



The Blue Beret

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IRISH OFFICER DECORATED

An Irish Officer who was serving in UNFICYP during the operations in 1974 has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal at a ceremony held in McKee Barracks in Dublin.

The Officer honoured was Commandant J. Flynn, a son of Colonel James Flynn, a former Adjutant General and Assistant Chief of Staff of the Irish Defence Forces. The decoration which is awarded for bravery, courage, leadership, resource or devotion to duty, takes precedence over all Irish Army awards except the Military Medal for gallantry.

The Irish Minister for Defence, Mr. Paddy Donegan who made the presentation said that during the turbulent events in Cyprus in the summer of 1974, Comdt Flynn, who was acting as United Nations Liaison Officer to the Headquarters of the Cyprus National Guard, played a vital role in the negotiations which took place between the United Nations forces and the National Guard in the efforts to achieve a ceasefire.



During the negotiations three air attacks were carried out against the building where the talks were taking place.

"Comdt Flynn's calm approach, courageous manner and disregard for his own personal safety did much to promote the success of these negotiations", said the Minister.

When the Headquarters of the Cyprus National Guard were re-deployed, Comdt Flynn continued to carry out his duties there often isolated for days at a time, with only a radio link between him and the U.N. headquarters on the Island.

"In carrying out his duties he displayed exceptional devotion to duty which was fully recognised as such by the senior staff both in the U.N. and the Cyprus National Guard", said Mr Donegan.

AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR VISITS AUSCIVPOL



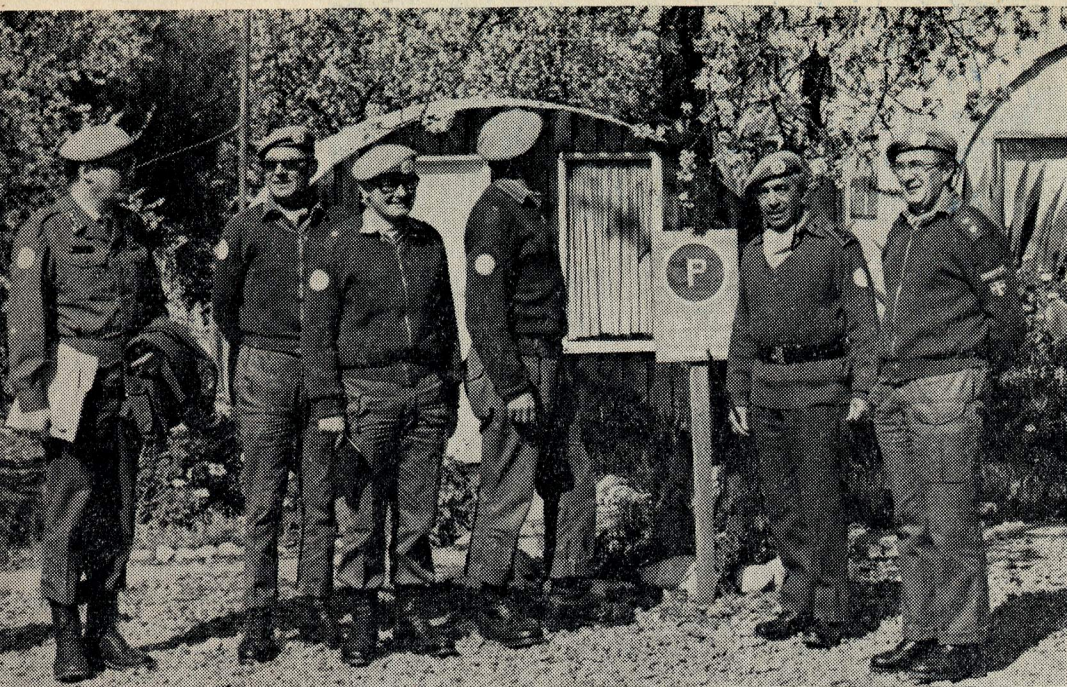
Austria's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Peter Jankowitsch, paid his first visit to UNFICYP on 6th and 7th February 1976.

