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VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

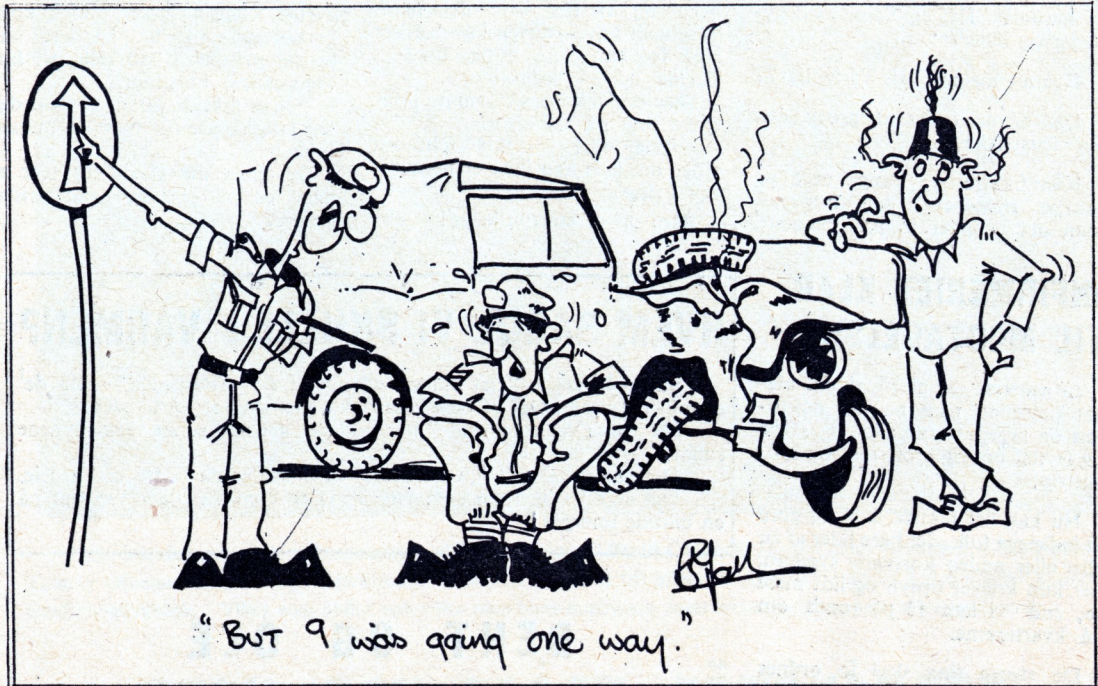
An Inter-Contingent volleyball tournament will be hosted by the Canadian Contingent on 8 December at the gymnasium, Wolseley Barracks. Nine teams, including teams from Camp UNFICYP and the United Nations Civilian Police, will compete in the day long event.

The tournament will start at 0855 hours with a welcoming address by Colonel C.E. Beattie, C.D. Commander of the Canadian Contingent. The first game will commence at 0915 hours. The competition will be single elimination with each match consisting of three games. The Canadian Contingent will host all players and spectators for lunch at Headquarters Company kitchen.

Major General D. Prem Chand, the Force Commander, will present trophies to the

winning team at 1730 at the gymnasium. After the presen-

tations a barbeque will be held for all competitors.



INTERCONTINGENT SQUASH

This competition was won by HQ UNFICYP "B" team who beat HQ UNFICYP "A" team in a closely contested final. As can be seen from the scores the games were closely contested with the result in doubt until the last point. Scores were ("A" team first):- Corporal Butler beat Captain Aitken 9-6, 6-9, 9-2, 9-3; Captain Starwing lost to Major Cain 9-5, 5-9, 8-10, 5-9; Major General Prem Chand lost to Major Lamond 8-10, 1-9, 8-10. Our photograph shows Captain Starwing (left) in play against Major Cain.



The Force Commander visited 'D' Squadron while it was at exercise in the field. He saw a troop demonstrating a road block and searching cars. Although the Force Commander arrived in his staff car he returned to his Headquarters in great style, commanding a Ferret Scout Car from the exercise area to his office.

