

THE BLUE BERET



FEBRUARY 1983



JANUARY IN RETROSPECT

ROTATIONS

Nil

MEDAL PARADES

Nil

VISITS

1—6 Mr Richard Hottellet, CBS Correspondent, visited UNFICYP.

2—9 Four Chelsea pensioners, CSM C Springle, and Sgts Colvin, Sumner and Cook, visited UNFICYP.

4 Major D Saunders Army Catering Corps visited the British Contingent.

4—11 Lt Col G Service and recce party visited the Canadian Contingent.

5—1 Feb Mr Adolf Pichler, and a team of five under Colonel O Kallinger visited the Austrian Contingent.

12 Major General D A Langley visited the British Contingent.

13—26 Captain H Eamor and Sergeant R Beliveau visited the Canadian Contingent.

14 The Reverend J A Barrie visited Sector Two and HQ UNFICYP.

FUTURE EVENTS

Thursday 17 February at 7.30 pm, British Council:

TIMON OF ATHENS, from the BBC series "The Complete Dramatic Works of Shakespeare".

19 February at 8.30 pm, The School for the Blind Auditorium:

The Goethe Institute in collaboration with the Cultural Service of the Ministry of Education present a twelve-member jazz group in concert. Entrance free.

18—22 Brigadier General J Sharpe and CWO G Smith visited the Canadian Contingent.

18—26 Captain S Quenneville, M/Cpl M Reid and nine members of the Canadian Community Newspaper Association visited the Canadian Contingent.

18—26 MWO A Pitcher visited the Canadian Contingent.

18—27 MWO G Smiley visited the Canadian Contingent.

20—23 Lt Col J Difflin and recce party visited Sector Two.

24—25 and Lt Gen O C E Theriault, Mr A Mathewson and Commander J Comeau visited the Canadian

30—2 Feb Contingent.

25—2 Feb Lt Col V Coroy and CWO W R Bruce visited the Canadian Contingent.

26—29 Major General R Grey, Commissioner Designate Australian Federal Police, Chief Superintendent J Kelly and Mr H Logue visited the Australian Civilian Police Contingent.

26—2 Feb Lt Col J Thompson and a party of six visited the Canadian Contingent.

31—10 Feb A group of Swedish musicians visited UNFICYP.

UNFICYP COMPETITIONS

21 UNFICYP Shooting Competition

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on the cover

A Member of the Swedish Contingent.



Editorial

Now that we are firmly into the New Year, I would like to remind you all to send in your contributions. In particular, those in charge of sports should let me have the details and photographs (black and white preferably) by the fifteenth of the month, please. Then we may be able to give better coverage for all the sportsmen.

This month, my photographer, Sergeant Frank Voice, will be departing for the UK and subsequently, civilian employment. He will be long remembered for his interesting and excellent photographs. I am sure our readers would like to join me in thanking him for all he has done, and to wish him and his family, 'Bon Voyage'.

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FINANCE SECTION

DANCON

By Captain
Ole V Noerretranders

Photographs by
Private M Jensen

AN EXTRAORDINARY JOB

Being the Finance Officer at DANCON means a lot more than just dealing with financial matters. It is a job not similar to any military jobs back in Denmark. It means, of course, a lot of financial business, but also a lot of canteen work, some logistic affairs, postal matters and a little bit of accommodation including civil labour. Besides being chief of Finance Section, he is also a member of the staff and Commander DANCON's advisor in all matters concerning the things mentioned above.

ORGANIZATION

Finance Officer (Officer)			
Paymaster (Officer)	Postmaster (NCO)	Catering (NCO)	PX-Officer (Officer)
1 NCO + 1 Private	1 Private	1 NCO + 3 Privates	

"COMPUTERIZED BANK SYSTEM"

Let me start with the financial business, for which the Paymaster is responsible.

His obvious job is to serve the contingent like a bank, which means that he cashes cheques, takes care of all depositing and disbursing, exchange of money and transferring money to or from Cyprus banks as well as Denmark. On each man in the contingent, there is kept a certain card, which may be compared with a bank account. Every month the special Cyprus salary, which is paid to every Dane in the UN force in Cyprus, is credited to his "account". It is also possible to have money transferred from Denmark to this card. Just like future computerized bank systems, everyone in the contingent will now have his expenditure, such as telephone bills, interflora, eating in the camp etc., debited to his "account" and at the beginning of each month he will be paid what is left in the "account".

