

# ***THE BLUE BERET***



**JANUARY 1983**





# DECEMBER IN RETROSPECT

## ROTATIONS

Part of the Austrian Contingent

## MEDAL PARADES

Nil

## VISITS

- 1—22 Captain E Plovdrup visited the Danish Contingent.
- 8—10 Major D Saunders visited all the UNFICYP contingents in his role of Senior Catering Adviser to UNFICYP.
- 14—16 Colonel S Wiberg and Major C Harleman visited the Swedish Contingent.

- 16—23 Major E Wagner visited the Canadian Contingent.
- 28—31 Deputy Commissioner of the Australian Federal Police, J Johnson QPM visited UNFICYP.
- 29—6 Jan A group of Canadian performers entertained the Canadian Contingent and their guests at the Blind School, Nicosia.

## UNFICYP COMPETITIONS

- 6 Squash Finals
- 7 The UNFICYP Polo team played against a British team in Episkopi.

# FUTURE EVENTS

## BRITISH COUNCIL

20 January at 7.30 p.m.

MACBETH—This film is being shown as a foretaste of the magic of Ian McKellen, who plays Macbeth in this Royal Shakespeare Company production, and who will be visiting Cyprus in February and presenting an informal theatre show, 'ACTING SHAKESPEARE'.

17 January and 27 January at 7.30 p.m.

Football coaching films—the first seven in the series of thirteen films will be shown, followed by the last six on 3 and 10 February. Each film deals with a different tactical aspect of football and uses well-known international play-

ers and top coaches to show up-to-date methods of training. Further details available from the British Council.

## AMERICAN CENTRE

26 January at 7.30 p.m.

PICNIC—Set in a small Kansas town, this film tells the story of a stranger who arrives and creates havoc in the lives of people, especially women. The annual Labour Day picnic heightens the drama and brings to a climax the exciting emotion and dramatic conflict of a memorable stranger's twenty-four hour visit. William Inge's powerful Pulitzer Prize winning play has become an equally powerful motion picture. Produced in 1956.

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## on the cover

Road Safety Year 1982.

Photograph by Sgt Frank Voice.



## Editorial

Firstly, I must apologise to Chief Superintendent Harry Carveth for the mistake over his rank which preceded his Christmas message in the December issue of the Blue Beret. Any embarrassment caused is regretted.

Secondly, I would like to refer you all to Page 4 and the Final Report on Road Safety Year 1982. It should be hardly necessary to ask you all not to relax in any way your efforts to drive safely in 1983. It takes an effort but let us make that effort. It may save our life and that is worth thinking about!

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# ROAD SAFETY YEAR 1982



## A FINAL REPORT BY LT COL D L BURDEN - CHAIRMAN UNFICYP ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE

One year ago the front cover of this magazine boldly announced the launching of Road Safety Year 1982. The apparently inexorable increase in the number of UNFICYP traffic accidents month by month through 1981, including three fatalities, led the Force Commander to demand a determined, sustained effort to improve UNFICYP's Road Safety record. General Greindl set an ambitious target of a 50% reduction in accidents for 1982 when compared with 1981. No less a target would have sufficient impact, it was reasoned, to ensure that all members of the Force saw Road Safety Year as a really positive measure and would react accordingly. React they have, in the Road Safety Committee's view, as this table shows:

	1981	1982
Traffic Accidents	352	260
Injuries	38	38
Deaths	3	0

The trend in Cyprus, in Europe, and world-wide is for a seemingly inexorable rise in traffic accidents. In those countries which enjoy peace and whose inhabitants are not liable to suffer starvation, the most likely cause of death for all between the ages of four and forty-four is a sudden, inevitably violent road traffic accident. The success of Road Safety Year in UNFICYP is shown in starker relief against that background than

by the mere display of statistics. To quote a recent BBC documentary on road accidents, "It's the biggest epidemic, but the patient won't be cured until he recognises he's sick". All units have striven to fight the epidemic in UNFICYP in 1982.

The number of months that each unit participating in Road Safety Year were successful in staying within their accident ceiling reveals the extent of the success:

SECTOR 1	9
SECTOR 2	9
SECTOR 4	9
SECTOR 5	5
SECTOR 6	9
SP REGT	9
FSC SQN	6
AUSTCIVPOL	12
SWEDCIVPOL	11
HQ UNFICYP	5
CIVILIAN STAFF	7

The fight to keep driving standards up continues into 1983. Each unit will now have the opportunity to earn a Road Safety Award from the Force Commander based on their record during the entire six months or twelve months tour. The motto remains as it was throughout 1982:

