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FORCE COMMANDER ON GREEN LINE

Major General D. Prem Chand, Commander UNFICYP, visited the Finnish Observation Posts along the Green Line last Monday 16th February.

In a whirlwind forty minute tour he saw Finnish positions in East Nicosia District soon to be taken over by the 2nd Battalion The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of

Canada.

Our picture shows the Commander discussing various points with the Fincon Commander, Colonel R. K. Raitasaari.

FINNISH CONTINGENT MEDAL PARADE

On Friday 13th February 1970, the Finnish Contingent were on parade to receive their United Nations Peace Keeping Medal for service in Cyprus.

Medals were presented by the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand. Our picture shows the Force Commander taking the General Salute. More pictures and story on page seven.



UNFICYP REDEPLOYMENT

The outline of the contingent redeployment was announced by Headquarters UNFICYP on Saturday 14th February.

The Finnish Contingent have taken over responsibility for Kyrenia District from the Canadian Contingent who in turn assume responsibility for the whole of Nicosia city.

The Danish Contingent assume responsibility for Lefka

District from the Irish Contingent who will now supervise the Larnaca and Kophinou areas.

Such other moves as take place as a result of this redeployment are of a minor nature.

BRITCON FATAL ACCIDENT

It was with much regret that Headquarters UNFICYP announced on Friday, 13th February 1970, the death of Private David Newstead in a car accident.

At about 13.30 hours on the night of 11th February 1970, Private Newstead 27, serving with 3rd Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment, was killed as result of an accident involving a taxi, in which he was travelling, on the Larnaca—Kophinou Road.

Private Newstead, who was married, came from Borehamwood, Herts, and arrived for duty with UNFICYP in October last year.

With him in the taxi were two other soldiers of the same regiment who are now in the BMH Dhekalia. They are Lan-

ce Corporal Michael John Booth, 24, married, from Gillingham, Kent, seriously ill and Private Peter Roy Fensome, 24, also married from Luton, who is now off all Danger Lists.

FAO COIN ALBUMS

The first international coin issue was started recently under the sponsorship of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations.

Albums containing coins, both current and commemorative are now on sale from FAO. There is a limited issue of 20,000 albums.

Further details available on application to the United Nations Development Programme, PO Box 1835, Nicosia, or telephone 70/3188.

FARVEL TIL LOUROUJINA

Vi kommer ikke uden om, at det er en vis bitterhed og sorg, der præger os i disse dage, hvor vi står overfor at måtte rømme skuepladsen for Dancon's virke her på øen igennem de sidste mange år for at overtage nye opgaver ude i Lefka distriktet. Men en ordre er en ordre, hvor ondt det så end gør at blive smidt ud af de kære huler.

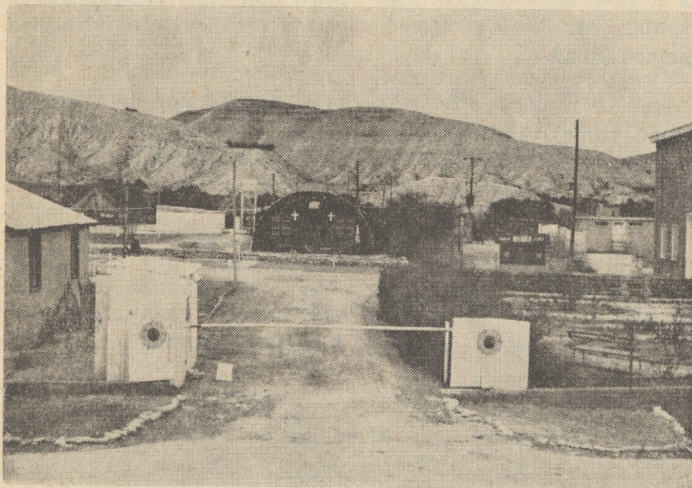
En af dem vi satte allerstørst pris på, var vel lejren ude i Louroujina "Jeg er Lou-kriger" sagde beboerne derude med stolthed og så samtidig sådan lidt nedladende ned på os andre mere almindelige dødelige herindefra Nicosia.

