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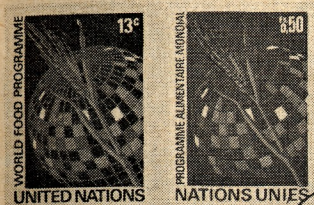
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"SWEDISH RHAPSODY"

The last of the National Presentations, aptly entitled "Swedish Rhapsody" was held

at Famagusta on 6th April. As visitors arrived at Carl Gustav Camp, flags were flying, drums beating, and Swedish soldiers in period costume doffed their hats and presented their arms. In the background a Laplander brewed coffee, while dancers in national costume skipped around a Maypole. To bring us up to date, — or was it to tempt us?, — both Volvo and Saab military vehicles were also on show.

TWO NEW UN STAMPS



On 13th April, two new UN postage stamps were issued depicting the theme of the World Food Programme.

The main aim of the UN/FAO World Food Programme is to stimulate and advance economic and social development, but it also has another purpose — to come to the aid of victims of emergencies, such as natural disasters (floods, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, drought) and civil unrest and war.

There are two denominations — 13 cents and 0.50 F.S. — as depicted above.

Having toured the side-shows, visitors were invited to the cinema to listen to a commentary and watch films which depicted the beauty of the country and also gave an insight to every day life in Sweden. We visited Stockholm, attended a midsummer festival, watched loggers at work on one of Sweden's mighty rivers, and saw the Swedish Police at work in the rugged Northern Territory. We also had the pleasure of listening to the lilting harmony of national music so well performed by members of the Swedish contingent.



● A big moment for Claire Selleck, the eight year old daughter of Major F.J. Selleck, as she presents a bouquet of flowers to Mrs D. Prem Chand. The occasion was the medal parade of 1 Squadron RCT which is commanded by Claire's father. More pictures of the parade on Britcon page.

After the presentation, guests attended a typical Swedish meal — a fitting end to an interesting and enjoyable day.

Officers who gave the presentation were — Major Wiberg, Captain Von Dolvitz and Police Officer Kurt Ohlsson.

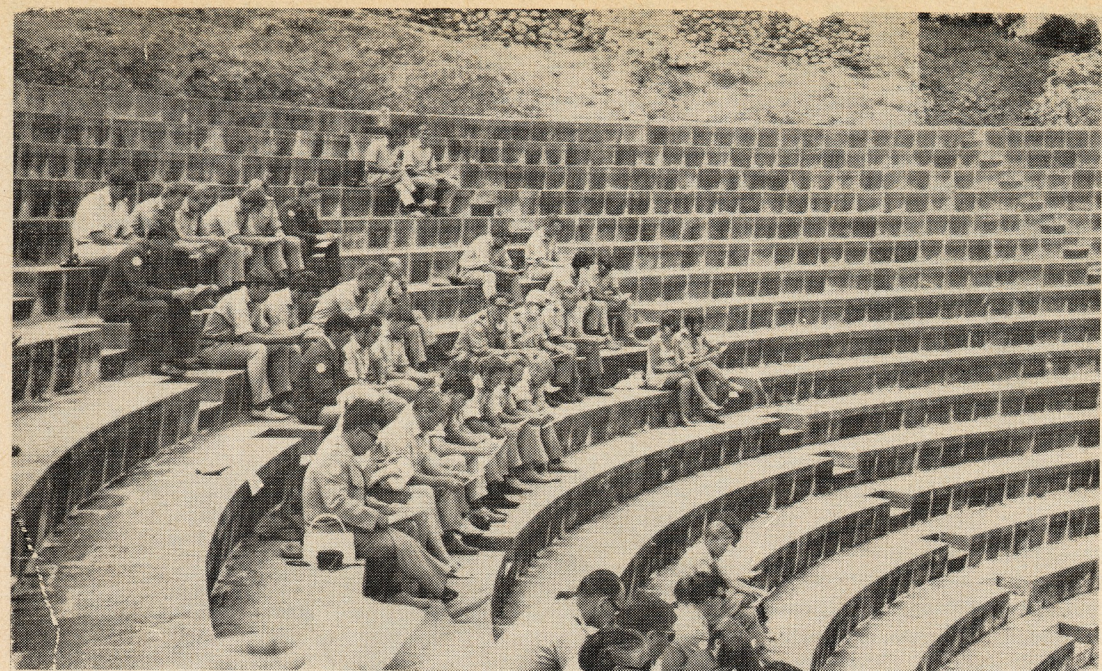
UNFICYP AND UNTSO TO MEET AT SOCCER

On Saturday 17th April a soccer match between an UNTSO team and an UNFICYP team will be played at RAF Nicosia. The kick-off will be at 1530 hrs.