It is not every day that Lcpl Jones, the driver, can boast at having a Major General as his car commander.



VILLAGERS PRAISE UN-SOLDIER

Corporal "Jack" Horner, 3 Queen's while on patrol in Kophinou the other day, spotted one of the houses in the village blazing. On reaching the scene of the fire he asked people in the crowd that had gathered, whether or not anybody was still in the house; finding himself unable to communicate with them, he plunged through the flames into the house, where he found an elderly woman huddled by a burning bed, he gathered her up and carried her to safety.

of Kophinou now know they can always trust the United Nations troops to help them in times of domestic emergency", and presented him with a bottle of whiskey.

He then organised his patrol and the local villagers into a fire fighting team and eventually extinguished the fire.

The local village committee said of Corporal Horner, "he had much courage, and the village committee and people

OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that UNFICYP announces the death of Master Corporal J. R. Lessard on 1 Dec. 72 from asphyxiation at Maple Leaf Manor in the district of Nicosia. MCpl J. R. Lessard was single and came from Montreal Quebec.

He had been serving with the Canadian Contingent of the United Nations Force in Cyprus since 9 Oct 72.

MEDICAL BRANCH HEADQUARTERS MEDICAL CENTRE CAMP UNFICYP

Many changes have taken place since our last contribution to Blue Beret, both at Medical Branch, Headquarters, and Medical Centre, Camp UNFICYP. Still in the "hot seat" as Chief Medical Officer is Colonel J. G. P. Power, late RAMC, who has been seen recently sharpening needles in preparation for his annual Influenza vaccination programme!

Warrant Officer I Brian Bagot has replaced Warrant Officer I T. Morris as Force Health Inspector. Mr Bagot, contrary to popular belief, does exist, but has said that he is so busy he may be difficult to find! Sergeant L. Cave has vacated the chair of Chief Clerk to return to the wilds of Woolwich and has passed on his exalted (?) position to Sergeant I. Willcox from Aldershot. In charge of the Medical Centre at Camp UNFICYP is Corporal J. Silkstone from Millbank, ably assisted by Corporal D. Forbes (Tidworth), Lance Corporal Pollock has returned to Aldershot and handed over to Lance Corporal A. Kavanagh (no one has that long to do!) who has joined us from Tidworth. Our staff at the Medical Centre is completed by our drivers from 36 Squadron, Drivers A. McCready and "Barney" Barsby, Ambulance drivers, and the Chief Medical Officer's driver, A. Footitt.

For the Medal Parade on Wednesday 24 November, Lance Corporal Pollock was lucky enough to be chosen as our one and only representative and was, in fact, a member of the medal presentation

In addition, a close liaison is maintained with the Civilian Medical and Health Authorities in Nicosia and the surrounding areas. This has been of importance during the recent Cholera outbreak in Syria and so far there have been no reported cases in Cyprus.

Busiest person in the Branch is undoubtedly Sergeant Will-

cox whose work is never done, he can be found any day slaving over a hot typewriter. He complains that his fingers will need a 6 000 miles service shortly. His afternoons and weekends are now spent sight-seeing around the island, frantically shooting off reels of film with his newly acquired camera. His agility with a camera is only surpassed by that of the Force Health Inspector as he cavorts around the Badminton Court doing his "thing". It is said that he's lost two inches around the waist line through bending down to pick up the shuttlecock.

That is a quick rundown on the happy, healthy and healing personnel of Medical Branch

and their activities. There is always a welcome for visitors either at the Branch or at the Medical Centre.

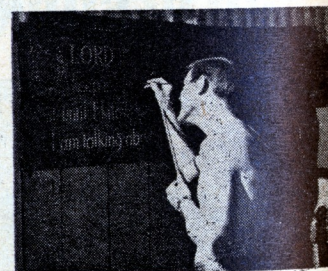


● Corporal J. Silkstone, RAMC

QUIZ PRIZE WINNER



Sergeant Geoff Northey receiving the United Nations Top Star Festival record from the MPIO after sending in a correct solution to the quiz set in the November edition of the UNFICYP International Radio Programme.



