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MARCH IN RETROSPECT

ROTATIONS

The Canadian Contingent

MEDAL PARADES

None

VISITS

- 1 Lieutenant General Sir Paul Travers KCB, Quartermaster General, visited the British Contingent.
- 1—16 Captain W R Allen, Sergeant D C Burritt and Messrs R L MacIntosh and N A Powell visited the Canadian Contingent.
- 3—10 Colonel A Duncan MVO, Lieutenant Colonel of the Grenadier Guards, visited Sector Two.
- 4—11 Lieutenant Colonel R K Jacobsen visited the Danish Contingent.
- 8—9 Major F J Watkins and Sergeants Armstrong and Salter visited the Canadian Contingent.
- 8—16 Master Warrant Officer Govenlock and Sergeant Fulton visited the Canadian Contingent.
- 11—18 Captain Crawford Royal Engineers TA and one Senior Non-Commissioned Officer visited UNFICYP.
- 14—23 Lieutenant Colonel S Jansson led a party of eight on a recce visit to the Swedish Contingent.
- 15 Brigadier A Jeapes OBE MC, Commander 5 Infantry Brigade, and Major B Lambie visited HQ UNFICYP.

- 15 Mar—1 Apr A team of six customs officers, led by Mr H E Riley, visited the Canadian Contingent.
- 16—20 The Honourable Mrs Pearl McGonigal, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, was accompanied by Mr McGonigal and Major and Mrs MacLean during a visit to the Canadian Contingent.
- 16 Mar—7 Apr Second Lieutenants Norton, Tate and Hogarth, Grenadier Guards University Cadets, were attached to the Battalion.
- 17—20 Mr A Thunborg, Swedish Minister of Defence, Ambassador Orn, Major General N Landergren, Colonel S Wiberg, Major P Grunditz and Mr B Eriksson visited UNFICYP.
- 18 Messrs Madden and Synnott visited UNFICYP.
- 19—20 A party of six led by Mr J Aalto, Parliamentary Ombudsman in Finland, visited the Finnish members of UNFICYP.
- 21 Air Vice Marshal R L Davis RAF, outgoing Commander British Forces Cyprus, visited UNFICYP.
- 22—30 Sergeant J Leclerc visited the Canadian Contingent.
- 26—28 Mr A Akagi from the Japanese Broadcasting Corporation visited UNFICYP.
- 26 Mar—14 Apr Major O Blichert-Hansen and Sergeants Larsen and Madsen visited UNFICYP to make a video film.
- 27— Mr P Curtin, National Secretary of the Australian Federal Police Association arrived, on a visit to AUSTCIVPOL.
- ### UNFICYP COMPETITIONS
- 8 UNFICYP Skiing Competition
- 24 UNFICYP Football Final

FUTURE EVENTS

AMERICAN CENTRE

27 April at 7.30 pm:

MAN OF IRON

By Polish director, Andrzej Wajda, this is the completion of his earlier film, "Man of Marble" and won the 1981 Grand Prize at the Cannes Film Festival. It weaves the dramatic events that occurred in Poland leading to the formation of the Solidarity Union with a contemporary love story. It has been described as the first film to capture the extraordinary co-existence of Catholicism and Communism in Poland, and it successfully combines documentary footage within a fictional work. Lech Walesa appears in newsreel footage and as a character actor. This is the original Polish version, with English subtitles.

BRITISH COUNCIL

21 and 22 April at 8.30 pm.

Theatre workshop—'Olivia Courts' an updated high-rise version of Shakespeare's 'TWELFTH NIGHT or WHAT YOU WILL', set in Paphos on Twelfth night. Presented by Glyn Hughes.

25 April at 8 pm at the School for the Blind.

Concert of European Dance Music of the Renaissance by Ulsamer-Collegium. Music from France, Flanders, Germany, Italy, Spain and England. Entrance free.

28 April at 8 pm.

Concert by The Collegium Musicum of St Paul's Cathedral Nicosia. Works by Vivaldi, Pepusch, Telemann, Mozart, Arne, Bishop, Cooke and Schubert.

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on the cover

AVM R. L. Davis RAF inspects the Austrian Contingent in a multinational Guard of Honour

Photograph by Tony Hodgetts



Editorial

The 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry depart this month from Sector 4. We shall be sad to see them go, especially when their Press Officer was only too glad to give me as much material as I could absorb. Even at this stage of the month, 22 March, Captain Dillenberg was still in the offering stage. Thank you all for your support.

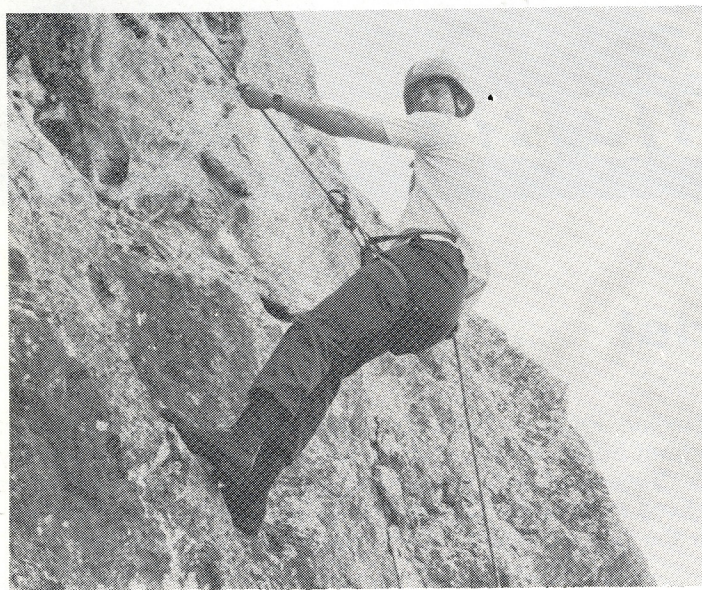
The last Blue Beret brought many complimentary remarks, especially from Sector 1. (It is obvious why!) But it is good to see the customers satisfied.

