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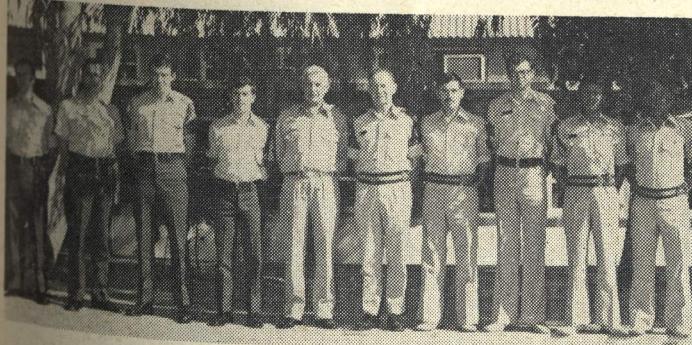
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NEW CAO IN HQ



IRISH CONGTINGENT ROTATION



The six month rotation of the Irish Contingent has recently taken place. Both the outgoing and incoming NCOs were pictured with Force Commander and Lt Col O'Carrol outside the Headquarters.

A new Chief Administrative Officer has taken up his appointment in the Headquarters of the Force. Mr H. P. T. Willis (above) has come to Cyprus from Jerusalem to succeed Mr G.A. Dunn, who has been the senior member of the Secretariat for the past three years. Mr Willis joined the Secretariat in 1963 after serving in Jerusalem and the Congo as a military observer, and since then has spent most of his service with the United Nations Organisation in Bangkok.

Mr Dunn (below) has left the island to take up a newly created co-ordinating post to oversee the secretariat and field service organisations in UNDOF, UNTSO and UNEF.



HQ & HQ COMPANY OFFICERS



Fra venstre til højre (left to right): Kaptajn E.N. Hansen, kaptajn K.E. Petersen, løjtnant A. Jespersen, premierløjtnant B.K. Larsen, major B.L. Karlsen, sekondløjtnant P.H. Christensen, major K.E. Kærgaard, reservelæge O.H. Dam, felpæst E. Vind, premierløjtnant S.P. Pedersen, major K. Fick, og kaptajn J.—C. Lund.

Commanding Officer
DANCON XXVIII

DANCON



NEWS



Kaptajn K. Bache og premierløjtnant J.H.V. Brandenborg.

Lt. Colonel C.B. Brockmeyer has taken over the Command of the Danish Contingent and Sector 1. DANCON NEWS pictures the Colonel and the newly arrived officers who will be in charge of DANCON XXVIII for the coming 6 months.

B COMPANY OFFICERS



Fra v. til h. (left to right)
Kaptajn P. Olesen, premierløjtnant P.B. Poulsen og løjtnant A.M. Kristensen.

Til h. right)
Premierløjtnant J.K.R. Jensen.



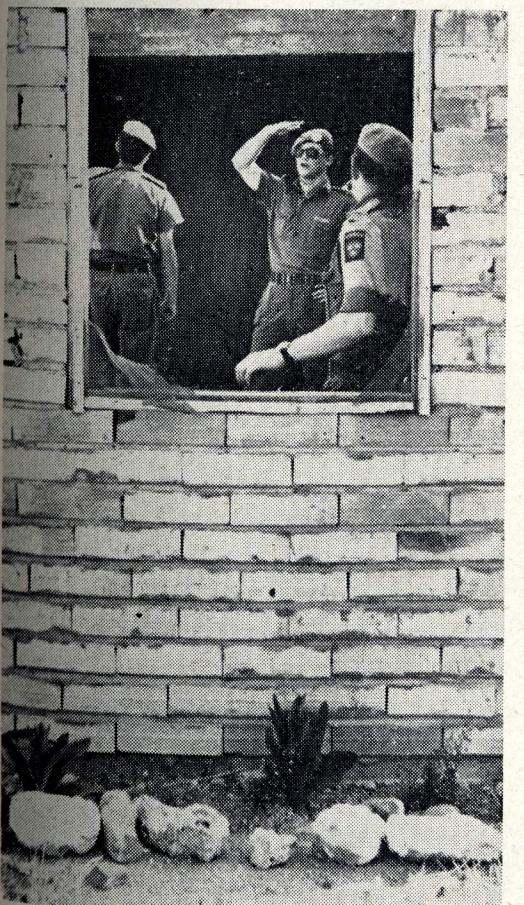
THE FISH ARE BACK HOME

The new Goldfish tent camp outside Camp Victoria is finally worthy of its name. The pride of the former Goldfish Camp in Famagusta — the fish — have been safely brought to Larnaca to give point to the name of the dry and dusty tented camp. They are getting along fine in their temporary pond and when the company moves to a permanent camp East of Nicosia they will come along too.

