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THE SALT LAKE-LARNACA
By: S/Sgt A. Beaton

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Editorial

The weather (always a favourite topic amongst the English) has been most unseasonal here in Cyprus for this time of year. Incredible that it may seem, the island is suffering from a severe water shortage to such an extent that the Municipality of Nicosia had to introduce water rationing at the end of February. A state of affairs quite unheard of until recently. Although the recent cold and wet spell may have gone some way to alleviate the situation the shortage is still serious.

We must do our best to help as every drop counts. Dripping taps and leaking containers should be reported now to prevent unnecessary waste and we all should be conscious of the importance of water to this island.

Meanwhile you might as well make the most of the snow that has fallen on Troodos and enjoy a day's skiing!

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THE KARPAS CREW OF SECTOR SIX

By Capt Dr. K. Miklautsch

OP stands for Observation Post and LP for Liaison Post, of which the Austrian Contingent has two - LO A-02 in Leonariso and LP A-04 in Yalousa. Their tasks differ a great deal from the ordinary OPs. Originally, there were four LPs due to the number of 2,000 Greek Cypriots living in the Karpas area after the 1974 war. At present there are about 690 left, therefore, the number of LPs has been reduced to two. The LPs have purely humanitarian observation tasks, that is to assist the Greek Cypriot minority. Especially twice a week, normally on Tuesday and Wednesday, when the UN re-supply convoy takes the necessary food and other articles of necessity to the Greek Cypriots, the Karpas crew is of great help to the Sector Humanitarian Officer, Capt J. Ernst, who is actively supported by his assistant, Sgt



The Karpas Crew.

Manzl. The two LPs are manned by nine men and are supplied with foodstuffs by their company in Famagusta. But despite that, the crew has to prepare all the meals itself. All those who have ever been a guest up there know that almost every single man of the crew is an excellent cook. As a rule the soldier stays at the LP for six months. Therefore it is of great

importance that the LP commander knows how to handle his men. It is also of importance that all of them cultivate some kind of hobby in their spare time, I, as a frequent visitor of the LPs, can only congratulate the brave guys up there for their true comradeship and for the excellent work they carry out every single day in the service of peace.

RUGBY 3 RRF vs 1 RRF



3 RRF stop another 1 RRF attack.

The rugby teams of 3 RRF and 1 RRF met for the second time in two weeks on Saturday 21st February in what is becoming a Regimental Test series. After their defeat on 7th February 3 RRF were looking to even the score but were attempting to do so with a weakened pack. Fortunately 1 RRF were similarly indisposed which resulted in a cracking game.

The scoring was opened by 3

RRF with a penalty from skipper Capt John, quickly followed by a superb try from the threequarters putting full back Sgt Charlton over, which was converted by Capt John.

1 RRF played themselves back into the game with a penalty but again the 3 RRF threequarters ran in a try from Lt Whitwam and put a lot more pressure onto 1 RRF by steamrolling their forwards over their goal line three times only to

be held up by outstanding defensive play by 1 RRF. After another penalty from Capt John the half time score was 18-3 to 3 RRF and they could be excused for thinking the game was in the bag. This was not so as 1 RRF stormed back into the game quickly scoring and converting a try from a series of 3 RRF defensive errors.

3 RRF replied immediately from the restart by putting the 1st Battalion's full back under pressure with scrum half Lt Cook scrambling over for a try.

Again 1 RRF came back and by this time the pressure being exerted by their pack began to tell and they reduced this deficit further by a goal and a penalty bringing the score line to 22-18.

The final 10 minutes were a titanic struggle as the 3rd Battalion defended their lead against a rejuvenated 1st Battalion and were certainly relieved to hear the final whistle.

Both Battalions now look forward to the third game in the series before 3 RRF leave the island.

RE-SUPPLY PROBLEMS IN DANCON

By Capt J Egendal

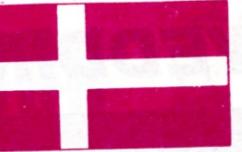
As the readers know DANCON in Sector 1 is placed in a beautiful and mountainous region - especially the westernmost company, C-Coy. Until 86 the re-supply and rotation of the OP crew in C-Company was done by Wessex helicopters. This was because the patrol and communications track linking the OPs is generally too risky to drive on, particularly when wet.

