



The Blue Beret

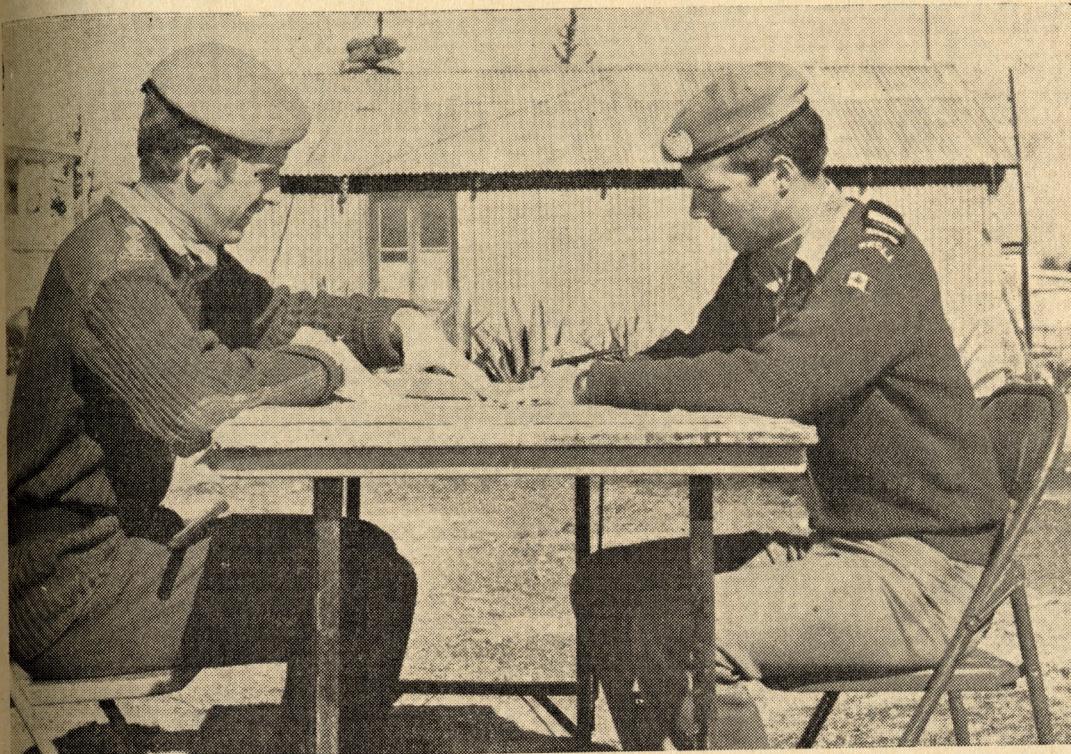
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HANOVER OF LOUROUJINA

With a flick of a pen the Canadian Contingent took over the responsibilities of the Louroujina Sector from the 3rd Battalion the Queen's Regiment. The handover, which took place on the 1st of February 1973, was signed by Lieutenant John Almstrom, left, and Lieutenant J. Ewart, right. The signing ceremony was watched by the leaving and the remaining crew.

On Sunday the 11th February the UNFICYP International Radio Programme is on the air at 2000 h. This time the theme will be something about St. Valentine's Day, we will present a combo from the 3rd Queen's and there will be music.

CONTRIBUTION TO UNFICYP

The representative of the United States of America to the United Nations has informed the Secretary-General that the United States is prepared to contribute up to \$ 2.4 million towards the cost of maintaining UNFICYP for the period ending on 15th December 1972. The ultimate contribution will be dependent on contributions from other governments.

OBITUARY

It is with regret that UNFICYP announces the death of the Sergeants Carl-Henrik Edengborg and Leif Enberg, members of the Swedish Battalion serving with UNFICYP, and Miss Ann Valentine from the UN Secretariat HQ UNFICYP. They were killed in the aircrash which occurred on the 29th January 1973.

Sergeant Edengborg was 22 years old, single, and came from Linköping. Sergeant

Enberg was 24 years old, single, and came from Västerhaninge. Both soldiers had served with UNFICYP since October 1972.

