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SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

On Wednesday 17th March, the Irish celebrated their National Festival of Saint Patrick's Day. 400 guests, representing many nations, were entertained at Ircon HQs, Zyyi.

Major General D. Prem Chand was presented with a spring of shamrock to mark the occasion. Although historians disagree on the details of St. Patrick's life it is understood that he first came to Ireland in 432 AD. Every Irishman venerates him as the Apostle of Ireland and associates him personally with the proud tradition of steadfast faith and missionary achievement which have been characteristic of the race since the time of his great mission. Patrick's work in converting the Irish to the faith and in founding their Christian tradition is herculean and his influence can be felt down to the present day.

Almost every parish in Ireland has traditional links with the Saint and many pilgrimages are still made regularly to Croagh Patrick in the West of Ireland.

Because of the depth of ve-

neration in which he was held by Irish emigrants and missionaries the name of the saint and the importance of his feast-day to all Irishmen is known far outside Ireland to-day. In every place where the Irish have settled in great or in small numbers, the 17th March will be set aside for special celebrations. Saint Patrick stands as a symbol of unity for Irishmen everywhere — no matter how disparate they may be in political thought, social status, environment and indeed even in their form of Christianity. They all call on this day in acknowledging the memory of their great saint and patron-Patrick.



● Major General R. D. Wilson, CBE, MC, Director Army Aviation, talking with Major J. Bedford Davies during his visit last week. More pictures and story on back page.

CONTRIBUTION TO UNFICYP

The acting Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations, Wolfgang Wolte, has informed the Secretary-General that the Austrian Government again will contribute an amount of US \$80,000 to the costs of the current period of UNFICYP ending 15th June, 1971.



UN ATHLETICS

Last Thursday, the UNFICYP Athletics Meeting was held at Famagusta and arranged by Swedcon. The Britcon A team, formed by 3rd Battalion Royal Green Jackets, came 1st with 105 points, 2nd Swedcon with 88 points, 3rd Fincon with 81 points. — More pictures on inside pages.

● Rifleman "Willie" Williams — 1st in the long jump.



UN COURSE TEACHERS VISIT CYPRUS

Teachers at the Scandinavian UN Staff and Observer Course last week paid a brief visit to Cyprus. They visited various contingents serving with UNFICYP, and they also had the opportunity to meet the Force Commander. Far left is Lieutenant Colonel Carl-Goesta Norderup, who will take over the command of the new Swedish Battalion in April. Far right is Lieutenant Colonel I. Bondeson, Chief Operations Officer HQ UNFICYP.





OGSÅ KVINDELIG SKØNHED

The Blue Beret bragte i sit sidste nummer en række billeder fra Dancons medaljeparade, men allesammen billeder af mænd.

Da vi mænd imidlertid også trænger til at se lidt kvindelig skønhed, bringer vi disse to billeder, dels af fru Kirsten Rask fra Danish Food-Fair, som på beundringsværdig måde sørgede for maden til de ca. 200 gæster, dels af festens fornemste og smukkeste gæst, generalinde D. Prem Chand, som her vælger mellem fru Rasks mange delikatesser.

● Vikingeløjt. O. Andersen låner med synlig glæde sit skarpe sværd til den nydelige unge frue.



● Bag kulisserne var der forrygende travlhed, men alt klappede alligevel. Her er det pioneren Bob Louis, messemand Christensen og messemand L. Hansen fra Limnitis, der gør klar til næste anretning.

DANCON XV OFFICERER PÅ BESØG I LEFKA DISTRICT

Dancon har i disse dage besøg af den kommende kontingentchef for DANCON XV, OL N. K. Nørsgaard, samt majorerne E. I. S. Christensen og W. Lange, som skal fungere som henholdsvis O-officer og CH/STKMP.

● Billedet viser fra venstre: MAJ Færregaard, OL Nørsgaard, OL Skov, MAJ Christensen, MAJ Lange og MAJ F. M. Sørensen.



DANCON

FAMILIEFLY

Der kan nu meldes alt udsolgt på flyene afgang Kastrup 3 APR og afgang Nicosia 13 APR., men der er stadig mange ledige pladser modsatte vej. Skulle der være interesseret, bedes man kontakte VKF senest lørdag 27 MAR, hvilket er absolut sidste tilmeldingsfrist.

