



8th FEBRUARY 1978

VISITOR FOR RAF



The British Deputy Air Commander in Cyprus Air Commodore D.A. Arnott DFC AFC RAF visited the United Nations Detachment of 84 Squadron last week. His programme enabled him to see all parts of the Detachment, and to visit the Acting Commander of the British Contingent, Lieutenant Colonel J. A. Hare MBE and the Force Commander Major General J.J. Quinn. As Deputy Air Commander, the Air Commodore is responsible in the final resort for the operational efficiency of the Detachment, and so came to see for himself what problems UNFICYP's RAF Detachment had to contend with.



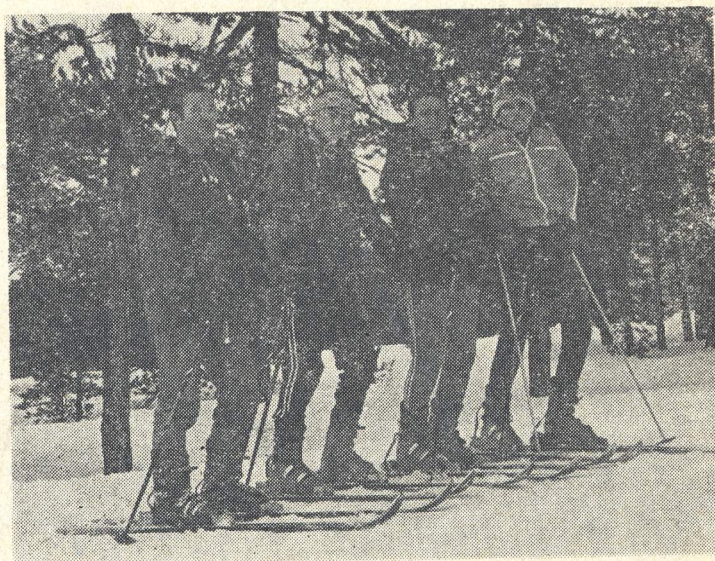
The British Deputy Air Commander in Cyprus enjoying a joke during his visit to UNFICYP's Detachment of 84 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant James missed it by that much, Air Commodore, Arnott tells Squadron Leader Situnayake.

SKIING SEASON HERE AGAIN



A Swedish skier enjoying himself on the slopes at Sun Valley and getting back into practice for the competitions.



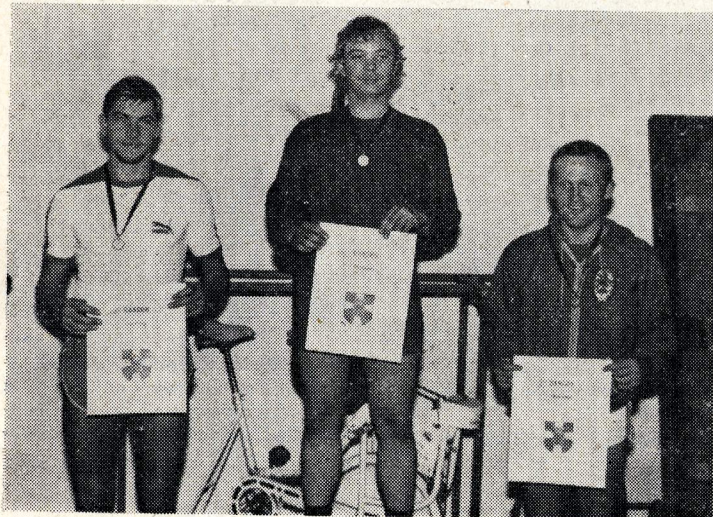
The Force Reserve ski team seen together while training for the Force Skiing Competition.

MEDAL PRESENTATION



Force Movement Control Officer, Major B. Rasmussen ("RAS") receives the UN-Medal for service in Cyprus at DANCON HQ in Xeros from Commander DANCON, Lt. Col C.B. Brockmeyer. Major O. Blichert-Hansen, also an UNFICYP Staff Officer watches the procedure.

