



# The Blue Beret

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## IRISH ROTATION COMPLETED



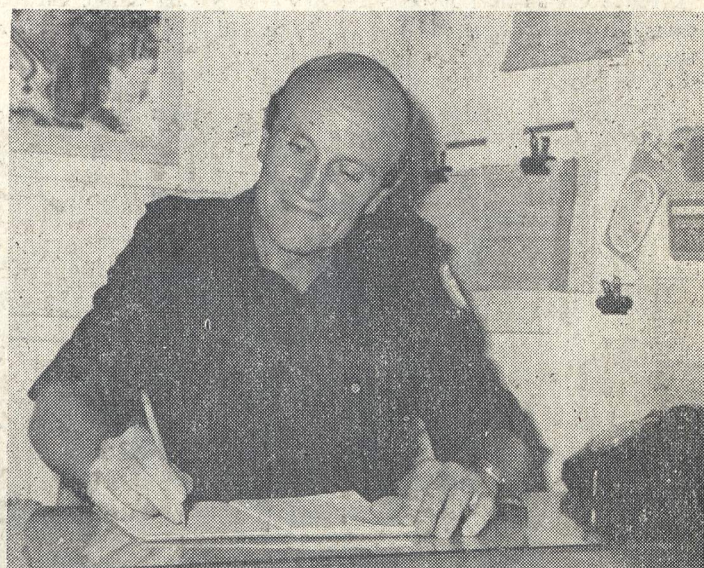
The second rotation of the Irish Contingent this year was completed on 16th November, when four senior NCO's left Cyprus to return to Ireland. They have been replaced by four more, who with Commandant J. Hamill make up the 24th Irish Contingent to serve in UNFICYP. The newcomers were pictured with Lieutenant General D. Prem Chand PVSM, the Force Commander, and their predecessors outside HQ UNFICYP shortly before the changeover. They are from the left: Sgt Lawlor, Sgt Saunton, Sgt Gorman, Sgt Kent, Force Commander, Comd Hamill, Coy Sgt Redmond, Coy Sgt Keating, CQMS Mulhern, CQMS Sheerin.

## MISS JORDAN RETIRING



The Force Commander's Personal Assistant for the last two and a half years has been Miss Helena Jordan. She left her home in Auckland New Zealand in 1970 to go to New York, having joined the United Nations as a General Service Secretary. Since then she lived in New York until coming to Cyprus in April 1974. Miss Jordan, who is resigning from the United Nations, is being replaced by Miss Andrea Back who like her predecessor has come to Cyprus from New York. All members of the Force will wish Miss Jordan every happiness in the future.