This is a friendly fixture arranged between the two UN missions and it is hoped that members of UNFICYP will turn out in strength to support the home team.

● The Force Commander, accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel L. Oenfelt, Commanding Officer Swedcon, is greeted on his arrival at Carl Gustav Camp by Major Forssblad dressed in an old Swedish uniform.





PÅSKE-GUDS-TJENESTE I SOLI TEATRET

Påske-gudstjenesten i Dancon påskedag fandt sted i det gamle Soli Teater umiddelbart vest for Xeros. En betydelig skare danske FN-soldater med pårørende var mødt op til gudstjenesten, men som det ses paa billedet fyldte de ikke meget i det enorme, historiske teater.



VENTER PÅ MOR



OG FARVEL IGEN



MAJOR PÅ ÆSELRYG

At ride på æsel, er ikke så ligetil, som det ser ud til—det er i hvert fald forbistret hårdt for den nedre halvdel. Se bare på den danske major her. Han ønsker naturligvis at være anonym—men hvis nogen er interesseret i at høre om et seks timers æselridt til Bufavento, så vil MAJ Lambert-Jensen i hovedkvarteret sikkert fortælle nærmere!



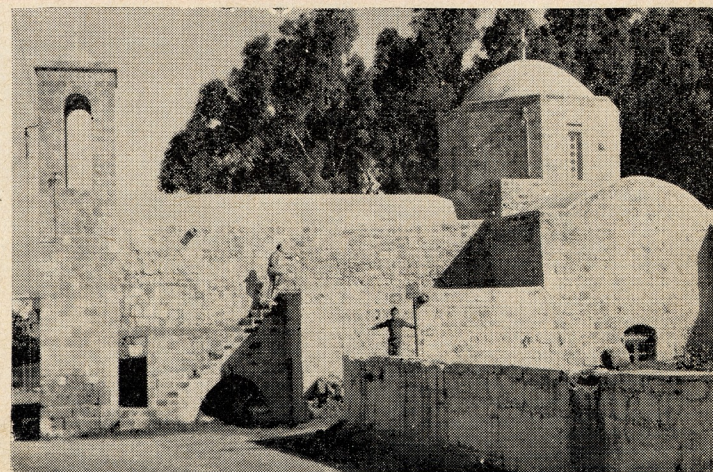
VIDSTE DE-

at Saxo Grammaticus i sin Danmarks Riges Krønike fortæller om Erik Ejegods død i Paphos i året 1103. Kong Erik havde på sin pilgrimsfærd til det hellige land bl. a. besøgt Kejseren i Byzanz (nuværende Istanbul) og Saxo beretter herefter:

Da nu endelig Kong Erik ville rejse videre, forsynede Kejseren ham både med skibe og levnedsmidler, og således kom han til den ø, Cypern, men heller ikke længere, thi der faldt han i en hidsig feber, som blev hans helsot. Om samme ø fortæller man, at når et lig var jordet der, blev det skudt op igen den næste nat; men ikke desmindre befalede vor konge, da han lå på sit yderste, at de skulle kun begrave ham ved hovedstaden; thi sagde han, jorden må nu være så balstyrig, som hun vil,

mine ben skal dog nok få ro. Man gjorde da, som han sagde, og det gik, som han spæede, ja, det som mere er, man hørte aldrig siden, der blev noget lig skudt op, men vel, at jorden, der kun fik ham i sit skød, glemte, formildet, sit gamle nag og lod, tilligemed hans, alle andres ben have fred under muld!

