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## FORCE COMMANDER VISITS SWEDCON

Last week the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, paid a visit to Famagusta District. The General inspected several OPs and here he is pictured at OP 101 Chatos where he was saluted by Private Vidar Bäck, of Swedcon. More pictures and text, in Swedish, on page 3.



### SAFE DRIVING RECORD

During the period Jan — Oct 70, drivers of 644 Signal Troop totalled 191,585 miles with only one unavoidable accident (a civilian car backed into a properly parked landrover). WELL DONE 644.



## FORCE COMMANDER'S COMMENDATION



On Tuesday 13 October 1970, Lance Corporal McMahon, of the UNFICYP Transport Squadron, was driving a 10-ton AEC Petrol Tanker, northwards along the Nicosia-Larnaca road.

About six miles from Nicosia, a civilian 3-ton lorry approached from the opposite direction at a high speed. Due to the wet road conditions and a slight curve in the road, the civilian driver lost control of his vehicle which skidded completely round. A serious collision was imminent.

Lance Corporal McMahon immediately reacted by driving

• Lance Corporal McMahon with the Force Commander and the OC 60 Squadron, Major P. Marzetti.

his vehicle off the road. His path led towards two trees, scarcely wide enough apart for his large vehicle. With great skill, Lance Corporal McMahon drove between the trees and came to rest in a field with only moderate damage to his vehicle.

The Force Commander commends Lance Corporal McMahon for his presence of mind, swift reaction, and driving

skill, which undoubtedly prevented a more serious accident and possibly injury or loss of life.

## AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR VISITS HQ UNFICYP

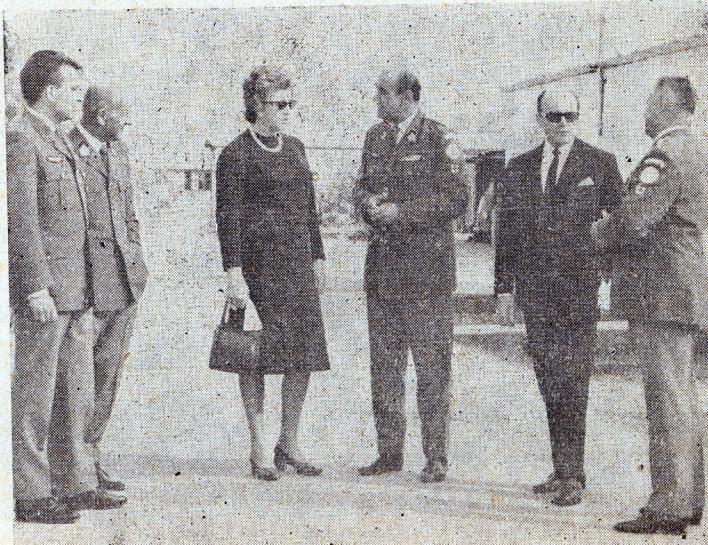
The Austrian Ambassador to Cyprus, His Excellency Dr. L. Steiner, last week visited the island. The Ambassador normally visits Cyprus twice a year from the Embassy in Athens and is kept informed about Austria's contribution to the United Nations Peace-

Keeping Force.

His Excellency was accompanied by his wife, and the visit included calls on the Force Commander, Mr. Osorio-Tafall, the Secretary General's Special Representative in Cyprus, and Mr. R. Gorgé, the Senior Political and Legal Adviser.

Ambassador Steiner also paid visits to the Austrian Police Contingent and the Austrian Field Hospital.

• In the picture (left to right) is Lieutenant M. Baar, Lieutenant Colonel F. Burgstaller, Mrs. Steiner, Lieutenant Colonel L. Effenberger, Ambassador L. Steiner and Major H. Schmitt.



## VELFÆRDS- TJENESTEN ER PARAT TIL AT HJÆL- PE DEM

Velfærdstjenesten er til for Deres skyld. Og der kan nok være grund til "velfærd" - specielt, når man er på et vinterhold.

I velfærdsteltet kan De finde mange ting, som kan interesserer, og velfærdssergenten, SG Hvidbjerg, er altid parat til at række en hjælpende hånd. Her ses sergenten ved den omfangsrike tidsskrifthyde.

