

# THE BLUE BERET



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## WATER WORKS IN DANCON



During the last few weeks teams of soldiers from DANCON have been working hard to restore the water supply to the village of Ambeliko and Lefka in Northern Cyprus.

The flow of water had been interrupted when the pipeline, which begins high in the Troodos mountains was damaged during the winter storms. The soldiers from DANCON working with engineers from the Cyprus Water Authority followed the pipeline through the rugged terrain tracing the leaks and repairing them.

Working in extreme conditions ranging from sheer cliffs to a snake infested river bed (two soldiers in fact suffered snake bites) the repair team succeeded in their aim.

By the end of June, Ambeliko and Lefka were receiving cool crystal clear water from the Troodos springs.

## NEW COMMANDING OFFICER FOR AUSCON



On the 15th of June Lt Col E. Dallinger arrived on the island. In the following five days he was introduced to his appointment by his predecessor Lt Col Schipper. On the 20th of June the official hand over ceremony took place. Lt Col Dallinger, who has had two previous postings in Cyprus (First in Paphos, in 1973, second in Larnaca 1975 as a Coy Commander), became the new Commander of AUSCON, and quickly entered into the spirit of the Contingent.

For Lt Col Dallinger it is very

important to set a leading example. Physical readiness will come in the foreground. Finally it must be mentioned that Lt Col Dallinger was positively impressed by the discipline of the Austrian Soldier. The new Commander is quite aware of the demanding tasks of Sector four personnel. We wish him good luck.



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DANCON WATER  
REPAIRS  
BY SSGT A. BEATON  
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## Editorial

August sees a slightly earlier edition of the Blue Beret due to our printers summer break at the end of the month; from this it is worth noting that many of the local shops and facilities may be closed for short periods throughout the month and it may be worth your while checking opening times before leaving home to shop.

As always we are grateful for the contributions made by the Press Officers to this magazine which this month includes such 'gems' as Fun Rugby which was successful in raising money for charity, the Cancon Show, and even a 'Fishy Tale' about a shark, which I'm pleased to say is a very rare sight off the shores of Cyprus.

We always welcome contributions from our readers. All of you must experience something amusing, entertaining or even memorable during your stay in Cyprus and we would very much like to hear from you. All sectors and major units have their own Press Officers to which your contributions or comments/ suggestions should be directed.

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## A FISHY TAIL!



The sea off Cape Greco was calm, and a light cooling breeze blew as Cpl Anderolli Rainhard (a cook from Camp Duke Leopold V) relaxed in a small boat waiting for a bite on one of his lines.

Little did he realise that below him a 7 foot long creature was beginning to take an interest in the tasty bait. Suddenly he was startled from his relaxed state by a tremendous tugging on one of his lines and a fierce struggle ensued. Eventually, Anderolli managed to kill the beast with a harpoon. With the help of two local fishermen he hauled the fish aboard and to his amazement discovered that what he had



caught was no ordinary fish but a 250 kg shark! The fishermen were equally delighted with his catch as the shark had been frequently damaging their nets and afterwards Andreolli was invited to join them in a celebration with the local community.

To catch a shark is not only a first for Cpl Rainhard but also a fairly rare occurrence as they are not often sighted in Cypriot coastal waters. Without the photographic evidence and the entry in the camp guard's log - when he witnessed the shark's tail poking out of Corporal Rainhard's car - anyone would think that this was just another fisherman's tail!

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** We have done some investigating ourselves and with the assistance of the Cyprus Government Fisheries Department we identified the creature as a juvenile *hexanchus griseus* (six-gilled or grey shark) a most unlikely catch as they normally live in deep water living off fish and crustacea.

## HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER VISITS THE 9th/12th LANCERS

As mentioned in the last issue Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief of the 9/12 Lancers visited the Regiment at Wimbish on 19th June.

The parade in her honour took place on the airfield at Wimbish (it being a RAF station during the war) and consisted of a slow and fast drive past of the Regiment's present vehicles followed by a slow drive past of old vehicles both Regiments used such as Sherman, Chieftan, Conqueror, Centurion and even an UNFICYP Scout Car was commandeered for the occasion. The weather was the only aspect that 'dampened' the day. It rained from the moment the Regiment formed up until Queen Elizabeth arrived, so all



spectators were soaked but greatly enjoyed an impressive parade. Afterwards Queen Elizabeth lunched in the Officers' Mess whilst most serving and past officers' and their families dined in the gym.

