommy Sjöberg som var märkbart skärrad men ändå presterade utmärkt resultat där han överlägset vann ryggsim och tog en tredjeplats i fjärlil. Lars-Göran Althin använde väderkvarnsstil i stafetten men det räckte tyvärr bara till en andraplats.

Jan-Olov Ginstfeldt och Ray Slotte visade också "framfötterna". Det glada gänget som simmade skämtstafetten gick också till final. Det var Ulf Jönsson, återhämtad efter första dagens kallsup, Thomas Ingelsberg, krp Leif Andersson, Lennart Unnersjö.

Bilden, fr.v. i vattnet Ingelsberg, Slotte, Ginstfeldt, Althin, Unnersjö. Sittande bakom Jönsson och "Shoeberg"

VARIETY IS THE SPICE OF LIFE

After five weeks of planning and rehearsal, fitted in between their UNFICYP tasks, the Force Reserve, 'A' Squadron, The Royal Hussars, put on, mainly for their own benefit, a Variety Show of 10 acts. The producers were Corporal Hart and Corporal Gibbs, both Car Commanders.

The Honey Waggon 4, most of whose instruments seem to have been made from used parts of army equipment, provided the main musical entertainment which ranged from Dorsetshire country songs to Country and Western. Lance Corporal Mathews, the guitarist, has performed on radio and in clubs in Germa-

ny. Sergeant Walpole and Trooper Viles sang a modern love ballad written and composed by Trooper Viles.

The remaining acts were comedy.

The Royal Air Force kindly lent their theatre, which is located next to the Force Reserve Camp.



● (L. to R.) Lance Corporal Mathews (Guitar), Trooper Chandler (Bazoo), Trooper Franklin, (Balloon & phone), Sergeant Watkins (Bass).

THE GORDONS FOOTBALL TEAM



● Back Row (L. - R.) Lance Corporal Cunningham, Corporal Adams, Private Ralph, Lance Corporal Leslie, Corporal Stewart, Private Wiseman, Company Sergeant Major Schoneville.

Front Row (L. - R.) Lance Corporal Henderson, Sergeant Colville, Corporal Moir, Lance Corporal O'Hara, Corporal Featherstone.

IN THE NET



● Unfortunately Lance Corporal Leslie let this one through, but it was only a warm up before the game where the Gordons played RAF Episkopi at Happy Valley. The Gordons came away 3-2 winners and have now played 9 matches without defeat. The Gordons will of course be entering for the Inter Contingent Competition — so look out!

BRITCON NEWS

● Candy, that's the name of the Pup, is not too sure about the guy with the camera, although she knows she's in good hands with Piper Dailly, seen holding her. Candy is only 9 weeks old. Dailly would like to take her home of course. Unfortunately he won't be able to, but he has already got a good home for her in Limassol when he leaves the island in November.

● Lawrence of Arabia or Trooper Chandler incognito??



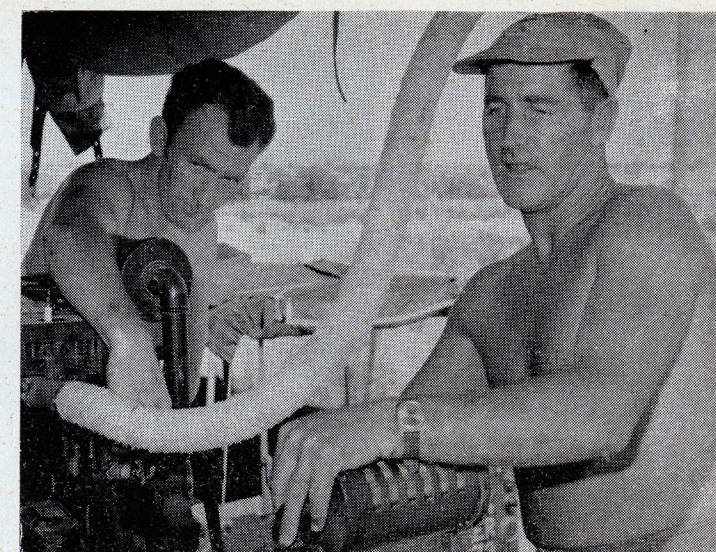
OH — COULD THE TRANSPORT LAST!

