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● Major General J. Sheffield CB CBE, The Representative Colonel Commandant RAOC pictured last week when he paid a courtesy call on the Force Commander. Story and more pictures on Britcon page.

ROTATION TIME FOR THE IRISH ...

Into Nicosia on 2nd October flew the first arrivals of the new Irish Contingent, the 19th Infantry Group, to replace the 18th Infantry Group which has been serving in the Larnaca District since last April.

First to arrive was the new Group Commander, Lieutenant Colonel T. Tracey, a veteran of UNFICYP, having previously served with the Force in

1964. Also in the advance party were the new Company Commanders and the replacements for 12 Irish members of UNFICYP Headquarters Staff.

The full rotation is scheduled to be completed by 6th October.

... AND THE CANADIANS

The rotation of the Canadian Contingent began October 5th and is scheduled for completion on October 14th.

The 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment are being replaced by the 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

The complete rotation, being carried out by Air Transport Command Yukon aircraft, involves the move of more than 900 soldiers of the two infantry battalions and their equipment.

The first incoming flight of the PPCLI carried their commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel TMC Marsaw. He will take over command of Nicosia District from Lieutenant Colonel D.G. Loomis, commanding officer 1 RCR, who returns to Canada on October 10.

ON THE LOOKOUT

Private Richard Hinton (left), a member of the Anti Tank Platoon of 3rd Battalion Light Infantry, is seen here doing his turn on the Observation Post at Stavrokono. With him is Sergeant Roy Smith who is checking that all is well.

Soldiers of the British Battalion always enjoy their stay at Stavrokono which is a small village situated up in the hills near Paphos. The surrounding countryside is particularly beautiful and there are always things of interest going on in the village.



FREE FALLING FOR FUN — Lance Corporal "Taff" Morgan of 60 Squadron RCT "relaxing" in his off-duty leisure moments. More pictures and details of this sport next week.

NY CAO OG CLO PÅ BESØG I XEROS

Personskifter ved HQ UNFICYP medfører ofte besøg hos kontingenterne for briefings, præsentation af personer og forevisning af lejre og lignende.

Dancon modtog forleden besøg af den nye Chief Administrations Officer, inderen Mr. S. Dharmann, og den nye Chief Logistics Officer, englænderen Lieutenant Colonel Peter Morgan, som ses til venstre i billedet, og Mr. Dharmann i civil, sammen med et udsnit af Dancon-officerer under rundvisningen i Xeroslejren.



DANCON NYT

LET KOMPAGNIS UDRYKNING



● Beredskabsdelingen sidder op (øverst) og forlader Limnitis lejren anført af premierløjtnant F. Wengel Hansen for at begive sig til Force Reserve's samlingssted. (Nederst).

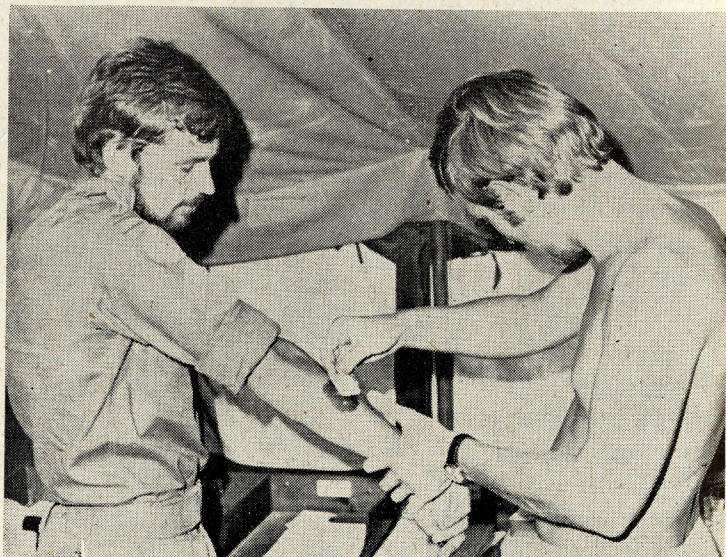
SANITETSDELINGEN

Samtidig med Dancons udflytning fra Nicosia til Lefka distrikt blev mandskabsstyrken væsentligt beskåret. For sanitetsdelingens vedkommende betød det blandt andet, at vi ikke længere har egen

tandlæge og nu kun een læge til rådighed ved infirmeriet i Xeros-lejren.

