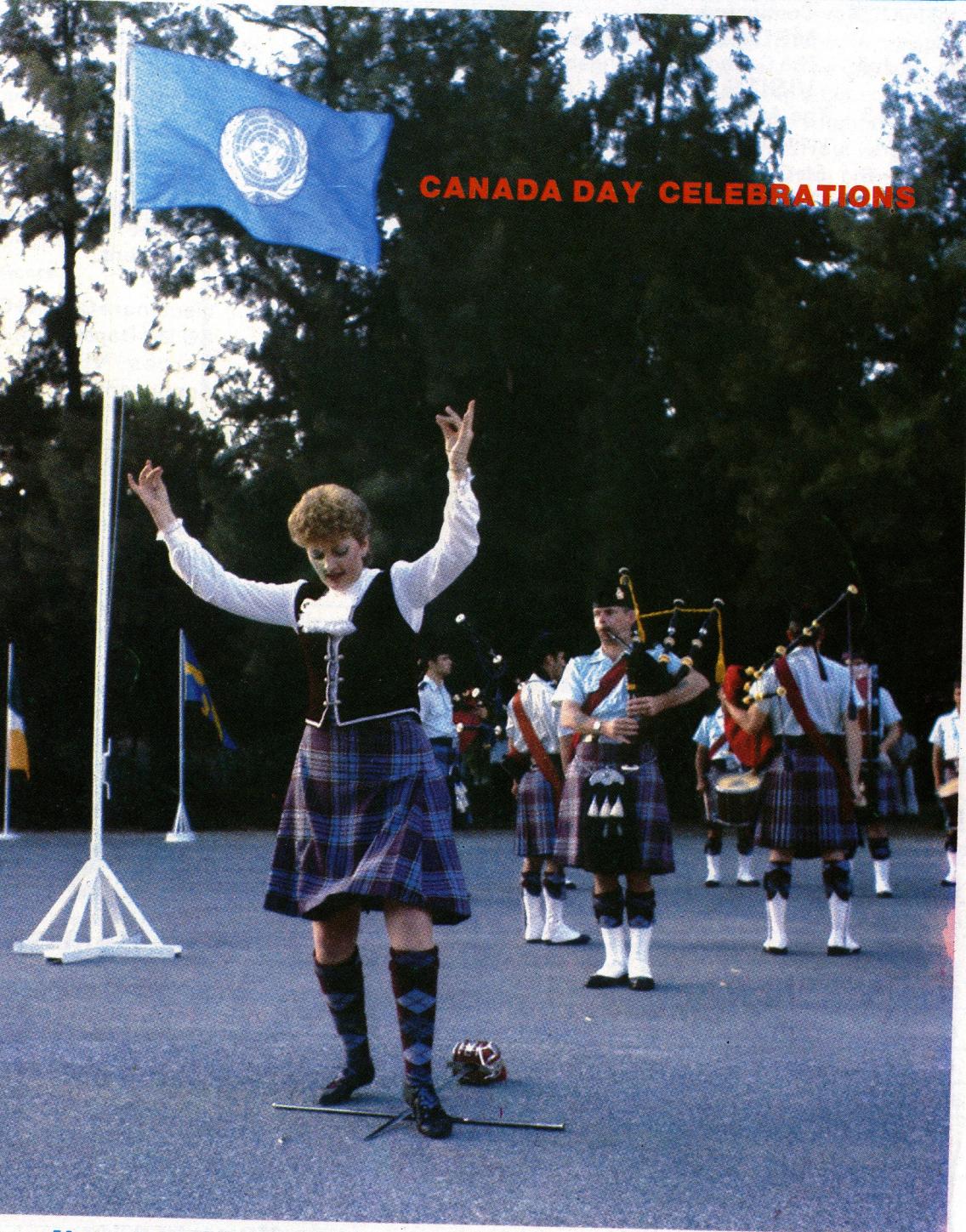


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Speed's all the rave - but ends in the grave

JULY IN RETROSPECT

ROTATIONS

The Australian Civilian Police Contingent

1 July MEDAL PARADES

The Canadian Contingent

VISITS

2-3 The Armed Forces Pay Review Body visited the British Contingent.

4-8 Mr Ola Husa, Director Office for Field Operational and External Support Activities, visited UNFICYP.

4-12 A team from 508 STRE (V), led by Captain Crawford, undertook engineering tasks for UNFICYP.

6 Lieutenant General Sir Richard Trant KCB General Officer commanding South East District, accompanied by Lady Trant, visited COMBRITCON/DCOS UNFICYP, Colonel H W K Pye.

11-13 Master Warrant Officer C Roy and Warrant Officers D Brown and P Lamontagne visited the Canadian Contingent.

