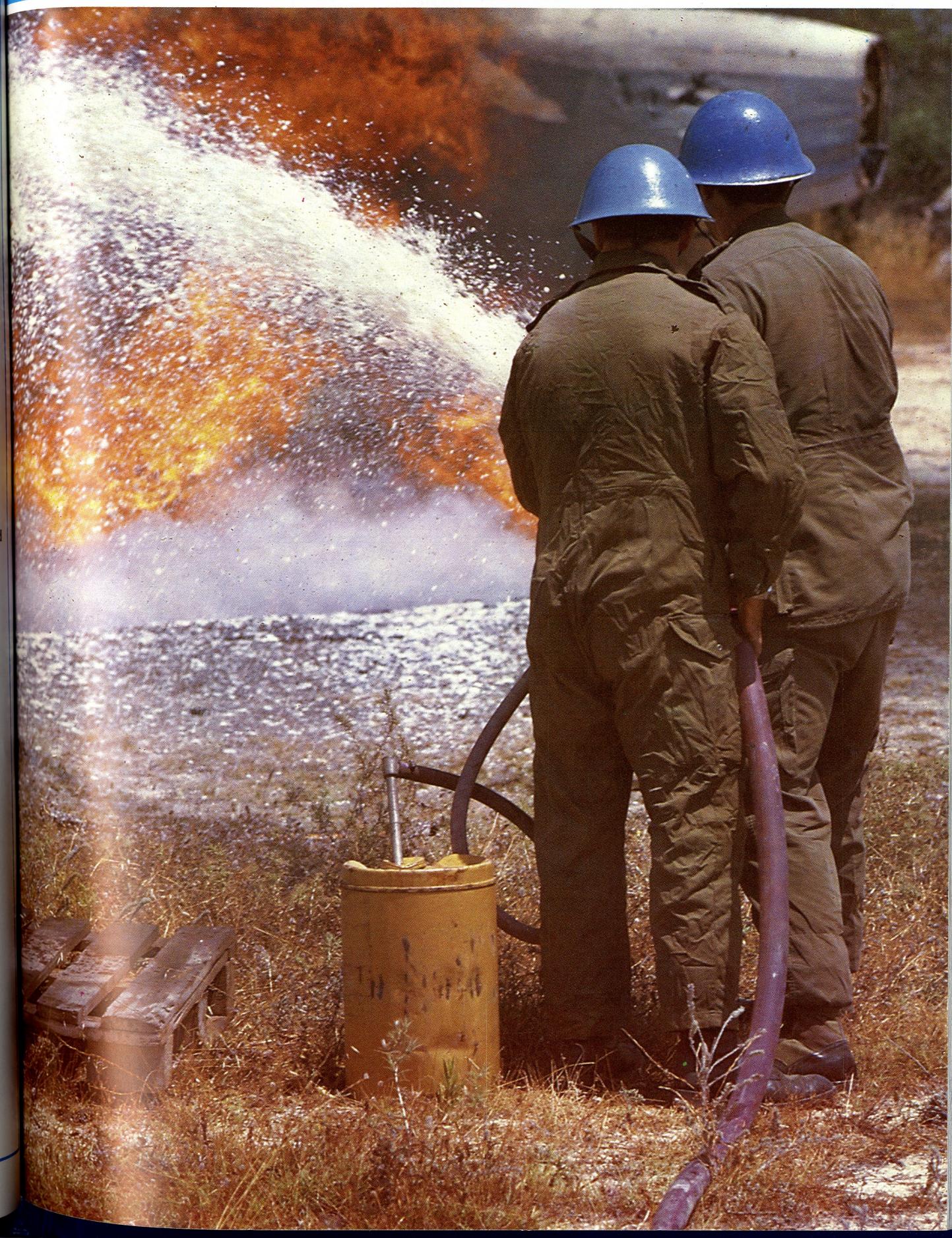


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10-18 Captain Eamor, visited the Canadian Contingent

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26-2/8 Major J May and Major R Wilson visited the British Contingent

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AUGUST

UNFICYP: Swimming championships: 28 August
Organised by Support Regiment in Nicosia (UNPA Pool)

UNFICYP: Windsurfing championships: 29 August
Organised by Sector 5 at Fig Tree Bay

SEPTEMBER

UNFICYP: Military Skills competition 84/II: 4-5 September
Organised by Sector 2 at Dhekelia

Limassol Wine Festival: (Mid September - duration 12 days)

In the Public Gardens of Limassol in the evenings. Guests are offered wine, free of charge, whereas local food can be bought at low prices. Folk music and folk dancing ensembles are performing for the public.

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Fire Fighting Training
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Editorial

As the long hot Cyprus summer continues I make no apology for drawing your attention to the fire hazard yet again. The front cover shows a recent fire fighting exercise but the fire fighting teams have been in action for real several times recently. We must all be especially careful to prevent fires.

You will also be aware of the recent Road Safety Campaign. Even though the week of publicity has now finished we must all remain vigilant on the roads. Traffic accidents have accounted for more deaths and injury to UNFICYP personnel than any other cause.

We welcome this month the new F S C Squadron, The Life Guards, together with the new SWEDCIVPOL contingent and the new DCOS, Col Wellsman, who is also COMCANCON.

I am sure that all those who attended the Canada Day celebrations would agree that they were good entertainment. A considerable sum of money was also raised for charity. The highlights of the day are recorded within this issue. We also relate the story of the MP Coy assistance to the blind in Cyprus.

We congratulate the organisers of both these charitable fund raising activities.

