AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR VISITS UNFICYP

The Austrian Ambassador His Excellency Dr. S Keller visited UNFICYP Headquarters last Thursday, and is seen with the Special Representative of the Secretary General Ambassador Pérez de Cuéllar.

AUSTCIVPOL IN NEW HQ

It will soon be rotation time for the Australian Police, who are now well organised in their new Headquarters in Sector Two. In the picture above Chief Superintendent Max Everett is seen talking to Inspector Bassett, while below Inspector Wayne is seen getting ready to go out on a patrol.

TH UNFICYP Executive Officer Major Herby Weiss leaves Cyprus on 26th April to become the Deputy Chief Constable of Salzburg. He has spent many tours in UNFICYP, and at the end of this one will have spent more than nine years in the Force.
BORTDTENNISTURNERING


A table tennis competition was held at Viking Camp on April 7th. The competition was a triumph for the SWEDCON team which took first prize in both the singles and doubles matches. In the pictures (right) the sports officer Captain M. B. Termannsen presents the prizes to the winners, and the winners congratulate the AUNCYPOL team.

DANCON NEWS

DANCON - MARCH II

PORTRÆTGALLERI

DANCON — March nr. 2 havde ca. 100 deltagere og delte arrangementet forløb lige så godt som sidste gang. Et par af deltagerne viser at viljen til at gennemføre markedes ophævevæver og træthed. KS E. Ø. Larsen og KS E. O. Holst gennemførte forskellen på 2 timer og 59 min. De varne fik E. Ø. Larsen etid. i halsten så han ikke kunne gå næste dag. O. Holst gik på tiden 3 timer rent og såedes stig E. Ø. Larsens rekord fra 1.

DANCON — March.

DANCON NEWS har fået ny redaktør, KN E. Nielsen der samtig er tilladt posten som AO. "Den gamle redaktør" talder af for denne gang og ønsker DANCON NEWSs læserer alt godt i fremtiden. Redaktionen talder KN F.E. Stormgaard for godt samarbejde og ønsker held og lykke med den nye post som UN-observator i Kathmandu.

DANCON NEWS introducerer Captain E. Nielsen the new adjutant of DANCON. He also assumes the role of editor of this page in the Blue Beret.

Preparing:

On a gloomy day in early October 1975, in Linköping, Sweden, we started preparing to come to Cyprus. We were all volunteers, a few of us had served with the UN before, but to the majority the mission was new and the prospect exciting.

Taking over:

Two weeks later we flew to Cyprus to begin our six months tour with UNFICYP and on the 27th October the UN Flag and the command of the Swedish Contingent was passed to Lt Col Arne Rolf and Battalion 59 C. Now — six months later — it is our turn to hand over.

Champions:

The Contingent took part in every competition we could, and won some of them.

On patrol:

Our main tasks were to operate a number of Observation Posts, Liaison Posts and Standing Patrols along the demilitarized zone, to patrol our operational area and to deal with humanitarian affairs in the Pan Handle.

Training:

Combat training, including some with the assistance of helicopters, has been carried out, but most of our training took place whilst carrying out our everyday tasks.

Good bye...
HALLO AND GOODBYE

Before going on leave the Force Commander, Lt Gen D. Prem Chand, PVSM, visited A Squadron The Life Guards, who after a month ago to become the new Force Reserve. He is seen with Major J. R. Reddih, the Squadron Commander, Corporal of Horse Willis and his ADC Captains J. Ratia on the vehicle park. General Prem Chand also paid a farewell visit to 7 Squadron RCT, and is seen talking to L/Cpl Bob Taylor (below).

Recently Colonel P. J. Chinwell OBE, paid a farewell visit to the Force Transport Squadron. He was seen above sharing a joke with Sergeant Wright.

SECTOR TWO CHANGES HANDS

At midday on Sunday 11th April the Welsh Guards handed over Sector 2 to the 1st Battalion The Royal Green Jackets. This will be the third time the Royal Green Jackets have served in UNIFCYP, and the second time the 1st Battalion has been here.

The 1st Battalion, under the command of Lt Col C. E. W. Jones, has come to Cyprus from Dover. Earlier this year, it spent two months in London carrying out ceremonial duties — the job the Welsh Guards are returning to England to do.

