ORDER OF THE DAY

Our picture below Lt Gen A.E. Martola (Force Commander) Brig-Gen E.M.D. Leslie (Chief of Staff) and Col D.B. Riddell-Webster (Deputy Chief of Staff), during the reading of the Order of the Day. (Full text page five).

NEW FORCE COMMANDER

Major-General D. Prem Chand, who has been appointed by Secretary-General U Thant to succeed Lieutenant-General A.E. Martola as Commander UNFICYP when the latter retired on 30 December, arrived at Nicosia airport on 18 December at 20.00 hours.

He was met at the airport by Ministers of the Cypriot Government, Representatives of the Turkish Cypriot Community, members of the Diplomatic Corps, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, the UNFICYP Commander General Martola and High Civilian and Military Personnel of UNFICYP.

Lt Gen A.E. Martola and Maj Gen D. Prem Chand inspecting the Guard of Honour.

FAREWELL PARADE FOR GENERAL A.E. MARTOLA

A farewell ceremonial parade was held at UNFICYP Headquarters on 18 December for Lieutenant-General A.E. Martola who is relinquishing his command of UNFICYP on 30 December, 1969.

Some 500 soldiers from the Canadian, Danish, Finnish, Irish, Swedish and British contingents and a police detachment from UNCIPO had participated in the parade.

Among the guests attending the parade were members of the Cyprus Government, the President of the House of Representatives, High Officials of the various Ministries. Also attending were the President of the Turkish Cypriot Communal Chamber, members of the Office of the Vice-President as well as member of the Diplomatic Corps, High Officials from various Armies and members of UNFICYP.

Our picture below shows General A.E. Martola taking the salute as the Finnish Contingent march past.

Major-General Prem Chand is the fourth Commander of the Force since it came into existence in March 1964.

General Prem Chand was born in 1916 at Muzaffargarh (now West Pakistan). He was commissioned in the Indian Army, in 1937 and served for one year with the First Battalion, the Dorsetshire Regiment, in the North West frontier province. He was then posted to the Fifth Battalion of the Baluch Regiment and served in the NWFP and in Malaya during the closing stages of World War II.

After the war he returned to India and, after graduating from the staff college at Quetta, he was posted to the General Staff at Army Headquarters in New Delhi in 1947.

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Så har vi altså JUL igen
-det la'r sig ikke skjule!

Medens jeg står og roddfører siden her, trekker de in røtter af vel-færdsel med pøyer og kasser flylde med julestauer. Det vender med JUL'opps og JUL'keppre, med JUL'kamper og JUL'været og med alt muligt uønsket, der begynner med JUL.

Det flyrde med pokker. Ingen bliver glad, heller vi da. Hvert kompani og hvert bestemmelsesområde har dit. Vi skal alle have vor raden af alt det, der begynner med JUL, og det skal blive helt spændende at komme raskt og se, hvordan vi hver hver indstreter vejre JUL'seur og forbereder os på at fejre jul, omgivet af JUL'lyst og JUL'været og JUL'stads og alt det andet, der begynner med JUL.

Som chef for DANCON XII er det mig en stor glæde med disse linjer at kunne ønske alle en glad jul og julen jails.

Læk-hun-den, der fik duebelt duel, den skal også mærke det er JUL.

**DANCON NYT**

Ugens tip:

I anledning af jolen har sætter-nissen besluttet om at offentlige alle til at advare den yderste agtstringslen-hed overfor buntfisk. Levende lys, tørr, tørr, papir og anden julend-styring dannes væsentlig i forbindelse med julekal og julekal og julekal og julekal og julekal og julekal og julekal og julekal.

Lærdag d.13. dec. holdt DANCY-POL atter en af deres vellykkede festivaler, der denne gang fik ekstra kulturudtale verdenskende skat ved bagfra af de lokale selskabere "the smak charmers", der beviser sig i fuld swing med et af deres store museer.

**GLÆDELIG JUL**


**Afskedsparade**

Som vi alle ved, trak generallig sig tilbage fra sin post den 20. december i den udsættelse af holdt UNIFSCP forline torsdag en stor stilparade for genugler, hvor alti kontingenter deleg. DANCON sat repræsenteret ved ALFA ody, der under MAJ A. Sørensen parlement fedde jublede det meget, meget fint.
GOING AWAY DINNER

Ray Red acted as host at his going away dinner at the W.A. Young's Mount, where the members of the Pipe Band attended the function. Ray left for the United States, to be replaced by RMA Sandhurst. The picture below shows Ray left of picture being presented with a Tunkard.

IROC

Order of the day by the Force Commander

LT. GEN. A. E. MARTOLA

Officers, non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers of the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

You all know that the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Kromdee, has released me from my post as Commander of UNFICYP, effective 30 Decmber 1969. This despite the fact that I have come to Cyprus with you, after three and half years of close collaboration. Taking into account the conditions which served in Cyprus during that time, I have had under my command a total of some 32,000 UNFICYP soldiers.

