COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES NEAR EAST VISITS UNFICYP

On 15 January Air Marshal Sir John Aiken, KCB paid a farewell visit to the Force. During this visit he was able to see the whole of the Demilitarized Zone and be briefed by each of the Sector Commanders. Air Marshall Aiken leaves Cyprus to become a member of the Air Force Board in London. He will be succeeded by Air Vice Marshal R. Avelon-Smith, CB, DFC.

CBFNE is seen above, with the Chief of Staff, Brigadier General C.E. Beattie, CMG, CD, being briefed by Lieutenant Colonel A.O. Lopment.

NEW WATER TOWER FOR XEROS

Sgt Larsen, DANCON Engineers and WO2 Cliftin, ensure proper alignment of the tank.

The Danish engineers recently received some help from the Royal Engineers with the building of a new water tower at Xeros Camp.

Crane supplied by Sovereign Base Area operated by the men of BRITCON engineers built a 30 foot tower and then put two 1500 gallon water tanks on top of it.

The Danish engineers, led by Sergeant V. Larsen, worked with the British sappers. They will now complete the job by doing all the plumbing required to provide the camp with a constant supply of water.
A FLYING VIP

The Swedish Contingent in Sector Six were visited by Air Marshal Sir John Aiken, KCB.

SWEDCON NEWS

While he has been in Cyprus, Sir John has been the Adminis-

15 JAN afførde den britiske Air Marshal Sir John Aiken besøg på OP NIKOLAOS for at blive orienteret om situationen i DANCON’s område. Fra v. t.o. til b. fra Sir John Aiken, MAJ L.S. Arentz og MAJ O. Blücher-Hansen.

On the 15th January Air Marshal Sir John Aiken visited Sector One, and at OP NIKOLAOS he was briefed about the situation in the area.

NU ITO. MAJ N.A.G. Mannersen har fra den 10 JAN afslørt MAJ F. Buhl på posten som ITO ved DANCON.

On 10th January Maj Mannersen took over as Supply Officer DANCON.

NO FEAR OF FLYING

The sound of helicopters is heard very frequently over Carl Gustav Camp at Famagusta.

UN soldiers have to be able to move from one part of the Island to another quickly by helicopters.

As a result helicopter training is a regular feature of the Swedish Battalion’s training programme. This training takes the form of a briefing by the crewman, a short flight and then a descent by rope or normal exit onto the ground.

Air Marshal Sir John Aiken with Major Yman of Swedcon and Colonel Chisholm, the Deputy Chief of Staff of UNFICYP.

Det kommer sikret at bli fler tillfällen att få träna samverkan med helikoptergrupper for den som inte kunde vara mer förbi gången. Målet är att så snart som allt ska ha fått chansen att känna på snabba helikopterförflyttningar med embarking i flygande fästen och överlämnande avsnitt medan helikopterns förfarande hänger i luften.

Ömningsning lag i ett följe pro-
gram som uttrycker till att förhindra
de olika UNFICYP’s kontingenten
för snabba insatser och
förflyttningar där helikoptererna
är de snabbare och snabbgare
transportmedlen. De som var
med i de första ömningserna kan
intressa effektiviteten.

Att det talades flyg och flyg-
operationer när generalen Sir
John Aiken besökte SWEDCON
i mitten på januari, vägrade vi nog
bli alls en slags på, Generalen
avser som chef för Englands de-
mehedsvårdning med sitt i
Episkopi och i den också för

den sk British Sovereign Base
Area på Cypern. Det kommer
sikret att bli fler militära och andra VIP:s som kommer att be-

Lördag d. 17 lev boksfinalerna adviktet i C-KMP ved et sær-
des utstillingsturnering med et stort og medforrende publikum.
På billedet t.v. har KS T.P. Hansen 'flyve' sin lille venner af mod
LT B.B. Høegfeldt. Tilhører de fire glade vendere. Fra v. KS H.B.
Tillykke.

Boksfkempene er kome et enkelt af de mange idrætsarrangementer
ner den er mulighed for at deltage i. Selv de mange muligheder i
Idrætsmeddelelserne.

Among many sporting activities held recently DANCON had a
turning competition on January 17. To the left you see two of the
matches, and on the right the happy winners of the four classes.

On the first flight the pilot circles round so that everyone
can see their camp looking rather unfamiliar from above.
After this flight the sections progress learning to embark
desembark quickly, when the helicopter is on the ground; and
then to dismount by rope while it hovers over the landing-point.

This is popular training for a cautious purpose. By the time the
Battalion returns to Sweden at the end of its tour everyone
will be confident to operate with helicopters.
EXCHANGE VISIT

Recently two Welsh Guardsmen were able to spend a fortight with the Swedish Telephone Battalion in Fannugaste, while two Swedish soldiers visited the Welsh Guards in St David’s Camp. In the picture on the left, Private Anderson and Strand are being briefed at the Avion OP by Lieutenant J. H. Sayers and Sergeant Samuels.

The Operations Branch Chief Clerk WO1 D. K. S. Sykes RAOC recently handed over to WO2 D.F. Charleworth RAOC, and returned to England and retirement. He is leaving the Army to become the manager of a castle site at Robin Hood’s Bay, near Scarborough. WO2 D.F. Charleworth has been posted to the Force from 1 British Corps in Germany.

BRITCON NEWS

UN helicopters and their crews are a familiar sight to all who serve in UNFICYP. The four Whirlwind Mark 10 helicopters of B Flight 84 Squadron RAF based at Nicotra, provide a continuous standby service to the Force for casualty evacuation — weather permitting a helicopter should be over a casualty within an hour.