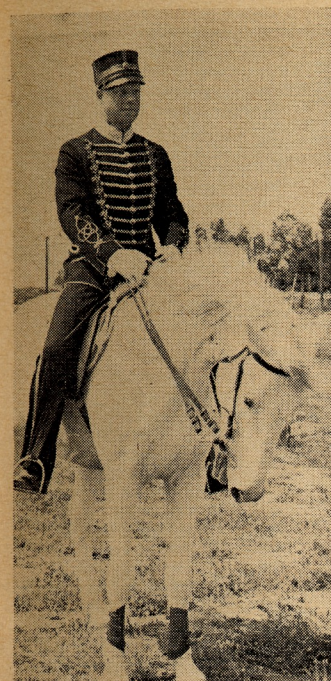
At Kong Erik døde og blev begravet i New Paphos ved det nuværende Ktima må betragtes som nogenlunde sikkert, idet byen på daværende tid var den af Saxo omtalte hovedstad. Hvor selve graven har ligget, eller ligger, kan der derimod kun gisnes om: men mellem de såkaldte Skt. Poul's Piller og kirken Chryssopolitissa er fundet rester af en byzantinsk katedral, og formodentlig blev han begravet i nærheden af denne.



■ Len i artiklen omtalte kirke, Chryssopolitissa, i hvis umiddelbare nærhed man mener, at Erik Ejegods grav skal søges.

DANCON NYT

Swedish Rhapsody



Det kanske låter förmåtet om vi själva säger det, men man kan nog anta att de 140-talet gästerna vid den svenska National Presentation på Carl Gustav Camp kunde vara ganska så nöjda med sin dag. Och det inte bara för att solen sken ned från en molnfri himmel. Och Swedcon kan säkert känna sig nöjd med programmet och dess genomförande, särskilt med tanke på de resurser, som stod till buds.

När gästerna med Force Commander general Prem Chand och Mr Osorio-Tafall i spetsen anlände till CGC möttes de på vägen upp mot utställningsområdet av "General's salute" från karoliner, husarar och andra pittoreska uniformer av modell å. Till uniformsparaden hörde också en svensk FN-soldat i full fältutrustning, en soldat utrustad med ABC-skydd samt en fullt vinterutrustad soldat med snödräkt, skidor och pulka. Och blond svenska i nationaldräkt delade ut färgglada tändsticksaskar till alla gäster.

Efter detta blev det tillfälle för gästerna att smaka på saltat lappkaffe tillrett av en äkta lapp i dräkt framför sin kåta, titta på svenska trafikpolisens utrustning, beundra nya Volvo- och SAAB-bilar och lyssna och se på folkdans vid midsommar-stängen.

Sedan samlades gästerna i idrotts-hallen, där tyngdpunkten av programmet genomfördes. Kören under ledning av förste kriminal-assistent Bo Nyström medverkade med svenska folksånger, kapten Roland von Dolwitz gick igenom Sveriges geografi kompletterad med film och major Karl Forsberg talade om näringslivet, bl a skog och malm, också beledsagad av film.

Förste poliskonstapel Kurt Olsson talade om det svenska polisväsendet och kommenterade sedan på engelska en film om fjällpolisen. Statsskick, historia och försvar blev också föremål för korta orienteringar, varefter filmen om flygvapnets Vigen visades.

Programmet avslutades med att kontingentens sångkör sjöng nationalsången och kontingentschefen inbjöd gästerna till lunch.



Bilderna

Överst till vänster: Major Bengt Sandahl i ryttmästare-uniform modell/å till häst på ädel vit springare var en uppmärksammas syn under presentationen. Därunder vintersoldaten Rolf Jacobsson, som väl inte hade det alldeles perfekta glidet på sanden med sina kronskidor.

På bilden närmast till vänster underhåller sig lappen och furiren Lage Grönberg från Pissiniemi med finländska FN-soldater på deras eget språk. Och bjuder på starkt salt kaffe förstas.

På bilden överst till höger får Force Commander svenska tändstickor av fru Elisabeth Deuschl och på bilden närmast ovan är det förvaltare Christer Åqvist och Chief Medical Officer UNFICYP överste EDH Williams som kommit i samspråk över en mugg kaffe.

