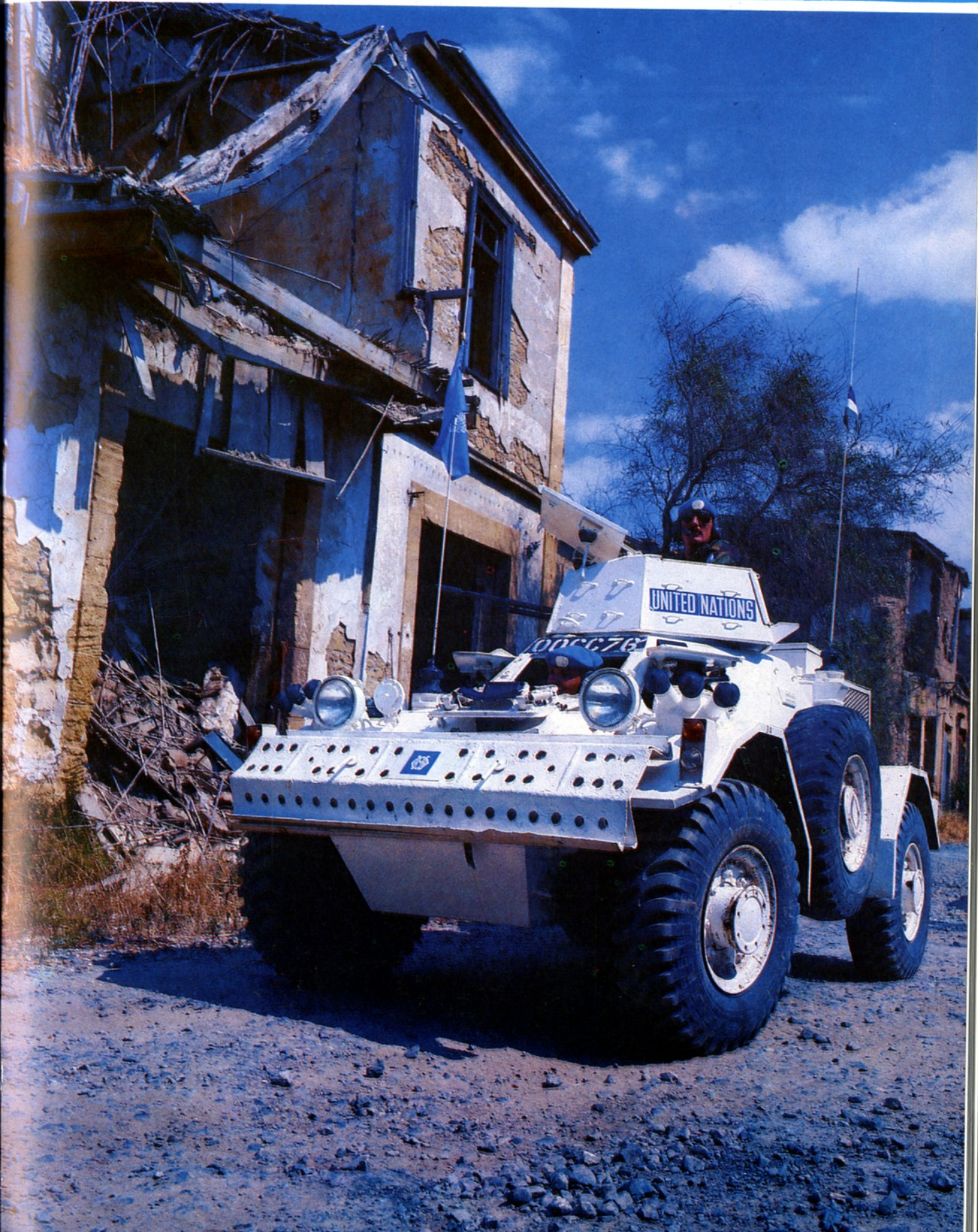


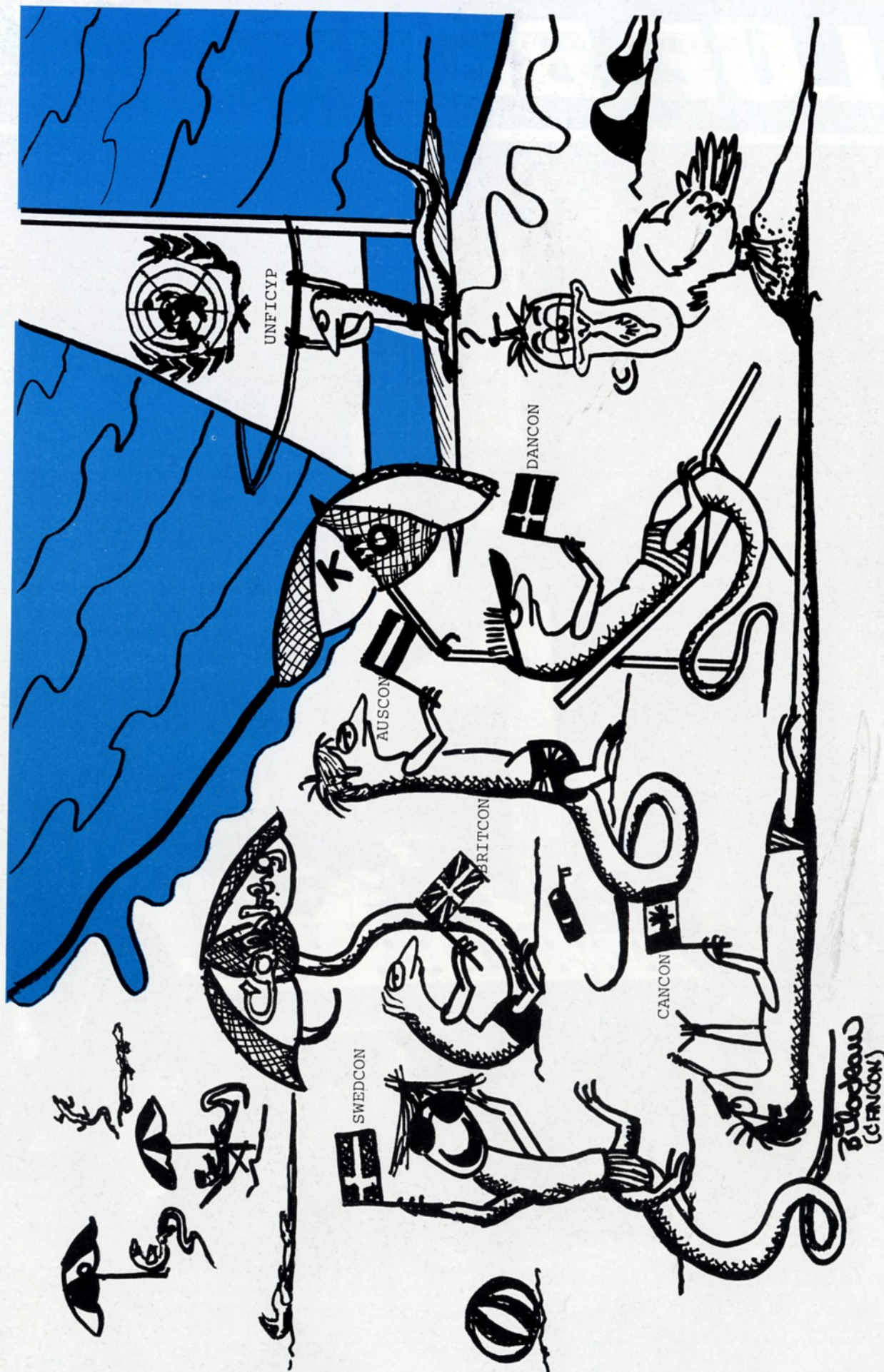
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FERRETS PATROL  
THROUGH OLD NICOSIA

