

# THE BLUE BERET



NOVEMBER 1984





# OCTOBER IN RETROSPECT

## ROTATIONS

2-14	Battalion Sector 4 1 PPCLI/1 RCR
18 Oct	½ Battalion Sector 5
17-25 Oct	12 Members SWEDCIVPOL
30-7 Nov	½ Battalion Sector 6
<b>VISITS</b>	
2-9	Maj H Cross, Capt R Causer and 1 Admin Officer visited the British Contingent
5-8	Mr P Cooney, MOD, Lt Gen G. O'Sullivan and Cdt D O'Leary visited the Irish Contingent
6	HRH The Duke of Edinburgh KG, KT, OM, GBE and Capt Gen RM visited the British Contingent
9	Maj Gen O J Kinahan CB and Comd Fin HQ LFC Lt Col CDC Pollock RAPC visited the British Contingent.
11-16	Mr Per Pettersen, Chairman of Parliaments Def. Committee, Mr Olle Goransson, MP, Maj Gen Bo Rybeck, Lt Col Jan Lundgren visited the Danish Contingent
11-18	Mayor of Taunton visited the British Contingent.
11-18	Mr C Stokes, Mr. D Derek Jay and Mr N Warbuys (Press) visited the British Contingent.
11-19	Mr W Mueck, Mr D Gessl and Mr C Gappmaier visited the Austrian Contingent
14-15	Major General and Mrs T Palmer visited the British Contingent
16-24	Lt Cdr B King, Capt A Barratt and Ch Warrant Officer J Roy visited the Canadian Contingent
17	Major General G M G Swindles visited the British Contingent
17-25	Major Leif Gustafsson visited the Swedish Contingent.
18	Ambassador of USA, H.E. Mr Richard W Boehm, plus 3 US Embassy personnel visited HQ UNFICYP and Sectors 1, 2, 4 and 5
18-10/11	Mr Holloway & Inspectorate of Est. Team visited the British Contingent

18-22	Major-General and Mrs BLG Kenny visited the British Contingent
18-23	Major General R B. Loudoun CB OBE visited the British Contingent
18-23	Mr A Hjertstrand, Ms E Lungren, Mr M Wanseth and Capt H Aronson visited the Swedish Contingent
18-23	Col J Fryer, Lt Col W Anderson, CWO C Forgie-Thomson and Major R Lemay visited the Canadian Contingent
20-3/11	Mrs Dr I Santner-Cyrus, Mrs H Rambouser Konitzer and Dr A Holl (Press) visited the Austrian Contingent
22-29	Mr K Mouritzen (Press) visited the Danish Contingent
22-25	Brig H Y La R Beverley OBE visited the British Contingent
23-29/11	Capt Hainge, and 24 members of 33 EOD Regt Det for Operation Loneline 21 visited the British Contingent
24	Sqn Ldr J Maling and Mr L Angove visited the British Contingent
25-26	2 Groups of 80 officers each from HMS Fearless visited the British Contingent
26	Brig AS Jeapes OBE MC, Cmdr 5 Airborne Brigade visited the British Contingent
28-31	Lt Col C R Rickett, MWO P N Lamontagne and WO J E Devenney visited the Canadian Contingent
29-1/11	Maj M Risto Visakorpi, Maj Reijo Makeleinen and Capt Pekka Hannukkala visited the Finnish Contingent
30-1/11	Mr H Ekstrom, Swedish P.O. Admin, Def Section visited the Swedish Contingent
30-8/11	Ms S Nastri, UN Dept, Swedish Army Staff visited the Swedish Contingent
31-6/11	Messrs B Andersson, Engineer and S Hasselgren, Staff Engineer visited the Swedish Contingent

# FUTURE EVENTS

## NOVEMBER

### Dance

Falcon School Theatre, Nicosia - Tuesday Nov 20, 8.00 p.m.  
MOLISSA FENLEY AND DANCERS

### Sport

22-23 November SQUASH TOURNAMENT UNPA FSC SQN

## DECEMBER

Anglo Cypriot Theatre (ACT):

The latest production by ACT is a comedy of the highest calibre entitled 'BOEING-BOEING' and will be shown in Nicosia on 5th, 6th & 7th December. Please phone (021) 41741 or Nicosia 64000 Ext. 2501 (day) or 2287 (day), for further information and tickets.

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Ring Nicosia 64000 Ext 2501, 2401 or 2450 for details.

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### Front cover

A wreath laying party from 40 Commando Royal Marines in the Waynes Keep Cemetery during a brief ceremony in remembrance of Royal Marines who lost their lives in Cyprus.