Now - due to budget spending cuts, the re-supply has to take place without the help of helicopters and with wheeled vehicles only. After a lot of rain in these first few winter months, we are left with some problems concerning the re-supply. Our narrow mountain patrol track is constantly repaired and cleared by the Force Engineers and our own soldiers, but the erosion, especially in the rainy season is heavy. Following the rains the track needs clearing of fallen rocks and stones. This is not in itself a great problem. On some parts of the track the surface is solid rock, on other parts it is soft soil with a lot of clay. The main problem occurs on the soft soil area which is softened up by the



rain and turned into a mud bath, with streams of rainwater crossing it. Primarily it is very hazardous driving with heavily laden Land Rovers on the slippery track with nothing stopping a vehicle's fall. Secondly the vehicles cut deep wheel tracks into the surface. This turns the track into a real quagmire. Using wheel chains does not help the matter.

However, most of these problems can be avoided. DANCON have recently succeeded in opening the Kambos



DANCON

FOCUS ON

Road for re-supply traffic to some of the OPs thereby sparing the patrol track. Expected and badly needed engineer support in the coming months with the dozing of alternative supply tracks should solve most of our problems. Still, our drivers must drive with the utmost care.

All this however, does not change our minds about the countryside in Sector 1. We like it, for better or for worse and could not imagine a more beautiful spot to do our service for the UN Peacekeeping Forces.

NICOSIA KART CLUB

Nicosia Kart Club invites you to come and watch the first round of the Summer Championship League on 22 March. Racing starts at 1100hrs. For the first time this season there will be a team of ladies who have never raced before. Come along and enjoy the races, refreshments and be there for the drawing of the Grand Raffle. You could be in the running to win one of the weekends away or one of the many other great prizes. Bar facilities are available.

So just follow the Nicosia Kart Racing Club signs towards AUSTCIVPOL.



WEDDING IN AUSCON

M/Cpl M Krammer and his wife Erika during the wedding ceremony at Camp Duke Leopold V.



Is this Cyprus or Siberia ???



Lt Col Cowell presents RQMS M Jury with his LSGC medal.

CAPTION COMPETITION

Captions for this photo should be submitted to MPIO by 30 March.

**INTERNATIONAL COOKBOOK****The meze**

By Erica Jeffree

Two of the most important things about the Cypriot way of life are eating and drinking! It has been said many times that Cyprus is the cross-roads of the Middle East—the point where east and west meet and blend, and it is true to say that many

come across two restaurants which serve the same Meze.

The most important thing to remember about a Meze is that you should never eat too much of any one course. The dishes are brought in instalments, and if you eat



cultures have left their stamp on the culinary traditions of the island. In the course of one meal it is possible to savour spicy dishes of the Levant, subtle flavours of the east and the more solid traditional cooking of the west.



too much at the beginning you will be too full to enjoy the excellent meat dishes which are brought towards the end of the meal.

The starter course consists mainly of dips which are accompanied by hot pitta bread and fresh salad vegetables:

Talatouri — very finely chopped cucumber mixed with thick natural yoghurt, garlic and fresh mint.

Hourous — a thick dip made from ground chick peas mixed with tahini, sesame oil lots of garlic and sprinkled with parsley and cayenne pepper.

Taramosalata — this delicious dish which is bright pink in colour is made from smoked cods roe mixed with onion, lemon juice and parsley.

Grilled Halloumi — grilled goat's milk cheese

Tahinosalada — a dip made from tahina, garlic, lemon and water. Delicious with fresh bread or as a salad dressing.

Yemista — various stuffed vegetables such as small onions tomatoes, potatoes and vine leaves stuffed with a meat and rice mixture.



Most visitors to Cyprus are introduced to the gastronomic delights of the island by way of a "Meze Glendi", which literally translated means a "feast of delicacies". "Mezes" means a delicacy and delicacies are usually appreciated more if they come in small quantities — which is probably why they are served on small dishes!

What most people do not realise is that there is no set menu for a Meze. It consists of what happens to be in season at the particular time of year, and since all ingredients are fresh the dishes will vary tremendously from one time of year to another. Every restaurant has a different idea of what a meze should consist of, and since there are several hundred dishes to choose from, it is very rarely that you will



Melinzanosalata — a dip made from the pulp of cooked aubergine mixed with bread crumbs, olive oil, garlic, lemon juice, fresh mint and parsley, oregano and black pepper, freshly ground.