Prisen påregnes at blive ca. CP 38.000.

Badminton

Dancon slog Swedcon med 5-1 i badminton i Famagusta i weekslutet. Royal Green Jackets, som også deltog i tævlingsrunden, fik finansielle forluster mot både Dancon och Swedcon.

Resultat

Dancon-Swedcon 5-1

L. Blumensadt-S. Axelson 15-8, 11-15, 15-9
L. Hansen-I. Gustavsson 15-4, 15-9
C. Bruus Jensen-C. Ljunggren 11-15, 15-10, 15-8
E. Skovbjerg-L. Strandell 9-15, 10-15
Blumensadt/Skovbjerg - Axelson/Strandell 9-15, 15-3, 15-12
Bruus Jensen/Hansen-Gustavsson/Ljunggren 15-3, 15-6

Swedcon-Royal Green Jackets 6-0

S. Axelson-R. Treacy 15-6, 15-4
I. Gustavsson-T. Honeybell 15-11, 15-12
C. Ljunggren-J. Robertson MacLeod 15-7, 15-10
L. Strandell-J. Beerman 15-6, 15-1
Axelson/Strandell-E. Town/Robertson MacLeod 12-15, 15-10, 15-5
Gustavsson/Ljunggren - Beerman/Honeybell 6-15, 16-14, 15-10

Dancon-Royal Green Jackets 6-0

L. Blumensadt-R. Treacy 15-3, 15-8
L. Hansen-T. Honeybell 15-4, 15-1
C. Bruus Jensen-J. Robertson MacLeod 15-5, 15-6
E. Skovbjerg-J. Beerman 15-3, 15-12
Blumensadt/Skovbjerg - Town/Robertson MacLeod 15-4, 15-11
Bruus Jensen/Hansen - Beerman/Honeybell 15-11, 15-10

På bilden danskarnas främsta dubbelpar, E. Skovbjerg och L. Blumensadt i aktion i matchen mot James Robertson MacLeod och Eric Town från The Green Jackets.

SWEDCON NEWS Swedish Forces Photos



Postrush

Det var en ordentlig hög med postsäckar som gick iväg med förra Scacypen: Sammanlagt 91 säckar tillsammans vägnande 1445 kg. Säckarna innehöll 194 paket. Som bekant var det denna gång tillåtet att skicka iväg paket på upp till 20 kg. Normalt är ju högsta tillåtna vikt 10 kg.

På bilden har man just stuvat upp alla säckarna på en lastbil. Rustm.... Förvaltare Kent Rustsäter, andre man från vänster, kollar att alla paket kommer med medan lastmannarna Ulf Engström, Johnny Karlsson, Hans Åke Kratz och Göran Johansson pustar ut. Föraren Olle Olsson tittar förundrat på det dryga lasset. Uppe på bilen igenkänns Mats Nilsson och Sven-Inge Svensson.



UNFICYP friidrott

Under strålende sol och gott arrangörskap hölls det 10. UNFICYP-mästerskapet i friidrott. Det bjöds på många rafflande heat. Bl. a. var 100- och 200-meters-finalerna något alldeles speciellt, där BRITCON A:s Bgr Lawerenson och SWEDCONS Pte Sandberg kämpade om varje meter. På bilden till vänster får Sandberg ge sig för Lawerensons oerhörda finish på 100 meter. Mer om sporten senare.

Sjukvårdsinspektion

Ett team från militära sjukvårdsmyndigheter har gjort en inspektion vid den svenska FN-kontingenten. På bilden ses byråchef Lars Bratt från försvarets sjukvårdsstyrelse, hälsovårdsinspektören på bataljonen förvaltare Roland Maaherra, apotekare Lars Hallén, Militärapoteket och förste försvarsläkare Sven Bellman, försvarets sjukvårdsstyrelse.

UN ATHLETICS MEETING

The UNFICYP Athletics meeting, run by Swedcon, was held on 18th March at Famagusta. 3 RGJ representing the Britcon 'A' team were very much in evidence. The team of 18 men from the battalion, led by Captain David Innes, entered every event and met with success in most.