12-13 Chief of the General Staff, General Sir John Stanier GCB MBE ADC Gen, accompanied by Lady Stanier, Miss Candida Stanier, Lieutenant

FUTURE EVENTS

The following festivals will take place:

10-14 August: Pampaphia Folk Art Festival in Paphos

12-15 August: Lefkara Village Festival

26-28 August: Dionysia Festival at Stroumbi, twelve miles north of Paphos

27-28 August: Platres Festival

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EDITORIAL

I should, I know, pay tribute to my staff at regular intervals, if not for any other reason than to thank them for all the hard work they put into assisting me in producing the Blue Beret. One person, in particular, stands out for mention and that is Mrs Pip Johansson. Pip has for many years supported my predecessors on a voluntary basis and during my twelve months here, except for the first four when she was on leave, paged the magazine. Now that the new printer has assumed responsibility for paging, Pip has been relieved of the task but, of course, we hope she will continue to take an interest. Thank you, Pip, very much.

We all hope that readers will enjoy the new size of Blue Beret and the inclusion of colour on eight pages. If you have any comments, don't hesitate to contact me.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

If we do not live now, when do we begin?

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This is the Golden Squad - the name which the boys in 3 Squadron 2 Platoon 1 Company SWEDCON have given themselves (not very modestly!). The reason? The Squad has been very successful in athletics, both in SWEDCON's own championships (where the Golden Squad won five medals!) and in the UNFICYP championships where the members of the Squad made a strong contribution to SWEDCON's victory in the team competition. From left to right: WO2 Gennert, Pte Svensson; Pte Reinholdsson; Pte Karlsson; Sgt Bergstrom; Pte Eriksson and Pte Carlsson. (Photograph by Pte Hallgren).



On 24 June, the officers and senior NCO's of the Canadian Contingent occupied all the OP's in order to let the men fully enjoy the French Canadian celebration, LA ST-JEAN BAPTISTE. This year's theme was Canadian Indians - BGEN Bill Hewson congratulates a member of 12 RBC on his rather interesting costume.... (Photograph by Jacques Dube).



United Kingdom Chief of General Staff, General Sir John Stanier GCB MBE ADC Gen inspects the Danish Contingent of the multinational Guard of Honour during his visit to HQ UNFICYP on 13th July.



Col A Trozmüller being "dressed" by the Force Commander, Maj Gen Greindl, and Commander of the Austrian Battalion, Lt Col Buttinger on his promotion to full Colonel.



Green Line Run, a relay race covering 43 miles from the top of Troodos to Jubilee Camp, Nicosia, is open to teams of ten from sub-units of UNFICYP Sp Regt. This year the race took place on 17 June and was won by a team from Signal Squadron who completed the run in 4 hours 1 min 53 secs, beating the previous record held by REME Workshops.

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The week before Midsummer the Swedish UN-ambassador Anders Ferm came from New York to visit SWEDCON on his way home to Sweden. Ambassador Ferm (sitting second from the right) was accompanied by Col Palmgren and Gen Lugh, both from the Swedish Army Staff, and Col Geijer, military adviser at the Swedish UN-delegation. Standing to the right is Maj Korstrom, Commander 1. Coy. The picture is taken during Ambassador Ferm's visit to Goldfish Camp outside Nicosia. Photo by: Sgt Alerstav.



Comd BRITCON, Col H W K Pye, congratulates WO2 Jim Byrne on winning the old men's fifty yards freestyle swimming competition. In the centre Maj Tim Vines smiles approvingly!



Sergeant Major Palsin, assisted by Sergeant Major Beaulieu lowers the Canadian flag during the singing of the Canadian national anthem at the CANCON Medal Parade on 1st July (Photograph by Cpl L O' Bomsawin).

UNFICYP MILITARY POLICE COMPANY

Brief History — Mission

The UNFICYP MP Coy was formed in October 1964. The Headquarters at that time were located at Wolseley Barracks. The Coy moved to its present location prior to the outbreak of hostilities in 1974. The aim and purpose of the Unit has not really changed over the years: to support UNFICYP HQ and Commanders in maintaining law and order, military discipline; to prevent and investigate crimes as well as enforcing traffic regulations. In times of crisis the Coy responds to UNFICYP HQ in various operations.

Elements

It is with great pride that this Unit operates with personnel from seven nations within UNFICYP. The men are fully integrated and work out of a Headquarters, a Special Investigation Section and five Detachments, located at Nicosia, Famagusta, Larnaca, Limassol and Xeros. A most capable civilian staff guided by our Chief Clerk Sgt Langlois, enables us somehow to keep sane and the paper work in good order. The present Force Provost Marshal, Maj A.L. Cannons, CD arrived from Canada recently and on the 22nd June, 1983, officially took over command of the Coy from Maj D.T. Turnbull, CD. Maj Turnbull returned to Ottawa, Canada to accept a staff position within the Special Investigation Unit of the Canadian Forces Security Branch. Maj Cannons' Headquarters comprises of a DCO. Capt Kirstein (Danish), AO, Capt Lewin (Swedish) and CSM, CWO Croze (Canadian). The remainder of the Unit is made up of representatives from Austria,

By CWO G Croze

**Photograph by
Sergeant Tony Hodgetts**

Canada, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Britain and Sweden. All this is enough to make anyone feel at home!

