

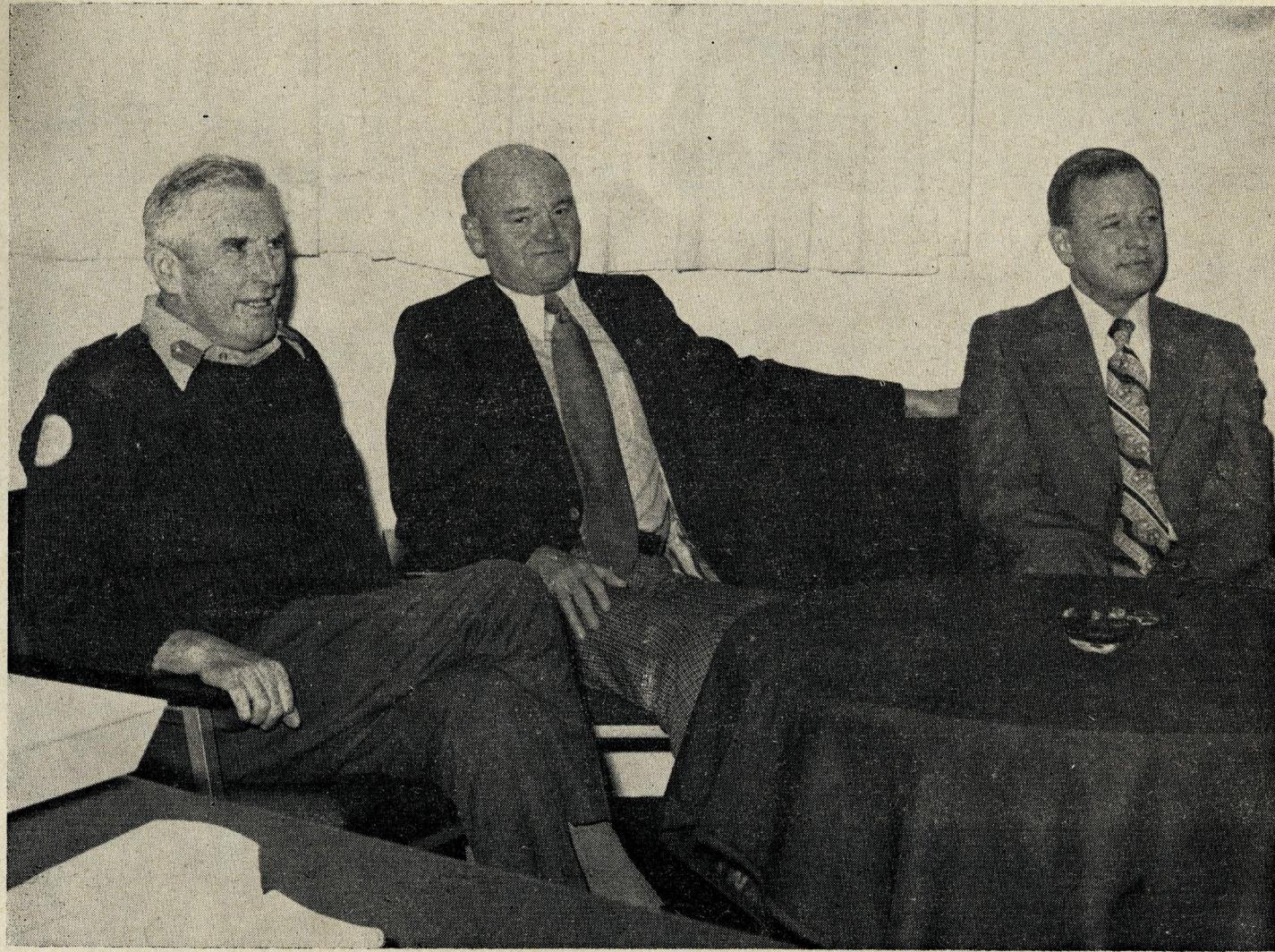


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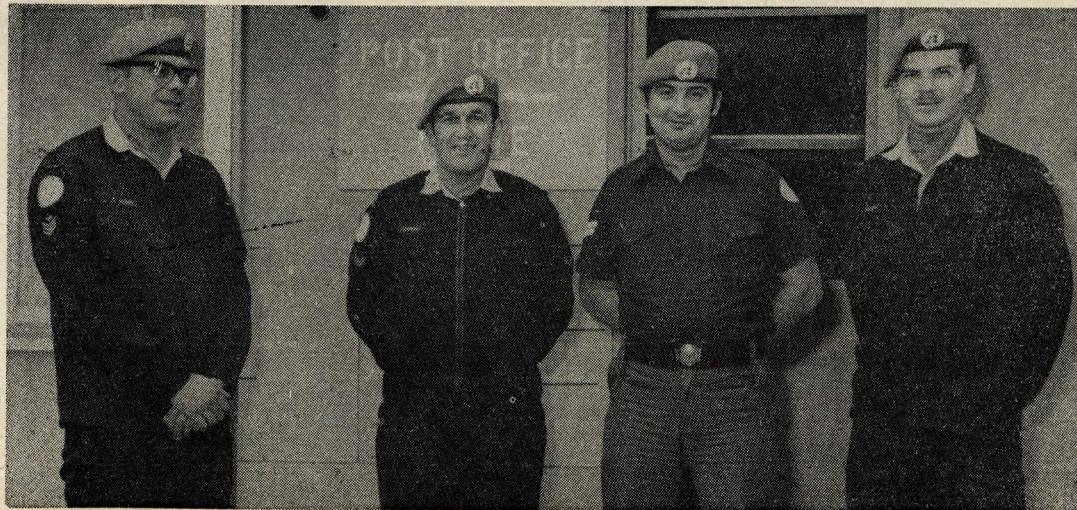
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## VISITOR TO HEADQUARTERS



Last month Mr Eric Sandstrom the Commander designate of the American Veteran Organization, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, visited the Headquarters of the Force with the American Military Attache' in Cyprus, Colonel R.G. Hallock. During his visit Mr Sandstrom was pictured above with the Force Commander, and later visited the Canadian Sector and the Buffer Zone.

## UNFICYP'S POSTMEN



Christmas time is always a busy time for postmen and this year was no exception. The British and Canadian postmen at HQ UNFICYP pictured