

THE BLUE BERET



MARCH 1985



FEBRUARY IN RETROSPECT

ROTATIONS

1 FEB AUSCON (70 Pers) SECTOR 6
8 FEB AUSCON (70 Pers) SECTOR 6
27 FEB ADV PARTY 1 RCR SECTOR 4

19-26

Major C Mackenzie-Beevor and
Capt J Healey, QDG Sqn visited
the British Contingent

19-16/3

Messrs D Sheppard, W Geddes,
W Parisien, W McSeveney and
Ms J Crown visited the Canadian
Contingent

VISITS

3-6 Lt Col C Rickett, MWO P Lamontagne and MWO J Deveney visited the Canadian Contingent
3-8 Mr G Bechard, visited the Canadian Contingent
5-13 Party of 3 led by Capt S Eyres visited the Canadian Contingent
7-14 Mr A Beilby, journalist visited the British Contingent
9 Major S Hawkins, MOD visited the British Contingent
11 Col M Colman, Royal Signals visited the British Contingent
11-19 Dr Ulf Otto and Mr Kent Karlsson, Medical Board of Swedish Armed Forces visited the Swedish Contingent
12-14 Capt R White, CWO A Larue, WO R Donati visited the Canadian Contingent
13 Major B Parkes visited the British Contingent
17-19 Col Sten Wiberg visited the Swedish Contingent

21-26

Major Gen C Shortis visited the British Contingent

21-28

Major W S Vozens, 36 Engr Regt visited the British Contingent

22-24

Mr G Smith and Mr L Wiggs, Soldier Magazine visited the British Contingent

25-14/3

Entertainment group of 8 visited the Swedish Contingent

25-14/3

Team of 4 from Swedish TV Corp led by Mr A Gratte visited the Swedish Contingent

26-4/3

Col V Jensen, Head of Physical Trg, College of Danish Armed Forces, acc. by Lt Col Brockmeyer & Lt J Nielsen visited the Danish Contingent

26-7/3

Capt Everts visited the British Contingent

26-12/3

Lt Clifton visited the British Contingent

27-7/3

Lt Col Williams & WO I Hobbs visited the British Contingent

28-2/3

Ambassador Blomberg & Maj Gen Pertit Jokinen visited the Finnish Contingent

FUTURE EVENTS

MARCH

MEDAL PARADES

22 March AUSTCIVPOL
29 March BRITCON

SPORT EVENTS

29 March Orienteering SECTOR 5
30-31 March DANCON MARCH
ACT presents 'When we are married' by J B Priestley. A Yorkshire farcical comedy. Chanteclair Theatre, Nicosia, 26, 27, 28 March 1985. Tickets from The Bridgehouse Bookshop or at the door on the night.

APRIL

13 April UNFICYP Safe and Skilled Driving Competition
The UNFICYP Community Spring Fair will be held on Saturday 20 April at the Community Centre, UNPA. The event will be opened by the Force Commander at 1200 hours. Music will be played by the band of 1st Battalion Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment.

MEDAL PARADE

19 April AUSCON Famagusta

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AUSCON Skier
on Troodos
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THE BLUE BERET

Editorial

It seems that Spring may finally be with us after what seemed to be a very cold winter. Looking back, however, the AUSCON soldier on our front cover is a reminder that there are pleasures in Cyprus other than sun, sea and sand.

In this issue of 'The Blue Beret' we welcome the 3rd Battalion, Royal 22e Regiment, better known to the world as the 'Van Doos'.

Bienvenu!

Life in UNFICYP is never static and it is good to see from AUSCON a useful invention and the construction of a new sauna. SWEDCON'S mine clearing is another example of progress in a different and challenging activity.

As always we have articles on aspects of everyday life in the Force which although very familiar to those directly involved are informative and entertaining to the remainder of us. DANCON's tour of Limnitis Camp, SWEDCIVPOL's activities in Pyla, the 1 DERR description of their Drums Platoons and the FSC Squadron article all come into this category.

The support to our humanitarian activities will be facilitated with the new minibus which was handed over recently as recorded in our UN News. Finally in this issue we say farewell to 1 RCR who leave with our best wishes for a safe return to Canada and our thanks for their contribution to our mission in Cyprus.