Miss Ann Valentine was 32 years old and a citizen of the United States of America. She had been employed by the UN Secretariat from August 1967 to March 1970, and returned to Cyprus in October last year to take up a new assignment.



"DISARMAMENT DECADE" STAMP

The United Nations Postal Administration will issue its first commemorative stamp for 1973 on 9 March, on the theme "Disarmament Decade".

The General Assembly decided in 1969 to designate the 1970s as the Disarmament Decade. It called on Governments to intensify their efforts for the cessation of the nuclear arms race, nuclear disarmament, the elimination of other weapons of mass destruction, and for a treaty on general and complete disarmament under strict international control.

The new stamp was designed by the late Kurt Plowitz (USA) and will be printed in denominations of 8 cents (light blue, dark

blue, yellow/brown and red), 15 cents (light purple, dark purple, yellow/brown and red), F.s.O. 60 (light violet, dark violet, yellow/brown and red) and F.s. 1,10 (light mustard, dark mustard, yellow/brown and red). (US equivalent of F.s.0,60: 16 cents; F.s. 1,10: 29 cents.)



UP, UP IN THE SKY

The Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand is pictured in the back seat of a Ka-13 glider piloted by Flight Lieutenant Pinnell the Crusaders Gliding Club, Dhekelia.

On the 27th January the Force Commander visited the club with a view to joining the club. After being shown around the club site, the Force Commander was given three instructional flights in the Ka-13 glider. The club hopes that this introduction to space has aroused the Force Commanders interest so he will become a club member.

The club operates every weekend at Kingsfield airstrip at Dhekelia and all members of UNFICYP are welcome to join. The only stipulation is that prospective members must have enough knowledge of the English language to be able to understand directions given by the instructors.

**UDEN MAD**

Det er igrunden ikke så sært, vi tager på.
Cypernillæget er vist noget, der hører med.
Og selvfolgelig brokker vi os da over maden.
Vi er da danske, ikke.
Men alligevel.
Vi får i alle fald, hvad vi kan spise.

Det gælder da ikke mindst i Limnitis, Kokkina og på posterne rundt omkring.

Det kan knibe med tallerkner, når der kommer gester.
Men moden!
Aldrig?

Lever I lige så godt til hverdag?
Næppe - men her ser man i alle fald den digre Mogens Madsvend, også kaldet Fedberg, i fuld sving.
Der mangler vist ikke noget.
Værsgod og spis.



• Og her har vi så Limnitis Camp set i fugleperspektiv

415 MILES RUNDT PA ØEN

"Med det formål at give feltpræsten lejlighed til at møde det danske militærpoliti udenfor Lefka distrikts", sådan stod der i en skrifte.

Og tirsdag den 30. januar var lejligheden altså til at se, hvordan de lever rundt omkring, alle disse mennesker, der på en gang hører med og ikke hører med til Dancon.

Det var et forsøg, og det var stregt, for det strakte sig rundt omkring hele øen næsten, ialt 277 miles.

Og alligevel var det godt.

Der var bare ikke tid nok.

Der er danske militærpolitifolk i Paphos, Limassol, Famagusta, Nicosia og Xeros.

Deres arbejde kender I, men ved I også, at de i virkeligheden danner deres egen styrke, lidt udenfor os andre.

Undtagen i Xeros bor de for sig selv, en fire-fem mand hvert sted. Som regel er der kun en eller to danske, bortset fra stationen i Nicosia.

Det kan godt være besværligt at få hentet løn og depotsager i Xeros når man bor i Famagusta eller Paphos - for med hensyn til løn og udstrustning hører man til Dancon.

I næsten alle andre henseender er man udenfor.

OG DRIKKE

Knudepunktet er et sted, hvor man bindes sammen.
Skal man sludre med folk, så er det her.
Utroligt, hvad man kan få.
Og hvor billigt.
Her er det J.S. Christensen, endnu med hår på hovedet, og vist E.A. Pedersen, der har sat sig ind i konstabellen for at få skyldet halsen.
Mon de har haft Fut?
Eller var de bare tørstige i al almadelighed?