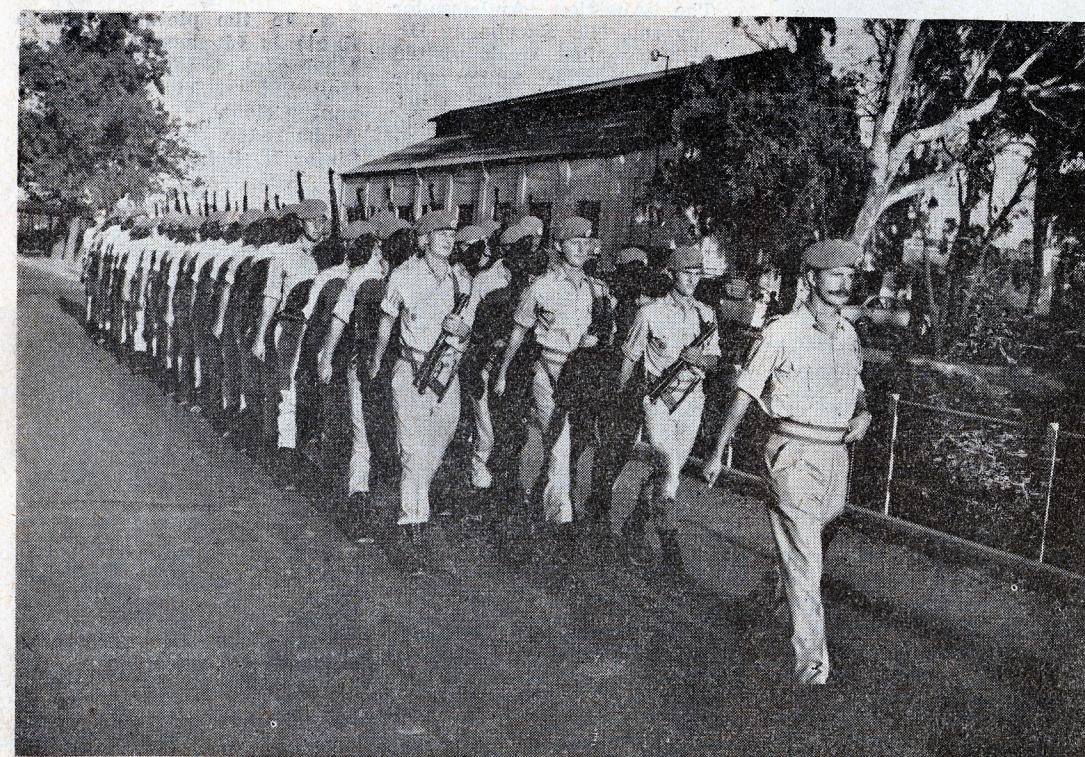


## TIDEN NÆRMER SIG . . .

### DANCON NYT

### ROTATIONEN ER SLUT

Så er Dancon XIV endelig alene. Efter næsten et par uger med "gamle" og "nye" blandet mellem hinanden, er Dancon nu organiseret som den styrke, der i de kommende seks måneder skal videreføre det arbejde, som så glimrende er gjort af tidligere Dancon-hold. Rotationen sluttede i mandags.



Se på de glade billeder her. Situationen gentages, hvergang "koneflyene" ankommer.

Og der er ikke lang tid til næste konefly. Forarbejdet til arrangementet er gjort for længst, og det ser ud til, at man kan holde billetter nede på et niveau, som ikke er set tidligere.

Som det vil være bekendt, er der charterrejser til og fra Danmark den 19. og 30 dec. samt 9. jan. Billetter skal bestilles på velfærdskontoret senest den 30. nov!

### NOGET AT LEVE OP TIL

Dancon XIIIIs medaljeparade får ord for at være en af de bedste, der nogensinde er leveret af et dansk kontingent på Cypern.

Vi har bladet i de gamle billeder og fundet optakten til paraden. Det er let kompagni, der er på vej til paradepladsen anført af den fungerende chef, KN P Fabrisius Jensen.

Der er noget at leve op til for Dancon XIV, som om ca. tre måneder skal have overrakt medaljerne og de blå-hvide band.

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## Force Comman- der besöker SWEDCON

Force Commander UNFICYP, general Prem Chand, besökte Famagusta distrikt och den svenska kontingenget den 17 november. Generalen anlände med helikopter på förmiddagen till Carl Gustaf Camp. Efter det den svenska distriktschefen hälsat välkommen tog Force Commander emot skyttekompaniet med KP-bilar under befall av kapten Lars Afzelius. Efter visitationen uttryckte generalen sin förståning över kompaniets rappa uppträdande.