# DON'T JOIN THE STATISTICS



## SOLDIER ON!.....

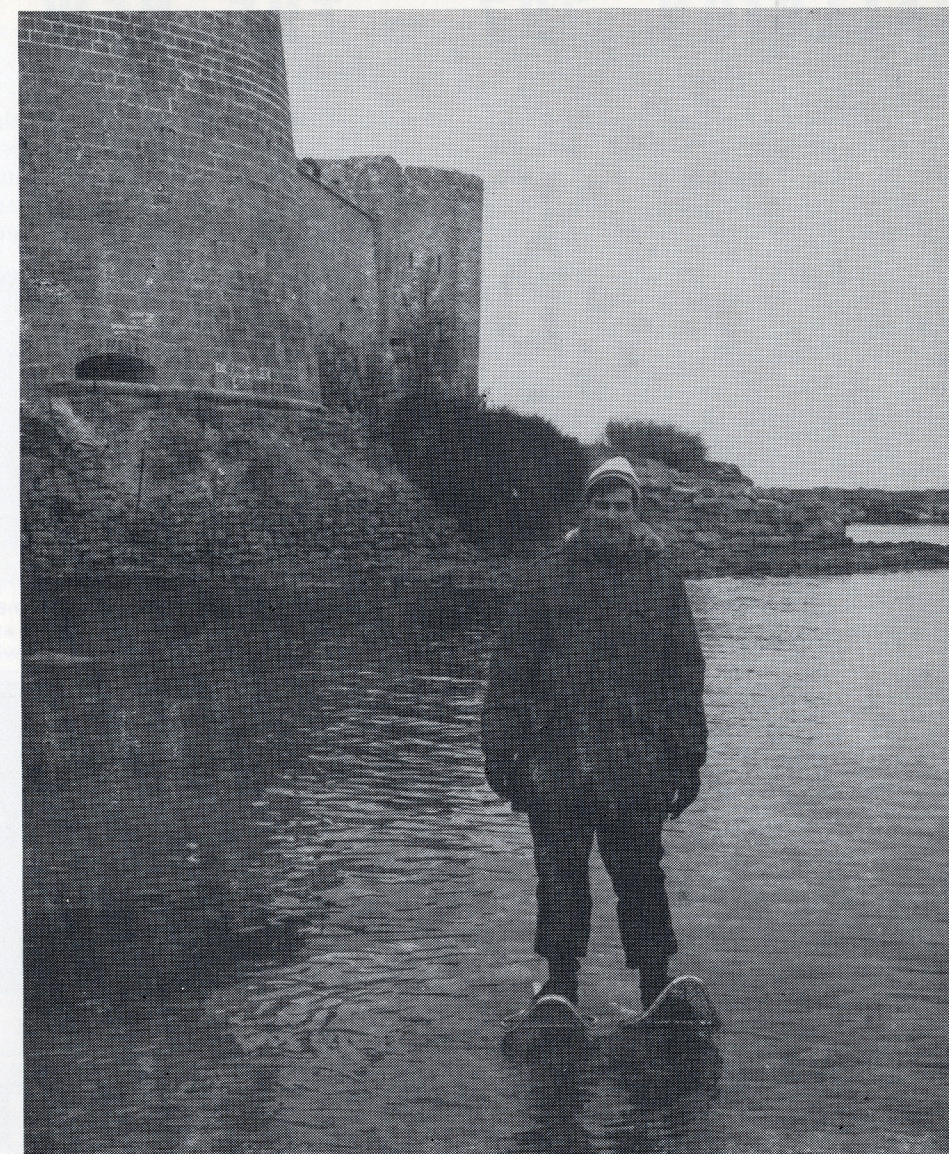
By Captain Ted Dillenberg

Photographs by Private Kazakoff

With three months completed, 2 PPCLI is "still in the saddle" soldiering on in Sector Four. December was a reasonably busy month with unit training progressing on schedule. The ever-demanding challenge of maintaining morale was eased somewhat by the visit of Santa Claus over the Christmas period. The holiday was observed with the traditional exchange of gifts, messages home and Christmas spirit. The officers and senior NCO's assumed duty on the line in order that the maximum number of soldiers could participate in the Christmas activities. The New Year was welcomed in true Canadian fashion as everyone reflected on the events of the past year, particularly the tour in Cyprus. The New Year promises to be equally challenging as 2 PPCLI has entered the "homestretch" of its UN tour of duty in Cyprus. Everyone has attacked their duties with a fresh outlook in eager anticipation of Spring!



An M-72 practice at the Pyla Ranges.



Lieutenant Pat Henneberry, a Duty Officer in Sector Four, demonstrates the finer points to winter indoctrination in Cyprus. The question is, "Can he really walk on water?"



The marvels of modern communication . . . Canada speaks to Cyprus as a composite group of Canadians from Sector Four participate in a Christmas radio programme. The programme consisted of a telecon linkup between Canadian servicemen serving abroad during Christmas in Canada's high arctic, Bermuda, Germany and Cyprus. Shown in the picture is a new activity - Satellite Caroling.



# CALLSIGN 727 — THE NEW SEVENTH TROOP

By Ct H R C Cotterell

The Force Scout Car Squadron recently formed a seventh troop, with the officers mess Corporal of Horse, Bill Hyndman, as troop leader. The troop was made up of NCO's and troopers

who are usually employed in the echelon or administrative troops of the Squadron. This included such persons as the Squadron Quartermaster Corporal's assistant, the Squadron clerk, mess waiters and

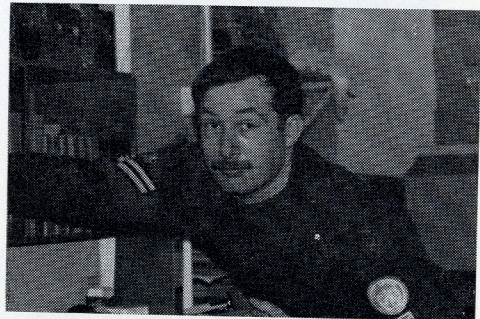
the Squadron physical training instructor. Over the seven day period that C/S 727 was in action, they managed to do forty-nine patrols, and at the same time carried out most of their normal tasks



CoH Hyndman, the officers mess Corporal of Horse.