By: S/Sgt A Beaton

# THE BLUE BERET



## Editorial

In recent weeks there have been some fires in and around the United Nations Buffer Zone which have caused extensive damage to the countryside. No doubt the subsequent enquiries will decide who, if anyone, is to blame and as investigations are still continuing we should not speculate how each fire started.

Fire, when out of control, is a terrible thing - especially when it occurs in the open countryside in hot and dry conditions like the ones we experience at this time of year. Coupled with the fresh wind which seems to blow here, especially in the evenings, forest or bush fires will spread with devastating speed.

The problem on this island is exacerbated by the fact that a fire will destroy within hours the work that the Cyprus reforestation over many years is trying to achieve, namely to make this island not so dry in summer. It is a well known fact that where there is a forest, there is water.

Reconstruction is a costly, labour intensive and lengthy process. The Cypriot authorities have embarked on this course some years back. Don't let us undo this good work through ignorance and negligence.

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### ERRATUM

A printing error occurred in May's edition. The article concerning the history of the 1st Battalion the Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment stated that the Worcestershire Regiment (29th/36th of Foot) was raised in 1964. This should have read 1694. Our apologies to the Commanding Officer and all ranks of the Regiment, for having made them appear so young!

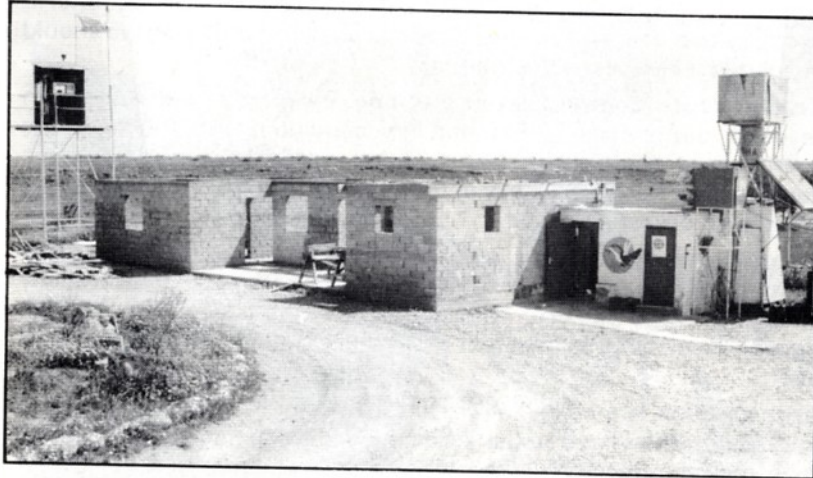


**DOWN WITH THE OLD****UP WITH THE NEW OP A-26**

In the third week of February the time was right for AUSCON's Engineer Platoon to start construction work by pulling down nearly the whole of the old OP A-26 which is situated close to the SBA-line road.

additional men, all craftsmen, were sent from Austria to carry out the actual work.

After having pulled down the old house, our engineers started laying the concrete foundation,



The former building was in a very bad condition, so it was necessary to replace it to give the OP crew reasonable living conditions for doing their job. To avoid any interference with routine UN-duty, the whole OP crew lived in tents during the time of reconstruction. Five

15.4m x 7.8m wide. Then they erected the outer walls, three baffles and terrace tiled and covered with CGI sheets. The new building consists of three bedrooms, one living room, kitchen, toilet, working facilities, one store room and a large verandah. The costs of the new



OP A-26 will amount to approximately C£4,500.

Our engineers did their job very well, working throughout the day and finished the construction within a rather shorter time than expected. Apart from the outer roughness the new building will be ready to be handed over in the second week of July.

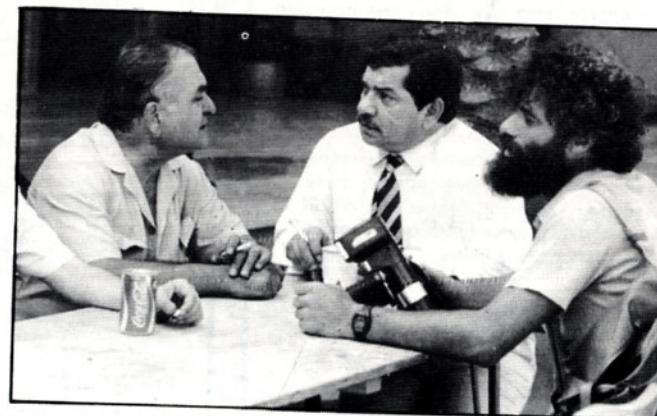
Best wishes to the crew occupying new OP A-26 for their future UN service.

