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LADY DOCTOR SERVING WITH SWEDCON

For the first time in Swedish UN history a battalion serving abroad has been graced with a woman doctor. During the last few weeks the 53rd Swedish Battalion has had as Senior Medical Officer, Dr Christina Norberg. When at home in Sweden Dr Norberg, who lives in Stockholm, specialises in paediatrics but she is in Cyprus for three months replacing her husband, Captain Erik Norberg, the regular SMO who had to return to Sweden temporarily. During her days in uniform she has had the opportunity of meeting the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, PVSM, who, for the first time in his many years in Cyprus, saw a lady dressed in correct Swedish UN uniform at the Officers' Mess at Carl Gustaf Camp.



UNFICYP INTERNATIONAL RADIO PROGRAMME

On Sunday the 9th of June the International Radio Programme is on the air again on 602 kilohertz and 498 meters.

The theme of the programme is Midsummer in the countries which have troops serving with UNFICYP.

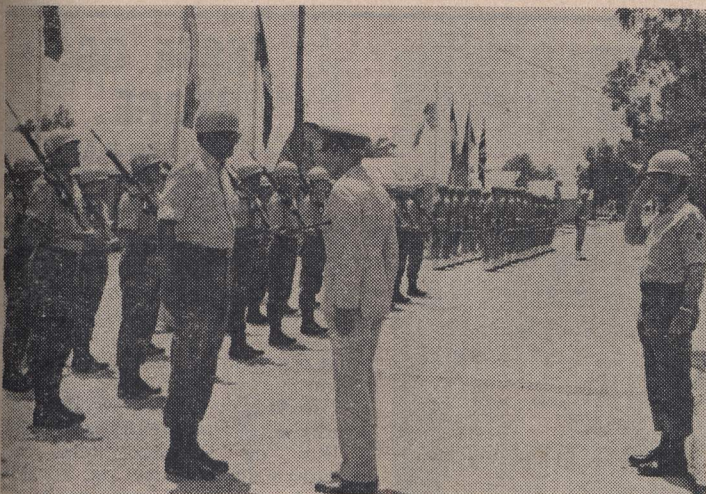
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS UNFICYP

Week ending 1 June 1974	6
Same period last year	4
Total this year	115
Same period last year	139

VISITOR TO UNFICYP

Field Marshal Sir Michael Carver, GCB, CBE, DSO, MC, the Chief of the British Defence Staff, recently visited UNFICYP.

In our picture he is seen inspecting the Guard of Honour provided by Auscon and Swedcon outside HQ UNFICYP.



CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFICYP

During the past week the following country has contributed toward the UN Peace Keeping Force in Cyprus:
Greece US \$ 400,000.



Major (QGO) Bhupol Gurung, Gurkha Major of the Gurkha Signals recently visited UNFICYP. In our picture he is seen with the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, PVSM, and Brigadier W.P.W. Robertson, OBE, the Commander Dhekelia Garrison.

RULES FOR DIVERS

The following rules should be followed by everyone intending to go spearfishing:

Never go diving alone.

Always swim in pairs and dive alternatively. Where divers have different standards of ability, care should be taken that what they are doing is within the capability of the less experienced.

Each diver must have a brightly coloured buoy, minimum diameter 10 inches, held in a string bag with sufficient line and weighted end.

One diver is to remain on the surface within 2 yards of the marker buoy while his partner is under water. On surfacing, the diver is to signal an all clear before his partner begins his dive.

Spearfishing is never to take place in the vicinity of public "Swimming" beaches.

In the next edition there will be some rules on spearguns.