SWEDCON NEWS
Swedish Forces Photos

1 SQUADRON MEDAL PARADE

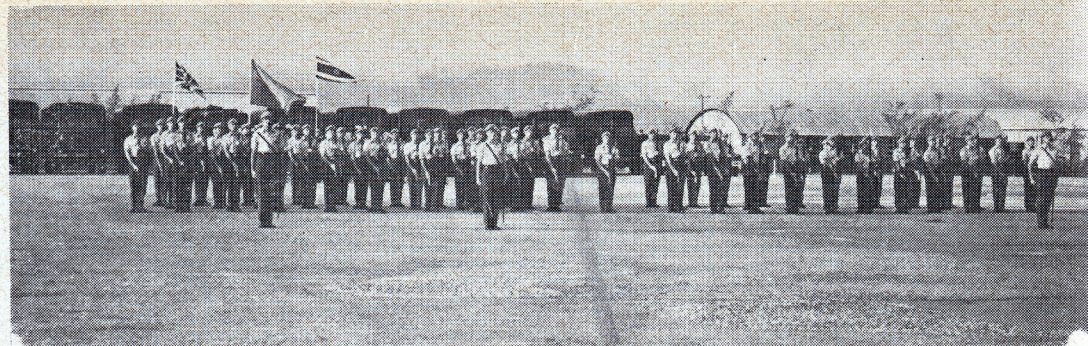
History was repeated last week when 1 Squadron RCT paraded to receive their UN medals. Major General D. Prem Chand, in his address to the troops on parade referred to the long and varied history of the Squadron and recalled that the unit has served in UNFICYP before, in 1967, in the same role.

The band of the 3rd Bn The Royal Green Jackets played "Rain drops are falling", but the sun shone for the 70 members of the Squadron as they stood fast on parade and for the large crowd of spectators who had gathered to watch the ceremony.

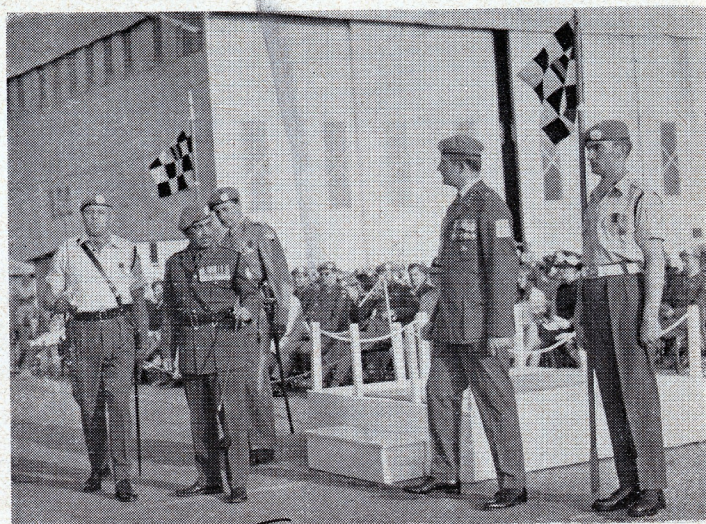
General paid a warm tribute to the Squadron whose drivers in the past three months have covered a total of over 400,000 miles, in all kinds of weather. It is not the most glamorous of jobs, and entails long hours and meticulously planned schedules.

In spite of all this, they have carried out their duties cheerfully and efficiently.

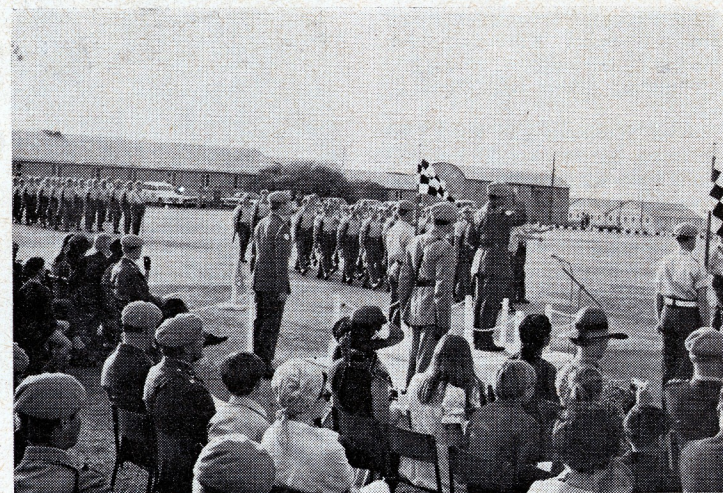
The Squadron formed up on parade as two troops under the command of Lieutenant A.W. Lyons and 2Lt M. Dowdall. After the presenta-



● 1 Squadron presents arms in a "General Salute".



● The Squadron marches past the Force Commander at the conclusion of the parade.



BRITCON NEWS

● The Force Commander has a word with Lance Corporal J. Miniken.