## GREEK CYPRIOT AND TURKISH CYPRIOT JOURNALISTS MEET AT LEDRA PALACE



On 3rd July a unique meeting between the Journalists Union of North and South Cyprus took place in the Ledra Palace Hotel under the auspices of the United Nations.

The UNFICYP Spokesman and the MPIO had



been approached several times to start a press club for journalists from both north and south where they could periodically meet and exchange views. Hopefully this meeting will be the first of many such informal gatherings.

**WORKSHOP'S RECORD ATTEMPT**

The Green Line Run was started by 254 Signal Squadron as an event open to sub-units within the UNFICYP Support Regiment. The aim of the run is to complete a distance of approximately 43 miles from the Troodos Rebroadcast Detachment to the Cpls Mess in Jubilee Camp. The team, must consist of at least 1 officer, 2 WO/SNCOs and 7 ORs, a total of 10, which must have a combined minimum age of 225 years. Each leg of the run must be not less than 3.5 miles or more than 5 miles.

On Thu 4 Jun 87 the Wksp attempted to better their previous best time of 4 hrs 22 min 36 sec, and raise money for the Leukaemia Charity. Due to the weather here in Cyprus the run is best undertaken in the early hours, therefore at 0100 hrs the team and the back up crew set off for the mountains. Morale was good and there was a general feeling amongst the team that we had a real chance of bettering our previous time.



TEAM MEMBERS  
L-R Cpl Caddick, Cpl Bobbett, Sgt Brunning, LCpl Swindells, Cpl Houghton, Maj Mathew, Cfn Poulton, Cpl Broadbent, SSgt Bittles, Cfn Channon.

The run started at 0230 hrs the first leg being completed in a very fast time by Cfn Poulton. When we reached the half way point, time was looking good, in fact we had 2 minutes in hand. However, the hard part was yet to come, with some very difficult ground to be covered. LCpl Swindells completed the 9th leg, setting an excellent pace with a very respectful time. The last mile of the run,

from Morphou gate to the Cpls Mess, must be completed as a squad and some of the earlier runners suffered badly from cramp, thus a relatively slow last mile cost us dearly and we failed to beat our previous time by 4 mins. We did however manage to raise £300 for charity.

Another attempt to break the record will be made in early August.

## OPERATION "TA TIDY"

Pictured here are members of Line Troop 254 (UNFICYP) Signal Sqn with the visiting 81 Sig Regt (V) Territorial Army soldiers, on completion of a fortnights maintenance project within the UNPA. The long overdue work took place over the period 4-18 June and resulted in a vast improvement in UNPA internal telephone communications. The visiting soldiers, who are all employed with British Telecom in UK, thoroughly enjoyed their first UN tour and are hoping to return again next year.







## THE SHOW MUST GO ON



Much to the amazement and delight of all the spectators, the CANCON Show was a smashing hit. With the curtains drawn and at the first beat of the drum, the stage lit up and became alive. Approximately twelve hundred spectators attended the three shows. The Show was attended by all elements that constitute UNFICYP.

The Canadian Show troupe, under the direction of Major Roberge, was sponsored by the Director of Physical Education Recreation and Amenities at NDHQ in Ottawa. As a matter of fact, a show troupe is organized for the entertainment of every single Canadian unit serving in Cyprus for the maintenance of peace.



sang to the audience. Michel Dulac, the rock and roll singer, kept each and everyone clenched to his seat as while he was singing he twisted and rocked across the dance floor. The Heat Wave girls fulfilled their role as the soldiers' cheers verified that they indeed had a place for every single one of these beauties in their "big" hearts.

The Show was produced by Rolly Hammond Productions Inc. The Musical Director, Pierre Lessard, was also a member of the TIP TOPS Orchestra. The Choreographer was Lorna Wayne and the show was adorned through the participation of the beautiful Heat Wave Dancers.

The talented Chantal Jourdan continually succeeded in bringing the house down as she



There was also an astonishing display of magic put on by Mehdi who succeeded in keeping the spectators bewildered with his tricks of illusion.

A wonderful evening of entertainment was enjoyed by all the attendees. Our unit would like to thank all the guests who joined the 2eR22eR family during the 1987 CANCON Show festivities.

## UN MP COY - MILITARY SKILLS



On Friday 12 June 87, the UN MP Coy held a Military Skills Competition in 'too' perfect weather conditions, the temperature topping 40°C by the end of the contest. The five MP detachments on the Island and Special Investigation Section entered two-man teams (nine teams in all) and six of the seven nations which provide Military Policemen to the Company were represented. The competition featured the usual events, orienteering, forced march, obstacle course, and the like. It also featured events of a police response nature, e.g., safe driving skills at emergency response speed, a bicycle race (Bobby high speed response?) and a motor vehicle accident first aid situation.



Earnest Competitors  
Cpl Taylor (BRITCON) left and  
Sgt Nilsson (SWEDCON)

Despite the heat all teams did well. One team completed the orienteering course in 19 minutes. Hand grenades were flung in excess of 60 metres, and a record quantity of water was drunk. The winning team in a very

close competition proved to be Ayia Napa MP detachment, represented by Sgt Bergstrom (Sweden) and Sgt Nielsen (Denmark) followed closely by the Special Investigation Section team of WO2 Dahlqvist (Sweden) and 1/Sgt Stuhlpfarrer (Austria) who despite their "seniority" very nearly staged an upset. Third place went to Sgts Dalsberg (Denmark) and Kralinger (Austria), representing Larnaca Detachment.



SGT SPALDING (BRITCON)  
taking a rest on the obstacle course.





After an absence of nearly a decade the 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's) are returning to Cyprus. Their reappearance comes at a time when the regiment has just returned from a nine year tour in West Germany to be based at Carver Barracks in Essex. 'A' Squadron were lucky enough to be chosen again for the forthcoming 6 month tour as the UN Scout Car Squadron.

The Squadron last fulfilled this commitment in 1978, their current Squadron Leader Major Martin Rutledge serving as a subaltern, and their current Sergeant Major SSM Bond serving as a Troop Sergeant. Many of the NCO's in the squadron were also on the last

Wales's), in July 1715 as result of the revolt of the supporters of the Stuarts against George 1.

