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STATE VISIT TO UK BY FINNISH PRESIDENT

President Urho Kekkonen of Finland and his wife, Mrs Sylvi Kekkonen, were welcomed at a London station by Queen Elizabeth II and other members of the British Royal Family on their arrival last week for a State Visit in Britain.



MAN ON MOON

"For one priceless moment in the whole history of man all people on this earth are truly one-one in their pride in what you have done and one in our prayers that you will return safely to earth."

(President Nixon in his telephone call to US astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin on the surface of the moon.)

"That's one small step for man, but one giant leap for mankind!" Those were the words by Neil Armstrong, Commander of the US Apollo 11 space mission, when he and co-astronaut Edwin Aldrin, pilot of the Lunar landing module Eagle, became the first human beings ever to set foot on the moon. They took their first steps on the dusty moon surface in the Sea of Tranquillity at 4.56 a.m. Cyprus time on Monday last 21 July 1969.

Fincon Partial Rotation

A partial rotation of the Finnish Contingent serving with Unficyp began on Saturday last, 19 July, with the arrival of the new Battalion Second-in-Command, Lt Col P. Kallio, and an advance party consisting of 12 officers, 6 NCO's and 12 other ranks.

This rotation, consisting of 208 all ranks, will partially replace the 11th Finnish UN Battalion.

More flights — between Pori (Finland) and Nicosia — are scheduled to take place on



Chaplains of the various Unficyp contingents seated with Archbishop Makarios (picture above).

27, 28 and 29 July. The rotation will be complete by 31 July 1969.



BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER MEETS IRCON

As part of a familiarisation tour of Unficyp locations, the British High Commissioner the Hon Mr P.E. Ramsbotham visited Ircon during the week where he met the Commanding Officer Lt Col D. Hassey and visited posts in the IRCON area.

Picture left — the British High Commissioner, accompanied by Col D. Riddell-Webster and Lt Col D. Hassey, talks to Ircon soldiers on OP guard.

Unficyp Chaplains Received by His Beatitude

Archbishop Makarios received a visit from Unficyp Chaplains on Monday 21 July.

The Chaplains discussed religious matters with His Beatitude for over an hour. Lt Col E. Lehtovirta, Chief Personnel Officer and Major P.S. Boyles, his senior staff officer, conducted the chaplains on their visit.

US Daily On "Cyprus Peacekeepers"

In an editorial on the recent Unficyp mandate extension the US daily Washington Star of 9 July 1969 wrote that the cost involved — around \$16 million — for the further six months of Unficyp may be regarded as a sound peace promoting investment.

There is still a kind of tension that could explode into new violence, the paper commented. Such violence might come quickly if the UN units were abruptly withdrawn.

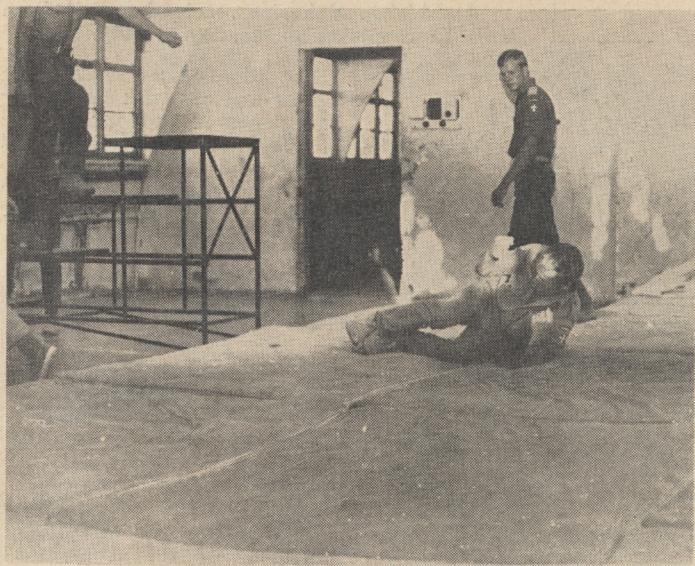
Efforts towards a negotiated settlement up to now have been disappointing. Nevertheless, since the establishment of the UN Force armed clashes have been averted and some progress has been made in bringing the two sides to a mutually satisfactory agreement, the paper went on and declared that the Security Council has done well in keeping the Force in being.