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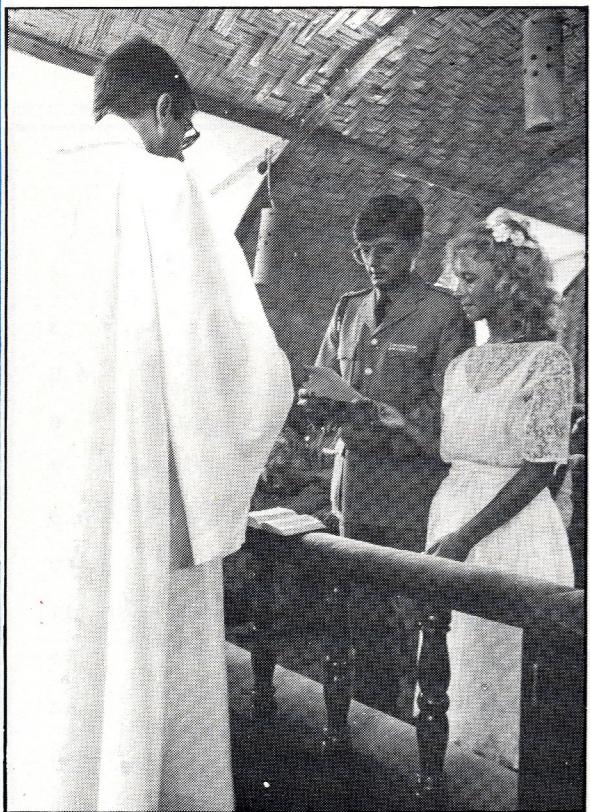
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Maj-Gen M Matthews CB The Engineer in Chief shares a joke with the "Honour Guard" provided by the RE Det Support Regiment. The E in C was on a visit to UNFICYP.



Brigadier Duchesne presents the Director of Army Air Corps Commendation to Corporal John Cole of the UN Flight AAC, for his vigilant work contributing to Flight Safety.

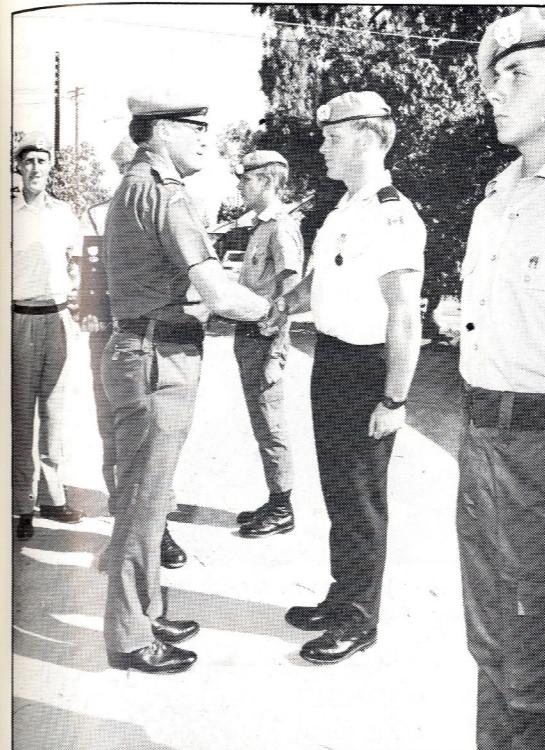


On Saturday 30th June, WO Alf Kylfalt with wife Carola went out from the Church at Camp Victoria as a married couple. The wedding was the first contingent one since the Swedish rotation in April/May, a very joyful happening.

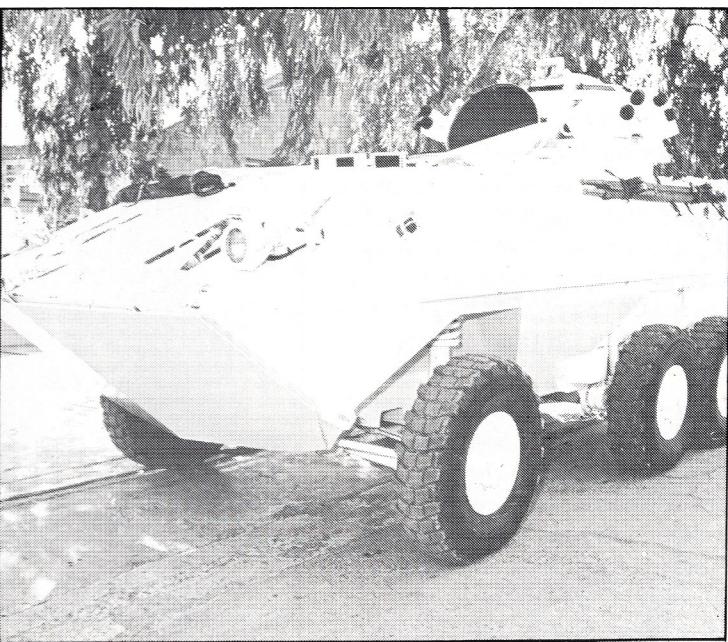


Brigadier Duchesne keeps a watchful eye on proceedings as Major Hache Assumes Command of the United Nations Military Police Company from Major Cannons, at the Change of Command Parade.

