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MEDAL PARADE WITH AUSCON

On Monday 21st August 1972 the Austrian Contingent held its first Medal Parade, which took place at the St. Patrick's Camp. The Force Commander, Major General Prem Chand presented the medal to some of the contingents members, and the parade ended with a march past. The band of the 3rd Battalion the Parachute Regiment played at the parade and the Aus-

trians greatly appreciated hearing Austrian marches.

Early in 1972 Austria was requested by UN to send its first combat unit for service with UNFICYP although it must be remembered that the Austrian Field Hospital has rendered good service to UNFICYP since 1964.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFICYP

The Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim has received further voluntary contributions to meet the cost of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus — UNFICYP.

The Government of the Republic of Cyprus has decided to increase its voluntary contributions to 500,000 dollars. Of this amount 250,000 dollars is intended to be used for UNFICYP's accommodation during the current year, and the remaining amount of 250,000 dollars will be paid in the beginning of next year.

The Government of Japan has also decided to make an extra contribution of 50,000 dollars in addition to its earlier contribution of the same amount.

Recently the Government of

COOKING ON THE OP's

Our women readers must have often wondered who cooks for the men at the Observation Posts manned by the soldiers of UNFICYP.

At OP Villa at Paphos, Lance Corporal Peter Dorrighi is the cook. He has had no special training except from watching his mother and of course when he has been on exercise. However, we are glad to say that the other members of the OP told our reporter that they were more than satisfied with Lance Corporal Dorrighi's culinary expertise. He even bakes birthday cakes and of course "Wiener Schnitzel" and "Apfelstrudel".

Singapore contributed 500 dollars to the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus.

del" are a speciality which we are sure members of other contingents would like to get their teeth into.

That reminds us of the story of the visiting officer at the platoon headquarters at Kokkina who, having eaten a superb meal, asked the cook "where did you learn to cook so well". "Oh" said the cook, "I am not a food cook by trade, the Army made the decision when they read my entry papers which said I was an Asphalt Cooker. You know the man who makes the Tar for the roads!"



MORE CROWDS ON THE ROADS

The Department of Statistics and Research, Ministry of Finance in Cyprus has published its annual report "Statistics of Motor Vehicled and Road Accidents 1971". Some of the main features are as follows:-

- The number of vehicles in circulation at the end of 1971 amounted to 92,699 as against 82,938 in 1970 — 48,002 in 1961.

- Road accidents increased from 5,012 in 1970 to 5,579 in 1971.

- In 1970 there were 143 deaths and 3,936 persons injured due to road accidents and in 1971 the figures were

135 deaths and 4,287 injured.

According to the statistics there are on average 15 accidents a day and there is an increase of 27 vehicles a day on the roads of Cyprus.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

A Memorial Service was held on the square at Camp UNFICYP on Tuesday 22nd August for Driver B. J. Lover and Private E. Mearns, whose tragic deaths we reported recently.



The Force Commander, representatives from each contingent and HQ UNFICYP as well as members of Camp UNFICYP were present. The service was taken by Reverend M. C. Cowper MA, and "The last Post" was played by Lance Corporal Bramford the 3rd Battalion the Parachute Regiment.

On the day after, Wednesday 23rd August, another Memorial Service took place at Camp UNFICYP. Here members of Swedcon, HQ UNFICYP and other contingents bid a last farewell to the late Sergeant Lennart Fjellström, who died by accident when he was on duty at OP Othello Tower, Famagusta, on Sunday morning the 20th August. Sergeant Fjellström was 23 years old, single, and had served with the Swedish Contingent of the United Nations Force in Cyprus since the 24th April 1972.

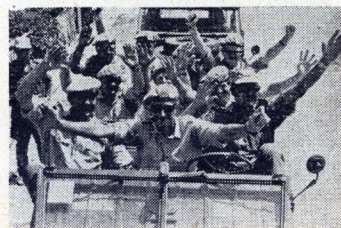
DRINK

**THIS MEANS
"No Driving"**

A CROWD IN A CAR

A full load of contingent press officers seen in an Auscon "Halfinger" recently during their visit to Paphos District, where they held a press officers conference, were briefed on the situation in Paphos District and visited some of the UN locations in the area. The day finished with an instructive and interesting tour of the antiquities at Paphos under the guidance

of Auscon's Economics Officer Captain G.F. Buchinger.





●Rejsegilde på det nye posthus. KS P. Pedersen og KS B. Knudsen er igang med at fastgøre kransen.

REJSEGILDE

Der var fest ved Dancon d. 18 AUG. da man holdt rejsegilde på det nye posthus. Et godt stykke arbejde var atter udført af pionerdelingen, en deling med en altid lang arbejdsdag.

OL V.J. Ubbe holdt den officielle tale, og takkede pionerdelingen for vel udført arbejde, og udtrykte ønsket om, at vi i den nye bygning måtte få en serviceminded og effektiv posttjeneste. Ol var ikke i tvivl om, at dette fremover bliver tilfældet. Dette skyldes ikke mindst vor berømte, og fra alle sider respekterede, "Søren Post", der villigt og med et smil på læben klarer de pålagte opgaver. Et trefoldigt hurra blev herefter udbragt.

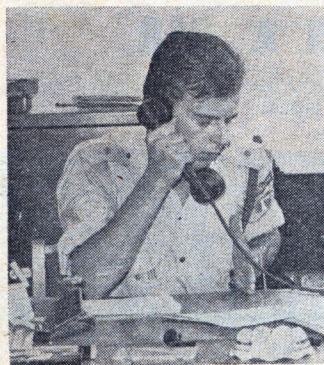
Ved rejsegildet på posthuset er der dog endnu et stykke vej før vor nye lejr står helt færdig. Pionerdelingen værksted, vaskedepotet, skraldeskuret og motorpuljen mangler stadigvæk at flytte herved.

UGENS FOCUS

SKRLT-R C.T. Jensen er, populært sagt, Dancons lille mand med det store og krævende arbejdsområde i et job som kræver sin mand fuldt ud.

