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COL HAMILL HANDS OVER



The old and the new Chief Economics Officers were pictured with the Force Commander last week at the beginning of their handover. Lt Col J Hamill has begun to hand over to Lt Col D O'Carroll, who has come to the Force from the Irish Army Military College.

Colonel Hamill, who has now completed his second tour in a United Nations Force, has seen many changes in the Economics and Humanitarian activities of the Force since he arrived last year.

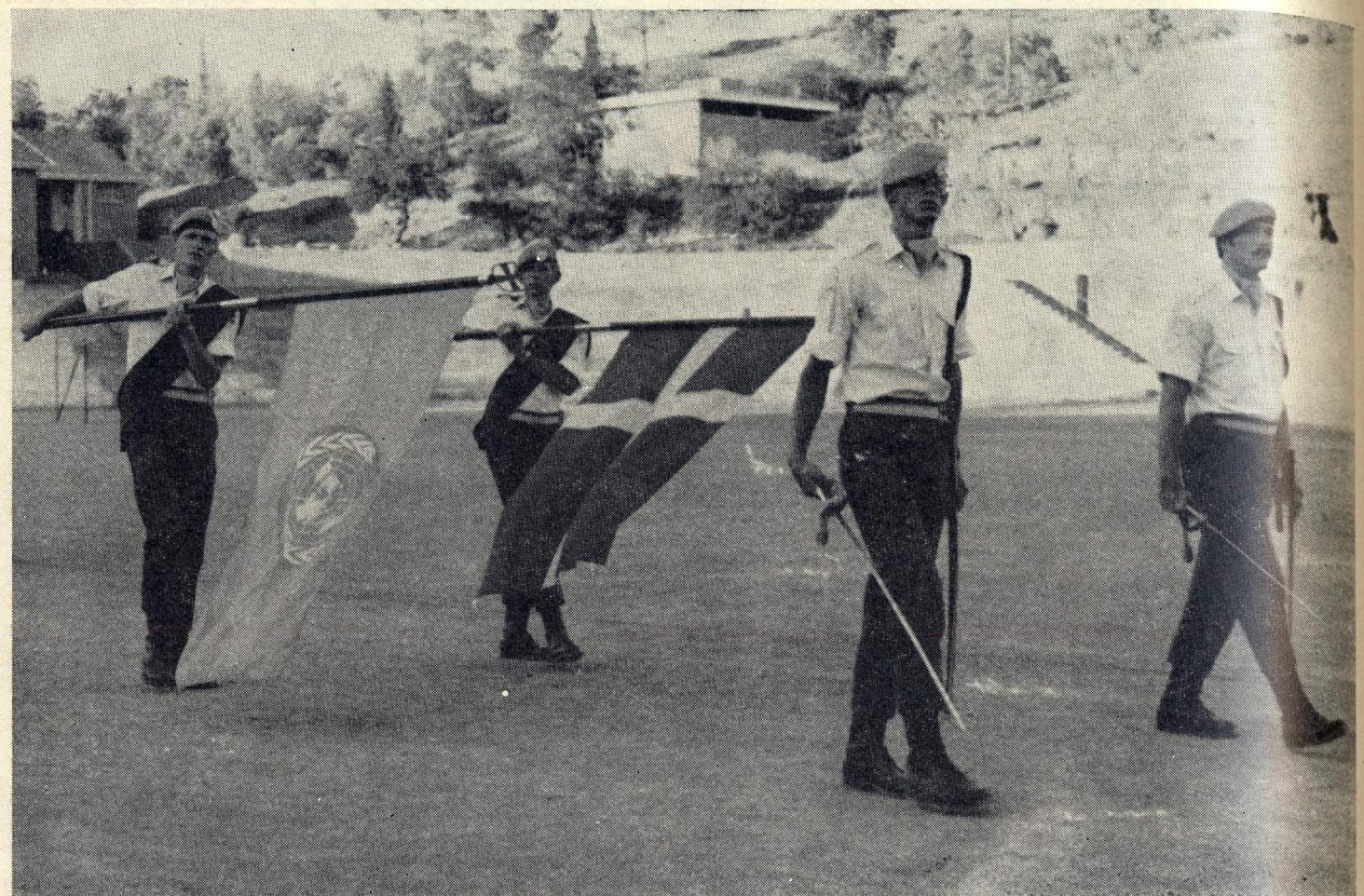
The responsibilities of the Economics and Humanitarian Branch in the Headquarters, has increased during the year, since it has taken on some of the tasks formerly carried out by the International Committee of the Red Cross.