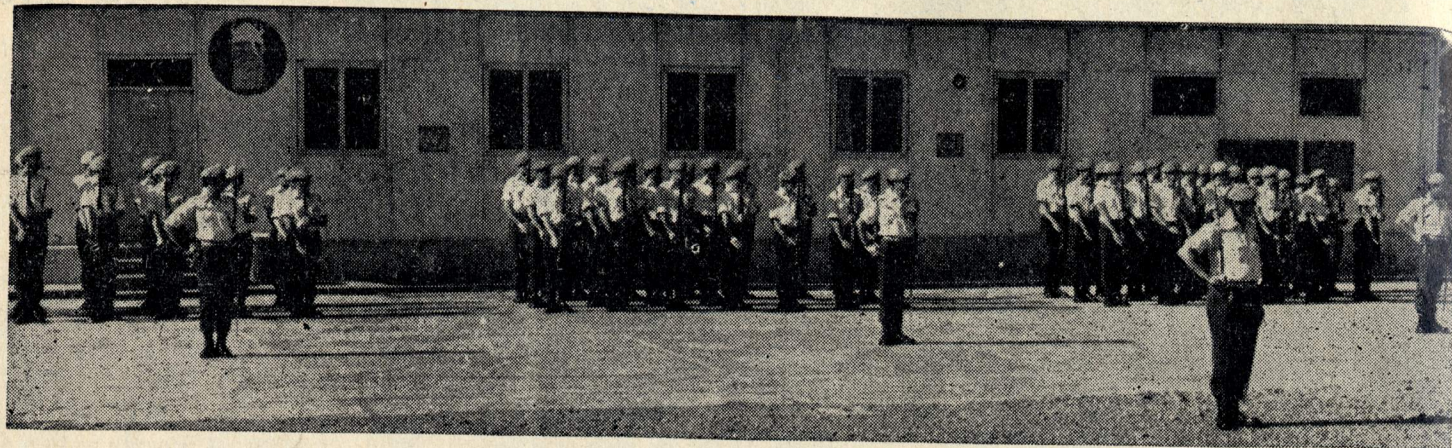
## NEW CPLO ARRIVES



Lieutenant Colonel D.E.R. Cameron MC RE (above right) has completed his tour in UNFICYP as CPLO at the Headquarters. He has been replaced by Lieutenant Colonel J.A. Hare MBE LI who comes to Cyprus after commanding the 2nd Battalion The Light Infantry. Colonel Cameron will be returning to the Island after some well-earned leave to take up a new appointment in the Western SBA at Episkopi.



# WELCOME TO DANCON XXVI



Nu er DANCON XXVI en realitet. Torsdag d. 18. NOV 1976, overgav OL. T. Stang kommandoen til den nye CH/DANCON OL P.B. Krogen. I anledning af overdragelsen blev der på STKMPS stilleplads holdt en parade, bestående af gengangere fra STKMP,

B-KMP og C-KMP. På billedet, holder OL T. Stang sin sidste parade for DANCON XXV.

18th November Lt. Col. T. Stang handed over to the new CO/DANCON, Lt. Col. P.B. Krogen.



Force Commander, General D. Prem Chand, skulle indsætte den nye CO/DANCON. Her er generalen ved hovedvagten i VIKING CAMP, hvor vagterne inspiceres. I anledning af generalens besøg, blev general-signalet spillet på horn.

Force Commander inspects the guard of Viking Camp. On this occasion, the Generals call was played, a call that is not often heard in Viking Camp.



Efter overlægelsen var der intern overdragelse for de forskellige chefer, i officersmessen, i VIKING CAMP. Traditionen tro, går fangssnor og stab'ebelt i arv. På billedet den nye CH/DANCON OL P.B. Krogen tildelt fangssnor af afgangende OL T. Stang.

The "old" CO hands over insignia to the new CO.



Under paraden inspicerede Force Commander soldaternes. Her er General D. Prem Chand ud for C-KMP gengangere.

Force Commander inspecting the parade.



Den nye redaktør, Major H.C. Berthelsen.

The new Press Officer in DANCON. Welcome!

## Sunshineparty of welcome and farewell



The welcome party at Carl Gustaf Camp, Famagusta was also a farewell-party since it was known that the Force Commander, General Prem Chand, the Guest of Honour, was about to leave Cyprus.

In the picture the Force Commander and Mrs Prem Chand are waving goodbye outside the Officer's Mess. In the background is the Commander of the Swedish Battalion, Lt Col Anselm Baarnhielm.

Officers were invited to the party from all contingents in UNFICYP. The sun may belong to Cyprus, but the sunshine

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and the summer was said that day to be of Swedish origin. The lunch was served outside, and that was quite a new experience for most of the Swedes, for few of them had eaten lunch below a burning sun in November.

