

THE BLUE BERET



APRIL IN RETROSPECT

ROTATIONS

The Canadian Contingent
Half the Swedish Contingent

MEDAL PARADES

27 Apr. The Austrian Contingent

VISITS

- 1-5 Lord Mayor of Leicester, Mr. G. Billington, Mr. S. Smith, Mrs J. Setchfield and Mr D. Mellor visited the British Contingent.
- 2 Maj Gen Sir Desmond Langley
- 2-12 Lt Col Wigfors visited the Swedish Contingent
- 3-7 Dr Ulf Otto visited the Swedish Contingent
- 7-14 Lt Col Jorgen Hendriksen visited the Danish Contingent
- 8-12 Mr Lindgren visited the Swedish Contingent
- 8-14 Capt Stig Freij visited the Swedish Contingent
- 8-18 Capt Rolf Karlson visited the Swedish Contingent
- 10-12 Professor Yoshihiko Ogawa visited HQ UNFICYP
- 12 Mr V Pihlajamaki, Minister of Defence, visited the Finnish Contingent

- 12-19 Brig J. Ricketts Commander IQ Infantry Brigade visited the British Contingent
- 14-15 Gen Sir Frank Kitson, Commander in Chief UK Land Forces, visited the British Contingent
- 17-19 Brig Gen O. Hopkins, Chaplain General, visited the Canadian Contingent
- 17-21 Gen Raimund Truxa Chief of Logistics visited the Austrian Contingent
- 18-19 Ms Marienne Wall, Second Secretary, visited the Swedish Contingent
- 24-
1 May Major S. Vetch and Captain C. Payne visited the British Contingent, Scout Car Squadron.
- 24-
3 May Captain P. Bowen and SSgt Davey Exercise Lone Line visited the British Contingent.
- 26-27 Mr Preben Vieby and Ms Birte Lauritsen, visited the Danish Contingent
- 30-
3 May Gen Wightson, visited the Canadian Contingent.

FUTURE EVENTS

Wednesday May 23, 7.30 p.m.

"Julia", film portaying Hane Fonda as Lilian Hellman and Vanessa Redgrave as her friend and childhood idol.

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Farming NCO Sector 2

Photograph by Sgt Tony Hodgetts

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Editorial

I have found it to be a great pleasure and a most interesting experience to serve again, albeit temporarily, with UNFICYP as the MPIO. Two years ago I had the privilege to command the Scout Car Squadron under General Greindl when Brigadier Hewson was the Deputy Chief of Staff. Although almost everyone else has changed, the importance of the UNFICYP task has not. I have found everyone as dedicated as before to that delicate task of maintaining the peace on this Island. I trust this issue of the magazine also reflects this.

Coming, as I have done, from the British Sovereign Bases I would like to remind all members of UNFICYP that the British Sovereign Bases maintain a keen interest in the work of UNFICYP, if only because of our continued operational assistance and logistic support to your tasks in Cyprus. I hope, in the future, to co-operate with Major MacArthur, the new MPIO, in telling you more about that assistance through the pages of this magazine.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has made my short stay so pleasurable. In particular I am very grateful to Mrs Nield, Sergeant Hodgetts, and Driver Edwards for their support and help.