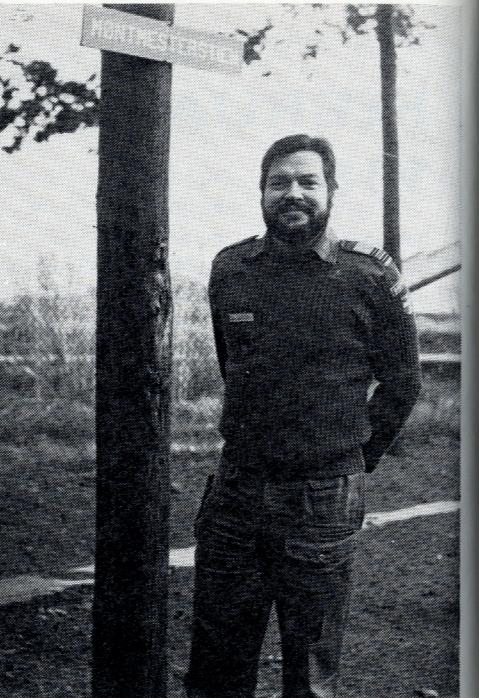
"PAY RUN"

The men will get their money on a special "Pay-run", where the Paymaster or his assistant come round to every man in the contingent, in the camps as well as the OP's. He will normally use a Landrover for this job, but in the winter time it is impossible to drive up to all the OP's, so he will then have to use the helicopter.

Besides all this, the Paymaster and his men take care of the bookkeeping and checking of all the vouchers, so the right expenditure will go to the



The Paymaster, 1 Lieutenant F D Densen, is seen here helping his assistant, Private J S Kühl, cash a cheque.



Finance Officer under the sign in front of the Finance Building. "Montmesterstien" means in English: "Mintmasterpath".

TEACHER AND PUPIL SERVE TOGETHER WITH AUSCON

By Captain Peter Mulacz



Captain Kellner (left) and Corporal Spaun at the entrance to Camp Duke Leopold V.

You may travel abroad more than two and a half thousand kilometres from home and then meet old friends — if you serve with UNFICYP! This happened to Corporal Spaun who met here his former teacher and headmaster, Captain Kellner.

Almost twenty years is the difference between their ages, but since both are reservists of the Austrian Army they volunteered for the foreign service, neither of them knowing the other one would be serving in Cyprus.

Twenty-year-old Corporal Harald Spaun remembers his former teacher quite well although it is several years since he finished school. Captain Kellner, who in civilian employment is a school headmaster, was Harald's teacher in Geography and History. And Captain Kellner's wife, who is a teacher as well, taught other subjects in Harald's class.

After finishing school, Harald learned a profession and then joined the Army.

There he stayed on a limited-time-contract, afterwards serving with the Austrian Battalion on the Golan Heights and now with AUSCON in Cyprus. After his tour of duty he will attend the Gendarmerie School which he has already applied for.

With AUSCON, Corporal Spaun is a truck driver, transporting rations, which is the responsibility of the quartermaster. AUSCON's quartermaster is — will you guess? — Captain Kellner, of course. I forgot, you know it already, because you remember the article concerning him in Blue Beret's issue of August 1982.

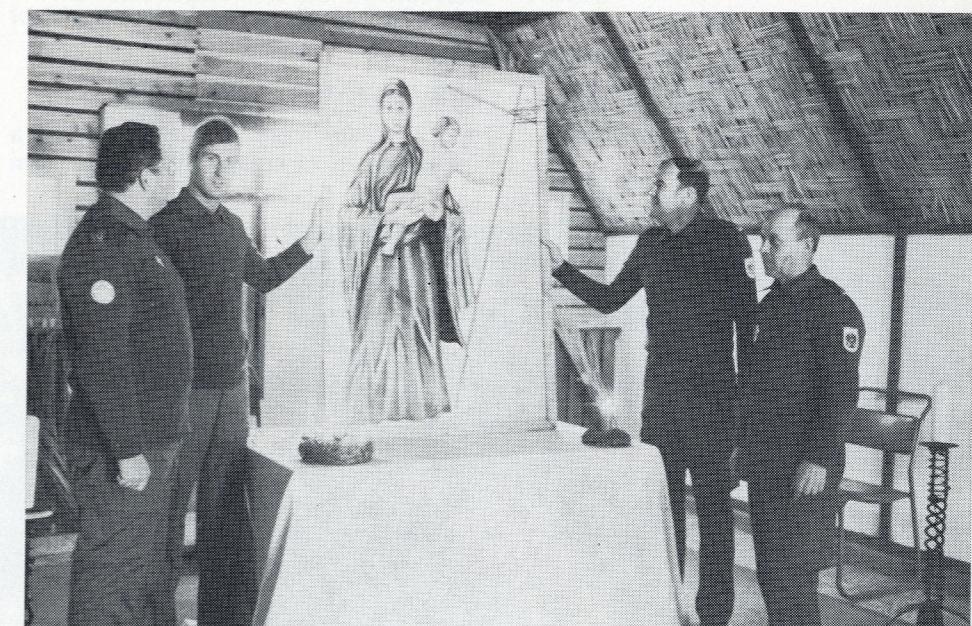
(For those who don't: Captain Rupert Kellner, coming from the same village as Harald, Seewalcher, served before as Ops Assistant and then took over the tasks of the QM, which he is really trained for.)