PROMOTION FOR DCOS's DRIVER



Last week Lance Corporal Ben Corbell gained a major step up the promotion ladder when he was promoted to full Bombardier. The DCOS took the opportunity to present his driver with his new badges of rank.

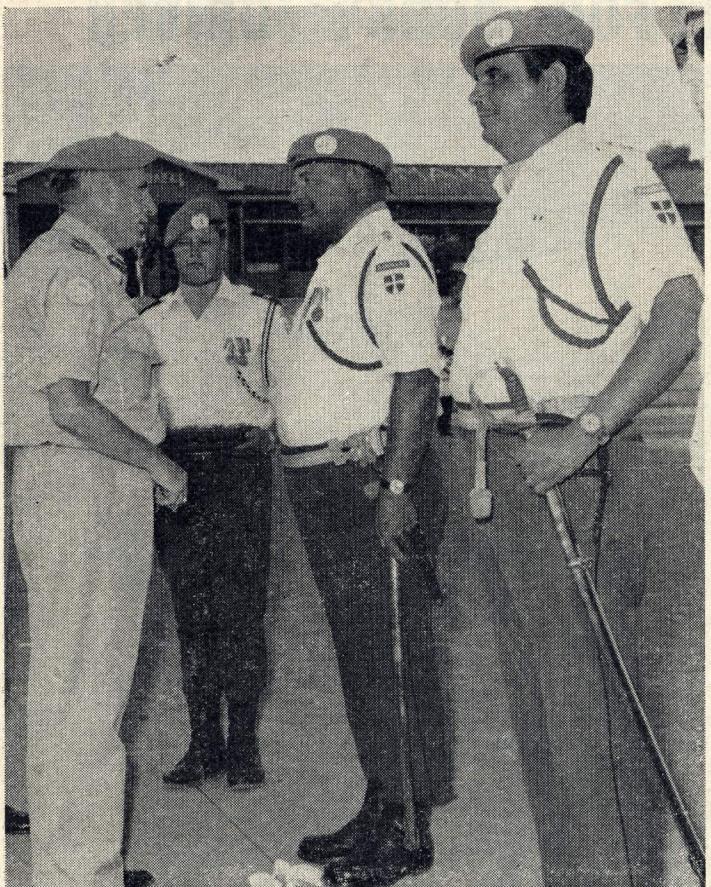
DANCON MEDAL PARADE



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March past.

The Danish Medal Parade took place at Evrykou two weeks ago. On a sunny evening the Danish Battalion paraded in front of many distinguished guests to receive the United Nations Medals from the Force Commander, General Quinn.

The parade took place on the sports ground of the Evrykou school after which the guests were very well entertained by the Danish Battalion.



CH/DANCON OL G. Bladbjerg dekoreres af Force Commander.
CO/DANCON Lt. Col. G. Bladbjerg is decorated by Force Commander.



The group "7:30" started off with a concert at the ruins of Salamis.

"7:30" AT THE RUINS OF SALAMIS

The Swedish Battalion was visited by a highly talented entertainment group recently, called the "7:30".

The group which consisted of four singers and four musicians, began their visit to Cyprus on the day they arrived from Sweden, with a concert at the Salamis ruins. This varied, and much appreciated programme, included among other things, an impersonation of the Andrew sisters, a tribute to the late Elvis Presleys with some rock and roll tunes and a couple of the Beatles songs.

The artists then went to several OP's, to perform for the men on duty in the Buffer zone. They also performed in the different messes. Before returning to Sweden they visited other parts of the island and gave concerts for the Canadian, Finnish and Danish contingents.



