FAREWELL TO COLONEL PI CHISWELL OBE

On 24th April, Brigadier General C E Beatting, CMM, CD presented Colonel P J Chiswell, OBE with set of copies of the Blue Beret printed during his tour as Deputy Chief of Staff. Colonel Chiswell left the Island and UNFICYP on 27 April to return to the United Kingdom and promotions to Brigadier. We take this opportunity to wish him every success in his new appointment.

THE NEW DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF

In the ceremony to mark the final closing of the Austrian Medical Centre, the Austrian flag was lowered for the last time and Brig Gen C E Beatting, CMM, CD read the following message to Col J Mayer MD and his staff.

I wish to convey my thanks, along with those of the Force Commander and of all ranks of UNFICYP for the services which the Austrian Medical Staff have rendered the Force ever since its formation in 1964.

The first nine years, this unit was the Austrian Field Hospital, and it was only at a time of planned Force reductions in 1973 that it was withdrawn and replaced by your unit. Since then the UNFICYP Medical Centre, though small, has been a most valuable successor to the Field Hospital, fulfilling its tasks in support of members of all Contingents of the Force.

Now your Government has made the decision to withdraw the Austrian staff, and for those of us who have come to know you as good friends and true professionals it is a matter for great regret that you should be going. The UNFICYP Medical Centre continues in a new guise with British and Canadian staff, who will be conscious of the fine standards set by their Austrian predecessors.

On this sad occasion I thank your past and present staffs and yourself for the great services given by your unit to the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

Colonel Mayer seen replying to Brigadier General Beatting's farewell message while Lieutenant Colonel Fritz and Major Mittermayer look on.

AUSTRIAN FLAG LOWERED FOR LAST TIME
DCOS's visit to Viking Camp

On Good Friday the Deputy Chief of Staff Colonel P. J. Chiswell, OBE and his successor Colonel H. M. Tillotson, CBE visited DANCON. In the picture Lt Col T. B. Pilgaard CO DANCON welcomes the Colonels.

A NEW BATTALION TAKES OVER

After six months in Cyprus — home to Sweden.

The new Swedish Battalion, 61C commanded by Lt Col Paul Stromberg have arrived in Cyprus, after training with the Royal Life Guards in Linkoping. The Battalion has now taken over responsibility for Sector 6.

It travelled to Cypress in three flights, leaving Stockholm winter-like under a blanket of snow.

The winners of the DANCON table tennis championships. From the left in second place Pte O. Holt, in first place Sgt T. Jorgensen and in third place Pte E.Ø. Larsen.

DANCON-MESTERSKABET I BORDTENNIS


Swedcon News

Swedish Forces Photos

* Så var dø "61 C" på plads. Fra at ha lumnat Sverige med den siste sonatienen möte den sista transporten av sol och värme.

När detta nummer av Blue Beret kommer ut, har säkert de flesta kommit in i de dagliga rutinerna, vet sina vaktläger, mattider och när det gos tid till so och bad.

* Lt Col Arne Roll, (left), hands over the flag and command of Sector 6 to Lt Col Paul Stromberg at Carl Gustav Camp.
The Vice Chief of the Defence Staff, Vice Admiral H. C. Leach RN, visited the Headquarters of UNFICYP at Nicosia on 22 April, and was seen (left) being welcomed by Brig Gen C T Beattie, CMM, CD, Col H M Tillotson, CBE, and Col P J Chappell, OBE.

New DCOS visits 7 Squadron RCT

Colonel Tillotson, the new Deputy Chief of Staff and Commander of the British Contingent visited 7 Squadron RCT recently and is seen (above) talking to Corporal PC Grisfield, while Major R Herbert looks on.

Camp Commander Ends Tour

Major B H Clapton will be ending his one year tour of duty with UNFICYP soon. He will be leaving Cyprus to go to Canberra to rejoin his Regiment, as the commander of the Logistic Squadron.

