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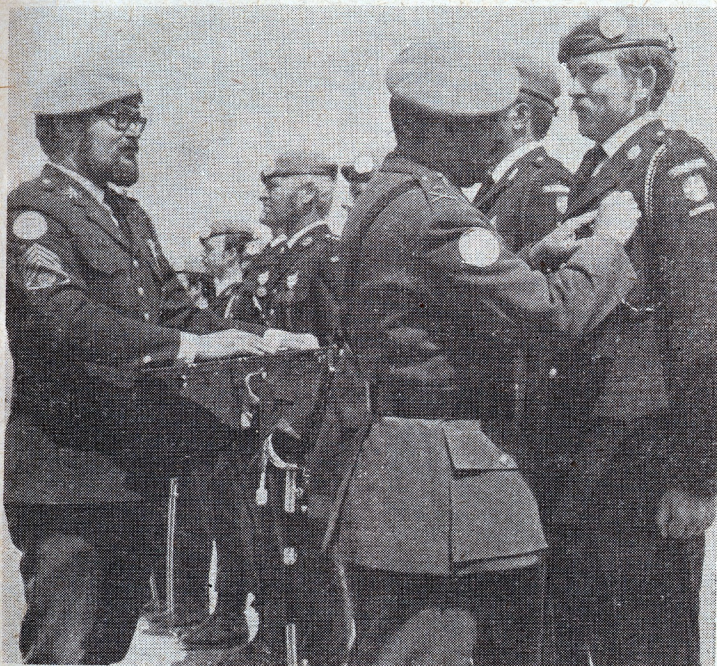
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DANCON MEDAL PARADE



● The Force Commander presents the UNFICYP medal to a member of Dancon.

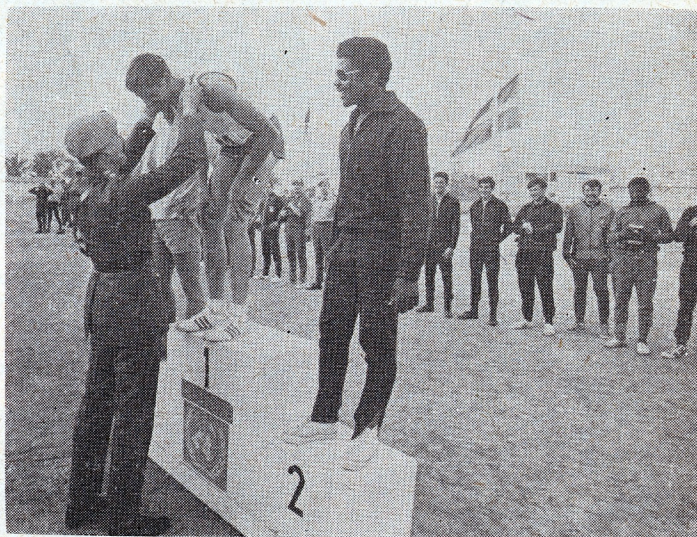
On Tuesday last week Dancon held its medal parade at the sports ground, Xeros. The Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, just returned from leave in India the day before, presented medals to a selected number of all ranks. Following the parade there was a reception in the Officers' Mess.

STRATHCONA'S ARRIVE



Members of the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) arrive in Cyprus to replace the homeward bound members of 2 Battalion Royal 22^e Regiment. The main body of the Calgary, Alberta-based LDSH will arrive in Cyprus starting 5 April, the rotation will be completed by 12 April. The 'VanDoos' are returning to their home base at The Citadel, Quebec City.

UNFICYP ATHLETICS MEETING



● Colonel D.E. Thornton, presents the 100m medal to Corporal Lessard, Cancon. See article on back page.

NEW COMMANDER AUSTRIAN CIVILIAN POLICE



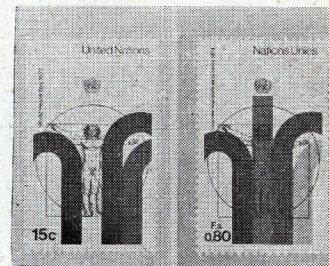
Ministerial Sekretar Dr. Richard Heckl from Vienna recently took over the appointment of Commanding Officer Austrian Civilian Police from Major K. Schwarz. The hand-over took place in the presence of the Police Adviser Chief Superintendent Dr. H. Wagner.

