SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE VISITS SECTORS WITH FORCE COMMANDER

Soon after his arrival the new Special Representative of the Secretary General, Mr R Galindo-Pohl, started a programme of visits to the sectors of UNFICYP accompanied by the Force Commander, Maj Gen J J Quinn. The first such visit was to Sector Four on 12th May and in the picture the Special Representative is seen listening to the brief on the Sector being given by the Commander Sector Four, Lt Col L W MacKenzie CD.
VISITORS TO HQ UNIFCYP
US AMBASSADOR

The new Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Cyprus, Mr. Glen L. Stone, made his initial visit to UNIFCYP on Thursday, 18th May. His visit started by meeting the Force Commander and the picture shows him in the Force Commander’s office. After a detailed brief on the role and deployment of the Force, given by the Chief of Staff, the Ambassador was conducted on a part aerial and part vehicle borne tour of Sections 5, 6, 4 and 2 in that order, which included lunch with the Austrian Contingent at Camp Duke Leopold V.

UK DRAG

The United Kingdom Director, Royal Armoured Corps, Maj Gen R. O. Reid met the Force Commander at the outbreak of his visit to UNIFCYP on Monday, 23rd May. After being briefed on the HQ he spent the remainder of the day visiting the Force Reserve. A Squadron 9th/12th Royal Lancers.

UK DM (A)

On Tuesday, 23rd May the United Kingdom Director of Manning (Army) visited HQ UNIFCYP to talk to all officers and senior ranks of the British Contingent about the future rank structure of the British Army and the career prospects that this would create. Maj Gen D.H.C. Rice is pictured being met by the Chief of Staff at the VIP Hotel in Blue Beret Camp.

SWEDCON’S FIRST GIRLS

Women’s legs in SWEDCON. That was impossible until this year. Now, however, the Swedish Post Office has at least made it possible for women in this occupational group to work for SWEDCON.

WOMEN IN SWEDCON. That’s something quite new. Although it is true that we’ve had dental nurses serve with Swedish Contingents for short periods of time in the past, women established in the organisation is unique.

In the present Swedish Contingent, number 60, there will be two women, both working as postal clerks.

Since arriving in early May, during the rotation, Miss Louise Ekblom has been on duty with the SWEDCON’s Post Office in Camp Victoria. She will be replaced on 31st July by Miss Anne-Marie Johannsson who will stay until November.

The Swedish Post Office has been instrumental in the recruiting of these women, but a final decision on the permanent employment of women in these posts with SWEDCON will be made by the Swedish Government in the autumn.

Postal clerk Louise at the cars of the lifeboat...

Postal clerk Louise showing her new specially made bike outside her place of work at Camp Victoria.

You can’t deny that this change is a popular one in the Swedish Contingent.

Already the Swedes have christened the lifeboat at SWEDCON’s own beach hotel “Louise” and at the Camp a gentleman’s bike has been quickly changed to a lady’s one. Postal clerks Louise said: “I’m very fond of my job here. In most parts it’s the same sort of job that I have in the post office at home. I hope other girls will have the chance to come here”.

The post office at Camp Victoria is a popular place nowadays and Postal Clerk Louise has very busy days.
DANCON NEWS

DANCON XXVIII

LT COL C B Brockmeyer, seen on the left last week handed over command of the Danish Contingent to Lt Col W Elberg. Colonel Brockmeyer has left Cyprus to take up an assignment in the rocky Danish island of Bornholm.

Major K E Kaagaard, on the left, presents the donkey Offert to his successor Captain N Olsen. Offert is a very patient listener, who served DANCON XXVIII as an advisor on important personnel matters.

Chaplain E Vind passes the Stole to Chaplain J R Buchave at a “Hand over” service held at the Soil Theatre. Chaplain Vind is now in Denmark, where the parishioners in his three parishes will be able to appreciate his narrative skill.

Captain E N Hansen hands over to Captain K E Andersen. The DANCON secretariat is a complicated affair, but as Captain Hansen is to take over again when Captain Andersen goes in November he is making doubly sure that everything is correctly filled.

Major K Fick is trying to “sell” the last logistic problem to Major S P N Klysnar. As the two majors belong to the same regiment, they will doubtless meet again, so they had better count the summer “Indian trousers”.


Ununterbrochen im Einsatz — der Bauzug. The Construction Platoon are continuously working all out.

AUSCON NEWS

Auscon’s operational vehicles are extremely hard worked. The fact that they have covered 670,000 kilometers in the last six months proves this. As a result care and maintenance are of great importance.