● Private Brian Matthews the Battalion signwriter putting the finishing touches to one of his "Master Pieces", in Polemedhia camp.



● Corporal Silkstone, Lance Corporal Kavanagh, Drivers Barsby, McCready and Footitt.



● Medical officers attending CMO's conference.

party having his medal presented personally by the Force Commander.

"Happening" of the month was the Chief Medical Officer's 25th UNFICYP Medical Conference which was attended by the Medical Officers from all the different Contingents. The event was held on Thursday 30 November followed by an afternoon visit to Charalambides new milk and cheese dairy at Nicosia. This conference helps to ensure the closest liaison is maintained between the Contingents and matters of a medical nature are standardised throughout the Force.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

Among the many sports actively played by 3 Queen's is rugby football. Right is a photograph of scrum-half Lance Corporal Beni Bennett about to beat a man to score the first battalion try of the season.

The game against Griffons United was won by 29 points to 6 points.



BRITCON NEWS

OBSERVATION POSTS

If work on the new camp has not yet started the position regarding the building of new shelters for our Observation Posts is very different. The shelters at present in use are old and rather small and, in winter time especially, are not very suitable. So the members of the Group are delighted to see the skill and speed with which Sergeant Danny O'Neill, our Engineer Sergeant, and his staff are tackling the tasks of building the new shelters.

have edequate space both for themselves and their equipment.

Perhaps the most important point, at this time of the year, is that the shelters will be big enough to contain heaters and with the very noticeable change in temperature, particularly at night, this is one aspect of the new shelters which will please observers like Privates Pat Conneely and Stevie Power in the coming months.

It seems as if the Engineer Section is determined to have the new shelters completed before work on the new camp has even commenced.

Nobody in 23 Infantry Group will complain if this in fact does happen because in the new shelters, which will be much more spacious than the old ones, the men on duty will



● Private Pat Conneely in one of the shelters soon to be replaced.

NEW CAMP

Personnel of 23 Infantry Group still wait for work to begin on the new camp which will be built just off the Artemis Road near the Salt Lake. The optimists in Wolfe Tone Camp expect the move to the new camp to take place in about ten weeks time others point out that despite the planning, discussions, measuring, placing of stakes in the ground and all the visits by VIPs, the earth at the site has yet to be disturbed by a workman.

PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

Our personality this week, Corporal Dessie McGrath, is one of the better known members of 23 Infantry Group as he is the Commanding Officer's driver. Corporal McGrath whose home station is Athlone where he serves with 4 Garrison Supply and Transport Company, is married with 3 children and in his spare time is a keen shooting and fishing enthusiast. He is very expe-



● Corporal Dessie McGrath



● Private Stevie Power on duty at Observation Post "Seafrost".

SPORT NEWS

Soccer.

Our Soccer team continues to improve and at Larnaca Stadium on Wednesday 29 November 1972 extended its winning run by beating Headquarters Company, 3 Battalion, Queens Regiment by 7-1. A feature of the game was the impressive debut of Corporal "J.J." Coy at centre half. Corporal Brendan Ryan also had a very good game scoring three goals. The other goals



● Sergeant John Ging (Centre in light shorts) clears under pressure in the game against Headquarters Company, 3 Queens

were scored by Private Jimmy Green (2), Lieutenant Terry Young and Corporal Coy (penalty) while Corporal Knighting replied with a goal from a penalty.

VOLLEYBALL

Our volleyball league continues amid great excitement and in addition a series of matches between the Officers of the Group and UNFICYP has started. At time of writing each team has won a match.

Squash. Our team was beaten 2-1 by Force Reserve in the Square League.