Bugler Ray Lawrenson won both the sprints the 100m and 200m. Rifleman "Willie" Williams also distinguished himself coming first in the Long Jump, second in the triple and third in the 100m sprint.

Corporal Dick Lawrence and Bugle Major John Jackson swept the board in the 300m, taking first and second place. Others who deserve a mention are; Bugler Stan Holman, one of the smallest men in the battalion, who came second in 1500m, Rifleman Ian George who came first in the high

jump and fourth in the triple jump and Bandsman Phillip Spring, who coached himself in the shot putt starting from scratch two months ago and came third.

The final results was that the team came first with 105 points.

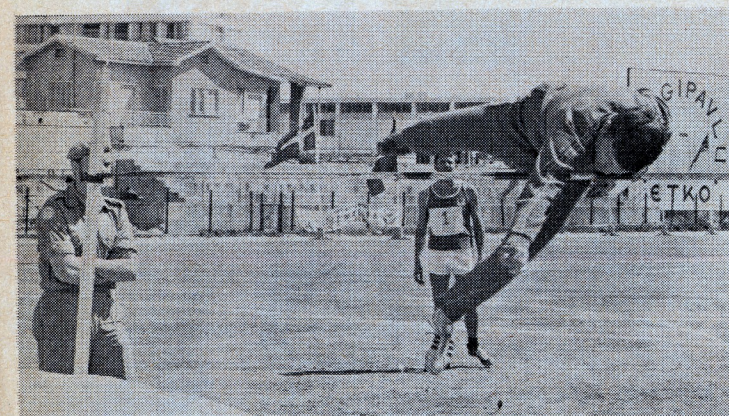
The other results were: Second Swedcon 88 points, third Fincon 81 points, fourth Dancon 13 points, fifth Ircon 9 points, sixth Britcon 'B' 5 points.



● Bugler Lawrenson (No 1) breaks the tape in the 100 m sprint.



● Taking the strain, the 3 RGJ TUG-O-WAR team.



● Rifleman George about to become 1st in the high jump with a height of 1.70 m.

CARL GUSTAV

Until a few years ago, the infantry platoon anti-tank weapon was the old 3.5" Rocket Launcher. These have now been replaced by the Swedish anti-tank weapon — the Carl

Gustav. This is a much more effective weapon which is lethal against any known tank. Seen aiming it here, is Rifleman Lou Sartell, Arms Storeman for HQ Company in Polemidhia Camp. Our thanks are due to Sweden for this most effective weapon.

BRITCON NEWS



19th INF GROUP CELEBRATES SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

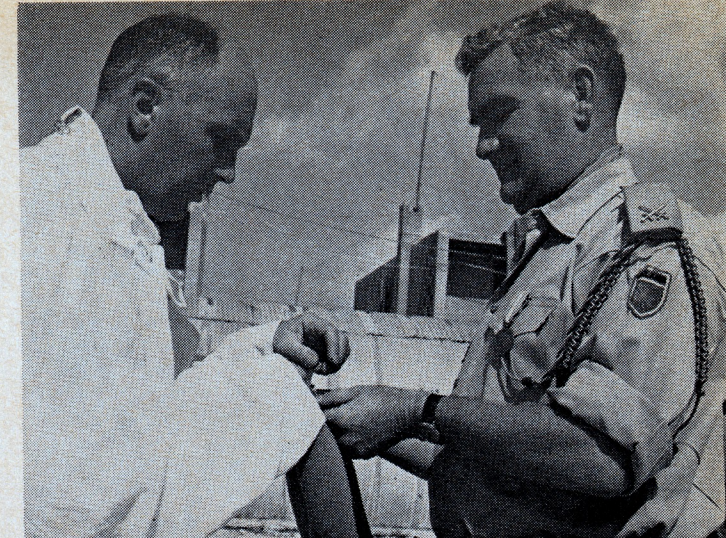
400 guests representing many nations attended the St. Patrick's Day celebrations at Ircon HQs Zyvi on 17 March 1971. Also in attendance were representatives from both communities in Cyprus. The day began with a ceremonial parade at which all personnel were presented with shamrocks.