The two regiments had broadly similar histories, serving with distinction in Egypt and in the Peninsular Campaign against Napoleon, and at Waterloo. The 9th Lancers distinguished themselves during the Indian Mutiny winning no less than 13 Victoria Crosses during the campaign. The 12th Lancers went on to serve in the Crimea.

Both regiments saw action in the Boer War of 1899-1902 before taking part in actions on the Western Front in the First World War. Two of their most famous battle honours are now commemorated in the annual Mons/Moy parade which recalls



On exercise, the Scimitar Light Reconnaissance Vehicle.

tour, so experience of the island, at least in the older members should not be lacking.

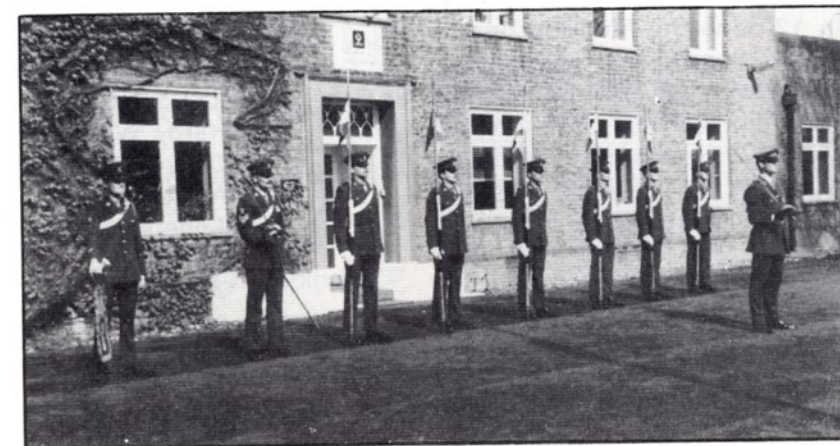
The 9th/12th Royal Lancers was raised as two separate Regiments, the 9th Queens Royal Lancers and the 12th Royal Lancers (Prince of

their last charges with the Lance. The 12th Lancers were mechanized in 1938 being equipped with Roll-Royce Armoured Cars whilst the 9th Lancers became a light Tank Regiment in 1936. Both regiments saw action with the

British Expeditionary Force and served with distinction on the retreat to Dunkirk. For the rest of the war they fought in North Africa and Italy. Since that time they have undertaken duties in Northern Ireland, Malaya and Germany. On the 11 Sept 1960 both Regiments marched to church and the two old regiments were amalgamated to form the current one. Since amalgamation service has been seen in Northern Ireland, Aden and Germany, not forgetting 'A' Squadron's last visit to Cyprus in 1978 when the regiment was last in England. In 1976 the regiment converted from tanks to the armoured recce role which it continues to fulfil today. For the last couple of years the regiment has been very much in the NATO front line based near the East German Border at Wolfenbuttel as part of the 1 (BR) Corps Reconnaissance Force.



Spartan Armoured Personnel Carrier practising for the Boeselager competition in Germany.



Lancer Guard outside RHQ Carver Barracks, Essex England.

In 1986 the Regiment competed for the International Reconnaissance Competition, the Boeselager Trophy, which it won outright. This was the first time ever that a non-German team had won the trophy, competing against teams from most other NATO countries. Sporting success has also been achieved in football, with the victory of the Calvary Cup in May 1987, as

well as recent Army victories in Volleyball. 'A' Squadron is hoping to maintain this high standard, perhaps though in some more exotic sports!

The Squadron brings about 110 men to the UN, all of whom are greatly looking forward to the chance and opportunities that such a posting brings. There is no doubt that the Squadron is the envy of the regiment.

## YEAR ROUND SANTAS'



Did you know that the Swedish UN Battalion had it's own God-children in Cyprus?

For some years now the Swedes have given money to two kindergartens on the island. These are special kindergartens for orphans or abandoned children and are situated in Limassol and Famagusta. Every week the Personnel Section at Camp Victoria open their gates and arrange guided tours for Swedish tourists. After they have been shown around the camp, they are invited to give a donation to help the children in these two homes.

About once a month the Swedes visit the kindergartens and present the gifts. Usually these are in the form of clothing and



Members of the Swedish Personnel Section shown with the children from the Famagusta Kindergarten for orphaned children receiving their welcome gifts.

shoes which the children need. It is a feeling close to Christmas Eve when the young children receive their modest gifts.

Personnel at both kindergartens are very pleased and grateful with the kindness and initiative shown by the Swedish people.

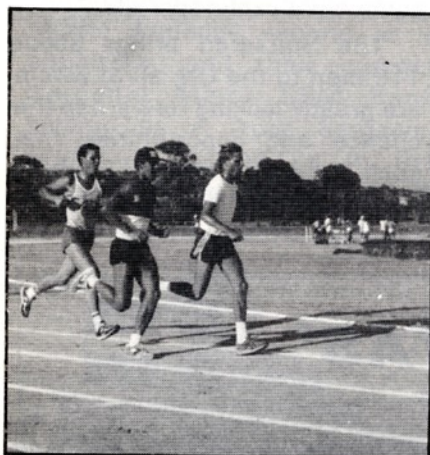


## CYPRUS SERVICES ATHLETICS LEAGUE

On 12 June the fifth and final event of the Services Athletics League took place at Dhekelia. On a hot, bright and sunny afternoon the UNFICYP team excelled and beat all the other Garrisons. The results were:

1st UNFICYP	261 pts
2nd EPISKOPI	229 pts
3rd AYIOS NIKOLAOS	217 pts
4th DHEKELIA	183 pts
5th AKROTIRI	168 pts

This was the first time in many years that Episkopi Garrison has been beaten and we owe our outstanding performance to the combined efforts of:



"Pte Knudsen Sector 1 shown in the lead here won the 5000 metres. Lt Erskine on the left came second".

Sector One	Sgt Christiansen, Johansen, Nielsen, Knudsen, Mikkelsen and Faurkov.
Sector Two	Lt Erskine, Cpl Gayle, Cooke, and LCpl Brown.
Sector Four	Capt Jamet, Swenne, Bergier, Sgt Audet and Poirier.
Sector Five	Sgt Andersen, Laurensen, Borg and Birkwist.
FSC	Cpl Snaith and Kenny.

