



# The Blue Beret

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## FAREWELL TO COLONEL PI CHISWELL OBE



On 24th April, Brigadier General C E Beattie, CMM, CD presented Colonel P I Chiswell, OBE with a set of copies of the Blue Beret printed during his tour as Deputy Chief of Staff. Colonel Chiswell left the Island and UNFICYP on 27 April to return to the United Kingdom and promotion to Brigadier. We take this opportunity to wish him every success in his new appointment.

## THE NEW DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF



The new Deputy Chief of Staff and Commander of the British Contingent is Colonel H. M. Tillotson, CBE.

## AUSTRIAN FLAG LOWERED FOR LAST TIME



In the ceremony to mark the final closing of the Austrian Medical Centre, the Austrian flag was lowered for the last time and Brig Gen C E Beattie, CMM, CD read the following message to Col J Mayer MD and his staff.

*I wish to convey my thanks, along with those of the Force Commander and of all ranks of UNFICYP for the services which the Austrian Medical Staff have rendered the Force ever since its formation in 1964.*

For the first nine years, this unit was the Austrian Field Hospital, and it was only at a time of planned force reductions in 1973 that it was withdrawn and replaced by your unit. Since then the UNFICYP Medical Centre, though small, has been a most valuable successor to the Field Hospital, fulfilling its tasks in support of members of all Contingents of the Force.

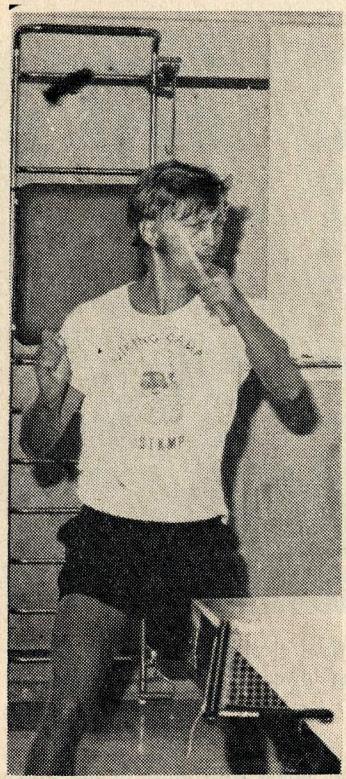
Now your Government has made the decision to withdraw the Austrian staff, and for those of us who have come to know you as good friends and true professionals it is a matter for great regret that you should be going. The UNFICYP Medical Centre continues in a new guise with British and Canadian staff, who will be conscious of the fine standards set by their Austrian predecessors.

On this sad occasion I thank your past and present staffs and yourself for the great services given by your unit to the United Nations Force in Cyprus.'



Colonel Mayer seen replying to Brigadier General Beattie's farewell message while Lieutenant Colonel Fritz and Major Mittermeyer look on.

# DANCON NEWS



A smash by Sgt T. Jørgensen



The winners of the DANCON table tennis championships. From the left in second place Pte O. Holt, in first place Sgt T. Jørgensen and in third place Pte E. Ø. Larsen.

## DANCON- MESTERSKABET I BORDTENNIS

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-Mesterskabet i bordtennis i Viking Camp. Tilmeldingen var ikke så stor som ventet, men alligevel blev det til mange spændende kampe. Specielt kampen om 2. pladsen mellem KS E. Ø. Larsen og KS O. Holt var interessant at følge. SG T. Jørgensen vandt suverænt alle sine ampe og blev DANCON-mester i bordtennis med KS O. Holt på 2. pladsen og på en 3. plads KS E. Ø. Larsen.

## DCOS's visit to Viking Camp



On Good Friday the Deputy Chief of Staff Colonel P. I. Chiswell, OBE and his successor Colonel H. M. Tillotson, CBE visited DANCON. In the picture Lt Col T. B. Pilgaard CO DANCON welcomes the Colonels.

### Portrætgalleri.



# A NEW BATTALION TAKES OVER



After six months in Cyprus — home to Sweden.

## Swedcon News

Swedish Forces Photos



The new Swedish Battalion, 61c commanded by Lt Col Paul Stromberg have arrived in Cyprus, after training with the Royal Life Guards in Linköping. The Battalion has now taken over responsibility for Sector 6.

It travelled to Cyprus in three flights, leaving Stockholm winter-like under a blanket of snow.

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Så var då "61 C" på plats. Från att ha lämnat Sverige med den sista snöstoomen möttes den sista transporten av sol och värme.

