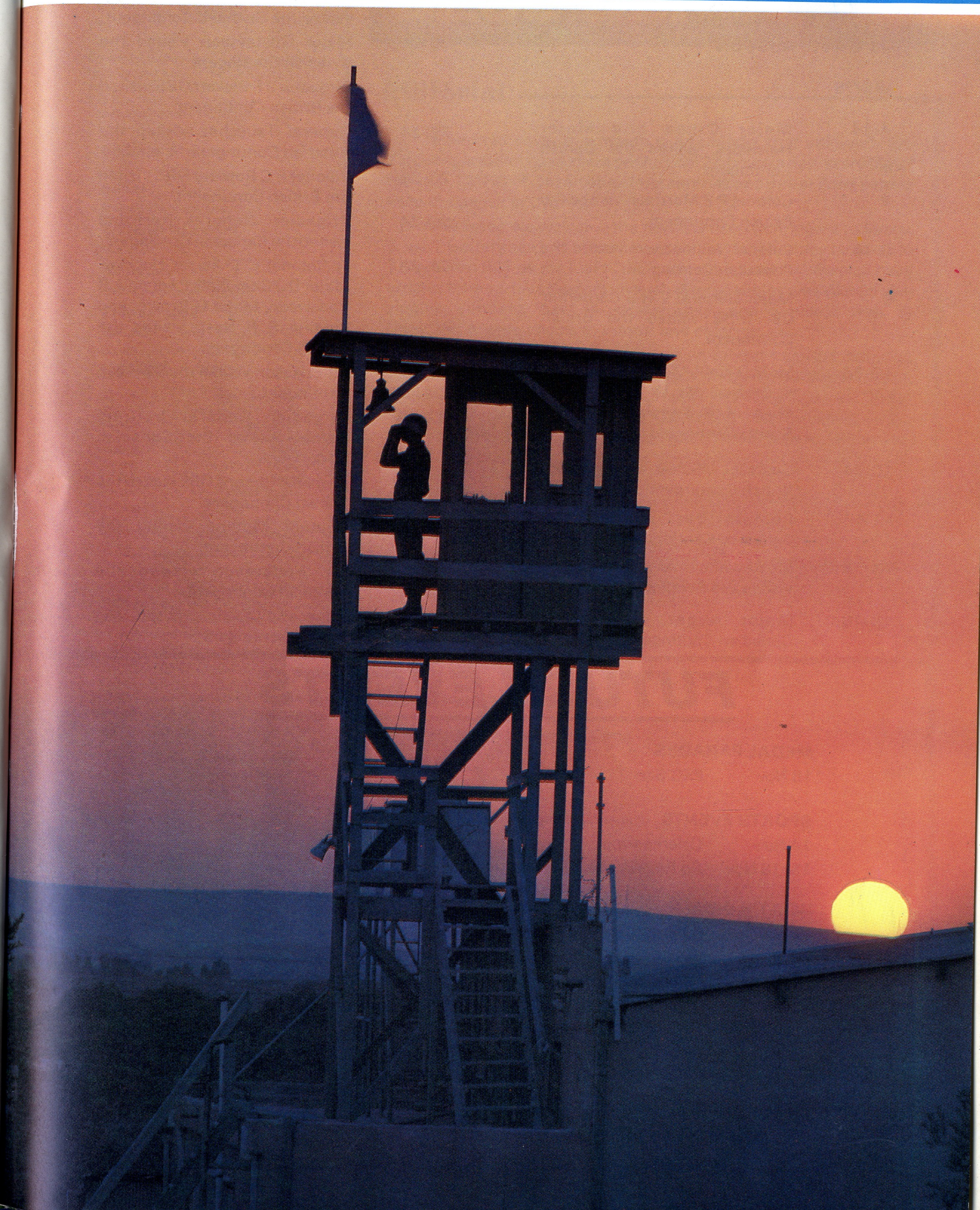


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# OCTOBER IN RETROSPECT

## ROTATIONS

3-17 SWEDCON  
28-5 Nov. AUSCON

## VISITS

4-14	Major Olsen and Major Hejselbak visited the Danish Contingent.	16-22	Major Wanseth and Captains Aronsson and Hjarlkarsson visited the Swedish Contingent.
7	Colonel P E Morrison visited the British Contingent.	16-24	Major Gustavsson visited the Swedish Contingent.
8-16	Colonel Vaillancourt visited the Canadian Contingent.	17-19	Brigadier J F Rickett OBE visited the British Contingent.
9	Major General V H J Carpenter CB, MBE visited the British Contingent.	19-24	General Tauschitz visited the Austrian Contingent.
10-17	Mr M O'Neill, Mr L McCullen, Mr N Crozier, Mr W Chittick and Major K R Kench visited the British Contingent.	20-23	Colonel R C Rothery OBE visited the British Contingent.
10-24	Captain Wisner visited the British Contingent.	20-24	Brigadier General Bertrand visited the Canadian Contingent.
13-16	Captain Best visited the Canadian Contingent.	21-26	Lt Colonel C D Farrar-Hockley, Major D J Campbell, Captain A B Robertson, Major G Brown, and Captain R H Nash visited the British Contingent.
14-18	Mr Rowander and Mr Freeman visited the Swedish Contingent.	21-24	Mr Eriksson visited the Swedish Contingent.
15-18	Major Auger visited the Canadian Contingent.	22-25	Brigadier General (retired) Turner visited the Canadian Contingent.
		24-28	Brigadier Jebens OBE visited the British Contingent.
		24-7/11	Captain Mullins visited the British Contingent.
		30-2/11	Mr Andersson visited the Swedish Contingent.
		31-28/11	Reverend Craig visited the British Contingent.

# FUTURE EVENTS

## MEDAL PARADES

16 Nov FSC Sqn

## SPORTS EVENTS

14 Nov Orienteering  
18-19 Nov Sp Regt Squash Competition

## WHAT'S ON in Nicosia in November

11 Nov BRITCON Variety Show - Municipal Theatre  
19 - At the British Council 4 films on the paintings of Francis Bacon, Turner, Visions of William Blake, some paintings from the National Gallery.  
20 - at the American Center, "Rear Window" starring Grace Kelly and James Stewart starting at 7.30 p.m.

For Your Diary

UN Pantomime on 19, 20 and 21 December.  
UN Carol Service on 23 December.

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## Editorial

The front cover this month is a reminder that ultimately the Force depends on its soldiers on the line. 24 hours a day, every day of the year, UNFICYP Observation Post sentries and Buffer Zone patrols keep the peace in Cyprus.

