The Travel Officer at Swedcon is kept extremely busy finding new places far away for members of his contingent to visit during their periods of leave. One of the recent trips he arranged was to Zambia and in the picture above members of Swedcon are seen photographing a herd of elephants in the National Game Park.
Globe trotting Swedes

Olle Sjölund is a very busy man. He happens to be the Travel officer for SWEDCON and the Swedes are very keen travellers during their leave. Consequently Olle is always on the look-out for new leave travel targets.

So far he has found three very exciting countries to add to his long list. Many from SWEDCON have taken the opportunity to visit Zambia, Mauritius and Damascus in Syria. The Seychelles, Kenya and Israel are also very popular and this summer nearly 200 members of SWEDCON have taken advantage of Olle Sjölund’s special travel agency. Fun, excitement and — best of all — cheap.

The Zambia photo safari resulted in lots of snapshots and several feet of film. Giraffes were only one of the several kinds of exotic animals “shot”. Elephants and lions were also very popular photo subjects.

Camera armed hunters from SWEDCON (above) are: Per-Olof Carlmark, Bengt Peithman, Roland Lundström, Tommy Lindström and Torgny Malm.

Swimming is a Swedish sport and a surfboard is not to be found in Sweden, so Tommy Lake and Per-Olof Carlmark ran into severe trouble when they set about learning to surf in Mauritius. Their first surfing lessons were not particularly successful and they found themselves several times below the surface of the Indian Ocean and Tamarin Bay. But hard practice with the surfboard gives results and they are now keen surfers. Problem is, what to do with a surfboard when they are back home in Sweden?

On 3 and 4 October the UNIFECYP “Old Boys Football Tournament” took place on the pitch at Aviva Nicolas, organised by the Sports Officer, Second Lt. Prell.

On the first day Auscon played Force Reserve and won with a score of 1–0. The match between Britain-Sweden was a win for Britain 2–1, but only after extra time. On the second day the final matches for third place and the Grand Final were played. The first game resulted in a win for the Force Reserve over Sweden 4–1, also the bronze medal. The final was won by Britain 2–0 against Auscon after an exciting fight by both teams. CO Auscon Lt Col Fritz handed over the cup and medals to the winning teams. After the tournament all teams had a well-deserved cool drink and an excellent meal.

The Swedish centre forward makes a gigantic header but alas he missed the goal!

In the final match, SSgt Auer made a good pass towards the goal but the match remained lost for the Australians.

SSgt Müller shows a good example of the “Hung-fo” fighting spirit against the Force Reserve which had good results as he scored the only goal for the Australians.

BACKGAMMON-COMPETITION

Between 9–11 October the Auscon competition took place. The games were as follows: Sgt Podristchin / Cpl Hinner 7–0, L/Cpl Planitzer / Cpl Vranek 5–3, 2/Cpl Rosina / Cpl Kloiber 6–4 and Cpl Niederehoek / Cpl Riml 5–3.

The final winner Sgt Podristchin is being congratulated by his opponent Cpl Niederehoek, who was the organiser of the competition.

The most important thing for the soldiers on the line is mail from home. Our Field postmaster, Capt Roberg and his assistant, Cpl Zych, are always keen to deal with the mail within the shortest time possible. The picture shows the “Post crew” sorting the incoming mail from Austria, which they do every morning until noon and everybody gets his post even on Saturdays and Sundays.
Before the start from Evrykhou School. Checking in and weighing in.

After 10 km of hard walking the aching legs are purring out. At this stage a drink is more than welcome.

The doctor at work on the first day. Obviously not everyone could bear to look!

**GOAL**

Well we did say everyone was welcome! 'Sheepoon' was very well represented!

On the second day there was a long-long-long hill on the way to Skouriotissa.

**THE REWARD**

The Dancon March was introduced in 1915 to ensure fitness and motivation of the soldiers serving with the Mediterranean Force. The march involves a total of 50 km in 7 days, with each day's march must be covered in 6.5 hours and each participant must carry 18 kg.

At the end comes the reward for two days hard marching.

Lt. Col W. Ellisberg presents the medal to WO1 H P Hansen, HQ Coy.
THE ARMY AIR CORPS IN CYPRUS

The UNIFCYP Flight is just a small part of the Corps that was formed from the Glider Pilot Regiment and the Air Observation Post Squadron twenty one years ago.

