

THE BLUE BERET



SEPTEMBER 1982



AUGUST IN RETROSPECT

ROTATIONS

The Austrian Contingent (in part)
Force Scout Car Squadron

MEDAL PARADE

- 17 The Danish Contingent
- 20 Swedish Civilian Police
- 24 UN Military Police Company

VISITS

- 10-18 Col C Archambeault visited the Canadian Contingent.

11 Maj Gen M Matthews visited UNFICYP.

12 Col W T Dodd OBE, Lt Col C C Baker and Mr T M Kenwick-Piercy visited UNFICYP.

17-18 WO D Brown visited the Canadian Contingent.

17-24 Major K T Eddy and CWO P E Cady visited the Canadian Contingent.

24-1 Sep Capt G Paquette and Cpl M Belanger also visited the Canadian Contingent.

MILITARY AND RECREATIONAL COMPETITIONS

19 International Knock-out Competition, organised by Sector 2.

20 UNFICYP Swimming Gala, held in the UNPA swimming pool.

FUTURE EVENTS

8-19 September

Limassol Wine Festival in the Public Garden, Limassol.

18 September:

Athletic Meeting at Makarios Sports Centre. This is the biggest athletic event on the island, with about twenty countries competing. Starts at 1800 hours. Entrance 750 mils, 250 mils for students.

20 September — 2 October:

Cyprus Autumn Open Tennis Tournament at Larnaca Tennis Club. Open to all without restrictions.

22 September, at 1930 hours:

Feature film "The Sunshine Boys" at the American Centre, Nicosia. Starring Walter Matthau and George Burns, it's the

story of a team of comedians who are a hit on stage and an endless battle in private. When one of them decides to quit tempers reach boiling point, and an attempt to reunite the team for a television special brings them to a splendidly funny and final confrontation.

24-26 September:

Cyprus Rally 1982. This is one of the top fifteen Rallies in the world and has been promoted this year to coefficient 4. More than seventy entries are expected. It starts and finishes in Nicosia but may be viewed from many good vantage points.

29 September, at 2000 hours:

Football Match at Tsirion Stadium, Limassol between 'Apollon' (Limassol team) and 'Barcelona' team for the European Football League Cup.

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on the cover

Canadian Forces Europe Pipe and Drums at the Canada Day celebrations.

Photograph: Sgt Frank Voice



Editorial

I want to thank everyone who took part in the Christmas Card Competition. Last year there was one entry but this year eleven. That is progress. However I wish to apologise to those of you who I nagged—including the winner—but having said it and got it off my chest it was necessary. Although I have already published the list of prize winners I am including them again as it was a magnificent effort:

1st	Maj C Greig	FSO
2nd	Miss V Walsh	daughter of Flt Lt P Walsh
3rd	1/Cpl R Pechhacker	Sector 6
Special Prize	Miss Y Legge	daughter of WO A Legge

For those who did not win a prize (Capt Mulacz, Pte Konwalin, Lt Cook, GFr Praher, Miss J Morris, and Mrs M MacMillan-Nihlen) thank you very much.

The Christmas card will be on sale, hopefully, at the end of September at a very competitive price. So stand by for more information.

Readers may note that the Out and About feature has been omitted this month. However, it will be included again later.

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SIX YEARS

By Captain L Lundblad



Stig Pettersson. — on his twelfth UN tour.

In the year 1962, one year after the sudden death of Dag Hammarskjöld in an aeroplane crash over Northern Rhodesia, (Zambia), sections of a Swedish UN battalion were preparing to leave Sweden for a place of unrest and heat in the middle of Africa — the Congo.

One of the rank-and-file was Stig Pettersson, by then just a few years over twenty. Today the very same Stig is with SWEDCON battalion 80C in Cyprus — on his twelfth UN tour.

Six years in the service of peace. How does it feel?

"Splendid; I simply cannot believe the time it concerns, since we are talking about a period of twenty years".

Stig, from Gränna in the county of Smaland, started as a private. Today he is working with the Swedish Civilian Police Force on the Island, qualified by his home duty as a police officer in Stockholm.

The very first day as a UN soldier has stayed in his mind. He was standing on the edge of something unknown expecting great adventures ahead.

The Congo was chaotic. The Belgians had left the country and the process of liberation had started with blood. Twenty thousand UN soldiers under the direct command of the then Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld had forced their way into Katanga, the richest province which

had tried to break with the newly formed, independent republic of Congo. When Stig arrived at his new mission the worst conflicts were over.

"We had several different duties, for example, escorting trains through the jungle and supervising the refugee camp which housed people from the Babula tribe and it was a rather difficult task. Furthermore, our battalion, K 16 was ordered to arrange the transportation of all those people from Elisabethville to the Kamina base. This task lasted for days".

Stig stayed for two periods in the Congo and managed to save a good deal of money.

"In those days many of us went out simply to experience something new and for adventure. Some maybe went out for the sake of money. There was certainly no problem in saving it — there was very little to buy in the Congo".

In 1964 the Security Council of UN decided to send troops to Cyprus as well. Sweden offered to make preparations for sending another battalion. One company in this new battalion was recruited from the Congo battalion and one of the soldiers was . . . you have already guessed his name — Stig was now a squadron leader and a good deal richer with experience.



The Swedish UN forces — under command of Colonel Jonas Waern — were stationed in the Paphos-Xeros area. The year after, in 1965, the forces were rotated to Famagusta. Stig joined again, this time as a civilian policeman, a squad he would be faithful to for many battalions to come.

"Compared with my job as a police constable at home this was far more interesting and I had the time of my life. Plenty of work, many problems in the villages. We were patrolling and investigating crime".