Dr. Heckl joined the Austrian Police Force 23 years ago. During the early part of his career he studied law at

the University of Vienna. Having received his degree he was transferred to the judicial service of the Police Force and for the past 7 years has dealt with Police special affairs.

The Police Adviser welcomed Dr. Heckl to Cyprus and thanked Major Schwarz for his work as interim Commanding Officer of the Austrian Civilian Police.

STAMP ISSUE



The United Nations Administration will issue a commemorative stamp for "World Health Day" on 7 April 1972. This issue refers in particular to one of the greatest challenges to medicine which still exists: the prevention and treatment of heart diseases. The stamp, printed by Setelipaino, Finland, was designed by George Hamori, Australia, who adapted Leonardo da Vinci's "Proportions of Man" (circa 1509), the original of which is to be found in the Academy of Fine Arts in Venice. Members of UNFICYP may obtain the stamps through the Finance Section at HQ UNFICYP.

MEDALJE-PARADE

Dancon havde medaljeparade den 28. marts. Force Commander, General D. Prem Chand, udleverede personligt UNFICYP-medaljen til blandt andre OL V.J. Ubbe samt CF/3TKMP et antal KS fra



Dancon i den forløbne tid under Dancon XVI, idet Generalen gav udtryk for sin fulde tilfredshed.

Der er ingen tvivl om, at denne

dag vil blive en af de dage, som mange vil minde. Det er en stor ting at kunne modtage en medalje, vel vidende, at man har gjort sit bedste for at opfylde de

krav, som stilles til udlevering og tildeling af medaljen.

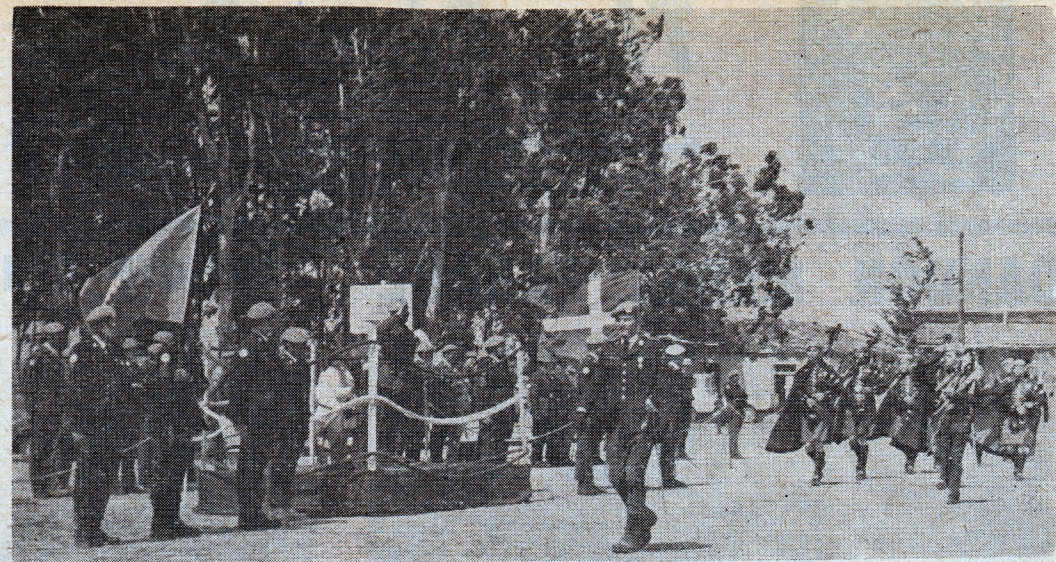
Billederne i sig selv, viser hvad der foregik, og kræver vel ikke yderligere forklaring.



både LKMP og STKMP og al officerspersonel ved HQ UNFICYP, der endnu ikke havde modtaget medaljen.

Force Commander gav udtryk for sin glæde over at have lejlighed til at udlevere medaljer til det danske kontingent, og specielt at have haft fornøjelsen af at kunne gøre dette efter sin hjemvendt fra orlov. Generalen fandt det en udmærket måde at komme tilbage til tjenesten på øen.