I am still looking for suitable colour slides (vertical shots) for the front page. It is an important page and does much to enhance the magazine's image, provided it is a good and interesting photograph. While we are on the subject, we would be grateful if, where possible, photographs for the remaining pages could be submitted sized 160 by 210 mm in black and white, and with captions. Please don't forget to include the photographer's name.

Last, but not least, continue to drive carefully. When people are injured it is too late then regretting it!

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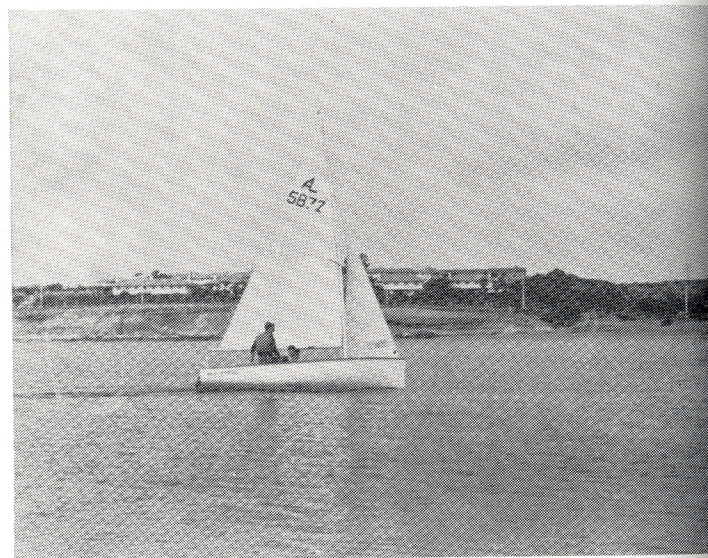
Rockclimbing at Cape Greco.



Members of the Inkerman Company (Western Company) being taught to canoe by SSI Gilbert APTC.



The Battalion ski team for the UN ski championship (left to right): 2Lt J P W Goodman, Lt D M C Fisher, Sgt K Watson, Capt M W E Wade 14/20 H, LCpl Ashton.



Sergeant Hall instructs members of the Battalion in sailing.

ADVENTURE TRAINING

By Captain G V A Baker



Photographs by Sergeant John Harding

When the Battalion was warned of its tour with UNFICYP, everyone anticipated that there would be tremendous scope for Adventure Training on the island. This was confirmed by the Commanding Officer's Recce in July. On arrival in November, an Adventure Training Cell was quickly set up under the efficient control of CSgt Hardman. The aim of the cell was to get as many guardsmen as possible to carry out some form of Adventure Training Course during the tour. CSgt Hardman has arranged for members of the Battalion to ski, sail, canoe, windsurf, rockclimb, freefall parachute, glide and ride, all of which have been much enjoyed by those taking part—except for the occasional parachutist who, on

completion of the first jump, has opted to remain on Terra Firma in future!

The skiing has been a great success with guardsmen attending both MILSKI courses and Battalion run courses, the latter superbly run by Sgt Watson. At the close of the skiing season we hope to run two-day Adventure Training Courses at Troodos for the benefit of those in Sector 2, to allow them a break from OP routine. It is hoped that those who have been able to attend Adventure Training Courses will have the opportunity to follow up their experience gained in Cyprus, on return to England.

PIONEERS

By Lieutenant Anders Rosén

The SWEDCON Pioneers are not ordinary military pioneers. The SWEDCON Pioneers are not experts in building and blowing bridges, in clearing a way through the forest, or in any other kind of work that military pioneers traditionally do.

But this group is very professional within its field. The pioneers are all craftsmen and work within their own branch in Sweden. They have brought their skills to Cyprus to work for six months with UNFICYP.

The group consists of three plumbers, two carpenters, two refrigerator mechanics, one painter and one electrician, as well as the chief, WO2 Magnus Darvelid, who has a civilian job as a woodwork teacher.

"We are pure craftsmen and we are all experts within our own field. Thus we can cope with almost all kinds of repairs and improvements that the battalion needs", says WO2 Darvelid.

The pioneers most often work on OP's and camps in the buffer zone. Several OP's have been put in order lately, and



The SWEDCON Pioneers, with WO2 Magnus Darvelid standing to the left.

equipped with new sanitary facilities. Other important jobs are carpentry, painting, tin- and electricity work.

"This job is often hard and strained.

But it's also very free, and we are able to a great extent to plan our time ourselves. We like that", says 'fridge mechanic, Private Larsson.



