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AUSCON SOLDIER HONOURED



On 4 October Cpl Heinrich Binder was presented with the Gold Medal on a red ribbon for Service to the Republic of Austria by the Commanding Officer of the Austrian Contingent, Lt. Col. W. Fritz. Cpl Binder received this award for saving the life of a young Cypriot girl who was in danger of drowning. This honour reflects great credit on the whole of the Austrian Contingent.



ADJUTANT GENERAL VISITS UNFICYP

On Thursday 14th October the Adjutant General of the British Army, General Sir Jack Harman KCB, OBE, MC visited UNFICYP, and after calling on the Force Commander, Lieutenant General D. Prem Chand PVSM, he toured the Force Reserve and the minor units of Camp UNFICYP. The Adjutant General is seen left talking to SSM Obee of 8 Squadron RCT, the Force Transport Squadron, and to Major J.M. Knox the Squadron Leader of the Force Reserve. The 15/19th the Kings Royal Hussars on the right.





THE DANCON MARCH

Ved DANCON-Marchen 2x25 km i bjerggrigt terrain den 9/10 OKT, deltog 121 fra DANCON. Fra andre kontingenter deltog 105. Det er ikke distansen der tæller, men også de kraftige stigninger i terrænet. Marchen gennemføres for det resterende DANCON personel den 23/24 OKT.

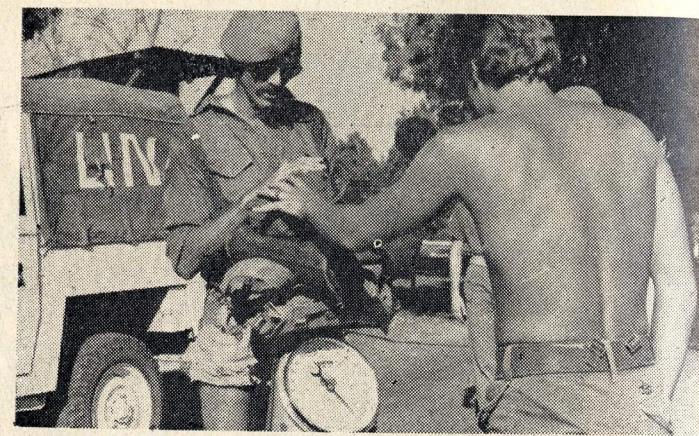
On 9th and 10th October 226 officers and soldiers took part in the 1976 autumn DANCON MARCH. 121 of the entrants came from the Danish Contingent while the other 105 came from all the other Contingents. The Dancon March consisted of two 25 km legs, one on Saturday 9th and the other, the next day. The testing route is over the hilly road that goes from Viking Camp to Kokkina. The Danish soldiers on duty on the week-end 9/10th October will complete the March on 23rd and 24th October.

DANCON NEWS

Kontrolejning for start kl. 5.00.
Weightcontrol before start at
0500 HRS.



Fodpleje ved OP Katopyrgos.
Chiropody at OP KATO PYRGOS.



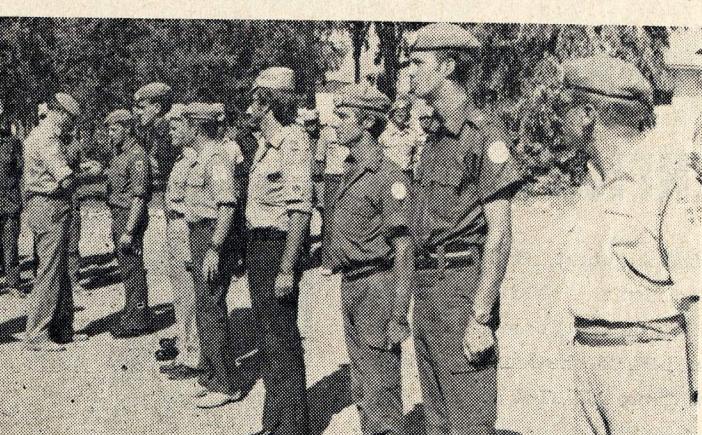
DANCON-MARCHEN's hurtigste mand OS A. Thomsen, der den sidste dag gik turen på 3 timer og 15 minutter.
The fastest man of the DANCON MARCH was ST/SGT A. Thomsen. On the second day he did the march in 9 hours 15 minutes.



