PRESENT FROM CANADA

Last week two Canadian Generals, Lieutenant General Lewis and Lieutenant General Smith visited the Force and in particular the Canadian Contingent at the end of a Middle Eastern tour of United Nations Forces. While they were in UNFICYP they called on the Force Commander Major General J.J. Quinn and presented him with a silver tray.

Enlarged Economics Branch

A short while ago the Economics Branch was enlarged by the addition of a second officer to deal with humanitarian matters.

The whole branch was pictured together with the Force Commander last week.
NEW SWEDES INSTALLED

Lt. Col. Jack Wilbring is taking command over the Swedish contingent and sector 5.

SWEDCON NEWS

The new Swedish Battalion 61C is now stationed and fully equipped with their new operational responsibilities in the area.

They relieved Battalion 65C, which left for Sweden during the first week of November after five weeks of very intensive work, resting from Famagusta in time of the Swedes for 13 years — to Lambesc.

AUROC's former Camp Duke Island has been renamed Camp Victoria, and supplemented with a tented camp nearby. Later this year a new command post will be built at the Island Operations Centre in the eastern outskirts of Nicosia. The Swedes are often located in camps in the Anichou and Larnagolias.

On parade for a new battalion, a new sector and a new task.

DANCON NEWS

In C-Division of the soldiers have placed a hard work in military swimming. On the picture you find the instructor of the Pariser together with two of the entrants.

I-JUMP at the all-out prayer to Kampværnsennakkenkamp. Billeder fra Lt. J.帕森 Instructions in mark-kampen.

DANCON XXVIII in Cyprus Walkabout Competition. Here is one of the teams.

Det længste caviar's spor, der skal forbinde OP D-12 Seliemoni Mountain med Cm Anderen, er nu ved at være i reelt.

The construction of the new track to OP D-12 Seliemoni Mountain is now in the final phase.
51 SQUADRON PROVES A POINT

At the beginning of last year, 51 Squadron PCT left in Force after completing a very busy six-month tour. During this time, they completed over three times a million miles of very successful flying not only for the Force, but also for the High Commission for Refugees. Throughout their tour, they were always one of the vehicles, so on their last day, they staged their own take-off before flying back to Akrotiri and their VC10 at England.

POST CORPORAL AT WORK

Corporal J. Connelly of the Royal Engineers Portal and Control Unit has recently completed his six-month tour in the Force. A month ago he moved to his post-office to some new rooms in the building that once housed the guard in Junior Camp. He has returned to England and is well earned leave.

NEW WORKSHOP COMMANDER

Another changeover has taken place in the Support Regiment during the past week when Major Brian Forbes—of “It’s a Knock-out” fame—handed over to Major J. Drew. Major Fines has returned to England, the rain, and a job in the Ministry of Defence.

FIRST MEDAL PARADE IN FAMAGUSTA

Major General Quinn überreicht die UN-Medaille an Obstart d/o Greindl and Major Machly.

The FC presenting UN medal to Lt Col G Greindl, COO, and Maj W Machly, 21/c Auscon.

On 26 October, the Austrian Liberation Day, the UN Medal “In the Service of Peace” was presented by the Force Commander, Maj Gen J J Quinn, to the those members of Auscon who joined UNFICYP last July. On this festive occasion the Commanding Officer, Lt Col H Oberwinkler welcomed many guests at the new Camp Duke Leopold V. A Special welcome was given to Brigadier Karl Liko, Head of the UN Department at the Austrian Ministry of Defence, who visited UNFICYP from 24 to 27 October. At this very impressive military ceremony which was graciously received by a British military band, the OC/Auscon also presented an Austrian Government Award to WO1 F Schell and a Military Decoration to Maj W Weber, GM Auscon. The ceremony was completed by a parade. A reception was held afterwards for an informal get together.

Brig Liko in angeregtem Gespräch mit unseren Gästen.

OC Auscon Lieutnant Colonel H Oberwinkler presenting the Austrian Government Award to WO1 F Schell and the Military Decoration to Major W Weber.
BATTLE TEST TIME FOR CANCON

Just recently the Canadian Contingent had to complete its Battle Efficiency Testing. Once a year members of Canadian Forces units must complete this testing. It involves covering a ten mile distance with weapons and webbing in full kit and a half hour, twice within a 48 hour period.

Each company of the battalion carried out its run separately in different areas of Sector 4.