The Quartermaster, Capt Parrott and two company commanders, Maj Stewart and Capt Clark, having a discussion during their take-over.

Recently Captain P. W. W. Hitchcock, the 2 1/2 of the UNIFCYP Army Air Corps Flight, passed the 2000 hour milestone in his flying career. He was pictured, above, shortly after being handed, entering his flying time in the log.

ABSCHIED vom MEDICAL CENTRE


"A chapter in the history of the Austrian Medical Corps in closed now" commented the CO Colonel Mayer, when the UNIFCYP Medical Centre was closed on 12th April 1976. An Austrian medical team has served for 12 years in UNIFCYP providing a Field Hospital from 1964 to 1973 and since then running the Medical Centre. Prior to this an Austrian medical team served in the Congo with the United Nations from 1960 to 1965. The Team will be missed by the Austrian contingent.
THE SNOW SHOE RACE

Fortunately the snow stayed on the upper slopes long enough for the traditional Regi-mental event to be held. The snowshoe race, usually held during the month of January, had to be postponed this year because 3 PPCLI was in Cy-
pus.

The winner of this year’s race was Sg t G. Ledrew of 3 PPCLI in a time of 24 minut- ed 17 seconds over the 3 mile course.

The 1976 Annual 3 PPCLI/2 PPCLI Snowshoe Race was held in Troodos last week.

RESERVE PLATOON OF 1 GOY ON WHEELS

Ykkösen reservijoukkue “POLKUPYÖRÄRETKKÄÄ”

On Thursday 15th April responsibility for Sector 4 changed from 3 PPCLI to 2 PPCLI. To mark this event a short change of command parade took place at Wesley Barracks. The Inspecting Officer Brig Gen C.E. Bentley CMM, CD, took the salute and watched the flags of the 3rd Battalion lowered, and those of the 2nd Battalion raised.

The winning platoon was P Mäkiniitty, 7th Field Company EOD Platoon, and he was presented with the new platoon colors.

ENGLISH SUMMARY

On the 2nd April the sun had a golden glint for FINCON as it shone on the Orienteering com-
petition that was taking place at Cape Green.

In Class One FINCON won the gold, silver and bronze medals, and to make the day an even bigger success the silver medal in Class Two was won as well.

Cycling has always been popular in FINCON. In 1964 many members of the first Finnish Battal-
ion in Cyprus cycled from Dhak-
alla to Nicosia. To commemorate this “first bicycle march” the reserve platoons of 1 Coy, toge-
ther with some “additional” par-
cipants, took to their bicycles for a 41 mile ride over a hilly route that tested the stamina of the riders.

FINCON NEWS
SPORTS NEWS

TABLE TENNIS AT AUSTCIVPOL

Two weeks ago an UNCIVPOL table tennis tournament took place at the Australian Civilian Police Headquarters at Kokkinotrimithia. All the Police Contingents entered teams for the singles and doubles matches.

In the final the Australians, led by their Commander Colonel Fuchs, succeeded in winning both matches after some very close games.

The Police Adviser, Commissioner Hamilton, presented trophies to the winners and runners up at the end of the competition.

HQ COMPANY WINS!

On 12th April the Austrian Contingent held an inter-company cross-country marching competition and, to the surprise of everyone, the HQ Company team gained nearly all the first places, while a 2 Company team was the overall winner of the team competition. The winners are seen above from left to right: WO II Rettenhofer, Pte I. Müller, Pte I. Rindloff and Pte I. Hindl.

UNICORNS PLAY ON EASTER SUNDAY

The Unicorn Hockey Club continued their custom of never refusing an invitation to play a game, when they played on Easter Sunday.

NEW STAMP FROM UNPA

On 23rd April 1976 the United Nations Postal Administration will issue some new stamps to commemorate the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). The new stamp will be printed in denominations of 13 cents, 31 cents and Frs. 1,10 (about 43 cents). These stamps will be on sale in the Finance Office, at HQ UNFICYP on Fridays from 23rd April.

Traffic Statistics

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LESSON OF THE MONTH

Accidents don’t just happen — there is a cause.