Sp Regt

Lt Collett, 2Lt Hardy, WO1 Collins, Sgt Appleyard, Anderson, Breckon, Whitehead, Austin and White, Cpl Power, Sinclair and Calder, L/Cpl Tolley, Lanigan, Garner, Tomblin, Winship and Jones, Sig Smith, Barton, Lee,

By: Maj. N F M OXLEY

Garside and Dvr. Townsend.  
Team Captain Major N F M Oxley  
Team Manager Sgt D Breckon  
Coach Sgt R T Wiles

Deserving special mention amongst these athletes were Sgt Christiansen Sector 1, high jump 1.9m and Sgt Johansen Sector 1, Javelin 56.34m. These performances during the fourth league match in Akrotiri were the best in Cyprus this year.



"The UNFICYP Athletics team which won the Dhekelia League Meeting".

### UN SUPPORT REGIMENT CRICKET TOURNAMENT

By: Sgt M Hughes

The Support Regiment Cricket Tournament for the CO's Cup took place during the week 15-19th June. The six competing teams were split into two leagues, with two games being played on each of the first four days. Two commendable scores during those games were LCPL Tomblin's 71 runs, for B Trp RCT 'V' A Trp RCT, and Cpl Hunt's 50 runs not out, for 254 Sig Sqn 'V' WKSPS.

The final played on the afternoon of 19 June was between B Trp 8 Sqn RCT and RHQ Support Regiment over 25 overs. RHQ batted first, being bowled out for 77 runs off 23.5 overs with Maj Knowles taking 4 wickets for 14 runs and Cpl Tolly taking 3 wickets for 17 runs. B Trp quickly scored the runs required with the loss of only 2 wickets after 13.3 overs. So once again another trophy for B Trp and also the CO's Shield.

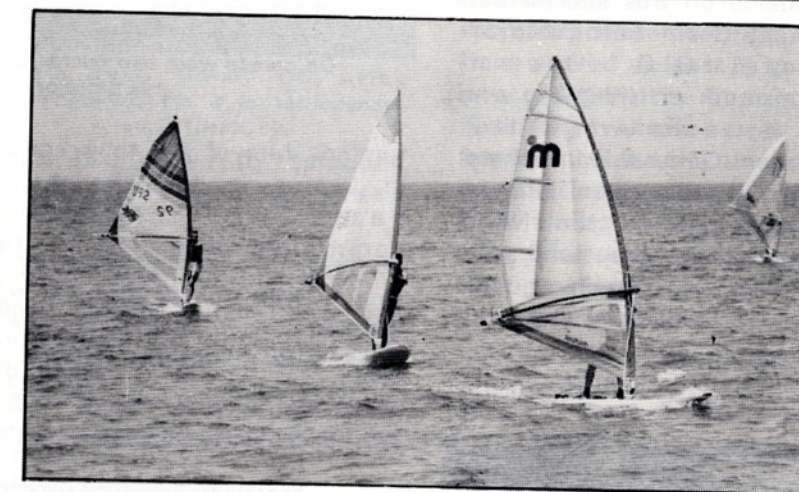
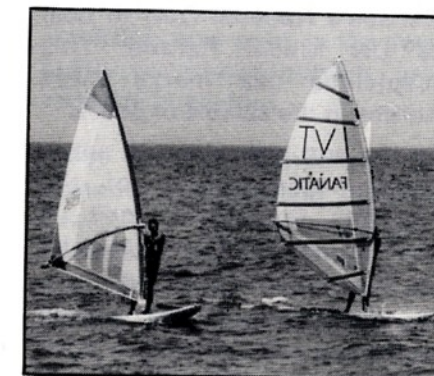
## UNFICYP BOARDSAILING REGATTA

By: Capt Roberts

This year's regatta was held at Salamis over the weekend of 13th/14th June. There were a total of 14 competitors from Sectors 4 and 5, HQ UNFICYP, Scout Car Sqn and Support Regt. The weather during the weekend was hot with a gentle 10 knot breeze for the 4 races which took place. On the first day it soon became apparent that Capt Roberts of the Scout Car Sqn was the best sailor, he won both races easily, but behind him the competitors were working hard to gain places. Lt Ibbotson achieved two second places but he was hard pushed by Sgt Persson from Sector 5 and also Capt Filtean and Sgt Gilbert from Sector 4. The racing on Sunday took a similar format with Capt Roberts winning the two remaining races. Nevertheless with Lt Ibbotson dropping back due to

Roberts caught up again to win. The final results were:

First - Capt Roberts - Scout Car Sqn  
Second - Capt Filtean - Sector 4  
Third - Sgt Gilbert - Sector 4  
Fourth - Sgt Persoll - Sector 5  
First Novice - SSgt Kirkham - Scout Car Sqn  
Second Novice - Major Tullock - HQ BRITCON  
First Team - Scout Car Sqn



equipment failure the racing was even closer. The final race was a fun event, each competitor being given a pint of beer to drink before rushing to his board and doing a quick slalom race - SSgt Kirkham Scout Car Sqn showed amazing beer drinking qualities but Capt

### UNFICYP 'V' UNIFIL/UNDOF CRICKET

By: Sgt M Hughes

Following the Support Regiment Tournament, the cricketing week was concluded with a 40 overs match between a touring side from UNIFIL/UNDOF and the Unicorns representing UNFICYP. The Unicorns were put into bat first and immediately looked in trouble as they slumped to 64 runs with 7 wickets down. However a fine partnership of 84 runs by the FSC pair of Cpl Davey and Cfn Moor put the Unicorns back into the match with their final score being 207 runs off their 40 overs. Final batting totals for Cfn Moore and Cpl Davey were 64 and 83 not out respectively, for which both should be congratulated.

The touring side went into bat

looking quietly confident, and an opening stand of 64 runs only added to that confidence. As tension mounted, the Unicorns managed to take the next 4 wickets for ninety runs. With the UNIFIL/UNDOF team now requiring 53 runs off the remaining 10 overs with 5 wickets in hand, it looked likely to be a close finish. When the remaining wickets fell for only 23 runs, with SSgt Hughes taking 3 wickets of his last over, the Unicorns ran out worthy winners by 30 runs with just 5 overs remaining.