Logistics and Support

Due to the complexity of this Unit's Operations, sound logistical support is paramount. The Unit is, in most matters, supported by the UNFICYP Support Regiment. This is supplemented by all Contingents in various Camps that graciously give our personnel their utmost help. This is especially appreciated by the men in view of getting news from back home, movies in their own language, as well as national foods and other comforts.

Operations

The Unit is to say the least a busy place to work. Soldiers will always be soldiers, regardless of their nationalities. The most important aspect of our operations, and one that we are proud of, is our preventative patrols both on foot and vehicular. Sometimes the sight of two well turned out MPs may prevent serious consequences. However for the most part, these preventative duties go unrecorded, but in all cases are vital to the morale and well being of the troops. Traffic poses a serious problem on the island and is of great concern to this Unit. Constant patrols and radar operations sometimes prevent accidents. Unfortunately, too many times, our men are called upon to attend accident scenes. A word to the wise here, please slow down. Driver error and speeding



The MP Coy's vehicles are a familiar sight to members of UNFICYP

are common causes of accidents within UNFICYP and one should always remember that the majority of accidents are preventable.

Activities

The UN MP Coy has taken a great interest in participating in all activities at UNFICYP over the years. The Unit has participated in DANCON Marches, Military Skills, Shooting Competitions, safe driving competitions and several sporting activities. The outcome in all cases is not as important as the great feeling of participating as a Unit comprising of 59 all ranks from seven contingents within UNFICYP. Because of this, the Unit enjoys a very active and healthy social life. Throughout the year, special events from each contingent are organized and all can participate in different customs and taste different foods. Probably the most memorable times are those shared with good friends of different parts of the world. The Unit remains and will always be ready to meet its commitments with professionalism and dedication regardless of its composition. We remain, always, in the Service of Peace.



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SWEDCON'S NEW RANK SYSTEM

By Lieutenant Per-Eric Odevall



The Swedish army has quite recently initiated a new rank system - a system which causes many questions among soldiers and officers of other nationalities. This article is an attempt to explain why the new rank system came into use, and to explain how it functions.

The origin of the new rank system goes back to a political decision in 1973. Since then, the Swedish Ministry of Defence, together with the staffs of the three different defence services and the officers' unions have been working out propositions and plans for "the big step". During these years the new system has been given the name "Nya BefalsOrdningen", NBO.

In 1980 the planning had come to a point where the first officer-applicants were picked out and accepted in line with the new training system. But not until this year, in fact this summer, was the new rank system ready to come in use, both in the military training schools and on the field, in the different regiments.

The total lack of warrant officers and sergeants in the future, together with the overnight promotion of more than ten thousand Swedish officers may be the most inexplicable changes to the uninitiated.

Lt Bo Wallin, QM 2 at HQ Company, SWEDCON, is a living example of this "mass promotion". Lt Wallin was a warrant officer I at his home infantry regiment 12 in Karlstad when he was picked out to serve with SWEDCON in UNFICYP. Now he is a lieutenant - not just in Cyprus, but also in Sweden when he goes home in the autumn.

"I had to attend an extra course

of some weeks a year or two ago, together with other warrant officers also aiming to become lieutenants, that's all", say Lt Wallin. "But the change in rank is more or less a change only on paper. My salary is the same, my duties are the same and my position at the regiment is the same".

Besides his duties as quartermaster at HQ Company, Lt Wallin is also the elected PMC at the WO/Sgt Mess at Camp Victoria, Larnaca. A lieutenant as PMC for the WO/Sgt Mess?

"I know this seems a bit strange for the majority of our guests from other contingents, but here at Camp Victoria all the lieutenants belong to the WO/Sgt Mess. Only captains and officers of a higher rank go to the Officers Mess", says Lt Wallin.

"But the mess system we use at my home regiment in Sweden is even more incomprehensible for officers who are used to the international mess system. We have completely left the old system where you divide persons into categories, and have instead a simple one-mess system in use. So nowadays all officers, irrespective of rank, go to the same mess".

(The mess system which Lt Wallin describes above is not yet fully in use at all Swedish regiments, but will be introduced everywhere in the near future).

The unions have also felt "the wind of change" blowing. A couple of years ago there were three different unions for officers, all with some influence on the labour market. Now there are only two left, since the platoon officers and the company officers have united in one union. Commander SWEDCON, Lt

Col Soren Jansson, is very familiar with the new training system as he has been working as chief of the personnel branch in the Swedish Army Staff in Stockholm. Lt Col Jansson's department has been working out routines and plans at the prospect of the changeover from one system to another. The following are three matters which Lt Col Jansson thinks speak in favour of the new system:-

a Before entering Officers College all soldiers have the same experience from military training (fifteen months). But before entering, some of the applicants have to attend the preparatory officers' course (three to five months). This means that every conscript can apply for an officer's career independent of the length of his basic training.

b Each officer can choose where in the system he wants to stop, or in other words, how high he aims.

c When an officer is recommended for a higher course the decision is made at the lowest possible level - by his own regiment commander. As for the rest we refer to the illustration shown below.

