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NEW MONARCH



On Saturday 15th January, Princess Margrethe was officially proclaimed Queen Margrethe the Second of Denmark at a brief ceremony at Christiansborg Palace, Copenhagen, the seat of Government and Parliament.

The 31 year old Queen succeeds her father, King Frederik IX of Denmark, who died on Friday 14th January. King Frederik was taken ill with influenza and a lung infection shortly after he broadcast his New Year message on Radio and Television on New Year's eve. On 3rd January the 72 year old King was taken to hospital suffering from an acute heart attack. His condition improved at the beginning of last week, but on Wednesday he became weaker and spent the last hours of his life in a coma.

King Frederik, who succeeded his father, King Christian X, in 1947, was a lineal descendant from the first Danish King, Gorm the Old, who died about 950 AD when the true Vikings still lived.

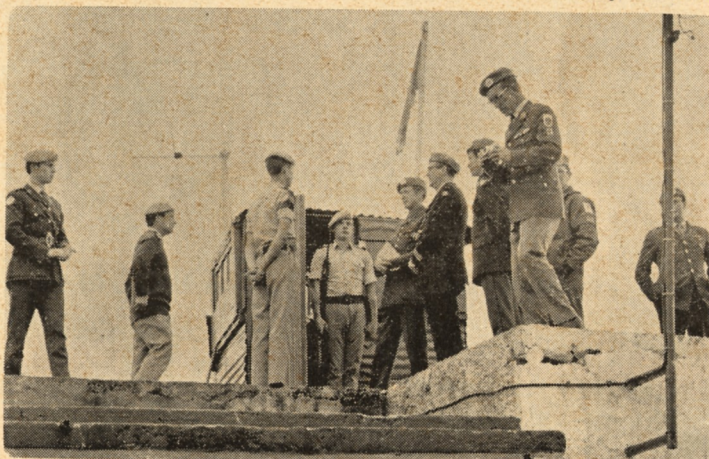
VISIT TO KOPHINO

Kophinou Sector has recently been taken over from the Irish Contingent by the British Contingent. The Force Commander and the Secretary General's Special Representative paid a visit to A Company The Royal Irish Rangers who have now settled in at Kophinou and its various outposts.

The picture shows the visitors descending from OP Skarinou which is perched on a cliff face overlooking a river bed and the main Limassol/Nicosia road, from left Mr. Osorio-Tafall, Major Mark Scott, Officer Commanding Kophinou Sector, The Force Commander, Lieutenant Colonel M.N.S. McCord, Colonel D.E. Thornton and Captain Ahonen.



At a ceremony at Xeros on Saturday 15th January, members of Dancon commemorated their late King Frederik IX.



8 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport handed over duties to 7 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport at Camp UNFICYP on Monday 10 January.



ary. Pictured at the official handover ceremony are from right to left Major P. Palmer, Officer Commanding 8 Squadron, Major A. R. Allum, Officer Commanding 7 Squadron, Warrant Officer Class II E. A. Argust, Squadron Sergeant Major 7 Squadron, Warrant Officer Class II J. Reilly, Squadron Sergeant Major 8 Squadron.

Press Officers' Meeting

On Thursday 13th January, UNFICYP Press Officers met at Polemidhia Camp, Limassol, under the auspices of The Royal Irish Rangers.

The picture shows the Press Officers being briefed by Corporal Eddie Carey at OP Mavroli, Paphos.



Fredag aften kl 2310 meddeltes Dancon, at Hans Majestæt Kongen er afgået ved døden tidligt på aftenen den 14 Januar 1972 på Kommunehospitalets coronarafsnit.

Kongens sygdom begyndte som en influenza, der brød ud umiddelbart efter nytårstalen i radio og TV.

En lungebetændelse stødte til, og mens kongens læge, overkirurg Erik Bandier, 3 januar var på sygebesøg på Amalienborg, fik kongen et lettere hjerteanfald. Det var dette, der gav anledning til indlæggelsen på Kommunehospitalets coronarafsnit hos professor Kurt Iversen.



Fra indlæggelsen mandag formiddag til lørdag morgen var kongen i så god bedring, at lægerne skrev i deres bulletin: kræfterne er ved at vende tilbage. Infektionen var tilsyneladende standset. Kongen var feberfri og kredsløbsfunktionen tilfredsstillende.

