**The Blue Beret**

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**SEASONS GREETINGS**

**MESSAGE FROM HM UNITED NATIONS**

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Lt. Gen. D. Prem Chand, PVSAM, and the Force Commander, Lt. Gen. M. M. Bajwa, have received the following Christmas and New Year messages:

"I send you and to all the military and civilian personnel of UNFICYP, our Christmas greetings and our best wishes for the new year. Your co-operation and the excellent work of the staff and the contingents of the Force is greatly appreciated by all of us here at headquarters."

Kurt Waldheim, Secretary-General.

"We take pleasure in sending you and all the military and civilian personnel of UNFICYP my Christmas greetings and my best wishes for the New Year. I take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation for the devotion, efficiency and courage shown by you, your staff and the contingents of the force in performing your important and often dangerous task. The excellent work done by UNFICYP during and since the recent crisis in Cyprus is particularly appreciated here at headquarters."

Roberto E. Guyer, Under-Secretary-General for Special Political Affairs.

Brian E. Urrutia, Under-Secretary-General for Special Political Affairs.

It is my earnest hope that the forthcoming year may bring more peaceful conditions in the island.

**L. WECKMANN-MUNOZ**

Special Representative of the Secretary-General.

As the year 1974 comes to its close, I am pleased to extend to you all — military and civilian personnel of UNFICYP — my sincere appreciation for the excellent manner in which you have performed your difficult duties as members of the UN Peace Keeping Force in Cyprus.

In so doing I interpret the feelings of gratitude not only of the Secretary-General and his immediate associates at Headquarters but also of the Permanent Delegations who spoke at the 35th December meeting of the Security Council, when the UNFICYP mandate was extended for another six months.

I would like to wish you and your families a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year in 1974.

**FATHER CHRISTMAS**

Very recently 41 Commando Group played Father Christmas to children from both the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities within the Limassol area. These took the form of afternoon parties for the children and as can be seen by both photographs everyone seemed themselves with plenty of the normal fun and games to follow. Cpl John Neary in the guise of Father Christmas handed out presents to all the children who attended.
DER VAR ENGANG EN HANE

Under stor højtildighed blev man i C-KMP, Lønntia enig om at kontinuerligt signalstørrelse skulle østomføre med en hane (signalhane), hvis navn blev "Morgensfark" kom anmoder til Xansu, hvor den med stor overvægt i job og ledede op til sit navn. Fleere vil kunne bevidste, på at det var ugentlig gledel "Morgensfark" med den kunne også finde at nå som det var ugentlig gledel "Morgensfark" deron det var nådelig gledel "Morgensfark".


FELT PRASTEN PÅ KURSUS

BIGTCON afholdt våbenodødelighets og 11 DEC, hvor en række engelske våben blev fraført under stor interesse.


MATUREJNSJN


BESØ FRÅ DR

Først kunne vi se, at det blev så kraftigt, at selv OP-skien bliver nok fra vendelene. Også anemoner kan det imidlertid gå over. Her ses "Kristoffer" og KS Pedersen i først med at nisse af manstre, som uroligt nu er blevet mere "værnemikser".


BRYLLUP I EPISKOPI


VISTE NI "HÖKEN" STØRTET PÅ SJÆLLAND: OCH NU HÖKEN...

Visste ni "Höken" stortagte pladen efter Kong Faruks abklärung? Då, Føre Höken.

ENGLISK BÅS

Det var imidlertid, at Carl Gustav Camp underlagde sig i "Fe-Jagten". Under andre vandkrig, i henkring med tyskfolk, havde engelskemennene både før hør og Carado Camp som underhållsstation. Hær, fænge, og flådehæren stod i de allierede.

ENGELSK BÅS

Engelske båtgrupper var forlagt på campen og kommunalt havde sit kontor i nærmeste officerer. De fleste båtkjøvere var kæmpe pludselig som det up spunnet rund omkring.

GOLDA MEIR FANGE HÅR

Det hørte til CCG måske at de tørkede grønne og ansatte. En skriver rummet om det i sektionen "Okefraværet". Montagssars, "Vilmax" og "Husby" i sin bok om andre vandkrig.

EFTER KRIEGET


I början af 1964 drog FN in på campen. Først i tilfælde, at de påskilt, og i oktober kom svenskerne. Campen fikk sit nuværende navn efter den danske, svenskårene, Carl Gustav STÅL.

VATTENSTORN UTAN VATTEN

Det er alltid hubrisen til at sejle som en tilsynelatende lille vandbåd.

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Varie det kalde Vattentornet å fik en glada for de flotte.

DET ENDE VATTEN VOR HER EDE HAV I KOLDEStenen.

Og så har vi en brunt i kvelk føles. En god egentlig ledet mon i underdel.

FØRSTEST NÅR TØRRE TIL KØRTE 'AT KØRE UD I VANDEN.

