



The Blue Beret

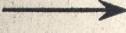
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TOP UN OFFICIAL VISITS



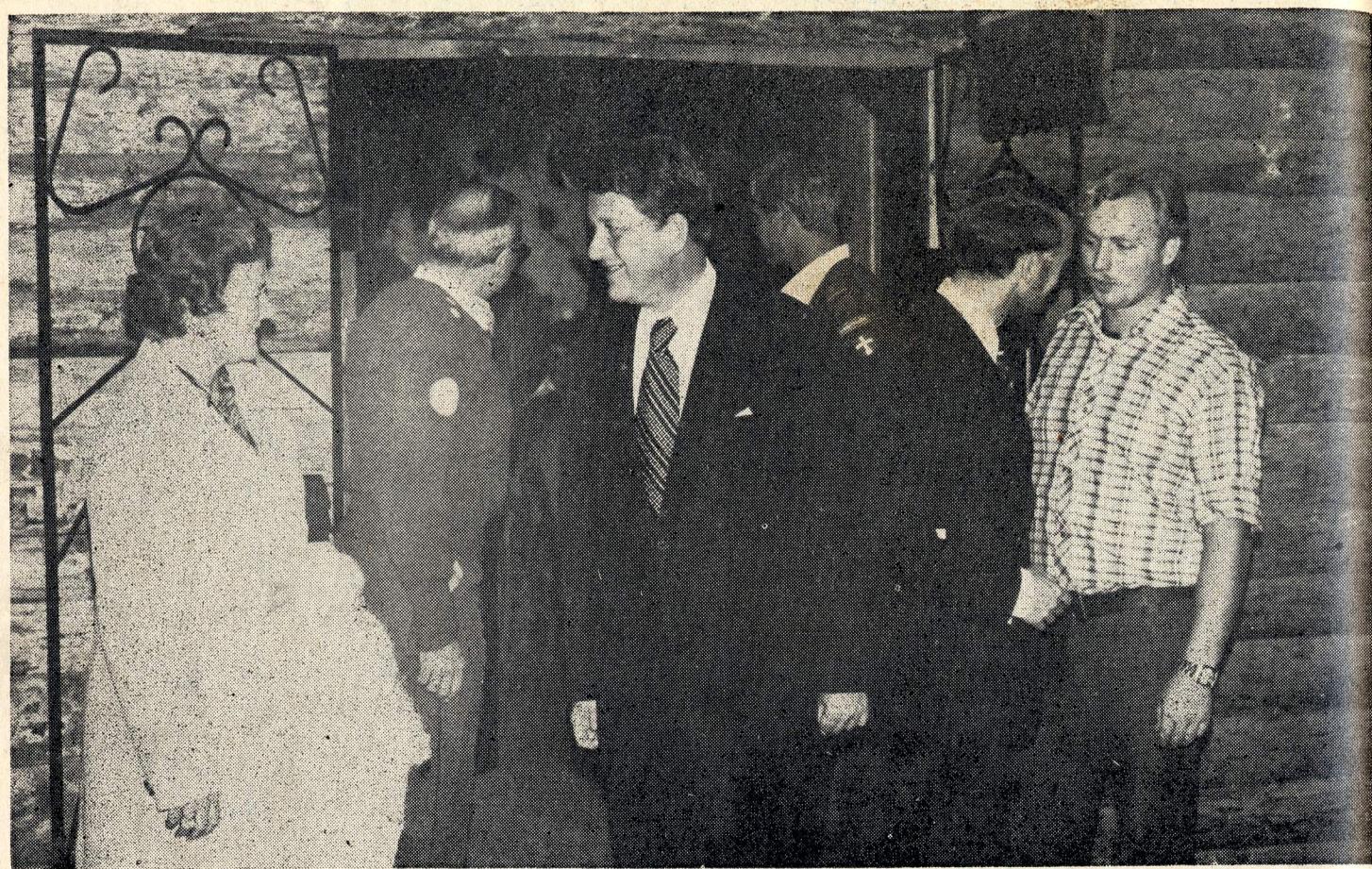
NEW COMMANDER FOR SECTOR 3



Rotation time in Sector 3 this month marks the end of tour for the Contingent Commander Colonel O Lopmeri. He has been relieved by Lieutenant Colonel P Saarikoski who assumed command of the Finnish Contingent and Sector 3 at a short ceremony in Kykko Camp last Saturday. Colonel Lopmeri is seen with the Force Commander, Major General J J Quinn, when he introduced his successor.