The oldest snide remark about the Supply and Transport Corps of the Irish Defence Forces is "they can supply anything except transport". Working at home on limited budgets with never enough spares to keep vehicles on the road, and a chronic shortage of drivers, they hear far more complaints about the few occasions when circumstances compel them to disappoint a client, than gratitude or appreciation for the thousands of times that requisitions are met by sheer determination, resourcefulness and dedication to the job.

If there are any cracks about 20th Infantry Group's Transport Platoon, they are sure to be given and received in a spirit of good-natured banter. It is doubtful if any other sub-unit in Ircon has amassed such a fund of gratitude as our drivers. The hours are long, the fatigue

four men are out of the running at this stage. Total mileage up to July 31st exceeded the 300,000 mark, so the accident rate is 1: 60,000 miles.

In the circumstances the number of accident-free certificates awarded to successive Irish Contingents is eloquent



● Private Paddy Harty and Corporal Jim Martin work on a compressor.

testimony to the high standards of the S. & T. Corps. When all is said and done,

all the careful driving in the world will not keep down accident figures if there is not strict control and maintenance of all vehicles. Sergeant Tony Gannon has the onerous duty of coordinating all aspects of transport, with Corporal George Fogarty the man who looks after requisitions and details. Sergeant Jerry Ryan heads a team of fitters and mechanics who

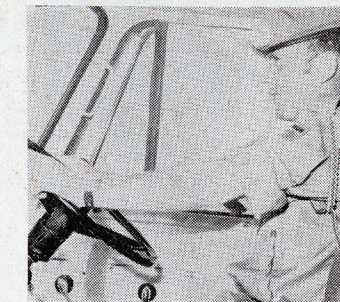
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enormous and the responsibilities are almost overwhelming.

The 20 Inf. Group Transport Platoon commanded by Captain T.A. Egar, has a total of 23 all ranks. The total number of men eligible for accident-free certificates exceeds the hundred mark, since the Companies, Cavalry, Artillery and Signals all have their own complement of personnel to whom driving permits have been issued. Only



● Correct tyre pressure is a "must". Private Paddy Sweeney checks his vehicle.