Photographer: LA (Phot) Mulholland

# THE BLUE BERET



## Editorial

Our front cover reminds us that November is the month in which many of the Contingents represented in UNFICYP remember those who have fallen in past conflicts. At the end of October we also saw the 39th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations and the Force Commander's message on UN Day is reproduced on the back page.

This month we have articles on life at the Ledra Palace Hotel, Austrian Humanitarian Affairs and Swedish Civilian police activities. We also have a vivid description of the Swedish game of Varpa, together with coverage of the gruelling DANCON march.

We welcome 15 Squadron RCT who are the new UNFICYP Transport Squadron and this reminds me that I have been here 6 months as I flew in on the same aircraft as their predecessors. Time has certainly passed very quickly.

Finally, last but by no means least, we record the award of the Force Commander's Commendation to two Canadian members of UNFICYP for their bravery in fighting a fire in Limassol. Congratulations!

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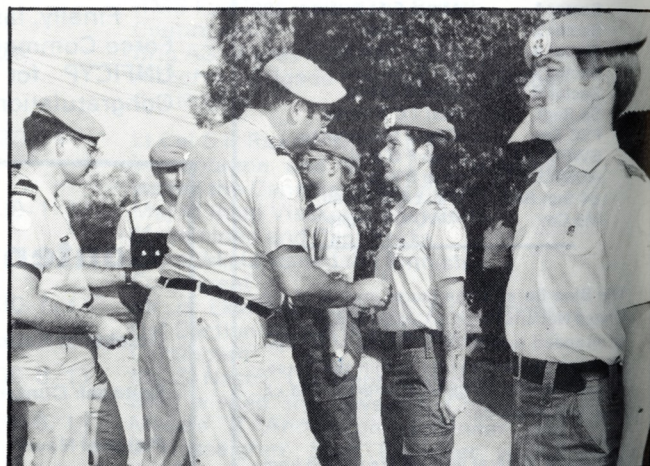


Mr. Patrick Cooney, the Irish Minister of Defence meets members of the Irish Contingent during his visit to UNFICYP.

Col Wellsman, Deputy Chief of Staff presenting the United Nations medal to soldiers of 254 Signal Squadron.



Driver Callum Simpson (left) shows off his UN Medal to his brother Derek. Derek collected a number '2' at the recent UN Transport Squadron Mini Medal Parade. Both brothers are serving with 60 Sqn RCT.



Top level meeting. FC Gunther Greindl and all the sector commanders took part in the opening ceremony of a brand new Swedish shelter, on the hill at OP S-03, at the end of September.



The best overall team performance at the safe and skilled driving competition held at Nicosia Airport went to Sector Five.



Maj Gen Palmer, DGEME, chats to members of the UNFICYP workshops during his recent visit.



Visit to UNFICYP of the Ambassadors of China, France, Czechoslovakia, Israel, Yugoslavia and the Charge d' Affairs of Romania.





# THOUGHTS OF HOME

By Lt Chris Woods RN

Photographs by LA (Phot) Mike Mulholland



His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh shares a joke with wives during a recent visit to St David's Camp.

With only a few weeks of our tour in Cyprus remaining, our thoughts once again have turned to the mammoth task of packing and the imminent handover to the Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment. It hardly seems possible that almost six months



UN personnel from Sector Two share in the success of Recce Troop who finished 2nd and 10th in the Cyprus Walkabout Competition

has elapsed since the Commandos arrived on the island, and the speed at which time has passed can only be seen as a clear indication of the level of activity and enjoyment gained from the deployment.

Hopefully we will leave behind our own particular mark on the island, which in part could not have been achieved without the dedicated support of the Queen's Gurkha Engineers who have toiled relentlessly throughout the tour. Their work, sector wide, has

been the epitome of perfection and their tour epitaph is found in the new dining complex at B35, the refurbishment of B18, new ablutions at B32 and the installation of a new and much needed sewage collection and disposal system at St David's Camp. Whilst on the island the Gurkha Engineers have also made British and UN military history, becoming the first Gurkha soldiers in British service to be awarded the UN medal.

Life in October proved just as busy as it had been in September, and we welcomed many visitors to the Sector including The Commandant General, Lt Gen M C L Wilkins OBE, Maj Gen J St J Grey, The Captain General Royal Marines, His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh KG, KT, OM, GBE, Maj Gen G G Greindl, BCE, The Mayor and Mayoress of Taunton Deane, Maj Gen R B Loudoun CB OBE and Brig Y H La R Beverley OBE to mention but a few. Time certainly flies by when you are busy! Our tour has certainly been both interesting and enjoyable and we hope that we have undertaken our duties in the firm, fair and friendly manner as advocated by the Force Commander. We also trust that we have made a positive, if only a small contribution towards the re-establishment of normality on the island.



