



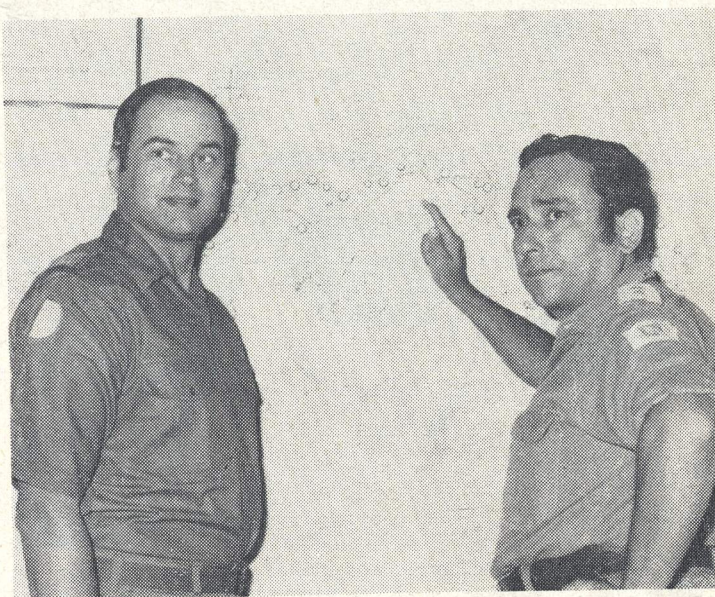
13th July 1977

IRISH UN MEDAL DAY



A real Irish occasion took place recently when the Force Commander Major General James Quinn presented a UN medal to Sergeant Patrick Macdonald in the presence of the Irish Contingent Commander Lieutenant Colonel Sean Hamill.

NEW CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER



AND

NEW FORCE ENGINEER ARRIVE



Last week three Australian police officers were pictured together, just after Chief Superintendent Bill Bennett (right) had arrived to take over command of the Australian Contingent. The others with him are Assistant Commissioner J. Hamilton OBE QPM and Chief Inspector J. Roach, who has been commanding the contingent since Chief Superintendent J. Kelly had to return home.



During the last two weeks, two new staff officers have arrived in the Headquarters. In the Operations Branch Lieutenant Colonel G. Greindl has arrived from Austria to take over the demanding job of Chief Operations Officer. He is taking over from Lieutenant Colonel R. K. Helminen with whom he was pictured last week. The other new arrival is Major T. D. Mackay CD of the Royal Canadian Engineers who has come to assume the duties of Force Engineer in place of Major J. A. Hackaray CD.



"De ka' vælge mellem en enkeltbillet til Astrakan og en rundvisning i posthuset" — KVO kaptajn E.J.N. Harre er blevet rendt overende af glade orlovsrejsende.
One of the busiest soldiers in Dancon during the summer season — Welfare Officer Captain E J N Harre — is pictured here taking a well earned break.

DANCON



NEWS



Folketingsmand Mogens Camre besøgte DANCON 28 AUG.

Mr Mogens Camre, a member of the Danish Parliament visited Dancon on 28th August.

AMBASSADOR CELEBRATES WITH DANCON

Under midsommerfesten i Xeros 23 JUN var Ambassadør R. Thorning-Petersen og frue DANCON's gæster.

The Ambassador of Denmark and Mrs Thorning-Peterson attended the Midsummer party at Dancon. They are seen (left) with the Commanding Officer of the Battalion Lieutenant Colonel G. Bladbjerg and Major O v. Holck shortly after they arrived for the celebration.



A REAL SWEDISH MIDSUMMER

One of the highlights of the year in Sweden is the traditional celebration of Midsummer Eve. During the festival, it was inevitable that the thoughts of many of the soldiers of the Swedish Contingent should turn to the celebrations taking place in Sweden, but this year, because there were quite a few relatives visiting members of the Contingent, it was possible to enjoy a typical family Midsummer Eve. The celebration started in the afternoon with the raising of the Midsummer Pole to folk music, and continued with dancing round the pole and a programme of games, including a tug-of-war competition. The Battalion enjoyed a dinner of whole roasted pig and sangria, and then the dancing continued for most of the night.