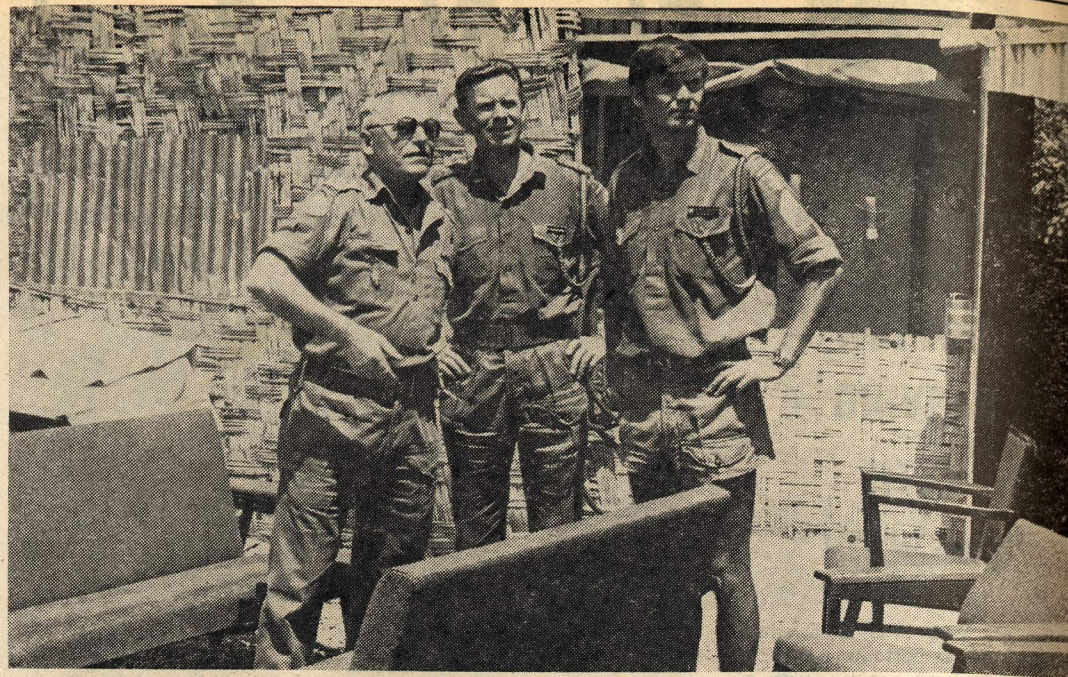
CHEFBESØG I LIMNITIS OG KOKKINA

Oberstløjtnant C.J.K. Severinsen besøgte Limnitis og Kokkina fredag 24 maj om formiddagen. I Limnitis interesserede kontingentchefen sig selvfølgelig først og fremmest for bygningen af hytter, medens han i Kokkina besøgte OP MANSOURA samt selve lejren, hvor den helt store forårsrensning var i gang. I de seneste dage har chefen i øvrigt "gået terrænet tyndt" i distriktet, for på så kort tid som muligt at besøge så mange OP'er som muligt.



Oversergent Berthelin informere om forholdene i Kokkina.

DANCON NEWS



Repræsentanter fra "Fritidsrejser" og "Heprejser" besøgte kontingentet på et orienteringsbesøg søndag den 26. maj.

DANCON NEWS

The Danish ambassador from Beirut paid a visit to the Danish Contingent on 25th May 1974. He had lunch in Xeros and visited in the late afternoon DANCIVPOL at DANSBORG.

On the same day 10 Australian members of UNCIVPOL dropped in, in order to buy something in the "souvenir canteen". The Danish hospitality more than lived up to its great reputation, on this occasion.

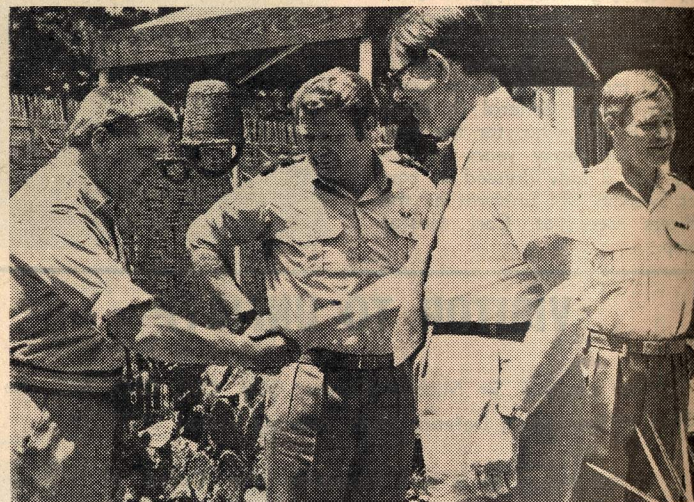
The Contingent Commander has visited the camps in Limnitis and Kokkina.



AMBASSADØR-BESØG I XEROS

Den danske ambassadør fra Beirut, M. Warberg, aflægger i denne tid officiel visit på Cypern. Som følge deraf har ambassadøren selvfølgelig også besøgt det danske tjenstgørende FN-personel på øen.

Lørdag den 25 maj besøgte ambassadørparret Xeroslejren, hvor kontingentet havde inviteret til frokost, medens DANCIVPOL overtog værtsforpligtelserne senere på eftermiddagen.



Ambassadøren hilser på feltpræsten.

