NEW COMMANDER FOR FINNISH CONTINGENT

The new Commander of the Finnish Contingent, Lieutenant Colonel Eero T. Lehtovirta, has seen almost continuous service with the United Nations since 1964. A former Armoured Brigade Battalion Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Lehtovirta first came to Cyprus in 1964 and served for 12 months with OPS (E) at HQ UNFICYP. This was immediately followed by a 15 month tour of duty as Second-in-Command Fincon.

In 1967 he moved to UNTSO and acted as an UN Observer for twelve months before coming back again to Cyprus in 1969 as Chief Personnel Officer.

Now that Lieutenant Colonel Lehtovirta has assumed command of the Kyrenia District, the Logistics and Personnel Branches at HQ UNFICYP have been amalgamated and the appointment of CPO now lapes.

Colonel Reino Raitasaari, the previous commander of Fincon, has now left Cyprus to return to Finland and we wish him every success in the future.

- With Christmas only 44 shopping days away thoughts are turning to the problem of what to send home to friends and relatives. Getting some ideas in the UN Gift shop at HQ UNFICYP are WO II Brian Taylor and the PA to the Force Commander, Miss Irene Simpson. The shop is located in the Secretariat offices and is open daily from 0900 hrs to 1200 hrs.

BAND VISIT

The Pipes and Drums of the Royal Scots Greys will be visiting Cyprus between 18-24 November and will be giving a number of performances as well as playing for the Medal Parade of "C" Squadron the Royal Scots Greys which at present forms the Force Reserve.

A special evening performance sponsored by the UN Association of Cyprus will be given in the Municipal Theatre at Nicosia on Friday 20th November. Included in the programme will be a display of highland dancing.
MEDALJE-
PARADE
FOR DE
SKÆVE
ROTANTER

I sidste uge var der atter medaljeparade hos Dancon. De "skæve" rotanter fik overrakt medaljerne for 90 dages tjeneste ved UNFICYP af kontingentchefen, oberstløjtnant M. Hemmert Lund, ved en lille højtidelighed i Xeros-lejren.


TRAVLHED HOS POSTMESTEREN

En populær mand i Dancon er oversergent J. K. H. Madsen, der i sin egenskab af postmester forvalter forbindelselserne til og fra Danmark. Han bliver især tid af Sergent F. Jensen.

Specielt den sidste tid har været travl for postmester Madsen, idet rotationsstien traditionen tro gaver ekstraarbejde for postafdelingen. Mange paletter skal sendes hjem, inden rotationen for altvær begynder.


FORSYNINGER
TIL OP'ERNE


Øverste billed er hentet på OP 1, hvor frivagterne K. H. Janner og P. J. A. Frederiksen nyder livet.

DANCON NYT
Kravallerxercis

Kravallerxercis är en viktig del av utbildningen av de svenska FN-soldaterna. På bilden ovan är det 1. pluton som på Carl Gustaf Camp har intagit plogformering. Det där gångat springer man nog inte igenom så lätt!

Civpol-chefer


Samtidigt anlände också till Famagusta den nye chefen för den svenska civilpolisstyrkan, Gunnar Henriksson, Kiruna, som så småningom kommer att avläsa den nuvarande chefen Torsten Lindberg, en veteran, som tjänstgjort nära fyra år på Cypern.

Bilden nedan visar fr v Gunnar Henriksson, Hans Lagerhorn och Torsten Lindberg.

Hinderloppning

Nu har svenskar börjat hårdklädning på den finländska hinderloppningsbanan i Nicoya. SWEDCON har sina placeringar att försvara i UNFICYP-mästerskapet i hinderloppning, så det vill till att 45 ans grabbar lägger munk till vid träningen för att nå lika goda resultat som 44:n gjorde i juli, då tävlingarna hölls senast. Då blev det nämligen en prydlig blågul dubbelseger genom FN-soldaterna Lennnerbring och Flink, medan flamländerna blev för svåra i lagtävlingen, där Sverige alltså fick nästa sig med antraptalen.

Nästa UNFICYP-mästerskap i hinderloppning kommer att hållas den 27 november - men tävlar två gånger per år för att ge varje bataljon tillfälle att delta i mästerskapen.

Hinderbanan är något alldeles speciellt och har inte stora likheter med banorna hemma på regementena. Banan går nämligen genom ett obebott bostadsområde, där man klänger i reg uppför hästvagar, hoppar mellan taket och även ner från hustaken. Ett hinder består av en tuma fyllt med sand. Med en spade ska löparen tömma tunnan så att spaden slår i bottens på tunnan.

* Karl Gustav JRubnarsson, Ljunghy i luften på väg ner från ett hustak, ett av de hinder, som ingår i hinderloppet. (Vänster på sin far skymtar fr v Lars-Göran Rundén, Östersund, Leif Lörén, Fristad, Jan Erik Fredriksson, Arboga och Vidar Bäck, Ed.