SKRLT-R C.T. Jensen startede 2 JUN 1969 sin militære karriere som MG i artilleriet, kom på IKS, og blev SG. Var en tid SG i Høvelte ved DLR, hvorefter turen gik til Kastellet på Løjtnantsskole. SKLT-R C.T. Jensen er ansvarlig for alle udbetalinger ved Dancon, fører og checker kantine-regnskaber og meget, meget mere.

Som sin gode hjælper har han SG H.D. Petersen. Jobbet som regnskabsfører er normalt hjemme i Danmark enkadreret med en PRLT eller en KN af B-linien.



EN DAG PÅ OP LIMEKILDEN



●KS O.C. Sørensen har observeret noget af interesse for VO/Dancon. Melding herom afgives straks af KS B.C. Nielsen. —Tiden på OP Limekilden går ikke alene med vagter. Ind imellem holdes der også små realistiske øvelser. Vi ser her KS O.C. Sørensen og KS B.C. Nielsen på vej op af beskyttelsesrummet.

Vognen i terraingear. Sluge en sidste nervepille, og så ad steile og uvejsomme stier til OP Limekilden. Tungen lige i munden, og med et fast tag i rattet på den dansende vogn, når man efter ti minutters tid op til OP'en. Belønningen er bl. a. glæden over at møde et par danske soldater med god soldatmæssig optræden, soldater der kender deres område til fingerspidserne, og er vågne overfor hvad der foregår omkring dem.

OP'en er bemandet med een OS og tre KS. De er deroppe fjorten dage ad gangen med vagt 24 timer i døgnet.

Beredvilligt forklares OP-opgaverne. Det er bl. a. at observere, og at udsende to taglige fodpatruljer, der hver gang tilbagelægger fem kilometer rundt om Limekilden. Derudover observeres mod fly m.v.

Trods denne ansvarsfulde opgave forstår man at spænde fra i fritiden. Ens danske herkomst fornægter sig ikke. Der er tid til at nusse om sig selv, lave lidt god mad, gennemføre brevskolekurser, sludre om "dem derhjemme", længes en smule Nå, man har det meget

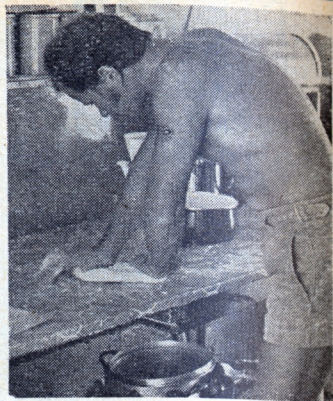
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●SKLT-R C.T. Jensen forklarer roligt og bestemt hvad sagen går ud på. "well, Sir. In my opinion"

godt, har en opgave med mening i. Vi sidder og sludrer i køkkenet og opholdsstuen. OS J. Ree-Holtz er i gang med at fremstille et af sine berømte rosinbrød, KS O. C. Sørensen stikker hovedet indenfor, netop hjemkommen fra morgenpatrulje. — Intet at bemærke.

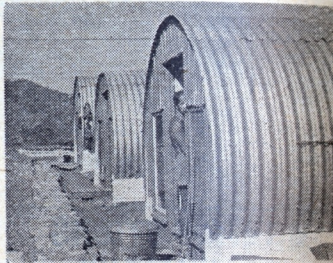
Dangen skrider fremad, og det er på tide at tage hjem igen. Man bemærker ikke mere den ubehagelige vej nedad, men er glad over at have fået bekræftet, at tjensten herved røgtes vel af mandskabet på OP'erne, "in the service of peace".



Man er igang med morgenløbet i LKMP. Som det ses tager man også denne del af tjensten med et stort dansk smil på læben. Fra venstre ses KS H.C. Zakariassen, KS O. Dovgård, KS W.T. Nielsen og KS P. Hansen.



●OS J. Ree-Holtz, "mesterbageren", igang med at lave en af sine mange specialiteter, her et rosinbrød.



●Dette er OP Limekilden i al sin lidenhed. To Nissenhuts til beboelse og en til køkken og opholdsstue. OS J. Ree-Holtz på vej ind i køkkenet for at lave et rosinbrød.

FUT I LIMNITIS

Der foregår en intensiv fysisk uddannelse ved LKMP. Især morgenfутten gøres der meget ved. Den ledes skiftevis af SKLT-R H.G.T. Carlsen og OS P.W.R. Christiansen.

Man starter om morgenen kl. 0600B og er færdig omkring syv-tiden. Man starter med en opvarmning af hele kroppen før 2 gange cirkeltræning, volleyball og løbetræning. Cirkeltræningen består af kropshævnings, knæbøjninger, kropsrulninger, armstrækninger, reaktionsøvelser og englehop. Man er jo allerede forpustet og træt ved tanken, men her hjælper ingen kære mor. Man fortsætter med 15 minutters bold spil. Herefter futter man så let og elegant, men en smule livstræt, 2400 m ud til Limnitis Øst og tilbage igen. Det går selvfølgelig op af bakke på vejen derud.

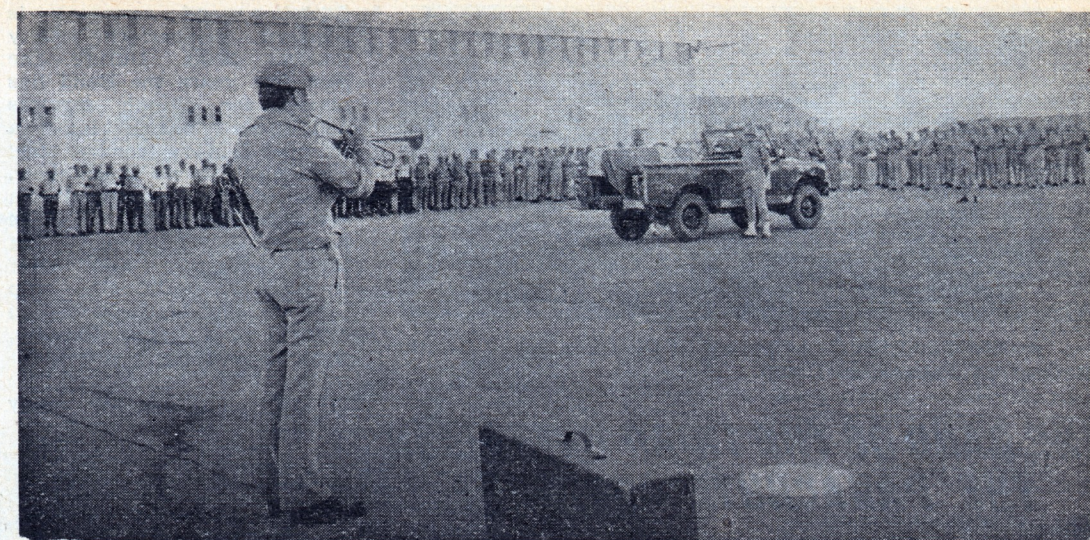
Dog, et par gange om ugen bruger man hele morgenfутten til at spille bold i eller evt. drive anden form for sport. Lad en blive overflyttet til LKMP, Jubeee!

