



FINN BN LEAVES UNFICYP



As the Acting Force Commander said "the final parade of the Finnish Contingent was both

a sad and a happy occasion". Sad because it saw the end of thirteen years of very devoted

service to UNFICYP, and happy because on it the last of the officers and men who had earned the UN Medal in Cyprus would be receiving them.

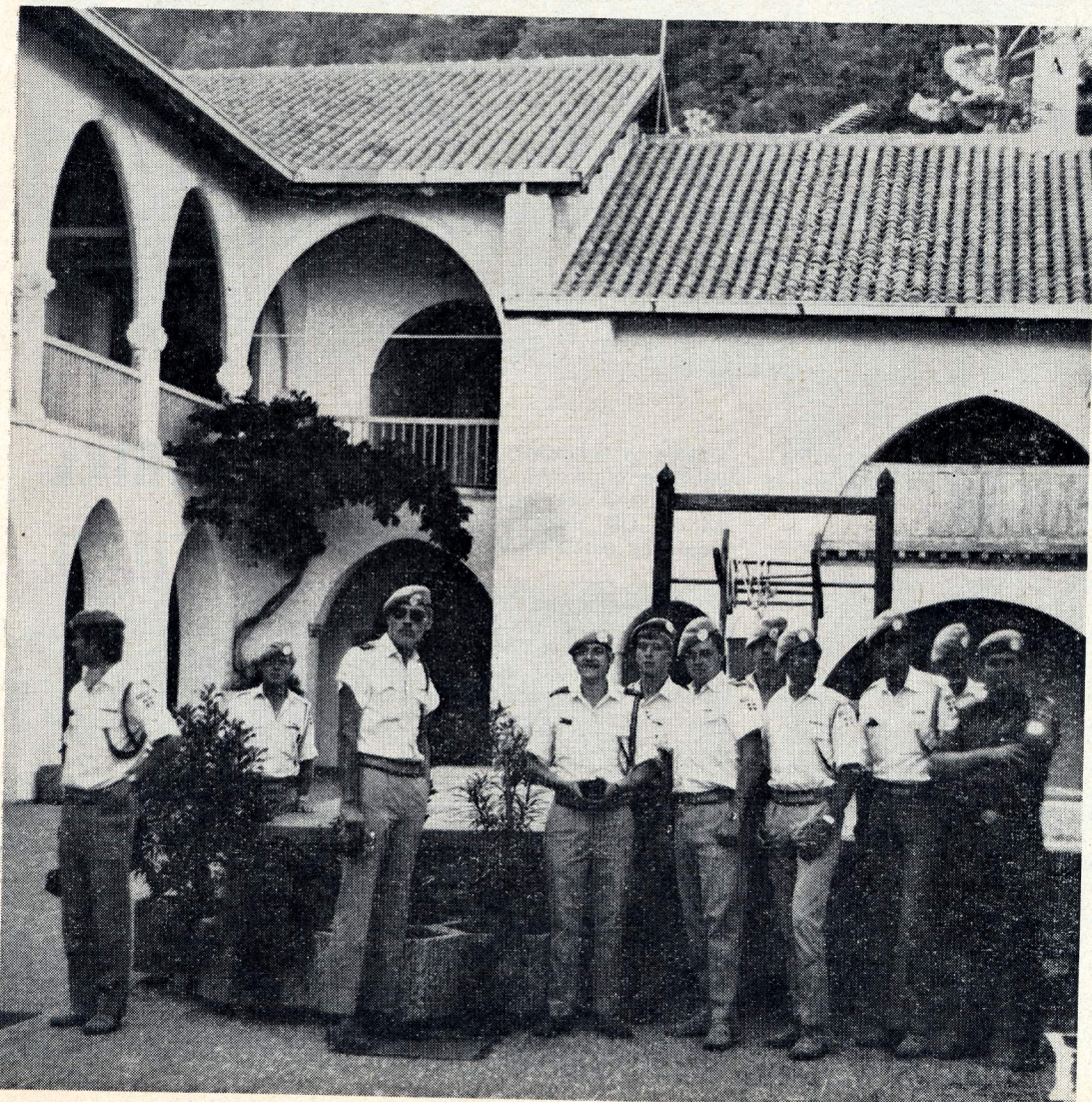
MEMORIAL UNVEILED



The parade was held in Kykko Camp, in the presence of Lieutenant General K Sarmanne the Secretary General of the Finnish Ministry of Defence, HE The Finnish Ambassador Mr M Kahiluoto, Mr Brotherus Assistant Director of the Finnish Foreign Ministry, and Lieutenant General Matikainen the father of the only Finnish soldier to be killed on active service in Cyprus.