Nå, de havde nu også god grund til at se lidt ned på deres omgivelser, de gode Lou-krigere.

Det gi'er vidsyn at stå på post oppe ved den lille kirke på toppen af bjerget og se ud over landet, der milevidt ligger udstrakt under ens fødder.

Det giver også rankhed at jage afsted i fuld gallop, højt til hest.

Allermest mærker det vel en flok unge mennesker, at de smides ned midt ude i et ørkenagtigt område og der må se at indrette et samfund, der både er til at leve i, og som samtidig kan løse den stillede opgave.



■ Lejrindgangen med den altid gæstfrie messebygning i baggrunden. Snart går bommen ned for sidste gang



■ Lejrgaden i Lou. Nu må vi andre til at tage ved lære af alle de erfaringer, Lou-krigerne møder med, når det gælder indretning af teltene.



■ Vagten på vej ned mod Lymbia for at kontrollere, om alt er i orden på den ubemandede UN-post dernede.

I har gjort det, I gæve folk i Lou. Vi er jo mange, der i tidens løb har nydt godt af jeres enestående evne til at skabe fest og stemning omkring jer.

Tak for det - og Held og Lykke når I og vi andre nu går i gang med at løse de nye opgaver. Det skal ikke blive ringere, Lad os love hinanden det.



■ En typisk Lou-kriger på vej ud til nye æventyr.

DANCON NYT



■ På post ved kirken.



Arbejdet går videre

Trods "flytte-snak" går livet videre. Arbejdet fortsætter uden afbrydelser i de enkelte kompagnier, og sådan skal det naturligvis også være. Vort billede herover viser et par af folkene i Charlie i færd med deres daglige dont. Det friskbagte brøwnbread bæres ind i køkkenet, så man er klar til at modtage de sultne kammerater.

FN 25 år i høst:

SVERIGE-KOMMITTÉ OCH FRIMÄRKE I KAMPANJ FÖR FIRANDE AV JUBILAREN

I höst fyller Förenta nationerna 25 år. Inför detta har en nationalkommitté om 36 personer tillsatts för att dra upp riktlinjerna för den svenska "uppvaktningen". Kommittén skall bl a undersöka hur man bäst skall kunna öka allmänhetens kunskaper om FN och skapa större förståelse för världsorganisationens betydelse.

Chefen för armén, general Carl Erik Almgren, är en av nationalkommitténs 36 ledamöter. Han ingår för att bevaka Arméstabens FN-avdelnings intressen i sammanhanget - där vill man nämligen gärna vara med på ett hörn och medverka i den information om FN:s fredsbevarande insatser som skall ges allmänheten och naturligtvis även inläggande årsklass värnpliktiga.

Från Ast/FN:s sida ämnar man gå ut med informationen i form av vandringsutställningar, filmvisningar och föredrag m m. Arbetet med jubileumsfilmen, som produceras här på FN-bat 43 C, har fortskridit tillfredsställande. Man har fastnat för titeln Allt för Freden. Redigeringsarbetet, som beräknas ta ca tre veckor, påbörjas i juni hos Svensk Tonfilm i Stockholm, medan laboratoriearbetet utförs i London

TVÅ SYFTEN

Filmen har två syften. Den skall ingå som huvudpunkt i den rent allmänna informationsdrive, som planeras av Arméstabens FN-avdelning och Försvarsstabens pressdetalj för hösten 1970 i samband med högtidlighållandet av Förenta nationernas 25-årsdag den 24 oktober. Filmen skall även rikta sig mot inläggande åldersklass värnpliktiga samt efter FN-jubileet användas vid rekryteringskampanjer för kommande beredskapsbataljoner och i övrigt vara användbar i allmänna informa-

tionssammanhang för en lång tid framåt - d v s även efter det nuvarande militära FN-engagemang på Cypern har upphört.