There was lots of dancing around the Midsummer-pole. Here, among others, is the Legal adviser of the Battalion doing "the little frogs".

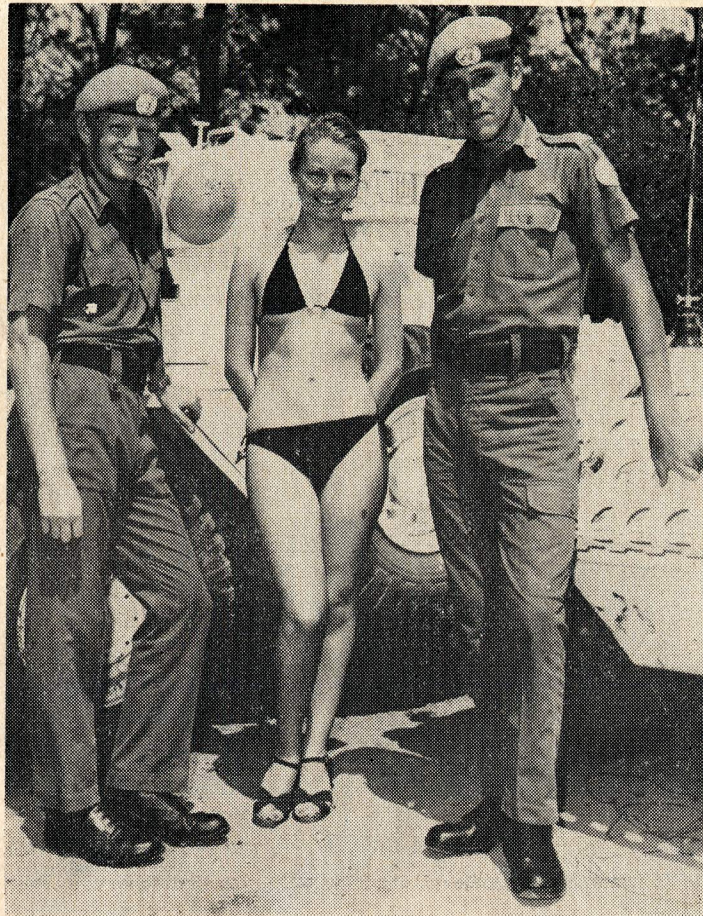


Pigs roasted whole were served for Midsummer's Eve-dinner.



There was a lot of excitement during the thrilling tug-of-war competition.

BEAUTY QUEEN IN FORCE RESERVE



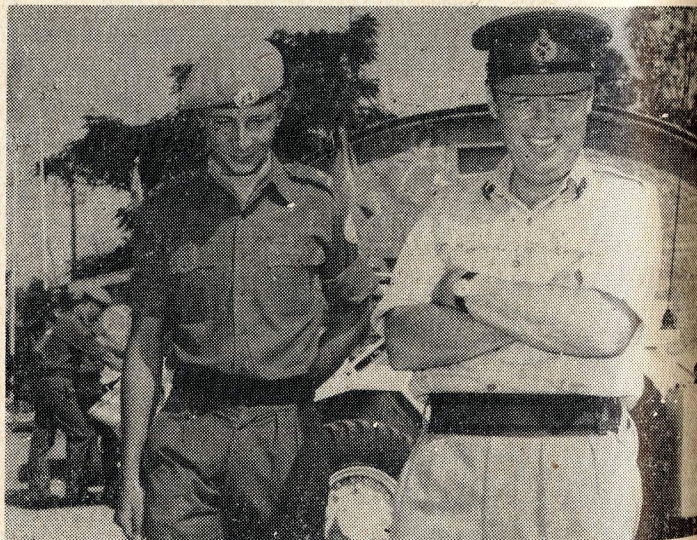
Not every Regiment has its own beauty queen, but the 15th/19th The Kings Royal Hussars do. A year ago the men in the Regiment chose Miss Joan Calder, a social worker in South Shields, to be their beauty queen.