SWEDCON NEWS Swedish Forces Photos
SPARE TIME PILOT

Corporal Geoffrey Buckett who comes from Redhill, Surrey, is an Air Technician with a difference. Although his job in the Army keeps him on the ground looking after the helicopters of the UNFICYP Aviation Flight he is in his spare time a flier and holds a Private Pilots Licence.

BUGLE CALL

To the people of Limassol, the change over between 3rd Battalion The Light Infantry and the 3rd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets may not have been all that obvious.

Both Rifles and Light Infantry Regiment have a lot in common — like the dark green regimental stable belt worn by all ranks. Bugle calls are still to be heard from the camp announcing the routine of the day.

One of the buglers is Corporal John Chadwick who commands a section in the bugle platoon. During his nine years service he has been an anti-tank gunner and a Regimental Policeman as well as a bugler and has served in three continents. He is now starting his second tour in Cyprus.

WHEEL-EM-IN RALLY NEWS

On Sunday 1st November 1970 27 teams took part in a rally organised by 60 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport. The rally route consisted of 60 miles of road, track and cross country driving, which demanded great skill on part of both drivers and navigators.

The overall winners were Sergeant Lovel and Corporal Chetwynd both of the Army Air Corps. Joint second place were Lieutenant Gunn and Sergeant Lodwig, Corporal Harbert and Lance Corporal Kennedy all of 60 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport.

Prizes were presented in the Wheel-Em-In Club by Mrs Marzetti, the wife of the Officer Commanding the Squadron. A good time was had by all and it is hoped to run another rally in December, which will be open to all comers. Further details will be published later.

Drivers of "A" Troop

Some of the drivers of 'A' Troop 60 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport pictured in front of their vehicles.

CLEANING UP

Lance Corporal Bruce Calvert at work on a Ferret Scout Car. Bruce is serving with 'C' Squadron The Royal Scots Greys and he comes from Sunderland.

BRITCON NEWS
FORCE COMMANDER VISITS IRCON

Major General D. Prem Chand, the Force Commander visited the 19th Infantry Group in the Larnaca District on Friday 6th November 1970. He was accompanied by the Chief Personnel and Logistics Officer, Lieutenant Colonel P. Morgan, the Force Engineer Officer, Commandant Jim Murphy and Commandant Gerry O'Sullivan, UN Liaison Officer to the National Guard.

Lieutenant Colonel Tom Tracey, Commander 19th Infantry Group, greeted the Force Commander on his arrival at Zyyi. Having inspected the Guard of Honour under the command of Lieutenant Ned Horgan the General was taken on a tour of the Camp Headquarters. He later visited A and B Companies in Kophinou and Larnaca.


RUGBY NEWS

Playing their first game in Cyprus on October 17th the Ircon XV showed lack of match practice and were easily outclassed by a better drilled Dhekelia side. It was nevertheless an interesting game with Dhekelia making good use of their superiority in the line-outs and set scrums. Final score was 30 points to NIL.

Since then the Ircon XV squad has improved considerably. In the Dhekelia 7-a-side competition they were only beaten at the semi-final stage by 8 points to NIL and on Wednesday last they beat 60 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport by 9 points to 8.

- In the photograph below forwards jump for the ball following a line-out in the Dhekelia versus Ircon game on 17th October.

V.I.P. POSTMAN

Sergeant John Byrne, Dublin, is, without a doubt a V.I.P. As postman, his popularity among members of the 19th Infantry Group is dependant upon size and weight of his mailbag.

One should not judge his popularity however by the size of the bag he has in this photograph. If you do not receive a letter regularly he promises to write you one himself! He is seen here with his driver, Private E. Goldsmith, Garrison Transport, Cork.

IRCON NEWS

POLIO VACCINATION

- Medical Platoon Sergeant J. Durney, Kilkenny enjoys giving the polio oral vaccination to the Group Tailor, Private B. Kelly, Dublin.
DRIVING RECORD

After one month of driving in Cyprus, Suburbia Company transport platoon have the only drivers with an accident-free record. The 18 drivers have driven more than 15,000 miles without a scrape or bump.

However, the whole Canadian Contingent is setting a good standard. The drivers have 'clocked' a total of 84,500 miles; the last 44,000 of which have been accident free.

"I am really pleased with our record so far", said Lieutenant Colonel Marsaw, "and I am looking forward to handing out a large number of safe-driving awards during our tour".

Safe-driving awards will be presented to drivers after two and four months of accident-free driving and those who complete their six months tour without an accident will receive an engraved mug.

There will also be cash awards and a plaque for the two best drivers, selected on Dec. 15 and Mar 15, 1971.

Members of Suburbia Company Transport Platoon surround their accident report board. The board indicates thirty days of accident-free driving with a total of 15,556 miles.

REAL CUT-UP

Corporal Pat Marshall slices a leg of beef in the butcher shop at Cancon Base. Each month he 'operates' on more than 10,000 pounds of meat and fowl in order to feed the Canadian Contingent. Beef appears to be the favourite meat with more than 7,200 pounds being consumed each month.

