

THE BLUE BERET



MARCH 1983



ROAD SAFETY — DRIVE DEFENSIVELY

FEBRUARY IN RETROSPECT

ROTATIONS

Half the Austrian Contingent

MEDAL PARADES

- 2 The Swedish Civilian Police Contingent
- 8 The Canadian Contingent
- 18 The British Contingent
- 23 UN Military Police Company
- 25 The Danish Contingent
- 28 The Swedish Contingent

VISITS

- 2—5 Lieutenant General C Belzile, Commander of Canadian Land Forces (Mobile Command) and members of his staff visited UNFICYP.
- 4 Lieutenant Colonel D W M Elliott, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, visited UNFICYP.
- 5—6 Brigadier R K Hudson, Director Army Catering Corps, and Mrs Hudson visited UNFICYP.
- 6—10 The Right Honourable Countess Mountbatten of Burma visited the Canadian Contingent.
- 8 Colonel H Scheiber and a party of twelve officers visited the Austrian Contingent.
- 8—12 Major General G G Brown, Colonel of 2 PPCLI, and Mrs Brown visited the Canadian Contingent.
- 10 Feb—3 Mar Major D Kimberley, Director of Music, and the Grenadier Guards' Regimental Band played in various locations in UNFICYP.
- 10—17 Army Chaplain Colonel E Wagner visited the Austrian Contingent.

- 15—22 Lieutenant Colonel C Brockmeyer, Commander Danish UN Department visited UNFICYP.
- 15—23 Lieutenant Colonel R Wood, Comd Chaplain (P), visited the Canadian Contingent.
- 18—21 Major General M B Farndale, Colonel Commandant of the British Army Air Corps, visited UNFICYP.
- 19 Major General W M Allen, Director General Transport and Movements, visited the British Contingent.
- 21 Brigadier D Shuttleworth, Inspector of Physical and Adventurous Training (Army) visited the British Contingent.
- 21—22 Messrs R Forbes and P Harvey, representatives of the International Peace Academy in New York, visited UNFICYP.
- 21—24 Lieutenant Colonel E Dahlen and seven journalists from Sweden visited the Swedish Contingent.
- 22 Feb—2 Mar Captain J McDonald, Career Manager/Military Police, visited the UN Military Police Company.
- 23 Feb—17 Mar One officer and twenty-three other ranks carried out engineering tasks for UNFICYP.
- 24 Mr E Sherman, Middle East Desk Officer, visited UNFICYP.
- 17—28 Colonel G J Quirke, Colonel Electrical and Mechanical Engineering 2, visited the British Contingent.
- 28 Feb—6 Mar Ambassador Orn and Mrs Orn visited the Swedish Contingent.
- 28 Feb—7 Mar Major Age Skjerning visited the Danish Contingent.

UNFICYP COMPETITIONS

- 24 UNFICYP Volleyball Competition, hosted by Sector Four.

FUTURE EVENTS

22, 23, 24 March

Chanteclair Theatre, Nicosia at 8.15 pm.

'Black Comedy' by Peter Shaffer, an hilarious farce set during an electricity cut.

An Anglo Community Theatre Group production.

For further details and ticket enquiries contact 64000 (Nicosia) Extension 2640 or Nicosia 58414.

23 March. The American Centre, Nicosia at 7.30 pm.

'Norma Rae', starring Sally Field who won an Oscar for her performance in the title role.

A glib, experienced labour organizer comes to a one-industry, sleepy town where Norma Rae, her whole family, and virtually everyone else in the town are dependent for work upon the local textile mill.

Limassol Festival

The Limassol Festival will take place during March and the main parade will be held on the 20th. Further details from the Cyprus Tourist Organisation.

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on the cover

Drummers from the Grenadier Guards

Photograph by Sergeant J Harding



Editorial

Our new Force Photographer has arrived – Sergeant A Hodgetts from the United Kingdom. We wish him and his family an enjoyable tour with UNFICYP.

The weather has affected us all, over the last few weeks. Snow has reminded us all of back home, and perhaps we could all remember that Christmas comes up rather quickly and the demand for Christmas cards in particular. We shall be looking for a suitable Christmas card for UNFICYP in August – we need that lead time in order to have them on sale by October/November. So get out your cameras, paints and design talents and see what you can produce while the weather, may I say it, is Christmassy.

Last but not least, drive defensively during 1983.

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Some of the soldiers of the Louroujina platoon outside the mess in Camp Madeleine, ready and dressed for a parade in HQ.



A new flagstaff is put in the newly named Camp Madeleine.

Camp

By Lieutenant Anders Rosén

The Royal Family of Sweden is growing bigger. A proof of that is to be found in the small village of Louroujina, about thirty miles south of Nicosia! In this village one of the SWEDCON camps is situated, and this fall the camp was re-baptized Camp Madeline. Madeline is the name of the new-born Swedish princess.