Previous rank	Changed to
Platoon officers	
Sergeant first class	Second lieutenant
Master sergeant	First lieutenant
Company officers	
Second lieutenant	First lieutenant
First lieutenant	Captain
Captain	Captain
Regimental officers	
First lieutenant	Captain
Captain	Captain
Major	Major
	From major on and up ranks are unchanged

THE CHINESE EYE ARRIVES

By Major Mark Goodson

B Squadron 4th Royal Tank Regiment took over the role as UNFICYP Scout Car Squadron and Force Reserve from the detachment of C Squadron 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards on 28 July. It is the first time that 4RTR has served anywhere in Cyprus, although their sister regiments-1, 2 and 3 RTR have been frequent visitors to both UNFICYP and the Sovereign Base Areas.

The present 4th Royal Tank Regiment came into being on 3rd April 1959 on the amalgamation of the 4th and 7th Royal Tank Regiments. The Fourth was formed from 'D' Company of the Heavy Branch Machine Gun Corps, and the Seventh from 'G' Company. The Heavy Branch Machine Gun Corps was formed in 1916 to operate the first tanks which were then known as 'landships'. A tank of 'D' Company was the first tank in the world to go into battle. In 1917 the Machine Gun Corps became the Tank Corps, in 1923 the Royal Tank Corps and in 1939 the Royal Tank Regiment. The two Regiments shared similar histories before amalgamation. Both fought at the Battle of CAMBRAI on 20th November 1917 when the German Front was effectively penetrated for the first time in the Great War. As a result of this victory church bells were rung in Britain for the only time during the war.

In 1939 both Regiments were in France, and on 21st May 1940 took part in the Arras Counter-Attack which completely halted Rommel's advance to the French



The Regiment's two VC's:- Captain Pip Gardener (in driver's seat) and Major General H R B 'Fairy' Foote

Coast. This allowed many more troops to be evacuated at Dunkirk than otherwise would have been possible. Both Regiments suffered heavy casualties, including the loss of both Commanding Officers. In the Western Desert the two Regiments fought at Tobruk. One member of each Regiment was awarded a VC during the Second World War - the only two VCs earned during that war by members of armoured regiments.

The Fourth was the first armoured regiment to cross the Rhine in both World Wars and since 1945 has served in many parts of the world. Initially in Italy and the Middle East, the Regiment later spent nine years in Germany until 1963 when it moved to Edinburgh and converted to armoured cars. In September 1963 the Fourth moved to Arabia and a year later to the Far East, where in Borneo anti-insurgent operations were carried out. From 1966 to 1969 the Regiment served in Herford Germany with Saladin armoured cars before

converting to Chieftain tanks Hohne next to the infamous Belsen Concentration Camp the Luneberger Heide. From 1972-74 the Regiment was responsible for training all Royal Armoured Corps recruits Catterick Yorkshire before returning to Chieftains in Munster Germany. For eight years the Fourth served as part of the British Corps and in July last moved to Tidworth Hampshire the "UK Armoured Regiment".

Next November will see a return to Germany, this time to Osnabrück.

B Squadron, which is commanded by Major Mark Goodson and "organised" by WO2 (SSM) Desmond G Deighton, is one of the Regiments armoured squadrons and normally is equipped with fourteen Chieftain tanks. The Squadron has served three times in Northern Ireland and has trained four times at Suffield Canada. Last November it spent a month in Edinburgh as the Cas-

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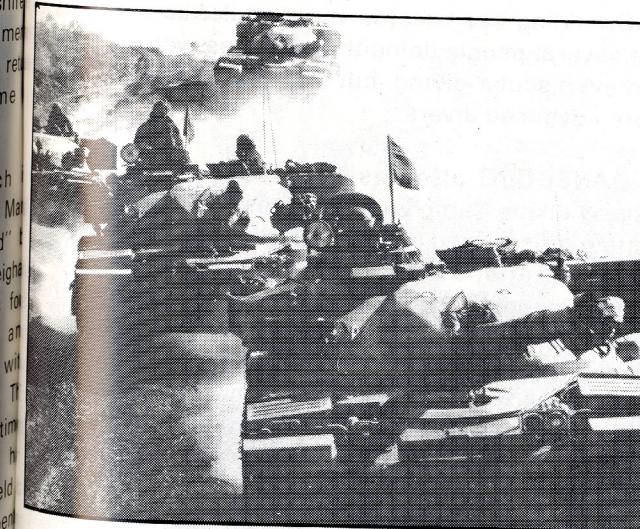
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Guard so they are well used to independence and separation from their families.