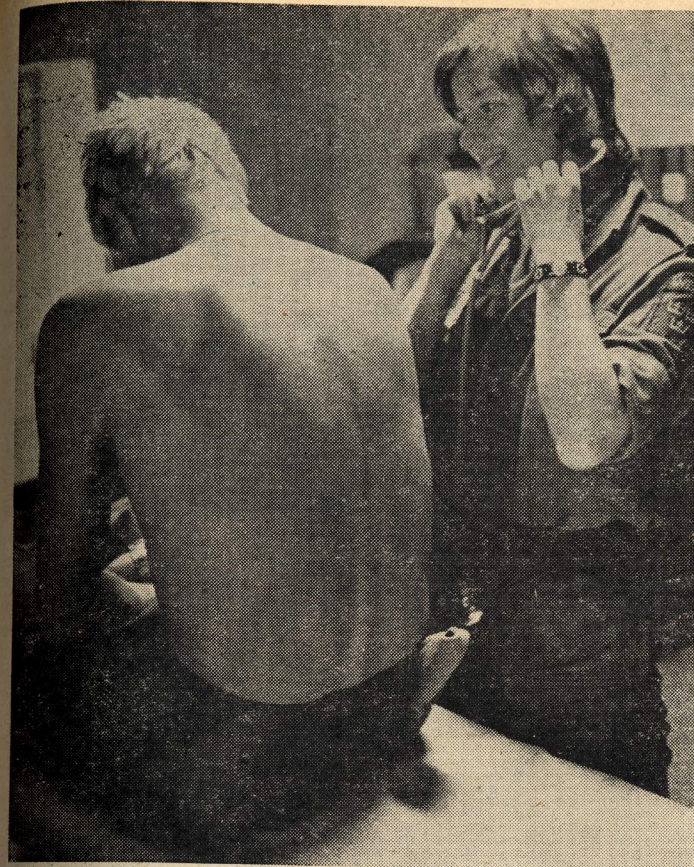
FESTE OG HYGGE I DANCON

Lørdag den 25 maj besøgte 10 australske politifolk Xeroslejren, idet det var meningen, at der skulle handles i hovedkantinen. Det var varmt, og en forespørgsel, om det var muligt at nyde en pilsner i konstabelmessen, gav selvfølgelig et positivt og imødekommende svar.

Herefter udviklede et lille improviseret frokostparty sig, idet "Kaj" og "Rommel", alias velfærdsbefalingsmanden og konstabel Løvhøj, arrangerede det store kolde bord i kostforplejningen.

Så det, der i al fredsommelighed startede som en indkøbstur, endte med frokost og en vældig hyggelig eftermiddag med afgang fra Xeros kl. 1800.

Se, hvor man hygger sig.



For the first time in Swedish UN-history a battalion has been supplied with a female doctor! She has been serving with the present Swed Bn 53 C in Fama-gusta during the last few weeks. You might guess that there was a definite increase in the number of patients.

Doctor Christina Norberg is married to the Swedcon SMO, Captain Erik Norberg who has been serving with the battalion since it arrived, in Cyprus.

When he had to leave Cyprus to visit Sweden on urgent family matters, his wife, doctor Christina

SWEDCON'S FEMALE DOC

was attached by the Swedish UN Department to be in charge of the medical service at Carl Gustav Camp, during her husband's absence.

She was supplied with a green uniform, blue beret and was promoted to the rank of a Captain, the same as her husband. When leaving home early in the morning she received some strange looks from people who saw her getting into the UN jeep which takes her

to the Swedish Camp Hospital, "Oasis" just outside the Camp-area.

Funnily enough in the day her husband left for Sweden, the 53rd battalion acted as host for another doctor, the SMO from the Swedish, battalion serving UNEF in the Middle East. The same day there where three doctors at Carl Gustav Camp and all of them sharing the name: Norberg which in fact is not a very common name in Sweden. The UNEF-doctor, Major Carl-Axel Norberg

however is not a relative of the two Norbergs serving with the Cyprus battalion.

Doctor Christina also had the opportunity of meeting the Force Commander during his inspection tour to Carl Gustav Camp a few weeks ago. It was the first time the Force Commander had seen a beautiful girl in uniform in the Officers Mess. A UN-girlsoldier correct in every detail except possibly for her shoes, which where a little bit more female than the green indian Uniform.

Today her husband is again in charge as Swedcon SMO.