Since the Corps was formed many minor changes have occurred and unit titles have been constantly "up-dated." A brief history of the AAC's involvement with the UN in Cyprus provides a good example of these changes.

Army Aviation in the shape of 2 Auster MK6 and 2 Sioux AH1 helicopters moved to the island to support UNIFCYP in 1964. They were originally known as the Force Aviation Flight. In 1965, 21 Flight Army Air Corps assumed the task.

Early in 1966, 4th Air Observation Troop RA took over. It was during this unit's tour in Cyprus that the first and only fatality occurred when the OC was killed when his aircraft crashed. In August 1966 the position was regularised and a new special task unit known as UNIFCYP Flight Army Air Corps was formed and 4 AO TP RA returned to UK. The Flight's original location was in what is now the RCT General in Jubilee Camp. The Flight operated successfully from this HLD until April 1974, when it was moved to its present location at the SE end of the International Airport.

Throughout its time in Cyprus the Flight's tasks have changed little. Before the war in 1974 the main tasks were resupply of the Kyrenia Range OPs and communication and liaison flying between the spread out Contingent areas. After the war, when the line was formed between Greek and Turk forces, the resupply of Kyrenia was no longer required and the general area of operations became the new line of flight. The normal tasks today are liaison, communications, observation and reconnaissance. The Flight was also involved in the RAF rescue in Kyrenia on 2 November 1977, briefly by providing a communications link with HQ UNIFCYP throughout the emergency, and second by flying the COS to the scene.

In January 1977 the Flight came under command of the HQ UNIFCYP Support Regiment. The main effect of this was that the Regiment assumed a greater responsibility for its administration. The Flight has always been around 9 strong and it is of interest to note the following statistics:

- 1964 - 1966 2 Sioux, 2 Auster
- 1966 - 1977 4 Sioux
- 1977 - 4 Sioux
- 1979 - 6 Sioux

b. 35,000 hours flown in Service of Peace which at an approximate 50 nautical miles per hour is the equivalent of one Sioux travelling round the world 70 times.

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BRITCON NEWS

An Aouette of the UNIFCYP Flight takes off from the Flight's location.

On the arrival of the new Aouette the Force Commander Maj Gen J J Quinn is briefed on the aircraft by Maj G Blount AAG the Flight's OC.

Repairs are carried out on an Aouette in the hanger at the Flight's location at the International Airport. Cpl Shuttleworth and Cpl Lodge are doing the work.

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Behind the “Blue Berets”

The activities of the UN peace-keeping mission now deployed in Cyprus, Ismailia, Damascus, Jerusalem andAswan are often praised and commented upon in the media and by UN officials as fulfilling a vital and significant peace-keeping function of the UN in the world today.

While considerable attention is paid to the military elements of peace-keeping, often referred to as the “Blue Berets”, seconded from various national armed forces and under the command of outstanding Generals such as Sirnava, Ralp Abekt, Erakine, Phillip and Quinn, little is known about the approximately 2000 UN peace-keeping and relief personnel who perform a variety of tasks beyond those that are immediately visible.

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The conditions of work of the Field Service Officers are under review by a number of UN bodies.

The Secretary-General and the Joint Advisory Committee at Headquarters have recently concluded a comprehensive review of the salaries, allowances and conditions of service of the Field Service Officers.

The International Civil Service Commission will also be studying their conditions of service in 1978.

The Secretary-General told the Fifth session of the ICSC that he considered the “three-deep, long-overdue” study of the Field Service conditions of employment to be a matter of “great urgency and importance”.

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The International Civil Service Commission, in its report to the 32nd Session of the General Assembly, pointed out that the conditions of work and life of Field Service Staff are significantly different from those of their colleagues in Headquarters and other established offices; in these conditions, the importance of the UN’s function is performing, it is essential that their exceptional working conditions, which for many staff members could be considered as “handicap” are rationalized, allowances and conditions of service.

UN ISSUES NEW STAMPS TO COMMEMORATE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

On 15 September 1978, the UN Postal Administration issued two stamps to commemorate the General Assembly.

The first stamp was issued in 1978 and shows a view of the General Assembly Hall, on a background of a photograph of the General Assembly Hall, the UN flag and a map of the world. The second stamp was issued in 1978 and shows a view of the General Assembly Hall, on a background of a photograph of the General Assembly Hall, the UN flag and a map of the world.

The stamps are intended to commemorate the 43rd session of the General Assembly and are available at all post offices worldwide.