The Fourth recruits almost exclusively in Scotland and is proud to wear the HUNTING ROSE of KILRAVOCK Tartan and it is hoped that the Regiment's Pipe Band will be paying a visit to UNFICYP in the autumn. For this tour the Squadron has been augmented by troops from 1RTR and QDG. The First share a similar history to the Fourth and both regiments fought at Tobruk and during the liberation of Europe. Unlike the Fourth it has served with UN before - in Korea and Cyprus and, following six years as an armoured recce regiment in Germany, is now in Bovington England before it moves back to



4RTR Chieftains training at Suffield, Canada



The Regimental Pipe Major with Chieftain MBT

this "land-ship" should carry Chinese Eyes to see its way in adversity. The tank in question was given to D Bn the Tank Corps and since then all the Fourth's fighting vehicles have carried the eyes. They can be seen on both sides of the front of the Turret. Similarly all D Bn vehicles were named with a letter 'D'. Today many of the original names still exist, the only exception being the tank or Ferret of B Squadron Leader. It is named 'Royal Sovereign' to commemorate a visit of the Regiment's Colonel - in - Chief, HM The Queen, to the Squadron in 1957.

After a very hectic six months, during which the Squadron learnt the intricacies of the new Improved Fire Control System Chieftain tank as well as re-rolling for UNFICYP, the "Super Jocks" or "Tartan Tankies" are delighted to be joining UNFICYP. They are warmly welcomed—the more so as once again a full scout car squadron will be patrolling the line. The Chinese Eye has arrived.



DANSBORG - A REFUGE FOR THE VIKINGS

By Major Hans L C Schmidt

Photographs by Private Morten Westredahl

DANSBORG is the place where recreation and leisure time can be spent by all ranks in DANCON during their off-duty time. DANSBORG is an old hotel which has been occupied by the UN for some time. During the years it has been the residence of various nationalities serving with CIVPOL UNFICYP, among them DANCIVPOL, which was a unit withdrawn from UNFICYP in 1975. AUSCIVPOL and AUSTCIVPOL have also been occupants. Nowadays it is UN MPDET/XEROS from UN MP Coy who are enjoying the luxury of living and working at the seashore of Morphou Bay. Situated roughly three miles west of Viking Camp, Xeros, it is easily reached by personnel from HQ and HQCOY/DANCON. A "Beach Bus" takes personnel from Viking Camp to the beach at regular hours during the afternoon. Recently there have also been visitors from Western Coy of Sector Two at the Box Factory, for the time being a company from 1st Queen's Lancashire Regiment. That gives officers and other ranks of the two Sectors the opportunity to meet one another. A benefit of this has also been a kind offer from Western Coy to use their training facilities for physical training.

The beach itself is far from sandy. On the contrary,



Patrol vehicles from MPDET/XEROS outside DANSBORG



Visitors to DANCON, and Lieutenant BB Herlevsen who is preparing for a swim.

it is all "Rolling Stones" but a few metres out in the water the sea bottom is pure sand. A small bridge leads out into the water and will soon be replaced by a bigger and more solid one; the DANCON Engineers will see to that. A floating raft has been built by using fifty gallon drums and is anchored 150 metres offshore. The floating capacity of the raft is said to be good enough to be used as a HELIPAD, provided that the sea remains calm.

Snorkling has become very popular and you may see several people doing this sport, as well as diving and even scuba-diving, but that is an activity for the more advanced divers.

DANSBORG also has facilities to house guests visiting Viking Camp and is used as such for relatives visiting officers and NCO's at HQ and HQCOY. Rooms are not luxurious but are very cheap and guests are compensated by having a beautiful outlook to the Kyrenia Mountains in the east and to the mountainous area in the west as well. However, there is no service available, but a small neighbouring tavern can provide you with food and drinks.

So, should you get the opportunity to pay a visit to Viking Camp at Xeros, bring your swimsuit along and have a swim at DANSBORG - you will surely enjoy it.

THE SAGA OF ALEX AND HIS KNIGHTS OF THE NOT SO ROUND TABLE

By L/Cpl Sloan (It would seem that 9 Platoon have been exposed to too much sun of late!)

In a little known castle just outside Astromeritis in the UN Buffer Zone, lurks a band of steely eyed young men collectively called C Company 1 QLR. Presiding over these latter day knights of the round table is Major Birtwistle. From the Box Factory, a kind of Camelot without log fires, the merry men of 9 platoon roam the land known as Sector 2 in search of maidens in distress and/or dragons to be slain. Their white chargers (cunningly disguised as landrovers) can often be seen charging through the area on their missions of peace-keeping and righting all wrongs. An even more regular sight is that of these same young men, on foot, unarmed but for their UN tee shirts, running the 12 miles a week that their platoon commander Sir Jorge of Mendonca has decreed that they will complete. Due to a total

absence of dragons and distressed maidens in the vicinity of late, the monotonous routine of a peace keeping force has been broken by various sporting activities. These include five a side football, which has so far caused more casualties than Cecil B de Mille, and volleyball. On the social side there have been banquets, called barbecues, to which come the Danish knights of Xeros Beach and which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

The traditional boars head with an apple in its mouth was replaced by a jacket potato wedged between two pork chops but nobody seemed to notice, a great tribute to the culinary skill of the chefs and the quantity of mead sipped that night.