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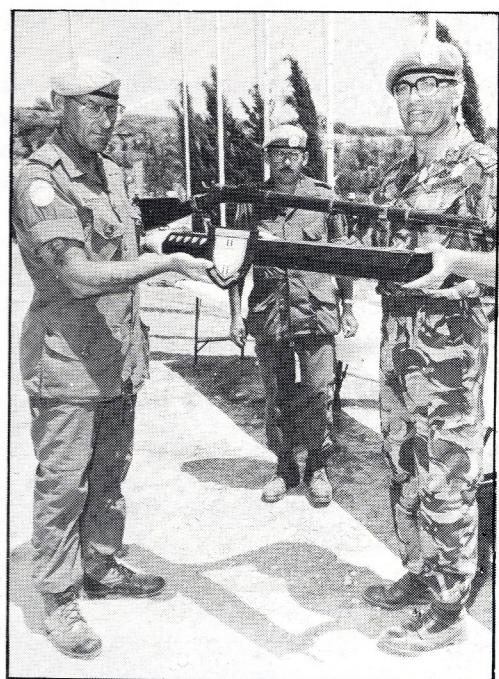
Brigadier Duchesne presents the United Nations Medal, at the 254 UNFICYP Sig Sqn Mini-Medal-Parade.



Soon to be a familiar sight
The Armoured Vehicle General Purpose (AVGP) replacing the M113 Armoured Personal Carriers in Sector Four.



The UN Bowling League Champions 1984
The "Afterthoughts" pose proudly with Brigadier Duchesne and their trophies won during the season. Team members left to right WO2 Jim Storrie, WO1 Dave Boyne, WO1 John Carlisle and S/Sgt Andy Bryant.



Brigadier Duchesne presents the UNFICYP Shooting Trophy to RSM E. C. Simpson, the Team Captain of the victorious Sector 4 team.



WHY IS OUR CHOW HERE AT AUSCON SO SPECIAL?

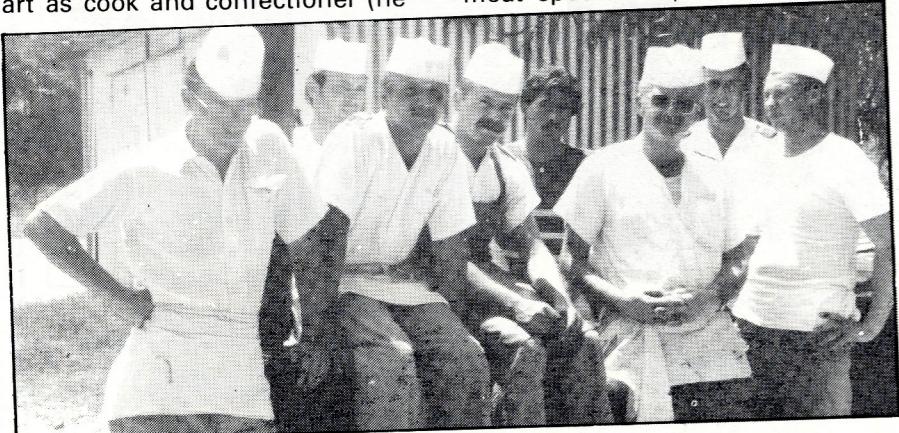
By Capt MANZL

In general army kitchens don't enjoy the best of reputations, but with us at AUSCON the case is a totally different one - because our cooks and our overall catering system are absolutely at the top! That's the reason why we want to introduce our miraculous team today.

The top manager is Maj G NEDOMANSKY, a popular and respected officer, who as the Quartermaster Officer is in charge of catering as well. He has got just one small "fault": he likes biscuits and cakes most dearly (and enjoys them most of the time!).

WO 1 Ossi R ZEPA, our food-master, is eagerly striving to bring on all the food stuff needed, he doesn't even shrink from driving over the island in his refrigerator vehicle during the afternoons.

But without cooks nothing can be achieved, because of what use is the best food stuff as long as it is not cooked-boiled, fried, grilled etc. To do that WO2 K ZWETTLER is the head of two cooking-shifts consisting each of one Sergeant as shift-leader and three other ranks. On 2 Aug 1983 he decided to bless our contingent with his art as cook and confectioner (he



The happy AUSCON chef-crew after the finishing of a splendid meal.

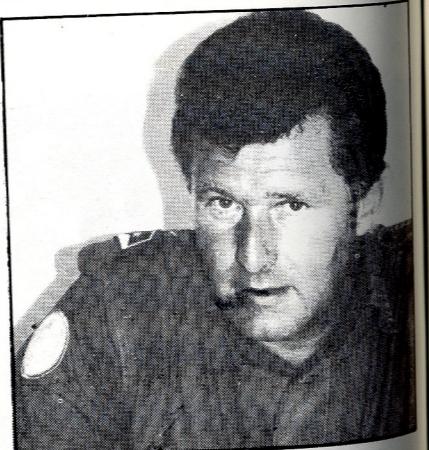
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WO 2 ZWETTLER, 2/Cpl KRUSCH and 2/Cpl KRAMMER (background) producing the most famous "Buchteln" (watch their concentration!)

learned both professions!), for which we are most grateful to him-today more than ever. Besides, he even honoured five times' our AUSBATT in SYRIA with his presence!

One of the two shift-leaders is Sgt W ESSL, who not only shows an excellent knowledge in cooking but also commands the true art of smoking. His smoked sausages are a real delicacy, not only in Cyprus. Under his command he has got 1/Cpl S SCHELLANDER, 2/Cpl H KRUSCH (the Austrian Battalion's confectioner) and L/Cpl H LUNZER (in charge of meat-specialities).



Major G NEDOMANSKY - the boss himself.