Swedcon News

Swedish Forces Photos



FORCE COMMANDER VISITS GOLDSTREAM GUARDS

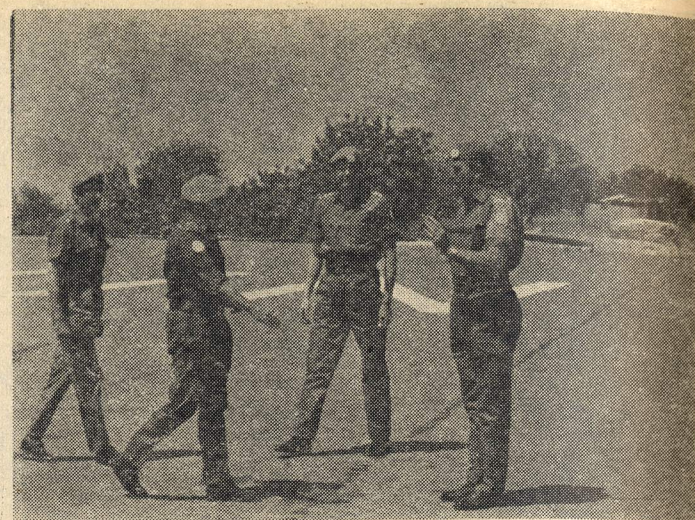
The Force Commander Major General D. Prem Chand, PVSM, recently paid his first official visit to the Goldstream Guards in Polemidhia Camp.

After a short briefing on the situation in the Limassol Zone the Force Commander toured the camp and met some of the Guardsmen at their work.



Drill Sergeant Chris Louch, the Battalion Air Liaison Officer, meets the Force Commander. In the background are the ADC to the Force Commander, Captain T. Fredholm and Colour Sergeant Cyril Woodhall, who runs the Battalion Orderly Room.

The Force Commander is seen inspecting the Guard of Honour and talking with Guardsman Ted Moulton. Also in the picture from left to right are Sergeant Pete Ord, Drummer David Jackson, Guardsmen John Spencely, Nigel Jones, Jed Wellburn and Corporal Roger Allen.



The Force Commander was met on arrival by the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel The Hon Christopher Willoughby, the Adjutant, Captain Edward Armistead and the Regimental Sergeant Major, WO 1 Arthur Longshaw.



NEW "WEAVER BIRD" FOR BRITCON



The Commanding Officer of the Coldstream Guards, Lieutenant Colonel The Hon Christopher Willoughby, informally welcomed Miss Pat Foley, seated in the middle, the new WRVS worker

recently arrived from Famagusta and Gan. At the same time he said farewell to Miss Joan Wilson, WRVS, before she rejoins the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards in West Germany.

BRITCON NEWS

IT'S A LONG WAY FROM THE PALACE

For the first time during their tour with UNFICYP, the Coldstream Guards mounted the guard at Blue Beret Camp during a week in May when they took over from Fincon.

The Guard was provided by Number 1 Company and was commanded by Sergeant John Dean.

The rest of the guard included; Sergeant Ernie Cleaver, Guardsmen Keith Larkin, Mick Charlton, John Guest, John Connelly and David Gaston.

In our picture the Guard is presenting arms to the outgoing guard outside HQ UNFICYP in Blue Beret Camp.



BEGRÜSSUNG DER NEWCOMERS DURCH DEN FORCE COMMANDER

Freitag den 24.5. 1974 besuchte der FC Maj Gen PREM CHAND wieder Camp Leopold V. Sein Besuch galt diesmal den Newcomers, die er in einer kurzen und herzlichen Ansprache begrüßte. Der General fand anerkennende Worte für die bisherigen ausgezeichneten Leistungen der Soldaten des AUSCON, besonders für die Arbeit, die in der kurzen Zeit, die wir im Larnaca Distrikt sind, geleistet wurde. Er gab seiner Überzeugung Ausdruck, dass auch dieses Bataillon, wie die Vorangegangenen, mit den Problemen und Anforderungen zurechtkommen wird.

Anschließend nahm der FC an einem Briefing teil, in dem er über die momentane Lage und die Schwerpunkte der Arbeit in unserem Distrikt informiert wurde. Per Hubschrauber ging es dann nach KOPHINO, wo auf dem OP SKARINO alle Newcomers der OPs und vom Lager ZYYI zur Begrüßung durch den FC versammelt waren.

Den Abschluss des Besuches bildete ein Flug nach ZYYI, wo der FC unter anderem Oblt Krauland, der zwar kein Newcomer ist, dafür aber an diesem Tag Geburtstag hatte, herzlichst gratulierte.