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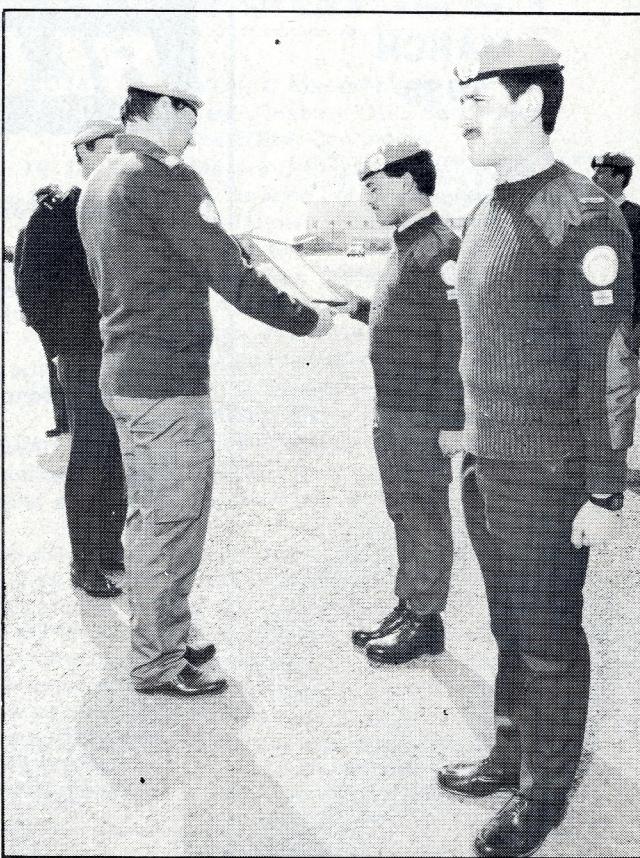
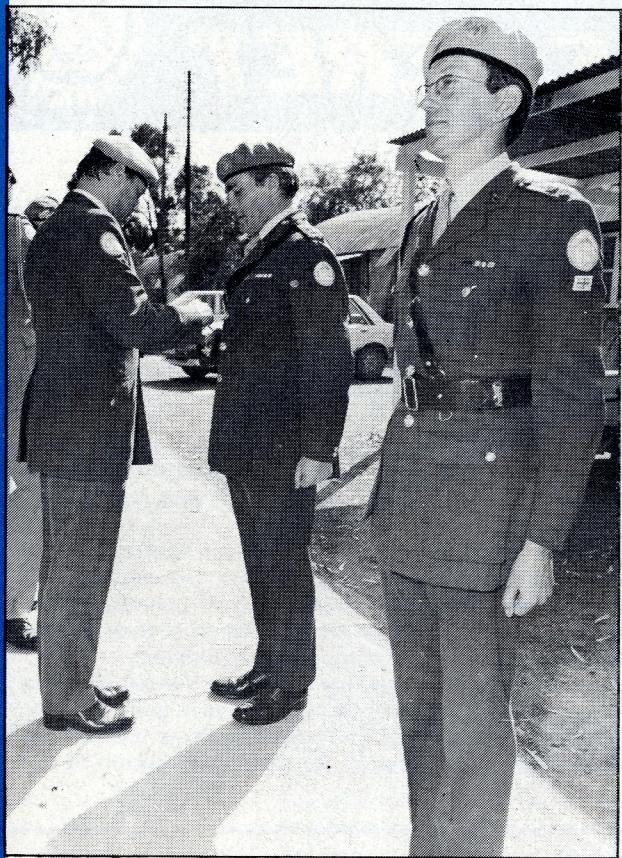
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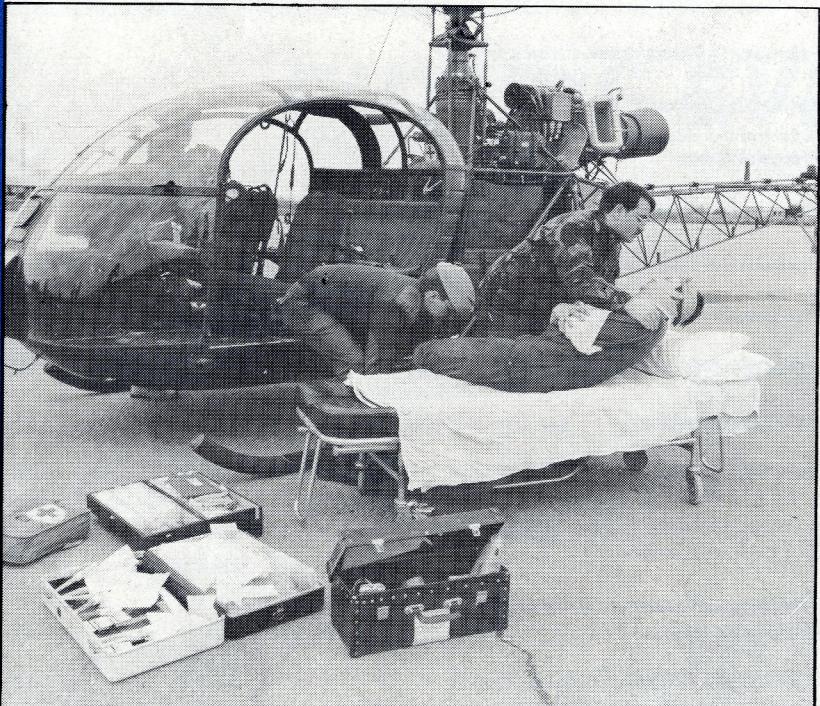
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The Chief of Staff, Brigadier Duchesne receives his silver Number 2 to the United Nations Medal from the Force Commander at a recent Mini Medal Parade held at HQ UNFICYP

