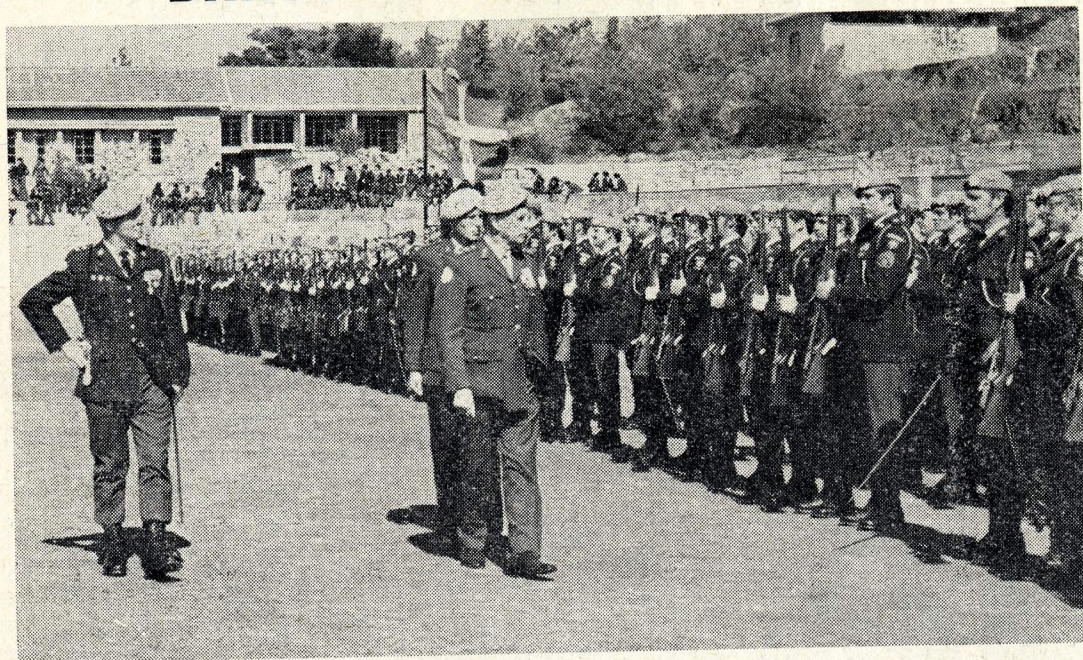


DANCON'S MEDAL PARADE



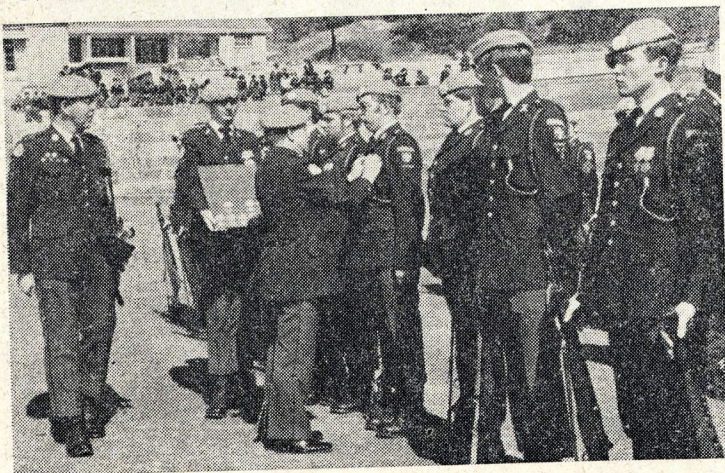
The Force Commander, Major General J.J. Quinn inspects DANCON before the medal presentation held at Evrykhou Stadium on 21st February. Commander DANCON Lt Col C.B. Brockmeyer accompanied the Force Commander along the front of the Companys.