After the parade, on which the music was provided by the Drums and Pipes of 2 RCR, Lieutenant General Sarmanne unveiled a memorial to the many Finnish soldiers who have served the United Nations and Finland so well on the Island.





I dagene 24 OKT til 3 NOV besøgte DANCON af OL J. Borup Jakobsen, MAJ J.B. Nielsen og MAJ J. Østerby — alle sagsbehandlere vedrørende FN-spørgsmål i forsvarskommandoen — samt MAJ H.O. Sietam fra FN-AFD.

A number of Staff Officers who deal with UN matters in the Danish Defence Command and the personnel officer of the Danish UN Department, visited Dancon from 24th October to 3rd November.

In the picture can be seen (front from right to left) Lt. Col. J. Borup Jakobsen, Maj J. Østerby, Maj H.O. Sietam and Maj J.B. Nielsen.

DANCON NEWS



Tiden er ved at løbe ud for hold XXVII, og mange benytter de sidste velfærdsture til at tage afsked med kendte steder på Cypern. Her er et hold på besøg i Kykko klosteret.

As the time comes for the personnel of Dancon XXVII to say "good-bye" to Cyprus, there is good attendance on the last welfare tours. Here a group is pictured visiting the Kykko Monastery.

SWEDCON AT HOME IN LARNACA

The Swedish Battalion is now installed in Camp Victoria at Larnaca after two very heavy weeks work.

After spending 13 years at Carl Gustav and Gold Fish Camps in Famagusta, Swedcon was ordered to move to Larnaca as part of the redeployment of UNFICYP caused by the Finnish Battalion's withdrawal from Cyprus.

Of course there was lots of material that had to be moved, and moved just a few weeks before the whole Battalion rotates back to Sweden.

The new Swedish Contingent — called Battalion 67C — has now moved into Camp Victoria, as AUSCON's old Camp Duke Leopold V has been renamed. One company is — due to insufficient space and facilities — living in tents along the Artemis Road in Larnaca, while the other is located in the village of Athienou. Arrangements are in hand, though, to extend the living facilities at Larnaca to cope with the larger numbers in the Swedish Battalion.

And so, after 13 years in the Famagusta District and Sector 6, the Swedish Battalion has new tasks to carry out in UNFICYP.



Members of the third Coy setting up tents at Artemis Road, not far from Camp Victoria in Larnaca.

...AFTER LEAVING FAMAGUSTA



Goldfish Camp was totally deserted and the sign was taken away as the third Coy moved from Famagusta.



The Swedish soldiers load the trucks at Carl Gustaf Camp as they are heading for Sector 5.



Out from Carl Gustaf Camp and farewell to what's been home for the last six months.

NEW UNITS IN BRITCON



Two weeks ago the Royal Irish Rangers handed responsibility for Sector 2 over to 1st Battalion The Kings Regiment. The Kings, who have come to Cyprus from their Barracks in Colchester, were immediately given the task of altering their boundaries, and of assuming responsibility for guarding Jubilee Camp. In a short ceremony, the Kings Battalion Flag was raised in St David's Camp and the Rangers' Flag was lowered for the last time (left). Then with a quick handshake by the two Commanding Officers the hand-over was completed.

RTR AND KINGS ARRIVE



A Chieftain tank being directed through a minefield during exercises in Canada.