Tilbagefaldet kom pludseligt tirsdag morgen. Kongens temperatur steg til 39.4. Tilstanden blev yderligere forværret onsdag og torsdag.

Dancon sender hevmed sin dybeste medfølelse til kongefamilien.

ÆRESPARADE I TROODOS - BJERGENE



i Nicosia, og spejdervognsdelingen tog sig af patruljeringen.

Ulykken skete på den gamle Nicosia-Troodos vej ca. 20 miles SW for Nicosia i nærheden af Makheras klosteret i en voldsom snestorm.

Der er rejst et simpelt trækors, hvor ulykken skete. SG Larsen blev 21 år - KS Hesselbjerg var, da ulykken skete, 20 år.

Efter paraden inviteredes alle til en kop kaffe i munkelostret Makheras med efterfølgende rundvisning.

DANCON



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ATTER MEDALJER TIL "SKÆVE"

Følgende "skæve rotanter" modtog FN-medaljen den 10 januar 1972 kl 0900 i officersmessen i Xeros:

MAJ K.A.Nielsen, CH/LKMP
RLG N.Jensen og
KS N.S.Hansen, STKMP.

Medaljen overrakte af CH/Dancon med motivering for medaljens udlevering.

Efter medaljeoverrækkelsen var der udsækning af et glas sherry, og modtagerne af medaljerne gratuleredes.



Den 10 JAN afholdtes i Troodos bjergene en æresparade for SG N.V.H. Larsen, Jydske Dragonregiment, som 10 JAN 1965 omkom under patruljekørsel med to spejdervogne og en jeep. Den ene spejdervogn væltede ud over en bjergside og styrtede 100 m ned. Vognkommandøren, SG N.V.H. Larsen, blev kastet ud af vognen og dræbt på stedet, medens føreren af vognen, KS Hesselbjerg, ligeledes JDR, blev så hårdt medtaget, at han for altid har mistet sin forlighed.

Dancon var dengang stationeret

HÅRD HINDERTÄVLING SWEDCON TREA I LAG

En tredjeplads i lagtävlingen och en åttondeplats som bäst individuellt blev resultatet av den svenska insatsen i UNFICYP-mästerskapen i hindertävling som Fincon arrangerade 11 jan i Nicosia.

Det var ett mycket kvävande våldsam trötta då de släpade sig över mållinjen. Onckligen märktes det att flera av de deltagande kontingenterna haft stora möjligheter att träna på banan - något som svenskarna gjort endast en gång.

FARBORR SVEN

TÄNKER PÅ OSS

Ingen tvekan om att personalen vid den Svenska FN-kontingenten var i tankarna på allas vår farbror Sven Jerring under jul och nyårshelgen. Farbror Sven som nu är 76 år gör inga fler radioprogram bland svenska soldater i utlandstjänst. Men han minns oss. Bl a framkom det i ett stort reportage i Expressen den 2 jan där han för reportern visade fram den nyårshälsning han fick från oss här på Cypern.

Individuell segrare blev Haanjoki från Fincon med tiden 2.26. Vår MP i Xeros Kjell-Åke Gustafsson kom på åttonde plats med tiden 2.36.3, Paul Rimpä på 11:e med 2.39.5 och Sune Palm på 13:e med tiden 2.42.5. Britcon segrade i lag följd av Fincon.

BILDERNA: Nedtill sköljer Kjell-Åke Gustafsson av sig efter det svettiga loppet och till höger är det Nils-Arne Andersson som sliter med handgranatkastning.