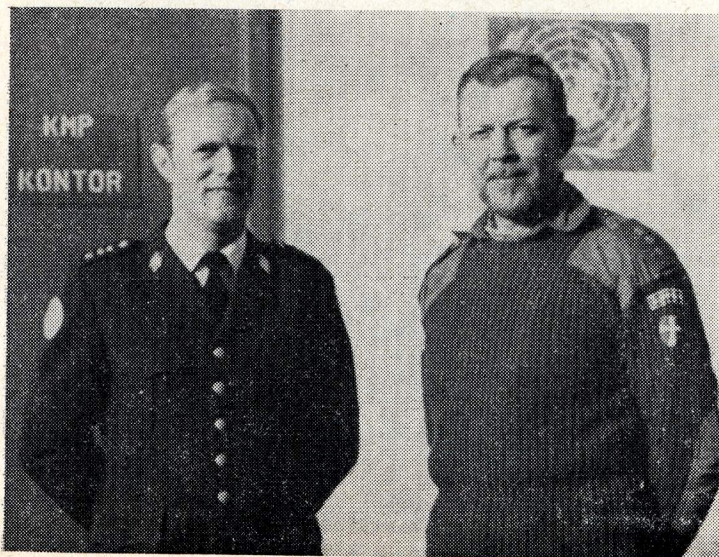
PING PONG COMPETITION



DANCON Championship Competition took place 21 Jan in Xeros.

Prize-winners with their diplomas, from left Private P. Larsen (3rd prize), the Winner, Lance Corporal K. Nedergaard and Lance Corporal O. Holt (2nd prize).

NEW DEPUTY FOR HQ COY



NEW MAN FOR IMPORTANT JOB



Lieutenant J.Aa. Hansen has just taken over the Main Store for supplies and souvenirs in Xeros. He is seen with his two assistants, (from left) Private J.V. Larsen and Lance Corporal O. Holt.

CHAPLAINS MEET IN XERO



Reverend Phelim McCabe, now Head Chaplain to the Irish Forces has just visited UNFICYP and Xeros, where in 1965 and 1967 he was stationed for a period of 6 months as Army Chaplain at the Irish Contingent.

He was received by DANCON Chaplain Erik Vind. The two Chaplains had an interesting talk and a pleasant day together.

← Captain C. Klint (left) has handed over to Captain E. S. Levandowsky the responsibility as Deputy Commanding Officer HQ Coy.

SWEDES MANNING NEW OPs

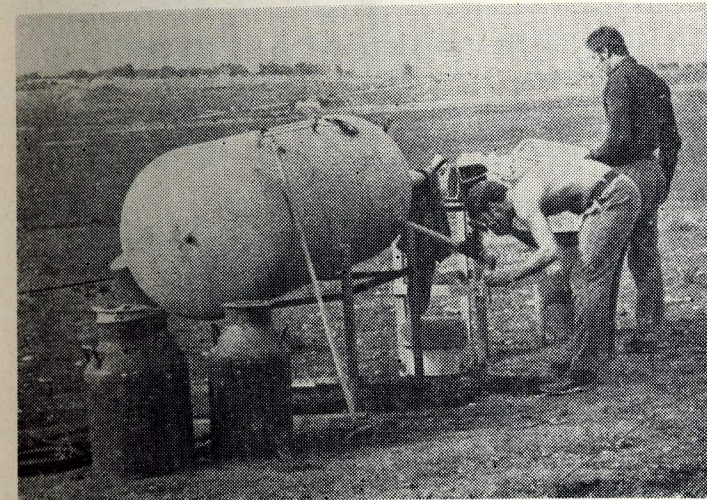
— from
tent camp
to tent OP

The Swedish Battalion keeps improving its operational capacity. 1 Company, responsible for the western part of sector 5 from Louroujina to the eastern outskirts of Nicosia, has recently manned five new OPs.