MP NOTEBOOK

ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

Week Ending	
1 Dec 72	— 8
Same Period	
Last Year	— 6
Total This Year	— 328
Same Period	
Last Year	— 294

Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:

DRIVING WITHOUT DUE CARE AND ATTENTION

IRCON NEWS

VORBILDLICHES WORKSHOP IN ST. PATRICK'S CAMP

Spezialisten leisten mehr, das ist sicher richtig, aber Leistungen, besonders solche die der Allgemeinheit dienen, erledigen sich nicht von selbst. Viel Fleiss, Idealismus, nicht zuletzt aber auch fundiertes handwerkliches Koennen, bilden die Grundlage. Wenn Auscon's Kraftfahrzeugpark, soweit es die Service-Betreuung und Instandsetzung ausgefallener Fahrzeuge aller Typen betrifft, sehr gut dasteht, dann ist es in erster Linie das Verdienst der im Workshop eingeteilten Unteroffiziere und Soldaten, die eben das beruehmte Etwas, das den Erfolg ausmacht, beitragen. Wenn dabei auch viel Freizeit draufgeht, es kuummert sie wenig und der Erfolg gibt ihnen recht.

Aber betrachten wir doch einmal die Workshop-Crew: Offizierstellvertreter Zeiler, Instandsetzungszugskommandant und Mech-Unteroffizier

Oberwachtmeister Mueller, Stellvertretender Kommandant des Instandsetzungszuges und Mech-Unteroffizier Offizierstellvertreter Granzl, Geraeteverwaltungstrupp Korporal Scheitler, Kraftfahrzeugmechaniker Gefreiter Tschank, Kraftfahrzeugmechaniker Gefreiter Konrad, Kraftfahrzeugspengler Jeaeger Reinprecht, Kraftfahrzeugelektriker.

Dieses Team schafft die monatliche Betreuung von ca 60 Kraftfahrzeugen die Haelfte englischer Provenienz, sowie

den regelmaessigen Service-dienst fuer 9 Steyr Lastkraftwagen, 6 VW-Busse und 11 Puch Haflinger, und repariert neben der "normalen" Instandsetzung auch "das, was gerade an — oder ausfaellt."

Es soll aber nicht verschwiegen werden, dass ein Mann besonderen Anteil an der erfolgreichen Arbeit unseres "Rehabilitierungszentrums fuer Kraftfahrzeuge" hat: Sergeant Graham Basset, der in jeder Weise ein sachkundiger Berater und Helfer, aber auch ein Freund ist, mit dem man, wie es bei uns heisst, getrost "Pferde stehlen kann".

Die vom Workshop betreuten Fahrzeuge waren fuer die Oesterreicher am Beginn absolutes "Neuland", da Landrover, Bedford, aber auch die Staffcars ziviler Bauart (Mazda, Opel), in Oesterreich nicht zu den Heereskraftfahrzeugen zaehlen. Solche "Kleinigkeiten"

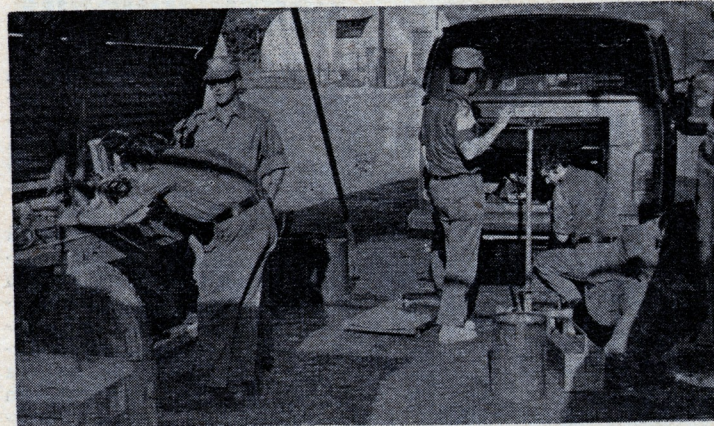
stoerten kaum. Die vorbildliche Betreuung aller Typen erfolgt zuverlaessig und puenktlich, so als ob das schon immer so gewesen waere.

Das nebenbei auch die Fahrzeuge der Austcivpol gewartet werden, bedarf wohl keiner besonderen Erwaehnung.

Sicherlich erwartet man von Soldaten, dass sie ihre Pflicht erfullen, gleichgueltig wohin man sie stellt. Wird aber das Soll bei weitem ueberzogen, bedarf es zwingend einer besonderen Erwaehnung. Denn: Vorbildliche Leistungen sind keinesfalls selbstverstaendlich!