SWEDCON

MARRIAGES

By Lieutenant Anders Rosén



Marriage I: Major Orjan de Besche and his wife Inger come out of the church in Camp Victoria...

was married to his fiancée, Inger. Only a few days later, on March 9, Sergeant Janne Larson and his fiancée, Charlotte, said their vows. The Spring has brought an increased interest in marriage to Camp Victoria, which obviously pleases the Chaplain, Anders Hagstrom.

"Many interested couples have got in touch with me", he says. "Occasionally Swedish tourists also ask to get married".

Maybe it is the atmosphere of the little church that makes so many interested in marrying at Camp Victoria. The church was renovated in 1981 at the expense of the Swedish State Church, and has today a charming wooden interior. Paintings and decorations were made by soldiers in earlier battalions, and the Swedish Civilian Police Contingent within UNFICYP paid for the wooden belltower.

"We considered it to be something special to get married on Cyprus. Partly because of the extra special atmosphere of a UN-wedding and partly because we



... Marriage II: Some days later the ceremony was seen again, when Sergeant Janne Larsson and his wife, Charlotte, did the same thing.

wanted to avoid the big fuss that our marriage would have caused back home", says Major de Besche.

Sergeant Larsson and his wife were also pleased with their wedding:

"This was an experience! We would probably not have had such a feeling back home in Varmland (their Swedish county)



ON SOUTHWIND PATROL WITH SEO SECTOR ONE

By Second Lieutenant L H Truelsen

Being an assistant to the Sector Economics Officer (SEO) is a lot of hard work in many and varied fields. There are compensations, however. One is the monthly Southwind Patrol.

Sector One covers the Western part of the island, west of a line going east of Morphou and just west of Limassol. After the events of 1974 a number of Turkish Cypriots stayed behind in the Southern part of this area, either in Greek Cypriot communities or in Turkish Cypriot villages, which are now deserted by almost all the other families who used to live there. Every month a Southwind Patrol is carried out to visit these persons. In February it was done by SEO, Major Claus Frederiksen, and SEO Assistant, Second Lieutenant Truelsen in the period 13-16 February.

About thirty Turkish Cypriots were visited to check on their welfare and well-being. Most of them are elderly, single people who were born and lived all their lives in the district of Paphos. A few are farmers and landowners, some with rather large estates and hundreds of goats and sheep. Even fewer are youngsters who have settled in the area re-

cently, because of the thriving construction business that offers lots of job opportunities.

During the trip the SEO, after delivering mail, passes on information about friends and relatives living in the north. Besides keeping the Turkish Cypriots in the south in touch with their families in the north, the SEO may also arrange for people in the area to meet with their relatives from the other side. These meetings are conducted at Ledra Palace with the assistance of AUSTCIVPOL. Here families are reunited for a few hours, often under heart-rending circumstances. A family may be trying to convince a young son that he should return to his family home on the other side. Whatever the outcome, the meeting ends in tears.

This month one of the Turkish Cypriots asked for a permanent transfer to the north. The Economics and Humanitarian Branch of HQ UNFICYP therefore interviewed her in order to establish that she did so of her own free will. In this case a lady, about forty years of age, had been separated from

her husband and two sons during the fighting of 1974 and now wanted to go and live with them. The week after the interview DANCON UN trucks picked up her and all her belongings and moved it all from Paphos to the Ledra Palace checkpoint, where AUSTCIVPOL escorted the truck to the Turkish Cypriot checkpoint where another truck waited to take her to her new home in Kyrenia.

A CYPOL officer accompanies the SEO on many of the visits in order to render assistance in translating Greek or Turkish into English. The CYPOL authorities are always extremely helpful and co-operative.

The last day of the patrol normally entails a visit to the District Welfare Officer or to the District Officer in Paphos. If any problems have arisen, the SEO tries to solve them and makes the proper arrangements concerning ownership of land or housing. Once business in Paphos is finished, it is back to Xeros to continue all the other SEO tasks with farming, water systems etc and to prepare for the next four hundred mile Southwind Patrol.



SEO Sector One talks with Hassan Hasip outside the house where he stays together with his employer.



Emine Ahmet Kommotos in front of her house in Paphos.



SEO Assistant Sector One studies the working facilities in Ayia Varvara.



Mustapha Hasan and his wife in front of their house.



