BRITISH GENERAL VISITS BBC

On Tuesday, 1st August Maj. Gen. W.R. Taylor, Commander British Forces Cyprus, visited all the BRITCON units based in Blue Beret Camp, Nicosia. In the picture he is seen talking to the Force Commander when he visited him before setting out on his tour of Blue Beret Camp.
"JUNTA MEETING" AT SECTOR 5

At one stage during their tour, the Sector Commanders assembled in the village of Pylos where, on the right, they are pictured outside the coffee house. Left to right: Lt. Col. Lars Wennrud, Sector 6; Lt. Col. Walter Fritz, the new Commander Sector 6; Lt. Col. Donald Houlton, Sector 2; Maj. Richard Goggin, Force Reserve; Lt. Col. Heinz Oberwinkler, the outgoing Commander Sector 6; Lt. Col. Walter Elsberg, Sector 1. From Pylos the party travelled by open landrover to OP 250 on the heights above the village.

The Swedish Contingent was host for the latest Sector Commanders’ meeting on 27th July. All Commanders were present except for Lt. Col. P.W. MacKenzie of Sector 9 who was on leave in Western Germany.

The day started with a short briefing given by the Swedish Commander, Lt. Col. Lars Wennrud and the ISOO Maj. Berit Mathson. After the briefing the Commanders set out for a tour of Sector 8. When the tour of the various company camps and OPs was completed, the party returned to Lamaca for lunch.

After lunch, the assembly was offered the chance of a battle and refreshments at "The Flamingo", the Swedish Leave Centre, but surprisingly there was little response.

Tennis Champions

For the third year running, Swedcon succeeded in winning the team prize in the UNICYP Tennis Competition. After a tough final match against Austron with a 8–2 result the Swedish team came out the winner having won most sets.

Pia Lars Olsson, also of the Swedish Contingent won through to the singles final but lost to Lt. Michael Lower of Sp Regt with a score of 6–7 and 3–6.

The UNICYP Tennis Champions, from left to right: Claes Lars Olsson, Thomas Rosenberg and Bertil Johannson. Roos, Lennart Nilsson.

On Wednesday 26th July the first part of the Austron rotation took place. A total of 60 officers, NCOs and soldiers arrived at Lamaca Airport early in the morning. The "newcomers" arrived at day break and gazed around with tired but bright eyes before their first impression of their new posting — Cyprus. As they made their way to the buses waiting for them they passed "the old soldiers" on their way back to Austria and were greeted by lauding calls of "Gacka!" The buses took them to Camp Duke Leopold V where they began their first day with briefings, welcome speeches followed by routine signage for equipment.

A few days after the rotation, another important event took place. On Saturday, 29th July, the new CO Austron, Lt. Col. Walter Fritz, assumed command of the Battalion. As a symbolic act, the whole Austrian Contingent paraded whilst Lt. Col. H. Oberwinkler handed over the Austrian banner to the new Commanding Officer.

HOME LINK

Everyone in the contingent is keen to keep in close contact with Austria. Because of this we think of the radio operator of the so-called "Hausflunker" as the key of the door to home.

Pia Lars Olsson is above seen fighting bravely against Lt. Michael Lower in the final... but he was beaten. Below he is seen being presented with the prize by COS, BGEN J.A. Collett.

PEACEFUL HAVEN — THE LIBRARY

Again we highlight one of the many jobs whose importance is often overlooked — the librarian. After an exhausting day either on the line or in an office there is no better way to relax than with a book. Even an empty beach can become interesting with the added spice of literature.

OUTGOING ANTIICS

The departing soldiers left behind them a dummy hanging by its neck with a placard which read "Gackos, you poor swine!" Perhaps a hint of sarcasm as most enjoy their time in Cyprus.
“IT’S A KNOCKOUT”

On the afternoon of Wednesday 26th July, four teams assembled at the Bisc Pool to compete for the final of the BRITCON “It’s a Knockout”, a competition full of crazy water games. The idea was taken from its competition by the same name which is seen on TV in the UK and was shown on Eurovision is known as “Jeu Sans Frontieres”.

The first game of the afternoon was a “form” of basketball, in which the participants had to score baskets from a slippery pole spanning the width of the pool. The “6” Reg. team walked away with 6 points — having used their Joker which doubled their score.

Between games a “Mini-Marathon” was played — in the true “Jeu sans Frontieres” tradition. This was a strenuous event in which the aim was for the teams to amass the highest possible score by jumping from the diving boards into differently scoring inflated inner tubes that were anchored to the bottom of the pool. 1 RRF dominated this game showing great stamina and spirit.

The next remarkable event required the teams in turn to form a fire-chain passing buckets full of water along a floating path across the pool and then empty the buckets into a tub on the far side; the total amount of water in the tub being measured when the whistle was blown. The Youth team showed foresight in using their Jokers, for they came home with 6 pts and won the game.

The following game involved two teams at a time; one sitting astride a pole across the pool, the other attempting to shoot bags from a catapult so that they went over the pole their opponents were seated upon. Unfortunately, a technical hitch brought the game to an end — the Youth team managed to break the catapult! A short break was announced and the pool suddenly overflowed with spectators, enjoying an unexpected cool dip in the hot afternoon.

Revealing impressive initiative a new game was quickly “invented” — the “Michelin Man”, which turned out to be the most amusing of the games. Each team had to move as many of its members across the pool as quickly as possible — inside a stack of tyres! The most difficult part of the game was the removal of the “Michelin Man” from the pool at the far end!!