An impersonation of the Andrew Sisters was part of the varied programme.

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SIGNAL COMMANDER VISITS UNFICYP



The Force Signal Officers with Colonel M.U. Ryan and Major M.K.D. Gunton.

CO'S MEET IN SECTOR TWO



Last week the Commanding Officers conference met in St. Davids Camp. Before lunch they were shown some of the newer items of equipment issued to British Battalions. In the picture above Sgt J Dunlop is seen explaining the Tobias intruder alarm system to the CO's.

The Commander of the British 3rd Signal Group Colonel M.U. Ryan recently visited the Signal Squadron. He was pictured on his arrival with the Signal Officer of three nations in the squadron and the 2i/c of the Support Regiment. After a short



briefing, Colonel Ryan, was taken to meet the men in the Squadron, visiting the line section, radio repair shop and communications centre. 3rd Signal Group provides the back-up support for the Force Signal Squadron.

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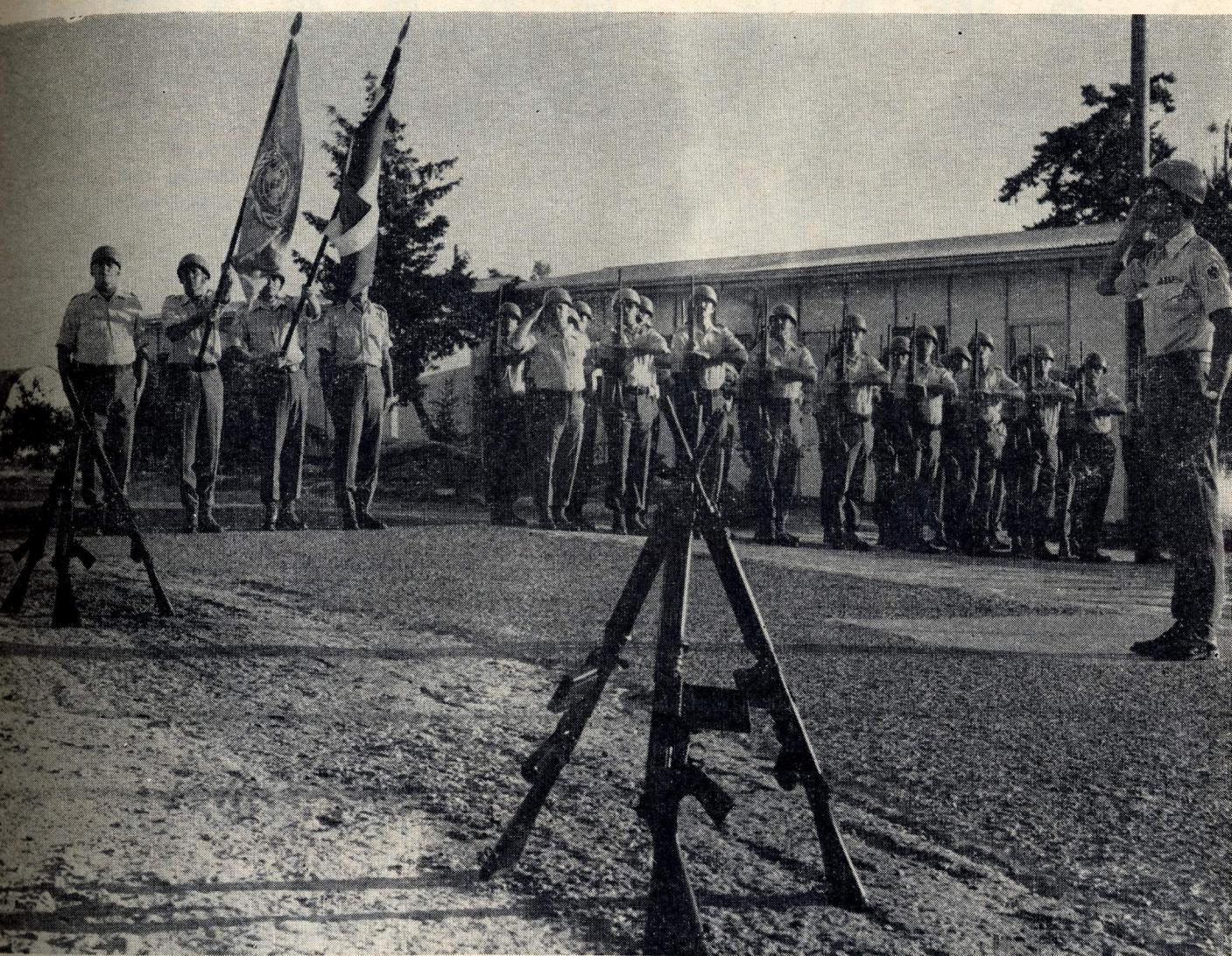
NEWS