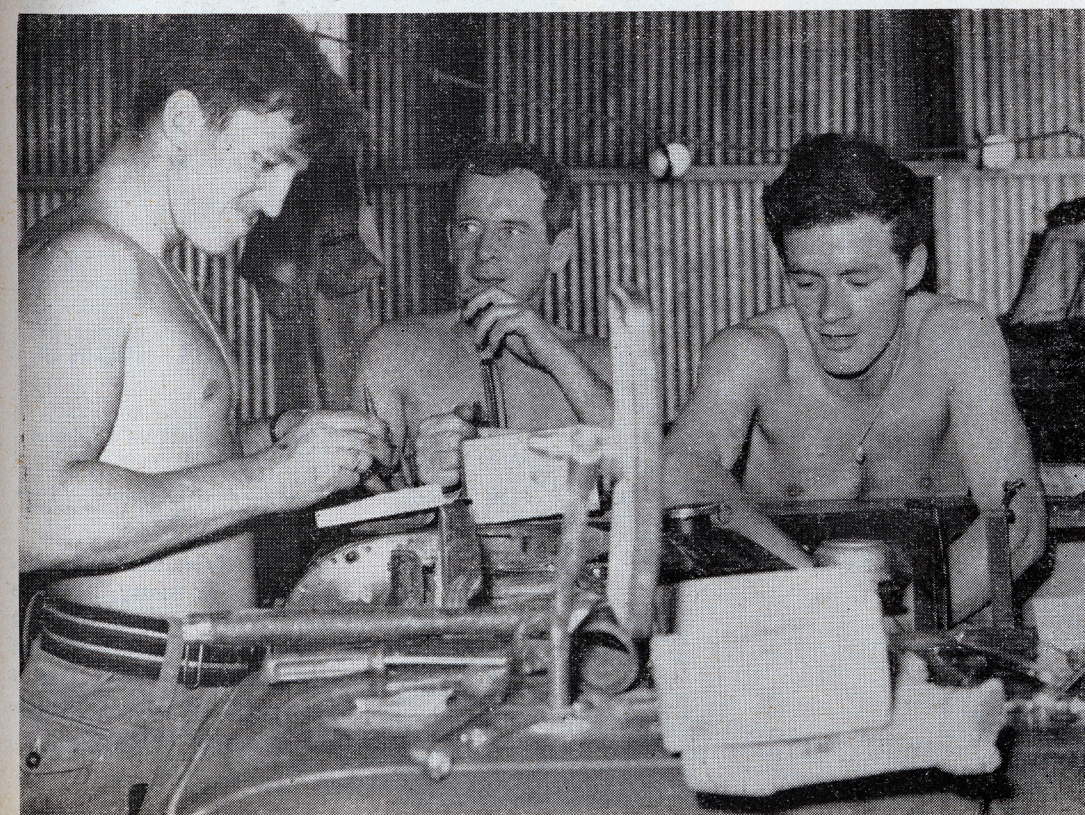


● Private Paddy Harty at the wheel of a minibus.

keep vehicles in serviceable condition. We wanted to get in a photograph of all these people but could not get them together at the same time. Transport men don't know the meaning of the phrase "regular hours".

The title of this article is the last line of a well-known Catholic hymn, often facetiously chanted by non-drivers in other Corps and Services. The obvious retort is that if it does last, the people who make it do so are the men of the S. & T.

● Corporal John Walker, REME, and Sergeant Jerry Ryan (centre) have an attentive "helper" in Private Joe O'Brien.



BASE ORDERLY ROOM

Just about the first and last place visited by members of the Canadian Contingent here at Cyprus is the Base Orderly Room at Blue Beret Camp. With a staff of six headed by Captain Chris Smith, the Adjutant, the Orderly Room looks after all the personal documents of the Canadians except for pay, dental, and medical. As well it acts as a second post office and is usually the first place gone to in the morning to check for mail.



● Corporal S. R. Walton (left), of Base Movements, who recently arrived from Canadian Forces Base Montreal, begins filling out the myriad of forms which seem necessary when coming to a new unit. Watching for any mistakes are Private K. E. Simmons (centre) and Corporal A. R. McElligott.

● Chief dispatcher of the Base Transport Office at Blue Beret Camp is Corporal Reg Laurenson, a native of Thunder Bay, Ontario. The dispatcher has to know at all times where the many vehicles of the contingent are located.



● Corporal H.H. Euteneier (right), of Support Company Headquarters, picks up the morning mail from Corporal J.K. Leclair, of Central Registry.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

● The Battalion Adjutant, Captain Chris Smith, and the Chief Clerk, Warrant Officer R. J. Carrick, go over a point before it is typed on a stencil by the Orderly Room Typist, Mrs. Margaret Clarkson.



FINCONIN MITALIPARAATI



Pataljoonan komentaja jakoi kapt Niinisen avustamana mitalit yksiköiden edustajille. Kuvassa yllä Lampinen saa mitalin rintansa. Muut kavassa olevat ovat ltn Iivonen, alik Putkinen ja jääk Alatalo.

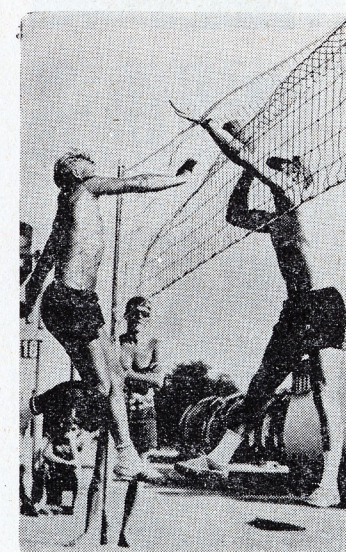
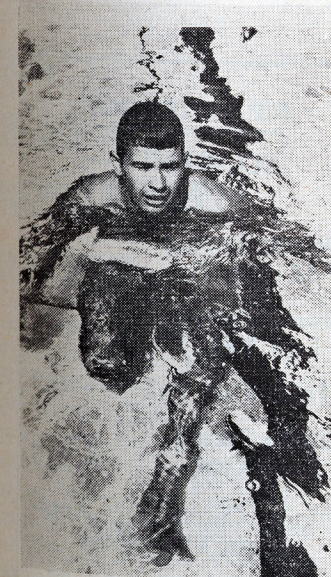
YK:n pääsihteeri U. Thant on myöntänyt YK:n mitalin 3 upseerille, 8 aliupseerille ja 60 jääkärille nuhteettomasta palveluksesta rauhanturvajoukoissa Finconissa. Ansiomerkin nauhaosassa on sinivalkoiset värit ja metalliosassa on YK:n tunnus ja takana teksti: "In the service of peace". UNFICYP:n Force Commander D. Prem Chand oli valtuuttanut YKSP:n komentaja everstiluutnantti E Lehtovirran luovuttamaan mitalit ansioituneille saajille. Luovutustilaisuus pidettiin Kykkon platalla torstaina 12 päivänä klo 19. Paraattia johti majuri P Mattinen.