**NYT HYGGESKUR
I LIMNITIS**

Det er nu meget godt med den gamle lejr i Xeros.

Man kan finde meget godt der. Limnitis har fundet sig materiale til et nyt hyggeskur.

Bare de så ikke hygger for meget.

Det ser det for resten absolut ikke ud til. Skelettet er rejst, og det går fremad.

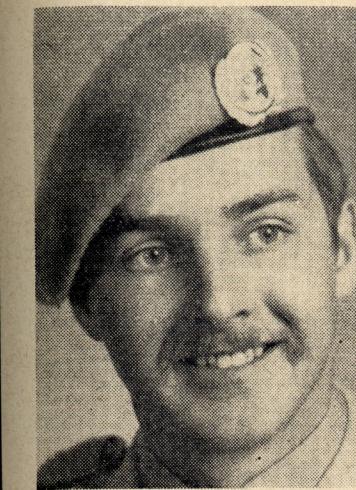
Det er jo ingen sag at få slæt plader på, når man bare kommer igang med det.

Her ser vi camp-sergent stå og drømme om, hvordan det bliver.

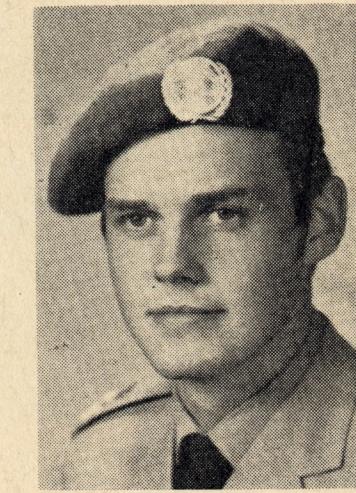
Det bliver garanteret godt - især når konstabler Fleming Kael's får spredt den kulør, han står og blander.

Sådan gør man gamle huse nye.

Til lykke med Hyggen derude.



Carl-Henrik Edenborg

**TVÅ
KAMRATER
ÄR DÖDA**

Leif Enberg

På kvällen den 29 januari störtade ett Ilyushin 18-plan, tillhörigt Egypt Air, i Kyreniabergen nära byn Lapithos, åtta miles väster om staden Kyrenia. Planet, som var på väg från Kairo till Nicosia, hade just börjat förbereda landning när det rände in i bergväggen och exploderade. Samtliga ombordvarande, 30 passagerare och 7 besättningsmän, torde ha gjutit en ögonblicklig död. Bland de 30 passagerarna befann sig också två av våra kamrater, furirerna Carl-Henrik Edenborg och Leif Enberg. De var båda på väg hem efter en fem dagars leaveresa till Kairo.....

Carl-Henrik Edenborg och Leif Enberg, 22 respektive 24 år gamla, påbörjade sin tjänst vid UNFICYP den 25 oktober 1972 och skulle enligt planerna ha ryckt ut igen i slutet av april. De hade just passerat "halvtid".

Leif Enberg, som tillhörde första pluton 3 gruppen, var hemmahörande i Västerhaninge och Carl-Henrik Edenborg, tillhörde kasgruppen på samma pluton och var hemmahörande i Linköping. Båda två var ungkarlar.

Edenborg och Edenborg är de 36:e respektive 37:e svenskarna som omkommit under FN-tjänst och de 6:e respektive 7:e som omkommit på Cypern. Senast en svensk dog under FN-tjänst på Cypern var 1972, under bataljon 48 C.

**NEWS IN
BRIEF**

It is with deepest regret that Swedcon announces the death of two of our fellow countrymen Sergeant Carl-Henrik Edenborg and Sergeant Leif Enberg, on Monday 29th of January.

The two Swedish sergeants were returning from leave after spending five days in Cairo and early in the evening as the plane was preparing to land at Nicosia Airport it crashed in the Kyrenia Mountain Range near the village of Lapithos. All thirty-seven passengers and crew died instantly.

Sgt Edenborg was born in 1950, was unmarried and lived in Linköping. Sgt Enberg was born in 1948 also unmarried and lived in Västerhaninge.