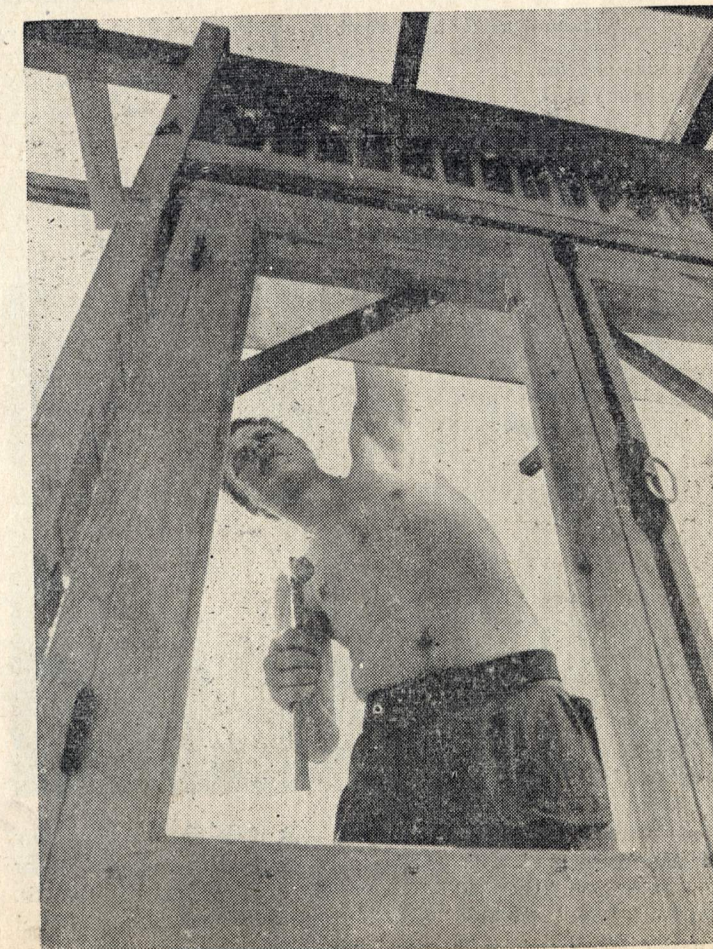
## Houses replace tents for the winter

The Swedish Battalion is preparing for winter. Our ambition is to replace all tents with buildings before Christmas. In the picture you see WO II Stig-Olof Skott at OP 28 in action with hammer and nails. The windows and doors are prefabricated and the pioneer group lays the concrete floor, but then the riflemen are left alone to finish the job. At S 28, they did it in about a week. S 28 is situated just by the coast in sector

six, and an easy target for the winterstorms. The builders of that house can now hand over a good shelter to their successors.

But still it is summer at the S 28, and swimming in the Mediterranean is a popular occupation for off-duty soldiers.

S 28 is the only OP with such facilities and the men from the next OP often combine their cross country running with a jump into the sea.





## LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS PRESENTED AT CAMP UNFICYP



Last Saturday, 27th November, eighteen years of exemplary service in the Army by three warrant officers was recognised. In an unusual ceremony Brigadier H.M. Tillotson CBE presented

Long Service and Good Conduct Medals to WO 1 D. Boswell, WO 11 C.R. Charlesworth, and WO 1 R.A. Connor in the Sergeants Mess in front of the other members of the Mess.

## CONCERT AT ST DAVID'S CAMP



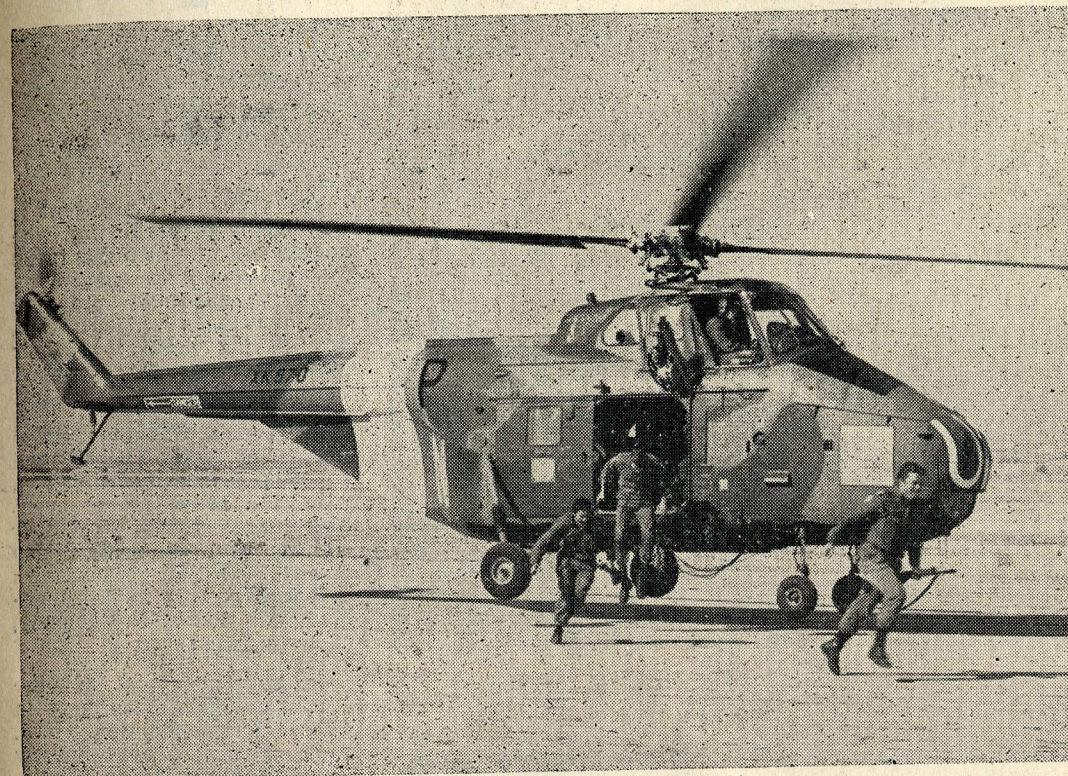
The first 1 PARA Band Concert took place on 20th November thanks to the hard work and ingenuity of the Quartermaster Major A.F. Channon MBE and his staff. The construction of the St. Davids Camp Palladium was ably masterminded by Corporal Gordon Peters and his Pioneer Section.

