



The Blue Beret

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BRITISH MINISTER VISITS UNFICYP



The British Under Secretary of State for the Army, Mr R C Brown MP visited UNFICYP last week. During this visit he called on the Force Commander Major General J J Quinn and the Chief of Staff Brigadier H M Tillotson CBE with whom he is seen above.

His programme included visits to the Force Reserve, the 1st Battalion The Parachute Regiment and to the Support Regiment.

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IS THIS A RECORD?

Changes in Sector 4



Wednesday the 13th was not unlucky for UNFICYP's airforce because on that day all the helicopters were serviceable at the same time, and to prove it they posed off the ground by the control tower. In the foreground the two chief technicians Fl Sgt Abbott and WO2 Drake are seen congratulating each other.



RSM Diaks, Lt Col Ellis, Lt Col Geddy and Adj d C Grenon see during the handover of 3 RCR and 12e RBC.



Dansborg, den tidligere australske politistation, er overtaget af DANCON. Den er nu indrettet til at fungere som sommerrestaurant for badende. Her ses chefen for stabskompagniet, major Poulsen, under åbningen, hvor der serveredes øl og smørrebrød.

Dansborg, the former Australian police station, is now run by DANCON as a recreational house. Here is a picture of the opening of the summer restaurant.



I påskehelligdagene blev der kørt mange velfærdsture med stor tilslutning fra hele kontingentet. Her er det St. Hilarion der besøges.

During the Easter holidays many recreational visits were arranged. One of the more popular was a trip to St. Hilarion.



Påskedags gudstjeneste blev afholdt i det gamle Soliteater nær Xeros. The Easter Day service in Sector One was held in the old Soli theatre near Xeros.

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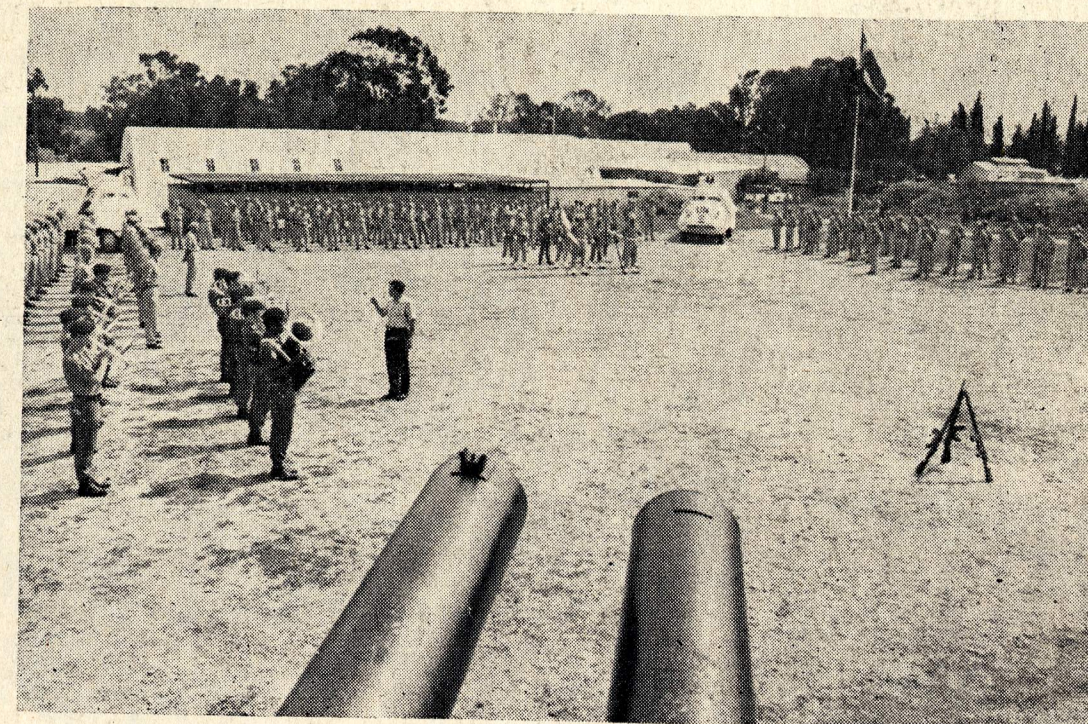
Busy days for Swedcon: THE MEDAL PARADE

The first day of April traditionally is a day of jokes but not for the Swedish Battalion as this year the day marked the Swedish Battalion's Medal Parade. The sun shone continuously, making some of the soldiers of the Swedish Battalion regret that they had less than four weeks left to serve in Cyprus.

