



# The Blue Beret

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## MR LIU VISITS UNFICYP



## NEW REGIMENT FORMED IN BRITCON

Last week Mr F.T. Liu, the Director of Special Political Affairs at UN HQ New York visited UNFICYP to get some up-to-date information on the functioning of the Force. While he was here he received a detailed briefing in the Headquarters and paid a flying visit to each of the sectors.

Mr Liu was pictured above with Mr G.A. Dunn, Major General J.J. Quinn, Brigadier H. M. Tillotson CBE and Assistant Commissioner J. Hamilton OBE QPM at the start of the briefing in the Headquarters, and below as he left to visit Sector Four with Brigadier Tillotson and Mr Dunn.



On 14th January a new regiment was formed in the British Contingent of UNFICYP when the UNFICYP Support Regiment was formed to replace Camp Headquarters and to administer the British minor units that support the Sectors.

Major M.K.D. Gunton Royal Anglian, the former Camp Commandant, now becomes the second-in-command of this new regiment. He was seen shortly after the regiment's formation outside its Headquarters in Camp UNFICYP.

The existence of this new regiment will not cause any change in the operational role or tasking of any of the small units, neither is any of them expected to move from their existing locations.

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Kun sjældent lykkes det at samle det danske MP-hold. Men her er det lykkedes — alle 13 mand incl. KN E.B. Larsen. De udgør en velset del af det, mange kalder UNFICYP's eneste virkelige internationale militære enhed UN MPCOY. I denne enhed er der repræsentanter for alle de lande, der har soldater under blaa beret paa Cypern. Vi kan møde vores landsmænd ikke elene paa patulje i by og paa land, men også som ved "Foxtrot" i Nicosia.

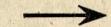
All the members of the Danish military police in Cyprus—12 plus Captain E.B. Larsen. Because of their shift-duties this is a very rare picture.

## DANCON NEWS



Lørdag den 15 b'ev en ny løb-bane indvigtet i Viking Camp. I den anledning var hele STKMP samlet, klædt om i træningstøj og løbesko, for at overvære indvielsen og det efterfølgende æresløb, hvor CH/DANCON løb i spidsen. På billedet ses CH/DANCON OL P.B. Krogen åbne banen.

On January 15th a new running course was opened in Viking Camp by the Commanding Officer Colonel P.B. Krogen.



DANCON har fået ny O-Officer. MAJ K. Rasmussen er blevet afløst af MAJ J. Christensen. På billedet ses O-Officerne ude på sporet.

DANCON has got a new Operations Officer. Major J. Christensen (left) was pictured while he was taking over from Major K. Rasmussen (right).



## Sport swedish style matches and exercise

Physical Training should always play an important part in a battalion's life, and in the Swedish Battalion there are plenty of keen sportsmen. Some take part in competitions such as football, squash, badminton and so on, but the majority are content to train independently on the cross-country track around the camp, or in the weight-lifting rooms. The Sports Officer has started a training session for those who wish to lose surplus kilos and go back to Sweden in a better physical shape. This programme lasts half an hour, and he guarantees that everyone who trains three times a week will become a lot slimmer. As can be seen in the pictures, the participants take the training seriously.

The Swedish Contingent's soccer team is fit and trains very hard, and stands a good chance of winning their group of the UNFICYP soccer competition. The match against AUSCON ended in a draw, while BRITCON were soundly defeated by 4 goals to one. In the pictures you can see the BRITCON goalkeeper in difficulties.



## FORMATION OF UNFICYP SUPPORT REGIMENT

On the 14th January Lieutenant Colonel D L Seddon RCT became the first Commanding Officer of the UNFICYP Support Regiment, the newest addition to the list of regiments in the British Army.

This regiment is the second support unit in the Army, the other being the United Kingdom Support Unit at SHAPE in Belgium. It will also join two other operational administrative regiments in the Army's order of battle — the Airborne and the Commando Logistic Regiments.