Two weeks ago Joan paid a private visit to A Squadron, and was pictured at Skouriotissa with a Troop of the Force Reserve just before going for a swim in the pool there. Pictured with her are Troopers R Blacklock and R Nattrass.



The Force Reserve have not often had to fire their Brown machine-guns operationally, but they practice continually so they can do so. One of the Troops was pictured (above) recently on the range during a live-firing shoot.

GENERALS VISIT BRITCON



The Director of Army Staff Duties Major General G.C.L. Cooper MC visited the Force last week. During his journey round the British units he was pictured with 2Lt Robert Schiff, who was then the standby troop leader.

Another General visited the Force recently. He was Major General H. Macdonald-Smith CBE the Director General of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. He was pictured talking to ASM P. Roberts during a visit to the Force Work shops.

A NEW OP



HQ'S SIGNAL SECTION



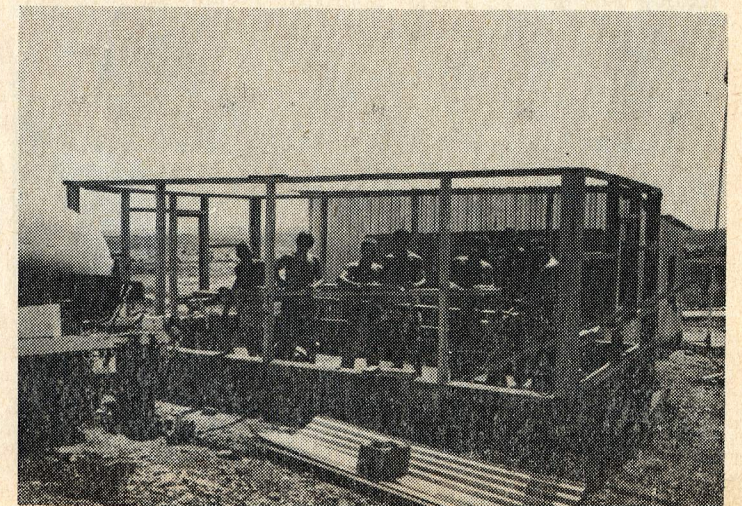
Die Fernsprechleitungen wurden von unserer COMCEN-Crew (siehe oberes Bild) bereits gelegt, womit der neue OP schon als Baustelle telefonisch erreichbar ist.

Our Signal-Crew consisting of Capt WEBER, WOJ WODL, WOJ STAUDINGER, WOJ WINDISCH, WOJ ZUMBO, Sgt HOLLER, I/Cpl DOLAR, I/Cpl SCHRÖCKER, I/Cpl TURNER, I/Cpl BENATZKY, L/Cpl MICHELMAYER, L/Cpl PROST who are not only responsible for the links during duty-hours, but also for oversea-calls from home.

Der neue OP A-40 — FOXHILL

Im Bereich der 1.Kompanie wird südlich von ATHIENOU ein neuer OP errichtet. Pioniere und Angehörige der 1.Kompanie arbeiten seit dem 21.Juni daran, die drei Unterkunftsbaracken, die Sentry-Box, WC-und Duschbox, sowie die notwendigen Nebeneinrichtungen bis Ende des Monats fertigzustellen.

Pioneers and members of the 1st Coy built up our new OP A-40.



CELEBRATION IN CANCON



La parade de la St-Jean Baptiste.
Scenes from the St-Jean Baptiste Day Parade.