Flight Lieutenant John Meenan and his six pilots and crewmen spend 21 to 3 years with UNFICYP and so are to know the Commandos and the island well. In addition to the priority task of casualty evacuation, they fly many hours resupplying observation posts and carrying passengers. Among the more unusual tasks given to them recently has been the lifting of materials for observation posts into position, and the dismantling of the men from the men in the field. This latter task was done when the UN Signal Troop found that the most couldn’t be taken down in the usual way.

Most of the OP resupply tasks are in Sector One, where some 13 OPs receive all their supplies by helicopter. This Christmas the Whirlwinds flew in Christmas decorations as well as turkey lunches.

FORC COMMAND ON PATROL

Last week the Force Commander visited the Force Reserve and toured part of the Blue Corridor route. Lieutenant General D. C. Maclachlan, PVSM, travelled in one of the Force Reserve taffetas and was escorted by 5 Troop.

While 5 Troop were doing this the 1st Troop were patrolling another part of the Blue Corridor in Sector Four. They were photographed (right) with a Canadian Lynx.

WECHSEL AN DER SPITZE DES UNAB 8


Nach einer kurzen Ansprache, mit der sich Obst Riegler vom Batallion verabschiedete, trat der Feldmeister vor: Aus der Hand seines Vorgängers übernahm nun Obst Riegler die österreichische Standarte und damit symbolisch das Kommando über das österreichische UNAB-Kommando.


On 17 January a parade was held in Camp Dulce Léopold V, on which Lieut Col W. Fritz took over the command of the Austrian Contingent from Col F. Riegler. After two years in command of the Battalion Col Riegler’s tour of duty ended at a quarter of an hour longer than planned because heavy rain delayed the beginning of the Handover Ceremony.

UNAB NEWS


Am 15 November, the Commanding Officer of British Forces NEAR EAST, Air Marshal Sir John Aiken, KCB, visited Sector Five. On arrival he was briefed by Colonel F. Riegler. Afterwards there was enough time left to show the Air Marshal some Austrian folk art "Made in Cyprus" — The OP — Cdr Stig Krasser presented a wood carving to our visitor. This carving was done by Stig Krasser’s predecessor, Sgt Arntz, who was well known within AUSCON for his artistic abilities.

AUSCON NEWS

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AUSCON NEWS

Der neue Kommandant, Obst Riegler, an seinem Schreibtisch, The New Contingent Commander, Lt Col Fritz — a new face, but not a "newcomer" to UNFICYP. He has served as S2 in 1973, and commanded the battalion from October 1973 to January 1974, when he returned to Austria to command a battalion there.
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VISITS 3 PPCLI

The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, the Honourable Walter S. Owen and Mrs. Owen visited 3 PPCLI from 14 January — 21 January. British Columbia, with Victoria as its capital, is Canada’s most western province. It is located on the shores of the Pacific Ocean 8,000 miles from Cyprus. During the Lieutenant Governor’s tour he visited the UN Demilitarised Zone in Sector 4, Kyrenia, and Famagusta, as well as the southern part of Cyprus. Their visit was most welcome to the men of the Regimental home in Victoria.

The Honourable Walter S. Owen inspects the 3 PPCLI, guard of honour on his arrival in Cyprus.

SUOMALAIKSKOTKIEN PESÄPAIKKA

Näkymä Finneaglen veitoliistista. Kuva on otettu juuri ennen kuin tornin kippäminen ehdittiin aikaankaan kieltää.

ENGLISH SUMMARY

The Finns have got used to Finneagles Camp, their new company base near HQ UNFICYP. The Camp, previously called Finneagles Camp had its name changed when the Finns moved in. The repair work has been completed, and the camp is now quite comfortable. During the repair work two summers were built, and these now are often almost too spacious. When they were opened Lt Col Loponen took three of the sector commanders to see them, as shown on the left.

The general area of the camp is seen above, photographed from the top of the water tower. Below:

The rotation of FINCON is already partly in process. New faces pictures in the Officers’ Mess are from left to right: DO, Lt Tero Salamo, Legal Officer, Capt Peeka Cleve and Captient Leo Karkal, the new ADC to Force Commander, Capt Jyrki Rauti (below on the right) has already been on the Island for three weeks. This is his second posting in Cyprus. On the previous occasion he was here for eighteen months.
RELIEF TIME AT HQ UNFICYP

After being the Force Commanders ADC for over a year, Captain Benny Carlson is seen welcoming his relief at Headquarters UNFICYP last week. His relief is Captain Jyrki Rallio. Captain Rallio has previously served with FINCON unconvincingly as Supply Officer, Ops Duty Officer and Adjutant. Captain Carlson returns to Sweden to command a Signal Recruit Training Squadron.

SPORTS NEWS

Major Nils Lago-Lengquist is seen explaining his job to his relief Major Lennart Rapp. Major Lago-Lengquist has been in the Headquarters as the Staff Officer responsible for the maintenance of equipment for the past year. He leaves to rejoin his previous regiment as the Logistics Officer. Major Rapp has come to UNFICYP from an Ordnance Regiment where he was the Quartermaster.

Skiing is a popular sport and many members of the Force this year have already found their way to Sun Valley at Troodos. Last week Driver Keith Dawson of the Force Transport Squadron went to learn how to ski, and found it wasn’t so difficult after all.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

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LESSON OF THE MONTH

Drive Dangerously and Die
Drive Safely and SURVIVE.