Cypern och samlevnadsproblemen här kommer att utgöra filmens huvud-ingrediens. Den röda tråden blir dock världsorganisationens slogan för året 1970, nämligen "1970 - The year of peace and Progress". Detta betyder emellertid inte att filmen ges formen av någon "årskrönika" i ord och bild. Avsikten är i stället att söka åskådliggöra FN:s strävan inom de båda aktuella områdena - "fred" och "framsteg" - samt visa konkreta exempel på vad FN har åstadkommit och vad FN förmår åstadkomma, främst då när det gäller lösandet av mellanfolkliga konflikter.

FN-PAKET

I Ast/FN:s "jubileumspaket" kommer också ett rikhaltigt stillbildsmaterial i färg att ingå, så mycket är redan bestämt. Detta i avvaktan på att statsanslaget för Ast/FN:s del skall klubbas.

Förutom chefen för armén ingår i nationalkommittén bl a LO-chefen Arne Geijer, radiochefen Olof Rydbeck, ambassadör Alva Myrdal samt ledare för ungdomsorganisationer.

Nationalkommitténs ordförande är utrikesminister Torsten Nilsson.



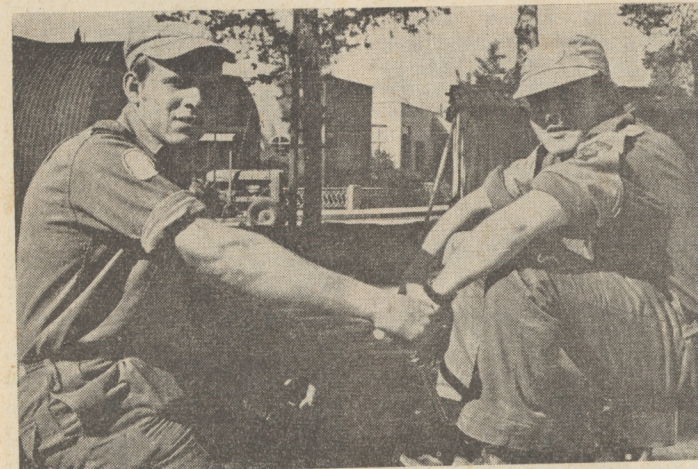
SWEDCON NEWS
Swedish Forces Photos

ETT DIPLOM för säker körning kommer att delas ut av UNFICYP till de drivers som kört prickfritt i minst tre månader. För Swedcons del handläggs detta av en kommitté inom bataljonen, särskilt utsedd för detta ändamål.

FN-radioprogrammet sänds på söndag den 22 febr kl 2000.

THE BLUE BERET bör ni spara liksom Cypressen. Bildbeställningarna i slutet av bataljonen kommer nämligen att gälla bägge organen.

TVÅ GRENADIERER UNDER DRÖMGRÄNS



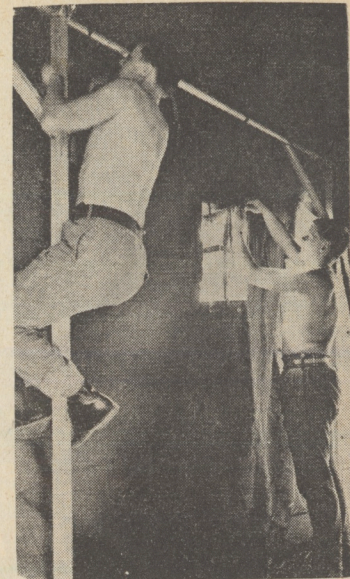
■ 545 Sven-Olof Carlsson och 478 Folke Lindqvist med resp 9.50 och 9.52 på 3 000 m terräng. De två var de enda som gick under tio minuter på 3 komp:s bana för en tid sedan. Ett utslagslopp mellan dem som brutit tio minutersvallen vore väl nu på sin plats.

Två man lyckades passera drömgränsen på terrängbana 3 000 m vid 3 komp:s löpningar för en tid sedan. 545 Sven-Olof Carlsson och 478 Folke Lindqvist sprang på resp. 9.50 min och 9.52 min.