General D. Prem Chand benyttede samtidig lejligheden til at takke for den indsats, der var ydet af



Limnitis lejren har fået et nyt transportmiddel. Som det ses af billedet er der godt nok kun tale om et enkeltmandskøretøj, men det siges, at der er stor tilfredshed med mobiliteten, selv om turen Nicosia — Limnitis og retur siges at tage sin tid.

EN STRÅLANDE FRIIDROTTS - FEST

Efter en noget seg upptakt med hård blæst og en del förseningar blev de av Swedcon arrangerade friidrottsävlingarna tisdagen 28:e mars en verklig fest. Förseningen hämtades snabbt in, vädret blev bättre och vid den slutliga poängsammanräkningen visade det sig att Swedcon tagit hem lagsegern med 88 poäng före I. Irish Rangers 84 poäng, Britcon 79, Fincon 59 och Cancon 42.

Under dagen utkämpades också en rad hårda finaler där det många gånger var tiodels sekunder eller millimetrar som avgjorde vem som segrade. Generellt kan man säga att samtliga deltagare satsade allt och uppnådde verkliga toppresultat.

Bäste deltagaren — om nu någon sådan skall koralas — så var det den canadensiske korpralen Lessard som tog hem segern på både 100m, 200m samt längdhopp. Vidare deltog han i det kanadensiska laget på 4X100 meter där man kom på fjärde plats.

Det svenska laget tog hem segern i två grenar: 800 m där Sune Palm gjorde ett strålande lopp samt spjut där civpolaren Rudolf Martinen klarade av att kasta nära två meter längre än närmaste man. Göran Lennström, Ove Swensson, Ove Hallberg och Morgan Sandström var andra som gjorde bra ifrån sig.

På 5.000 m avverkade korpral

Donovan från Britcon ett fantastiskt lopp och gick i mål på tiden 15.57.0. Mest spännande grenen och det största intresset tilldrog sig dock dragkampen eller Tug of War som denna idrottsgren benämns på engelska. Det dröjde länge innan finländarna med enorm segervilja kunde dra hem segern.

I samband med tävlingarna på Gasie Stadium spelade också militärbandet från I. Irish Rangers. Och då alla grenar var avslutade på eftermiddagen följde prisutdelning som förrättades av den engelske översten Thornton.

På bilden överst t.h. ses civpolaren Ove Hallberg stöta kula vilken gren han kom tvåa i med 13.04m. Nedtill till vänster tar Sune Palm hem segern i 800 meters-loppet på tiden 2.01.3 och och nedtill till höger mottar den svenske lagkaptenen Per Jägberg lagpriset av överste Thornton.

Mera text och bilder på Blue Berets första och sista sida.



FÖRSÄLJNING GAV 200 £

Stor försäljning av Lefkara-broderier och silver var det i man-skapsmatsalen på CGC måndagen den 27:e mars. Och firman Orphanoc & Zivanaris Ltd från Nicosia redovisade en handel på nära 200 pund. Av denna summa tilldelades vår marka tio procent.

Jämfört med förra försäljningen som ägde rum före jul var det avsevärt flera kunder denna gång. Omsättningen blev emellertid mindre denna gång beroende delvis på att "marknaden" inte omfattade särskilt mycket silverarbeten.

På bilden till vänster pågår komersen för fullt.

SWEDCON NEWS
Swedish Forces Photos

ST PATRICK'S DAY

The Royal Irish Rangers celebrated St. Patrick's Day in the customary manner. The Pipes' Bugles and Drums paraded round the camp at an unearthly hour dressed in a variety of clothes and in formidably disarray. They were led by the able (bodied?) Colour Sergeant Wilson who had been appointed Drum Major for the event. The Officers played the Sergeants at football and as they do every year, won easily.

Three parades were held, one at Paphos, one at Kophi-nou and the main one at Polemidhia. The Commanding Officer's wife Mrs. McCord presented Shamrock at Kophi-nou and Polemidhia and the Quartermaster's wife Mrs. Rafferty did so at Paphos. After each parade a short Drumhead Service was held.