Having spent three years up until 1971 as a Reconnaissance Regiment equipped with Armoured Cars at Wolfenbuttel in Germany, the 3rd Royal Tank Regiment was converted back to Tanks and equipped with Chieftains, Britain's Main Battle Tank. This involved a move to Fallingb., a small town midway between Hannover and Hamburg, which became the Regiment's home from 1971 until last year. During that time it served twice on internal security duties and visited Canada on two exercises, each time for one month. After an eight year tour in Germany the Regiment moved to Tidworth in the South of England, nearer home for most of the men in the Regiment, who hail from the West Country. Here, C Squadron continued to be equipped with Chieftains and, whilst carrying out its normal training, became known as the Rent-a-tank Squadron, lending tanks for exercises, putting on demonstrations and hosting schoolboys' and cadets' visits. At the beginning of this year, a few of the Squadron went to Ulster for a four month tour, meanwhile the remainder trained on the ranges and on a series of exercises in preparation for a month's exercise in Alberta, Canada. The vastness of the Alberta prairies provided an excellent opportunity to practise Battle procedures on live firing exercises, and the Squadron learned a great deal in this climax to its training cycle.

The return of the Squadron from Canada at the end of May this year marked its farewell to Tanks and the start of training on Ferrets for the role in Cyprus.



SSM Cousins distributing ammunition for the tanks before the Canadian exercises.

NEW MEN FOR AUSCON

Die Verlegung von AUSCON nach Famagusta ist abgeschlossen und das Kontingent

hat die Verantwortung für den Sektor 6 übernommen. Wesentlichen Anteil am reibungslosen

Ablauf der Verlegung hatten, das unterstrich der CO LtCol H. J. Oberwinkler in seiner Ab-

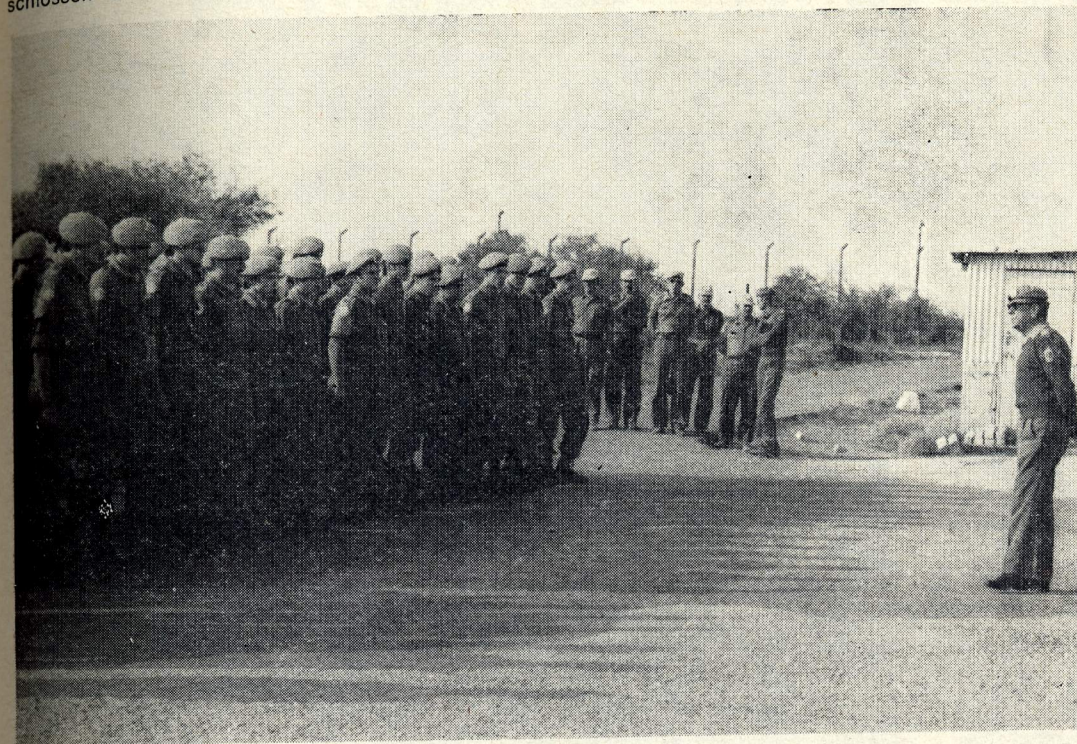
schiedsrede, die Angehörigen von AUSCON, die nach der Verlegung in die Heimat zurückgeflogen sind.

Neue Aufgaben kommen nun auf AUSCON zu. Das Camp Duke Leopold V. in Famagusta wird österreichischen Vorstellungen entsprechend umgestaltet und ausgebaut. Hervorgehoben muß hier der Einsatz unserer Pioniere werden. Sie machen dem alten Spruch "Pioniere wie immer" alle Ehre.