The Companys marching past



The Force Commander receives the salute from the escort to the colours. Major K.M. Larsen, CO C Coy, followed by the escort to the colours Lt A. Jespersen and 2Lt P. Schriver. Standard

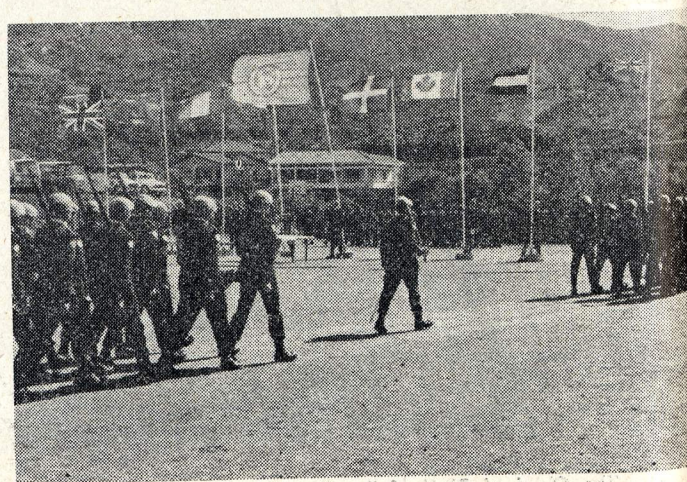
MEDAL PRESENTATION



Major K.E. Kaergaard presents medals to recipients of HQ Coy. Here, to Private S.B. Mortensen while LCpl J.E. Larsen and Private C.R. Andersen are next in line. LCpl B.B. Rarmussen had received the medal previously.

bearers are the Staff Sergeant F.E. Jensen and E.E.W. Jensen from HQ Coy. As it was a very windy day, it was also a very hard job to march with the colours.

LOWERING THE FLAGS



When the last company had marched out of the Stadium, the Band of The 1st Battalion of The Kings Regiment played "SUNSET" while the flags were lowered.

DANCON



NEWS

The United Nations Medal for service in Cyprus was presented by the Force Commander to 30 soldiers of all ranks. The other 102 recipients received the medals from Commander DANCON, Company Commanders and Staff Officers.

At the beginning of the parade, Commander DANCON made a short speech in memory of Staff Sergeant Finn Aarup Christensen of B Coy who was killed in a traffic accident on 18th Feb.

POPULAR SWEDISH ARTISTS

ON TOUR IN SECTOR 5

The best in Sweden That's the common opinion among the Swedes about the artist group that has recently toured Sector 5. The group consisted of: Arne Domnerus, saxophone, Lars Samuelson, trumpet, Ove Stenberg, base, Egil Johnsen, drums, and Rune Gustavsson, guitar. And on top of that — three magnificent girls: Monica Nielsen, Kisa Matnussen and Ann-Kristin Hedmark.

Together they represent a broad spectrum of musical life — ranging from Swedish folklore to jazz and blues. Their appearances in various places around the sector have all caused the same enthusiastic reactions.



Coffe break in Troulli. The boys on S03 had baked some extra sweet cakes for their favourite artists. Kisa and Anki were pictured there singing a soft blues in the afternoon sun.



WO 2 Bengt Hesslow is telling Anki about life in UN, Cyprus and Athienou.

SWEDCON EWS



The artists also had time to hold a church concert in Dhekalia.



"Late night show" in Athienou.



Blues for the boys of 2nd Coy.



SWEDCON:s rock band — "Brathienous" — war-ming up the audience.



Monica on stage in Polar Camp.



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VISITORS TO FORCE HQ



Their Excellencies Ambassadors Algaard and Jacobsen of Norway visited the Force Commander last week, during the course of a short fact-finding tour in the Force. The Ambassadors also called on the Acting Special Representative of the Secretary General, Dr R. Gorge, and toured round Sector 5.