In this issue we welcome the new Swedish Contingent to Sector 5, see F Battery settling in to line west of Sector 4 and say farewell to 1 Squadron RCT as the UNFICYP Transport Squadron. We also have articles from various Sectors on such diverse subjects as Water Polo, singing, running, beef (Australian style) and a wife's view of UNFICYP. A wide choice to inform and entertain you.

Finally on the back page we quote an extract from the inspiring speech which Mr Brian Urquhart made at the recent British Medal Parade. Mr Urquhart is soon to retire from his post as Under Secretary General for Special Political Affairs ("Mr Peacekeeper") in New York after 40 years service to the United Nations. We are all grateful for the work that he has done and wish him well for the future.

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## SPONSORED RUN FOR PEACE

By: 2Lt AWM Bridge

Photography by: Cpl A Greatorex



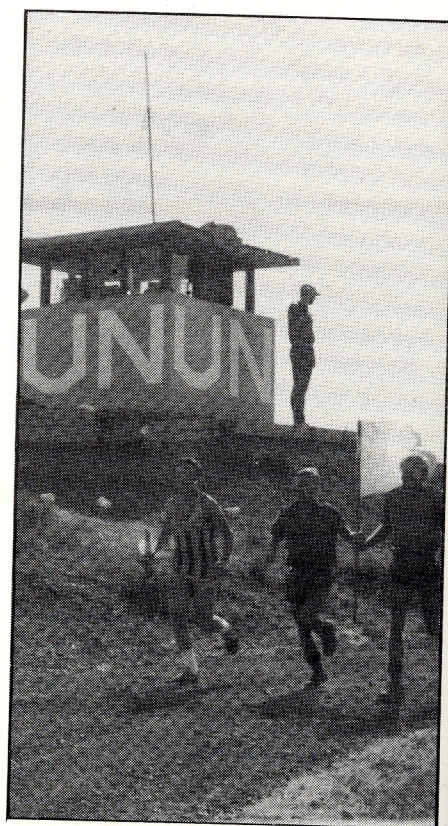
Ready, steady, GO - D11.



Chain of Command run the final leg in from B19.

Apart from speed the sponsored run aimed to make as much money for two orphans homes chosen by the Chief Humanitarian Officer in North and South Nicosia respectively. Though the final total is not available, as money is still coming in, we hope to raise over C£600, thanks to the

generosity of sponsors and OP's along the route. We think that this will make a good start to the "Year of Peace" and we will encourage our successors to take up the challenge and hopefully raise more money for these two worthwhile charities.



Gosh! these flags are heavy.

## SINGER MEETING in Skouriotissa Camp

By: J L Nyholm, OC B-Coy DANCON 43



Besides many operational, logistic and administrative tasks carried out by UN — soldiers in Cyprus — there's one thing which is as important as solving these tasks/problems — namely: all UN nationalities coming together and getting to know and understand each other better. There are many possibilities for this at exchanges, meetings and social arrangements.

In B-COY/DANCON in Skouriotissa a new way has been introduced (among the social ones). The Company called a SINGER MEETING at the Officers/NCOs CLUB in Skouriotissa Camp. 5 Officers and 5 NCOs from one Company in each sector were invited — and

most of the invited soldiers showed up.

The PMC, after having taught the participants how to eat the Danish "smorrebrod" (open sandwiches), and especially after having introduced and several times rehearsed — what and how to answer the PMC question: "Har alle faet schnaps?" (Has everyone got the schnaps?), he officially opened the dinner.

Many interruptions and quite a few fines were necessary to keep the singers in their chairs and handling their glasses in a sober and proper way.

After the dinner, and after more or less successful rehearsals, the different national singing teams gave their performances which,

from an artistic point of view, were changing from awful — passing sober — until beautiful (Canadian Sergeant Major and the Irish Ten professional singers).

The formal part of the SINGER MEETING ended with all choirs singing together the AULD LANG SYNE. Arm in arm — with national brotherhood and togetherness, we were standing on the chairs waving accordingly.

The evening (night) ended up with different solo and minor groups attempt take over the initiative. No one succeeded.

Only united — on duty or being social — are we able to succeed.

Thanks to all United Nations Singers.