När detta nummer av Blue Beret kommer ut, har säkert de flesta kommit in i de dagliga rutinerna, vet sina vaktlistor, mattider och när det ges tid till sol och bad.

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Lt Col Arne Rolff, (left), hands over the flag and command of Sector 6 to Lt Col Paul Strömberg at Carl Gustav Camp.

# VICE CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE STAFF VISITS UNFICYP



The Vice Chief of the Defence Staff, Vice Admiral H. C. Leach RN visited the Headquarters of UNFICYP at Nicosia on 22 April, and is seen (left) being welcomed by Brig Gen C E Beattie, CMM, CD, Col H M Tillotson, CBE and Col P I Chiswell, OBE.

## New DCOS visits 7 Squadron RCT



Colonel Tillotson, the New Deputy Chief of Staff and Commander of the British Contingent visited 7 Squadron RCT recently and is seen (above) talking to Corporal PG Gunfield, while Major J R Herbert looks on.

## FEWO's CHANGE OVER



## Camp Commander Ends Tour



Major B H Clipston will be ending his one year tour of duty with UNFICYP soon. He will be leaving Cyprus to go to Catterick to rejoin his Regiment, as the commander of the Logistics Squadron.

## Colonels Visit IRGJ

The 1st Battalion The Royal Green Jackets have now com-

pleted their first three weeks of duty in Sector 2 and are settling in well. In addition to all the routine activities that go with a unit move they have had many visitors. On April 17th the Deputy Chief of Staff, Colonel Chiswell, brought his successor, Colonel Tillotson, to St David's Camp. They were met by Lieutenant Colonel C E W Jones Commanding the 1st Battalion and spent a day seeing round the battalion's area of responsibility.

Last week WO1 Hopewell, who has been the Force Engineer Warrant Officer completed his six-months tour and handed over to WO1 Shaw. They were pictured discussing the plans of St David's Camp.



# AUSCON - OSTERFEIER

Bei Sonnenuntergang versammelte sich am Karfreitag alles, was dienstlich abkoemmliech war, im Camp DUKE LEOPOLD V., um das Osterfest nach heimatlichen Brauch zu feiern. Dazu kam noch eine grosse Zahl von Gaesten: An deren Spitze konnte Obstlt FRITZ den oesterreichischen Botschafter Dr. Simon KOLLER begruessen. Unter den Gaesten waren einige, zum Teil schon lange in Zypern lebende Auslands-oesterreicher, eine Abordnung der oesterreichischen Polizei und leider zum letzten Mal — Angehoerige des Medical Centres mit Oberst A Dr. MAYER an der Spitze. Nicht zuletzt aber sah das Bataillon bei dieser Gelegenheit zum ersten Mal seine "First Lady": Auch die Gattin des Kontingentskommandanten, Frau FRITZ, die zu einen kurzen Besuch in Zypern weilte, war gekommen.

Zumindest waehrend des Ostermesse schien sich sprichwaertlicher Osterfriede ueber den LARNACA — Distrkt zu verbreiten: Nicht einmal der Duty-Officer wurde durch einen Telefonanruf aus der Foestfreude

gekommen.

Die Ostermesse selbst wurde am Antrittsplatz unter der wehenden oesterreichischen und der UN-Flagge von Oberkurat SCHMIDT, dem englischen Militaerkaplan Father MCPHELAN aus DHEK,LIA und von Father SABIN aus FAMAGUSTA konzelebriert.

Unsere Kameraden gestalteten mit einer aus zwei Gitarren und einer Ziehharmonika bestehenden Band und einen Chor die Feier sehr stimmungsvoll.

Nach dem geistlichen Teil ging es dann nahtlos in den weltlichen ueber:

Nahe der SanStation wurde unter Absingen von Soldatenlieder ein riesiges Osterfeuer abgebrannt und nach uraltem oesterreichischen Brauch wurden dabei Osterschinken und bunte Eier gewieht. Anschliessend wurde dann bei Freibier in den Messen recht fluessig und ausgiebig weitergefiebert. Unser Botschafter, Dr. KOLLER, liess es sich nicht nehmen, allen drei Messen einen Besuch abzustatten und persoenlich frohe Ostern zu wuenschen..



Father Schmidt (above) conducts the Mass while below some members of the congregation are pictured.



## EASTER CELEBRATION AT AUSCON

On the 17 April 1976 AUSCON celebrated the EASTER-FEAST. The Austrian Ambassador Dr S. Koller, accompanied by CO AUSCON, Lt Col W. Fritz and his wife, were present at a Field Mass at Camp Duke Leopold V. The Mass was read by the Austrian Military Chap-

lain Father Schmidt. He was assisted by Father Mike M. Phelan from Dhekelia and Father Sabin from Famagusta. The official part of the Easter Celebration was concluded with the blessing of the Easter-Fire and the Easter-Ham.