AUSCON NEWS

Seine Exzellenz Dr. Simon KOLLER, österreichischer Botschafter in Griechenland und Zypern der seinen Amtssitz in Athen hat, fand am 24.5.1974 wieder Gelegenheit, unserem Bataillon im Larnaca Distrikt einen kurzen Besuch abzustatten. Wie immer zeigte er

größtes Verständnis für unsere Arbeit und nahm mit Freude und Genugtuung die offensichtlichen Veränderungen und Verschönerungen unseres Camps zur Kenntnis, die er seit seinem letzten Besuch im Dezember 1973 deutlich erkennen konnte.

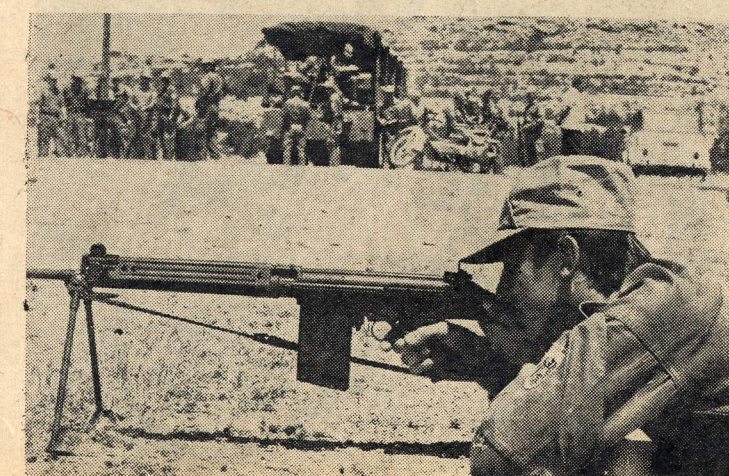
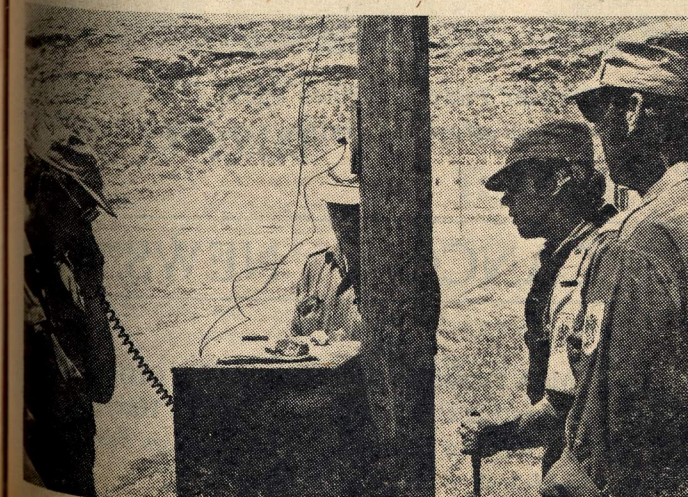
SICHERHEIT VORHANDEN,

auch am Dienstag den 21. und Mittwoch den 22. Mai 1974, wo ein Schulschiessen auf der B-Range in Dhekelia stattfand, an dem das gesamte Bataillon teilnahm.

Geschossen wurden drei Übungen des Schulschiessens mit dem StG, wobei die erste

Übung der Ermittlung der Trefferlage diente, die zweite Übung nach Ringen und die dritte Übung nach Treffern einer Figur mit Zeitlimit gewertet wurden.

Die endgültige Auswertung war bei Redaktionsschluss noch nicht bekannt, aber nach Ansicht der Experten kann das Ergebnis als sehr gut bezeichnet werden.



LA COMPAGNE DE COMMANDEMENT

1. Le peloton de reconnaissance de la compagnie de commandement continue leur entraînement. En effet depuis deux semaines, les membres du peloton se familiarisent et se qualifient sur le pistolet, mitrailleuse 9mm et

carabine C-1.

2. Filicitation au Cpl Dubé qui a date a obtenu la meilleur moyenne au tir. L'entraînement précédent le tir lui-même a surement aidé a remonter la moyenne général du peloton.