Trooper Richardson accepts the UNFICYP Safe Driving Certificate from the Force Commander on behalf of Support Regiment.



MEDEX AT UN FLT AAC

Medics from the UNFICYP Medical Centre treat a casualty during a simulated helicopter accident held at the UN Flight. The exercise was designed to test the skills of all involved and was a complete success.

Capt Carr, A/Ops Info Offr, UNFICYP HQ presents his brother Pte Carr, 1 RCR, with his UNFICYP Medal



Pte Pelle Sundstrom (far left) showed off his talents while playing with the Swedish Band at the Municipal Theatre, Nicosia on 7th March.



Yvonne Af Liggas was greatly appreciated by the audience when she sang on 6th March at Salamis.



MINI MEDAL PARADE

Members of the UNMP Company who received their United Nations Medals from the Force Commander recently at HQ UNFICYP



THE SCARLET LANCERS

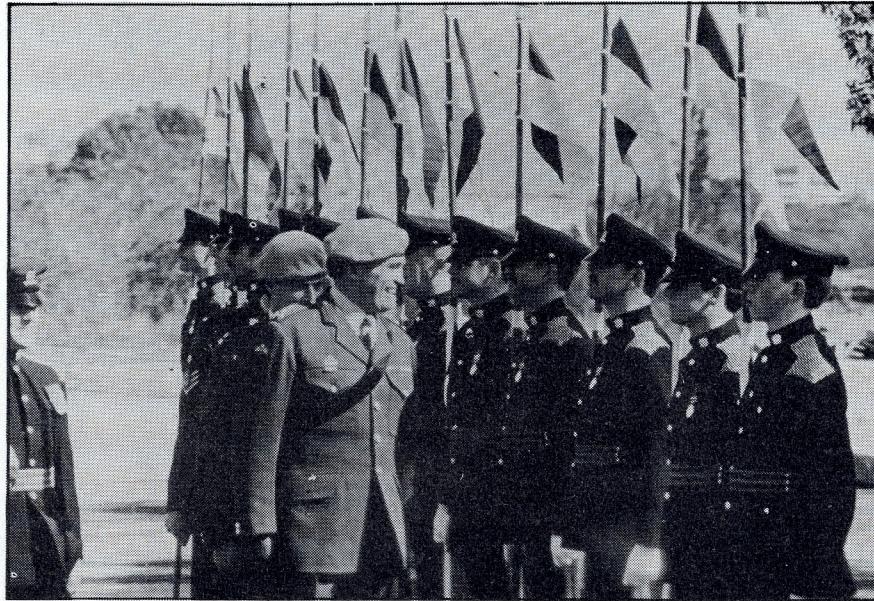
By Capt B. Gill

Photos by Cpl Jackson

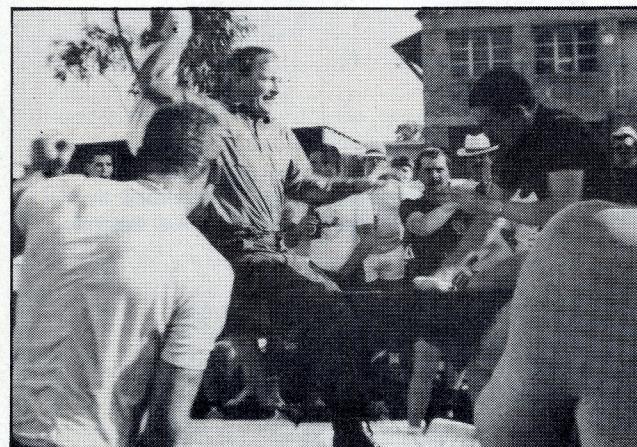
It is hardly surprising that the first month of our tour in Cyprus has been remarkably busy both military, socially and athletically.

By the 17th of January the Squadron was complete in Cyprus. It was shortly afterwards on the 28th of January that we celebrated Aliwal Day. As mentioned in the previous edition of this journal the Regiment celebrates the heroic charge of the 16th Lancers at Aliwal in India in 1846 every year on January 28th. As with every Regimental Day the celebrations are noisy and boisterous.