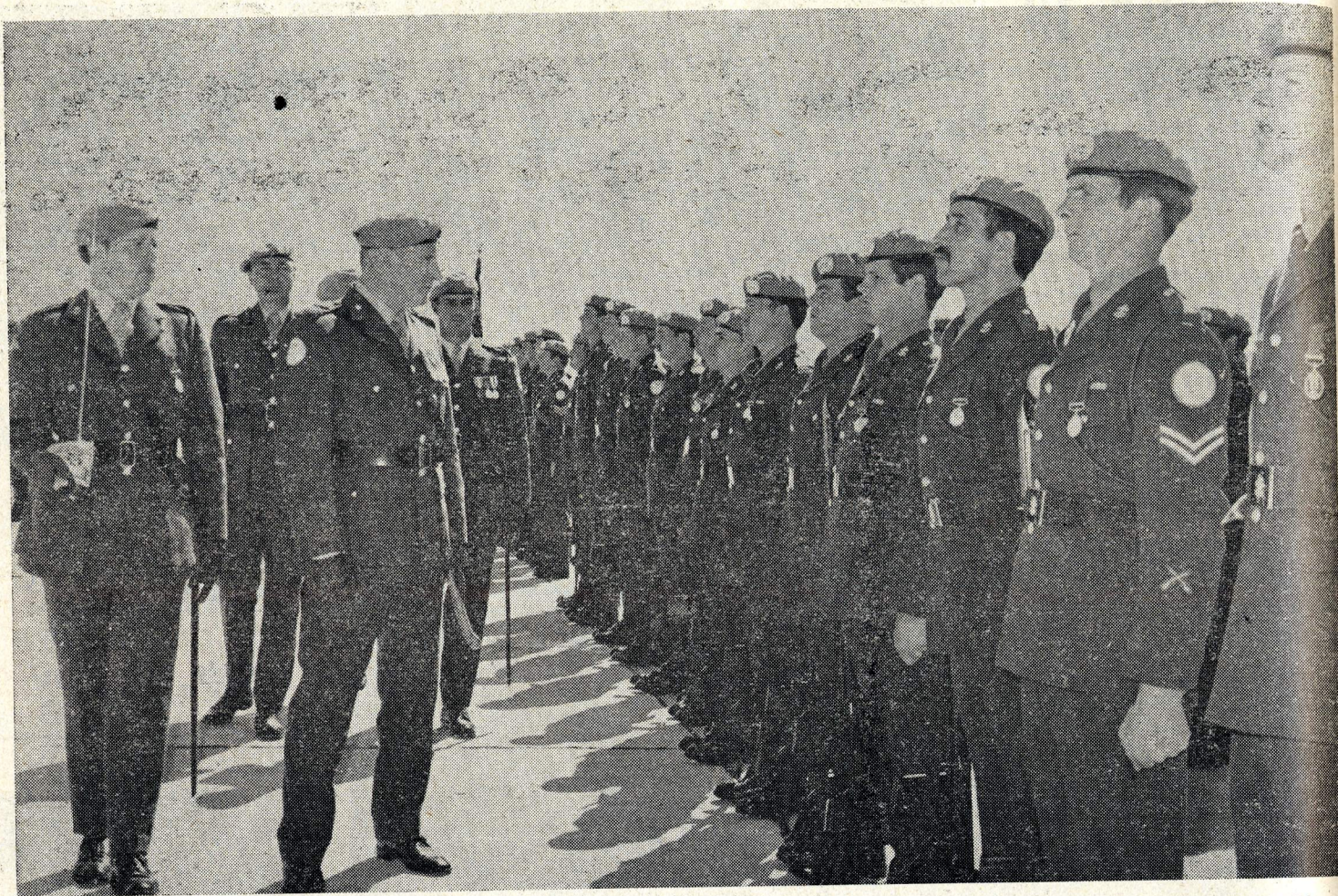


The new Commander of the Royal Air Force Station Akrotiri Group Captain P.L. Gray RAF visited Force Headquarters for the first time to meet the Force Commander and Deputy Chief of Staff, with whom he was pictured above.



The Chief of Staff of the Swedish Army Staff Major General Hökmark and three Staff Officers visited the Swedish Contingent recently to see for themselves what problems their Contingent is facing in Sector 5. During the course of their visit they called at Force Headquarters and were pictured receiving a briefing from the Chief of Staff.

BRITCON'S



The Force Commander, Major General J J Quinn, inspecting the fourth Guard of the 1st Battalion The Kings Regiment with the Guard Commander Captain C W Marley.