His Excellency is seen on his arrival at the Headquarters of the Austrian Civil Police in Nicosia with Colonel H. Fuchs. He had earlier met the Special Representative of the Secretary General

UNHCR FLOUR MOVED BY UNFICYP



One of many recent humanitarian and economic tasks carried out by 7 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport — the Force Transport Squadron — was to move 308 tons of wheat flour from Limassol to Nicosia for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. The flour had been given to UNHCR by the West German Government. The Squadron drivers are seen above



FORCE COMMANDER BESØGER LIMNITIS

Når mandeltræerne blomstrer, er der tradition for, at Force Commander besøger LIMNITIS-lejren. Generalen erklærede, at han var meget glad for at komme til LIMNITIS netop på denne årstid. På billedet ses fra v.: generalens adjutant Capt. Jyrki Ratia, MAJ L.S. Arrentz, MAJ O.A.B.C. Hansen, MAJ L.A. Andersen, Lt Gen D Prem Chand og OL T.B. Pilgaard.

It has become a tradition that the Force Commander visits the LIMNITIS Camp when the almond-trees are in bloom.



ORIENTERINGSMARCH. Mandag d. 16 FEB var der arrangeret en 5 km orienteringsmarch i det naturskønne område omkring B-KMP. 36 mand startede på marchen, som nok var lidt mere krævende end først antaget. Billederne viser øverst tv.: Er vi på rette vej? OS A. Krarup og KP F. Lund studerer kortet. Holdet kom ind på en 2. plads. Th. KN R.G. Nordby, Inspector Les Gorman og Inspector Phil Sherwood nød turen. Nederst tv.: Det



vindende hold: OS A. Kibsgaard, KS C.T. Sørensen, KS E. Brink-Vilsen og KS E. Jørgensen.

A cross-country march competition was held on 16th February in the B Company area. In the pictures are: Top left: A navigation check? Right: Some just enjoyed the march. Bottom left: The four winners.



To sergenter i Stabskompagniet er blevet udnævnt til oversergenter. Her modtager OS H.M. Rasmussen og OS J.V. Christensen deres nye distinktioner af NK/STKMP KN M.L. Nielsen.

A day with the standby platoon

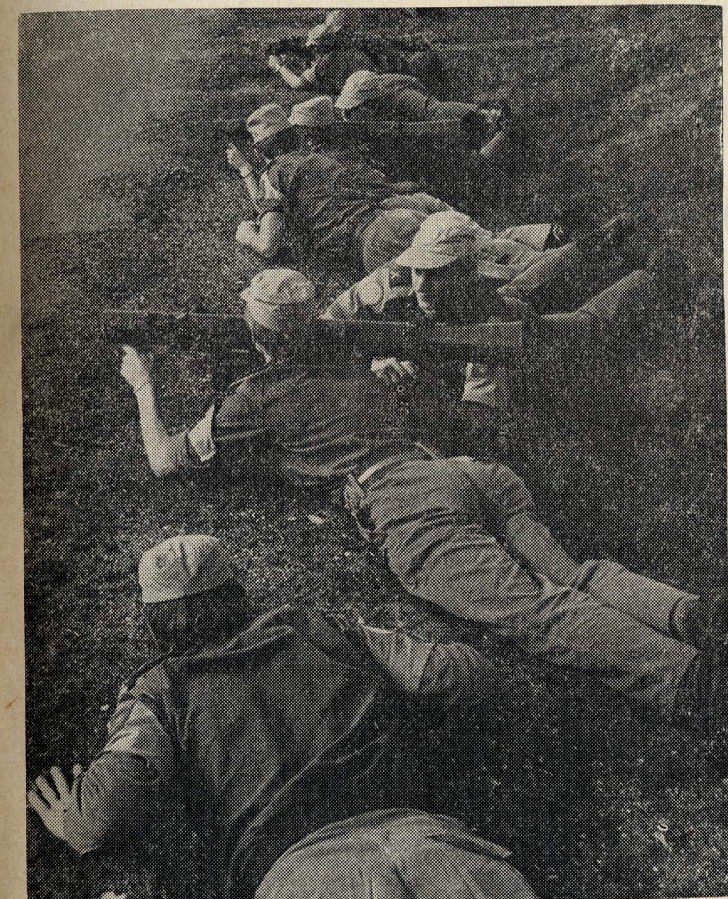
After six weeks on OP duty each platoon returns to camp in Famagusta, where its soldiers have some leave and do guard-duties. In addition they take

Having spent one and a half months in different OPs the soldiers are ready for a change.

While on Standby the Platoon is mounted in armoured personnel carriers so that it can be moved quickly to where it is wanted. The period spent on standby is also used for continuation training, which (as seen in the pictures on the right and below) includes improving their weapon handling.

SWEDCON NEWS

their turn in the Standby Platoon.



Weapon training with Carl Gustav anti-tank weapons.