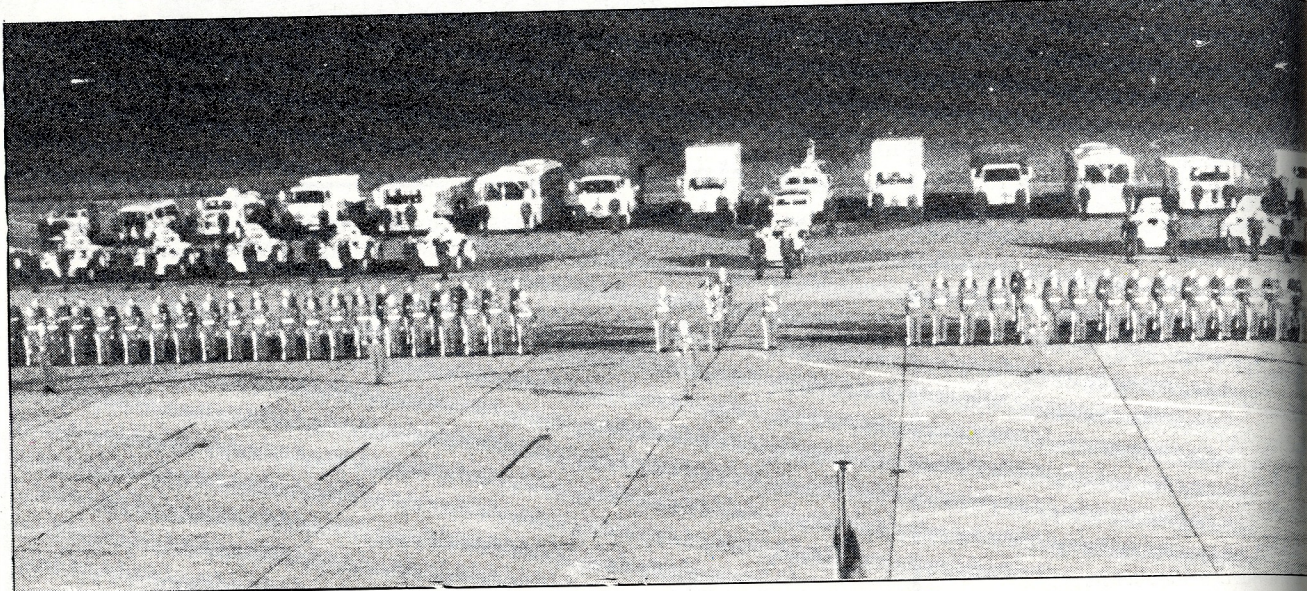
Seen on a church notice announcing hymns for forthcoming services!
"Immoral love, forever free."

The name of the church will NOT be disclosed!

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The BRITCON Medal Parade, March 1984



On the 12 April the Finnish Minister of Defence, Mr. Veikko Pihlajamaki, seen inspecting a Guard of Honour, visited the United Nations Force in Cyprus. He visited the small contingent of Finnish officers and non-commissioned officers serving in Cyprus.



FC Presenting the Captain of the AUSCON football team with the trophy as winners of the seven-a-side football competition held at the Blue Beret Camp sports ground on Wednesday 21 March.



Rt Hon Sir Humfrey Atkins, leader of the British Parliamentary Group which visited the UN on 20 March, talking to members of the WO and Sergeants' Mess, UN Sp Regt.



The Swedish Chief of Army Staff, General Kristian Larsson, inspecting the SWEDCON guard. His inspection was one of the most important for the Swedish battalion and it was a very pleased General who went back to Sweden.



Major Derek Brown, OC UNFICYP Tpt Sgt (7 Sgt RCT) and ALPHA Troop Commander, Lieutenant Jim Vincent introducing SSgt 'Georgie' Grieve and Sgt Eddie Perks to C in C UKLF General Sir Frank Kitson on the occasion of the General's visit to the Squadron, which forms part of the British Contingent of UNFICYP, on Saturday 14 April 1984.



UNFICYP Spring Fair 1984.



JIM DAVIDSON ENTERTAINS UNFICYP

On 16 April the well known British entertainer Jim Davidson gave a free show for charity to 750 members of the United Nations at the Municipal Theatre in Nicosia. Mr Davidson was in Cyprus on holiday and fulfilling a promise he made on a previous visit to the British Forces in Cyprus and Lebanon when time prevented a show in Nicosia. After the show Jim Davidson (centre) was entertained at the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess in the UNPA where he is seen with Sergeant Mick Mister and Staff Sergeant Brummie Holmes both of Squadron RCT, the UNFICYP Transport Squadron.

AUSTCIVPOL TEACHES THE YOUNGSTERS ROAD SAFETY RULES

By Station Sgt Gary Brown

No doubt each one of us has experienced, as either the driver or passenger in a motor vehicle, an 'almost' or near miss accident involving a person on a bicycle. When the near miss involves a child riding the bicycle then the shock is even greater.

Generally children have no normal training when it comes to their riding a bicycle nor are they versed in the rules of the road. They are rarely made aware of the dangers that they face as a road user or of the risk they take riding a machine that is in poor or even dangerous condition.