The Seventh Troop on parade - CoH Hyndman, LCoH Hastings, LCpl Plater, LCpl Kitchen and troopers Joyce, Atkinson, Pielou and Horwill.



LCpl Kitchen in the technical stores.



LCoH Hastings in the clothing store.

## CHRISTMAS SECTOR TWO

By Captain A Hamilton

Photographs by Sergeant T Jones

Although the Grenadiers were fully operational over the Christmas period, for those off duty there were several opportunities to take part in the traditional Grenadier Christmas. The Corps of Drums became mechanised for a musical line run; an 'It's a Knockout' extravaganza took place at the Box Factory, and the Officers Mess enter-

tained UNFICYP staff at a party which resembled something from Alice in Wonderland. Christmas Fayre was of a high standard and Grenadier "hobby cooks"—trained just for the UNFICYP tour—excelled themselves producing five-course dinners from meagre resources. An operational Christmas can be a great deal of fun.



Mrs Gordon Miller receives a present from Santa Claus.



The Commanding Officer serving the Guardsmen at St David's Camp on Christmas Day.



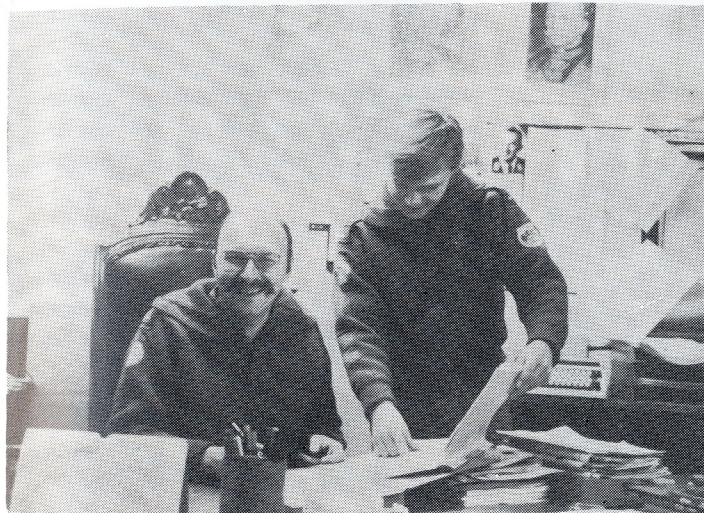
The mechanised Corps of Drums sets off down the line to play Christmas carols to the Grenadiers.



WO1 E Frank and WO2 H Weiszbacher, the two assistants of Ops Economics Officer, Major Grondinger.



Some of the officers of AUSCON's Ops Branch, (left to right) 1/Lt W Floimayr (Signals Officer), 1/Lt G Baumgartner (Ops Assistant) Major R-P Schuster (SOO) and 1/Lt E Schuster (DO).



Ops Info Officer, Captain P Mulacz and Battalion photographer, L/Cpl H Simbürger.



Ops Branch's 1/Cpl Ch Zurk and L/Cpl A Kern at work in the office.

## AUSCON'S OPERATIONS BRANCH

By Captain Peter Mulacz

Since Operations is the primary military task (even in a peacekeeping force) Ops Branch is the most important part of the Battalion Headquarters. The functions in our Ops Branch are as follows:

The Senior Ops Officer who is the branch-head and is responsible for co-ordination of the branch, preparation of all command documents, working out of HQ orders, directions, instructions and guiding principles for the Sector, disciplinary control, negotiations, and liaisons both with local TF and NG to perform the UNFICYP peacekeeping tasks. Furthermore, he is responsible for different kinds of reports and for official visitors and their programmes. For the time being, the SOO is Major Rolf-Peter Schuster, coming from Salzburg where he serves with a Support Regiment although he is originally a technical officer. This is his first tour with UNFICYP but his fourth with UN troops.

The Ops Info Officer provides all the information the CO needs to make his decisions, and reports this information to the Ops Info Office at HQ UNFICYP. Ops Info Officer is Captain Peter Mulacz, an anti-aircraft officer from Vienna, who returned to Cyprus in July for his second tour with UNFICYP. Captain Mulacz is also the Unit Press Officer and is responsible for AUSCON's page in Blue Beret.

The Ops Economics Officer, who carries out economics and humanitarian tasks, has been portrayed in Blue Beret recently. Major "Georgie" Grondinger comes from Vienna and is serving with UNFICYP on his second tour.

The Signals Officer with the COMCEN crew is also part of Ops Branch. 1/Lt Werner Floimayr also comes from Austria's capital and is originally an infantry officer. He is the oldest 1/Lt of the Battalion and is serving on his first tour of duty with UNFICYP.

The Ops Office which does all the paperwork is run by WO1 Hubert Gruber who is very experienced in his function since he has been serving with the Battalion for a long time. He is supported by two clerks.

The SOO is assisted by the Ops Assistant, 1/Lt "Jerry" Baumgartner, who is also the interpreter. He is an infantry officer on a limited-time contract, coming from Upper Austria.

Last but not least, are the three Duty Officers who help the SOO, the NCO's serving in the Ops Info and Ops Economics Offices, and in the COMCEN, and all the other soldiers of lower ranks there. All of them enjoy their tour of duty in Cyprus very much, and do their best—like every Austrian UN soldier does.





"I don't mind carrying the Christmas mail but he can pick up his own air tanks!"



Lucia celebration at HQ.