Därmed har veterligen totalt tre man gått under tio minuter. Den tredje i samlingen är som bekant 627 Timo Ekholm vid STR. Men det är då att komma ihåg att barnornas beskaftenhet är av olika svårighetsgrad och att loppen utfördes under olika förhållanden.

Sammanlagt 39 man startade i det aktuella loppet och nedan följer resultaten för de fem bäst placerade.

Resultat: 1) 545 Carlsson, 9.50, 2) 478 Lindqvist, 9.52, 3) 198 Olsson, 10.28, 4) 544 Olsson, 10.29, 5) 522 Larsson, 10.40.



■ Clas Sparringsjö och Olle Vennergren kämpade under förra veckan med tältstänger och dukar på CGC.

3 komp tältar på CGC

Under den senaste veckan har 3 komp:s personal aktiverat sig på Carl Gustaf Camp. Tältstänger och tältdukar har burits och slagits upp för att rymma hela kompaniet när det anländer till Famagusta.

Sammenlagt kommer invånarna på campen att utökas med mer än en halv gänger så många som de var tidigare.

BATALJONSMÄSTERSKAP

i slalom kommer eventuellt att hållas i slutet av februari. Också ett mästerskap för hela UNFICYP är påtänkt om snön ligger. Men just nu svävar dessa planer i ovisshet, eftersom den ringa snön och starka värmen troligen tar bort underlaget för de tänkta tävlingarna.

IDROTTSLEDNINGEN försvinner från ön på leave under två veckor. Med nästa Scacyp far övl Sven-Erik Roos uppåt polcirkeln till medan idrottsofficeren, kn Per-Arne Mernelius, tar sig till Falun. Och därifrån är det inte långt till Vasaloppsmålet i Mora, där han tänker bevaka vårt Vasalopphoppas framgångar. 1 mars startar, som redan är omtalat, 419 Gunnar Blom.



B SQN SCOTS GREYS

Since B Squadron took over on 10th December 1969 each of their Scout Cars have clocked up over 1,500 miles.

They have been busy visiting all the other contingents on the island, and have also just completed a days exercise with the Swedish Contingent at Famagusta.



REME WITH THE GREYS

Philip Coughlan and Graham Gough repairing a Scout Car. They are both Royal Electrical Mechanical Engineer fitters attached to 'B' Squadron, the Royal Scots Greys who are currently acting as Force Reserve at Zyyi. (Picture above).

• Corporal Dave Bone and Trooper Thomas Cunningham setting off to visit the Swedish Contingent in their Scout Car.



BY THE BOOK

'The book says it is done like this'. Our picture above shows Sergeant Tam Lawson checking up on a minor point of maintenance. The captive audience are Trooper Richard Todd and AQMS Norman Wren, who is the boss of the Light Aid Detachment at Zyyi.

BRITCON NEWS



WRITING HOME

Writing home from Skarinou Bridge Observation Post is Private Raymond Burrell, aged 20, from Grimshy. The Observation Post pet finds it all very boring. (picture left).



POMPADOUR'S BAND AND DRUMS AT KTIMA

Last week the Band and Corps of Drums visited Paphos District giving concerts and displays in Paphos itself and the outlying villages.

Our photograph right, shows, the Band and Drums led by Drum Major Barry Sutcliffe marching through Ktima.



THREE LADS FROM ESSEX OFF DUTY

Off duty at St Patrick's Camp, Ktima, are three lads from Essex. (left to right. Private Willy Fry, aged 21, from Southend, Lance Corporal Amos, aged 20, from Westcliffe on Sea, and Corporal Dorritt, aged 23, from Southend. (Picture above). They are all serving with 3rd Royal Anglian.

THIRD IRCON WEDDING

For the third time in a month wedding bells rang out on Thursday 12th February at St Barbaras Church, Xeros. This time it was for the wedding of Miss Celia Somers to Capt Desmond Travers, A Coy 13 Infantry Group.

