

THE BLUE BERET



FEBRUARY 1986



JANUARY IN RETROSPECT

ROTATIONS

2-16 Jan FSC Sqn

VISITS

7-9 Col Frederiksen and Lt Col Heegaard visited the Danish Contingent
7-15 Col and Mrs Cowling visited the Canadian Contingent
7-15 CFE Band led by Sgt Steele visited the Canadian Contingent.
7-23 Mr Karlsson and Ms Jonsson visited the Swedish Contingent.
19-23 Mr Maniette and 6 musicians visited the Swedish Contingent.

20-23 Lt Col Molin and recce party of seven visited the Swedish Contingent.
20-23 Ms Loof and Ms Palmgren visited the Swedish Contingent.
21-23 Mr Nyrerod and Ms Wallin visited the Swedish Contingent.
21-29 Capt MC Robbie and MWOs Leblanc and Hickson visited the Canadian Contingent.
28-30 Mr B Urquhart visited UNFICYP
30-6/2 Maj AJ Fisher, Capt Garrick, Capt Prince and SSGT Shepherd visited the British Contingent.
31-3/2 Lt-Gen Belzile and party of seven visited the Canadian Contingent.

FUTURE EVENTS

MEDAL PARADES

15 Feb. SWEDCIVPOL
21 Feb. SWEDCON
28 Feb. DANCON

SPORTS EVENTS

18-20 Feb Military Skills Competition 1/86 - Dhekelia
26 Feb. Skiing and Langlauf, AUSCON/DANCON-Troodos

"WHATS ON" in Nicosia

British Film Month at the British Council. All films start at 7.30 p.m.

6 Feb. "The Killing Fields" with Sam Waterson, John Mariovitich, Julian Sands, Bill ards.
7 Feb. "The Shooting Party" with James Mason, Dorothy Tutin, Edward Fox, John Gielgud.
14 Feb. "1984" by George Orwell, with John Hird, Richard Burton, Suzannah Hamilton, Cyril Cusack.
18 Feb. "The Dresser" with Albert Finney, Tom Courtenay, Edward Fox, Zena Walker.
25 Feb. "Comfort and Joy" with Bill Patterson, Eleanor David, C T Grogan, Alex Norton.

The American Center.

12 Feb "A Raising in the Sun" with Sidney Poitier. 7.30 p.m.
26 Feb "A Patch of Blue" with Sidney Poitier. 7.30 p.m.

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CANCON Foot Patrol
at Ledra Palace.

Photo by: Sgt A Thomson.

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Editorial

1986 is the year of Peace and this issue includes the inaugural message from the UN Secretary - General.

This month the Blue Beret contains a pictorial record of several interesting events in CANCON. The CATS variety show was quite an experience and the CANCON medal parade was a mixture of professionalism and pageantry. Sector 4 has also been smartening up the Ledra Palace Hotel as revealed in our front cover.

We also have photographic contributions from 84 Squadron RAF, displaying the wide variety of their tasks, and from the MP Company, documenting a visit by the Force Commander and other recent events.

We congratulate AUSTCIVPOL on their fund raising for charity and wish their new contingent well. The SWEDCIVPOL "PYLATHON" looks like a challenging addition to the fitness competitions around the island.

Stories about people, and what they do, always make interesting reading, whether it be the Recce Team of B Coy DANCON controlling farming, the Swedish Supreme Commander visiting Sector 5 or the talented cook and versatile Chaplain of Sector 6. Finally we say farewell to one of our top people, Hugh Brophy, the Chief Administrative Officer and wish him and his wife Faye all the best for their move to UNTSO in Jerusalem.

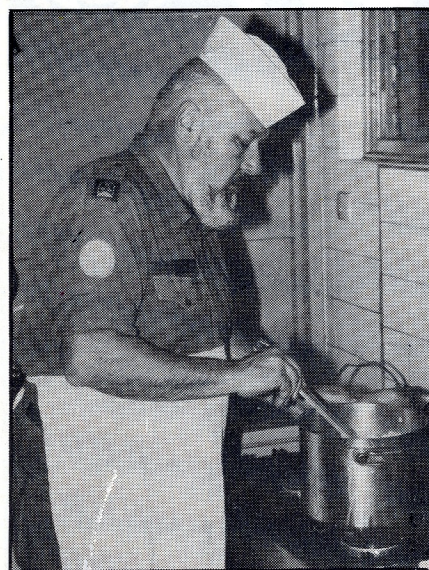
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THE AUSTRIAN CHAPLAIN - AN OUTSTANDING MAN



