LADIES DAY FOR SWEDCON

Louise Ekblom, the SWEDCON Postal Clerk for the last three months, joins the very small, select band of women entitled to wear the UNFICYP medal.
CAMP SKOURIOTISSA

B Coy consists of 190 men. The company’s task is to man seven OPs in the “Buffer Zone” and to patrol the area with its nine sections.

B Coy is based in SKOURIOTISSA Camp, consisting mainly of administrative and accommodation buildings. The buildings were constructed by CYPRIOT Mines Corporation (CMC) located close to the mines in Skouriotissa. The buildings and mines were abandoned by CMC prior to the troubles in 1974 and since occupied by the United Nations. The buildings look luxurious from the outside but, once inside, you will find there is a lack of proper furniture, which is accepted by the employees of CMC who took them when the mine was closed.

The company has a tennis court and swimming pool at its disposal. B Coy has under its command a Ferret Troop of Force Reserve and is responsible for the supply and accommodation of the Troop.

The picture above shows the buildings and camp that B Coy occupies.

Popular Field Artists

During the last few weeks, the Swedish Contingent has been visited by a group of Field Artists consisting of four girls and four men. The group offered a wide repertoire which was very much appreciated by all members of the Swedish Contingent and numerous other personnel of UNFICYP. The entertainers performed before audiences at the three hotels at Camp Victoria, Siam and Polar, at the HQ of Coy and at the Force HQ in Nicosia. They also found time to stage their show at the Rex Cinema in Larnaca, as well as at the Swedish Civilian Police Detachment and at Dancon. The OPs were not overlooked, many of them were visited by the performers who packed as many shows into their busy schedule as was possible.

A special note of appreciation was given to Max Torrello, the magician who captivated the audience with his tricks and especially his famous “Chinese Army Trick.”

The girls on the stage of the Rex Cinema. From right to left: Ewa Nylander, Renée Ågren, Anita Wilhman Hill and Kerstin Hall.

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A picture from company welfare cloutings, where parcels are collected for Denmark.

Lt John De Sallis with his boy’s 4 Tp ‘A’ Sgn IX/XII L Force Reserve.

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The visits to OPs were very welcome. Renée and Ewa show their way of making time pass quickly.

The musician, Max Torrello.

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At the HQ UNFICYP shooting competition the British teams were outstanding on all weapons. Best among the Swedes were the three girls of Chopin, who took the second place on pistol. Here Force Commander congratulates the trio. From right to left: Gjöhl Herbertsson, Karl Axel Gel and Torbjörn Rutherford.
Focus on - THE WHEELS
8 Sqn RCT in CYPRUS

THE EARLY YEARS
China, Sudan and South Africa
Like many units of the British Army, 8 Sqn RCT, the present UNIFCYP Transport Squadron, has a long and varied history. It was originally formed in 1806 as the 8th Company of the Corps of Military Artillers and as such it took part in the Crimean War in 1854 and also in the China War in 1860. During the China War the Company was commanded by a certain Capt G. C. Godwin, who under British command played a part in the sacking of the Summer Palace in Peking. In 1895 Gordon, by then a General, became famous for his defence of and death at Khartoum. At the time of Gordon's death the Company was engaged in extending the Sudan Railway. It was taken off this work and formed part of the forces that was despatched up the Nile to try and relieve its old commander. At the outbreak of war in South Africa the Company, now wearing the cap badge of the Royal Engineers, was moved to the Cape as part of the Advance Guard of the Expeditionary Force and was to remain there for the duration of hostilities. In 1900 the Company began its long association with Longmoor when it was invited to take part in the construction of the War Department's Military Railway.

ONE WORLD WARS
1914 saw the outbreak of the First World War. The Company moved from Longmoor in August of that year and sailed to France where it remained throughout the war. 1918 saw the unit return to Longmoor and stay there for the next twenty years. It was then called the 8th Railway Construction Company. After twenty years of peace the Company returned to France at the outbreak of the Second World War but only stayed until June 1940 when it left to take part in operations in Norway. The Company was then the first railway unit to land in Norway after the D-Day landings. It later crossed the Rhine into Germany. The unit remained in Germany until 1945 when it was returned back to Longmoor under the title of the Railway Squadron Royal Engineers.

UP TO DATE
On the formation of the Royal Corps of Transport in July 1955 the Squadron was transferred from the Royal Engineers but retained its old name and therefore became 8th Squadron Royal Corps of Transport. The Squadron continued to operate the Longmoor Military Railway until the railway was finally closed down in October 1969. The unit was reformed as an MT squadron and first served with 31 SFG (L). At the present time the Squadron is part of 27th Logistic Support Group Royal Engineer RCT supporting the Logistical Support Group of the United Kingdom Mobile Force and is based in Aldershot.