Reverend Father C. Swan conducted the marriage ceremony. Mrs Ann O'Brien was Matron of Honour (this must be something of a record, her own wedding last month and now twice a Matron of Honour). Lieutenant Michael Nestor was best man and Lieutenant Colonel P. Carroll Officer Commander 13 Infantry

Group gave the bride away. The reception was held in the Officers Mess Xeros Camp, and afterwards the newly married couple left for a honeymoon tour of Cyprus.

The bride and groom Captain and Mrs Travers being congratulated by Mrs Nora Flynn on the left.



IRCON NEWS

BINGO NIGHT AT XEROS

Various recreational activities are organised in Xeros Camp each week.

None is more popular than the Bingo sessions organised by that team of experts Colour Sergeant Jim Egan, Corporals Billy Wykes and Tommy O' Connor each Friday night.

Its "eyes down" at 2000 hours and by that time the hall is packed, many of the players having come from Lirnit and Lefka Camps. The "snowball" last Friday night, 13th Feb., was £13 and we had many of 13th Infantry Group trying to win it but there was no check within the required number, so it goes forward to the next and final week of the bingo sessions.

With £14 to be won now it should be a record attendance. Popular caller at these sessions is Corporal Wykes.



at darts and rings. Colour Sergeant Jim Egan is in charge of the whole operation and Corporal O' Connor keeps the record straight by marking off all numbers called.

These Friday nights are excellently organised and are eagerly awaited by all — reflecting great credit on this team of voluntary workers who gladly give up their free time to make this such an enjoyable night for all.



CYPRUS HOLIDAY FOR SSO's WIFE

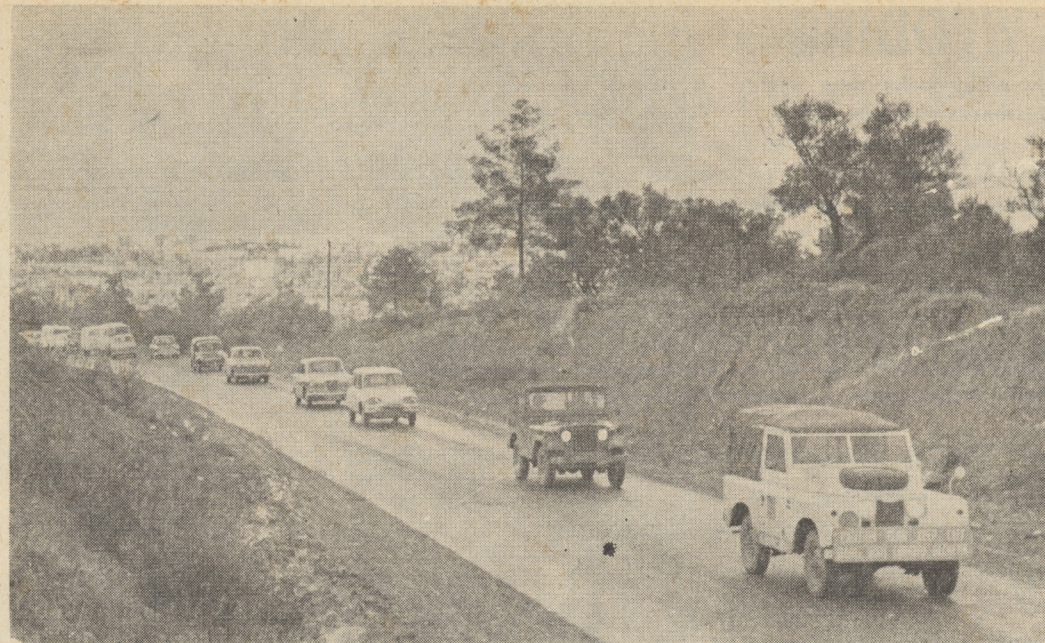
Commandant Sean Flynn, Signal Staff Officer, Headquarters UNFICYP, with his wife, Nora, who has been on holiday here in Cyprus during the past few weeks.



QMG VISITS LEFKA DISTRICT

During his tour of inspection to the 13 Infantry Group, Colonel W. Donagh, Irish Quarter Master General, visited Ircon OPs in the Lefka District.