In addition to enjoying the



Visit of Brigadier Duchesne: Inspection of the Lance Guard



Aliwal Day: SSM Tony Willmore imposing Squadron discipline

social and sporting activities in Cyprus, we have naturally been extremely busy carrying out our normal tasks of patrolling and also taking part in two Force Reserve Exercises. The first Reserve Force Exercise was more of a parade of the entire Force Reserve than anything else. It was a good opportunity for all of us to see exactly what it consisted of. The second exercise was naturally a little more testing and gave us the chance of proving that we could all operate efficiently after an unwarmed call-out.



Force Reserve Exercise: The Force Commander being shown the Force Reserve at the airport

On the 4th of February the Squadron welcomed a visit from the Commander BRITCON, Brigadier PR DUCHESNE, OBE. He inspected our Lance Guard and toured the camp meeting many personalities before repairing for Lunch in the Mess.

THEY STICK TO PEACE

By Lt Staffan Dopping

Photos by Lt Ulf Borguad

– Sure it can be dangerous, but we are not afraid. Apart from that, there has to be a little bit of combat during our mission.

This is what the soldiers at OP S-55 tell us. S-55 is the OP where the sentry present arms to all UN vehicles. Lately this OP has been searching for mines, a task that most of the soldiers wouldn't have dreamt of during their service in Cyprus.

– It's the area between the OP building and the forward Turkish Forces which is searched, squad leader Mikael Öhrner tells us.

– In case of an incident, it's good to know that you can go over there without thinking of the mines, says Mikael.

When they were asked, everybody agreed to search for mines.

– Peace is our mission, tells us Anders Olsson, one of the squad members.

The way they make it is a very old method. They use a long wooden pike with a sharp steelpoint. Holding it like a pencil they stick it into the soil. In that way the searchers can easily feel if there is something suspicious in the soil. Furthermore, the stick won't fly into any part of the body in case of a mine blast.

During the period when the squad is looking for mines one could expect a tense and nervous atmosphere, but strangely enough it's just the opposite. When the Blue Beret visits OP S-55 the soldiers take coffee breaks, make hot sandwiches and make fun about everything and everybody.

– This should have been made long time ago.

But how sure can you be of the method? When you are ready with the area, can you be absolutely sure that it's free from mines?

– You can't be one hundred per cent sure of course, say squad leader Sgt Öhrner.

– But I don't believe we play with our lives. If I hit a mine, I should have a good chance of making it. The pike is long, I'm about 1½

metres from the mine and will not get the blast directly on me. If it's an antitankmine, it would probably not go off at all.

Searching for mines takes a long time. Moreover, it requires that you are very precise and don't miss any part.

– You get the feeling of doing something important, Pte Joakim Riis tells us while putting the pike into the soil once again.



These are the mine searchers at OP S-55. In the front, squad leader Mikael Öhrner and Anders Linden, in the rear Anders Olsson and Joakim Riis.





The VAN DOOS RETURN

By Lieutenant Gilles Clairoux

On 27 February 85, the advance party of the latest Canadian Contingent arrived in Larnaca after a long flight from Canada. The Third Battalion, Royal 22e Régiment, has returned to Cyprus after an absence of 5 years. But the Blue, Red and Yellow regimental colours have emblazoned Sector Four's area of responsibility as recently as October 81 (winter tour), when the Second Battalion served.

Originally raised in 1914, the R22eR is one of Canada's most decorated regular infantry regiments; its' Battle Honours include both World Wars and Korea. In 1914, at the beginning of the 1st World War French Canadians requested to have a battalion of their own, as they wanted to fight the war in a unit commanded by their peers. In October 1914 the 22nd Battalion French Canadian was formed and sent overseas for training before getting into battles in France and Belgium. The mettle of the French Canadian was tested in the fires of adversity, and the quality of his response earned him the right to add "ROYAL" to its denomination and became the Royal 22nd Régiment. In 1928 the french version Royal 22e Régiment became the official name of the Régiment.

In 1939, the Régiment was on the war footing and was sent overseas to fight against the Germans, but did not see action before 1943 when it took part in the invasion of SICILY, with the 1st Canadian Division.



Winter warfare is an aspect that the 3 R22eR is very well prepared for and spends a considerable amount of time training for because of our long winter.



Photos by Unit Photographer



Firing practice is a very important feature of training in the 3 R22eR. This Battalion has taken the Canadian Forces Biathlon Championship for the last three years and still holds this distinction.