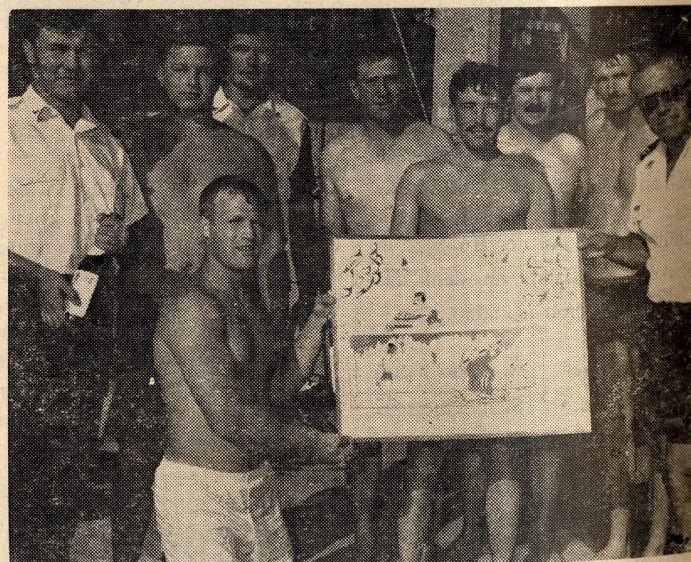
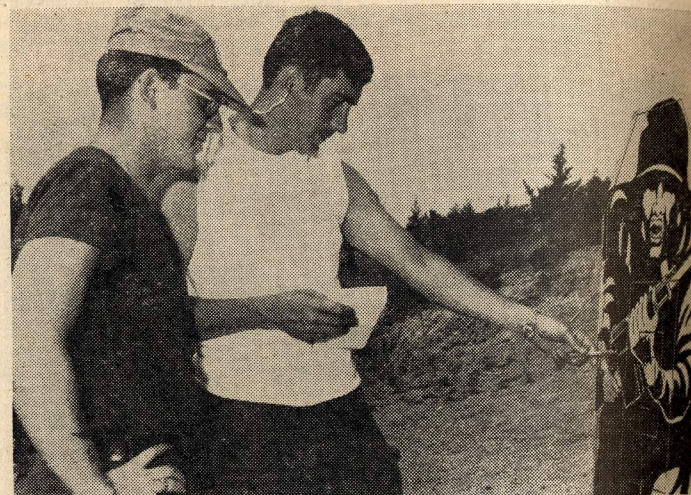


LE CPL ROY SURVEILLE LE TIR

LE CAPT FORAND VERIFIE LE TIR DU
PARA GAUDET



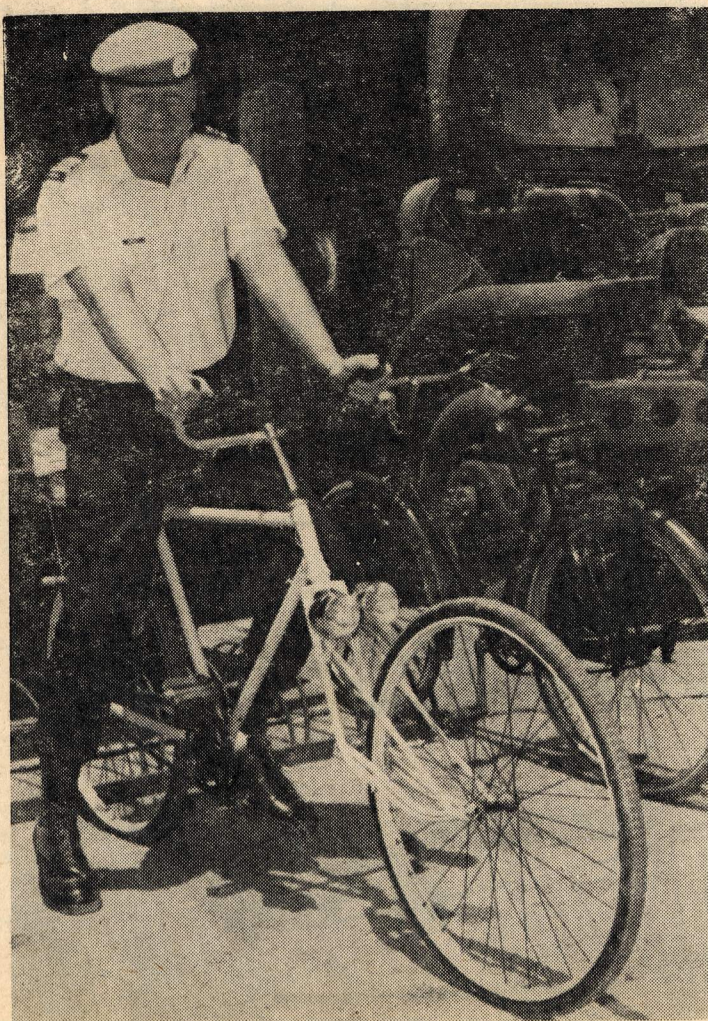
LE SGT TANGUAY SURVEILLE LE TIR



The Pioneer Platoon strikes again.... in recognition of their valiant efforts to restore the Chimo Pool back to life.

CANCON NEWS

← The "Mod Squad" (Wheeled). The Officer Commanding Logistics Company, Major Dave Harries, says it's the best way to reduce mileage figures for United Nations vehicles!