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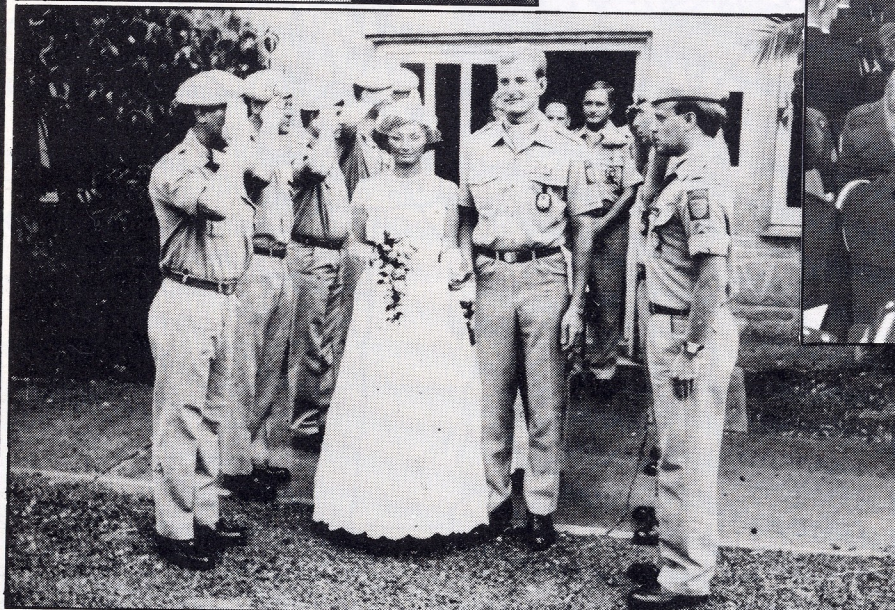
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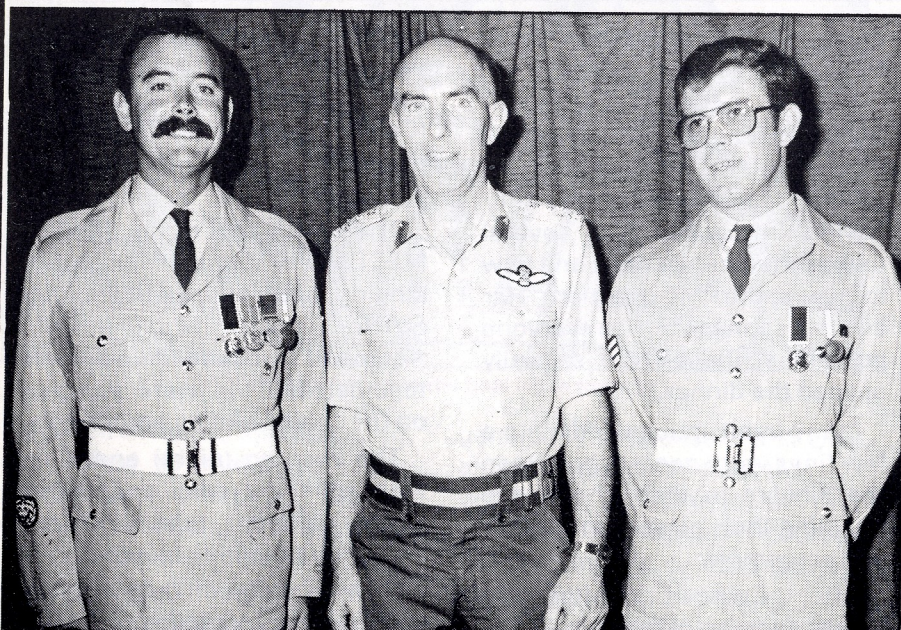
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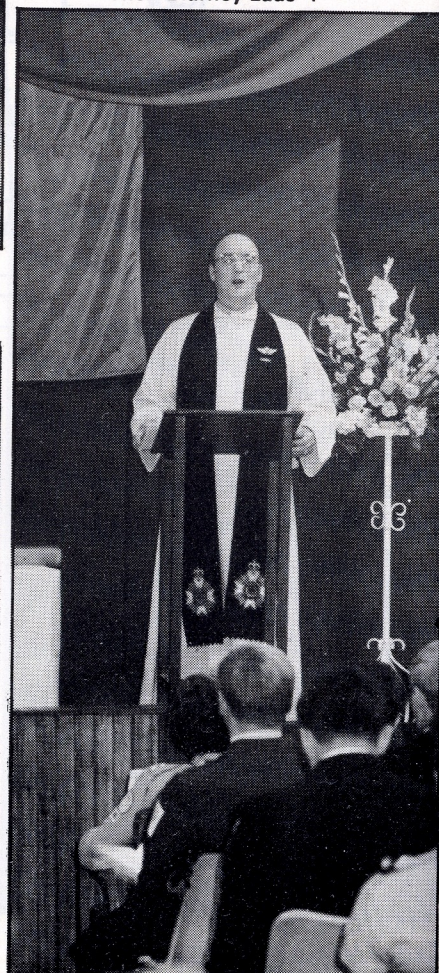
The "Blarney Lads".



Congratulations - to the Swedish MP Dan Pettersson and his wife, Svetlana Loncar. Their marriage took place in St Michaels Church. The Swedish Chaplain, Capt Jan-Olle Wikstrom, wished the two all good - and so do we.



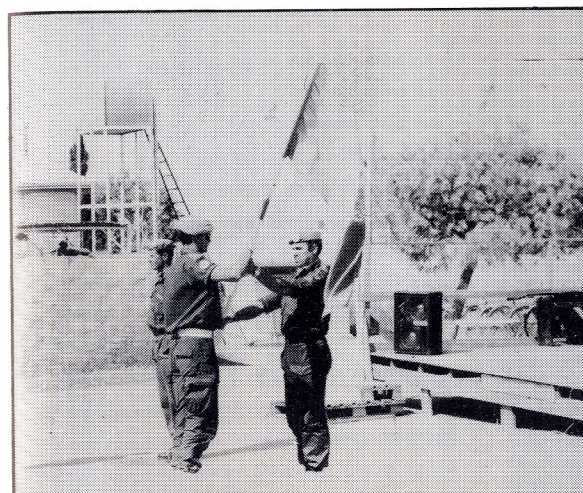
Long Service and Good Conduct Medal presented by Brig C F Jebens OBE to WO2 (AQMS) J Fenwick BEM and S/Sgt J Brown both of REME.



Sector 4 Padre.

