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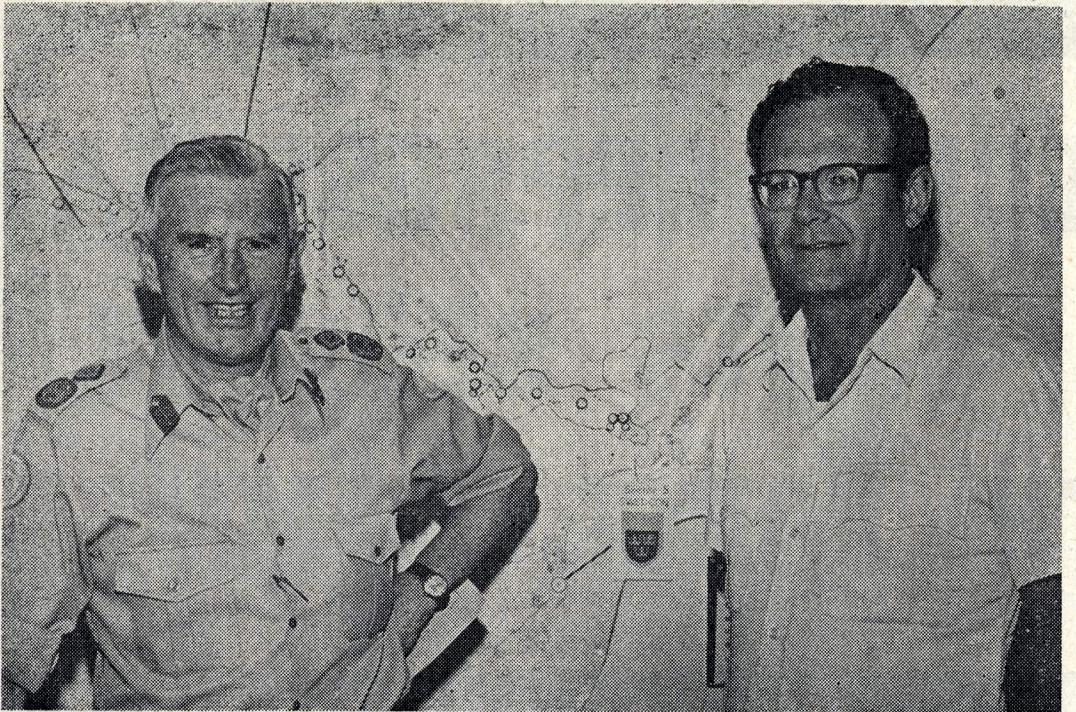
SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE VISITS SECTORS WITH FORCE COMMANDER



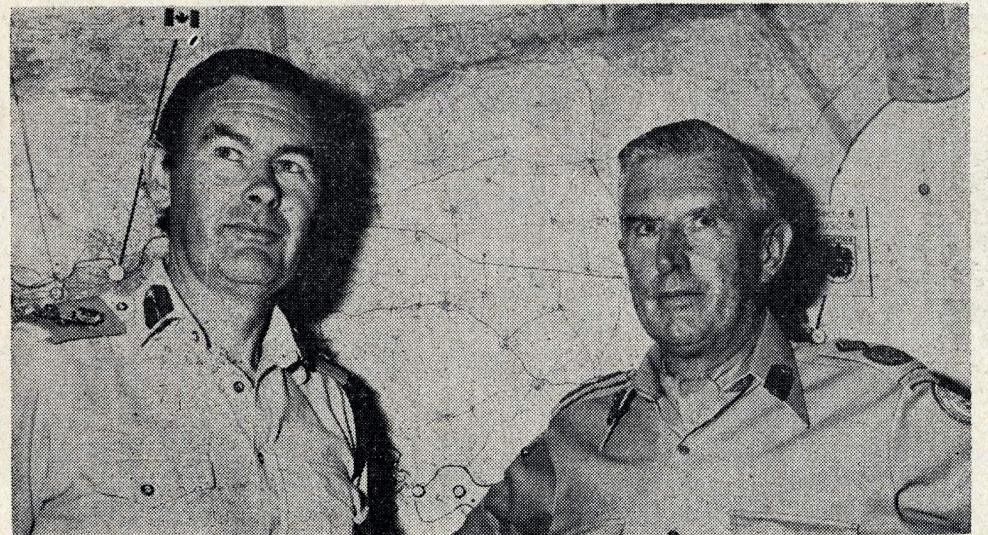
Soon after his arrival the new Special Representative of the Secretary General, Mr R Galindo-Pohl, started a programme of visits to the sectors of UNFICYP accompanied by the Force Commander, Maj Gen J J Quinn. The first such visit was to Sector Four on 12th May and in the picture the Special Representative is seen listening to the brief on the Sector being given by the Commander Sector Four, Lt Col L W MacKenzie CD.