The earlier name of the camp was Camp Siam, but when the King and Queen had their third child, their second daughter, last summer, it was considered proper to change the name of the camp in honour of Princess Madeleine.

The change of name took place in October, and was made official in December, when His Majesty the King, Carl XVI Gustav, wrote that he had nothing against the camp carrying the name of his new-born daughter.

Now all three children of the Royal Family have given their names to SWEDCON camps on Cyprus. Camp Victoria in Larnaca is named after the Crown Princess, the platoon camp in Pyla is named after the three-year-old Prince Carl Philip, and now there is the camp of Princess Madeleine.

Left without Royal names are only the Company camps, Camp Polar and Gold-



Private Staffan Martensson (left) and Private Kjell Hogevall at OP S65.



SWEDCON

fish Camp. The question is how long these names will remain unchanged...

The UN camp in Louroujina has in fact an old tradition and a rich history from many years before the birth of Princess Madeleine of Sweden. The camp was founded in 1964, i.e. the year when the UN came to Cyprus. UN-soldiers have been stationed in Louroujina during the entire UN stay on the island, and the camp has been inhabited by the British, Irish, Danes, Canadians and, since 1977, by Swedes.

Madeline

Camp Madeleine is a platoon camp for the Swedish battalion's 1 Company. The platoon of Camp Madeleine has a large — and obviously important — area of responsibility to guard. The platoon is in charge of the constant manning of four OP's. One of these OP's is the famous S65, which consists only of a discarded cross-country truck with a small tower added to it. The life for the soldiers manning this OP is very primitive. The truck offers only the possibility of two positions: To sit, which is what the first post does, and to lie down. The second post has therefore to perform all his tasks, including the making of tea, lying down. The OP can obviously be manned only by two soldiers at the same time. They serve in the truck for twenty-four hours before change of guard takes place.

There's nothing wrong with the good mood and the eagerness to do a good job at S65. When "Blue Beret" visited the OP, Private Staffan Martensson and Private Kjell Hogevall were on duty. They have made it as comfortable as it is possible to make an old discarded cross-country truck. But they remember only a month ago when everything outside the truck, including the lav., was blown down the mountain and lay in the canyon...

The Countess Mountbatten of Burma visits the Canadian Contingent in Cyprus

By Captain Ted Dillenberg

Photographs by Private R Kazakoff



The Countess Mountbatten of Burma receives a briefing at OP C 18 (School) From left to right: Lieutenant-Colonel B W Ashton, Commander Sector Four; Master Corporal R Wiseman; the Countess Mountbatten of Burma, Colonel in Chief.

The Countess Mountbatten of Burma, CD, JP, DL visited the Second Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in Cyprus from 6 to 10 February 1983 in the capacity of Colonel in Chief of the regiment. The battalion is presently serving a six month tour as part of UNFICYP and the visit was the first by the Colonel in Chief to her Second Battalion in Cyprus. The Countess Mountbatten assisted the Force Commander in presenting United Nations Cyprus medals to members of the regiment during the Canadian medals parade held on 8 February 1983 at the Ledra Palace Hotel, Nicosia.

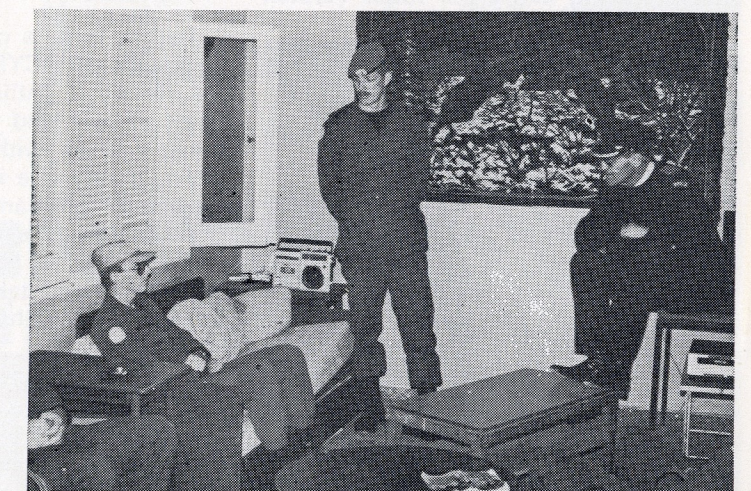
Throughout the visit, the Colonel in Chief demonstrated her characteristic energy and enthusiasm in visiting soldiers

on the line and in Sector Four, presenting each with their UN Cyprus medal. It was in the finest traditions of the regiment that the Colonel in Chief observed the members of the Second Battalion deployed in Cyprus.