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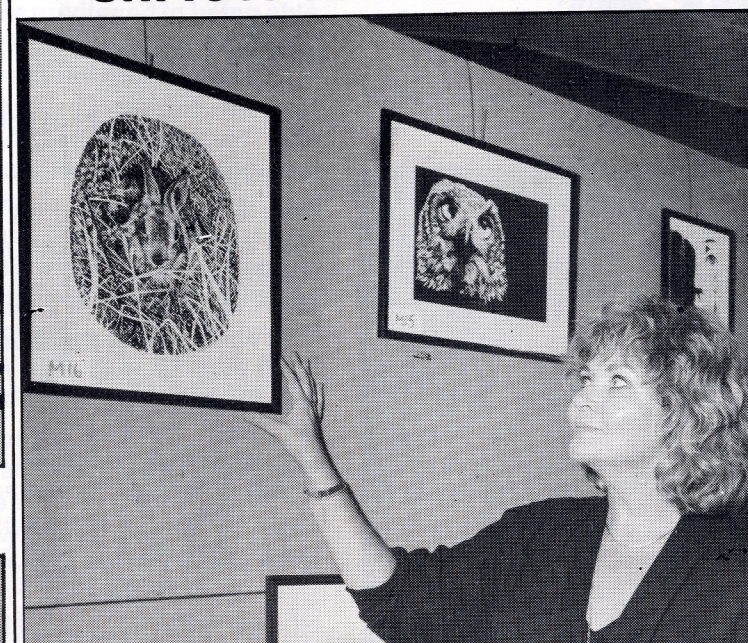
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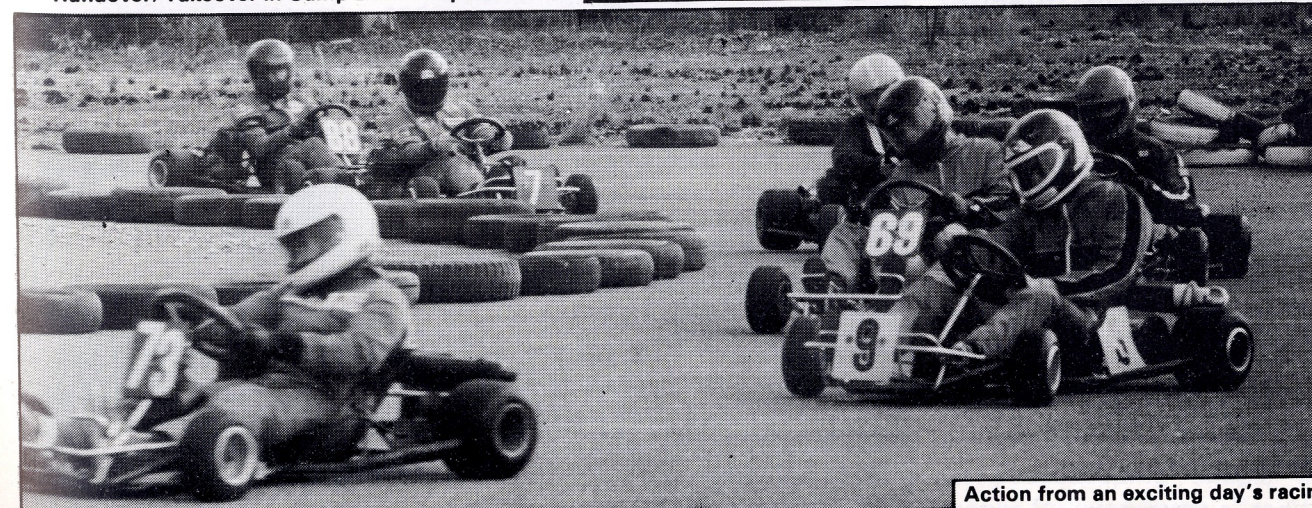
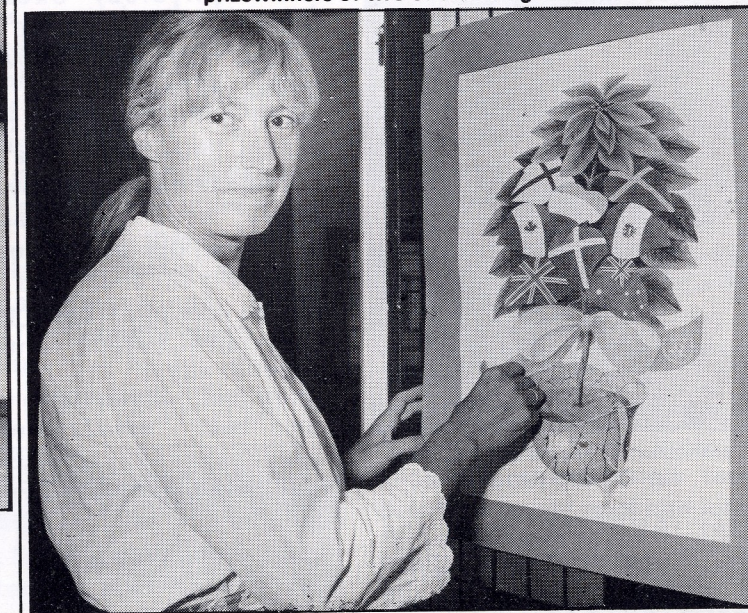
1 Oct was a historical day at Camp Victoria. Then battalion 87 C took over the responsibility for Sector 5. Here LtCol Sune Larsson receives the banner.



LtCol DORFMEISTER (CO/Sec Six Nov 83 - Nov 84), LtCol BRANDNER, CO/Sec Six, Nov 84 - o2 Nov 85 and LtCol MACHLY, CO/Sec Six designated during Handover/Takeover in Camp Duke Leopold V.



Mrs Faye Brophy (above) and Mrs Gerda Prikovitsch (below) prizewinners of two of the categories.



Action from an exciting day's racing.

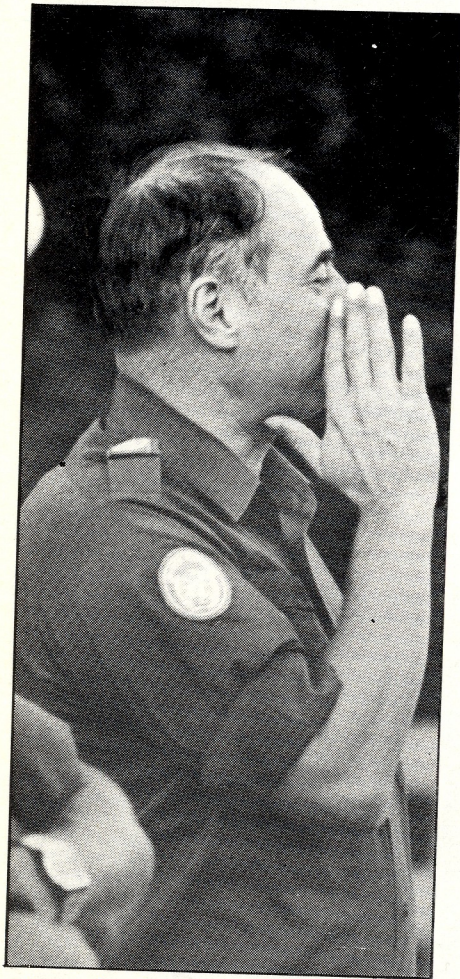




## AUSCON "TOTAL REVENGE" IN WATERPOLO

By: 1/Lt J. Hartig

Photography by: Cpl G. List



An enthusiastic spectator: FC Maj Gen GG GREINDL.

After AUSCON won the UNFICYP—waterpolo—competition and another game against the QUEENS DRAGOON GUARDS, there was planned a long desired revenge from BRITCON against the AUSTRIANS to see them lose at least once.

So on Friday afternoon on 4 October the AUSTRIANS took the challenge to play against an "All Star Team" from BRITCON. By the presence of Force Commander Maj. Gen. GG GREINDL and Chief of Staff Brig. P. R. DUCHESNE and other VIP's from the Force you may evaluate of what importance this kind of revenge was.

"What is waterpolo" — most

people even don't know exactly how waterpolo is played, not even mentioning the rules. Let's give a short explanation: It's been said, that waterpolo is the most brutal sport even tougher than rugby or icehockey. Just 1/10 of the body is seen by the spectators, everything else happens under water-surface. Referees are happy to punish even two from ten fouls, which are caused under the water-surface. Players change their colour sometimes like a chameleon, getting red from their physical exertions, becoming blue from the lack of oxygen, changing to yellow, when kicked in the kidneys, getting white and pale even by the best suntan, when receiving a blow to the stomach and green by getting angry with your partners, whenever the ball is lost in a promising situation and it takes you all your effort again to swim back and defend until you progress again.