At noon on Tuesday 2 November something very important happened to SWEDCON. This was the moment when Lt Col Per Lundbeck took over the UN colours from the departing SWEDCON commander, Colonel Carl Jacob Ask, and an entirely new Swedish battalion stood ready to take full responsibility for Sector Five.

Earlier during the year a Swedish standby battalion was created, called 52 B and consisting of seven hundred soldiers. It was prepared, to be established wherever the UN and the Swedish government desired. From this standby battalion there was created a specific battalion for Cyprus. At noon on 2 November it took responsibility for Sector

Five.

From the seven hundred soldiers, four hundred soldiers were chosen for the Cyprus battalion. That competition for selection among the four hundred was hard is proved by the high number of Swedes who applied for an assignment within this UN battalion. Altogether there were six thousand applicants. Never before had there been so many applications to a Swedish UN battalion.

Within the battalion there is great divergence concerning professions and other backgrounds. Not even half of the officers are professional soldiers and most of them are in the reserve force, thus also having a civilian job. All privates take time off from their civilian



# UNITATURE



## THE SWEDISH

By Lieutenant A Rosen and WO2 L Schönning

Photographs by Sergeant F Voice

jobs, or come directly to the UN battalion from the one year basic military training which is compulsory in Sweden.

With such a wide spectrum of skills and personalities within the Swedish battalion, the soldiers' interests are varied. For instance, many different sports teams have been created. Soccer, proving to be the most popular sport, is now played by section-, camp- and company-teams who all play in different tournaments. Furthermore, there are about six SWEDCON players who play in the UNFICYP soccer team.

Other sports which the battalion soldiers participate in are jogging, body-building, diving, tennis, golf and volleyball. And in February there will be a course in parachuting.

The chaplain, Captain Hagström, has been pleased with the support given to his services, which take place every Sunday at 1700 hours. Desiring more music at his sermons, he asked around to see whether there might be any persons interested in singing in a choir, and suddenly he found himself surrounded by fifteen to twenty persons who wanted to join the Church choir.

The Chaplain was also the initiator of the language courses that are taking

place twice a week, attended by thirty to forty soldiers.

Every week there's a broadcast of the Swedish battalion's own radio show, Radio SWEDCON. The aim is to involve as many people as possible within the battalion with the production of the shows. The programmes usually consist of interviews, music and some chit-chat concerning the battalion, seriously or in fun. Every programme up to now has been made by different members of SWEDCON, in groups or individually. The last programme before Christmas was presented by the SWEDCON commander, Lt Col Lundbeck.

Mentioning Christmas, the holiday is celebrated by the Swedes in a somewhat peculiar way. The Swedish Christmas traditions can often be traced all the way back to the pagan ages of the Vikings. Today the traditions have fortunately been given a more "civilised" meaning, but an abundance of food and beverages is still an important part of Swedish Christmas celebrations, as it was one thousand years ago during the Vikings' "Mid-Winter Blood".

SWEDCON has, of course, brought the Swedish Christmas traditions to Cyprus. An idea of how Christmas is



"Here endeth the first lesson, next week we will go deeper . . ."



Pte Albert Enhörning and Pte Anders Henriksson working hard preparing the Christmas food.

spent was given at the SWEDCON Welcome Party, which was combined with the celebrations of St Lucia. The Lucia-celebrations always take place on 13 December when, in Sweden, you can see a procession of women all dressed in white, carrying candles in their hands, led by an (often tall and blond) girl who keeps a crown of candles on her head. The procession walks around the houses, offering coffee and "lussebullar" (special Lucia buns) while wishing everybody a Merry Christmas by singing Christmas carols. It is meant to be very early in the cold and dark winter morning when Lucia and her maids spread light in the people's homes, but at the SWEDCON Welcome Party the guests, for obvious

reasons, got to see the Lucia-procession in the evening.

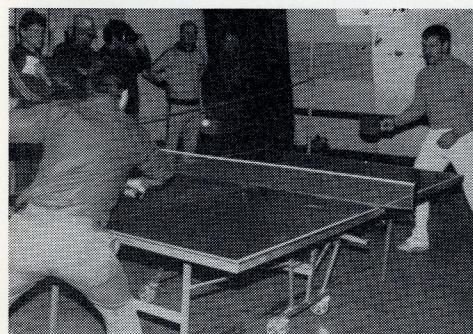
Plenty of people were engaged in preparing for the Christmas/Lucia Welcome Party, not least the battalion's cooks. They had the pleasure of preparing a Swedish Christmas "smörgåsbord" from local ingredients—it was only the more particular dishes which had to be flown in from Sweden.

In fact, the Christmas smörgåsbord in Larnaca was nearly as good as the one which the Norse people usually gorge upon at this, the biggest party of the year held during the darkest time of the year—and at that time it doesn't matter whether the Age is pagan or Christian!





On 7 and 8 December the Austrian Contingent held a table-tennis tournament at Camp Duke Leopold. Forty-one participants took part, twenty-two in the singles competition.



Picture shows the opening of the doubles competition with Captain J Je-linek playing on the right. CO Austrian Battalion, Lt Col I Buttinger, looks on.