Coinciding with the visit of the Countess Mountbatten was the visit by Major-General G G Brown, O St J, CD, the Colonel of the Regiment. This was his last official visit to the Second Battalion in the capacity of Colonel of the Regiment as Major-General Brown will be relinquishing this appointment in the summer of 1983. Throughout the visits by the Colonel in Chief and the Colonel of the Regiment all members of 2 PPCLI received a fresh justification for regimental pride while in the service of peace away from home.



The Countess Mountbatten of Burma awards Private D A Avery with his first United Nations Cyprus peacekeeping medal.



The Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General G G Brown (retired) (right) chats with Private T A Silverthorn (left) and Master Corporal R J Hamilton (centre) during a visit to OP C 22 (Orchard).



WELL-KNOWN AUSTRIAN BICYCLE CHAMPION WITH AUSCON

By Captain Peter Mulacz



1/Cpl Lauber practises inside Camp Duke Leopold V.

Have you seen the bicyclist in the moat of the old fortifications of Famagusta city, riding his bike in a racing tricort and wearing a blue field cap, going as fast as lightning from one end to the other and back again, several times for one hour or more? It is 1/Cpl Erich Lauber, a well-known Austrian bicycle champion, serving with AUSCON since August 1982, who got permission from our CO to continue his training during his tour of duty.

Born in 1962 and coming from Wels in Upper Austria, Erich began this sport seven years ago, before he started his apprenticeship as a steel construction locksmith. Since Reinhard Waldenberger, several times Austrian champion, is a neighbour of Erich, he became more and more familiar with this sport and tried it himself. Erich began with a pri-

vate ten-gear bicycle, and after one year he was accepted by the youth team. In his second year he came third in the cross-country championship of Upper Austria.

Then he moved to the juniors and took part in the Upper Austria round, the Dusika tour (named after a very famous former champ) and also in cross-country, achieving the second rank in the regional championship and the seventh in the Austrian one; in certain criteria (racing in villages around the houses) he won second and third places. Also he came twenty-fifth out of one hundred and thirty in the Junior Europa Cup race.

Sponsored by "Pico" (an Austrian firm which makes money with chickens and turkeys), he has ridden his bicycle for more than one year now with the 'main drivers' and came eleventh in the national championship in cross country, six times coming among the first ten. (International bicyclists from nine nations participate.) He has entered several races in Germany, too, and has also gained international experience in Spain, and has been in the cadre of the national team.

Now he is getting some Cypriot experience as well. Serving as a Deputy Operations Leader in Sector 6, he usually trains for one and a half hours a day (half the time he does in Austria), plus

some additional heavy athletics; recently he has preferred to stay in our Camp Duke Leopold V for the cross-country training and is therefore not to be seen so frequently in the moat of Famagusta. As a real sportsman, he neither drinks nor smokes. He enjoys his tour with UNFICYP very much and has only one problem: there is no competition for him as a sportsman.



A picture from a cross country race in Austria.

WHO NEEDS SNOW TO SKI?

By Angela Singh

Photos by Sergeant Frank Voice

Perhaps you will have noticed in the UNPA the gentleman on short skis with wheels, racing along the roads (Watch



Staff Sergeant Nurminen in action...

the speed limit, Rainer!) and clutching two ski sticks. This is Staff Sergeant Rainer Nurminen, a Finnish member of the UN Military Police Company, who is in training for orienteering and cross country competitions back home in Finland.

Rainer, who is on his second tour of duty with UNFICYP, has been dry skiing for twelve months. He practises four times a week and varies his training six times a week with running and skiing intermittently. He included dry skiing in his training programme because he found that running on asphalt was hard on his calf muscles. He also runs in the Troodos mountains and takes advantage of the skiing facilities there to practise slalom skiing.

Rainer learnt to snow ski at the same time as he learnt to walk, and remembers that his first Christmas present was a pair of skis. He has been orienteering for sixteen years and has entered numerous competitions. The reason for such

intensive training in Cyprus is that Rainer hopes to enter several sections of a large competition which is held in Finland each year. The sections include 30 km skating, 80 km skiing, 60 km rowing, 42 km marathon running, 300 km cycling and 25 km orienteering. Rainer will enter as many sections as he can. In the meantime, the dry skiing sessions go on...



The most economical way to travel?

A DISASTER AT AKROTIRI? DEFINITELY NOT!



By Flt Lt Nick Hall

Photographs by SAC Rick Mellor and Bill Downing

On Monday 24 January 1983 a large passenger-carrying jet was on its approach to the Westerly runway at RAF Akrotiri. Suddenly a small light aircraft appeared from nowhere, collided with the jet and fell into the sea some four hundred yards from the shore; the three persons on board managed to climb out of the wreckage into the water. Meanwhile, the crippled jet continued onwards out of control, finally crashing into the low trees just short of the runway. Fire broke out...

(Luckily, this isn't a true story, just the scenario for a pre-planned exercise to test the RAF Akrotiri emergency services. The crashed jet was simulated by a number of MT vehicles, including a bus, scattered around the exercise area, the injured survivors by a number of volunteers suitably prepared by medical staff, and there were three people actually in a rubber dinghy waiting to be rescued).