The above points when put together with young riders from different countries and differing road rules prompted a number of parents and other people to think that it was high time for some training to be given for the bicycle riding children of personnel of the UNPA.



Senior Sergeants Rob Aitken (left) and Kevin Smith with some of their charges during the bicycle safety training programme held in the UNPA.



Really it wasn't us, it was that lot down there.



A selection of the crowd watching the display.

So over a period of 3 days Senior Sergeants Kevin Smith and Rob Aitken of AUSTCIVPOL, after the normal days duties, gathered together a group of children of varying ages and nationalities in an outdoor classroom and explained to the young ones the rules of the road, bicycle safety, bicycle maintenance, hand signals and the like.

The children rode through a display of traffic cones, through intersections, braked at certain signals, underwent oral quizzes on the traffic rules and on the maintenance of their own bicycles, from the tiny one with the training wheels to the 'racing' variety. Both Kevin and Rob feel the sessions were accepted very well by the children, that the children put a lot of effort into the sessions and as a result went away better riders.

A number of responsible people ensured that these sessions were held. The main aim was met, teaching children road safety on bicycles.

84 in 84 on 8-4-84

By Flight Lieutenant Nick Hall

Just in case you are wondering what the headline above is all about, and if you haven't seen the January issue of the Blue Beret, then perhaps I should tell you that on 84 Squadron we are continuing to celebrate 'Our Year', which includes 12 years of working in support of UNFICYP. Sunday 8-4-84 was obviously a day not to be missed and we therefore held an Open Day for our families so that they could look around the Squadron as well as see some of the other activities of RAF Akrotiri.

Unfortunately, the weather was very unkind to us for after a few weeks of promising summer sunshine the day started out cold and there were plenty of heavy showers around; sideshows had to be hastily covered up whilst people sought shelter from the rain, but luckily no-one complained of watered-down beer! The clouds cleared sufficiently in time for the highlight of the day, however, and Squadron Leader Bob King's Wessex flying display delighted everyone, including the children.

Also on display were a team of Royal Air Force Police Dogs and their handlers, several items of equipment (including a Scorpion light tank) brought along by 34 Squadron Royal Air Force Regiment, Hawk aircraft from the visiting Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team, the Red Arrows, and an ex-84 Whirlwind helicopter.

The children, too, had worked hard for the open day, for we had organised a painting competition for them and they brought in so many entries that judging was extremely difficult; Adam Trigg won the under-6 section, Anita Pile the 6-12, and Mandy Gibson took the over 12's prize.

Despite the unusual weather, the day proved to be a tremendous success and we all owe our thanks to Flight Lieutenant Keith McGuire and all those who helped him organise it.

SCOUT CAR SQUADRON IN SPRING TIME

By Capt Mark Ridley

The Squadron is now half way through its emergency tour with UNFICYP and, for one reason or another, is now well known within the Force.

The last month has, as usual, been a busy one. The major event was the BRITCON Medal parade which took place in the middle of March. Constant rehearsals in switching lights on and off, starting up and switching off, and driving past, led to what was a memorable evening. The Squadron drove past the saluting base at forty miles per hour and only a large tube of super glue prevented the Squadron Leader from being blown out of his turret. The 'charge' started after the Regimental call was sounded by two of our trumpeters who flew out from England for the occasion.

As usual we have had numerous visitors, our principle official ones were Major General C J Rougier Director of Army Training and the Commander British Forces Cyprus, Major General Sir Desmond Langley, both of whom toured some of the line with the sabre troops. We have also been inundated with press visits from England, namely BBC Radio Stoke, the Stoke Evening Sentinel and the Wolverhampton Express and Star.

Militarily the most note-worthy event was the Force Reserve exercise on the 5th and 6th April held in sector 5. The exercise involved firing of weapons on both Pyla and Dhekelia ranges and this was followed by an excellent barbeque prepared by the Squadron cooks. The exercise was concluded with a successful night move along the patrol track.

