

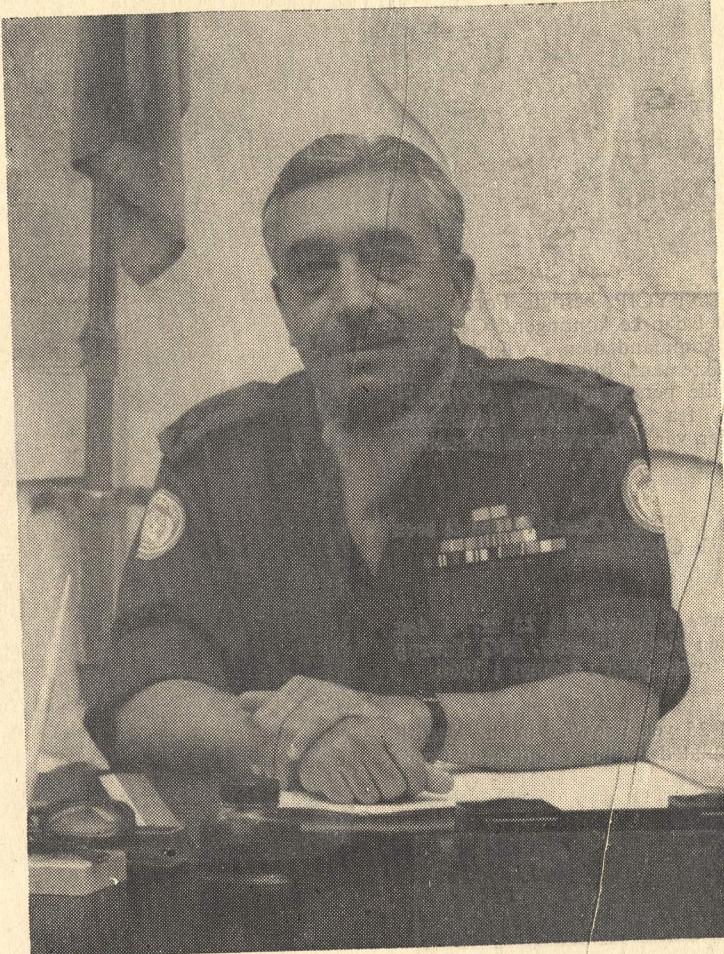


GENERAL PREM CHAND RETIRING

After seven eventful years as Commander of UNFICYP, Lieutenant General D. Prem Chand PVSM has decided to retire.

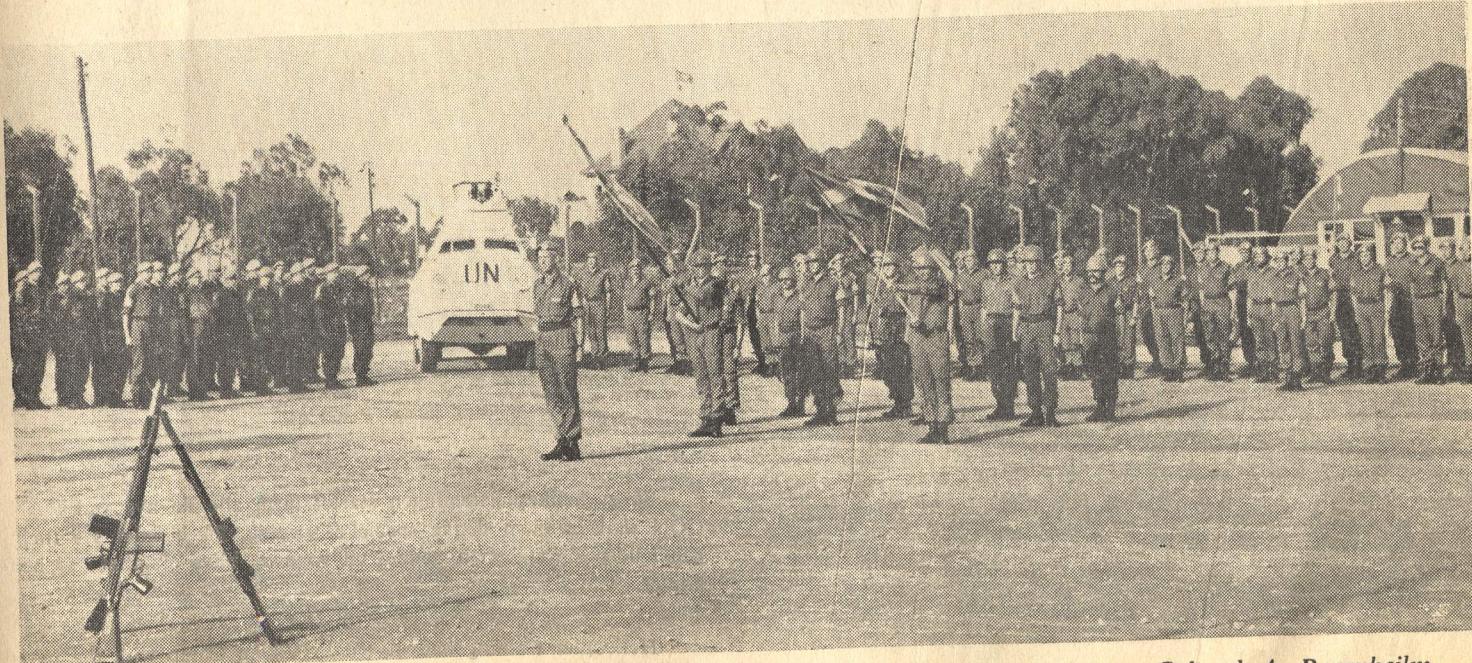
He was appointed to this post in December 1969 on the retirement of General Martola of Finland, and since then he has commanded fourteen contingents from each contributing country. The period in which he has commanded has not been an easy one, and has included perhaps the most difficult and dangerous events in the history of the Force.