● Eine Pruefung auf "Herz und Nieren".



● Das bewaehrte Team an der Arbeit.



● ...und zwischendurch ein "paar Kleinigkeiten".

EINFACH ZUM NACHDENKEN

Wir leben im Camp, auf einem Op, im Feldspital, oder bei der Austrian Civpol, wo es kaum Frauen zu sehen gibt. Fuer uns Oesterreicher gar nicht so leicht zu verstehen. Kein Wunder, dass auf Weanden, Kaesten, Schreibtischen und Truhen Frauen — und Maedchenfotos angebracht sind — versehen mit mehr oder weniger Textilien. Wir sind Soldaten, daher nicht zimperlich. Ein huebches Maedchen ist einfachetwas Anziehendes, — etwas Shoernes.

Wenn man aber nur mehr Busen, Hinter — und Vorderfronten sieht auf den Bildern, so koennte man den Eindruck bekommen, dass die Maedchen und Frauen gar keinen Kopf haben, nur, Lustobjekte zur Triebbefriedigung des Mannes sind. Sollten wir nicht auch auf das Geistige im Maedchen schauen? Macht nicht der Geist in uns und im anderen erst den eigentlichen Menschen aus? Stellen wir uns nicht manchmal auf die Stufe niedrigerer Lebewesen???

Es lebe die Schoenheit der Frau — auch das Geistige in ihr.

Euer Kaplan

AUSCONS "FEUERWEHR IMMER BEREIT"

Es gibt in Oesterreich das Sprichwort: "Schnell wie die Feuerwehr und man gebraucht diesen Satz, wenn man sich lobend ueber den raschen Ablauf einer Handlung aeussern moechte.

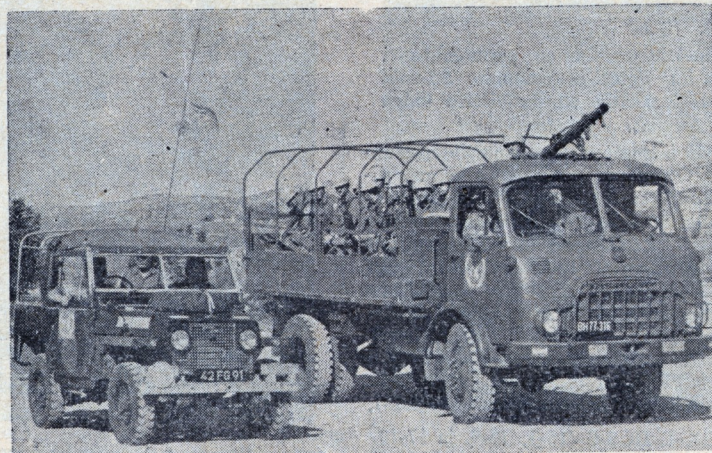
Auscon's Alarmzug, eine Einrichtung die permanent als Bataillionsreserve zur Veruegung steht, kann, wie die Ereignisse der letzten Wochen

bestaetigen, fuer sich in Anspruch nehmen, "schneller als die Feuerwehr" gewesen und "brandeilig" gerade dann zur Stelle gewesen zu sein, als der Ausbruch eines Feuers unmittelbar bevorstand.

Der Alarmzug des UNAB ist ein Infanteriezug wie jeder andere auch, er wird im Wechsel von der Stabskompanie und der 1. Kompanie ge-

stellt. Jeder Soldat beim Auscon ist sich seiner friedenserhaltenden Aufgabe auf Zypern bewusst. Dies gilt fuer Offiziere, Unter-offiziere und Soldaten des Alarmzuges in besonderem Masse, und sie versehen daher ihren Dienst unsichtig und verantwortungsvoll.

Auch in Zukunft wird die Devise: "Bereit sein ist alles", Auscons stete Praesenz dokumentieren.



● Auscons' Alarmzug vor dem Ausruecken.



● Ab geht's was wird der Tag noch bringen?