On the 18th March the Band, Pipes, Bugles and Drums beat Retreat in Polemidhia. No one knows where they all came from but about five hundred people turned up to watch and we hope were suitably impressed. Their next performance will be on the 15th April and again, all are very welcome.



● Fr. M. Holman and the Rev. A. Williams lead the singing during the Drumhead Service held on St. Patrick's Day.

ISSUES & RECEIPTS

The Quartermaster's Department at Camp UNFICYP, can be a haven for a multitude of sins. However, here we have a group of men practicing the art of robbing the rich to serve the poor.

Directly under the command of the Camp Commandant, Major Ken Cain, Kings Own Border Regiment, they are responsible for arming, equipping and clothing all Britcon members at Nicosia and providing furnishing for the Headquarters at Blue Beret Camp and Camp UNFICYP.

On the furnishing side is Corporal Brian Lambert, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, who also finds time to play soccer. Amongst accounts and files one can find Lance Corporal Steven Whalley, ably assisted and guided by Mr. Chris Peppos the civilian clerk. Arms and ammunition and taking the odd MFO box to Famagusta is the responsibility of a little giant by the name of Lance Corporal Lionel Gosling, Royal Army Ordnance Corps. To ensure that everyone has bedding, sports kit and laundry facilities, Private George Train, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, can be seen at his stores during working hours, and by appointment at other times. Painter and decorator by trade Sapper Trevor

Renwick, Royal Engineers, can be found taking care of Equipment, Clothing and the Expendable stores.

The department has two Greek Cypriot labourers, Michael and Costa getting on with the job in hand along with Orman, the old soldier, a Turkish Cypriot.

No department is complete without its Chiefs and the deputy director, Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant Jim Brown, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, also finds time to be the President of the Sergeants' Mess Committee.

Fully occupying the hot seat is the Quartermaster, Major Joe Hall, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, who for his sins is also the Messing Officer.



● Back Row (left to right) Costas, Lance Corporal Whalley, Sapper Renwick, Corporal Lambert, Private Train, Michael and Lance Corporal Gosling.

Seated (left to right) Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant Jim Brown, Quartermaster, Major Joe Hall and Mr. Chris Peppos.

BRITCON NEWS



● "I knew it put those boots somewhere!" says Sapper Trevor Renwick.



● Lance Corporal Whalley receives a "breath of life" from Private Train, whilst testing the aqualung equipment.



● Corporal Lambert and Private Train check the "Seats of Heaven" for servability.

FORGOTTEN FEW!!!

As the 21st Infantry Group enters on its final month in Cyprus we would like to pay tribute to some of the administrative personnel who helped make our task here easier and more pleasant. The Limelight usually shines favourably on the OPs and the men who staff the operational centres. These are the people who show the flag continually and who in return get the sunbathers', the scenery, the smiles from the local people and the blessings for a job well done. However we must not forget those who clock in regularly to the offices, stores and canteens' to help keep the system ticking over.



Pictured at his work, for it's rarely we find him resting, is Corporal Norman Folan the Group Carpenter from the Engineers Section. With seven years service in the army, Corporal Folan is a keen enthusiast of water skiing and cross country running.

EMERGENCY WARD 10 ??

● The health and medical welfare of the Group is in the capable hands of Doctor Frank Rossat and his team, from left Company Sergeant O'Sullivan, Curragh Camp, Corporal Kieran Hogan, Offaly, Dr. Rossat,

Dublin and Private Martin Logan, Athlone. Much appreciation is extended to Dr. Rossat and his team for their care and attention to us during the past six months.



● The quartermastery branch of the 21 Inf. Group is in the capable hands of Regimental Quartermaster Sean McAllister and Company Quartermaster Thomas Fitzgerald. R.Q. Mc. Allister is from the Curragh and has 31 years service in the army. This is his sixth trip overseas having served two tours of duty in the Congo. He has two sons in the army and one in the navy giving between the four, a total of one hundred and ten years service.

Company Quartermaster Sergeant Fitzgerald is a native of Clonmel Co. Tipperary and served his County hurling team on the field for many years. He has 26 years service in the army and is on his fifth tour of duty overseas having been twice to the Congo.