Det bliver reelt igenom og er kalt istil bar den. Skriv det! Vilket hårmod vandt skrevet.

SWEDCON NEWS

Major Bertil Lillhåkke har i et inn medjantisk bivak, Vattentornet som tidligere var hyllet af gyllene både

Roland Winge, Sören Blom, Lasse Andersen, Bengt-Ivar Fransén, Torsten Nield, Johnny Gustavsson, Tommy Andersen og Gunter Edström har overtaget Kong Faruks form som sommarkostert.

De første bygnings på Carl Gustav Camp står kvar som andre vandhær.

REQUEST PROGRAMME

A lug-of-war competition was held in Poldermida under dreadful conditions on Monday 16th December 1974. OD 2 John May of 8 (Alma) Battery shows encouragement to his team whilst they in turn try their best in the clinging mud.

A 51 mile cross country race was held for all members of 41 Commando OP at Poldermida. The early leaders are seen shortly after the race commenced.

REGIMENTAL NIGHT

A Regimental Guest Night was held on Friday 6 December 1974 in the Senior NCOs Mess at Poldermida. OD 1 Ray Whitemanhouse the RSM, is flanked on the left by Lt Col. M R. Merchant, CO 41 Commando OP and on the right by Capt. Bert Booth, the BK of B (Alma) Battery.

There is no truth to the story that the members of the OP at Eridimos are rolling their own cigarettes. Whilst Capt. Brian Nash holds the whip aloft those straining at the wheel are, from left to right Gnr. Dave Matthews, Gnr. Harry Gates and Gnr. Richard Odams.

AUSCON MEDAL PARADE


ANALYSE DES AUSCHNITTS EINER DELEGATION DES EUROPARES IN CYPRES, BEHEISSTEN DEN ABGEORDNETEN ZUM N. R. CZERNETZ UND DR. KARASEK DAS AUSCON. DER UNTERLIEHEN DEN MEDAL PARADE DURCH IHRE ANWESENHEIT. UNSER BILD zeigt DIE AUSCHNITTE IM Gespräch mit den STG. CKES DAS AUSCON. OBSTBST RIDER UND DEM CKS DER AUSCHNITTE.

AUSCON NEWS

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FIRST BATTALION THE ROYAL CANADIAN REGIMENT RETURNS TO CYPRUS

At 1300 hrs on Wednesday the 16th of December a brief ceremony was held in the gymnasium at Wolseley Barracks, to mark the official handover of command of Nicosia Zone East. The incumbent Lieutenant Colonel G.R. Hirler, Deputy Commander of the Canadian Airborne Regiment, and Lieutenant Colonel P.L. Spencer, Commanding Officer of the First Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment signed the official handover documents after inspecting a fifty man Guard of Honour.

The Guard of Honour was made up of members of the 1 BCR Battalion Group now on duty in Nicosia Zone East. The Battalion Group based on 1 BCR which has its home station at Wolseley Barracks, London, Ontario, includes in its numbers several men from 2 Combat Group based in CPF Pelavas, Ontario. Heavy support comes from the 8th Canadian Hussars and the Engineer Field Squadron. As well our logistics company in Blue Beret Camp boasts of augments of many trade classifications from various parts of Canada.

All members of the Battalion Group, though specialists in their own fields, are moulded into one cohesive unit. The riflemen, crewmen and engineers all serve at the outputs and barriers while the gunner and the signaler work together in the Joint Operations Centre.

The ceremony on Wednesday marks the end of a long rotation period which began on 17th November when our first advance party landed. The second advance party followed on November 20th. A series of our main body flights began on 4 December and ending ten days later brought the new contingent up to strength.

To some of us this was our first tour of duty in Cyprus, and thus a new and at times a strange and bewildering experience. To others it is the second, third, or even a fourth tour on the island. Regardless of the fact one has been here before or has come to Cyprus for the first time, there is one common denominator. To put it very simply, we are here to do a job and all mean to do that job well.

The Guard Commander Capt. R. Turpin escorts the incumbent Commanding Officer of His, Z. East LCol. G.R. Hirler, as he inspects the Guard of Honour at the Handover Ceremony on Wednesday 16 December.

LCol. G.R. Hirler signs the Handover Certificate while LCol. P.L. Spencer the new Command of Nicosia Zone East eagerly awaits his turn to put pen to paper.

Immediately following the Handover Ceremony the Regimental Colour and Queen's Colour were marched to the front door of the Officers' Mess at Wolseley Barracks. The Colour Party was met at the base of the steps by Lt. B.V. Goldklit, the Mess Secretary. With the assistance of Sgt D.A. Flacy the Mess Manager, the Colours were accepted for safe keeping within the mess and are now in the dining room display case.