Two weeks ago Mr George Sherry, the Principal Officer in the Office of the Under Secretary General for Special Political Affairs at the United Nations Headquarters in New York visited Cyprus to bring himself up to date on what was happening on the Island. During his visit he toured all the Sectors to see at first hand what conditions the men in the Contingents had to live under and the problems they had to face. He is seen above inspecting a Quarter Guard with its commander Sergeant Vigeant when he arrived in Wolseley Barracks at the start of his tour in Sector 4.



STKMP ved DANCON XXVI aholdt en særdeles vellykket fest i konstabelhaven på Hennes Mejestæt, Dronning Margrethes fødselsdag den 16 april. Åresgæst var ambassadør Thorning-Petersen med frue, der her ses sammen med OL P.B. Krogen, OKS E.P.F. Jensen m.fl.

HQ Coy of Dancon XXVI arranged a very successful party in the Private's Club garden on the occasion of Her Majesty Queen Margrethe's anniversary on the 16th April. Guests of honour were the Danish Ambassador Thorning-Petersen and his wife, who are seen here with Lieutenant Colonel P B Krogen and Private E P F Jensen.



OL G. Bladbjerg, tiltrædende chef for DANCON XXVII har været på besøg, her sammen med den nuværende kontingentchef, OL P.B. Krogen.

Lieutenant Colonel G Bladbjerg (left) the next Commander of the Danish Contingent has recently visited Dancon, and is seen here with the present Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel P B Krogen.



Sidste civile gæster i denne omgang — Søren og Christian på ryggen af "Olfert".

Recent civilian guests of the Danish Contingent were Søren and Christian who are seen here riding "Olfert".



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FAREWELL AND GOOD-BY FOR BATTALION 63 C

The time has come for the Swedish Battalion 63C to say farewell. The six months of service with United Nations has ended and on the 28th of April the last flight left Cyprus, and flew back to the Swedish Spring which as feared meant a rather cold welcome.

During weeks before the rotation the Post Office was almost full with parcels containing suits, books and many other mementos all destined for Sweden. One of the more original ways of taking home their memories from Cyprus was a motor-cycle tour taken by seven Swedish soldiers who shortly after their arrival in Sweden did a return trip to Cyprus through Europe.

They would like to return for another six month tour in UNFICYP sometime.

The men of the battalion saved about £C300,000 but spent a considerable amount on Clothing Stereo and Camera equipment and also on sight-seeing. The most popular places outside Cyprus for leave have been Israel, Kenya and the Seychelles. Over 70% of the men of the battalion are posi-



NEW UNIT IN SECTOR TWO



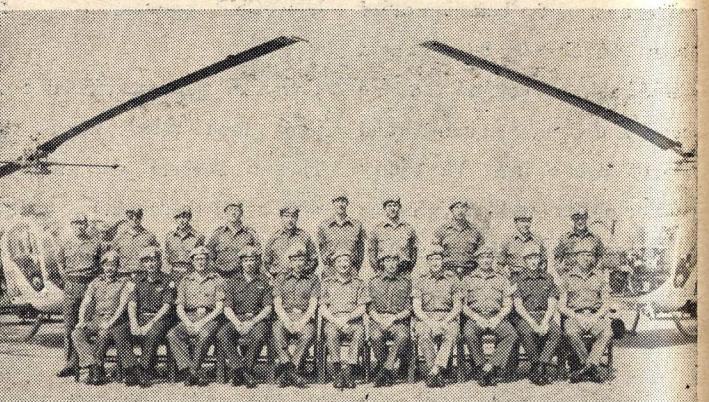
The Battalion second-in-command Major Clive Larken supervising the erection of the new sign at St Davids Camp.