● Company Sergeant Patrick Woods is responsible for the smooth and efficient running of the company Orderly Room. Company Sergeant Woods is from Cork City and is on his eighth trip overseas. With 30 years service in the army he is on his fifth trip to Cyprus.

IRCON NEWS



● Private James Mc. Donagh the Group Photographer is nine years in the army and is on his fourth trip to Cyprus. A native of Galway he is a keen photographer, and spends many leisurely hours rallying in the west of Ireland.

NOUVEAUX ARRIVANTS

Le capitaine Doug Corkum (gauche) et le sergent RD Welsh se préparent pour une reconnaissance sur la ligne verte. Ces deux hommes font partie du Lord Stratchcona's Horse, l'unité qui remplacera le 2R22R.

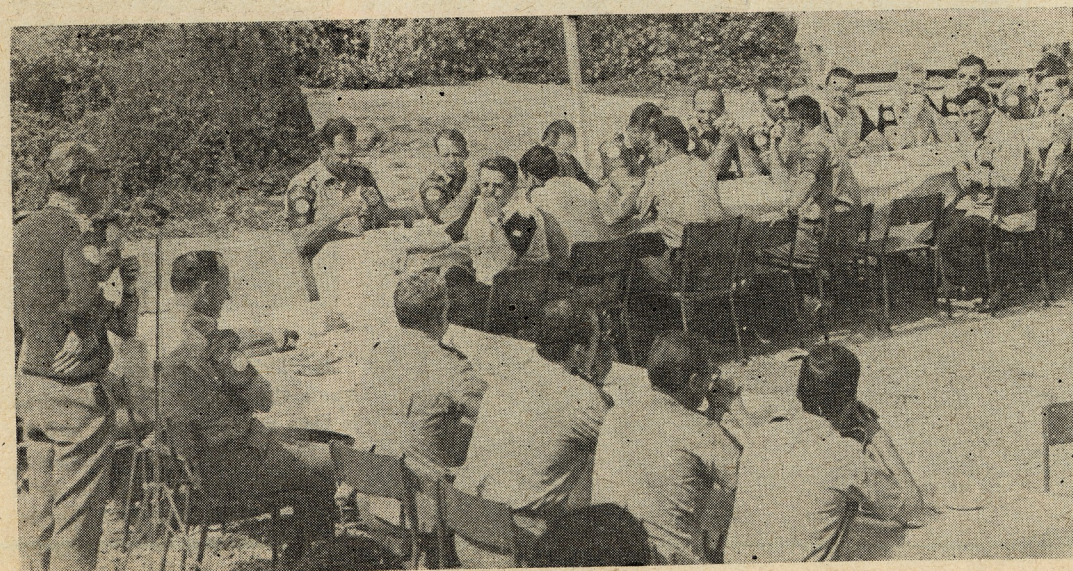


PREMIER PRIX

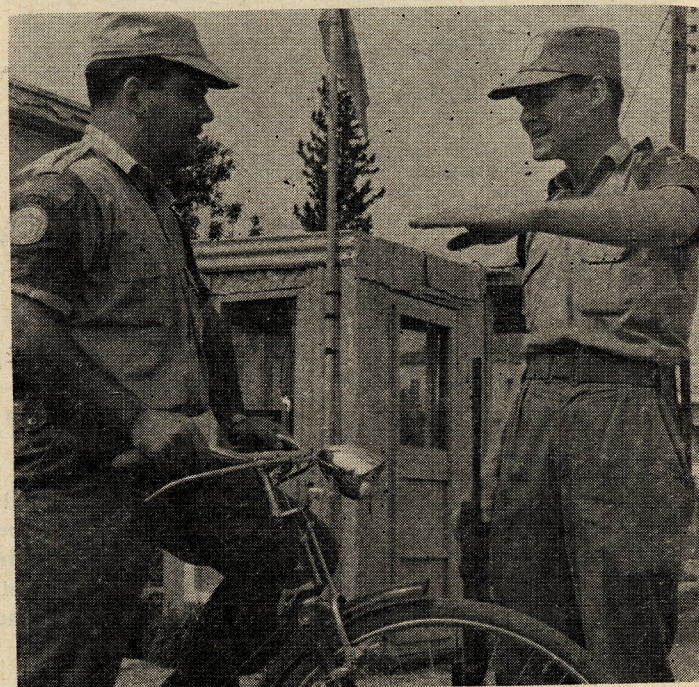
Le caporal JPP Lessard de la compagnie "A" reçoit des félicitations pour avoir terminé premier dans les courses des 100 et 200 mètres et dans le saut en longueur. Cette compétition intercontingent s'est tenu à Fâmagouste au stade Gasie.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos



HISTOIRES..... VRAIES



Le soldat Gilles Letourneau de la compagnie "B" essaie de convaincre le caporal André Samson que les rumeurs concernant les grosses tempêtes de neige au Canada sont vraies. Le congé de retour des membres du 2R22R pourrait bien-être employé à dégager l'auto familiale.

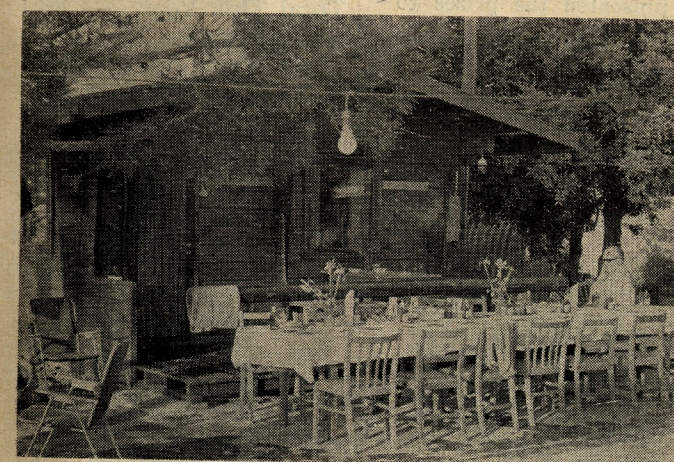
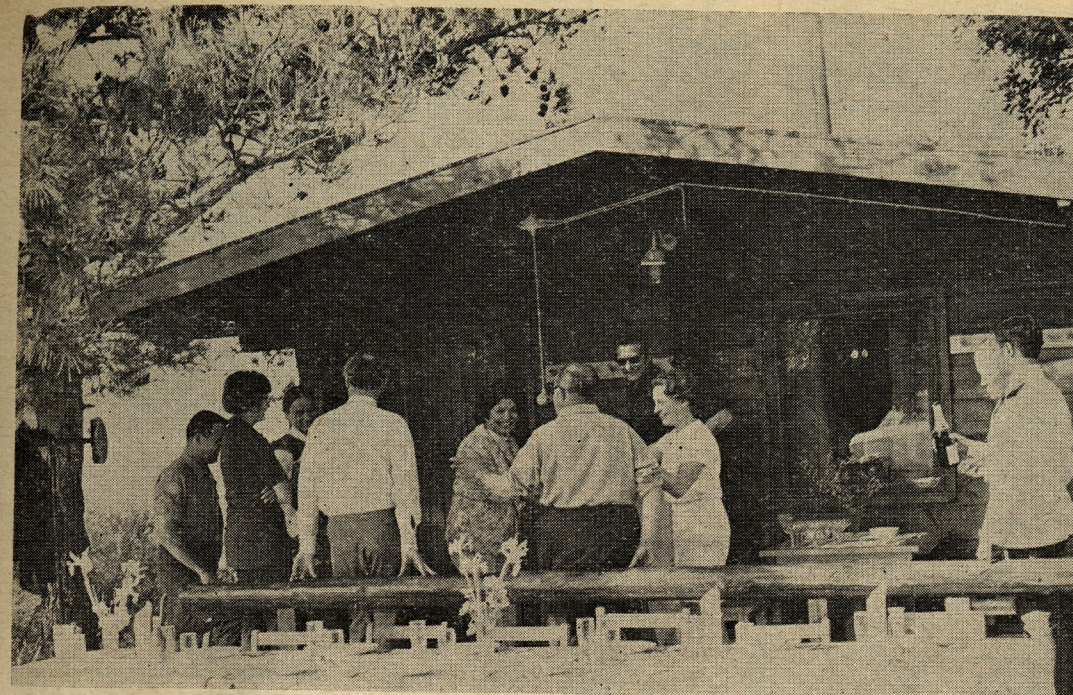
UN VISITEUR DE MARQUE