Both Sgts joined the Swedish Contingent of the United Nations Force in Cyprus on 25th of October 1972, and belonged to the first platoon named Galleria.

Sgt Edenborg's "Mr Landrover", Sergeant Bruce Wallace, takes an active part in badminton activities and has recently succeeded in defeating the army champion in friendly matches.

RIDINTRESSET PÅ TOPP

Ända sedan vi hade beriden fanvakt för kungen med anledning av hans 90-årsdag i november, har hästintresset legat på topp bland bataljonens medlemmar. Några ridlärlare behövdes inte eftersom bataljonen själv kunde ställa upp med fyra väl kvalificerade ledarformägor, majorerna Lars Nilsson och Per-Erik Ritzén, löjtnant Gunnar "Stinky" Welin och fan-

junkare Tord Andersson.

Sagt och gjort, man satte igång och 30 elever anmälde sig frivilligt. Faktum är att kursen fortfarande pågår och elevantalet är hittills oförändrat. På bilden jagar "Stinky" förtivlat två av kusarna medan Winn Wallström och Bengt Karlsson tappert klamrar sig fast i sadlarna.



• The Quarter Guard forms up across the main street in Ayios Theodleros.

3 QUEEN'S ROULEMENT

At the beginning of January the three rifle companies of The 3rd Battalion The Queen's Regiment changed their locations.

'A' Company which had been manning the Town Company OPs in Limassol and providing a stand-by platoon, moved to the Kophinou sector.

A Company was relieved in Limassol by B Company who had moved from Zyyi and finally C Company moved from Kophinou to Zyyi, and assumed responsibility for providing the Morphou Gate guard in Nicosia and two-reserve platoons at Zyyi.

VISITORS

The first visitor was the Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. C.L. Tarver MBE. He was followed by the Force Commander a few days later.

SENTRY

Many members of UNFICYP and civilians must have seen the sentry high up on the cliff edge above the Limassol — Nicosia



MEDAL PRESENTATION

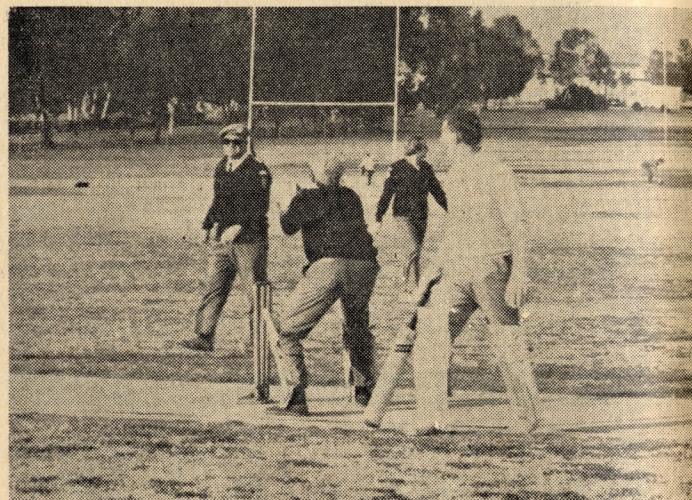
On Wednesday 31st January the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, presented the United Nations medal to the only two senior ranks of the Royal Army Medical Corps serving with the Force, Warrant Officer One B. N. Bagot and Sergeant I. Willcox.

Warrant Officer Bagot has served with the Force since September 1972 and is the Force Health Inspector. Sergeant Willcox has been Chief Clerk to the Chief Medical Officer since October 1972.

visited he was greeted by a quarter guard. Space was restricted and so as the photo shows, the guard formed up across the main street. But the pace of life in Ayios Theodleros is relaxed and the occasional quarter guard blocking the main road inconveniences nobody. In fact the old soldiers amongst the villagers turn out to watch and give the guard an inspection which is at least as severe as that by the inspecting officer.

ROTATION

In two months time, the companies will change locations again for the last time. So again, there will be inspections, quarter guards and visits by senior officers, keeping the soldiers on their toes and impressing the inhabitants that the UN means business.



BRITCON NEWS

WINTER CRICKET

Austcivpol beat 3 Queen's in a friendly cricket match held at Akrotiri by 42 runs.

