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SWEDISH C-in-C visited UNFICYP



General Synnergren seen inspecting the International Guard of Honour shortly after arriving at HQ UNFICYP.

NEW UNHCR CHIEF AT HQ

The Commander-in-Chief of the Swedish Armed Forces General E Synnergren visited the Force from 7th to 9th April. During his visit he not only went round all the Swedish Contingent's camps and OPs, he also found time to make a brief trip to Sector One.

At the beginning of his visit, the General came to the Force Headquarters where he was received by a Guard of Honour before meeting the Force Commander and being briefed by the Chief of Staff. On his way into the Headquarters he was introduced to the senior staff officers, and was pictured shaking hands with Lieutenant Colonel Hare, the CPLO.



Last week the Force Commander received a visit from the Head of the UN High Commissioner for Refugee's mission in Cyprus Mr R Kohart and Mr Zur Lippe, who was visiting Cyprus from Italy.



SHOOTING COMPETITION WINNERS



RECCE VISIT



The next Dancon Commanding Officer, Lt Col W P Elsberg (right), has made a short visit to the Contingent before he takes over from Lt Col C B Brockmeyer at the end of May. At Viking Camp, Xeros, the Colonel was shown around by Captain E Lewandowski, and is here pictured being briefed by the Workshop Officer, Lt B K Larsen.

LIFE IN AN OP



Privates A O Jensen (C Coy) and K S Marcussen (B Coy) both skilful orienteers and fast runners, are here pictured handing over while participating in one of the Dancon teams, the best of which was placed number five.

Cpl B Koch and his OP men, Pte A O Jensen, J U Christofersen and (in the tower) Pte B F Mortensen. Corporal Koch has been with Dancon for nearly two years and is leaving next month, but the others in his OP will be staying for another six months.

DANCON NEWS



Rifle: Privates J Sørensen, J Jensen and M A Coscia.

Submachinegun: MP Sergeant Hartwig Pedersen and Staff Sergeants F E Jensen and B T Jensen.

Pistol: Major O L Kandborg and MP Sergeants K D Laursen and T Kammersgaard.

RELAY RUNNERS



SUPREME COMMANDER VISITS SWEDES

The Supreme Commander of the Swedish Armed Forces, General Stig Syndergen, recently visited Sector 5 on a tour of Cyprus and the Middle East.

The General, who is retiring this autumn after more than 40 years in the Army and the past eight as Supreme Commander, went round the Sector during his three day visit, in the picture above he is seen inspecting some of the men from 1 Company in Louroujina.



The General received a presentation from Andy Cumesson on behalf of the WOs and Sgts Mess.



He was briefed about the situation in Sector 5 by Captain Ulf Wall and Lt Rolf Laggar.



Medical Officer Pelle Hervious, had no patients to show.



In the kitchen one of the cooks, Hans Lindstrom showed how to cook for some 200 people

PART EXCHANGE!



As part of the continual process of maintaining good relationships within the Force the Austrian and British Contingents recently arranged the temporary exchange of a small party of soldiers. The Austrian party are pictured with some of their hosts from Sector 2.

PRESENTATION IN SGTS' MESS



On Tuesday 4th April, the Commander BRITCON, Brigadier H M Tillotson CBE presented Long Service and Good Conduct Medals to WO1 Weston, ASM UNFICYP Workshops, and WO2 Walton, UNFICYP Support Regiment Pay Office. The medal is awarded for eighteen years exemplary service.

FAREWELL VISITS BY CBF



Commander of the British Forces on Cyprus, Air Vice Marshal R D Austen-Smith CB, DFC is shown arriving for his farewell visit to 84 Sqn Det RAF. The visit was made in his capacity as Air Officer Commanding, Cyprus.

