BRITISH MINISTER VISITS UNFICYP

His programme included visits to the Force Reserve, the 1st Battalion The Parachute Regiment and to the Support Regiment.

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Changes in Sector 4

Wednesday the 13th was not unlucky for UNFICYP's airmen because on that day all the helicopters were serviceable at the same time, and to prove it they posed off the ground by the control tower. In the foreground the two chief technicians, PI Sgt Abbott and WO2 Dowsie are seen congratulating each other.

IS THIS A RECORD?
Busy days for Swedcon:
THE MEDAL PARADE

The first day of April traditionally is a day of jokes but not for the Swedish Battalion as this year the day marked the Swedish Battalion’s Medal Parade. The sun shone continuously, making some of the soldiers of the Swedish Battalion regret that they had less than four weeks left to serve in Cyprus.

The parade was held in the presence of a number of distinguished guests and friends of the Battalion. During the parade the music was provided by the Band of the 1st Battalion The Parachute Regiment by kind permission of the Commanding Officer.

The Force Commander, General Quinn presented the medals to all the soldiers of the Swedish Battalion and thanked them for the very good job they had done during their tour.

General Quinn started his visit to Sector Six at an OP manned by 1 Coy and went on to visit the 3 Company’s area, by helicopter before arriving at Carl Gustaf Camp for the main parade.

AND THE VISIT OF A MINISTER

Just a few days before the medal parade the Battalion had an important visitor — His Excellency the Minister of Defence Eric Koomskick. Mr Koomskick became Minister last year when the three party government came to power after the general elections. This was his first visit to a Swedish unit of the United Nations, and at the end of his visit he said how impressed he was by the good spirit and the positive attitude amongst the soldiers of the Battalion. The Minister was accompanied by a number of high ranking officers and senior officials during his visit.
ARMY MINISTER’S VISIT

Mr Robert Brown, the MP for Newcastle West meeting a number of his constituents in the Force Reserve, whose soldiers are recruited very largely from that area.

During his visit to 38 Squadron RCT the Minister found another Geordie to talk to when he met Driver Francis of A Troop, who stayed back in Jubilee Camp to meet Mr Brown.

And at the end of his tour of the British Contingent the last Geordie Mr Brown met was Corporal Johnson, the CO’s driver in the 1st Battalion The Parachute Regiment.

EASTER SERVICE ON HILL 220

OSTERN beim AUSCON

Im kleinen Kreis der OP-118 Crew blieb unser Hilfspfarrer GROSSRUCK beim Kreuz auf der Höhe 220 ein kurzes Gebet, das er von den Übungen und der Arbeit des AUSCON der Arbeiter und Angehörigen des AUSCON gedachte.

On Good Friday our Chaplain Father Grossack held a short service for the OP crew of A18 on Hill 220.

AUSCON’S MEDICAL TEAM

Auszug von: Dr. BAUDELT, VZL NEUMANN, WO Mayr und Kpt BARINA verfügt das AUSCON über eine ausreichende medizinische Versorgung. Der Sanitätsarzt wurde von den sanitätsfähigen, aber nicht medizinisch ausgebildeten Mannschaften unterstützt.

The Austrian Medical Team from the left, from top row: Capt Barina, VZL Neumann, WO Mayr, Dr. Bauedt.

VISITORS TO AUSCON

Sgt RINGSTROM, Pte BERGTH und Pte AAS vom SWED-CON sommes Einige Tage die Observer der AUSCON.

Three members of Swedcon, Sgt Ringstrom, Pte Bergth and Pte Aas have been attached to AUSCON’s observer crew for a few days.

AUSCON NEWS

The new consignment of vehicles to AUSCON also includes two ambulances fitted with the most up-to-date equipment.
12e RBC TAKE OVER

Le Douzième Régiment Blindé du Canada is complete and is doing the job in Sector 4. The main troop flights arrived last week, and following the change of command parade between ourselves and 3 RCR, the Regiment got right to work.

The Regiment is supported for the tour by the Batterie X du Cinquième Régiment d'Artillerie Ligère du Canada. Both X Battery and 12e RBC are members of the Cinquième Groupe d'Armée du Canada which is located in Canadian Forces Base Valcartier in the Province of Quebec.

The 12e RBC is an armoured regiment in the Canadian Forces and has reverted to an infantry battalion configuration for the United Nations tour. Both the Regiment and X Battery are French speaking units. The Commanding Officer of the Regiment and the Commander of 12e RBC is Lt Col A L Goddrey, 36, of Matagami, Quebec, Canada.

All members of 12e RBC and X Battery are happy to be here for this tour of duty with the United Nations in Cyprus, and we are looking forward to good working and social relations with all members of UNFICYP.

COMMAND CHANGES

Col de Chaquilien, Commander of the Canadian Contingent, and the two Commanding Officers sign the Change of Command Certificate.

LES NOUVELLES CANCON

Le Douzième Régiment Blindé du Canada est complet et est à son poste à Chypre. Les soldats principaux sont arrivés la semaine dernière et suivant la passation de commandement entre nous et le 3 RCR, le Régiment a aussitôt commencé le travail.

Le Régiment est soutenu par le soutien par le Batterie X du Cinquième Régiment d’Artillerie Ligère du Canada. La Batterie X et le Douzième sont membres du Cinquième Groupe d’Armée du Canada, qui est stationné à la Base des Forces Canadiennes de Valcartier dans la Province de Québec.

Le Douzième est un Régiment blindé dans les Forces Canadiennes et a été réorganisé à la configuration d’un bataillon d’infanterie pour le séjour avec les Nations Unies. Le Commandant du Régiment et le Commandant du Secteur 4 est le Lt Col A L Goddrey, 36, de Matagami, Quebec, Canada.

Tous les membres du 12e RBC et de la Batterie X sont heureux de servir avec les Nations-Unies à Chypre, et nous sommes fiers de bonnes relations avec tous les membres d’UNFICYP.

KOMPENTAJAT VAIHTAVAT


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ENGLISH SUMMARY

A change of Command will take place in Finsos in the near future. The new Commanding Officer Lt Col Puro Saarikoski arrived on 11th April in Cyprus, the actual change-over is due to take place on 30th April. In the picture on the right, Colonel O. Lepistö is seen with his successor.

A Track and Field competition took place in Finsos on 13th April. In the picture below, Sgt Vihko (in the middle) is seen a few strides before winning the 100 metres.
NEW LIGHT BLUE HEADDRESS

Yes, why don’t you take home a souvenir that will last longer than a sun-tan? There are a number of useful UNFICYP souvenirs in addition to this shield, which are on sale in the Secretariat at the Headquarters of UNFICYP in Nicosia. Price lists can be obtained from Mrs E Arisademou with whom unit and sub-unit back orders may be placed.

Other items available include:
- Ties
- Cutlery
- Ties pins
- Pin seals.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

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LESSON OF THE MONTH

Don’t take the right of way – give it.

Corporal A S Schulte is a recent arrival in the Workshop where he is the NCO in charge of the Technical Stores. As a Sikh he wears a turban, and as a member of UNFICYP he wears a light blue one.