KORJAAMO ESITTÄYTYY

Pataljoonamme korjaamo kuuluu UNFICYPin suurimpiin. Varustustasoltaan se vastaa parempaa kaupunkiverstasta.

Korjaamohenkilökunnan vahvuus on 2-4, josta yksi on polttoainevaraston hoitaja. Lisäksi on korjaamolla englantilainen yhteismies Workshop Remeen.

Jokapäiväinen työ käsittää pataljoonan kuljetusmateriaalin ja voimakoneiden huoltoa. Suurin työllistäjä on autojen kuukausihuollot.

Pataljoonan kuljetuskalusto käsittää tällä hetkellä 24 Land-Roveria, 1 ambulanssi, 8 kuorma-autoa, 2 henkilöautoa, 1 pienoissubsi, 8 moottoripyörää, 32 polkupyörää ja 5 vesiperää.

Land-Roverin keskimääräinen huoltoaika on n. 11/2 päivää. Varaosat tulevat englantilaisilta ja osa jopa Englannista, joten auto saattaa joutua seisomaan jopa viikkokausiksi.

Korjaamolla jatkuvasti seisova autoriivi kertoo vallitsevasta työvoimapulasta tällä alalla.

Korjaamollamme lantikat saavat lääkityksensä. Jääk Puoma-Korvela purkaa, putsaa ja paikkaa.

KAHVIA JA KESKUSTELUA

Kykkon AU-messissä 27.5. järjestetyssä kahvitilaisuudessa oli mahdollisuus tehdä kysymyksiä "Suomenpään pomoille" amir Wikbergille ja maj Niemiselle. Aluksi amir Wikberg kiitti pataljoonaa sen ripeästä toiminnasta Lähi-idässä. Samaten hän selitti tilannetta minkä viime rotaation "supasalakuljetukset" aiheuttivat kotimaassa ja etenkin lehdistössä. Tällaisen tilanteen toistumisen estämiseksi tullaan jakamaan ohjeita kaikkien luettaviksi.

Puheenaiheet liikkuvat virkaehtosopimuksen ja näkkileivän välillä. Mieluisinta kuultavaa oli ehkä se, että ehdotus päivärahan korotuksesta on myötätuulessa ja 20% korotukseen on hyvät toiveet olemassa.

Kysyttiin miten käy kun palkkojen korotukset maksetaan takautuvasti ja henkilö ehtii kotiutua ennen rahan saamista. Tämä ei aiheuta syytä huoleen, sillä raha tullaan maksamaan joka tapauksessa myöskin Suomeen.

Lomaupseeri pommitti Suomilomaa koskevilla kysymyksillä ja

ilmenikin, että tämä matka on muutenkin synnyttänyt pohdittavaksi oman Scacypin järjestämisen mahdollisuudet. Saatiin myös kuulla, että kansanedustajat olivat myönteisiä ajatukselle, että matka lähiomaisen hautajaisiin maksettaisiin valtion varoista.

Huoltopuolta huolestutti eniten rahan ostovoiman jatkuva heikkeneminen ja määrärahojen pysyminen silti samana. HP toivoi myös mahdollisuutta näkkileivän saamiseksi rotaatiokoneissa.

Alkoholin ja tupakan vientimäärät kotiutuessa kiinnostivat myös mutta tästä kun ei ole olemassa muuta kuin suullinen sopimus tullin kanssa ei mitään määrää voida määritellä.

Toimiupseerikysymys puhutti samaten kuin lehdistössä liikkuvat luvut YK:n maksamista kustannuksista.

Lopuksi ennen kahvia ja vapaata keskustelua amir Wikberg kiitti ja toivoi pataljoonalle hyvää jatkoa tulevia tehtäviä suorittaessaan.

NEWS IN BRIEF

This time we introduce our car workshop. The work there is precise and requires a lot of professional skill.

On 27th May there was a coffee party in the Sergeants' Mess. The guests had a chance to ask questions from "the boss of the Finnish end of the line".

Scuba diving is a nice and suitable hobby for these surroundings.