It's a pity that we haven't got enough space to describe the excellent qualities of Maj NEDOMANSKY and his team, but to do so would fill legions of volumes. Therefore we have got an urgent and final request: please go on cooking in such a wonderful way, even if there exists the danger that we at AUSCON have to introduce a second sport's afternoon a week!

SECTOR TWO NEWS

By Lt C WOODS R.N.

With the Senior Service once again firmly at the helm, I am pleased to report a successful transition from army to navy tenancy in Sector Two. The ease at which this has been accomplished however, has been largely due to the very warm welcome extended to us by all elements of UNFICYP and the Greek and Turkish military and civil authorities: without their help the initial weeks of our Cypriot deployment would have been a much more difficult period.

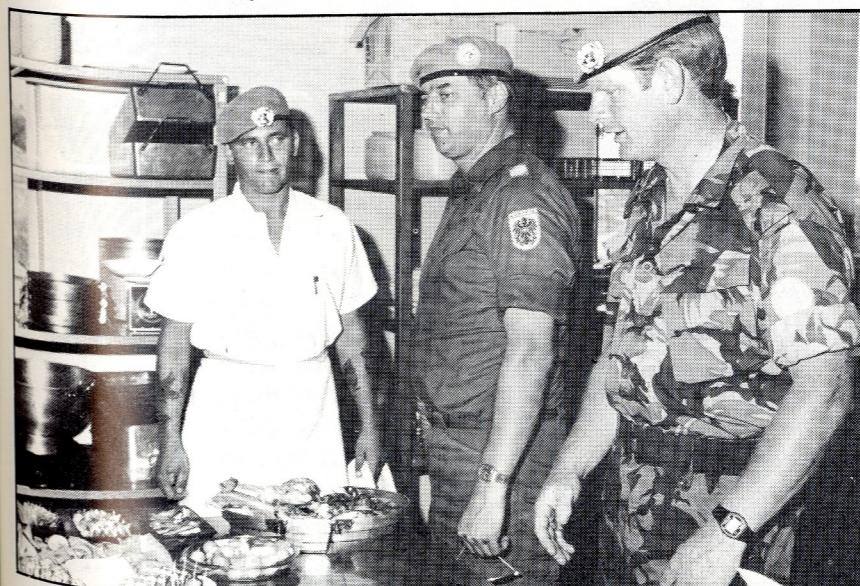
We quickly settled into our accommodation and into our new operational commitments, and with routines established, those not required for duty have been able to escape the heat and dust with an occasional excursion to the coast or with some adventure training in the Troodos. At the Box Factory, on the western extreme of our sector, Alpha Company personnel, unable to partake in such activities, have acquired the services of an ice-cream man who sells the most monstrous cones imaginable. His



Marines Hopkins & Porter leaving on a patrol from OP B33.

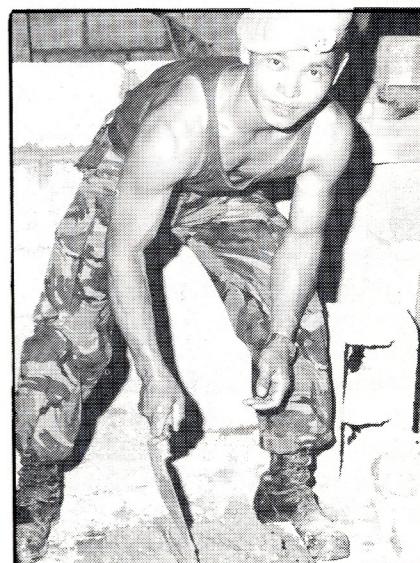
chimes immediately produce a Pavlovian like queue headed by the Company Commander who somehow always manages to get there first.

In the west of the sector, Charlie Company has now completed its move into palatial premises at B18, and although lacking air conditioning those not



Major General G G Greindl inspects the culinary delights prepared by L/Cpl Charles during a recent visit to B18. There witnessing the event is Company Commander Capt. Kevin De Val.

living there claim it to have accommodation standards very close to those of the Hilton. Much of the credit for the alterations must be given to our detachment of Queen's Gurkha Engineers who have produced some excellent work. However, forthcoming issues of this publication will give more details of this unique force.



Spr Motiram Gurum, a member of the 13 strong Queen's Gurkha Engineers detachment, engaged in new development work at the Box Factory on the western boundary of Sector Two.

The Sector has been most pleased to welcome the very many visitors already received and we hope all have enjoyed their stay. None more so than the Force Commander Major General G G Greindl BCE and Commander BRITCON Brigadier P R Duchesne OBE who made their first visits in early July. We trust Sirs, all was in order!

And so to the sporting front. And with the acclimatization process complete we have thoroughly enjoyed the friendly competition to date, and the after match wash-ups - most of which have been as much, if not more fun than the games themselves.





By Capt Lt J TURNER

July the first is celebrated by Canadians as our nation's birthday. The Canadian Contingent, 1st Bn Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry celebrated the day in true Western Canadian Fashion by hosting a Stampede. Stampedes traditionally date to the 1800's with ranchers converging on towns to celebrate the end of a cattle drive. Our home town of Calgary currently hosts the oldest such event in Canada.

The aim of our celebrations was two-fold. Primarily we wished to celebrate our nation's birthday with other nations but at the same time we were attempting to gather funds for sponsored charities. Both objectives were met and exceeded. From all reports, those who attended (approx 1000) thoroughly enjoyed themselves and close to £600 was donated to the Theotokos Hospital for the Mentally Retarded and to the Red Crescent Hospital.



The Stampede Queen displays that winning feeling.