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B TROOP
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IN MEMORIAM

On Monday 14th August the Austrian Contingent commemorated the fourth anniversary of the death of three members of the contingent - Lt Iazy (Venin), Sig Decomb (Bouguenard) and COl Isak (Syria) who died in the service of peace.

During the short ceremony a wreath was laid on the memorial and Lt Col Fritz, CO AUSCON talked of the three soldiers' bravery and of his hope that they would never be forgotten.

The Monument located on the old Larnaca Road is now tended by the members of CANDCON and all members of AUSCON would like to take this opportunity to express their thanks for this gesture of comradeship.

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NEWS

Frequently the Austrian soldiers volunteer to be blood donors at the hospital in Larnaca. The picture above shows the procedure is completely painless and to prove it just look at the smile on the soldier's face!

The kitchen staff are always willing to learn Austrian recipes. Here the staff can be seen busily preparing an Austrian specialty called Ausgezogenen Afolfesudel - "Stretched Applepie".

PRIZE OF HONOUR

On Friday 16th August the Austrian Contingent Military Parade took place. As was hoped the parade and following celebrations were a success. The Battalion paraded in the presence of the Force Commander whilst the Band of the First Battalion Royal Regiment of Fusiliers provided excellent music during the parade and March Past. On the parade a total of 107 members of the Battalion received their United Nations Medal for the Service of Peace in Cyprus.

The reception following the parade gave the Austrians an opportunity to demonstrate their hospitality and their national fare when a large selection of national delicacies was served to the guests accompanied by Austrian wine.

"LOGISTICS COMPANY"

"Service second to none" is the ultimate goal of the Canadian Contingent Logistics Company. "Second to none" is also an apt description of the soldiers who provide the administration and logistical support for CANDCON and in particular to our soldiers of the lines.

The strength of Logistics Company is approximately 153. However, for administrative purposes, its Canadian members of Headquarters UNFICYP, the MP Company and 2nd Signal Squadron are considered part of the Company strength, thereby increasing it to 193. The actual roles cover a myriad of activities such as pay, transport, movement, quartermaster stores, trade, pioneer services, food services, dental services, postal services, medical services, a warehouse and a national radio link communications service.

It is by carrying out these vital support activities that the soldiers of Logistics Company work hand in hand with others of the line to contribute to PEACE!

CANDCON LOGISTICS COMPANY

Craftsman John Coleman of Maintenance Padron carries out mechanical repair work on a CANDCON vehicle.

CANCON NEWS

Sgt Dave Gray accepts a parcel from Inspector Clint Hallinan at the CANDCON Post Office. A small section but a big morale booster.

Col McKeil and Col Holman work in the CANDCON Command. This Company organises rations and then distributes them to the various Sector 4 kitchens.
UNIFICYP
SHOOTING
COMPETITION

On Tuesday 8th August the marksmen of UNIFICYP got together at Dhekelia ranges to shoot out the bi-annual UNIFICYP Shooting Competition. This competition in fact combines three competitions: testing the marksmanship skills of the various contingents using pistols, sub machine guns and rifles. To allow maximum participation, each event was conducted using the "knockout" principle with double elimination.

The Sector 2 team, shown in the top left hand picture, of Cpl Johnson, Lt Gorski, S/Sgt Barber and F/Sgt Harley shot their way to victory in the Rifle Competition with Maj Rennie, Cpl Wise, Dvr Rowntree and S/Sgt Parkin of Support Regiment being placed second out of the eight competing teams. Sector 2 distinguished themselves a second time when the team of Maj Hall, S/Sgt Bailey and F/Sgt Appo, shown in the top right hand picture, won the SMG Competition. The Sector 4 team of Lt Nordick, M/Cpl Benson, Cpl Mainville and Pte Mullin shot their way into second place in this competition. Sector 6 made it a clean sweep for the day when their pistol team of S/Sgt Moran, Maj Cleveland and 2/Lt Pearce, pictured above, took first place in that competition with Insp Herbertson, Insp Ost and Insp Ruthstrom of SWEDOCPOL coming second out of the nine teams taking part.

Competition in every event was extremely keen and the winners are therefore to be particularly congratulated.

At the conclusion of the competition first and second place teams were presented with medals for their achievements by the Force Commander. They then adjourned to the canteen to celebrate their victories with a "cool one" and lunch.

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