Last month Mr Eric Sandstrom the Commander designate of the American Veteran Organization, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, visited the Headquarters of the Force with the American Military Attaché in Cyprus, Colonel R.G. Hatlock. During his visit Mr Sandstrom was pictured above with the Force Commander, and later visited the Canadian Sector and the Buffer Zone.

UNIFICYP’S POSTMEN

Christmas time is always a busy time for postmen and this year was no exception. The British and Canadian postmen at HQ UNIFICYP pictured left to right, Sgt Roy Galeniec, Cpl John Comeau, Cpl Mike Hudnett and Pte Terry Drimmie, taking a brief respite from their hectic schedule.
CHRISTMAS EVENTS IN DANCON

The Force Commander visited DANCON to wish Representatives of all ranks a Happy Christmas.

DANCON NEWS

On Christmas day the Commander DANCON accompanied by Chaplain E. Vind (right) and LCpl J.C. Hansen toured all OP's to bring the Message of Christmas and all good wishes.

On the First Christmas day an old Viking "King Neptune" and his fiancée "Miss Alfredite" paid the yearly routine visit to the beach of DANISBORG to make sure that the maximum number of the Danes got their yearly Sea Christmas both in correct manner.

Here comes the polar bears

And late at night came Santa Claus

Christmas Eve is the day for the Swedes to prove that they are descendents of the Vikings. This year no less than 416 members and relatives of SWEDCON qualified for the "Polar Bear Swim Club" dipломs in the cold (11°F) waves of Larnaca beach. That night there was a Christmas dinner party visited by Santa Claus himself.

Radio improved

Short wave radio connections between Camp Victoria and Sweden were very much improved after a helicopter from Sioux Squadron of AAC placed a new log periodic antenna on top of a high mast. Many spectators watched the thrilling lift, but the pilot was lucky without the aid of the antenna was soon in place.

Memories of a tragedy

Members of AUSCON and SWEDCON honour the memory of the three Austrain soldiers killed in the tragic event on the Nicosia-Larnaca road in the summer of 1974. The Swedes are now responsible for the care of the Monument in the former Austrain sector.
CHRISTMAS IN BRITCON

Even the soldiers on standby at the OPs, like at Vard Kokkos, had a traditional Christmas lunch.

CHRISTMAS FOR AUSCON IN SECTOR 6

A very moving Christmas service was celebrated by MilliKurt Reichl, to the accompaniment of a choir formed by soldiers of the battalion.

SHOOTING COMPETITION IN FAMAGUSTA

The Austrian contingent's shooting championships for the pistol and sub-machine gun events took place at the Turkish Range in Famagusta recently. After some very good shooting, Major Reinhof won the pistol event and Staff Sergeant Zehner the sub-machine gun.

Die Sieger und die Piosler:


Unter widrigen Witterungsbedingungen wurden am türkischen Schießplatz in Famagusta die Basiliusmeister mit Pistole und der Maschinenpistole ermittelt. In dem überraschend spannenden Bewerb siegten schließlich Mjr. Reinhof mit der Pistole und Stf/Wm. Zehner mit der MPI.
THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE VISITS CANCON

On the 23rd of December Canada's Minister of National Defence Mr. B.J. Donald and his wife arrived in Cyprus to spend Christmas with the Canadian Contingent. On Christmas Eve 2 RCR held a church parade and a special service was conducted at Holy Cross Church. On Christmas day the Minister visited all the OPs with Santa Claus in tow.

All the members of CANCON would like to thank Mr and Mrs. Donald for coming to Cyprus to spend their holidays with the Canadian Contingent. Pictured above, Barney, Santa and the boys on Christmas day.

MINISTER VISITS OP ROYAL

THE REGIMENT IS 94 YEARS YOUNG

On 21 December 2 RCR celebrated the Regiment's 94th birthday. The Royal Canadian Regiment began its existence as the Infantry School Corps on 21 December 1883. A sports day was held with teams from the Pres, Cpl's, Sr NCOs and Officers, volleyball, softball, tennis and netball were the sports that were played. The Sr NCOs won the day and were presented with the Prince Philip Cup. The CO, LCol J.R. MacPherson and Pte S.P. Powell of J Coy are pictured above cutting the Regimental birthday cake in the J Ranks Mess of the Ledes Barracks.

BRITISH SOLDIERS HONOURED

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has made awards in Her New Year Honours List to three former members of the British Contingent for their service in UNFICYP during 1997. Major F.J. Alley of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers has been appointed a member of the Military Division of the Order of the British Empire for his work as the Quartermaster of the UNFICYP Support Regiment during the year in which the Regiment was formed.

Staff Sergeant C.A. Couillot, BE, MBE, Royal Regiment of Fusiliers.

The British Empire Medal has also been awarded to Corporal P.R. Allen of 1st Battalion The Parachute Regiment for his service in charge of OP B36, throughout the winter of 1976/77.

FIRST ALOUETTE ARRIVES

The first Alouette helicopter arrived in Nicosia last week.

Corporal P.R. Allen, BEM, PARA.
General Quinn also visited the Military Police Company to wish them a Happy Christmas. During this visit he was pictured with the Force Provost Marshal, Major P.H.L. Dobson CD and Staff Sergeant R.W. Stock RMP.

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A safer year on the roads