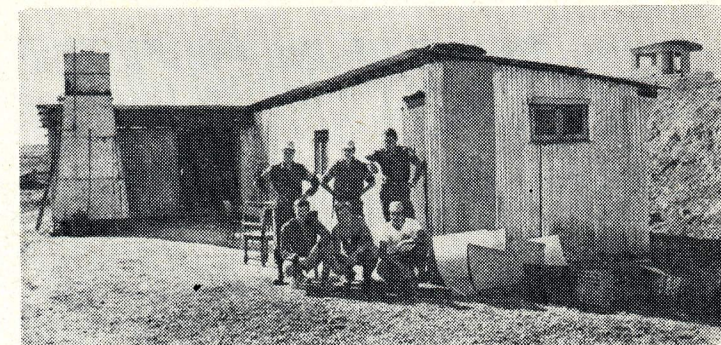
The tent camp in Larnaca is being emptied as the men move to live at the OPs. Houses are under construction, and in the meantime the soldiers live in tents.

SWEDCON E W S

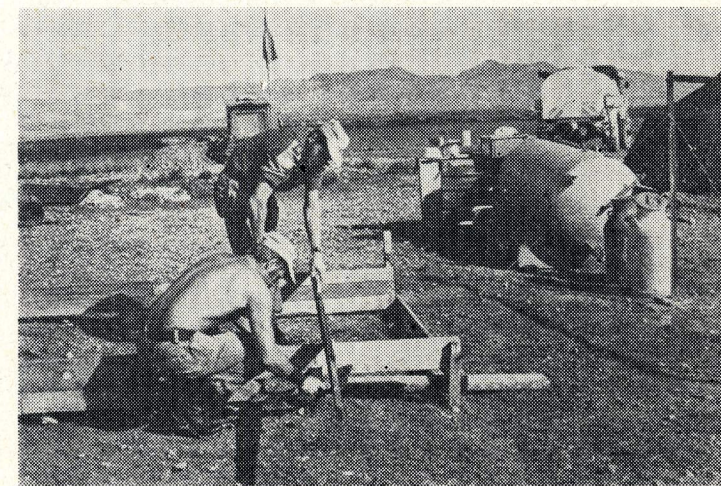
The improvements are expected to be completed by the end of this month. The men are happy to leave the tented camp, where conditions were most unpleasant during the cold and rainy winter months.



Two of the soldiers at S 61, a new OP just a mile east of Nicosia, are brushing their teeth at the water tank. As the weather improves life becomes better.



Comfortable compared to the tent camp, says the men at OP 55 along the Larnaca-Nicosia road. They are Stefan Ingsberg, Eddie Gustavsson, Pontus Palm and sitting Roger Filipsson, Leif Lundberg and Frank Poulsen.



Two pioneers building similar accommodation at OP S 54. It will be ready by the end of this month. Until then the men are living in tents.

THE SAME MAN WINS AGAIN

The UNFICYP cross-country championships took place around the Salt Lake in Larnaca. The six kilometer track was muddy, due to days of heavy rain. 65 seniors and 10 oldboys set off from the starting point near the Tekke Mosque. The track soon proved to be decisive. The Swedes took the lead after two kilometers, the only one who could keep up with them was Pte Clark, of Support Regiment.

RESULTS:

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| 1. Sgt Westlund, SWEDCON | 22,09 |
| 2. Sgt Westman, SWEDCON | 22,20 |
| 3. Pte Ljungberf, SWEDCON | 22,21 |
| 4. Pte Rieem, SWEDCON | 22,32 |
| 5. Pte Clark, Supp. Reg. Oldboys: | 22,50 |
| 1. Wzct. Unterasinger, AUSCON | 25,00 |
| 2. Capt. Nilsson, SWEDCON | 26,11 |
| 3. Sgt Pratt, Supp. Reg. | 26,59 |



—Well done Once again— says Major Gösta Hagnell, 1 Coy Commander to Sgt Sixten Westlund, winner of both UNFICYP orienteering and now cross-country. Above are some of his competitors, who tried in vain to keep up with the leading group.