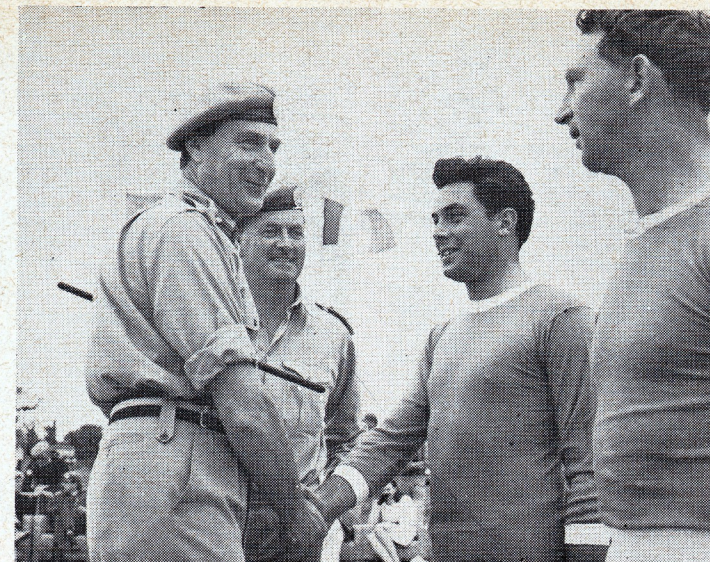


● Sergeant K. Leach receives his medal from Major General D. Prem Chand.

● The Band and Bugles of the 3rd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets who have given displays and played at medal parades in many different parts of the island during their tour with UNFICYP.

INTER-CONTINGENT SOCCER FINAL

Lieutenant Colonel Tom Tracey introduces Colonel D.E. Thornton, the Deputy Chief of Staff at HQ UNFICYP, to the Ircon team Captain, Corporal Harry Barclay. On the right is Captain Noel Carey (Athlone).



OPERATIONS STAFF 19th INF GROUP

Members of the Operations Staff, 19th Infantry Group, pose for this photograph in the Ops room at Zyyi. From left, Captain Carl Dodd (Curragh), Company Sergeant Kevin Quigley (Athlone), Commandant Jim Duggan (Cork), Sergeant Ned Brennan (Dublin) and Captain Harry Johnston (Curragh).

IRCON ORIENTEERING COMPETITION



● Sergeant J. Nolan (Fermoy), above left, and Corporal T. McGlynn (Curragh) centre, plotting their bearings before the start of Ircon's Orienteering Competition. Watching them is Corporal Billy King (Dublin).

● The OC 19th Infantry Group presents the prizes to the 'A' Company team consisting of Corporal P. McSweeney (Cork) and Private Mick Judd (Mallow) who were winners of the competition. 'B' Company teams were second and third.



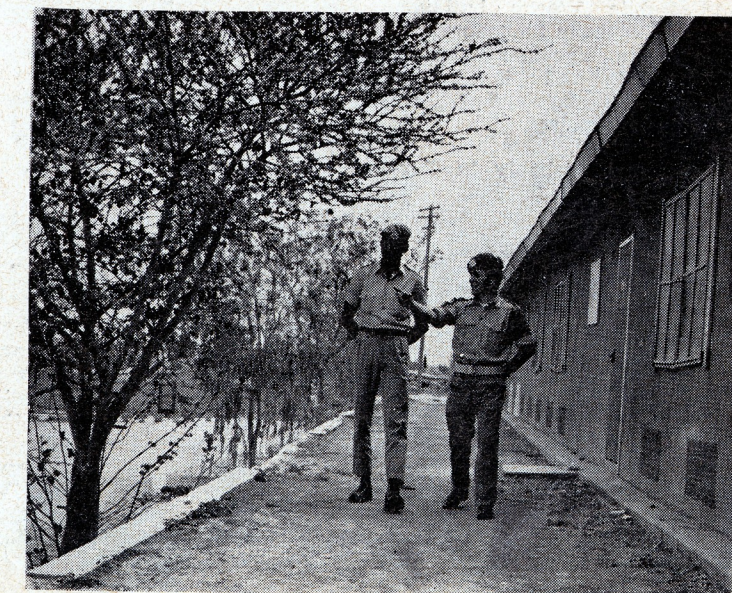
IRCON NEWS

"MINGY MEN RELAX"

Gunner Paddy Hughes (Mullingar) right, takes Rifleman Netcher, a member of the Third Battalion The Royal Green Jack-

ets, on a conducted tour of Wolfe Tone Camp in Larnaca.