Efter detta följe genomgång av den svenska kontingengets uppdrag och hur vi löser den, personalärenden, utbildningsförhållanden med mera.

Force Commander, som under besöket åtföljdes av chefen för operationsavdelningen vid HQ UNFICYP, överstelöjtnant Ingemar Bondeson, fortsatte sedan med bil till Sakarya, där han tittade på den svenska posteringen. Färden gick sedan vidare till OP 205 Othello Tower i Old City i Famagusta. Efter en redogörelse för observationspostens uppgift för generalen tillbaka till helikoptern för att med denna åtföljd av distriktschefen och stabschefen åka till OP 101 Chatos. Där bekantade sig generalen ordentligt med OP-besättningen och fann också att plutonchefen, förvaltare Olof Bergius, var en gammal bekant från Kongo.

**BILDERNA:** Skyttekompaniet visiteras av Force Commander. Plutonchefen, förvaltare Bengt Johansson, till vänster på bilden.

### SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos



Bakom generalen ses överstelöjtnant Bondeson. (Övre bilden).



Stabschefen, major Sten Wiberg, tillsammans med generalen. (Mittembilden).



## Press Visitors To Britcon

This month has been a very busy one for Press visitors to Britcon units under the "Editors Abroad" scheme. Early in the month Mr Peter Clare, DPRO South West District, who represented "The Western Morning News", spent several days with 60 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport, who are normally based at Tavistock in Devon.

A visitor to 'C' Squadron The Royal Scots Greys has been Mr Brian Peach representing Grampian Television and local Scottish press, while The Royal Green Jackets in their turn have hosted Mr Robin Worman, a reporter for Radio Solent. Finally, linked with Mr Worman's visit has been that of a team from STRATCO, consisting of Mr Peter Brown, Assistant Information Officer, and S/sgt Hamp, Cameraman.

Radio Solent is a new commercial radio station which is

• Robin Worman records an interview with Corporal Crews who comes from Bournemouth.



## A BRISK TRADE

With only a few shopping days left to Christmas, the battalion shop of the 3rd Royal Green Jackets is doing a brisk trade. Corporal John Corr (on the right) better known in the battalion, as "Tiny" is seen here making a sale to Corporal Bob Hansen.

Corporal Corr comes from a business family and finds that running the shop comes as second nature to him. He is well versed in the trading habits of the East, having served in Hong Kong, Malaya, Borneo, Aden and Libya. The shop is the responsibility of the PRI, Captain Denis Williams and sells everything



and anything. It also provides a mobile service to the outposts. The motto is "You want it — we sell it".

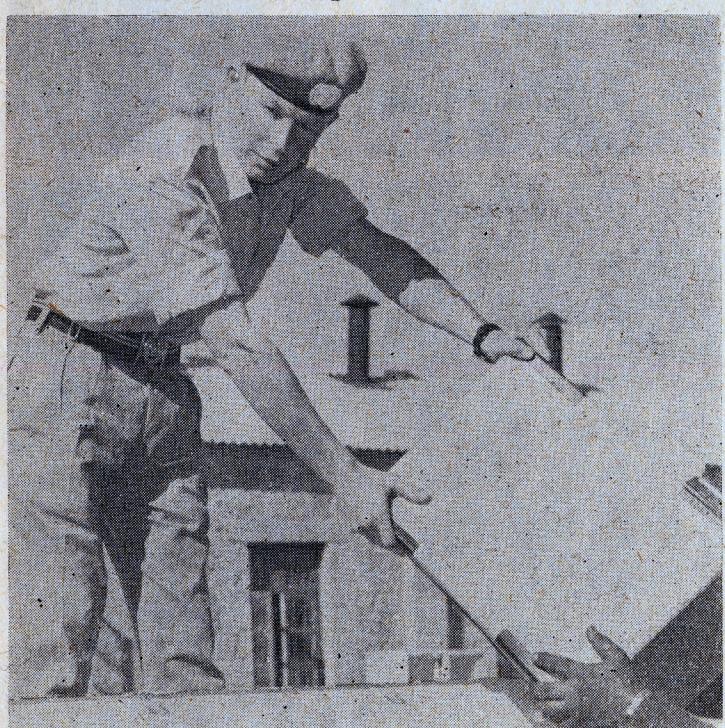
### BRITCON NEWS

#### ARMY CHAMPION BOXER

The boxing team of the 3rd Royal Green Jackets since arriving in Cyprus has reformed and is now training for its first event — the obstacle race being organised by Fincon on 27th November. Later they hope to be able to arrange a contest with a combined services team from the SBA during the battalions six month tour.

