COlonel-in-Chief Visits PPCLI

Lady Patricia's Brabourne, the Colonel-in-Chief of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, visited the 3rd Battalion of her Regiment at Woburn Barracks last week. She is seen (in the picture) inspecting the Guard of Honour on her arrival, with Major D Brodie, CD, the Guard Commander.

Last Friday the first Military Patrol Competition of the year was held at Nicosia. It was organized by the Canadian Contingent, and proved to be a very testing event. Teams, consisting of four men, from all contingents took part. The competition began with a ten mile march across country and finished on the assault course in the trees below the Force Reserve's part of the Blue Beret Camp. At the end of the march the competitors had to crawl the obstacles in the assault course, carry each other for 100 metres and then throw grenades through a window.

The event was judged on a time basis with penalty points for mistakes or for completing the course in more than the stipulated time. Even before the last team completed the course it was clear that the Swedish Contingent had swept the board, with their teams in first and second place. There was a tie for third place between a Finnish and a Canadian team. This was settled on the grenade part of the competition, and resulted in the Canadian team going into third place.

It was hard competition that was interesting and exciting for both the teams and the spectators.

Visitor From New York

Mr De Lauro, the United Nations Deputy Director Field Operations Service visited UNFICYP last week. He is pictured outside the Headquarters with Mr G Dunn, the Chief Administrative Officer, and Mr M Pilkington, the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer. Mr De Lauro is not a newcomer to Cyprus or UNFICYP, as he was the Chief Administrative Officer of the Force in 1965 when Mr Dunn was his Deputy.
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BORDTENNISFINALE


An exercise of extraordinary toughness was held on the 24th and 25th January in Troodos. It was only the tough soldiers, with plenty of stamina who had a chance to complete this exercise.

From the snow and ice of Sweden's winter the Glennmark Orchestra came to entertain the Swedish Contingent. This band is famous in Sweden for its popular music. They have made many records, and have appeared on television with their own show. At their first performance in Carl Gustav Camp they im-

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pressed their audience with both their quality and range of the music they played.

During the following few days they have toured a number of Standing Patrol and Observation positions to bring their music to as many soldiers as possible. They have performed under primitive conditions with the bare minimum of equipment and have given a lot of pleasure to everyone who was able to hear them.

Så kom de imøden after sin uigennemført besøg i Troodos. Der var ved de to dage i forbindelse med "Bjergkrigsforselens stræbninger" blev der derfor hældt et udmærket indåb til den. CH/BJDIV er Overbjerggjører O. Haufort.

A DAY TO REMEMBER

The 59th Swedish Battalion is now halfway through its tour in UNIFCYP. To mark this event a Parade was held in Carl Gustav Camp last week.

Admiral von Topp, the Head of the UNIFCYP, arrived by helicopter to take the parade.

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held in the presence of a number of guests. United Nations medals were presented to members of the contingent. Later the Force Commander spoke to those on parade, and stressed the importance of the peacekeeping duties carried out in UNIFCYP by the Swedish Contingent.
COMMANDER BRITISH CONTINGENT’S CITATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Lpt P M Cope, RAOC, was driving a United Nations Bedford 4 Ton vehicle on 19 January along the main LARNAÇA-FAMAGUSTA road. When he approached a Y-junction a civilian bus with 33 passengers attempted to cross the main road in front of Lpt Cope’s vehicle. Lpt COPE could not turn left to avoid the bus because many people were standing on the roadside and another vehicle was blocking his way. He turned to the right to avoid the bus and other cars, knowing full well that there was an embankment in his path. His vehicle subsequently turned over. By his prompt action and disregard for his own safety he prevented a severe accident in which many people could have been fatally injured.

LAST CMO HONOURED

For his services to the cause of peace whilst Chief Medical Officer in UNFICYP, Colonel R. L. Bell, late RAMC (picked above) has been appointed an Officer of the Order of St John of Jerusalem.

VISIT OF BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER TO SECTOR 2

On Tuesday 3rd February, the British High Commissioner, His Excellency Mr D. Mc Gordon, CMG visited Sector Two. On arrival at HQ Sector 2, His Excellency, inspected a Guard of Honour. In the picture with the High Commissioner are Lt Col P.R.G. Williams, Drummer Mathews and Sgt Samuels.

ALLE VIERTELJAHRE WIEDER....

...kommt ein neuer Schwung Newcomer!
Der Fachmann erkennt sie am besten Schwung, welcher sich erst langsam innerhalb von sechs Monaten zu “Blue Beret” mußt.

Fremdwörter wie Hosteller, Kebab und “one drink for me, please” werden bald dem Wortschatz einverleibt sein. Dann gehört auch der Herrenmantel zu den ‘Kosten’.