The most ingenious game of the afternoon, maybe, was the Jousting — on floating bikes! The idea was for one of the contestants to achieve a strike by bursting a small balloon on the other’s bike. However, to do so he had to hit the hinged lid of a can attached to the back of the bike. If the lid was hit closed and a pin inside the lid burst the balloon which was in the can.

Very involved! One amusing hazard of the game was that any violent jolting action by a rider caused his mount to turn turbulently! At this game, the Force Reserve / 94 Sqn RAF team excelled and proved unbeatable.

Finally we witnessed the Boat Race! In this game all the teams set off together with one member of the group in the boat — blindfolded — the remainder in inner tubes tied on behind. Upon reaching a pole across the pool, the boats had to pass underneath and the players over — which caused a few problems. 1 RRF again showed their winning form and romped home yards ahead of their opponents, and so became overall winners of the competition.

The whole idea of the competition was to give competitors and spectators alike an afternoon of fun and this it certainly did. Although the Youth Team came last in the results, they deserve a pat on the back for taking on their seniors and giving them a good run for their money.

Now the idea is to have an inter-contingent “It’s a Knockout”!

How about it, all you others? By a visiting reporter.
CBFC Visits BRITCON

Commander British Forces Cyprus, Maj. Gen. W. R. Taylor, visited the elements of BRITCON based in Blue Beret Camp on Tuesday, 1st August. After arriving at the Whitwind Base, where he was met by the Commander of the British Contingent, Col. P.F.B. Hargrave, OBE, he was taken to Force Headquarters to meet the Force Commander. In his tour of Blue Beret Camp CBFC visited Force Reserve, 64 Sqn RAF UN Det and UNFICYP Support Regiment. In the Support Regiment, he visited the AAC Flight, 8 Sqn RCT, the Engineer Detachment, the Ordinance Detachment and the REME Workshop. At lunch time he met the WOs and SNCOs of Support Regiment in their Mess before attending a lunch in his honour in the Officers' Mess at which he met senior members of the Secretariat and military staff of HQ UNFICYP.

CBFC meets members of the AAC Flight. Left to right: Maj. G. Bland (behind CBFC), CBFC, WO 2 Jim Kelly, Sgt Tony Davies.

A light hearted moment during the visit to 64 Sqn RAF UN Det. Left to right: CBFC, Sqn Ldr S.M.V. Stillman, F.S. Jack Abbott, Sgt Eric Roddolfe.

Before going out on the line each soldier is thoroughly inspected by his Section Commander. Left to right: Sgt John Elson, Plt Ron Hamilton and Plt Ray Venaden.

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The soldiers who man Observation Posts in Nicosia require an intimate knowledge of every detail of the Buffer Zone in their area to assist them in maintaining the Status Quo. Three of these soldiers are (left to right), Plt John McDougall, Plt Alan Coles and Plt Phil Best.

Visitors are a regular occurrence to the line. Above Lt. Mike Moreau, the Platoon Commander of 1 Platoon A Company visits the FPOC, Colonel-in-Chief, Lady Patricia Brabourne, in another photo of theirs.

At Force Reserve CBFC chats to members of the standby troop. Left to right: Lt. J.A. Fite, CBFC, Tpr Dave Corbin, Lpl Tom Hume, Tpr Chris Harris, Cpl Jim Bond.

For the second year running the singles champion came from BRITCON. After a hard fought match L1t. Michael Lower of RHEM Workshops beat Plt Lars Olson of SWEDCON in straight sets 6-7 and 3-6.

Behind every good company there stands a strong Company Commander and Company Sergeant Major. Right to left; Maj. Charlie Jerer, WO 2 Phil Baumgarten of A Company.

CANCAN NEWS

Pie Don McNabb carries out maintenance on an Armoured Personnel Carrier. The APCs belong to the standby platoon, which each of the three A Company platoons become two weeks out of six.
LIMNITIS CAMP - C COY

The changing of the Guard at the main entrance to Limnitis Camp. Left to right, Lcpl J.E. Tonder and Pte F.B. Christensen.

DANCON

NEWS

Originally the camp was a rather primitive one but over the years it has been transformed into a comfortable, nilsen hutted camp, thanks to the imagination and initiative of Charlie Company personnel. The overall effect of the camp has been further improved with well tended gardens surrounded by white painted stones. C Coy, the largest company in Dancor, lives in Limnitis Camp. The company consists of one hundred and thirty six men of which thirty three are based in the platoon sized camp at Kokkini. Ten OP's are manned by personnel from C Coy. The never ending arrival and departure of helicopters is one of the company's distinguishing characteristics. These helicopters are used to resupply OP's as they are very difficult and time-consuming to reach by road. The resupply of the OP's is carried out three times a week. The social life in the messes of C coy. is very active due to the isolated location of the camp; there is no possibility of going to town in the evenings and, as a result, there is a "Full House" in the messes almost every night.

OP Squad D13 from 1st Platoon at Limnitis Camp with their supplies waiting for their helicopter. Left to right, Pte J. Simen- sen, Cpl T. Hansen and Lcpl M. Munk.

FAREWELL OLFERT.

We are sorry to announce that the donkey, OLFERT, our mascot and "good adviser" for many years died on 27 July in Viking Camp after a sudden and short illness.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Two weeks ending 4th August

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LESSON OF THE FORTNIGHT — Look for the guy on two wheels.