## ORDNANCE DETACHMENT VISITOR



Last week Brigadier L. Archer the head of the Ammunition Inspectorate in the Army visited UNFICYP. While in Nicosia he went to Camp UNFICYP to see the Ordnance Detachment and meet the soldiers who work there.

## HELICOPTER TRAINING



On Nov. 17th helicopter training took place at the SALT LAKE. Next time we will practise recovery of wounded.

Mit großer Begeisterung nahmen am 17. Nov 20 Mann der 2.Kp am Hubschraubertraining im Gebiet des Salzsees teil. Unter dem Kommando unseres Tel Offiziers Ob t GRABNER und OSTv BÖHMERLE wurde nach der allgemeinen Einweisung, das Ein- u. Aussteigen mit Gepäck und Waffe geübt. Es kam auf Schnelligkeit, Geschicklichkeit und auf die Einhaltung der Sicherheitsbestimmungen an. Der "Hover-Jump", ein Sprung aus ca 1,5 m Höhe aus dem Hubschrauber mußte gleichfalls geübt werden, da in manchen Geländeabschnitten ein Aufsetzen des HS nicht möglich ist.

Beim nächsten Mal wird dann das Abseilen und Bergen von Verwundeten mit der Siwinde trainiert. Die Begeisterung wird dann sicher dieselbe sein, wie bei dieser Übung.

## FORCE COMMANDER VISITS AUSCON



Am 16 November 1976 inspizierte der Force Commander LtGen D. Prem Chand PVSM unser Camp Leopold. Im Bild sehen wir ein herzliches "Shake Hands" des FC mit unserem Betriebsmittel UO Vzlt Steiner, der für den Tankstellenbetrieb im Camp Leopold verantwortlich ist. Guard of honour konnte er zwar keine stellen, aber seine Benzinkanister waren in Reih' und Glied "ready for inspection".

On Nov. 16th FC LtGen D. PREM CHAND PVSM inspected AUSCON. He is seen shaking hands with WO 1 Steiner.

## WUSSTEN SIE SCHON?



Wußten Sie schon,

daß drei kritisch beobachtende Offiziere einer Prüfungskommission selbst den bestvorbereiteten Kandidaten Einiges vergessen lassen können? Diese Erfahrung mußten einige Soldaten des AUSCON bei der unlängst stattgefundenen Chargenprüfung machen. Oder war's doch das Kokettieren mit der Göttin Fortuna, wie bezeichnenderweise das "F" im Hintergrund andeutet?

Even the best prepared candidate could get into trouble in the examination for corporal, when he is examined by three critical officers, — one can get that feeling, looking at the picture.

Stabskompanie Wins



Smiling faces were shown, when Mjr BUSCH 2 iC AUSCON, congratulated the members of the "Stabskompanie" for winning the AUSCON soccer championship.



# A ROOM WITH A VIEW



## SIGNALLERS DO WORK



# CANCON E W S

The Canadian Contingent is now busily preparing for the winter season. In order to do this personnel are continuing to carry out range practices with personal weapons, and are digging down into their barrack boxes for warmer clothes.

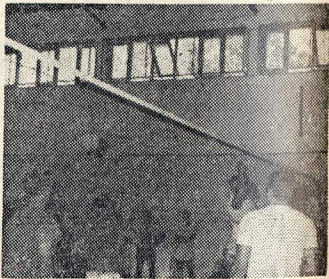
The sports programme is in full swing with softball and volleyball currently being run. Also, the latest racing event took place on 21st November with an Inter-Company Relay race at Wolseley Barracks. The race, lasting for one half-hour, was won by N. Company, of Ledra Palace.

Several members of the Contingent have been here in Cyprus for some time now. Some of these people, mostly from 644 Signal Troop, received their Cyprus UN medals recently.