Om larmstyrkor och Kp-bilar handlar denna sida av Blue Beret. Att ingå i larmstyrkan är en naturlig del av camplivet för den "hemkallade" OP-personalen.

På så vis kommer man över på Kp-bilen och dess historia, en bil som ju ingår i larmstyrkan och som i sig själv är ett nog så avskräckande vapen med sina 8,5 ton järn och stål.

SWEDISH SUMMARY

Att ingå i larmstyrkan betyder bland, annat regelbunden träning på all den utrustning som larmstyrkan ska vara maktig att mobilisera; personliga vapen, understödsvapen, radio och bilar.

Kp-bilen började sin bana redan 1942 och våra exemplar är de samma som byggdes då. Andra Kp-bilar har varit med vid operationer i dåvarande Congo.

En Scania-motor på 115 hästkrafter ser till att ekipaget kommer dit det ska när larmstyrkan är ute och åker.

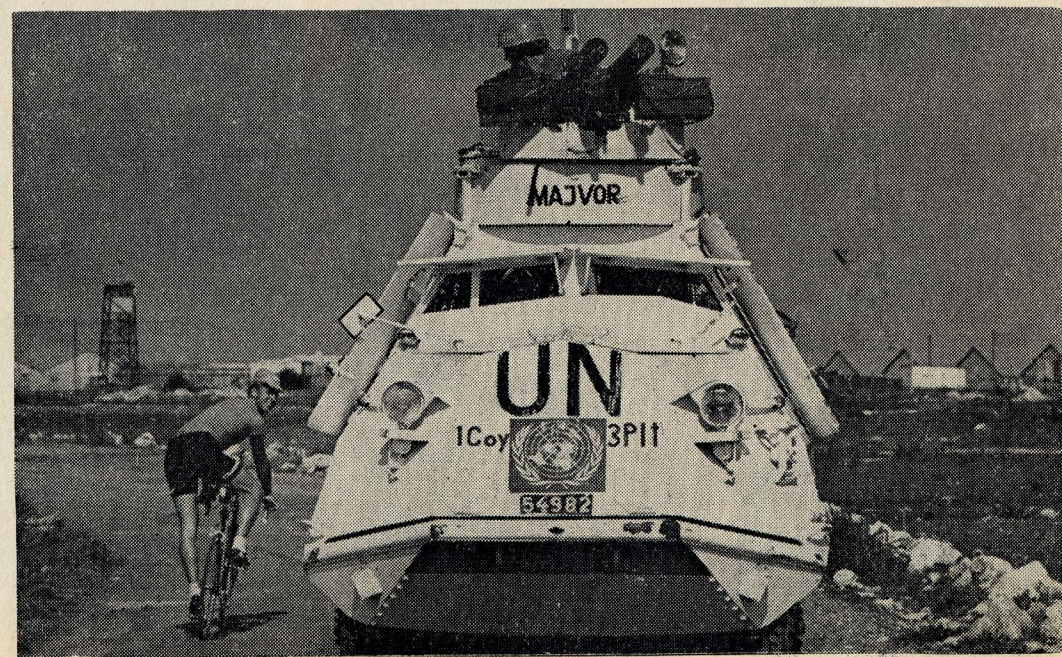
OLD FRIENDS ON THE ROAD

The Swedish Armoured Personnel Carriers must be the oldest vehicles in UNFICYP, for they have been in service for more than 30 years.

The vehicle was originally built in 1942 for use in Sweden. It was used by the Swedish Contingent of the UN Force in the Congo. And now having been modernised it is in service in Cyprus.

SWEDCON SPECIAL

The engines are the same 115 hp Scania-engines that the vehicle was designed to be driven by in 1942. It weighs 8500 kilos and can carry 15 men. The "white elephant" is easy to drive, and its drivers hope it will be in use for a good many years yet.



SECTOR COMMANDERS VISIT WELSHGUARDS



On Friday, 13 February, the Sector Commanders visited the Welsh Guards.

Their visit began with a short briefing on the Sector from the operational point of view, and then continued with an informal lecture on the Regimental history of the Welsh Guards and the Household Division. Lt Col P R G Williams then took the other CO's on a tour round his Sector.

The CO's were pictured at the main gate of St David's Camp on their arrival (left) and at two of the OPs.

INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATION



In an unusual individual meral presentation recently, the Chief of Staff, Brigadier General C.E. Beattie, CMM, CD, presented Sgt C. Sellers of the British Contingent with his UN medal. Sgt Sellers has worked for the past six months as the NCO in charge of Ops Branch NCO's. Sgt Sellers, who is 28, returns to K to another staff support job.

BRITCON NEWS



ON PATROL



Pictured above on patrol near the village of Mammari, are L/Sgt Walford, Gdsm Coffey and Gdsm Pritchard. The patrol appears to have heard that a Blue Beret representative was in the area, and discarded their warm clothing for the occasion!

UNFIGYP SKI MEETING



Though the Welsh Guards ski team did not distinguish itself at Troodos, they certainly enjoyed themselves. On the left Lance Corporal Powell is seen finishing his run. He was one of the two members of the Welsh Team to reach the second heat. The others were disqualified for missing one or more of the gates in the first heat.

MEDAL PARADE - HINTER DEN KULISSEN



Obwohl diesmal die Medalparade im kleineren Rahmen abgehalten wurde, bedurfte es einer Menge von Vorbereitungsarbeit, deren Atmosphäre auch einmal einzufangen versucht wurde. Mjr LINNINGER war diesmal der "Regisseur" und es klappte dann am 12. Februar alles wie am Schnürchen.

AUSCON's Medal Parade needed a lot of practice to make sure it would be a success on the day. The Parade Adjutant was Major Linninger, and he made sure that it would be up to the usual high standard.

AUSCON NEWS

Der Force Commander bei der Verleihung der UN-Medaille.
The Force Commander presents UN medals to members of AUSCON.



Ostv JANOTA bei der vorbereitung des Buffets.
WO II JANOTA preparing the buffet lunch.



Ein temperamentvoller Regisseur.....
The Parade Adjutant..... is happy?

ÖSTERREICHS UNO BOTSCHAFTER BESUCHT DAS AUSCON

Am 6. Februar stattete der Botschafter der Republik Österreich bei den Vereinten Nationen Dr. JANKOWITSCH dem AUSCON einen Besuch ab. Er zeigt sich bei dieser Gelegenheit sehr beeindruckt von den Leistungen UNFICYPs im Allgemeinen und denen der Österreicher im Besonderen. Es wurde ihm im Rahmen des Besuchs auch die Möglichkeit geboten, verschiedene OPs im Konfrontationsgebiet zu besichtigen und das anliegende Problem an Ort und Stelle zu studieren.

On 6th February Austria's Ambassador Jankowitsch visited ANSCON. He was very impressed by the way the Contingent is carrying out its duties in UNFICYP.



Botschafter JANKOWITSCH und Begleitung bei der Besichtigung von OP AO1.
Ambassador Jankowitsch visiting OP AO1 with the CO Lt Col Fritz.

COLONEL-IN-CHIEF VISITS 3PPCLI



Lady Patricia inspects the PPCLI Guard of Honour upon her arrival in Cyprus. Accompanying her on the inspection is the Guard Commander Major D. Brodie CD.

CANCON NEWS



Lady Patricia visits the Check Point named after her (PATRI-A). With her are (left to right) Brig. Gen. Delalanne, CBE, MC, ED, Major J.S.H. Kempling, and Pte Turple.



The 3rd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry was honoured on Thursday, 5 February with a visit by their Colonel-in-Chief, Lady Patricia Brabourne. Accompanied by her husband Lord Brabourne, Lady Patricia was given a complete briefing on Sector 4 operations; she also made a tour of part of the demilitarised zone in Nicosia visiting each of the OP's. Later she travelled down the Pegasus patrol route with the Reconnaissance Platoon, stopping to visit the Platoon in Louroujina.

Lady Patricia is the god-daughter of our original Colonel-in-Chief, Princess Patricia of Connaught, after whom the Regiment was named when it was raised in 1914. Colonel-in-Chief is an honorary appointment, the purpose of which is to provide a visible and personal link between each Regiment and the Monarchy.

Lady Patricia's visit was an historical event for the PPCLI as it was the first time that she has visited a unit of her Regiment while it was on operational duty.

(Left to right) Lady Patricia, Pte Macdonald, and Major Brodie at OP ORCHARD.

(Left to right) WO G.D. Hopkins, Lady Patricia and Pte Sear at OP OMORPHITA.



The Colonel-in-Chief patrolling the Pegasus Route with (left to right) Cpl Clarke and Major Kempling in a Lynx Armoured Recce Vehicle.