Great improvements have been made in the temporary camp, which now has almost all the facilities the main camp can offer — showers, mess and even a sauna, though not working yet due to a lack of electricity. The only problem is the powder-like dust, that penetrates the tents and keeps the men busy cleaning. All around the new sector the Swedes are improving the OPs and building new ones. In Pyroi the former Canadian camp has been re-opened by men from 1 Company in Louroujina. Lt Gunnar Björnberg, deputy platoon leader, stated that early in December the house will be ready to move into and will then be one of our best OPs.

OP S55, on the Larnaca—Nicosia road is in a brand new house, and is very much appreciated by the soldiers, after the tent they had been living in had been invaded by thousands of beetles during the past few weeks.

**SWEDCON
EWS**



SWEDCON Commander, Lt Col Jack Wibring, inspecting the temporary goldfish pond with 1. company Commander, Gösta Hagnell, and his deputy, Steve Gunnarsson.



Lt Björnberg giving instructions how to restore the former Canadian house in Pyroi.

A Swedish construction team building a new house for the men on OP S 55 along the Larnaca — Nicosia road.

STRANGE RITUAL!



As Christmas is only five weeks away the Force Reserve have began preparing. Last week they invited General Quinn to come and help stir the Christmas pudding mixture, and of course to add a little extra taste!

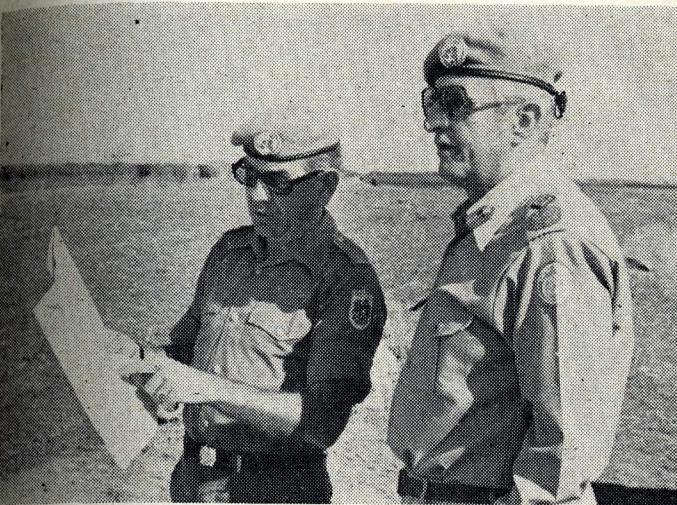
REME COLONEL IN UNFICYP BUSY MTO IN ST DAVIDS CAMP



Colonel C. Tyler, the senior REME staff officer in the Corps Branch of the Ministry of Defence, visited the Workshop recently during a flying visit to Jubilee Camp.

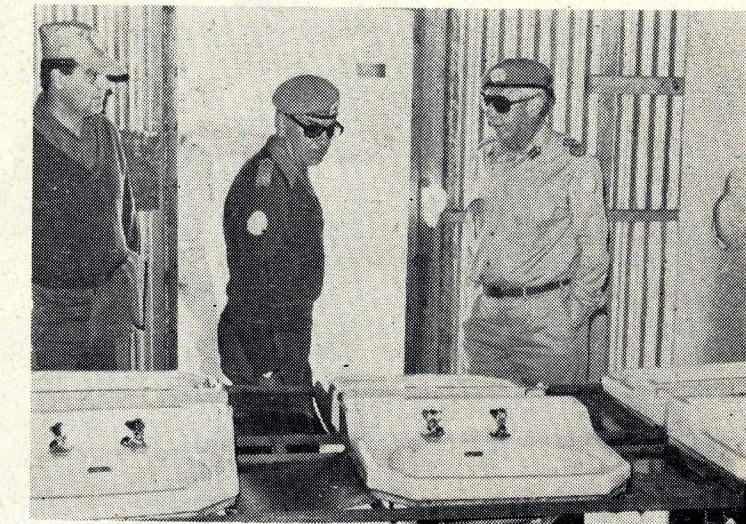
Captain D. Dawes, the 1st Battalion The Kings Regiment's MTO is always busy keeping his old trucks on the road. He was pictured last week with Kingsman Mullen.