Power and Waterman, producing 66 runs between them in flamboyant style, enabled the Australians to declare at 120 for 8. 3 Queen's opening batsman Crumley (12) and Oakley (7) seemed to be settling in, but Power and Waterman hurling the ball with great power and speed started to return the batsmen to the pavilion at an ever increasing rate, taking 6 wickets for 48 runs between them. Toppin with a fighting 30 held the Australians at bay, but apart from this innings and a slight tail waggle by McDonnell and Bull producing eleven runs for the last wicket, 3 Queen's batsmen were in poor form being dismissed for 78.



• Private K.G. Hubble on duty high up on the cliff edge at Mari.



• Wolfe Tone Camp pictured during the rain on the night of 26 January 1973.



• "Where's that hammer gone".



• Sergeant Kieran Wyse checks the aerial in Wolfe Tone Camp after the storm.

IRCON NEWS

PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

• Signalman John Killalea of the Signal Section, 23 Infantry Group is our personality this week. Signalman Killalea, a radio operator, is 19 years of age and has been two years in the army. This is his first tour of duty with UNFICYP and like his fellow members of the Signal Section he is extremely busy operating radios, doing his share of duty on the switchboard in Wolfe Tone Camp and taking his turn at showing



MP NOTEBOOK

ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

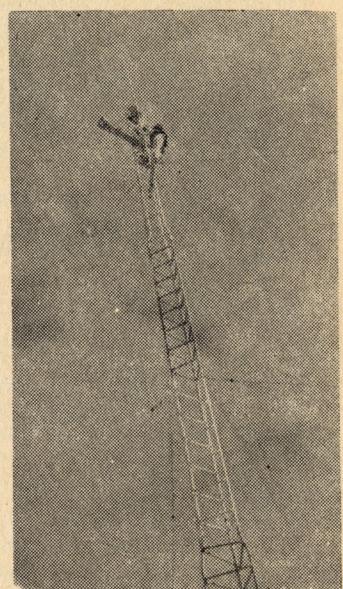
Week Ending 2 Feb 73	— 11
Same Period	
Last Year	— 10
Total This Year	— 41
Same Period	
Last Year	— 35

Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:
DRIVING WITHOUT DUE CARE AND ATTENTION.

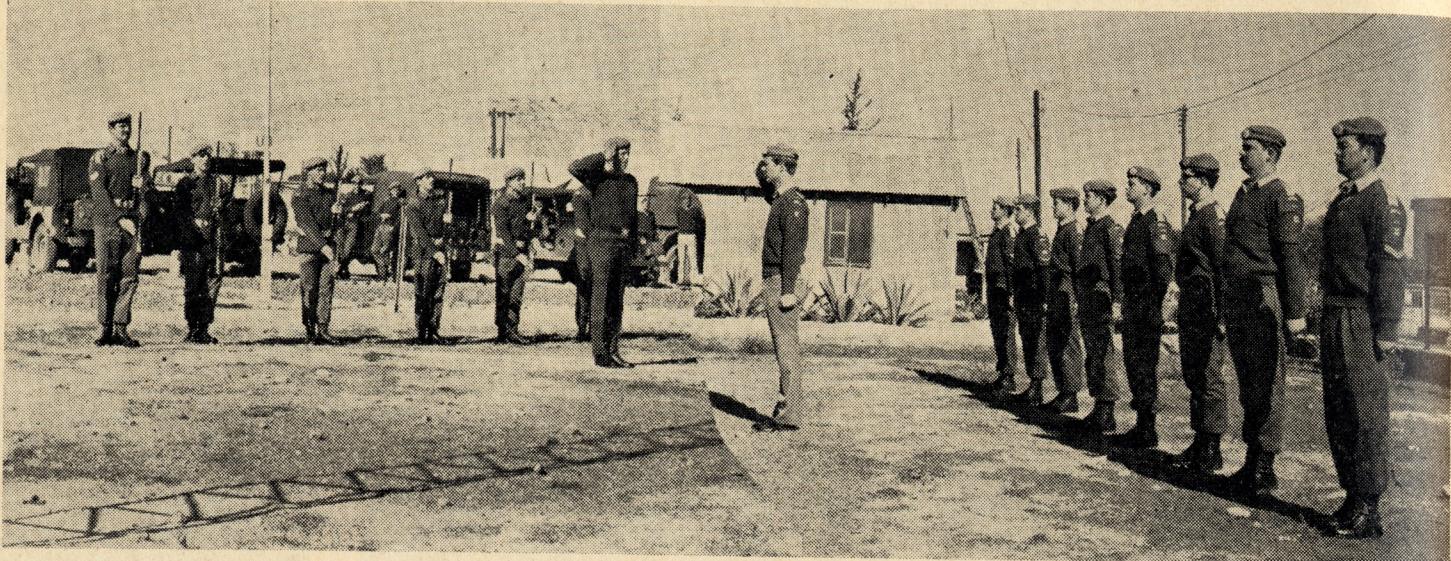
• Signalman John Killalea.