Le Major-général JPE Bernatchez, Colonel du Régiment, adresse la parole aux membres de la compagnie "A" au cours d'un dîner à Beaver Lodge. Le général Bernatchez visite présentement le 2R22R et fut reçu à cette occasion par le Major Camille Blais et les membres de sa compagnie.

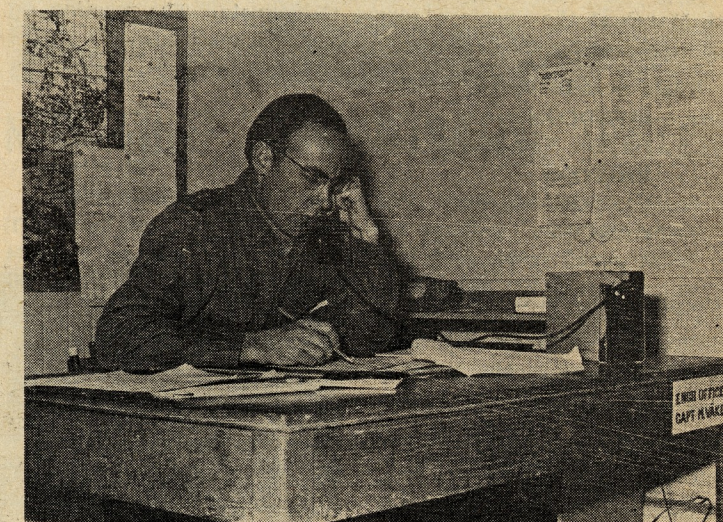
EDUSTUSSAUNA

Puolustusministeriö on pitänyt tarpeellisenä, että YK-pataljoonalla on hyvä suomalainen sauna. Tämän seurauksena lastattiin laivaan Sunilan satamassa 29.11.1971 porilaisen Kause Oy:n valmistama sauna. Sitten aikanaan sauna tänne saapuikin ja kiidätettiin saunatoimikunnan puheenjohtajan kapt Matti Väkevän hellässä huomassa Tjikkloksen. Pioneerit alkoivat ripein ottein pystyttää saunaa, ja eihän siinä paljon aikaa tarvittu kun oikeat miehet ovat asialla. Pian seisoj suomalaisen hirsisauna etelän auringon alla ja tuo omalta osaltaan meitä lähemmäksi rakkaat kotikuntamme saunailtoineen.

Pataljoonassa ollaan hyvin kiitollisia Puolustusministeriön huomavaisuudesta, sillä kuuluuhan suomalainen mies ja suomalainen sauna erottamattomasti yhteen.



Juhlallisin menoin suoitettiin pataljoonan uusimman ja samalla edustussaan vihkiäiset Tjikkloksessa lauantaina 18.3. Kuvassauuden uutukainen sauna ja eräs kunniavieraista, Mr Osorio-Tafal.



Kuvassamme upouuden edustussauunan saunatoimikunnan puheenjohtaja kapt Matti Väkevä. (Ottaneeko juuri saunatilasta vastaan).