Serving with the battalion is Corporal 'Trace' Treacy, a member of the successful team who won the Army boxing in 1969. He has twice won his weight as an Army individual boxer and earlier this year was a finalist in the Amateur Boxing Association.

Last season, boxing as an individual, he won his fights through BAOR to the Army and the Combined Services Championships and was only narrowly beaten in the finals of the Amateur Boxing Association.



#### "BUSY DRIVER"

Since arriving in Cyprus, Lance Corporal D. Long, above, has been driving for the RE Works Services. He has been responsible for collecting stores for Barrack Services

and taking their tradesmen to their places of work.

Due to the nature of his work he is on call twenty four hours each day and so far has driven over 8,000 kilometers and has a very good record of vehicle ability. Truly a feat to be proud of.



#### UP WITH THE LARKS

At 0345 hours daily when most of HQ UNFICYP are asleep, drivers from "A" Troop 60 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport are preparing for the day's journey to Dhekelia to collect rations for all contingents of the United Nations Force.

The fleet of vehicles consists of 7 Bedford 4 ton, two of which have insulated containers mounted, and a UN refrigeration vehicle better known to all at HQ as the "White Lady".

When all vehicles are loaded at the Sub Depot Dhekelia they are dispatched to various units from Nicosia to Xeros under the expert eye of Sergeant Alf Marks, RAOC.

The drivers on their return to camp prepare their vehicles for the next day's journey. The ration vehicles have contributed a great deal to the total mileage of A Troop of 150,000 since coming to Cyprus in July of this year.

## Sport Activities

The competitive spirit is much in evidence these days at Ircon with all sports being actively engaged in. The Group soccer League is well under way resulting in a number of very close contests.

Volleyball and basketball are proving to be the most popular sports at the moment and all companies are running inter-platoon leagues. The Group cross country team has taken part in a number of competitions and are continuing to improve. The rugby team have played eight matches to date winning four, losing three and drawing one. On Saturday last, they met what is reckoned to be the best team in Cyprus, the Flamingoes, and were beaten 25 — 3 in a most entertaining match. The Group team to compete in the Inter Contingent Obstacle Competition are in training at the moment under that mighty Ranger himself, Lt. Wally Freyne.

#### TENNIS TOURNAMENT

A very entertaining tennis tournament between personnel of Austrian Field Hospital and Ircon took place on Monday 16th November at Zyyi. In a close fought competition the Austrians eventually came out winners. Stars of Ircon team were Lieutenant K. Heery and Lieutenant P. O'Brien. (Left to Right) Lieutenant Pristauz, Lieutenant Willvonseder, Captain Fall, Lieutenant Baar, Lieutenant Colonel L. Effenberger, CO Austrian Field Hospital, Lieutenant Colonel T. Tracey, CO 19th Infantry Group, Ircon, Captain Heraughty, Captain M. O'Donnell, Captain J. Costello, Lieutenant P. O'Brien, Lieutenant K. Heery.



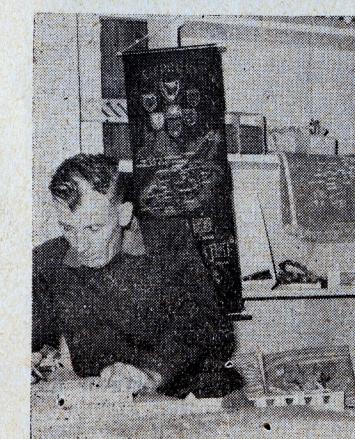
• Group HQ Volleyball Team who easily defeated the Australian team from Ayios Theodhoros. From left: Corporal Kane, B. (Westmeath), Corporal Carey, S. (Cork), Corporal Cooper, J. (Wexford), Corporal McDonald, D. (Carlow), Sergeant Finn, (Kildare), Private Cahill, T. (Dublin).



## AWAITING THE HAPPY EVENT

For the past week Lieutenant Fergus Gleeson has been anxiously awaiting news of a new arrival at home. On Wednesday last he received the good news that he was the father of a 9 lbs baby girl.