Det er godt med en forfriskning når man er næst i mål....
A drink is wonderful when the March has been completed.

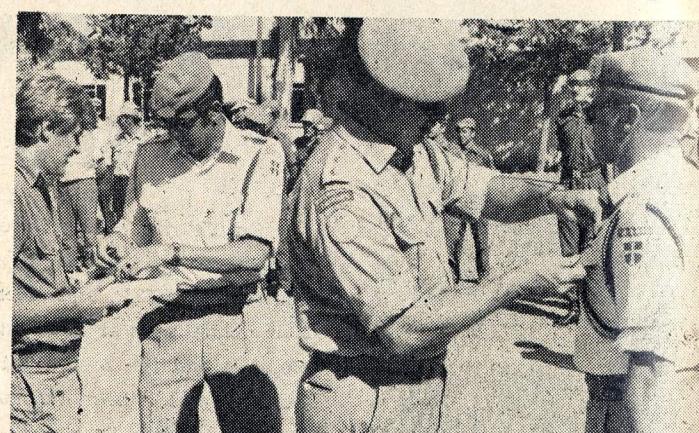


De næsthurtigste var fra FINCON....
The second fastest man came from FINCON.



CH DANCON OL T. Stang overrækker teamleaderne deres
medaljer.

CO DANCON LT/Col T. STANG presents the team-
leaders with their medals.



Her får DANCON's team-leader Maj. M. Wester overrakt
sin medalje, af CH DANCON OL T. Stang.
Here DANCON's team-leader Maj M. Wester is presented
with his medal by CO DANCON Lt/Col T. Stang.

Everyone in the same picture



Nearly all the commanders of the different sectors have visited the Swedish Contingent at one time or another, but last week they were all there at the same time as the picture proves. From the left they are: Lt Col Jones, Lt Col Stang, Lt Col Brierty, the host Lt Col Stromberg, Lt Col Ells, Lt Col Lopmeri, Lt Col Gollner and Major Knox.

SWEDCON NEWS



Another unsung but essential group of Swedish soldiers are the ones below who work in the canteen and the PX. They too were pictured recently and are from the left, Roger Bergman, Lars Hansson, Stefan Linder, Stefan Holm and Lars Ljunggren.



RCT NCO EARNS £100 FOR SSAFA

As part of his training for the DANCON MARCH, 24 year old Lance Corporal Peter Warencchia of the Force Transport Squadron decided to complete a sponsored walk, and to give whatever money he earned to SSAFA. The route he chose was from Camp UNFICYP to Evrykhou and back, a distance of 60 miles. He began his walk at 2200 hours in the knowledge that if he did it he would earn over £100 for the Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Association. Fourteen hours and 22 minutes later he was welcomed back by Brigadier Tillotson, the Commander the British Contingent with the news he had raised £140.93 for the British Servicemen's Association.



Passing St. David's Camp on the way back with encouragement from Lance Corporal Ingills.

1 PARA TAKE OVER FROM 1 RGJ



Lt. Col. G.J. Brierley MBE the CO of 1st Battalion Parachute Regiment.

Last week the 1st Battalion The Royal Green Jackets handed over to 1st Battalion The Parachute Regiment. The Green Jackets have now returned to their base in Dover for some well earned leave, while the Parachute Battalion has come to Cyprus from Aldershot where they had just settled in after completing a two year tour in West Berlin.

Both Battalions have been involved during the last four months with making films for BBC television. The Green Jackets were involved in making the documentary "The Regiment" which is due to be broadcast in December; while the Parachute Battalion was involved in the parachuting scenes in the filming of "A Bridge Too Far".