Summer in an infantry battalion such as R22eR in actual fact comprises three seasons with all comparable seasonal changes, which give us the opportunity to train under all types of weather such as rain, mud and slush.



After the Italian Campaign, the Régiment moved to North-west Europe and participated in the liberation of Holland. After the War, the Régiment returned to Canada. In August 1950, a second and a third battalion were raised for the Korean conflict. All three battalions rotated to Korea from 1951 to 1954.

Today the Régiment is composed of 3 regular battalions and members of all three battalions have served the United Nations in Egypt, Cyprus, Israel, and Syria. This will be the fifth United Nations tour in Cyprus for the Third Royal 22e Régiment. For some VAN DOOS, however, this tour will be the first but the R22eR is looking forward to six months with the United Nations with keen anticipation, and is hoping to maintain the reputation built up over the last century by their predecessors.

Je me souviens.





VISITING PYLA SUBSTATION

By Insp PG Boij

Photo by Contingent Photographer

On the 16th January 1984 SWEDCIVPOL opened a substation in Pyla village. The reason for it was that the village is the only mixed village left in Cyprus and it is situated in the UN Bufferzone. Previously SWEDCIVPOL organized a lot of substations. There have been such in Polis, Angastina, Yialousa, Ayios Theodhoros, Larnaca, Leonariso, Athieno, Mari, Arsos and Chatos.

The three policemen who work in the station have become popular and appreciated members of the village community. Ch Insp Bertil Lindbergh, OIC, shows us around in the village and gives us a briefing together with Insp Goran Bergstrom and Insp Ove Soderberg. Bertil tells us that the police work consists mostly of liaison with TCPE, CYPOL and the SBA-police. The policemen have



Gathering at a coffee shop in Pyla village

also a daily contact with both the Turkish and Greek Muctars.

– I like the work here because it gives us the opportunity to get to know so many civilian people, says Goran. – And we are happy to have so many visitors to the station, adds Ove. The village

square is the most important place for the policemen. That is where everybody meets. The Swedish OP S-29 is situated there.

We leave the policemen in one of the coffeeshops talking with some of the inhabitants.

THE ROYALS SAY FAREWELL

Photograph by Lieutenant R.E.
Dykens



The colours of the First Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment on Medal Parade 17th 1985



By Lieutenant P.J. Devlin

The First Battalion, The Royal Canadian Régiment has returned to London, Ontario where they are at this very moment in the midst of a few weeks leave. Following that, 1 RCR will quickly reorganize and prepare itself for Exercise Rendez Vous 85 in Wainwright, Alberta in May and June.

Sector Four is now manned by the Third Battalion, Royal 22^e Régiment and we hope their tour will be as rewarding as ours. 1 RCR was honoured to work with all contingents and we take with us many fine memories. We wish all members of UNFICYP all the best for the future, both in Cyprus and when they return home.

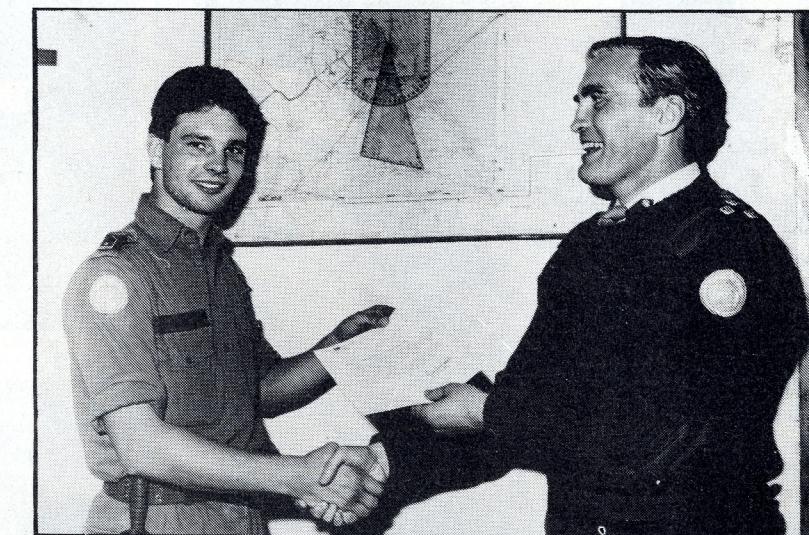
FC HONOURS CUNNING OP LEADER

by Capt FRITZLEHNER Franz

Sgt Wolfgang AMANN, the leader of OP A 28 at the eastern edge of the UNBZ devised a simple and accurate method of measuring the distance from the OP to the ships crossing the Maritime Security Line. UN had already thought of buying an expensive rangefinder to solve this problem.