DAGS FÖR STORFOTBOLL

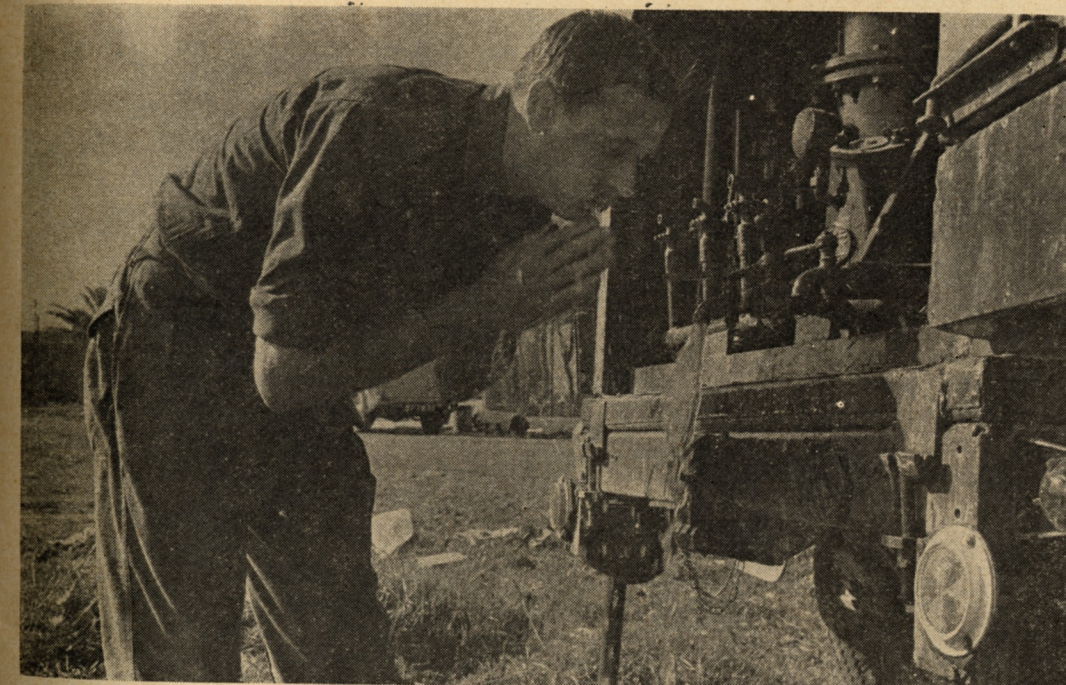
Det händer för närvarande en hel del på den idrottsliga fronten. UNFICYP-mästerskapen i hinderbana skildras i reportage ovan och vidare är det dags för att sparka igång fotbollen. 21 januari går Swedcons första match mot danskarna i Xeros.

Den 2 och 7 feb blir det så hemmamatcher för oss vilka spelas i Famagusta Old City och då möter Swedcon Royal Husars respektive Ircon.

Svensk domarrepresentant blir Christer Östfeldt från Linköping.

Deltagarna i UNFICYP:s fotbollsturnering är indelade i två grupper och de två bästa lagen i varje grupp går vidare till en finalgrupp. Hela tävlingen är upplagd som utslagsturnering.

Vidare ett annat UNFICYP-mästerskap står för dörren. Det är badminton som spelas 28-29 jan.



CAMPENS

STÄDPATRULL

Det finns en styrka inom CGC som ännu inte skymtat i våra presspalter eller blivit "illa" skildrad i radioprogram. Här tar redaktionspersonalen dock igen vad de missat och presenterar hela tre man ur den så oerhört viktiga campplutonen. Det är ju som alla väl känner till ett mycket nyttigt jobb de utför.

Se bara på bilden till höger där Sune Palm, S. Unnerud, Kjell Jakobsson, Mellerud och Sven Gustafsson från Göteborg piskar stora offmässmattan. Så som det dammar verkar det vara mer än välbehövligt att vädra denna golvprydnad.



SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos



● The Force Commander at OP Bunker where he inspected the Guard, toured the accommodation, and was briefed by Corporal Lewers on the OP's tasks.