Maybe there are similar coincidences in your own sector or unit. Why don't you write about them also, in the Blue Beret?

AUSCON'S ICON - PAINTER



By L/Cpl Helmut Simbürger and Captain Peter Mulacz



Presentation to the church, from left to right: Catholic padre, S Gombotz; the painter, L/Cpl R Finsterberger; CO Austrian Battalion, Lt Col I Buttinger; Protestant chaplain, E Wagner.

CATERING AND FOOD SUPPLY

Like all other contingents, DANCON is using the English catering system, but without any national supply. Three times a week the catering sergeant gathers order forms from the three companies so he is able to co-ordinate the ordering of food from SSD, Dhekelia. He also personally checks the food, when it comes to Xeros all the way from Dhekelia. He takes care of the ration-system, and besides all this he gathers and checks timesheets for all the civilian labourers, and every two weeks he pays them their salary, as CEPO representative in DANCON.

THE PX-SYSTEM

Maybe the biggest function in Finance Section is the PX-business including the main shop and the

regular PX-shop in Viking Camp, Xeros. In each camp there will be a smaller shop supplied from the main shop. The main shop is a grocery store, selling only to the smaller shops and the nine messes in DANCON. The messes are obliged to buy all their articles, which are mostly tobacco, spirits, wine, beer and mineral water, from the main shop, and so are the shops in the camps. So everything sold in a Danish camp has been through the main shop where the stocks are also kept. The system can provide almost everything from toothpicks and sweets to photo equipment and video sets. Most of the goods are bought tax-free in Nicosia, either by local contractors or the Government Supply Institute. Special items are bought directly in Denmark.

WELFARE

The reason why everything must be sold through the main shop is that on every sale, there is a profit of 10%, which goes to welfare arrangements in the whole contingent, controlled by the Finance Officer only. In this way every man benefits. For instance, this money is used for the medal parade, the DANCON book, contingent parties, Christmas presents and in 1982 a video system was installed in C-Coy, all paid for from this account. To give you an idea of how big this business is, I can tell you that the turnover in a month is between £20,000 and £40,000.

On the fifteenth of every month there is a stock-taking by two officers in every shop and mess, and after that a completely specified balance sheet is worked out according to regulations and sent to the Danish Defence Command.

Like I told you in the beginning, being a Finance Officer in DANCON is an interesting job with many varieties.

It took Rudolf nearly two months of his free time to create this large painting. But he is used to this, since he is also a hobby-painter at home (in Styria, where he comes from). He has learned his skills through his profession: he is a restorer of churches, although his original profession is laboratory assistant. While serving with AUSCON, L/Cpl Finsterberger is with the engineers as a painter, doing all the inscriptions and painting rooms, too. This is his third tour with UNFICYP — and it is not necessary to mention that he enjoys his duties very much.

Both our CO, Lt Col I Buttinger, and the chaplain, S Gombotz, were very pleased with this icon which was presented to our small church in the camp by the painter himself, just before Christmas. By chance, the Austrian protestant Army chaplain, E Wagner, visited AUSCON at that time and joined the small celebration in the church, giving it an ecumenical atmosphere.

Since drawing and painting are really good spare time activities, why don't you follow the example of Rudolf? We would like to encourage every talented Austrian soldier to come up with his "work of art". Take pencil and paintbrush and get started right now!



Corporal R L Norman from Prince Albert, Saskatchewan is at home on his tractor in the UNPA.



Private J W Gray from Prince George, B.C. is apprehended in his efforts to fell the local timber.

A GUIDE TO THE RECOGNITION OF CANADIAN SOLDIERS (How to spot the Canuck)

By Ops Info Sector Four



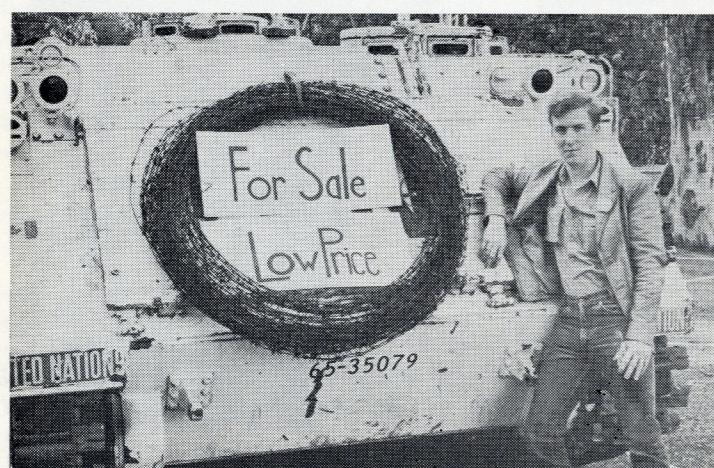
During the Cyprus tour many soldiers from the other contingents have asked, "How does one spot a Canadian?" This question is understandable as Canada is such a diverse nation comprising of many different cultures. The following is intended as a guide for all confused UN soldiers to distinguish the different types of Canadian soldier.