This is just a short excerpt from a sport that's only for tough and well-trained men. If somebody doesn't believe, please join the training of AUSCON—waterpolo—team, we always lack enough sparring partners.

But back to the game, the AUSTRIANS won 12 : 1 against the "All Star Team" and that showed a high standard and an excellent performance under the team captain 1/Lt SENN, who was responsible for the most goals and the relative high scoring.

A very close game Brig. P. R. DUCHESNE stated, when the game was finished and the Austrians were invited for a drink to his house. By the way Chief of Staff always has excellent cold beers at his home and the Austrian waterpolo team says thanks for the honourable invitation.

1/Lt A. SENN, UNFICYP's top scorer.



## THE UN - ONE WIFE'S VIEW

By: Mrs Jill Carlisle

Although we're a mixed bunch, the U.N. wives, originating from the U.K., Ireland, Sweden, Austria, Finland, Denmark and Australia and Canada, we Brits dominate numerically. And for us, a posting to U.N. Nicosia is not essentially very different from other overseas postings. Most of us have lived abroad before, become accustomed to other nationalities and languages around us, to the N.A.A.F.I. and Y.M.C.A., to "funny money", I.D. cards, idiosyncratic driving, quaint quarters, local cuisines, cheap alcohol and even decent weather. So what's special about Cyprus?

First, the weather. Complain if you dare — you deserve to be banished to England's eternal gloom. The blue of the sky is very special and can cheer you up whenever you really notice it. The people are special — always friendly and hospitable, issuing invitations to their homes, churches and festivals. The place is very special: snow-topped pines and sun-dazzling snowdrifts on the Troodos mountains; Spring's colours (not just poppies, crown daisies, anemones and cyclamen, but actual green grass too) and summer's haze of parched earth and clear, turquoise and silver seas. There are endless interesting places to visit — any guide book will direct you — and so we have no excuse for being home-bound and bored.

We know that Cyprus is special, but is life with the U.N. really different from a posting with the British Army to one of the Sovereign Base Areas? We have a multinational peace-keeping force in a very tense region, but life in the married quarters could hardly be more relaxed and harmonious. Numerous activities thrive and an informal atmosphere encourages good participation, regardless of rank, age, status

and nationality.

We are privileged in being able to travel freely around the island to many of the most spectacular and beautiful locations. Most of us take advantage of the souvenirs, like onyx, copper and hand-made pottery. We can witness the predominantly village lifestyle in the rural areas, which contrasts sharply with the development boom in tourist centres and thus have a more complete view of life on the island. We also learn to appreciate the complexities and bureaucracy of a divided island, as evidenced at the Ledra Palace checkpoint, with its vast administrative force.

All the nationalities seem to enjoy living in close contact with each other and sampling foreign customs at social gatherings and in everyday life. But what do the non-British wives really think? Most of them seem to love it. What do they miss from home? Like all of us, they miss family, friends, gardens and grass most of all. Some miss fresh, drinkable tap water without chemical flavourings. What else? "The laundry room, the Vegemite, the health shops" said the Australians. "Flat irons and dishwashers" said one Austrian lady. "Forests, lakes and rain", said many of the Scandinavians. And Swedes, Danes, Finns and Austrians alike lamented the absence of dark, wholegrain bread. So maybe someone should start producing it — the demand is there!

Like us, they love the weather, the beaches, the friendly people. Other favourites are goats, eucalyptus trees, kebabs, the fruit, the "many different languages all called English"! Somebody likes the "fancy dresses of the Officers", whilst other popular features include brandy sours, sheftalia, lizards, chameleons, hibiscus and bougainvillea. And I'm sure the Brits aren't the only ones who love to have Dad around in the

afternoons (even if exhausted from his mornings work!)

And what about dislikes? The drivers! Having to drive on the wrong side of the road, being hooted at, traffic lights being ignored, bollards! The insects seem to be generally loathed, particularly the giant ants and the ubiquitous tiddly ones, but also the spiders and speeding mosquitos. Some Scandinavians also dislike the mangy wild cats and dogs from the bondu. Finally, although we British military wives realise that life here is much more relaxed than an average Army posting, many of our U.N. neighbours find it surprisingly formal and hierarchical. What would they make of Aldershot, I wonder?

I'm leaving Cyprus shortly after two marvellous years, and can't wait to return. It's been a really healthy and active time, with endless opportunities, particularly for sports enthusiasts. Where else do you have perfect conditions for such a range of activities as ski-ing, windsurfing, water ski-ing, sailing, snorkelling, hiking, golf, flat and hill running, walking and cycling? On base there are excellent squash and tennis courts, a lovely pool and lots of activities, with Mess functions, coffee mornings, bingo, whilst, toddlers groups and classes in a variety of subjects from academic to practical and recreational. There are great opportunities to travel abroad, to Egypt, Israel and other parts of the Middle East.

So, in conclusion, although the U.N. has a very complex administrative and logistic situation to cope with in keeping two neighbours at peace, most of the wives and families are glad they're here and we wouldn't have missed this experience for anything. Carry on peacekeeping chaps, and thanks for everything. "





SVERIGE



## TRAINING IN SNOW - DUTY IN SUN

By: Lt Joran Svahnstrom

Photos: by Unit Photographer



This is the new Swedish Commander, Lt Col Sune Larsson, who leads 87 C in Sector 5.

It is told before — the story about leaving home for UN—duty in Cyprus. But for the Swedes it's maybe the biggest change-over. We leave our cold (it really is) country and start working in warm, sunny Cyprus. Now it's done again. A rotation — 86 C has gone home and 87 C is now on duty.

It all started last winter with training at the UN-school in Almnäs, south of Stockholm. From all over our country they came — officers, soldiers, specialists — and girls, of course!

The snow was there and it was perhaps a bit difficult to understand what an OP would be like, without the snow... OK, now we are here and the new Commander, Lt Col Sune Larsson, took over responsibility on 1

October at 10.00 a.m. The rotation was completed on 24 October.

We ask Lt Col Larsson to tell the story of his life! "I was born in the southern part of Sweden, Skåne, 48 years ago. After my school time, in Västergötland, I've done most of my military duty in Stockholm — Norrtälje. I have also been working for a long time in Norrland, in a town called Luleå. I think my military career is rather traditional".