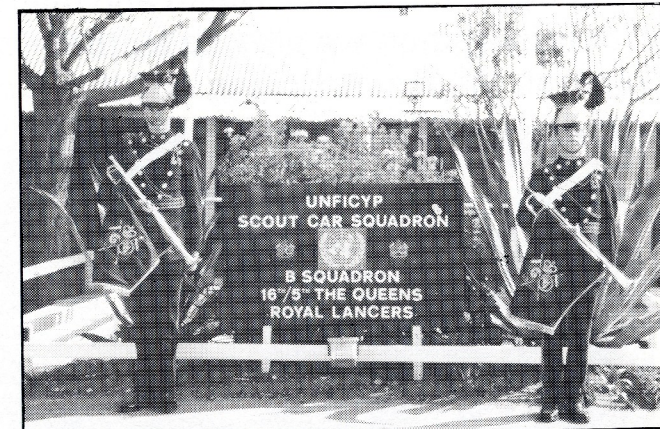
On the recreational side the most important event has been the launching of the Squadron Leader's yacht at Larnaca, where he now spends much of his time adventure training.

Next month again looks busy and will include a Squadron Open Day on Saturday 12th May at Prince William Camp to which we hope many UN personnel and their families will come.



The Squadron Leaders yacht being 'launched'.

Photographs by Unit Photographer



Regimental trumpeters feeling rather hot as they pose in the sun.



Ferrets prepare to leave for yet another BRITCON medal parade rehearsal.



The Scout Car Squadron military skills squad.

UNFICYP'S LEADERSHIP IN C — PERSONALITY PROFILES —

Many members of newly arrived contingents to UNFICYP will not be familiar with the background of the civilian and military leadership of our Peacekeeping Force. For your information we provide a profile of the Acting Representative of the Secretary-General, Mr James Holger, and the Force Commander, Major-General G.G. Greindl.



MAJOR GENERAL G. G. GREINDL FORCE COMMANDER UNFICYP

Major-General Gunther Greindl, who was appointed Commander of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) on 1 March 1981, was born in Ried, Austria, on 18 March 1939.

He joined the Federal Army in 1957 and has served in various posts with the Army Engineers and in the General Staff Department of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Defence. In 1977-1978 he served as Chief Operations Officer of UNFICYP. He was appointed Chief of Staff of the United Nations Disengagement

Observer Force (UNDOF) in April 1979, and became its Officer-in-Charge on 21 April 1979.

On 1 December 1979 he was promoted to Major-General and was appointed Commander of UNDOF.

Major-General Greindl is married and has three sons, Georg, Gunther and Gernot. He holds a Master's Degree in civil engineering for regional and city planning, and is also a lecturer at the University of Innsbruck in this particular field.

Mr. JAMES HOLGER

ACTING REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Mr. Holger was born on 5 January 1928 in Washington, D.C. He was a member of the diplomatic service of Chile for twenty-seven years, having served in Washington, D.C. (1958-1964); Moscow (1964-1968); Bonn (1968-70); Berlin (1971); and with the Permanent Mission of Chile to the United Nations in New York in the capacity of Deputy Permanent Representative (1972-1976).

In the course of his United Nations service, he has been posted in Tokyo as Executive Assistant to the Rector of the United Nations University; in Lebanon, as Senior Political Adviser to the United Nations Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL); and, since March 1981, in the

Office of the Under-Secretaries-General for Special Political Affairs at United Nations Headquarters, New York.

Mr. Holger studied at the Faculty of Law of the Chilean State University; the Institut d'Etudes Politiques of the University of Paris; the Woodrow Wilson School of International Affairs of the University of Virginia; and the School of International Affairs of Columbia University, where he obtained a Master's degree as well as a Certificate in African Studies.

Mr Holger is married to Cecilia Becerra, Chilean by nationality and a professional musician. They have one son.