ADVENTURE TRAINING FOR THE RANGERS



Adventure training is continuing in the 1st Battalion The Royal Irish Rangers. Sgt Whenlock was pictured above instructing during an absailing exercise.

MEDAL PARADE AT LARNACA



Am 24.08. fand beim AUSCON die Medal Parade statt. Es wurde an diejenigen unseres Battalions, die mit der Mai-Rotation nach Cypern gekommen waren, die UN Medaille verliehen. Bei der Parade richtete der FC, General Quinn, an jeden der von ihm ausgezeichneten Soldaten einige persönliche Worte.

The Austrian Contingent's Medal Parade took place on the 24th of August. This time only those on parade, who had arrived on the May rotation, received a UN medal. The medals were presented by the Force Commander, General Quinn, who, as usual, had a few special words for each person receiving a medal.

CANCON MOTOR RALLY



Le Capt Brosseau, organisateur du Rallye, explique les règlements aux participants avant le départ.
Capt Brosseau, organiser of the Rally, explains the rules to the participants before the start.

On the 26th August, the Canadian Contingent held a Military Rally, which much resembled a road rally except that the teams had to execute a task at each of the checkpoints, dealing with everything from changing a flat tyre, to identifying the various weapons and vehicles to be seen in Cyprus. Our attached sub-unit, X BTY, won the overall competition, with a team from the Recce Troop of Command Squadron winning the individual trophy.

C'est le 26 Aout que CONCAN a tenu une Rally Militaire, ce qui ressemble beaucoup un rally routier sauf qu'à chaque poste de vérification, les équipes doivent passer une épreuve allant du changement d'une crevaison jusqu'à l'identification de véhicules et d'armes sur l'île. Notre sous-unité attachée, la BIE X, a gagné la compétition en générale, mais une équipe de la Tpe de Recce a gagné le trophée individuel.

THE WINNER



Le Lt Col Addy présente le trophée Caissie au Lt Lacroix, représentant les équipes de la BIE X, qui ont rapporté la compétition.

Le Lt Col Addy vérifie l'arme d'un participant lors de l'inspection des équipes.

Lt Col Addy checks a participant's weapon during the team inspections.

Lt Col Addy presents the Caissie trophy to Lt Lacroix, representing X BTY who won the overall competition.