Fire vehicles quickly arrived to put out the fires, followed by medical staff and personnel from all sections of the station. Also, there were two Wessex helicopters from 84 Squadron; the first, crewed by Flight Lieutenants Pete Young and Stu McKie-Smith and Sergeant Shaun Ekberg, plucked the three survivors from the sea, then went to the assistance of the other helicopter, crewed by Flight Lieutenant Nick Hall and Master Air Loadmasters George Muir and Al Flower, in taking the seriously injured directly to the Princess Mary's RAF Hospital. Less badly injured were taken by road to the Station Medical Centre for treatment. Other tasks for the two helicopters included further searches for survivors both in the water and around the crash area.

This was the first time that an exercise of this type had been held at Akrotiri, and a number of valuable lessons have been learnt, which will make it easier to handle the real thing should it ever happen.



Flight Lieutenant McKie-Smith (left) assists Sergeant Ekberg with a very wet survivor.



One of the Wessex searching the exercise area.



At Christmas time 1981 I was told by my regiment that I could expect to be 2 i/c in C-Coy, DANCON, UNFICYP for a period from November 1982 to May 1983. Just like anybody else, I started to question my fellow officers, who had served with UNFICYP before. The answers I got were very different from one to another, because all of them claimed that the place they had been in was the best of them all, but one thing they had in common: that I could look forward to an unforgettable experience.

After four hours flight with a Boeing 737 and beautiful stewardesses, we arrived on a stormy and cold morning at Larnaca Airport. In spite of the weather we were welcomed very warmly with a "Gammel Dansk" before the drive to the three different camps in Sector One.

The first sight we caught of Limnitis, where C-Coy is located, was the Rock of Limnitis, which can be seen from Xeros, the location of HQ-Coy. In line of sight the distance is six miles and hence we expected to be in Limnitis ten minutes later, but it took twenty-five minutes. We had to cross the spurs of the Troodos Mountains first, before seeing the camp, which is placed in a village in the Limnitis Valley.

On arrival at the camp and in spite of the early hour, we were welcomed by the guard in a very correct military manner, which was the first impression and a good one, I might say. After breakfast, where OC Major K F B Hansen held a short briefing, we saw the camp and that was indeed a change from the barracks at home, but we received the impression of a nice and a well-functioning camp.

The day after, it was planned to see the patrol track of C-Coy (The "Charlie Track"). That was one of the greatest experiences. The Charlie Track is without any competition the most exciting UN track on the island, because it is mountain driving all the way. We were on the track about seven hours, which is precisely enough time to visit the six OP's placed in the buffer zone surrounding Limnitis. I would like to show you the buffer zone and its wild nature, but as you all know, it is forbidden to take photos.

We visited the OP's, and on all of them we were offered fresh coffee and home-made Danish pastry, which by the way

C-COMPANY/DANCON

UNITATURE

By 1 Lt H J Nielsen



Back in Limnitis Camp after fourteen days' OP-duty



In such a remote area as the C-Coy area, every soldier must be capable of life-saving first-aid. first-aid training has a very high priority.

Photographs by LCpl H E Klavsen and LCpl M Jensen



Soldiers from C-Coy Recce Section preparing a patrol in the Troodos mountains



Realistic helicopter training is a very important part of life in C-Coy.



s the normal treatment of any visitor no matter the rank. Besides the social part of it, we also received a briefing about the tasks of every OP, primarily concentrated on the fortifications and various positions of the Greek and Turkish Forces. Altogether it was an exciting and exhausting day.

The day after, we visited Kokkina Camp following the same pattern. Kokkina is a detachment from C-Coy totally isolated from the rest of the Company with Lieutenant K H Nielson as detachment commander. Since the driving time is thirty-five minutes it is of vital importance that the unit is capable of handling almost any situation by themselves, which I can assure you they are.

Perhaps it is time to introduce the organisation of the C-Coy. The Company strength is at one hundred and twenty soldiers, coming from all regiments of Denmark. We are organised in three OP platoons: two in Limnitis under command of Lt J J Hansen and WO1 S H Ihle, and the one in Kokkina.

The Recce Troop with SSgt L L MacCraie solves a lot of different tasks, such as escorts and control of various positions. Finally, we have the HQ platoon, where all the service functions are gathered, under command of the administration officer, Lt B Børgesen, organized in different sections.

I would like to emphasize the kitchen section. Under the leadership of Cook SSgt P M Andersen, we daily get the most delicious food you can imagine. Unfortunately, you can see it in our shapes — or lack of them! What do we do to fight this tendency? Besides having a lot of physical training, we also exercise in the various military skills such as NBC, Shooting etc.