NEWFOUNDLAND

Probably the most easily recognizable of all Canadian soldiers. The way he walks, as if in a boat at high seas, is a dead give-away. However, if he is standing still, listen to him talk to fellow Canadians. If they have a confused look on their faces and repeatedly ask him what he has said, you've found the fabled Newfie. They are also very insistent that Newfoundland is the mainland and that the rest of Canada is the island.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

The man from P.E.I. also possesses several tell-tale traits. The best way to spot him is to ask him what the provincial flower of P.E.I. is. If he answers 'the spud', you've got him.



Private J G Cross shows that in every soldier from Ontario there is a hidden entrepreneur.

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA

There is little to distinguish a man from N.B. or N.S. A 'Wicker' is usually a Newfie who went broke on his way to Toronto, and a Nova Scotian is a New Brunswicker who got lost on his way back to Newfoundland.

QUEBEC

This province's contribution to the Canadian Forces is very difficult to detect. Over the years they have learned to hide their accents and talk without their hands. However, if you find someone you can't place, take off his boots. If you find webbed feet, you've found the elusive Quebecer.

ONTARIO

The soldier from Ontario hails from the province of industry and wealth. He normally is well-versed in the world of finance and the quick sell.

THE PRAIRIES

The Canadian prairies have produced a unique breed of soldier. The man from

BRITISH COLUMBIA

British Columbians are bewildered that there is more to Canada on the east side of the Rocky Mountains than just Newfoundland. To them, any forest with trees under six feet in width, is considered a joke!

So, there you have a quick tour of Canada. We sincerely hope this has been of help in recognizing the men of Sector Four.



Sergeant 'Bush' Thornhill of Fortune, Newfoundland demonstrates the fine art of fishing in the Peddieos River.

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

By Les Sanderson



Carol Sanderson (left) and Anthie Colombo checking the stocks.



Liz Hobbins serves refreshments in the canteen to the soldiers, during their time off.

The origin of the YMCA dates back many years during which time it provided a canteen service in order to serve a 'cuppa' and sticky bun to the servicemen around the world wherever the Forces were serving. Since those days, of course, the YMCA has grown; in addition to the up-to-date canteen services, shops also operate, providing daily papers, books, toys and a general range of goods, not only for the serviceman but his family as well. Our own YMCA began in the UNFICYP network in 1974. It functioned in one of the quarters on Hillcrest, now known as the Playschool. Today we operate from the large building adjacent to the Families' NAAFI shop, situated fairly centrally in the UNPA and very handy for the families residing behind. The building itself was once upon a time the RAF Nicosia NAAFI shop, so we've swapped places.

The current manager, Mr Les Sanderson, began his days with the YMCA in September 1981, having just completed his military service of thirty-eight years with the Royal Artillery, so finds that living in a service community has very much softened the blow of retirement.

We have a staff of seven ladies, all of whom are wives/daughters of servicemen stationed with UNFICYP and you are always guaranteed a warm welcome and a smile from these lovely ladies. To offer them the glory they so richly deserve, we have on the staff today, Liz Hobbins, Mavis Marren, Sue Gaw, Kath Henderson, Rachael Shaw, Carol Sanderson, our local girl, Anthie Colombo and sometimes Edna Sanderson.

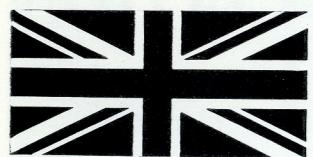
Once a week two of the ladies spend the day with the Sector Two lads. They are collected by minibus at 0900 hours and disappear into the wilderness with their boxes of goodies, visiting the various outposts, returning to base at about 1600 hours.

The YMCA has progressed vastly over the years and, of course, is a profit-making concern to some degree. The point that must be borne in mind is that, apart from the overheads which all businesses must suffer, a very large percentage of the YMCA profits are awarded to charities and charitable missions throughout the world.

It is with regret that we are not able



Mrs Sue Gaw and Mrs Kath Henderson (right) at work behind the counter.



PHOENIX IN, MUSHROOM OUT

By Captain Pat Reehal

Photographs by Sgt A. Jones, Grenadier Guards



66 Squadron RCT took over the role of UNFICYP Transport Squadron from 60 Squadron RCT on 3 November 1982 and so the Mushroom crest of 60 Squadron has been replaced by the Phoenix of 66 Squadron. Perhaps it was this which inspired a headline in The Times on 15 November, "Mushroom challenged by tastier rivals"! This is the second time that 66 Squadron have served with UNFICYP as the Transport Squadron, having last been here from May to November 1980. In England the Squadron has the role of providing second line transport for 1st Infantry Brigade, which is also based in Tidworth, although the Squadron is part of 27 LSG Regiment RCT, the rest of which is based in Aldershot. The Squadron has a strength

in England of 225 all ranks but the UNFICYP Transport Squadron is only 116 strong so there is a sizeable Rear Party left in England carrying on the Squadron's tasks.

