COL HAMILL HANDS OVER

The old and the new Chief Economics Officers were pictured with the Force Commander last week at the beginning of their handover. Lt Col J Hamill has begun to hand over to Lt Col D O’Carroll, who has come to the Force from the Irish Army Military College.

Colonel Hamill, who has now completed his second tour in a United Nations Force, has seen many changes in the Economics and Humanitarian activities of the Force since he arrived last year.

The responsibilities of the Economics and Humanitarian Branch in the Headquarters, has increased during the year, so it has taken on some of the tasks formerly carried out by the International Committee of the Red Cross.

PROMOTION FOR DGOS's DRIVER

Last week Lance Corporal Ben Corbell gained a major step up the promotion ladder when he was promoted to full Bombardier. The DGOS took the opportunity to present his driver with his new badges of rank.
The Danish Medal Parade took place at Evrykou two weeks ago. On a sunny evening the Danish Battalion paraded in front of many distinguished guests to receive the United Nations Medals from the Force Commander, General Quinn.

The parade took place on the sports ground of the Evrykou school after which the guests were very well entertained by the Danish Battalion.

The group "7:30" started off with a concert at the ruins of Salamis.

The Swedish Battalion was visited by a highly talented entertainment group recently, called the "7:30".

The group which consisted of five singers and four musicians, began their visit to Cyprus on the day they arrived from Sweden, with a concert at the Salamis ruins. This varied, and much appreciated programme, included among other things, an Impression of the Andrews Sisters, a tribute to the late Elvis Presley with some rock and roll tunes and a couple of the Beatles songs.

The artists then went to several OPs, to perform for the men on duty in the Buffer zone. They also performed in the different bases. Before returning to Sweden they visited other parts of the island and gave concerts for the Canadian, Finnish and Danish contingents.

An impersonation of the Andrews Sisters was part of the varied programme.
SIGNAL COMMANDER VISITS UNFICYP

The Commander of the British 3rd Signal Group Colonel M.U. Ryan recently visited the Signal Squadron. He was pictured on his arrival with the Signal Officer of three nations in the squadron and the 214 of the Support Regiment. After a short briefing, Colonel Ryan, was taken to meet the men in the Squadron, visiting the fire section, radio repair shop and communications centre. 3rd Signal Group provides the backup support for the Force Signal Squadron.

BRITCON NEWS

ADVENTURE TRAINING FOR THE RANGERS

Last week the Commanding Officers conference met in St. Davids Camp. Before lunch they were shown some of the newer items of equipment issued to British Battalions. In the picture above Sgt J Dunlop is seen explaining the Tobias Intruder alarm system to the CO's.

MEDAL PARADE AT LARNACA

Am 24.08. land beim AUSCON die Medal Parade statt. Es wurde an diejenigen unseres Battalions, die mit der Mai-Rotation nach Cypen gekommen waren, die UN Medaille verliehen. Bei der Parade richtete der FC, General Quinn, an jeden der von ihm ausgezeichneten Soldaten einige persönliche Worte.

The Austrian Contingent's Medal Parade took place on the 24th of August. This time only those on parade, who had arrived on the May rotation, received a UN medal. The medals were presented by the Force Commander, General Quinn, who, as usual, had a few special words for each person receiving a medal.
CANNON MOTOR RALLY

On the 26th August, the Canadian Contingent held a Military Rally, which much resembled a road rally except that the teams had to execute a task at each of the checkpoints, dealing with everything from changing a flat tyre, to identifying the various weapons and vehicles to be seen in Cyprus. Our attached sub-unit, X Bty, won the overall competition, with a team from the Recce Troop of Command Squadron winning the individual trophy.

C'est le 26 Août que CONCA a tenu une course Rally Militaire, qui ressemblait beaucoup au rally routier sauf que chaque pas de la course était une tâche à réaliser. Les équipes ont dû passer par une épreuve de changement de pneu, de l'identification de véhicules et d'armes sur l'île. Notre sous-unité attachée, la BIE X, a gagné la compétition générale, mais une équipe du Troop de Recce a gagné le trophée individuel.

THE WINNER

MIEHIÄ TYÖNSÄ ÄÄRESSÄ

Huohto kääntää useita huoltoajoja, joiden tolmittaa koordinoi huoltopäällikkö maj Jarkko Valttonen. Tämä kerrotaan mutta kävissä noudattee moni ele tuleen ikään ja Pekka Käräsiläinen juuri tekisi kuumimmassa tylväväheessa tuntemattoman pohdinta hyvänä. Voii pöllö vasta

Toiveta kovassa taylorin Penti Matsinen panemassa rahallisen heesien kuulokse toiselta oikeaan järjestelyseen.

ENGLISH SUMMARY

Once again FINCON is featuring the people behind the scenes who make FINCON run trouble-free. This time it is those working in the logistics branch.

In the top picture, the Chief Logistics Officer Major Valttonen is seen. He is the main co-ordinator of the logistics branch enabling the entire branch to run smoothly and effectively. In the bottom left picture, we can see "the most feared man" in FINCON, the Dentist, MO Major P Käräsiläinen.

However, once in his capable care all fears are quickly calmed.

Quartermaster Sir Li P Matsinen, who, is also FINCON's Paymaster, is seen in the bottom right picture arranging receipts in order to balance FINCON's budget.
G A L E S

This month will see the first of the coming winds. Most of the strong winds that blow over Cyprus do so at more or less predictable times, so much so that it is now possible to forecast when they will occur (to within three or four days). In general, all these periods of strong winds begin with the wind blowing from the South West. The gusts of wind will then veer to the West and Northwest before reducing in strength.

Most of the winds have Arabic names which are given below with the approximate dates they are expected to below:

- 27th Sept: Al Rasheb Winds
- 21st Oct: Al Sayeenish Winds
- 20th Nov: Al Miekues
- 6th Dec: Kassim
- 20th Dec: Al Fedra al Saghirat
- 11th Jan: Al Fedra al Kabira
- 18th Jan: Al Fedra al Kabira
- 10th Feb: Al Shams al Saghirat
- 10th Mar: Al Hoosom
- 20th Mar: Al Shams al Kabira
- 25th Mar: Hews
- 29th Apr: Khaimseh Winds

With the Force swimming competition due this week all units within reach of the Blue Beret Camp pool have been having their own compositions to select their teams. The Rangers have been no exception and they are pictured here as their competitors start the breaststroke, and during the freestyle race.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

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