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During his routine visit to FINCON on 20th December, the Force Commander also visited the new Officer's Mess, Corner Restaurant. In the light of his previous experience about the restaurant he also wished the Officers many merry evenings in the new location.

The traditional UNIFCYP Christmas gift for the Red Cross Home for Sick Children and Old People's home in Kyrenia was this Christmas delivered by FINCON. The result of the collection arranged in Flack was handed over by OC 1 Cey Maj Earl-Trik Leck. In the picture Maj Leck, Maj Elizabeth Hunter-Cowan and Lt Pipper singing Christmas carols to the children.

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TULIPA UUSI VUOSI

Unsi vuosi on edesään koulu työläisille, rakennuksille ja pakolaisuudessa tapahtuneista se pitää asialta. Nämä eikä jaka jokaisen arvostavan, vaan mahdollisesti eräitä. Tilaisuus on saanut erityisen tärkeän asemansa, koska se on ollut kouluun todella merkittävä. Vuoden alusta asti on tullut useita tapahtumia ja koulutusta, jotka ovat merkittäviä.

Turim an opetus on halpaa löytää. Kun me elimme, olemme maailman kanssa yhtenäisellä. Tämä on ollut yleinen tapahtumavuosi.

Tulipaloo "tanssi" kumoaa tekstiä toisella mykelmenen. ôṭṭṇa uusii sanaa toiin, joka ei ole kovin käytännöllinen, mutta se on voinut olla merkittävä.

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MEILTAHAN TAMÄ KAY...

On 13 December 1974 it was announced that Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II had approved the award of the Order of Military Merit to 14 members of the Canadian Armed Forces. Chief Warrant Officer B.C. Robinson, the Regimental Sergeant Major of the First Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment, will be invested as a Member of the Order.

Huolto toki tosi lähes joka päivä, automasina suunnitellut lattialainkatavinkit sekä kinkin valmistaminen pitelevät keitin päivän. Kuvassa keitin
tielemestä Klemmis ja Haapalaa kiteistä roiskusvaahtostuun, uus-
kuna auttamanen ja käytännön tarjoamien järjestelmän yleisö

FINCON NEWS
DONKEY DERBY AT PAPHOS

On the 12th December 1974 a lunch and Donkey Derby was held at the Paphos Beach Hotel which a large number of officers attended as the guests of the Queen’s Royal Irish Hussars. The photograph above shows several of these officers grouped together on the steps of the Hotel with the Force Commander Lt. Gen. D. Prem Chand, PVSM.

Lt. Col. M.R. Merchant, CO of 41 Commando Group races his ‘mount’ towards the first bend in the actual race.


Sgt. M. Kelly of the Australian Civil Police encountered considerable difficulty in getting on and staying on his ‘mount’. Here he is soon attempting the water skiing technique.

WIRELESS FOR THE BLIND

Earlier in the month a small number of WO’s and Sigts of Camp UNIFOCYP rallied together to form a choir. The idea was to do a short tour of all the Messes and Clubs in the immediate area, singing Carols and other well known songs, then on completion of their repertoire to seek for a small collection from the members present. This collection (when completed) would be forwarded to ‘Wireless for the Blind’ care of BFBS.

On the evening of 17th December 1974, the choir commenced their tour, beginning at the International Club, Camp UNIFOCYP and then on to the Officers’ Mess, Blue Beret Camp; Mercury Club, Whirlin-Inns, Craftymans Club all of Camp UNIFOCYP and then finally on to the RAF WO’s & Sigts Mess, RAF Nicosia. A recording welcome was given to the choir in all of these Messes and Clubs mentioned and by the end of the evening a large sum of money had been collected towards this charity. The only Mess not visited that evening was the WO’s & Sigts of Camp UNIFOCYP, but the following afternoon a short Carol service was given and a final collection taken to swell the total sum collected to £228.00.

On behalf of all the members of the choir we would like to thank everyone who contributed to this worthy cause and wish them all a Happy New Year.

Although the choir has now disbanded we managed to persuade them to pose for the above photograph. Unfortunately the photographer, Sgt. P. WAUGH and Sgt. KIRKBRIDE were also members of the choir and are not shown. They are seen left to right, back row, Sgt. R. Cox, Sgt. F. Gill, Sgt. P.D. Cody, WO 2 F. O’Neill, WO 1 R.S. Clarke, Sgt. W.A. Coleman and WO 2 D. Runciman; centre row, Sgt. I. McColl, WO 1 J.A. Beattle, Regional Sergeant Major of Camp UNIFOCYP, Sgt. J.W. Evans, Sgt. P. Cross, Sgt. D. Greenway and WO 2 E. Supra; front row, Sgt. A. Ellis, Sgt. D. Campbell, Sgt. G. Frassher, Sgt. R. Burden and Sgt. M. Wells. The small inset photo is of Sgt. S. Roe who has since left the Island.