VISITORS TO HQ UNFICYP

US AMBASSADOR



The new Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Cyprus, Mr Gaen L. Stone, made his initial visit to UNFICYP on Thursday, 18th May. His visit started by meeting the Force Commander and the picture shows him in the Force Commander's office. After a detailed brief on the role and deployment of the Force, given by the Chief of Staff, the Ambassador was conducted on a part aerial and part vehicle borne tour of Sectors 5, 6, 4 and 2 in that order, which included lunch with the Austrian Contingent at Camp Duke Leopold V.



UK DRAC

The United Kingdom Director Royal Armoured Corps, Maj Gen P. D. Reid met the Force Commander at the outset of his visit to UNFICYP on Monday, 22nd May. After being briefed in the HQ he spent the remainder of the day visiting the Force Reserve, A Squadron 9th/12th Royal Lancers.



UK DM (A)

On Tuesday, 23rd May the United Kingdom Director of Manning (Army) visited HQ UNFICYP to talk to all officers and senior ranks of the British Contingent about the future rank structure of the British Army and the career prospects that this would create. Maj Gen D.H.C. Rice is pictured being met by the Chief of Staff at the VIP Heliport in Blue Beret Camp.

SWEDCON'S FIRST GIRLS



Women's legs in SWEDCON. That was impossible until this year. Now, however, the Swedish Post Office has at least made it possible for women in this occupational group to work for SWEDCON.

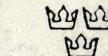


Postal clerk Louise at the oars of the lifeboat...



...and here showing her new specially made bike outside her place of work at Camp Victoria.

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You can't deny that this change is a popular one in the Swedish Contingent.

In the present Swedish Contingent, number 69C, there will be two women, both working as postal clerks.

Since arriving in early May, during the rotation, Miss Louise Ekblom has been on duty with the SWEDCON's Post Office in Camp Victoria. She will be replaced on 31st July by Miss Anne-Marie Johansson who will stay until November.

The Swedish Post Office have been instrumental in the recruiting of these women, but a final decision on the permanent employment of women in these posts with SWEDCON will be made by the Swedish Government in the autumn.

Already the Swedes have christened the lifeboat at SWEDCON's own beach hotel "Louise" and at the Camp a gentleman's bike has been quickly changed to a lady's one. Postal clerk Louise said — "I'm very fond of my job here. In most parts it's the same sort of job that I have in the post office at home. I hope other girls will have the chance to come here".



The post office at Camp Victoria is a popular place nowadays and Postal Clerk Louise has very busy days.