Like its name-sake in Belgium the UNFICYP Support Regiment has been formed to improve the administration and efficiency of the small British units based in Nicosia to support the United Nations Force. These include the Engineer Detachment, 644 Signal Troop, the Army Air Corps Flight, the Transport Squadron the Medical Centre, the Ordnance Detachment and the Workshops.

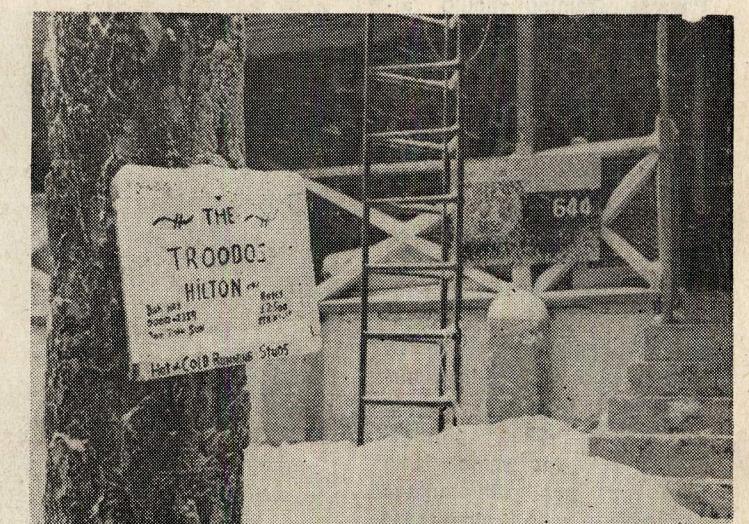
The biggest change caused by the formation of this regiment is that 644 Signal Troop becomes a squadron. Major D F B Antonisz, the Force Signals Officer assumes the additional job of squadron commander, and the former Troop Commander Captain K G Danby becomes the squadron second in command.

The formation of this new Regiment will not cause any change in the operational role of any of the small units, neither is any of them expected to move from their existing locations.



Lieutenant Colonel D L Seddon RCT, the first commander of the UNFICYP Support Regiment seen with his second-in-command Major M K D Gunton Royal Anglian as they check their diaries.

## RELAY STATION SNOWED IN



Now that the snow has finally arrived on Mount Olympus the relay station maintained by 644 Signal Squadron up there is well and truly snowed in. The shoe tree (seen left) has so much snow on it that the shoes left by previous operators can barely be seen. This doesn't seem to affect Signalman Steve James pictured on the right who is enjoying his first overseas posting in the tourists paradise.



