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**BJERGGERE?**

NEJ, DET ER BLOT CHARLIE PÅ MARCTUR!

Efter at der er blevet "i ujevne", er kompisgurken begyndt på den daglige "væsen og vilde". DENCON fotograferes fra CKNP i Krennings-bygning, hvor der blev tilhøvet en rejse op ad 15 km. Den medlærige muntejek blev forbedret ved "Fintfingertjerger!"

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**DANCON - KUREREN!**

Vi har fornøyd den glade, at komme ved, at hendes første år blev afsluttet med et smukt, der er fulgt af det danske kontingents daglige avis "DANCON - KUREREN!". Lidt med øvning er at bruge de tidligere nyheder fra Danmark, for at forstå, at man nu har en foreløbig andet, hvad de hjemlige ejere bruger af nyt dage efter.


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**DANCON - NYT**

FINCON afholdt reception på "EDEBA PALACE" onsdag ø, DANSK på grund af året års fødselsdag. Præsident Makarios var special forladt. Her meddeles præsidenten af general A. Marinis.

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**HAR DE SET...?**

**APHRODITE FRA CYPERN**

Kysten ved Paphos er Aphroditens traditionelle fæsteligt, og Cypern var gennem få måneder skatte- og kontrolløver i øst. Enten så de påfaldende bådene eller de i naboherredet.

Hus står på Cyperns NATIONAL-MUSEUM i Nicohra sammen med en lang række skatte fra Cypern historie gennem de siste 700 år. Museets adresse er: Museum Avenue. Aften tidligere er: 0830-1700 og 1430-1600. Det kostet 25 m/s at komme ind og DET ER DET VÆRDIT!

**HÅLNSBILD I BLUE BERET**

Svenske batalloner har blevet i kontakt med hVN forbi sig. Bliget forsvar og overfærdsel. Det er de tredje, vi gør for STF i Gudhjem. Der er altid at spørge om det nye formål og her skal det fremgå, at mange af dem, der har været i den nuværende form, er blevet i det almene, dog er nødvendigt.

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**ÆTLEGEN HAR DET HANT**

Major Helge Gard viser hyggeligt op i en musikalsk tilfælde. Ingen behover i fortsættelsen at rive om som er kommanderet, och sluttjatat om mustaschen


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**SWEDCON NEWS**

Studere når Hans-Glemen mus- ikstrøm fall var faniskarte K. E. Fåbri- grøn, med når kilef construction, efter på fil- moppelser.
ONE OF BRITCON’S LONGEST SERVING MEMBERS DEPARTS

Captain Patrick Brooke left Cyprus this week with the remainder of ‘A’ Sqn of the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards.

During the recent troubles, the squadron had fears that the rotation would not take place but this has now been ensured by the commander of the squadron, Major A.T.P. McLeish.

Capt Brooke was one of the longest-serving members of the Lightroom, Bury.

Lance-Corporal John Norman of the REME Workshop at UNIFCYP is seen recording some vital readings whilst checking over some equipment.

BRITCON NEWS

A policeman’s lot at Xeros seems to be a happy one. List of R1P Constable Bad Peddon-Jones, Australian Police, Inspector Mick Saw, Australian Police, Inspector Thendral, Cyprus Police, Sgt Mick Doyle, MP IRCON, 1st Constable Andrew Kiprianos, Cyprus Police.

IRCON NEWS

Completing modifications on the water tank at Lefka Camp are R1P Raymond Dimpsey, Sgt Paddy Conroy and Cpl Charlie McCollum.

Some of Troop 3 of Kielder Squadron RE attached to the Grenjackets proudly displaying their UNIFCYP models which had just been presented by Lt Col E.E. Kitson, AEO, MBE, MC, CO of the 1st Battalion The Royal Grenjackets. Two hours later the Sappers had left Polytechnic camp en route for Tidworth. Left to right — Lgt David Spicer from Lytton, Spdr Lain Wicket from Faversham, Lt John A. Clover, troop commander, Spdr David Williams from Holbeach and Spdr Terry Allen from Holbeach.

The Chief Clerk of the Grenjackets, Captain from Wimbley, Cheeky, his family is at the depot:

Bob Odell is not alone in his enthusiasm.

Sgt Bob Toms of the Australian Police Contingent serving with UNIFCYP keeping in pace with members of R1P Lt John Kelly, Sgt Nicholas Davis, Sgt Bob Toms and Cpl Michael Noonan.

The postman cometh. Members of the Camp Staff at Xeros with bitterness during the distribution of mail: R1P Rt Col Calm McManus, Pte David Mongan, Cpl Nicholas Codd, Sgt James McGurk, Spdr John Fould, Cpl Frank Motte, Pte David Walsh, Cpl Dermot McCormack and Cpl Diarmuid Buckley.