CANADA DAY

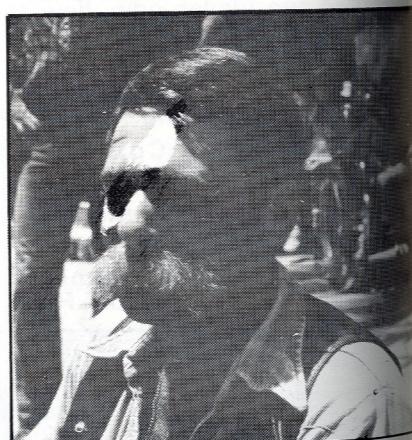


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Children from a local Handicapped School had a great day out.
Courtesy of their Canadian hosts.

The day's activities were split into two parts: first were the non-rodeo events which included a Stampede Breakfast (real Maple Syrup), a parade, the judging of the floats and the selection of "Ms" CANCON Stampede. The RAOC Train and horse rides for



WO Anderson and his £110 moustache.

the children were also a big attraction. At the pool area, numerous positions on the Bn Merit List were affected by the results of the baseball dunking stand (the DCO and RSM were inexplicably absent...).

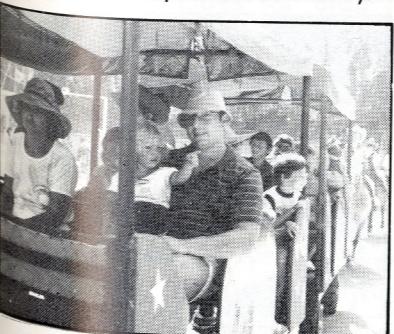
A Stampede Bar-B-Que concluded the morning's activities. Congratulations to the cooks of the Battalion who served approximately 950 steaks in one hour!



Trying to get blood from a stone, contestants having a "go-at" the Goat Milking Competition.

The afternoon was dedicated to "Cypress" rodeo events and included: goat milking, bronco riding, mule races and, the thriller of the day, the chuck wagon race.

The Chuck Wagon Race at the Calgary Stampede is always the most dangerous and demanding test of man's skill and courage. The CANCON Stampede version lived up to that reputation with contingent teams pulling out all the stops in the pursuit of victory.



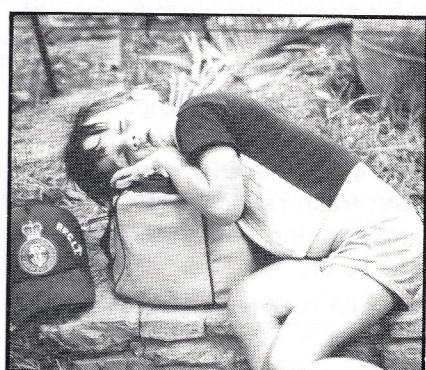
Fun for all the Family.



A lot of determination and effort are expressed as teams strive for victory in the Chuck Wagon Race.

thanks to the many that made the trek to Wolseley Barracks to join us in our celebration and to the many local merchants who donated their time and merchandise for a most worthy cause.

Last, but not least, hats off to the many members of the Battalion who worked hard and long to make the day a great success. Well done!



Whew...what a day



TASK CHARLIE IN SECTOR ONE

By MAJOR P. BERTELSEN

It is early morning - Thursday - and we are standing on the helipad in the Limnitis Camp waiting for the arrival of the Wessex helicopter. The relief for the next two weeks are ready and so are the fresh rations, the drinking and washing water for the next two days.

The Danish Charlie - Coy are located in this area - the westernmost and most mountainous in the UNFICYP area-and in Limnitis we find the C-Coy camp. For most of the OPs in Charlie the conditions of ground are very hard, and because of that they are re-supplied by helicopter three times a week, and in less than two hours all the OPs are supplied with fresh rations, milk, drinking and washing water, mail, tobacco and so on.



Loading/Unloading supplies at D 14. The whole operation takes only a matter of minutes. Then it's on to the next location.



A Wessex Helicopter from 84 Sqn RAF brings in an underslung load of water for OP D 35.

Photographs by Sgt A Thomson

For those involved, this is a very good way to re-supply these OPs, but it is rather expensive, and so in August a trial is made to

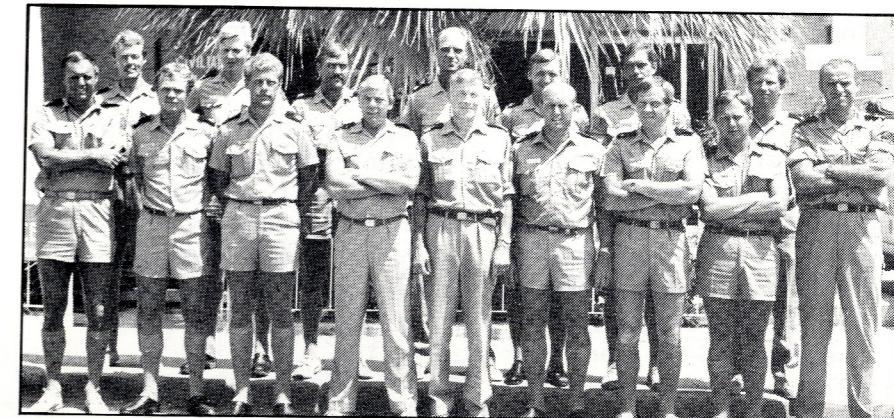
reduce the number of hours flown by helicopter, and instead of air re-supply, it will be done by landrovers.