DANCON



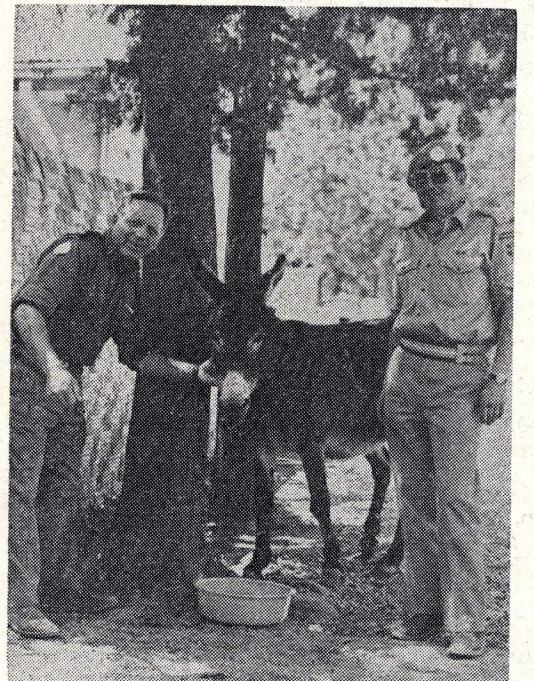
NEWS

DANCON XXVIII

CANCON XXIX



Lt Col C B Brockmeyer, seen on the left last week handed over command of the Danish Contingent to Lt Col W Elsberg. Colonel Brockmeyer has left Cyprus to take up an assignment in the rocky Danish island of Bornholm.



Major K E Kaagaard, on the left, presents the donkey Olfert to his successor Captain H Olsen. Olfert is a very patient listener, who served DANCON XXVIII as an adviser on important personnel matters.



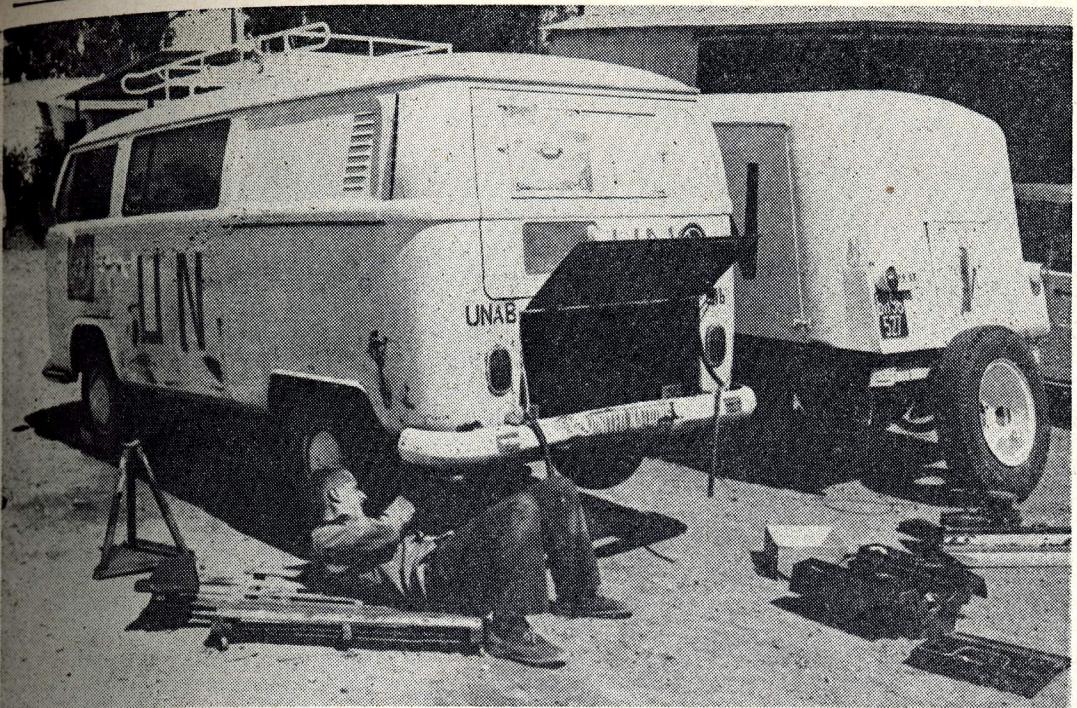
Chaplain E Vind passes the Stole to Chaplain J R Buchave at a "Hand over" service held at the Soli Theatre. Chaplain Vind is now in Denmark, where the parishioners in his three parishes will be able to appreciate his narrative skill.