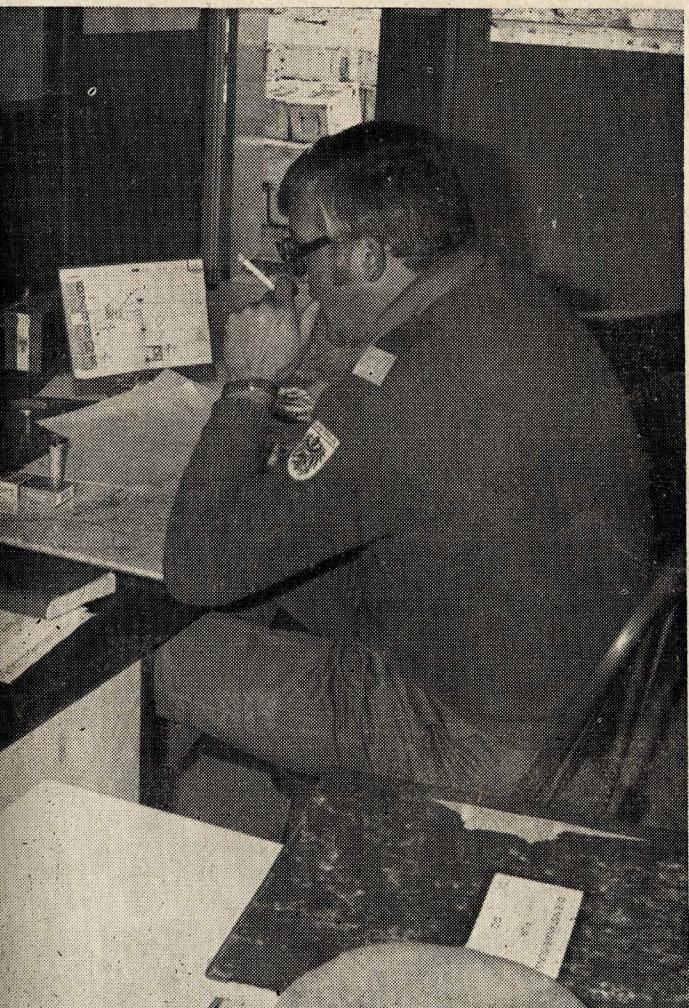
## ALARMÜBUNG BEIM AUSCON

Am 11. Jänner 1977 fand eine Alarmübung im Bataillonsrahmen statt. Unter der Annahme von möglichen Spannungen in der Pufferzone wurde eine Lage ausgetragen, die den Einsatz jedes einzelnen Soldaten des AUSCON erforderte. Die Einsatzbereitschaft wurde einer sinnvollen Prüfung unterzogen und zurückblickend können wir feststellen, daß alle mit Schwung und Elan bei der Sache waren.

AUSCON recently held a practice alarm throughout the whole of Sector 5, everybody was involved and everybody acted with elan and enthusiasm.



## WUSSTEN SIE SCHON ?



Fast eine Neuauflage der allen älteren Wienern aus der Nachkriegszeit bekannten aliierten Patrouillen ist seit 1. September 76 in Larnaca zu sehen. Es handelt sich um das UNFICYP MP-Detachment Larnaca, bestehend aus je einem Finnen, Schweden, Engländer und einem Österreicher als Kommandanten. Vzlt KREUZWIRTH und seine Männer haben sowohl im Außen — als auch im Innendienst Einiges zu tun, da ihr Aufgabenbereich vom Larnaca Distrikt bis südlich von Famagusta reicht.

MP-Detachment Larnaca in action, we hope the work-ticket was all right.

## FUSSBALLMEISTERSCHAFT



After a successfull tour, our OPS-A, Capt Bauer, leaves the island for take-over as 2iC of a AAG-unit in Austria again.

Der "Einsame Wolf" (wie er sich selbst gerne bezeichnet) zieht sich in seine heimatlichen Wälder zurück. Gemeint ist unser OPS/A, Hptm BAUER, der für ein Jahr als "Chefchirurg" erfolgreich in der Ops Branch operierte. Viele seiner "Patienten" werden ihn vermissen, auch jene, die auf andere Heilmethoden schwören, werden ihn nicht vergessen. Wir wiinschen ihm viel Glück auch für die Zukunft!

Wieder Tor für AUSCON! 20 mal mußte der gegnerische Tormann den Ball aus dem Netz holen, der eigene in 4 Spielen nur ein einziges Mal. Mit diesem imponierenden Torverhältnis und 7 Punkten wird unser Team voraussichtlich als Tabellenführer in die Rückrunde gehen. Wir bedanken uns bei allen eingesetzten Spielern für den schier unübzbaren Einsatz und wünschen für die Rückrunde einen ähnlichen Erfolg, der allerdings kaum zu erreichen sein wird, da das erfolgreiche Team durch die Rotation leider auseinandergerissen wird. Unser besonderer Dank gilt auch den zahlreichen Zuschauern, die zeitweise für echte Länderkampfstimung sorgten.

Goal again! After four rounds in the UNFICYP competition AUSCON's soccer team is still very successful.

# MISS CANADA IN NICOSIA



Miss Canada 1977 and Pte Harold Malayney of Ledra Coy. Both come from Saskatchewan.

## MEDAL PARADE AT HQ UNFICYP



Back to Canada



Rothmen's cast and personnel on leave board a Hercules C-130 for Lahr, Germany.

Mini Medal Parade



A small medal parade for those shortly returning to Canada was held at Wolseley Barracks.