MAKING THE UNFICYP MISSION A FAMILY AFFAIR

By Inspector Mark Anstee

Photographs by Sergeant Tony Hodgetts

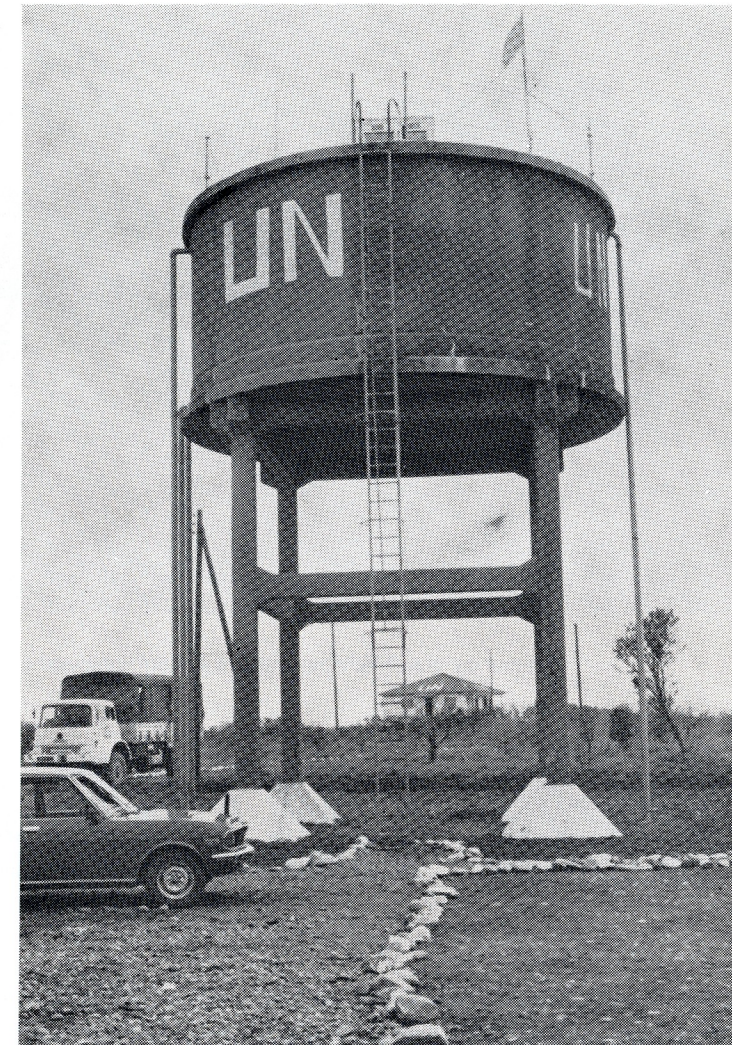


Chief Inspector Mike Coyle and Guardsman Ian Wilmer meeting outside B22.

Cyprus has once again proved to be a great meeting place for people of all nationalities but this time on a family level. For Chief Inspector Mike Coyle of the Australian Police Contingent who has previously served in Cyprus on two separate occasions (making up four tours of duty), this last return proved third time lucky. He was surprised to find some time after his arrival here that his nephew, Ian Wilmer, had arrived on the island with the 2nd Battalion Grenadier Guards. Ian, through the family grapevine, actually knew in advance that Mike was again coming to Cyprus.

Still it was a surprise for Ian during a routine day when Mike turned up at the Dhekelia Garrison. They had only met once before in England in 1970 when Mike visited there. Ian was only six years of age but says he vaguely remembers his uncle from that time.

Ian comes from Tring, Hertfordshire, 36 miles north of London and now has two years military service up and one additional year which he spent in junior training. Like many young soldiers, at nineteen years of age he has travelled extensively with the Battalion — nine months in Munster, Federal Republic of Germany where he picked up a little of the German language, and a month near Calgary, Alberta in Canada. He says he certainly finds Cyprus different to his pre-



B22, showing the OP and living quarters.

vious two overseas postings but finds his duties with UNFICYP interesting because they make for a good 'all round' experience. In any case, he can't complain, sporting a healthy snow tan after a fifteen-day military ski course in the Troodos Mountains where he picked up his Bronze assessment.

Mike also seems more than happy with his lot. A career police officer in Australia's national force, where his experience lies mostly in the areas of criminal investigation and in crime intelligence (against organised crime and in anti-terrorism) and more recently as a senior instructor at the Australian Federal Police College, Canberra, his overseas postings have been interesting and rewarding. In 1974-75 Mike was posted to Peking, China, a fascinating subject on which to approach him when he is not busying himself with his duties as Station Commander, AUSTCIVPOL HQ. As for Cyprus, Mike finds a great deal of job satisfaction carrying out the UNFICYP Mission and the Force Commander's guidelines. Having served here in the early and the late 1970's, he still takes much pleasure from the culture and being with the local people.

Mike and Ian, I believe, have planned an evening in the near future to have a few quiet beers together, a pastime enjoyed in common by both the English and the Australians.



Remise du Régiment du Major Bova au Lieutenant Colonel Service — avril 1982.



LE 12^e REGIMENT LINDE DU CANADA



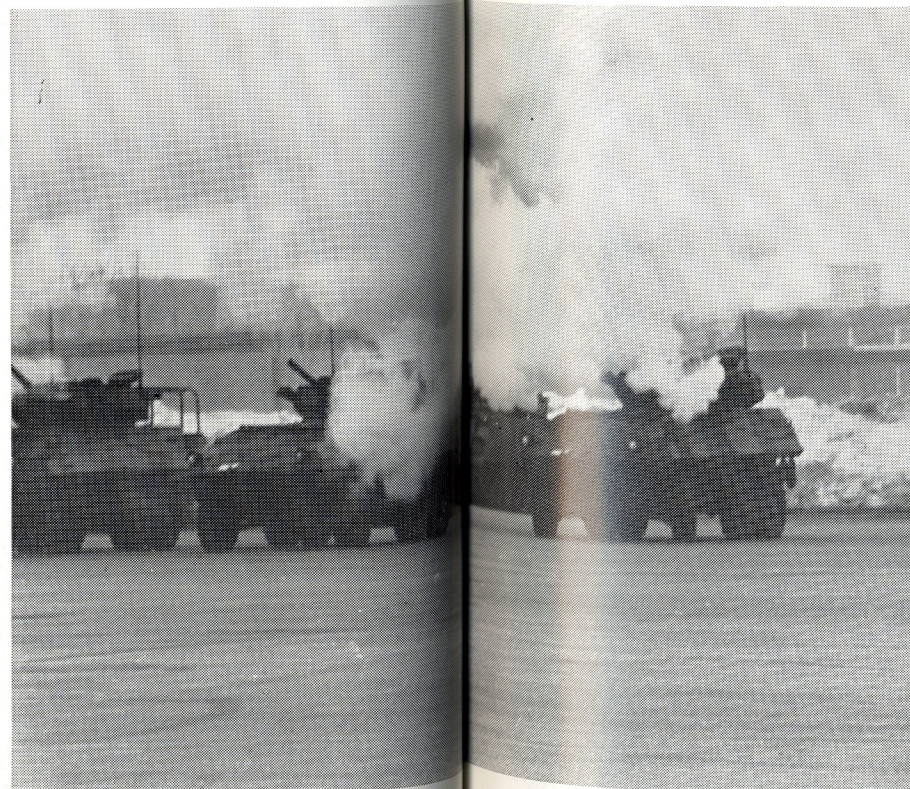
After an absence of six years, le 12^e Régiment Blindé du Canada returned to Cyprus at the end of March for a second tour in Sector Four. 12^e RBC, Canada's only French-speaking armoured regiment of the Regular Force, is stationed in Valcartier, twenty kilometres north of Quebec City, and draws most of its officers and men from the province of Quebec.