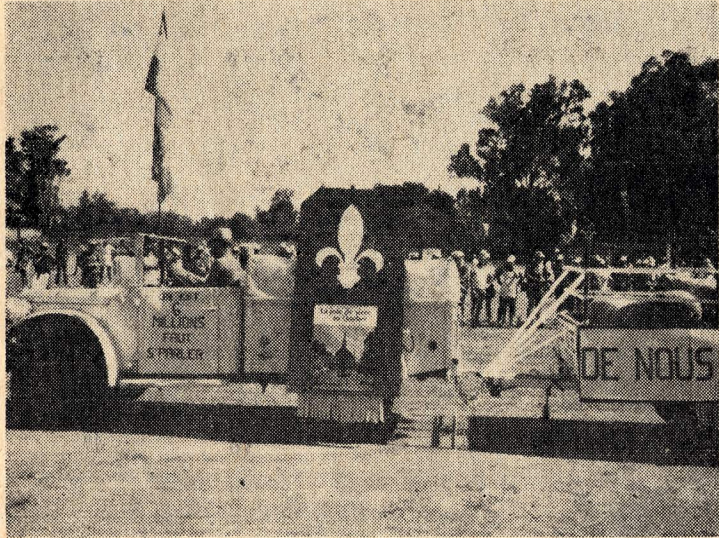
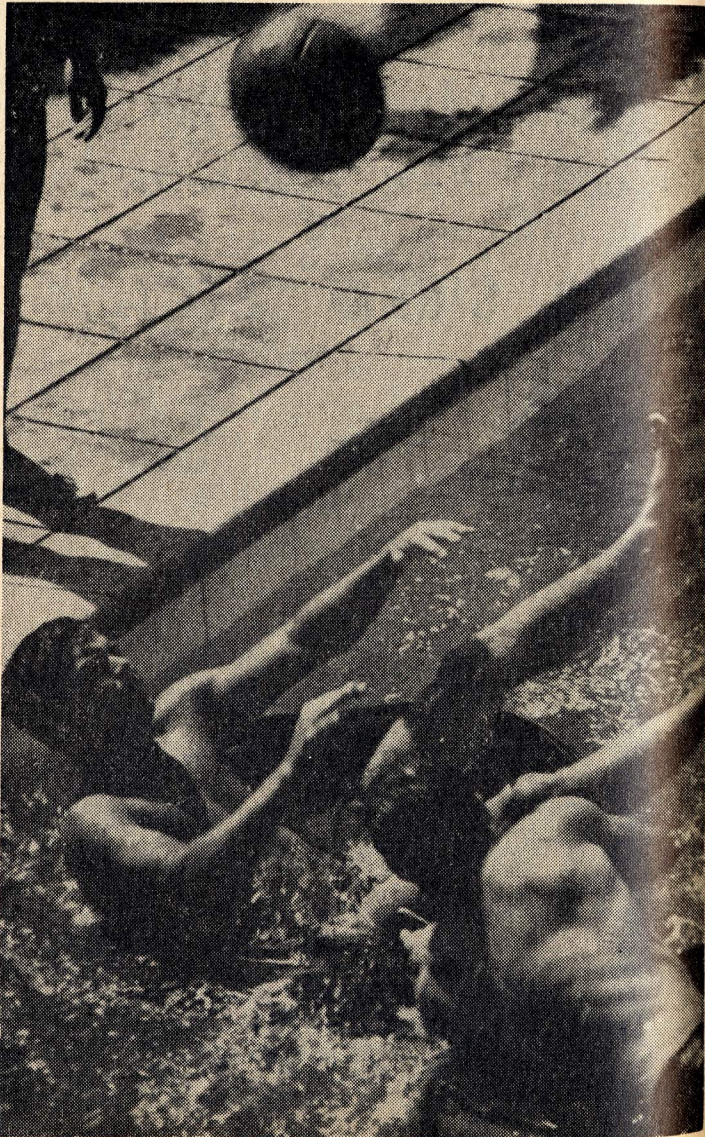
The days of the 24th of June and the 1st July 1977 were big days in Cancon. On the 24th of June, the Regiment celebrated "St-Jean Baptiste Day", the holiday honouring the Patron Saint of the Province of Quebec. We celebrated with a parade and a sports day, featuring donkey baseball and inner tube water polo. The competitions between squadrons were keen, and enjoyable.