EN SISTA HYLLNING

"This memorial Service is held to bid the late Sergeant Lennart Fjellström, Gällivare, Sweden a last farewell. He was born the 3rd of Feb. 1949 and became a member of UNFICYP in April this year. He died by accident on his UN-duty the 20th of Aug."

Så indledte bataljonschef överstelöjtnant Jan Liedgren den mineshögtid som hölls för Lennart Fjellström onsdag 23 augusti. FN tog farväl av furir Fjellström med en högtidsstund vid den brittiska campen nära FN:s högkvarter i Nicosia. Här hade repræsentanter för samtliga FN-kontingenter på Cypern mött upp. Dessutom fanns chefen för FN:s militära styrkor på Cypern general Prem Chand och FN:s generalsekretærens Kurt Waldheims specielle sändebud på Cypern Mr Osorio-Tafall med vid ceremonin.

Pastor Thomas Lindqvist läste bibelord till minne av framlidne Fjellström och påminde om att en i kamratkretsen gått bort. Högtiden inramades av trumpet-solon, spelade av löjtnant Göran Fransson, och av militära heders-



betygelser som fanvakt och hedersstyrka från första pluton, den pluton som Fjellström tjänat under sin tid på Cypern.

Första budet om Fjellströms död lämnades bataljonens personal på söndagsmorgonen. Stor förstämning spred sig inom den svenska kontingenten. Den del av bataljonen som fanns hemma på CGC fick beskedet vid en samling på söndagsmorgonen medan

övriga meddelades på sina poster-ringar av bataljonschef Liedgren och kommandant Hansson, som for runt till samtliga svenska poster-ringar med dödsbudet.

Fjellströms stoft fördes på torsdagen hem till Sverige. Med som hedersvakt vid kistan följde Fjellströms plutonchef kapten Kurt Kvist från Gävle. I Sverige möter rustmästare Sören Dangré upp för att följa med upp till Gällivare

där begravning sker den 2 september.

Utredningen efter Fjellströms död är nu avslutad. Den visar att Fjellström under sin post-tjänstgöring i Othello Tower, Famagusta genom ren olyckshändelse råkat falla över murkanten. Han omkom omedelbart efter nedslaget i marken, c:a 11 meter nedanför den mur där han stod post.



NY SVENSK OP

Svenska kontingenten har upprättat ännu en OP. Det var andra pluton som förra veckan fick resa upp till Ayios Andronikos och upprätta OP.

På bilden pågår iordningsställandet av OP:t. En av de viktigare detaljerna - kylskåpet - har just anlänt. På bilden ses pte Bengt Oscarsson, pte Roger Halvorsen och pte Gert Vestelind ur andra pluton.



NYMEDALJERAD

Antalet medaljerade på den svenska kontingenten ökar. På bilden fäster bataljonschefen övl

Jan Liedgren medaljen på pte 342 Lennart Andersson från Gnosjö. Medaljeringen skedde uppe i Trypimeni.



På väg ut mot övningen på Pan Handle med en brittisk Ferret i täten.

LYCKAD ÖVNING

Varmt och dammig var det när tredje pluton gav sig upp på sin andra samövning med Force Reserve. Sammanlagt blir det fem övningar av det här slaget - det blev tredje pluton som fick åka två gånger.

Färden gick, som den skulle, ut på Pan Handle där plutonen upprättade tre OP:n medan de brittiska Ferret-vagnarna besatte två vägsprårr. När OP-byggerna var klara drogs vägsprårrarna in och det var dags för plutonen att tillsammans med de brittiska kollegorna i sina Ferrets upprätta vägsprårr. Ordern var att utföra arbetet på 15 minuter. Åtminstone när tredje pluton var ute gick det snabbare, upprättandet tog 7 minuter.

—Samarbetet med Force Reserve har gått mycket bra, säger plutonschefen lt Björn Brisère. Avslutningen på övningen blev



Signalmasten på väg upp. Det är furir Tommy Pettersson som reser masten.

SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos

en genomgång dagen efter på CGC. Då fick britterna prova på de svenska KP-bilarna och de svenska vapnen medan svenskarna fick prova Ferrets och brittiska vapen.



● Band and Drums on parade at the ceremony of Beating Retreat at Polemidhia Camp.

THE BAND OF THE THIRD BATTALION THE PARACHUTE REGIMENT

During the first half of our tour in Cyprus the part of the Battalion which has been most seen and heard by members of all contingents is the Band. They have played at Medal Parades, Mess Nights, Cocktail Parties and Concerts in various parts of the Island. The music they have produced has ranged from Military Marches to Pop tunes to suit the different occasions.

The Band is some thirty strong with most of the members being recruited at sixteen

years of age into the Junior Parachute Company as Junior Bandsmen. After becoming men soldiers at seventeen and a half years the bandsmen continue their musical training and about seventy five per cent of the present members have studied at The Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall for one year. Others have transferred to Band duties because of their instrument ability and interest in music.