An excellent game enjoyed by both spectators and players alike, with the Unicorns looking forward to a possible return match later in the season.





## CANADIAN CONTINGENT MEDAL PARADE

The 2e Bataillon, Royal 22e Regiment, chose July 1st (Canada's National Day) to hold its UN Medal Parade. This auspicious day marks three months in the service of peace.

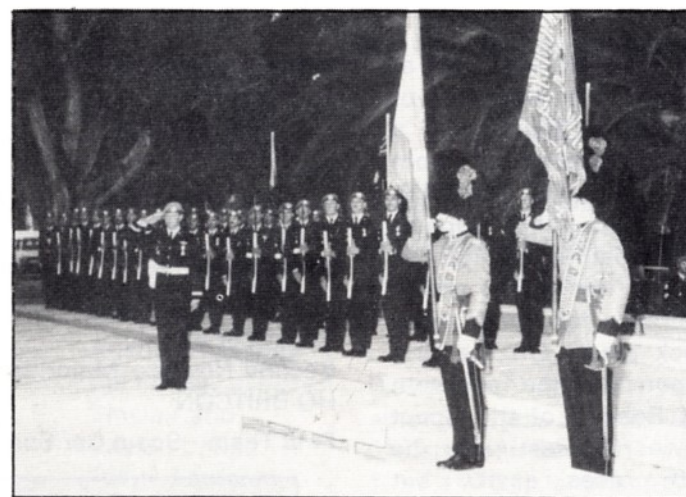
As the sun was about to set, a representative group of the Canadian Contingent lined up on the Ledra Palace Patio for the award of the UN Medal.

Many distinguished guests honoured us through their attendance on this special day; amongst them being Major-General G.G. Greindl (Commander UNFICYP) who acted as the Reviewing Officer, Lieutenant-General F.J. Richard, CMM, CD (Canadian Military Representative to the NATO Military Committee) who was our guest of honour and, of course, Brigadier-General J.A. MacInnis, CD (Commander Canadian Contingent and Chief of Staff UNFICYP).



Following the inspection of the Parade and the blessing of the medals, Major-General Greindl along with Lieutenant-General Richard proceeded with the presentation.

The UN Medal means a lot to the Canadian soldier as it



On parade were two guards of 50 men and the colour party of the 2e Bataillon, Royal 22e Regiment.

reminds him of the time spent in Cyprus in the service of peace and its award commensurates with the hardship and the rough time he had, when away from his loved ones. Wearing it on his uniform gives him a special feeling of pride and a voice deep inside him keeps telling him that it's

We would like to take this opportunity to express our warm thanks to the Commanding Officer of the Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters for having so kindly permitted his band to add colour to this unique function through their priceless support in the field of music.

Even though a Medal Parade



Before presenting the medals Padres Boss and Blizzard blessed them for their value to the peace in the world.

worth all he went through to qualify for such a high award - a medal of peace!!

The Medal Parade was followed by a cocktail reception at the Ledra Palace Swimming Pool and a Buffet Dinner at the Officers' and Warrant Officers' & Sgts' Mess.

always indicates that there is light at the end of the tunnel and that our unit shall soon be home, there is a lot of arduous work to be done, so Canadians are still on the alert. They shall maintain their high standard and calibre till the arrival of the 5e Regiment d'artillerie legere du Canada in September.

## VISIT OF FORMER BATTALION COMMANDER 2nd BATTALION ROYAL 22ieme REGIMENT



16 June 87 marked a special occasion for the 2nd Battalion Royal 22ieme Regiment (2R22eR). It was the date that one of the Regiment's former Commanders visited the Battalion in Cyprus. MGen G.H.J. Lessard, MB, CD commanded the Battalion from 1970 to 1972. This period also included a six-month tour on the Island of Aphrodite.

Although MGen Lessard had a very busy and active schedule, he requested (thus received!) visits of all OPs and houses in order to reacquaint and experience what the soldiers are dealing with today. This keen interest in the soldiers'



LCol Couture, CO Sector IV, presents MGen Lessard, OMM, CD, with a plaque commemorating his visit to Cyprus.

activities was highly appreciated by all ranks within the Sector.

The General easily kept the interest of the soldiers with "War Stories" and numerous comments on the historical aspects of the "Green Line" as seen pre-1974. The soldiers enjoyed the fact that stories that were to be handed down by word of mouth from the 28th or 29th contingent, were



MWO Joly, OMM, CD being presented with his '3' for his extended tour in UNFICYP.

now being told by someone who had a first-class experience.

The visit also provided a special opportunity for the officers and senior NCO's at large to receive a detailed briefing on significant

changes which have occurred or will be implemented in the near future within the Canadian Armed Forces. Particular attention was paid to the New Defence paper which was recently published.

Prior to his departure for Canada, the General presided over the "Numbers parade" ceremony on 23rd June. This was the first time, in our history, that such a parade was held in Cyprus. The ceremony honoured 69 of the 90 members of the contingent who have served at least 2 tours as peacekeepers on Cyprus. The General stressed the importance and the necessity of our mission in order to assist in maintaining world peace and thus indirectly demonstrating that peaceful solutions exist and must be sought.

Je me souviens

## UN FOKKER FLIGHTS TO AND FROM CYPRUS IN AUGUST 1987

### 1. Schedule Times are GMT - Adjust for Local Time

#### 10 August UN 31

Depart JER 0500  
Arrive DAM 0725  
Depart DAM 0810  
Arrive LCA 1010  
Depart LCA 1105  
Arrive CAI 1305

#### 14 August UN 35

Depart CAI 0600  
Arrive LCA 0800  
Depart LCA 0845  
Arrive DAM 1055  
Depart DAM 1140  
Arrive JER 1405

Above flights are carrying PAX for a MOVCON Conference in Cairo 10-14 August - no bookings possible from UNFICYP.

#### 24 August UN 31

Depart JER 0500  
Arrive CAI 0655  
Depart CAI 0740  
Arrive LCA 0940  
Depart LCA 1025  
Arrive JER 1145

#### 28 August UN 35

Depart JER 0500  
Arrive LCA 0620  
Depart LCA 0705  
Arrive CAI 0905  
Depart CAI 0950  
Arrive JER 1145

2. Between above mentioned flights, the UN FOKKER will fly to DAMASCUS and CAIRO from JERUSALEM and back. Further information about these flights at the FMO Office.