Corporal Laidlaw up to his ears in work in the communications centre at Wolseley Barracks.

## Sport At Maple Leaf



An inter-platoon game of volleyball at Maple Leaf Complex.

## And Soft ball at Wolseley

Master Corporal Doiron makes a hard call during the "game of the century" at Wolseley Barracks to the excitement of at least one spectator!

# JA POSTI KULKEE.

Kenttäposti on jokaiselle sotilaille tärkeä henkireikä ja yhteydenpito muoto omaisiin ja tuttaviiin. Suomen pataljoonan kenttäpostitoimisto toimii Kykko campissa ja sitä hoitelevat sotvirk T Alén ja kers V Koiranen. Postissa toimitetaan edelleen n. 2000 kirje-lähetystä ja 400 kg paketteja kuukausittain. Saapuvaa postia on jonkun verran vähemmän: kirjeitä n. 1200 kpl ja paketteja n. 200 kg kuukaudessa. Posti tulee Lontoon kautta ja lähtee yleensä Ateenan ja Amsterdamin kautta. Lähetykset ku kevat suhteellisen nopeasti — täältä lähetetty kirje saattaa olla jo kahden päivän kuluttua vastaanottajalla Suomessa. Toisaalta on viikonkin väli lähettämisellä ja kirjeen saamisella mahdollinen. Eniten töitä tuottaa sotvirk Alénin mukaan kuitenkin rahaliikenteen hoitaminen, kuukaudessa pyörittää postimiesten kautta n. 55 000 puntaa rauhanturvaajien tasquihinl. Jouluruuhka on postissakin edessä — tämän lehden ilmestyessä alkaa olla jo hate laittaa jou.upaketteja huoltokoneeseen.