SIGNAL OFFICER IN CHIEF LOOKS AT SIGNAL SQUADRON



On Wednesday 27th April the Signal Officer in Chief Major General P A M Tighe MBE visited the Signal Squadron. He is seen above talking to the Tactical Headquarters team.

AIR CORPS BRIGADIER VISITS UN FLIGHT



Brigadier Parker, the Army Air Corps Commander from HQ UKLF visited the UN Flight of the Army Air Corps last week to carry out his annual inspection. He was pictured during his visit with the members of the flight and his team of inspectors.



Brigadier Parker signing the scrapbook watched by Major Blount, the UN Flight commander.



The helicopter records books were checked too!

The first Battalion The Royal Irish Rangers (27th (Inniskilling) 83rd and 87th) took over responsibility for Sector 2 on 18th April 1977. The battalion has come to Cyprus from Little Rislington in Gloucestershire to start its second UN tour in Cyprus since its formation in 1969. It was previously in the Limassol/Paphos area in 1972. The Battalion is split as usual between the UN and the SBA.



The Standby Section at the Box Factory, which is manned by A Company under Major Jim Condon, is seen here commanded by Cpl Roy Kendal — veteran of two previous UN tours.

TWO AUSTRIAN COS LEAVING

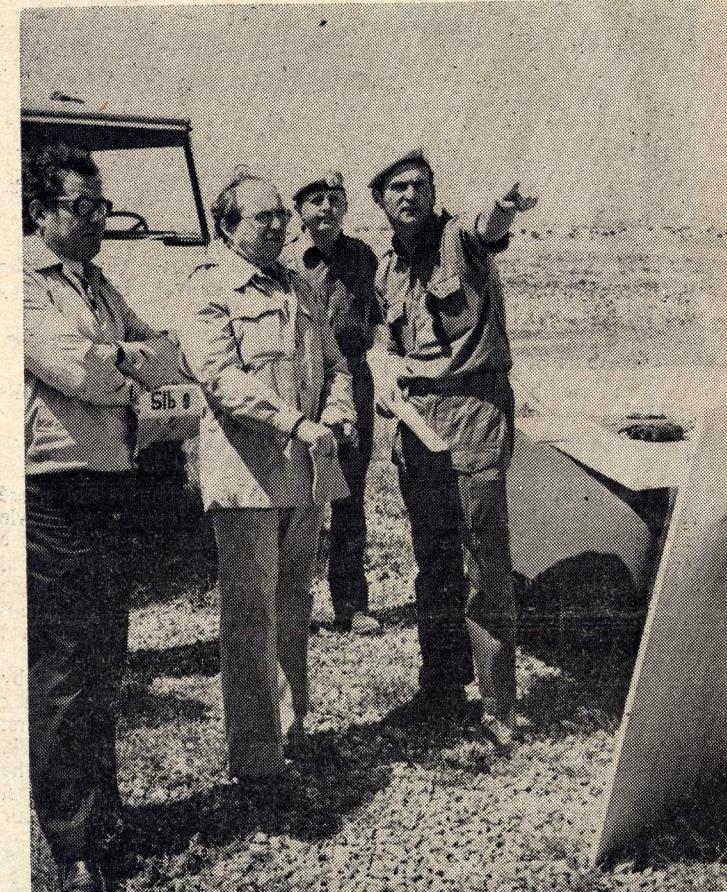


Am 21.4.1977 luden der Bataillonskommandant des AUSCON, Obstlt FRITZ, und der Kommandant der AUSCIVPOL, Obst FUCHS, zu einer großen Farewell-Party ein. Für beide Kommandanten war dies der letzte offizielle Anlaß, Lebewohl zu sagen. Obst FUCHS hat Zypern bereits verlassen, und auch Obstlt FRITZ wird nun bald in die Heimat zurückkehren.