After lunch Queen Elizabeth visited a fete, which due to the weather had to be moved into one of the old aircraft hangers, where she met many soldiers and their families.

Before departing she had a careful and well experienced look over 'Dangerous Game' the horse she gave the Regiment in 1987.

A thoroughly enjoyable and successful day was rounded off by an all ranks dance.

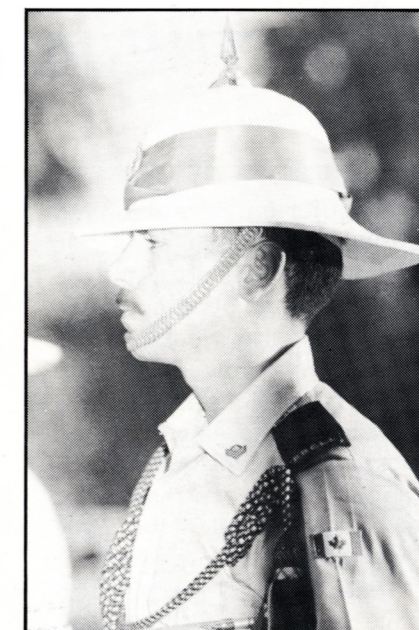
## CANADIAN CONTINGENT MEDAL PARADE

On July 1st, at the Ledra Palace, the Canadians of Sector Three held their Medal Parade. Several hundred guests watched as the two 50 man guards, commanded by Lt Col HF Elliott, crisply performed a sunset ceremony which included a "feu de joie" and an advance in review order.

The Force Commander, Maj Gen G Greindl, was the Reviewing Officer. In his comments to the parade, he noted that Canada had a long tradition of military and diplomatic service with the United Nations, including the Nobel



Regimental Sergeant Major CWO HR Stinson during the firing of the ceremonial "feu de joie."



MCpl B.M. Beshara of the 3 PPCLI Corps of Drums.



3 PPCLI marches on.



Colonel CR Wellwood, past Commanding Officer of 3 PPCLI, awards the UN medal "In the Service of Peace" to MCpl P.D. Baker of C Coy.

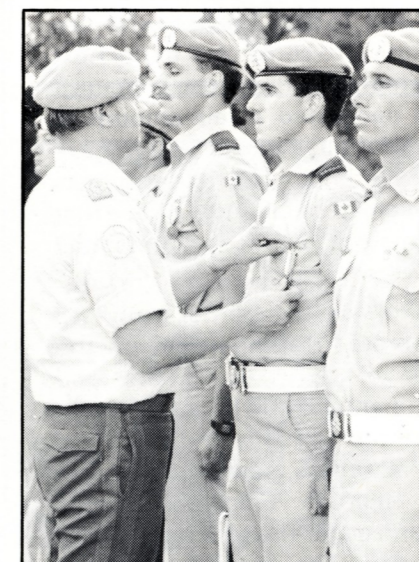
Peace Prize winning efforts of Mr Lester B Pearson in establishing the United Nations Emergency Force in 1956, and of course, Canada's participation in UNFICYP since 1964.

Both the Force Commander and the Commander Canadian Contingent, Colonel CR Wellwood, presented the United Nations Medal, "In the Service of Peace," to the men on parade, which marks the 49th Canadian Medal Parade. The date was also significant to all Canadians since it was the country's 121st birthday.

There was a reception at the Ledra Palace swimming pool following the parade which was enthusiastically attended by all the guests.



With the passing of the CANCON show and the Medal Parade on 1st July, Canada Day, the time remaining in our tour gets shorter and shorter. The Advance party leaves at the end of August and by the end of September. The Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadian), an Armoured Regiment from Calgary, Alberta, will be firmly in control.



The Force Commander, Maj Gen G Greindl awards the UN medal to Pte N. Lavallee of A Coy.