To round up this little feature of the C-Coy, I would like to put forward the following statement:

"I would not have been without this experience which demonstrates the ability of the Danish soldier to join an international force and which also tells those of us who train them that we are capable of doing our job in a mountain terrain far away from Denmark".

Finally, I would like to thank the 84 Sqn RAF for their assistance in bringing the different supplies to our OP's. It would really be a hard, if not impossible, job to handle if it had not been for the Wessex helicopter.



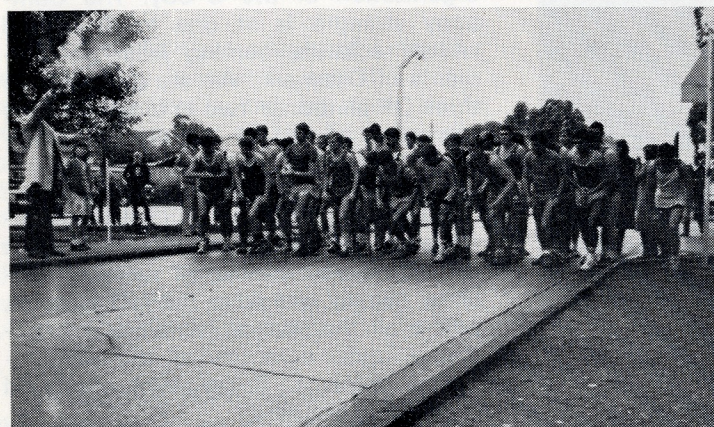
KEO CUP RUGBY

The final match took place in Dhekelia on Saturday 12 February between the Akrotiri Flamingos and the Unicorns. The final score was 9-6 to the Flamingos.

The Flamingos (in striped shirts) on their way to victory.



UN SUPPORT REGIMENT WIN THE AKROTIRI TO EPISKOPHI ROAD RELAY RACE



Group Captain J F Willis, Station Commander of RAF Akrotiri, starting the race. (Photograph by Flt Lt Nick Hall).

UNFICYP VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT HOSTED BY SECTOR FOUR ON 24 JANUARY 1983

RESULTS

1st CANCON (2 games to nil over SWEDCON)
2nd SWEDCON
3rd DANCON/UN MP Company



Lieutenant-Colonel B W Ashton, Commander Sector Four (left) presents Captain Jack Springer of the CANCON team with the winning trophy after the final game in the tournament.



The UNFICYP Support Regiment team: Back row (left to right) Cpl Dave Robertson, Sgt Steve Coelho, Sgt Barry Featherstone, Cpl John Fee. Front row (left to right) Lt John Walker, Sgt Jack Goodwin, Sgt Glen Dower.

After a morning of the fiercest thunderstorms so far this year, the afternoon of Wednesday 2nd February provided near-ideal conditions for the annual Akrotiri to Episkopi Road Relay Race.

Thirty-nine teams of five runners took part, including two teams from DANCON, two from UN Support Regiment and one from 254 Signals Squadron, as well as four ladies teams. From the start the Support Regiment's 'A' Team led the field, and finished in a time of 1 hour 15 minutes 13 seconds – 1 minute 35 seconds ahead of the second team and breaking last year's record by over a minute.



INTERNATIONAL COOKBOOK

DANISH AKVAVITS



By Major A C E Molter

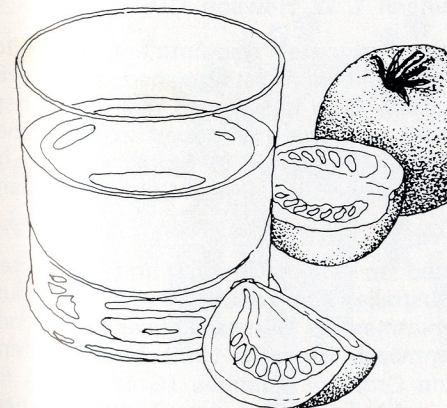
Aalborg Akvavit, the Danish "national drink enjoyed and appreciated by millions of people all over the world" has its origins in the history of Danish civilization. The oldest written notes discovered on akvavit date back to the years 1528 and 1531. In two letters from these years a Danish nobleman mentions akvavit as "water called aqua vitae" which cures any internal illness that a man can have, the latin aqua vitae meaning "water of life".

Through the centuries people learned to appreciate akvavit more and more. They did not have to suffer from an internal illness to snatch a couple of glasses: prevention was better than cure!

Almost every Dane distilled his own akvavit in those days, but in 1846 the production of akvavit was taken up on an industrial scale, and the first bottle of Aalborg Akvavit saw the light of day in a new and, at that time, very modern factory in the town of Aalborg.

Today more than 135 years later Aalborg Akvavit is still produced exclusively in Aalborg.

In 1946 – a century after the first bottle of Aalborg Akvavit – the famous Aalborg Jubilaums Akvavit (The word jubilaum is the Danish word for anniversary) was introduced, and since then both brands have been synonymous with the term akvavit or aquavit the world over. Akvavit is to Denmark what Whisky is to Scotland, Gin to England, Vodka to Russia and Sherry to Spain.