Puheessaan mitalin saajille ever-

stiluutnantti Lehtovirta korosti, miten jokainen YK:n sotilas on joko välillisesti tai välittömästi rauhan turvaaja. Tarvitaan vartiopaikoilla olevia, mutta tarvitaan myös niitä, jotka tekevät vartiopaikoilla olon mahdolliseksi. Hän mainitsi myös, että tehtävällämme täällä Kyproksella on kauskantoimen merkitys rauhan turvaamiselle etenkin lähi Idän alueella.

Platta oli juhlaa laistua. Tervapatojen soihtu pimeää ympäristöä vasten elävöittivät juhlan ulkonaiset puut. Maidonpehmeä vilpoinen iltatuuli oli tervetullut kuumien päivien jälkeen. Juhla jatkui Platalla katettujen kahvipöytien ääressä.

URHEILUA



Kontingenttien viliset uinnin mestaruuskilpailut on pidetty RAF:n altaalla. Sadan metrin vapaauintin finaali saati kuudennen sijan jääk Lauri Reiman. Hänen aikansa oli 1.10,8, ja alkuerissä 1.09,2.

Viime sunnuntaina pelattiin Kykkon platalla Irconin ja Finconin viestimiesten välinen lentopallo-ottelu. Ircon voitti 2-1, siitäkin huolimatta, että tuomari, ylik Ilkka Erkkilä, oli Finconista.

PASTORIN MATKAT

Sunnuntaina elokuun 22 päivänä tehdään sama temppu, jonka hurskas Paavali teki vuonna 52. Menemme Salamiiseen. Nyt siellä ei ole enää juutalaisten synagoogaa eikä toverinamme ole Barnabasta kuten Paavalin aikana. Vuonna 115 syntyi juutalaisten ja roomalaisten vallanpitäjien välillä mellakka, jossa neljännesmiljoona juutalaista ja luultavasti muutakin väestöä menetti henkensä.

Salamiin on perustanut Teukros-niminen Troijan sodan sankari vuonna 1190 e.Kr. Teukros oli Kuningas Telamonin avioton poika Salamiin saaristosta Kreikasta. Kerrotaan, että Telamon oli vihasunut poikaansa Teukrokseen, joka ei ollut estänyt veljensä Ajaxin itsemurhaa Troijassa. Tästä syystä Teukros jätti kotimaansa, tuli Kyprokselle ja rakensi uuden kaupungin saaren itärannalle. Hän nimitti kaupungin Salamiiksi kotipaikkansa mukaan.

Salamis oli 2000 vuoden ajan Kyproksen merkittävin kuningas-

kunta. Siellä oli hyviä hallitsijoita, hyvä satama ja vilkas kauppari, viljan, öljyn ja suolan kauppa. Kaupungin muinainen loisto on kadonnut. Jäljellä on vain raunioita, mutta niiden osoittainkin paljastaminen kertoo matavuuden ajasta voimakkaasti.

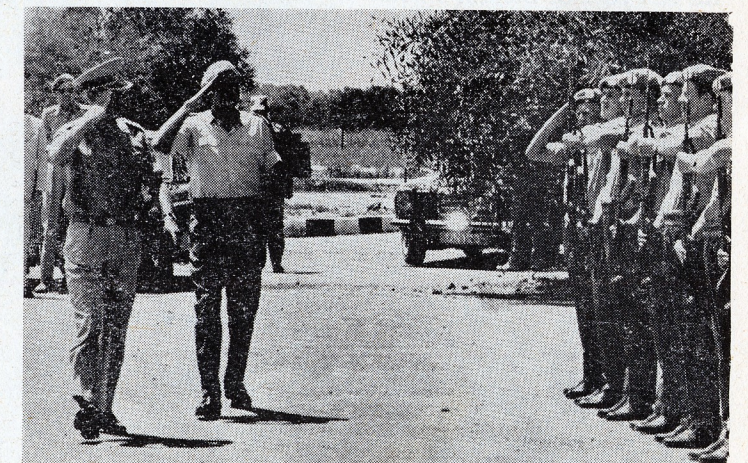
Matkan toisena kohteena on Famagusta. Kaupungin vanha osa on hyvä esimerkki keskiaikaisesta linnoituksesta. Muurien sisällä on goottilaisia katedraaleja ja bysanttilaisia kirkkoja. Viimeisen ristiretken, 1211, jälkeen alkoi kaupungin kukoistuskauti. Sinne asettui paljon kauppiaita ja niin Famagustasta tuli Välimeren rikkain ja kukoistavin kaupunki.