Wir wünschen beiden Kommandanten für die Zukunft alles erdenklich Gute.

On 21st April the Battalion Commander of the Austrian Contingent Lieutenant Colonel W. Fritz and the Commander of the Austrian Civilian Police Contingent Colonel H. Fuchs held a joint Farewell Party at Larnaca. For both commanders this was the last official occasion during their tours in Cyprus on which they could say good-bye to the friends they have made in the Force. Colonel Fuchs has already left Cyprus and Lieutenant Colonel Fritz will shortly be returning to his home. The Austrian Contingent wishes both commanders good fortune in the future.

MR SHERRY VISITS SECTOR 5



"OBST-BRANCH" AT WORK

So unglaublich es auch klingt, aber es ist, seit das AUSCON seinen Dienst hier auf der Insel versieht nicht gelungen klarzustellen, daß Ops-Branch nichts mit Obst und Gemüse zu tun hat. Wir haben uns daher bemüht Ihnen im Bild einen Eindruck der vielfältigen Aktivitäten zu vermitteln.

Sollten Sie nach wie vor der Meinung sein, daß Ops und Obst dasselbe ist, so sehen wir mit Interesse Ihren schriftlichen Stellungnahmen entgegen, für die wir bereits die Ablage 13 (siehe Bild) vorbereitet haben. Unbelehrbaren wünschen wir die gleiche Fähigkeit über sich selbst lachen zu können.

Ihr

"Braintrust"



APROPOS "LACHEN"-AUSCON "SPORT"



Mr Sherry visited Auscon on 20th April, and was shown round the camps in the Buffer Zone by Lieutenant Colonel Fritz the Battalion Commander.



Die verschiedenen sportlichen Bewerbe der vorangegangenen Wochen wurden vom AUSCON mit lustigen Wettkämpfen abgeschlossen. Selbst dabei wurde noch guter Sport geboten.

SENIOR UN OFFICIAL VISITS CANCON



Mr George Sherry being received by a Quarter Guard under the Command of Sergeant Vigéant on his arrival in Wolseley Barracks.

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Members of the visiting team leaving OP OMORPHITA.
Des membres de l'équipe d'inspection quittent OP OMORPHITA.

LES NOUVELLES CANCON

Les premières semaines de travail ici au Secteur 4 ont passé aisément et facilement. Nous avons établi une routine, et la vie est redevenue à la normale après notre initiation. Le Régiment a reçu son premier visiteur, M. George Sherry du Quartier-Général des Nations Unies à New York, et a profité de cette visite comme une occasion de pratiquer le "VIP Drill". La plupart du temps pourtant, on est comme SOP. On court le matin, on fait nos devoirs, et on commence à goûter la vie ici à Chypre.