Todellista koiranelämää:

SULKEISTA, LIIKUNTAA JA PYKÄLÄNHEITTOA

•• Todellista koiranelämää viettävät Finconin kaksi tuoreinta hiutaletta, Uffe ja Veix. Päivät kuluvat häkissä, sulkeissa, urheilussa ja yöllä heitetään pykälää kuin tuskassa. Raskas työ kuluttaa energiaa ja niin pojat popisivat päivässä nelisen litraa sapuskaa. Uffe ja Veix ovat erityisen kiintyneitä koiranmuonaan, mutta siinä sivussa menevät pataljoonankin ruuat parempiin suihin. Ikää näillä Finconin kuopuksilla on yhteensä yhdeksän vuotta ja elopainoa on kertynyt 72 kiloa.

Uffe ja Veix tulivat rotaatiokoneen mukana, mutta eivät päässeet kahteen viikkoon Akrotiriä pitemmälle. Siellä meni aika karanteenissa kieltä opiskellessa. Kuudennentoista päivän iltana pojat kotiutuivat Terminaaliin ja joutuivat heti ensimmäiseksi yöksi häkkiin. Veix ei oikein uudessa kodissaan viihtynyt, vaan tuli kahdesti verkkoaidan läpi ja yritti poistua alueelta ilman ID-korttia.

Häkistä Uffe ja Veix pääsevät ulos ainoastaan palvelukseen. On sulkeista, eli tottelevaisuuskoulutusta, liikuntaa ja pykälänheittoa. Pojille opetetaan eteen menoa, täyskäännyksiä, sivulle ja maahan menoa, lepoa, ryömimistä, esteiden ylittämistä sekä rosvoon kiinniottoa. Aidon YK sotilaan tavoin Uffe ja Veix eivät koskaan käytä suurempaa väkivaltaa, kuin on tarpeen rauhan turvaamiseksi. Pahinkin roisto kyllä talttuu, kun saa kookkaan hultan hampaat käsivarteensa. Koirat laskevat irti uhrin rauhoituttua ja ohjaajan käskystä.

Ohjaajat, jääkärit Tapio Rintala, Kari Uuttu ja Matti Viljanen voivat tuntea olonsa turvalliseksi, sillä tuskin koko saarella on parempia henkivartioita. Koirat puolustavat ohjaajaansa viimeiseen asti. Kun koirat ja niiden



Uffe ja Tapio Rintala kävelyllä. Välillä pitää varmuuden vuoksi vilkaista, seuraako isäntä mukana.



Kovasti lämmintä täällä etelässä, tuntuu Veix tuumivan ohjaajan vieressä levätessään.

ohjaajat ovat virantoimituksessa, ei ole syytä mennä edes supana taputtelemaan isäntä olalle tai tarttumaan käsivarresta. Vaikka Veix ja Uffe ovatkin nuoria ja leikkisiä, ne eivät ymmärrä ohjaajaan kohdistuvaa hevosenleikkiä. Ne ampaisevat supailijan käsivarten kuin ohjukset, sillä ne eivät osaa erottaa, ollaanko liikkella huumorimeissä tai vakavammassa tarkoituksessa.

Koirien tehtävänä on vartioida lentokentän kalliita koneita ja muuta materiaalia. Pimeän tultua ne kiertävät vartioida ohjaajan kanssa Terminaalin seutuvilla. Ei siis rehellissä aikeissa liikuttaessa ole syytä pelästyä, jos pimeästä loikkaa eteen iso koiravaroittavasti muristen.

Koirat on muiden rauhanturvajien tavoin koulutettu Niinisalossa. Uffe on kilpaillut siviilissä menestyksekkäästi, eikä Veixkään ole paljoa jäljessä. "Keskitasoa parempia, hyvin vartiointitehtäviin sopivia, totesi koko ikänsä koirien parissa puuhaillut Tapio Rintala.

Niin komppanian päällikkö, majuri Toni Karvo, kuin pojatkin varoittivat tulemaista koiria katsomaan. Ne eivät erityisesti pidä näytteillä olosta ja katsojiakin on monenlaisia. Jos koiria ärsytetään, ne saattavat tulla liian ärhäköiksi ja voivat käydä kimppuun aiheetta ja liian rajusti. Siis Uffen ja Veixin majapaikka on Out of Bounds — aluetta.