The Band is part of the

Battalion and as such is required to perform many musical tasks. During the past few years the Band has played for church services and dances, has produced a trumpet fanfare team, a steel band and a male voice choir. Parachute Regiment bandsmen are under no obligation to be parachutists but many of them volunteer and after training are qualified to jump with the rest of the Battalion as medical orderlies. Parades, concerts and tours are highlights of the bandsmen's life; in between there are many

hours of practice for the next performance, which can be a trying experience in the Cyprus climate.

The control of Band engagements rests with the Adjutant, while the responsibility for retaining high standards is shouldered by the Bandmaster — Warrant Officer I Ernie Mortlock, who spends all of his working time on practice, performance and organization details, while most of his off duty time is spent arranging music and planning programmes for future engagements.



● The cornets at practice — From left to right, Lance Corporal Barnett, Private Ingram, Private Dorrington and Private Steiber.

36 SQUADRON ROYAL CORPS OF TRANSPORT "MINI OLYMPICS"

36 Squadron RCT, who have now been on the Island for nearly two months ran a "MINI OLYMPICS" Sports Festival on 21, 22 and 23 August. The range of sports covered Football, Hockey, Cricket, Badminton, Volleyball, Table Tennis and Road Running. 'A' and 'B' Troops were the two contesting bodies and members of HQ were drafted into one or the other. It was a very good three days sport in which a little over half our members competed daily.

UNFICYP FALLING PLATES COMPETITION

Date: 1 September 1972.

Place: Dhekelia Ranges.

Rifle — Pistol and Sub Machine Gun shoots. Refreshments available at the Ranges.

Band in attendance for light music during presentation of prizes by the Force Commander.

A Band Concert will be held at Salamis on Wednesday 6 September commencing at 2000 hours.

**BRITCON
NEWS**

Details of the Events are given below:-

HOCKEY — A sport foreign to many of our members was enthusiastically accepted and even those new to the game played well. The man of the match was Craftsman O'Rourke who scored two goals but Corporal Dunlop played well in goal for 'A' Troop.

SOCCER — A drawn game which was rather dull for spectators and players alike. 'A' Troop who were rather over confident, never settled down and 'B' Troop playing strongly held them to a draw.

CRICKET — This was a very

lighthearted and amusing game though very hard fought. 'A' Troop set the pace with 85 runs in the 15 overs allowed, putting 'B' Troop in with a target of 6 runs an over to win. 'B' Troop responded well and finally required 6 runs in the last over and two off the last ball. Corporal Ramsbottom scored a worthy 46 and Driver Newman a fine 50 runs with very few boundaries. Quite the most exciting event of the "games". A good and 'rowdy' crowd of supporters helped set the scene.

TABLE TENNIS — The star of the table tennis was Lance Corporal Farrell who led his

team to a clean sweep over 'B' Troop.

VOLLEY BALL — This sport is becoming popular and was well supported by all.

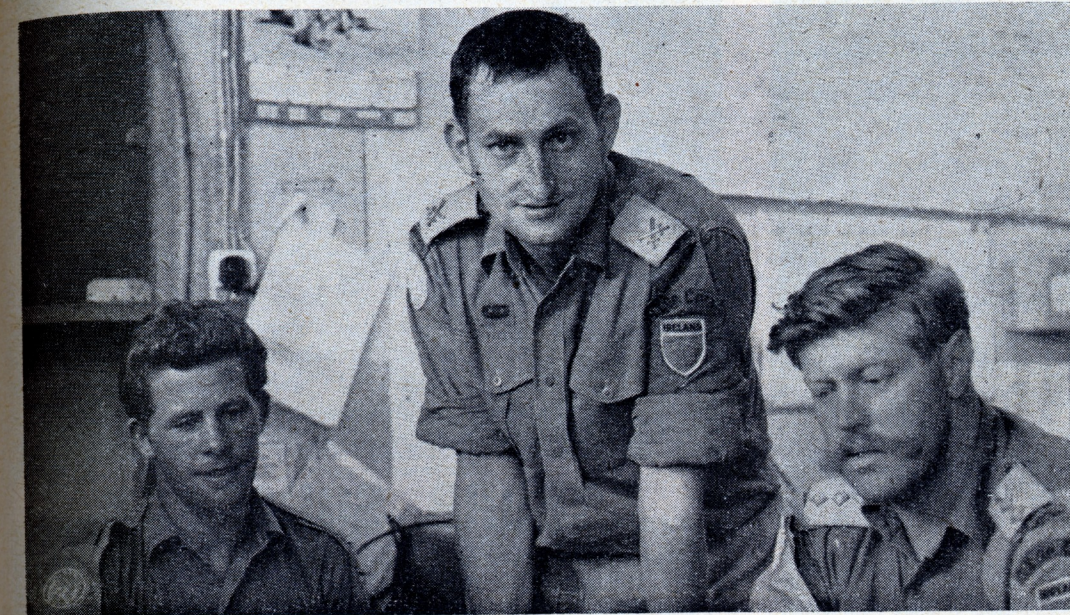
BADMINTON — Rather a specialised game which had some players completely foxed — no names!

With the Troops level at 22 points each the result was decided by the keenly contested and rather tiring (in the heat) two mile run. 'A' Troop triumphed but a good time was had by all. The whole event was well organised by Squadron Sergeant Major John Kenny.



● (Left) Lance Corporal Sandy Sanderson winner of the 2 mile race. (Centre) Lance Corporal 'Scouse' McNab and Driver 'Porky' Forrester representing 'A' Troop. (Right) Members of 'A' Troops winning team.

AT THE HUB OF THE WHEEL



● Discussing an operational problem, Corporal James Casey, Commandant J.T. Martin, Company Commander and Captain C. Crean, Operations Officer.

Over the past few months quite an amount of publicity has been given to the supporting elements of the 22nd Infantry Group. In any military Unit no one can deny the importance of those elements that feed the soldier, look after his health, keep him mobile, look after his communications and look after his welfare. The fact that roughly half of the 22nd Infantry Group is involved in supporting our troops on operational duty speaks for itself. To try and say which is more important, the support elements or the operational element would not be feasible in this column. Here in Cyprus our operational troops could not survive were it not for our

support elements. Then again it would be quite ludicrous not to have an operational element if we are to carry out our mission in this Country. Perhaps what these arguments amount to is that, as that famous man used to sing operations and support elements "go together like a horse and Carriage, you can't have one without the other".