Humanitarian Work Never Ends



EXCHANGE IN SECTOR 6



Ein wesentlicher Beitrag zum Kennenlernen und dem damit verbundenen guten Verstehen zwischen den Kontingenten ist der Austausch von Soldaten. Unser Bild zeigt CO Obstlt H.J. Oberwinkler mit Angehörigen von BRITCON, die so den Sektor 6 kennengelernt haben und die Soldaten von AUSCON, die im Sektor 2 ihren Dienst versehen haben.

One of the ways to improve knowledge and understanding between the Contingents is to exchange small parties of soldiers. Two weeks ago Lt Col Oberwinkler, the CO of Sector 6, was pictured welcoming some members of the British Contingent, who had come to Sector 6 to learn more about the Sector and get to know the Austrian soldiers. At the same time a party of Austrian soldiers visited Sector 2.

Einen erheblichen Anteil an der Arbeit des Kontingents leisten die Angehörigen der Economics Branch. Zu ihren Aufgaben gehört auch die Verteilung der Hilfsgüter an die im Karpas verbliebenen Griechen. Im Bild verlässt gerade ein Konvoi das Camp Duke Leopold V.

A considerable part of the work of the Contingent is done by members of the Economics Branch. One of the tasks they carry out is the distribution of essential supplies to the Greek Cypriots in the Karpas. Recently a convoy was pictured as it left Camp Duke Leopold V on its way there.

AUSCON NEWS



Medical Officer At Work



In the Medical Centre Hptm A Dr. E. Rothe with his medical assistants is responsible not only for the health of the soldiers, but also of their families.

CHANGE OF COMMAND IN SECTOR 4



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D OPS

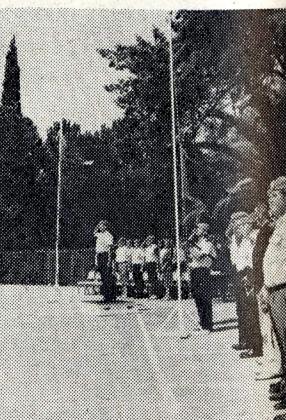
This laconic entry in the daily log at Sector 4's Headquarters in Wolseley Barracks marked the hand over of responsibility from 2 RCR to 1 PPCLI.

The ceremony itself was a parade on the car-park of the Ledra Palace Hotel, on which Colonel C V Carlson CD took the salute, and witnessed the signing of the handover certificates. The parade itself was formed of one platoon and the Colour Party from each Battalion. After Colonel Carlson had inspected the platoons, the 2 RCR colour was marched off parade. The two Commanding Officers signed the Change of Command Certificates, and then the PPCLI colours were marched onto the parade and Lieutenant Colonel

McKenzie's flag was raised.

In a short speech Colonel Carlson praised the departing members of 2nd Battalion The Royal Canadian Regiment for having done a good job during their six month tour.

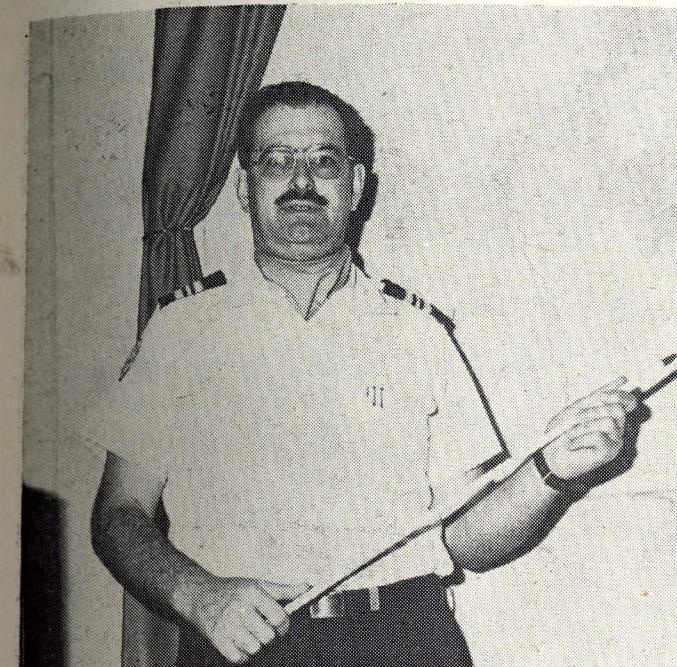
1 PPCLI FLAG RAISED AT LEDRA



Lieutenant Colonel McKenzie's flag is raised at Ledra during Change of Command Parade on 4th July.