FILL-ER UP

Keeping City Company supplied with drinking, cooking and washing water means a lot of "filling-up" for Corporal Rene Talifer. He transports more than 3,000 gallons a-day.

EXPLORER'S CORNER

Next tour for the "Explorer's Club" will be on Sunday November 15, when members visit Limassol, Curium and Paphos. Buses will leave the Welfare Office at 0800 and the Ledra Palace at 0815. During the 200 mile trip there will be a 'swimming stop'. Those interested should contact the Welfare Office.
MILTSUN PALSTA

Marraskuun alusta lukien on lentolikennetila siirtyynyt talviaika-
tauluun, joka tuo melko huomat-
tavia muutoksia Suomen patal-
joonaan postinkulkuihin. Postin
saapuminen Kyprolle ja patal-
joonamme siirtyy myöhäisille it-
tatuneille. Mikäli posti saapuu
keskiyön jälkeen perille, mainit-
takoon jälleen kerran, että se jaa-
taan heti asamuttoineille, jolloin
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kirjaposti Suomeen lähtee kello
8.00 myös suunnuntaisin.

Postimestari

PAPIN MUISTIO

Suunnuntaina 15.11. retki Buffaven-
ton linnaan. Lähti kello 10.00.
Tiistaina 17.11. iltahartaus EK:
ssa kello 19.00
Keskiviikkona 18.11. iltahartaus
2JK:ssa kello 18.00

LINNOISSA KREIVIEN...

Lapuaudessaan joka mies on
lukenut ja kuullut ritarien vuo-
renrinteillä rakennetuista linnoista,
joissa näinä romanttikoin mestarit
piivät juhlaan, ja joiden omista-
misesta käytin katkeria taisteluja.
Eräs näistä satulinnosta on St
Hilarion Castle Kyrenian vuoris-
tossa, muutaman mailin päässä
Nikosiani-Kyrenian tieltä. Linna
on saanut alkunsa jo 1000-luvulta
JKr. Siiben tutustuttii viime
sumuntaina 27 mien vahvuisella
joukolla. Vanhan tavan mukaan
tutustumatkoja saaren nähtävykk-
in, jotka tunnetaan yleensä
papinkiekin nimellä, tehdään lä-
hes joka sumuntai. Seuraavan
on vuorossa Buffaventon lin-
na. Matala tehdään palveluasus-
sa, sillä loppumatka, vajaan kah-
denkymmenen minuutin kävely
hyväksi polkua pitkin, joudutaan
kulkemaan jalkaisin. Kuukauden
viimeisenä 29.11. sumuntaina on
vuorossa Famagusta ja Pyhän
Barnabaan luostari.

FINCON NEWS

Pataljoonan pastori keikkalaisinnek tutustumassa St Hilarion vanhaan
linnaan.
AUSTRIAN NATIONAL DAY

The Austrian National Day on 26th October was celebrated at the Austrian Field Hospital with traditional hospitality.

The great significance of the day to all Austrians was emphasised by the Commander of the Field Hospital, Lieutenant Colonel Effenberger, in his address to the Contingent. In tracing the history of the Austrian 2nd Republik, he stressed how the country’s geographical position and the policy of strict neutrality give her an important role to play in the cause of world peace. Lieutenant Colonel Effenberger also took advantage of the occasion to express his thanks to all members of the contingent for the cooperation which he has received and for the excellent way in which they have performed their duties.

After an impressive Flag Parade, the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, presented UN medals to 17 Austrian personnel. Addressing the parade, the Force Commander conveyed special greetings from HQ UNFICYP to the Austrian Contingent and also expressed his satisfaction of the work carried out by the Austrian Field Hospital.

The highlight of the day was a reception and buffet luncheon held in very attractive surroundings out of doors. The guests, headed by Dr. Osorio-Tafall and Major General D. Prem Chand, included members of the Diplomatic Corps, UN senior officials and officers of the various contingents serving with UNFICYP.

MP NOTEBOOK
Accidents - UNFICYP

Week Ending 7 Nov 70 - 9
Same Period - 3
Total This Year - 326
Same Period - 309
Last Year - 309

Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:
(1) "DRIVING WITHOUT DUE CARE AND ATTENTION"
(2) UNSAFE BACKING
(3) MISJUDGING CLEARANCE
(4) FAILING TO YIELD RIGHT-OF-WAY"

MORE FINANCE FOR UNFICYP

In response to U Thant's appeal to all member nations, two more countries have contributed towards the expenses of UNFICYP for the first six months of 1970. A cheque for one million Dollars has been received from the West German Government and the Government of Jamaica have contributed one thousand Dollars.

CASEVAC

We picture here the sequel to the casevac exercise held recently at the Austrian Field Hospital. The "wounded" has received first aid treatment and is ready to be transported to the hospital by helicopter.