SCIENCE AS A HOBBY

By Capt R Manz

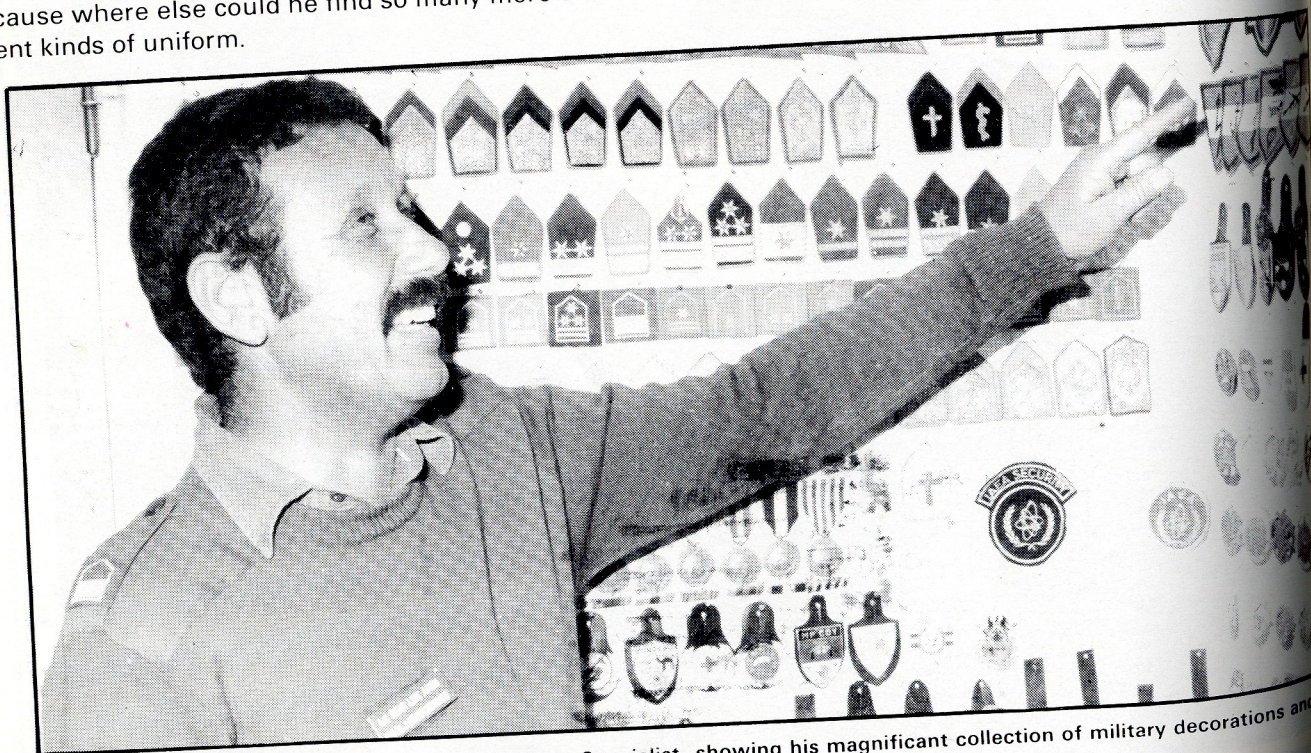
Many of our UN-soldiers here at AUSCON Sec Six are experts. They have a lot of knowledge and skill in many different branches. But not only on duty can one find specialists with extraordinary abilities, it is also amazing to see how much knowledge is bound up with the different kinds of hobbies they have.

As examples I want to introduce to you two of our hobby-specialists today. Both have made scientific matters their hobby and are very professional experts. It is always a surprise to find such hidden treasures in our battalion. They are shining examples for their comrades to show them how to spend spare time with interesting hobbies.

WO 1 Alfred PICHLER Deputy Leader ATHNA. Expert in mineralogy and geology.