The transfer of the Austrian Contingent to Famagusta has been completed, and it has taken over responsibility for Sector 6.

Those members of the Contingent who returned to Austria during the last rotation made a large contribution to this work, the Commanding Officer Lt. Col. Oberwinkler said in his farewell address to those leaving Cyprus.

Auscon now has a new job to do. Camp Duke Leopold V is being adapted to suit the Austrian conceptions. OPs will also be changed which means that once more the work of the Austrian Engineers has been marked out.



The Commanding Officer Lt. Col. Oberwinkler welcomes the new members of AUSCON at Camp Duke Leopold V in Famagusta.

FIRE

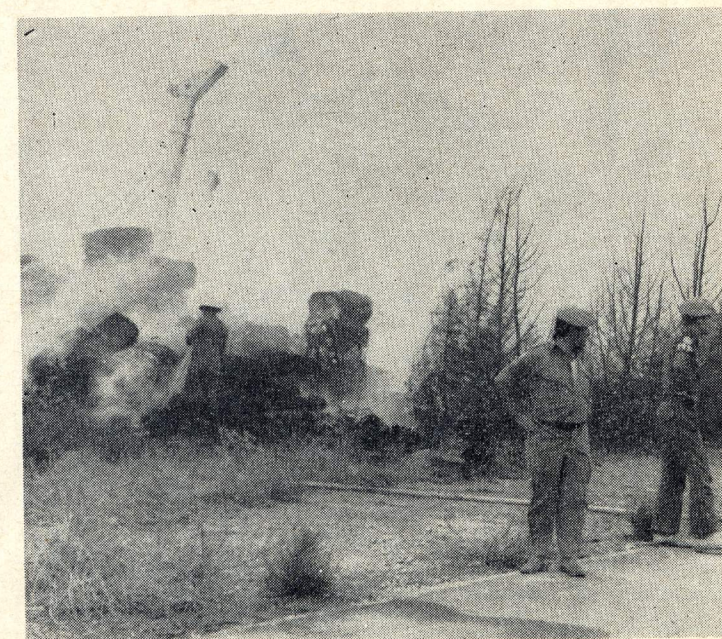
Auch auf den OP wird gearbeitet und umgebaut. Der erste Regen hat gezeigt wie notwendig dies ist. Am OP 20, der in einer stillgelegten Kartonfabrik untergebracht ist, ging die Umgestaltung nicht ohne Hindernisse vonstatten. Begünstigt durch starken Wind griff ein in der Nähe ausgebrochener Flächenbrand auf das Altpapierlager über. In Zusammenarbeit mit der Firebrigade aus Ayios Nikolaos und Dhekelia gelang es der OP-Besatzung den Brand vorerst unter Kontrolle zu bringen und am

nächsten Tag zu löschen. Die Tankwagen von AUSCON waren die ganze Nacht unterwegs und schafften das dringend benötigte Löschwasser herbei.

A large fire broke out near OP 20, which is located in an old carton factory, and fanned by a strong wind set fire to the paper rolls outside the factory buildings. The members of the OP, in close cooperation with the Ayios Nikolaos and Dhekelia fire brigades managed to put the fire out. During this fire fight the Austrian Contingent's water bowzers were deployed to collect water.



OP Besatzung und Firebrigade bei den Löscharbeiten. The men at OP 20 and the fire brigades at work trying to put the fire out.



Das Feuer ist unter Kontrolle gebracht. The fire under control.