Mass was celebrated in Zyvi, Kophinou, Larnaca and Louroujina. The afternoon was devoted to National Games and playing and singing of traditional Irish music. On Saint Patrick's night a very enjoyable function was held in the Officers Mess at Zyvi at which there were many guests. Functions were also held in NCOs Messes and Mens' Clubs in all Camps

where guests were entertained by NCOs and Men of 19 Infantry Group.

Through the courtesy of Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation, the Minister for Defence, Mr. Gerry Cronin, sent a St. Patrick's Day greeting to all Ircon personnel serving with UNFICYP. In his message the Minister said that at a time when separation from families and friends was even more keenly felt he assured the soldiers that they were especially in the thoughts of all their own people.

"The efforts of the personnel of the unit serving in Cyprus



show a keen appreciation of the nature of the mission and all are a source of pride to the high standards observed by people at home and reflect great credit on the Defence Forces. To all I say "keep up the good work".

BEANNACHTAI NAOMH PHADRAIG.

AN SEACHTAIN SEO, AR FEILE NAISIUNTA BA MHAITH LE OIFIGI, ONC AGUS FIR DE'N FORSA EI REANNACH BEANNACHTAI NAOMH PHADRAIG A GUI AR A ACOMBRAIDI I BFORSAI EILE AGUS AR DAONNRA UILE AN CHIPIR AGUS AR A GCAIRDE UILIG.

THE BLESSING OF SAINT PATRICK

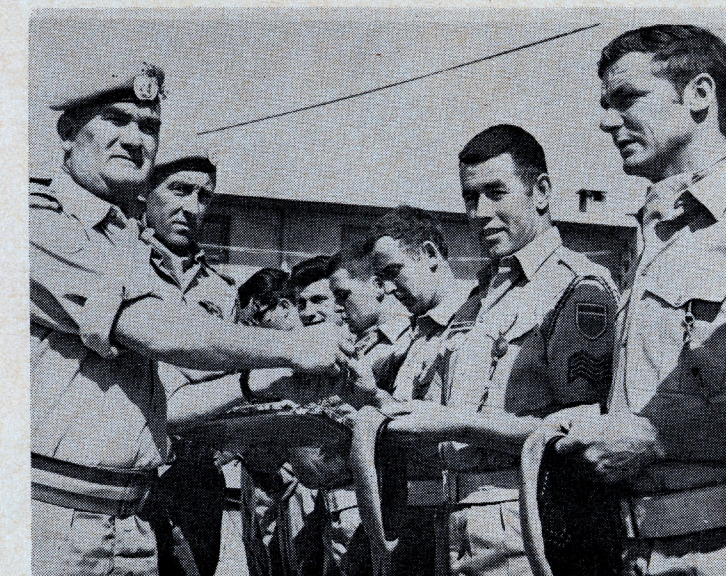
On this, the week of our National Holiday, the Officers, NCOs and Men of the IRISH CONTINGENT would like to wish the blessings of Saint Patrick on their comrades of other contingents, on the people of Cyprus and on all their friends.

IRCON NEWS

Commandant Pat Harte presenting shamrock to members of "B" Coy at Kophinou on Saint Patrick's Day.



NCOs and Men of 19th Infantry Group Zyvi, adjusting the shamrocks on their berets during the St. Patrick's Day parade at Ircon Headquarters.