Slowly Stig started to know Cyprus. In 1967 and 1970 he joined again as an MP. In 1974 he returned again but this time to face trouble. The following year Stig set out on a new UN mission. It was the Middle East and he was stationed in Tel Aviv and Ismailia as an MP.

"At Sinai we lived under almost war-like conditions but I liked it as did most of my fellow soldiers".

In 1977-78 he joined for two periods in Cyprus, both times as a non-military policeman. And now he has recapitulated from 79C to the present SWEDCON battalion 80C.

Between his UN commissions he finds time to work for the Red Cross in Biafra. He was one of those who made the large-scale "food-flights" possible, to a population which was starving to death.

"I changed as a human-being during my time down there. You realized how completely meaningless a war could be. Life could never be what it had been. I can't say I regret any of my commissions for the UN, far from it, but the Biafra experience has meant more to me than anything else".

Will this be his last "official" visit to Cyprus?

"Yes, very likely. Twelve commissions could be considered enough . . ."

He does not mind returning to his old work as a police officer at Normalm, Stockholm.

"On the contrary, I am looking forward to it. Perhaps this is the ideal life. You never stay long enough in either work to get fed up with it. UN service has helped me to be happy in my regular work".

STILL IN THE SADDLE

By Lieutenant Dan Cook



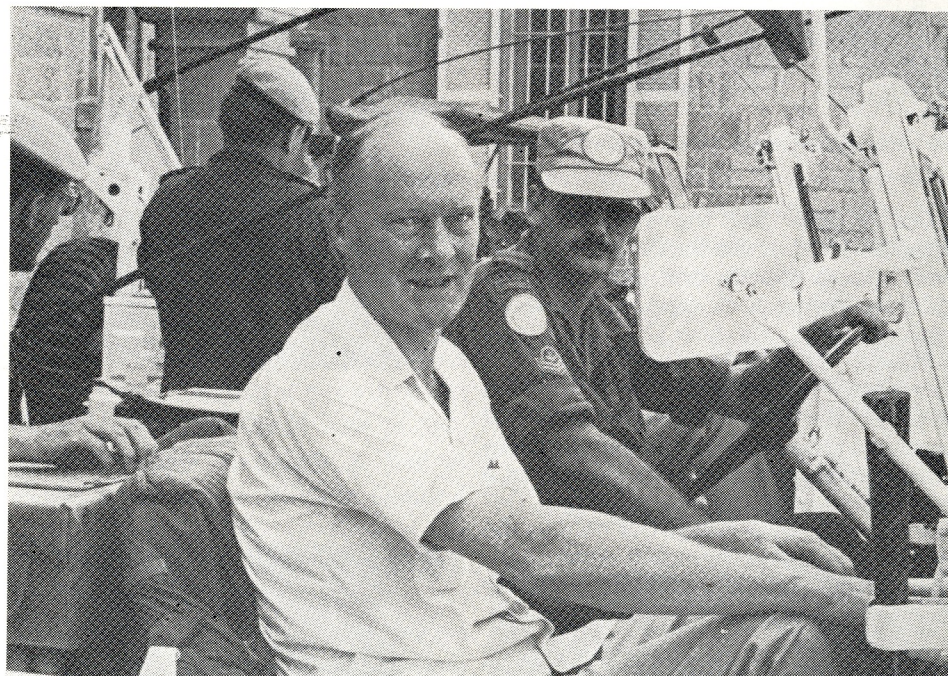
Gunner G T Wasson, U (Ledra) Battery loads defensive stores on to an Armoured Personnel Carrier.



British Military Attaché to the British High Commission, Col M H Jones, also took a Line Tour of Sector 4.



Reservist, Bombardier G A Kellman surveys the Scene from OP Lizard on G (CML) Battery Line.



British High Commissioner, Mr W J A Wilberforce visits CANCON and participates in a Sector Four Line Tour.

Hot and sunny! Day after day the scorching sun cooks the flat plain in which the city of Nicosia, the hottest spot on the island, is situated. The sweltering heat, however, does not hinder the spirit or reduce the activities the Regiment has been involved in. August has proved to be another busy month for Sector Four.

Activities have included another marathon scuba course (32 graduates), the hosting of a Tug-of-War competition, swimming competition, rifle competition, and VIP visits including British High Commissioner to Cyprus, Mr W J A Wilberforce and British Military Attaché, Col M H Jones. 3 RCHA was also visited by the Base Commander from their home station in Shilo, Manitoba, Col Archambeault.

The Regiment has hosted many conferences, too numerous to mention, and an UNFICYP Dependents' Line Tour. The month finished, on the training side, with a military skills competition and a "March and Shoot" competition for unit personnel.

3 RCHA will soon be returning to Canada. As preparations begin for the major move, we will continue to be active and attentive until the 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry assumes responsibility for Sector Four.



THE NEW AUSCON COMMANDER

By Capt P Mulacz



The new commander, Lt Col Ingo Buttinger.