General Prem Chand came to the Force having gained experience of United Nations operations in the Congo, where he was the General Officer Commanding the Katanga Area from 1962 to



1963. His service there was recognised by the award of the PVSM (the Indian Medal for Distinguished Service — 1st Class). The announcement of his retirement by the Secretary General has brought him many tributes from people of all walks of life in Cyprus, from the leaders of both communities down to individual citizens; but the members of the Force who have had the privilege of serving with such a distinguished and kindly soldier can only say how much they will miss him for his advice, his friendliness, his sense of humour and above all his interest in them. All members of UNFICYP wish both General Prem Chand and Mrs. Prem Chand many years of happy, peaceful and contented retirement.

SWECOM SAYS GOODBYE



The Swedish Battalion 63C on parade at Carl Gustav Camp under its commander Lieutenant Colonel A. Baarnheim.



DANCON

NEWS

I anledning af sin afgang fra UNFYCIP, besøgte Force Commander, Lt. Gen. D. Prem Chand, det danske kontingent. Generalen modtoges af CH/DANCON og lejrkommendanten i Viking Camp. DANCON var vært ved et lille traktment, hvor Generalen fik lejlighed til at møde personel fra alle personelgrupper, AO/DANCON overrakte Generalen en gave fra det danske kontingent. Gaven bestod i 2 sølvbægre hvori der var indgraveret et dannebrog samt DANCON XXVI.

The Force Commander, Lt Gen D. Prem Chand PVSM is seen during his farewell visit to the Danish Contingent.

SSG M. Tøttrup har gjort tjeneste i forsvaret i 25 år. I den anledning overrakte CH/DANCON en plade till SSG. SSG Tøttrup har tidligere gjort tjeneste ved UN, første gang i Congo i 1960.

WO1 M. Tottrup has completed 25 years service in the Danish Army and is see here being congratulated by his Contingent Commander Lt Col P. B. Kroghen.



Så er helikoptertræningen startet igen, alle de nye ved DANCON skal igennem denne specielle træning. På billedet ses træningen i udspring fra vogn, senere vil vognen blive erstattet af helikopter.

Helicopter training has started in Viking Camp with the initial lessons of jumping from trucks.



SOLDIERS TURN INTO FROGMEN

Splash! Swedish MTO Lars Svanstrom dives into the sea offshore at Larnaca. Sub-aqua diving is a very popular past-time among the Swedish soldiers. People who dive in Sweden find the water round Cyprus a paradise. The water is clearer, the season is longer, the chances to find interesting objects better, and another important point — the equipment is much cheaper here than in Sweden. The peninsula of Cape Greco at the South East of the Island is not far from the Swedish UN Camp in Famagusta and as a result is a meeting place for the Swedish soldiers who are diving enthusiasts.

On the 4th December the Force Commander, Lt Gen D. Prem Chand PVSM paid his last official visit to the Swedish Contingent at Carl Gustav Camp in Famagusta. To the sound of Swedish martial music, he inspected the companies in camp. In his speech to the Battalion, the Force Commander reminded everyone

present of his long and fruitful association with the Swedish Battalions here in Cyprus, during his seven years as a Commander of UNFICYP, and in the Congo. He also went on to say how well the Swedish soldiers had managed to carry out their tasks before 1974 and afterwards. The Force Commander finished by saying that he found saying good-bye a sad business, but he was optimistic about the future of Cyprus and was convinced that better times would soon come.