On the borders of the land known as Sector 2 are to be found the outposts called B22, B33 and



Ten happy, smiling faces

B35. These last bastions of civilisation are manned by the knights of 10 and 11 platoon presided over the lords of Brown and Cowgill. Discipline in these outposts is maintained by two Robber Barons called Freeman and Burke. Sanity is brought to them each morning by the brave knights of 9 platoon in the shape of video films. These will be even better received when electricity is invented. Strange tales have been told about these outposts. Rumour has it that occasionally the lords of Brown and Cowgill and the two Robber Barons have been known to rise from their beds before lunch has been served, but this has been dismissed as unbelievable.

The men called C Company have been here just over one month now and are here for another two so if you are a maiden in distress or a dragon in need of slaying, the lean, keen, mean machine of C Company awaits you at Camelot. Watch out for us as we fight crime wherever it rears its ugly head.



The gallant men of 9 Platoon!



INTERNATIONAL COOKBOOK



CANADIAN CUISINE

By Sergeant St-Jean, Chief Cook at Ledra Palace. Photograph by Cpl L O' Bomsawin

TOURTIERE DU LAC ST-JEAN

This recipe for meat pie has its origins in the lake St-John region of the province of Quebec. The original dish was made from moose, deer, wild hare and partridge which our ancestors used to hunt. Because hunting is now done more as a pastime, it is not always possible to obtain the original ingredients, and as such, we often replace them with those meats which can be easily purchased.

This is a typical French Canadian dish and here are the ingredients:

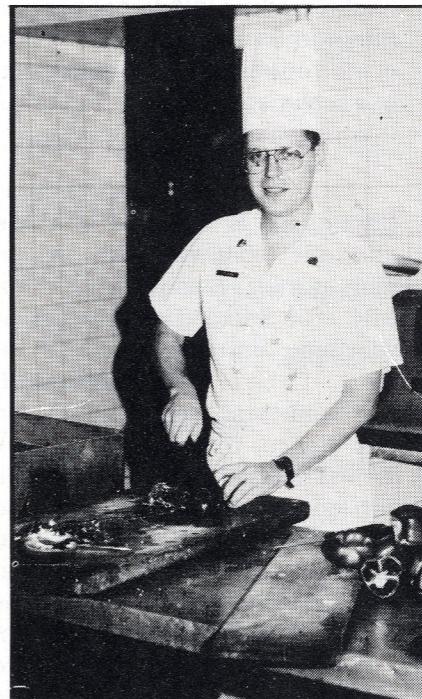
½ lb beef in half-inch cubes
 ½ lb pork in half-inch cubes
 ½ lb veal in half-inch cubes
 ½ lb chicken in half-inch cubes
 ½ lb potatoes in half-inch cubes
 ½ lb onions in half-inch cubes
 2 bay leaves
 Salt and pepper
 1 lb pie dough
 ¼ bacon bits and
 Broth made from the meat bones.

Method

Roll a ¼ inch thick pie crust to line the interior of a ten-quart iron pot, so that the pastry extends three inches above the side of the pot all around. The bacon bits should then be evenly scattered on the bottom of the pot and covered with a thin layer of pastry.

Saute the pork, beef, veal, chicken, potatoes and onions together. When the meat has turned white, pour it into the pot of the pastry until it is three-quarters full. Then add the broth evenly, along with the salt, pepper and bay leaves. Once this is done, fold down the excess

pastry which is lining the pot to make a pie. After, place the lid on the pot and seal it with flour and water. Cook for twelve hours in a warm oven between 150°F and 200°F. Remove the lid for the last hour to brown the pastry. Serve hot.



Sergeant St-Jean putting his well-known culinary skills to the service of all! In this instance, he is making the necessary preparations for a mouth-watering salad to accompany his no-less mouth-watering Tourtiere du Lac St-Jean.

MAPLE SYRUP POACHED EGGS

In the province of Quebec, maple syrup is made each Spring from the sap of the maple tree. Here is a very

simple recipe which is prepared when one goes to a maple sugar party for a "sugaring off":

In a pot, boil maple syrup which should be thinned with maple sap (or water) to prevent it from becoming too thick. When it starts to boil, add the eggs and cook them as desired. Serve them with cubes of salt pork fried in cooking oil.