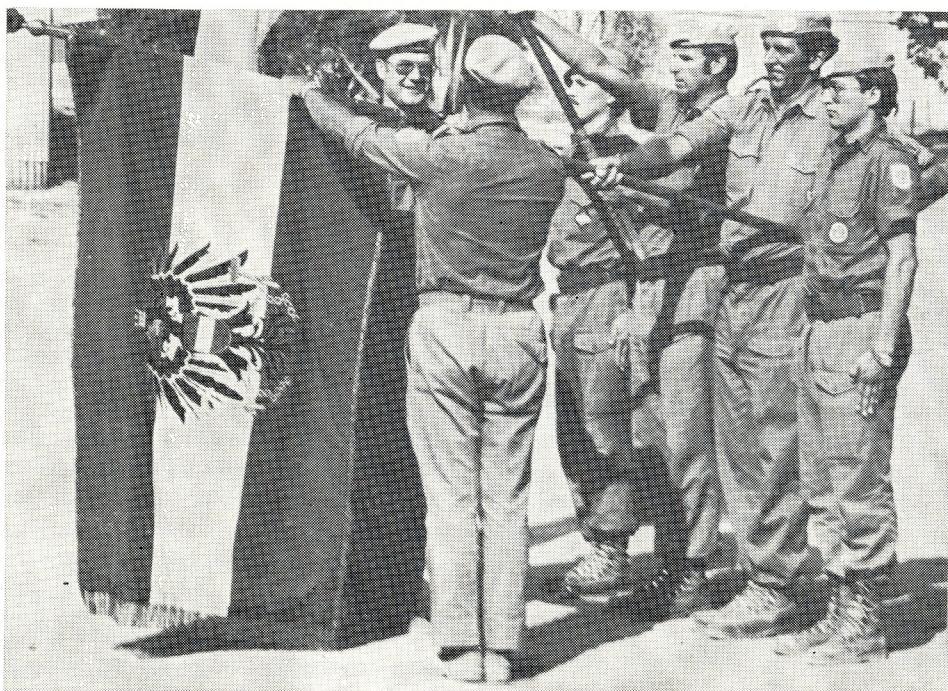
On 31 July 1982 the whole Austrian battalion lined up for the handover/takeover: it was exactly one year ago that LtCol H Weber took over and now he hands over to the new CO, LtCol Ingo Buttinger. The ninth commander is a very experienced officer; born in 1939, he joined the army in October 1957 and became a tank officer. After being a company commander he found himself as a staff officer in a training regiment. Before he took over AUSCON he was the 2iC of an Austrian Territorial Army Regiment in Salzburg (well-known as the town of Mozart).

His first tour of duty with the UN (at that time he was a Captain) was in August 1973 as a Military Observer for UNTSO at the Ismailia Control Centre. After the Yom Kippur War he served as Signals Officer at HQ UNEF, at Ismailia; three months at the Golan heights (during the artillery battles) and another three months in Cairo. In Cyprus our new Commander has served twice with the UN: in 1976 as company commander in Athienou (in the formerly Austrian and now Swedish sector) and 1977/78 for sixteen months as LO TF. His past experiences in the peace-keeping activities of the UN and especially his detailed knowledge of the situation in Cyprus prepared him for his new and responsible task.

The members of AUSCON are proud to serve with their dynamic commander and wish him all soldiers fortune during his tour of command.



Lt Col Weber and Lt Col Buttinger during the handover/takeover.



The old and new commanders shake hands over the Austrian flag.



Members of the 19th Contingent

Members of the 19th AUSTCIVPOL Contingent under the command of Chief Superintendent Harry CARVETH have now been actively engaged in UNFICYP duties for almost three months. They have almost effortlessly taken on their new role with the assistance of former Australian Contingent members Chief Inspector Harry LOWERY (1981-1982), Chief Inspector Mike COYLE (1970-71 and 1978-79) and Insp Hans SCHENK (1977-78) amongst their ranks. Unlike most other contingents the Australians come to Cyprus voluntarily and opt for a minimum of twelve months service.

The Contingent members have diverse backgrounds in Police roles. Eight have performed duty in Military Services (five with combat experience) and some as State and Territorial Police Officers. All members are career Police Officers from the Australian Federal Police, an organisation providing a Nationwide/Worldwide Police service with an extremely wide jurisdiction. To give some idea of their experience, the Contingent members have been drawn from such law enforcement areas as counterterrorism, operations, information (including computers), C.I.B. (Criminal Investigation



Senior Sgt McCarthy and Inspector Hair on patrol duties.

AUSTCIVPOL A NEW CONTINGENT

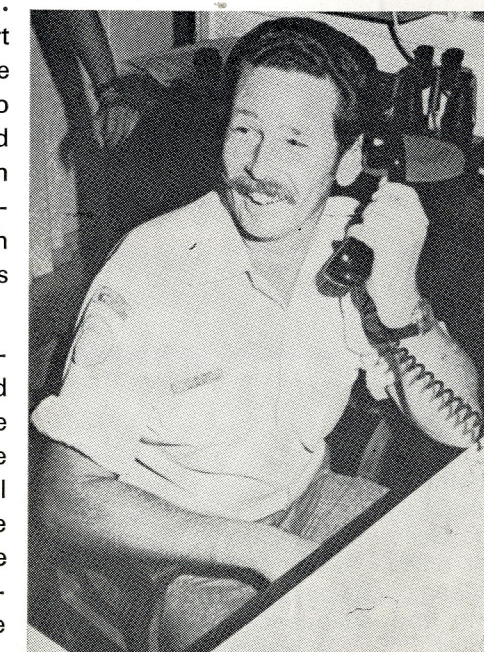
Photographs by Bmdr Roger Eppert

Branch-Fraud and Special Crime), Organised Crime, Airports, Drugs, Observation (Surveillance), Traffic, Legal Services and Training.

Within the bounds of the UN function, this relatively small Contingent is tasked to perform duties at three different locations. Presently eleven men at HQ, Kokkino Trimithia in Sector 2, five at Wolseley Barracks, CANCON in Sector 4 and three at HQ UNFICYP (two in the JOC and one Police Operations officer). Their duties, although for the most part carried out in the Sectors in which they are stationed, can and often do carry them into other Sectors. Primarily the tasks carried out by AUSTCIVPOL are humanitarian in nature, concerned with the civilian population of Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities as well as civilians on Cyprus from other countries.

Typically AUSTCIVPOL in its humanitarian role attend to medical escorts and evacuations or escorts of enclave people transferring from the Turkish Cypriot side to the South and to distribution of social welfare to Greek Cypriots living in the North and Turkish Cypriots living in the South. Furthermore, they carry out investigations related to civilians in the UNBZ, predominantly at this time of year fires damaging commercial crops. Inter-

communal disputes sometimes arising from fires affecting land claimed by both sides as their own or when a fire spreads to either side of the UNBZ require UNCIVPOL mediation. Also within their terms of reference AUSTCIVPOL will investigate most types of non-military crime occurring in the UNBZ; unauthorised entries there and, commonly, carry out assessments of UNPA Pass Applications. AUSTCIVPOL closely cooperate in operations with the military when required including patrols of the UNBZ, with other Police contingents, CYPOL and the TCPOL Element. Presently an exchange programme is being carried out between AUSTCIVPOL and SWEDCIVPOL, giving all parties concerned a wider appreciation of the tasks carried out and methods used by each.



Sgt Laurie, Duty Officer at KT.



THIS IS YOUR UNIT

By Major M BRAY RCT

Photographs by Sgt Frank Voice

On 1 July 1981 60 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport celebrated its 80th birthday. The Squadron was formed on 1 July 1901 at Woolwich when it was designated 60 Horse Transport Company and was equipped with light and heavy horses. In 1911 the Company was designated 660 Motor Transport Company and re-equipped with motor lorries and in 1913 moved to Aldershot with 72 all ranks, four tractor engines, six petrol vehicles and a swift 8 HP car.

For most of the First World War 60 Company served in Northern France involved in the movement of ammunition. At the start of the Second World War, the unit moved to France to serve with the Advance Air Striking Force. Following the retreat through Dunkirk the Company was reformed and it served with the Eighth Army in North Africa and Italy from 1943 until the end of the war. The Company remained in Europe until 1954 as part of the occupation force in Austria.

In December 1958 the Company was moved to East Africa and for six years took part in a number of internal security operations in Kenya, Swaziland, Tanganyika, Uganda and Kuwait. It was in Kenya under Major Charles Bavin that the running-twice-a-week tradition was started and has been maintained to this day. The Company moved to Aden in 1964 where it remained until 1967. During this tour 8 drivers were killed.

The Company returned to Tavistock, Devon on 15 July 1969 after being redesignated 60 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport. The Squadron became one of the first Royal Corps of Transport units to be committed to the campaign in Northern Ireland when they deployed in August 1969 for six months.

In June 1970 the Squadron moved to Cyprus for a six-month emergency tour with the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force.

In late 1977 the Squadron undertook another tour in Northern Ireland and returned again in early 1979 in support of the civil authorities during the fuel tanker driver's strike. Also in 1979, drivers and an operations cell were deployed during the ambulance driver's strike to assist the civil ministry. From May to November 1979 the unit deployed to Cyprus for a further UNFICYP tour.



Convoy driving requires skill and concentration.

Thus, although the Squadron's primary role is now in BAOR it has also had many and varied tasks in aid of the civil agencies. During more recent years soldiers of 60 Squadron have been involved in duties such as driving ambulances, fuel tankers, fire engines and refuse disposal vehicles, assisting in snow clearance and flood relief, not to mention duties such as prison wardens. All this has to be fitted into a rigorous exercise schedule which in 1980 included two BAOR exercises and 1981 an exercise in Denmark.

Presently the Squadron is deployed in Cyprus on its third UNFICYP tour but next year will see us back on exercise in Germany. Men of the Squadron are also serving in Canada, Belize and the Falklands on a regular basis, and occasionally in Australia, so we do manage to get around quite a bit.

The drivers get plenty of miles behind the wheel, not only on exercises and operations, but on many and various details, throughout the European mainland. Being the most northerly regular Royal Corps of Transport field force unit in the country brings us a great variety of employment at very short notice, hence our unit motif of the mushroom which can be seen in strategic places throughout the world, and I'm sure you don't need reminding that, like mushrooms, the Squadron is kept in the dark, given a varied diet and pops up everywhere. The mushroom shape of a nuclear explosion cloud gives some clue as to how the Squadron initially announces its presence.

In its normal role the Squadron, with a strength of 215 all ranks, is equipped with some seventy 4 and 10 ton trucks and employed as a second line transport unit primarily for the movement of combat supplies, in particular ammunition, in North West Europe. For the six-month UN tour the Squadron divides into two halves; a small Headquarters and two troops with 115 all ranks join the UN, a Rear Party consisting of a Headquarters, one troop and all the wives remain at our home in Catterick, North Yorkshire.

The UN Tpt Sqn is divided into two troops; the heavy A Troop provides second line transport support for the whole



Unloading Red Cross stores at Rizokarpaso.



The driver's work is not always from behind the wheel.

force less CANCON and is equipped with 4 ton GS fuel bowsters, 'fridges, water pack trucks, the infamous 'UGGIS' (the sewage vehicles) and three UN HCR vehicles. The troop is responsible for the movement of rations, water, fuel, general stores, refugee stores and family possessions (including on one occasion a tractor complete with trailer), and the removal of sewage throughout the Island. B troop, the light troop, is equipped with landrovers, coaches and minibuses. The troop is also responsible for the, largely self drive, fleet of hire cars used by HQ UNFICYP as well as providing drivers for the Medical Centre, Postal and RE detachments, Staff cars, HQ UNFICYP, OPS cell and MPIO.

Over the last four months, UN Tpt Sqn has covered 740,000 miles in the service of the Force travelling throughout the North and South of Cyprus on Contingent rotations, rations, fuel and water supplies, school children runs, humanitarian tasks and recreational details.

The Squadron is also very active in a wide range of sports and despite being a minor unit achieves considerable success.



RAF NEWS - 84 SQN RAF

By Sgt Shaun Ekberg RAF

Photographs by Cpl Oxford RAF

Since the departure of the ageing "Queen of the Sky", the Whirlwind Mk 10, the Search and Rescue flight at RAF Akrotiri have continued to provide the same good service with the Wessex Mk 2. The Wessex has once again proved itself to be a most reliable helicopter in the hot climate of Cyprus, as it did when in service in Aden on 63 Squadron.

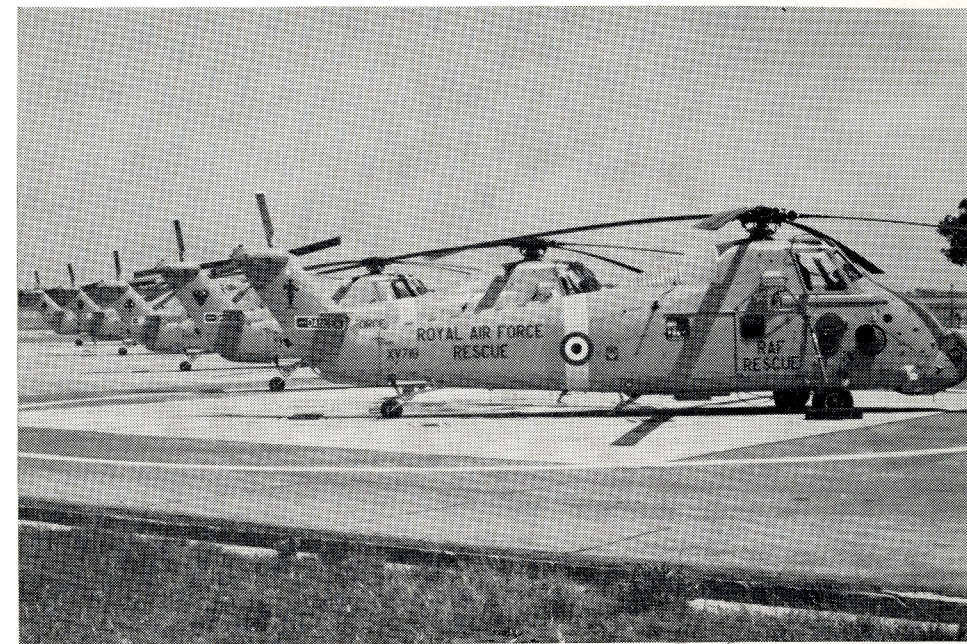
Working in both a search and rescue role combined with a support role, the Wessex took over from the Whirlwind on 1st March, 1982 with no real problems.

In the photograph opposite we see the full complement of 84 Squadron's Wessex, resplendent in their new livery, emblazoned with both the squadron emblem of the scorpion and the flight emblem of the card suits. For the aficionados of aircraft livery the blue band around the tail cone signifies that the helicopter can also be used on United Nations duties and allows it to be recognised as such whilst working within the buffer zone.

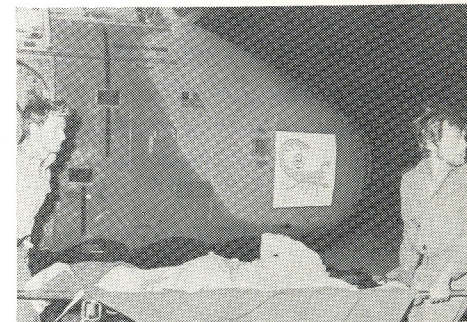
This month I would like to highlight one of the more unusual aspects of 84 Squadron's support role and that is the aeromedical evacuation of both Greek and Turkish Cypriots, military and civilian personnel. From the records over the last eighteen months we have attended twelve incidents, six Greek Cypriots and six Turkish Cypriots. The injuries and ailments which we found are very diverse, yet interesting enough to list. They included the following:

- Heart Attack
- Diabetic Coma
- Poisoned Liver
- Appendicitis
- Fractured Pelvis and Femur
- Snake Bite
- Scorpion Sting
- Nitrogen Narcosis

One incident which is worthy of note happened approximately two years ago, when we went to the assistance of a baby who had a severe medical condition. Due to bad weather and poor visibility the crew had to make three attempts before picking up the baby. This led to the child being taken to hospital where the condition stabilised and the child recovered. The crewman on that sortie received a commendation and the pilot a medal for their persistence, determination and dedication.



AUSCON's senior duty officer, 1/Lt K Pattera alerted JOC HQ UNFICYP to organise a medevac for a young Turkish Cypriot girl, who needed immediate medical treatment in the General Hospital in Nicosia. A Wessex helicopter arrived in HQ Sector Six where the AUSCON medical team gave intermediate medical treatment. The helicopter pilot had an extremely difficult task due to severe weather conditions.



The Unit Emblem stands out proudly as an 84 Sqn helicopter undertakes another medevac.



1 Glosters — winners of UNFICYP Swimming Competition.
Left to right: Rear: Capt Lavender, Capt Oxlade, Cpl Turner, LCpl Baker, Pte Patterson.
Front: LCpl Northcott, Cpl Tippins, LCpl Larsen, Pte Moss, Pte Burgess, 2Lt Sugden.

UNFICYP SWIMMING GALA

Photographs by Sgt Frank Voice

50 yards Freestyle

1st: Sgt Mogensen	UNMPCoy	25.1 seconds
2nd: LCpl Pilz	AUSCON	26.6
3rd: Pte Moss	SECTOR 2	27.2

50 yards Breast-stroke

1st: Pte Burgess	SECTOR 2	33.9 seconds
2nd: LCpl Larsen	SECTOR 2	34.9
3rd: Sgt Pectonen	SWEDCON	36.0

50 yards Backstroke

1st: Capt Lavender	SECTOR 2	33.4 seconds
2nd: Capt Oxlade	SECTOR 2	35.2
3rd: Dvr Buckland	SP REGT	35.5

50 yards Butterfly

1st: Pte Brown	CANCON	31.4 seconds
2nd: 2Lt Sugden	SECTOR 2	32.0
3rd: Capt Oxlade	SECTOR 2	33.4

100 yards Freestyle

1st: LCpl Larsen	SECTOR 2	57.0 seconds
2nd: Pte Burgess	SECTOR 2	58.0
3rd: Tpr Hartill	FSC SQN	66.5

4 X 50 yards Freestyle Relay

1st: SECTOR 2	1 minute	57.8 seconds
2nd: AUSCON	1 minute	58.0 seconds
3rd: SWEDCON	1 minute	58.6 seconds

4 X 50 yards Breast-stroke Relay

1st: SWEDCON	2 minutes	32.8 seconds
2nd: SECTOR 2	2 minutes	36.5 seconds
3rd: CANCON	2 minutes	43.1 seconds

4 X 50 yards Medley Relay

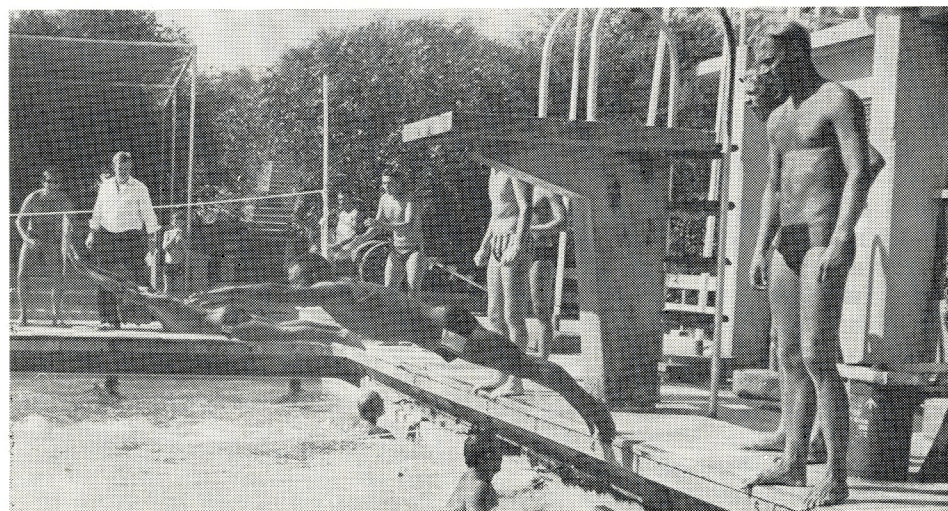
1st: SECTOR 2	2 minutes	12.0 seconds
2nd: CANCON	2 minutes	17.9 seconds
3rd: SWEDCON	2 minutes	19.2 seconds

4 X 50 yards Freestyle over 35 years

1st: UN SP REGT	2 minutes	6.7 seconds
2nd: HQ UNFICYP	2 minutes	17.2 seconds
3rd: SECTOR 2	2 minutes	23.4 seconds

RESULTS:

1st: SECTOR 2	67 points
2nd: SP REGT	29
3rd: SWEDCON	26
4th: CANCON	25
5th: UNMPCoy	14
6th: AUSCON	10
7th: HQ UNFICYP	5
8th: FSC SQN	4
9th: DANCON	3



The relay race always adds excitement to the competition.



INTERNATIONAL COOKBOOK



WIENER SCHNITZEL (for 6 persons)

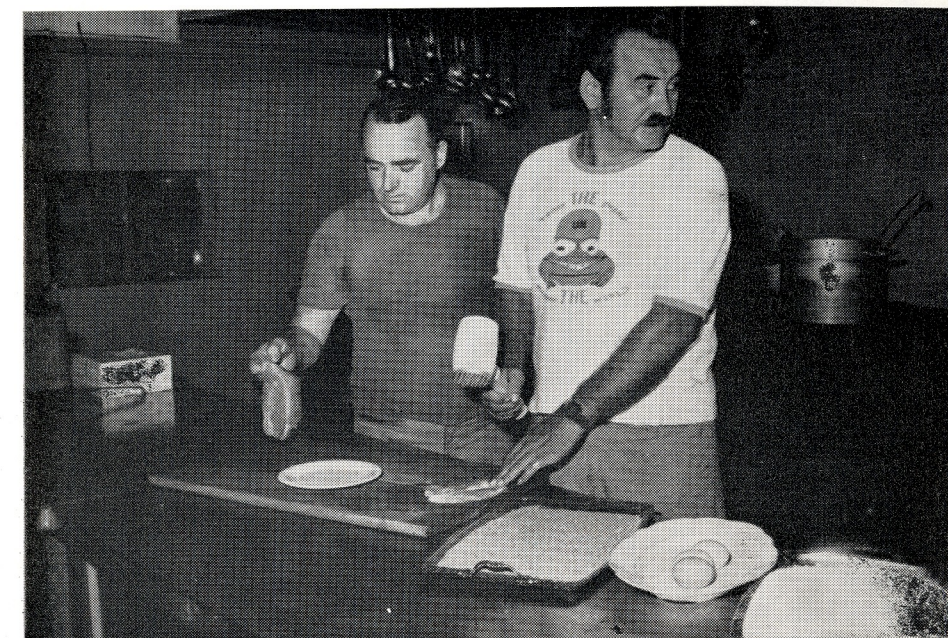
A dish which the Austrians like very much, especially on Sundays, and which is very easy to cook is Wiener Schnitzel (Vienna Schnitzel). A starter of soup is usually served beforehand, and the dessert can be anything. The Austrians prefer to drink pale beer with this dish.

METHOD

2 lbs (1 kilo) veal or pork (tenderloin)
1 teaspoon salt
4 tablespoons flour
2 eggs
Breadcrumbs
Oil or coconutgrease
6 lemon slices

Cut meat into individual portions and beat them thin. Season with salt. Beat the eggs; dip the meat first in the flour and then into the eggs and finally into the breadcrumbs. Fry to a golden brown.

Garnish with lemon slices and serve on a hot platter with potatoes and green or cucumber salad, or, as an alternative, with a potato salad.



Beating the meat portions thin.

ROAD SAFETY YEAR

AUGUST 1982 A GOOD MONTH

August proved to be one of the best months so far for UNFICYP Road Safety Year 1982. Eight units succeeded in staying within their 50% ceiling including all five operational Sectors:

SECTOR 1

SECTOR 2

SECTOR 4

SECTOR 5

SECTOR 6

AUSTCIVPOL

SWEDCIVPOL

CIVILIAN STAFF

The saving for the Force as a whole is inching up to 30% as compared with 1981. The table shows the 1981 monthly accident figures compared with 1982:

	1981	1982
JANUARY	28	20
FEBRUARY	31	15
MARCH	28	28
APRIL	29	20
MAY	30	22
JUNE	32	25
JULY	35	25
AUGUST	27	17
TOTALS	240	172

The figures show that our drive to reduce accidents has been sustained through the busy summer months on the Cyprus roads. Keep it up to the end of the year, drive carefully, defensively and only when necessary.

DON'T JOIN THE STATISTICS

The Gloucestershire Regiment (28th/61st)



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF IVOR WOOD

By Captain Richard Hall



0600 hours. The alarm bell rings, Ivor Wood yawns, stretches and eventually crawls out of bed to put his uniform on. Another day begins, but from this moment onwards the rest of the day is totally alien to the remainder of us for Sgt Ivor Wood is one of the Farming NCO's in Sector Two. An unusual job for a soldier and one that most of us know little about. He, along with CSgt Jenkins, lives in a small building outside Peristerona in the centre of the farming community and it is from here that they conduct their business.

One hour later, having breakfasted and completed the normal household chores, escorts for the farmers are briefed on their job and are then allocated to those farmers who require them to work their fields in the Buffer Zone. A new pass system has been developed and put into operation which makes it easier for the farmers, and anybody else for that matter, to know where they can farm and in which fields they require escorts.

When this important task has been completed the remainder of the morning is spent driving around the area checking the farmers to ensure that the rules are not being broken and offering advice and help where necessary. A farmer wants to open up another field... can he do it? For this, detailed knowledge of the ground is essential and to make life easier the Farming NCO's are compiling detailed field maps which will be of great benefit to them and also their successors.

All aspects of farming come under his scrutiny from spraying of crops and irrigation to the extermination of wild dogs which can become a hazard in the Sector. Shooting dogs is no easy matter and Sector Two's Economic Officer, Captain Oxlade has proposed many methods.

The day does not end here for in the evenings Sgt Wood, mixing business over the world, are endless. With these thoughts buzzing around his head it's for a quick visit. In these great debating time for a beer or two to round off the arenas he will have the chance to listen day. to all the complaints and grievances of



Crop-spraying plays an important part in the farmers' work routine.



Sgt Wood being instructed on the art of gesticulation.



HUMANITARIAN/ECONOMICS TASKS

By Lieutenant Dan Cook

Humanitarian/Economics is one of the areas of UNFICYP's responsibilities that many UN soldiers know little about, yet it is an area that probably has the greatest impact on the Cypriot people. UNFICYP has accepted the task of assisting in the improvement of the economic and humanitarian conditions of the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities in Cyprus. This task holds a high degree of importance in UNFICYP.

To carry out this task, UNFICYP maintains an Economics Branch at their HQ and in each sector. The Economics Branch, HQ UNFICYP, maintains a permanent staff of eight personnel and is commanded by the Chief Economics Officer, Lt Col Leth Madsen. Each sector also has a Sector Economics Officer with a small staff to coordinate and complete all tasks designated by the HQ staff. To further understand the roles of Operations Economics, we must look at the background to the present humanitarian/economic activity. Since 1974 the patterns of the humanitarian and economic activity of UNFICYP has been determined by the existence of the Buffer Zone and by present conditions in the island. The Buffer Zone, which comprises approximately 3% of the surface of the island, provides the main focus of UNFICYP's economic activity. Escorts are provided for farming; assistance is given in preserving and recovering valuable property; in a limited number of cases industrial enterprises are permitted to operate; and liaison is provided, where necessary, to ensure that water and electricity services which cross the Buffer Zone operate efficiently. Small groups exist both in the north and the south: Greek Cypriots and Maronites in the North, Turkish Cypriots in the South. When requested, UNFICYP assists with the transfer of people, (Greek Cypriots from the Karpas in particular) ensuring to the best of its ability that such transfer is voluntary, and it provides foodstuffs and other necessities for the groups in need of them. In addition, UNFICYP provides assistance in the transportation of foodstuffs and medical supplies from South to North for the Turkish Cypriots displaced as a result of the upheavals of 1974. "Ops CYP is one of the key ways the UN in



Major Georg Grondinger, Sector Six's Operation Economics Officer, tasks the convoy to resupply the Greek Cypriot population in the Karpas area.

Economics" provides for medical evaluation and the supply of medicines for both communities as necessary and it carries out certain functions in the humanitarian field formerly conducted by the International Committee of the Red Cross in Cyprus.

Unlike the military status quo, the humanitarian/economic status quo should not be regarded as a fixed state, other than in the sense that there is to be no retrogression. The essence of the humanitarian/economic function is that it should be progressive, not static, leading to the restoration of normal conditions. The humanitarian/economic status quo may therefore be defined as the level of agreement prevailing at a given time based upon the principle of "past practice" or upon specific agreements to cover a particular area of activity.

The spectrum of responsibilities for the economics operation is wide and varied, from wild dog control assistance and malaria spraying to disbursement of social welfare pensions, payments and mail passage across the Buffer Zone. The economics/humanitarian role of UNFICYP is one of the key ways the UN in



Sector One's Economics Officer, Capt T E Vimmerslev shows concern about the low water level in Kalopanayiotis Dam in the Troodos Mountains.



Trucks from the Royal Corps of Transport and from the United Nations High Commission for Refugees driven by BRITCON soldiers.



VISITORS

On 11 August the Force Commander entertained members of the National Guard to lunch. They included Brig Gen V Livadas, COS NG, Maj Gen S Petropoulakis, CO A HTC, Maj Gen P Skordas, CO B HTC, Lt Col N Belbas, COO, Lt Col C Charalambidis, Staff Officer and Lt Col C Angelopoulos, LO to UN.

CONFIRMATION

In October 1982 a confirmation is scheduled to take place in DANCON. The candidate for the confirmation is Hans Jorgen Kirstein, son of the Deputy Force Provost Marshal, Capt F Kirstein. Lessons up to the confirmation are given by the Army Chaplain of DANCON, J C Schwarz-Nielsen every Thursday in Viking Camp, Xeros. The picture shows such a lesson.

Only a few Danish officers serving in UNFICYP have their families in Cyprus. Among them it is most unusual for there to be children of confirmation age. Therefore it is only the second time since UNFICYP was formed that a confirmation has taken place in DANCON.



Xmas Card WINNERS 1982

L-R: Miss V. Walsh (2nd), Major C. Greig (1st), Force Commander and Miss Y Legge (special prize). The 3rd prize winner, 1/Cpl R Pechhacker, was not present.

IT'S A KNOCKOUT

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS — 19 AUGUST



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GLAMOUR

← CONCENTRATION

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HANDOVER OF J BATTERY

LCol T.J. Guiler, CD, Commanding Officer, Sector Four, signs over command of J (Blue Beret Camp) Battery to Maj A.B. Morrison as RSM, C.W.O. D.A. McCulloch (with pace stick), observes. Maj Morrison takes over command of the Logistics Battery mid tour for CANCON.





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MEDAL PARADES



DANCON 17 AUG

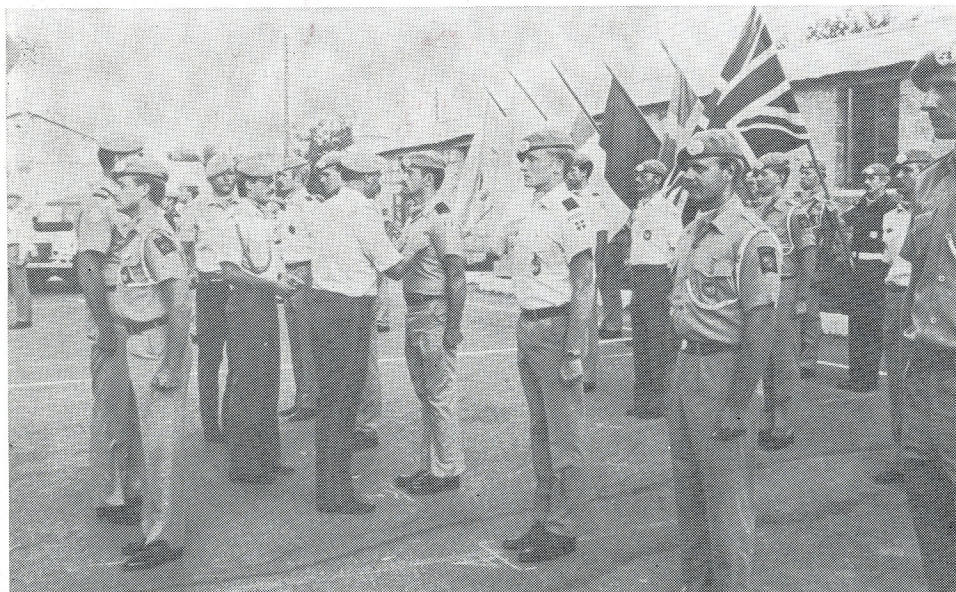


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MAJ GEN GREINDL
PINS THE UN MEDAL
ON A DANISH SOLDIER

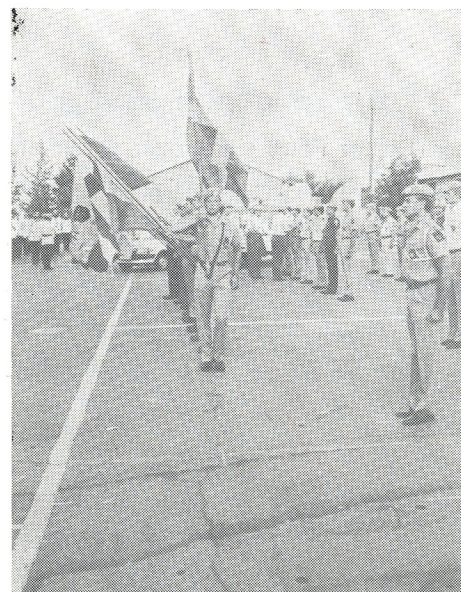
MEDAL BEARERS
PREPARE TO JOIN
THEIR COMPANIES.



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A Canadian Military Policeman receives his UN Medal.



The Bearers with National Flags.