FORCE COMMANDER VISITS AUSCON



CO LtCol H. J. Oberwinkler weist FC Major General Quinn in das Gelände ein.

The Commanding Officer Lt Col H J Oberwinkler pictured briefing the Force Commander.



Hptm K. H. Dettloff führt durch das Lager und erläutert die geplanten Sanierungsmaßnahmen.

Captain K H Wettloff has improved the sanitary facilities in the camp.

Am 15. November besuchte FC Major General Quinn AUSCON im Camp Duke Leopold V. in Famagusta. Nach einer Lagebesprechung, die auch auf die besonderen Aspekte der humanitären Versorgung im Karpass einging, stand ein Rundgang durch das Camp auf dem Programm. Der FC zeigte sich den Verbesserungsvorschlägen und Wünschen gegenüber sehr verständnisvoll und aufgeschlossen. Eine Fahrt durch Varosha, in deren Rahmen Major General Quinn auch dem dortigen Kommandanten der Militärpolizei einen Höflichkeitsbesuch abstattete, Besuche von OP und OPT zeigten dem Gast den Einsatz von AUSCON in diesem Teil von Sektor 6.

Ein Mittagessen mit den Offizieren bot die Gelegenheit sich von der bei UNFICYP schon bekannten Bekömmlichkeit der österreichischen Küche zu überzeugen.

AUSCON NEWS

TELEPHONE CABLES TO ALL OPS



Der Teilzug hat Fernsprechleitungen zu allen OP's fertiggestellt. Unser Photo zeigt Zgf Gellner, Pucher, OStv Karlhofer und OStv Guckler.

The Signal Platoon has finished laying telephone lines to all Ops. Zgf Gellner, Wm Pucher, AStv Karlhofer und OStv Guckler



An den UNFICYP-Meisterschaft im Squash beteiligte sich auch eine Mannschaft von AUSCON, die zwar mit Begeisterung und großem Einsatz kämpfte, sich aber in dieser für uns doch noch "exotischen" Sportart der Force Reserve, dem Favorit auf den Turniersieg, klar geschlagen geben mußte. Im Bild von links nach rechts: Gfr Kern, Vzlt Essl, Hptm Endres, Kpl Leitner, StWm Müller.

The Austrian Contingent entered a team in the UNFICYP Squash Championship. The team met the favourites in this competition — the Force Reserve — in the first round, and, in spite of playing well, were beaten.

LEST WE FORGET

On the 11th of November Remembrance Day Services were held at Wolseley Barracks, Nicosia. Each year Canadians in the Eleventh hour of the Eleventh day in the Eleventh Month remember those who gave their lives in service to their country in both World Wars and United Nations duty.

2 RCR formed up outside of the Ledra Palace Hotel and marched over to the Canadian Cenotaph in the Wolseley Barracks Complex with the Unit's Pipes and Drums playing. Services were carried out by the Unit's Chaplains Capt W. MacLennan (Protestant) and Capt C.R. Finlan (Roman Catholic). The Service was brief with reading from the New Testament by the Commanding Officer of 2 RCR Lieutenant Colonel J.R. MacPherson and the Regimental Sergeant Major Chief Warrant Officer H. Clark. A list of those Canadians who gave their lives in the "Service of Peace" in Cyprus was read during the Services. Wreaths were laid by Colonel C. V. Carlson, Lieutenant Colonel J. R. MacPherson and a wreath was laid by Major Gunton on behalf of the British Contingent. After the services all ranks met for a buffet lunch in the Junior Ranks mess of the Ledra Palace.