Maj Mike Samuelson RM describes the buffer zone to Lt Gen Mike Wilkins OBE during a recent visit to B18

# LIFE AT THE LEDRA



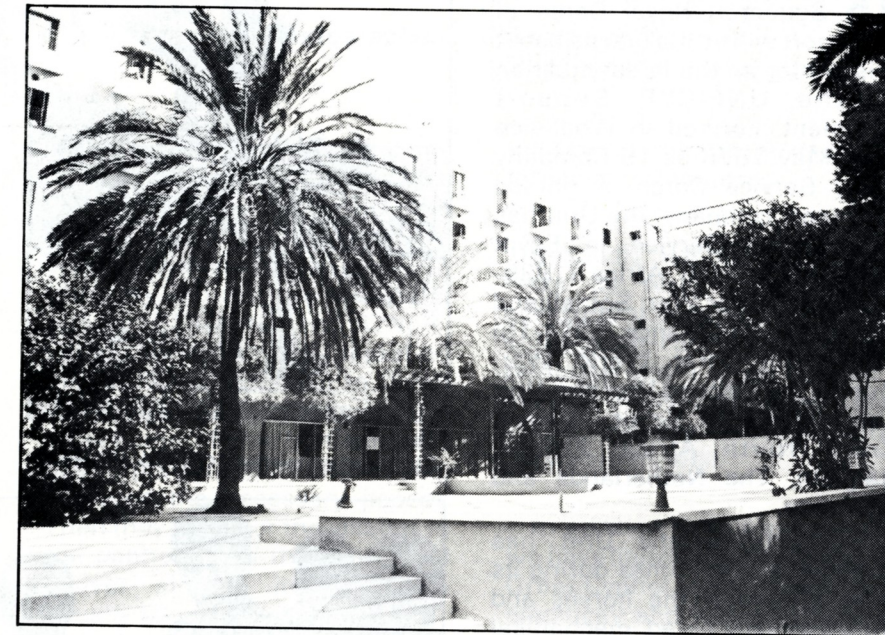
By: Lieutenant Mark Twohey

Photograph by: Private Dave McKeon

The Ledra Palace was built in 1947 and was recognized throughout the world as a five-star hotel, and among other features, was the first hotel in Cyprus to have a pool. As a result of the war in 1974, the Ledra Palace ceased to function as a hotel and in fact was hit by direct and indirect fire during the war. Although most of the damage was superficial, the Makarios Suite on the top floor was hit by a mortar round resulting in a large hole in the roof and extensive damage.

Due to its location in the UNBZ, the Ledra Palace has, since 1974, served as quarters for many members of CANCON.

The size and age of the building demands that a lot of work is required to keep it maintained. Improvements during the last six months included: painting three of the five floors; restoring 46 previously unserviceable rooms (due to the closing down of Camp



Maple Leaf) and the establishment of the Junior Ranks dining-room. Future projects include establishing a MCpls' Mess and painting the remainder of the building.

Although the Ledra Palace is no longer the glamorous hotel it once was, it continues to provide comfortable accommodation for those who "check-in" for six months.

## NEWS FROM THE AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT

By Inspector Bill Kirk

Photographs: Sgt. A. Thomson



### Medal Parade

Twelve members of the 21st Contingent were presented with U.N. Medals by the Force Commander at a ceremony held at the B.B.C. Officers Mess on the 28 September. The remaining members received recognition at a later function for additional tours of Cyprus. Let me take this opportunity to assure some of our bewildered guests that they did not arrive late and miss the presentation. In a bid not to show up some of the previous medal parades, especially the skilled precision marching, the Australians decided that the ceremony would be a less formal affair and only have present members families and our High Commissioner, Her Excellency Miss M. McPherson.



### Fun Run.

The winter family fun run activities have commenced and will continue throughout the winter period commencing at 4 p.m. on the last Wednesday of each month. Readers may ask why the Australians were not out in force? Some were suffering injury while others decided that on this occasion we would assess the opposition. The run, divided into two sections had the following prizewinners, each of whom received Australian souvenirs. One mile race: First lady Mrs. Lesley Privett, first young person (dead heat) Warren Yelverton, Shawn Privett. Two and one quarter mile race, first male Glen Dower first young person John Dodding.