Quite a number of officers and senior NCOs in the Parachute Regiment have, like the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel G.J. Brierley MBE served in Cyprus and UNFICYP before. The Battalion was in Cyprus in 1964, when UNFICYP was formed, and changed berets to UN blue then for the first time.



Welcome back and well done!!!

CHIEF OF AIR STAFF VISITS 84 SQUADRON



Last week the Chief of the Air Staff Air Marshal Sir Neil Cameron KCB, CBE, DSO DFC visited UNFICYP and 84 Squadron Detachment at Nicosia.

NEW COMMANDER FOR WORKSHOPS



After over a year in UNFICYP as Commander of the Workshops, Major R.H. Tam has left Cyprus and handed over to Major J. Fines. As always there was a mechanical problem to be solved during the handover.

FEWO'S CHANGE



WO2 D. Shaw RE the Engineer Clerk of Works has handed over to WO2 D.W. Graham RE.

AUTUMN ROTATION BEGINS IN AUSCON



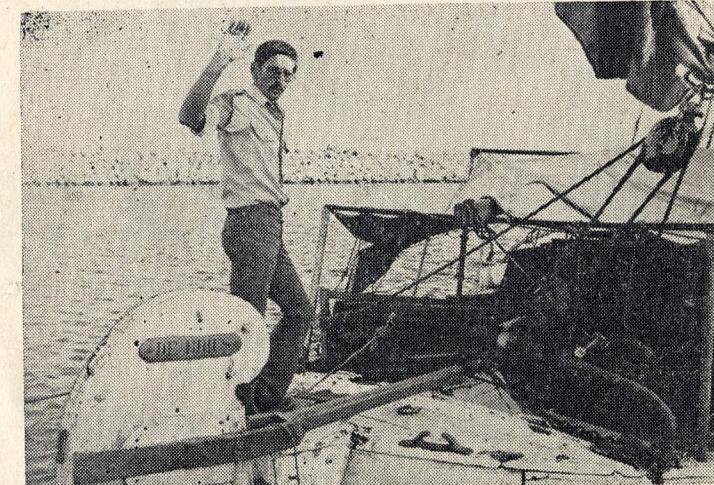
den alles Gute und heißen die Newcomer auf der Insel willkommen.

Before the recent rotation of soldiers of the Austrian Contingent on 12th October the Force Commander spoke to those going home and thanked them for their tour in the Service of Peace with UNFICYP.

"FLUGZEUGABSTURZ" AM SALZSEE



PHOTOGRAPHER AHOY !



Der Bataillonsfotograf der letzten 6 Monate, Zgf SCHONER, fuhr mit der Rotation nach Hause. Wie er uns aber versicherte, wird er jedoch schon bald wieder in Zypern sein, als Zivilist und ganz seinen Neigungen entsprechend, um von hier aus, auf einer englischen "60 t Alt-Yacht" die große Fahrt in den Säiden zu wagen.

Pte Schoner, the ANSCON photographer for the past 6 months, was snapped himself recently while on a 80 year old boat that he plans to sail south when he has left the Army.

Minuten vor dieser Aufnahme war das, was Gfr ZEILER hier als traurigen Rest in der Hand hält, noch ein gut funktionierendes, funk ferngesteuertes Modellflugzeug. Er hatte in vielen Arbeitsstunden und mit beachtlichem finanziellen Aufwand dieses nette Spielzeug geschaffen. Ausgerechnet in dem Moment, als das Modell der "Öffentlichkeit" vorgestellt werden sollte, erfolgte der Absturz. Ein Schicksal, das schon renomierter Flugzeugkonstrukteuren passiert sein soll.

After many hours of hard work on his model aeroplane, Cpl Zeiler met with disaster when it crashed into the Salt Lake on its maiden flight.