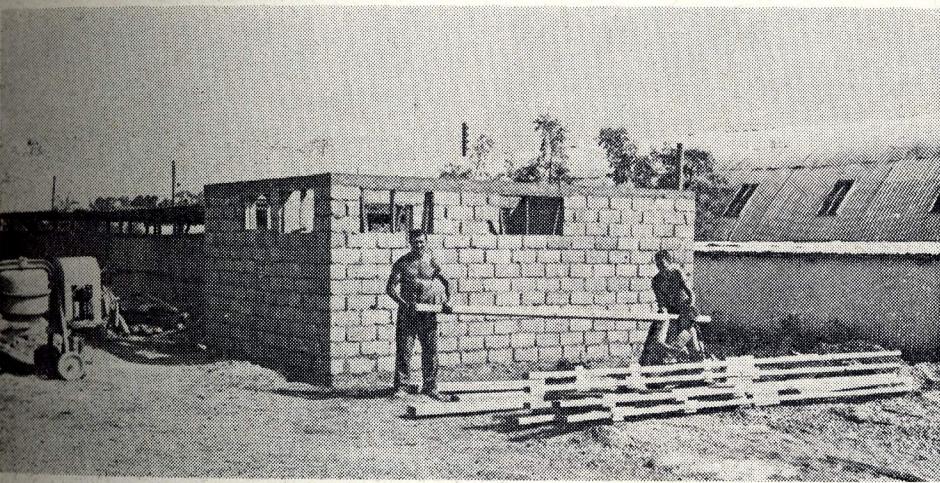
Captain E N Hansen hands over to Captain K E Andersen. The DANCON secretariat is a complicated affair, but as Captain Hansen is to take over again when Captain Andersen goes in November he is making doubly sure that everything is correctly filed.



Major K Fick is trying to "sell" the last logistic problem to Major S P N Klyner. As the two majors belong to the same regiment, they will doubtless meet again, so they had better count the summer "Indian trousers".



Großen Beanspruchungen sind die Fahrzeuge des Kontingents ausgesetzt. In den vergangenen sechs Monaten wurden über 670.000 Kilometer gefahren. Da sind Pflege und Wartung von größter Wichtigkeit.



Ununterbrochen im Einsatz — der Bauzug. The Construction Platoon are continuously working all out.



Wm Rettl, die rechte Hand des Betreuungsoffiziers, besorgt die heißersehnten Flugkarten für den Urlaub. In der Heimat, im Nahen Osten, auf den Seychellen... Sgt Rettl, assistant to the Welfare Officer, deals with the tickets for holiday flights: back home to Austria, to the Middle East, to the Seychelles...

AUSCON



NEWS



Hubschraubertraining — eine Ausbildung, der sich alle Angehörigen von AUSCON unterziehen müssen. Und da dies für viele der jungen Soldaten echtes Neuland ist, ist die Begeisterung groß.

Helicopter training is something that all members of AUSCON are obliged to undergo. For many of the young soldiers this is a "new territory" and as a result they are very enthusiastic about it.

THE NEW SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND THE FORCE COMMANDER VISIT SECTOR FOUR



OPENING OF NEW LOUNGE



A new Master Corporal's Lounge was officially opened at the Ledra Palace on 12 May 1978 by the Deputy Commander Sector 4, Major W.H. Minnis.

OPS INFO CONFERENCE

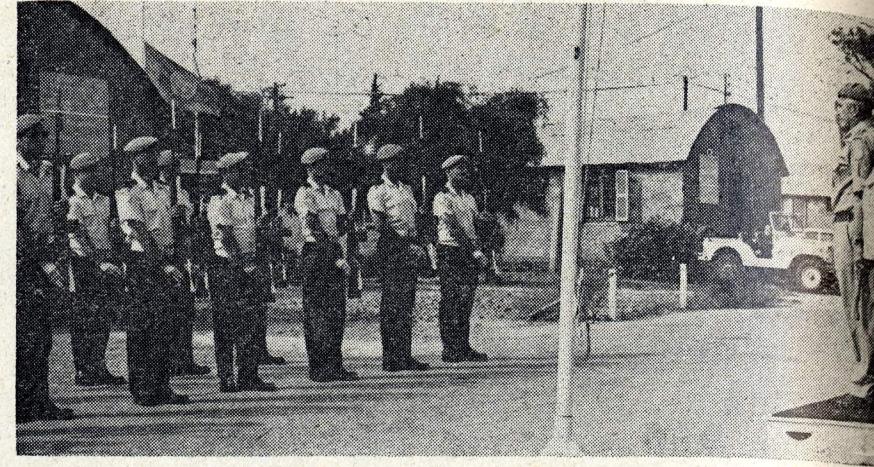


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SIGNAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE



The UNFICYP Operations Information Conference and Signal Officers Conference were both hosted by Sector 4 for the month of May. The conferences took place on 12 May 1978 and included representatives from all Sectors.