FRITIDSFORNØJELSER...

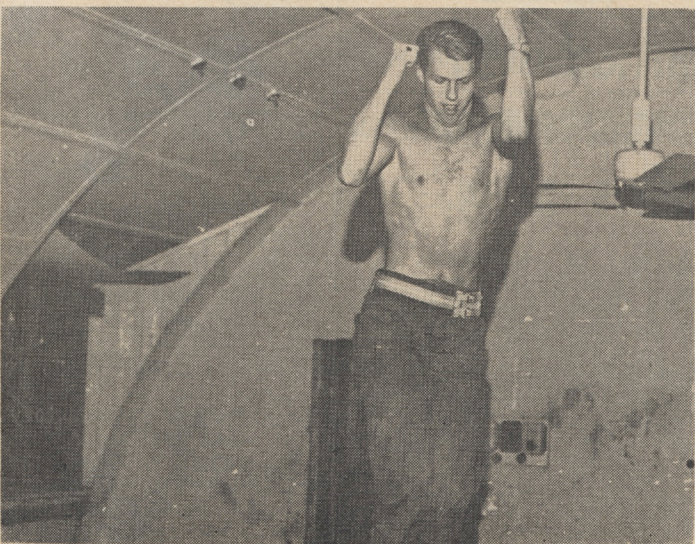
Fritiden udnyttes forskelligt paa Kypern. Mulighederne er mange. Her er nogle glimt.



Englænderen Van Johnsson har slaaet sig ned i Famagusta som svømmelærer og dykkerinstruktør. KS J.Ps. Christensen skal igang med et 10-timers kursus i dykning.



Det er ikke LT Meedom der har nedlagt en mand. Det er derimod KS K. Ingvarsen der træner til faldskærmspring. Han forsøger at "nedlægge" sig selv paa den rigtige maade.



Kontorordonans KS Børge Nielsen. Klar til spring!



I S-Huset spilles billard. Her er depotofficeren kaptajn Petersen midt i et stød, som synes at give røde kegler. Kommandobefalingsmanden B.S. Kristensen styrker sig ved en cola.



Konstablerne L.T. Andersen og K.F.H. Mikkelsen tager en fredelig turn på minigolfbanen i Charlie.

DANCON NYT



Der stod et træ i vejen i Nicosia Club og KS O.Ö. Bagger fik ordre til at fjerne det. Her svinger han øksen som var han gammel skovhugger. Fritidsforneøjelse - maaske ikke. Paa den anden side er det fornøjelige ved at være Dancon soldat de mangeartede opgaver.

PANG I 'GOSHI

Mer än en gång sa det pang i Goshi härförleden. Och smållarna kom sig av att svenska cypribataljonen återigen hade fältövning.

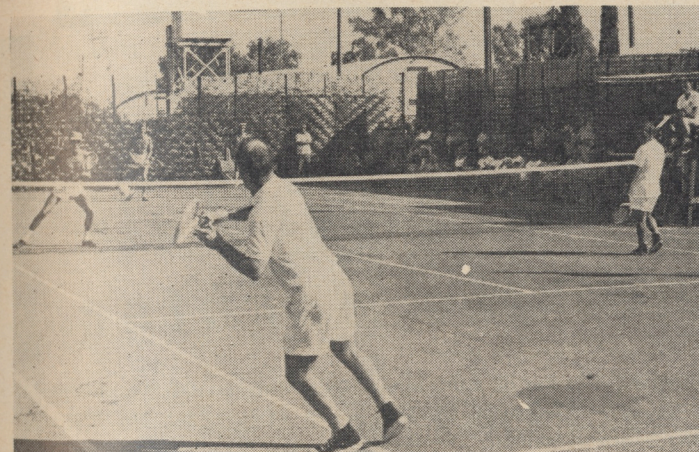
■ Framryckning med kulspruta och magasinlådor medan de tunga KP-bilarna bullrar fram vid sidan om, det illustrerar bilden nedan. Och till vänster ses de blåhjälmade svenskarna ge eld medan solen steker över det sterila Goshi.