1982 proved to be a busy year for the Squadron. In January we were the first unit in the British Army to be fully equipped with the new 8 Tonne Bedford TM truck. Whilst we were in the midst of changing our vehicles we also had to do an emergency operation to deliver road salt to blizzard-hit areas in Wales and the South West of England. From April until August we were fully committed to unloading stores for the South Atlantic and then in September we were in Schleswig Holstein in Germany

for a major United Kingdom Mobile Force exercise before preparing for our deployment to Cyprus which began on 20 October.

The Squadron is organised into a Squadron HQ and two troops. X (Heavy) Troop is responsible for all rations, water and sewage details as well as humanitarian tasks for the UNHCR with refugees. Y (Light) Troop is responsible for all bus and car details as well as providing a duty crew to meet any immediate tasks. The role of the UNFICYP Transport Squadron is a busy one and we are all looking forward to the months ahead working with the UN and getting to know Cyprus.



One of the many tasks of UNFICYP Tpt Sqn is to transport the school children, seen here alighting from a UN hired coach driven by Driver Earl of Y Troop.



A line-up of the vehicles operated by X and Y Troops UNFICYP Tpt Sqn. (Left to right centre): $\frac{1}{2}$ ton Land Rover; Mazda Mini Bus; Bedford TJ Uggie Truck; Bedford SB 39-seater Coach; Bedford MK 4 ton GS Truck; Bedford MK 4 ton Truck fitted with 'fridge' containers; Bedford TM 16 ton Truck operated on behalf of the UNHCR.



Above:
An 'Uggie' truck of X Troop driven and operated by Driver Massey, collecting sewage from a UN OP.



Right:
Driver Peters collects rations, one of the tasks of X Troop.



Above:
A 'fridge' truck of X Troop UNFICYP Tpt Sqn collecting milk from Dhekelia.



Right:
3 x 4 ton Bedfords of UNFICYP Tpt Sqn en route to Dhekelia to collect rations.

Second Battalion Grenadier Guards Athletics

Dhekelia 16 January, 1983

Gdsmn Adshead during the javelin competition.

L/Sgt Broad winning a race, with Sgt Le Louet, the Orderly Room Clerk, as time keeper.



INTERNATIONAL COOKBOOK



HOBBY COOK DINNER MENU — WITH A DIFFERENCE!

SOUUPPA PATCHIA (Serves eight)

This is a very nutritious and popular soup and is said to be very light on the stomach. To make Patchia, it must be prepared from various parts of the calf's (or lamb's) head, such as brain, eyes, tongue etc. Patchia made from calf's head is said to be much more nutritious and tastier, but today we will use a lamb's head, and deal with the needs of the housewife with the smaller family.

1 lamb's head

10-12 cups of water

1 bay leaf

1 whole medium sized onion

3 cloves garlic (crushed)

1 carrot, well cleaned

1 stalk celery, cut into three pieces

2 small ripe tomatoes (uncut)

6-8 slices of toast - cut into halves

1 cup wine vinegar

salt to taste

For the sauce:

2 tablespoons flour

2 tablespoons butter

3 eggs

2 tablespoons lemon juice

salt and pepper

Wash the head well and put in a large pan of cold water. When it starts to boil, remove the foam from the top (repeat this two or three times,) add celery, onion, carrots and bay leaf, salt and the tomatoes (prick on the sides.). Simmer the lamb's head until the meat can be separated from the bones, then pour the broth through a sieve into a smaller pan and keep on a low heat. Take the head and remove the brain and cut it into slices; do the same with the tongue. Mix the garlic together with the vinegar in a small bowl. Heat the butter in a frying pan, adding the flour to it. Mix a small

amount of the broth in with the butter until the mixture is quite thin, then remove from the heat. Break the eggs and mix with lemon juice and then return to the heat, simmering the sauce for about five minutes, and pour into a small pan. When you serve this soup put one or two pieces of toast into each soup dish, add the various kinds of meat and cover with the broth. Add a spoonful of vinegar wine and garlic mixture and two or three tablespoons of the sauce to the middle of the plate. Add one or two slices of brain and serve at once.

OCTOPUS WITH ONIONS

(Serves six to eight)

1 kilo octopus (well beaten)

4 cloves garlic (chopped)

12 black pepper corns

2 bay leaves

1 large piece of cinnamon

1 mug hot water

1/2 cup olive oil

1/2 cup vinegar wine

1/2 kilo finely grated tomatoes

1/2 kilo small onions to taste

Start by separating the tentacles from the octopus's head. Remove the eyes, beak and intestines. Wash octopus and tentacles in running water and put them in a pan. Heat for fifteen to twenty minutes until the octopus juice has evaporated. Drain and leave to cool.