Danish Mary

Denmark exports these two popular akvavit brands to about one hundred countries all over the world.



Crystal clear Aalborg Akvavit is known for its distinctive caraway flavour, while the golden Aalborg Jubilaums Akvavit contains a variety of spices including dill, giving it a smooth, full bodied taste.

Though Danish tradition suggests you serve akvavit straight – with food or with beer – Aalborg Akvavit and Aalborg Jubilaums Akvavit are very tasty in various cocktails. Here are some popular suggestions:

DANISH MARY

3 oz tomato juice
Juice of 1/2 lime
Dash celery salt
1 1/2 oz Aalborg Akvavit

Stir with ice until cold. Pour into 6 oz glasses.

VIKING

1 measure Aalborg Akvavit
1 measure Noilly Dry Vermouth
1 measure or more orange juice

Stir and serve cold with ice.

THE HAMLET

1/2 Peter Heering
1/2 Aalborg Akvavit

Serve ice-cold

THE COPENHAGEN

1 oz Aalborg Jubilaums Akvavit
1/2 oz orange liqueur
Juice of 1/2 lime or lemon

Shake well with crushed ice. Serve in cocktail glasses.

THE FLYING DANE

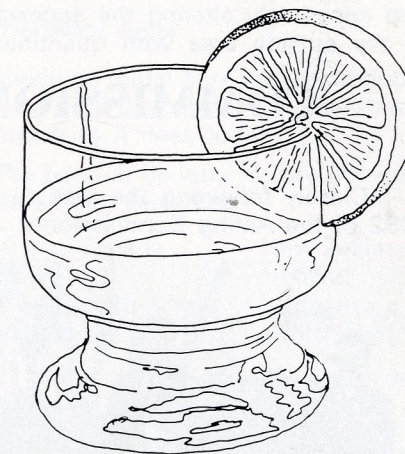
1 measure Aalborg Akvavit
Schweppes Bitter Lemon to taste

Serve in highball glasses with ice.

Closely associated with Danish Akvavit is the word "Skal" (pronounced "Skoal"). In Denmark we say "Skal" as our toast before drinking. The "Skal" tradition is known in many countries, but when drinking Danish Akvavit the following little "ritual" is considered the only right one to use:

1. Raise your glass, look your partner in the eyes – say "Skal".
2. Bottoms up.
3. – and raise your empty glass towards your partner.

We can trace the word "Skal" and the "Skal" ceremony all the way back to our distant ancestors, the Vikings. The word "Skal" itself also means a little bowl which the Vikings used for drinking, and according to legend the "Skal" ritual



Viking

came into existence to protect lives. The Vikings were always armed at their animated parties, and to avoid the risk of having their head cut off whilst drinking they always tried to catch their table-companions' eyes, and hold them while emptying the "Skal", thus diminishing the risk of being sliced up into bacon – a risk which was considerable in those days!!

Skal.

THE EAGLE

By Captain William Hole

They said, "Join the Army and see the world", but surely four countries in two months is overdoing it.

Hello, we are C Squadron, 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards or we will be if we ever stand still long enough. We took over from B Squadron The Blues and Royals on 24 January, almost two months earlier than expected and forecast, having just returned to England in November following a very successful two year tour in Northern Ireland, in the infantry role. The regimental Christmas present was to be told that part of the Squadron had been selected to continue to fulfill the role of the Scout Car Squadron of UNFICYP. Time was of the essence and thus the Squadron was recalled from home and set to. Holiday pots had to be run off, arms and bottoms had to be peppered with injections and all had to convert from our normal equipment of Cvr (T) Scorpions and Scimitars to the proved and trusted old Ferret Scout Car.

In Cyprus the UNFICYP Detachment, QDG, under the command of Captain William Hole, have been facing up to the new assignment. During February the troop serving the Swedish and Austrian Contingents has been 3rd Troop under 2Lt Dean de Spretter and Sgt McWilliams. They have been based at the British bungalow in Athienou. In addition to the daily patrols in support of the two sectors, the troop has been busy, assisted by the Quartermaster of Camp Polar, in repainting the interior of their accommodation and completely altering the appearance of the outside area with quantities of



gravel and some arduous spade work. The result has been a dramatic improvement in their living standards and a real feeling of achievement for the boys.

The other three sectors have had 6th Troop under Lt Arthur Napolitano and Sgt Malbon in support. They are based in Prince William Camp in the UNPA while patrolling Sectors Two and Four, and then move up to the British bungalow at Skouriotissa, from where three days are spent patrolling in support of the Danish Contingent. The recent rain and snow have restricted activity on the Western section of the track in this sector which, due to its mountainous nature, is difficult at the best of times and weathers.