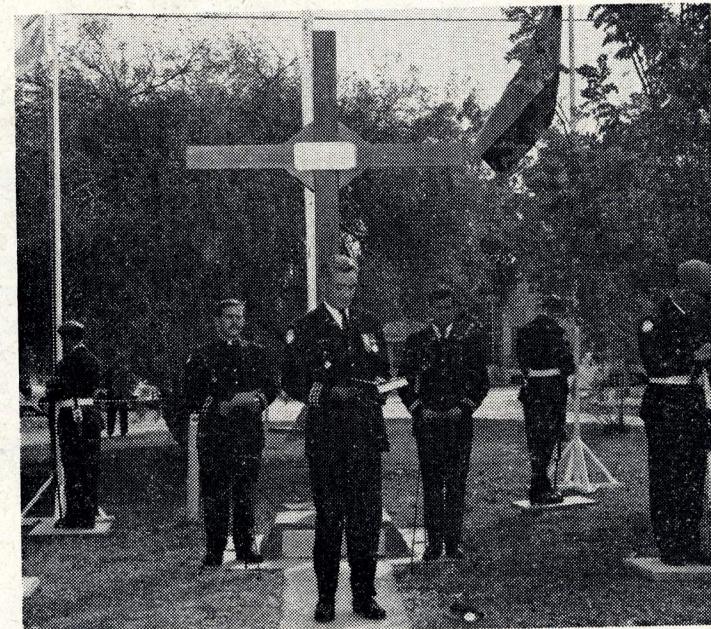
Early in the month the Canadian Contingent was visited by Lieutenant General K.E. Lewis Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff and Lieutenant General J.C. Smith Assistant Deputy Minister of Personnel.

They were given a tour of Sector four and briefed on its responsibilities. On the evening of the 7th of November a buffet supper was held in the Canadian Contingent's Officers' Mess for both Generals and their wives who were also visiting Cyprus.

CANCON MARKS REMEMBRANCE DAY



Colonel C.V. Carlson lays a wreath on behalf of the Canadian Contingent.



Lieutenant Colonel J.R. MacPherson reads from the New Testament during Remembrance Day Services.

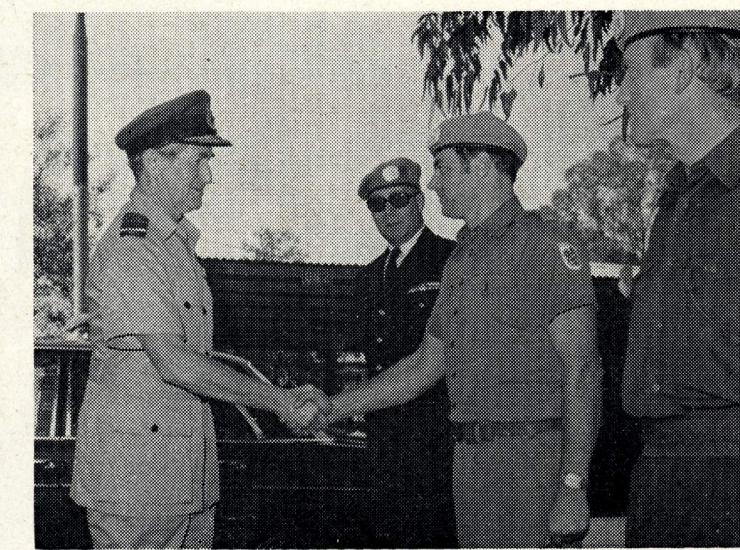
CANCON NEWS

DCDS VISITS UNFICYP



Lieutenant General K.E. Lewis inspect a quarter guard of 2 RCR in the Wolseley Barracks Complex.

BRITISH CDS VISITS HQ



Two weeks ago Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Sir Neil Cameron GCB, CBE, DSO, DFC, ADC the British Chief of the Defence Staff visited UNFICYP. He was met on his arrival by