På billedet ses RLG E.A. Sø-

rensen ved skrivebordet i lægeteltet assisteret af korporal J.B. Nielsen og sygepasser konstabel K. Sørensen.



● Her er det sygepasser korporal J.E. Pedersen, som med en lapning drager omsorg for at ikke al gassen skal gå af forplejningsbefalingsmand sergent Fl. Jensen.



● Famagusta Town Race 1970 blev just den strålende fight som vi hade eftersträvat. Och arrangemangen, som sköttes av Swedcon, gick väl i lås. Allting klaffade.

● Den väntade brittiska överlägsna segern uteblev, mycket tack vare finna kämpainsatser av var och en i det svenska laget. Heders killar. Nu blev det strid på kniven ända in i mål och den engelska segermarginalen var så knapp som 3 sek 8/10.

● Britcon A tog täten från start. På femte sträckan gick dock Swedcon upp till ledningen och behöll denna till åttonde där fenomenet Edwards, liten och tunn men stark och uthållig, knäckte vår ettrigt

kämpande sportoff Åke Blomberg. Här grundlades den brittiska triumfen.

● Strax före sista växeln kom emellertid Swedcon igen och tog en knapp ledning. På sista tampen hade dock väran sprinter Olle Hörnsten ingen chans mot rasande snabbe Sterling som lätt och elegant "tog" Olle just i grindhålet till CGC och på upploppet och in i mål skaffade sig en ledning på 5-10 meter.

● Trea i Famagusta Town Race för året blev Fincon, fyra Britcon B, femma UN Civpol. Starkt gjort av civpolarna att utan nämnvärd träning åstadkomma ett så hyggligt mixat gäng. Dancon, Ircon och Cancon ställde tyvärr inte upp.