At the beginning of March the troops will be changing ends of the island, thus giving them a change of scenery and personalities. To maintain interest and variety in their patrol tasks, it is intended that in future the Troops will change over on a two weekly basis. This will remain the pattern until the rest of the Squadron returns from the Beirut suburbs and at last gives us the opportunity to give the boys a break from the line.

The Command element of SHQ runs a twenty-four hour radio watch and acts

HAS LANDED

as the Squadron Guard room. There is an A and Q Troop seeing to our supply and administrative needs and our four-man MT section are kept at full stretch with the daily details and maintaining the B vehicle fleet. The first line maintenance of our Ferrets is affectively in the hands of the Troops themselves to help decrease the burden on our two non REME detachment.

So far we have had little opportunity to engage in much organised sporting activity but individuals have fared somewhat better; most notable has been Cpl Lovegrove of 6th Troop who has played with the Unicorns rugby team on several occasions and captained them in the final of the Keo Cup. Having the tennis and squash courts located in our lines has encouraged many of the soldiers to try their hand at these games.

To end, a few words of explanation: we recruit our soldiers from Wales and the Border Counties of Shropshire and Herefordshire, and are the only Welsh cavalry regiment in the British Army. The Regiment was formed by the amalgamation in 1959 of the two senior line cavalry regiments, the King's Dragoon Guards and the Queen's Bays, both of which were founded in June 1685. Our cap badge seen at the top of the page is the Imperial Hapsburg Eagle which we were granted when His Imperial Majesty, Emperor Franz-Josef I of Austria-Hungary became our first Colonel in Chief during the reign of Queen Victoria.

C Squadron, 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards looks forward to its interesting and demanding six months of peace-keeping operations here and in the Middle East.

THE REGIMENTAL BAND OF THE GRENADIER GUARDS

By Captain A Hamilton

Photographs by Sergeant J Harding

During February the Regimental Band of the Grenadier Guards are performing for DANCON, BRITCON, SWEDCON, and the UN Military Police. It is, therefore, currently of interest to reflect on the history of this famous Band while it is on tour with UNFICYP.

The Regiment bearing the proud title First or Grenadier Regiment of Footguards was raised in Flanders in 1656. The first mention of music in the Regiment is a Royal Warrant issued by King Charles II in 1685, the year of the birth of Bach and Handel authorising the maintenance of twelve Houtbois in the Kings Regiment of Footguards in London. He also instructed that a fictitious name should be borne on the strength of each of the other companies in the country so that these musicians might be granted higher pay!

The Regiment's music was gradually expanded by the addition of other instrumentalists. Three houtbois were added in 1699 and two French horns in 1725, according to the St James's Evening Post. Bugle horns costing £27 were added in 1772. By 1783 the band had attained that perfect balance of two oboes, two clarinets, two horns and two bassoons; a mere eight players but the strength of the Band increased rapidly in the latter part of the eighteenth century so that in 1794 it is recorded as comprising one flute, six clarinets, three bassoons, three horns, one trumpet, two serpents and Turkish music (this being Negro time-beaters who played the bass drum, cymbals and tambourine).

In the nineteenth century many notable changes took place as new instruments and techniques were invented; in 1848 the band listed two flutes, one piccolo,



The Band rehearses for one of its public duties

three Eb clarinets, eight Bb clarinets, three bassoons, four French horns, a family of trumpets, one althorn, three tambourines, two ophicleides and drums. Still later were added cornets, bass

euphonium, flugel horn and saxophones, and by 1858 the band must have sounded much as it does today.

The band in its long history has made tours abroad including -

USA and Canada	New Zealand
Australia	Holland
Italy and North Africa	Germany
Gibraltar	Switzerland

and many short visits to France and Belgium.

The present day strength of the band is sixty and from this number can provide a concert band, marching band, orchestra, dance band and a fanfare of trumpets.

Although the band is permitted to tour abroad to broadcast and make records and to undertake private engagements, its main function is still that of a Regimental Band and as such takes its part in State Occasions and Public Duties. These include the Queen's Birthday Parade (Trooping the Colour), the daily Guard Mounting Ceremony in the forecourt of Buckingham Palace, at Investitures, State Banquets, State Visits and other ceremonial occasions.



The Band played at the recent BRITCON medal parade

COMMISSIONER DESIGNATE VISITS AUSTCIVPOL

By Inspector Mark Anstee

Closely following the visit to UNFICYP in December 1982 of the Acting Commissioner, J C Johnson, the Com-



Photograph taken during the visit of Major-General Grey shows a wide representation of international police. From left to right, Chief Inspector S Ahlen (POLOPS, SWEDCIVPOL); Chief Superintendent H Carveth (Commander, AUSTCIVPOL); Mr H Logue (Australian Government liaison official to AFP); Major-General R A Grey DSO; Major D Turnbull (FPM UNFICYP) and Chief Superintendent J Kelly (AFP)

missioner (Designate) to the Australian Federal Police (AFP) Major-General R A Grey DSO visited UNFICYP and the Australian Civilian Police Contingent in January 1983. He was accompanied by high-ranking police administrators. During the visit the entourage met the acting Force Commander, Brigadier General C W Hewson CD.