On the 1st of July we celebrated Canada Day, the anniversary of the nation.

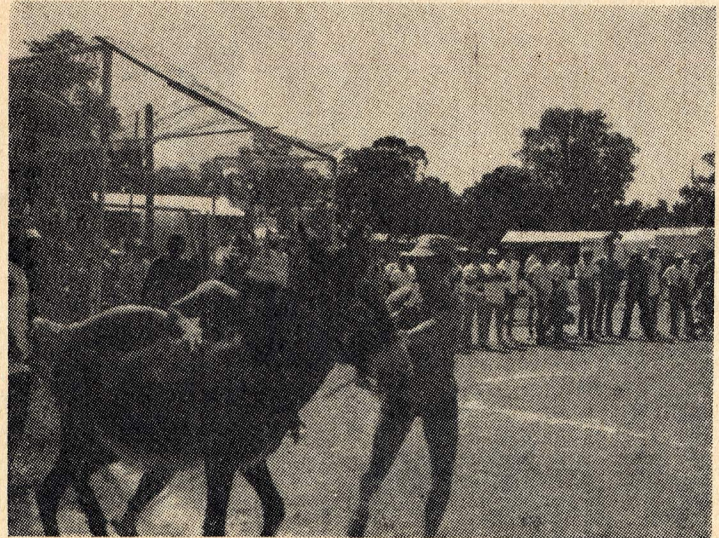
Les jours du 24 juin et du premier juillet étaient les jours de célébration CONCAN. Le 24 juin, le Régiment a fêté le jour de la St-Jean Baptiste, la fête qui donne l'honneur au Patron de la Province de Québec. On a fêté avec une parade et une journée des sports, marquée par le baseball en âne et le polo nautique sur pneumatique. Les compétitions entre les escadrons étaient acharnées et du bon temps était pris par tout le monde.

Au premier juillet, on a fêté le jour du Canada, l'anniversaire de notre indépendance. On a eu 110 ans le premier juillet, encore jeune!

Action during the water polo game.
L' action durant le polo nautique.

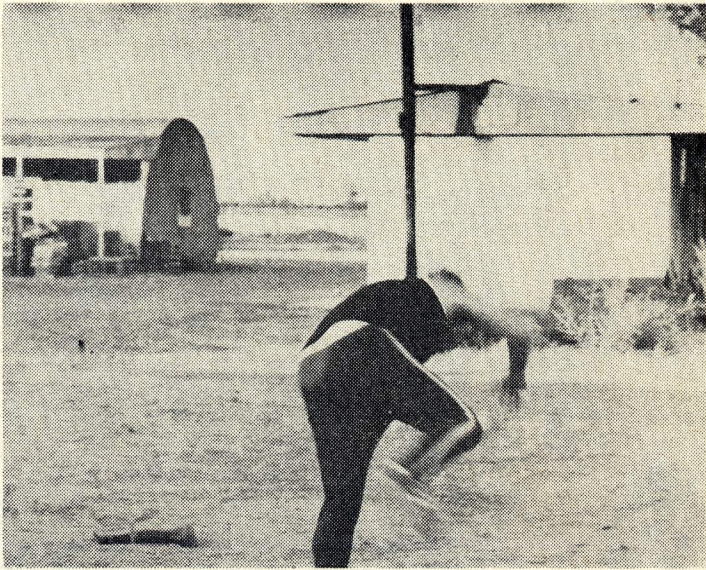
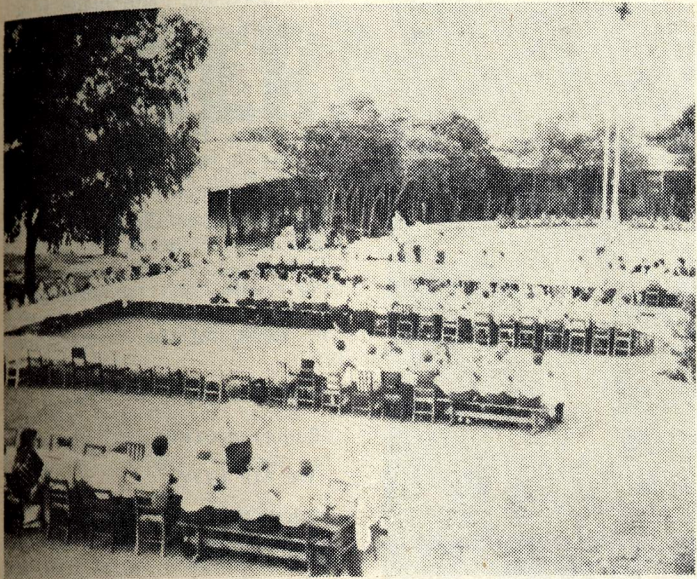


