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## **FORCE COMMANDER VISITS KYRENIA DISTRICT**

On Tuesday 3rd March the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand visited the Observation Posts in the Kyrenia District.

Our photograph below shows the Force Commander being met on his arrival at Paquins Hill by members of the Finnish contingent who are responsible for that area.



## **SWEDISH CONTINGENT MEDAL PARADE**

Last Saturday, 7th March, the Swedish medal parade was held at Famagusta. The Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, presented the medals to the Swedish soldiers.

The parade was held at the Municipal Football Stadium and which was an ideal backdrop for the ceremony.

Our picture (left) shows the Force Commander together with the Swedish Contingent Commander, Colonel L.M. Laven, inspecting the parade.

Music was by the Band of the 3rd Royal Anglian Regiment (picture below) for this most impressive ceremony.

## **AUSTRIAN POLICE OFFICERS ROTATE**

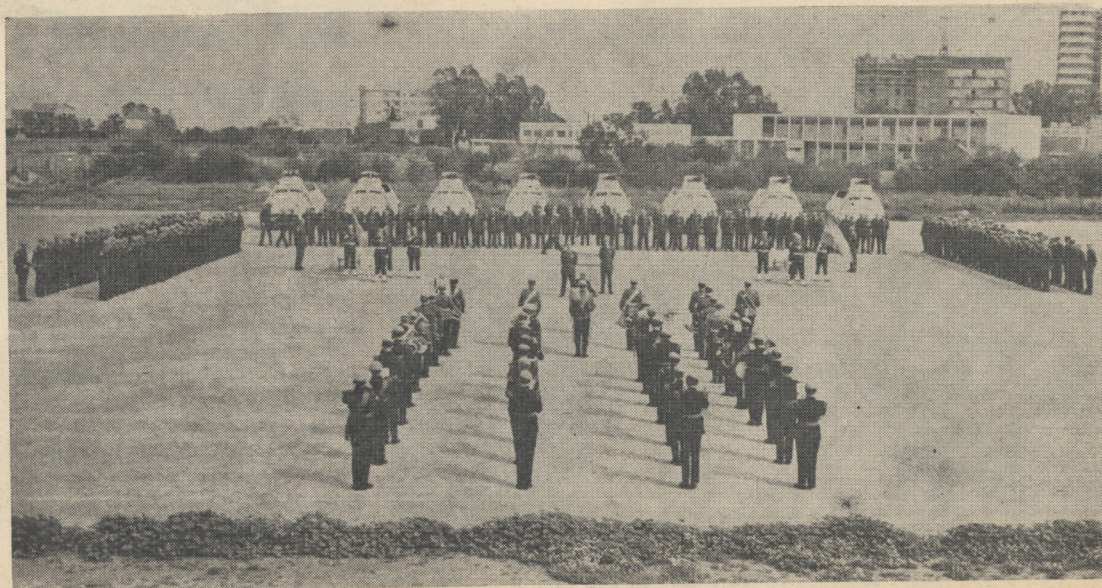
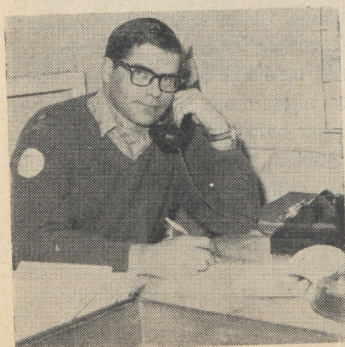
Rittmeister Erich Baeumel (right) Austrian Police Liaison Officer at Headquarters UNFICYP, leaves shortly after a six year tour in Cyprus.

His relief is Rittmeister Alois Hoffbauer (left) on his third tour in the island. He comes to the Headquarters from the Austrian Police Detachment.