Is it an old dream to serve in Cyprus?

"Yes, I would say so. I have served here once before and then I saw what the chief was doing. I decided I would try to come back — and now I'm here and it feels good".

We have a motto which in Latin says *Viribus Pro Pace Unitis*. Will you please explain to the readers of the Blue Beret what it means and the thoughts behind the motto?

"It means: With united forces for peace. It is the aim in our land, in different ways, to work for peace, all over the world".

Maybe the most important thing here is to be a OP—soldier. If you had that service, how would you spend your time in Cyprus?

"This duty is the most important thing. You must know what to do

100% of the time. But when I have the opportunity I shall travel around this beautiful island. The culture is important, so is the sun and bathing. I would like to be an active soldier — all the time".

But when the winter comes, will it not be boring here?

"No, I don't think so. You must remember that the winter in Cyprus is like spring or summer in Sweden. But you have to be active, as I told you before. The Personnel Branch will make programmes I hope everyone will enjoy. We also have the big celebrations, Christmas, New Year and, of course, our own Medal Parade in February".

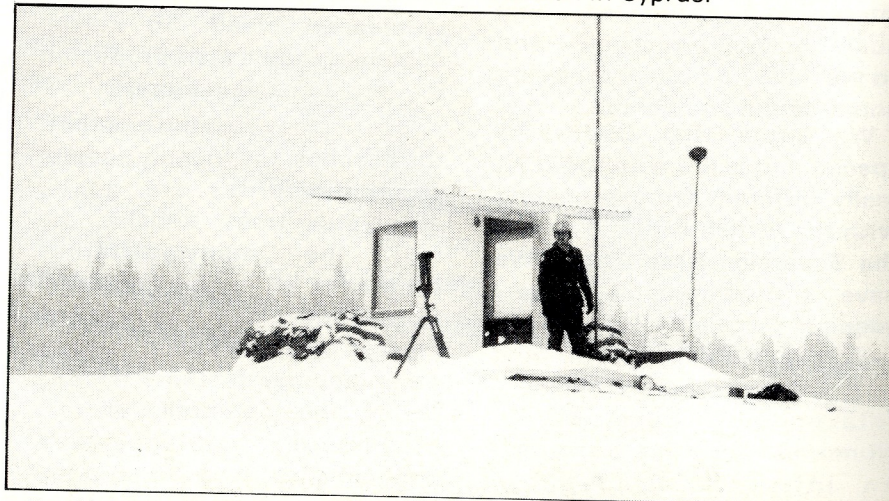
There are a lot of rules in the life of the UN. Do you really think it's necessary?

"Yes, I do. We must follow all the rules. There are many nations serving here — that is something we must remember. We can't have our own rules, we are now members of a big family which must function".

If there will be any leave for you, what will you do?

"First of all I will see more of this lovely island. I also have a dream to go to Israel and Damascus. We will see...".

Lt Col Sune Larsson ends up with a wish that 87 C will be successful in the peacekeeping mission in Cyprus.



No, this is not an OP in the salt lake in Larnaca. It is a Swedish training OP, back home. And it is snow around the soldier!



## UNFICYP TRANSPORT SQUADRON

"I SQUADRON RCT  
MARCHING TEAM"

"Time and tide waiteth for no man" is an old English saying which basically means that just as you start to enjoy yourself and get in the swing of things, it is time to pack up and go home again. Such is the case for ourselves. In no time at all we have gone from being pale skinned and inexperienced to being tanned

veterans of the Cypriot highways.

At the end of our tour on 30 November 1985 we will have covered around 1,120,000 miles in support of UNFICYP both operationally and recreationally. I won't embarrass anyone by breaking the categories down, but I will say it has been our pleasure to serve you as best we can. For

the benefit of our successors may I dispel a few popular myths — we only ever have a maximum of four coaches at any one time, we do not have any cars, and even drivers in the Royal Corps of Transport enjoy a weekend off now and again. The ones who drive your recreational transport usually end up working seven days each week.

During our tour we have been busy at work and have adopted the "have a go" spirit at play. The Squadron has been represented at most sports and at all the mandatory UNFICYP competitions with varying degrees of success. The Marching Team participated in both Cape Greco and DANCON Marches, being easily recognisable during the latter by the Squadron and Union Flags flying over their heads. If those of you who photographed them would put the modelling fee in a plain brown envelope in the usual place...

It just remains for me to bid you all farewell and thank you for your friendship. Please receive our successors, 66 Squadron RCT with the same hospitality you so kindly extended to us.

## A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

### SAFE AND SKILLED DRIVING COMPETITION



From left to right: Dvr B Drury, L/Cpl P Cornick, Dvr S Palmer, Dvr P Cooney, Dvr I McQuade. These trophies were not for the "Fender Bender of" the year competition.



Sgt Morris of Tpt Sqn officiating at one on the stages.





## F BTY

In Sector Four, two distinctive units work side by side. This month we feature the impressions of F Battery Second Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery.

F Battery has now been in Cyprus for more than a month. It's hard to believe. It seems like only yesterday that we were boarding an aircraft in Ottawa, when actually we have completed nearly one sixth of our tour. How time flies when you are having fun!

F Battery began their take-over of Line West in Sector Four on 28 August, the day our advance party landed in Larnaca. Soon after landing, F Battery's twenty-eight member advance party was transported to Nicosia, along with the remainder of 2RCHA's advance party. Over the next two weeks they proceeded to learn all the in's and outs of their new area. Special thanks go to the officers and men of 3e Bn, R22eR, who were so helpful during our handover.

On 10 September, the first plane load of 2 RCHA's main body arrived in Larnaca. Three days later the last load of 2 RCHA soldiers arrived.

With F. Battery fully on the ground, we set about adapting to our new surroundings. The intense heat was the first factor which had to be overcome. The heat combined with the customary jet-lag which follows after many hours of travel made our first couple of days very uncomfortable indeed. Of course the people who suffered the most were those line soldiers who pulled a shift only a few hours after arriving.

I think many of us Canadians were struck by the barren land we travelled through to get to Nicosia.