## 15 SQUADRON RCT RETURN



By Captain N P Canning

Photographs by Unit Photographer

### FIRST UNFICYP TOUR

**15** Squadron Royal Corps of Transport will be making its debut this winter as the latest addition to the UNFICYP Support Regiment. Formed in Woolwich on 8 May 1878 as 15 Company Army Service Corps, a Horsed Transport company, the Unit has seen active Service in Egypt (1882-83); South Africa (1889-1902), the Boer War; Somaliland (1902-04), and France (1914-18) during the First World War. During the Second World War the Unit saw service in Egypt, Greece, Crete, North Africa, France, Belgium, The Netherlands and Germany.

The role of the Unit has changed several times during its busy life. After the horses and mules already noted, mechanical transport became the norm when 15 (Horsed Transport) Company RASC disbanded at Devonport and reformed at York, in 1922, as 15 Motor Transport Company RASC. At the outbreak of the Second World War the Unit was equipped with a very odd assortment of requisitioned civilian vehicles. In January 1942, however, the Unit converted to the Tank Transporter role, and ended the War doing the same job.

Between its third and fourth disbandments 15 MT Coy RASC was back in York from 1951-61.



Training with CALM  
(Crane Arm Lorry Mounted)



Fly Army  
2 Lt Martin wins the 2 O'clock at Aintree



The Shooting Team Silver Bar Winners in the Minor Units Snap Shoot Bisley 1984, with DGT Maj Gen Braggins and the Officer Commanding.

On 1 July 1962, however, 122 Company RASC (Tipper) was redesignated 15 Company RASC (Tipper), based in Osnabruck, West Germany, and in January 1965 the Unit became a General Transport Company. On 15 July 1965 the Royal Army Service Corps disbanded and, absorbing the transport elements of the Royal Engineers, reformed as the Royal Corps of Transport.

The Unit then became 15 Squadron RCT and so it has remained. In May 1980 the historic City of Osnabruck conferred the Honour of Freedom on the Squadron. When the Second Division returned from Germany, 15 Squadron moved to Catterick, North Yorkshire, in April 1983 – and exchanged its old 10-ton fleet for new Bedford 8-tonne cargo vehicles.

As part of 2nd Infantry Division

into the format required for the Cyprus tour and will undergo the necessary training to take over the UNFICYP Transport Squadron role from its sister unit, 60 Squadron in mid-November. Its main concern then will be to ensure that it continues to produce the professional standards which the United Nations have come to expect of the Royal Corps of Transport.

Although the Squadron has not yet won a reputation as sporting "giant-killers" it has done well this year in Shooting and Tug-of-War and has many enthusiastic participants and players in several other sporting pursuits. 15 Squadron is looking forward to six months with the United Nations in keen anticipation, and is hoping to maintain the reputation built up over the last century by their predecessors.

Transport Regiment RCT, 15 Squadron has adopted the crossed keys emblem of the Division.

The Officer Commanding 15 Squadron RCT is Major John May who was appointed in February 1984 after a tour as DCOS in Gibraltar. He will be assisted in Cyprus by Major John Poyntz, Lieutenant Mark Brandwood, Second Lieutenant Jonathan Martin and Sergeant Major R L Wilson. Returning from Germany in October from Exercise "Lionheart", the biggest NATO exercise since the Second World War, the Squadron will regroup

## "AUSCON NEWS"

### HUMANITARIAN, WHAT'S THAT?

By Capt Epple Rainer

Photographer L/Cpl Litscher Manfred



Very often people as well as soldiers ask: "What on earth do these Humanitarians do all the time?" This question must come up, because Humanitarian Personnel have mainly nothing to do with the remainder of the battalion.

On the other hand most of the soldiers are not quite familiar with the task Humanitarian Personnel have. Due to this fact I would like to give a short briefing on humanitarian and economic matters, referring to the situation in Sector Six.

The most important task we are responsible for is to take care of the Greek Cypriots living in the Karpas Area. Those people are supplied and re-supplied by UN transport weekly. The supply of foodstuffs, medicine, diesel-oil, gas and other required items is carried out on Wednesday to Rizokarpaso and on Thursday to the other villages.

At that stage I want to say "Thank You" to the Commander of the RCT and all the drivers who provide the necessary lorries. These are loaded at INTERFAIR/NICOSIA with all the foodstuffs and at PETROLINA and SYNERGAS/LARNACA with diesel-oil and gas. They proceed to Camp Duke Leopold V. in Famagusta, where one of the humanitarian assistants joins them after having prepared the necessary papers. Then they leave for the villages in the panhandle of the island and deliver all the items, which usually takes the whole day.

But it isn't our task only to supply these people. We have to have close contact with all the spokesmen of the communities to see the problems they have, to help in every case, especially if a person wants to be transferred permanently from the North to the South, or wants to visit the South for medical treatment. In that case

we have to arrange the necessary lorries and clearances.

