The Danish Minister of Defence, Mr. Paul Gjøgaard, visited the Force two weeks ago. During his visit, he came to the Headquarters and was received by a multi-national Guard of Honour under the command of Major K.E. Keergaard. He then held discussions with the Acting Special Representative of the Secretary General and the Force Commander, before being briefed by the Chief of Staff.

The second day of his visit was spent seeing as many Danish soldiers as possible where they worked.

Japanese Visitor

Mr. Masahiro Kenmochi, the Head of the Peacemaking Department in the Japanese Foreign Ministry, visited the Force during the Easter weekend.
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Company Commander
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UNIFICYP GUARD OF HONOUR GIVES THE GENERAL SALUTE

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The UNIFICYP Guard of Honour combined by members from all sectors was commanded by Major K.E. Karsgaard of DANCON.

At HQ UNIFICYP the Minister was briefed and had talks with Major General J.J. Quinn and Acting Special Representative for the Secretary General, Mr. R. Gorge.

Major J. Dolman

WHO IS THE FIRST TO KISS THE BRIDE?

Right — It’s our Force Commander, wishing Ingrid Jørnæsæg from Sweden a long and happy marriage. It was his ADC, Anders L. Dahlsen, who brought down his fiancee from the snow and cold for a real summer wedding in Cyprus. The ceremony took place at Flamingo hotel in Larnaca and was attended by some 50 members from the Swedish Battalion.

It was a sunny wedding. The church was decorated with palm leaves and mimosa and the celebrants words were accompanied by the sound of the waves. The guests enjoyed the wedding champagne on the beach. Below the best man, Lt Bjørn, offers the couple a toast.

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It’s springtime for SWEDCON...

It’s springtime in Cyprus. And recent reports from Sweden tell us about cold winter storms with snow all over the country. So all ranks in Sweden are glad they applied for a winter battalion and as you see from the picture the Swedes enjoy the Cyprus spring.

Seen below is 2nd Lt Rolf Loggen, briefing the boys in the sun outside Polar Camp in Athienou.

And in Camp Sten in Larnaca, the soldiers are happy to be able to take their coffee-break outdoors. There’s not too much space in the mess.

Major J. Jacobsen
Company Commander
C-COY
CBF in Sector TWO

Air Vice Marshal D.R. Austen-Smith visited Sector 2 last week. He was received on his arrival at St David's Camp by a Quarter Guard, which he is seen inspecting (above). The Air Marshal who is the Commander of the British Forces on the Island, then went on to see the Box Factory and to visit many of the OPs.

FORGE SIGNAL OFFICERS CHANGE OVER

Two weeks ago the post of Force Signal Officer changed over. Major Laffin was pictured at the end of his hand over with his relief, Major Hood.

SPRING CLEANING IN AUSCON


During the last few days the alarm post and bunkers in the camp have been renovated and rebuilt. The Platoons in camp did this together with a part of the Pioneer Platoon. They are seen here by one of the alarm posts.
ADVISRAL VISITS CANCON

Rear Admiral T.S. Allan Inspects a regimental quarter guard commanded by Sg t D.W. Tanner.

On the 15th of March Rear Admiral T.S. Allan the Associate Assistant Deputy Minister of Materiel visited the Canadian Contingent in Cyprus. He was given a briefing and tour of Sector Four and that evening he had dinner with the Officers of the Canadian Contingent.

VICTORIA CROSS HOLDER DIES

Clair W.R. MacKenzie conducts the service in memory of Brigadier M.F. Gregg in the Wootzey Barracks Complex.

On the evening of the 14th March one of the Royal Canadian Regiment’s most distinguished soldiers Brigadier Milton F. Gregg VC MC ED, who served with Brigadier Gregg won his VC in the Battle of Cambrai in 1918. On the 17th of March members of 2 RCR held a memorial service to this great Canadian.

UN SOUVENIRS

These souvenir items are on sale at the Headquarters. Bulk orders from units and contingents should be sent to the Procurement Officer, Mr J. Amao, with the correct amount of money. All orders will be filled as quickly as possible.

WORKSHOP SPARE-TIME HOBBY

In their spare time the men in the Workshops in Jubilee Camp are now renovating some water-ahu boats and their engines. They were seen passing when the Blue Beret photographer visited the Workshops last week.
A SIOUX’s FAREWELL

The last Sioux in service flew over the Headquarters ten days ago on their way to Akrotiri and Dispersal. This helicopter has been in service with the Force since it was formed in 1954. Now that the UN Army Air Corps Flight has been converted to flying the Alouette, the old Sioux made one last pass over the Headquarters.

FORGE COMMANDER PRESENTS SHAMROCK

As part of the St Patrick’s Day celebrations the Force Commander presented small emblems of shamrock to all the children who attended the Church service on the 17th March. He was pictured above giving one of the children a piece of Ireland.

UN ARMY AIR CORPS FLIGHT

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

2 weeks ending 1 Apr 6
Previous year 8
Total for this year 67
Same time last year 62

Lesson for the month

ROAD SAFETY STARTS WITH YOU.

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The UN Army Air Corps Flight
with Brigadier Parker, the Commander Army Air Corps UKFL