RAGOUT DE PATTES DE COCHON AUX BOULETTES

(Pig's feet stew with meatballs)

Ingredients (for 4 - 5 persons):

1 lb lean minced beef
 ½ lb minced pork
 1 lb flour, browned in a frying pan
 2 pig's feet, cut in big pieces
 1 lb butter or margarine
 1 gallon water
 1 teaspoon salt
 ½ teaspoon ground cabbage
 1 teaspoon black pepper
 ½ teaspoon celery salt
 3 medium onions, diced

Method

Mix the minced beef and pork, add the spices, roll into meat balls and roll in flour. Cook in the oven for ten to fifteen minutes at 325°F. Ensure you turn them during cooking. Boil the pig's feet in water for ten to fifteen minutes. This water will be used for the sauce. Melt the butter in a casserole, add the flour. Cook for two more minutes and then slowly add the water used to boil the pork and mix well. This will give you your sauce. Add the meat balls and the pork to the sauce and warm up to desired temperature. (This recipe can easily be doubled and frozen). Serve with boiled potatoes and carrots.

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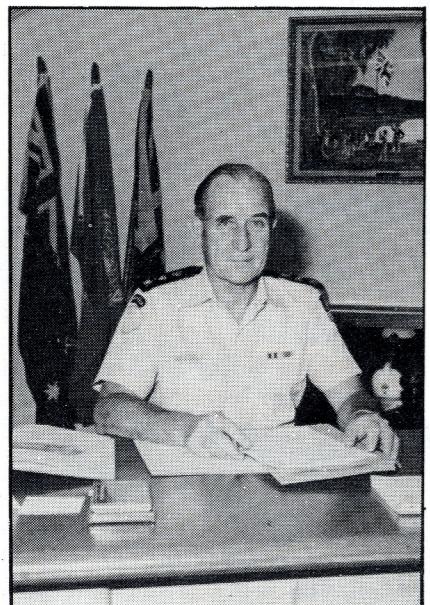
By Station Sergeant Jeff Brown
Photographs by Sergeant Tony Hodgetts



The 20th Australian Civilian Contingent has arrived and settled in under the command of Chief Superintendent Don Morrison with the Deputy Commander being Superintendent Jim Jamieson.

There are twenty members of the 20th Contingent and they will see out twenty years of commitment to the United Nations in Cyprus by Australian Police.

The 20th Contingent arrived two weeks prior to the departure of the 19th for a two week transition period, although four of its members have previously served in Cyprus: Superintendent Jim



Chief Superintendent Don Morrison, Commander 20th Contingent AUSTCIVPOL

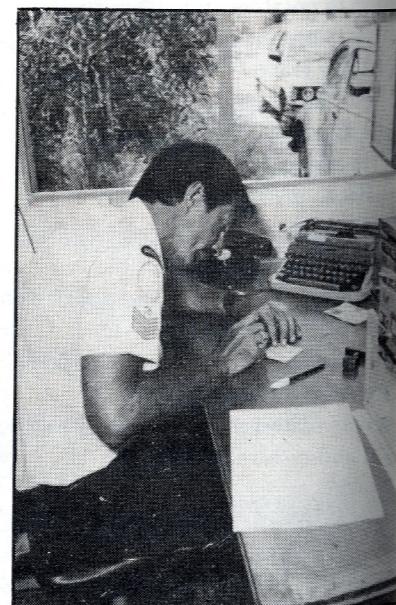
Jamieson (1976-77), Chief Inspector Mike Coyle (1970-71, 1978-79 and 1982-83), Senior Sergeant Don Barnby (1980-81) and Senior Sergeant Ross O'Connor (1977-78).

The biggest problem the members of the Contingent have had in settling in has not been in finding their way around the island or their duties as one would expect, but acclimatising to the beautiful Cyprus weather.

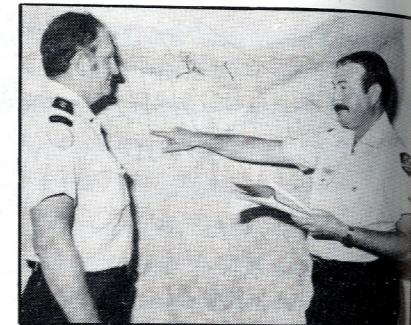
This relatively small Contingent is situated in three different locations with eleven men at their Headquarters in the BBC area Sector Two, six men at Wolseley Barracks Sector Four and three at UNFICYP Headquarters (two in JOC and one Police Operations Officer). Whilst most of their tasks will be carried out within the sector to which they are situated, they can attend in other sectors. Primarily, the tasks carried out by AUSTCIVPOL are humanitarian in nature, concerned with the civilian population of the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities.

In its humanitarian role, AUSTCIVPOL carries out a daily medical escort, attends to evacuations, civilian transfers, family reunions where Cypriots of either side can meet relatives living on the other side, the distribution of social welfare to Greek Cypriots living in the north and Turkish Cypriots living in the south and any similar matters involving civilians.