The RBC Recce Party



12 RBC Recce party led by Lt Col Geddry.

## CANCON E W S

During the past few weeks CANCON has been settling back into the work routine after the Holiday period. Farewell was said to the cast of the Rothman's Show, but not before Miss Canada visited soldiers on duty in different parts of the Sector. She especially enjoyed meeting soldiers from her home province of Saskatchewan. The cast returned to Germany and Canada by Canadian Forces aircraft, the same craft used to transport personnel to and from Germany on leave.

Also in this month several members were rotated back to Canada. These personnel were presented with their UN Medals and received farewells from both the Commander and Deputy Commander of the Canadian Contingent before they left Cyprus.

Cancon's major unit, 3 RCR, was visited by a Recce party of the Douxème Regiment Blindé du Canada (12 RBC), due to replace them here in April. Led by their Commanding Officer, LCol Geddry, the Recce party consisted of key appointments in the unit. After familiarizing themselves with their area, they returned to Canada on 19 January.

On 21st January 1977 the Force Commander, Major General J.J. Quinn was the inspecting officer at the Canadian's Medal Parade. On this parade he presented medals to the officers and men of the 3rd Battalion The Royal Canadian Regiment.

The first medal General Quinn presented as Force Commander went Lieutenant R.G. Slms.

### THE FIRST MEDAL



# MIEHIÄ TYÖNSÄ ÄÄRESSÄ



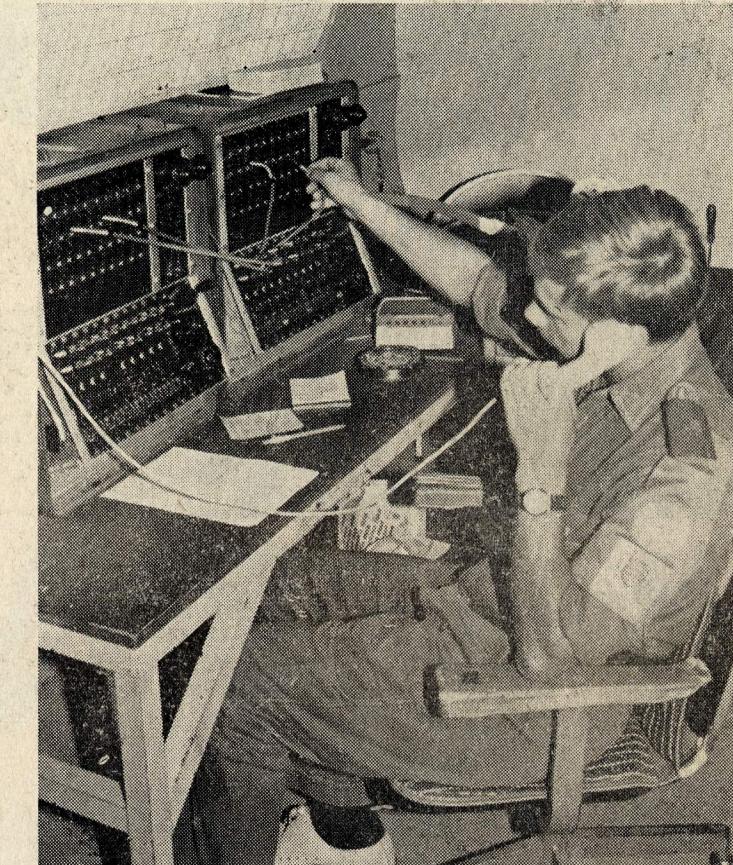
Hammashuollakari on jokaiselle meistä täkeä mies aika ajoin — useimmat tietysti toivovat että mahdollisimman harvoin. Finconin hammashuollakari maj J. Pekkala on kuitenkin täystyöllistetty: potilaista on yli 300 kuukaudessa. Suomalaisten ohella kävät vastaanolla ruotsalaiset ja välillä muutama itävaltalainen ja enkkukin.