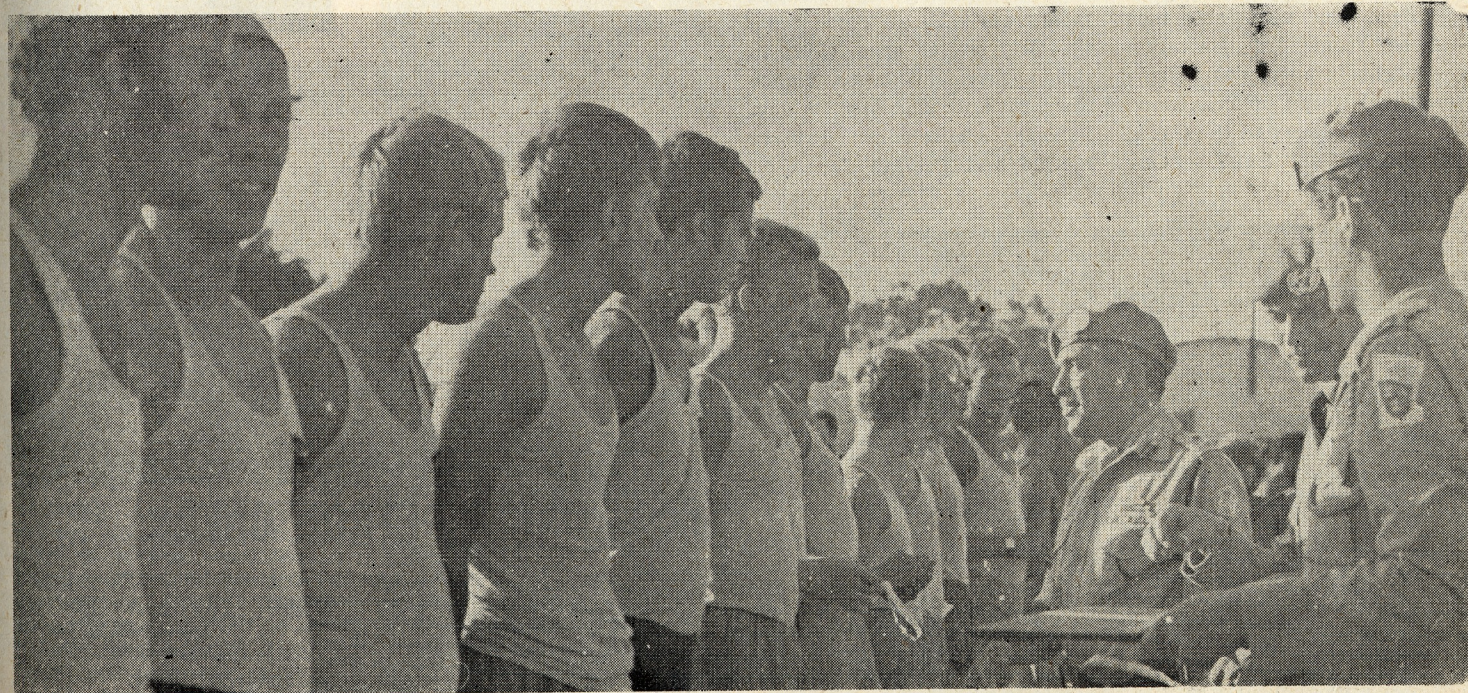
DEN STORA FIGHTEN

SWEDCON NEWS Swedish Forces Photos

● Stadsloppet två giganter får sin belöning, ovan. FC generalmajor D. Prem Chand och 3verste Lars Lavén överlämnar trissorna till fr. v. Edwards och Sterling, Britcon A.

● Swedcons mannars tur, nedan. Generalen har visst något att säga Agne Johansson, Osby (6:e man fr. v.), något om loppets prövningar förstås, eller hur?

● "Startskottet" smäller, längst upp. Först ut är fr.h. Backlund, Swedcon, Persson, UN Civpol, Cas-kell, Britcon A, Robertson, Britcon B, och Tolonen, Fincon.



COLONEL COMMANDANT RAOC VISITS UNFICYP

It is amazing how many RAOC personnel are serving with UNFICYP. Quite apart from the places where you expect to find them — like the Ordnance Detachment and the Workshops Stores Section — the Headquarters Branches can muster a large number of RAOC clerks. Add to it all the "odd bods" like the FOO, The FOWO, the MPIO and his Staff, the Quartermaster Staff and the Camp Commandant's office and you have no less than 42 bodies.

Last week, the Colonel Commandant of the RAOC, Major General J. Sheffield CB CBE visited HQ UNFICYP and was able to meet all Corpsmen during his tour round the different departments. Afterwards, a representative group drawn from the RAOC Contingent entertained the Colonel Commandant, The Force Commander, The Commander Britcon and other guests at a luncheon party at a Nicosia Restaurant.

We think that the General

enjoyed his visit and we hope that he has carried back good reports of the RAOC contribution to UNFICYP.



● Major A.R.C. Munro, The Force Ordnance Officer and WO II B Taylor in conversation with General Sheffield.

● Striking an informal note.... The General chats with (Left to Right) Captain S. Allen, Sergeant Alf Marks and Sergeant Dave Thomas.

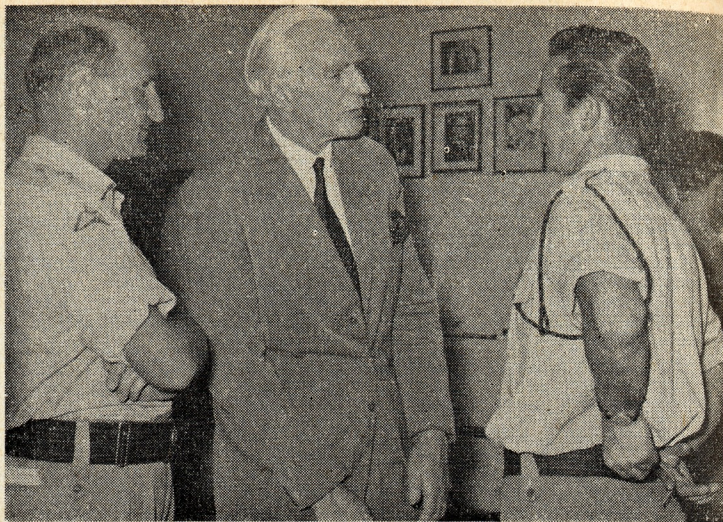
PRESS VISIT TO BRITCON

Mrs Cecily Robson who writes for a number of regional newspapers in the United Kingdom was recently given facilities to talk to soldiers serving with Britcon units.