2 PPCLI HAND OVER TO 3 RCR

CANCON NEWS

On Tuesday 14th October the rotation of the major unit in the Canadian Contingent took place officially. This event was marked by a rotation ceremony at which the Commander of the Canadian Contingent Colonel A.J.G.D. de Chastelain CD participated in the signing of the change of command documents by the commanding officers of the two units.

The rotation means that the Second Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry commanded by Lt Col J.E. L. Gollner CD completed its tour in UNFICYP. They have now gone back to Canada to their base in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The new unit in Sector Four is the Third Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment under the command of Lieutenant Colonel D.B. Ellis CD. This Battalion has come to Cyprus from its base in Petawawa, Ontario for its first ever tour in this United Nations Force.

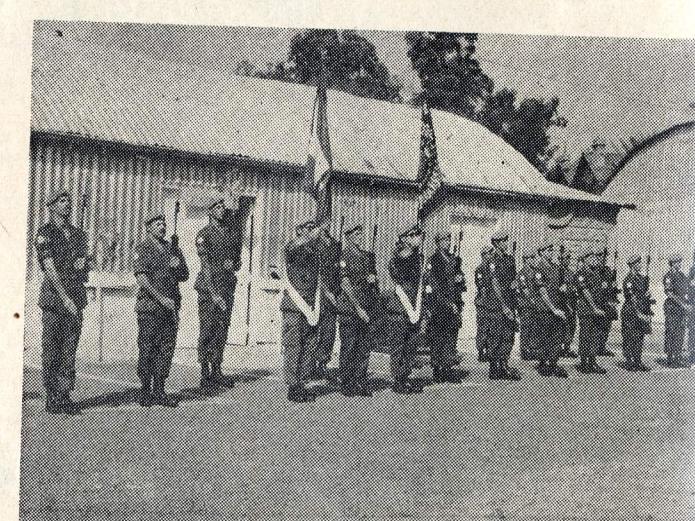


Colour party of 2 PPCLI marches off the Colours.

COMMAND CHANGES



LCol. Ellis, new Sector 4 Commander, Col. de Chastelain, and LCol. Gollner conduct changeover.



3 RCR ON PARADE

Colour party of 3 RCR on parade.

VARUSMESTARI ON TARKKANA



5.-10. lokakuuta vierailivat huoltotarkastajat pataljoona-sa. Kaikki huollon alat tutkittiin ja syynättiin; Niin lääkintä-kuin ruokapuolikin, viesti— ja opetusvälineet. Tyytyväisiltä vaikuttivat vieraat. Kuvassa Kykon varusvarasto evl B Hele-niuksen tarkan katseen konteena. Pinkkoja esittelee sotimest Miettinen. Ovatko ojennukset kunnossa?

ENGLISH SUMMARY

From 5th to 10th October a team of high ranking Inspectors visited the Finnish Contingent on their way from Sinai to Finland. They inspected the Logistics Branch of Fincon. In the picture above on the left Lt Col B. Helenius is seen checking the clothing store accompanied by WO1 Miettinen.

Fincon's Orienteering competition took place at Cape Greco on 5 October. In the picture above on the right Chaplain E. Jaatinen is seen trying to lead the other competitors away!

A Chaplains' convention was held at Fincon on 4th October. In the picture on the right some of the visiting vicars are seen in the Fincon's Officers Mess being welcomed by Lt Col Lopmeri (left). Other persons from the left are Chaplain Roy (Cancon), Major Kronlund, Chaplain Penman (Britcon), Major Luukanen, Chaplain Cole (Cancon), Chaplain Oltus (Swedcon) and Chaplain Skystofne (Dancon).