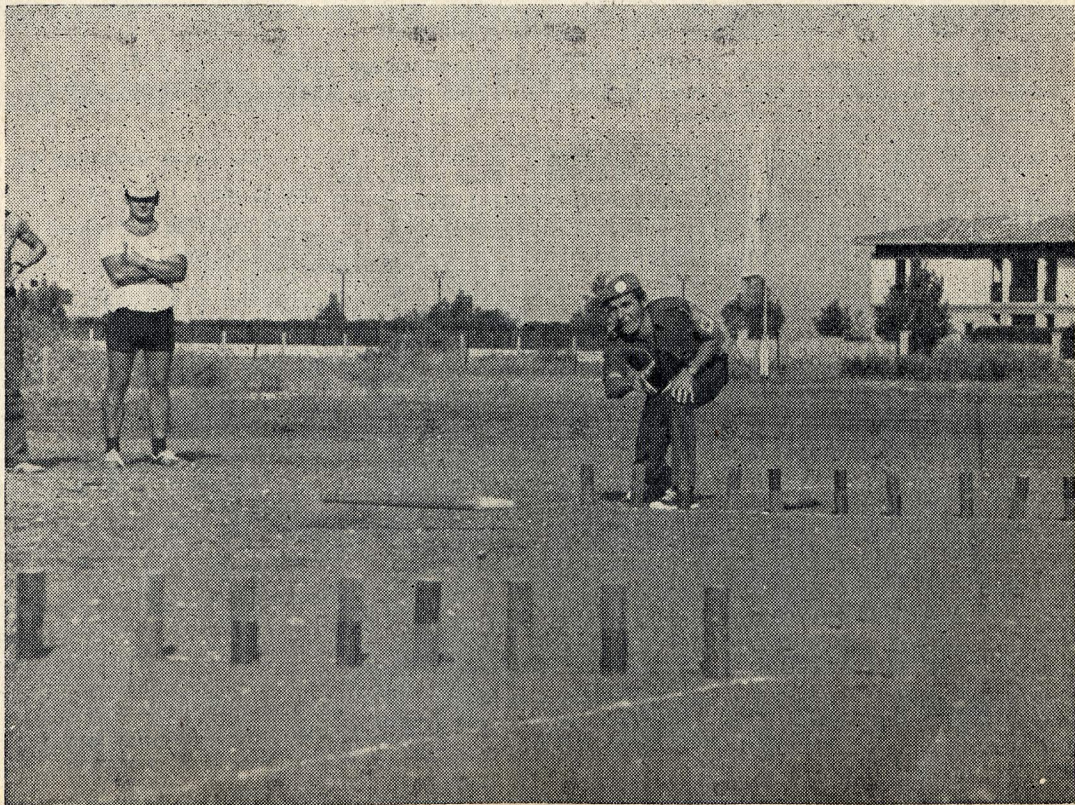
# KARJALAINEN KANSALLISPELI KUNNIAAN

Kyykkä — karjalainen kansallispeli — on saatu käyntiin Finconissa. Lauantaina 20.11 ottivat eri messien karjalaisjäsenistä kootut joukkueet mittaa toistiaan Kykon kentällä. Kuvassa jääk V Pirinen lennättää kyykkää Kilvan voitti jääkärimessin joukkue, toiseksi tuli au-messi ja kolmantena komeili kilpailun junailija sotmest K. Nukarinen.

## ENGLISH SUMMARY

The Post Office is a very important place for every member of Fincon. Not only because of the letters, which naturally are eagerly awaited, but also because the Post Office is the place where a soldier gets his monthly pay. Approximately 2,000 letters are sent and 1,200 received monthly. In the picture above, Mil Ofi T. Alén and Sgt V. Koiranen are seen sorting out the daily mail.

Kyykka is a Karelian national game, played for the first time in Fincon on 20th November. 4 men teams from every mess in Kykko camp competed. Only native Karelians were qualified to be in the teams. The object of the game is to knock down 40 skittles from the opponents field with a heavy stick which is thrown from one's field. In the competition the Ptes's Mess was the winner, second was the Sgts's Mess and the Offrs's Mess was third.





# SPORTS NEWS

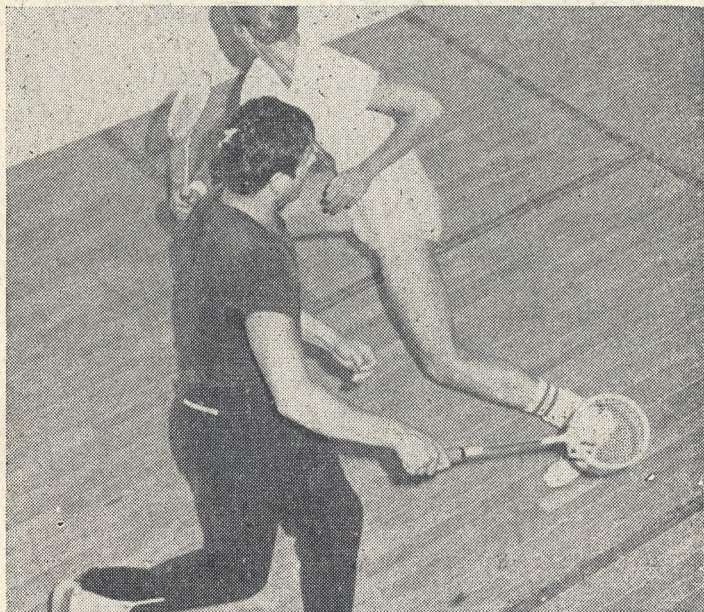


Now that it is a lot cooler winter sports are again being played at Nicosia and in many other places. Two of the most popular are football (the round-ball game!) and hockey. The Sergeants' Mess at Camp UNFICYP have a good team, seen in



action above, that claims it has not been beaten this year. Hockey is starting rather more slowly, but with talented players emerging some very good games have been played.

## Squash Competition Begins



The annual squash competition is taking place in Nicosia. As is usual the Force Reserve have organised it, and more teams than ever have been entered.

## A RARE OCCASION



It is not often that the Royal Engineer Troop in Sector Two are all seen in one place at the same time. However recently 1 PARA's colony of friendly sappers gathered at Pano Zhodia for the photograph above.

## UNFICYP CHRISTMAS CARDS



The Force Christmas Card is now available. Contingents wishing to place bulk orders for the cards (i.e. 100 or more) may do so through the Secretariat Procurement Office at HQ UNFICYP (tel. 64000 Ext. 7208). The cost of each card is 0.085 mls for quantities of less than 100, and 0.080 mls each for quantities of 100 or more. Cards of quantities of less than 100 may be purchased through the canteen at HQ UNFICYP.

## TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Week ending 27 November	12	Total for the same	
Same period last year	9	period last year	284
Total for the year	222	LESSON OF THE MONTH	

### LESSON OF THE MONTH

**DON'T BE AN AMBER GAMBOLLER**