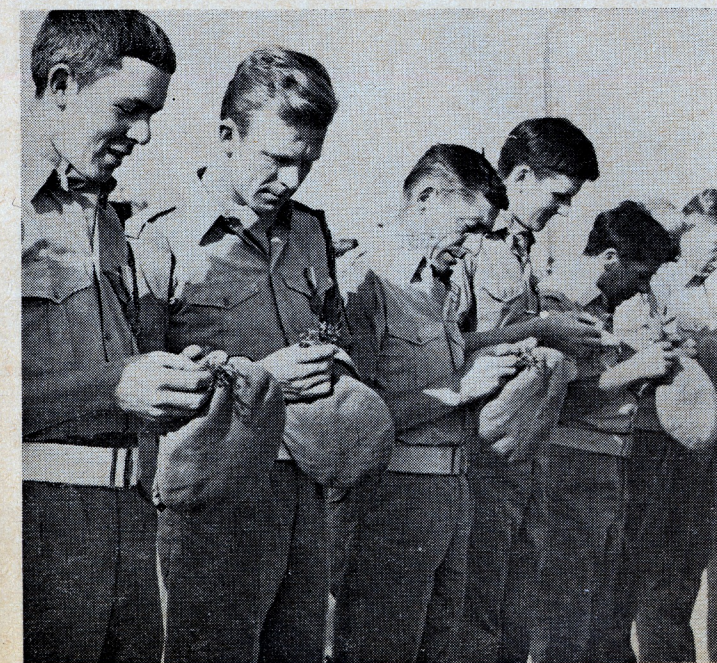


THE SHAMROCK

During the week a special consignment of shamrocks was received by the 19th Infantry Group in Cyprus. They were sent out specially from Ireland to be worn by the troops on Saint Patrick's Day.

This is now a tradition and the ceremonies of the blessing of the shamrock and its distribution on parade takes place annually in every Army Camp at home and abroad. The reason why the shamrock came to be associated with Saint Patrick is not exactly proved by historians, but the traditional explanation is that Saint Patrick used the trefoil plant in referring to the mystery of the TRINITY when

he was engaged in his work of conversion. The shamrock is a very common plant in Ireland and every year it is gathered and worn by everyone on St. Patrick's Day. It is also packed and sent privately by relatives to Irishmen all over the world. It is thus a symbol, not only of the memory of the Saint, but of the sentimental links with the home country held by emigrants and their descendants.



THE FIRST BIRTHDAY

It all began a year ago, and in keeping with the sweeping changes implemented by the Canadian Armed Forces integration of the land, sea and air elements and further direction from Ottawa to combine certain regiments. Eliminating some to combine with others, the Queens Own Regiment was phased out and the 3rd Regiment FPCLI was born.

If it had been suffering from growing pains it was not reflected in the massed participation of the first battalion birthday. Starting with the Canada Day presentation at the Mimos Theatre to a UN audience of more than 500, and climaxed with a regiment sports day, there seemed little doubt that the new-born battalion had come of age.



● Winners of the inter-section shoot, top among the 12 competing rifle sections, were presented the Riflemen Award by Lieutenant Colonel T.M.C. Marsaw, (l. to r.) Corporals Ed Forrestall and Peter Hemskirt, Privates Brien Henwood, J. Lussier, J. M. Fisher and Corporal Ken Heavers.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

● Major Barry Winfield, Captain of the Canadian Contingent swim team, receives the Ledra Palace Award for top honours in the UN Forces swimming competition from Major R. Merton, Force Reserve Commander.



● Using the regiment birthday theme, Corporal Dave N'xon for Suburbia Company won first prize in the decorated chariot event.



● Sergeant Dave Buxton of Suburbia Company took a dive during the bicycle race leaving the Capt Ken Radley team from Headquarters to carry home the hardware.



MP NOTEBOOK

ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

Week Ending
20 March 1971 — 8
Same Period
Last Year — 3
Total This Year — 67
Same Period
Last Year — 104

Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:

"DRIVING WITHOUT DUE CARE AND ATTENTION"

● The Pioneers beard growing contest were varied in both dress and foilage, but Major General Prem Chand gave the top spot to Sergeant George Louzon, (right) with the "nice try award" going to Private Nicholson on his right.