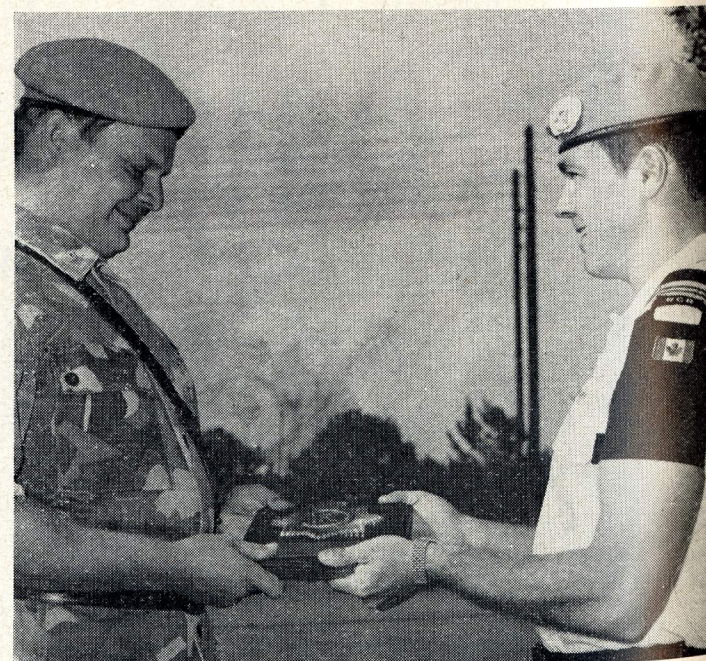
CO SIGNS FOR SECTOR 3

On the morning of the 19th of October 1977, CANCON assumed responsibility for the majority of Sector 3 from the Finnish Contingent. A parade was held in Finneagles Camp to mark the occasion of the change-over. Brigadier H.M. Tillotson CBE, the Acting Force Commander, inspected the parade and took the salute.

The Canadian Contingent was represented by H Company

Second Battalion The Royal Canadian Regiment and the unit's pipes and drums. H Company under the command of Major L.C. Bowen has been working closely with the Finnish Contingent for the past few weeks and will be moving into Finneagles Camp.

In just the few weeks the 2RCR has been in Cyprus we have come to admire and respect the Finns, and will sorely miss them as fellow members of UNFICYP.



Major Larry Bowen presents a regimental plaque to his counterpart Major Jorma Rouhe.



The Finns march past in Finneagles Camp for the last time.

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YKSP 27 lähdössä viimeiseen ohimarssiinsa.

Sotilaat,

Yhdistyneiden Kansakuntien Suomen Pataljoonan nyt jättäessä Kyproksen tervehdin teitä.

Kolmentoista ja puolen vuoden aikana on pataljoonamme kokenut vaihtelevia vaiheita sodan ankarista ajoista rauhallisiin aikoihin, joita meidän pataljoonamme, YKSP 27 on saanut kokea. Olen vakuuttunut siitä, että olemme kaikissa tilanteissa täyttäneet tehtävämme hyvin ja kunniaksi synnyinmaallemme, joka meidät on tänne rauhanturvatehtäviin lähettänyt. Uskon, että suomalaisesta on jäänyt hyvä kuva niin molemmille osapuolille kuin muille kontingenteille.

YKSP:n viimeisenä komentajana kiitän hyvin suoritusta rauhanturvatyöstä kaikkia, jotka kautta aikojen ovat pataljoonassa palvelleet.

Uudet tehtävät odottavat meitä kotimaassa tai Lähi-Idässä. Onni olkoon mukanaamme näissä ehtävissä. Olen iloinen siitä, että pieni Suomen kontingentti edelleenkin jää saarelle odustamaan maatamme. Liehukoon Suomen lippu edelleenkin korkealla Kyproksessa.