Colonels Visit IRGJ

The 1st Battalion The Royal Green Jackets have now completed their first three weeks of duty in Sector 2 and are settling in well. In addition to all the routine activities that go with a unit move they have had many visitors. On April 17th the Deputy Chief of Staff, Colonel Chappell, brought his successor, Colonel Tillotson, to St David’s Camp. They were met by Lieutenant Colonel C E W Poole Commanding the 1st Battalion and spent a day seeing round the battalion’s area of responsibility.

FEWO’S CHANGE OVER

On the 17 April 1976 AUSCON celebrated the EASTER FEAST! The Austrian Ambassador Dr S. Koller, accompanied by CO AUSCON, Lt Col W. Fritz and his wife, were present at a Field Mass at Camp Duke Leopold V. The Mass was read by the Austrian Military Chaplain Father Schmidt. He was assisted by Father Mike M. Phelan from Dhekelia and Father Sabir from Famagusta. The official part of the Easter Celebration was concluded with the blessing of the Easter Fire and the Easter Ham.

AUSCON - OSTERFEIER

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The Second Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry has now got settled into their new 'Barracks' and all ranks are getting used to being peacekeepers again. For many the job is not a new one, for those who have not been in Cyprus before, being a peacekeeper brings a whole range of new experiences.

In addition to our UN duties the Battalion will be running bus tours of the Island, scuba clubs, parachutes clubs, photo clubs and a host of other activities.

Maintenance Goes On

Last week Major General D. A. McAlpine, CMM, CD, the Commander of the Canadian Forces in Europe visited Cyprus to see the Canadian Contingent. General McAlpine is not a stranger to UNFICYP as he served with the Force shortly after it was formed. During his visit he toured the whole of Sector 4 visiting not only the OP's in the city, but also the platoon in Loumaju.

NEW DCOS VISITS C COMPANY

A "C" Company armoured personnel carrier seen on patrol near the city.

Col Tillotson seen at OP BASTION during his first visit to Sector 4 with Major R S McConnell and Lt R A Paikut.

Pataljoona ja Miehet Vaihtuivat


Eteläkolla 28.4. tuli sata uutta upseeria ja miestä, takakoomuksen veran. Yleisyydetkin tuli 29.4. — kuvassa pataljoonan komentaja evl O. Loppi, onnistuneelle esikunnan ja esikunta — ja huoltoon ja komppanian yhteisyyttä.

Kunniakas Tasapeli

ENGLISH SUMMARY

It's rotation time again in FINCON. Nearly 200 new soldiers have arrived in Cyprus to begin a tour in UNFICYP. In the picture Lt Col A. O. Lopes congratulates those officers and NCOs promoted on 29 April.

A very good football match took place on 27 April between AUSCYPOL and FINCON Officers' Men teams which resulted in a one all draw.

FINCON NEWS
13th AUSCIVPOL CONTINGENT ARRIVES

The 13th Australian Police Contingent has arrived in Cyprus, and on 1st May took over the UNCIVPOL duties in sector one and two. This contingent, commanded by Superintendent Fred Luther, is composed entirely of officers from the Australian Commonwealth Police Force.

Supt Luther takes over.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

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LESION OF THE MONTH
DON'T BE AN AMBER GAMBLER.

AUSCIVPOL'S TOP INVESTIGATOR

LO and Chief Investigator, Insp Otmar Feilber, simply called 'Otto' by his many friends, has so far served more than five years with UNFICYP. He is an outstanding police officer who displays exceptional skill and devotion to duty. He distinguished himself during the events in Cyprus in 1974. Don't be surprised by his "American-accent", because before joining the CID in Graz, he had been a journalist in America and Canada.

AUSCIVPOL TOP INVESTIGATOR

SWEDCIVPOL COMMANDERS CHANGE

Superintendent S. E. Bagge is seen with his successor Superintendent H. E. Jonsson during their handover.

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