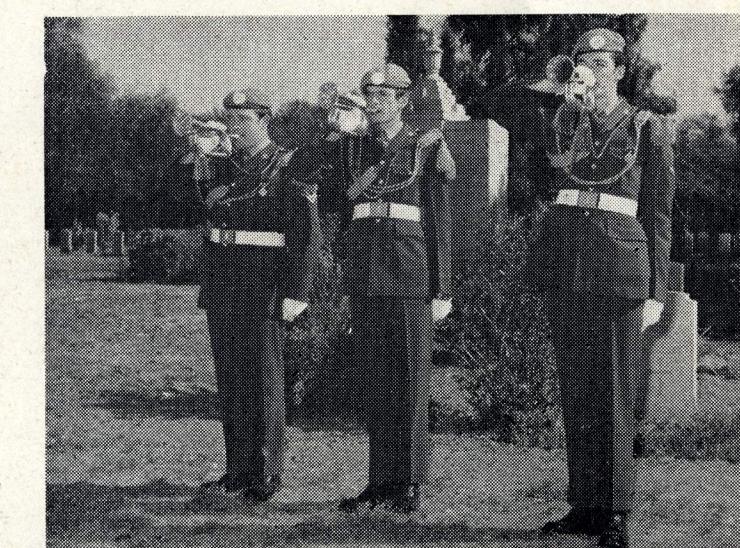
ANNIVERSARY IN 84 SQUADRON (DETACHMENT) RAF



Flight Lieutenant Tom Taylor, from Sutton Park Hull, was one of the Whirlwind helicopter pilots who took part in the rescue of 117 people from the Turkish ferry Erturk 1 off Kyrenia on 12th November 1977. The same week he celebrated the completion of twelve years flying whirlwind helicopters on search and rescue and other operational missions. He has now ended his tour in UNFICYP and is shortly to take up a new appointment teaching potential instructors.

the Force Commander, and then inspected an International Guard of Honour, after which he met the principal military staff officers before being briefed by the Chief of Staff.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE IN WAR CEMETRY



Bottomley watched by Squadron Leader Situnayake and Mr Coates.

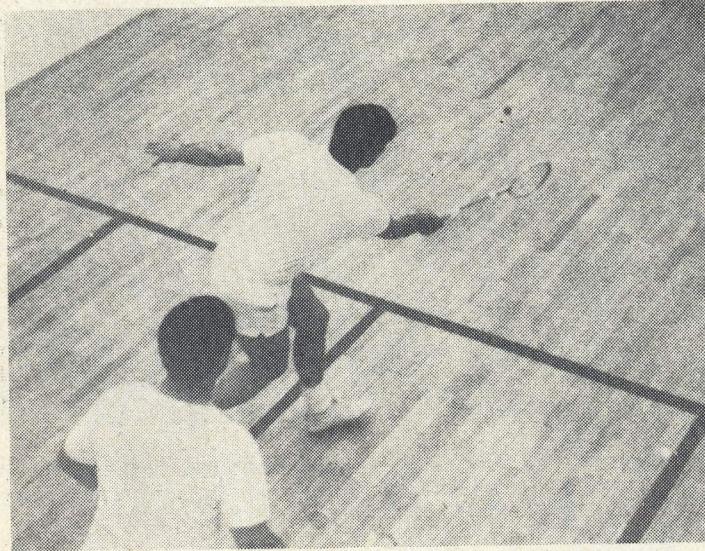


A service of remembrance was held in the War Cemetery at Waynes Keep on Sunday 13th November. During the service buglers from the 1st Battalion The Kings Regiment sounded the Last Post.

After the service a number of private wreaths were laid on individual graves at the request of the next of kin. Flight Lieutenant Taylor is seen laying a wreath on the grave of Flight Lieutenant

SPORTS NEWS

SQUASH COMPETITION



Major Harries playing Sergeant Jeffrey.



TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Two Weeks ending	last year	222
26th November	7	Lesson for the month
Same period last year	12	
Total for the year	201	DON'T BE AN AMBER
Total for the same period		GAMBLER

The Force Squash Championship was held last week in the courts at BBC. The competition was once again very well organised by the Force Reserve whose team began the competition as the favourites. Nine teams entered and after two exacting rounds the final was played between the Force Reserve team and the Support Regiment. All the games were very even and it was a surprise when the Support Regiment team emerged as the winner by three games to two. The Force Commander presented the prizes at the end to the winning team and congratulated not only the runners-up on organising a very good competition but also the Swedish team who beat the RAF A team into third place.

The final results were therefore:

- 1st — Support Regiment
- 2nd — Force Reserve
- 3rd — Swedcon
- 4th — RAF A Team.

NEW UN STAMPS



The United Nations Postal Authority issued a new set of stamps on 18 November 1977 to commemorate the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy. These, and other UNPA stamps, can be obtained from the Finance Office at HQ UNFICYP. A limited number of first day covers are also available.