The next stage in the meze is several dishes with very subtle flavours with an egg base:

Egg and Spinach — fresh spinach leaves chopped and then cooked with scrambled

egg. Served with lemon and freshly ground black pepper.

Chicken Livers — chicken livers fried with fresh tomatoes and onion and mixed with scrambled egg.

At this point in the meze you may be brought dishes of mushrooms sauteed in butter, slices of fried eggplant, fresh beetroot or other vegetables according to the season.

There will normally be a short break at about this time, and you will begin to wonder if the meal is finished. However, after a few minutes your waiter will start bringing on the grilled dishes and casseroles. Usually the fish dishes first, followed by the meat:

Maridhes — deep fried whitebait, to be eaten whole, heads, tail and all!

Octapodi Krasato — octopus marinated in red wine, cooked with tomato, onion, bay leaves and cinnamon.



Savoro — tiny red mullet, deep fried and served cold in a wine vinegar sauce.

Kalamaraki — baby squid deep fried.

Afelia — small chunks of pork marinated in red wine and cooked with coriander seeds.

Tavas — cubed lamb cooked in an earthenware pot in the oven with onions and tomatoes flavoured with cumin.

Stifado — beef stew cooked in wine vinegar with onions and spices.

Loukanico — spicy sausages from Paphos flavoured with hot chillies.

Kieftedhes — tiny meat balls flavoured with onion and parsley.

Lamb chops — tiny baby lamb chops grilled on charcoal.

Souvlakia — cubes of lamb or pork grilled over charcoal.

Sheftalia — a kind of sausage made from minced pork and lamb, parsley, onion and cinnamon.

All these grills will be accompanied by a mixed salad of tomatoes, cucumber, cabbage, olives and lettuce, garnished with feta cheese and dressed with olive oil and lemon juice.

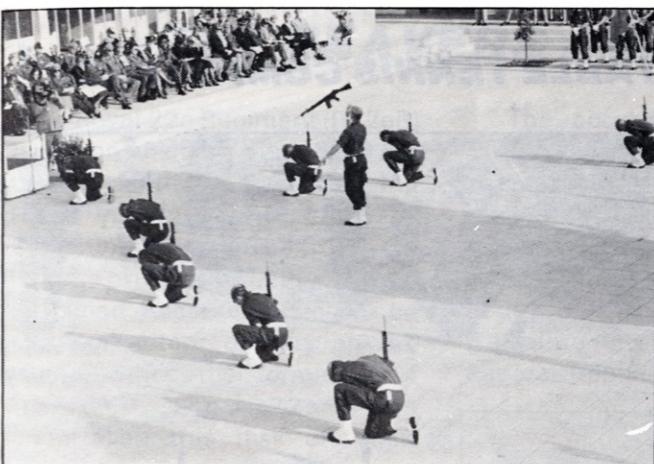
To finish your meal, there should be masses of fresh fruit in season, and a cup of good strong coffee to help you digest this feast.

DANCON MEDAL PARADE



The Danish Minister of Defence and Danish Chief of Defence visited UNFICYP from 24-27 February. DANCON had the pleasure of a visit from Mr Hans Engell, the Minister of Defence, accompanied by Admiral S.E. Thiede, the Chief of Defence. During their visit Mr Engell and Admiral Thiede managed to see the entire area of Sector 1 and the

DANCON medal parade. They also paid visits to HQ UNFICYP and MP HQ. While they were on the island quite a few Danish soldiers had the opportunity to have informal talks with both men. Mr Engell and Admiral Thiede both came to Cyprus following a visit to Israel, after a busy four days they left for Denmark on a Gulfstream from the Royal Danish Airforce.



SWEDCON MEDAL PARADE



HQ UNFICYP MEDAL PARADE



MP COY MEDAL PARADE



Mr Feissel presents Sgt M. Higgins with his UN Medal.

Mr Goulding presents Sgt R. Diamond with his UN Medal.



Early March saw the 3rd Fusiliers at the halfway point in their six month tour and the rotation of the rifle companies. B Company as Eastern Company were relieved by A Company and Fire Support Company as Western Company were replaced by C Company. Both B and Fire Support Company will be at Dhekelia and revert to wearing the Fusiliers more familiar headdress of the beret and hackle.

The month has been a busy one with our sports teams entering all UN Competitions and notably winning the road relay race around the UNPA.