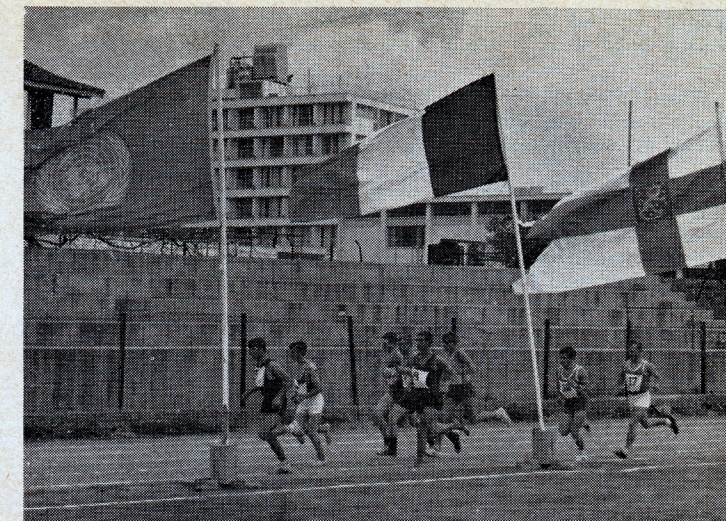
GOSHISSA AMMUTTIIN



Vääp S. Harmanen valvoo jääk J. Tiiton tulitusta Goshin taisteluamunnoissa

Aurinkoinen sää suosi kontingenttienvälisiä yleisurheilukilpailuja jotka pidettiin Famagustassa 19.3. Evagoras - stadionille oli urheilijoitten lisäksi ilmaantunut joukko koululaisia hurraamaan voittajille. Katsomossa nähtiin myös kenr Brem Chand joka jakoi palkinnot voittajille. Suomalaisia olikin ilahduttavan paljon heidän joukossaan. Tulostaulua silmätessä huomataan, että menestyimme kentälajeissa mutta saimme siipeemme juoksuissa. Yleispisteissä sijoituimme kolmanneksi, Ruotsi toiseksi kuten tavallista. Tulokset:

Kyllä siitä kuula läpi menee... Yliv J. Jacobson tarkastaa aseet ennen ammusta. Kevyen kk:n salaisuuksia tutkivat jääk Tiitto ja kapt J. Ahlholm



Juoksulajeissa muut korjasivat voiton. Kuva 3000 m:ltä

URHEILUA

- 1) Britcon
- 2) Swedcon
- 3) Fincon
- 4) Dancon

Pituushyppy: 1) Rfn Williams Britcon 6,17 2) Ltn J. Räisänen Fincon 6,08

Kolmiloikka: 1) Ltn Räisänen Fincon 13,83 2) Rfn Williams Britcon 13,25

Korkeus: 1) Rfn George Britcon 1,70 2) Cpl A. Ojanen Fincon 1,65 Keihäs: 1) Jääk H. Hautaniemi Fincon 56,66 2) kers O. Juntunen Fincon 47,80

Kiekko: 1) Jääk E. Kanerva Fincon 37,47 2) G. Olsson Swedcon 35,15 Kuula: 1) Kers V. Holopainen Fincon 12,99 2) jääk E. Kanerva Fincon 12,42

100m: 1) Bgr Lawrenson Britcon 11,3 2) pte Sandberg Swedcon 11,5 200m: 1) Bgr Lawrenson Eritcon 23,8 2) Pte Sandberg Swedcon 23,9 800m: 1) Pte Söderqvist Swedcon 2,08,1 2) Oillill Britcon 2,10,4 1500m: 1) Pte Söderqvist Swedcon 4,22,7 2) Brg Holman Britcon 4,28,0 3000m: Cpl Lawrence Britcon 9,56,1 2) BM Jackson Britcon 10,15,7