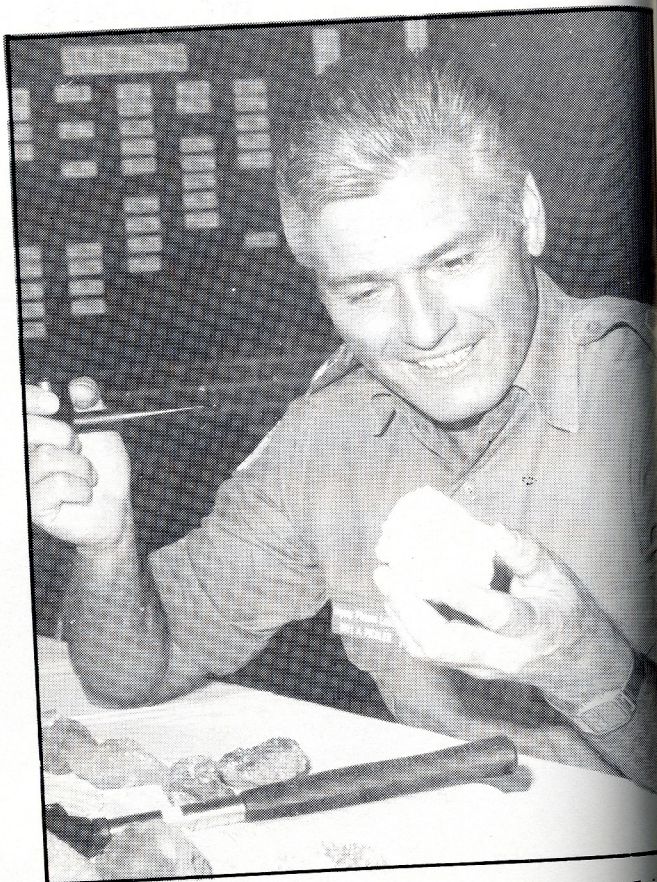
He has been collecting and determining rare rocks and minerals for almost 15 years. For this reason he made adventurous travels throughout the whole of Europe and the Near East. Also here in Cyprus he was successful. In abandoned mines he found very beautiful crystals and scientifically precious minerals (Pyrites and Gypsum crystals). Now his problem is, how to get it home without overloading the plane...?

WO 1 Manfred, GRUBERBAUER Signal Rear Link, is a specialist in all kinds of military decorations and medals. Besides that he really is an expert in the special field of the historical background of his collection. Not an every-day hobby but he likes Cyprus because where else could he find so many more different kinds of uniform.



WO1 GRUBERBAUER Manfred, Signal Rear Link Specialist, showing his magnificent collection of military decorations and medals.

Photographs by Unit Photographer



WO1 PICHLER Alfred, Deputy Platoon Leader ATHENA, Enjoying his hobbies, mineralogy and geology.

BIG BROTHER GIVES WAY TO YOUNGER BROTHER

By Lt. Andersson

Photographs by Unit Photographer

We live in a small world. And it is definitely not big enough for the Kihl brothers to go separate ways. Anders Kihl was Deputy Commander of the last SWEDCON battalion. When this is published the name of the new Swedish Deputy Commander will still be Major Kihl, but now his first name is Johan.

The careers of the two brothers are similar. They started with the same regiment and they have both worked at the Chief of Army Staff, Anders on training and Johan on organisation and equipment. And now they have both been on UN-duty. "Strange enough neither my brother nor myself applied for the Deputy Commander's job. We both applied for the job of Senior Operations Officer, but for different reasons we ended up as the Deputy Commander", says Anders Kihl. Their reason for applying for UN service was the same. "When you are working on the staff it is

necessary to get out into the real world for some of the time, if you hope to be in charge of a regiment sometime in the future", says Johan. "Besides that I think all officers enjoy working with soldiers. That's why we joined the army in the first place".

Fate has given Johan an excellent start in his job in Cyprus. "As my predecessor's brother everyone seems to remember me immediately. I never understood this was something peculiar until my reconnaissance trip along with the other officers in key positions in the new Swedish battalion", says Johan Kihl. "But now everyone seems to have a very positive attitude from the start." Succeeding his brother also has another advantage. "It is a challenge. I am aware that Anders has done a very good job here and I don't intend to be inferior to him, even though he is my big brother."



"Here you are. Read and learn". Deputy Commander Anders Kihl handing over some of the papers his brother Johan has to go through before he takes over.



DANCON MARCH

By Major H L C Schmidt

Photographs by Pte P H Hansen

The DANCON MARCH was originally launched in 1972 with 26 participants from the Danish Contingent. Through the following years it has rapidly grown to the big event which it is now.