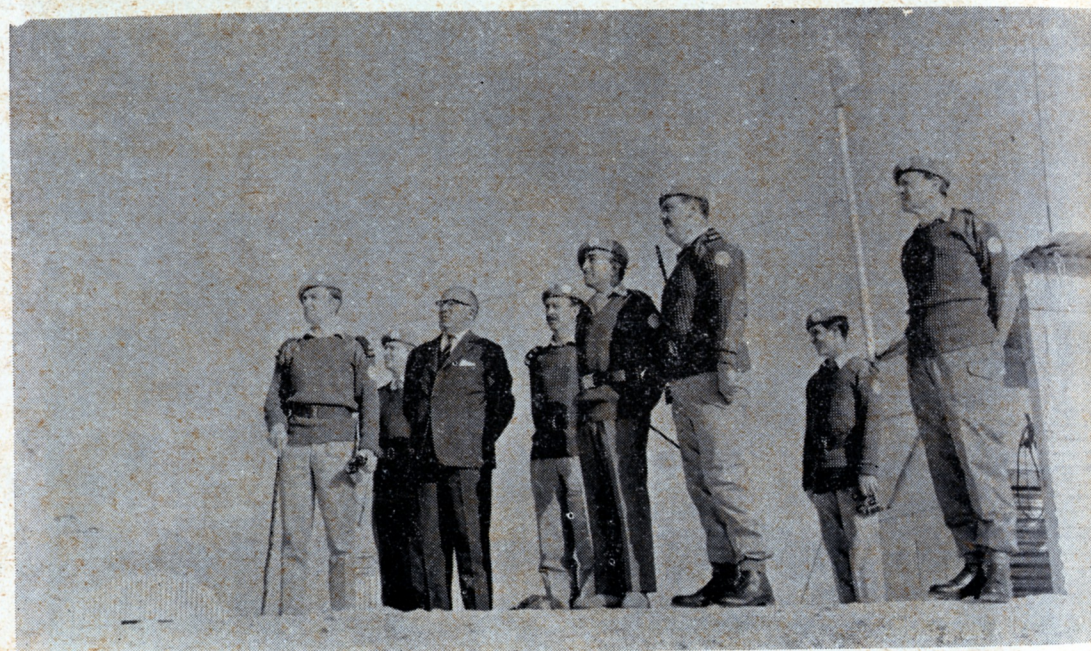
VISITS

The Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, and the Secretary-General's Special Representative, Mr Osorio-Tafall, accompanied by Colonel D.E. Thornton, Combritcon, flew from HQ UNFICYP, on Tuesday 11th January, in a Whirlwind Helicopter from 1563 Flight (Nicosia) piloted by Squadron Leader Black, to Kophinou where they were met by Lieutenant Colonel M. N. S. McCord, Officer Commanding the Royal Irish Rangers, and Major M. Scott, Officer Commanding Kophinou Sector.

Kophinou Sector has recently changed hands. Members of Ircon's 21 Infantry Group handed over the area to A Company. The Royal Irish Rangers, and reduced to Company Group strength, responsible for Larnaca Sector.

The visitors were briefed by Major Scott at Kophinou and visited several of the Observation Posts in the sector. These were OP Bunker, which overlooks the village of Kophinou, OP Skarinou which is situated on a cliff overlooking the main Limassol/Nicosia road, Blackbridge OP which is in the village of Ayios Theodoros and OP Mari. They then returned by helicopter to Nicosia to watch the Inter Contingent Obstacle Race which was sponsored by Fincon.

BRITCON NEWS



● From left to right Major M. Scott, Captain R. Ahonen, Mr Osorio-Tafall, Lieutenant Colonel M. N. S. McCord, The Force Commander, Corporal Lewers, the OP Duty Ranger and Colonel D. E. Thornton.

CAPTION . . . !!



● The editor's team spent several happy minutes fitting captions to this picture of Second Lieutenant Dan Windham overcoming an obstacle in the Inter Contingent Obstacle

Race. He came, by the way, tenth (not bad for an officer — as someone said). Anyhow, choose your caption and send it to us, with a £1 entry fee. Winner receives six months free supply of "The Blue Beret".

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY, LOVELY, MONEY!!!

£10,300 that is the amount of money you are looking at in the

pay books of members of 8 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport. Lieutenant John Hall was provided with a hefty escort just in case... well you never know!



SAD TO BE GOING

Last night, HQ Coy, of the 21 Irish Infantry Group, waited silently at Nicosia Airport, for the Aer Lingus plane that would take them home.

They were sad to be leaving Cyprus, having completed only half of their tour of duty, but when the big familiar shamrock of Aer Lingus appeared in the sky a very noticeable change came over them. They realised that they were going back to Ireland, and that another few hours would see them speeding through Dublin to their homes all over the country; a prospect which would cheer any Irishman's heart. However nice Cyprus is, for us it could never beat home.

"NIL aon tinteán mar do thintean fein."

● The Force Commander, Major General Prem Chand, visited Zyyi, on Monday January 4th to bid farewell to the troops of the 21 Inf. Gp. who were returning home. Here he is seen talking to Pte O'Shea of the headquarter guard.



LETTER FROM THE TAXMAN

Morale in "B" Company 21 Infantry Group took a sharp plunge for a few days last week, when they received the usual New Year's letter from the taxman.

He is the one man who sincerely means it when he says "I hope you have a PROSPE-ROUS New Year". Again as usual the single man was the hardest hit. However, he can drown his sorrows with the thoughts that what little is left for him by the taxman, is at least entirely for himself.