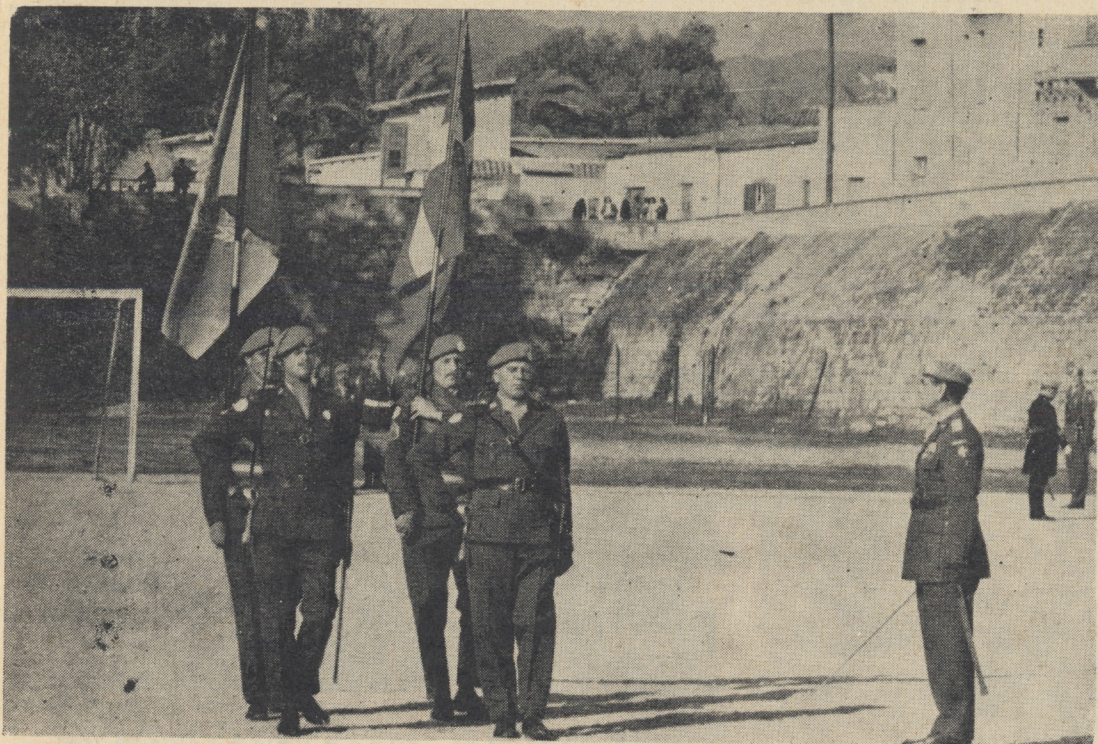
## **NEW OPERATIONS OFFICER**

Major O.J.D. Olafson, Lord Strathconas' Horse, arrived in Cyprus on 17th February last to take over as Operations Officer for Headquarter UNFICYP. He relieves Major O. J. Lester, Royal Canadian Artillery.





# AFSKED MED NICOSIA



OL Christensen hilser fanekommandoerne, der fører fanen til midten. Det var et fint stykke arbejde, PRLT. Petersen, PRLT Kvistgård, SG. Heinrichsen og SG. J.T. Hansen lavede med den fanemarch.

Hvorfor lægge skjul på det! Det blev en FLOT parade. Der var ingen "pasgængere", ingen, der faldt over sablen, eller stod med et halv fjoget åsyn, fordi han havde opdaget, at han stod med "gevær i hvil", hvor kommandoen havde lydt: "Prræ'ssn' terr...GEVV'".

Bagefter talte vi med flere af gæsterne, der havde overværet det flotte skue fra tribunen, og deres dom lød omtrent sådan: "Very fine

At alting (næsten da) gik så godt, skyldtes vel nok det store arbejde, der var lagt i forberedelserne, men også i meget høj grad den vilje, der var til at vise flaget på værdig vis ved den sidste Danconparade i Nicosia. Nu kan vi glæde os over de velfortjente medaljer og over den kendsgerning, at vi kan sige: Vi gik med maner!



## HØRT I FORBIFARTEN

LT X til LT Y. Det er sku' godt, vi ikke er menige. Tænk at skulle nøjes med medaljerne.

parade", "Eine schöne Parade" — og "Det klarede I flot".



Melodi-Mixers i fuldt sving med af højne moralen i Limnitsz lejren, hvor CHARLIE havde gjort alt for at skaffe en god ramme om deres optræden, der blev hilst med stort bifald.

## DANCON NYT



Major Kolls. CH/Charlie lykønsker en af sine drenge KS-LISEBECK under medaljeoverrækkelsen.



OL. Christensen, CH/Dancon ledsager forcecommander under inspektionen af styrken.