So the FC thanked the initiative OP leader, who is interested in mathematics and technics, in an official letter: "... By his personal initiative and ingenuity Sgt AMANN has saved the United Nations a considerable sum of money and has produced a practical answer that improves substantially the accuracy of observations. He is to be highly commended for his excellent work".

Photographer 1/Sgt SAKOPARNIK Gunther

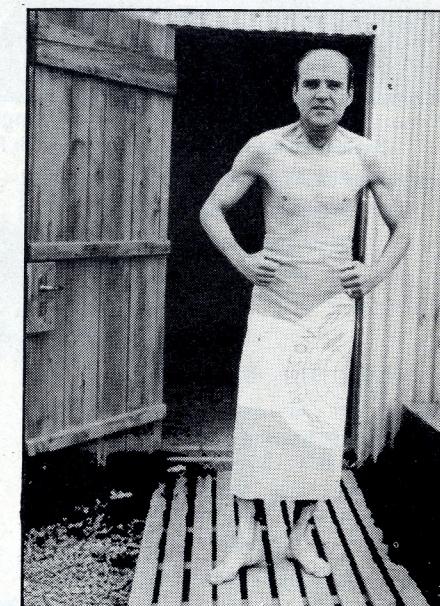


COS Brig DUCHESNE congratulates Sgt AMANN with the FC's letter.

AUSCON OPENS A NEW "CHAMBER OF HELL"



Before



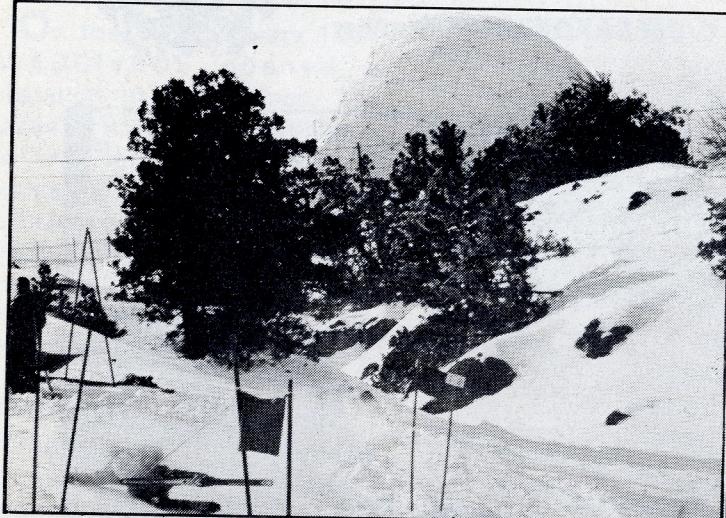
After

On 29 Jan 85 LtCol W BRANDNER, CO AUSCON, inaugurated solemnly the new sauna in Camp Duke Leopold V. The sauna is heated by a strong wood-fire and produces temperatures up to 150°C. At this infernal condition CO AUSCON invented a new competition: those who could bear the heat any longer than himself would be awarded with a special sauna certificate.

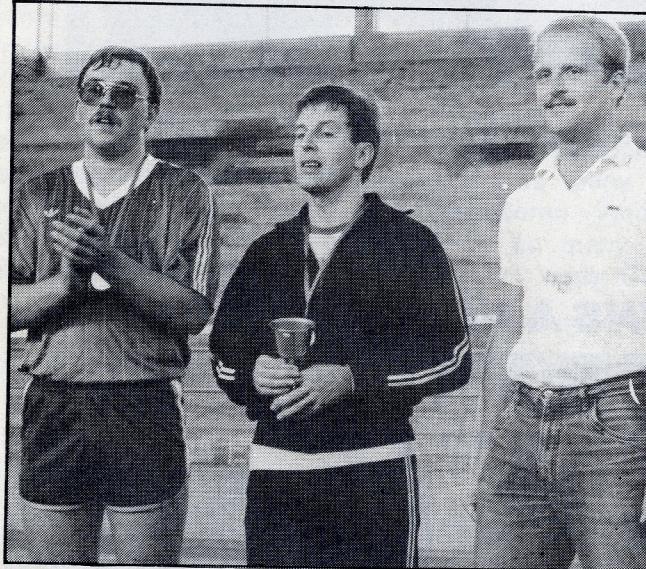
By the way, regard the effects for your body caused by the chamber of hell (As it happened to 1/Lt SCHWEINBERGER)

Blue Beret SPORT

Pte Bergstrom (2nd), Sgt Nilsson (1st) and Pte Sjoestrom (3rd) proudly show off their trophies after winning the UN ski-ing championships at Troodos on 28th February.



Scenic route down the North Face!