THE LAST FAREWELL



BAND SAYS GOODBYE TO GENERAL PREM CHAND



Since the announcement of his retirement General and Mrs Prem Chand have been saying good-bye to all members of the Force. On 3rd December they entertained the officers at the Headquarters and members of diplomatic corps. On this occasion music was provided by the Band of the 1st Battalion The Parachute Regiment by kind permission of the commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel G. J. Brierley MBE. The General and Mrs Prem Chand were seen with the Band before the Guests arrived.

ADVENT FAYRE RAISES OVER £300

As part of their contribution to the festive season fourteen of the wives living at Nicosia held an Advent Fayre in the Wives Club last week. They had hoped to raise £100 for charity, but so good were their efforts that they realised the magnificent total of £315, which has been donated to the Cyprus Red Cross.

The donation was made by a small representative number of the wives at the Red Cross Centre, after which they toured the Centre to see the range of its activities.



Mrs Lyne presents the cheque to the Red Cross.

← Mrs Prem Chand at the Fayre with Mrs Tillotson.

"FEUER FREI!"



Im Rahmen der normalen Ausbildung und im Besonderen im Hinblick auf die bevorstehende "Falling plate Competition" wurde in der letzten Zeit die Schießausbildung forciert. Die bizarre Landschaft und der etwas steinige Untergrund auf den Schießplätze bieten unseren Soldaten ein recht wirklichkeitsnahes Bild. Hoffentlich klappt es bei der Competition auch so gut wie den Übungen, wir drücken jedenfalls jetzt schon die Daumen für die Auswahlmannschaft. Wie wir später erfuhr, half das DAUMENDRÜCKEN nur mäßig.

A little bit rough this ground, isn't it?

"WASSER MARSCH"



Fire, Fire! No, it was just a training, but the know-how is useful in emergency case.

AUF WIEDERSEHEN HERR GENERAL

Am 4. Dezember 76 stattete der Force Commander, LtGen Prem Chand PVSM dem AUSCON seinen Abschiedsbesuch ab. In einer kurzen Ansprache gab der FC nochmals einen Überblick über die Tätigkeit der Österreicher im Rahmen der UNFICYP und bedankte sich für die erbrachten Leistungen. Während des gemütlichen Beisammenseins überreichte Wm Mayr — diesmal schwer erkennbar, da er als Krampus verkleidet war — dem Force Commander einen Geschenkkorb. Aus den erstaunten Blicken des FC wollen manche eine Mischung aus "Dankeschön" und der Frage "Überreichen die wilden Alpenvölker Geschenke immer so?" — erkannt haben. Nein, Herr General, es war eben zufällig Krampus-Zeit und Geschenke überreicht der Krampus nur an gute Menschen.

Good by, Sir!

Soldiers of all ranks said these words (in common) on the 4. Dec 76 on the occasion of the Force Commanders Farewell visit to AUSCON. Shortly before Sgt Mayr, dressed as a typical Austrian "Krampus", handed over a gift to the General.



MINISTER VISITS CANCON



Mr Danson chats with Cpl Boucher while inspecting the Quarter Guard.



Mr Danson walked in part of the Buffer Zone. He is seen here flanked by the CO Lt Col DB Ells and Maj Evans, the Company Commander of the Walled City section of the Zone.



The Minister seen answering question from off-duty soldiers at the Ledra Palace.

CANCON NEWS

Recently Canada's new Minister of National Defence visited Cyprus. The Honourable Barnett J. Danson, who has been a Member of Parliament in Canada since 1968, became Minister of National Defence just over a month ago. He was previously the Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, where he was involved in last spring's international conference on Housing, "Habitat," held in Vancouver.

Mr Danson, who served with distinction in Canada's Army in the Second World War, enjoyed being back in a "military environment!" He visited all of the Canadian Contingent's accommodation areas, and met soldiers on duty in OP's and Command Posts, as well as off duty. Besides visiting Canadians, he was also able to meet senior staff members of UNFICYP.

After leaving Cyprus Mr Danson flew to Brussels where he was to attend the NATO Ministers' Conference before returning home to Canada.



While touring the Buffer Zone in Sector 4, Mr Danson was briefed by soldiers on duty in the OPs. Cpl Affleck (above) tells it the way it is.