## THE 4th/7th ROYAL DRAGOON

They say that time flies when you are enjoying yourself. Well this last month has zoomed by and the Regiment has enjoyed an active and busy initial 5 weeks on the line, heavily involved in both official United Nations business and also in the sporting and leisure side of life. We were warned before we arrived, that June had been called the "silly season" due to the amount of work that goes on. This one seems to have been no exception. But although operationally we have been busy, most people have found time to make full use of the various facilities and opportunities available to them on the island and therefore morale in the Regiment is high.



Tpr Murray G (15/19H) Squadron briefs Lt General Sir Antony Walker at B23.



Over the last month, we seem to have been inundated with both official and unofficial visitors to the sector and there seems to be no end to the hordes who are planning to come over in the next few months. As one can imagine it has generated a fair amount of work for all involved but we have enjoyed hosting all of our guests to Sector 2 so far and we hope that they found the place as interesting as we are finding it.

On the Regimental front, we celebrated Dettingen day on the 27th of June. It is the one Regimental battle honour that we celebrate annually and this year, like all others, saw no change in the near to ridiculous games organized for the afternoon of the big day. The most memorable event this year had to be the trailer race, in which teams of 8 had to



2Lt J Kittermaster - who had the impressive bowling figures of 4-0-0-50 at the end of the 1st Regimental cricket match.

push a Land Rover trailer with team captain inside, over a course of 500m along which were various team tasks. These included eating 2 dry Weetabix, downing a tumbler of Vodka, all on a particularly hot afternoon. Certainly not good for the digestion or the head, but the whole day was rounded off with an excellent barbeque held at St. David's Camp bar.

The sporting side of life has also been hotting up. June saw the inter Squadron swimming competition being held at the UNPA pool and we managed to play our first cricket match at Dhekelia. The swimming was held on the 29th of the month and was fiercely contested and supported by all Squadrons. Lt JJ Packshaw dominated the individual events but his solo performance was not enough to beat off D Squadron in the team races and it was they who collected the Regimental swimming cup from Mrs Mark Nicole, D Squadron Leader's wife.

## GUARDS' REGIMENTAL DIARY



The Adjutant and RSM caught playing 'thing of a number' during a recent crash out.



Some more "Geordies" attached to the Regiment - 2nd Troop G (15/19H Sqn).

Two days earlier, the UN Squadrons took on the might of the Dhekelia Squadrons in what turned out to be an enthralling cricket match. Considering it was our first outing, the team played fairly well but our pace attack was destroyed after 3 quick wickets by 2Lt W Spooner, a fine right hander from Notting Hill, London. He savaged every ball bowled at him and ended the game 48 not out, but more importantly steered his team to a comfortable 5 wicket victory. Could he be the man to tackle Malcolm Marshall in the final task for England?



That concludes this month - it may have been hectic but we have certainly enjoyed our first month, not only on the island but here in the United Nations. We are now looking forward to July and August when wives and families start visiting us here and also to the next bout of Military and sporting competitions. We look forward to meeting more of you then.



### SUPPORT REGIMENT SHOOTING COMPETITION 6th JULY 1988

The UNFICYP Workshop Team under Major Tom Mathew won the Regimental Skill at Arms meeting at Dhekelia. Results were:

1st Wksps REME 371 points  
2nd HQ Det 356 points  
3rd B Tp RCT 356 points



UNFICYP Wksps Winning Team

# PARADE OF STARS 1988



Jeremy Hotz, raucous comedian, got as good as he gave from the enthusiastic crowd.



Left to Right: Jeremy Hotz, comedian, Trudy Moffat, producer, and Mary Lu Zahalan, solo singer at the conclusion of the final night's performance.



John Pattison ventriloquist and friend.

Nobody said it was going to be easy.

When Capt Gord Shumway first approached me with the details of the mission, I seriously considered calling it a tour and heading home early. Don't get me wrong — I'm no quitter, but I'm not a glutton for punishment either. The task was straightforward. Somehow, the tough ones usually are.

On 26 June 1988, a troupe of 22 performers, 12 of whom were

Admittedly, three of the cast were more interested in meeting the CANCON medics at BBC, and were rushed there by ambulance from the airport. It seems that our Air Force friends with the Multinational Force and Observers in El Gorah were less than diligent hosts and allowed the stars to contract bad cases of "The Gut." Our medics saved the day, though, and all of the performers were able to carry on with the show, although one of



Enthusiastic Canadians show their appreciation for a superb show by a group of very professional Canadian entertainers.

the ladies was released from hospital only hours before the first performance fortunately, Pte Bill Gordon was strategically located in her dressing room to ensure she was awakened at all the opportune times.