The parade was held in the presence of a number of distinguished guests and friends of the Battalion. During the parade the music was provided by the Band of the 1st Battalion The Parachute Regiment by kind permission of the Commanding Officer.

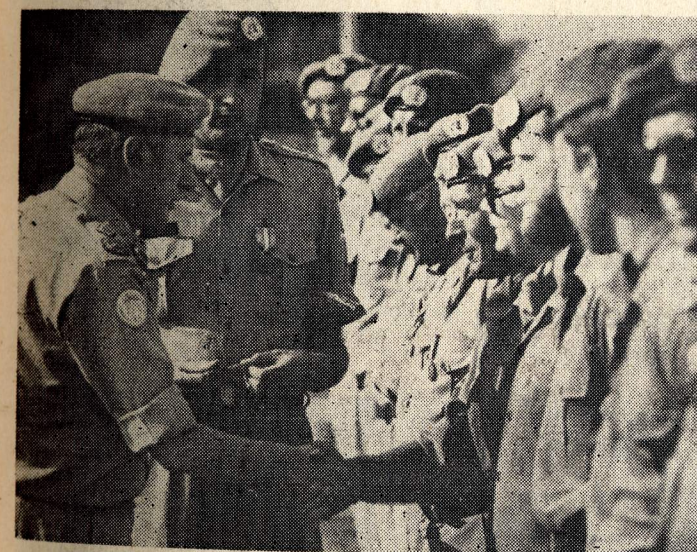
The Force Commander, General Quinn presented the medals to all the soldiers of the Swedish Battalion and thanked them for the very good job they had done during their tour.

General Quinn started his visit to Sector Six at an OP manned by 1 Coy and went on to visit the 3 Company's area, by helicopter before arriving at Carl Gustav Camp for the main parade.



AND THE VISIT OF A MINISTER

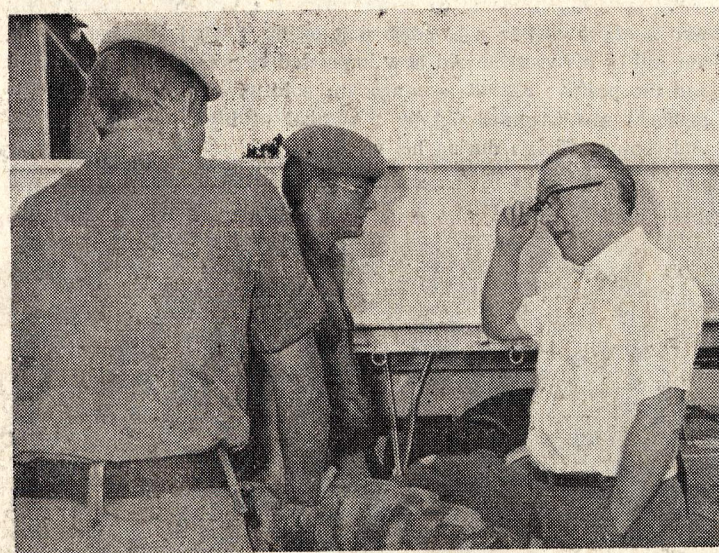
Just a few days before the medal parade the Battalion had an important visitor — His Excellency the Minister of Defence Eric Kronmark. Mr Kronmark became Minister last year when the three party government came to power after the general elections. This was his first visit to a Swedish unit of the United Nations, and at the end of his visit he said how impressed he was by the good spirit and the positive attitude amongst the soldiers of the Battalion. The Minister was accompanied by a number of high ranking officers and senior officials during his visit.



ARMY MINISTER'S VISIT



Mr Robert Brown the MP for Newcastle West meeting a number of his constituents in the Force Reserve, whose soldiers are recruited very largely from that area.



During his visit to 38 Squadron RCT the Minister found another Geordy to talk to when he met Driver Francis of A Troop, who stayed back in Jubilee Camp to meet Mr Brown.

BRITCON NEWS



And at the end of his tour of the British Contingent the last Geordy Mr Brown met was Corporal Johnson, the CO's driver in the 1st Battalion The Parachute Regiment.

