The Blue Beret

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UN FIELD SERVICE OFFICERS

The latest report of the Secretary General to the Security Council says that the Force's financial deficit now stands at £15 million dollars. Those of us in the Headquarters and the Contingents know that a small dedicated group of men are constantly at work to keep the cost of the Force as small as possible. This small group includes the staff of the Finance and Claims office at the Headquarters in UNFICYP, who are all permanent members of the United Nations Field Service Organization, and so well do they do their job that the Chief Personnel and Logistics Officer, Lieutenant Colonel J A Harr MBE, always tells visitors in his briefing that UNFICYP is estimated as being "the most cost effective operation of its kind in the world today".

The United Nations Field Service Organization is staffed by civilian experts from almost every nation that is a member of the UN. In UNFICYP the staff of the Finance and Claims office are a part of the 26 Field Service Officers who come from 13 different countries. This Organization exists to staff the different UN missions all over the world. Since the formation of the United Nations 57 years ago this month, officers of the Field Service have served in eleven peacekeeping or relief operations. For most of the Field Service officers this has meant working for the United Nations during war and emergency periods. Seven officers currently serving in UNFICYP were in the Force during the operations of 1974. Before coming to Cyprus for their present tour all twenty-six had served in UNDISPRO (the United Nations Displaced Persons Organisation in Jerusalem); some with the Military Observer Group there. Eight had served in UNEF, eight in the Congo, four in Korea, two in the Yemen (with UNYOM) and one in the Lebanon. Three of them have served in UNFICYP before, including one who was in Cyprus before 1964, when the UN organization on the Island was the UN Cyprus Observer Mission (UNCOM).

Mr. Tom McAndrew is the Chief Finance Officer at the Headquarters, and the officer responsible for the Finance office. He has previously served in missions in Jerusalem, the Congo, Lebanon, as well as here in Cyprus.

Decoration for Canadian Officer

The Claims Officer is Mr. J. Cotter. He comes, originally from the Philippines. Since joining the Field Service he has worked in UN missions in Korea, India, Pakistan, Jerusalem, Egypt, Bolivia and Ecuador. He is head of the office which deals with all the claims against UNFICYP, and those UNFICYP has against third parties.

Captain Duncan J. Phillips CD the second in command of X Battery of 5e Régiment d'Artillerie Légère du Canada has been made a Member of the Order of Military Merit by the Governor General of Canada. X Battery is a part of the Régiment du Canada for the duration of the Regiment's tour in Cyprus.
GREAT NEED FOR TREATMENT

The first female soldier — dental nurse Ulla Wrenn — to be posted to the Swedish Battalion arrived a few weeks ago with the new dentist Thomas Wirrett. They are seen here testing the new dental field equipment being issued to the Swedish Army. During their six-week stay they plan to treat as many patients as possible. For Nurse Ulla Wrenn there have been no problems in settling down as the only woman soldier in a male dominated environment because she has worked as a dental nurse in the army for many years.

Parade for the Swedish flag

Although the 6th of June is not an official national day, it is celebrated as such by the Swedish Battalion. To the Swedish Contingent it is their Flag Day, and during a ceremony held this year in the ruins of Salamina, the members of the Swedish Contingent saluted the yellow and blue national flag of Sweden together with the United Nations flag in the presence of the Force Commander Major General Quinn and a company of distinguished guests.
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS VISITS UNFICYP

Brigadier M.B. Fairdale, the Director of Army Public Relations, visited the Force two weeks ago. His visit only lasted 24 hours, but in that time he was able to visit Sectors Two and Four, and to meet members of the Secretariat and the other Sectors to hear what they do. He is seen above with some of the platoon at Avlona and on the right with Lieutenant Colonel Clements the Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion The Royal Irish Regiment on the patrol track in Sector Two.