THE DONKEY BESEBALL !



Climbing aboard during donkey baseball.

JUHANNUS FINCONISSA



FINCON NEWS

VIERAILIJOITA



Juhannusta vietettiin FINCONISSA keskikesän ja Suomen lipun juh'ana 25.6.1977 vaikkei keskiyön aurinko ollutkaan näkyvisä. Aattoiltana kokoonnuttiiin yhteiselle iltapalalle, josta siirryttiin illan pimetessä jatkamaan juhlintaa messeihin.

Oikealla ylhäällä olevassa kuvassa on vielä pöydässä miehitämättömiä paikkoja, koska osa jääkäreistä on seuraamassa suomalaiskansallista saappaanheittokilpailua, josta tyylinäyte oikeanpuoleisessa kuvassa.

ENGLISH SUMMARY

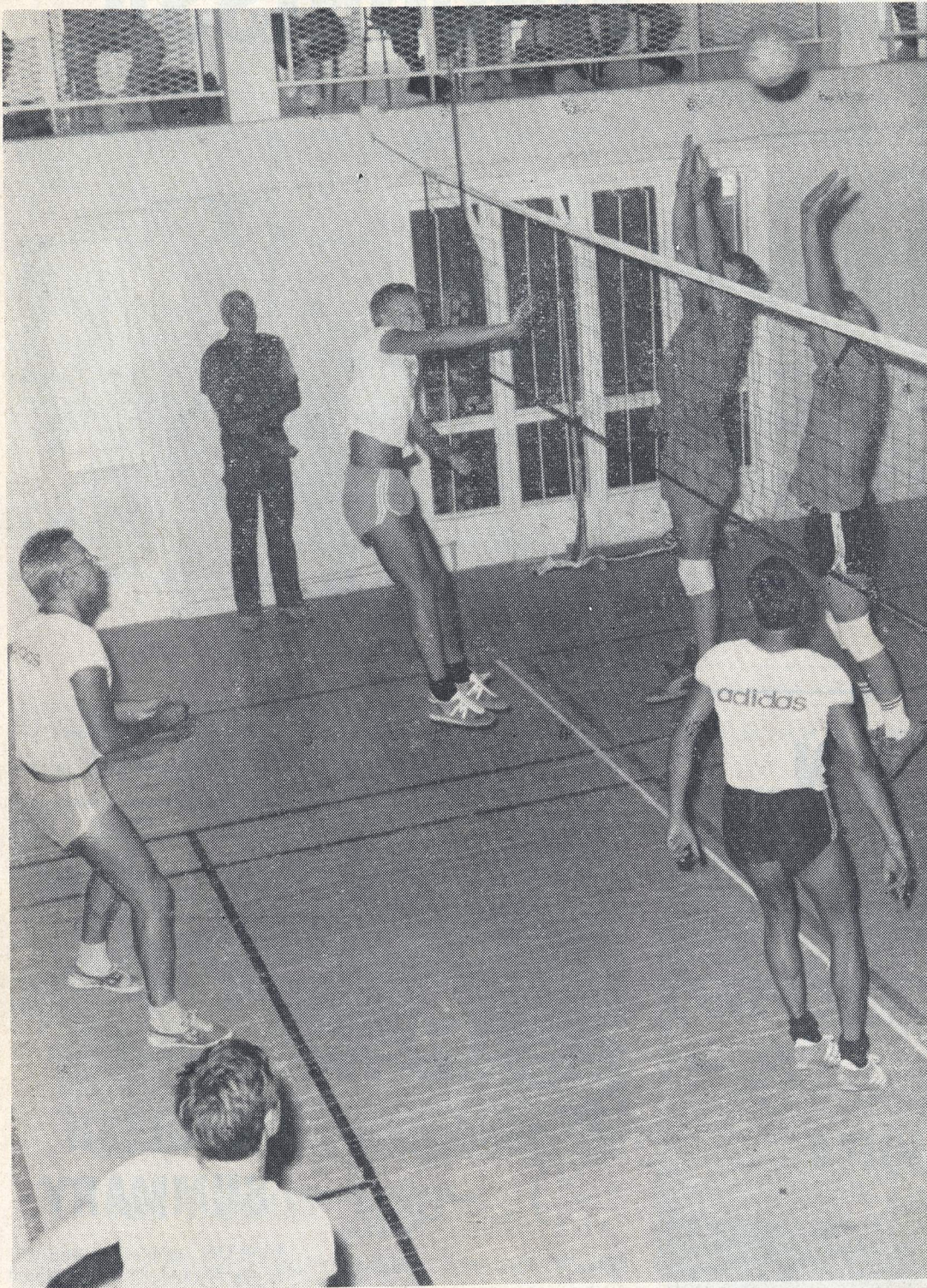
4.7.1977 aloittivat Pääesikunnan koulutusosaston päällikkö eversti Raimo Viita ja taloushuolto-osaston päällikkö, komentaja Teuvo Kuparinen tutustum'sensa UNFICYPin toimintaolosuhteisiin.

Tutustumisen on määrä päättyä 7.7., jolloin vieraat siirtyvät Siinaille. Eversti Viita on kuvassa vasemmalla.

FINCON celebrated Midsummer on 25 and 26 July without the midnight sun. On Midsummer Eve the entire battalion and families gathered together for a communal meal. Afterwards, celebrations continued in the various messes. In the above left picture, there are many empty seats at the table because these privates had gone to watch a Bootcasing competition shown in the righthand picture.