EASTER SERVICE ON HILL 220



OSTERN beim AUSCON

Im kleinen Kreis der OP-A18 Crew hielt unser Milpfarrer GROSSRUCK beim Kreuz auf der Höhe 220 ein kurzes Karfreitagsgedenken. Zur historischen Todesstunde von Jesus Christus wurde auch aller verstorbenen Kameraden und Angehörigen des AUSCON gedacht.

On Good Friday our Chaplain Father Grossruck held a short service for the OP crew of A18 on Hill 220.

AUSCON'S MEDICAL TEAM

Mit HptmArzt Dr. BADELT, Vzlt NEUMANN, Wm MAYR und Kpl BARINA verfügt das AUSCON über eine ausgezeichnete San Crew. Der San Pinzgauer wurde von den San Fachleuten mit Begeisterung aufgenommen, da er alle medizinischen Möglichkeiten bietet, die man von einem SanKW erwarten kann.

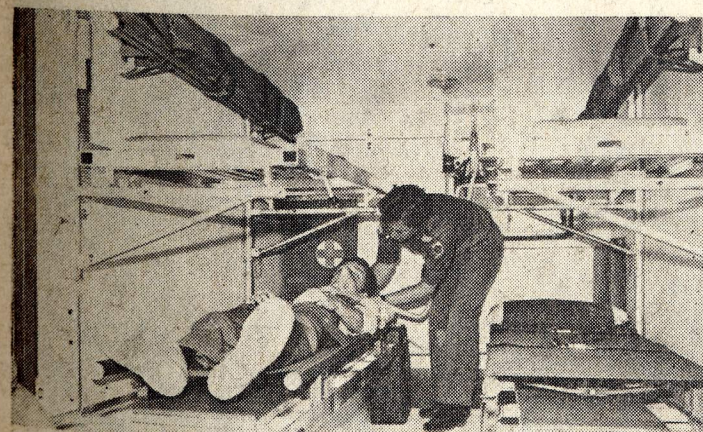
The Austrian Medical Team from the left, front row, Cpl Barina, Sgt Mayr, second row, WO1 Neumann and SMO Capt Badelt.

VISITORS TO AUSCON



Sgt RINGSTRÖM, Pte BERGH und Pte AAS vom SWEDCON verstärkten einige Tage die Observercrew des AUSCON.

Three members of Swedcon, Sgt Ringstrom, Pte Bergh and Pte Aas have been attached to Auscon's observer crew for a few days.



The new consignment of vehicles to Auscon also includes two ambulances fitted with the most up-to-date equipment.

AUSCON NEWS



12e RBC TAKE OVER



The Colours of 3 RCR and the Guidon of 12e RBC on parade together.

COMMAND CHANGES



Col de Chastelain, Commander of the Canadian Contingent, and the two Commanding Officers sign the Change of Command Certificates.

LES NOUVELLES CANCON

Le Douzième Régiment Blindé du Canada est complet et est à son poste à Chypre. Les vols principaux sont arrivés la semaine dernière et suivant la passation de commandement entre nous et le 3 RCR, de Régiment a aussitôt commencé le travail.

Le Régiment est soutenu pour le séjour par le Batterie X du Cinquième Régiment d'Artillerie Légère du Canada. La Batterie X et le Douzième sont membres du Cinquième Groupement de Combat du Canada, qui est stationné à la Base des Forces Canadiennes de Valcartier dans la Province de Québec.

Le Douzième est un Régiment blindé dans les Forces Canadiennes et a été réorganisé à la configuration d'un bataillon d'infanterie pour le séjour avec les Nations Unies. Le Commandant du Régiment et le Commandant du Secteur 4 est le Lt Col A L Geddry, 36, de Matagham, Nouvelle-Écosse.

Tous les membres du 12e RBC et de la Batterie X sont heureux de servir avec les Nations-Unies à Chypre, et nous espérons avoir de bonnes liaisons avec tous les membres d'UNFICYP.

Le Douzième Régiment Blindé du Canada is complete in Cyprus and is doing the job in Sector 4. The main troop flights arrived last week, and following the change of command parade between ourselves and 3 RCR, the Regiment got right to work.