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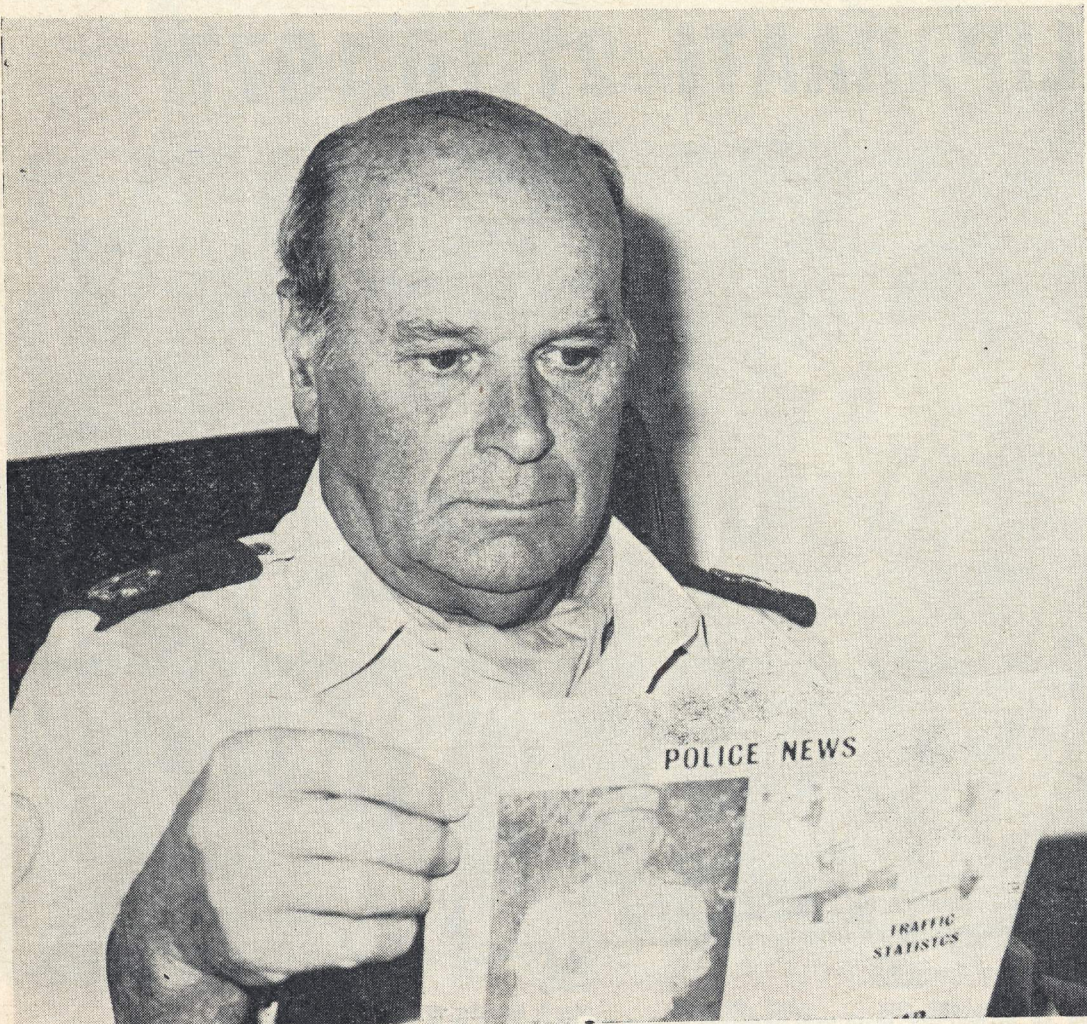


Puolustusministeriön kansliapäällikkö Kai Sarmanne pitämässä YKSP:n muistomerkin paljastuspuhetta paraatin päätyttyä.



Pataljoonapäämaj Seppo Saikkonen saamassa Kyproksittalaan prikaatinkenraali Mike Tillotsonilta.

POLICE NEWS an end of an era



The departure this week of Assistant Commissioner J. Hamilton OBE QPM marks the end of an era so far as UNFICYP's Civilian Police Force is concerned. Mr Hamilton was the first Police Adviser in the Force when he was appointed in 1964, and with his departure this week the appointment of Police Adviser will disappear.

Mr Hamilton has had a long and very distinguished career in the Commonwealth Police Force in Australia, which he joined in 1962 after serving for 24 years in the Queensland Police Force. He retired in June 1975 and was appointed Police Adviser by the Secretary General in September of the same year.

Before his retirement in 1975 he was the Commonwealth Police Representative of the Australian Crime Prevention Council. Commissioner Hamilton is now returning to Australia and retirement once more.

Assistant Commissioner J. Hamilton seen looking at one of the recent copies of the Blue Beret.

New Patrol Track in Sector 6



The track in Sector 6 has not been in a very good state for some time, and so a Troop of 62 Support Royal Engineers was asked to come and repair it. Using heavy plant from Dhekelia the sappers soon built good culverts, like the one on the right, and graded and levelled the track as they were pictured doing above.



TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Two Weeks ending		last year	229
29th October	5	Lesson for the month	
Same period last year	11		
Total for the year	188	LEARN FROM YOUR NEAR	
Total for the same period		MISSES	