DANCON’S MEDAL PARADE

The Force Commander, Major General J.J. Quinn, inspects DANCON before the medal presentation held at Enkshaw Stadium on 21st February. Commander DANCON Lt Col C.B. Bredmeyer accompanied the Force Commander along the front of the Companies.

The Company’s marching past.

The Force Commander receives the salute from the escort in the colours. Major K.M. Larsen, CO C Coy, followed by the escort in the colours Lt A. Jespersen and Lt I. P. Schriver. Standard bearers are the Staff Sergeant F.E. Jessen and E.E.W. Jerret from HQ Coy. As it was a very windy day, it was also a very hard job to march with the colours.

MEDAL PRESENTATION

Major K.E. Kaergaard presents medals to recipients of HQ Coy. Here, to Private S.B. Mortensen while LCpl J.E. Larsen and Privata C.R. Andersen are next in line. LCpl B.B. Ramussen had received the medal previously.

LOWERING THE FLAGS

When the last company had marched out of the stadium, the Band of the 18th Battalion of the Kings Regiment played “SUNSET while the flags were lowered.

THE UNITED NATIONS Medal for service in Cyprus was presented by the Force Commander to 92 soldiers of the ranks. The other 102 recipients received the medals from Commander DANCON, Company Commanders and Staff Officers.

At the beginning of the parade, Commander DANCON made a short speech in memory of Staff Sergeant Finn Anup Christiansen of B Coy, who was killed in a traffic accident on 18th Feb.

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COFFEE BREAK IN TROULLI. The boys on 303 had baked some extra sweet cakes for their favourite artists. Kisa and Anki were pictured there singing a soft blues in the afternoon sun.

WO 2 Bengt Hesslow is telling Anki about life in UN, Cyprus and Athienou.

“Late night show” in Athienou, 2nd Coy.

The artists also had time to hold a church concert in Dhekelia.

SWEDCON’s rock band — “Brathienous” — warming up the audience.

Monica on stage in Polar Camp.
VISITORS TO FORCE HQ

Their Excellencies Ambassadors Algaard and Jacobson of Norway visited the Force Commander last week, during the course of a short fact-finding tour in the Force. The Ambassadors also called on the Acting Special Representative of the Secretary General, Dr. R. Gore, and toured around Sector 5.

The new Commander of the Royal Air Force Station Akrotiri Group Captain P.L. Gray RAf visited Force Headquarters for the first time to meet the Force Commander and Deputy Chief of Staff, with whom he was pictured above.

The Chief of Staff of the Swedish Army Staff Major General Holm and three Staff Officers visited the Swedish Contingent recently to see for themselves what problems their Contingent is facing in Sector 5. During the course of their visit they called at Force Headquarters and were pictured receiving a briefing from the Chief of Staff.
The Force Commander, Major General J J Quinn, inspecting the fourth Guard of the 1st Battalion The Kings Regiment with the Guard Commander Captain C W Marley.

**MEDAL PARADE**

The British Contingent's first Medal Parade of the year was held in splendid sunshine at Nicolaos Airport on the last day of February. It was also the last occasion on which the 1st Battalion The Kings Regiment carried their present Regimental Colour on parade, for later this year the Regiment will be receiving new Colours.

The parade marked, as usual, the end of their tour for C Squadron 3rd Royal Tank Regiment (seen above driving past the Force Commander), the 1st Battalion The Kings Regiment and 1 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport.

While the Regimental Colours of The Kings Regiment were being carried for the last time, the UNIFCYP Army Air Corps Flight made the first fly past on the Island with the new Alouette helicopters. The fly past was led by Major C Bloom, W02 E N Ball S/Sgt A J Davies all of who were pictured with one of the helicopters just before taking off to get into position for the fly past.

**AUSCON MEDAL PARADE**

Die Ruhrguppe marschtlert ein.

The Colour Party march on.

The medal parade on 24th February was a really great occasion for the Austrian Contingent. In strong sunshine these members of the Contingent, who had begun their service in UNIFCYP in October last year, received their UN medals for Service to Peace. The impressive military ceremony was made better by the presence of the Austrian Ambassador in Athens Dr Backes, who is also accredited to the Government of Cyprus. The Force Commander: Major General J J. Quinn, referred in his speech to the efficiency of the Austrian soldiers of all ranks, and said he was very pleased to be able to say this in the presence of the Ambassador.

Meldung an Botschafter Dr. Backes durch Mjr A. Kahn. Major A. Kahn reports to Ambassador Dr Backes.

Canccon Competitions and Awards

On the 16th and 18th of February the Officers of 2RCR Sector Four competed in the Snow Buckle pistol competition. This competition is held yearly amongst the officers of 2RCR with the officer attaining the highest score awarded the Snow Buckle.

The Snow Buckle was presented to 2RCR by Brigade T.E. Snow (retired) one of the Regiment's most distinguished soldiers.

The shoot was held at the Xeri ranges under the direction of Captain Bob Nekar, Sgt Ron Suretta and Cpl Keith Cunningham.

Officers of Sector Four are pictured above firing their pistols in the Snow Buckle competition at the ranges in Xeri.

RAF Detachment News

The new Station Commander of RAF Akrotiri Group Captain P.L. Gray RAF visited 84 Squadron detachment for the first time two weeks ago. The Group Captain, who is responsible for the detachment, is a very experienced Whirlwind pilot. He flew himself with Squadron Leader Situnayake in the left hand seat. On his arrival at Nicosia Airport he visited all parts of the detachment, meeting the pilots and ground-crew. The Group Captain is pictured above shortly after his arrival talking to Chief Technician Sweden, while Flight Lieutenant Key and the Squadron Leader look on.

It is with regret that information has been received that a former member of 84 Squadron Detachment RAF, Flight Lieutenant Brian Tofinco, has been killed in an air accident while on an exercise. Flight Lieutenant Tofinco served in UNIFIL during the operations in 1974 and flew the last helicopter out of Tijkos Camp on 15th July, while the fighting was still going on in the hills around the camp.

Exchange in Sector Two and Six

During the past three weeks seven Kingsmen have been to serve in Sector 5 and the same number of Swedish soldiers have been on exchange with the Kings Regiment in Sector 2. At the end of their visit the Swedish soldiers were all given British tee-shirts to take back with them as souvenirs.
CHARITIES BENEFIT

Some months ago Corporal Ede and Trooper Butler of the Force Reserve walked from Skouriotissa to the UN Protected Area and back to raise money for the Save the Children's Fund. This week Mrs Quinn was pictured above as she received a cheque for £60,000 from both Corporal Ede and Trooper Butler on behalf of the Fund.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

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Two other walkers from 1 Sgs RCT, Lance Corporals Hodges and Sleight, have also organised and carried out a sponsored walk of 69 miles to raise money for Kidney Research. They were pictured (above) running the last few yards to cross the finishing line, and at left with Mrs Quinn who watched their return.

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