Hubschraubertraining — eine Ausbildung, der sich alle Angehörigen von AUSCON unterziehen müssen. Und da dies für viele der jungen Soldaten echtes Nau war, ist die Begeisterung groß.

Helicopter training is something that all members of AUSCON are obliged to undergo. For many of the young soldiers this is a “new territory” and as a result they are very enthusiastic about it.
THE NEW SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND THE FORCE COMMANDER VISIT SECTOR FOUR

The new Special Representative, Mr. R. Galindo-Pohl, and the Force Commander, Major General J.J. Quinn, paid their first official visits to Sector 4 on 12 May 1976. The visit began with an inspection of the Quarter Guard commanded by Sgt. R.G. Jackson, provided by Logistics Company. A tour of Logistic Company facilities, B Company — Camp Maple Leaf, A Company — Ladera Palace and a briefing by the Commander Sector 4, Lieutenant Colonel L.W. MacKenzie, followed.

A new Master Corporal’s Lounge was officially opened at the Ladera Palace on 12 May 1976, by the Deputy Commander Sector 4, Major W.H. Minnig.

CANCON NEWS

NEW GBFC VISITS SECTOR 2

The new Commander British Forces Cyprus Maj Gen W. R. Taylor, visited UNFICYP on Tuesday, 16th May. After arriving at the VIP Hotel, where he was met by the Commander of the British Contingent, Brig H.M. Tillotson CB E, he was given a detailed brief on the Force in the Headquarters before carrying out a detailed tour of duties in Sector 2.

Can FC is met by the CO Sector 2, Lt Col O. Houlton MBE

DRAC VISITS FORCES RESERVE

The United Kingdom Director Royal Armoured Corps, Maj. Gen. P. D. Reid, visited the Force Reserve on Monday, 22nd May. In the morning the DRAC visited the Squadron Headquarters and then in the afternoon he went on patrol with 4 Troop in Sector 8.

On the left the DRAC is seen, talking to members of the Standby Troop at Squadron Headquarters and on the right talking to one of the fitters of the REME detachment.

FORCE COMMANDER VISITS SECTOR 2

On Thursday, 25th May the Force Commander paid his first visit to Sector 2 since the arrival of 1 RBF. He was met on arrival at St David’s Camp by the CO Sector 2, Lt Col D. Houlton MBE and he then inspected a Quarter Guard from V Company before starting his tour programme.

The Force Commander discusses the vehicle maintenance problems that have to be solved by the unit’s REME fitters.

Good meals are a vital ingredient in maintaining the Force’s efficiency and here the Force Commander can be seen clearly showing his interest to the catering warrant officer.
UN PATROL TRACK
ENGINEERS VISITED
BY THEIR BDE GOMD

Sth Independent Commando Squadron RE
has been employed to realign and improve the
UN Patrol Track within Sector S. On Wednesday,
17th May their Brigade Commander visit-
ed them to see the improvements that they
had made. After an aerial recce of the section
of the track on which the squadron had been
working the Brigade Commander, Brig. J.J.
Moore OBE MC, landed at the OP SI8 so that
he could talk to the sappers working on the
track. When he landed at the OP he was sur-
priised and delighted to find that he was receiv-
ed by a Guard of Honour produced by the Swe-
dish Contingent manning the sector. In the
picture on the right he is seen at a new cul-
vert that the sappers have constructed to the
West of OP SI8.

NEW DEPUTY EDITOR
FOR "THE BLUE BERET"

A very welcome recent arrival to HQ
UNIFOCVP has been Warrant Officer
Wayne McDonald who among his many
responsibilities includes that of Deputy
Editor of "The Blue Beret". In the
picture he is seen being initiated into
his duties at the Zawallis Press. Zawall-
is are our printers. The picture shows
right to left: Mr Dinos Zawallis, WO
McDonald, Mr Costas Soteriades, Maj
C. B. Mercer the Editor.

NEW UN STAMPS

The United Nations Postal Authority has recently issued a new set of stamps for Namibia and is soon to issue another set for the
International Civil Aviation Organisation. After release those and other UNPA stamps can be obtained from the Finance Office.
HQ UNIFOCVP.

The new set of stamps for Namibia were issued on 5 May 1978. The stamps are of three denominations 15c, 18c, and 50c.
A Souvenir Card has also been produced and was issued on the
same day. The card is reproduced in sixteen colours.

The new set of stamps for the ICAO is to be issued on 12 June 1978. The stamps of four denominations 15c, 25c, and 50c
and 0.70 and 0.80. A Souvenir Card is to be issued on the same day and will be reproduced in eleven colours.

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