OH LORD! DON'T LET THE RAIN COME DOWN

The torrential rain which fell on the night of 26 January provoked different reactions among members of 23 Infantry Group. The "Doc" grabbed his camera and took some photos, drivers had to use four-wheel drive in camp and most people probably said a silent prayer that the huts in Wolfe Tone Camp would keep out the rain.



HANDING OVER - TAKING OVER



• The 3rd Battalion The Queen's Regiment.

LOUROUJINA ^ HANDOVER

On Thursday 1 February, Lieutenant John Almstrom and his crew from Suburb (A) Company took part in a formal handover of duties for the Louroujina Sector from his 3rd Battalion The Queen's Regiment counterpart, Lieutenant J. Ewart.

With Lieutenant Almstrom were the following members of the Canadian Contingent, Master Corporal Freeman, Corporal Dunsforth, Privates Allen, Jones, McKertcher, Meredith, Porteous and Sanford.

Their tasks involve a series of unarmed foot and mobile patrols in Landrovers. This change in employment is a welcome change



PISTOL COMPETITION

On 21 January four of the Battalions active pistol shooters participated in a friendly competition involving other UN entries from Fincon, Swedcon and Auscon.

Maj Gerry Wharton, Capt Gary Whiting, Capt Chuck Franklin and Lt Art Wilson were Concon's team entry and they were treated to a fine display of weapon handling and marksmanship by the Swedcon team captain who has been involved in competitive shooting for over twelve years. His name was "Red" as far as

CANADIAN FORCES DECORATION



WEAPON TRAINING

On 29 January, Captain Doug Bird, Warrant Officer Al Park and the remainder of the Headquarter Company Reserve Platoon motored down to the Dhekelia ranges to put a few rounds of .50 calibre and 106 mm downrange.

They were joined at the ranges by ten members from Swedcon who had asked for familiarization training on the guns and practice to boot. The shoot was beneficial to both parties and it proved to be an instructive and entertaining

morning.
Swedcon now knows that cotton batten alone is insufficient against the whisper of the 106mm.

CANCON NEWS



Cancon was concerned simply because we couldn't pronounce his name. We'll see him again I'm sure.

Fincon provided the range staff and the range party, Cancon the ammunition (eventually) and Swedcon the high scores.

Upon completion all ranks were invited to a Finnish Sauna and "Kepis" — an outstanding end to a gentlemen's afternoon.

The picture above shows Lieutenant Art Wilson having his target checked.



Majuri Matikainen ottaa vastaan Martin kapteeni Niemiseltä. Todistajina Ykkösestä ylil Tikkanen (vas), kers (nyk) Kojo ja alik Lauttajärvi.