FUSILIER ROTATION



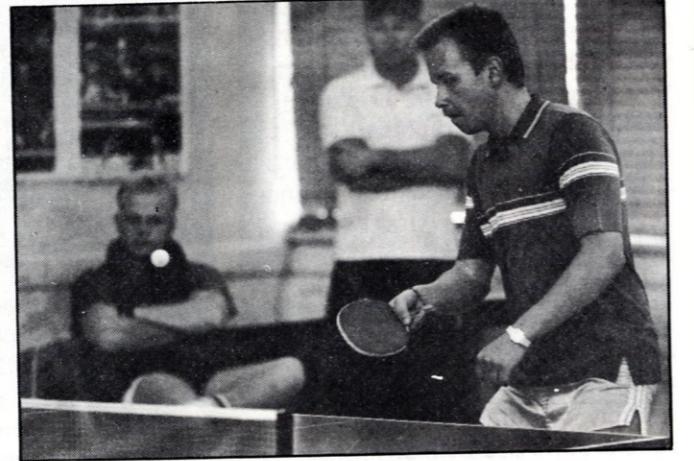
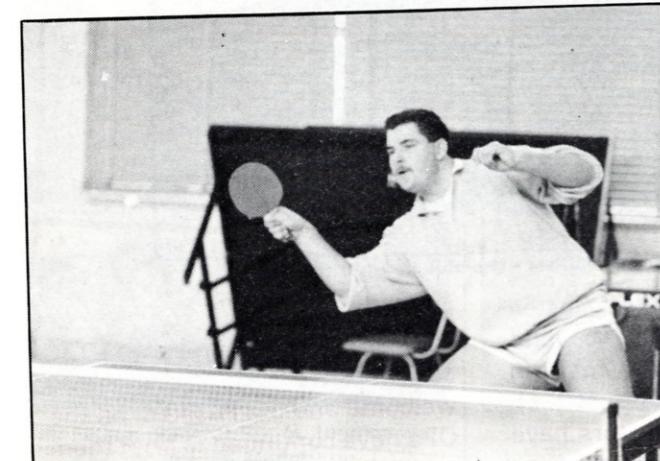
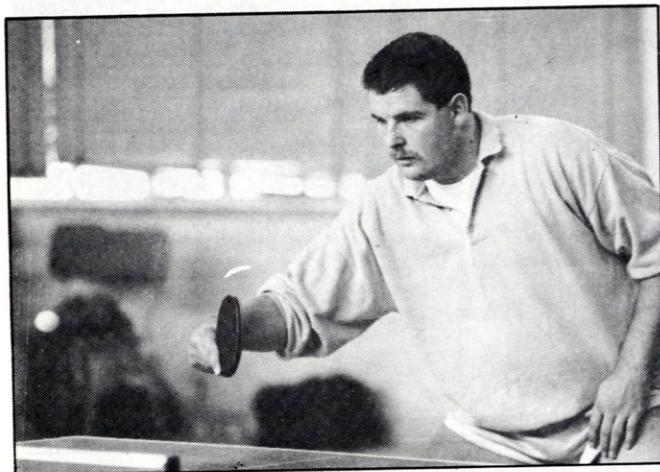
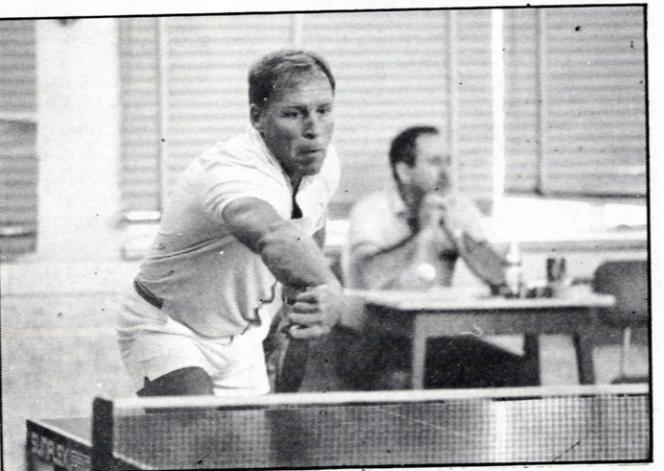
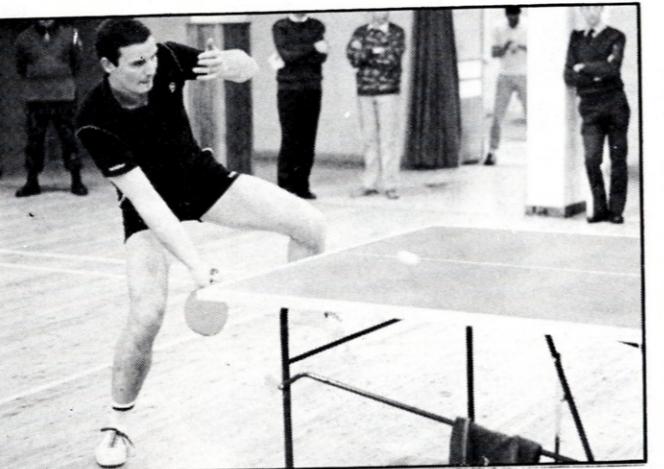
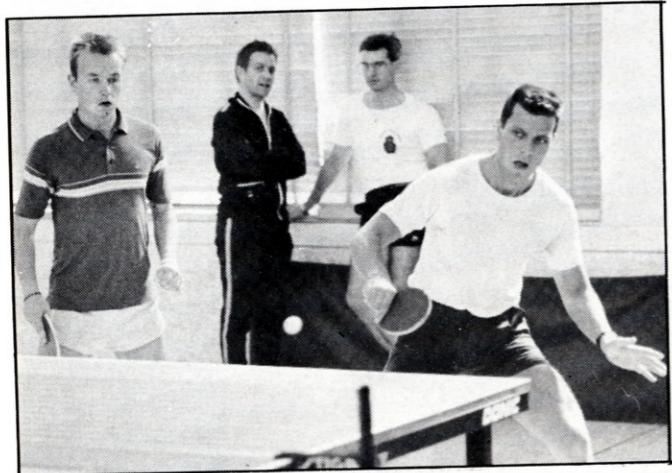
Proud to wear either - the blue beret or the hackle.