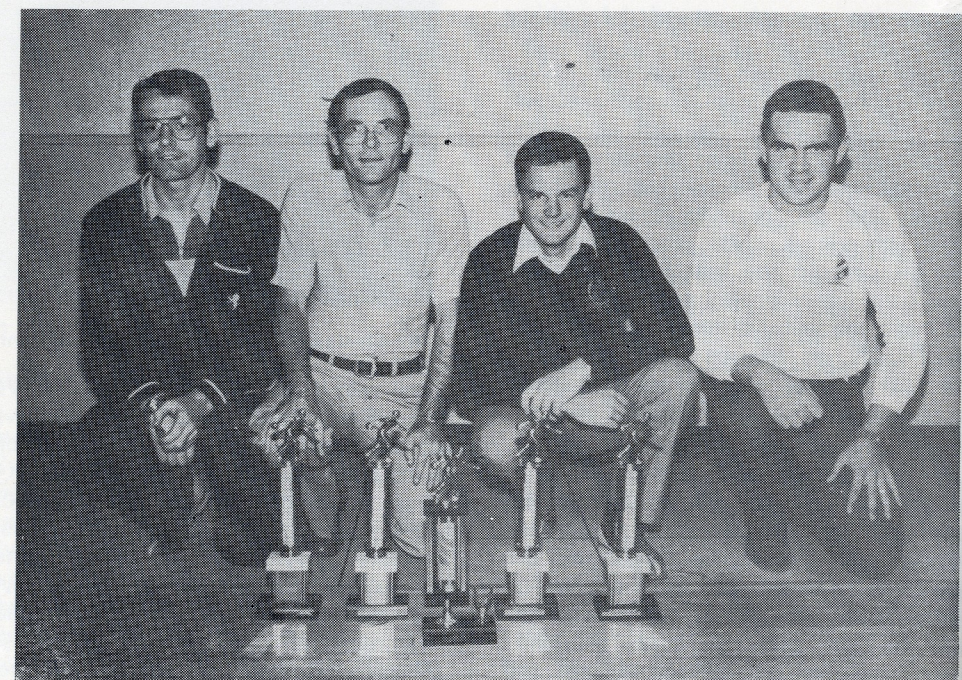
L/Cpl Spaun, winner of the singles competition, came third in the doubles with his partner, Pte Kresta.

The Cyprus services cross country league was held over a period of three months from September to December 1982 and consisted of a series of eight races varying in distance from four miles to seven and a half miles and in arduous locations from Episkopi to Nicosia.

The UN Sp Regt 'A' team came third out of a total of forty teams. The team consisted of four members, but was ably supported by Cpl Pete Collins from the RE Det, and newcomer Sgt Glen Dower from the Med Centre. Also, there was an aging veteran in the form of WO2 Phil Cribb. A special mention should be made for the outstanding performances of Cpl Robinson UN Wksp and Sgt Jack Goodwin from RHQ, who came fourth and seventh respectively.



From left to right, Cpl Dave Robertson, Inspector Brian Whinnen, Cpl Ross Murray, Sergeant Jack Goodwin and, in the front, Cpl Pete Collins.



SSgt Jeff Johnstone; WO1 Ken Stuart (Capt); Sgt John James; LCpl Gary Turner.

The UN Bowling League champions 1982 "The Pinfalls" are seen here after collecting their trophies from Col HWK Pye COMBRITCON on 30 Nov 82 at the Kykko Bowling Centre. Other members of the team were SSgts Bill Roche and Paul Morgan who left Cyprus before the end of the season.



# INTERNATIONAL COOKBOOK

## FUN WITH FONDUES



By Pip Johansson

Lost his camera . . . Drawing by Sgt Frank Voice.

An earthenware caquelon is definitely the best pot to use but cast iron fondue pots are quite satisfactory. Copper and stainless steel pots may be used but do take care—cheese burns very easily especially in a thin metal pot. The pot sits on a spirit burner and this must be very easily regulated. Use cheese well matured. Grate cheese very coarsely. Use a dry white wine, eg, Riesling, Chablis, hock. If you are in doubt as to whether the wine is dry enough, add a teaspoon of lemon juice. You will find this is recommended anyhow in some recipes. The acidity helps to melt the cheese. Warm wine slightly before adding cheese, stir continuously until cheese is melted. Stir in a figure-of-eight motion, this helps to blend the cheese into the wine. Always keep the flame low. The cooking should be a slow gradual process for best results. If the fondue curdles, add a few drops of lemon juice, heat and stir vigorously.

When the fondue is made you may consider that it is too thin, add more grated cheese or a little more cornflour blended with warm wine. If you think it is too thick, add a little more warm wine. The dryness of the cheese used can vary the consistency of the fondue.

Use French bread that is one day old. This is important as it should not crumble when dipped into the fondue.

Cut into one-inch cubes and leave the crust on as this makes it easier to spear on the fondue fork.

Bring fondue to simmering and allow it to bubble slowly before and during the meal. Do not allow to boil. Stir frequently.

Serve white wine, the same as that used in the fondue, while the fondue is being prepared.



### FONDUE NEUCHÂTEL

Serves 4

- 1 clove garlic
- 1½ cups dry white wine
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 2 cups (10 oz) grated Emmenthal cheese
- 2 cups (10 oz) grated Gruyere cheese
- 1 tablespoon cornflour
- 3 tablespoons Kirsch

White pepper, grated nutmeg, and paprika pepper to taste

French bread for serving

Rub the inside of fondue pot with a clove of garlic. Heat the wine with the lemon juice carefully. Add the cheese gradually, stirring continuously in a figure-of-eight motion. When mixture is bubbling add Kirsch and cornflour, blended together. Cook for 2-3 minutes, season to taste.