Our picture (above) shows Corporal Jinks reluctantly accepting his fate from Sergeant Roach. On the right, Corporal Cullen, for once, is struck silent.



IRCON NEWS



● Leaving Cyprus is nothing new to Pipe Major Walter Sullivan. Packing his pipes for the ninth time, Sergeant Sullivan, holder of the Distinguished Service Medal for UN service, fell in his band and marched out of Delaney Camp, Zyyi, yesterday en route for Ireland. Apart from his service in Cyprus, Sergeant Sullivan has to his credit three tours of duty in the Congo, and has played the pipes for Ireland in Paris and Brussels.

THE PIPE BAND'S FAREWELL

Sergeant Sullivan (front left) about to lead the Pipe Band of the 21 Irish Infantry Group out of the Delaney Camp, Zyyi, yesterday on their way home. We are sorry to see them go and regret that they will not be with us for the occasions and engagements of the future. Appreciation is extended to them for their services to us in the past.





CHACUN SON TOUR

Pour faciliter aux hommes du 2eR22eR une célébration de Noël sans dérangements, les officiers et sous-officiers supérieurs du Bataillon ont remplacé les hommes aux postes d'observation le soir de Noël. Ci-contre le Lt Claude Langlois, officier du Bien-Etre remplit sa mission à Paphos Gate.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

"ALLO PAPA"

La petite Andreeanne Taillefer 5 ans est déjà une grande voyageuse. La fille du Capitaine Raymond Taillefer de la Cie de Soutien, Adréanne, a fait le voyage du Canada à Chypre toute seule pour voir son père qui évidemment était très fier de sa "grande fille".



● Le caporal René Raymond, mieux connu sous le nom de "AULARD LES MEUBLES" est le chauffeur/signaleur de l'officier des opérations 'A'. La carrière d'AULARD lui fit passer trois ans en Corée avec les trois bataillons du Royal 22e Régiment, trois tours de service en Allemagne, un tour au Congo et il en est à son troisième tour à Chypre. On n'a plus les 22e que l'on avait...

UN EXPERT EN BICYCLETTES

Le 2eR22eR a reçu la visite inattendue d'un expert en bicyclettes récemment. Alberto Leblanc de Maria, P.Q. fait présentement le tour du monde à bicyclette. Il est parti de Montréal en Août 1968 et espère retourner en Septembre de cette année, donc une durée de quatre ans. Jusqu'à maintenant il a visité entre 75 et 80 pays et il terminera son voyage aux jeux Olympiques de Munich. Présentement il discute de bicyclettes avec un membre des "Van Doss" le caporal J. M. L'italien. Une chose leur est commune en ce que M. Leblanc a servi avec l'oncle du caporal L'italien au cours de la deuxième guerre mondiale.



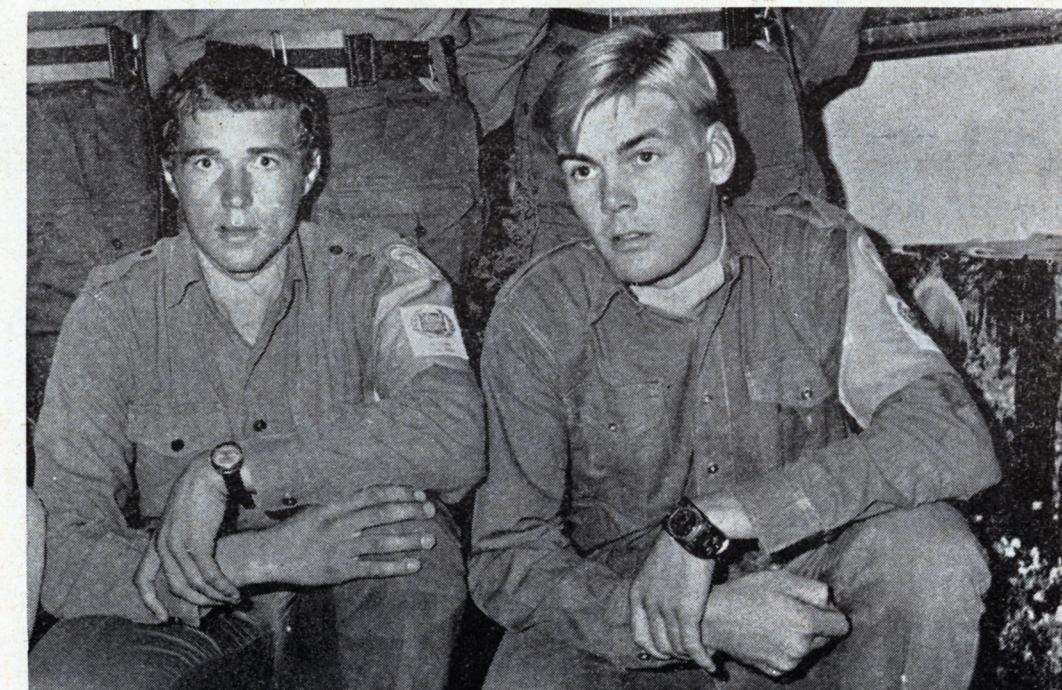
Kontingenttien väliset kuntosatakilpailut