Every three months some men arrive at Akrotiri to join AUSCON. At first they can be recognised by their bright blue “mushroom hats”. It doesn’t take long however for the hats to become proper blue berets, or for the people wearing them to learn the important words and phrases like kebab and... “HQ and... one drink please!”

Der Kommandeur, Maj LININGER, mit dem aften und dem neuen Dienstherrn.

Handover — takeover: The Sergeant Major of HQ Coy WO 1 BEER and his successor WO 2 KAUTZ get their orders from the Camp Commandant Maj LININGER.

SKI TRAINING


AUSCON is taking its training for the UNFICYP skiing competition seriously. Pvt H ROTH is seen — alone — during a training weekend on Mt OLYMPUS.

Obwohl FRITZ begrüßt den neuen 2 IC. Maj G HUTTERER, Lt Col FRITZ, welcomes the new 2 IC. Major HUTTERER.

Noch ist die Lagertappe viel zu groß.... The first fitting: much too large....
CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER VISITS CANCON

The Canadian High Commissioner in Cyprus, His Excellency, Mr E.G. Lee, visited CANCON last week. During his visit, he was taken on a tour of the UN Demilitarized Zone in Sector 4, and was briefed by the Commander of CANCON Brig Gen Beattie. Mr Lee is not only the Canadian High Commissioner for Cyprus, but also the High Commissioner for Israel and Lebanon as well as being the Canadian Ambassador to Egypt.

Right Brig Gen Beattie and the Canadian High Commissioner.

3 PPCLI CORPS OF DRUMS

The Corps of Drums on Parade.

The Reconnaissance Platoon of the Third Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry also provides the Battalion's "Corps of Drums." They practice regularly to fulfill this musical role. Dressed in their scarlet tunics and white plume helmets they play 0n ceremonial occasions and provide both colour and music when the Battalion is on parade.

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Drum Major Sgt J P Johnston.

The Drummers (l to r) Cpl Clarke, Pte Smith and Cpl McCay.

PETOLAUMA LIIKKUU POHJOISEEN

It is 'change of time' again. During the last two weeks another 128 men have arrived from Finland to begin their service in Fincon, and in the picture - bottom right - Lieutenant Colonel O. Loponen is seen welcoming them. Men arriving of course means that others will be going home, some of whom are seen waiting in RYKKO Camp for the bus at the start of their journey. Before they left the UN Area their identity cards were cancelled by WO 3 V. Vuorio Niiranen and Lt Erikk Mikkonen, who are seen in the picture - top right - cancelling Cha-plate Matti's card.

Laat vaess Ambassador Matti Kahlusko visited the Contingent for the first time. He is seen in the picture on the left with the CO, Lt Col Lop-No. Other visitors at Fin- con were Lieutenant Colonel Esko Niinemaa, the senior of- ficer in the UN office in Hel- sinki and Major Simo Makipaa. They are seen bottom left being briefed, while Major P. Huhtanen, the second in command looks on.
FORCE COMMANDER VISITS HQ AUSCIVPOL

On January 9th 1976 Lt Gen Peri Chand, PVSM accompanied by the Police Adviser Assistant Commissioner Hamilton, OBE, QPM visited HQ AUSCIVPOL, Nicosia. In the picture the Force Commander is seen talking to Inspector Frans Holzer, the AUSCIVPOL MTO.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

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LESSON OF THE MONTH

Drive Dangerously and Die

Drive Safely and SURVIVE.

UNIFICYP SPORTS NEWS

With Mount Olympus only one hour away from the Camps in Sector Two, the Welsh Guards are making the most of the snow and skiing facilities up there. They are not only training their team for the Force skiing competition - that is only a week away - but have also set out to ensure that every soldier in Sector Two will have had at least four days skiing by the time the Battalion returns to ceremonial duties in London in April.

Arranging training this way not only teaches the soldiers a new skill, but also enables the Battalion to spot future members for their ski teams. So far no potential champions have come to light this year, but, as shown in the picture above, Guardsmen Williams, Gwyn, Jenkins, Saunders and Yeo are enjoying the short period away from duty.

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Auscivpol (T-shirts with UN emblem) boat Danoon in a table-tennis match on 18th Jan. at the gymnasium, Wolsley Barracks. The teams were captained by the respective CO’s. After the completion players and supporters went to the Carlton Hotel for refreshments and other “nostalgic reminiscences” about the work they used to do together in Lieka District.

Any Contingent interested in playing table-tennis against Auscivpol should contact the sports officer Insp. HIRSCHBERG.

UNIFICYP UNICORNS

Back row (1 to r) Cpl Clarke, Major Hughes-Wilson, Cpl Howells, Sgt Hickson, Lt Wright, Cpl Gunfield.

Front row (1 to r) Lepl Stoteslake, Lepl Skivington, Lepl Proctor, Sgt White, Sgt Harrison.