It has been a great privilege for me to be your Commander because from wherever you have come, from Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, or the United Kingdom, you have all been moved by the same desire to fulfill with a sense of responsibility and to the best of your ability the mission entrusted to you by the United Nations.

Thanks to the perfect understanding between the different national contingents forming UNFICYP, we have been able to unite our efforts for the success of that task.

The peace-keeping and defensive forces and the Under-Secretary-General for Special Political Affairs, Dr. Bunche, have been instrumental in making UNFICYP a success. The UNFICYP Secretary-General U Thant says that UNFICYP has played a vital role in the great Improvement of the situation in Cyprus and praises the men of UNFICYP for their peace-making mission in Cyprus.

The forces are being trained to adapt to the changing conditions.

Feile Na Nollaig

Preparations are well under way this week in the Group for the Christmas festivities. Trees are being decorated and plans are afoot to make this a memorable Christmas even though all are away from home and families.

On Monday 23 Dec 69 the Group choir will sing the Nollaig at the Inter-Continental Services to be held at 36 Georges Garrison Church, Dhekelia.

Christmas Day will commence with Mass being celebraed at Xeros, Lefkarina and Lemesou. A Christmas day swim will be arranged for Blue Beach and a large number are expected to take part. Traditional dinner of turkey, ham and puddling will be served to all ranks and Officers and NCO's will, as usual, be on the menu.

Those on OP duty will not be forgotten and visits have been arranged to them by the Group and Cey Condon on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Nollaig Fe Shean Is Fe Mihasi Aonghais Fe Bhionn Dhii Bhe Go Lithi.

BRITCON News

Western SBA Hockey League

On 17th December the Pompadours' hockey team played the 1st Battalion The Kings Own Royal Border Regiment in the Western SBA League. At the end of an extremely hard fought match the Pompadours were the winners by 2 goals to 1. The scorers were Capt. A. Styles and Lt. P.P. Stirling.

So far in the League The Pompadours have won 5 games and drawn one.

Our picture (left) shows Capt. A. Styles, centre forward, being tackled by the goalkeeper of the Kings Own Border Rgt. Also in the picture are Pte. "Fuddy" Pidd and Sgt. Mick Smith.

Sports Results

Cross-Country:

The eighth and final League Race of the cross country season was held at THIR RAP Cross-Country Course on a testing and hilly 6 miles on Wednesday 17 December.

The welcome return of Secretary Bernard O'Sullivan (alas still ill after his accident) seemed to inspire the rest of the IROC team to run with great spirit and team work, and so secure second place on the day.

This result enabled IROC to beat the UN team and also ensured their place in the Cyprus Cross-Country team of 12 teams.

Soccer:

Interest in the Inter-Companies soccer league reached fever pitch with all the teams keen on the playing of the all important V-B-Coy match at Lefkarina Stadium. B Coy wanted to win to force a play off and from them ever in this most important game it was evident they had every intention of gaining full points. It was a hard all day battle with the teams fighting for every point for the division.

B Coy are due to be congratulated on their most consistent performances throughout the season. They should have been a cup tie for them for ever in this on it was evident they were the team to beat. However, they ruled to the occasion each time and retained the Champion title.

Medals were presented to the winners at the end of the game by Mrs. Carroll wife of the Commanding Officer Lt. Col. Carroll.
CHRISTMAS PREPARATION

Master Warrant Officer Don Steward (standing) and Sgt. Jim Steele put the finishing touches on the Christmas tree at RCEME workshops Camp Maple Leaf. Mechanised flavour is added by "gifts" under the tree. (picture right).

LAST MINUTE SHOPPER

Corporal Chester Critch of the Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada, does some last minute gift buying before Christmas. (Picture left)

SO LONG UNTIL NEXT TIME

The CBC Tommy Hunter Show finished up a week of Cyprus performances and headed home to Canada. The Allan Sisters, sang "So Long Until The Next Time" during the finals of the show. (Picture left)

SINGING IN THE HILLS

CBC Cyprus Showtime star Tommy Hunter entertains members of Pasquita Hill observation outpost in the Kyrenaica mountains. (Picture below)

HMCS ORIOLE

"Ship" En Refit – The Canadian Forces Public Information Office jeep, named HMCS Oriole by its navy driver Petty Officer Ed Kochanuk, undergoes an overhaul at the RCEME workshops in Camp Maple Leaf. Taking the front end off is Master corporal Earl Falconer. (picture above)

RAUHANMIES KOTIUTUU – kenr l. A. E. MARTOLA


FINCON NEWS
KUVIEN KERTOMAA

TOIMITUS TIEDOTTAA:
Haptaamon unhairesimua annamme näin juokselee yksityisesti, joka ei ole syöttänyt rauhanhuoneenjoukoistaan purkausmestaria. Purkausmestari tarvitaan ja eräs kesto ilman

JOULU ON TAAS...