During her visit she met soldiers from 3rd Battalion The Light Infantry, 60 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport, 644 Signal Troop and the Camp Commandant's Staff. Our

BRITCON NEWS

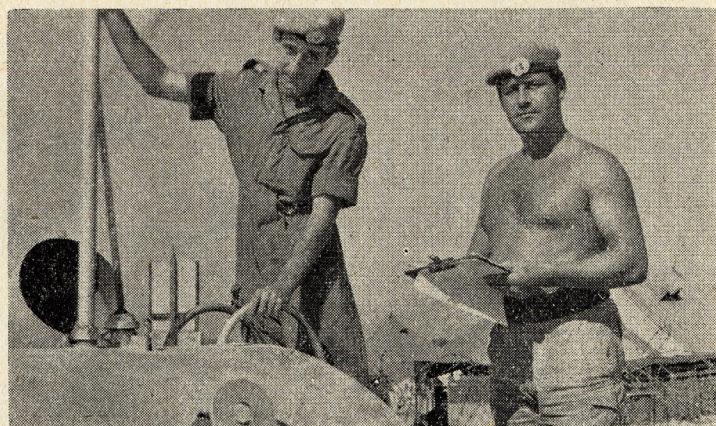
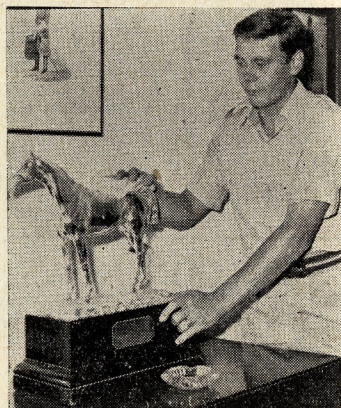
photograph below, taken at Polemidhia Camp, shows Mrs Robson with a group of Light Infantrymen who all come from the Bridgenorth area. (Left to right) Sergeant Jones, Lance Corporal Hill, Corporal Oakley, Private Mitchell, Private McCue and Private Jones.



CLEANING TIME

For Cavalry Regiments, the daily grooming of horses has long been replaced by MT checks and the hosing down of vehicles.

Only the memory lingers on in the Officers Mess of 'C' Squadron The Royal Scots Greys when Trooper Bob Cunningham from Edinburgh puts a shine on a piece of Regimental Silver.



DAILY PETROL CHECK

Sergeant Denis Rawlings of 3rd Battalion The Light Infantry is in charge of the Motor Transport at Paphos District and one of his tasks is a daily check of the petrol supplies in St Patricks Camp. The storeman (left) is Private Brian Young who comes from Craven Arms, Shropshire. Sergeant Rawlings' family are now living in Devonport Plymouth but his home town is in Shropshire.

ROTATION TIME

Rotation time is here again and the 18 Infantry Group is in the middle of handover to the 19 Infantry Group.

The advance party arrived on Friday 2 October and the home going advance party departed on the same date.

The Recce party arrived one week earlier.

● Photograph shows the recce party at Nicosia airport (Left to Right) Commandant Mick O'Shea, OC A Coy, Commandant Frank Dunne, OC HQ Coy, Captain Frank White, Welfare Officer, Commandant Pat Harte OC B Coy, and Lieutenant Colonel Tom Tracey, Officer Commanding 19 Infantry Group.



● Lieutenant Colonel Martin O'Brien extending a "Cead Mile Failte" to Lieutenant Colonel Tom Tracey.

ROAD SAFETY AWARDS

During the week safe driving certificates and awards were presented to drivers of the 18 Infantry Group who completed 10,000 accident free miles during their tour in Cyprus. Forty two drivers were awarded certificates and Tankards by Lieutenant Colonel Martin O'Brien, Officer Commanding 18 Infantry Group.

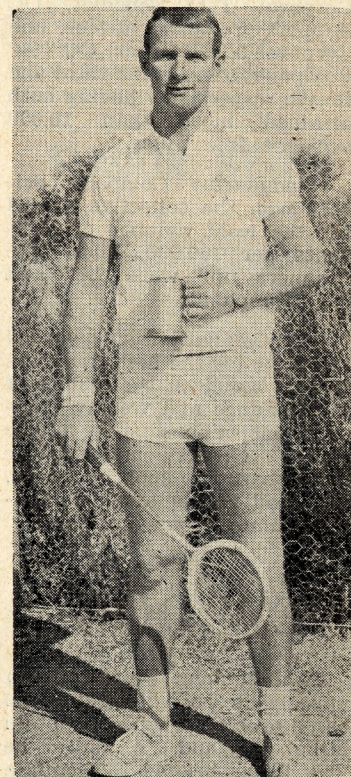
● Photograph shows Lieutenant Colonel M. O'Brien presenting a Certificate and Tankard to Private Michael Gorry of B Coy. Included in Photograph are Sergeant Larry Ponyton, Captain Paddy Cobbe, Transport Officer and Sergeant Major Paddy Norris.