This week we are going to pay a visit to the Operations Room of 22nd Infantry Group at Wolfe Tone Camp. At the hub of the operations wheel we find Captain Conrod Crean who is the Adjutant and Operations Officer of our Unit. Captain Crean's duties are many and varied. His duties as Adjutant are not of interest here. As operations officer his main responsibility is ensuring the smooth running of our operational link with HQ UNFICYP. Coupled with

this he advises the Commanding Officer, plans the operations of our troops on the ground and assesses any information that may come from our observation elements. Helping Captain Crean he has on his operations staff Sergeant Thomas Thompson and Corporal James Casey.

Working in close connection with the operations officer we logically find the Commander of the Rifle Company Commandant J.T. Martin. Commandant Martin's troops are "the eyes and ears" of the United Nations forces in Larnaca and without them it would be well nigh impossible for the operations officer to carry out his duties efficiently.

All in all it is easy to see that the operational set up is of the utmost importance to our existence here in Cyprus, without it we would surely be the carriage without the horse.



● Recently Swedish troops with three of their armoured personnel carriers paid us a visit at Larnaca. It was not our first time to see these cars as Irish troops used them on United Nations operations in the Congo. Our photo shows Irish soldiers looking over the armoured personnel carriers.

WEDDING BELLS

The wedding took place at Saint Pauls Church Larnaca on August 17th of Corporal Paul Dalton, MP detachment Larnaca and Miss Bernadette Corbett of Dublin. The bride was given away by Company Sergeant Maurice McQuaid. The best man and groomsmen were Sergeant Noel Moore and Corporal E. O'Riordan. The Matrons of honour were Mrs. Annette Stevens and Mrs. Mary Creevy. After the ceremony a very enjoyable reception was held at the NCO's Mess, Wolfe Tone Camp.



● Corporal and Mrs. Dalton.

PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

This week we present Private Michael Walsh who is a driver with Company Headquarters. Private Walsh comes from Waterford and back home he is stationed with the Depot S. & T. at the Curragh. Last year he won the Curragh Command light welter novice boxing championship and he also likes a game of hurling.



**IRCON
NEWS**

MP NOTEBOOK

ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

Week Ending	
25 Aug 72	— 05
Same Period	
Last Year	— 08
Total This Year	— 228
Same Period	
Last Year	= 208

Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:

**DRIVING WITHOUT
DUE CARE AND
ATTENTION**



SUBURB SQUADRON

Suburb Squadron, commanded by Major Ian McNabb, is responsible for the northern portion of Nicosia District; primarily the village areas outside the northern portion of the walled city of Nicosia. In these areas, the Squadron is responsible for a number of manned and unmanned observation posts, supplemented by observation carried out by several foot and bicycle patrols along the Green Line.

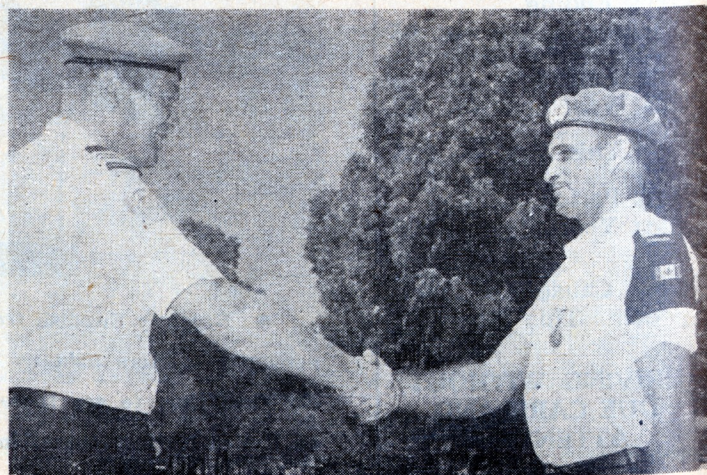
In the photo above, Corporal Monty McMillan on the left briefs Private Fred Myre before they depart on Observation Post duties.

In the photo at the left, Sergeant Rod McDougall briefs Master Corporal Jerry Salmon before he heads out on a bicycle patrol to the Golf Course OP. Normally Master Corporal Salmon is employed in Administrative duties in the Logistics Squadron Orderly Room, but this week, he was on exchange duties with Suburb Squadron, getting a feel for operations in the forward Squadrons. With his weapon, flashlight, map, compass, radio and spare battery, he is prepared for everything; but were is his bicycle tube repair kit?

Of course, there are always administrative tasks to be performed. In the photo, middle Corporal Norman Andrew, on UN 1, sweeps the Suburb Squadron Public Works Department vehicle compound.

MILITARY POLICE MEDALS PARADE

On 23 August 1972, the United Nations Military Police Company held their UN Medals Parade at Company Headquarters. Nine personnel received their medals. Shown here, Major Ross Mooney presents the medal to Corporal Bob Hachey.

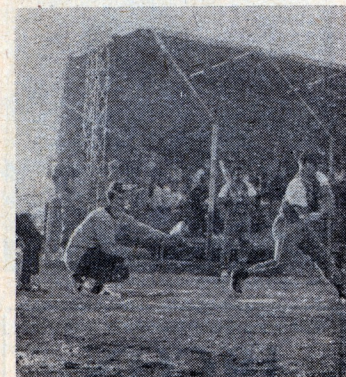


FASTBALL

The Strathcona's Regimental Team had an excellent record in the 1972 American Forces NAVFAC (Naval Facility) Softball League. The Strath's, popular with all fans and players, and characterized by Smilin' Mel Kube's gleaming ivories and T.C. Zwicker's motormouth, rolled to a 28 win, 4 loss record during the regular season play.