## Har præsteret næsten det umulige

Dancon har i denne forvirrede rotationstid næsten præsteret det umulige. Vi har brudt ned og bygget op; vi har flyttet rundt på snart sagt alt muligt, os selv og millioner af kakkerlakker incl.; Vi har afholdt medaljeparade, og som kronen på værket har vi haft besøg af "Melodi - mixers".

Det sidste var måske ikke det ringeste. De har fået os til at glemme alle besværlighederne og givet os det pusterum, der fik os til at ta' et ekstra nap bagefter. Det har givetvis heller ikke været let for dem at finde sig tilrette med de ofte meget primitive forhold, vi kunne byde dem at optræde under.

## EN FEMTEDEL HJEMSENDES

Dancon XII hjemsender i disse dage over 1/5 af sin styrke, der er blevet overflødig på det nye organisationskema. Vi, der bliver tilbage, vil savne gode kammerater. Vi ønsker jer en god hjemrejse og held og lykke i fremtiden og siger jer allesammen tak for den tid, vi har haft sammen og for den del af jobbet, I har gjort.

## DRIVERS CORNER

KØR LANGSOMMERE og med lidt mere omtanke igennem bebyggede områder og på bjergveje

# MEDALJPARAD I FAMAGUSTA



Force commander, general D. Prem Chand, inspekterar den svenska FN-bataljonen före medaljutdelningen i söndags. Drygt 200 man fick då sitt bevis på tre förtjänstfulla månader i FN-tjänst på Cypern.

## Famagusta - zonen ändrat till distrikt



Byrådirektörerna J-E Lagercrantz (t.v.) och E. Schältz från Ast/FN i samtal med distriktschefen, öv Lars Lavén. Besöket gällde bl a spörmål med anledning av att Famagusta zon blivit Famagusta distrikt och att därför en viss omorganisation av den svenska bataljonen skett.



## Stabsredaktör på Swedcon-besök

Mj C. Hammarberg, stabsredaktör vid Försvarsstabens pressdetalj, har under en dryg vecka besökt bataljonen.



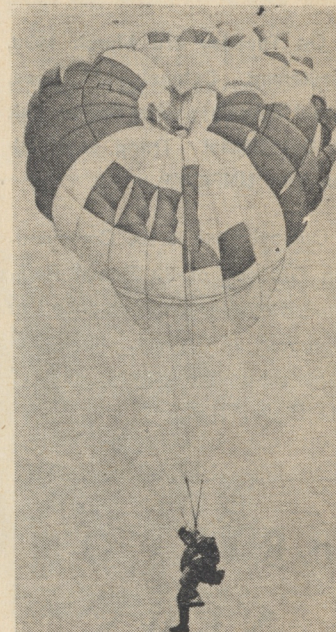
I bakgrunden militärörkestern från den brittiska FN-bataljonen - "The Pompadours", som spelade under ceremonien.

## Första hopparna prövade skärmen

I lördags genomförde en del av eleverna i fallskärmsbataljonens kurs sitt första hopp. Första hoppare blev fu Anders Persson och andre man efter honom i samma flygning var men Anders Källsten.

Hoppen som genomfördes i Dhekelia lyckades utmärkt i fint väder bortsett från att Bengt Askling vid nedslaget fick en ledbandsskada i foten och förtes till Dhekeliasjukhuset.

Kursledaren, lt Bo Syde, genomförde sedan ett fritt fall på flera hundra meter och precisionen var det inget fel på. Nedslaget kom en dryg halvmeter utanför det angivna målområdet.



Lt Bo Syde singlande ner mot målplatsen efter flera hundras meters fritt fall.

## SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos

## SWEDCON VANN UNFICYP - SERIEN

Swedcon vann UNFICYP-serien i fotboll genom att i finalen slå Dancon med 7 - 2 (3 - 0). Fyramålsskytt och vinnare av skytteligan blev Jan Pålsson. Både danskarna och svenskarna fick var sin straff sig tilldömda av den irländske domaren.

Det blev till slut endast fyra lag som deltog i serien eftersom HQ-laget lämnade walk over till svenskarna liksom Cancon.

När Swedcon och Dancon möttes i fredags var båda lagen obesegrade och ingen hade väntat att segern skulle bli så relativt lätt som den blev och siffrorna så höga.