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Ilmapiirin kylän viihty tiesitä katsel- massa "Tumtemanota" ja liian pa- tuessa jättämään jo oman pienennetty ohjelman Juhlavuotannokon tähän.

**FINCON NEWS**

**CANCON HOLD DRIVERS ‘RODEO’**

J Col W.J. Newlands, Commander of Kyrenia District, has presented prizes money worth more than £10 to winners of the CANCON drivers "rodeo" and certificates to five drivers who have completed 2,500 accident-free miles in Cyprus.

The rodeo, which was sponsored by the Transport Platoon of the CANCON administrative support group at Camp Maple Leaf, was designed to test the ability of the drivers and to encourage safe driving.

The events began with obstacle- driving for jeeps with trailers in which Col Vince Jeffers of B Company and Pte John O’Callag- hlan of the T. Transport Platoon tied. This was followed by obstacle- driving for 3/4-ton trucks in which Col Bub Bragg and Col Shu Avery of the Fort Garry Horse and Col Roy Lalonde of the Tran- sport Platoon each scored 97 points out of 100.

Pte Jim Young of the Trans- port Platoon won first prize in a jeep grand prix, a cross- country race over natural and ar- tificial barriers. Pte John O’Col- laglan was placed second.

In the heavy vehicle section, which included Canadian 23-ton and British three-ton trucks, Col Vince Jeffers took an early lead with 92 points which other dri- vers failed to beat. The final win- ner was Capt Jack Wayman of the Transport Platoon who guided a three-tonner through the course for a near-perfect score of 95, much to the chagrin of B com- pany.

In all, 60 drivers competed for the prizes. The certificates for 2,500 accident-free miles of driving were presented to Pte Henry McKay, Pte Pat Stanger, Pte Jim Young, Pte John O’Callaghan and Pte Albin Hild, all of the Transport Platoon.

Pte Denis Turbine, a paus against sandbags, as he keeps a watch on the countrystyle surrounding his United Nations outpost. Pte Turbine, one of six soldiers who man "Saddle" outpost in the Kyrenia Mountain, is a member of 1 Battalion, The Black Watch.

Lt Col W.J. Newlands, Commander of Kyrenia District, presents a prize to Pte John O’Callaghan following a CANCON drivers "Rodeo". Pte James Young is on the right.
FINCON OBSERVES FINLAND'S 50TH INDEPENDENCE DAY

The 50th anniversary of Finland's Independence Day was observed in Cyprus with colourful ceremonies organized by the Finnish Contingent serving with the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

Festivities began with a parade led by the 8th Finnish Battalion near HQ FINCON. The Force Commander, Lt Col S.A. Martola, took the salute of the Battalion which was commanded by Lt Col N. Palmen. Commanding officers of the different contingents serving with UNFICYP were also present, as well as military attaches serving with diplomatic missions in Cyprus. The Force Commander and the Rev. V. Muilu addressed the members forming the FINCON parade column.

Later in the day, available members of FINCON had lunch with the 1st Coy acting as hosts during the lunch, the FINCON CO, Col Veiko Rusanen, addressed the group.

In the evening, a reception was held at the Ledra Palace with the Finnish Consul-General in Cyprus, Mr Zenon Severis, General Martola and Col Rusanen acting as co-hosts. Following the reception, officers, NCO's and other ranks attended privately-organized dinners throughout the FINCON area of responsibility.

The closing event was another reception hosted by General Martola and Col Rusanen and held in the Saray Hotel the following afternoon.

RAF EPISKOPO TROUNCES

HQ UNFICYP ELEVEN, 8-1

HQ UNFICYP spent a frustrating afternoon trying to pierce the strong defence of RAF Episkopi at RAF Nicosa on Wednesday 6 December.

RAF opened their account after ten minutes with a great goal. Four minutes later they increased their lead with a goal that was a replica of the first.

The pace throughout the game was terrific, leaving many HQ players gasping. Strong scored for HQ close to half time, after a defensive error by the RAF goalkeeper.

Half time: HQ UNFICYP 1 RAF Episkopi 2.

RAF continued to press HQ's defence with fast attacking football. After the half-time break, they were in the lead, and RAAF scored five goals in the space of eleven minutes.

After this spate of goals, the game developed into a grim struggle between the two teams, the presence of HQ and the still strong and eager forwards of RAAF.

Tiley was outstanding in HQ's defence although he lacked support, he marshalled the few players able to stand the pace, well.

HQ's forwards must learn to go looking for the ball when they are being starved out of the game, Baker gave a good example of this, being first in defence and next trying to get the attack going.

Final score: HQ UNFICYP 1 RAF Episkopi 8.

consultation with the parties is, of course, for the Council itself to determine.

This would conclude this report by drawing attention once again to the continuing precariousness of the situation regarding Cyprus, and by expressing the hope that the parties and the Council will proceed with urgency to intensive consideration of ways and means of preventing a recurrence of conflict and of finding a basis for the settlement of the Cyprus problem³.