MEDAL PARADE



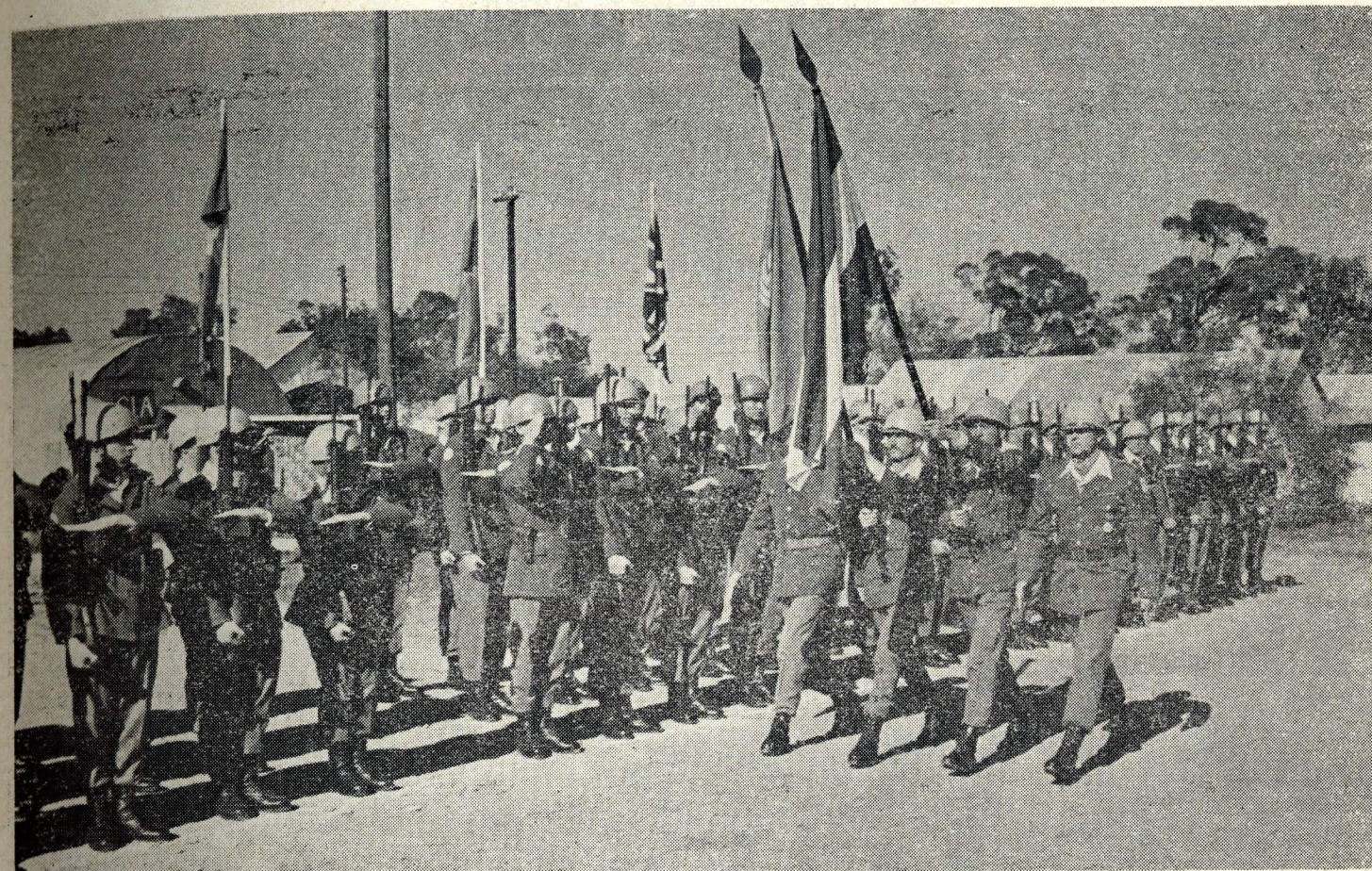
The British Contingent's first Medal Parade of the year was held in splendid sunshine at Nicosia Airport on the last day of February. It was also the last occasion on which the 1st Battalion The Kings Regiment carried their present Regimental Colour on parade, for later this year the Regiment will be receiving new Colours.

The parade marked, as usual, the end of their tour for C Squadron 3rd Royal Tank Regiment (seen above driving past the Force Commander), the 1st Battalion The Kings Regiment and 1 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport.



While the Regimental Colours of The Kings Regiment was being carried for the last time, the UNFICYP Army Air Corps Flight made the first fly past on the Island with the new Alouette helicopters. The fly past was led by Major C Blount, WO2 E N M Ball S/Sgt A. J. Davies all of who were pictured with one of their helicopters just before taking off to get into position for the fly past.