We have as expected, hosted many visitors including Mr John Stanley, the Minister for the Armed Forces in the British Government. Other visitors have included ambassadors,

journalists and of course our friends from the other contingents. All have been welcome and the Fusiliers on the OPs have continued to brief them with confidence.

UNFICYP TABLE TENNIS COMPETITION

**Blue
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SPORT**



RESULTS:-

INDIVIDUAL

- FIRST - SECTOR 1
- SECOND - SP REGT
- THIRD - MP COY

DOUBLES

- FIRST - SP REGT
- SECOND - SECTOR 1
- THIRD - SECTOR 5

THE BEAVERS ARE BACK...



The Royal 22e Regiment (R22eR) has been an active member of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus ever since its beginning in 1964. The Regiment had the privilege of being the first Canadian Representatives to be sent for a tour of duty on the Island. Since the formation of UNFICYP, the R22eR has undertaken this task on eight occasions.

The 2nd Battalion of the Regiment, has been deployed on four of eight tours; 1969, 71, 75 and 81. With the Battalion scheduled to deploy in March 1987 to replace the Canadian Airborne Regiment, this will be raised to 5. This rotation is the 47th such rotation to be carried out by CANCON in the 23 years of the peacekeeping effort on Cyprus.

The Royal 22e Regiment was formed on 21 October, 1914, since then the Regiment has seen active service in both World Wars, the Korean Conflict, and numerous peacekeeping missions in such places as the Congo and Lebanon. On all these occasions, the men and officers of the R22eR, or the "Vandoos" as we are often referred to by our English compatriots, have earned the respect from friend and foe for the professionalism and the determination which is displayed while accomplishing our tasks.

part of the 4th Canadian



The occupation of post-war Europe by Allied troops, saw the establishment and maintenance of a permanent Canadian Force stationed on European soil, of which the R22eR has been a part. Today, the Regiment has the 1st Battalion stationed in Lahr, Federal Republic of Germany as



Mechanized Brigade Group. The 2nd and the 3rd Battalions are stationed at Quebec City and Valcartier, 30 km outside Quebec City, respectively. These Battalions represent an integral part of the 5th Canadian Brigade Group (5eGBC).