By: Capt M M. Lamprecht
Photos by: L/Cpl B. Groeger



Karl demonstrates his art of cooking at OP A-20

187 centimeters tall and 120 kilos heavy; a real weighty man. Wearing a full beard, humorous, fan of classical music and perfect singer; these are the main characteristics of our Chaplain, Karl Gindl, simply named Karl. He is fond of being occupied with people, cooking and manual work. "I have never been bored with anything", he replies, when asked about his activities. Indeed, accompanied by him, you learn to feel his vitality and energy. Everyone is invited to see him anytime, no matter what problem. You also may join him just for having a talk. Therefore he knows almost all the soldiers of our battalion personally. His work is by no means a theoretical one. For



Even when our Chaplain walks he doesn't lose his cheerfulness.



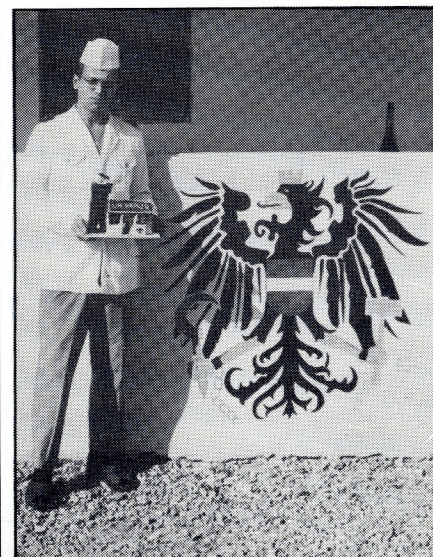
Each Sunday evening Karl celebrates Mass with his soldiers.

example, when the cook of OP A-20 was on leave for two weeks, Karl took over and demonstrated his adaptability. No doubt the crew of OP A-20 was grateful for the Chaplain's help and invited him to visit them more frequently. Last but not least, having taken part in the Buffer-Zone March, he is an example for all soldiers

proving that even 120 kilos can be moved if there is enough will to do so. Our Chaplain is already serving with UNFICYP for the second time. "I am a special fan of Cyprus", he says. Therefore we all hope that the present tour won't be his last one, because one point is most characteristic of Karl: All of us love him.

THE MINIATURE - OP

By: Capt M. Lamprecht
Photos by: L/Cpl B. Groeger



Cpl Alois Gruber can be proud of his mini OP.

OP A-28 is one of the best known OP's of Sector Six. Well, first of all because of the lovely scenery and secondly because of the fact that one of the best cooks is traditionally serving there. Cpl Alois Gruber reproduced the OP A-28 with marzipan so perfectly that nobody dared to eat it. Everyone must be astonished when they get to know that Alois is not a professional but only a hobby cook. During his latest tour with AUSCON he had to run the kitchen while the cook was on leave. As a result his fellows democratically decided to promote him to their cook. Meanwhile he has proved his art of cooking so well that the crew of OP A-28 want him to stay another three months. We all wish him much pleasure in his job.



FORCE COMMANDER VISITS MP COMPANY

Photos by: Sgt Ken Michaelis



On behalf of the MP Company, the Force Provost Marshal accepts the Safe Driving Award for period Sep-Dec 1985 from the Force Commander.



MP Coy personnel prepare defensive positions around MP Coy lines in preparation for inspection by Force Comd Major General Greindl.



Force Provost Marshal briefs Force Comd on weight training facilities in MP Coy lines.



Cpl D.H. (Spider) Webb, (MP MT NCO), wins bronze medal at UNFICYP darts competition, 14 December 1985.

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Sector 2
the winning team.



AUSTRALIA NATIONAL DAY SUNDAY 26
JANUARY 1986. CELEBRATED IN GRAND
STYLE.