### HONEY AND ALMOND FONDUE

Serves 4

- 8 oz milk chocolate
- ½ cup cream
- ½ cup honey
- ½ cup finely chopped almonds

Fresh fruit, cake and biscuits for serving

Grate chocolate, place in fondue pot with cream and honey. Heat gently, stirring until smooth and melted. Stir in almonds. Serve with small pieces of fresh fruit, cake and biscuits.

### MILK CHOCOLATE FONDUE

Serves 4

- 8 oz milk chocolate
- ½ cup cream
- 2 tablespoons Kirsch

Fresh fruit, cake and biscuits for serving

Grate chocolate and put into fondue pot with cream. Stir well and beat gently, stirring until chocolate is melted. Add Kirsch and blend. Serve with fresh fruit in bite-size pieces, small pieces of cake and biscuits. Other suggestions are sponge fingers, cubes of buttercake, marshmallows and macaroons.

*Variation* Omit Kirsch and substitute with two tablespoons of one of the following liqueurs:—Tia Maria, Creme de Cacao or Grand Marnier. If the fondue is to be served to children, omit the booze and add a few drops of peppermint, vanilla or orange essence.

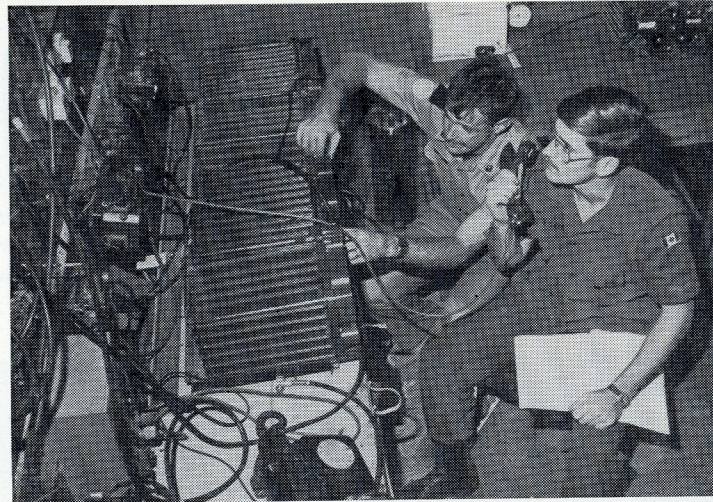




Cpl Mark Coates thinks nothing of being 2,000-feet up a mountain and 160 feet up a mast



Stocking up for the Troodos winter...



M/Cpl Sandy Macrae (left) to Sig Mike Gleeson: "And if that doesn't work try the telephone"

## COMMUNICATING



The Troodos Rebroadcast Station Call-Sign 98 provides automatic rebroadcast on the VHF Force Command net, manual relay on the Motorola and aviation net, and radio relay between Xeros, Famagusta and Nicosia.

Troodos is equipped with a one hundred feet and a one hundred and sixty feet antenna mast plus five free-standing radio relay masts and two free-standing VHF masts. The detachment has two banks of C42 radios, one bank operating and the second bank on standby. There are also three sets of radio relay receivers and transmitters, and a fourth on standby, and a four-channel and a twelve-channel Motorola.

For back-up power the detachment is equipped with a 27½ KW Meadows generator. The generator is diesel-run, with four cylinders, air or crank start and is run for eight hours per day.

The detachment has a mobile RRB, call-sign '98A' which doubles as a resupply vehicle. It's a three-quarter ton British Rover with a trailer outfitted with two VHF sets and a two-channel Motorola. 98A has two free-standing masts, spare POL, tents, sleeping bags, rations and is ready to go on tasking at very short notice. The detachment is manned by the second-in-command and a detachment member who have their kits ready to go at all times.



"I can do this with my eyes closed!"

## IN TROODOS



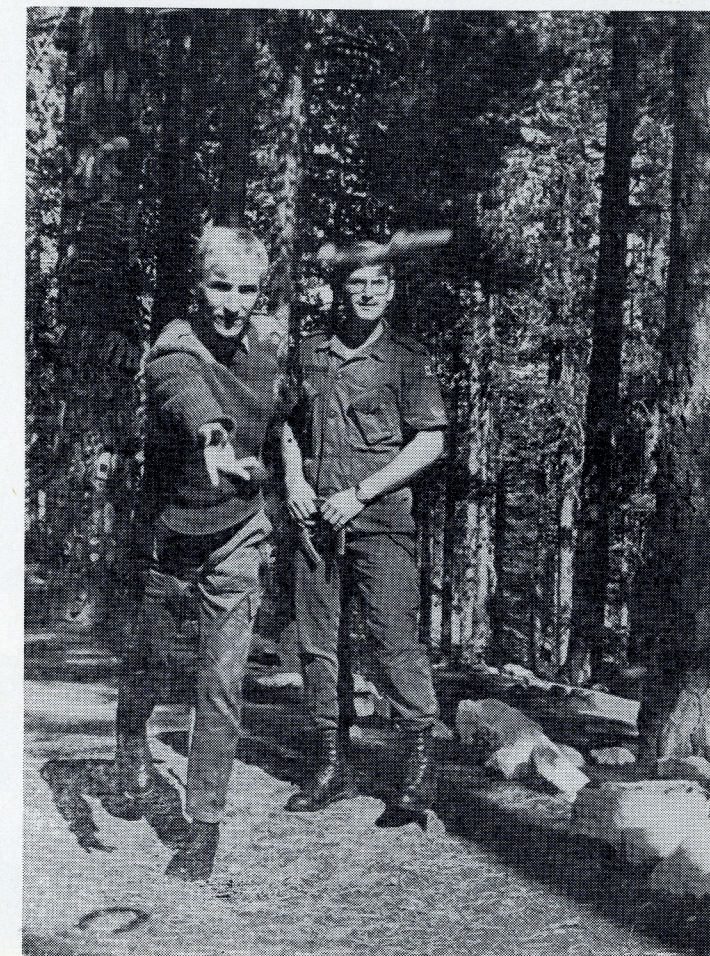
There is a working crew of four Canadians who, along with thirteen others, are attached to 254 Signal Squadron, UNFICYP. The detachment is manned by three privates/corporals and commanded by a master corporal. The members' tour lasts for two months. The detachment is presently run by Signalman Chip Lemieux, from the LUSH (RC), Calgary, Signalman Mike Gleeson, 1 CBG HQ and Sigs Calgary, Cpl Ron Knight and MCpl Sandy MacRae, both from 1 Canadian Signal Regiment, Kingston. Since 1978, over one hundred Canadians have served in Troodos. Besides radio shift there are many secondary duties: antenna maintenance, maintaining 98A, generator maintenance, resupply runs, preparing meals and keeping house, and looking after the fifth detachment member, Felix, a tomcat!