Svensk triumf i Unficyp-tennis

■ En verklig triumf kunde Swedcon i förra veckan notera genom sina representanter i "den vita sporten". Unficyp-mästerskapen i tennis blev vinstmässigt en rent svensk affär. Civpol Leif Johansson gick raka spåret mot singelsegern, och mj Lars Hammarberg och kn Åke Landqvist tog elegant hem dubbeln. Sedan gjorde det ju inte något, att Swedcon samma dag vann en fotbollsmatch mot HQ Unficyp med hela 7-1. Missräkningen i Stadsloppet börjar skymmas!

■ Svenska dubbellaget (bortre planhalvan) vinner i en hård match mot Cancon med tre set mot noll. (Nedan).
■ Unficyps tennismästare beundrar sina priser. Fr.v. Åke Landqvist, Leif Johansson och Lars Hammarberg. (T.h.)



Tre nya valpar

■ Tre nya "valpar", dvs terränggående Volvo Laplander levererades till svenska cypribataljonen via Famagusta hamn häromdagen. Ett välkommet tillskott i den ansträngda fordonsparken! (Nedan).



SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos

"Drottningens hussarer" övar med Grenadjärer

■ Förbrödring i FN:s färger var det i veckoskiftet i Larnaca och Famagusta, där ferrettroppar från Queen's Own Hussars i Zyyi, dvs Unficyp Force Reserve, samövade med personal ur svenska FN-bataljonens 3 resp. 2 kompani. (Nedan).





Officers of the 1st Bn the Worcestershire Regiment entertain Mr Harry Hawks (left) of the Birmingham Evening Mail and Mr Tom Beesley (extreme right) of BBC TV (Midlands).



Lt R.J. Lees with Mr Harry Hawks at the United Nations Observation Post at Stavrokono in the Paphos District.

**On Watch
for UN
at Skarinou**

On duty at the Observation Post at Skarinou Bridge is L cpl Gorman of the 1st Bn The Worcestershire Regiment.

**BRITCON
NEWS**



TALKING "SHOP"

L cpl Keith Liggins (left) and Trooper Peter Lea of the Queens Own Hussars talking "shop" with members of SWEDON 3 Company, during Recce Training in the Fama-gusta Zone.

VISIT OF MIDLANDS REPORTERS TO THE WORCESTERSHIRE REGIMENT



Lt R.J. Lees with Mr Harry Hawks at the United Nations Observation Post at Stavrokono in the Paphos District.

A Quiet Talk With the Mukhtar

Enjoying a glass of wine and a quiet talk to the Mukhtar of Stavrokono village is Lt R.J. Lees of the 1st Bn The Worcestershire Regiment.



ON NEWS



BTHERS MEET

At Akrotiri, Sgt A. Franklin serving with "B" Coy meets his wife who is stationed there with the RAF.

Before the RAF join the Iron Pipe Band and one from the other to provide entertainment for the spectators.



As part of the programme of training being continually carried out by the 12th Group, Mortar teams from the companies, recently conducted a very successful "Shoot" at Goshi Range.

Preparing the ammunition before firing are (left) Cpl David Howard and (right) Sgt Peter Whelan. (Picture to the left).

Deineann Sair O'Murchu cigearacht ar na Gunnai roimh tosnu lamhaigh. (Right).