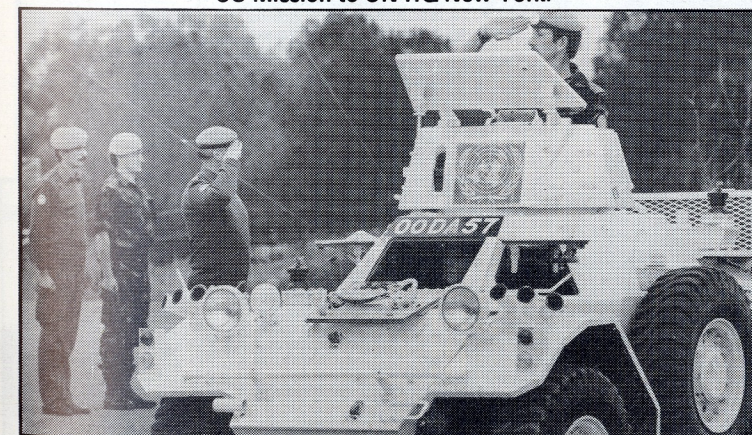
UNFICYP Shooting Competition 1/86.



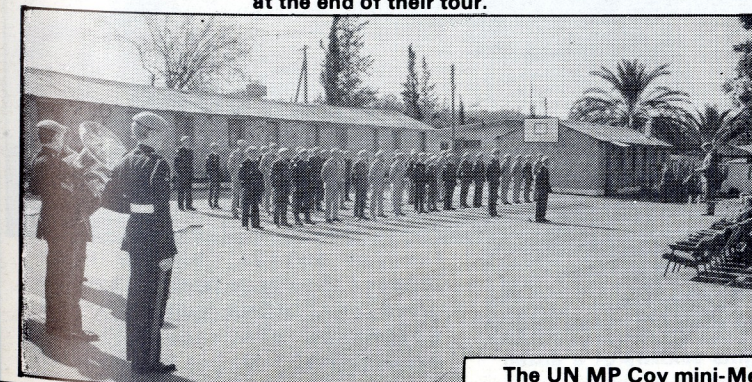
Lt Gen Belzile inspects the Danish element of the Honour Guard during his visit to UNFICYP.



**Visit to HQ UNFICYP of Mr Herbert Okun, Dep Perm Rep
US Mission to UN HQ New York.**



The Force Commander says farewell to the FSC Sqn (QDG) at the end of their tour.



The UN MP Coy mini-Medal Parade.



Mr B Urquhart's farewell visit to HQ UNFICYP.





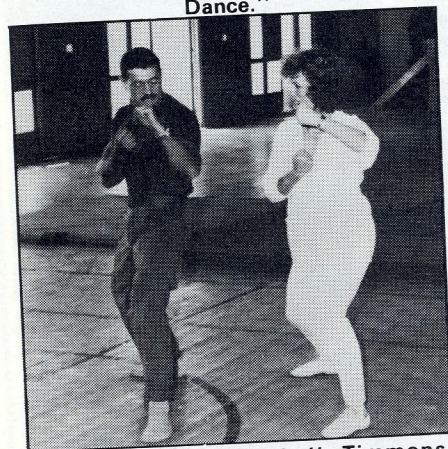
CATS

By: Capt R. Bradford

Photos by: Sgt Jeans
Cpl Dornay

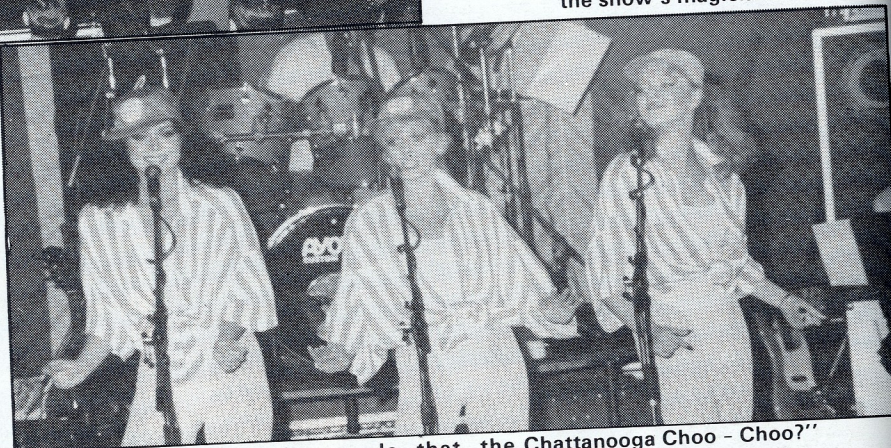


The Opening: "The Heat Incorporated Dancers performing the Neutron Dance."



Cpl Raymond "Lucky" Timmons demonstrates an unarmed combat stance to a CATS dancer.