ENGLISH SUMMARY

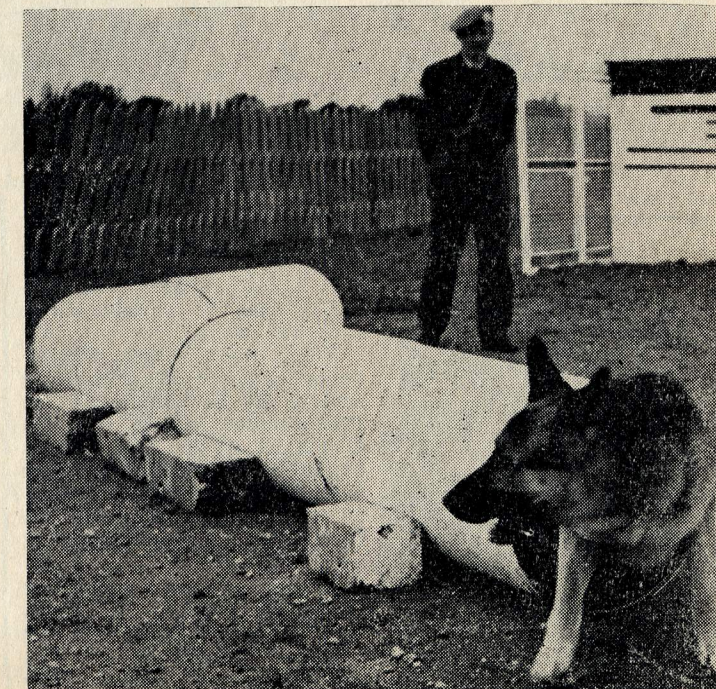
Two guard-dogs were among the recent arrivals in FINCON. The dogs had to spend their first two weeks on the Island in quarantine at Akrotiri. This period is now over, and they have moved to the kennels built for them close to the Airport building at Nicosia.

By day they spend their time on obedience and endurance training. At night, under the control of their handlers, they patrol the Airport buildings, the job they have been brought here to do.

Veix and Uffe are four and five year-old Alsations. Before coming to Cyprus they trained at the UN-training centre at Niinisalo the same place in which the human 'peacekeepers' are trained.

In the pictures are left Veix, below left Uffe with his handler Pte Tapio Rintala, and below right the end of a crawl for Veix.

FINCON NEWS



On mennyt hyvin putkeen. Uffe (tai Veix) ryömintäkoulutuksessa Akrotirissa. Koulutusrata pitäisi saada Terminaalillekin etteivät taidot pääse ruostumaan.

UNFICYP SKIING COMPETITION



The winner, Pte Kenrick Pettersson, SWEDCON, in his final run.



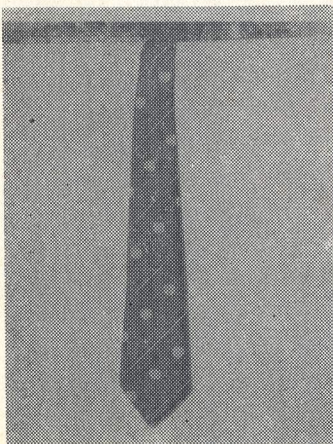
Captain Pekka Pehu, FINCON, having a closer look at the snow.

The 1976 UNFICYP Skiing Competition took place on the North Face of Mount Olympus on Wednesday 18 February. It was a perfect day, sunny and hot, but the snow was a little too icy for some of the competitors.

The Austrian team were the favourites to win, in spite of being without their best skier. It was therefore a surprise when after two very good runs Pte Kenrick Pettersson of Sweden emerged as the winner with an aggregate time of 1 minute 41.9 seconds. He was followed in second place by Pte Richard Kalcher of AUSCON in 1 minute 45.3 seconds, and Pte Erwin Kolle also of AUSCON in third place.

In the team competition AUSCON took first place with SWEDEN in second and FINCON in third place. The Austrian team was Pte Kalcher, Pte Kolle and Pte Danler.

UNFICYP SOUVENIRS



A limited number of UNFICYP Ties are available. Price C£1.250 each.

Bulk orders from Contingents for these ties should be sent to Mr H. Ramnasine, the Procurement Officer at HQ UNFICYP. If the bulk orders exceed the number of ties available, they will be allocated on a proportional basis, and further supplies obtained as soon as possible.

In addition to these ties UNFICYP shields, tie clips, lapel pins, cuff links and key chains are on sale. Bulk orders for these items should also be sent to the Procurement Officer.



The winners in the team competition, AUSCON being congratulated by Lt Col Walter Fritz and the Force Commander, Lt Gen D Prem Chand.