NEW CBFC VISITS SECTOR 2

The new Commander British Forces Cyprus, Maj Gen W. R. Taylor, visited UNFICYP on Tuesday, 16th May. After arriving at the VIP Helipad, where he was met by the Commander of the British Contingent, Brig H.M. Tillotson CBE, he was given a detailed brief on the Force in the Headquarters before carrying out a detailed tour of locations in Sector 2.



CBFC is met by the CO Sector 2, Lt Col D. Houlton MBE.



Commander OP B22 briefs CBFC on his area of responsibility.



CBFC talks to the helicopter handler at the Box Factory.

DRAC VISITS FORCE RESERVE

The United Kingdom Director Royal Armoured Corps, Maj Gen P. D. Reid, visited the Force Reserve on Monday, 22nd May. In the morning the DRAC visited the Squadron Headquarters and then in the afternoon he went on patrol with 4 Troop in Sector 5.



On the left the DRAC is seen talking to members of the Standby Troop at Squadron Headquarters and on the right talking to one of the fitters of the REME detachment.



FORCE COMMANDER VISITS SECTOR 2

On Thursday, 25th May the Force Commander paid his first visit to Sector 2 since the arrival of 1 RRF. He was met on arrival at St David's Camp by the CO Sector 2, Lt Col D. Houlton MBE and he then inspected a Quarter Guard from Y Company before starting his tour programme.



The Force Commander discusses the vehicle maintenance problems that have to be solved by the unit's REME fitters.



Good messing is a vital ingredient in maintaining the Force's efficiency and here the Force Commander can be seen clearly showing his interest to the catering warrant officer.

UN PATROL TRACK ENGINEERS VISITED BY THEIR BDE COMD

59 Independent Commando Squadron RE has been employed to realign and improve the UN Patrol Track within Sector 5. On Wednesday, 17th May their Brigade Commander visited them to see the improvements that they had made. After an aerial recce of the section of the track on which the squadron had been working the Brigade Commander, Brig J.J. Moore OBE MC, landed at the OP S18 so that he could talk to the sappers working on the track. When he landed at the OP he was surprised and delighted to find that he was received by a Guard of Honour produced by the Swedish Contingent manning the sector. In the picture on the right he is seen at a new culvert that the sappers have constructed to the West of OP S18.



NEW DEPUTY EDITOR FOR "THE BLUE BERET"

A very welcome recent arrival to HQ UNFICYP has been Warrant Officer Wayne McDermid who among his many responsibilities includes that of Deputy Editor of "The Blue Beret". In the picture he is seen being initiated into his duties at the Zavallis Press; Zavallis are our printers. The picture shows right to left: Mr Dinos Zavallis, WO McDermid, Mr Costas Soteriades, Maj C. B. Mercer the Editor.

NEW UN STAMPS

The United Nations Postal Authority has recently issued a new set of stamps for Namibia and is soon to issue another set for the International Civil Aviation Organisation. After release these and other UNPA stamps can be obtained from the Finance Office, HQ UNFICYP.



The new set of stamps for Namibia were issued on 5 May 1978. The stamps are of three denominations 13c, 18c, and Fs 0.80. A Souvenir Card has also been produced and was issued on the same day. The card is reproduced in sixteen colours.

The new set of stamps for the ICAO is to be issued on 12 June 1978. The stamps of four denominations 13c, 25c, and Fs 0.70 and 0.80. A Souvenir Card is to be issued on the same day and will be reproduced in eleven colours.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Two weeks ending 26th May 15

Same period last year

Total for year

94

Total same was last year

97

LESSON OF THE MONTH

Be patient and you
won't become one.