Visitors from HQ Finnish Defence Forces came recently to review the situation in UNFICYP. On the left in the bottom picture is the Chief of Training Section of GHQ, Colonel R. Viita; on the right is Chief of Quartermaster Section of GHQ, Commander (Navy) T. Kuparinen and in the middle in Lt Col Saarikoski, CO FINCON.

VOLLEY BALL AT WOLSELEY



Two weeks ago Wolseley Barracks was once again the venue for the Force Volley Ball competition. As is now usual the Canadian Contingent organised the competition, and made it a thoroughly exciting and well organised event. More teams entered this year's competition, but this did not prevent the Finnish Contingent's team from winning once again. This year they beat the Danish team in a fast and exciting final.

At the end of the competition Lieutenant Colonel A. L. Geddry CD presented medals to the first three teams, and congratulated all the others on taking part. The result of the competition was:

- 1st FINCON
- 2nd DANCON
- 3rd MP COY
- 4th FORCE RESERVE
- 5th CANCON
- 6th BRITCON
- 7th SWEDCON

SILVER MEDALS FOR DANCON



The winning team from FINCON is pictured below with Colonel Geddry, while above the CO of 12e RBC is seen giving silver medals to the Danish Contingent's team.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Two Weeks ending 9th July	6
Same period last year	3
Total for the year	115
Total for the same period last year	145

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