Father Schmidt blessing the Easter Ham.

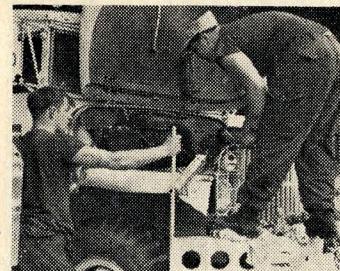
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## COMMANDER CANADIAN FORCES EUROPE VISITS UNFICYP



The Second Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry has now got settled into their new 'Barracks' and all ranks are getting used to being peace-keepers again. For many the job is not a new one, but for those who have not been in Cyprus before, being a peace keeper brings a whole range of new experiences.

In addition to our UN duties the Battalion will be running bus tours of the Island, scuba clubs, parachute clubs, photo clubs and a host of other activities.

Maintenance Goes  
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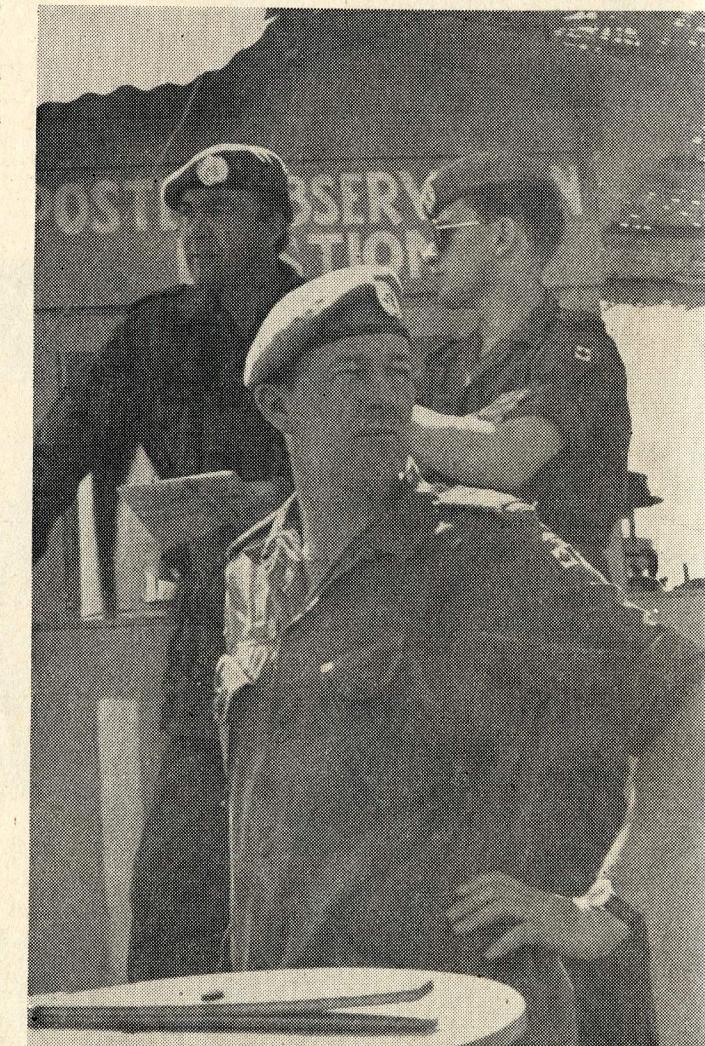
Pte Lindbeck seen at work keeping the trucks on the road.