Suomalainen Itsäisyysjuhla Kyproksella



FINCON NEWS

ENGLISH SUMMARY

On the 6th December the Finnish Contingent celebrated the 59th Anniversary of the Independence of Finland. The celebrations began with the raising of the national flag accompanied by the singing of the national anthem "Our Land". The most important part of the celebrations was the Medal Parade at the Hockey Pitch near Finneagles Camp. 28 Finnish soldiers received their medals from the Force Commander, Lieutenant General D. Prem Chand PVSM. The music was provided by the band of the 1st Battalion of the Parachute Regiment. The parade was very special in that it was the last one to take place in the presence of the present Force Commander.

The soldiers of the Finnish Contingent would like to take this opportunity to give their thanks and best wishes to Lt Gen D. Prem Chand.

In the picture above, the Force Commander is seen saluting the flag.

In the picture in the centre, Major J. Kronlund receives his medal from the Force Commander.

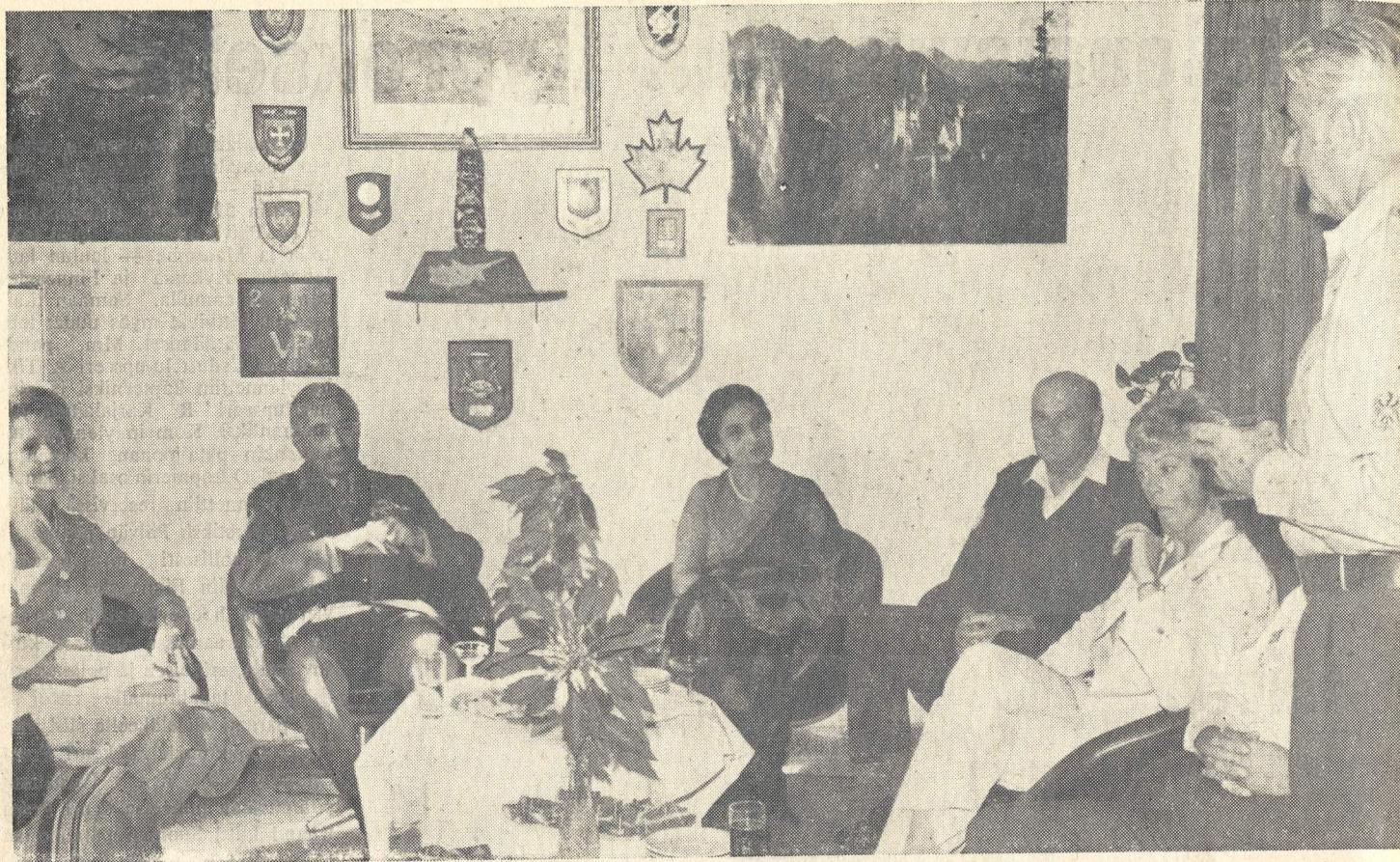
In the bottom picture, the soldiers of 1 Company are seen marching past led by Capt K. Vihma.