So to speak.

The show itself was a slick, professional production which flowed so smoothly that it was difficult to believe the troupe had been working together for only four weeks. Even the band Authorized Personnel was formed specifically for the Parade of Stars.

Opening each performance

were the six nubile dancers of Body and Soul who elicited enthusiastic exhortations from the crowd and set the tone for each night. Headline singer, Mary Lu Zahalan was very warmly received as she sang both original songs from her new album and old hits made famous by Canadian singers and songwriters. Acting as MC for the show, comedian Jeremy Hotz fenced with the audience and developed a special rapport with the formerly

scenes.

All members of the troupe wish to pass on their sincere thanks to all ranks of CANCON for their warm reception. Cyprus was decidedly the best stop on their tour, and all were sorry to leave after only one week. Mind you, they don't envy anyone a six month tour on the line, and were extremely impressed and appreciative of the efforts Canadian soldiers make towards peace on the island.

Following their performances



Jeremy Hotz and Pte Rekrut compare noses.

unknown Cpl Elliott, and one rarely seen Nancy Drew. Two trios rounded out the show in both the singing and comedy departments. Company Three, a group of beautiful and talented young singers enchanted the audience with their renditions of some favourite old songs, and John Pattison, Hal, and Gar Lu dazzled everyone with his (their?) hysterical ventriloquist act.

The show closed with a medley of Canadian songs and a special slide show from home which was not only heart warming to Canadians, but fascinating to guests who were treated to a wide cross-section of typical Canadian

in Nicosia, the troupe retired to the beach in Larnaca for three days of well-deserved R & R after a gruelling three week tour through the Middle East. This correspondent was ordered to accompany them, against his better judgement, and barely escaped with his sobriety.

What a job.

BY: CAPT MARK TOWHEY



Mary Lu Zahalan belts out another powerful song.



Body and Soul surround John Pattison and Garlu.

## NEWS IN BRIEF - NEWS IN BRIEF - NEWS IN BRIEF -

TRAINING OFFICER'S  
FAREWELL

On 30 June FSC hosted the Training Officers' Conference in Prince William Camp and said farewell to Major Henning Broechmann DANCON who has been S02 Plans and Training for the past year.

Right:

UNFICYP Training Officers' bid farewell to Major Henning Broechmann DANCON (wearing shorts).



## A MUSICAL FAREWELL TO THE LIFE GUARDS

At 0730 hours on the morning of Thursday 7th July for the last time Prince William Camp echoed with the sound of Musician Smith of The Life Guards playing the Cavalry Last Post as the flag of A Squadron, The Life Guards was lowered.

After a short ceremony in



which Major Harry Scott handed over to Major James Mackaness, Squadron Leader, D Squadron 9/12 Royal Lancers, The Regimental Flag of the Lancers was raised after a six month break. We send our best wishes to A Squadron The Life Guards on their return to Windsor.

## PISTOL SHOOT CHAMPION



Captain Charlie Manning receiving the Champion Pistol Shooting prize from Lt Col Charles Pyman.

QUARTER GUARD  
INSPECTION

Brig Courage inspecting Quarter Guard of Support Regiment on the 29 June 88. Brig Courage is talking to Cpl Edwards from Tpt Sqn. Sgt Boardman is Guard Commander.

## NEWS IN BRIEF - NEWS IN BRIEF - NEWS IN BRIEF



The handover/takeover of the UNFICYP Transport Squadron took place at the beginning of July.

## UNPA PLAYGROUP



Left to right: Mrs Anne Herlihy and Mrs Moira Silvanna with some of the children.

Mrs Moira Silvanna (RT) who has been running our UNPA playgroup for UNFICYP children of all nationalities aged between 3-5 years old, unfortunately left us on 30th June. Mrs Anne Herlihy has now taken her place and we wish her well in her new job.

## DINGHY SAILING CLUB



The Dinghy Sailing Club have managed to buy a safety boat. Here it is being launched for the first time under the watchful eye of Sgt Ken Askew (wearing buoyancy aid) who is the Treasurer of the Club.