Both wife and daughter are doing well. Commanding Officer and men of 19th Infantry Group send their best wishes to Mrs Gleeson on the happy event. Pictured here is Lieutenant Fergus Gleeson (Kilkenny) on left with the Company Clerk B. Coy, Corporal J. McDonagh (Westmeath), awaiting the good news. Congratulations are also in order for Sergeant Paddy O'Neill (Curragh) on his recent new arrival.



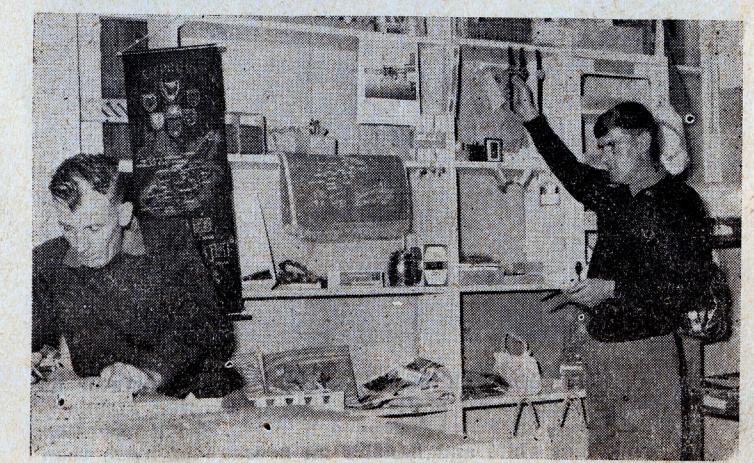
#### ARTIST AT WORK

Sergeant Frank Brennan (Curragh) is a very busy man as NCO i/c Rations Stores at Group HQ Zyyi. He still finds time for landscape painting which is his favourite hobby. He is pictured above beside his latest masterpiece in the Officers' Mess Bar.

#### STOCKTAKING

One of the hardest working groups at Zyyi is the Welfare personnel under Captain F. White. Not only do they have to cater for the welfare of the 19th Infantry Group, but also are required to run the Mingi Shop and look after the sports gear.

Pictured here are CQMS Jim Power (left) and Corporal Christy Flynn pricing their watches and watching their profits.





## BASKETBALL BEGINS IN DECEMBER

The Cancon basketball team began practicing this week in preparation for its first league game on December 10th. The league has 11 teams, representing each contingent of UNFICYP.

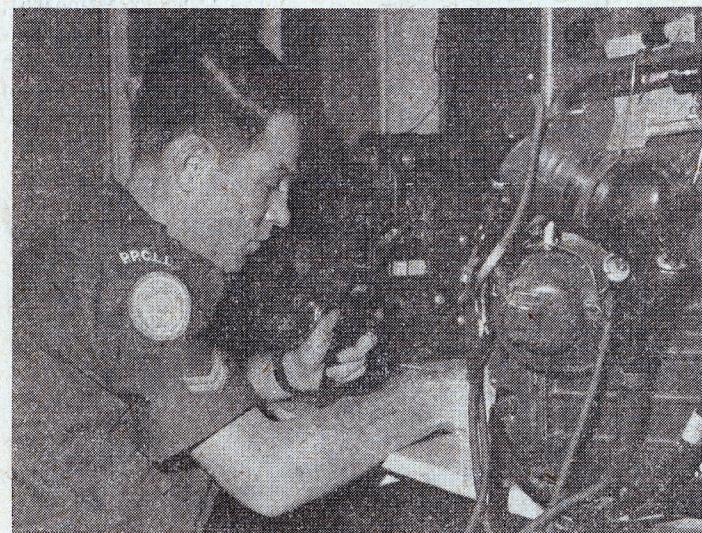
Each team will play eight league games and a final tournament will be hosted by Cancon in January.