The annual CANCON show took place at the Ledra Palace Hotel in Nicosia on the evenings of 9, 10, 11 December 1985. Entitled "CATS" (Canadians Across the Sea), the 2 1/2 hour variety show



"Pardon me, boys... Is that the Chattanooga Choo - Choo?" featured singers dancers, magicians and comedians from across Canada. Also featured was the rock group "Chilliwick". Soldiers from all forces in Cyprus attended the show, along with guests invited from all walks of life.

A co-production of Mr. Andy Krawchuk and the Department of National Defence (Canada), CATS



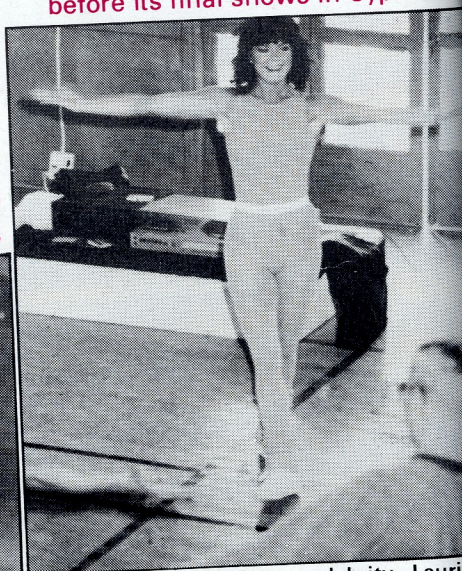
The show was not confined to the stage. On all four nights soldiers of a dozen nationalities and invited guests cheered and applauded the performers.



"Maya" congratulates gunners of F Battery during the 8th of December mini-medals presentation. Maya was the show's magician.



played for Canadian Forces members and dependents in Germany and the Middle East before its final shows in Cyprus.



Canadian aerobics celebrity Laurie Briscoe ("20 Minute Workout") leads a group of 2 RCHA gunners and 3 Commando paratroopers in an exhausting 90 - Minute PT session at Wolseley Gymnasium.

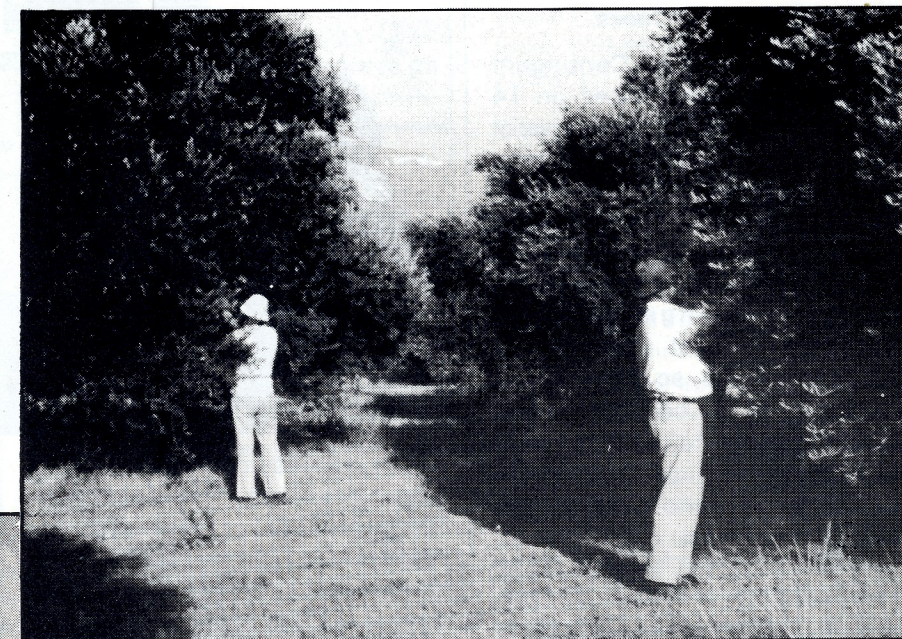


FARMING IN B-COY SECTOR ONE

By Recce Cpl. Keld Julius
Jespersen

Photo: N.E.J. Nielsen

Farming is one of the many tasks which the recce section in B-coy carry out. It is probably nevertheless the most important task we are ordered to do because it allows the farmers to farm within the buffer-zone, allowing the buffer zone to change from combat zone to a more normal situation. It is a great pleasure to see the buffer-zone fertile and green and full of farmers. It is to us an indication that we do our job in a satisfactory manner.