When cool, cut into small pieces and place in a deep saucepan with oil and garlic. Fry the octopus for about ten minutes, and then add the vinegar. Stir for a while and add the grated tomatoes, pepper corns and bay leaves, and salt to taste.

Reduce the heat and add one cup of hot water. Cover the pan and simmer for one hour. At this stage add the small onions and simmer for a further one hour, or until the octopus is tender. Serve hot.

DANISH PASTRY AT ITS BEST

By Major A C E Molter

There is more to Danish baking than the famous Danish pastry. A Danish coffee table includes an infinite variety of buns, pretzels, Madeira cakes and cookies.

The recipes originate from various regions of Denmark, and the ingredients are, of course, the first class products of Danish agriculture that assure the successful results.

Danish baking traditions originated mainly from the farmland where the good old fashioned pastry table is still served. You are sure to come across many elaborately decorated, tasty cakes in the cities, but many bakeries in the shopping centres have brought the old recipes to light in order to meet the ever-increasing demand for genuine Danish cakes and pastry at their best.

ALMOND BREADS

8 oz (225 gr) butter

2 1/3 c (580 ml) flour

1/3 c (80 ml) sugar

1-2 tablespoons cold water

beaten egg

1/2 c (125 ml) each chopped almonds and sugar, mixed

Cut butter into flour, as for pastry. Stir in sugar. Work in water until dough sticks together. Leave for two hours. Roll out to 1/2 inch thickness. Brush with egg. Sprinkle with sugar and almond mixture. Cut strips 1/2 inch wide. Cut each strip diagonally into 2 inch cookies. Place on baking sheet. Bake at 400°F for eight to ten minutes. Cool on rack - makes about four dozen.

MEDALS

6 oz (170g) butter

2 c (500 ml) flour

1/4 c (65 ml) potato flour

1 egg yolk

Cut butter into flour, as for pastry. Stir in sugar and potato flour. Work in egg yolk until dough sticks together. Chill for two hours. Roll out to 1/4 inch thickness. Cut into 2 inch rounds. Place on baking sheet. Bake at 400°F for eight to ten minutes. Cool on rack. Sandwich two cookies with cream. Frost with icing. Decorate with a dab of jelly. Makes about three dozen.

SECTOR TWO

VISIT OF MAJOR GENERAL
H D A Langley MBE

Photograph by Sergeant A. Jones

On Wednesday 12 January 1983 Major General H D A Langley MBE, Commander London District and Commander of The Queen's Household Division, visited the British Contingent in Sector Two.

The Major General arrived by helicopter at the United Nations Protected

Area and was met by Commander BRITCON, Colonel H W K Pye, and the Commander of the Armoured Squadron, Major T L Sullivan. After a tour of the Squadron and a rather chilly ride in a Ferret Scout Car, the Major General, accompanied by Commander Sector

Two and the Sector Two Economics Officer, visited OP's B40, B28, B24 and finally Western Company in the Box Factory. The Major General was entertained to drinks in the Sergeants Mess at St David's Camp, followed by lunch in the Officers Mess.



Major General Langley arrived by helicopter at St David's Camp. From left: Guardsman Grant saluting; OC Western Company, Major A J C Woodrow, MC, QGM; The Major General; Commander Sector Two, Lt Col A A Denison-Smith MBE.

NEWS FROM 84 SQN

By Sergeant Shaun Ekberg

Photograph by SAC Rick Mellor



84 Sqn over the SS Uganda. This helicopter was piloted by Sqn Ldr Bertie Cann.

VISIT BY ACTING COMMISSIONER AUSTRALIAN
FEDERAL POLICE - Mr J C JOHNSON

By Inspector Doug Hair



Superintendent J W Sharp, Acting Commissioner J C Johnson and Chief Superintendent T H Carveth at AUSTCIVPOL Headquarters following a briefing for Mr Johnson.

During December 1982 AUSTCIVPOL hosted the Acting Commissioner of the Australian Federal Police, Mr John Johnson, and his wife Pat. Mr Johnson arrived in Cyprus on 27 December from Cambridge where he attended a commercial crime symposium. During his brief visit Mr Johnson met with the Force Commander, the Deputy Chief of Staff and the Chief Personnel and

Logistics Officer for discussions on the role of AUSTCIVPOL as part of UNFICYP and the current political situation on the island.

He was given a line tour of all sectors by helicopter and a Land Rover tour of the line in Sectors Two and Four. A luncheon, in honour of the Johnson's visit, at AUSTCIVPOL Headquarters followed a morning of briefings on the activities

No. 84 Squadron RAF had a very impressive VIP guest list on 7 December 1982. Squadron Leader Nick Hibberd, OC 84 Sqn, received Major General G G Greincl, the Force Commander, and Brigadier General C W Hewson, Chief of Staff UNFICYP, on an informal inspection of the squadron.