One of Canada's oldest regiments, 12^e RBC finds its origins in The Three Rivers Provisional Battalion, formed from four independent companies of militiamen and gazetted on 24 March 1871. By coincidence, on that date, this year, began the first of three flights deploying the Regiment from Canada to Cyprus, to relieve 2 PPCLI.

Before joining the regular order of battle in May 1968, the Regiment has borne, in its various designations, the

name "Trois-Rivières", a city situated at the confluence of the St-Laurence, St-Maurice and St-Charles rivers; this title is in recognition of the sustaining role played by that city in the development of the Régiment. Formation of the regular regiment saw the name "Trois-Rivières" give way to "12^e Régiment blindé", which perpetuates the unit's designation during the Second World War ("12th Armoured Regiment"). Nonetheless, the Regiment is still known, wistfully by many, as le Régiment de Trois-Rivières, and to this day, the militia regiment, 12^e RBC (M) maintains its home in Trois-Rivières, Quebec.

From June 1941 until the invasion of Sicily in July 1943, the Regiment trained in Southern England and in Scotland, patiently awaiting a part in the war. On 10 July, it landed in Sicily, and twenty months later, following



1982.



Lieutenant-Colonel Service escorte et guidon avril 1982.

the campaigns in Sicily and Italy, the Regiment moved by tank transport across the Appennines, through France, and after a brief respite in Menin, lodged with Belgian families, the Regiment crossed into Germany.

12^e RBC immodestly acknowledges a record time of five months and nineteen days in action without relief and claims the honour of being the only Canadian unit to have fought shoulder to shoulder with all the Allied Armies on the European front.

From 1968 until 1979, 12^e RBC trained in the reconnaissance role as part of 5e Groupe Brigade du Canada. In recent years, it has returned to its more familiar role as a tank regiment, retaining one reconnaissance squadron for support of brigade operations.

Affiliated with le 12^e Régiment de Chasseurs, a French reconnaissance re-

giment, 12^e RBC has maintained since 1970 an officer exchange programme. Since September 1963, the Regiment has been allied with the Royal Tank Regiment, with whom officer exchanges have also occurred. With its forthcoming tour, 12^e RBC anticipates eagerly a renewal of friendship with its allied regiment. C Squadron 1 RTR, under command of Major Roddy Hine, is at present based in Episkopi.

On 30 March, Lieutenant-Colonel Barry Ashton, Commanding Officer 2 PPCLI, handed over command of Sector Four to Lieutenant-Colonel George Service, Commandant 12^e RBC.

All ranks 12^e RBC look forward to once again taking up the peace-keeping role with the other nations in UNFICYP and wish their friends in 2 PPCLI:

"Bonne chance, merci — bon retour au Canada"

MILITARY SKILLS COMPETITION

Results of the Military Skills Competition held in Dhekelia on 3 and 4 March were as follows:

	Sector/Unit	Points
1st	Sector 2B	824.4
2nd	Sector 5A	688.8
3rd	Sp Regt B	641.6
4th	Sector 4B	640.4
5th	Sector 1B	638.2
6th	Sector 5B	622.0
7th	UN MP Coy	562.6
8th	Sector 4A	543.2
9th	Sector 2A	513.0
10th	Sector 1A	483.6
11th	Sector 6A	440.2
12th	Sp Regt A	371.4

The Force Commander, Major General G G Greindl, congratulates the winning team (left to right): Lt E C Gordon-Lennox; Sgt K Smith; L/Cpl S Ashley; Gdsm P Godby; Gdsm S Higgins.



Sector Four UNFIGYP Volleyball Championships

Front Row: (L to R): Major Harry Elliott, Corporal Rob MacLean, Private Joe Mills, Cpl Wayne Lavallee (kneeling), Corporal Steve Stewart, and Master Corporal Clay Rankin.

Back Row: (L to R): Corporal Doug Wulf, Corporal Tim Campagna, Master Corporal Ken MacKenzie, Captain Jack Springer, and Private Reg Eddy.