Time off in Troodos is minimal. When time and weather permit, there is skiing in winter. Tennis and badminton are played during the warmer weather at the RAF Troodos leave centre. Activities are also laid on by CANCON and 254 Signal Squadron. The detachment has a large selection of books, and newspapers and magazines are supplied each week.

Many people from different contingents drop in for a visit and to have a look at the shoe tree. The first pair of shoes was nailed on in 1977 and there are now over one hundred pairs.



When it's chilly outside, Cpl Ron Knight puts chilli inside



Sig Steve O'reilly receives a lesson on horseshoe pitching from Sig Mike Gleeson





On Monday 6 December 1982 a mini Medal Parade was held at Australian Civilian Police HQ, Kokkinotrimithia. The Force Commander, Major General Greindl presented the UN Medal and number clasps to members of the Australian Civilian Police Contingent. In the picture the Force Commander speaks to Inspector Hans Schenk, having presented him with his Medal. From left to right, Inspector J Jones, Chief Inspectors H Lowery and M W Coyle, and Inspector Schenk.



Members of the United Nations Force joined together on 21 December in Nicosia for a carol service.



The British High Commissioner arrives at St David's Camp to join the Grenadier Christmas Festivities.

## SCENES FROM THE PANTO



Col P Forshaw OBE visited Xeros Camp, Sector 1, on 25 November. Picture shows (from left to right) Col Forshaw, Lt Col A Højbjerg, Lt Col D Burden, Maj A Molter and the helicopter pilot.



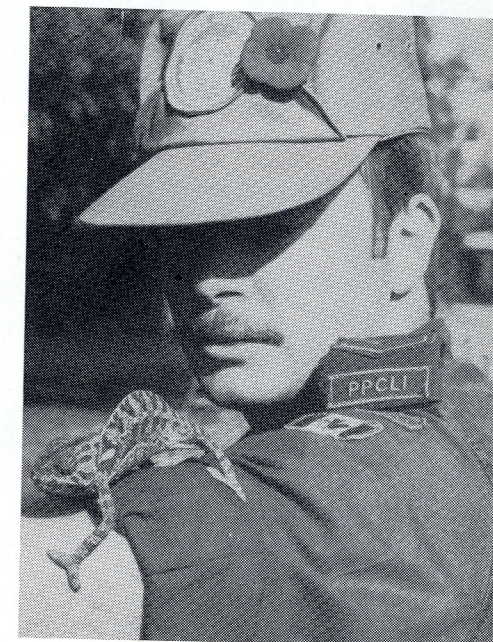
On 7 December 1982, Brigadier-General (Monsignor) George E Travers, CD, Chaplain General (RC) of the Canadian Forces, presided at the dedication of St Barnabas Chapel which was recently renovated. The Comd CANCON, Brigadier-General C W Hewson, CD, (centre) asks members of the clergy to bless the chapel. BGen Hewson is flanked by BGen Travers (right) and by Captain G Lanctot, Padre (P) (left).

There is a plaque at the entrance to the chapel bearing the following inscription:

Saint Barnabas

This Church was renovated by the Public Works Department at the expense of the United Kingdom and the Cyprus Government with additional costs from the United Nations. Implemented by Major R E Rogers CME in October/November 1982 for use by all members of UNFICYP it was dedicated to the Glory of God by Brigadier-General G E Travers, CD Chaplain General (RC) to the Canadian Forces on 7 December 1982.

Private Neil Fletcher of the 2 PPCLI Signals Platoon attempts to befriend some of the wildlife found in Sector Four.



Lieutenant P L (Barney) McLaren, of Sector Four, Personal Assistant to the Comd CANCON, gives his best salute for Brigadier-General C W Hewson CD. Lt McLaren was a Toronto police constable before joining the service. He is thought to have coined the phrase, "There's no life like it!".



Santa Claus visits Sector Four in traditional fashion.