Picture below, shows the Colonel being met on his arrival to OP 3 by the Post Commander, Corporal Purcell.



ONE OF THE LAST CONVOYS

One of the last convoys to be escorted by the Canadian Contingent's Reconnaissance Platoon with the implementation of the UNFICYP redeployment plan (Picture left).

Mess Staffers



Military Police Section

The Canadian Contingent military police section under the command of Sergeant C. F. (Chick) Williams, (third from the left). The section is responsible for the security and police duties within Camp Maple Leaf and works in co-operation with the UNFICYP Military Police Detachment on patrols outside the camp. (picture below).

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos



RELAY RACE COMPETITORS

(Left to right, front row) Private J.A. Short, Sergeant William Harvey, team captain, Private T.J. Dewolfe, Private M.G. Kirby and Corporal E.W. Rose. (Left to right, back row) Private W.J. Boudreau, Lieutenant Michael Newman, Sergeant H. Baldwin, Private R.K. Spragg and Corporal J.E. Denine. (Picture above).



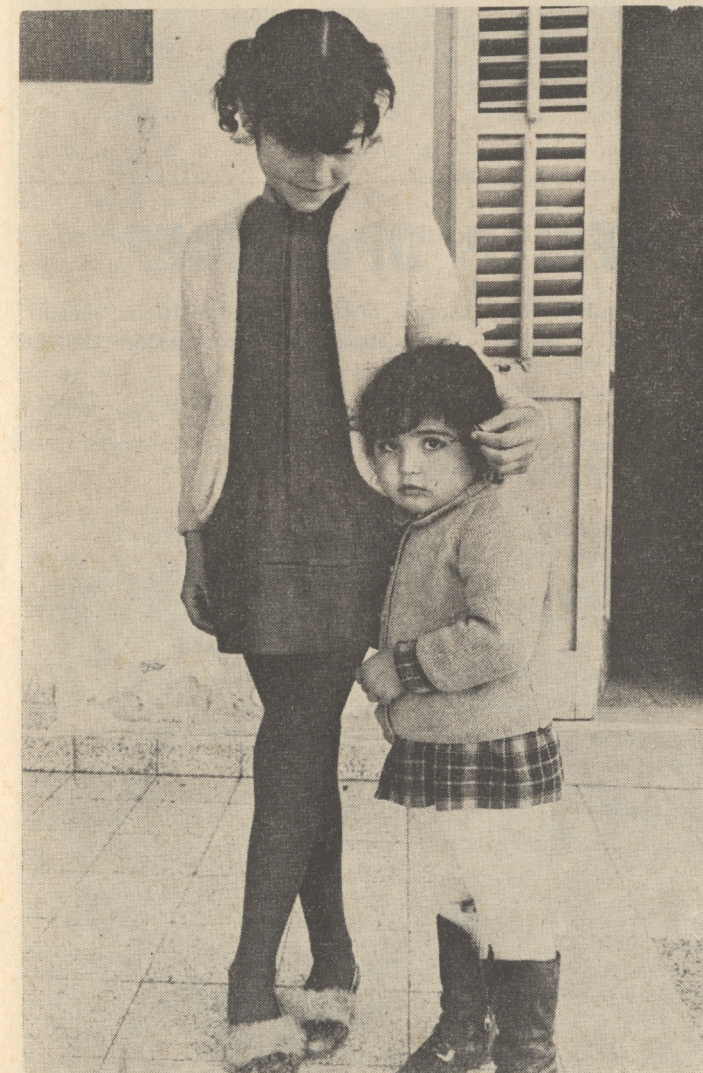
MEDAL PARADE

Major-General D. Prem Chand, Commander United Nations Force in Cyprus (centre), presents an UNFICYP medal to Major I. S. Fraser (right), Deputy Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada. The General was accompanied on parade by Lieutenant-Colonel William B. MacLeod (left), battalion commander and Commander Nicosia District.