## UNPA YOUTH CLUB REOPENS



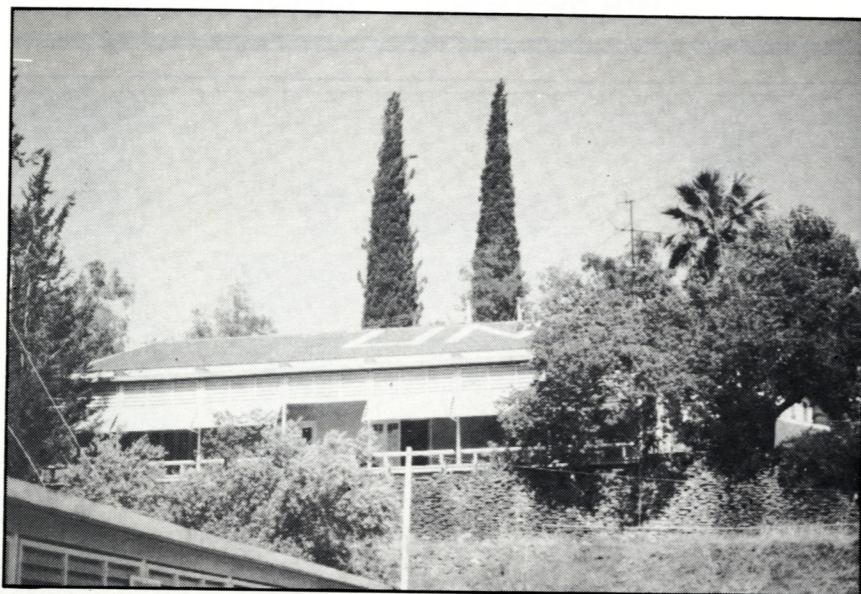
Left to Right: Neil Grant, SSgt Grant, Tony Perkins, Lydean Collins, Dvr Comer, Yvonne Beven, Colin Hannah and Cpl Elliott.



Winners of the Bar football competition; Left to Right: Paul Beven (singles winner), Andrew Garland and Mark Herlihy (winners of the doubles).

## NEWS FROM B COY- DANCON

One of the OPs in our area, D34 is known as the Fort of Nicolaos or the Welfare OP. The OP was established in November 1975. It is built on a hill, with views to the North of Morphou Bay and in clear sight of the coast of Turkey. To the South you can see Skouriotissa next to the copper mine mountains. There are spectacular sunrises and sunsets with the whole spectrum of colours playing on the surrounding mountains. It



Our spare time is spent in many different ways. First we have to cook to stay healthy and strong, we also try to stay physically fit by running etc. We also read and have non-political discussions on world affairs, and we have OP tournaments in darts, board and card games.

You could say that being at an OP makes you more qualified for the 'marriage market', or it could give your wife or girlfriend a pleasant surprise on your homecoming. Most important being stationed at an OP makes you more tolerant.

is breath taking. D34 consists of a watch tower and a hut. The watch tower houses survey, radio and reporting kit. We have a concrete bedroom and a living room displaying posters of the prettiest women in the world. There is a kitchen with refrigerator, freezer and gas stove and finally a small bathroom. We get water twice a week. It is almost like another Danish home. The OP is manned with one corporal and three privates. During the course of one month we have two weeks at the top, one week in camp and six days off. Our mission at the OP is to survey, and to do foot patrols, and we are expected to be ready by the Heli pad if visitors arrive for 'Blue Visits'.

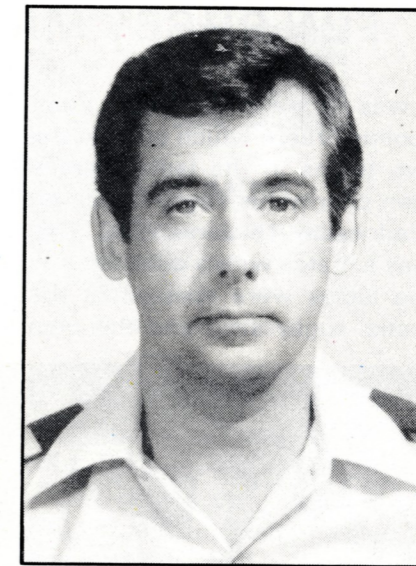


## FORCE PROVOST MARSHAL'S CHANGE OF COMMAND

On 8th July 1988, the United Nations Force in Cyprus Military Police Company held its Medal and Change of Command Parade. On that occasion, Major General G.G. Greindl, Force Commander, UNFICYP and several spectators witnessed the out-going Force Provost Marshal, Major J.B. Poirier, CD 1, relinquish his command to the incoming Force Provost Marshal, Major G. Nault, CD 1.