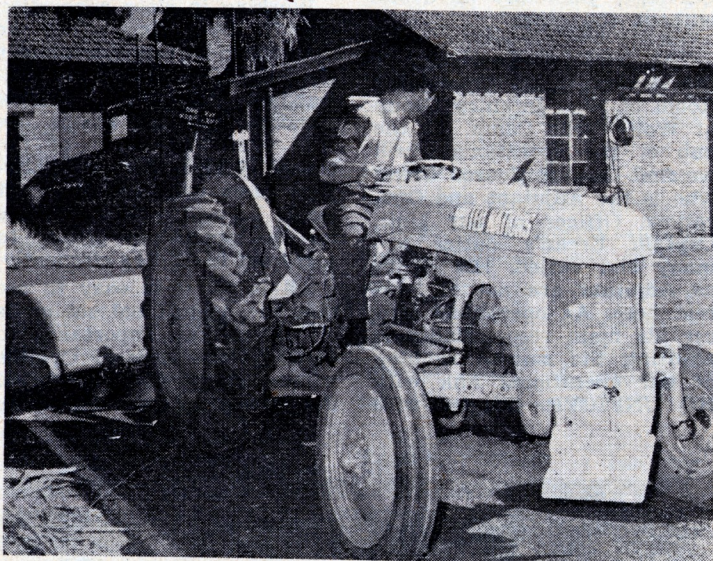
Coached by Sgt Bill Murray, the team boasted some enviable statistics. Gord Stockdale led the batting averages with .537 followed by T.C. Zwicker .400; Carl Marsh .393; Dave Cook .385; Dave Noble .377; Joe Cotterhill .369; and Mel McLean .352. Dave Cook utility player played in every position in the field at one time or other and had an errorless fielding average of 1.000. Mel Kube with an Earned Run Average (ERA) of 1.67, was backed up by the pitching of Gord Stewart ERA 8.00 and Fred Daunais ERA 7.72.

The Strath's also had all seven of their nominees chosen for the All Star teams. They were Mel Kube — pitcher, Carl Marsh — catcher, Gord Stockdale — 2nd base, Dave Noble — 3rd base, Joe Cotterhill — outfield, Dave Cook — utility player and Bill Murray — coach. Congratulations for a fine season and continued success in the playoffs.



● At bat is Cpl Dave Cook, utility player for the Strathcona's Fastball Team, while Sergeant Carl Marsh watches from the "on deck" circle.

CANCON NEWS



KORUTONTA, MUTTA . . .

Suomalainen ei ole mikään paraatistilasta. Tottakai hänestä sellainenkin tulisi, jos koulutus suunnattaisiin maihinnousukengän koron terävään yht' aikaiseen napsahtamiseen ja monimutkaisiin kivääriotteisiin. Ja jos vain varaa olisi, voitaisiin suomalainenkin sotilas pukea koreisiin, värikkäisiin uniformuihin, niinkuin useilla muilla kontingenteilla. Mutta suomalaisesta sotilaasta on tarkoitus tehdä ensi sijaisesti taistelija ja siksi moinen pintakoreus on jäänyt taka-alalle. Siksi ei myöskään suomalaisella mitaliparaatilla ole samanlaista loistokkuutta panssarivaunuineen ja soittokuntineen. Suomalainen sotilas on täällä omalaatuudessa tehtävässä turvaamassa rauhaa, ja puitteet ovat sen mukaiset.

Suurin piirtein näillä ajatuksilla tervehti pataljoonan komentaja, everstiluutnantti Pentti Kallio lauantain iltatuntina huhtikuun saapumiserän sotilaita, jotka nyt saivat kolmen kuukauden moitteettoman palveluksen jälkeen Kypros-mitalinsa. Mutta vaikka puitteet olivatkin kotoisen koruttomat, ei tervapatojen valossa suoritettu katselmuksen ohimarsseineen suinkaan jäänyt vaikutukseltaan vaatimattomaksi, vaan jätti omalla yksin, kertaisella tavallaan pysyvän muiston läsnäolijoihin.



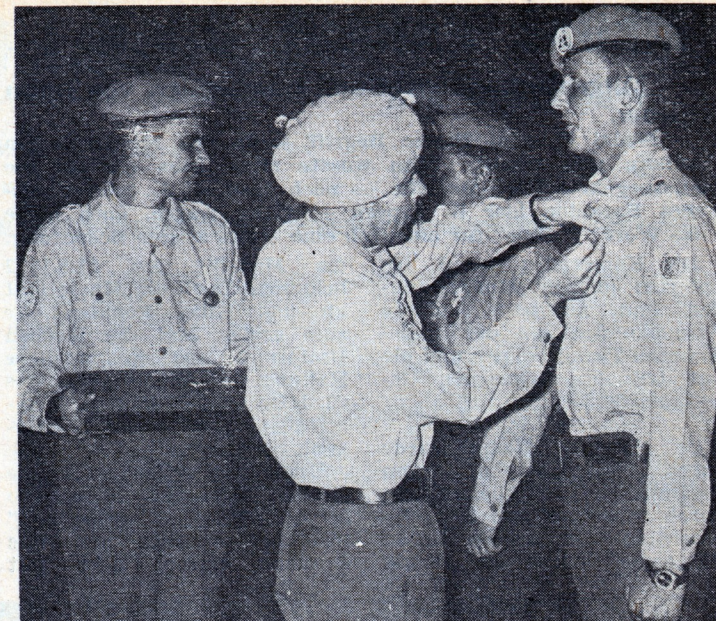
Jääkäri Jarmo Ilkka kunnostautui Kyrenian uimarannalla ja sai siitä hyvää komentajan tunnustuksen.