Mortar Shoot at Goshi

During the actual "shoot" one of the teams in action. In the background can be seen the beginning of a smoke screen being put down by the team. (Left).



At the invitation of the RAF two matches, one of hurling and one of Gaelic football were played earlier this month in Akrotiri. The hurling match was an exhibition between two teams from Iron and this photograph (below) shows play in action near a goalmouth.

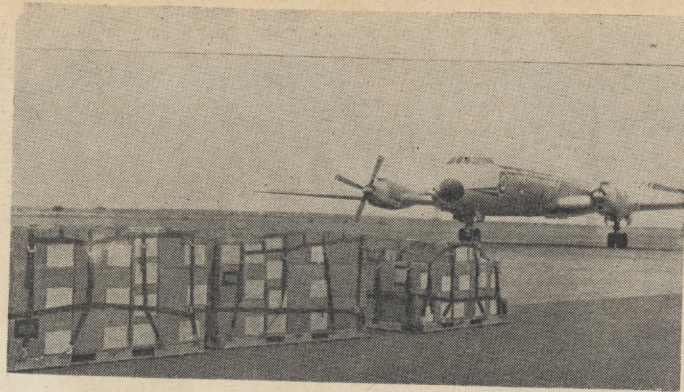
GAELIC GAMES AT AKROTIRI



The Gaelic football match (below) was a challenge between a team of RAF personnel and one from the 12th Group.

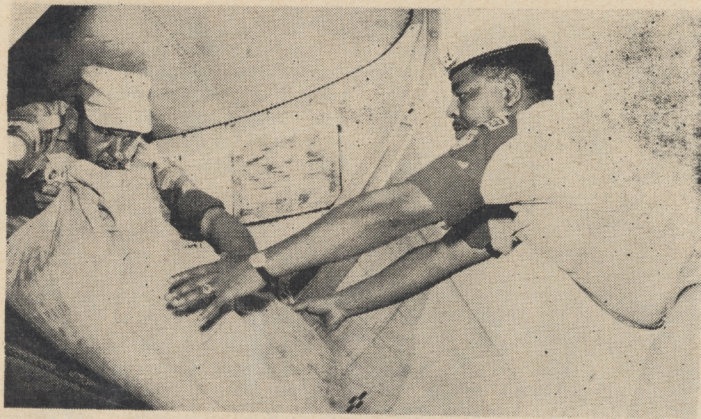
In a similar challenge game last year the RAF team won. This time however the 12th Group team proved too strong for them and were easy winners in the end.





The arrival of Yukon Flight 307. An average of 18,000 pounds of cargo and 15 passengers arrives each week.

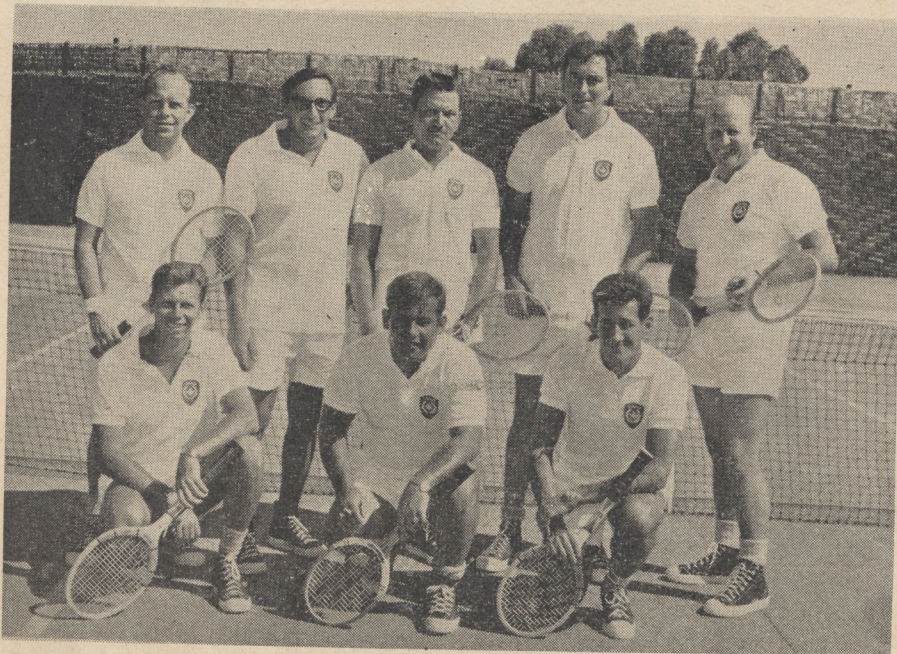
Private Jean Gaboury, 2e Battalion Royal 22e Régiment (left) and Sergeant Clarence Estes, NCO-in-charge of the Camp Maple Leaf post office, off-load the mail.



CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

Cancon Tennis Team



Third But Not Out Placing third in a two-day tournament July 17-18, the CANCON team is anxious to challenge any of the contingents. Inquiries should be directed to Lt Yvon Lafrance at 76204, ext. 47. Team members include (L. to R. front row) Cpl Gilles Boulanger, Michel Bouchard and Claude Gagnon. (Back row) Capt. Bill Scott, Cpl Jean-Louis Fiset, Cpl Yvon Roberge, Lt Alain Forand and team captain and manager, Lt Col Charles Belzile.

Aircraft Day

TUESDAY — sometimes the most nerve-wracking, but always the most welcome day of the week. It means the arrival of new faces for the Canadian Contingent, and the departure of a few "veterans" who have completed their six-month tour on the island.

While "Aircraft Day" is important to all Canadians serving in Cyprus, it requires detailed co-ordination by a small group on headquarters staff — the Canadian Contingent Movements Detachment headed by Captain Roger Lapointe.

Sergeant Cam McRae handles the passenger traffic while Corporal Ray Rayworth, the

loadmaster, is responsible for weight distribution and security of the outgoing cargo.

"Invaluable help is given by many sections and individuals at Camp Maple Leaf", Captain Lapointe stated, "particularly by the 'Van Doos' who do all of the heavy work involved in loading and off-loading the aircraft".

"We Three" Corporal Ray Rayworth (left), Sergeant Cam McRae and Captain Roger Lapointe (right) discuss an administrative problem.



New faces to take their places in the Canadian Contingent.



ON TAASEN VIETETTY JUHLAHETKI

...JA MIEHIÄ TULI TAIVAAN TÄYDELTÄ. UUTTA VERTA TARVITAAN JATKUVASTI JA VILPOISESTA SUOMESTA SITÄ KUULEMAN MUKAAN SAA. HUUH KERTOO, ETTÄ LISÄÄKIN ON TULOSSA NYT SAAPUNEEN KOLMENKYMMENTEN LISÄKSI. OLISIKOHAN TOTTA?

Totta tuntuu olevan, sillä 209 miestä on pois lähdössä ja 207 miestä tulee yhteensä tilalle. Yhtä lukuunottamatta tuli komppanioidin uudet päälliköt: 1 JK maj J

Rosenlöf, 3 JK maj P Lahdenperä, EK maj A Virolainen ja HK maj K Hemminki.

Esikuntaan tuli uudeksi pataljoonapääseeriksi evl P Kallio, operatiivisen toimiston päälliköksi maj A Laine sekä komentotoimiston

päälliköksi maj K Pippuri. Huoltopäälliköksi siirtyi HK:sta evl M Wikman.