NEW CO IN SUPPORT REGIMENT



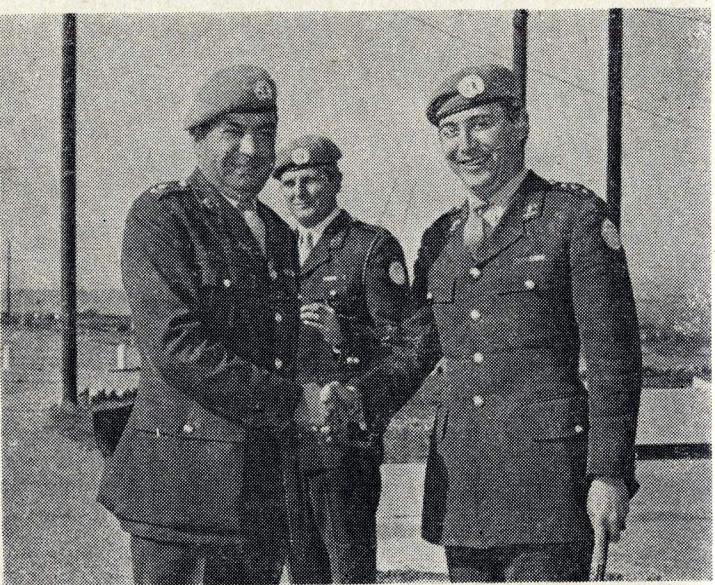
Lieutenant Colonel R Osborne of the Royal Tank Regiment is the new Commanding Officer of the Support Regiment. He has taken command on promotion, but is no new-comer to the Force having previously been the senior staff officer in HQ Britcon.



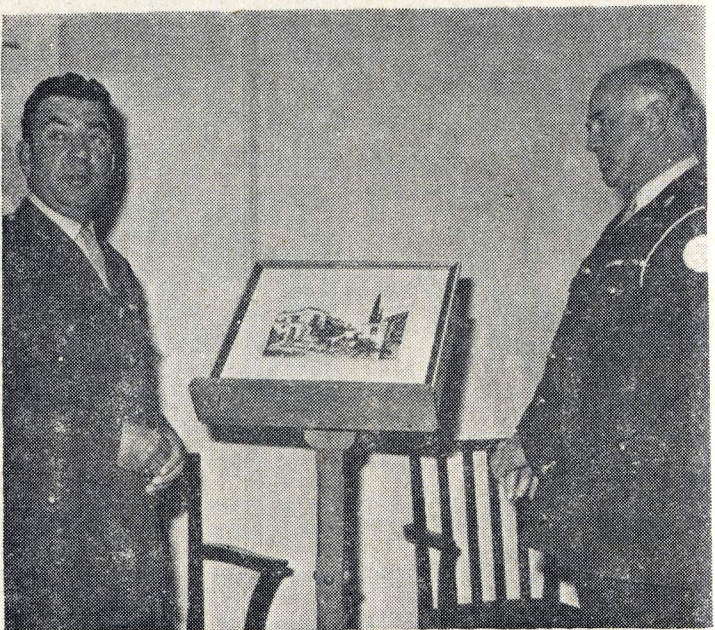
The first and second COs of the Support Regiment with Major M K D Gunton, the last Camp Commandant, pictured outside the Support Regiment's Headquarters.

At an unusual ceremony in Jubilee Camp two weeks ago the first Commanding Officer of the UNFICYP Support Regiment Lieutenant Colonel D L Seddon RCT handed over to Lieutenant Colonel R Osborne RTR. Colonel Seddon not only formed the newest regiment in the British Army, and welded a diverse number of minor units into a single entity but also caused the old Camp UNFICYP to be re-named Jubilee Camp.

FIRST COMMANDING OFFICER HANDS OVER



Lieutenant Colonel Seddon greeting his Adjutant for the last time while RSM Cowley looks on.



Lieutenant Colonel Seddon was presented with a local painting as a memento of his year in UNFICYP.

MECHANICS AT WORK



Die Einsatzbereitschaft eines Bataillon hängt wesentlich von der Einsatzbereitschaft seiner Fahrzeuge ab. Gewissenhaft werden daher die Fahrzeuge von AUSCON gewartet und überprüft.

The speed of reaction of a Battalion depends to a large extent on the serviceability of its vehicles. The Austrian Contingent vehicles are seen here being inspected and serviced thoroughly.

NEW CHESS SET



Besonderes Augenmerk gilt natürlich dem "Pinzgauer", dem Stolz des Kontingents. Im Bild Gfr Koini

Special attention is of course given to the Pinzgauers — the pride of the Contingent — by Gfr Koini.