RIPEÄÄ TOIMINTAA

Äidin hätäantanut katse kertoi tilanteen vakavuudesta. Isäkin oli jo valmiina syöksymään apuun, mutta suomalaisen jääkäriin ripeään toimintaan ansiosta vaaralta oli jo välttytty. Tapaus sinänsä kesti vain tovin, eikä siinä sen suurempia ehtinyt sattuaakaan. Mutta kuitenkin ihmishenki oli ollut hiuskarvan varassa. Jääkäri Jarmo Ilkka ykkösestä oli maanantaina 14/8 sukeltelemassa kuuden ja puolen mailin beachilla, kun hän yht'äkkiä huomasi englantilaisen tyttölapsen joutuneen liian kauaksi merelle. Tämä oli nimittäin kiiruhtanut tuulenpuuskan nappaaman uimapaikan perään. Jääkäri Ilkka riensi avuksi, mutta tyttönenkin havaitsi voimiensa hupenevan, kääntyi takaisin ja pääsi viimeisillä voimillaan rantaan. Uimapaikka sen sijaan ajellehti edelleenkin merellä, mutta kokeneena uimarina jääkäri Ilkka poimi sen turvaan. Pataljoonan komentaja sai Kershaw'n perheeltä miellyttävän tehtävän välittää jääkäri Ilkalle kiitokset. Mitaliparaatin juhlaillallisella komentaja julkisti tapahtuneen ja samalla palkitsi jääkäri Ilkan. Mutta evl. Kallio pääsi kehuun muitakin. Kakkosen moukari oli mennellä viikolla sammuttanut nopeasti ja tehokkaasti Tembloksessa uhkaavan palonalun, ja tämä oli pantu merkille Unficypin esikunnassakin.

FINCON NEWS

The Finnish soldiers have distinguished themselves during the last weeks. Private Ilkka attempted to rescue a little English girl on the 6 1/2m. beach, luckily his help was not needed, so he concluded his attempt by fetching the girl's swimming-matress. Some other privates put out an impending fire near the village of Temblo. Safety from fires is nowadays otherways a very important object in Fincon.



Pataljoonan komentaja kiinnitti Kypros-mitalit yksiköiden edustajien rintaan. Vuorossa jääkäri Erkki Piispanen EK:sta.

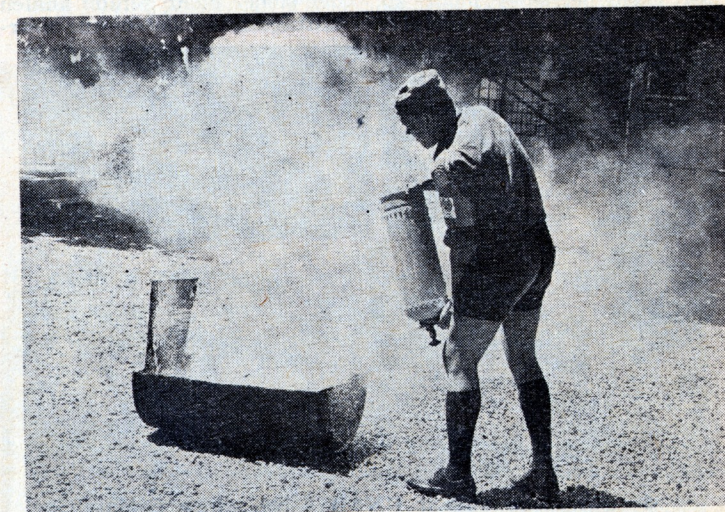
VARO TULTA!

—Missään olosuhteissa ei meillä voi käydä niinkuin brittisotilaille, että joku jäisi teljetyksi palon sytyessä sisälle kuin vankilaan, vakuuttaa Finconin paloturvallisuusupseeri, kapteeni Väkevä. —Jokaisesta majoitusrakennuksesta on kaksi poistumistietä, samoin kuin varastoista. Eikä ikkunoissa ole kaltereita. Niitä löytää vain ammusvarastoista.

—Suomalaisten paloturvallisuusmääräysten mukaisesti ovien on avauduttava ulospäin, ja tätä määräystä on tarkasti noudatettu Finconin itse suunnittelemissa ja rakentamissa taloissa, — jopa saunoissa.

—Paloturvallisuutta on pyritty lisäämään koulutuksella. Koska ihmishenki on tärkeämpi kuin huonekalut, on nimenomaan korostettu, että pieninkin palonalun uhatessa on ensin kovalla mekstuksella ja muilla keinoin herätettävä ja hälytettävä toverit. Sen jälkeen on kiiruhdettava ilmoittamaan palosta OPSiin ja vasta sitten ryhdyttävä alkusammutustoimenpiteisiin.

—Palosuojelun ensisijainen tehtävä pataljoonassa on pitää jokainen ajan tasalla ja valppaana. Varsinainen palokunta rientää paikalle tarvittaessa nopeasti. RAF:n palokunta on Kykossa kolmessa minuutissa. Keväällä se saapui Cornerin kulmaan ruohikkopaloa sammuttamaan ennenkuin hälyttäjä ehti OPSista takaisin palopaikalle. Varmasti ei Paphos Gaten palokunnaltakaan kulu liikaa aikaa Neapolikseen kiiruhtaessaan, eikä myöskään Kyrenian palokunnalta Tjikloksen mäen nousuun, toteaa kapteeni Väkevä.



Jääkäri Timo Tukiainen tukahduttaa tulen muutamassa minuutissa vaahtosammuttimella.

MEDAL PARADE UNAB 1

Mitgeplant, miterlebt und kommentiert von Hptm Stieber.

Medal Parade! Dieser Begriff sagte uns eigentlich am Anfang sehr wenig. Man wusste zwar, dass wir für die heissbegehrte UNO-Medaille — noch dazu als 1. österreichisches Bataillon hier in Zypern — fällig waren, doch hatte das Wort "Parade" für uns doch eine etwas andere Bedeutung.

Die Kameraden der 1. Kp opferten ein paar Morgenstunden und ein paar kühlere Abendstunden um den ungewohnten Paradeschritt und die nur teilweise bekannten Gewehrgriffe zu üben.