CANCON NEWS

CHANGES IN HEADQUARTERS

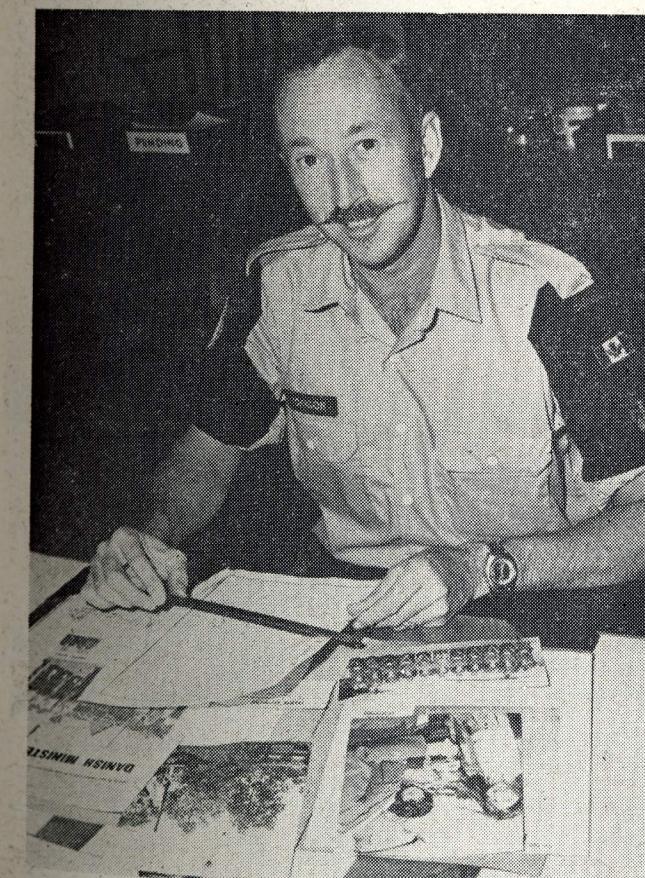


Some eight weeks ago the Operations Officer in the Headquarters changed over, Major A. W. Carnell CD, pictured above in the briefing room, has now settled into the post vacated by Major C.G. Owen CD, who has returned to Canada and retirement.

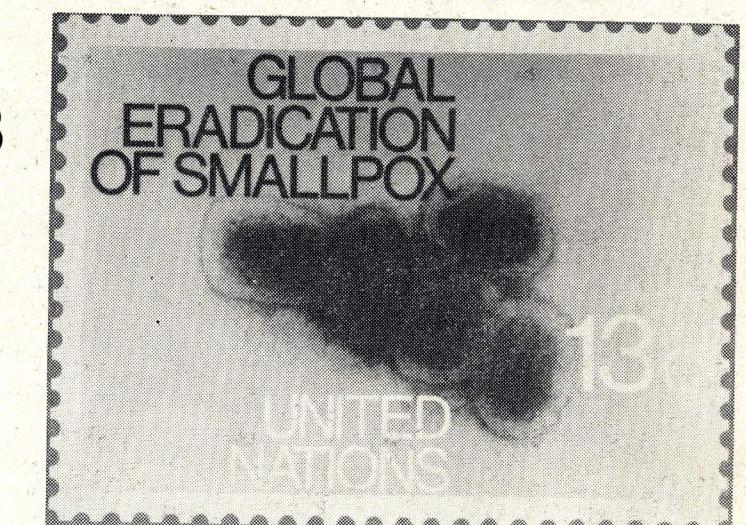


The Air Liaison Officer for the past six months Flight Lieutenant Holland was pictured handing over to his relief Flight Lieutenant I. Young last week. Fit Lt Holland will not be going far, as he has begun a three year tour with the UN part of 84 Squadron.