left to right, Sgt Roy Goleniec, Cpl John Comeau, Cpl Mike Hodnett and Pte Terry Drimmie, taking a brief respite from their hectic schedule.



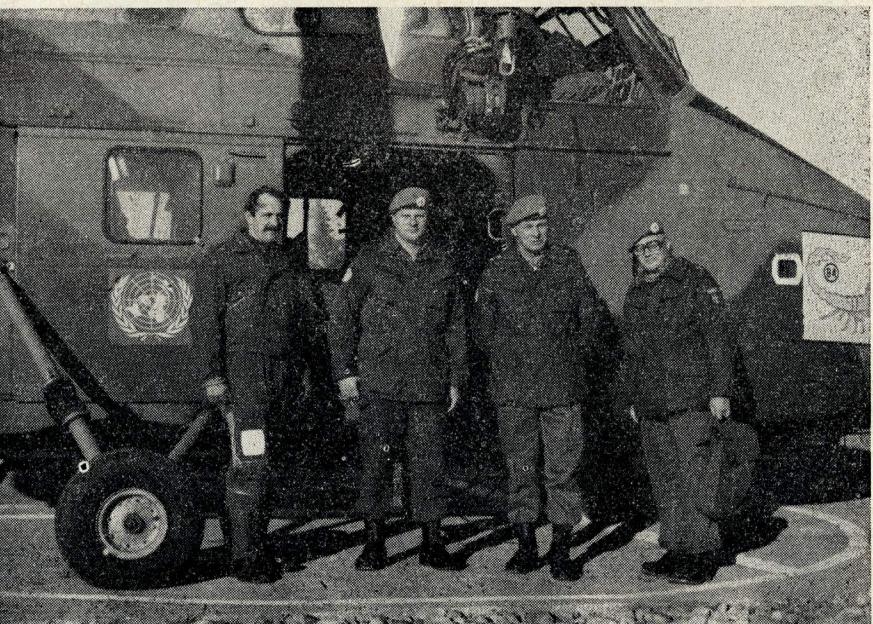
# CHRISTMAS EVENTS IN DANCON

The Force Commander visited DANCON to wish Representatives of all ranks a Happy Christmas.

## DANCON



## NEWS



On Christmas day the Commander DANCON accompanied by Chaplain E. Vind (right) and LCpl J.C. Hansen toured all OP's to bring the Message of Christmas and all good Wishes.



On the First Christmas day an old Viking "King Neptunius" and his fiancée "Miss Alfredite" paid the yearly routine visit to the beach of DANSBORG to make sure that the maximum a possible number of the Danes got their yearly Sea Christmas both in correct manner.