After receiving a brief on the squadron's role from the OC, the VIP party were shown around an aircraft by Master Aircrew George Muir. Mr Muir, a senior winchman with the squadron, demonstrated and displayed much of the comprehensive medical equipment which is normally carried by Search and Rescue helicopters.

The visit ended with Flight Lieutenant Peter Barnard, the squadron's Engineering Officer, taking the party into the servicing hangar to show them an aircraft currently undergoing major servicing. This involves the helicopter being stripped down to its basic components, which are then systematically serviced before the helicopter is reassembled.

We also had the honour in December of receiving two awards, one from the Air Officer Commanding 18 Group to F/S Keith Edwards and one from HM The Queen to Sqn Ldr Bertie Cann, who received the Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air.

Now, if two well earned awards and the Force Commander weren't enough to contend with, we also flew out a three ship formation to escort and welcome the SS Uganda into Cyprus waters. She has just seen active service in the South Atlantic, serving firstly as a hospital ship, then as a troop carrier, bringing our troops back home. She is now finishing her last schoolchildren's educational cruise before returning to the South Atlantic.

of AUSTCIVPOL in Sectors One, Two and Four, and that of the Police Operations Officer (POLOPS), a position held every alternate six months by SWEDCIVPOL and AUSTCIVPOL respectively. There was time to socialize and to mix with members of AUSTCIVPOL to discuss their duties and the different roles played here in Cyprus compared to our usual police duties in Australia.

Mr and Mrs Johnson were shown places of interest both in the north and south. On 31 December the Johnsons departed Cyprus for Saudi Arabia where, at the invitation of the Saudi Government, Mr Johnson was to speak on middle management.



254 Signals Squadron held their Medal Parade on 19 January. Picture shows, from left to right, Lt Kraus, Col Pye presenting medal to Cpl Sklepovich, L/Cpl Hodgkinson, MCpl MacRae, Pte Furlotte.

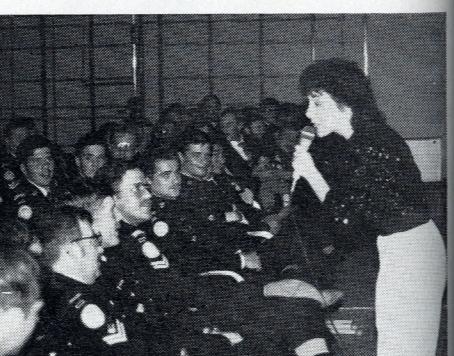
Major Colin Winter shows how he relaxed during the recent horse riding course run by HQ UNFICYP! (Also in the picture is Miss Charlotte Emmett)



84 SQUADRON AWARD

The No 18 Group Standardisation Unit (Heli-copters) (GSU(H)) visited 84 Sqn at Akrotiri to complete their annual check on the operating standards of the squadron aircrew.

Flight Sergeant Keith Edwards, one of the squadron's six crewmen, was examined on all aspects of the Search and Rescue role of the Wessex HC Mk 2 aircraft and on both the winchman's and winch operator's role. As expected, he passed with flying colours and the GSU (H) awarded him an 'A' flying category, the highest possible grade that can be achieved. He was presented with the award and citation on behalf of the Air Officer Commanding No.18 Group, by Air Vice Marshal R L Davis, Commander British Forces Cyprus.



CHRISTMAS MEMORIES



Members of the Canadian Contingent and their guests were entertained by the Randy Broadhead Show on December 30th and 31st at the School for the Blind, Nicosia and on January 2nd at the Junior Ranks Club at the Ledra Palace Hotel. The picture shows French Canadian singer, Suzanne Parayre performing for the soldiers.

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On Christmas Day members of the Swedish Contingent braved the elements and took a 'Christmas dip' in the sea near Larnaca. Everyone who took part received a diploma.



On 6 January the acting Force Commander, Brigadier General C W Hewson CD visited the Austrian Contingent. Accompanied by CO Austrian Battalion, Brigadier General Hewson inspected the guard-of-honour.



PROMOTION

From Warrant Officer 1 to Captain

On 17 January Captain John Cook placed his new badges of rank on his shoulder. After joining the Royal Engineers in 1959 he has served in Malta, Cyprus, North Africa, UK, Germany, Singapore, Malaya, Thailand, Hong Kong, Berlin and the Island of St Helena. Most of his postings have been in the capacity of Clerk of Works (construction).

He arrived in UNFICYP in June 1981 where he has continued in an engineering advisory and supervisory capacity. He leaves UNFICYP in April to take up a post with 62 CRE (Construction) in Hampshire, England.

In the picture, Captain Cook (Left) receives a silver mug from Major Ron Rogers, PMC BBC Officers Mess.