ARRIVAL OF 44th SWEDISH CIVILIAN POLICE CONTINGENT



By Insp Lars-Arne Eriksson

The 44th Swedish Civilian Police contingent that arrived on the 3rd of May has now completely taken over its assignments here in Cyprus. The 44th SWEDCIVPOL contingent consists of police officers from varying workfields and different places in Sweden, but what they have in common is a vast amount of police experience. These officers are used to working under stress and dealing with people in difficult situations. Several of them have been UN soldiers and police officers in UN before. These factors make the civilian police ideal for their job of dealing with civilians in Cyprus, especially in the BZ.



The whole Swedish Civilian Police contingent in front of their HQ in Larnaca. Front row from left: DCOMD Ch Insp Sven Welin, Insp Per-Olof Lindgren, Insp Bo Rosendahl, Investigator Ch Insp Sven-Erik Borjesson, COMD Supt Jost Herholz, OIC Ch Insp Kurth Nilsson, Insp Bengt Stevenson, Insp Runo Axelsson, POLOPS (HQ Nicosia) Ch Insp Jan-Otto Jansson. Back row from left: Insp Hans Andreasson (substation Pyla), Ch Insp Lars Walfridsson, Insp Johnny Jansson, ADMIN Insp Goran Gortzen, Insp Lars-Arne Eriksson, OIC Pyla Ch Insp Thorbjorn Larsson, and Insp Istvan Kaplar (substation Pyla).

DCOMD SWEDCIVPOL - FAMOUS NARCOTIC AGENT IN SWEDEN

Photographer: Ch Insp Kurt Nilsson

CHAPLAINS NEWS



Handover from Chaplain Hans Henrik Christiansen to Chaplain Birger Larsen, at a service in the SOLI theatre.



Chaplain Birger Larsen and LCpl J. Hesselund, places a garland of flowers at the new memorial for Sgt. N. V. Haar Larsen, killed in Troodos Mountains in 1968.

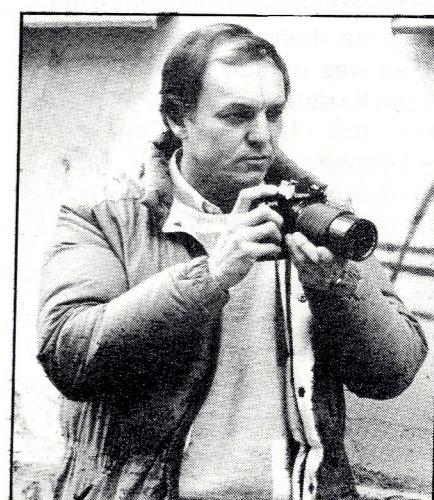
By Insp Lars-Arne Eriksson

Sven Welin, aged 44, DCOMD SWEDCIVPOL is a famous narcotic agent back home in Sweden. Sven lives a quiet family life with his wife and daughter in a small village just outside Malmö in Sweden. His work as a narcotic agent is by no means quiet, it's a hard, thrilling and sometimes dangerous job. Malmö, where he works, is a big town in the very south of Sweden and one of the most important cities for drug smuggling into Sweden. Sven and his 40 colleagues in the narcotic squad have a busy time preventing drug dealing and drug smuggling. 24 years in the Police Force and 13 years in the Narcotic Squad have made Sven one of the best in Sweden in his field of work. Many criminals in Swedish jails know about that. As a example I will mention a case in which Sven was involved.

In March 82 the Narcotic Squad received information that a well-known drug dealer had started up his "work" again. More information flowed in and they found it necessary to tail him. A TV team from Swedish TV lived with the Police Officers for about four months and filmed the surveillance and the arrest. This documentary film was a great success when it was broadcast in Sweden.

Down here in Cyprus Sven continues his work as a narcotic police officer by giving drug information to the Swedish UN soldiers. Drug information has also been broadcast by Swedcon radio.

When Sven has finished his work in Cyprus he will go to the USA for a scholarship Course arranged by the FBI concerning drug problems, especially cocaine. Since cocaine is a fairly new drug in Sweden and



Ch Insp Sven Welin on surveillance

dealings in it likely to increase, it is important to have well educated police officers to prevent the spread.



By: 2Lt M DAGERHALL

The Swedish OPT S-65 is one of the most well-known. For five years an old terrain vehicle, a Volvo 903, has been the look-out where several Swedish UN-soldiers made their duty through the years. In early July, however, the OPT ended its story in the BZ, and was towed back "home" to Camp Victoria.

The story of S-65 starts back in 1979. For several years, the Swedes wanted to build a new OP in the mountains just outside Louroujina. Since there was no money left for further buildings in the Swedish sector, someone figured out how to save even more money. A very expensive repair was to be made on the Volvo, which at the time was in very bad shape. Instead of repairing the car, it was transported to the patrol track outside Louroujina and fitted up as a cramped OPT with a small tower just above the drivers seat.

TIME OUT FOR S-65

Photograph by Sgt Tony Hodgetts

The OPT became very popular, even though it wasn't the most comfortable one.

Earlier this year, there suddenly was enough money to build a brand new OP 200 meters from the Volvo. And when that



The old OPT S-65, newly torn down, was built in an old terrain vehicle and placed on the patrol track just outside Louroujina.