YK:n Kyprioksella olevien joukkojen komentajat pitivät palaverin Finconissa perjantaina 14.1. Yhteisten ongelmien ohella oli sektorien komentajilla tilaisuus tutustua Force Reserven Ferret-panssariautoihin. Näitä ajoneuvoja käytetään partio — ja tiedustelutehtävissä. Kuvassa Ferret Kykon platalla, torniin on kiivennyt Danconin komentaja evl P. Krogen ja vieressä opastaa Finconin komentaja ev O. Lopponiemi. Toisen vaunun sivulla Force Reserven päällikkö maj J. Knox, seur, vaunuissa 2. sektorin evl J. Brierly, nelosen evl W. Fritz ja kuutonen evl A. Bäärnhielm.

### ENGLISH SUMMARY

Above two pictures of the everyday life in Fincon. On the left, the dentist Major J. Pekkala is seen at work on the teeth of Cpl V. Pirinen, while on the right, the switchboard operator Cpl Kankaanpää is seen on duty operating the Swedish-made 40-line switchboards.

The Sector Commanders held their monthly meeting in Fincon on 14th January. During a gap in their discussions they were given an opportunity to make a closer acquaintance with the armoured cars of Force Reserve. In the picture on the right, the Commander of Dancon, Lt Col P.B. Krogen is seen in the turret of a ferret scout car, while Col O. Lopponiemi is standing beside him. Watching from behind is the Commander of Force Reserve, Maj J. Knox.



Puhelinkeskus on monessa mielessä pataljoonan hermokeskus. Kahta 40 linjan ruotsalaista kenttäkeskusta on hoitolemassa 6 miestä, yksi kerrallaan kuuden tunnin pykälissä. Finconin keskus sijaitsee Kykko campissa. Kuvassa keskusta hoitilee alik Kankaanpää.

## KOMENTAJAT KOKOONTUIVAT



# UNCIVPOL NEWS



Recently the Police Advisor Assistant Commissioner J Hamilton OBE QPM visited Sector Six and toured a part of the Buffer Zone with a patrol from the Force Reserve. He chose one of the wettest days, and so saw the patrol track at its worst.

He is seen above with Major J S Knox the squadron commander of B Squadron 15th/19th The Kings Royal Hussars at the Salamis Carton Factory just before setting off.

## SKI TRAINING STARTS



Now that there is enough snow on Mount Olympus the Ski courses have started for beginners, while the more expert performers have begun to train for the Force Skiing Competition which will take place in February.

The Austrian contingent have

kindly sent WO1 Erwin Stvarnik and Lance Corporal Rudolf Hassenauer to teach the British contingent how to stay upright on skis. WO1 Stvarnik is seen above showing his class how to turn, while on the right one of his students seems to be enjoying a new skill.

## SOCER COMPETITION KICKS OFF



The biggest score has been recorded by Auscon, whose team beat Cancon by ten goals to nil.

The annual soccer tournament has started with the twelve teams divided into two leagues.

The positions after three games had been played was:

LEAGUE ONE	P	W	D	L	GLS	P
38 SQN RCT	3	3	0	0	11 — 3	6
DANCON	3	2	1	0	14 — 3	5
UN MP COY	3	1	1	1	7 — 8	3
UNCIVPOL	2	1	0	1	6 — 4	2
FINCON	2	1	0	1	3 — 4	2
CAMP UNFICYP A	3	0	0	3	3 — 11	0
FORCE RESERVE	2	0	0	2	2 — 13	0

### LEAGUE TWO

AUSCON	2	1	1	0	11 — 1	3
SWEDCON	2	1	1	0	4 — 1	3
BRITCON	1	1	0	0	7 — 0	2
644 SIG TP	1	0	0	1	0 — 3	0
CANCON	2	0	0	2	0 — 17	0



## TRAFFIC STATISTICS

2 Weeks ending 22 Jan	14
Same period last year	10
Total for the year	19
Total for the same period last year	10

### LESSON OF THE MONTH

The Force Catering Advisor WO2 B Naylor happy that he is still standing.

*Drive Dangerously and Die  
Drive Safely and Survive.*