Gunner Hughes is a driver for Ircon's Welfare Officer, Captain Frank Whyte, and Rifleman Netcher is a driver for the 3 Green Jackets Welfare Officer, Captain Williams.



"AS OTHERS SEE IT"

Mrs. Marion Engel, McLeans Magazine, Toronto, on a recent visit to the Canadian Contingent, writes.

"For me, this return to Cyprus has been a mixed kebab. I go from the top of the flour mill to a gorgeous villa, passing from pseudo-war to unchanged domesticity, from professionals I am working with, to friends whose lives have not changed seriously since I met them in 1962.

I see you putting in the outposts of Hermes Street, putting a soldierly front on a job that is more successful the more tedious it is, and wonder if you are necessary, as perhaps you do. Then with my friends, I miss the convoy; the road from Kyrenia around Pentadactylos is beautiful — and long. It is better to have UN guards on the passes and in the welter of little streets around mosque and church and market than to have war. Cleopatra gave this island

ish too. It means "Sit down and share with us". I hope you hear it, and see some of the good things about Cyprus.

I have enjoyed, touring your outposts during the change-over of battalions. The transfer of jobs struck me as being extraordinarily smooth and efficient. Perhaps you are profiting from an inheritance from Kitchener, who when he came to the island as an army surveyor lived around the corner from Beaver Lodge. No, you are yourselves on your own terms, and good company. Thanks for the visit."



• The roving Chaplain, Captain Ron Sutton, finds an interested group in Privates John Bailey, Dave Arnott, Don Klassen and Corporal Ken Sato at which to level a mini sermon! Weekly religious service are held each Sunday at 0900 at the Chapel in Blue Beret Camp.



• Cultural exchanges in a foreign country are often motivated by the influence of the special skills and religious participation. Father Tom Hassett, Privates Lee Wood and Bill Jackson, discuss Easter celebrations with Father Kevin Mooney, Vicar General, on the steps of Holy Cross Church in the old walled city of Nicosia.

CANCON EXCHANGE

Cancon exchange, a 24 hour faceless communication service to UNFICYP, are a force to be reckoned with. Two of the faces behind the ever present voices are the NCO in charge, Master Corporal Lou Pinter and Private Harry Campbell. Both men are part of a crew of twelve that staff the switch board.



CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

THE POST OFFICE

The Post Office is a constant morale booster to the soldiers in Cyprus, dependent on the flow of mail from home. Sergeant Harry Ayerst shares Easter Greetings from his family in Edmonton with postmaster Sergeant Vic Sullivan and Corporal Terry Hartley at mail call.

KENRAALI VIERAILI



Kenr Prem Chand kävi Martins Moundissa, josta kuva yllä. Vartiomics jääk A. Siikaluoma ilmoittautuu

URHEILUA

Kontingenttien väliset kuntoradakilpailut pidettiin Omorfitan radalla 7.4. Aurinkoinen, ei kuitenkaan liian helteinen sää suosi kilpailuja. Kilpailukutsu oli lähetetty kaikkiin kontingentteihin mutta lähtöpaikalle ilmestyivät vain Britconin kaksi joukkuetta, Canconin joukkue ja tietenkin suomalaiset. Liekö kotikentät olleet syynä, joka tapauksessa voimme kirkkaasti.

Kuntoradalla on paitsi "pikataipaleita" myös käsi- ja jalkavoimia vaativia "erikoiskokeita". Köyttä pitkin kiipeäminen, puomilla juokseminen, kivi kivetä ylitettävä "miinakenttä", ylitettävä seinä ja vesieste. Jotkut kilpailijat näyttivät yrittävän suoraan läpi seinästä, eräskin useaan kertaan. Kyseessä ei kuitenkaan ollut suomalainen.