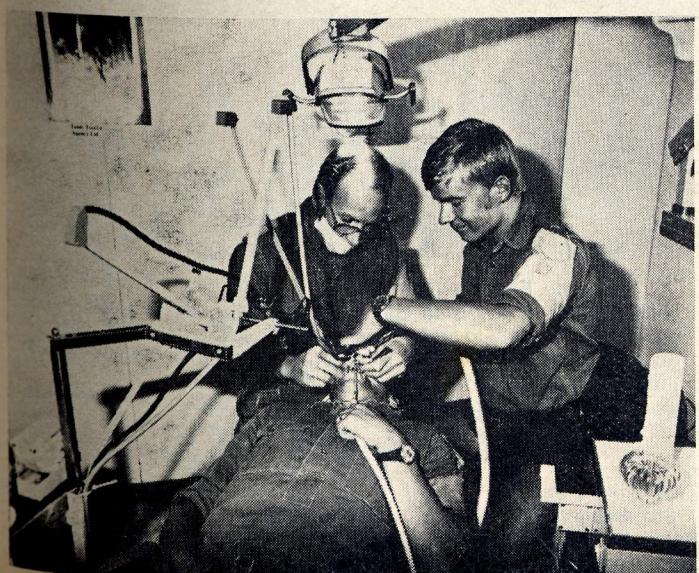
FINCON NEWS



MIEHIÄ TYÖNSÄ ÄÄRESSÄ

Huolto käsittää useita huoltolajeja, joiden toimintaa koodinoi huoltopäällikkö maj Jaakko Valtonen. Tällä kerralla muissa kuvissa näemme monelletutuksi tulleen lääkäri Pekka Käärläisen juuri kutkuttavimmassa työvaiheessa tuttemattoman potilaan hyväksi. Voi potilas parkkaa!

Toisessa kuvassa talyliil Pentti Matseinen panemassa rahaliikenteeseen kuuluvia tosittaita oikeaan järjestykseen.



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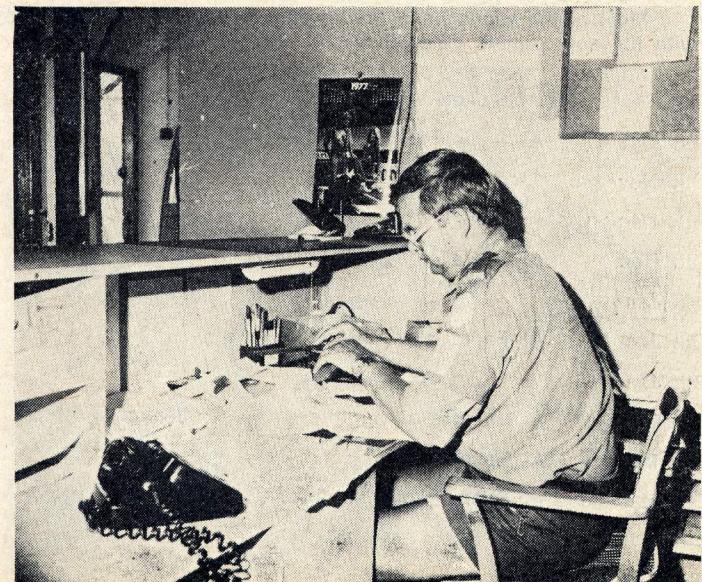
ENGLISH SUMMARY

Once again FINCON is featuring the people behind the scenes who make FINCON run trouble-free. This time it is those working in the logistics branch.