Senior Sergeant Don Barnby processes one of the numerous UNPA pass applications



They also carry out investigations related to civilians in the UNBZ from unauthorised entries into the UNBZ to crime, fires etc, and carry



"No sir, this isn't Canberra!"

out assessments of UNPA pass applications. In order to carry out their duties, they co-operate closely with the military elements in the sectors, CYPOL, TCPOL, Red Cross and Humanitarian/Economics at UNFICYP HQ.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SHOOTING COMPETITION



Two members of Sector 2 collect the Shooting Competition overall trophy from the Force Commander.



The Sector 2 team, winners of the SMG Competition, receive their prizes from the Force Commander.



The Force Commander presents a prize to a member of the winning team in the Pistol Match.



The SMG Competition

Organized by AUSCON. Held at Dhekelia on 8 July 1983.

(Photographs by Sgt Tony Hodgetts and L/Cpl Werner Deller)

OVERALL RESULTS

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| 1st: | Sector 2 | 816 points |
| 2nd: | Sector 6 | 788 points |
| 3rd: | UNFICYP Sp Regt | 760 points |

RIFLE:

Individual results:

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| 1st: | 2/Cpl Wodl | 105 points |
| 2nd: | L/Cpl Fox | 97 points |

SMG:

Individual results:

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| 1st: | Dvr Hand | 94 points |
| 2nd: | CSM Wiggam | 93 points |

Team winners:

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| Sector 2 | 329 points |
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PISTOL:

Individual results:

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| 1st: | Pte Karlsson | 66 points |
| 2nd: | Sgt Schossmeier | 60 points |

Team winners:

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| Sector 5 | 218 points |
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FALLING PLATE

Team results:

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| 1st: | Sector 6 B | |
| 2nd: | Sector 1 A | |
| 3rd: | UNFICYP Sp Regt A | |



2/Cpl Wodl, individual winner of the Rifle Match, with the Force Commander.



The Rifle Match winning team receive their prizes from the Force Commander.



The Force Commander presents the winners of the Falling Plate Competition with their prizes.



The Falling Plate Competition begins



Sector 2 in the Pistol Competition.



UN NEWS



UN: PLEADING PEACE

(Excerpts from the address delivered by Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar on 27 June at a ceremony at Nice University at which he received an honorary degree)

It is a happy coincidence that, owing to the requirements of a heavy schedule, this ceremony is taking place 38 years, almost to the day, after the signing of the Charter of the United Nations at San Francisco. I am glad that we are able to celebrate this anniversary together, in perfect fellowship.

You have established at your university a teaching and research unit with the title "Institute for law relating to peace and development". Your University also has close affinities with the International Peace Academy, whose headquarters are here in Nice. You therefore share the conviction of the founders of the United Nations that the goals of achieving security and well-being are not naive utopias and that it is possible to attain those goals, or at least to work towards them, through observance of the law, progress in justice and co-operation.

The United Nations was built on the soundest foundations imaginable. For the Charter does not simply outlaw war, it also tackles the roots of conflict — namely, oppression and poverty. Furthermore, it commits signatory States not to misuse their power and to respect public freedoms and the right of peoples to self-determination. It also asks them to co-operate with one another in order to promote economic and social progress. The link it thus establishes between peace, democracy, justice and development is neither fortuitous nor the product of a particular culture. It is the product of reason. This is demonstrated by the fact that nearly all nations have subscribed to those principles which, by their universal value, cement their union.

The political responsibilities of the Secretary-General derive directly from the Charter, which invites him, *inter alia*, to bring to the attention of the Security Council any threat to peace and security and, consequently, to be aware of and to judge for himself trends in international relations. However, indirectly, they stem from his unique position on the international scene. Selected by the body of States and responsible to all States, he serves no individual country, no particular group of nations, but the world community as a whole. Consequently, the action

which he can take at the international level under Articles 98 and 99 of the Charter differs necessarily from traditional diplomacy. It is distinguishable from such diplomacy by its goals, its means and its methods.

Doubtless those goals are common to all nations, since they are the goals of the Charter. But they are free from all other considerations and, as it were, are stripped of the preoccupations with power and prestige which are natural to States. The quest for peace and progress remains aloof from the defence of any national or multinational interest, however legitimate such interest may be. Accordingly, by virtue of his office, the Secretary-General has the *a priori* advantage of a bias towards impartiality, which he has only to confirm by maintaining his independence, as the Charter stipulates that he should.



RESCUE BY AUSCON SOLDIER

On 25 June, Private Erwin Pagani saved the life of a two-years-old Cypriot child. Erwin was with some fellow soldiers at the beach, when a Cypriot woman - obviously the mother of the child - started crying for help. He dropped the things which he was carrying and ran into the water, recovering the child which was drifting belly-side-up some ten to fifteen metres offshore. When the child was brought back

to the beach, the Austrian soldiers called for the ambulance men, whilst another man started mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Soon the child came to and no further help was necessary.

Lieutenant Colonel Buttinger, CO Sector Six, expressed "praise and appreciation" to the skilful rescuer.