## Swedcon - Dancon 7 - 2



Fyramålsskytten Jan Pålsson har just fått en passning av Bo Olofsson och nätat. En av de danska backarna och målvakten är helt chanslösa.



## LIAISON VISIT TO 644 SIGNAL TROOP



On Tuesday 3rd March 1970, Lieutenant Colonel I.M. Rose, Royal Signals paid a liaison visit to 644 Signal Troop at Headquarters UNFICYP.

Colonel Rose is the Commanding Officer of 30 Signal Regiment, Royal Signals, stationed at Blandford in Dorset. 30 Signal Regiment is the parent unit of 644 Signal Troop.

**BRITCON  
NEWS**



### SAPPER'S TASK CONTINUES

With redeployment of the Pompadours and the Irish Contingent completed last weekend, considerable hard work was required to have the new accommodation ready.

This task had fallen in the main to the detachment of Sappers of 9 Independent Para Squadron, Royal Engineers attached to the Pompadours.

In our photograph (left) Sapper Barney Rooney puts the finishing touches to a window frame.

### RIDING AT POLEMIDHIA

The training programme for the Rest and Retraining platoon of the Pompadours is a varied one.

One day the platoon will be field firing at Goshi, the next skiing in Troodos or riding in Polemidhia.

Our photograph shows Privates Ralph Heath and John Chidwick taking riding instruction.



● Lance Corporal John Taylor (Left) and Lance Corporal Boner Law explain a technical point to the Colonel.

● Both Corporals are Technicians with the troop. (Picture above).

● Sergeant Bob Rodgers and Captain Cox explain to the Colonel some of the line link up to the headquarters block. (Picture below).



## SECOND TOUR IN CYPRUS

Corporal Smith, a member of 65 Squadron The Royal Corps of Transport is in Cyprus for the second time.

His last tour was with the Gloucestershire Regiment in 1958 when he transferred to 58 Squadron The Royal Corps of Transport.

He finds that very little has changed since his last tour.



## IRCON HEADQUARTERS AT ZYI

Ircon Headquarters is now located at Zyi and we visited them at their new location last week to see how they had settled in.

All appeared to be very busy but happy in their new abode.

The recreational facilities available in the camp were much in use, hurling, football, tennis and badminton were in full swing during the afternoon.

● Corporal Patrick Molloy of 4 Garrison Company MPC on gate duty at Zyi last week.



## KEY MEMBER OF OPERATIONS

Private Dave Goode of 6 Battalion, Athlone, is a vital member of the Operations Staff at Headquarters, Ircon.

He is the "you name it and I will get it" man of the operations. Teleprinter, typewriter, motorola and telephone, Dave can manage them all.

Looking for a file? Dave knows where it is and if you want a

good cup of tea he is your man.

Private Goode is on his first overseas tour and has proved himself to be an all-rounder who does the job efficiently and quickly.

## FLYING VISIT

'B' Company are still located in Lefka and so Commandant E. Dineen the Company Commander paid a flying visit to Zyi last week for the group commanders conference.

Photograph left shows Commandant Dineen about to board the helicopter for his return to Lefka.



## MORE GAS NEEDED

Gunner Joe Lawlor of 2 Field Artillery Regiment, McKee Barracks, Dublin, refuels his vehicle after a run to Nicosia.

Joe is a married man whose wife and child live at 7, C Block Married Quarters, Arbour Hill, Dublin.



## VOLLEY BALL RUNNERS UP

The UNFICYP volleyball championship was held at Camp Maple Leaf last week and Ircon beat Fincon in the first round and emerged winners of their group.

Fincon won the losers group and in the final between the group winners, Fincon, the favourites, won out beating Ircon after a close struggle.

Full credit for this fine performance by the Ircon team must be given to Corporal Ollie "Bugler" Walsh — who manages the team.



## IRCON NEWS

## VITAL STORES

Private Thomas O'Brien 'A' Company drawing some liquid refreshments for his company from the Welfare Canteen at Zyi.

He is being assisted by Private Peter Dixon (on right) who lives at Clonee, Castlerickard, Longwood, Co Meath.





## GUARD OF HONOUR

The Pipes and Drums of the 2nd Battalion, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada, lead a 50-man Guard-of-Honour through Camp Maple Leaf.

## CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

Colonel J. G. Bourne, Colonel-of-the-Regiment, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada, inspects the Guard of Honour commencing his visit last week to the 2nd Battalion in Cyprus. (Picture below).