The Commissioner Designate's appointment will be for a period of five years and follows a distinguished, active military career. Major-General Grey has served in Korea where he was twice wounded, and was mentioned in dispatches during service in Borneo. For service in South Vietnam he was awarded the DSO and the Vietnamese Cross for Gallantry with Palm.

He was promoted to Major-General and appointed Chief of Operations, Australian Army in June 1978. In August 1980 he took up appointment as General Officer Commanding, Field Force Command. In early 1983 Major-General Grey was awarded the Order of Australia (Gold Cross) for distinguished service in his field. This award is the highest order the Australian Government itself presents.

Now Major-General Grey takes on a crucial and challenging role where his proven leadership abilities are needed in a period of change and growth in Australia's national police force.



A Guard of Honour was held for Lieutenant General C H Belzile CMM, CD, on 3 February during his visit to the Canadian Contingent. General Belzile is Commander of Canadian Land Forces (Mobile Command).

UNFICYP SHOOTING COMPETITION

On 21 January Sector One hosted the first shooting competition in 1983. As a new feature of the competition the MP Company was allowed to use the Austrian rifle, and the rules of uniform during the events were slightly changed. The sector competition was very close. Only three points separated the first three teams in the overall event.

After the competition, the acting Force Commander, Brigadier General C W Hewson, presented the prizes.

Overall results were as follows:

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| 1. SWEDCON | 825 points |
| 2. MP COY | 822 points |
| 3. SECTOR 2 | 822 points |
| 4. SP REGT | 810 points |
| 5. DANCON | 789 points |
| 6. CANCON | 775 points |
| 7. AUSCON | 653 points |



Sergeant Winther from the MP Company, winner of the rifle competition, is presented with his prize by General Hewson.



A look at the Cyprus Rear Party to the Second Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

In addition to ensuring the welfare of the dependants of those serving in Cyprus, the Rear Party has been involved in training soldiers in advanced infantry skills. Shown above are drivers on the armoured personnel carrier drivers course receiving a briefing from their instructor, Master Corporal Jim Zelazny.



General Hewson presents the first prize to the overall winners from the Swedish Contingent.

MINI MILITARY SKILLS COMPETITION

The UNFICYP Military Police Company ran a mini Military Skills Competition in the UNPA on 14 January. Five teams from all detachments participated. The stands were mapreading and estimation of distance, driving, first aid, shooting and a forced march. The winning team came from Nicosia detachment and the MP men participating were: Sgt Snaith, SSgt Nurminen, Sgt Mellett and Sgt Winther.



From left to right: Sgt Winther, Sgt Snaith, Sgt Mellett and SSgt Nurminen.



On 9 February a wreath-laying ceremony took place at the Goshi monument. The AUSCON chaplain, Padre Gombotz, led the prayers and the ceremony was commanded by Captain Mulacz. Captain (retired) Izay, father of one of the victims of the 1974 incident, laid a bunch of flowers on this, his first visit, to the monument.



Sgt Karlsen and Cpl D'Sa take a break during the competition.

FIELD ARTISTES

Mr Arne Domnérus, one of the leading Swedish artistes and a living legend within Swedish jazz music, together with such celebrities as the guitar-player Rune Gustavsson, Arne Wilhelmsson on bass, Gunnar Svensson on the piano, singer Marie Dieke and singer/guitar-player Staffan Broms, visited SWEDCON for two weeks in February.

Many of the most distinguished artistes of Sweden serve actively in the defence of their nation – instead of being drafted for normal military service, as most Swedes are, they sign up to entertain different military units. Arne Domnérus and his group have possibly served more with Swedish UN battalions than any other group, having visited Cyprus several times and also, for instance, Sinai.

As well as performing at the camps of SWEDCON, the Swedish field artistes also performed at HQ in Nicosia, at AUSCON in Famagusta, and gave a public performance at the American Academy in Larnaca.

The photo was taken during the group's performance at Camp Madeleine.



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BRITCON MEDAL PARADE

Photograph by Sergeant Frank Voice



Scene from the Medal Parade, which took place on 18 February at Nicosia Airport (presently unused). United Nations medals were presented by the Force Commander, Major General G G Greindl.



CANCON MEDAL PARADE

Photograph by Private R Kazakoff

The Canadian Contingent's Medal Parade was held on 8 February, 1983, during the visit of the Countess Mountbatten of Burma CD, JP, DL. The Countess assisted the Force Commander, Major General G G Greindl, in the presentation of UN medals to members of the Canadian Contingent.