## C COMPANY CARRIER ON PATROL



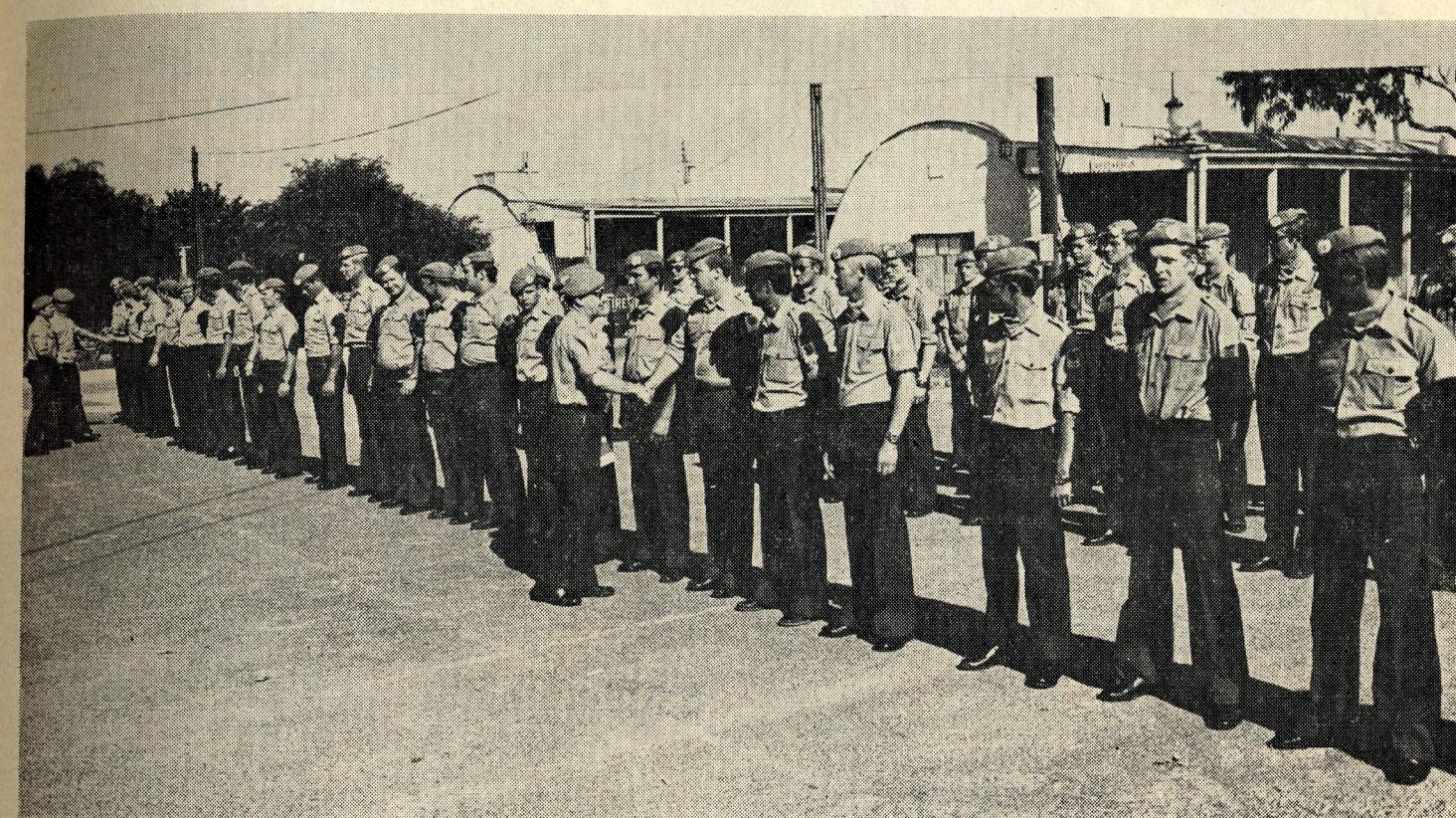
A 'C' Company armoured personnel carrier seen on patrol near the city.

## NEW DCOS VISITS C COMPANY



Col Tillotson seen at OP BASTION during his first visit to Sector 4 with Major R S McConnell and Lt R A Pauk.

## Pataljoona ja Miehet Vaihtuivat



YKSP 24 on sitten mennytä aikaa. Kuukauden vaihtuessa vaihtui pataljoonamme nimi YKSP 25:ksi. Vaihdon aikaan satutuvat myös monet henkilövaihdokset: oli rotaatio ja siihen liittyvä tehtäväviin nimittäminen.

Etulekolla 28.4. tuli sata uutta upseeria ja miestä, takalekossa saman verran. Ylennyksiäkin tuli 29.4. — kuvassa pataljoonan komentaja evl O. Lopmeri onnittelee esikunnan ja esikunta — ja huoltokomppanian ylennettyjä.

AUSCIVPOL — itävaltalainen sivilipoliisi — ja upseerimessi ottivat kiivaasti yhteen jalkapallokentällä 27.4. Tuloksena oli herasmiestyliin tasapeli.

Kuvassa kapt Pehu yrittää naruttaa tarkastaja Harchia, tarkastaja Schmitt ryntää apuun. Tilannetta seuraavat valppaasti maj Mälkiä ja ylipeltonen.