Suomalaisen sotilaan ja jokaisen suomalaisen tärkeintä juhlapäivää — itsenäisyyspäivää — vietettiin 59. kerran maanantaina 06.12. Päivä aloitettiin lipun nostolla ja Maamme — laulun laulannalla Kyrossa ja Finneagles campissa aamulla. Samaan tilaisuuteen liittyivät myös uudet tehtäviin määräämiset. Mm. pataljoonan tiedustelu-upseeri A. Tikka ylennettiin kapteeniksi ja pioneriupseeri R. Karjalainen yli-luutnantiksi. Komein ylennys tuli kuitenkin pataljoonan komentajan, evl O. Lopmerin osaksi, hänet hän ylennettiin reservissä täydaksi everstiksi. Päivän päättäpaus oli luonnollisesti mitaliparaati, joka pidettiin Finneagles campin viereisellä hockeykentällä. Paraatia oli seuraamassa runsaasti kutsuvieraita, erikoisen ja poikkeavan lisävärin tapahtumalle antoi se ettei paraati oli eläkeelle siirtyvä Force Commanderin, kenrl Prem Chandin viimeinen. Paraatissa pitämässäni puheessa kenrl Prem Chand kiihti Suomen pataljoonaa hyvin tehdystä työstä: —Olen ylpeä siitä että olen saanut tehdä työtä kanssanne, totesi kenraali. Paraatissa oli mukana englantilaisten laskuvarjorykmentin ensimmäisen pataljoonan soittokunta, jonka ohjelmistosta löytyivät jopa Porilaisten marssi sekä Jääkärimarssi. Paraatin jälkeen — jossa 28 suomalaista rauhanturvaajaa s.ä. Kypros-mitalin — juhlistettiin itsenäisyyspäivää eri messeissä.

Ylakuvassa Force Commander tervehtii lippua, keskellä p-ups maj J. Kronlund saa mitalinsa Force Commanderilta, alakuvassa kapt K. Vihma ja osa 1JK:aa ohimarssissa.

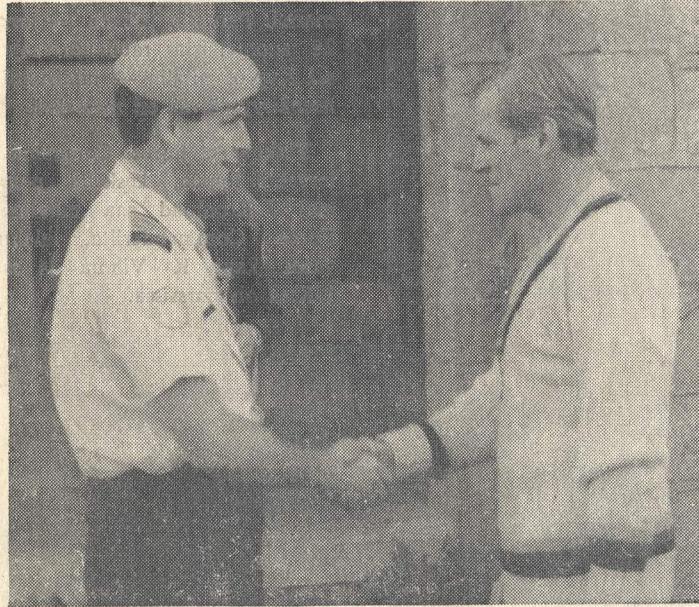
AUSCIVPOL SAYING ITS FAREWELL



On 23rd November 1976 representatives of all the United Nations Civilian Police Contingents with their Commanding Officers met at the Headquarters of AUSCIVPOL in Nicosia to say farewell to Lieutenant General and Mrs Prem Chand. The host,

Lieutenant Colonel Leo "Frank" Maier is seen above addressing the Force Commander before presenting him with a plaque on behalf of the Austrian Civilian Police Contingent.

CAMP WINS



The annual squash competition was completed last week. The Camp UNFICYP team won the competition with the Force Reserve as runners up. In the play-off to find the team for the third place HQ UNFICYP beat FINCON.

After the final Colonel A.J.G.D. de Chastelain CD presented the medals, and was seen above thanking Major J.S. Knox for his excellent arrangements.

THE WINNERS



In the Service of Peace



UNITED NATIONS FORCE IN CYPRUS

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 mils for quantities of less than 100, and 0.080 mils 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 11 December	11	Total for the same
Same period last year	6	period last year
Total for the year	233	

290

LESSON OF THE MONTH

DRINK AND DRIVE AND DIE