Following high school graduation Major Nault, enrolled in the Royal Canadian Air Force, graduating from the Air Force Police School in 1964. Subsequently, he served at Senneterre and Val D'Or, Que and Ottawa, Ont. Commissioned from the rank of Sergeant in 1975, Lt

Nault served at the Special Investigation Unit Headquarters (SIU HQ) in Ottawa and the Quebec Detachment of the same unit in St Hubert, Que, as the Operations Officer. Promoted to Captain in 1977, he commanded 5 Military Police Platoon in Valcartier, Que, until his posting to Canadian Forces Recruiting Detachment in St-Jerome, Que, as Detachment Commander. In October 1983, Capt Nault returned to SIU HQ as the Operations Officer and later assumed the command of SIU Section Quebec, Que. Capt Nault was promoted to Major on 1 January 1988, and has commanded the UNFICYP MP Coy since 8 July 1988. Maj Nault and his lovely wife Janette have three



Major G Nault, CDI, The new Force Provost Marshal.

children, two sons and a daughter, all of whom are residing in Canada.

Members of the UNFICYP MP Coy wish Major Nault and his wife, an enjoyable tour on the island of love and UNFICYP.



Did you know that there is a race called the PYLATHON?

Instituted in January 1984 by a Swedish policeman named Curt Teckner, the race runs between the UNCIVPOL stations at Pyla and Larnaca by the seaside. The runner can decide which station he wishes to begin from.

The distance of the race was originally 12.7 kilometres, but due to the change of location of the police station at Larnaca in 1988, the distance is now 15.1 kilometres. The reason for the creation of the PYLATHON was to maintain fitness within the Swedish Civilian Police, in much the same way that the infamous DANCON March was instituted, although on a much more modest scale. Although the run was originally only for Police, an 'open class' to allow any member of the United Nations to participate was formed.

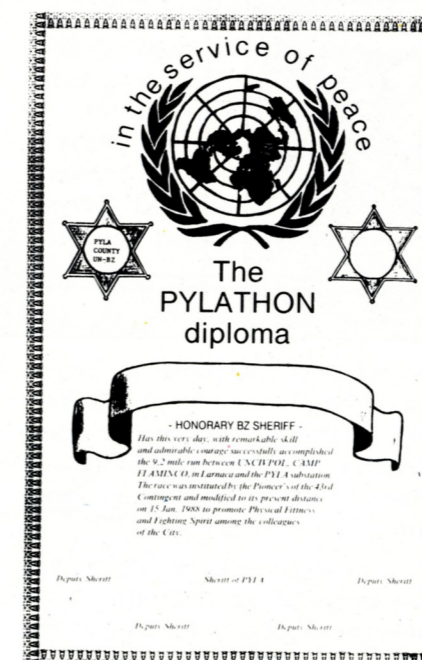
## THE PYLATHON

by Chief Inspector K. Kindberg



Unlike the DANCON March the PYLATHON can be run at any time of year, by individuals or groups and with no time limit; the only person you need compete against is yourself. Everyone who completes the distance receives the much sought after 'PYLATHON DIPLOMA' personally endorsed with the signatures of the UNCIVPOL members stationed at the Pyla station. To this date, 61 persons have run the race; this number does not include those who have run more than once.

So, if there is anyone from UNFICYP who likes to run or who perhaps is in training for another event and is interested in taking part in the PYLATHON should contact one of the Swedish members of UNCIVPOL in Larnaca or Pyla, or phone HQ UNCIVPOL through the UN exchange on extension 2277. The rest will be handled automatically.



## FUN RUGBY MATCH RAISES MONEY FOR CHARITY

It was a warm evening with a soft cooling breeze which greeted the two teams in the ladies versus men charity fun rugby match on Wednesday 15 June 1988. This was a match with a difference as the ladies were dressed in the mens' rugby strip and the men

match, but there was only ever going to be one real winner of the event and that was the Guy's Hospital Kidney Appeal for whose benefit the whole event was organised. Guy's is a major teaching hospital in London which specialises in kidney research and

Nicosia as well as by a number of Contingents and departments within UNFICYP, for which grateful thanks are extended.

A cheque for the money raised is to be presented to the Appeal Committee in London on 8 August 1988 by Kathryn Porter, the 10



were dressed in ladies clothing with the added handicap of having to wear flippers instead of shoes!

Many spectators had gathered to watch the spectacle and join in the fun and they were not to be disappointed. Mrs Pyman, wife of Lt Col Pyman Commandant UNPA, took the kick off and there then



year old daughter of WO1 and Mrs Henry Porter, who is a patient of Guy's Kidney Unit, when she will be at the hospital undergoing a series of tests. A photo of the presentation will appear in a later issue of this magazine.

Finally, the organisers of the event would like to extend their



followed 30 minutes of non stop hilarity, drama and incident (but very little rugby!!), with many cooling down periods, either by constant soakings from the UNPA fire picquet or the many visits to the sin bin, which was a huge pool filled with water, ordered by the referee or, more often than not, imposed by the players themselves.

The ladies obviously turned out to be the eventual winners of the

transplants, not only for people within the UK but for people from all over the world, including Cyprus, and their appeal aims to raise £1,000,000 for a new kidney unit.

The event was an outstanding success and over £800 was raised which will all go to the appeal. The majority of this money came from the sale of raffle tickets with over 40 prizes being donated by many shops and organisations in

thanks to all those departments and individuals within UNFICYP without whose help the event would not have taken place, and also to all those people who took part on the day, whether it was playing, helping or just watching - you made the event the success it was and helped make those less fortunate than yourselves a lot better off.

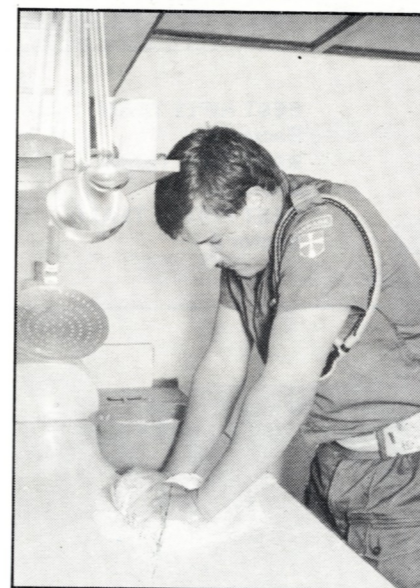


## THE DANCON BAKERS



When dawn breaks over the hills of the Sector One area the soldiers at OPs D38 and D26 begin their day by baking bread.

Each day one of the soldiers takes his turn to bake, starting at about 6 a.m. and by 9 a.m. the bread has been baked, buttered, shared around and devoured! Not



Pte 1st Class Kent Olsen taking his turn to 'knead the dough'

only do the soldiers bake bread but they are also dab hands at making pancakes. They have fillings of their choice which they eat as a snack later in the day.

Here are the two recipes taken from D26:

### DANISH BREAD

40g Yeast  
10g Sugar  
15g Salt  
1,500g Plain Flour  
50g Melted Margarine  
750ml Milk  
1 Egg (Beaten)

(For Two Loaves)

Sprinkle the dried yeast into 450ml of tepid water and the sugar and leave until frothy. Put the flour into a bowl and making a