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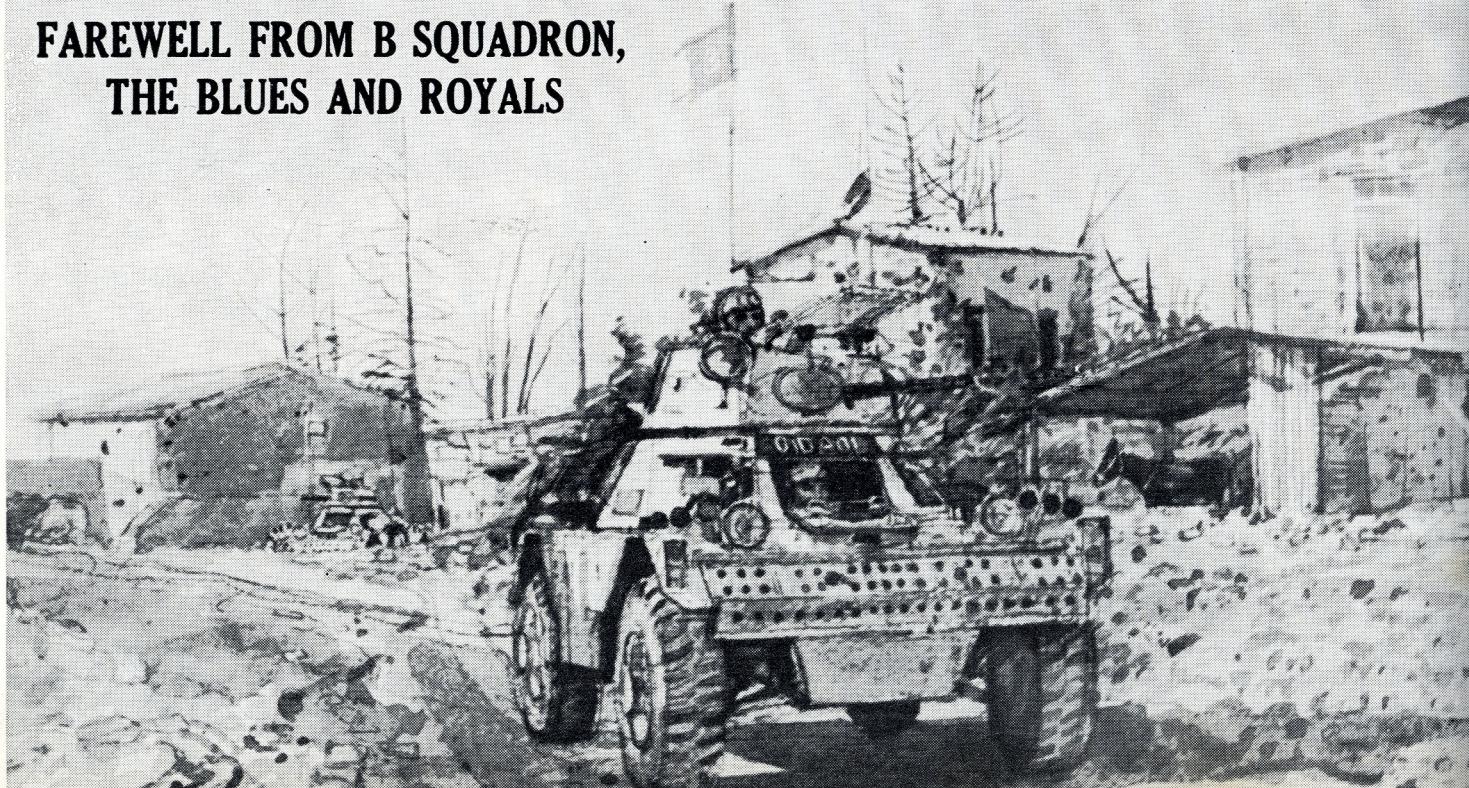




UN NEWS



FAREWELL FROM B SQUADRON, THE BLUES AND ROYALS



NEW SPOKESMAN TO UNFICYP

The new Spokesman, Stephen Whitehouse, arrived in Nicosia on 5 January 1983 to take up his duties.

Mr Whitehouse, who is a citizen of New Zealand, has worked at the United Nations in New York as an information officer in the Department of Public Information since 1971. He has been involved with publicity for major United Nations conferences in the economic and social field, ranging from the World Food Conference in 1974 to the recently concluded Law of the Sea negotiations. Most recently, he has been producer of the weekly United Nations television programme, *World Chronicle*. He has also directed a number of United Nations films.

Immediately prior to joining the United Nations, Mr Whitehouse worked in London as a sub-editor for the international news organisation, Visnews. He has also worked as a reporter in New Zealand for the New Zealand Press Association and as a current affairs producer for the New Zealand Broadcasting Corporation.

Mr Whitehouse is a graduate in economics from Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand and has also studied at the New School for Social Research in New York.

He was born on 17 February 1945. He arrived on the island with his wife, Susan Watt, and their two children. Ms Watt is on leave from UNICEF in New York, where she works as an accountant.