CATERING REORGANISATION AT HQ

Recently a re-organisation has taken place amongst the 'Top Cooks' in Force Headquarters and UNFICYP Support Regiment. Until the beginning of June the Catering Adviser in the Scorpian Base Area was also the adviser to UNFICYP, but since the beginning of June the Force has had its own Catering Adviser. WO1 H. Naylor has left the Support Regiment, and has been appointed the first Catering Adviser on the Staff of HQ UNFICYP. His job is to advise, where necessary, all contingents how to improve their catering and ration accounting. WO1 Naylor has been replaced in UNFICYP Support Regiment — the British Army's newest regiment — by WO2 P. Watmore, who takes over responsibility for catering in the Regiment and the Headquarters. He has recently been posted to UNFICYP from the Black Watch. WO1 Naylor (left) and WO2 Watmore were pictured shortly after this re-organisation.

TRAINING AND RECREATION

The Director of Public Relations seen below looking at some photographs of his visit with the Force Commander.

FORCE RESERVE ON PATROL

The Force Reserve, A Squadron the 15th/19th The King's Royal Hussars go out on patrol every day. One of their ferrets was recently pictured in Sector Six, very much on the alert.

Den wohl 'bejüngsten' Teil des Dienstes unseres Observe-krass bildet die Badeaufgabe. Glücklicherweise existieren die einzigen Verletzungen bisher lediglich durch zu intensives Sonnenbaden.

Our Observer platoon on duty as lifeguards combine both observer training with swimming, sun-bathing and ensuring the safety of other swimmers.

THE ORDNANCE TEAM - OFF DUTY!


Cpl. Marina, fighting against mosquitoes.
**Leave Center Opened**

*Les Nouvelles de Gancan*

Les dernières deux semaines ont été très calmes dans le Secteur. Le travail sur la ligne a été continu, mais l'activité des visiteurs a été très minimale. L'événement le plus important a été l'ouverture du centre de congé à Limmunsol. Le Commandant du Contingent était présent à l'ouverture, spécialement pour le centre et notre saison de congé.

The past two weeks have been surprisingly quiet at Sector. Routine work occupied the Contingent, and our visit itinerary was very light. The major event was the opening of our leave center in Limmunsol with the Contingent Commander Colonel de Chastelain officially opening the center and the leave season.

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**Finccon News**


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**Weekly Conference**

Le Col de Chastelain coupe le ruban pour signifier officiellement l'ouverture du centre de congé à Limmunsol. Assistent à la cérémonie, le LCol Godfroy, le SSM Grenon, l'Adjutant Blanchet et le Capitaine Dammouli.

Col de Chastelain cuts the ribbon to officially open our leave center in Limmunsol. Watching the ceremony are LCol Godfroy, SSM Grenon, WD Blanchet and Capt Dammouli.

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**English Summary**

Pictured above are the Finnish soldiers hard at work improving the shelters of the Contingent. Their task has been quite difficult due to the rock hard earth they had to deal with first.

Pictured below are only two of the various "entertaining" live reptiles roaming around the camps of the Finnish Contingent.
FINNS TAKE TOP PRIZE

But the honours at the summer shooting competition this year went to the Swedish Contingent, whose teams won the SMG and Pistol competitions and came third in the Rifle event.

The competition was once again run very well by the Finnish Contingent and the Staff Officer Plans and Training, Major Sorensen, at Dhokelia Ranges last Friday. The shooting conditions were very good with no wind and very clear visibility. The three events took the form of a falling plate competition, with balloons being substituted for plates in the SMG and Pistol events. The final results were:

Rifle
1st FINCON
2nd BRITCON
3rd SWEDCON
4th Support Regiment

SMG
1st SWEDCON
2nd DANCON
3rd FINCON
4th AUSCON

Pistol
1st SWEDCON
2nd UNICIPOL
3rd CANCON
4th DANCON

The rifle competition with two of the teams arriving at the firing point.

The SMG competition.

The Pistol competition with the winners from SWEDCON nearest to the camera.

The Finnish team that won the Rifle Event.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Two Weeks ending 25th June

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