Tuloksia silmätessä havaitaan, että kymmenen parhaan yksilön joukossa on kuusi suomalaista. Muutenkin suomalaiset sijoittuivat tilaston kärkipäähän. Neljästäkymmenestä kuudesta perille tulleesta viimeinen meikäläinen on 23. sijalla. Joukkueiden paremmuusjärjestys:

1. FINCON 2.55.05
2. BRITCON A 2.57.15
3. BRITCON B 3.42.10
4. CANCON 4.22.50

Kolme parasta yksilöä:

1. Väap Rauhala 2.28.5
2. Cpl Lawrence 2.42.5
3. Sgt Murphy 2.48.5

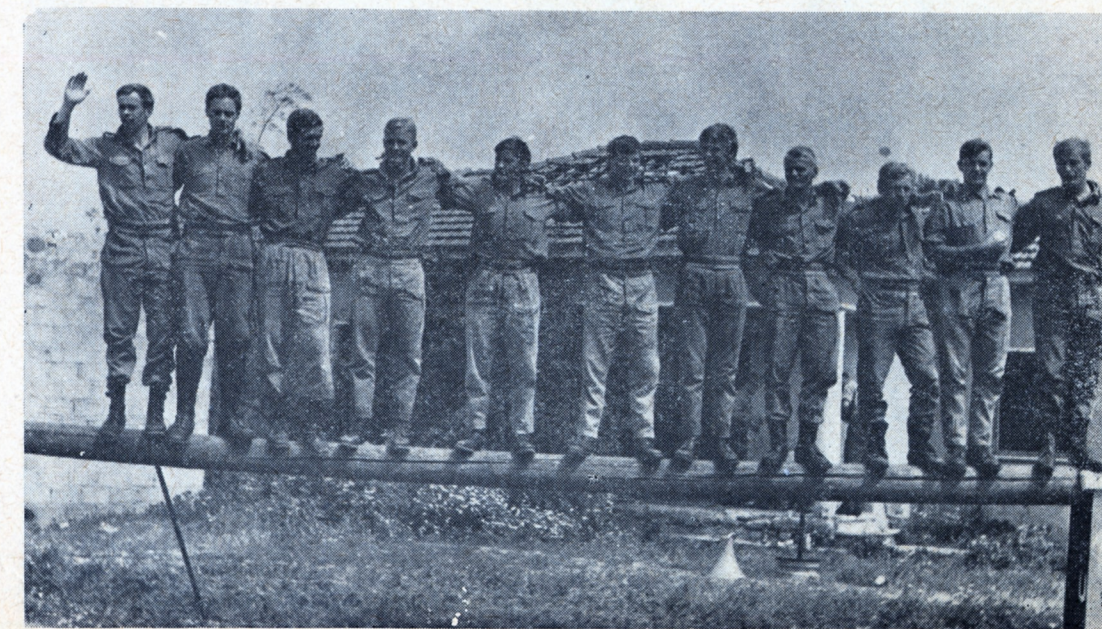
Ja sitten FINCONIN joukkue, kunkin nimen edessä sijaluku ja lisäksi aika:

1. Väap Rauhala 2.28.5
2. Väap Rautanen 2.49.5
3. Kers Viitasaari 2.50.0
4. Alik Latva-Hakuni 2.52.0
5. Alik Vieri 2.55.5
6. Jääk Hartikainen 2.57.0
7. Lt Räsänen 3.00.5
8. Jääk Salonen 3.02.0
9. Jääk Pulkkinen 3.05.0
10. Kers Juntunen 3.10.5
11. Alik Salomäki 3.11.0
12. Jääk Härkönen

Kymmenen parasta joka joukkueesta sai käteensä jonkinvärisen plaketin. Parhaalle vierailijalle, alik Lawrencelle ojennettiin julmannäköinen lapinleuku. Palkinnot jakoi evl E. Lehtovirta. Lopuksi vieraat vielä kerran otivat selkäänsä Kykon saunassa nimittäin.



Kuva yllä vas: Kuntoradan alkuvauhti otetaan tällä puomilla. Tässävaiheessa on vielä helppoa



TUPAANTULIAISET KYKON UPSEERIMESSISSÄ

Kuva yllä kertokoon House Warming Party tunnelmista 30.3 Juhliin oli kutsuttu toistasataa vierasta, joukossa kenr Prem Chand, Osorio Tafall jne. Messi ylitti itsensä tarjoilussa, joka oli kieltämättä suurenmoinen.



TERVEISET KOTIMAASTA

Yksi ja toinen ilme kirkastui, kun viime hetken säilynyt jännitys purkautui tiistaina, kuudentena tätä kuuta. Vastaanottajat ja muuten vain siivellä roikkujat olivat miehittäneet lentoaseman Kar-Airin koneen laskeutuessa siuksissaan joukko omaisia. Viikon verran nämä ehtivät nauttia saa

ren antimia. Paluulento on 13.4., siis ennen lehden ilmestymistä.