CYPRUS SQUASH CHAMPION

Last week the Cyprus Invitation Squash Tournament was held in Dhekelia and the 18 Infantry Group Champion, the very popular Corporal Tom Butler, defeated all opposition to win the event. Since arriving on the Island Tom has played almost every week and has never been beaten. He is also the current Army Squash Champion.

● Here we see him with his Trophy.



IRCON NEWS

SAFE DRIVING AWARDS

During the last six months, drivers of the Transport Platoon have been dodging goats, pedestrians and bicycles as they competed against each other for safe driving awards.

Corporal G.H. Bissonette, medical officer driver, emerged as the individual winner with a total of more than 14,000 accident free miles. Corporal C.R. Sauve, PIO driver, was a close second with only 300 miles less than the winner. Corporal T.J. Benedict, OC Support Company driver and Corporal J.R. Burger, OC "A" Company driver came third and fourth respectively having both attained more than 10,000 accident free miles.

Headquarter Company drivers won the collective award for the least number of accidents per 100,000 miles. The "runners up" were "A" and "D" Companies.

"A" Company was awarded the prize for the best transport section based on the results of maintenance and weekly transport inspections, spot vehicle safety checks and driver maintenance spot checks. "D" and Headquarter Companies came second and third.

NEW DOC

Captain John Buski (right) appears to be discussing an ear problem with Captain Mike England. Actually he was being briefed by Captain England on his new duties as Cancon medical officer. Captain England returned to Canada on October 5.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

CERTIFICATES AWARDED

Captain P.R. McCumber, OC Support Company, presents a certificate of appreciation to Mr. Panayis Georgiou, a civilian cook at the Cancon Base Combined Mess. Certificates were presented to all civilian employees at the base as a token of appreciation for their good work during the six-month tour of 1 RCR with UNFICYP.