Kauppiaat rakennuttivat 365 kirkkoa eli yhden vuoden jokaiselle päivälle. Monet rauniot kertovat kirkkojen runsaudesta. Jäljellä olevista kirkkoista mainittakoon Pyhän Pietarin ja Paavalin kirkko sekä Pyhän Nikolauksen kirkko, joka ranskalaisista arkkitehtuuria. Nikolauksen kirkkoa käytetään nykyisin moskeijana.

RUOTSALAISVIERAILU FINCONISSA

Keskiviikkona elokuun 11 päivänä sai Fincon vastaanottaa korkearvoisia vieraita sekä Ruotsista että Swedenista. Ruotsin armeijan esikuntapäällikkö kenraaliluutnantti Holm, prikaatikenraali Stenqvist ja suurlähettiläs Johnsson Ruotsista sekä everstiluutnantti

Norderup, everstiluutnantti Bondeson ja majuri Akke muodostivat vierailuryhmän. Pataljoonan komentaja, everstiluutnantti Lehtovirta toivotti vieraat tervetulleiksi Finconiin. Kenraaliluutnantti Holm tarkasti kunniakomppanian jonka jälkeen vierailijat tutustuivat komentajan johdolla Finconiin.



Kenraaliluutnantti Holm tarkastaa everstiluutnantti Lehtovirran kanssa kunniakomppanian.

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SWIMMING

A UN Swimming Competition was held at RAF Pool, Nicosia, on Wednesday 11th August. A good crowd of spectators gathered to watch some excellent events, the results of which we show on this page.

Fierce battles were fought for every placing as marks were allotted for a final team score.

Light amusement was provided by the "It's a Knock-out Competition" which was won by Cancon, second was Swedcon and third Britcon. The Force Commander presented the prizes.

50m BUTTERFLY

Flt Lt Spate Camp HQ 29.0 secs.

Lt Copeland Force Reserve 31.0 secs.

Pte Sjoberg Swedcon 33.0 secs.

100m FREESTYLE

Sgt Lang UNCIVPOL 1 min. 01 secs.

Tpr Beveridge Force Reserve 1 min 65 secs.

Wade Camp HQ 1 min. 09 secs.

100m Backstroke

Pte Sjoberg Swedcon 1 min. 22.2 secs.

Brighton Camp HQ 1 min. 26.6 secs.

Pte Legue Cancon 1 min. 33.5 secs.

100m BREASTSTROKE

Flt Spate Camp HQ 1 min. 21.6 secs.

Sgt Dale UNCIVPOL 1 min. 28.7 secs.

Cpl Henderson Britcon 1 min. 31 secs.

5 x 50 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY RELAY

Pte Clarke Cancon 3 min. 08.8 secs.

Sgt Dale UNCIVPOL 3 min. 18.5 secs.

KS Jan Nielsen Dancon 3 min. 24.4 secs.

4 x 50 MEDLEY RELAY

Camp HQ 2 min. 14.2 secs.



Swedcon 2 min. 20.8 secs.

Force Reserve 2 min. 22.4 secs.