PAPINRETKI

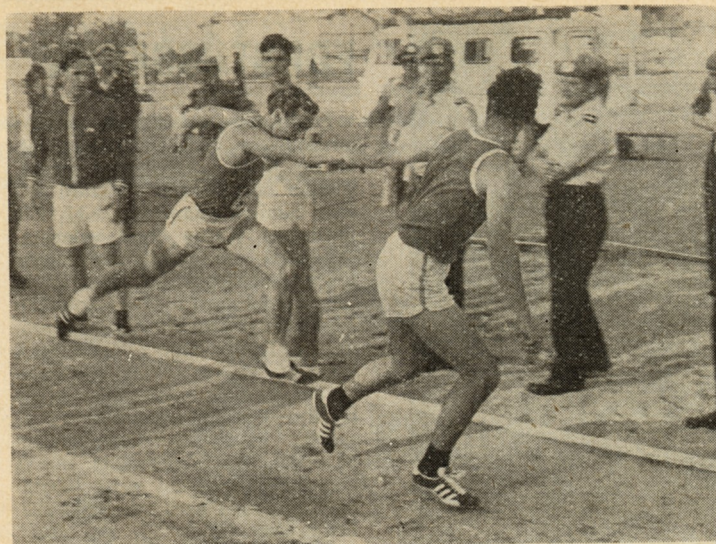
9.4. tehtävä opintoretkei suuntautuu omalle vastuualuelle Bellapaisiin, Kyreniaan, jonka oma ja läheisyydessä sijaitseva Hilarion linna ovat matkan kohteita.

FINCON NEWS

"ALI" LÄHTI

Niin se "Ali" vain sitten lähti kōrōttelemaan kohti koto Suomea. Me tänne Kyprokselle jääneet muistamme häntä rehtinä upseerina ja hyvänä kaverina. Armeijan harmaista hän ei kuitenkaan henno luopua, sillä jos joskus liikumme Tampereen puolella saattaa "Ali" tulla tupsahtaa vastaamme tutussa sotisovassa. Mitäpä tässä sen enempiä hōperehtämään, kuin toivotamme "Alille" mitä parhainta menestystä uudessa tehtävässään insinöörikapteenina. (kuva vasemmalla hetkeä ennen koneen lähtöä).





● 4X400m relay — two members of the Royal Irish Rangers' winning team pictured at a handover point.

ATHLETICS

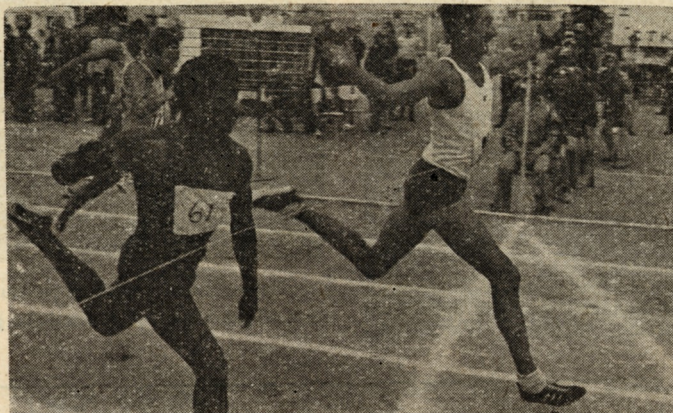
UNFICYP's 1972 Athletics meeting was held on Tuesday 28th March at the Sports Stadium, Famagusta. The meeting was sponsored by Swedcon who were also team winners.

Team results were:-

SWEDCON	88 points
1st Bn The Royal Irish Rangers	84 points
BRITCON	79 points
FINCON	59 points
CANCON	42 points

Corporal Lessard, Cancon became the Champion athlete with first place in the 100m, 200m and long jump. Corporal Palm, Swedcon and Corporal Donovan, Britcon, both produced excellent results with first place respectively in the 800m and 5000m.

The Tug of War, as always, proved to be a most exacting event with a hard fought final contest between Fincon and



● A close finish — Corporal Lessard, wins the 200m final just ahead of Trooper Gilroy, Britcon.



● Corporal Donovan produced a convincing win in the 5000m, being 1 min 5.5. seconds ahead of his nearest rival.



● Staff Sergeant Ojanen, Fincon, puts every effort into his winning high jump attempt.

Swedcon, with Fincon winning the final pull.

The Band of the Royal Irish Rangers provided the music between events. Colonel D.E. Thornton, Deputy Chief of Staff presented the prizes to the winners on behalf of the Force Commander.

Swedcon proved to be, as usual, excellent hosts providing a superb dinner in the evening for all competitors.

MP NOTEBOOK ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

Week Ending	
29 Mar 72	— 6
Same Period	
Last Year	— 6
Total This Year	— 88
Same Period	
Last Year	— 74
Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:	
DRIVING WITHOUT DUE CARE AND ATTENTION	



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● Fincon winners of the Tug of War.