pidettiin 11.1.1972 Omorphitissa. Kauniin sään vallitessa saatiin kilpailut läpi viedyksi suuremmista kommelluksista. FINCON vanhan tavan mukaan piti jälleen lippunsa korkealla, vaikkakin joukkuekilpailussa jäimmekin toiseksi. Henkilökohtaisessa kilpailussa saimekin sitten mieltä lämmittävän kaksoisvoiton. Tässäpä sitten koko sivullinen kilpailujen kuvasatoa.

Joukkuekilpailun tulokset

1. Britcon 2.37,1
2. Fincon 2.43,6
3. Swedcon 2.50,1
4. Cancon 3.01,8
5. Ircon 3.21,9
6. Force Reserve 3.32,3

FINCON NEWS



RANK	NAME	CON	TIME
1 PTE	HAANJOKI	FIN	2.26
2 PTE	KEMPPAINEN	FIN	2.27.9
3 Cpl	O'MARA	BRIT	2.29.2
4 Pte	RÖNTYENEN	FIN	2.30
5 Rqr	SMALL	BRIT	2.30.1
6 Lcpl	KEANE	BRIT	2.30.7
7 Rqr	Mc CULLOUGH	BRIT	2.31.9
8 Rqr	Mc CLURE	BRIT	2.35
9 Ssgt	GUSTAVSSON	SWED	2.36.3
10 S/LT	WINDHAM	BRIT	2.36.9

Pastorin virkistysmatka

Sunnuntaina tammikuun 23 päivänä klo 10 lähdetään Kykkosta matkalle Xeroxseen ja kalanviljelylaitoksella. Tervetuloa.

Henkilökohtaisen kilpailun voittajat jääkäri Kemppainen ja jääkäri Haanjoki.



OBSTACLE RACE COMPETITION

The Inter Contingent Obstacle Race Competition took place at Nicosia on 11th January. The event was sponsored by Fincon who are to be congratulated on the smooth running of the event and for the delicious soup they provided for spectators and competitors alike.

The individual results were as follows:

1. Private Haanjoki, Fincon, 2.26.0, 2. Private Kemppainen, Fincon, 2.27.9, 3. Corporal O'Mara, Britcon, 2.29.2, 4. Private Röntynen, Fincon, 2.30.0, 5. Ranger Small, Britcon, 2.30.1, 6. Lance Corporal Keane, Britcon, 2.30.7, 7. Ranger McCul-

lough, Britcon, 2.31.9, 8. Ranger McClure, Britcon, 2.35.0, 9. Staff Sergeant Gustavsson, Swedcon, 2.36.3, 10. Lieutenant Windham, Britcon, 2.36.9.

The team results: 1. Royal Irish Rangers, 2. Fincon, 3. Swedcon, 4. Cancon, 5. Force Reserve, 6. Ircon.

Lieutenant Colonel E. T. Lehtovirta, Commander Fincon, presented the prizes on behalf of the Force Commander, who attended part of the competition having to leave, regretfully, before the prize giving to attend a meeting. All competitors are to be congratulated for their stalwart efforts. Fincon also presented three Finnish hunting knives as prizes to the best three non-Finnish competitors.



● Lieutenant Colonel E. T. Lehtovirta presents the prize to the individual winner of the race, Private Haanjoki, of Fincon.



● The team from the 1st Battalion The Royal Irish Rangers who won the team competition.



MP NOTEBOOK

ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

Week Ending		
14 Jan 72	—	4
Same Period		
Last Year	—	5
Total This Year	—	10
Same Period		
Last Year	—	12

Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:

**DRIVING WITHOUT
DUE CARE AND
ATTENTION.**