Picking olives



Ready to go into the Buffer Zone

Farming begins with a telephone call to us where we agree with the farmer on time and place to meet. On that day we drive out to the prearranged rendezvous, where we say "good morning" to each other and talk a little about the weather. In the meantime we prepare the "Land-Rover" for driving into the buffer-zone. When we have arrived at the orchard the farmer starts his job. It can be picking olives (Sep-Nov) or oranges, lemons and grapefruits (Dec-Feb). It may also be irrigation in the orchard. When the day's job is finished which very often is on a Sunday, and after about 8 hours, we escort the farmer out of the buffer-zone. Then we go home and make the daily report.



At a rendezvous

As a recce-team in B-coy we have very good relations with the farmers. We also know how important it is for them to take care of their fields or orchards and therefore we never say no to a farming-task, provided there are no ownership or security problems from either side. A good argument for our good relations

with the farmers can be seen every time we are on escort. Then the farmers present us with sandwiches, fruits, homemade cakes and lemonade so we can withstand the hardship of the day. It is indeed an important and interesting job escorting the farmers.



YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN AUSTCIVPOL

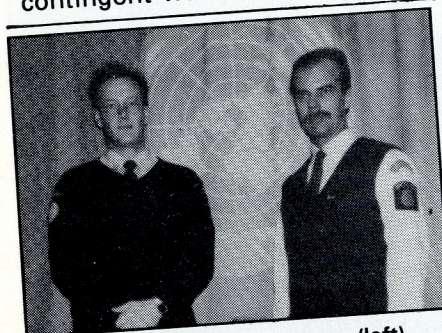
By Inspector John Deeks,

The AUSTCIVPOL Contingent change-over commenced on 14 December 1985 with the arrival of nine new members. The new members added 143 years of Police service to the 204 years of those members staying on, a contingent total of 347 years experience!

The contingent now represents almost every capital city in Australia, so those of you thinking of a holiday "down under" could obtain just the right advice on where to go and what to see. After all, who better to ask than a policeman!

What a wonderful time of the year to change over I hear you say, just as the festivities "are about to start". As one who is lucky enough to have his wife in Cyprus, I could not agree more. For those who have left families at home it could be a different story.

However, on Christmas Day, although at times the families at home were missed, no-one in the contingent was lonely. Thirty six



Insp., Gunnar Andersson (left) and Insp., Tomas Gidhammar, two officers of the present, 47th SWEDCIVPOL - contingent. Both have run the Pylathon.

The Swedish Civilian Police Contingent consists of only 16 cops. Twelve officers, known as the "Buffer Zone Riders", live in the HQ-villa in Larnaca, one officer resides in HQ, Nicosia and the remaining three guys dwell in the Pyla substation.

It is a very active squad, not only concerning duty, but also as far as sports are concerned. Pylathon is just another way to

AUSTCIVPOL CHARITY

By Sgt John HOLROYD



On 12th December, 1985 Chief Superintendent Williams and Sergeant John Holroyd of AUSTCIVPOL travelled to Limassol to the school of the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart to present a cheque for £510 to the Sisters Liorenza Giroto and Patrick Frantija.

The money was the result of profits gained from a horse racing

Aussies sat down to Christmas lunch at Kirribilli House (next to the pig farm about a mile down the road from the Morphou Gate). The wives organised a traditional Christmas spread - yes, most Aussies sit down to turkey and all the trimmings despite the heat of

sweep called the "Calcutta" conducted by AUSTCIVPOL, for the internationally famous Melbourne Cup race.

The handover of the cheque was followed by a tour of the school given by Sisters Liorenza and Patrick. Both are gracious ladies of great charm. We wish members of the Order well for the future.

our summer. Presents, (some a little unexpected!) were exchanged and many commented on how nice it was to have a Christmas which was full of the traditional spirit of friendship, co-operation and family atmosphere.

SWEDCIVPOL KEEPS FIT WITH PYLATHON

By:

Ch Insp MPS Hillqvist



"sheriff" of Pyla and by his two "deputies".

Up till now 24 police officers have run the Pylathon successfully. The wording on the diploma is as follows: "Inspector X has this very day with remarkable skill and admirable courage successfully accomplished the 7 1/2 miles run between HQ, SWEDCIVPOL in Larnaca and the Pyla substation."