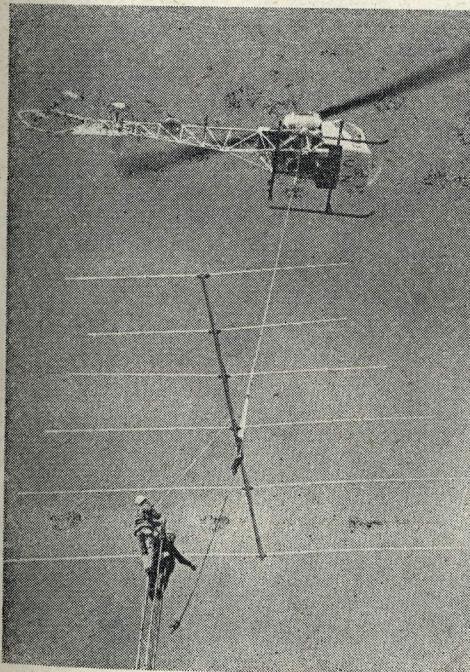
# Here comes the polar bears

And late at night  
came Santa Klaus

Christmas Eve is the day for the Swedes to prove that they are descendants of the Vikings. This year no less than 410 members and relatives of SWEDCON qualified for the "Polar Bear Swim Club" diploma in the cold (+17°C) waves of Larnaca beach. That night there was a Christmas dinner party visited by Santa Claus himself.



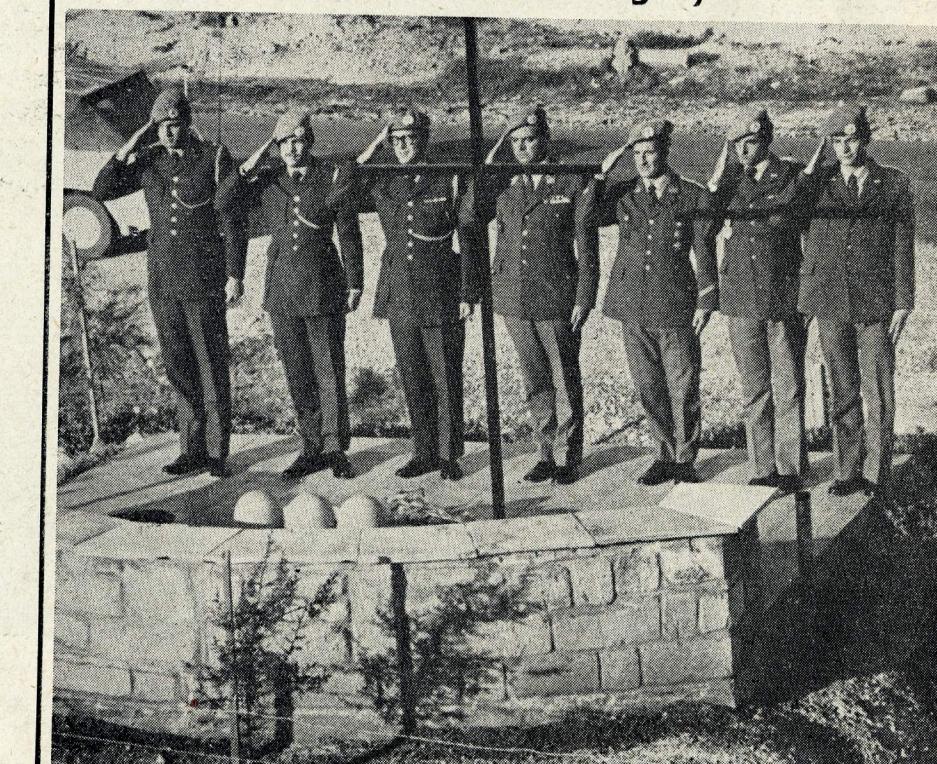
## Radio improved



Short wave radio connections between Camp Victoria and Sweden were very much improved after a helicopter from Sioux Squadron of AAC placed a new log periodic antenna on top of a high mast. Many spectators watched the thrilling lift, but the pilot was sure with his aim and the antenna was soon in place.



## Memories of a tragedy



Members of AUSCON and SWEDCON honour the memory of the three Austrian soldiers killed in the tragic event on the Nicosia-Larnaca road in the summer of 1974. The Swedes are now responsible for the care of the Monument in the former Austrian sector.

# CHRISTMAS IN BRITCON



Even the soldiers on standby at the OPs, like at Yerolakkos, had a traditional Christmas lunch.