Master Corporal Bill Elliott, team coach, is looking forward to a challenging and success-

## CANCON NEWS

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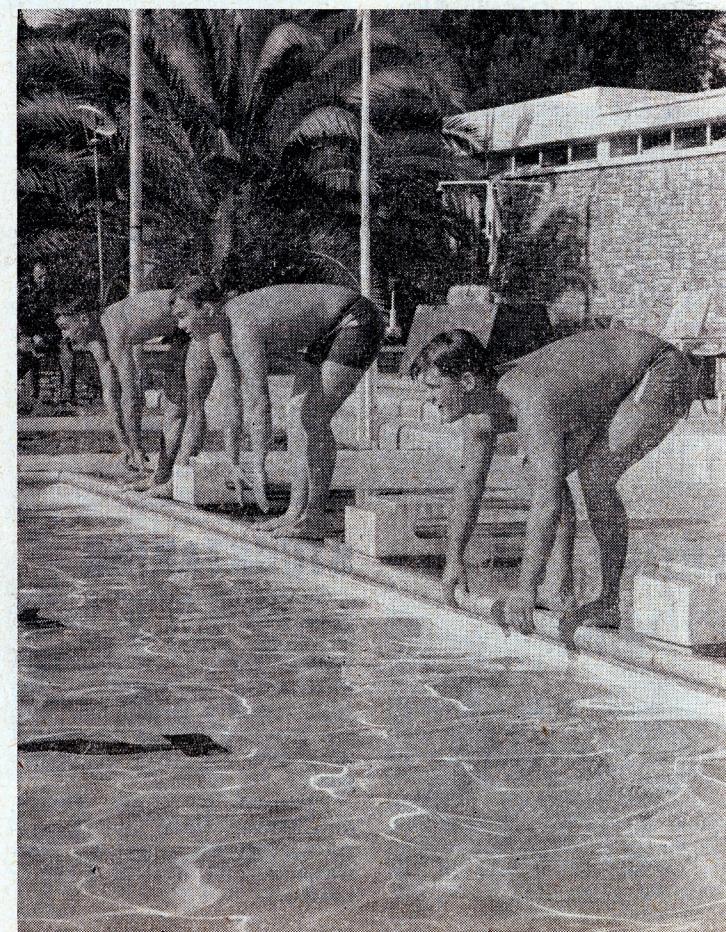
## BUSY OPERATOR



Corporal Jim Whitewood, a switchboard operator at City Company, plays an important role in keeping members of the Company in touch with each other. Each operator works a six-hour shift and handles an average of more than 700 calls.

## READY - SET - GO !

Members of the Cancon swimming team wait for the 'go' signal during a practice at the Ledra Palace pool. Left to right Privates D.H. McLean, J.M. Doucette and B.R. Schneider. The team practices for an hour-a-day, Monday through Friday.



## VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE

Members of the Suburbia Company are practicing hard in an attempt to improve their position in the Inter-Company Volleyball League. They are now in fourth position behind City and Headquarters Companies and Dancivpol. Fifth in the standings is Support Company. Games are scheduled each week until February.



## REBUILT OUTPOST



Master Corporal Jim Sheppard (left) and Private Neil Nicholson, members of the Pioneer Platoon, put finishing touches to a new outpost on top of the oil factory. The previous outpost was blown down during a high wind storm two weeks ago.



## ILMOJEN HALKI KÄY LENTÄJÄN TIE . . .



Kapteeni Raimo Majuri aloitti lentämisen 15.5.69 Cyprus Aero Club'n kurssilla tähämessään ammattilentäjän lupakirja. Ensimmäisenä välivaiheena hän sai 27.7.69 yksityisentäjän lupakirjan. Tämän lupakirjan saatuaan kapt Majuri suoritti useita lentoja, joilla oli mukana suomalaisia YK-miehiä. F A:n eli ammattilentäjän lupakirjan saamiseen kului aikaa tammelleen vuosi. Tämän jälkeen kapt Majuri suoritti 2.11. 70 lennonopettajan lupakirjan. Opiskelu ja lennot jatkuvat ja pian on varmasti odotettavissa uusia saavutuksia.

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Kapt R Majuri, kers K Inkeroinen, alik K Heinonen, jääk O Korhonen, alik J Pihlajaniemi ja jääk J Vilen Nicosian lentokentällä lähdössä Bei-ruutin.

## TAISTELUN MELSKETTÄ TJIKLOKSESSA



2 JK:n päävistäväupseeri vääpeli I Railonsalo peukalo hälytysnapilla.



Hälytysireeni on soinut. Joukot kiruhtavat jucksujalkaa kokoon-paikalle.

## FINCON NEWS



Pesäke on miehitetty. Konekivääriin takana on jääkäri Martti Pekkala. Radistina toimii jääkäri Veli Eronen.