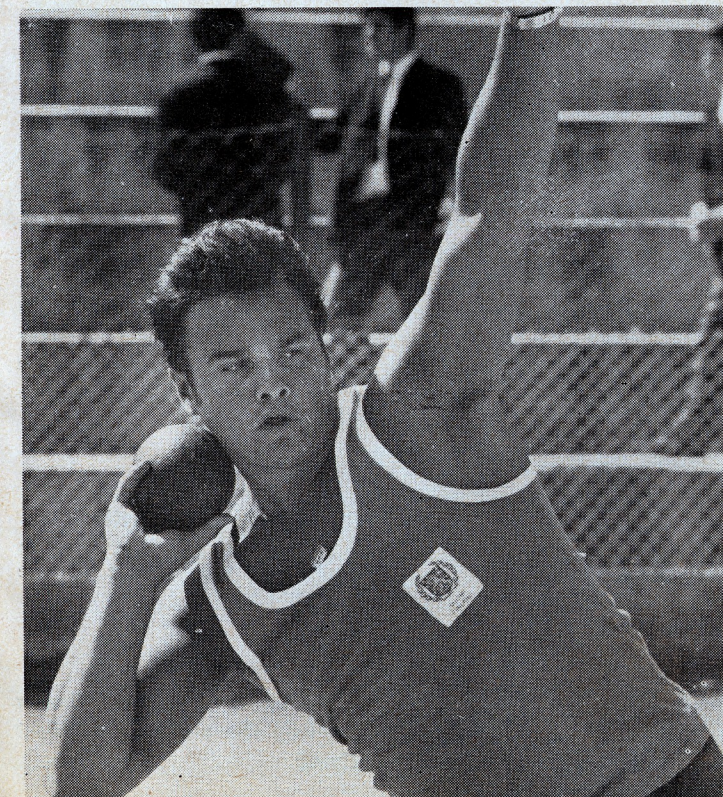
4x100m: 1) Britcon 46,3 2) Swedcon 46,8

4x400m: 1) Swedcon 3,45,0 2) Britcon 3,54,0

Köyden veto: 1) Swedcon 2) Britcon

FINCON NEWS

Vas: Kuulantönnön voitti kers V. Holopainen tuloksella 12,99



Kiekonheiton voitti jääk E. Kanerva

UNFICYP AVIATION FLIGHT

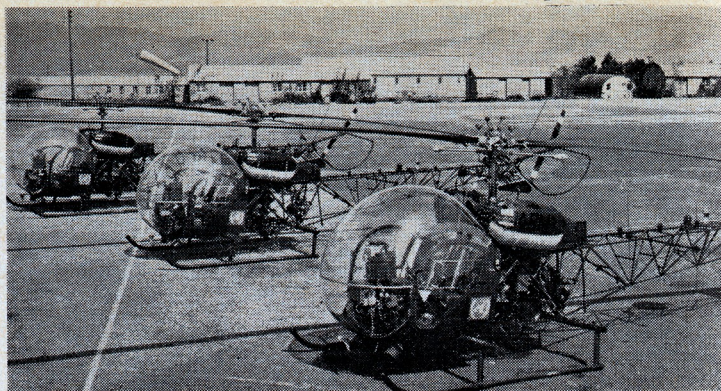
The UNFICYP Aviation Flight is the smallest independent unit in the Force, but provides a major contribution to the tasks of all contingents on the Island.

The Flight was formed in August 1966 with four Sioux AH 1 helicopters from the Army Air Corps. For the last two years it has been commanded by Major Bedford-Davies, Royal Artillery, a flying veteran of Korea and Malaya, whose characteristic moustache has been seen at most of the heli-pads on the island.

The other pilots serve a six months tour with the Force, and are drawn from all arms of the Service for a three year flying tour. The present pilots are Lieutenant Andrew Wal-

flying and emergency drills are carried out in the correct manner, both by day and night.

In 1969 the unit flew 1,275 hours and in 1970 1,693 hours carrying a total of 1,871 passen-



● Competition: Can you spot the difference. Answers to UNFICYP Camp Ext 23, or on paper to the Aviation Flight. The winner will be taken for a ride.

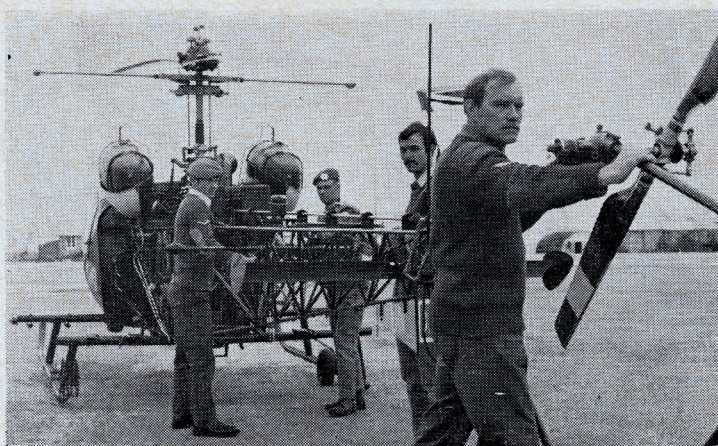


● During a period of poor serviceability the pilots were seen trying to keep their "hand in."

ters, STAFFORD, Lieutenant Tim Holmes, Q.D.G., Sergeant Ron Young, RE and Sergeant Robin Hunter, PARA.