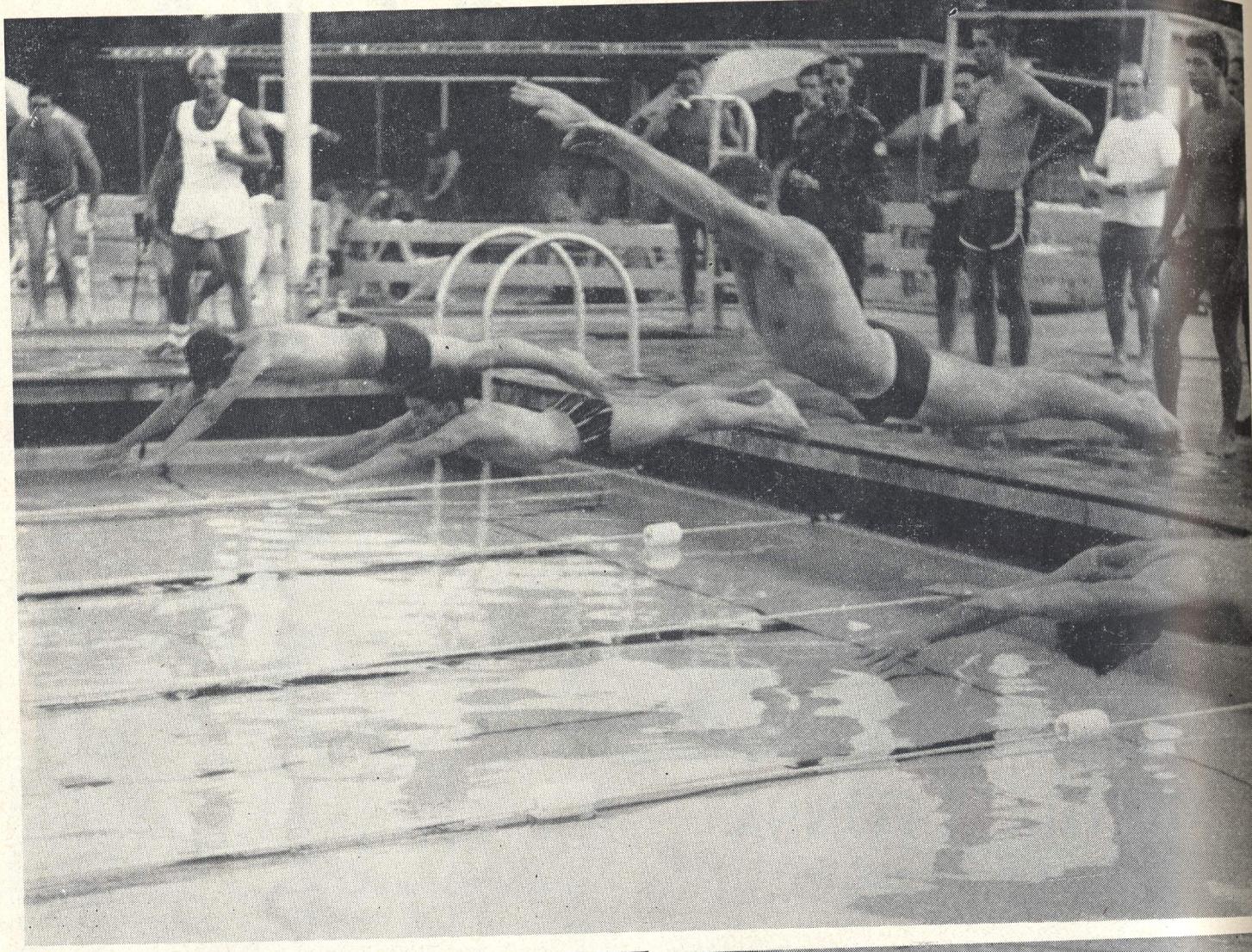
In the top picture, the Chief Logistics Officer Major Valtonen is seen. He is the main co-ordinator of the logistics branch enabling the entire branch to run smoothly and effectively. In the bottom left picture, we can see "the most feared man" in FINCON, the Dentist, MO Major P Kääriäinen.

However, once in his capable care all fears are quickly calmed.

Quartermaster Sr Lt P Matsinen, who, is also FINCON's Paymaster, is seen in the bottom right picture arranging receipts in order to balance FINCON's budget.



SPORTS NEWS



GALES

This month will see the first of the coming winds. Most of the strong winds that blow over Cyprus do so at more or less predictable times, so much so that it is now possible to forecast when they will occur (to within three or four days). In general terms all these periods of strong winds begin with the wind blowing from the South West. The gusts of wind will then veer to the West and Northwest before reducing in strength.

Most of the winds have Arabic names which are given below with the approximate dates they are expected to blow.

27th Sept	Al Saleeb Winds	
21st Oct	Al Saleebish Winds	
26th Nov	Al Miekueess	often gale force
6th Dec	Kassim	
20th Dec	Al Fedra al Saghira	
11th Jan	_____	often gale force
19th Jan	Al Fedra al Kabira	
28th Jan	_____	
18th Feb	Al Shamus al Saghira	often gale force
10th Mar	Al Hossom	
20th Mar	Al Shamus al Kabira	often gale force
25th Mar	Hawa	
29th Apr	Khamseen Winds	



With the Force swimming competition due this week all units within reach of the Blue Beret Camp pool have been having their own competitions to select their teams. The Rangers have been no exception and they are pictured here as their competitors start the breaststroke, and during the freestyle race.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Two Weeks ending 3rd September	12	Total for the same period last year
Same period last year	13	Lesson for the month
Total for the year	151	WHY DIE IN PERFECT HEALTH?