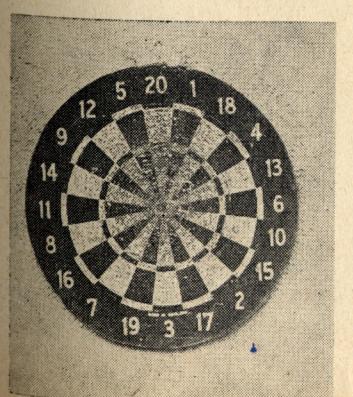


TIKANHEITTO VAATII TARKKUUTTA JA TAITOA

Tikanheitto taitaa olla yleisin harrastusmuoto koko Finconin alueella, mutta kilpailumielessä siihen ei ole kai sen paremmi syvennytys. Sen sijaan anglosaksisella rintamalla tikanheitto niin yksilöiden kuin joukkueiden väillä on perin suosittua eikä se rajoitu pelkästään pubien asiakkaiden väliksi. Sen vuoksi luultavasti tikanheitto on sisällytetty kevätkauden urheiluohjelmaan. Finconhan kohtaa 16. helmikuuta Iricon; ja jos onnea riittää, jatkossa viikko myöhemmin vahvennetun Unficipin joukkueen. Ensi viikon tiistaina pataljoonan parhaista valitaan lopullinen joukkue.

Ensinnäkin tarvitaan englantilainen tikkataulu, ja niitä onkin nyt hankittu joka yksikköön. Taulu on jaettu kahteenkymmenen numeroituun sektoriin. Lisäksi musta keskusta antaa 50 pistettä, valkoinen keskusta 25 pistettä, sisempi kehä kolminkertainen ja ulompi kehä kaksinkertainen määrä.

Jämäjäisten lisäksi on Finconissa juhlittu muitakin historiallisia tapahtumia. Kun alikersanti Uusi-Seppä lähti seikkailemaan mannermaalle, hän ennen lähtöään luovutti juhlistesi pataljoonan vanhimman alikersantin arvonimen alik Riikoselle. Mieleenpäin uva tilaisuuksista oli kuulemma nostanut kyyneleen monen läsnäolijan silmäkulmaan.



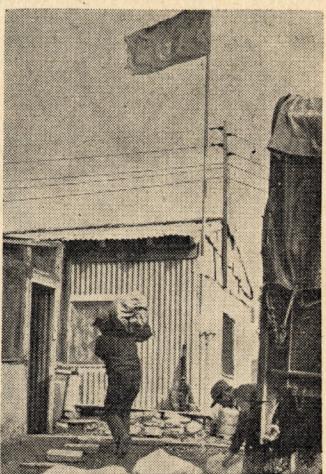
FINCON NEWS



Jääkäri Martti Rossi (vas) sai 15 kuukauden palvelun jälkeen alikersantin natsat. Kersantti Tomminen puolestaan on syystäkin tytyväinen "jäimistään".

MARTTI TAAS KAKKOSELLE

Vasta runsas puoli vuotta sitten Kakkosen jäätäkärit huokasivat omien puheidensa mukaan helpotuksesta, kun Martti siirtyi heidän vastuultaan Ykköselle. 1. JK:n jäätäkärit eivät kuulemma tekää samoin, sillä komppania on luontevaan perin kaupunkilainen, ja silloin tällöin on mukava päästä maaseudulle lepämään. Toisaalta vasta puolen vuoden sisällä tulleet eivät tiedä eivätkä tajua, kuinka kuumaa Martti on kesäheteessä. Ja tätä hellettä riittää toukokuusta syyskuuhun. Siis aihetta helpotuksen huokaukseen varmasti olisi.



—Vai ei posti muka kulje, tuumi postimestari, kun tämän kuvan näki. Siinä kuitenkin Kakkosen miehistö majooitetti Marttiin.

FLUNSSA UHKAA

-Flunssa ei sinänsä ole mikään vaarallinen tauti, mutta jos sitä ei kunnolla hoida, voi aiheuttaa jälkisairauksia, jotka saattavat johtaa jopa kuolemaan, toteaa pataljoonan lääkäri, lääk maj Erik Hagman. -Koska tänne on nyt saatu A 2-rokotetta, on jokaisen, joka ei ole sairastanut flunssaa viime vuonna tai tämän vuoden alussa, syytä ottaa tämä suojarokote. Se on tietysti vapaaehtoista. Joka tapauksessa 60 o/o piikin ottaneista säistyvät sairastumiselta.