3. Applications for travelling with the UN FOKKER shall be forwarded to Force Movement Control UNFICYP not later than 23 July 1987.



# 1 WFR - EX TRUMPET DANCE

Between unpacking after Op Spearhead in January 1987 and packing for a UN Tour in Cyprus in May 1987 1 WFR managed to fit in an interesting and varied five week exercise in Washington State; the "Evergreen State" on the North West Pacific Coast of the USA. During this time members of the battalion experienced conditions ranging from the open, frozen, sagebrush covered tundra of the Yakima Firing Area to the wet, almost trackless, forest on the coastal area which provided the suitably remote setting for the film "First Blood".

Exercise TRUMPET DANCE was instituted in 1983 to allow two infantry battalion from UKLF each year to train in Washington State whilst based at Fort Lewis as tenant units of 1 (US) Corps. In 1987 from 4 February until 11 March, 1 WFR currently based at Oakington near Cambridge as part of 54 Infantry Brigade, provided the Battalion Group for Exercise TRUMPET DANCE 1.



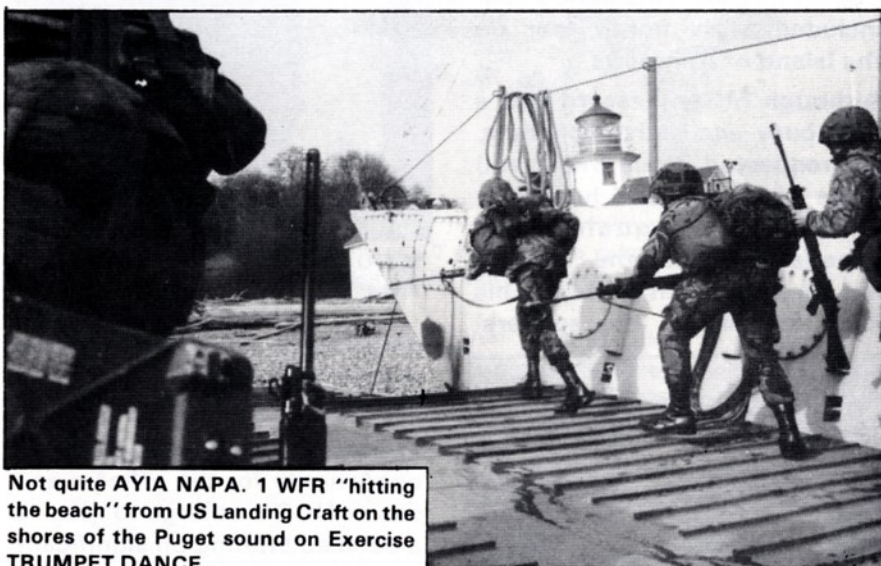
Maj PEW Smith OC of B Coy (at present in ESBA and taking over as Western Coy in Sector 2 in September) acclimatising for Cyprus at Huckleberry Creek in the Cascade Mountains of Washington State during Exercise TRUMPET DANCE.

The sheer scale of US military installations comes as an initial shock to British soldiers. Fort Lewis, containing as it does 37,000 military personnel, is larger than Osnabruck, Munster and Colchester Garrisons

combined. Its main occupants are the HQ units of 1 (US) Corps, the nine battalions of the 9th Infantry Division ("Old Reliables"), a Ranger Battalion, a Special Forces Group, an Aviation Battalion of 72 support helicopters and various supporting units.

The battalion arrived in Fort Lewis

responsibility for the Boston Massacre in 1770. So many American families wanted to entertain British soldiers that a "Dial-a-Woofer" scheme was started that resulted in free skiing trips, sailing, fishing and countless opportunities to try "Ma's apple pie".



Not quite AYIA NAPA. 1 WFR "hitting the beach" from US Landing Craft on the shores of the Puget sound on Exercise TRUMPET DANCE.

during the first week of February, flying from Brize Norton to McCord Air Force Base, which borders the Fort itself on the southern outskirts of the port of Tacoma on the Puget Sound some 40 miles south of Seattle. During the first few days range teams struggled with the complexities of US safety regulations, reces were carried out and 1 WFR tried to adjust to the culture shock of living in a camp with 4 cinemas, 17 cafeterias, a PX the size of the average out-of-town shopping centre and an Officers Club that featured "Go Go dancers".

The presence of British soldiers is still a novelty on the USA's Pacific coast. American units were very keen to train with the battalion and its MILAN and Recce platoons were soon working with their TOW and "Recon" counterparts. The local and national media ran articles on the unit that were largely complementary and not even adverse on the subject of the 29th (Worcestershire) Regiment's

After specialist and 'work up' training on Fort Lewis's Field Firing Ranges and training areas the Exercise began on 11 February. This consisted of the three rifle companies rotating through three six day training activities. One was Exercise RAM JIVE, based around Fort Lewis itself. This was a dry exercise that included an amphibious landing on the shores of the Puget Sound, curtesy of the US Navy National Guard, a 15 miles advance-to-contact through heavily wooded country, an assault on a defended bridge and an attack on 'Regensburg'; a fifty-building simulation of a German village designed to practice FIBUA or as the Americans term it MOUT (Manoeuvres Ovre Urban Terrain). The Fort Lewis phase also included the "Tyre House" - a potential safety supervisors nightmare in which troops clear a large multi-room building, with walls constructed from car tyres, using L2 grenades and .22 ball.



The second 'package' was based at the yakima firing centre 160 miles east of Fort Lewis. Due to the intervening 7000 foot Cascade mountains the Yakima areas receives far less rain than the coastal plain. It consists of high, dry, rolling prairie that is a desert in the summer and frozen in the winter. Companies at Yakima followed dry work-up training with a days Live Firing Platoon Attacks and a days Live Company Advance to Contact. The advance to contact followed a coulee known as Squaws Creek for a distance of 5km and included small arms, 84mm MAW, GPMG SF, MILAN, Mortar Fire and, in one instance support from USA10 Aircraft and 155mm artillery. All participants agreed that it was

their most realistic Live Firing training since Ex MEDICINE MAN in 1983.