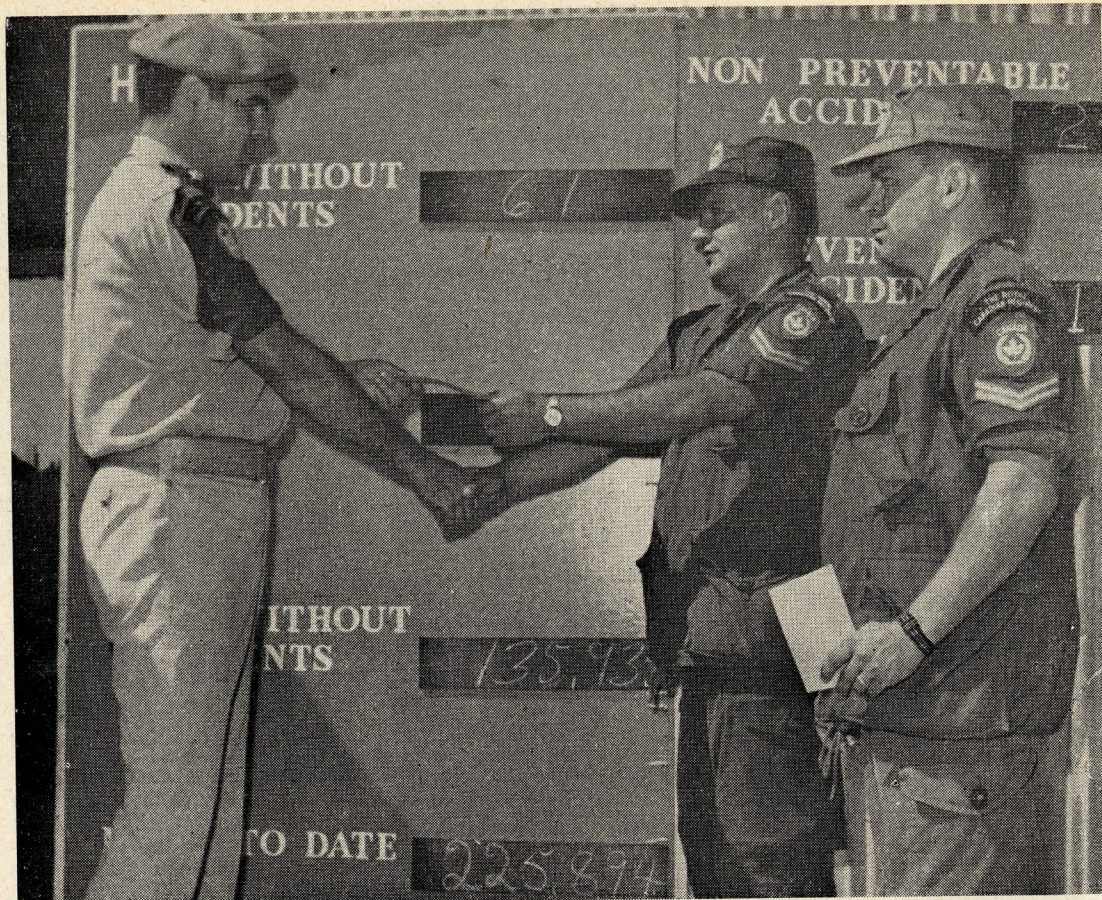


● Corporal G.H. Bissonette is awarded first prize for the most number of accident free miles by Major P.A. Harrison, deputy commander Cancon. Corporal C.R. Sauve (right) was runner-up.



BEST DRIVERS

Sergeant G.H. C. Smehurst, representing Headquarters Transport section, accepts congratulations and a cheque from Major P.A. Harrison, deputy commander Cancon. The Transport Section won the collective award for the least number of accidents per 100,000 miles.



VIESTIKONVENTIO FINCON' ssa

UNFICYP' ssä järjestetään sekä viestiupeerien että - aliupseerien viestikonventio kuukausittain.

Nämä konventiot, jotka pidetään vuorottain jokaisessa kontingentissa ovat omiaan ylläpitämään ja kehittämään viestimiesten yhteistoimintaa UNFICYP' ssä.

Viestikonventiossa keskustellaan puheenjohtajan johdolla saaren viestiyhteyksien ylläpitovaikkeitä ja pyritään mahdollisuuksien mukaan auttamaan naapuria.

Virallisen konventiotilaisuuden jälkeen nautitaan lounas ja vierailaan esim radioasemilla, puhelintilaisuuksilla jne.

Suomalaisten 30.9 järjestämään konventioon kuului tietysti saunominen. Tilaisuus päättyi iloiseen rupattelutilaisuuteen virvoitusjuomien parissa.



Viestikonvention osanottajat kokoontuneet yhteiseen kuvaan taustanaan Välimeri ja Kyrenia. Keskellä konvention isäntä kapt Jorma Kukkola.

KILPAJUOKSUA KOTONA JA KYLÄSSÄ

FAMAGUSTA TOWN RACE

Lauantaina 3.10. juostiin perinteellinen Famagustan kaupungin halkijuoksu. Eri kontingenttien rotaatioiden vuoksi kilpailussa oli mukana vain viiden kontingentin joukkueet.

Kilpailu oli varsin jännittävä vaikkakin heti ensimmäisten osuuk-sien jälkeen SWEDCON ja BRITCON A olivatkin saaneet turvallisen etumatkan muihin joukkueisiin nähden.

Suomalaisten tasaisen hyvin juossut joukkue kiidatti viestikapulansa kolmantena maaliin.

Tulokset:

1. BRITCON A
2. SWEDCON
3. FINCON
4. BRITCON B
5. UNCIVPOL



Famagusta Town Race joukkueemme ankuri jääkäri Olli Juntunen hankkimassa pronssista mitalliaan.