## JOULULEENNOT

Tilanne joululeutojen osalta alkaa vähitellen selvittä. Jatkoyh-teys Kööpenhaminasta Helsingiin voidaan hinnassa päästää jopa £ 60. Toivottavasti osan-taja löytyy vielä. Mitä enemmän saamme matkustajia sitä alhaisempi tulee olemaan hintakin.

Mikäli saamme tarpeksi matkustaja-viileille Nicosia -Kööpenhamina ja edelleen Tukholman kautta Helsinkiin voidaan hinnassa päästää jopa £ 60. Toivottavasti osan-taja löytyy vielä. Mitä enemmän saamme matkustajia sitä alhaisempi tulee olemaan hintakin.

Pataljoonan "rahaministeri", uusi punta, sotilasvirkamies Risto Viljanmaa on se mies, jonka kautta kulkee pataljoonan rahat. Sotilasvirkamies Viljanmaan palveluspaikka Suomessa on Kainuun Prikatian esikunta.

# PIPES AND DRUMS

## PERFORM

Last Friday The Pipes and Drums of the Royal Scots Greys gave a special performance of Scottish music in the Municipal Theatre, Nicosia.

The concert, which included an exhibition of highland dances, was sponsored by the UN Association of Cyprus and the net proceeds of the performance will be used in aid of the "Development Fund" of the UNAC.

The Pipes and Drums have been on a short visit to Cyprus and have given a number of public performances during their stay as well as playing for the Medal Parade of "C" Squadron The Royal Scots Greys, the Force Reserve.

The pipe band, consisting of 22 players, is quite separate from the Regimental Band and was only officially established in 1946. Their Pipe Major, however, has the distinction of being the senior Pipe Major of the British Army. The late King George VI took a great interest in the Pipes and Drums of the Royal Scots Greys, and granted them the privilege of wearing The Royal Stuart tartan. The Royal Stuart kilts and plaids of the pipers, and the unique bearskin caps and scarlet tunics of the drummers provide a colourful spectacle and at all their per-

formances on the island they have been received with great enthusiasm.

• Some of the audience in the Municipal Theatre. (Left to right) Mr. Osorio-Tafall, Mr. Glafoos Clerides, President of the House of Representatives, Mr. N. Roussos, Minister of Communications and Works and Chairman of UNAC, Major HRH The Duke of Kent, Major General D. Prem Chand and Mrs Prem Chand.



## HQ UNFICYP 6-A-SIDE HOCKEY LEAGUE

The 6 — A — Side Hockey Competition started on Tuesday 10th November in the main hanger.

Results of matches to date are:

644 Signal Troop 4 goals 2

corners beat 60 SQN RCT 'A' 1 goal 2 corners.

RAF Nicosia 2 goals 3 corners beat AVN FLT 2 goals nil corners.

Royal Scots Greys 9 goals 4 corners beat CAMP HQ 1

goal 1 corner.

REME 8 goals 2 corners beat 60 SQN RCT 'B' 2 goals 2 corners.

644 Signal Troop 4 goals 2 corners beat 60 SQN RCT 'B' 1 goal 3 corners.

Royal Scots Greys 1 goal 2 corners beat AVN FLT 1 goal 1 corner.

RAF Nicosia 2 goals 1 corner beat CAMP HQ 1 goal 3 corners.

60 SQN RCT 'A' 2 goals 1 corner beat REME 2 goals nil corners.

Each match lasts thirty minutes (two fifteen minute halves) with a five minute interval. These matches are played at a fast and furious pace and with a lot of skill.

### LEAGUE POSITIONS

	GOALS						
	P	W	L	F	A	Corners	Pts
Royal Scots Greys	2	2	0	10	2	6	4
644 Signal Troop	2	2	0	8	2	4	4
RAF Nicosia	2	2	0	4	3	3	4
REME	2	1	1	10	4	2	2
60 SQN RCT 'A'	2	1	1	3	6	3	2
AVN FLT	2	0	2	3	3	1	0
60 SQN RCT 'B'	2	0	2	3	12	5	0
CAMP HQ	2	0	2	2	11	4	0



• The dancers performing a four some reel-- "The Highland Fling".

### MP NOTEBOOK

#### Accidents - Unficy

Week Ending 21 NOV 70	—	7
Same Period Last Year	—	4
Total This Year	—	339
Same Period Last Year	—	320
Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:		
"FAILING TO YIELD RIGHT OF-WAY"		