Christmas Day is a busy one for all army cooks and this year proved no exception for those in Jubilee Camp. As is the normal tradition outside the United Kingdom, all the soldiers were waited on by their officers and senior NCOs, and received the normal fare of turkey, ham and plum pudding. The cooks are pictured here at work, above, as they serve the meal, while left, the happy smile of the soldier was pictured as he is served with his piled-up plate.

# SHOOTING COMPETITION IN FAMAGUSTA



Unter widrigen Witterungsbedingungen wurden am türkischen Schießplatz in Famagusta die Bataillonsmeister mit Pistole und der Maschinenpistole ermittelt. In dem überaus spannenden Bewerb siegte schließlich Mjr Reithofer mit der Pistole und StWm Zehetner mit der MPi.

The Austrian Contingent's shooting championships for the pistol and sub-machine gun events took place on the Turkish Range in Famagusta recently. After some very good shooting, Major Reithofer won the pistol event and StWm Zehetner the sub-machine gun.



Die Sieger und die Plazierten, l.n.r. Lt Ziehaus, Oblt Litzl-fellner, Mjr Reithofer, Hptm Dettlof, StWm Zehetner, Vzlt Untersinger.

## CHRISTMAS FOR AUSCON IN SECTOR 6



A very moving Christmas service was celebrated by Milkurat Reichl, to the accompaniment of a choir formed by soldiers of the Battalion.

Die sehr stimmungsvoll verlaufene Christmette in der Heiligen Nacht, die Milkurat Reichl zelebrierte, wurde vom Soldatenchor des AUSCON eindrucksvoll umrahmt.

# THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE VISITS CANCON



On the 23rd of December Canada's Minister of National Defence Mr B.J. Danson and his wife arrived in Cyprus to spend Christmas with the Canadian Contingent. On Christmas Eve 2 RCR held a church parade and a special service was conducted at Holy Cross Church. On Christmas day the Minister visited all

the OPs with Santa Claus in tow.

All the members of CANCON would like to thank Mr and Mrs Danson for coming to Cyprus to spend their holidays with the Canadian Contingent. Pictured above, Barney, Santa and the boys on Christmas day.

## MINISTER VISITS OP ROYAL



## THE REGIMENT IS 94 YEARS YOUNG

On 21 December 2 RCR celebrated the Regiment's 94th birthday. The Royal Canadian Regiment began its existence as the Infantry School Corps on 21 December 1883.

A sports day was held with teams from the Ptes, Cplis, Sr NCOs and Officers, volleyball, softball, tennis and minigolf were the sports that were played. The Sr NCOs won the day and were presented with the Prince Philip Cup. The CO, LCol J.R. MacPherson and Pte S.P. Powell of J Coy are pictured above cutting the Regimental birthday cake in the Jr Ranks Mess of the Ledra Palace.

The Minister of National Defence talks with Maj L.C. Bowen OC H Coy (right), the RSM CWO H. Clark (left) and CSM MWO

# BRITISH SOLDIERS HONOURED



Major (QM) F.J. Alley, MBE, Royal Regiment of Fusiliers.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has made awards in Her New Year Honours List to three former members of the British Contingent for their service in UNFICYP during 1977. Major F.J. Alley of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers has been appointed a member of the Military Division of the Order of the British Empire for his work as the Quartermaster of the UNFICYP Support Regiment during the year in which the Regiment was formed.

Staff Sergeant K.A. Fowler, RAOC, has received the British Empire Medal for his work as the Personal Assistant to two successive Chiefs of Staff, Brigadier-General C.B. Beattie, CMM, CD, and Brigadier H.M. Tillotson, CBE, over a period of more than two years.



Staff Sergeant K.A. Fowler, BEM, RAOC.

The British Empire Medal has also been awarded to Corporal P.R. Allen of 1st Battalion The Parachute Regiment for his service in charge of OP B36, throughout the winter of 1976/77.



Corporal P.R. Allen, BEM, PARA.

## BRITCON NEWS

### FIRST ALOUETTE ARRIVES



The first Alouette helicopter arrived in Nicosia last week.

# POLICE NEWS



The Force Commander seen with Chief Superintendent W. Bennett during his visit to the

Australian Police Headquarters in Christmas week.



General Quinn also visited the Military Police Company to wish them a Happy Christmas. During this visit he was pictured with the Force Provost Marshal Major P.H.L. Dobson CD and Staff Sergeant R.W. Slack RMP.

## TRAFFIC STATISTICS

2 weeks ending 7 Jan	10	last year
Previous year	11	Lesson for the month
Total for this year	5	
Same time last year	5	DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE

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