# F BATTERY AT A GLANCE

By: Lt D. G. Jenness

Photos by: Unit Photographer



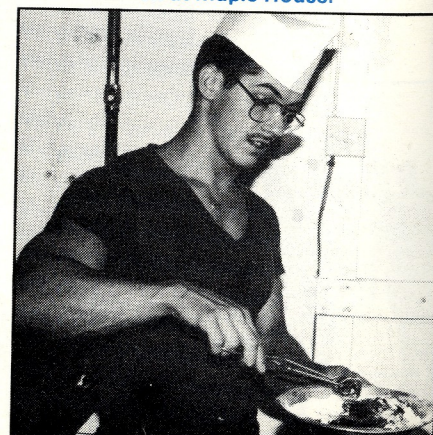
"It's Miller Time. Gnr Ryan and Pte Hendrickson return from a patrol."

It proved to be a startling contrast to the richness of Ontario's landscape. By now however, some members of F Battery have had the opportunity to see more than the strip of land bordering "UN road" and the reports we receive from them indicate there is more to Cyprus than barren windswept ground. In fact, some of the finest beaches we Canucks have ever seen are here on Cyprus. And for history buffs what more could you ask for? This island has played an important role in the history of this area of the world and that history is recorded virtually everywhere you look around the island.

F Battery occupies the western half of the United Nations Buffer Zone in Nicosia. The eastern half of the "Line" is occupied by 3 Commando, Canadian Airborne Regiment. F Battery, Commanded by Major Peter J. Kramers, is what you might call an interesting assortment of "odds and sods". The basic infra-structure of F Battery is provided by E Battery (Para), 2 RCHA. Over 1/4 of F Battery personnel come to us from E Battery. The remaining 3/4 of F Battery come from D Battery and Regimental Headquarters Battery, 2 RCHA, 3 Commando and from various Militia units. Funnily enough, we have even been augmented by a "non-Colonial". Great Britain's contribution to F Bty comes in the form of our Battery Operations Officer, Captain David A. Pointet (RA).

Our soldiers have now fully settled into their new jobs as keepers of the peace in Cyprus. They are now accustomed to the spit and polish involved in manning an OP and each briefing they give to visitors smacks of confidence and professionalism. F Battery does not believe in all work and no play however. While the weather remains good you can expect to see F Battery soldiers exploiting their 24 hour and 48 hour passes to the fullest by partaking in the sun, the sea and the surf. We also have a competitive side to our character which we intend to demonstrate in future sporting events. Be it on the beach, the soccer pitch or manning an OP on The Line there is one thing that is certain; F Battery may only exist as a unit for six months but that six months will not be wasted. We will put 100 percent into all that we do and make this tour of Cyprus one that we will remember for many years.

Pte Maynard cooks up dinner for the men at Maple House.



# INTERNATIONAL COOKBOOK



## TRADITIONAL AUSTRALIAN RECIPE - CORNED BEEF-

By Joint Authors  
Rhonda Martin and  
Sgt John Holroyd

**BACKGROUND:** For many years people living in remote northern regions of Australia were required to make extensive use of canned and dried food. The purpose of this was to overcome lack of refrigeration space. Often there were great distances which people were required to travel in order to reach shops and stores providing fresh food. Much of north Australia is tropical, with weather patterns consisting of two seasons, a "wet" and a "dry" season. During the "wet" season, many roads are impassable for months and communities become isolated.

On cattle stations (known as ranches or farms in other countries) in north Australia, cattle killing day is an event. The best bullock for killing is selected. The joke amongst cattle station people is that they never eat their own beef. Therefore the best stray bullock belonging to a neighbouring property or the best from a drover's mob is frequently selected.

After slaughter the meat is carefully removed from the killer and placed on clean eucalypt leaves which have been placed on the back of the station truck. This will help avoid contamination to the meat from dust and flies. The spare ribs and liver are sent to the kitchen for immediate use. Often some of the ribs are cooked immediately by the stockmen helping with the butchering. As you can imagine there is a very large amount of meat and often a shortage of adequate refrigeration. The meat which cannot be refrigerated is processed as follows:



### HOW TO COOK SALT BEEF:

#### INGREDIENTS

- 4 lb Salt Beef
- 2 lb onions
- 4 potatoes
- 4 large carrots
- 1 tablespoon Vinegar
- 1 tablespoon honey
- or brown sugar

In a large saucepan, bring to the boil 2 or 3 quarts of water to which has been added the vinegar and honey and salt beef. Simmer for 2 or 3 hours. If the meat is very salty the water will need changing with fresh water. When the meat is cooked, place the whole peeled vegetables into the water with the meat and allow to simmer until tender. Remove when cooked and set aside. Turn off the heat and let meat stand in the hot water for 20 minutes. Remove from the water, slice and serve with the cooked vegetables. Mustard is a great accompaniment. The cooked cold meat goes well with salad and on sandwiches. It is traditionally served with boiled cabbage.

A small amount of saltpetre is added to a large quantity of coarse salt. The meat is cut up into pieces no thicker or larger, than a Cyprus telephone directory. Strips about 1 1/2 inches deep and about 3 inches apart are cut into the meat and the coarse salt mixture is rubbed into the strips and all over each piece of the meat. The meat is placed onto a wooden bench to dry. For several days a mixture of blood, salt and water will ooze from the drying meat. About 12 hours after the first application of salt, the meat should have further salt rubbed into it. After about four days the meat will develop a white dry crust of salt. This crust will keep the meat free from damage from flies or other insects. The meat will remain edible for up to a year or longer and will dry as hard as a piece of timber.

Most butchers sell salt beef which is fresh beef that has been pumped and soaked in a solution of brine. It is usually sold as Silverside or Brisket.