# UN NEWS



## SEASONS GREETINGS FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

The following message was received by the Force Commander from Mr Javier Perez de Cuellar, Secretary General of the United Nations, "I send to you and to all the military and civilian personnel of UNFICYP Seasons Greetings and my best wishes for the New Year. I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the excellent work

done by the Force during the past year. You, your staff, and all the contingents of UNFICYP have carried out your important tasks with exemplary efficiency and devotion. It is my earnest hope that, thanks to your efforts, the forthcoming year may witness significant progress towards peace in the island".

## The Opening of "Storstrømsbroen"

By Major O S Nielsen

The new Storstrømsbro (the bridge over the big stream) was opened on 9 December 1982. The old bridge was washed away on 6 June 1982 due to a heavy rainfall followed by a tremendous flood in the riverbed.

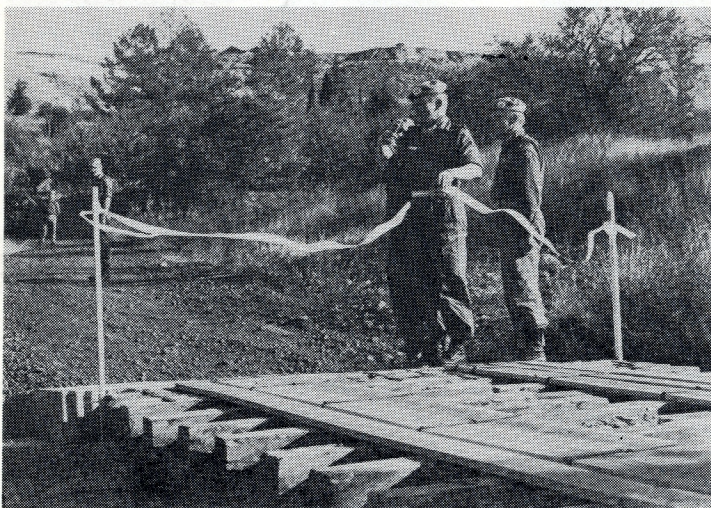
Actually, the bridge is named after the Danish "Storstrømsbro", opened in 1937 by the King of Denmark and which, with a span of 3.2 kilometres, was for many years the longest bridge in the world.

As the bridge is an important part of the UN track in the

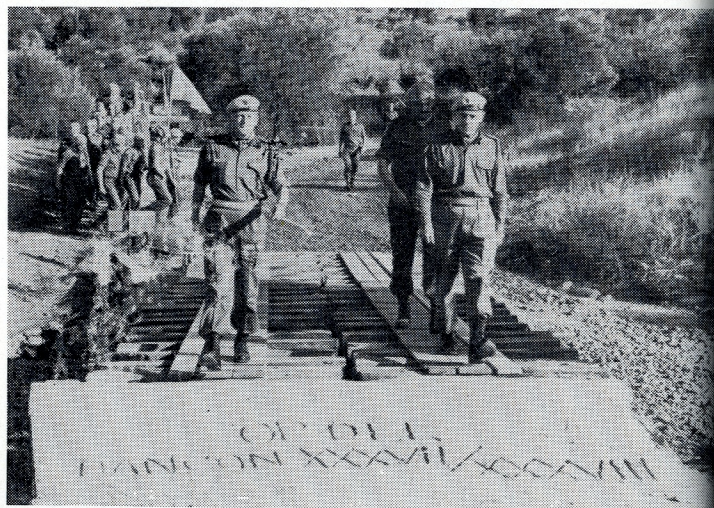
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B-Coy area of Sector One, the B-Coy and the DANCON pioneers made an extraordinary effort to rebuild the bridge, and it was with joy and pride that CO DANCON, Lt Col Aage Højbjerg, OC B-Coy Major O S Nielsen, and OC B-Coy at the time of the flood, Major N B Nielsen, first crossed the stream followed by B-Coy with flying colours.

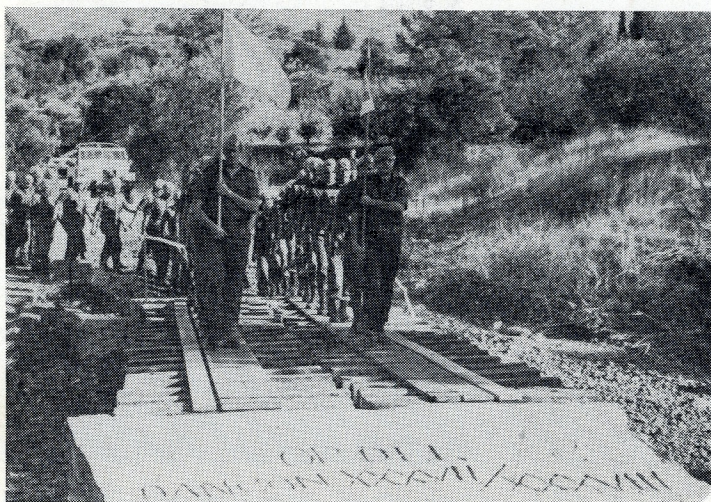
Everyone is anxious to know whether the bridge will stand up to the Winter rain, or whether B-Coy once more will have to re-establish it . . .



CO DANCON cutting the string at the opening ceremony.



CO DANCON, OC B-COY and the former OC B-COY crossing the stream.



B-COY with flying colours.



The first Ferret to cross the bridge, 5 Troop, B Squadron The Blues and Royals.