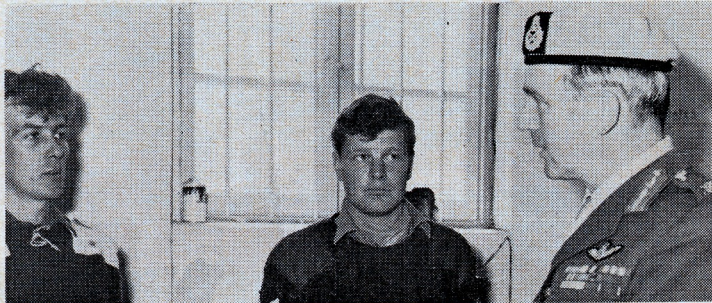
There would be no eyes in the air without the support of the REME air technicians. The "fix it" team is led by Staff Sergeant Mike Roberts who is on a two year posting, the remaining two Sergeants and four Corporals rotate every six months. The other seven members of the Flight consist of drivers, clerks and storeman who help to make up the team that keep the aircraft in an immediate operational condition.

During each year the unit is subject to auditors from the Command Secretary, administrative inspections and checks by Standards and Flight Safety Teams from UK. These inspections make certain that the unit's roles of observation, casualty evacuation, reconnaissance, communications, pure



● A ground handling party returning a Sioux to the hanger after a sortie, (left to right) Lance Corporal Malone, Driver Gower, Lance Corporal Hook and Corporal Willan.

gers during these two years. In achieving this increase of 400 flying hours, the crews work on average a 9½ hour day. It may or may not be appreciated that to meet a 0700 hrs take off the ground crew commences work at 0600 hrs and on completion of a sortie works



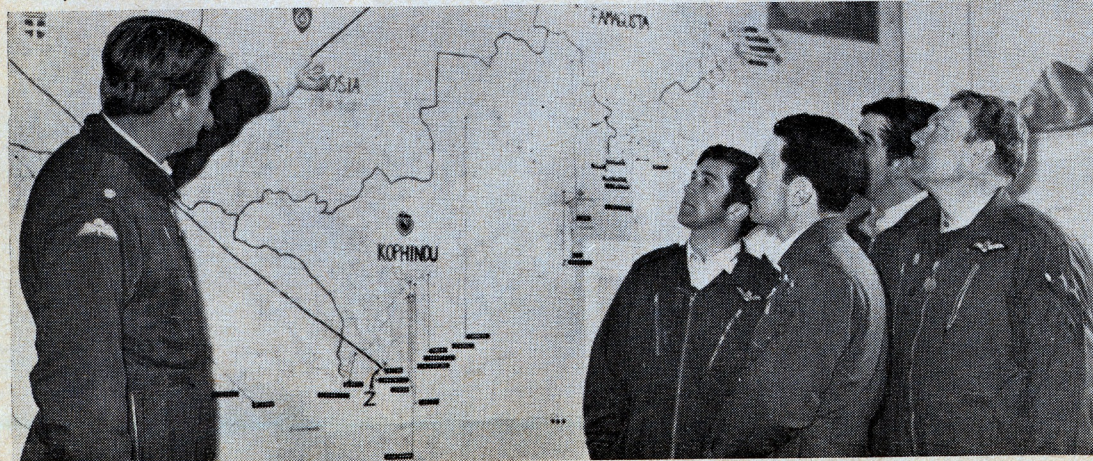
● Major General R.D. Wilson CBE, MC, talking to Sergeant M. J. Powell and Corporal D. White, REME, during his visit last week.

for a further one hour.

The Flight would like to thank all the marshallers and radio operators at headquarters and unit locations for their efforts in passing the many messages and position reports. Through their combined efforts, this Unit has one of the best Flight Safety



● Lance Corporal Peter Hewitt, RAOC, checking his large store of aviation equipment and tools.



Records in Army Aviation.

Lastly we look forward to rewarding the winner of the air competition.

● Major J. Bedford-Davies briefing the pilots for night flying.