The Regiment is supported for the tour by la Batterie X du Cinquième Régiment d'Artillerie Légère du Canada. Both X Battery and 12e RBC are members of the Cinquième Groupement de Combat du Canada which is located in Canadian Forces Base Valcartier in the Province of Quebec.

The 12e RBC is an armoured regiment in the Canadian Forces and has reverted to an infantry battalion configuration for the United Nations tour. Both the Regiment and X Battery are french speaking units. The Commanding Officer of the Regiment and the Commander of Sector 4 is Lt Col A L Geddry, 36, of Metagham, Nova Scotia.

All members of 12e RBC and X Battery are happy to be here for this tour of duty with the United Nations in Cyprus, and we are looking forward to good working and social liaison with all members of UNFICYP.



Lieutenant Colonel A L Geddry, the CO of 12e RBC.

KOMENTAJAT VAIHTAVAT

Huoltoleko 11.04 toi mukanaan muutakin kuin lomalaisia. Koneella saapui nimittäin pataljoonalle uusi komentaja joka ottaa tehtävät vastaan Pomo-Ollilta kuun lopussa. Tulokas on nimeltään Purmo Saarikoski ja arvoltaan everstiluutnantti, edellinen sijoituspaikka Pääesikunta. Kuvassa oikealla pataljoonan mukhtar ev O Lopmeri ja evl P Saarikoski potretissa opsin edessä.

PATALJOONA URHEILEE

Finconin yleisurheilukilpailut pidettiin keskiviikkona 13.04. englantilaisen koulun urheilukentällä. Samalla kun todettiin keskinäinen paremmuusjärjestys valittiin myös osanottajia sunnuntaina 17.04. pidettyyn maaotteluun Ruotsi-Suomi joka tätä kirjoitettaessa oli vielä edessä päin. Alakuvassa kers Vaho EK:sta repäisee sadan metrin voiton.

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ENGLISH SUMMARY

A change of Command will take place in Fincon in the near future. The new Commanding Officer Lt Col Purmo Saarikoski arrived on 11th April in Cyprus, the actual change-over is due to take place on 30th April. In the picture on the right, Colonel O. Lopmeri is seen with his successor.

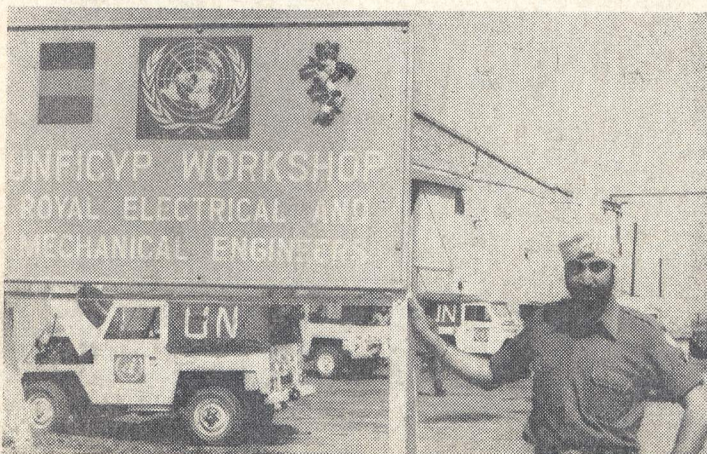
An Athletics competition took place in Fincon on 13th April. In the picture below, Sgt Vaho (in the middle) is seen a few strides before winning the 100 metres.



WHY NOT TAKE HOME A UNFICYP SOUVENIR ?



NEW LIGHT BLUE HEADDRESS



Yes, why don't you take home a souvenir that will last longer than a sun-tan? There are a number of useful UNFICYP souvenirs in addition to this shield, which are on sale in the Secretariat at the Headquarters of UNFICYP in Nicosia. Price lists can be obtained from Mrs E. Aristodemou with whom unit and sub-unit bulk orders may be placed.

Other items available include:

- Ties
- Cuff-Links
- Tie-clips
- Pin seals.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

2 Weeks ending 16 Apr	11
Same period last year	18
Total for the year	73
Total for the same period last year	61

LESSON OF THE MONTH

Don't take the right of way - give it.

Corporal A S Sehmi is a recent arrival in the Workshops where he is the NCO in charge of the Technical Stores. As a Sikh he wears a turban, and so as a member of UNFICYP he wears a light blue one.