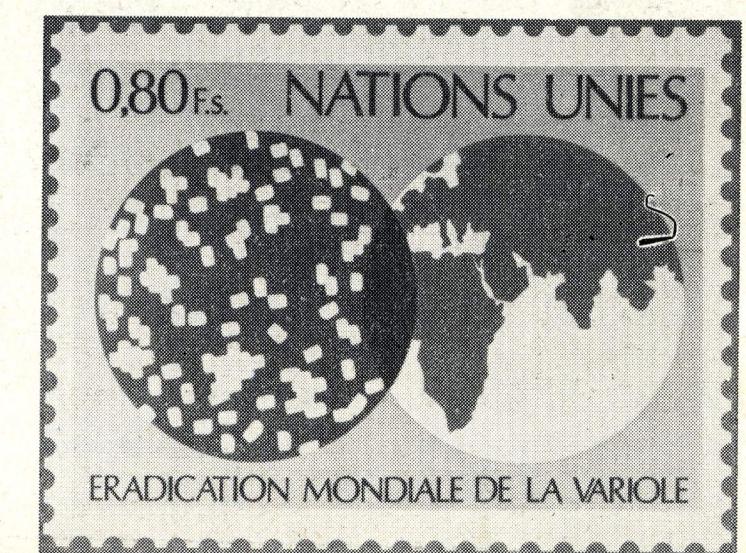
BLUE BERET'S ASSISTANT EDITOR RETIRES



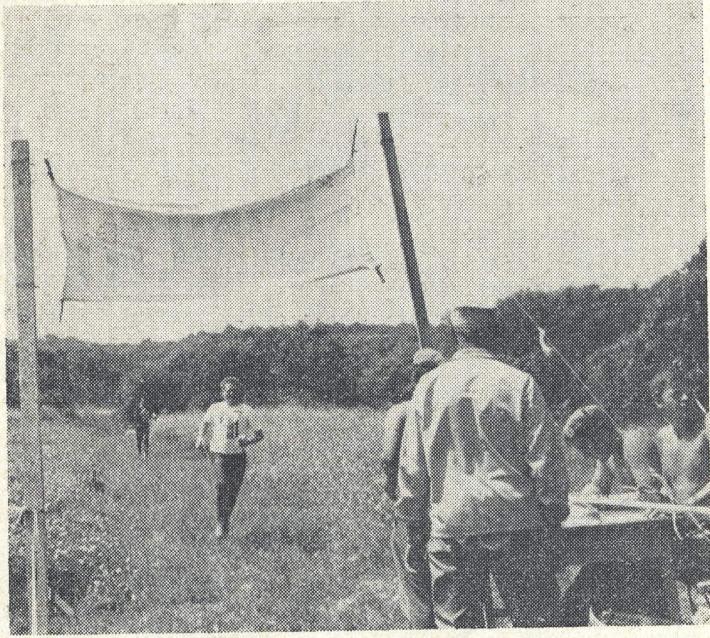
WO Johnson, the Assistant Editor of the Blue Beret for the past six months, has left the job to return to Canada at the end of his tour. He was pictured by the Force (and Blue Beret) Photographer working on the last edition of the paper.



New stamps for sale. The United Nations Postal Association has issued a new set of four stamps, to mark the successful efforts of the Nations of the Organisation in eradicating smallpox. These stamps are on sale now in the Finance Office at HQ UNFICYP.



THEY'RE OFF!



TRAFFIC STATISTICS

2 weeks ending 15 Apr	9	Lesson for the month
Previous year	11	
Total for this year	71	ROAD SAFETY STARTS
Same time last year	73	WITH YOU.

At the end of the competition the Deputy Chief of Staff, Colonel Carson presented prizes to the winners at the Fig Tree Bay Restaurant.