JA PAPIN JALKA PILKAHTAA



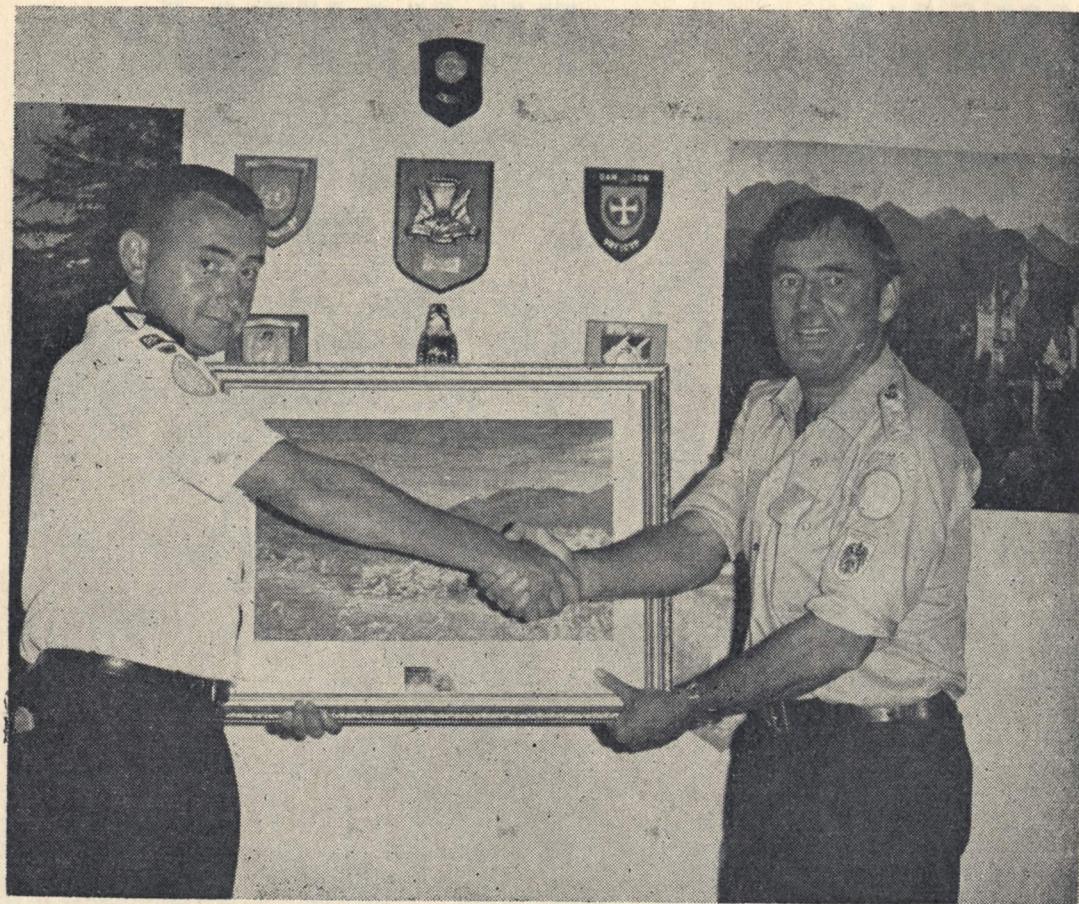
Mättänältä mättäälle hyppelee Esko-pappi pataljoona-suunnistuskisoissa 5/10. Kilpailu maastona oli kivinen ja mäkinen Cape Greco. Liekö maasto vaikuttanut asiaan—kerrotaan etteivät aivan kaikki löytäneet kaikkia rasteja. Ku-vassa Esko-pappi koettaa eksyttää jäljittäjiä; ilmeisen mene-styksellisesti koska yksi enää on mukana.