AUSCON MEDAL PARADE

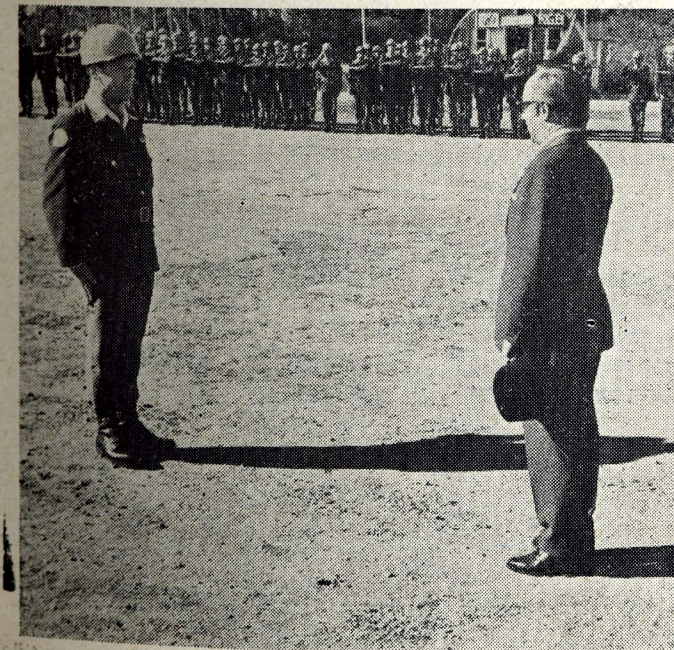


Die Fhnengruppe marschlert ein.

The Colour Party march on.

Die Medal parade am 24. Februar brachte einen echten Höhepunkt für AUSCON. Bei strahlendem Sonnenschein wurde an die Angehörigen des Kontingents, die im Oktober 1977 ihren Dienst bei UNFICYP angetreten haben, die UN-Medaille "In the service of peace" verliehen. Ausgezeichnet wurde die eindrucksvolle militärische Feier durch die Anwesenheit des österreichischen Botschafters in Athen, Dr. Backes, der in Nicosia mitakkreditiert ist, FC Generalmajor J.J. Quinn verwies in seiner Ansprache auf die Leistungen der österreichischen Soldaten aller Dienstgrade und betonte, daß er sich freue, dieses Lob in Gegenwart des Botschafters aussprechen zu können.

The medal parade on 24th February was a really great occasion for the Austrian Contingent. In strong sunshine those members of the Contingent, who had begun their service in UNFICYP in October last year, received their UN medals for Service to Peace. The impressive military ceremony was made better by the presence of the Austrian Ambassador in Athens Dr Backes, who is also accredited to the Government of Cyprus. The Force Commander, Major General J. J. Quinn, referred in his speech to the efficiency of the Austrian soldiers of all ranks, and said he was very pleased to be able to say this in the presence of the Ambassador.



Meldung an Botschafter Dr. Backes durch Mjr A. Kahn. Major A. Kahn reports to Ambassador Dr Backes.



FC Gen Mjr G.G. Quinn überreicht die Medaillen.

The Force Commander, General J.J. Quinn presenting medals.

CANCON COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS



On the 16th and 18th of February the Officers of 2RCR Sector Four competed in the Snow Buckle pistol competition. This competition is held yearly amongst the officers of 2RCR with the officer attaining the highest score awarded the Snow Buckle.

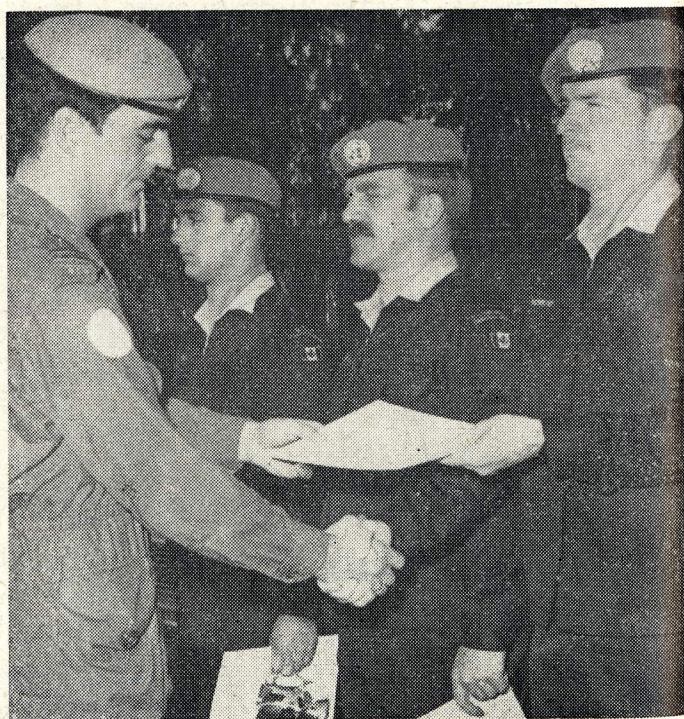
The Snow Buckle was presented to 2RCR by Brigadier T.E. Snow (retired) one of the Regiments most distinguished soldiers.