A 2 eli aasialainen tai englantilainen on perusluonteeltaan aina sama virus. Virus levää eläinten, lähinnä sikojen ja kanojen välityksellä, mutta muuttuu vuoden kuluessa aina hieman muotoaan.

UNAB 2 IM KATASTROPHENEINSATZ IN TIMI

In der Nacht vom 26.1.1973 auf 27.1.1973 wurde die mixed village Timi, wenige Meilen ostwärts von Paphos, von schweren Stürmen und Unwettern heimgesucht. Nicht weniger als ein Drittel der ca. 150 Häuser des Dorfes wurden beschädigt, 7 Häuser zur Gänze zerstört. Durch herabstürzende Mauerteile wurde 1 Mann getötet.

Die Stromversorgung des Ortes wurde unterbrochen, durch das Ereignis mehr als 150 Personen obdachlos.

In dieser Situation erbaten am 27.1.1973 die befugten Vertreter der türk. und griech. Zyprioten vom Kommandanten des UNAB 2, Obstlt Kloss, die Hilfeleistung der Österreicher.

Auscon reagierte sofort, 2 Züge der StbKp und der 1. Kp begaben

sich nach Timi und halfen bei den ersten Aufräumungsarbeiten, errichteten Notzelte für die obdachlos gewordenen Familien und legten Hand an, wo immer es notwendig war um den dringendsten Bedürfnissen der beiden Bevölkerungsgruppen entgegenzukommen.

In den Nachmittagsstunden des 27.1.1973 wurde der "Einsatz Timi" erfolgreich abgeschlossen, wobei der prompte Einsatz des Auscon von beider Seite anerkannt wurde.

Einsätze dieser Art sind uns nicht unbekannt. Die Hochwasser — und Katastrophen-einsätze vergangener Jahre in Österreich beweisen es. So war es auch hier ein Gebot der Menschlichkeit zu helfen. Ein Gebot, dem sich Auscon's Soldaten auch im Ausland niemals entziehen werden.



● "Pi-Gerät marsch!"



● Quartiere für die obdachlosen Familien sind dringend notwendig. Der pi-Zug stellte Notzelte auf.

HOBBYTIME

Jede Rotation gibt Gelegenheit neue Talente zu entdecken. Sicher sind auch diesmal Soldaten darunter, die Fertigkeiten haben, die nicht alltäglich sind. Wir suchen das ausgefallenste Hobby bei Auscon. Schildern Sie bitte, in wenigen Worten Ihr Steckenpferd, das Sie auch auf Zypern ausüben (handwerkliche Fähigkeiten, besondere Kenntnisse etc.) und schicken Sie diese Darstellung an das Kommando UNAB 2, PIO, St. Barbara. Einsendungen bis 26.2.1973 werden berücksichtigt. Der Wirtschaftsoffizier Auscon hat einen Anerkennungspreis ausgesetzt.



● Oberleutnant Lenthe auf Postenkontrolle im Camp UNFICYP.

AUSCON NEWS

DER SOHN DES NORDENS

Keine Angst, es folgt kein Heldenepos, denn diese pompöse Überschrift dürfte sogar nicht nach dem Geschmack des Oberleutnant Ekkehard Lenthe sein, der gewohnt ist, seinen Dienst unauffällig, aber umso gewissenhafter zu versehen.

Wenn man mit dem Vornamen Ekkehard heisst, muss man auch damit rechnen im Norden (der Insel) eingesetzt zu werden. Prompt wurde Oberleutnant Lenthe zur 2. Kompanie nach Polis als Zugskommandant befohlen, wo er zwischen der Verwendung als big boss des OP Anadhiou und dem Wachzug Nicosia wechselt. In beiden Verwendungen hat sich dieser drahtige Offizier bestens bewährt.

Oberleutnant Lenthe ist Tambandamateur aus Leidenschaft und so manches hochoffizielle Ereignis wurde von ihm auf Band aufgenommen. Seine sicher schönen Erinnerungen an Zypern speichert er auf diese Weise, um sie später auf Knopfdruck verfügbar zu haben. Praktisch, nicht wahr?