MAASTOJUOKSUKILPAILUT

YKSIKÖIDEN VÄLINEN KILPAILU

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| 1. | 1.JK | 11,56 |
| 2. | 2.JK | 12,03 |
| 3. | EK | 12,14 |

HENKILÖKOHTAINEN KILPAILU

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|-----|--------------------|
| 1. | Kapt Majuri R |
| 2. | Ltn Koskinen M |
| 3. | Alik Laari P |
| 4. | Jääk Tolonen K |
| 5. | Kers Rautanen K |
| 6. | Jääk Kallala J |
| 7. | " Hartikainen A |
| 8. | " Turunen P |
| 9. | " Juntunen O |
| 10. | " Korhonen O |
| 11. | " Pöllänen T |
| 12. | " Ali-Mattila M |
| 13. | " Kokkonen R |
| 14. | " Mäkinen V |
| 15. | " Komulainen J |
| 16. | " Härkälä M |
| 16. | Vääp Rauhala T |
| 16. | Jääk Lipsanen J |
| 19. | Ylik Hakkarainen T |
| 20. | Jääk Tiuhonen V |



Majuri Erkki Pullin tyytyväinen irvistys 3 km:n maastojuoksun jälkeen. Aika 12.43 ja sijoitus 77.



Ensimmäisen osuuden juossut jääkäri Kari Tolonen on juuri antanut kapulan jääkäri Jaakko Kallalalle.



Varsin tuttu näky postin edessä tilipäivänä on erään paikkakuntalaisen kadulle levittämä myyntinäyttely, josta itsekukin voi ostaa tsupaa omien määrärahojensa puitteissa.

BRITCON WINS THE FAMAGUSTA TOWN RACE

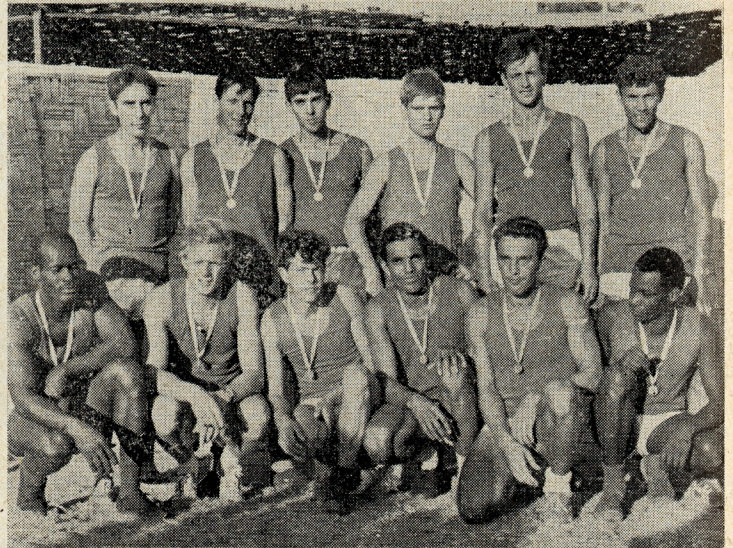
On Saturday 3rd October, Swedcon sponsored the Famagusta Town Race now a regular event in the UNFICYP calendar, and traditionally an excuse to work up a thirst and shake off the blues.

Run over 10,000 metres through the streets of Famagusta, the race constitutes in all, twelve relay legs varying in distance from 400 metres (for the enthusiasts) to 1400 metres (for the not so-enthusiastic)! Regrettably this time only five teams participated, but what was lacking in numbers was made up for by enthusiasm. The contestants were Britcon 'A' drawn from the 3rd Battalion The Light Infantry, Britcon 'B' being a mixed bag of HQ Units and the Force Reserve, Fincon, Swedcon and UNCIVPOL.

Over the first four legs of the course, the race was neck and neck, with the two joint favourites, Britcon 'A' and Swedcon, just out ahead. By the eighth leg, a testing 1,400 metres, the competitors were very much split in half with the two leaders battling it out in front and the remainder some 1,000 metres behind fighting for third place.