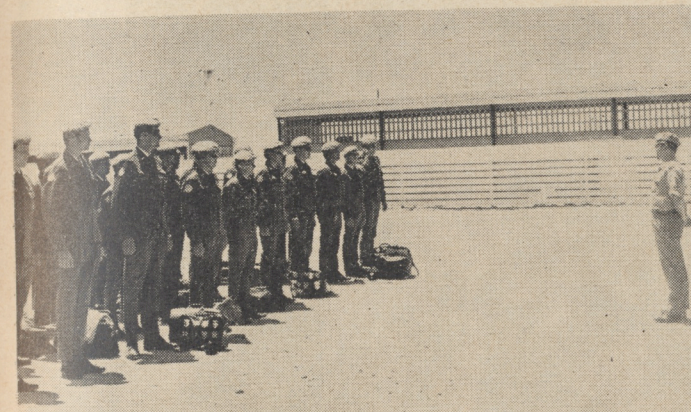
Kun lähes puolet pataljoonan vahvuudesta vaihtuu, kysytään jokaiselta "vanhalta" viireyttä ja valppautta, niin että uudet tulokkaat mahdollisimman hyvin sopeutuisivat tehtäväänsä ja viihtyisivät täällä. Kaikkia lähtijöitä kiitetään kuluneesta ja toivotetaan oikein hyvää jatkoa.

FINCON NEWS

KUVIEN KERTOMAA



Konstan viimeinen räätisulkeinen: "Kylä mää vaa nii rakastin niitä räitei ja lumpui".



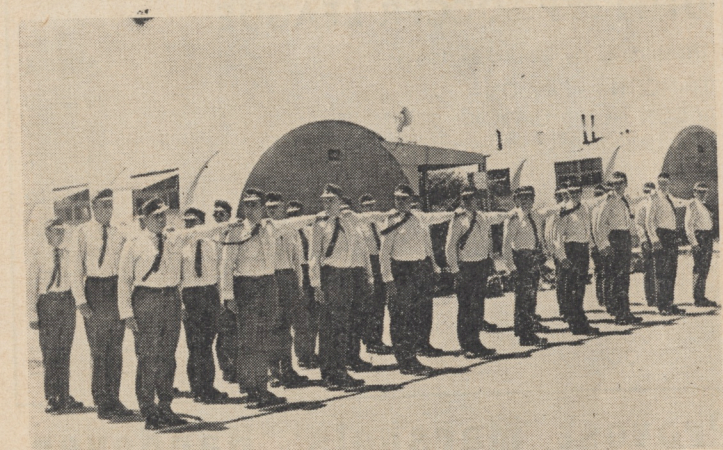
Työt on tehty, pykälät heitetty ja pataljoonan komentajan lepo-komento on toivottu ja ansaittu.



TULLITARKASTUS: ONKO TIETOA?



Kuvassa vanhat soturit auttavat uusia löytämään nopeasti säikeistensä lämmintä ylle, ettei vilu pääsisi yllättämään.



Valkovarpaat sen sijaan ottavat tiukkaa työtä varten ojennusta niin kauan kunnes varpaat tummuvat ja solmiot pysyvät suorina.



JASSU - MERHABA!

Swedcon Champions in Unficyp Tennis

The Unficyp Tennis Championships, which were played in Nicosia last Thursday and Friday, 17—18 July, resulted in an overwhelming victory for the Swedish contingent players.

The single's title was taken by Leif Johansson, a member of Swedcivpol, who in the whole tournament lost only three games!

Swedcon's Maj Lars Hammarberg and Capt Ake Landqvist won the double. — Picture right: Chief Personnel Officer Lt Col E. Lehtovirta (Right) presents Leif Johansson with the winner's tankard. Capt E.A.E. Durey, HQ Unficyp camp adjutant attends the ceremony.



INTERCONTINGENT FOOTBALL

DANCON LEADS LEAGUE

HQ Unficyp v Swedcon 1 - 7

The result of the HQ UNFICYP v SWEDCON football game with 7—1 in favour of SWEDCON illustrates very clearly the strength of the well trained Swedish men. By half time the score was 5—0 and the HQ UNFICYP men found their defence tied into knots time and again.