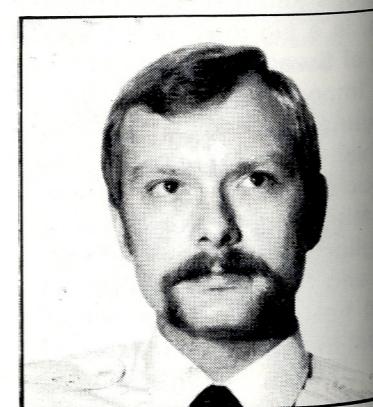
UN MP COY ASSISTANCE TO THE BLIND

BY CWO CARL BUNGAY

During Maj Cannons' reign (Jun 83-Jul 84) as the Force Provost Marshal, he undertook a very worthwhile cause, of raising funds to help the Blind. The cause was unique in that as far as can be determined it is the first time this UN MP Coy has undertaken such a task. Every member of the Coy, regardless of nationality, gave it their support. The donations were divided equally among the Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot Blind Associations.

One of the fund raising schemes used was to auction off the Deputy Commanding Officer's moustache. Capt Olsen, from Denmark, was coerced into donating a bushy moustache. The shaving ceremony was enjoyed by all.

on the faces of those we encountered. There is truth in the saying "IT IS BETTER TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE".



Capt Olsen - before the shaving ceremony



Ingredients:

One salmon	2-3 lb
Flour	1 lb
Eggs	4
Milk	2 cups
Salt	1 tablespoon
Pepper	1/2 tablespoon
Bread crumbs fine	1 1/2 lb
Onion salt	1/2 tablespoon
Lemon juice	1/4 cup

Step 2

Lay the fillet on a cutting board with meat facing up. Starting at either end go in 1 in and slice the fillet until the knife reaches the skin. Slide the finger off by turning the knife on an angle and sliding it under the fillet. Carry out same procedure until all fingers are removed.

Step 1

Fillet salmon by taking head and tail off and laying the salmon flat on its stomach. Take a sharp paring knife and cut into the salmon on either side of the backbone. Carefully keep the knife closest to the bone, and continue in a downward motion slicing toward you allowing the meat to separate from the bone until the fillet is completely off. Carry out same procedure for the other side.

Step 4

Deep fry the fingers at 350 degrees F for approximately 5 min or until golden brown. Place in oven at 300 degrees F for 10 min. When finished place on garnished serving tray and sprinkle with lemon juice and serve.

This dish can be used when doing a seafood platter and also as an appetizer or when making canapes.



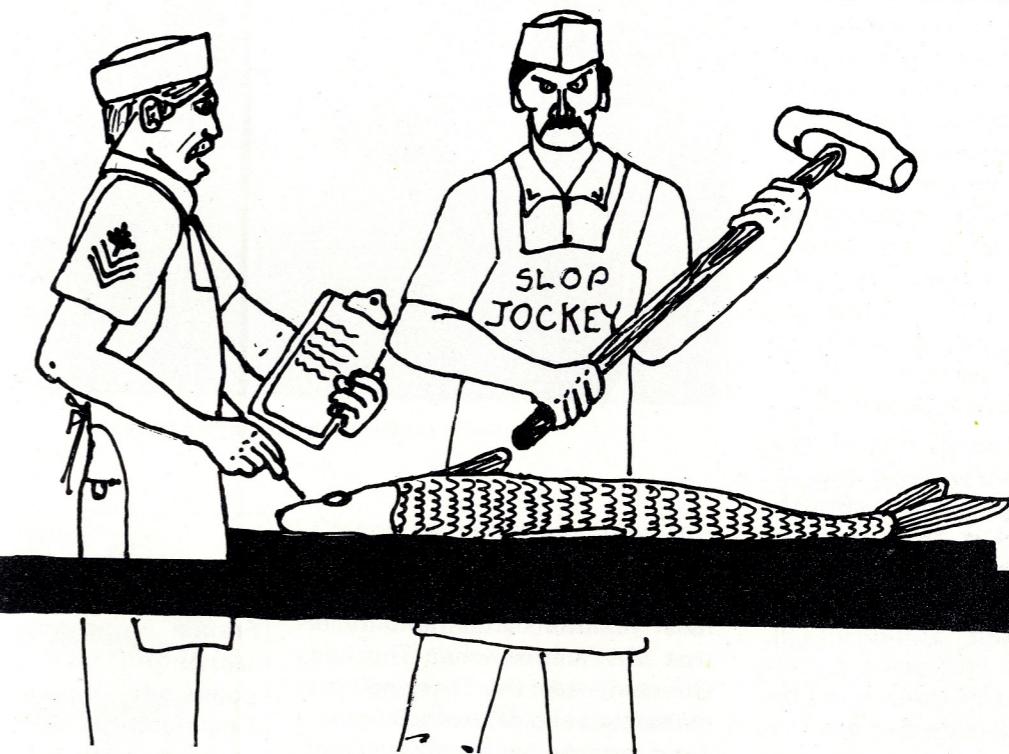
HAVE A NICE DAY



INTERNATIONAL COOKBOOK

SALMON FINGERS BREADED

By: Sgt G Thorne
NCO ic FOOD SERVICES



AND NOW... WE TENDERIZE THE SALMON.





By Capt J L Sunnocks

The Life Guards are no strangers to Cyprus. During service in Egypt from 1954 to 1956 detachments from the Regiment served in the island. In 1964 C Squadron was sent out at short notice to become part of the newly formed United Nations Force. A Squadron toured the island in 1976 and just before the departure from Windsor to Germany in 1979 B Squadron served here. Many of the present C Squadron contingent who were on those tours will surely be quietly investigating old watering holes and the development of the seeds they sowed eight years ago.