Oudotta tammia joulun vietto suoritettavaksi kaikkien kyproksella, kaikissa kyproksella, kaikissa kyproksella, kaikissa kyproksella. Kaiken tehtävänä on juuttiinsa

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FORCE COMMANDER LUNCHES WITH THE PRESIDENT . . . .

Lieutenant General A.E. Martola had a valedictory lunch on with the President of the Republic of Cyprus. His Beatitude Archbishop Makarios on Wednesday 21 December. Also attending the luncheon were members of the Cyprus Government, National Guard Leaders and senior members of UNFICYP. (Picture above).

. . . . AND DINES WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT

On the evening of Monday 15 December Lt Gen A.E. Martola dined at the residence of the Vice-President, His Excellency Dr Fazil Kucuk. Gen Martola bid his goodbyes to the leaders of the Turkish Cypriot Community who were also in attendance. (Picture below).

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY GENERAL U THANT

Mr B.F. Osorio Tafall/Maj Gen Prem Chand.
I send to you and to all personnel of UNFICYP, both Military and Civilian, Christmas greetings and warm good wishes for the coming year.

The continuing improvement in the situation in Cyprus gives all members of UNFICYP good cause to be proud of their work in the past year.

My congratulations go to all of you for your splendid service. I join you all in hoping that the forthcoming year will see further progress towards the objectives which we all wish to see fulfilled in the island of Cyprus.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO SEC-GENERAL

On behalf of all Military and Civilian personnel and in our own name we wish to express to you our deep gratitude for you Christmas greetings and good wishes for 1969.

We are highly appreciative of the unflailing support you have continuously extended to us enabling us to maintain the atmosphere of calm and mutual restraint which augurs well for the future.

Signed Mr B.F. Osorio Tafall/Maj Gen Prem Chand.

FORCE COMMANDERS CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

At this time of good will when we are separated from our dear ones and friends, I send to all you my best wishes for a happy Christmas and a very happy New Year.

We can all find great satisfaction in the progress that has been made here in Cyprus over the course of the year that is ending and we can justifiably hope that this progress will continue in the New Year so that our good friends in Cyprus will achieve the peace and happiness which they so earnestly desire. To you, fellow soldiers of UNFICYP, who have contributed so much to the progress that has been made, I convey my deepest thanks, secure in the knowledge that your work will continue into the New Year.

To you and to your families at home I wish you a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Secretary General's Farewell Message

"On the occasion of this farewell parade for General Martola I wish to express, as Secretary-General of the United Nations, my deep appreciation for the distinguished and devoted service which General Martola has rendered to United Nations peace-keeping and to the island of Cyprus in his three and a half years as Commander of the United Nations peace-keeping force in Cyprus.

To a distinguished and gallant career in the Armed Forces of his own country, General Martola has added two highly successful tours of duty with the United Nations in the service of world peace, first as military adviser to my predecessor, Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold, during the Suez crisis of 1956, 1957 and now as Commander of UNFICYP. While I regret General Martola's departure, I fully understand his reasons for requesting that he be relieved of his heavy duty with UNFICYP.

All of us at United Nations Headquarters in New York and I am sure, his colleagues in Cyprus as well will miss him greatly. I send to him and to Mrs. Martola my warm wishes for the future!"

General Prem Chand

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and was later appointed Military Assistant to the Chief of the Army Staff. After transferring to the first Gurkha Rifles he was given command of the Regimental Centre at Dharamsala. For about two years he was an instructor at the Defence Services Staff College at Wellington. Upon returning to New Delhi, he held the appointments of Deputy Director of Military Training, Director of Selection of Personnel, Director of Personnel Services, Director of Military Intelligence at Army Headquarters during the fifties. He then commanded an infantry brigade in Jammu and Kashmir for two years.

In 1959 General Prem Chand was appointed Brigadier General Staff at Headquarters Western Command, Simla, and was promoted to Chief of Staff in 1961. In the rank of Major-General he was given command of an infantry division, and was then seconded to the United Nations Operation in the Congo as General Officer Commanding the Katanga Area, where he served from April 1962 until March 1963. He was awarded the PVSM (Distinguished Service Medal Class I) for his services with the United Nations Operation in the Congo.

On returning to India he was given command of a mountain division on the Eastern Frontier and was later appointed Chief of Staff at Headquarters Eastern Command, Calcutta. He was thereafter posted to the Ministry of Defence as Director-General, National Cadet Corps, and retired from the army in 1967, after 30 years of service. Since his retirement General Prem Chand has held an appointment as Chief Administrative Officer in the private sector in Central India.