Secondly we have economic tasks as well. Industrial and agricultural activities as farming and grazing, running of a slaughterhouse and a small factory in our part of UNBZ are to be supervised by the Humanitarian personnel as well.

In addition to this second task we have liaison tasks between the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot electricity and water authorities. That means we have to monitor all the electricity and water supplies from the South to the Famagusta Area.

All in all I want to express that we have a very interesting job, but it isn't only a job. Taking care of people, making no difference between nationalities, whether they are poor or not, is the main responsibility of the Branch.



SHO 6, Capt R Epple, doing the paperwork



Drivers being briefed by Humanitarian Assistant for carrying out the resupply





# VARPA!

By 2/Lt Matts Dagerhall

Photographs by 2/Lt Matts Dagerhall

For centuries varpa has been a very popular sport in the Swedish island Gotland. Of course, the Gotish people serving with UNFICYP have brought the sport even to Cyprus.

Throwing the varpa is a very old form of amusement for the Swedish islanders. No-one really knows when it started, but excavation finds have made quite clear that the Gotish have been throwing their varpas for centuries. In the beginning they used stone varpas, which were thrown as near a goal stick as possible.



A real good throw should make the varpa stone stop exactly where it lands.

Today the rules have changed very little. You can still compete in centimetre varpa (a precision competition), or 'bumping' varpa, the most amusing and popular form of varpa. Most common – and convenient – to use is the metal varpa, a round shaped disc made to fit the owners hand almost like a glove for real good precision.



Competition varpa needs a lot concentration...

The length of the varpa track is the distance between the two goal sticks, i.e. 20 metres. On the track the competitors throw from one stick to the other and then back again in rounds. In bumping varpa the competitor who gets his varpa closest to the goal stick keeps his team in the lead. His team mates do not throw their varpas until a member of the opposing team either has taken the leading position or equalized it. The competitor whose varpa, after a completed round, is in a position

closest to the goal stick gains one point, and he is then able to start the next round (throwing in the opposite direction).

The competitor or the team first to reach a total of 12 points has won the set. In a full game you normally need to win 2 sets out of 3.

The best thing about varpa is that almost anyone can participate – and it is allowed to have a beer or two between the rounds...



No, not some strange Swedish ceremony, they are just arguing over who's varpa stone is nearest to the goal stick!

# DANCON MARCH

By Major R I M MacArthur

Photographs by Sgt A Thomson

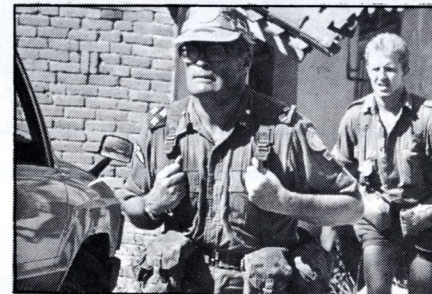


The DANCON MARCH was held over the weekends 29-30 Sep and 13-14 Oct 1984. 553 participants from all contingents in UNFICYP entered. The total distance covered was 50 Km, divided into 25 Km on each day. Every soldier had to carry 10 Kilos whereas women and children were free of this handicap. The starting line was in the village of Evrykhon which is approximately 400 metres above sea level and participants walked up the Troodos mountains following one or other of the small roads and tracks, continuously climbing up to 1300 metres and down to the finish at Pedhoulas, 1200 metres above sea level.

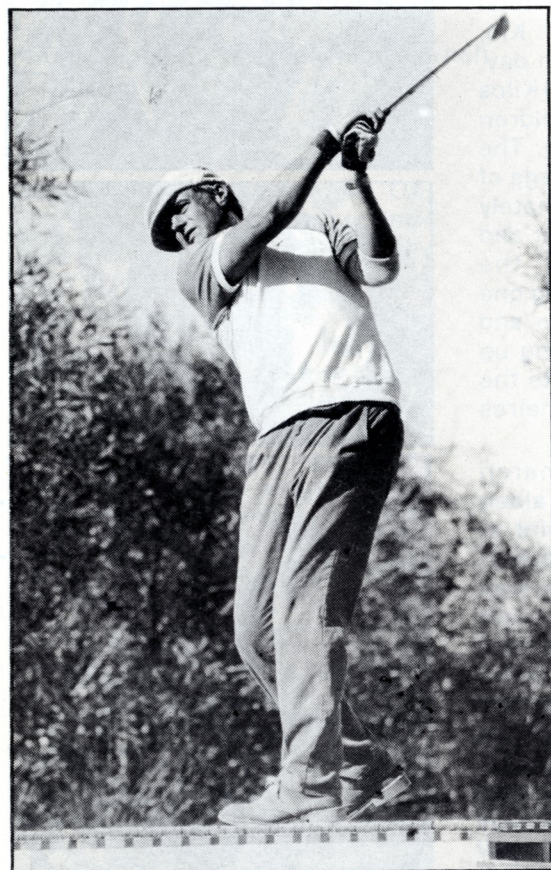
The second day's march followed another route, albeit from the same starting point at Evrykhon. The route lay to the east side of the main road and by way of mountain tracks through Kourdali. The route passed Moutti tou Spiliou 1350 metres and then down to the finish at the main road junction at Karvounas 1100 metres.