FINCON NEWS

Alla: Voittanut suomalaisjoukko perhekuussa

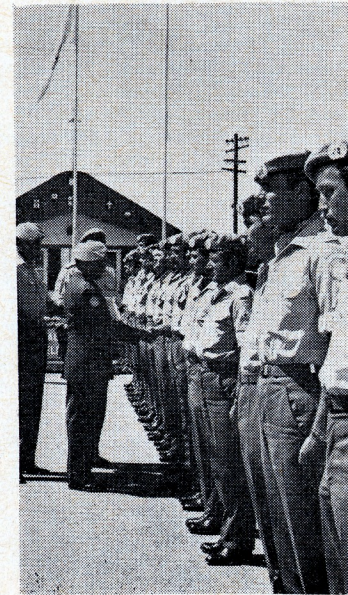
SWEDCON WINS UNFICYP SOCCER COMPETITION

On Saturday 3rd April, Swedcon beat Ircon by two goals to nil in the final of the UNFICYP Soccer Competition, which was sponsored by Ircon and played at Zyzi. This was a highly entertaining game played under excellent conditions and watched by a large number of spectators.

Swedcon was first to settle down, and after a couple of near misses by Ircon forwards, the Swedcon defence took control of the game and began to distribute the ball to their forwards who were beginning to find cracks in the Irish defences. A free kick to Swedcon just outside the Irish penalty area produced the first goal. The ball was passed inside the Irish defence, collected by the Swedish outside-right who made no mistake and drove the ball under the goalkeeper into the net. Swedcon maintained their superiority throughout the first half, and increased their lead ten minutes before half time through a beautiful solo effort by their outside-right, who collected the ball near the corner flag, slipped past three Ircon defenders, and slammed the ball into the net for a really great goal.

The Swedes did not relax in the second half, and although Ircon almost got one back minutes after the interval when the Swedcon goalkeeper was forced to tip the ball over the cross-bar, they still looked the most likely to score. The Ircon team played their hearts out right to the final whistle but never looked like upsetting this very good

units. Making a brief call at 644 Signal Troop, he met Captain G.M. Finney (left) the OC, and Sergeant A. W. Watson.



Swedcon team, whose goalkeeper was in excellent form.

Colonel D. E. Thornton, the Deputy Chief of Staff, presented the prizes to the winners and the runners-up and congratulated both teams for a very entertaining and sporting game. Congratulations to Swedcon, the UNFICYP Soccer Champions.

MEDAL PARADE AT AFH

On Monday 5th April, a medal parade was held at the Austrian Field Hospital.

52 personnel representing all ranks took part in the parade, and 15 members of the Field Hospital were presented with the UN Peace-Keeping Medal after having served three months in the Force.

The pictures show the Force Commander inspecting the parade and presenting medals to the "90 days old" Austrians.

BAND CONCERT

22nd April

The Staff Band of the Royal Corps of Signals who are on a tour of British Bases in Cyprus, will give a concert in the amphitheatre at the St. Barnabas School for the Blind in Nicosia next Thursday 22nd April commencing at 4.30 p.m.

The Band consists of 45 musicians, and is directed by Captain K.R.R. Boulding LRAM, ARCM, PSM. The programme will include the following items.

- March - 6th. Symphony — Tchaikowsky
- Overture - William Tell — Rossini
- Cornet Solo "Allelujah" — Mojart
- Suite - Royal Fireworks — Handel
- Euphonium Solo "Allegro Spirituoso" — Senaille
- Perpetuum Mobile — Strauss
- Symphonic Portrait Cole Porter — Arr. Robinson
- Dance Suite - Prince Igor — Bonodin
- Corps March "Begone Dull Care"

Admission will be FREE

All are welcome to attend.

MP NOTEBOOK

ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

ACCIDENTS - UNFICYP Week ending 10 April 1971

10
Same Period Last Year 3
Total This Year 84
Same Period L. Year 116

Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:

"DRIVING WITHOUT DUE CARE AND ATTENTION"

SAFETY TWIST

9 Little drivers, the hour was getting late; one dozed a moment, and then there were eight.

A TIRED DRIVER IS A DANGEROUS DRIVER

CHAPLAIN GENERAL VISITS BRITCON

The Venerable Archdeacon J. R. Youens CB, OBE, MC the Chaplain General to the British Army, visited UNFICYP on 8th April and met personnel serving with Britcon