## Kunniakas Tasapeli

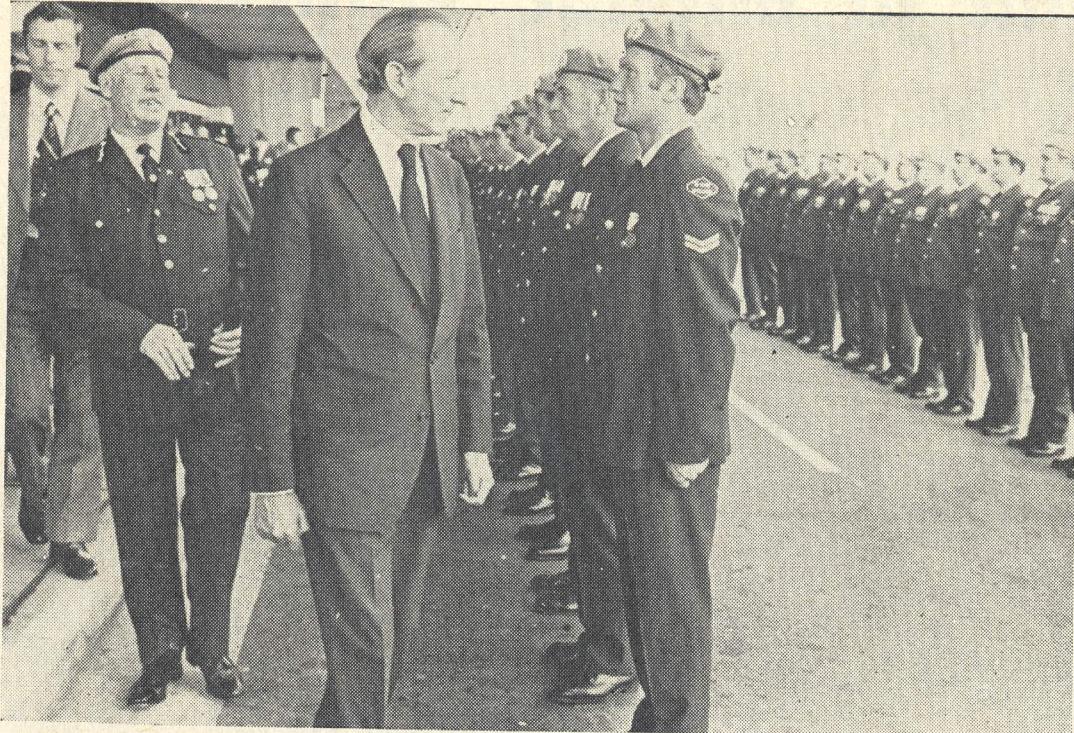
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SUMMARY

It's rotation time again in FINCON. Nearly 200 new soldiers have arrived in Cyprus to begin a tour in UNFICYP. In the picture Lt Col A. O. Lopmeri congratulates those officers and NCOs promoted on 29 April.

A very good football match took place on 27 April between AUSCIVPOL and FINCON Officers' Mess teams which resulted in a one all draw.

## FINCON NEWS

# UNCIVPOL NEWS



## 13th AUSTCIVPOL CONTINGENT ARRIVES



The 13th Australian Police Contingent has arrived in Cyprus, and on 1st May took over the UNCIVPOL duties in sector one and two. This contingent, commanded by Superintendent Fred Luther, is composed entirely of officers from the Australian Commonwealth Police Force.

Supt Luther takes over.



Chief Supt Everett hands over responsibility to Supt Luther in the presence of Asst Commissioner Hamilton.

## TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Week ending 1 May 76	3
Same period last year	18
Total for the year	84
Total for the same period last year	111

LESSON OF THE MONTH  
DON'T BE AN AMBER GAMBLER.

## AUSTRALIAN POLICE GUARD FOR SECRETARY GENERAL

When the Secretary General of the United Nations visited Australia earlier this year, he was met by a Guard of Honour consisting of fifty former members of the United Nations Civilian Police Force under the command of Superintendent Prentice, who is seen with Dr Waldheim.

## AUSCIVPOL TOP INVESTIGATOR



## AUSCIVPOL'S TOP INVESTIGATOR

LO and Chief Investigator, Insp Othmar Prikler, simply called 'Otto' by his many friends, has so far served more than five years with UNFICYP. He is an outstanding police officer who displays exceptional skill and devotion to duty. He distinguished himself during the events in Cyprus in 1974. Don't be surprised by his "American-accent", because before joining the CID in Graz, he had been a journalist in America and Canada.

## SWEDCIVPOL COMMANDERS CHANGE



Superintendent S. E. Bagge is seen with his successor Superintendent H. E. Jonsson during their handover.