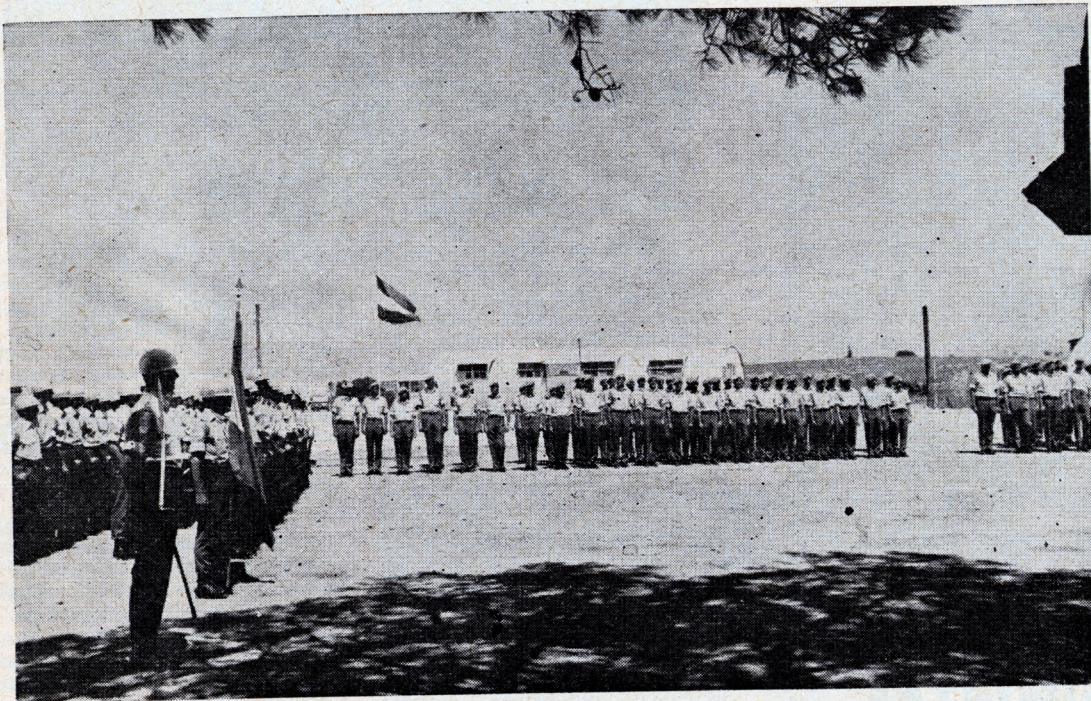
St. Patrick's Camp wurde durch die Aufstellung von zusätzlichen Fahnenmasten, durch Schaffung von Sitzgelegenheiten für unsere lieben Gäste und durch die gerade

die Medaille am 21.8.1972 bekamen. Doch die Masse trat an und dabei konnten wir zum ersten Mal die feschen Uniformen und die tadellose Haltung der Militärmusik des "3rd Bn The Parachute Regiment" vom britischen Kontingent bewundern.

Unsere Rot-weiss-rote Fahne wurde — wie es bei uns so schön heisst — "übernommen" und so mancher von uns empfand unsere sehr gut



• Der Force Commander verleiht einer Auswahl aller Ränge des Bataillons die UN-Medaille.



• UNAB 1 zur Medal Parade im Camp St. Patrick's angetreten.

noch fertig gewordene Hauptstrasse" so freundlich wie möglich gemacht.

Am 21. August war es dann soweit. Nach einer kurzen Einweisung in den Ablauf um 0700 Uhr trat das Bataillon um ca 1015 uhr an. Leider liess es die Aufrechterhaltung des Dienstbetriebes nicht zu, dass alle Bataillonsangehörige

gespielte Bundeshymne hier im Ausland wesentlich stärker als zu Hause.

Ein kleiner Defektteufel liess unseren Force Commander etwas später kommen und wer weiss, ob diese Zwangspause nicht so manchen von uns, die wir da in der sicher nicht gerade kühlen Mittagszeit standen und war-

teten, vor einem vorzeitigen "Umfaller" gerettet hat. Doch es ging alles glatt. Wir freuten uns alle über die gut gelungenen Griffe unserer Ehrenkompanie unter dem Kommando des "besäbelten" Hptm Klein und konnten auch unseren "deputy" und bewährten Kommandanten der "Waldheim-Ehrenkompanie"

Mjr Klocker trotz heiserer Stimmlage noch immer gut verstehen.

So lief das Schauspiel teils nach österreichischem Ritus, teils nach hier üblichen Vorbildern anderer Kontingente ab und jeder der Angetretenen bekam entweder vom Force Commander oder von seinem KpKdten die UN-Medaille verliehen. "Unterbrochen" — jedoch im positiven Sinne — wurde die Feier durch die von der englischen Militärmusik herrlich gespielten österreichischen Märsche.

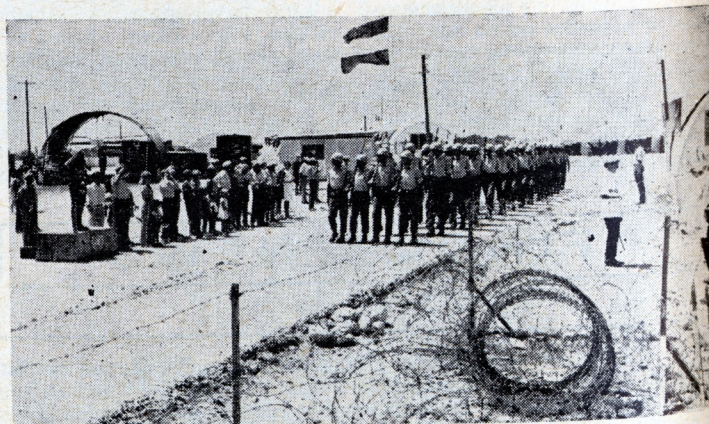
Abgeschlossen wurde die Medal Parade mit einem Vorbeimarsch, bei dem wir unsere Haflinger und Steyr-Diesel "vorführten" und als kleiner Höhepunkt defilierte unsere Ehrenkompanie mit Fahngruppe im Paradeschritt an den Ehrengästen unter den Klängen des Schönfeldt-Marsches vorbei.

Dieser eindrucksvolle Tag endete mit einer kleinen Feier im Offizierskasino und in der UO-Messe und mit einem (oder waren es mehr?) Freibier für alle Soldaten.

Auch soll so manch hoher Ehrengast zu den Klängen des Hackbretts flott getanzt haben, wie wohl auch die Stimmung in der UO-Messe und bei der Mannschaft auch nicht "ohne" gewesen sein soll.



• Der Kommandant UNAB 1 bei seinen Soldaten beim gemütlichen Beisammensein nach heissen Stunden.



• Die Ehrenkompanie beim Vorbeimarsch.