OSTv Lasnig, der im Oktober nach Zypern kam, hat einen kompletten Satz Schachfiguren geschnitzt. Hier legt er gerade Hand an die letzte Figur.

OSTv Lasnig, who arrived in Cyprus last October, has carved a complete set of chess figures. He is pictured here making the last figure.

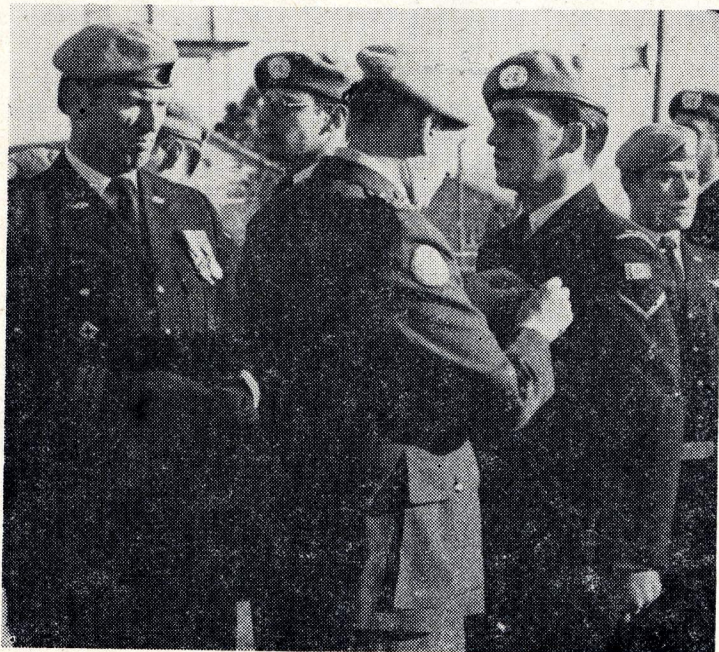
CANCON MEDAL PARADE



The Contingent Marches Past.

On the afternoon of the 21st of January the Canadian Contingent held a Medal Parade at Camp Maple Leaf. The Force Commander, Major General J. J. QUINN inspected the parade and took the salute. The Contingent marched past in quick time to the

accompaniment of the Pipes and Drums of 2 RCR. A total of 212 members of the Contingent were presented their United Nations Medals for Service in Cyprus.



Major General J. J. Quinn presents the United Nations Medal to Pte Bill of Recce Platoon.



The Deputy Chief of Staff, Colonel C.V. Carlson presents the United Nations Medal to Cpl Gobudy.

WINTER AT RELAY STATION



The Signal Squadron's Relay station at Troodos pictured under a heavy covering of snow last week. "Service up at Troodos is popular with most signalmen at this time of the year"

the duty operator Corporal Sidel said. With the snow as it is in the picture all those off duty in the detachment at the Relay Station are away skiing whenever possible.

NEW STAMPS ISSUED



The UN Postal Association has issued a new set of stamps and a small number of first day covers and the stamps can be obtained from the Finance Officer at Headquarters UNFICYP. All orders will be treated on a first come first served basis.



Corporal Sidel of the Royal Canadian Signals was pictured on duty monitoring the Force Radio net on his last day in Cyprus.

POLICE NEWS

SWEDCIVPOL WELL ORGANIZED IN NEW HQ

As part of the re-deployment of the Force last year the Headquarters of the Swedish Civilian Police Contingent was moved from Famagusta to Larnaca — in fact to the building formerly used by the Larnaca detachment of the Austrian Civilian Police (left). Last week the editor and his new photographer visited the Swedish Police to see how they had settled in, and found that not only was the Police Station well organized, but that the Famagusta bar had been moved with the Contingent.



The Swedish Police operations room equipped with the essentials — typewriter, telephone, tape recorder and the duty officer, Chief Inspector Sture Jangered seen with Chief Inspector Rune Larsson.



The "Famagusta Bar" set up in Larnaca exactly as it was in the old Headquarters.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

2 weeks ending 4 Feb	11	Same time last year	28
Previous year	9	Lesson for the month	
Total for this year	22	DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE	