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SEPTEMBER IN RETROSPECT

ROTATIONS

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VISITS

6—13 Lt Col R E Greenfield, Major L W Adkins and CWO K S Fife visited the Canadian Contingent.

6—13 Lt Col C B Brockmeyer visited the Danish Contingent.

7—15 Cmdre F W Crickard and a party of four visited the Canadian Contingent.

9 Brigadier D J London OBE ADC visited the British Contingent.

9—16 Major E White spent one week with the British Contingent.

10—13 Maj Gen J J Dunn and Lt Col J E P C Blais visited the Canadian Contingent.

13—23 Lt Cols Lundbeck and Bilker and party visited the Swedish Contingent.

14 Maj Gen Nygren and Lt Col L Carlandere visited the Swedish Contingent.

14 Lt Col D M W Elliott RAOC visited UNFICYP.

14—16 Major O C Rasmussen visited UNFICYP.

14—30 A Customs pre-clearance team visited the Canadian Contingent.

FUTURE EVENTS

11—16: Cyprus International Tennis Tournament organised by the Cyprus Tennis Federation, to be held at the Field Club Clay Courts, Nicosia. Events: Men's singles and doubles for players under 21 years of age.

13: "The Ancient Ship of Kyrenia with Captain, Sailors Three", the award-winning CBC/National Geographic film to be shown at the American Centre, Nicosia at 7.30 pm.

15—16 Lt Gen Sir Edward Burgess KCB OBE and Lady Burgess visited the British Contingent.

16—23 Major S M P Stewart QDG visited UNFICYP.

18 A Finnish spiritual music group made an overnight stop while in transit to UNDOF.

20—23 Col K Budik and Lt Col G Fuehrer visited the Austrian Contingent.

21—30 Sgt W Harker, MCpl D Mackenzie and Cpl J Rainville visited the Canadian Contingent.

22—24 Mr and Mrs E Lee and Mr M H Vaisey visited UNFICYP.

23—26 Maj Gen P H Lee CB MBE visited the British Contingent.

24 Brigadier C Lee visited the British Contingent.

27—30 Maj Gen F Richard, Mrs Richard and Captain J H Levesque visited the Canadian Contingent.

28 AVM J G Donald OBE MB ChB FRCGP MFHM AFOM DTM & H FBIM RAF visited HQ UNFICYP.

28—30 Brigadier C Jebens OBE, Colonel R Preece and Major Deane visited UNFICYP Flt AAC.

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7 UNFICYP Windsurfing Competition.

14 Relay Orienteering

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Yet Another View of an OP!

Photograph: Sgt Frank Voice

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Editorial

This month my staff, Mrs Angela Singh and Sgt Frank Voice, provided us with an article on gliding. Maybe there are readers who could also provide us with articles which would be of interest to us all. I am aware that there is a talent in every community so do please consider contributing, however small, to our magazine.

Secondly, if there is anyone who may be interested in or had experience in producing a similar magazine, and would like to help (wives are included in this) then contact Angela Singh or Major Emmett on Extn 2235. You will be welcome.

Christmas will soon be upon us so many of our readers may wish to give some contribution, however small, to the December issue. Any such contributions should reach this office by 15th November.

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Major Georg Grondinger poses for a photograph while the Austrian Medical Officer, Captain Gerhard Sobatka MD discusses some problems with a Greek Cypriot family from the Karpass.



From left to right: RCT minibus driver, L/Cpl Cullen waits while WO1 Walter Kranzl checks the namelists with Major Georg Grondinger and two Karpass-Greek Cypriots.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

By Captain Peter Mulacz



"The economics/humanitarian role of UNFICYP is one of the key ways the UN in Cyprus can contribute to the restoration of normal conditions" wrote Dan Cook in Blue Beret's last issue. Since I think he is quite right I will give you in this addition more details about AUSCON's humanitarian tasks and report specifically about the difficulties and problems which our Ops. Economics staff have to deal with.

There are two Liaison Posts, one in Yialousa and the other in Leonariso, permanently manned by Austrian UN soldiers. Their main tasks are to liaise with:

—the Economics Officer, leader of the resupply convoy, AUSCON's duty officer and the Turkish Cypriot police station in Leonariso for performing supply convoys, transfers (both temporary and permanent) and other humanitarian tasks,

—the Greek population and the local authorities in case of complaints, and

—the local population, to observe any changes

Supported by these Liaison Posts, the humanitarian tasks carried out are:

—"Northwind Patrol" (visits to the spokesmen of the Karpass-Greeks, to local police stations, district doctor etc.),

—Resupply convoys: every one or two weeks the Greek Cypriot inhabitants of this area are supplied with food, butane gas, diesel fuel, sometimes clothes and shoes and, as required, with medical supplies. The convoys are performed by the men and vehicles of RCT and UNHCR, having been co-ordinated at HQ UNFICYP, Nicosia,

—Payments: pensions and contributions from the south for the Greek Cypriots. This task is mainly the responsibility of SWEDCIVPOL,

—Permanent (voluntary) transfers, escorted by SWEDCIVPOL,

—Temporary transfers (in co-operation with AUSTCIVPOL),

—MEDEVACs: transport of patients to Famagusta Hospital or Nicosia General Hospital by medical vehicles or minibuses.

—Transfers on compassionate grounds, for weddings, funerals etc.

One problem the Economics staff face is the communication with the authorities on either side over the question of names.

Since there were originally no surnames, the names of the people — especially of the elderly like those in the Karpass area — are not certain. Before, there were only first names in use, later completed by the father's first name. Then other names were added, like house names or grandfather's names, or even nicknames. For women, additional problems arose with their names; the unmarried used the father's first name and changed to their husband's first name after their marriage. Since the initiation of surnames, they have changed their names again — but only for official purposes. Because of this development, you can find some people with four or five names. You can imagine the difficulty the Economics Officer faces with the official list of names when many people use one name and do not know their proper name.

A further difficulty is the transcription or transliteration of proper names. You can find the same name written in different manners — but different in such a way you can hardly recognize it as the same name. Major Grondinger, AUSCON's Ops. Economics Officer, has listed all Karpass-Greek names in a way acceptable to all parties. However, it is still not possible to positively identify a person by the name and the next step is to introduce a serial number — this work has just commenced.

There are older people in the Karpass area who are not able to write, and sign by using their thumb-print.

Dealing with these problems requires patience and understanding and AUSCON's Economics staff have the experience to handle these demands.

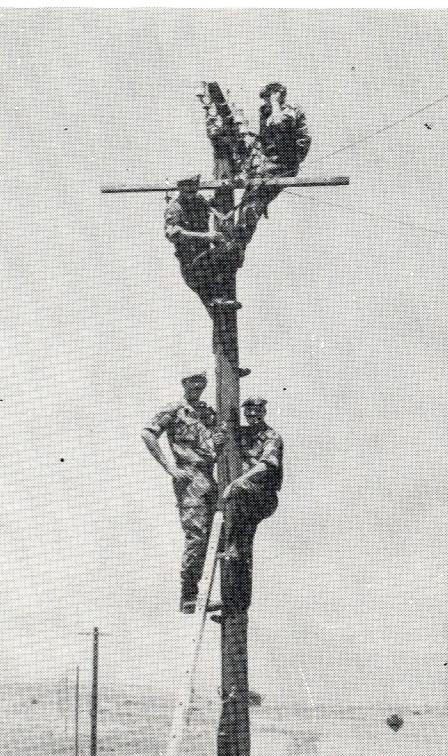
FAREWELL FROM THE GLOSTERS

By Lt Col P R Rostron MBE



1 Glosters will remember their time in Cyprus with affection. We were last here in the Sovereign Base Area in 1962-65, and helped to cope with the emergency of Christmas 1964, but, apart from one platoon, did not serve in the UN Force. Now we are back after seventeen years we have enjoyed the chance to carry out a different role, but again in congenial surroundings.

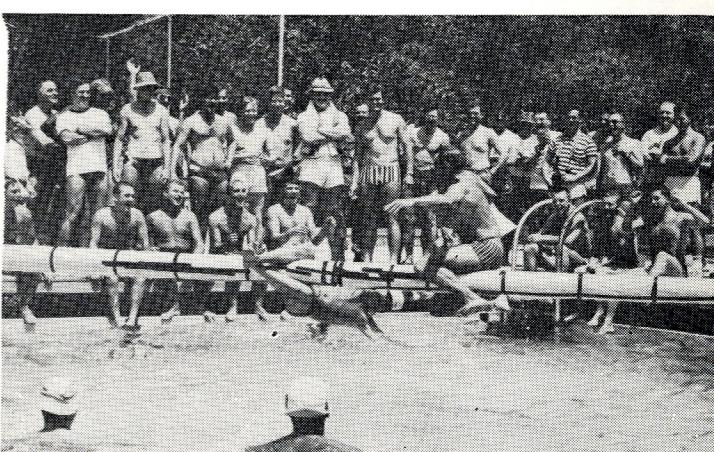
So far the tour has been relatively quiet on the operational side, which has given the Battalion the opportunity to carry out a steady improvement programme to the bases and OP's, which we hope will be appreciated by our successor unit, 2 Grenadier Guards. We have taken the opportunity in this multinational environment to expand our contacts and understanding of others. In addition we enjoyed hosting 3 RCHA for a Fun Water Gala and barbecue, and one of the high spots was undoubtedly the 'International



The Signal Platoon avoiding wild dogs!



Breakdown SOP's being practised.



Another one bites the dust - Lt Col Rostron watches Lt Col Guiler hit the water



"I thought it was an incursion"



The band cooling off

It's a Knockout' run by the RSM and the Sergeants' Mess.

We felt privileged to participate in the British Contingent Medal Parade, which went so well, and for the sports enthusiasts there was plenty of chance to put their skills to the test, achieving excellent results in the cricket, swimming, orienteering and rugby. For others the beaches were the big attraction and the chance to improve their tan was one that few missed. Perhaps the thing that all of us will remember though is the remorseless heat that hit us as soon as we walked away from a fan.

To those of you that are remaining behind we wish you well, and hope that you enjoy your tour as much as we did. For those of us who are going it's time to pack our bags and time to find a raincoat!

In conclusion, may we thank the Headquarters staff and all contingents for their co-operation, friendliness and support, and hope that our successors have as happy a tour as we have been privileged to enjoy.



TOURISTS

By Captain Lars Lundblad



Walking around the camp with Swedish tourists. Major Dahl explains what is going on within the camp area. One of the listeners (third from the right) is Stig-Erik Lekberg, a former UN soldier. He served in M 12 Gaza in the Middle East about twenty years ago.

For more than twenty-five years, Sweden has contributed to Peace by sending peace-keeping battalions to various parts of the world. They have continuously supported UNHQ in New York by providing standby battalions to undertake a mission when it is required.

Consequently, the interest in UN missions abroad is considerable among Swedes. The Swedish contingent in Cyprus have tried to meet this interest by arranging guided tours at Camp Victoria in Larnaca. Tens of thousands of tourists have been briefed on the duties of the Swedish contingent.

The south of Cyprus is invaded by tourists. Many of them are Swedish – the number has risen from approximately 25,000 in 1980 and 50,000 in 1981 to more than 70,000 Swedish tourists.

Every week about 250 tourists visit the camp. They watch the changing of the guards and receive a briefing on the UNFICYP mission. Also, a short historical background is presented to them by the SWEDCON "guide". This usually takes place in the Camp Church.

Why, then, is SWEDCON doing all this? Commander Col Carl Jacob Ask answers the question:

"The average Swedish tourist knows very little about the political and military situation here. Most tourist agencies have not the capacity to transmit correct information to the visitors. Many Swedish tourists find their way to Camp Victoria and try to have a look. I have therefore given orders that organised "tourists-tours" shall take place twice a day, Monday to Wednesday. This is a very good opportunity to provide them with the necessary information".

All tourist groups are guided by an officer from the Swedish battalion (both military and from CIVPOL). Col Ask:

"We underline the status of UN and explain why UN soldiers cannot comment on either side. We describe the every-day work in the buffer zone and at the OP's. We explain that soldiers on the beaches are there only on their well-deserved time off but that their working hours are spent under much harder conditions".

After a walk around the camp the visiting Swedes are given the opportunity to take some refreshment while waiting for the changing of the guards at the camp-gates.



Changing of the guards — always very popular among the visiting Swedes.

Major Anders Dahl, chief of HQ-coy, is in charge of what is called "Pelican-hour" among the soldiers. The day when B B followed this guided tour, Major Dahl came across a girl from his very hometown. He gratefully absorbed every piece of information from his home country that she could bring him. The girl, Karin Berglund, told B B:

"I knew that Sweden had soldiers in Cyprus for peace-keeping reasons, but that was just about it. I know a great deal more now. As a tourist you will never see the buffer zone and the work that is carried out there. I'll never regret that I paid a visit to Camp Victoria".

Mats Bryngel from "Vingresor", Sweden's biggest travel agency, says that these visits are very popular. The tours are fully booked well in advance.

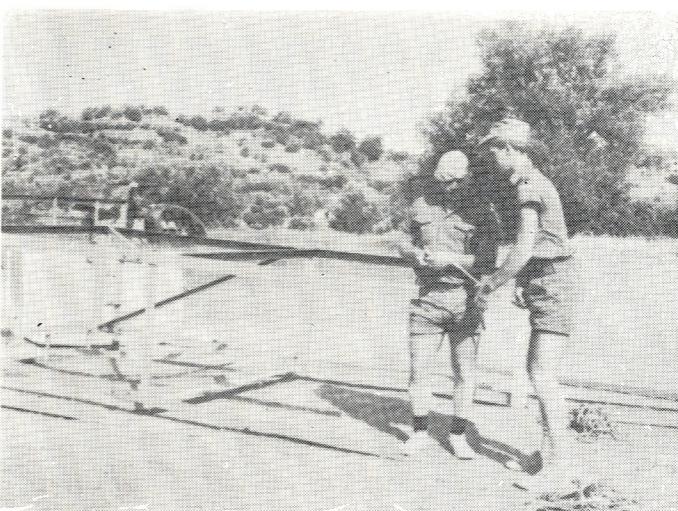
"In general we have to refuse around thirty persons every time we come here".

Many tourists approach the officers and men of the Swedish contingent later and thank them heartily for their visit to Camp Victoria.

"It is one of our best memories of Cyprus", they say.



Major Anders Dahl, chief of HQ-coy, is briefing a group of Swedish tourists in the Church at Camp Victoria.



The water tower at C-Coy: Lieutenant K Rasmussen and Pte S Christensen.



The new watchtower for D3.8. Left to right: Pte F V Mathiasen, Pte J V Rasmussen and Pte K G Pedersen.

ENGINEERING AT SECTOR ONE

By Lieutenant Keld Rasmussen



the tasks waiting for me and the engineering section to be solved:

1. The big water reservoir at Limnitis (containing 50,000 litres)
2. Three new shelters built up by FUNDA blocks.
3. Three new POLPOINTS, one in each camp of Sector One.
4. Renewing the officers' mess in C-Coy, Limnitis.
5. Building a new watch tower at OP D3.8.

TASKS

When I started here on Cyprus four months ago a lot of people (Commander Sector One, Force Engineer, FEWO, my predecessor . . .) had made a great job to keep me busy from the start. And they succeeded! Not breathing a word of my gastric ulcer, I will briefly mention



Pte J V Rasmussen hangs from the structure of the new watchtower at D3.8 while Pte K G Pedersen assists.

MEANS

Well, that is no problem if you a highly educated engineer with an academic degree and a section consisting of thirty men – mostly masons and plumbers – to do the work. But looking around in Sector One's area you find:

- One section leader, who is a mason in civilian life
- Two painters
- Two electricians
- Two carpenters
- Two masons
- Two plumbers

and (do not mention the writer) last (but not least) as the climax . . .

- One engineering officer, who is a combat engineer trained in mines, explosives, bridge-building and so on, but concerning hammer and saw, cement mixer and electricity, the fingers are all thumbs!

ACCOMPLISHMENT

Halfway, it seems that we will succeed in finishing the work before leaving for Denmark in November.

We have finished the water reservoir



Pte J V Rasmussen and Pte K G Pedersen working on the new watchtower at D3.8.

in Limnitis (and it is not leaking) and it should be mentioned that on that occasion The Royal Engineers helped us a lot with a mason and a plumber.

We have finished the three new shelters, and when September has gone (according to the plans) the officers' mess in Limnitis, one POLPOINT in B-Coy, Skouriotissa and the watch tower at OP D3.8 should be finished.

CONCLUSION

I hope you have got an idea of what the engineers of Sector One are doing, and if you think that we are busy people – you are right! One comfort is knowing that we are going back to Denmark some day and that the engineers from the other sectors are working just as hard as we are.

So the next time you see an engineer: Be kind to him and offer him a drink – he will probably say thank you.



UNIT FEATURE



2 PPCLI Change of Command Parade at Kapyong Barracks, 30 June 1982.

After an absence of nearly six years, the Second Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry has returned to Cyprus. The Battalion enjoyed two previous tours on the island, the first from October 1972 to April 1973, and the second was from April 1976 to October 1976.

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry began its service to Queen and country over 68 years ago when in August 1914 Captain A Hamilton Gault offered to raise and equip a battalion for overseas service. His offer was accepted and Her Royal Highness, Princess Patricia of Connaught, daughter of Canada's Governor-General, consented to give her name to the Regiment. The "PPCLI" or "Patricias" as they have come to be called, are the last privately raised regiment in the British Commonwealth.

Mobilization was completed by 18 August 1914 and after a short stay in England, the Regiment was in France on 24 December 1914 as a part of 27 British Division. Remaining under British Command until December 1915, the Regiment took part in many famous battles, the foremost of which was the Battle of Frezenberg, 8 May 1915.

The Regiment has the distinction of being the only Canadian combat unit to serve in a theatre of operations in 1914 and of being the only unit of the British Army to carry their Colours into every engagement in that war. This Colour was made by Princess Patricia personally and was presented by her to the Regiment immediately before sailing for overseas duty. At the end of the First World War the Regiment was honoured by being selected as one of the three infantry units of the Canadian Permanent Force.

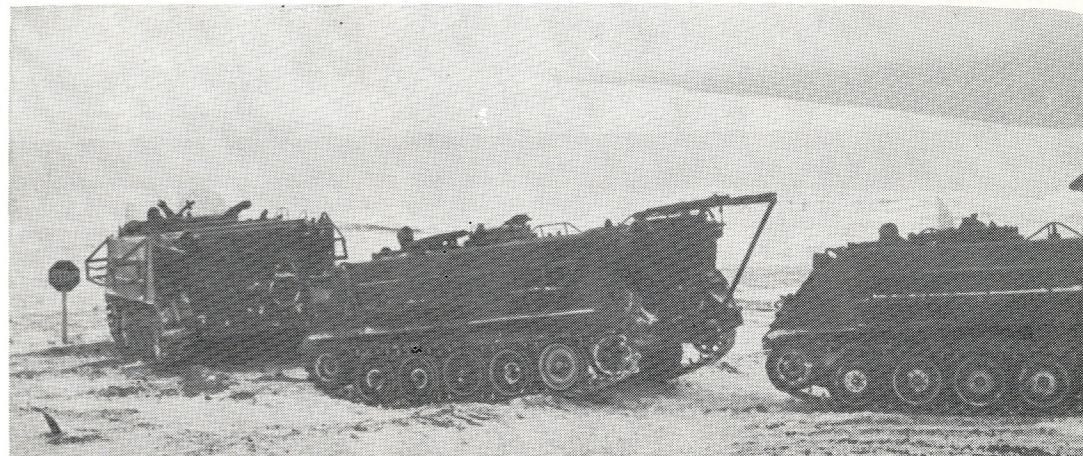
With the outbreak of the Second World War the Regiment was brought up to full strength as quickly as it had

been mobilized in 1914, and sailed overseas with 1 Canadian Infantry Division in December 1939. There followed, however, three years of gruelling and impatient training in England. At last, in July 1943, the Regiment sailed from Scotland to join the forces massing for the invasion of Sicily. From the assault landing on 10 July 1943 until its transfer to North West Europe in March 1945 the Regiment engraved on Italy a record that was as glorious in accomplishment as it was tragic in losses. The list of Battle Honours includes 'Leonforte', 'Missa Ridge', 'San Fortunato', 'Villa Rogatti', 'Hitler Line', 'Gothic Line' and others. The Regiment ended the war as part of First Canadian Army, fighting in the final campaign in Holland and Germany.

When the Korean conflict broke out in 1950 the Regiment expanded to three Battalions. The Second Battalion was raised on 15 August 1950 and was the first Canadian unit to go into action in Korea and formed part of the Canadian Brigade committed to the United Nations action there. On 24 April 1951 the Chinese People's Liberation Army launched a crushing attack against Seoul, the capital of the Republic of South Korea. The Second Battalion PPCLI and the Third Battalion The Royal Australian Regiment were ordered forward as part of the 27th Commonwealth Brigade to block a main enemy approach along the Kapyong river valley. The Battalions dug in on two high features which straddled the valley at its narrowest point, and awaited the onslaught of the enemy.

That night, the Chinese launched intensive human wave attacks against the Australian and Canadian positions. The Australians were forced to withdraw, leaving the Canadians alone to stop the enemy drive. All through the night wave after wave of the enemy infantry closed

NEW ARRIVALS IN SECTOR FOUR



Exercise Sovereign Viking - Arctic Operations, September 1981.

THE SECOND BATTALION PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY

By
Captain T. Dillenberg



Lady Patricia Brabourne, The Countess Mountbatten of Burma visits her Second Battalion in March 1982.

with the defenders. Finally, friendly artillery was called down onto the Battalion's position to stem the enemy tide. At dawn, the enemy withdrew. Shortly thereafter, the Battalion was relieved, marking the end of the Chinese offensive.

The Battle of Kapyong was a critical turning point in the Korean War. In recognition of outstanding valour and steadfastness in the face of overwhelming odds, the President of the United States awarded the United States Distinguished Unit Citation to the Second Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, the Third Battalion Royal Australian Regiment and Company A, 72nd Heavy Tank Battalion (United States Army). Serving members of the Second Battalion and veterans of the Battle of Kapyong continue to wear the Presidential Unit Citation, and a Kapyong streamer is attached permanently to the Regimental Colour.

Since the Korean War, Second Battalion has been stationed at Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg and on two occasions in Germany and has been variously configured as an airborne, infantry and mechanized battalion.

The year 1964 marked the Jubilee of the Regiment. Both Battalions and the Depot were honoured by a visit of the Colonel-in-Chief, Lady Patricia Ramsay VA, CI, CD. (HRH Princess Patricia had relinquished her royal title upon her marriage). On these occasions Lady Patricia presented facsimiles of the Wreath of Laurel to both Battalions. She had presented the original Wreath at Liphook, England on 21 February 1919 in recognition of gallant service of the Regiment in the Great War, 1914 to 1918. A facsimile of the original Wreath is now carried on the Regimental Colour of all three Battalions of the Regiment. This honour is rare as only one other Regiment in the Commonwealth, the 1st Battalion South

Wales Borders, has been awarded a similar wreath.

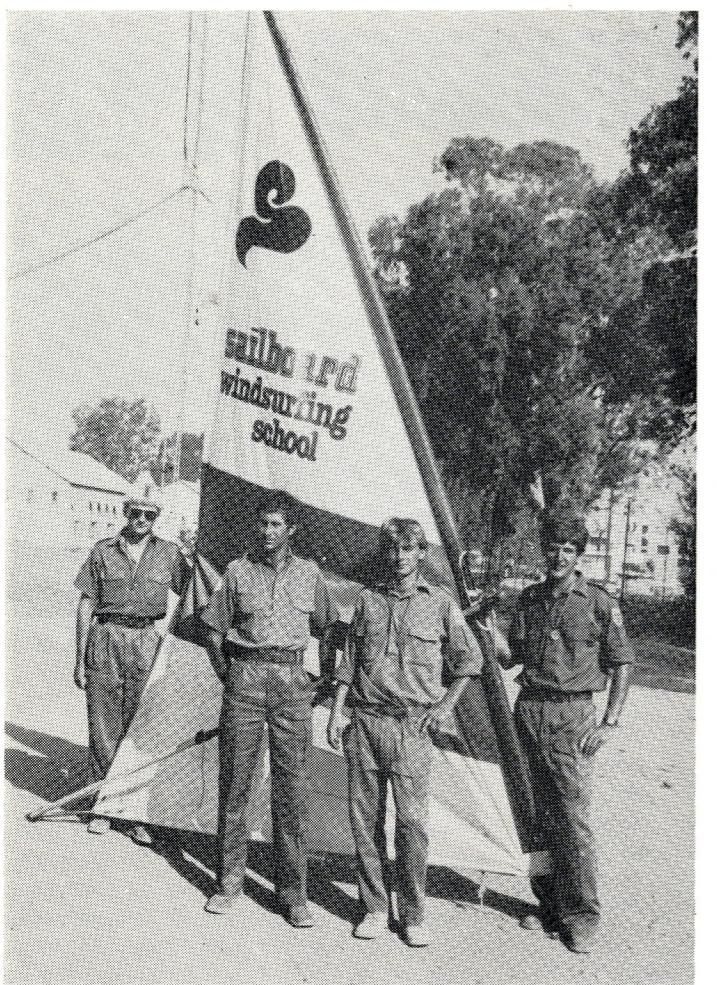
The Second Battalion moved to Winnipeg, Manitoba from The Federal Republic of Germany in 1970. On 17 May 1973 Second Battalion's barracks in Winnipeg were renamed Kapyong Barracks, in honour of the Battalion's heroic stand at Kapyong, Korea, on 24/25 April 1951. The Reviewing Officer on this historical occasion was Colonel J R Stone, DSO, MC, CD, who commanded the Second Battalion at the Battle of Kapyong. With the death of Lady Patricia Ramsay on 12 January 1974 her cousin and god-daughter The Lady Patricia Brabourne, was appointed Colonel-in-Chief. Lady Brabourne, the daughter of the late Lord Louis Mountbatten, is now Countess Mountbatten of Burma.

On a more recent note, the Battalion has become a fully mechanized unit. All training is geared for the eventual unit rotation to The Federal Republic of Germany slated for July 1984 when the Second Battalion will replace the Third Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment. The Battalion, now under command of Lt Col B W Ashton, CD, is looking forward to their six-month Cyprus tour before beginning preparation for its NATO role.

The arrival in Cyprus of 2 PPCLI will mark the first time in the history of UNFICYP that two units which have been honoured with the United States Presidential Unit Citation will have served on the island at the same time. The First Battalion The Gloucestershire Regiment (28th/61st) serving in Sector 2 and commanded by Lt Col P R Rostron, MBE, BA has also earned this rare distinction.

The Battalion looks forward to meeting, socializing with and working with all the national contingents of UNFICYP in the common service of Peace.

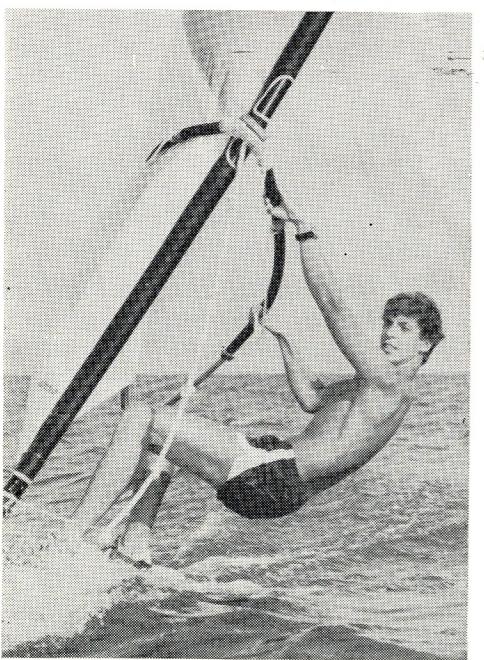




Left to right, the Austrian team members, 2/Cpl Kappel, L/Cpl Finsterberger, LCpl Kirchmayer and 1/Lt Trummer.



Left to right, Austrian team members, 2/Cpl Kappel, L/Cpl Finsterberger, 1/Lt Trummer and L/Cpl Kirchmayer.



A big smile from the winner. Switchboard operator Pekka Partanen presented his own show at the UNFICYP windsurfing championship and took all the more valuable medals.

UNFICYP WINDSURFING COMPETITION

Blue Beret SPORT

The team results were as follows:

| TEAM | RACE | TOTAL | | | |
|---------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| 1. SWEDCON | 22 $\frac{3}{4}$ | 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ | 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ | 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ | 81 |
| 2. AUSCON | 54 | 42 | 39 | 34 | 169 |
| 3. HQ UNFICYP | 33 | 49 | 50 | 49 | 181 |
| 4. UN MP COY | 37 | 44 | 42 | 60 | 183 |

Switchboard operator Pekka Partanen of SWEDCON in action. Before joining the UN in Cyprus Pekka did not know anything about windsurfing. After spending most of his off-duty time at the beach near Victoria in Larnaca he had learnt the sport. Last month he ended up with two gold medals after taking part in the UNFICYP championships held in Larnaca. He won the individual title and received another one as a member of the winning Swedish team.



INTERNATIONAL COOKBOOK



PYTTIPANNA —

SWEDEN'S ANSWER TO BUBBLE AND SQUEAK!

"Pyttipanna" is a dish well-known to anyone who has spent some time in Sweden. It can be a weekday dish served for luncheon with fried egg, red-beans and milk, and also a late evening dish served as this recipe describes.

A good way to test a Swedish restaurant is to order "Pyttipanna". If the potatoes are nicely cut, the onions have the correct transparent look and the meat is freshly made — then the restaurant has quality.

Smaklig spis!

PYTTIPANNA (serves 4)

8-10 medium-sized potatoes (5 Cyprus sized)

2 onions

0.5 kg diced meat (approximately 20% smoked ham, 20% good-quality sausage and 60% roast meat)

1 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon pepper

Butter

Parsley or similar (eg finely cut chives or leek)

4 egg yolks

Capers

Spice-hot sauces

Peel and dice the potatoes (to the size of quarter of a sugar lump). Fry with butter until soft. Keep warm.

Cut the onions into very small pieces. Fry gently in butter until the pieces are transparent and soft. Keep warm.

Dice the meat into pieces the same size as the potatoes. Heat in a pan. Mix with the potatoes and onions and season to taste. Put on a serving dish and decorate with parsley.

Separate the yolks from the whites of the four eggs. Put the yolks in the empty egg-shell halves and put on top of the meat mixture.

Each guest takes a good portion, adds the raw yolk on top of it. The hot sauces and capers are added to taste. The portions are then mixed together to a mishmash of meat, yolk, onions, sauces and potatoes (the guest using his/her own knife and fork).

ROAD SAFETY YEAR

! SEPTEMBER 1982 !

Military drivers continued to drive defensively in September and all but two of the units participating in the Force Commander's monthly certificate scheme stayed within their 50% ceiling and for the second month running all the Sectors were successful. The following contributed to another excellent month:

SECTOR 1

SECTOR 2

SECTOR 4

SECTOR 5

SECTOR 6

SP REGT

AUSTCIVPOL

SWEDCIVPOL

Unfortunately the Force-wide total of accidents would not have risen by twenty-four during the month were it not for a spate of private accidents which contributed to the figures. We must all aim to eliminate these for the rest of the year and take special care as the first rains arrive and the days shorten. The number of tourists driving on the island is now reducing but the hazards of winter driving are approaching fast. As UNFICYP enters the last quarter of Road Safety Year 1982 remember the watchwords for the year.

DRIVE DEFENSIVELY

DON'T JOIN THE STATISTICS

Out & About
in Cyprus

OH FOR THE WINGS!

By Frank Voice and Angela Singh

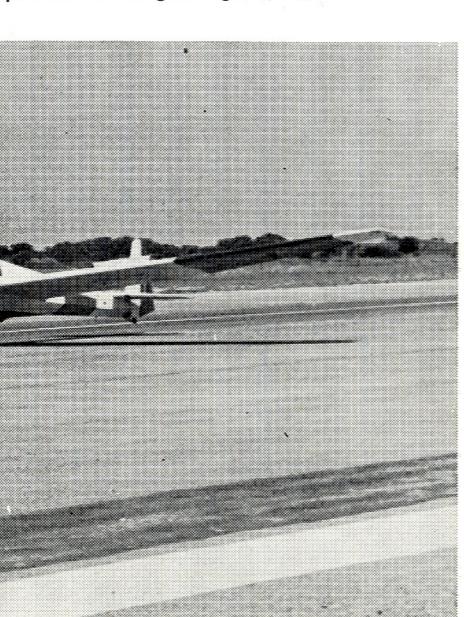
Groan! Peeping out from under the sheets one courageous eye rotates in its socket to peer through the bedroom window to view the world and its weather. The other eye, giving the impression that it is still asleep, refuses to respond to the early-morning alarm until its open partner has completed its reconnaissance and given the all-clear.

really have no idea what it is all about. The first flight is perhaps the most exhilarating: the pilot/instructor takes care of all the pre-launch checks while you try to listen intelligently. He signals to the "batsman" to indicate to the winchman 3,000 feet away to "up-sack" and the cable is pulled taut. Then with a lurch the glider lunges forwards and the person holding the wings level seems to vanish into the disappearing background. Your back is pressed firmly into the seat as you surge along the runway and upwards. While you are deciding if you're going to be ill or not the pilot talks his way through the flight; the cable is released and then... peace, only broken by the pilot's observations and instructions.

On the second and subsequent flights you take some control of the glider although it's unlikely that much of what you're told makes sense. In fact, you'd be doing well if you digest even 5% of what your instructor tells you during each flight.

Gradually, after numerous launches when it seems you're making no progress and you wonder what the point of it all is, the time arrives when the instructor

leaps out of the cockpit and declares that it's time to go it alone. Frantic self-doubt fills the mind as the cable launches the glider into the air but there's no time to worry as there's too much to think about. Once airborne, the quiet and solitude seem overpowering — after all, ever, there are compensations and at this is the first time you don't have to listen to the constant nagging of the club bar or over a curry supper or bar-instructor. That will start again when you land — and he complains about everything you've done wrong! In your elation nothing seems to matter and the pleasures of gliding.



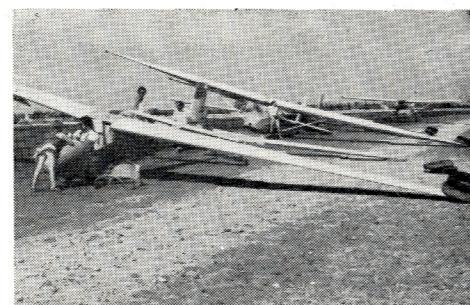
Home and dry.

Up, up and away...

The reporting eye concludes that today is a good one for soaring — for throwing oneself at the mercy of the winds, thermals and the heavier-than-air construction of wood and canvas more commonly referred to as a glider! It's a day for heading for Kingsfield air-strip in Dhekelia.

The Crusaders Gliding Club which meets at Kingsfield follows the training as laid down by the British Gliding Association and the Near-East Joint Services Gliding and Soaring Association which is part of the RAF Gliding and Soaring Association. The Club presently owns six gliders (three two-seaters and three single-seaters) and every year they carry out about five thousand launches between them, clocking up over five hundred flying hours per year.

Training begins with an outline of the glider and the functions of the various instruments, and at the early stages you



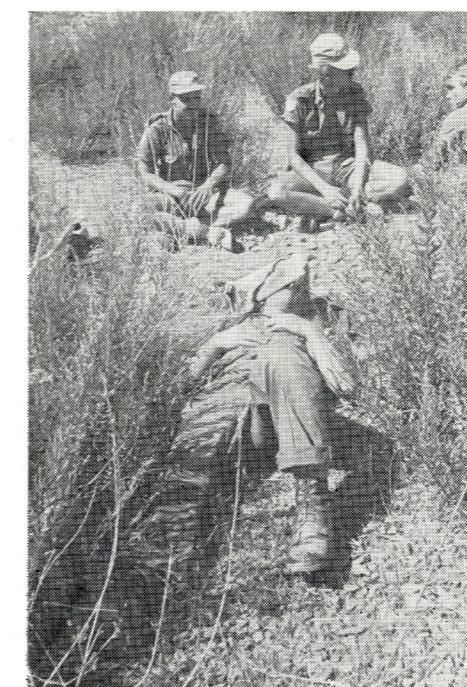
Queueing up for take-off.

next step to think about is soaring...

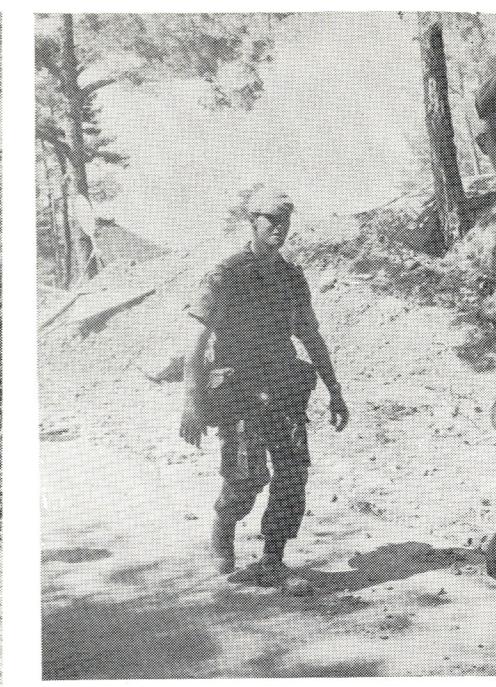
At Kingsfield the geographical position prevents anyone from flying long-distance or trying cross-country flying, and the strong crosswinds are always to be considered. The Crusaders Club members are, however, well-practised at flying in confined air-space.

Any member of UNFICYP and their dependants may join Crusaders Gliding Club, which now has sixty members and meets every Saturday and Sunday, weather permitting. Passenger flying takes place on Wednesday afternoons; no-one can be guaranteed a passenger flight at weekends as this time is devoted to training members.

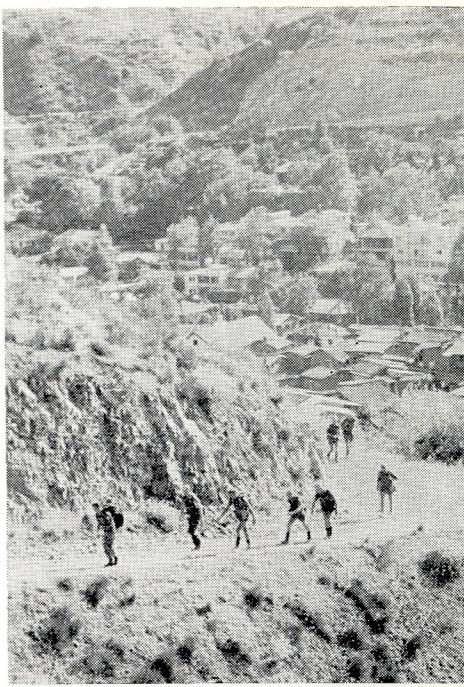
The hours are long, the work may seem hard — pulling gliders along the runway in blazing heat or freezing cold is not everyone's idea of fun — and there are the frustrating times when the cable breaks or the winch engine fails. However, the quiet and solitude seem overpowering — after all, ever, there are compensations and at this is the first time you don't have to listen to the constant nagging of the club bar or over a curry supper or bar-instructor. That will start again when you land — and he complains about everything you've done wrong! In your elation nothing seems to matter and the pleasures of gliding.



Some competitors like to forget the march!



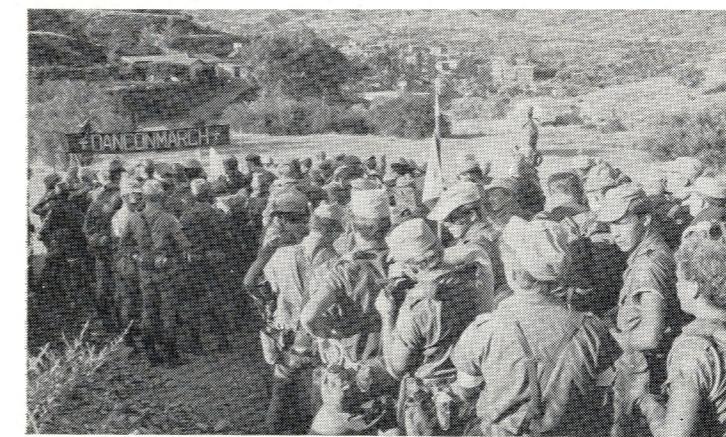
LCpl Atkinson makes it home!



The walk takes place in beautiful scenery

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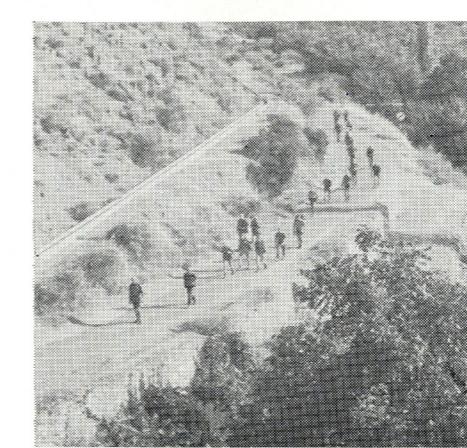
On the weekends of 18/19 September and 25/26 September the DANCON days (seven hours each day). Participants (less ladies and male participants under nineteen years of age or over fifty) completed the course were awarded the DANCON certificate and a bronze medal instituted in 1972 with a ribbon in the colours red-light blue-white-light blue-red, presented on this occasion by Lieutenant Colonel P E Pepke.



We are all really looking forward to the march!



Captain Ellery leads the Canadian contingent



Much of the march was up-hill



The DCOS team, having received their medals: Left to right (back) LCpl Atkinson, DCOS, Dvr Wilkinson; (front) Charlotte Emmett, Mrs Pye and Mrs Emmett.

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COMMENDATION BY FORCE COMMANDER

Captain Martin Field, CANCON dentist, was presented with the award for his assistance in saving the life of the wife of a member of UNMP Company on 27 August 1982. Following a diving accident, Mrs Hamaleinen was admitted to Nicosia General Hospital urgently requiring decompression. Captain Field, an experienced diver familiar with decompression chambers, volunteered to assist inside the chamber for the duration of the operation - 36 hours. He made six entries and the final entry was made at thirty feet when he remained inside the chamber for five hours non-stop. His action played an irreplaceable part in averting a potential tragedy.

Picture shows the Force Commander, Mrs Field and Captain Field.

UNFICYP TUG-OF-WAR COMPETITION

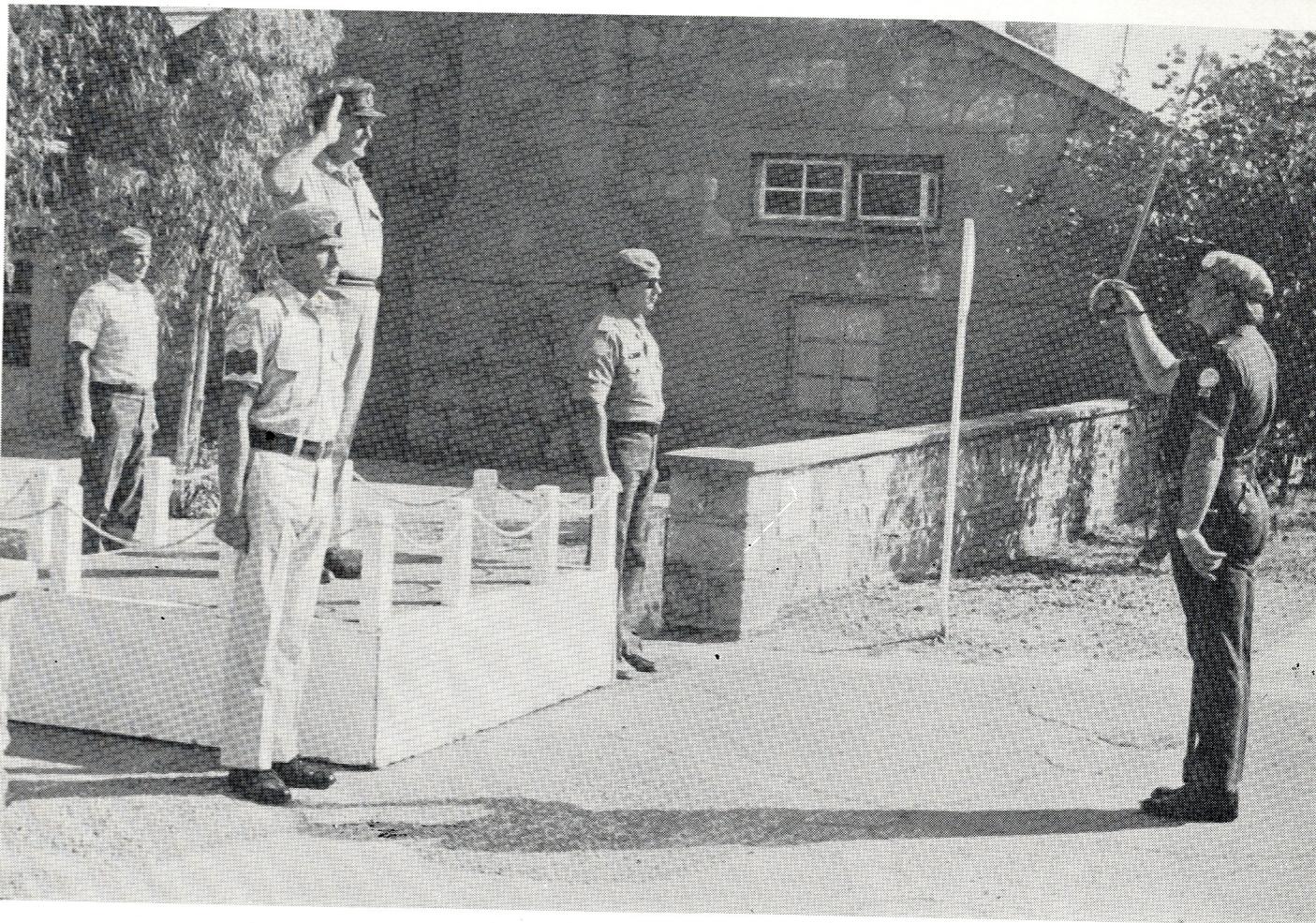
LCol T.J. Guiler, Sector Four Commander presents winners trophy to SWEDCON for winning UNFICYP Tug of War competition.



UNFICYP 1982 LEARN TO SWIM CAMPAIGN

Sponsored by AUSTCIVPOL, 34 children aged from 5-14 years received swimming instruction over a ten-day period at the BBC pool. Sophie Burden, Jennifer Maycock and Robin Booth were awarded competency certificates and a silver cup each for their efforts and the remainder were given certificates for their greatly improved swimming ability. Picture shows Chief Superintendent Harry Carveth presenting Lucinda Brooke with her certificate.

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VISIT OF LT GEN SIR EDWARD BURGESS

Major T Ongley reports the parade ready for inspection during the General's visit on 15 September.



SWEDCIVPOL MEDAL PRESENTATION: 20 AUG 82



Visit of Col K BUDIK to AUSCON

From 20 - 23. Sep 82 an official visit of Col K BUDIK, Director of General Staff Dept in the Austrian Ministry of Defence, (accompanied by LtCol G FUHRER) took place in AUSCON. Picture shows AUSCON's CO, LtCol I BUTTINGER (left), presenting an Austrian badge to the visitor (right).

The Force Commander shakes the hand of Chief Inspector Ulf Cahling, with Chief Inspector L. Widen.



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"TO CYPRIOTS"

Some 75 journalists from north and south, Special Representative Hugo Gobbi, the interlocutors at the intercommunal talks and their staff, and island wide public information officials attended a farewell reception at the Ledra Palace Hotel given by Spokesman Keith Beavan who has returned to United Nations HQ lists throughout the island. Both

Some 75 journalists from north and New York on completion of assignment. Speaking on behalf of their associations, Andreas Kannaouros, Cyprus Union of Journalists and Akay Djemal, Turkish Cypriot Association of Journalists, pressed the hope that this would lead to the creation of a press club for all Cypriot journalists, and foreign journalists also. They asked for United Nations assistance in this regard.

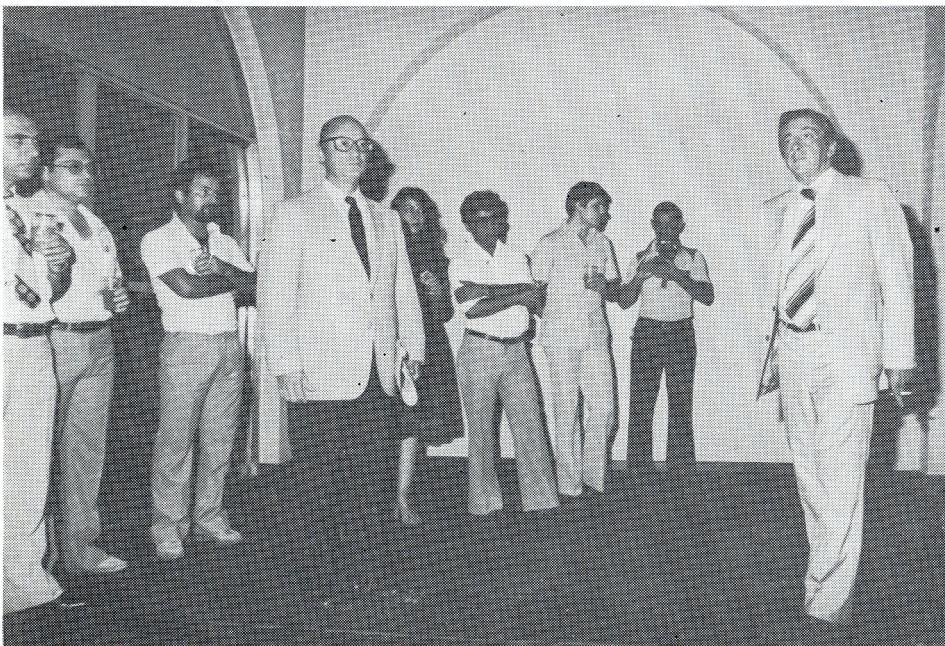
Responding, Mr Beavan said he was sure all present were aware that they were participating in an event which if not unique was at least rare – all too rare. He said it had come about because of the co-operation, support and goodwill of many in both communities.

As for the press club idea, he assured the journalists that if they came up with proposals, UNFICYP would give active support to the idea and try to find a site in UNFICYP administered areas.

Mr Beavan concluded by saying that he was able for the first time, given the participants, to raise his glass in the one toast he had most wished to make – "Cypriots".



Mr Gobbi and interlocutors.



Spokesman (right) speaking.



Two presiding officers of the associations.