The Life Guards, one of two Household Cavalry Regiments, is the senior Regiment in the British Army. Formed in 1660 by King Charles II as a personal bodyguard prior to his restoration as King, the mounted Squadron at Knightsbridge still plays a role similar to that of three hundred years ago. On State occasions The Life Guards surround the Monarch's carriage and protect her from a threat rather different to the one King Charles envisaged when he first formed his mounted



Escorting the Royal Family

bodyguard. Perhaps one of the most famous battle honours is that of Waterloo when The Life Guards formed the Charging Line of the Household Cavalry Brigade, went in at the height of battle and saved the British Centre from being overrun. Seventy years before, during the war of Austrian Succession, the Regiment played

a leading role in the rout of the French Household Cavalry at Dettingen. As part of the composite Household Cavalry Regiment, The Life Guards fought in Egypt in 1882, South Africa in 1899, and the First and Second World Wars. From 1948 to 1971 The Life Guards as an Armoured Car Regiment had elements in Palestine, Aden, The Oman, Malaya, Singapore, Borneo, Greece, Turkey, Norway, Denmark, Northern Ireland, and of course Cyprus. This exciting cosmopolitan way of life was brought to an abrupt end when in 1971 they became a Tank Regiment for the first time in their history and were deposited in Germany for five years to protect the Eastern Front of Europe. Fortunately the Regiment's role changes every five years, giving it a variety of postings, the envy of other British Cavalry Regiments. The Life Guards have just returned from their second tour of Germany and are looking forward to a more exciting if less predictable way of life at Windsor with 5 Airborne Brigade.



C-Squadron Chieftain tank during troop training on Soltau

THE LIFGUARDS



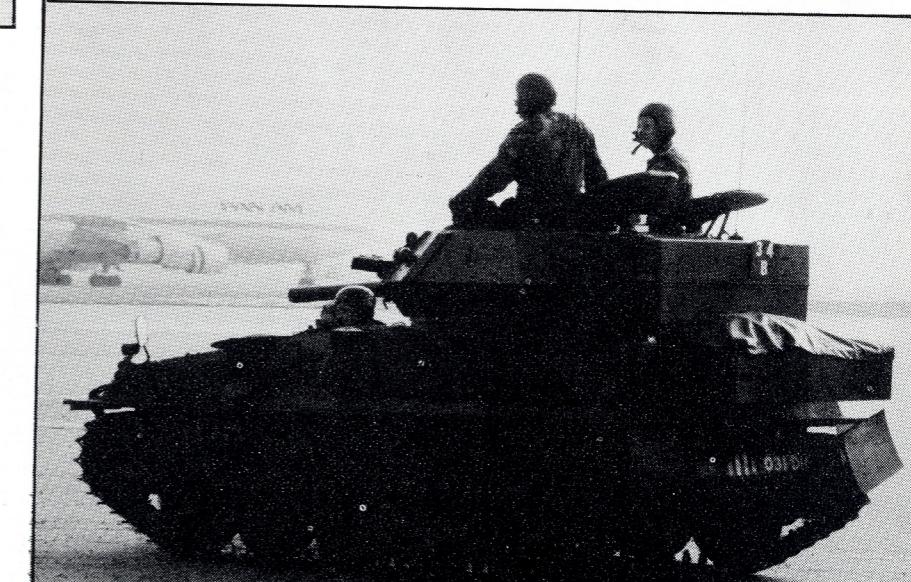
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Changing of the Mounted Guard in London



"Corporal of Horse", a "Sergeant Major as "Corporal Major". Idiosyncracy is common in British Regiments, many of which are over three hundred years old, but traditions are more often than not easily explained. When the rest of the British Army during the Peninsular War started to employ the title "Sergeant", the



Security duties at London's Heathrow airport in Scorpion recce vehicle

Household Cavalry (not Avant Garde at the best of times) failed to catch on and the old titles have remained to the present day. Likewise the rank insignias are different to the rest of the British Army due to Queen Victoria objecting to the Corporals in her bodyguard having only one chevron on their arm.

A Lance Corporal has two chevrons and a brass crown, a Lance Corporal of Horse (the equivalent of full Corporal) has three chevrons and a cloth crown, and a Corporal of Horse has three chevrons and a brass crown.

By the time this article is published, C Squadron will have taken over from the 16/5th Lancers and settled down to its third role in five months. The move from Germany to England, successfully completed in January, was followed by three months Conversion Training from Chieftain tanks to Fox Armoured Cars, an exercise on Salisbury Plain and Gunnery Camp at Lulworth. The Squadron is now fully trained, has some experience, and awaits with anticipation the challenge of a tour as an Independent Squadron.



UN NEWS



NEW COMMANDER CANADIAN CONTINGENT



COLONEL W. D. WELLSMAN, CD

Colonel Wellsman joined the Canadian Army in 1952, entering Le College Militaire Royal de St Jean. He graduated in 1957 from RMC, was commissioned into the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery and attended the University of Toronto in 1957-58 obtaining an honours degree in Military history.

He served in Gagetown, New Brunswick from 1958 until 1962 with 3 RCHA and 1 RCHA. Promoted to Captain in 1961 he was appointed Adjutant of 1 RCHA. From 1962 to 1965 he served as Army Staff Officer and lecturer in military studies at Royal Roads Military College in Victoria, British Columbia. In 1965 he returned to regimental duty

with 4 RCHA in Petawawa, Ontario.

Selected to attend the Canadian Army Staff College, Kingston, Ontario in 1966, he was promoted Major during the course and subsequently joined the operations staff of Commander Northern Army Group in North West Europe. In 1969 he assumed Command of "C" Battery 1 RCHA in Germany. On return to Canada in 1971 he took Command of 3 RCHA in Shilo, Manitoba.

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