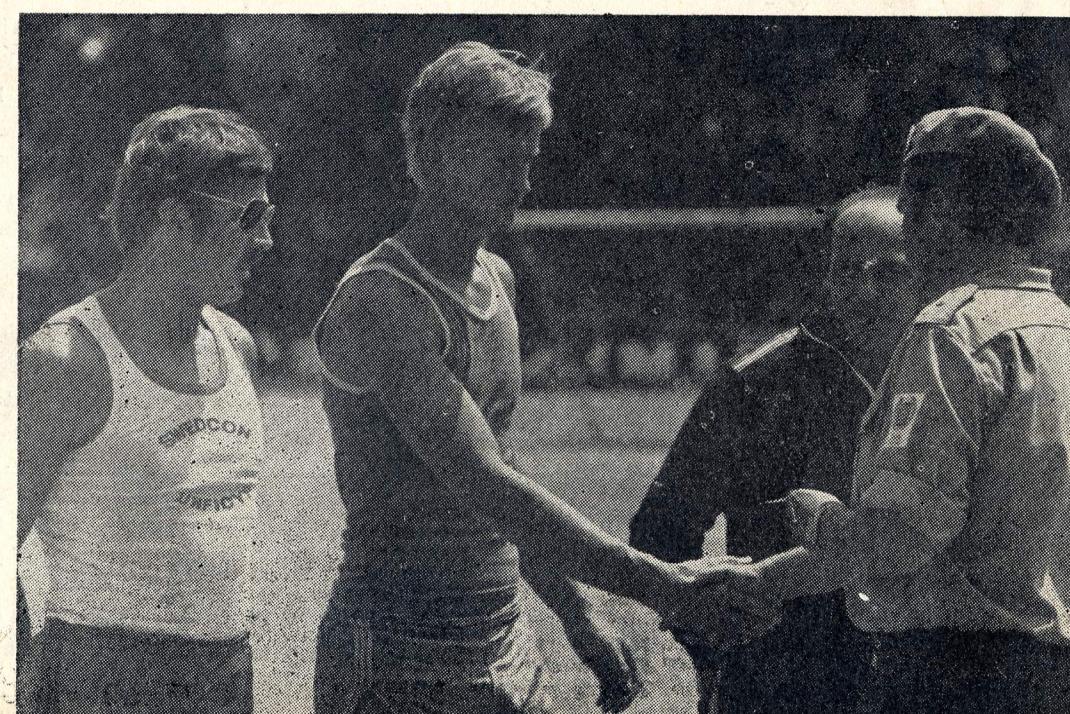
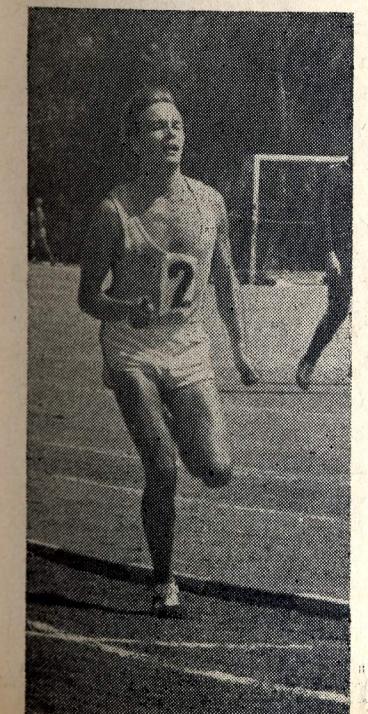
The first few weeks of work here in Sector 4 have gone by quickly and easily. We have established a routine, and life is back to normal after our initiation. The Regiment received its first visitor, Mr George Sherry from UN Headquarters in New York, and got its first opportunity to practice the "VIP Drill". For the most part, however, life has been as per SOP. We run in the mornings, (as seen below) do our routine duties and begin to enjoy our tour of duty here in Cyprus.



SUOMI-RUOTSI MAAOTTELU KYPROSLAISITTAIN

Monille suomalaisille on Suomi—Ruotsi—maaottelu se vuoden odotetuim tapahtuma. Tärkeä oli tapaus tällä Kyprousellakin, vaikkei yleisömenestys varmaan vastaakaan Helsingissä tai Tukholmassa pidettiäviä kisoja. 17.04. se sitten tapahtui English Schoolin kentällä Nicosiassa. Oliko sit-

(vas) vetää tiukkaa tahtia loppumetreillä. Alhaalla vasemmalla 3000 metrin voittaja jääk Paksumiemi saapumassa maaliin. Alhaalla oikealla huoltopäällikkö maj Luukanen jakaa palkintoja sadan metrin voittajille, vas Arbeved / Swedcon, Ohlsson / Swedcon Vaho/Fincon ja hp. Vaho/Fincon.