Winners of the UNFICYP Men's Single Badminton Championship held on 16th and 17th February.

From left: Pte Hingeberg DANCON 2nd
W02 Orszewski Sp Regt 1st
W02 Lingmerth SWEDCON 3rd



Founder members of the recently reopened UN Nicosia Karting Club proudly showing off their recent awards

They're off. An exciting start to the Karting race held at the Nicosia airfield on 3rd March 1985.



INTERNATIONAL COOKBOOK



RECIPES FROM THE SCARLET LANCERS SCOUT CAR SQUADRON UNFICYP

The following recipes were supplied by Sgt J McDermott, ACC:

A SQUADRON 16th/5th THE QUEEN'S ROYAL LANCERS

COUPE CALIFORNIA

Makes 4 portions (164 calories per portion)

4 Fresh Peaches

4 Fresh Plums

8 Cherries

4 Leaves of Lettuce

5 fl oz/150 ml Yoghurt

Juice and grated rind of 1 Lemon

1 teaspoon of Honey

Preparation time: 8 minutes

a. Slice the peaches and plums and stone the cherries.

b. Place the shredded lettuce in 4 glasses, leaving room for the fruit.

c. Mix the fruit together and put onto lettuce.

d. Mix the yoghurt, honey and lemon juice together.

e. Serve.

Chef's Tips:

a. Marinade the fruit in brandy or port wine for a better flavour.

b. Use fresh fruit whenever possible.

c. Yellow peaches and apricots lack acidity - add lemon or grapefruit juice.

PORK RIBS SPREAD WITH HERBS

2 lbs (900 gms) Pork Ribs

2 Bayleaves
10 Sage Leaves
2 teaspoons of chopped Thyme
1 teaspoon of Black Peppercorns
2 cloves of Garlic (finely chopped)
1 teaspoon of Sea Salt

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10 Sage Leaves

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2 cloves of Garlic (finely chopped)

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Preparation time: 20 minutes

Marinating time: 4 hours

Cooking time: 20 minutes

a. Crumble the bayleaves and then crush them with the sage, thyme, peppercorns, garlic and salt, to make a green paste (use a pestle and mortar if you have one)

b. Spread the paste over the pork ribs and leave them for at least 4 hours at room temperature.

c. Pre-heat the grill to high.

d. Lay the ribs on the hot rack and grill them about 1 inch (3 cms) away from the heat so they are golden brown all over and sizzling (about 20 minutes).

LANCER KEBAB



STEAMED GOLDEN SPONGE PUDDING

(recommended by EGON RONAY after visiting 16/5 L in May 84 - also in the GOOD FOOD GUIDE 1985)

10 oz Flour
6 oz Margarine
6 oz Sugar
1 tablespoon of Baking Powder
3 Eggs
3 oz Golden Syrup

a. Cream margarine and sugar together to a smooth creamy texture.

b. Add eggs, one at a time, making sure that the mixture does not curdle.

c. Add the flour and baking powder and mix.

d. Grease and flour the pudding basin.

e. Pour the Golden Syrup into bottom of the basin.

f. Add the sponge mixture.

g. Cover with greaseproof paper or cling - film and steam for 1 1/2 hours.

THE CORPS OF DRUMS 1st BATTALION THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S ROYAL REGIMENT

By Capt P. King

One of the pleasurable aspects of being part of the United Nations Force in Cyprus is that it is possible to display some of our more traditional, and, we feel finer assets to an enthusiastic audience. The Regimental Band and the Corps of Drums of the 1st Battalion are two such assets. Although many of you will have seen them perform together, they are in fact two distinct organisations.

Drummers have always been part of the fighting strength of the Battalion, unlike Bandsmen who, until the 1860's were paid for by the Officers and were under no obligation to remain with the Battalion if sent on active service. The drum was used since the middle ages to send signals to troops both in camp and on the battlefield, and also to provide a rhythmic accompaniment for marching. The original drummers were men of importance as it was also part of their duties to parley with the enemy, their uniforms consequently being more ornate to match their status.

After the Napoleonic Wars the signalling function was taken was taken over by the bugle, but an enlarged selection of drums, together with fifes were retained to make marching somewhat easier, if not exactly enjoyable. All drummers should be able to sound the bugle calls used today. In St Davids Camp five calls are sounded each day by the duty drummer, in Canterbury there are 23.

The 24 soldiers in the Corps of Drums receive no musical training except that which they are taught within the Corps itself. Many have never played musical instruments before, being volunteers from other rifle platoons in the Battalion. Throughout his career with the Battalion a Drummer could be



Drum Major Tadhunter in full ceremonial dress, with his mace.

transferred into other Platoons and perform other duties, before returning, perhaps on promotion, to the Corps for further service.

