THE FIELD OPERATIONS SERVICE

At the end of January Mr A. de Lautour, the United Nations Deputy Director of Field Operations Service visited UNFICYP. The men in this service are employed by the United Nations to staff its field missions. The Service consists of five main occupational groups; viz Security Officers, Medical Technicians, Radio Officers and Secretaries. There are twenty five Field Service Officers in the UNFICYP area, who have between them over 300 years of experience in the administration of Peacekeeping Forces, experience that includes procurement, accommodation, security, finance and communications, gained in established UN offices in New York and Geneva as well as in the field.

The Officers in the UNFICYP area have served in eleven peace-keeping or relief-operations, for most of the Field Service Officers, service in the field has meant working for the United Nations during wars and emergencies periods. Eleven officers currently serving in UNFICYP are in the Force during the operations of July 1974. Before coming to Nicosia for their present tours all twenty five had served in UNTSO (the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, Jerusalem, which is normally the first duty station for Field Service Officers, eleven with the Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan and four with the Special Observer Mission there. Nine had served in UNEF six in the Congo, four in Korea, two in the Observer Mission in the Yemen (UNYOM) and two in the Lebanon. Two officers had previously been in UNEPRO, the Emergency Pakistan Relief Organization, two in the Relief Operations in Bangladesh and Dacca.

A number of military and police officers who have served with UNFICYP have joined the UN Field Operations Service. Within the past year three former members of the Force have done this, and all are now serving at UNTSO in Jerusalem.

NEW COMMANDER VISITS

Mr R. Petersen, the supervisor of the Radio Staff. He has previously served with the United Nations in Egypt, Jerusalem, India and Pakistan and Geneva.

Mr A. Bevelacqua, the Assistant Regimental Officer, who has previously served in India, Pakistan and the Yemen as well as Jerusalem.

Mr Harry Rayman, the Procurement Officer. He has served for seven years in Jerusalem with the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation before coming to UNFICYP.

Mr Joe Morris, a finance officer. His previous service for the United Nations has included tours in Jerusalem, the Congo and the Emergency Pakistan Relief Organization.
DANCON NEWS

MEDALJEPARADE


On Friday, 20th February UN medals were presented to Danish UN Contingent XXIV. Right: The Force Commander presents UN medals to members of DANCON. Below: The colours are uncovered.

TIME IS RUNNING FAST

Time is running out fast now for the Swedish Battalion 59C, and it will soon be rotation time in Sector Six again. The recce party of the next Battalion visited Carl Gustav Camp last week to find out what it will have to do when it takes over at the end of April.

SWEDCON NEWS

The recce party of Battalion 61 C, led by Lieutenant Colonel Paul Strömberg, was briefed on the wide variety of tasks they will have to carry out this summer. During their visit they went to some of the OAs in the Demilitarised Zone as well as liaison posts in the Karpas where they saw the distribution of relief supplies and pensions to the Greek Cypriots who live there.

£27,000 A MONTH

Lt Col A. Rolf inspecting his successor Lt Col P. Strömberg.

Här många vet egentligen vad våra vänner inne i civilpolisen har för sig när de inte sitter på sin ryktbara mäns eller på BMH Hotton. Kvinna från Finnmarken. Kanse beror det på att civilpolisens jobb är att ge dem det bästa på teppe på Karpas och fåa till tid att besöka de flesta av de gränsen kvarstenar i Karpas från regeringar och organisationer i Nicosia. Här i Nicosia hade civilpolisen meddelat att de skulle resa och upptäcka de gångna veckorna. De hade nära avstånden till Nicosia för att arbeta i de tre olika departementen.

SWEDISH SUMMARY

Vidare i det här numret berättar vi om våra efterträdare från kommanderande battalion 61 C. I första veckan var några av cheferna på plats för att få en första uppfattning om läget med övrigt Paul Strömberg i sitt arbete och om den här veckan har vi dem här igen i form av förstomrampen.

PORTRÄTGALLERI

Lt Gen D Prem Chand PVS inspecting the Swedish Civilian Police in Famagusta.

The Swedish Civilian Police in Sector Six have many different tasks, one of which is to deliver pensions of £25 to the 4,000 Greek Cypriots living in 22 villages in the Karpas each month. They are also a number of them detached to Nicosia to work in the Joint Operations Centre, and in the Missing Persons Office.

DANCON NEWS

The reason the troops might not be able to present in the parade is because of OLFERT. OLFERT and his men have been training on the DANCON area XXIV of the T.R. Pilgaard. Here is PRUT P. Voije ved at prøve at prøve på et andet af de mange "roadrunners" PRUT har i sinde at anvende OLFERT i stedet for FISKER for at få signalerne hurtigere frem.

DANCON SPECIAL

Last month they all paraded in Famagusta to receive UN medals from the Force Commander Lieutenant General D. Prem Chand PVS.
WELSH GUARDS CELEBRATE ST DAVID'S DAY

The celebrations began with a church service at St Columbia's Church.

The Welsh Guards celebrated St David's Day — 1st March — at St David's Camp, by holding a church service and then a Parade. During the Parade, everything, including the spectators, received a keen. The first keen was presented to the Force Commander, Lieutenant General D. From Chad, PVSOM, by the Quartermaster, Captain I. James. Corps of Drums of the 3rd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry also took part in the parade which was much appreciated by the Welsh Guards.

The Force Commander receives his keen.

C. SQUADRON WIN AGAIN

'C' Squadron 14th/20th Kings' Hussars won all three matches in the British Contingent Weapons Meeting at Dhekelia recently, and are seen above being presented with their prizes.

Cooks Thanked

The cooks in Camp UNFICYP were recently taken out to Dinner as a mark of appreciation for the hard work they had done during the past six months to make all social functions a success — especially during the Christmas period.

Major Coombs presents the winners to the Guardsmen in his Canteen.

ENGLISH SUMMARY

A fire practice was held at Camp DUKE LEOPOLD V on Saturday, 28th February. As usual the members of the Ops Branch were the first on the scene. Capt REISNAUER, a fire-brigade officer from Austria, showed how a fire should be tackled professionally, while on the orders of Maj LINNINGER, a bucket-chain was organized. The practice fire was as a result soon extinguished.

A few days later a similar exercise was held by the 1 Coy in ATHENS. A bucket-chain below was left longer than that of a
**Promotion Time**

3PPCLI OFFICERS vs AUSCIVPOL

The officers of the 3rd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry fielded a Football Team to play the American Civilian Police recently. After a very friendly game the final result was 5-0 to the officers.

**English Summary**

During the last two weeks the emphasis has been on sport in the Finnish Contingent. In this period the Battalion ski cross-country championship was held, squash and table tennis were being played against Sweden and there were friendly volleyball and football games. A new game HOKEY (English style) was also introduced, thanks to Major Huhtala-Wilson who came to teach the rules. Hockey is not a completely strange game to the Finns as it is not unlike bandy-ball which is popular in Finland.

Maj. Pekka Huhtala giving a proof of his skill in hockey.

Sweden was beaten in squash 4-1.
SPORT IN CAMP UNFICYP

The Camp UNFICYP Football Competition this winter was won by the 644 Signal Troop team, some of whom are seen above when they were presented with their prizes in the Wheel-em-Ina Club last week. The Signals team went through the whole competition without losing a game.

Transport Squadron’s Zoo

The Transport Squadron not only maintain their vehicles, but also a ‘private zoo’ of badgergnirs, a donkey and a duck. The donkey and the duck are great friends as seen above.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

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LESSON OF THE MONTH

Don’t take the Right of Way—give it.

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