INTERNATIONAL COOKBOOK



Tipsy Nosh!

Recipes supplied by the Irish Contingent



BAILEY'S IRISH CREAM CHEESECAKE

Crumb Crust

1/2 lb (225g) biscuits, digestive
1/4 lb (100g) butter

Filling

1/2 lb (225g) cottage cheese
1/2 lb (225g) cream cheese
2 tablespoons cold water
1 dessertspoon gelatine
juice and rind of 2 lemons
6 tablespoons Bailey's Irish Cream
1/2 pt (275 ml) double cream
2 egg whites
1/4 lb (100g) castor sugar
2 oz (50g) melted chocolate
8 in (20cm) spring-form cake tin

Method:

To make the crust — crush the biscuits to crumbs. Melt the butter, add the crumbs and mix well. Press onto the base and sides of the tin. Chill while preparing the filling.

Filling:

Push the cottage cheese through a sieve — then combine in a mixing bowl with the cream cheese. Beat together well. Put cold water into a small cup and sprinkle gelatine on top. Leave to soak approximately five minutes — put over hot water until gelatine has dissolved. Blend into the creamed mixture with the lemon rind and juice. Continue beating until the mixture is very smooth. Beat in liqueur. Whip cream and fold into mixture. Whisk egg whites — gradually whisk in sugar. Fold into the mixture. Pour into prepared crumb crust. Refrigerate for six hours or overnight. Before serving drizzle the melted chocolate over the cheesecake.

SALMON or TROUT BAKED IN CIDER AND CREAM

Take about 2 lb salmon or trout.

Wipe over and put into a buttered ovenproof dish with parsley or fennel sprigs. Warm up 1/2 pt cider and add a squeeze of lemon juice. Pour this over fish, cover with foil, and bake in the centre of a 400°F, 200°C, or gas 6 oven for 20 minutes.

Take from the oven, remove foil and mix about 2 tablespoons hot liquor with 1/4 pt cream, keeping the remaining stock hot. Lift out the fish. Take off skin and fins, then put back. Pour the cream over and continue cooking for a further 20 minutes.

Serve garnished with chopped parsley, and blanched, diced cucumber lightly sautéed in butter.

Serves 4.



CHICKEN BREASTS IN CIDER AND CREAM

2 chicken breasts
1 oz butter
1/8 pt dry cider
1/8 pt double cream
salt and pepper

Melt butter in heavy saucepan — when the butter foams add the chicken skin side down. When golden turn over and brown the other side.

Pour in cider and let this bubble. Add salt and pepper. Reduce heat and cover tightly. Simmer for 30 mins., turning from time to time. Remove chicken to heated plates. Turn heat high and boil down the sauce rapidly. (It should be slightly thick). Pour in the cream and stir over high heat until the sauce has thickened — then pour over the chicken and serve immediately.

GUINNESS CAKE

8 oz butter
8 oz soft brown sugar
4 eggs (lightly beaten)
10 oz plain flour
2 level tsps mixed spice } sieved together
8 oz seedless raisins
8 oz sultanas
4 oz mixed peel
4 oz chopped walnuts
8-12 tablesp Guinness

Cream butter and sugar until light and creamy. Gradually beat in the eggs. Fold in flour and mixed spice. Add raisins, sultanas, mixed peel and walnuts. Mix well together.

Stir 4 tablespoons of Guinness into the mixture and mix to a soft dropping consistency. Turn into a prepared 7 inch round cake tin and bake in a very moderate oven (gas no. 3-325°F) for 1 hour then reduce heat to gas no. 2-300°F and cook for another 1 1/2 hours. Allow to become cold.

Remove from tin. Prick the base of the cake with a skewer and spoon over the remaining 4-8 tablespoons of Guinness. Keep cake for one week before eating.



THE PINZGAUER

By Major Klaus J Holzer



The two-axled canvas-topped Pinzgauer, which can carry up to ten men.

Pinzgau is a county in the province of Salzburg and is well-known for the horses bred there. As well as the world-famous breed of Haflinger — a small, tough Tirolean mountain horse — the Pinzgauer is a very strong horse-breed that easily climbs mountains, carries loads and tows heavy carts or ploughs. Therefore, after the development of the "Haflinger", a four wheel drive light vehicle, the Steyr Daimler Puch Inc. (SDP), Austria's specialist for military equipment, decided to name their newer, larger, highly sophisticated truck "Pinzgauer". As mentioned above, the SDP is a real specialist for military pattern trucks — in the early thirties, SDP had already produced a truck for the Austrian Army of the First Republic (1918-1938), which was of a very high technical standard at that time. Therefore, when our Army was re-established ten years after World War II, a branch of SDP carried on to develop cross country vehicles.

In the seventies, the first "Pinzgauers" were tested, and nowadays the following models are in use:

(a) Two-axle type with canvas top, mainly used for the transport of the operators of the weapons it tows, capacity ten men (driver included)

(b) Two-axle type with hard top, mainly used as a light truck for commands and signals

(c) Three-axle type with canvas top, mainly used for transport of troops; capacity: fourteen men (driver included)

(d) Three-axle type with hard top, used for heavy signal equipment

(e) Three-axle type as ambulance truck

(f) Three-axle type as a weapon carrier for 2 cm AA machine gun

Pinzgauer trucks are in use in many countries all over the world and have been driven millions of miles. In the Austrian Battalion of UNFICYP there are twenty-five of them in different versions.