In addition to participating in various operational tasks, the 2nd Battalion, had the responsibility bestowed upon her in 1968 for the

garrisoning and upkeep of "La Citadelle" in Quebec City, which is the Regimental Home Station. La Citadelle is an historic fortress constructed in the 1820s, which overlooks the city of Quebec and St-Laurence River. The fortress proved to be quite effective in dominating the entrance to the

Great lakes and to the Heart of the North American Continent. Each summer thousands of tourists pour in to witness a rather old and unique event of Canadian heritage, the "Garde en Rouge". The "Garde en Rouge" literally translated means Red Guard, which consists of a changing of the guard and a sunset ceremony which has been historically performed in Quebec City since the early 1700's.

While the majority of the Battalion will be carrying out its peacekeeping role in Cyprus, the rear party will have their hands completely occupied. With a rifle company, several combat support and combat services support platoons left behind, they will deploy and play an active part as a member of 5eGBC on several spring exercises. Also, for the duration of the summer, rear party will be responsible for the "Garde en Rouge".

So hold on to your hats, because the "Vandoos are back..."

Je me souviens

Out & About in Cyprus

This being my last contribution for the Blue Beret, I'd like to let you into a well preserved secret. As you all know, Sector Six is very rich in historic and cultural places of bygone days. Therefore, I am in the lucky position of drawing on plentiful resources. This time I'll tell you something about the Venetian era - about the Porta del Mare, or the Sea Gate that was built in 1496 by the Venetian captain Nicolao Prioli. It is close to the legendary Othello Tower, Shakespeare's setting for his bloodthirsty drama Othello. Both



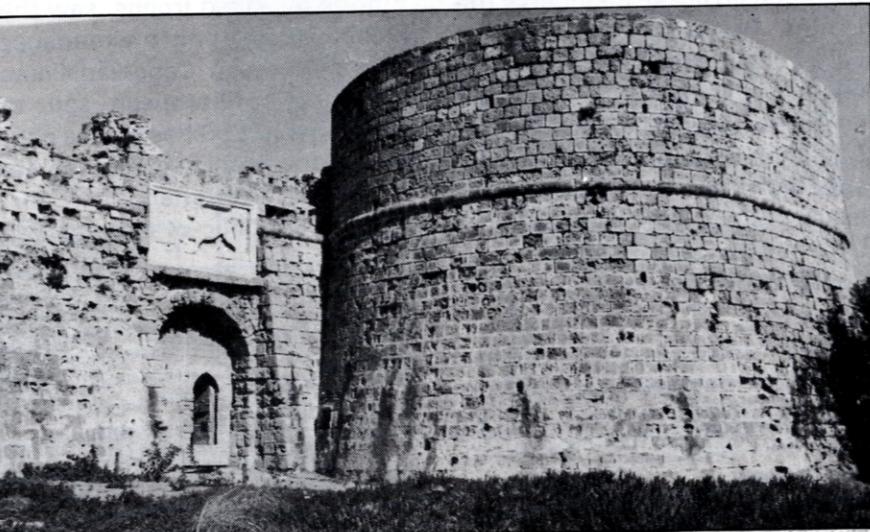
The Venetian marble lion.

On 9th February 1987 the UN Road Relay race resulted in a fine win for the Fusiliers who were clear front runners all the way.

Due to unforeseen circumstances one of the team had to withdraw before the start and a quick replacement had to be found. Fus Allen of the Ration Stores was duly 'volunteered' and then managed to run the second fastest individual time of 21.40.

THE SECRET OF THE VENETIAN MARBLE LION OF FAMAGUSTA

By Capt Dr. K. Miklautsch



The world-famous Othello Tower of Famagusta - the setting of Shakespeare's drama Othello.

places are parts of the walled city of Old Famagusta and are superb examples of Franco - Venetian architecture. Above the Sea Gate one can still see the winged lion of the once so mighty and arrogant Signoria of Venice. Today the gate is kept closed. Inside the old entrance you can see a forlorn marble lion near the wall. Its purpose is not quite known. But what we still know today is a legend that goes as follows. It is

said that once a year, at midnight, the animal opens its mouth wide, so that the person who knows the exact moment, can let his arm glide down the lion's throat to get hold of a precious treasure in the beast's stomach. So far nobody has been able to guess the time of recovery. My friends, you have 365 possible nights, 366 in a leap year! Have a try and take time by the forelock!

Good luck!