The members of 2 RCR are starting to settle in the island of Cyprus and a comprehensive sports program has begun. The Pro Patria softball league has been formed and is well under way. There will also be competitive volleyball and field hockey. Other activities which will be offered to members of CanCon are sculling, skiing and tennis. Just recently a large number of Canadians went down to Dhekelia to try their hand at gilling and they say the livers are very good and it seems that it will have a strong following amongst the Canadians.

AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINALS

By Assistant Commissioner J. Hamilton QPM

Although representatives of other nations landed or claimed to have landed on the shores of Australia on various occasions, it was not until 26 August 1770 that the history of Australia was brought into definite political connection with Western civilization. On that date Captain Cook took possession of "the whole eastern coast of Australia in the name of King George the Third of Great Britain.

At the time the country was populated by aborigines, a black race of many different tribes living in their own tribal areas. These tribes were undivided. The tribes were undivided so we understood the term today. There was no known confederation among the tribes. Later when Australia was colonized from Great Britain their tribal lands or territories were appropriated.

One rock painting of the rainbow serpent measures 28 feet long. To the back man, the big snake is nearer to gelding than any other creature on this earth. Artists also depict figures of kangaroos, emus, lizards, wallabies, fish and humans. There is no way of establishing the age of these rock paintings or rock engravings. They could be 10,000 years old or 10,000. It is not possible to carbon date this form of art.

In more recent times, aboriginal culture has moved forward to oil paintings and water colours and a number of aboriginal artists have won world acclaim for examples in landscape — trees, mountain ranges and rocks. The ability to portray vivid colours which are manifest in the landscape in early morning and late evening has been a feature of this work.

Aboriginal also fostered many tribal ceremonies which were sacred to them and lands on which these ceremonies took place were hallowed by the tribes. While progress often had to be or no respect for these sacred grounds and many of them were needlessly and wantonly destroyed. Tribal dancing was part of this culture and warriors suffered no offense in decorating themselves with violets and feathers to reinforce this aspect.

The aboriginal population of Australia today is in the vicinity of 120,000 comprising persons of pure blood and others of mixed descent who identity with the aboriginal race. Their population is increasing at a rate faster than the Australian average. Few aborigines still live a nomadic life. Many live a settled but in many other ways traditional life. There are others at all stages between this and full participation in the life of the Australian community. The Federal Government is to help aborigines to become an integral part of Australian commercial life, while at the same time preserving and developing their own individual habit, language and arts. The Government recognizes the rights of individuals to aboriginal culture to have the right to achieve their native traditions. They are encouraged to achieve their goals by their own efforts. Emphasis is on aboriginal participation in the planning of policies and the decisions about the programs that affect them. As Australian citizens, they are entitled to equality before the law. The legal and formal aspects of the opportunity open to Australians generally is closed to aborigines. Present Federal Government spending on aboriginals is running at the rate of 40 million dollars per annum.

The question of and rights for aborigines has been discussed very strongly over the last decade. There is strong lobby for the return of large areas to them for the purpose of preserving traditional and sacred sites to retrace aboriginal culture, and for reparation for the appropriation of their land at first settlement. By diffusion of time there are many legal problems involved with aboriginal land ownership. In territories controlled by the Federal Government, land tenure is leasehold, while in States, the tenure is mainly freehold. Tribal social structure is very flexible, there is no firm corporate control, and tribal elders have no guarantee of a fixed term in office. Consequently, the problem of who shall be recognized as the registered proprietor of land, and how, is an

NEW FINGON COMMANDER
**POLICE NEWS**

Last week the 14th Australian Police Contingent received United Nations medals from the Force Commander Major General J J Quinn in a unique ceremony at their Headquarters at Kokkina Trinimika. The Contingent paraded under Chief Inspector John Rush in front of their Headquarters, in the presence of a large number of invited guests from the Headquarters and all contingents.

After presenting all members of the Contingent with their medals, the General addressed the parade (left) and thanked them for their services to the Force, which he remarked they provided in such a cheerful and efficient way.

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**CHRISTMAS CARDS**

There are only five shopping weeks left to Christmas! Already the post offices are reminding us that we must send our parcels and letters off early if we want them to arrive in time.

Another reminder of the festive season is the Force Christmas card which is now on sale in the Headquarters. The card may be obtained either from the Secretary Procurement Officer at the Headquarters in quantities of 100 or more, or from the contractor in the Headquarters in quantities of less than 100. The cost of each card is 90c. Bulk orders of 100 or more will be sold for 0.85c each. All profits from the sale of these cards is credited to the Force Welfare Fund.

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Pia Long (left) and Cpl Monty of Battalion Headquarters on Battalion Efficiency.