A total of 495 competitors completed the 2 day march within the 7 hour time period on each day. Upon arrival at the finish each of them was presented with a Dancon March Medal by the Commander of Sector 1, Lt Col J K Hendriksen.

The arrangements made for refreshments and sandwiches during the march were excellent and much appreciated by all the weary participants.







The Force Commander in full swing at the UN Golf Competition.



The Dhekelia Golf Course tested the golfing skills of all who took part.



Action from the recent football match played between a visiting UNIFIL team and the UNMP Coy at Blue Beret Camp Sports field. The match was played in a keen competitive spirit and despite the UNMP Coy's efforts to arrest UNIFIL's movements the visitors ran out worthy winners.



# INTERNATIONAL COOKBOOK



## HITS OF THE AUSTRIAN CUISINE

By Capt Rainer Manzl  
advised by Mrs Christa Gross

### LEBERKNOEDELSUPPE (Beef-tea with faggots)

**Ingredients (for the broth):**  
water 1,5 l  
salt approx. 7 g  
liver 20-30 g  
carrots 30-40 g  
parsley (root) 30-40 g  
leek 1 piece  
bouquet garni 1  
celery 20 g  
onions 20-30 g  
beef 1,5 kg  
some pieces of marrow-bone, if available.

After cleaning the vegetables, put them into a pot with cold water, together with the liver, the bones, and the salt. Bring the water to the boil, then add the beef. Put the lid on the pot and cook for 1½ - 2 hrs (until the meat is tender). Take out the meat and the bones and strain the broth through a sieve, serve it together with the faggots (liver-dumplings).

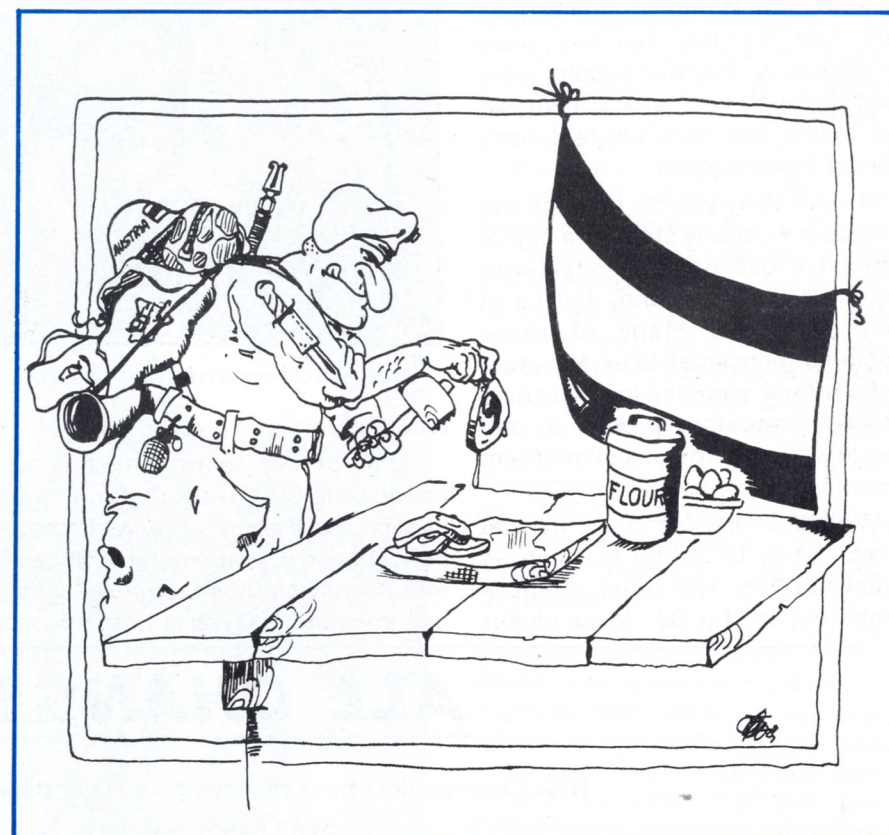
**Ingredients:**  
(for the liver-dumplings)  
minced beef liver 100 g  
rolls 2  
butter (margarine) 40 g  
medium-sized onion 1  
chopped parsley, salt, pepper, marjoram 1  
egg 1  
fine breadcrumbs 30-40 g

Soak rolls in water until they are very soft, then mix them well with the minced liver. Fry chopped onion in oil and add it together with the parsley, the egg, the breadcrumbs, and the seasonings to the liver-mixture. Stir well. Wait about 10 min., then form dumplings. Cook the dumplings in the sieved beef-tea and serve them in it.