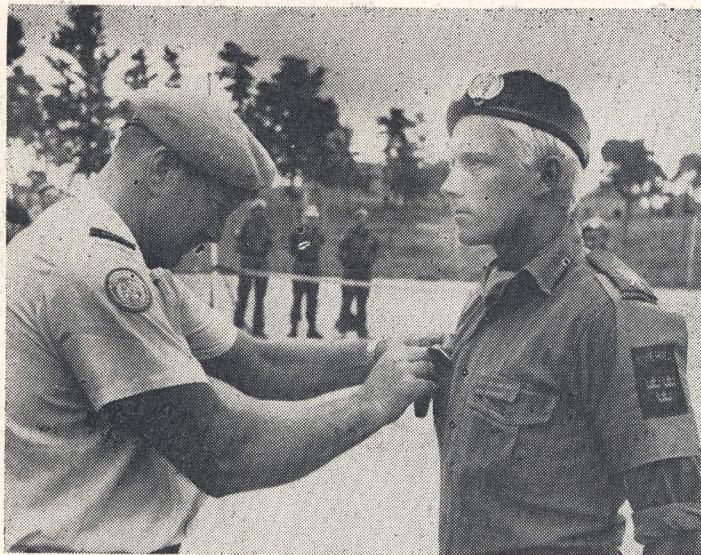
The biggest annual sports event in Sweden and Finland is they say — the athletics competition between those two countries. In Cyprus this competition took place on a minor scale on the 17th April in Nicosia. The events were fought out with enthusiasm and zeal, and the winner (in Cyprus) was FINLAND. In the picture above on the left Kekalainen of Swedcon throwing the javelin, and on the right the last metres of the relay run. Below on the right the Chief Logistics Officer of Fincon, Major M Luukanen is seen congratulating the winners of the 100 metres run. They are (from the left) Arbsved/Swedcon, Ohlsson/Swedcon (the winner) and Vaho/Fincon.

Below on the left the winner of the 5000 meters run, Pte Paksumiemi.

AUSTRALIAN CIVILIAN POLICE CONTINGENTS CHANGE OVER



Swedish NCO's Assistance To UN MPs Recognised



On the night of 14/15 April the Military Police were called to an incident in a cabaret in Nicosia. In spite of abuse and obstruction from the others in the cabaret, one NCO physically assisted the MP patrol. At a ceremony in front of his Company on 22 April in Goldfish Camp, his Commander congratulated Sgt Thomas Broberg of 3 Company. The Force Provost Marshal also commented on his devotion to duty and physical and moral courage and, on behalf of all ranks of the MP Coy, presented him with a small token of their esteem. Here he is being presented with an MP Coy unit badge.

During the past two weeks the 14th Australian Civilian Police Contingent has arrived in Cyprus to take over the UNCIVPOL tasks in Sectors One and Two. They take over from the Contingent led by Superintendent F. Luther, which has now been in UNFICYP for a little over one year.

The two contingents were pictured together after the ANZAC Day Memorial Service on Monday 25th April and are (back row) Sergeants Bradley, Wells, Thurger, Scott, Medlock, Cunneen, Neeves, Bethune, Angel, Oakman and Leister. (middle row) Sergeants Schank and Halloran, Inspectors Cole, Head, Brodie and McLaren, Sergeant Beard. (front row) Inspectors Facey, Bond, Storey, Superintendents Allatson, Luther, Kelly, Inspectors Roach, Jamieson, Streeter and Lawson. The 13th Contingent established the UNCIVPOL system of working in Sector One and Two following the re-deployment of the Force in late 1975. Since then they have become the first Australian Commonwealth Police Unit to receive a unit citation for their work. They are also justifiably proud of their safe driving record; for during their tour they have driven over 14000 miles a month in UN vehicles, and have only had one accident — a parking accident in the Blue Beret Camp.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

2 Weeks ending 30 Apr	7	Total for the same period
Same period last year	3	last year
Total for the year	80	

LESSON OF THE MONTH
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