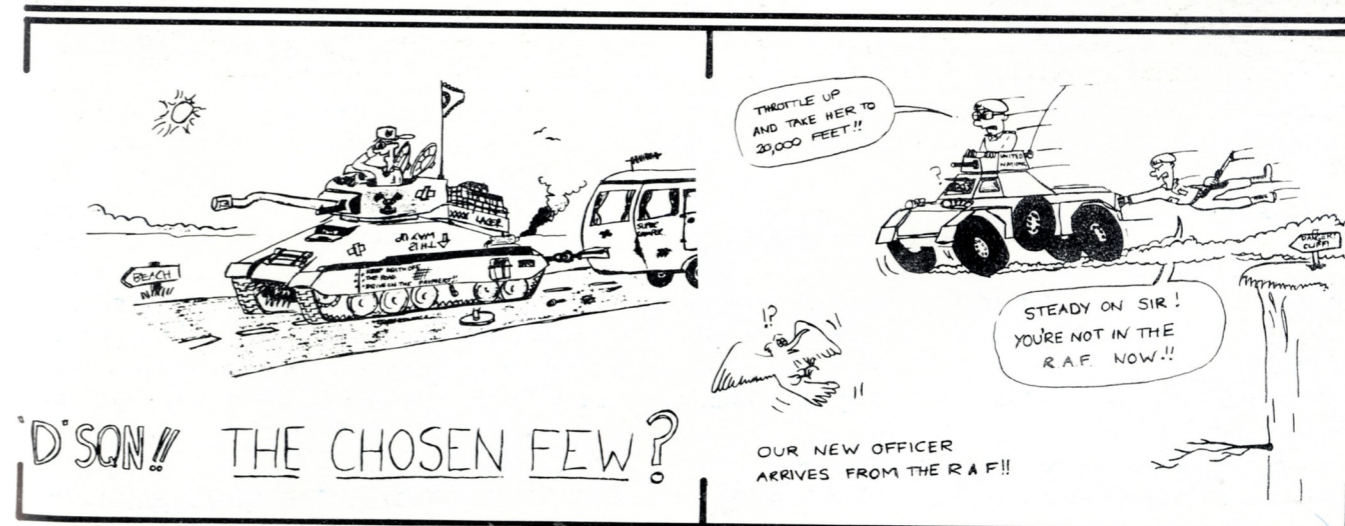
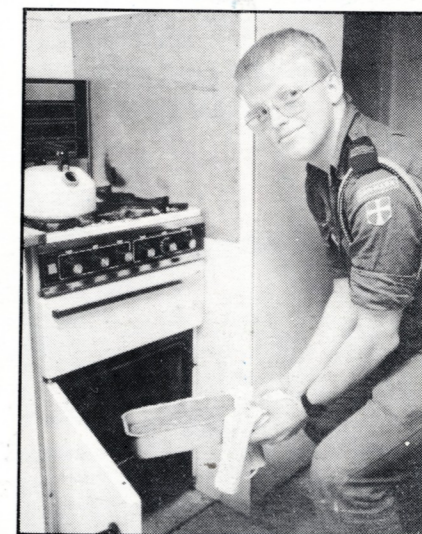


well in the centre add the margarine, milk and yeast mixture. Stir and beat the mixture until it forms a dough, leaving the sides of the bowl clean. Knead the dough for at least 10 minutes. Leave the bowl covered with a tea towel in a warm place for an hour. Transfer the dough to two greased baking tins and cover with a plastic bag until the dough rises and is springy to the touch. Brush tops with the beaten egg mixture and bake in the centre of a preheated oven at 230°C, 450°F or Gas Mark 8 for 30 minutes, until well risen and golden

### PANCAKES

200 grms plain flour  
1 tsp sugar  
¼ tsp salt  
½ tsp lemon rind  
3 eggs  
300 ml milk  
3 tsp beer or water

Mix all the ingredients together in a bowl with a whisk. Melt a little fat in a frying pan and pour a small amount of the mixture into it (just enough to cover the base) brown on both sides. Eat immediately, filled with anything of your choice, for example: ice cream, marmalade, sugar or nuts.



# UNFICYP SHOOTING COMPETITION



**BEST RIFLE SHOT:**  
SSgt Hughes, Sp Regt  
**BEST SMG SHOT:**  
Capt Wight, Sect 3  
**BEST PISTOL SHOT:**  
MCpl Papagiannis, Sect 3

**BEST RIFLE TEAM:**  
Sector 3  
**BEST SMG TEAM:**  
Sector 3  
**BEST PISTOL TEAM:**  
Sector 3



**OVERALL WINNING TEAM:**  
Sector 3  
2nd: Sp Regt  
3rd: Sector 2