Note: For a change you could serve the broth with so called 'frittaten', which are cold pancakes, (made of ¼ l milk, 100 g flour, 1 egg) cut into thin strips.

In Austria as well as all over the world the following dishes are more familiar than Mozart, J. Strauss or the Lippizaner.

Cartoons by L/Cpl Pohn



### WIENER SCHNITZEL

The Wiener Schnitzel is probably the most famous Austrian dish, much-relished by foreigners and Austrians themselves. The true Wiener Schnitzel is made of veal, but since this kind of meat is rather expensive and not always available, most people take pork instead.

The recipe is simple:

**Ingredients:**  
cutlets of veal or pork  
flour, breadcrumbs  
eggs 1 (for about 3 Schnitzel)

Put some flour on a flat plate and some breadcrumbs on another one. In a soup plate beat the egg with a fork and add a little bit of milk and three drops of oil.

Salt the cutlets, put them first into the flour, then into the egg, and finally into the breadcrumbs. (Make sure they stick well.) Fry the Schnitzel in deep hot oil until they are golden brown. Serve them with rice and any kind of salad.

HAVE A NICE MEAL!  
GUTEN APPETIT!





## CIVILIAN POLICE SOCIAL WORKERS or BUFFER ZONE SHERIFFS

By Insp Lars-Arne ERIKSSON Photographer: Ch Insp Kurth NILSSON

The work we do here "Buffer Zone sheriffs" is very different from the work we do as Police Officers back home in Sweden.

At home when we make arrests or have to deal with other unpleasant matters, we aren't always that popular. That is why it is such a relief to come here. When we first arrived here five months ago we were amazed how friendly people were towards us. Now when we have just one month left here we feel sorry that we have to leave.

On our daily patrols through the villages we usually stop for a cup of coffee in a local bar, and to talk with the villagers. There they tell us of their problems. Many of these problems seem small to us. However to the farmer who has lost his goats they are important problems, and they are always anxious to get them back.

We do of course have normal Police duties to attend to, such as illegal hunting, and other offences committed in the BZ. Most of our



Duty patrol from SWEDCIVPOL talking to farmers in the UN BZ close to OP A28.

work though is of a social nature.

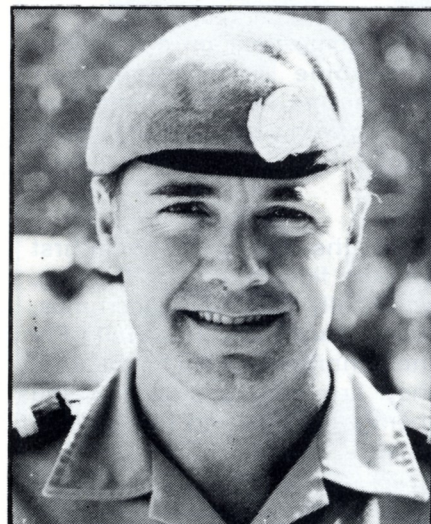
One of our main duties is to provide the 800 Greek Cypriots that live in the Karpas area with their pension and welfare monies. Once a month we visit these seven villages, one at a time. It takes almost a week

for us to complete all the payments. In Rizokarpaso over 200 persons, most of them elderly wait in the coffee shop for us to arrive. With the help of the local Policeman and the Greek Cypriot mukhtar they all get their money delivered.

## ALL CHANGE

New Commanders have recently taken over three Sectors.

Seen below are:-



Sector 4  
Lt Col Larry Bowen



Sector 5  
Lt Col Per Källström



Sector 6  
Lt Col Werner Brandner

## FOLLOWING FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

By Captain Sunnucks Photograph by official photographer

Family tradition is a well known and much treasured aspect of recruiting in The Life Guards. Many sons have followed their father's and grandfather's footsteps in The Regiment and in the 1979 Trooping the Colour, the television commentator took the opportunity of announcing to the Nation that the Standard bearer, Corporal Major Gook, on his last birthday parade was accompanied by his son, Musician Gook, on his first.



Corporal Major and Musician Gook prior to the 1979 Queen's Birthday Parade.