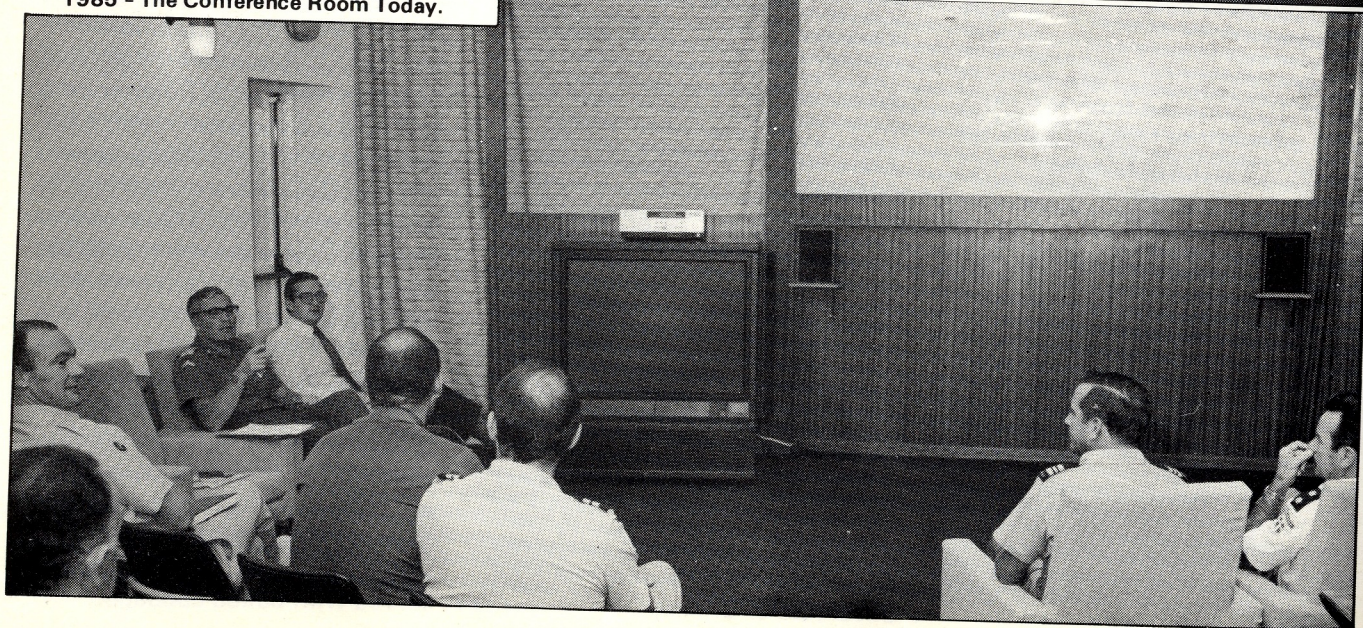
**PAST AND PRESENT**

1964 An Early Conference.

1974 - Ceasefire Negotiations.



1985 - The Conference Room Today.

**UNFICYP BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS****- OCT 85**

SWEDCON, The Winning Team.

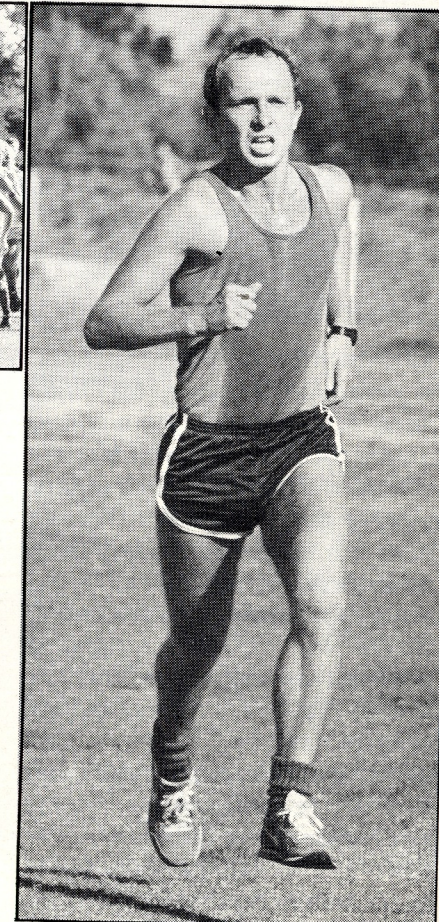
Action from the Final.  
CANCON v SWEDCON. SWEDCON won 26-20.

**UNFICYP CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS - OCT 85**

The Start.



CANCON - The winning team with the Commanding Officer and RSM.



Lt Reitbrauer, AUSCON, the individual winner of the UNFICYP Cross Country Championships.





# UN NEWS



## KEEPING PEACE IN THE WORLD

### Extracts from Mr Brian Urquhart's Speech at the BRITCON Medal Parade - 11 October 1985



On the 40th Anniversary of our organization, just as in real life on ones' 40th birthday, there comes a time for reflection and also for criticism of the role which we are playing and I must say that we have not been short of criticism, we have plenty of it, I am all for it. I think that people who are strong thrive on criticism, that is provided we remember that the United Nations is the ship, the fragile vessel, which the governments built forty years ago in order to navigate the storms and floods of the future, and it is therefore, foolish, as some critics do, to blame the ship for all of the storms and the disasters it is trying to navigate, but once that is

said, let us welcome the criticism and make good use of it. Certainly the current state of the world is no grounds for complacency and if any of us were in any doubt of that, I think the events of the last week would certainly refute the last evidence of complacency altogether, but that is the reason why we, in the United Nations, and all the governments who are members of it should redouble our efforts to try to make things work better. It is not a reason for giving up and I think that every now and then we should pause also to allow ourselves to take a little pride in the things that have been done and in the things that have been a success and Peace-keeping in Cyprus is very definitely one of these successes.

It is a very solid contribution not only for peace in this beautiful Island, but to international peace as well because Cyprus is also an important and sensitive international problem. In fact, Peace-keeping, the great experiment in which you all are taking part is, in my view, a very important and very promising instrument of peace for the future. I think we can all be proud to be pioneers in this new way of using military forces in a non violent role. To be soldiers without enemies. There are altogether too many people in the world today who have got into the habit of trying to shoot their way out of all difficulties.

This shooting ones way out looks good on the television or in the movies, but it doesn't work at all well in real life, and especially, it doesn't work in the world which we live in today. We need very desperately an alternative to that tendency to shoot ones way out

and therefore, what you do here is important not only for Cyprus, but it is also very important in a much wider context. It is extremely easy to criticize the United Nations, it is much harder to make it work but no reasonable person living in our age of nuclear weapons, or in grotesque levels of highly sophisticated and destructive armaments, can possibly doubt that in some way the world organization for peace must be made to work. This is an inter-dependant world whether we like it or not. We shall either prosper or we shall perish together. There must be a forum where all peoples and all governments can meet and, we hope, eventually can cooperate, and that forum for want of anything better is the United Nations. Everyone needs it. All of you here in UNFICYP are an essential part of this great task. You are in the words of your Commander, fair, firm and friendly. What a magnificent example that is in a troubled world. Of course here in Cyprus you provide the effort, the setting for the effort, to solve this very complex problem, and I think there could be no better or more noble task for soldiers. As one who has been intimately connected with UNFICYP ever since we set it up 21 years ago, I congratulate the Force Commander and all of you on an essential job well done and once again I congratulate all ranks who have taken part in this magnificent parade. Let us soldier on for peace. Thank You.