Despite pomp and the pagentry of the Corps of Drums they remain very much a part of the fighting strength of the Battalion. Although no longer responsible for the relaying of signals they have other duties. Five members are trained in the use of explosives, and the whole Corps are skilled in

watermanship, water supply, and the use of power tools. The Corps is the Battalion Assault Pioneer Platoon.

The Corps of Drums will man the Morphou Checkpoint entrance to the UNPA for the whole of our time in Cyprus. In addition to UN sponsored performances the Corps of Drums have given displays in villages and towns in Southern Cyprus, and will hopefully be doing the same North of the UNBZ.



Corps of Drums 4th Bn The Wiltshire Regiment.
1 May 1915



A Tour In Limnitis Camp

By Major S.F. Hueg OC/C-Coy/DANCON 42

Photos by Contingent Photographer

In the Northwest corner of Cyprus C-Coy/DANCON has two camps. A platoon camp in Kokkina and Coy (-) camp in Limnitis.

I want you to have a share of the beauty in the Limnitis area by taking you on a tour in Limnitis camp.

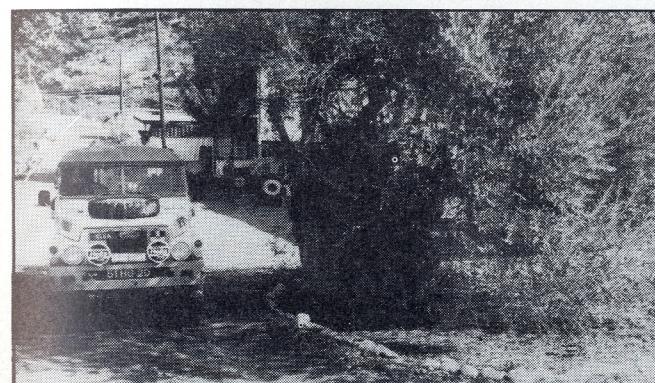
After entering the camp you find the oldest tree on Cyprus, an olive about 2000 years old and still carrying fruit.

We move on and meet the accommodation huts for the Privates. Surrounding all huts are well kept gardens and cages with birds and rabbits. Some of the huts are real work of arts.

Further on we see the Privates Mess, one of the largest business in the area.

The summer Bar with birds, hedges of passion Flowers and an open fire place is a very nice place for the whole Coy to unite.

In connection with the kitchen you have the NCO's Mess, well run and a good place to visit. Surrounding the kitchen and the Mess we have the accommodation area for NCOs. Also here you find some well kept gardens and decorated huts. Near the entrance you find our Workshop, open day and night and with a lot of skilled work being carried out. Opposite the Workshop we have the Drivers club, office and accommodation for our drivers. The drivers and the men in our reconnaissance



The oldest tree in Cyprus



Carob - tree

About 20 steps further on a big Carob-tree is standing. The carob are used for food for humans and animals. The pips are used by the Chewing gum industry and in the old days they were used in connection with diamonds. The pips all have the same weight: a Carat.

Further on you see one of the many Fig-cactus in the camp. We often eat the red fruit at lunch. You put on some thick gloves, cut down the fruit and with a knife and split it in two. Serve it on a plate and with a tea-spoon you dig out the insides.

Orange-trees are surrounding the camp and inside you find a lot of Almond-trees. Already in the beginning of the New Year there are some flowers on the trees but in March the whole camp will be drowned in flowers and their scent.



Fig - cactus



UN NEWS



NEW MINI BUS FOR HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES

By Mr Hugh Brophy

On 29 January 1985, there was a brief ceremony at the headquarters of the Australian Civilian Police, to hand over the keys of a new minibus to be used to transfer ill persons from the north of Cyprus to Nicosia General Hospital and other institutions for treatment.

The Toyota minibus, seating 15 passengers, was purchased for the Cyprus Red Cross Society by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), and will remain on permanent loan to UNFICYP.

Present at the handover ceremony was the Force Commander, General Greindl, the

Photo by Cpl Jackson

Chief of the UNHCR Mission in Cyprus, Mr. Halim, and his colleague Mr. J. Johansson, the UNFICYP Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. Hugh F. Brophy, Chief Superintendent Morley and Superintendent J. Jamieson of the Australian Civilian Police.

Mr. Halim expressed his pleasure at being able to help in the humanitarian activities of UNFICYP. General Greindl in reply remarked on the practical cooperation and coordination he had noted between agencies of the UN family and thanked the UNHCR and the Cyprus Red Cross Society for their valuable contribution to the peace-keeping efforts of UNFICYP.