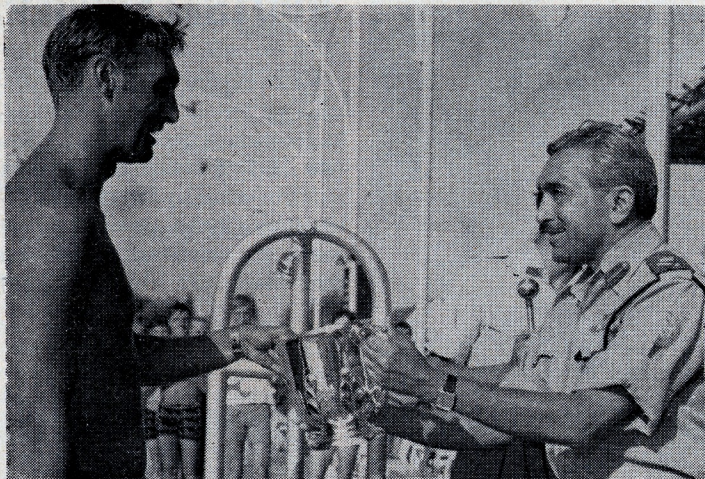
4 x 50m FREESTYLE RELAY

UNCIVPOL 1 min. 52.1 secs.

CANCON 1 min. 52.2 secs.

Force Reserve 1 min. 56 secs.

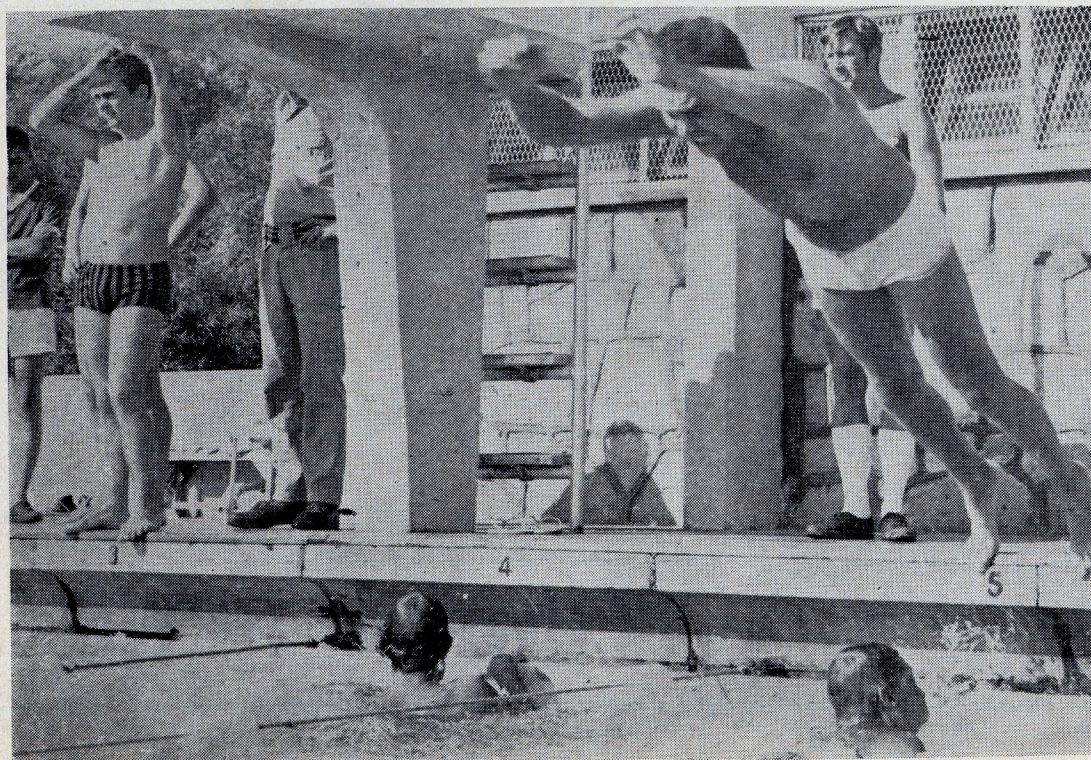
● Flight Lieutenant Don Spate — winner of the butterfly competition.



SCORES

CAMP HQ 27 points,
UNCIVPOL 26 points,
Force Reserve 23 points,
Swedcon and Cancon 20 points,
Britcon 9 points,
Dancon 5 points,
Fincon 1 point.

● The Force Commander presents Captain L. Wynn, RAOC, with the cup on behalf of the winning HQ UNFICYP team.



MP NOTEBOOK

ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

Week Ending		
14 Aug 71	—	9
Same Period		
Last Year	—	5
Total This Year	—	192
Same Period		
Last Year	—	225

Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:

DRIVING WITHOUT DUE CARE AND ATTENTION.

● This picture was taken during the relay race.