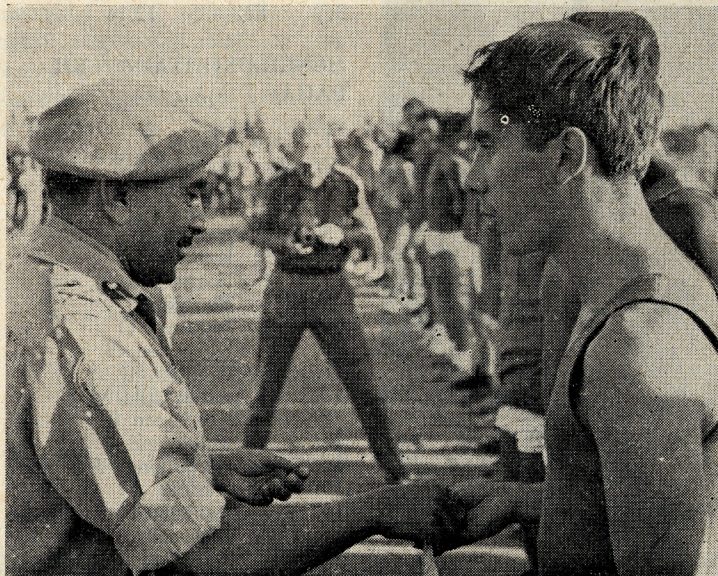
The large crowd of spectators who gathered at Carl Gustav Camp to witness the finish saw the Britcon 'A' runner snatch victory from Swedcon by not more than 5 metres. A minute later Fincon took third place hotly pursued by the Britcon 'B' and UNCIVPOL representatives.

The Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, pre-

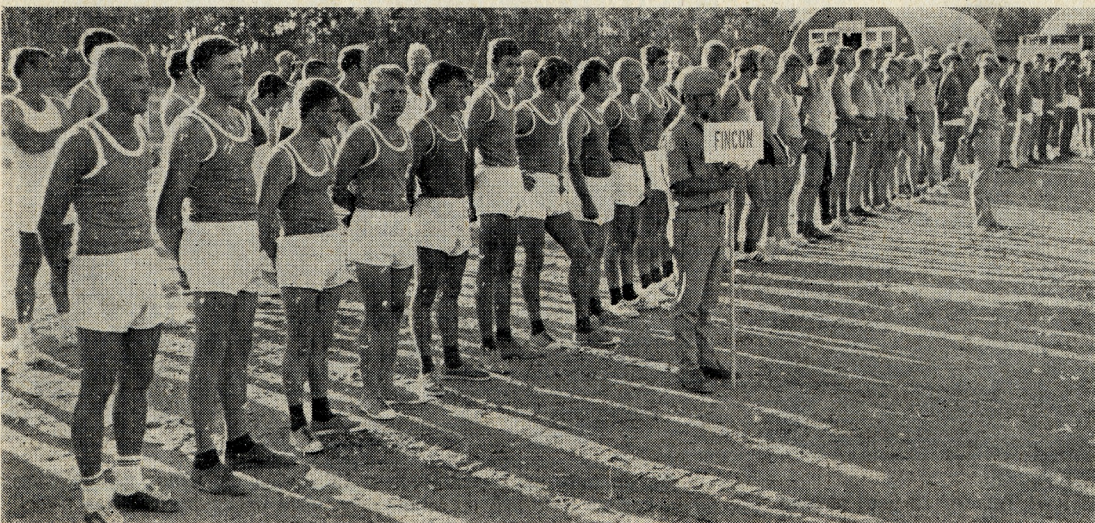


• The winning team of the Famagusta Town Race, Britcon A.

sented the prizes and congratulated all who took part. The teams were then entertained by Swedcon and with the help of liberal quantities of Schnaps, the rigours of the race were soon forgotten!



• The prizes were awarded by the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand.



FAO COMMEMORATIVE COIN

The 16th October 1970 marks the Silver Jubilee of the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations. Cyprus, in common with a number of other countries is releasing on that date a special 500 mils coin. The issue is LIMITED. The designs have been exclusively made for this date, and the dies will be destroyed as soon as the following quantities are minted.

Silver Proof Coins in presentation cases. 5,000
Cupronickel Coins in rigid plastic case. 10,000
Cupronickel Coins loose. 70,000
Proof Coins are 80% Silver —



• The obverse and reverse of the new coin.

20% Copper and will cost £3,300 mils.

The regular Coins are 75% Copper — 25% Nickel and those in cases will cost 800 mils. Loose Coins will be sold at face value. Orders for either proof coins or uncirculated coins in cases may be placed now with the Cash Section Central Bank of Cyprus, Nicosia, P.O.Box 1087.

• No. 3, 2 and 1, Fincon, Swedcon and Britcon, lined up before the prize giving.



MP NOTEBOOK

Accidents - Unficyp

Week Ending
3 OCT 70 — 11

Same Period
Last Year — 5

Total This Year — 293

Same Period
Last Year — 286

Main Cause of Accidents This Week:

"DRIVING WITHOUT
DUE CARE AND
ATTENTION"