VUORINEN KYRENIA UUSI VASTUUALUEEMME

YKSP:n tähänastisen toiminnan laajin ja huomattavin uudelleenjärjestely on alkanut. Järjestelyt liittyvät koko Yhdistyneiden kansakuntien Kyproksen rauhanturvajoukkojen keskuudessa alkaneeseen tapahtumasarjaan, joka on YK:n alullepanema ja tulee jatkumaan huhtikuun rotatioon saakka.





ALONE IN HIS JOB

Staff Sergeant Veijo (Vick) Rantala is Chief Clerk to Economics Branch Headquarters UNFICYP.

Vick is the only Finnish NCO or Junior Rank at the Headquarters. As a very important member of the branch, he speaks four languages and is very much employed as an interpreter. A keen sportsman, he has played football and basketball for Fincon.



INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION

Two members of 644 Signal Troop Headquarters UNFICYP are Lance Corporal D. Taylor (Britcon) and Private Tim Doyle (Cancon). Both these linemen are fully employed with land lines and telephone installations.

Lance Corporal Taylor joined the army in 1962 and has served in Germany and Masira Island before coming to Cyprus. His hobby is stamp collecting and enjoys playing hockey and basketball.

SIX-A-SIDE HOCKEY 65 SQN ASSURED OF PLACE IN FINAL

In the semi final of the hockey Six-a-side league and Cup Competition are the two teams from 65 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport and the winning team will go forward to the final on the 6th of March 1970. The competition is still running well and enthusiasm has not washed. Our ladies team, the Lillywhites, played an excellent game on Tuesday 12th February against the REME A team but were narrowly beaten by 8 goals to 7.

LEAGUE TABLE							
TEAM	P	W	L	F	A	Pts	Av
RAF NICOSIA	4	4	0	34	12	8	2.8
REME 'A'	4	3	1	17	15	6	1.1
HQ UNFICYP	4	2	2	20	15	4	1.33
65 SQN RCT 'A'	4	2	2	17	13	4	1.31
SIGNALS	4	2	2	15	12	4	1.1
REME 'B'	4	2	2	17	26	4	0.7
55 SQN RCT 'B'	4	1	3	22	23	2	0.9
LILLYWHITES	4	0	4	14	38	0	0.4

CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER'S CUP FINISHES

MERCURIANS 14 — THE HACKLES 4

This game played at RAF Nicosia was the last on the Six-a-side football series for the Chief Signal Officer's Cup. Although the Mercurians won their game, this did not alter

the positions at the top of the League.

In this game both teams were evenly matched and although the Mercurians won by 14 points, the Hackles battled on to gain their first goal of the series.

THE LAST WORD.

The Chief Signal Officer's Six-a-side football cup has now come to an end with the top three teams riding in to a close finish. The Pompadours won the cup on goal average, with the Irish Harps second and the Vikings third.

The presentation of the Cup will be made at a later date, all participants in the series will be notified in due course of time and place of presentation. Finally hearty congratulations goes to the Pompadours for their fine effort.

FINAL PLACINGS LEAGUE TABLE

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Pompadours (Britcon)	6	3	0	0	116	4	2	0	1	66	21	10
Irish Harps (Ircon)	6	4	0	1	75	16	1	0	0	34	0	10
Vikings (Swedcon)	6	4	0	0	68	16	1	0	1	35	9	10
Danish Sig Pl (Dancon)	6	1	0	0	27	1	2	0	3	52	44	6
Mercurians (644 Sig Tp)	6	1	0	1	16	24	1	0	3	23	59	4
Harman Hajyt (Fincon)	6	0	0	4	4	131	1	0	1	20	37	2
The Hackles (Cancon)	6	0	0	2	0	58	0	0	4	4	136	0

UNFICYP OPs STAFF

A complete cross section of the United Nations contingents work in the Operations Branch at Headquarters UNFICYP.

Seated is WO II Leslie Tucker, Britcon and standing (l. to r.) are Corporal Jaques Carette, Cancon, Constable Gunnar Colsted, Dancon, Corporal Lars Jerker Lock, Swedcon and Corporal Billy Hefferman, Ircon.