PAPIT KOKOONTUIVAT FINCONISSA



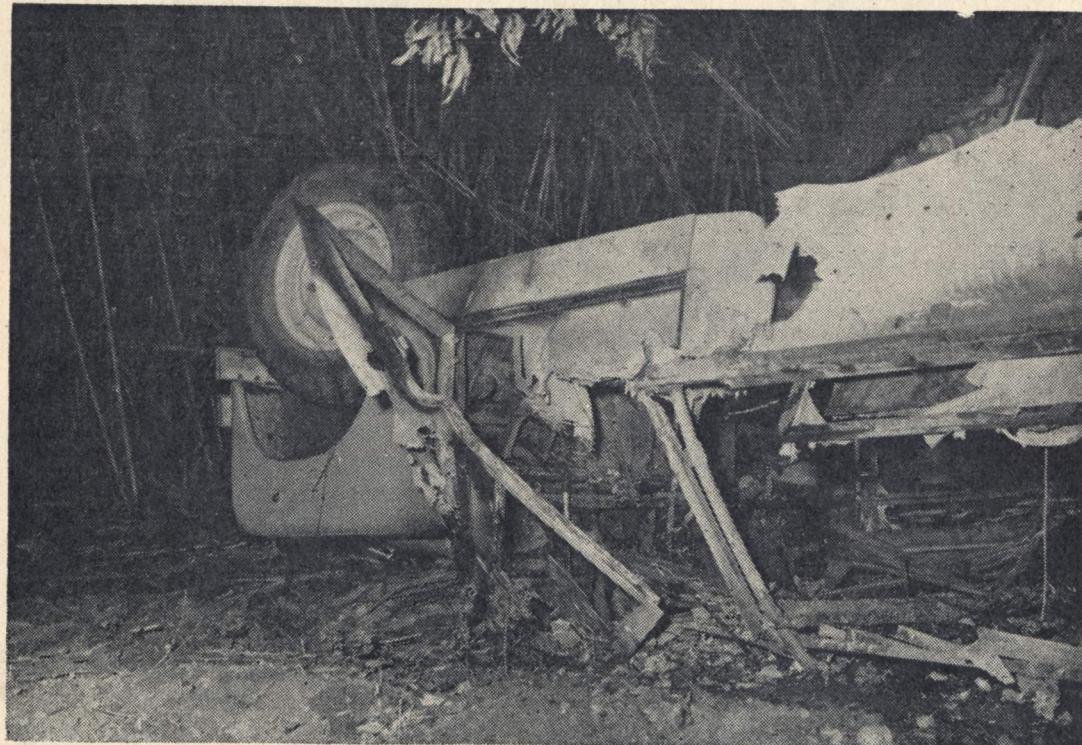
Kaikkien kontingenttien sekä englantilaisten varuskuntien papit kokoontulivat maanantaina 4.10. yhteiseen palaveriin Finconiin. Kokouksessa pohdittiin yhteisiä ongelmia eri kontingenttien näkökulmista. Kuvassa YKSP:n komentaja evl O Lopmeri esittelee pataljoonan toimintaa. Kuuntelemassa vas. Canconin pastori Roy, maj Kronlund, Britconin pappi Penman, maj Luukanen, Canconin Cole, Swedconin Oltus ja Danconin Skystofne.

UNCIVPOL NEWS



Lt. Col. Gollner making the presentation to Col. Fucns.

A WARNING TO ALL DRIVERS



With the start of the bad weather season the number of accidents on the roads will increase unless all drivers take extra care. An analysis of the accident rate at this time of the year for the past three years, shows that rain and the resulting slippery roads cause a great increase in road accidents. All drivers should as a result take extra care this year to avoid being involved in an accident, either as a result of their own action, or through failing to take sufficient account of the mistakes others might make.

PRESENTATION TO AUSCIVPOL

On 28th September a farewell dinner was held for the officers of 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry at HQ AUSCIVPOL in Nicosia. At this function Lieutenant Colonel Larry Gollner presented a picture to the CO AUSCIVPOL in appreciation of their excellent cooperation. The picture now hung in a place of honour in the Austrian Police Mess shows scenes of the battle of KAPYONG in the Korean war, in which 2 PPCLI repulsed the Chinese attackers. For this action they were awarded "the US Distinguished Unit Citation" for their heroism.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

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| Week ending 16 October | 13 |
| Same period last year | 14 |
| Total for the year | 223 |
| Total for the same period last year | 265 |

LESSON OF THE WEEK

Learn from your near misses

CONTRIBUTIONS

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