The second half started with a further quick two goals for SWEDCON but due no doubt to a lapse in SWEDCON defence and possibly over confidence the HQ UNFICYP side were able to slip in a quick goal before the game ended. The SWEDCON played good hard attacking football and deserved this 7—1 victory.

(Match picture to the left.)



UNFICYP SOCCER LEAGUE

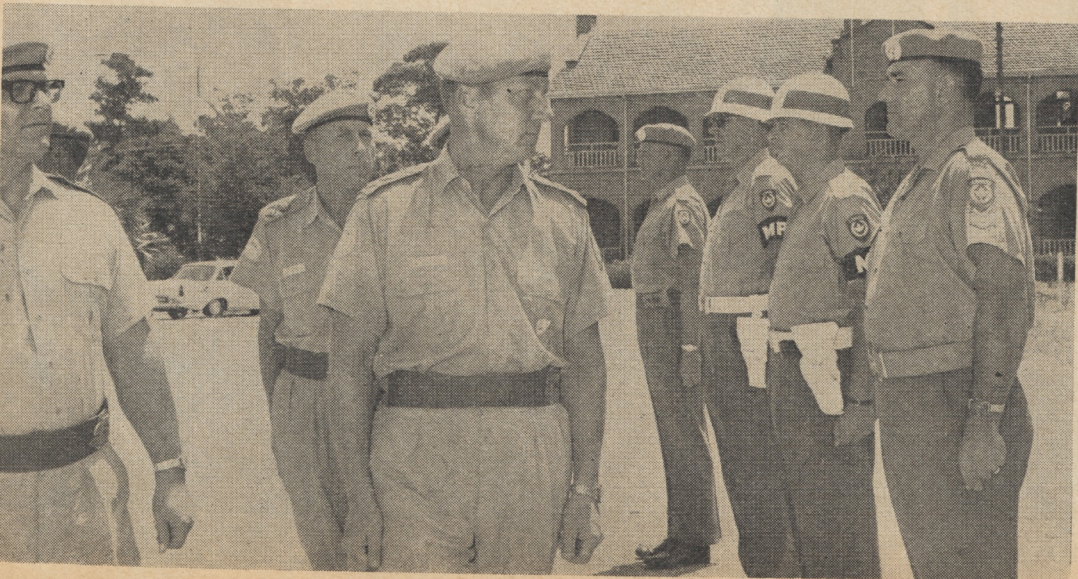
(Results as by 22nd July 1969)

DANCON — FINCON	SCORE
IRCON — HQ UNFICYP	7 — 0
HQ UNFICYP — SWEDCON	0 — 2
	1 — 7

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1. DANCON	3	3	—	—	19	2	6
2. WORCESTERSHIRE REGT	4	3	—	1	15	7	6
3. SWEDCON	4	3	—	1	18	11	6
4. QUEEN'S OWN HUSSARS	3	1	—	2	7	15	2
5. HQ UNFICYP	3	1	—	2	4	14	2
6. IRCON	2	—	—	2	2	5	—
7. FINCON	3	—	—	3	3	14	—

Provost Marshals' Handover

Lt Col Walter Dabros, Canadian Forces, inspects the Unficyp military police company when he took over command from Lt Col Bob Grogan on 14 July who has completed his tour.



Unficyp Wedding

Last Saturday Sgt Claes-Goran Mansson of Swedon and Miss Margareta Sturk were married at the Swedish Contingent Chapel in Carl Gustaf Camp outside Famagusta, only a few weeks after another happy Unficyp wedding took place at the same chapel. This time again Swedcon's chaplain Sven Joelsson conducted the marriage ceremony.

Sgt Mansson, who serves with Swedcon's staff company, comes from Malmo in southern Sweden. His wife Margareta is a Finnish citizen from Aland.

● Newly wedded Margareta and Claes-Goran are pictured above when passing through a Guard of Honour provided by Swedcon's Royal Guard Platoon.