The Pinzgauer owes its superiority to other military pattern vehicles of its size to its technical features:

- central tubular frame with independent suspension of all wheels
- all-wheel drive by engaging the front axle drive additionally
- five-speed synchromesh transmission with high- and low-speed synchromesh transfer
- differential locks in all axles
- gantry axles to achieve high ground clearance
- aircooled four cylinder petrol engine with 66 kw (=90 bhp DIN), proven under roughest conditions in the desert

These high technical features at the same time cause a high selling price, which is the only disadvantage of these vehicles up to now.

Wherever Pinzgauer vehicles are supplied to, you can be sure that you won't have to walk, even if there were a lack of maintenance facilities or spare parts. The Pinzgauer truck — as well as its living pendant — is the soldier's best comrade.



The Pinzgauer can deal with the most arduous terrain.



From left to right: Major B Gratzner; L/Cpl F Url; L/Cpl J Locker; 2/Lt B Konzett; Alexis Photiades; Demetris Papatheodotou and Captain J Mörtl.



What goes up must come down — and quickly, too, in the case of L/Cpl Friedrich Url, winner of the UNFICYP and Open Classes.

"AUSTRIAN" WINTER GAMES

By Major Georg Grondinger

On 8 March 1983 forty runners in six teams participated in this year's UNFICYP Skiing Competition which took place on the North Face of Mount Olympus, the highest mountain of Cyprus, and it turned into a great Austrian success all along the way. AUSCON's 2i/c, Major Bernd Gratzner, was responsible for the organisation of the competition; AUSCON's Sports Officer, Captain Josef Mörtl, conducted the race itself; Austrian skiing instructors teaching with the British Forces in Cyprus and with the Cyprus Skiing Club set the gates for both legs of the competition, a giant slalom — and Austrians won in all four classes:

Individuals UNFICYP:

	1st leg	2nd leg	Total	
1. L/Cpl F Url	36.93	35.30	1.12.23	(AUSCON)
2. L/Cpl J Locker	41.90	38.90	1.20.80	(AUSCON)
3. 2/Lt B Konzett	42.00	40.60	1.22.60	(AUSCON)

Individuals Open Class:

1. L/Cpl F Url	36.93	35.30	1.12.23	(AUSCON)
2. Mr A Photiades	40.03	38.50	1.18.53	(Cyprus Ski Club)
3. Mr D Papatheodotou	41.00	39.10	1.20.10	(Cyprus Ski Club)

Teams UNFICYP:

1. AUSCON	3.55.63
2. SECTOR 2	4.22.45
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Teams Open Class:

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Among the relatively small auditory we realised some high-ranking officers like the Force Commander, Major General Greindl, the Chief of Staff, Brigadier General Hewson (who crossed his fingers for his son, Richard), and the Com-

manding Officers of Sectors 2 and 6. Even though a SWEDCON team did not enter there were nevertheless some quite successful Swedes — with SWEDCIVPOL and in the HQ UNFICYP team — among the participants.

AUSCON's Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Ingo Buttinger, thanked the Cyprus Skiing Club, that had provided all the facilities, the British Forces in Cyprus for the provision of their electronic time keeping and all the others who had contributed to the splendid organisation of the competition, and finally to fellow Austrian, Major General Greindl who presented the prizes to the winners.



L/Cpl J Locker (left) and 2/Lt B Konzett (right) who came second and third respectively in the individual UNFICYP class, carry the winner, L/Cpl F Url.



The Force Commander, Major General G G Greindl, presents SSgt Frank Holmlund with his medal during the Medal Parade ceremony of the UN Military Police Company, which was held on 23 February.



Major-General W M Allen, Director General Transport and Movements, visited 66 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport on 19 February. OC of the Squadron, Major N Beard, looks on while the Major-General talks to (from left to right) Drivers Gardner, McCord, Bradley and Ogden.



The Danish Contingent held its Medal Parade on 25 February at Skouriotissa. The Force Commander, Major General G G Greindl, reviewed the parade prior to presenting the UN (Cyprus) medals to the front rank.



On 18 March 1983 Swedish Minister of Defence, Mr A Thunborg, visited UNFICYP Headquarters and inspected a multinational Guard of Honour.



Commander SWEDCON, Per Lundbeck, was promoted on 1 April from Lieutenant Colonel to Colonel, and is seen being congratulated by his deputy, Major de Besche (left) and Major Gustafsson, Senior Operations Officer. Before serving in UNFICYP Colonel Lundbeck worked within the military command on Gotland (the largest Swedish island in the Baltic Sea), and is now appointed chief to the 1st Coast Artillery Regiment in Vaxholm, outside Stockholm, where he will go on completion of his tour in Cyprus.



Comd IRCON, Commandant John Murray, and Mrs Murray welcome Dr Hugo Gobbi to the evening reception given by all members of the Irish Contingent on Patrick's Day (Ireland's National Day), 17th March 1983.



The SWEDCON Medal Parade took place in the Makarios School, Larnaca on February 28. Brigadier General C W Hewson presented the medals, the Band of the Grenadier Guards played the music, and the Swedish Battalion Company gave an impressive display before the celebrations continued indoors.