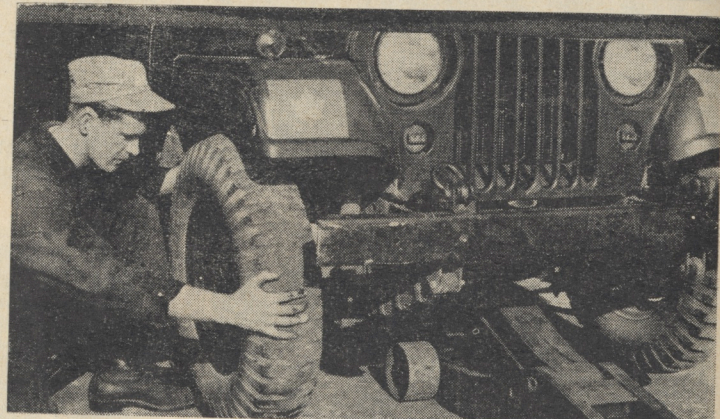
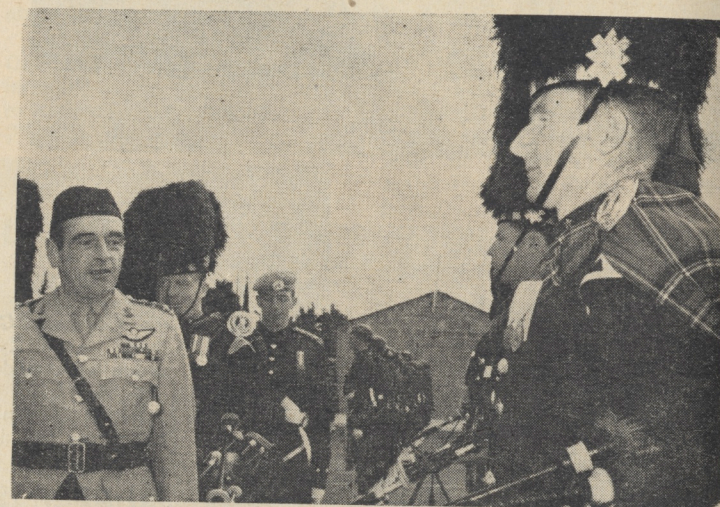


Lieutenant-Colonel J. Sharp, a former commanding officer of the 3rd Battalion of The Black Watch, Montreal, chats with Sergeant Ron Arsenault and Master Warrant Officer J.W. (Sandy) Hughes at Camp Maple Leaf.

## REGIMENTAL OFFICERS' VISIT

Regimental officers from Canada arrive in Cyprus to visit 2 RHC at Camp Maple Leaf and in Nicosia District. They were greeted at the Nicosia Airport by Lieutenant-Colonel William B. MacLeod, Commanding Officer of the battalion.

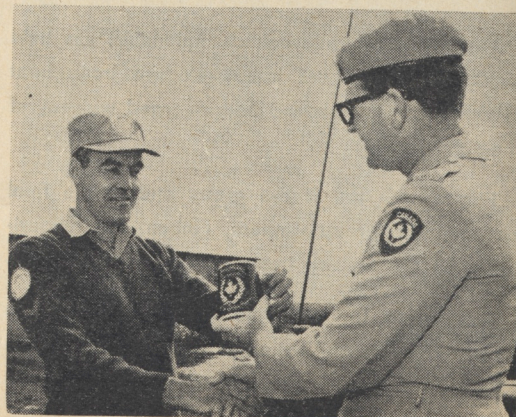
(Left to right) Captain D. Fisher, Regimental Adjutant; Lieutenant-Colonel G.S. Morrison, Commanding Officer 1 RHC, Gagetown; Lieutenant-Colonel MacLeod; Lieutenant-Colonel J.I.B. MacFarlane, Commanding Officer 3 RHC, Montreal; and Major W.E. Stavert, Regimental Staff Officer.



Tyre change for Corporal Ralph McDonald, 2 RHC. Corporal McDonald is a member of the battalion's RCME maintenance section.

## SAFE DRIVING

Safe Driving award for Corporal Jack Ryan, 2 RHC. His Company Commander, Major J.S. MacAulay, "B" Company, made the presentation recently at Camp Maple Leaf.