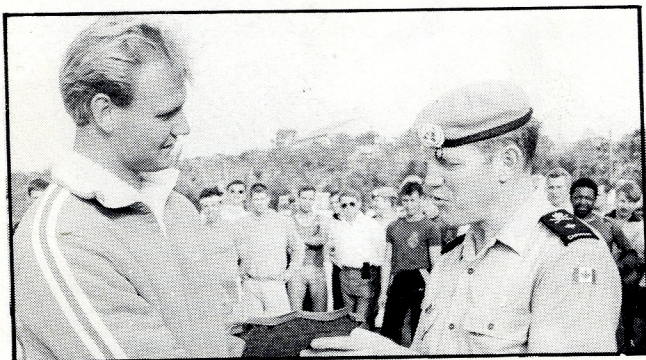
The DANCON 40 MARCH took place on 24-25 MAR and 07-08 APR 84. Over the two week-ends a total of 534 and 519 received the DANCON MARCH MEDAL or a Silver Number corresponding to the marches accomplished.

The whole idea behind the DANCON Marches is for each individual to complete two marches each of 25 kilometres within 7 hours on each of the two days. For some the pleasure is just to complete the two marches; for others it becomes a competition to be faster than others or just to improve their own personal time. Either way the event has that essential ingredient of being fun, with the added benefit of physical fitness.

UNFICYP ATHLETICS COMPETITION



FC presents the Canadian Tug-of-War Coach with the Spring Fayre '84 Tug-of-War Trophy.



The Chief of Staff presents the Swedish Team Captain with the UNFICYP Athletics Trophy.



CO DANCON 40, Lt Col K L Hansen receives his DANCON March Medal from Capt T C Villumsen, organiser of the DANCON 40 March.

THE UNFICYP ORIENTEERING COMPETITION

The UNFICYP orienteering competition was dominated by the SWEDCON team. This is perhaps not so very strange. In Sweden orienteering is a very common sport, but to many members of UNFICYP it is an unusual way of getting exercise.

About 60 competitors took part on a very sunny day at Dhekelia.

The results were:

Class A - 11km

1. Pte Fransson SWEDCON
2. Lt Fors SWEDCON
3. 2/Ssgt Scheibenreif AUSCON

Class B - 6.9km

1. Maj Kihl SWEDCON
2. Capt Augustsson SWEDCON
3. WO1 Lagerkvist UN MP COY

Class C

The same as in Class A

Class D - 4.9km

1. Capt Watkins 9 Signal Sqn
2. LCpl Calder 9 Signal Sqn
3. Cpl Abercrombie 9 5 Signal Sqn.



Changeover of the competitors in the 4x300 m relay, in the UNFICYP Athletics Competition held at Dhekelia on Tuesday 17 April, 1984. The winners were SWEDCON.



INTERNATIONAL COOKBOOK



Traditional English Desserts from Force Scout Car Squadron Cooks

By Capt Mark Ridley

Photographs by Unit Photographer

The following culinary delights have been compiled by the catering specialists of the 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers.

"SPOTTED DICK PUDDING"

- 6 oz Plain Flour
- ½ oz Baking Powder
- 3 oz Margarine
- 3 oz Sugar
- 1 Egg
- 1 oz Currants
- 2 fl. oz Milk
- Pinch of Salt

Method

1. Rub in margarine with flour, baking powder and salt.
2. Add sugar, eggs to milk, mix to smooth texture, then add currants.
3. Grease & flour a pudding basin, steam for 2½ hours.
4. Serves 5 portions.

"OLD FASHIONED BREAD PUDDING"

- 8 oz Bread or stale cake
- 2 oz Brown Sugar
- 1½ oz Sultanas
- 1½ oz Currants
- 1 oz Mixed peel
- 1½ oz Syrup
- 1 Teaspoon cinnamon
- Pinch of salt
- 1 oz Margarine

Method

1. Soak bread in water, squeeze out, and pass through a mincer.
2. Cream together sugar, margarine and syrup.
3. Add fruit and bread and mix well.
4. Add spices and place a 2" layer of the mixture into greased tray.

5. Sprinkle top with sugar, bake in medium oven (400°F) for 1 hour.
6. Serves 5 portions.

"ENGLISH TRIFLE"

- 12 Sponge Fingers, Swiss roll or sponge
- 4 fl. oz Sherry
- 1 Pint custard sauce
- ¼ Pint fresh cream
- 12 Glace cherries
- 6 Walnut halves
- ¼ oz Angelica

- 2 oz Grated chocolate

Method

1. Arrange the sponge or swiss roll in the bottom of a glass bowl.
2. Pour sherry over sponge.
3. Pour on prepared custard when cooled, and allow to set.
4. Decorate sides with sponge fingers and remainder of ingredients.
5. Serves 6 portions.