The third training activity was a short winter survival course based at a hutted camp at Huckleberry Creek on the slopes of the Cascade mountains near Mount Rainier National Park. Subjects covered included patrolling on skis and snowshoes, improvised shelters and trapping skills. The instructors were US winter warfare specialists whose level of instructional ability varied considerably.

After the completion of training, the Regimental Band and Drums Beat Retreat in Fort Lewis before a number of local notables including Lt Gen Schwarzkopf (the I Corps Commander) and a visiting Thai three star general whose name was even harder to spell than to pronounce.

The following day most of the battalion departed for four or five days R & R. Some of the younger

soldiers fled north to Vancouver to escape Washington States strictly enforced over-21-only drinking age - others tried to ski in rain that reduced the previous weeks powder snow to the consistency of mashed powder. Favoured resorts were White Pass, a small resort 70 miles from Fort Lewis and Crystal Mountain a large resort with 14 chairlifts slightly closer. Some members of the Battalion ventured as far afield as San Fransisco, Philadelphia, Hawaii, Los Angeles and Carolina. The move back was enlivened by the Commanding Officer's unscheduled 30 hour stopover at Gander but otherwise uneventful. The impressions brought away from Exercise TRUMPET DANCE include the overwhelming hospitality of Americans, both civil and military, the impressive facilities available both on duty and recreationally to the US servicemen and the fact that Sennybridge is not the greyest, wettest part of the world.

## COMMEMORATION SERVICE



During the evening of 5th June, the tragic news came to HQ DANCON of the fatal accident involving Dvr L S Garland, 8 Sqn RCT, whilst driving a British water re-supply vehicle in their sector.

In view of this DANCON expressed a wish to erect a memorial stone, in accordance with Danish custom. The stone was manufactured and raised by the engineers of DANCON and on 18 June, a short but moving memorial service was



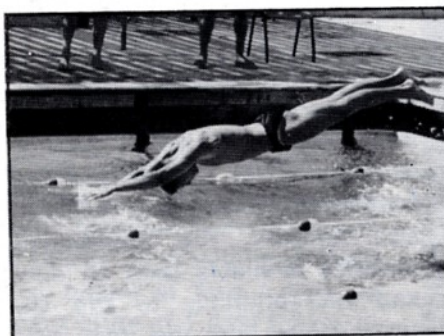
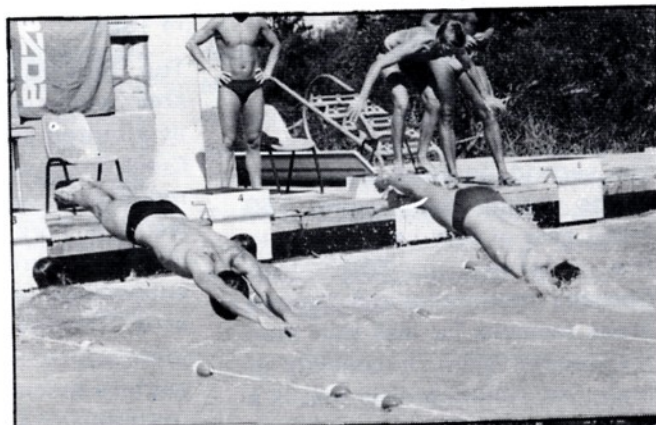
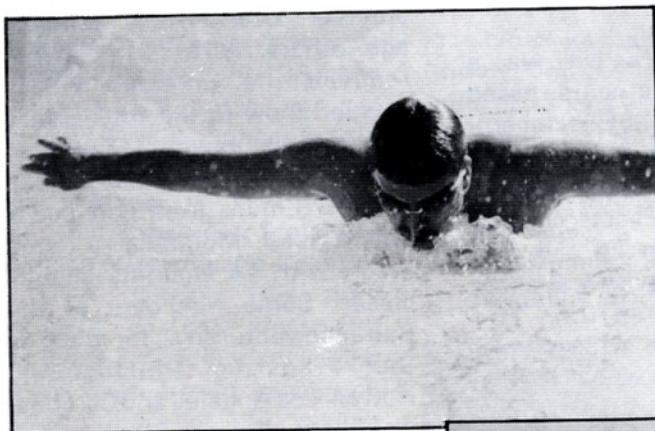
held on location. During the service British and Danish personnel laid wreaths and finally the "Last Post" was blown.

The British Contingent has expressed its gratitude and appreciation to DANCON for raising this memorial and arranging the service.





# UNFICYP SWIMMING GALA 1987



## 50 yds Freestyle

- 1st Morin - Sect 4
- 2nd Akerblom - Sect 5
- 3rd Klement - Sect 6

## 50 yds Backstroke

- 1st Smith - FSC
- 2nd Bergkvist - Sect 5
- 3rd Wardner - Sect 2

## 100 yds Freestyle

- 1st Neilson - MP Coy
- 2nd Morin - Sect 4
- 3rd Akerblom - Sect 5

## 400 yds Freestyle

- 1st Carom - Sect 4
- 2nd Eage - Sp Regt
- 3rd Gustafsson - Sect 5

## 50 yds Butterfly

- 1st Wennerholm - Sect 5
- 2nd Barette - Sect 4
- 3rd Dickenson - Sect 2

## 50 yds Breaststroke

- 1st Wennerholm - Sect 5
- 2nd Weller - Sect 2
- 3rd Nielson - Sect 1

## Individual Medley

- 1st Burke - SP Regt
- 2nd Caron - Sect 4
- 3rd Dickinson - Sect 2

## Freestyle Relay

- 1st Sector 5
- 2nd Sector 4
- 3rd Sector 2

## OVERALL TEAM RESULT:

1st (69 pts) SECTOR 5

2nd (62 pts) SECTOR 4

3rd (47 pts) SECTOR 2

## Chain of Command

- 1st Sector 5
- 2nd Sector 4
- 3rd Sector 2

## Medley Relay

- 1st Sector 4
- 2nd Sector 5
- 3rd FSC

## Veterans

- 1st Hollick-HQ UNFICYP
- 2nd Southworth - HQ UNFICYP
- 3rd Epple - Sector 6

## Veterans (over 40s)

- 1st Abbott - AUSTCIVPOL
- 2nd Weller - Sector 2
- 3rd Gallant - Sector 4