FUSILIERS ROAD RELAY CHAMPIONS



The team lead by 2Lt NANSON consisted of:
Cpl Turrington Cpl Taylor LCpl Garrett Fus Jones Fus Allen

THINK AND DRIVE - DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU

Why do many people just turn the page when confronted with a Road Safety Article?

By: Capt P. Duma

Is it because articles are boring, that people don't like being told how to drive, or just that they think it won't happen to them? Whatever, considering local driving standards, accidents happen all too often, resulting in death or serious injury which can devastate the lives of family and friends.

The chances of such an accident happening to you can be vastly reduced through defensive driving.

Defensive driving is nothing to be ashamed of - it is professional driving and will be appreciated by many road users and particularly your passengers! It can be achieved by following a few simple rules:

Don't drive too closely to the vehicle in front; leave enough room to react in case he does something unexpected, or his brake lights fail to work!

Read the road - look beyond the area immediately in front of your car and anticipate hazards



early.

Don't speed - don't drive so fast that you are unable to anticipate hazards and react to other road users.

Finally, don't drive aggressively. It increases wear

and tear on your vehicle and provokes other road users to drive dangerously and challenge your right of way.

REMEMBER - BE PROFESSIONAL - BE A DEFENSIVE DRIVER.

CANCON EXIT, EXIT, EXIT

As the Feb/Mar period of 1987 approaches, the Canadian Airborne Regiment in CANCON is very much looking forward to being "GONECON". We will arrive back in Petawawa, Ontario with just barely enough time to rest, refit and gear up for the Rendezvous 87 Divisional Exercise to be held in Wainwright, Alberta. This should see us back home at Petawawa sometime in June. Oh Joy! Rumour has it that when 3 Commando returned home last year, the troops were sun-burned to a rich bronze colour. The "power-tanning" apparently starts in mid-Feb according to our reliable sources!

The Regiment continues to look sharp and be sharp, but then nothing less is expected, and the handover to the 2R22eR should be very smooth and efficient.

As members of the 46th Rotation of Canadians in Cyprus we have both sides of the line from many viewpoints. We will probably be back for a further tour. Let us hope, for the island's sake that the next time will be the last time for a repeat visit, and that a permanent peace will have come to the island.

Until the next time,
AIRBORNE!
COMMANDO!



THE COLOURS OF THE FUSILIERS



The Regimental Colour of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers proclaims the Regiment's origin by displaying in its four corners the historic emblems of the four old regiments.

In the first corner, the Fifth or Royal Northumberland Fusiliers are represented by the United Red and White Rose 'slipped ensigned with the Royal Crest'. This derives from their formation along with the Sixth or Royal Warwickshire Fusiliers, in 1674. In that year these two regiments were raised in the Low Countries from United Kingdom companies fighting in Dutch service against the French, and collectively known as the Holland Regiment. Companies of that regiment wore for their badge the English United Red and White Rose; the two newly raised regiments kept this badge, but wore it for difference as a 'slipped rose' - that is, one torn from the parent stock, so keeping a small piece of stalk attached to it.



In the second corner of the Regimental Colour the Sixth or Royal Warwickshire Fusiliers are represented by their old badge of the Antelope. This probably derives from the House of Lancaster, dating back to Henry VI, and it was certainly one of the ancient badges of the royal family of England. The Antelope within the Garter is on the regimental button and for the past 100 years or so the Regiment has had an Antelope as its mascot.

In the third corner of the Regimental Colour the Seventh

Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) are represented by the White Horse of Hanover.

granted as its badge the Tudor rose within the Garter surmounted by the Crown, which



The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers Regimental Colour.

The regiment was raised personally in 1685 by James II; alarmed by the Duke of Monmouth's rebellion in that year, and especially by opposition to himself in London, the King resolved to increase his standing army. The first of the new regiments to be formed was raised in the City of London, and quartered in the Tower. The King called his new regiment 'Our Royal Regiment of Fuzileers' having decreed that it was to be equipped with the new snap-hance musket which was already in service in the French army and known as the 'fusil'; from this the regiment took its name. Its primary task was to defend the King's artillery-train, or ordnance, which was also quartered in the Tower of London, and hence the regiment was initially designated an Ordnance Regiment.

As a further mark of royal patronage, the regiment was

also cast on the cannon which it guarded. The regiment was given precedence as the Seventh, becoming known as the Royal Fusiliers - a Royal regiment since its inception.