FORCE COMMANDER'S COMMENDATION

On 3 March Driver Derek Everett of the UN Transport Squadron (66 Sqn RCT) received a commendation from the Force Commander, Major General G G Greindl, in recognition of the way he dealt with a fire in a civilian vehicle in January. Without thought to his personal safety Driver Everett tackled the fire and prevented it spreading to the fuel tank. His quick reaction and bravery were a credit to himself, his unit and the United Nations, and were well deserving of recognition.



Visit to HQ UNFICYP on 1 March 1983 of the British Quartermaster General Lieutenant General Sir Paul Travers KCB, seen here reviewing the Swedish Contingent of the multinational Guard of Honour.



VIP VISITS SECTOR 4

The Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, the Honourable Pearl McGonigal visits soldiers of 2 PPCLI deployed on UN peacekeeping duties in Nicosia, Cyprus. Shown left to right are: Private DI Clarke; Private RJ Blakey; the Honourable Pearl McGonigal; Lieutenant BR Bell and Private DR Mayor.



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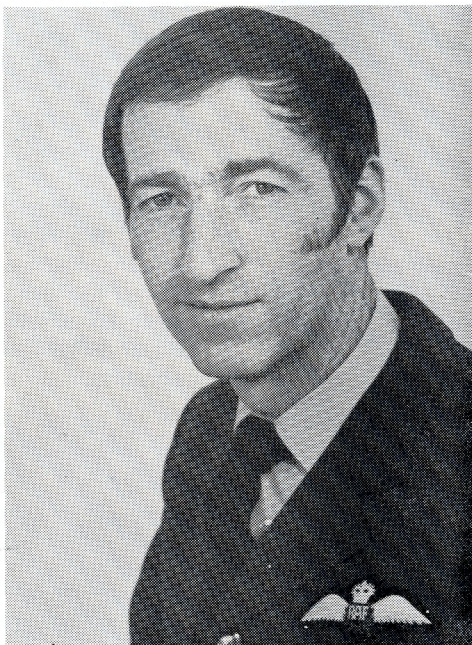


NEW COMMANDING OFFICER FOR 84 SQUADRON RAF

By Flight Lieutenant Nick Hall

On 26 February 1983, Squadron Leader Robert (Bob) Fifield King assumed command of No 84 Squadron at RAF Akrotiri. Squadron Leader King joined the RAF on 4 October 1964 and carried out his basic flying training at the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, before learning to fly helicopters at RAF Tern Hill, Shropshire. Out of the more than 4,500 hours he has flown in the service, no less than 4,370 have been on helicopters; this experience includes flying the Wessex in the Support Helicopter role in the Middle East, UK and Germany (where he attained an 'Above Average' flying category) and the Whirlwind in the Search and Rescue role at RAF Leuchars, Fife, where he was awarded an 'Exceptional' flying category. Whilst stationed at Leuchars, he won the 7th International Search and Rescue Helicopter Competition held at Uetersen in the Federal Republic of Germany. He then obtained a 'Distinguished Pass' at the end of No 161 Central Flying School Qualified Helicopter Instructor Course and

Squadron Leader R F King



was subsequently awarded an 'Above Average' instructor category at the RAF's Search and Rescue Training Squadron where he served as a Flight Commander. In January 1978 he attended the first RAF Sea King helicopter training course, following which he became the Squadron Training Officer for No 202 Squadron based at RAF Finningley, Yorkshire, where his duties involved him in considerable travel to and from the various Sea King flights scattered throughout the UK. As well as his instructional duties, he obtained the first 'Exceptional' operational flying category on the Sea King, and was awarded an AOC-on-C's Commendation for his work on the squadron. He then returned to the Central Flying School, this time as a Staff Helicopter Instructor, teaching helicopter pilots to become instructors, and stayed there until immediately before he departed the UK for his present post. This is the first tour of duty that he and his wife, Jane, have had in Cyprus.

THE OCCUPATION OF OP C18 SCHOOL

By Second Lieutenant J R Byatt

Photograph by Private R Kazakoff

Recently there has been a major change in the nature of operations in Sector Four, with the movement of troops to physically live in the United Nations Buffer Zone. This has been accomplished on Line WEST of Sector Four with the occupation of the platoon billet at OP C18 (SCHOOL). Before leaving Cyprus, B Company, 2 PPCLI had two platoons occupying previously abandoned buildings, with a third platoon and Company Headquarters remaining back in Camp Maple Leaf.

After 2 PPCLI assumed control of Sector Four in September 1982, plans were made to increase the UN presence in the buffer zone. Sector and company boundaries were readjusted, OP's were reallocated, and suitable houses were identified for use as billets in the UNBZ. As a result, the occupation of OP C18 became a reality.

Once all of the billets on Line WEST were occupied, each of the platoons in B Company spent one month on the line followed by two weeks in reserve. Life on the line especially at C18, was very busy for the soldiers. Apart from the usual daily chores of cooking and cleaning, eight years worth of debris and underbush had to be cleared while construction of bunkers and other defences continued. The soldiers quickly settled into their section rooms and wasted no time in setting up the games room and the "Buffer Zone" Lounge to make for excellent recreational facilities.

From all points of view, the new modus has been successful. Operationally it provides for a much greater presence in the UNBZ, and enables the soldiers to become much more familiar with the area.



Sergeant N Green (centre) and Second Lieutenant J Byatt (right) discuss some of the finer points concerning life on the line at OP C18 SCHOOL.