Vaaliuurna teki harvinaisen matkan äänestäjien luo vuorten laelle. Hill Topilla hyvästelevät toisiaan kers Rauhala ja yll Talvia.

## Vaalipalvelua helikopterilla

Ainutlaatuinen tapaus Suomen kansanedustajien vaalien historiassa sattui viime keskiviikkona 4.3. Kyproksella YKSP:n alueella. Nikosian äänestyspaikka siirrettiin poikkeuksellisesti helikopterilla Kyrenian vuoristossa palvelustehtäväänsä suorittavien miesten luo.

Vaalitoimitus suoritettiin 3.JK:n vartiopaikoilla Hill Topilla ja Stampe Corral'illa. Nämä kaksi vartiopaikkaa sijaitsevat hankalimpien kulkuyhteyksien takana. Koska vartiopalveluksen jatkuvaa suorit-



Huoleton on hevoseton mies. Huolettomuus tässä tapauksessa johtuu kuitenkin arvattavasti muusta syystä. Ei niin etteikö EK:n varustarkastus lauantai-iltpäivällä olisi aiheuttanut jollekulle muulle huoltakin mitä varusteista huolehtimiseen tulee.

## FINCON NEWS

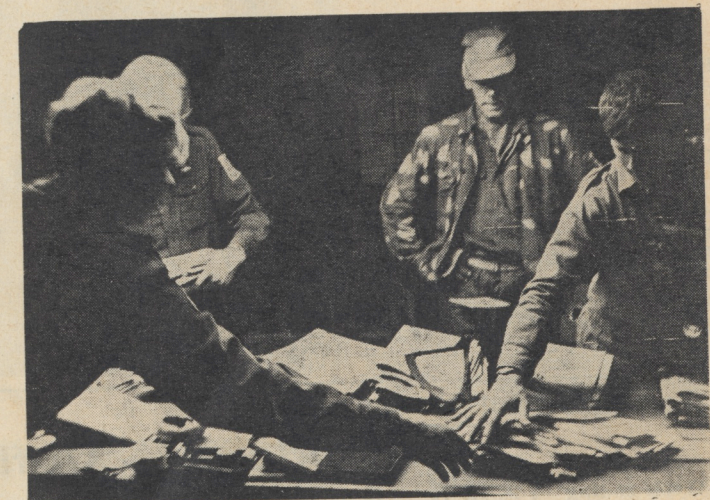


## Passi voitti jälleen

Pataljoonan maastojuoksukilpailu pidettiin 4-5.3. Kykkon laitamilla lauhkeassa kevätsäässä. Kuntoa ja mieltä piristävän juoksun voitti yksiköstä 3.JK, henkilökohtaisen kilpailun ylik Passi (kuvassa).

Yleisradion vaalitulospalvelu ja vaalivalvoajat tultane radioimaan 16-17.3. välisenä yönä Porin lyhytaaltoaseman kautta Kyprokselle suunnattuna lähetyksenä.

## Älkää ampuko postimestaria



Postin lajittelijat ja kantajat pitivät kiirettä iltamyöhään.

Postimiehet tekevät parhaansa, mutta postin kulku on pitkä ja mutkallinen. Menneellä viikolla odotettiin hartaasti omaisten kirjeitä ja kotimaan lehtiä peräti neljä täyttä vuorokautta. Odotus palkittiin vasta viidennen päivän eli sunnuntain iltamyöhällä, jolloin huhu kiersi, että seitsemän sakkia oli tullut yhdessä rytkäksä. Totuus lienee ollut neljä postisäkkiä, mutta ennätys sekä pitkästä aikaa.

Posti lähtee Suomesta joka aamu rahtitavarana Finnairin koneella ja tulee Frankfurtin ja Ateenan

kautta paitsi tiistaisin Amsterdamin kautta. Normaalisti kone laskeutuu Nikosian lentokentälle seuraavina aikoina:

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| ti | 16.55 |
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| to | 18.35 |
| pe | 21.00 |
| la | 20.05 |
| su | 18.35 |

Illan mittaan voi laskeutua kaksi tai kolmekin konetta.



## CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER'S CUP PRESENTATION

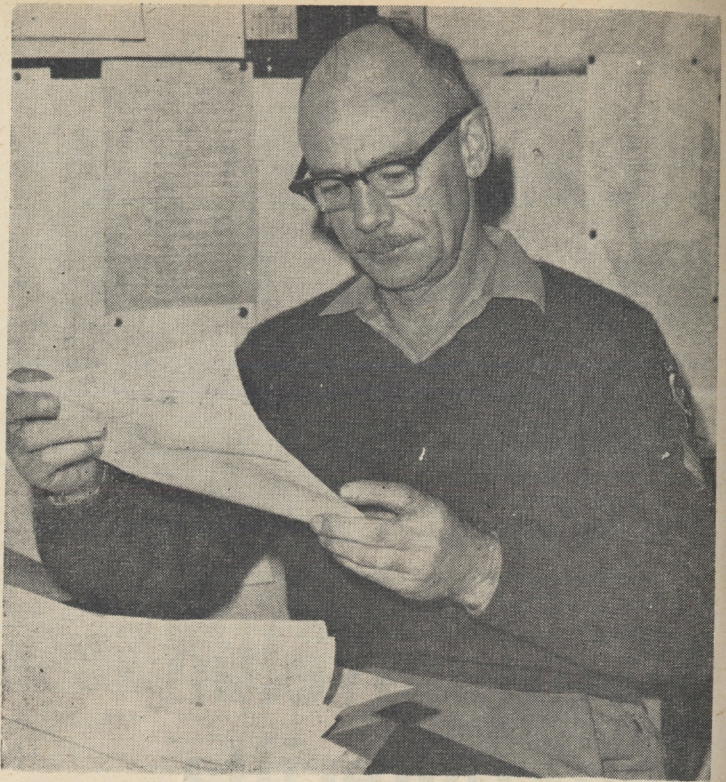
On Saturday, 7th March at the Mercury Club, Headquarters UNFICYP, the Chief Signal Officer, Lieutenant Colonel D.D. Ranft, Royal Signals, presented the Cup to Sergeant Keith Plumb, of the 3rd Royal Anglian Regiment, the captain of the team which won the competition.

In his address Lieutenant Colonel Ranft praised the signals element of all Contingents for their help and cooperation on all communications.

He congratulated all those who took part in the competition for the interest shown making

it an unqualified success.

The members of the Britcon team who won the cup were Sergeant Plumb (Captain), Corporal Gilbert, Lance Corporal Brunning, Signalmen Rimmer, Milson, Private Cannin and reserve Private Smith.



## AIR MOVEMENTS NCO RETIRES

Sergeant T. Gordon Hutchinson, with nearly 30 years service, will retire from the Canadian Armed Forces when he

returns to Canada next May. Sergeant Hutchinson handles passenger traffic for the Canadian Contingent's Air Movement Section at Camp Maple Leaf.



## SWEDCON WIN UNFICYP SOCCER COMPETITION

Swedcon won the UNFICYP Soccer Competition. The deciding match was played on Friday last, the 6th of March, at Nicosia between Swedcon and Dancon.

The Swedish played with confidence and won the match 7-2. The picture shows Jan Pahlsson, Military Police Corporal, scoring one of his four goals.



### MP NOTEBOOK

## Accidents - Unficyp

Week ending 7 MAR 70 — 10  
Same Period last Year — 8  
Total this Year — 90  
Same Period last Year — 67  
Main Cause of Accidents this week —

Following too closely.

### HOW TO DEAL WITH TAILGATERS

It is sheer foolishness to say that "any driver who hits my vehicle from behind is in the wrong". An attitude like that can literally break your neck.

You have a responsibility to the driver following you. You

have to let him know that you are going to do in order for him to know what to do. There are three measures you can take to avoid being hit from behind:

1. **Signal your intention:** Use your directional signals, brake lights and arm signals.

2. **Stop smoothly:** Once in a while you have no choice but to jam on the brakes. Most of the time this should not be necessary. Care to avoid collision with the vehicle ahead will prevent

the following vehicle hitting you.

3. **Keep clear of Tailgaters:** Don't let a tailgater rile you. Shake him by slowing down; this will accomplish one of three things:

- It will permit him to pass you.
- It will force him to go slower if he cannot pass you, and thereby making it easier for him to stop quickly.
- It will serve as a signal to the driver who is unconsciously, following too closely.



"The Army makes a man of you, all right. I started off in the Women's Royal Army Corps!"