In the fourth corner of the Regimental Colour the Twentieth or Lancashire Fusiliers were represented by the Red Rose of Lancaster. The Colour also bears a distinction won late by the regiment, namely the Sphinx superscribed 'Egypt'. The Twentieth was raised in 1688 by Prince William of Orange who, at the invitation of English Protestants, had come from Holland to assume the throne from his father-in-law, James II. He landed with his army in Torbay, and was soon in Exeter where he commissioned one of his English Officers, Sir Robert Peyton, to raise a regiment. This became the Twentieth.

OVER HILLS, OVER DALES.... AS WORKSHOPS GO MARCHING ALONG

By Lt R Laurie

The UNFICYP Support Regiment Workshop REME has its soldiers posted on a roulement basis; this means that in general there is a good level of continuity. It also means that short training exercises can occur periodically on a six month cycle without anyone attending the same exercise twice in a tour.

The Workshop runs three main exercises, each lasting between 36 and 48 hrs:-

ASINOU ESCAPE is an escape and evasion exercise, which takes place in the foothills of the Troodos mountains. The emphasis on this exercise is accurate navigation in these very unfamiliar surroundings. Other phases of this exercise have included instruction and practice in survival skills and the building of hides.



Team Command task 1/2 tonne wheel change - without a jack!

AKAMAS TRAIL is an exercise based around a 20 km orienteering course in the area of the Akamas peninsular to the western end of the island. The second phase of this exercise is a selection of watersports, some less conventional than others. The entire exercise is conducted in sports kit, which creates a slightly less formal atmosphere without detracting from the value of the exercise.

EXERCISE TILLYRIA HIGH is a vehicle navigation exercise which



Typical POL Store, never open when you want it!

takes place in the north west of Cyprus. The main phase of this exercise consists of the accurate navigation of Landrovers around a 60 mile course over reasonable tracks most of which are unmarked. To avoid speeding and other related problems, the competitive element is not time, but to achieve the minimum logged mileage around the course - without driving backwards!

The aim of all these exercises

is to practice Junior Non Commissioned Officers in leadership skills, increase the map reading experience of all Workshop personnel, assess the general state of fitness and test commonsense and initiative by means of Command Tasks. The exercises culminate with a barbecue which helps to achieve the final aim - to integrate new members of the Workshop and have fun!!

THE FINN EAGLES

Even though the Finnish contingent is small in size, it is known to have taken part in all kinds of activities, not just sauna and shooting.

One of the most popular activities is bowling. The FINN EAGLES team which takes part in the bowling league came a surprisingly fourth last season, just a few points behind the medalists and even took the lead for a while in this seasons competition.

The name FINN EAGLES was taken from the old Finnish camp above the Finnish sauna. The team consisted of both women and men and names such as Mr Parkkinen, Mr and Mrs Rantanen and Mr Vanttaja became well known to many bowlers. At the moment the team captain is Mr Mauno Vanttaja who is one of the best Finnish bowlers.

The FINCON Championships are held (twice a year) and last December Mr Hannu Kurki

surprisingly won the competition, beating Mr Vanttaja and Mr Justin.

FINNEAGLES



The present team has now started to train during the weekends and it will be interesting to see if the team will manage to win a medal this time. We can recommend bowling to everyone it really is great fun!



SHOWTIME AT SWEDCON

At the beginning of February a team of Swedish Field Artistes visited the Swedish Contingent. There were six people, of which five were musicians and one was a magician (or as he prefers to be called, an "illusionist"). The artistes spent four days here in Cyprus and during that time about five hundred people had the opportunity to see the show.

All the members of the team are well known artistes in Sweden and are normally booked well in advance throughout the year. But they put aside their other engagements in Sweden to entertain UN soldiers. Firstly they went to Lebanon for a week, where they performed for several different contingents.



In the war organisation of Sweden, almost every famous artiste is assigned to the defence as an entertainer. This means in war time these teams of "Field Artistes" are supposed to visit the units and entertain the soldiers.

On of the members of the team was a female singer called VICKI BENKERT, who became rather famous during the Eurovision Song Contest in 1984. She said "This is great fun for me. To entertain the soldiers is very amusing. I received a very good response from the boys, which is most encouraging as this is the



first time I have done a job like this but hopefully, it won't be the last".