OC LOG Company Major D. S. Morkem presents the soldier of the month, Cpl F. X. Marsh with his award.

The shoot was held at the Xeri ranges under the direction of Captain Bob Near, Sgt Ron Surette and Cpl Keith Cunningham.

Officers of Sector Four are pictured above firing their pistols in the Snow Buckle competition at the ranges in Xeri.



Capt S. T. Mcinnis OC BHQ Company presents a certificate for safe driving to Pte S. A. Hopkins.

RAF DETACHMENT NEWS



The new Station Commander of RAF Akrotiri Group Captain P.L. Gray RAF visited 84 Squadron Detachment for the first time two weeks ago. The Group Captain, who is responsible for the Detachment, is a very experienced Whirlwind pilot. He flew himself, with Squadron Leader Situnayake in the left hand seat. On his arrival at Nicosia Airport he visited all parts of the Detachment, meeting the pilots and ground-crew. The Group Captain is pictured above shortly after his arrival talking to Chief Technician Sowden while Flight Lieutenant Kay and the Squadron Leader look on.

It is with regret that information, has been received that a former member of 84 Squadron Detachment RAF, Flight Lieutenant Brian Tomlins, has been killed in an air accident while on an exercise. Flight Lieutenant Tomlins served in UNFICYP during the operations in 1974 and flew the last helicopter out of Tjiklos Camp on 18th July, while the fighting was still going on in the hills around the camp.



To mark the end of his tour Sergeant Barker the Force Photographer was presented with a Detachment tie by Squadron Leader Situnayake. Sgt Barker has left the Island for a new photographic job in England.

Exchange in Sector Two and Six



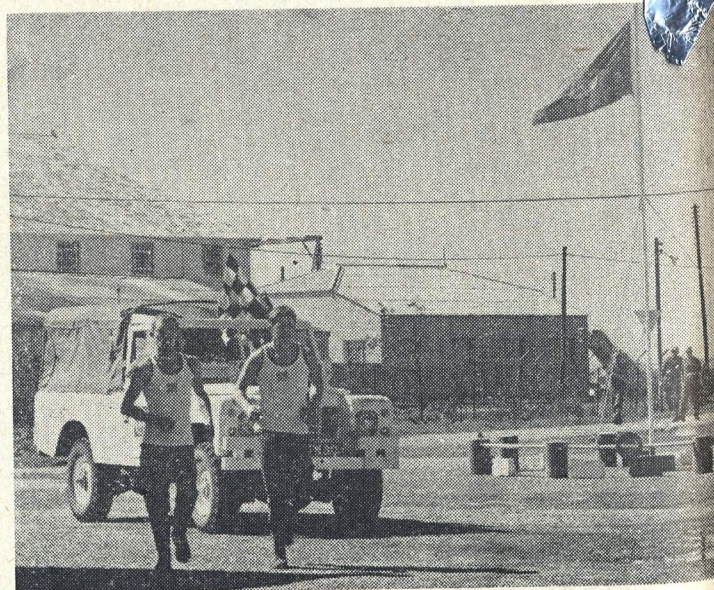
During the past three weeks seven Kingsmen have been to serve in Sector 5 and the same number of Swedish soldiers have been on exchange with The Kings Regiment in Sector 2. At the end of their visit the Swedish soldiers were all given Britcon tee shirts to take back with them as souvenirs.

CHARITIES BENEFIT



Some months ago Corporal Ede and Trooper Butler of the Force Reserve walked from Skouriotissa to the UN Protected Area and back to raise money for the Save the Children's Fund. This

week Mrs Quinn was pictured above as she received a cheque for C£160,500 from both Corporal Ede and Trooper Butler on behalf of the Fund.



TRAFFIC STATISTICS

2 weeks ending 4 Mar	14	Same time last year	45
Previous year	6	Lesson for the month	
Total for this year	47	DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE	

Two other walkers from 1 Sqn RCT, Lance Corporals Hodge and Sleight, have also organised and carried out a sponsored walk of 60 miles to raise money for Kidney Research. They were pictured (above) running the last few yards to cross the finishing line, and at left with Mrs Quinn who watched their return.