Pte Dave Bonshar, Sgt Tass Morgan and LCpl Martin Pratt happily displaying their recipes.

POACHERS PROGRESS

By Lt Townley

The Poachers are now "old hands" in Sector 2 and are into the last half of their tour. We still continue to work and play hard, and the last four weeks have seen our Medal Parade, participation in a variety of sports and somehow time to enjoy ourselves.

The programme of visits to the Battalion has been particularly full and has included the Commander-In-Chief UKLF, General Sir Frank Kitson, Commander British Forces Cyprus, Major General Sir Desmond Langley, our Brigadier Johnny Ricketts, Brigade Commander in the United Kingdom and the House of Commons Defence Committee. Of particular interest to us was the further strengthening of our County links by the visits of the Mayors of Lincoln and Leicester. The Mayor of Northampton is due to visit us in May and this will complete the set.



Maj Gen Sir Desmond Langley and Col Julian Browne at the Nicosia War Cemetery



The Mayor of Lincoln has the intricacies of the UN Line explained.

Photographs by LCpl Easey

On the sporting side the last month has seen the Battalion win the British Army Novice Boxing Competition, a feat we have been celebrating ever since and will continue to do so for a long time!

In conclusion we look forward to the improving weather of the last two months of our tour, which should give us just enough time to get a respectable tan!



His Worship the Mayor of Leicester, Mr. G. Billington, with Mrs. Billington and Col. Julian Browne C.O. Sector 2, at St. David's Camp.



A Company, winners of the Inter-company Hockey Competition

THE PATRICIA'S HAVE ARRIVED

By Lt. Stefanuk

Photo: Cpl. Watson



The Regimental Color of 1 PPCLI. Change of Command Parade.

After weeks of preparation and anticipation, the first 135 members of the First Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry arrived at Larnaca airport via a Canadian Forces Boeing 707 on March 30, 1984.

A parade was held at Wolseley Barracks on April 8 to officially hand over responsibility for sector four from 2RCR to 1PPCLI. The Commander of UNFICYP, Major-General Greindl was the Reviewing Officer and oversaw the signing of the handover documents.



Lt Col Aitchison greets Lt Col Kempling, "Boy, are we glad to see you".

The last remaining Royals departed on April 11 and the hand-over was complete. The departing Royals were living proof of the old saying "There's no place like home", as they bounded up the steps to board their homeward bound 707.

The Commanding Officer and all ranks of 1 PPCLI wish to thank the members of UNFICYP that have given us such a warm welcome. We look forward to making many new acquaintances during our tour.



Enjoying life.



UN NEWS



COMMANDER BRITISH CONTINGENT LEAVES UNFICYP



Colonel Hugh Pye, late 9/12L, leaves Cyprus in mid May having held the appointment of Commander of the British Contingent and Deputy Chief of Staff at the Headquarters of the United Nations Force in Cyprus for two years.

Colonel Hugh Pye, who is married with two children, was born in England on 23 May 1938. He is a fourth generation officer who was educated at Wellington College and the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. He was commissioned into the 12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's) in 1958.

Prior to attending the Staff College at Camberley he served in Cyprus, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom, Aden, Trucial Oman, BAOR and Berlin where in 1969/70 he commanded The Independent Armoured Squadron.

After Camberley he was on the staff of the Joint

Services Intelligence Staff, Hong Kong. He then commanded a Chieftain Squadron in Germany and served again in Northern Ireland prior to attending the United States Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia in 1976. Subsequently he commanded the 9/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's) in Northern Ireland, England and BAOR. Prior to becoming DCOS and COMBRITCON he was an Assistant Military Secretary for three years in London. He takes up his new appointment at the British Army Staff College in July 1984.

Colonel Pye's successor is Brigadier Robert Duchesne, late Royal Artillery, who becomes Deputy Chief of Staff and Commander British Contingent in June when he takes over as Chief of Staff from Brigadier General Bill Hewson. Next month's Blue Beret will include a full description of Brigadier Duchesne's career.