COMMONWEALTH MISSION VISITS UNFICYP

RAF FLIGHT COMMANDER LEAVING

The Commander of the UNFICYP Royal Air Force Helicopter Detachment, Flight Lieutenant John Meehan, is shortly to leave the Force to become a helicopter flying instructor in England.

Flight Lieutenant Meehan arrived in Cyprus just after the military operations in 1967, and since then has flown many hours in support of UN operations. This year he was the pilot who flew the Secretary General Dr Waldheim from Larnaca to Nicosia.

Last week the Commonwealth Mission to Cyprus visited the Force as part of their tour of the Island. The members of the Mission, under their chairman Ambassador Ng’ethe Njoroge of Kenya, were received by Ambassador Perez de Cuellar and General Quinn and were then briefed on the Force. They were later taken for an aerial tour of Sectors Two, Three and Four.

New Transport Squadron

"Welcome Sailor" said the sign board in Jubilee Camp two weeks ago when the men of 51 Port Squadron RCT arrived to take over the tasks of the Force Transport Squadron. This is the first time a squadron of the Port and Maritime Regiment has served in Cyprus. The Squadron’s normal role is to travel all over the world to organise the loading and unloading of ships either in docks or over beaches in support of exercises or military operations.
FROM SNOWY SWEDEN TO SUNNY CYPRUS

The Swedish Battalion, 65 C, left Sweden for Cyprus after one of the coldest winters for several years. The Battalion arrived just in time for the summer season in Cyprus.

The 425 new men settled down quickly into the Carl Gustaf and GodiasCanvas camps, near Famagusta. A large part of them, however, went directly out to the different OPs in the Swedish sector. Lt Col Bjorn Ahrensbo, commander of the previous Battalion 63 C who is staying on to command 65 C, did his first inspection and was apparently satisfied with what he saw of his new soldiers.

One of the first activities that greeted some of the members of the Battalion, was the 14 mile cross country march along the coastline of Cape Greco, One platoon carrying combat field packs, started early in the morning and eventually reached Figtree Bay. The soldiers then spent the rest of the day swimming and relaxing after the 4 hour march. Though it was a hard walk everyone was pleased with the day and their achievement.

The Cape Greco-march is an old tradition with all the Swedish battalions, and most of the members of Sweden are due to participate in the march during their 6 month tour.

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There was snow and it was still winter when the members of the new Swedish Battalion 65 C got their gear in mid April before leaving for Cyprus.

The commander of Sweden Lt Col Bährhnielsen seen during his inspection of the new soldiers at one of the Swedish OPs.

Members of the new Swedish Battalion doing the Cape Greco-march.
Longest Serving Member of BRITCON Leaves

After 31 years in the Force Flight Lieutenant Brian Tomlin has at last handed his light Blue Beret in at the end of his tour. He has left Cyprus to join the Mobile Air Operations Team of Number 31 Group (RAF) in England.

His tour covered the period of the coup and of the subsequent operations, indeed he was the RAF standby pilot at Nicosia airport when it was bombed. During the period of fighting he flew many sorties carrying injured people, and on one occasion flew nine injured people from Xeros to Akrotiri — the largest number of people he has ever flown at one time!

Brigadier Tillotson visited UNFICYP Support Regiment last week. He began his tour with Signal Squadron, and is seen above as he went into the Line Troops store.

Commonwealth Mission in Sector Two

During their visit to UNFICYP the members of the Commonwealth Mission were given a flying trip to Sector Two to see what the Buffer zone was like.

FORCE COMMANDER VISITS SECTOR TWO

The Force Commander, Major General Quinn visited the 1st Battalion The Royal Irish Rangers last week, and toured around the OP’s. He is seen left inspecting the area of Ellenik. At the end of his tour he returned to St David’s Casino to listen to the pipes and drums and watch their display.


CO’S CHANGE OVER

Our last commanding officer, Lt Col W. Fritz, has handed over his command and has left Cyprus to return to Austria. On 7th May in a short ceremony he handed the Austrian flag to his successor Lt Col Obersniker.

NEW PRESS OFFICER


The new Press Officer, Capt. HITZENBERGER, can be seen here mixing together different news.

WEDDING IN LARNACA
LE MAJOR 33 Gallant, Commandant de l'escadron A de la RRC et le Colonel Carlson au service de l'escadron A.

LE MAJOR 33 Gallant, Office Commanding A Squadron RRC and Colonel Carlson in the Buffer Zone.

LES NOUVELLES DE CANCON

Durant les deux semaines passées, le 12e Régiment BIRL du Canada a reçu les visiteurs en masse. Commandant avec le Commandant des Forces, qui a passé une journée avec nous le 25 avril, ont reçu aussi le Commandant — desgins du Contingent Canadien, le Colonel Carlson. Le beau temps, a fait finalement, mais un visiteur plus invité était un grand serpent trouvé en chausant une cigarette par le Caporal Fred Coats. Cette semaine, nous avons visité le centre par notre Ambassadeur, 40 ans qui peut dire.

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SNAKES IN SECTOR 4

NOTRE visiteur malvenu, cing pieds de serpent. Our unwelcome visitor, a five foot snake.
Colonel Herbert Puchel the CO of the Austrian Civilian Police Contingent for the past three years has left Cyprus with five of his officers and returned to Austria. Shortly before he left he handed over to Major Gottlieb Latschenberger, with whom he is seen above.

**RUGGER UNFICYP v UNTSO**

Two weeks ago a rugger team from UNTSO in Jerusalem came to the Island to challenge a team from UNFICYP. The game was played on the pitch near Pineagios Camp, and proved to be a very exciting struggle between two very evenly matched teams. UNFICYP opened the scoring with a try by Dunbar, but the UNTSO team soon came back. At the end the result was a draw — seven points each — which was a very fair result. The referee on this occasion was Colonel Ryan from the Eastern Sovereign Base Area.

A handover also took place at Kokkinochritsa two weeks ago when Chief Superintendent John Kelly took over responsibility for the UNCIVPOL tasks in Sectors One and Two. He is seen being given the forecase of events file by his predecessor Superintendent Fred Luther.

While their Contingent Commanders were completing their handover the two seconds in command of the Australian Civilian Police Contingents Superintendent Dick Allanson and Chief Inspector John Knox were pictured together.

**TRAFFIC STATISTICS**

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**LESSON OF THE MONTH**

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