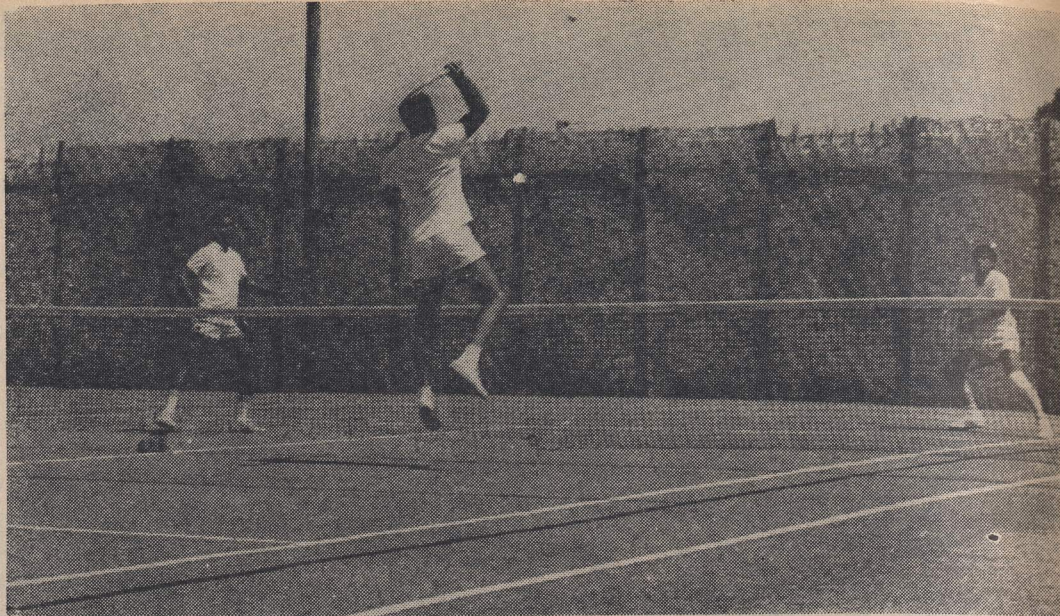
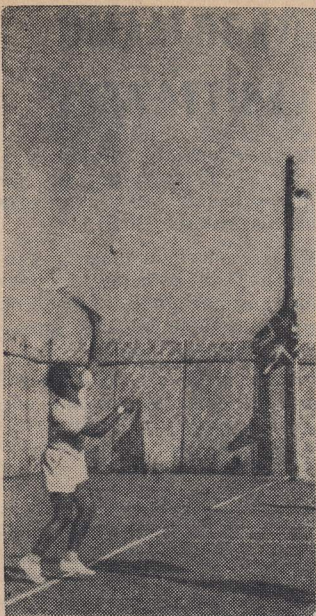
TIEDOKSI

Yleisen UNFICYPin kustannuksien rajoituksiin tähtäävän talouskampanjan seurauksena The Blue Beret ilmestyy tulevaisuudessa kerran kahdessa viikossa.



Sukelluskurssi pyritään järjestämään pataljoonassa heinäkuussa, joilloin vesi on tarpeeksi lämmintä. Lähempää tietoa saa ylik Henttoselta.

FINCON NEWS



The Intercontingent Tennis Tournament was held in the last week of May in Blue Beret Camp. In the photograph on the right the mens doubles is in progress and it was won by Mr. B. Ravalico, and M. Rajasingham of the UN Secretariat who beat Major Kurz and First Lieutenant M. Bacher from Auscon. In the photograph to the left is Major T. Wheeler, Cancon who in the singles final beat Mr. W. Kelly from the UN Secretariat.



It is not a secret service man on duty we show in the photograph but the Finnish Contingent Photographer!

His hobby is underwater photography and in our picture he is looking for colourshots underneath the Cyprus water.

OBITUARY

We regret to announce the death on Saturday 1st June 1974 through a shooting accident, of Private Niels Ove Pedersen, a member of the Danish Contingent serving with UNFICYP.

Private Petersen was 21 years old, unmarried and his parents live in Nibe in the northern part of Denmark.



Recently the Danish Ambassador to Cyprus who lives in Beirut Mr. M. Warberg and Mrs. Warberg visited UNFICYP. During their stay on the island they visited the Danish Contingent in Xeros. In the photograph are Mrs. and Mr. Warberg with the Danish Contingent Commander Lt. Colonel C.J.K. Severinsen in Viking Camp in Xeros.

UN MP COY MEDALS PARADE

A Medal Parade was held on the 17 May 74 by the UN MP Coy at Blue Beret Camp. The CO, Maj J.L. Cullen CD, presented the medals to eleven recipients of the MP Coy.

Following the parade there was a social function that included pipers and sword dancing.

Personnel shown in photo from left to right are: Capt H. Lehmann, DCO (Dancon), Lt D. Olexa CD AO (Cancon), Maj J.L. Cullen CD, CO (Cancon), Sgt P. Nichols (Britcon), Sgt J.J. Rantanen (Fincon).