In 1964 Corporal Major Gook, then a full Corporal, served with the first United Nations Force on the island working in The Life Guards Medical Centre in Limassol and afterwards at Famagusta. Musician Gook has earned his United Nations medal exactly twenty years later as Scout Car Squadron trumpeter. Along with three other State Trumpeters, who came out to Cyprus for the occasion, he featured on the British Medal Parade, sounding the 'Charge' before the Scout Car Squadron "drive past".

In London this type of glamour is part of everyday life for Musician Gook. As a State Trumpeter for one year part of his job entailed accompanying The Queen's Life Guard to Whitehall two or three times a week, paying the Guard's respects to the Queen by blowing the Royal Salute as they passed Buckingham Palace. He has also spent much of his Army career as a saxophonist and clarinettist with The Life Guards Band at Windsor where he was equally involved in State Occasions.

His most important job in Cyprus is that of Squadron "alarm clock". The quality of his Reveille trumpet call depends on the activity in the Squadron bar the night before, but the very best that Quartz can produce will not compete with his punctuality. The poor turn-out on First Parade of late has been directly linked with his temporary absence from the Squadron on a parachute course.

## MR BEAVAN RETURNS TO CYPRUS

On 22 Sep 84 Mr Keith Beavan returned to Cyprus to stand in for Mr. James Holger as Acting Special Representative of the Secretary General for a period of two months.

Mr Beavan has worked for UN for some 25 years after previously working for the Economist, B.B.C. and Reuters. Throughout this period he has always worked in the political field with the Department of Public Information. He has travelled extensively to the

Middle East, Southern Africa, Asia, Central America and Europe. At various times he has served as Spokesman to the UN Secretary General, the President of the UN Security Council and to the President of the UN General Assembly. On the inception of UNIFIL he was the Spokesman to that Force.

Mr Beavan has recently served as Spokesman to UNFICYP and has also stood in for Mr Holger on occasion before. He will return to



the Department of Public Information in New York later this year.





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## MESSAGE FROM THE FORCE COMMANDER UNFICYP ON UNITED NATIONS DAY - 24 OCTOBER 1984

On 24 October 1945 the United Nations charter was signed by 51 nations at San Francisco. Since that time more than 100 other countries have joined the United Nations Organisation which works "for peace for justice - for progress".

There are many of you here today in Cyprus who are serving the UN as members of a peace-keeping force for the first while others have taken part on two or more occasions. I should like to remind you that since 1945 UN peace-keeping operations have taken place in 13 different areas all over the world. In all of these areas the work of the many contingents has been much appreciated by the host nations concerned.

Almost 40 years ago, the peoples of the United Nations expressed their determination:

- To practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours;

- To unite their strength to maintain international peace and security and to ensure, by the acceptance of principles and the institution of methods, that armed force shall not be used save in the common interest; and

- To employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples.

These principles, however, have been frequently transgressed over the years since 1945 and the instrumentalities, on occasion, ignored or misused. The result is that the value of the Organization and its ability to maintain peace through multi-lateral means are at times called into question, while it is forgotten

that the United Nations is not a super-State, but an instrument whose full effectiveness depends on the political will of the Governments of which it is composed.

In the United Nations we have now had nearly 40 years of experience, 40 years of change, and, for all the conflict of our time, 40 years without a global war. Let us look back at the road we have travelled, distil the experience and set out again refreshed and with a new determination. The purposes for which the United Nations was set up are essential for the future of our planet. The vision expressed in the Charter remains, and we should rally to it.

And now I wish you every success and happiness during the remainder of your tour with UNFICYP.



On Monday 8 October a Canadian Warrant Officer and a Canadian Sergeant, both serving with UNFICYP were presented with the Force Commander's Commendation following their personal bravery in fighting a fire in Limassol.

Warrant Officer Frederick Lord and Sergeant Ronald Angers were in the Fawltly Towers Inn in Limassol on 26 July when a fire started in a deep fat fryer in the kitchen. Without any consideration for their own personal safety Warrant Officer Lord and Sergeant Angers fought the fire for 45 minutes until the fire department arrived. At great personal risk to themselves they also removed a number of propane gas bottles from the kitchen. Resulting from this incident Warrant Officer Lord suffered burns and bears scars from the fire which he will have

for the rest of his life.

Due to the bravery and disregard for their own safety, these two UNFICYP soldiers

undoubtedly saved the Fawltly Towers Inn and adjoining establishments from burning down.

## CANADIAN SOLDIERS COMMENDED FOR BRAVE FIRE FIGHTING



Warrant Officer Frederick Lord and Sergeant Ronald Angers proudly displaying the Commendation awarded to them by Major General Greindl, Force Commander, UNFICYP.