The race was instituted by the pioneers of the 43rd contingent to promote physical fitness and fighting spirit among the colleagues of the city".

keep fit during the UN-mission. Inspector Curt Teckner was the initiator of the Pyla-race, when the substation in Pyla was opened in January 1984. At that time the running distance to Larnaca was 13 kms. When the "sheriffs" moved into their new police station on the 17th of May 85, the distance to Larnaca became 500 metres shorter. The first two Pyla races were run on the 20th of January 84 by Curt Teckner and his colleague, Torbjorn Larsson. On the 6th of February 84 the race got its present name, PYLATHON.

From that day all participants who fulfil the race within 90 minutes get a specially created diploma, which is issued by the

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PEACE

SECRETARY - GENERAL'S MESSAGE



Nations system today are apparent in such diverse areas as disarmament and arms control, economic and social development, decolonization, human rights, peace-keeping, refugees, disaster relief and protection of the environment. The recent celebration of the fortieth anniversary provided an important occasion for Member States to renew their support for the Organization and to reaffirm their commitment to its original goals.

"Today marks the inauguration not only of a new, but of a special year-the International Year of Peace. This Year offers a rare opportunity for Member States, non-governmental organizations, academic institutions and others to focus on the problems and prospects of peace. Three major dimensions of the programme of the Year-Peace and Disarmament, Peace and Development, and Preparation for Life in Peace are illustrative of the many perspectives in which the pursuit of peace must be seen.

The International Year of Peace can provide a valuable framework for encouraging the study and resolve needed to reduce the likelihood of war.

"It is time now to take account of both the negative and positive developments of the past and utilize to the fullest the many opportunities for strengthening peace. Co-operation and understanding among nations must be furthered. In this respect it is especially promising that, in this Year of Peace, the process of dialogue initiated by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States in Geneva last November will be furthered in another summit meeting. Let us hope that this second meeting will generate concrete and positive results, opening the way for

progress in many areas.

"The need to limit and ultimately halt the arms race has never been so pressing. It is also of great importance that practical means be found to bring an end to local and regional conflicts and reduce existing tensions.

Concrete steps are necessary to eliminate hunger and malnutrition and to ensure the satisfaction of basic human needs throughout the world. Concerted efforts must also be made to bring an end to all forms of inequality and discrimination, particularly the practice of apartheid. In these and other areas, international co-operation and dialogue offer important keys to progress.

"As the International Year of Peace begins, let all be mindful that its theme - "To Safeguard Peace and the Future of Humanity" - provides an important focus not only for 1986 but for the years ahead. Let us seize the opportunities of 1986 with determination, confident that we can take important steps towards the enduring peace on which a better tomorrow depends".

1 January 1986: Javier PEREZ de CUELLAR

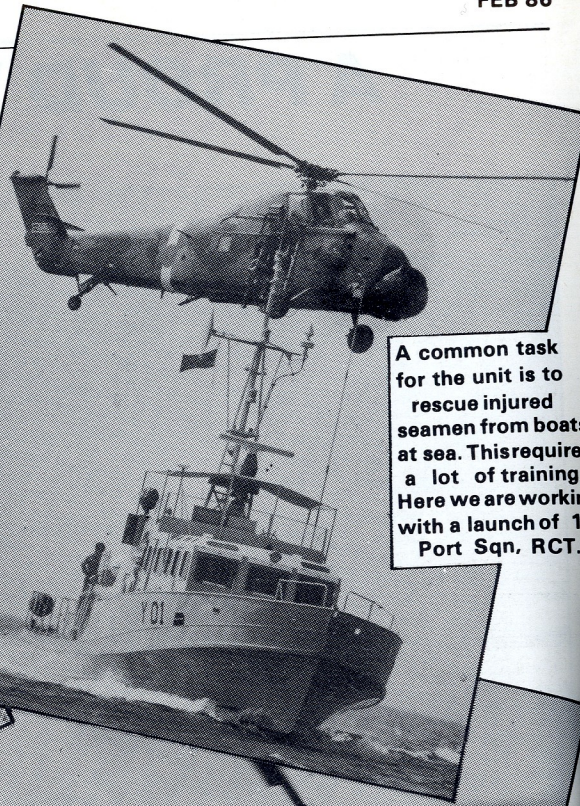


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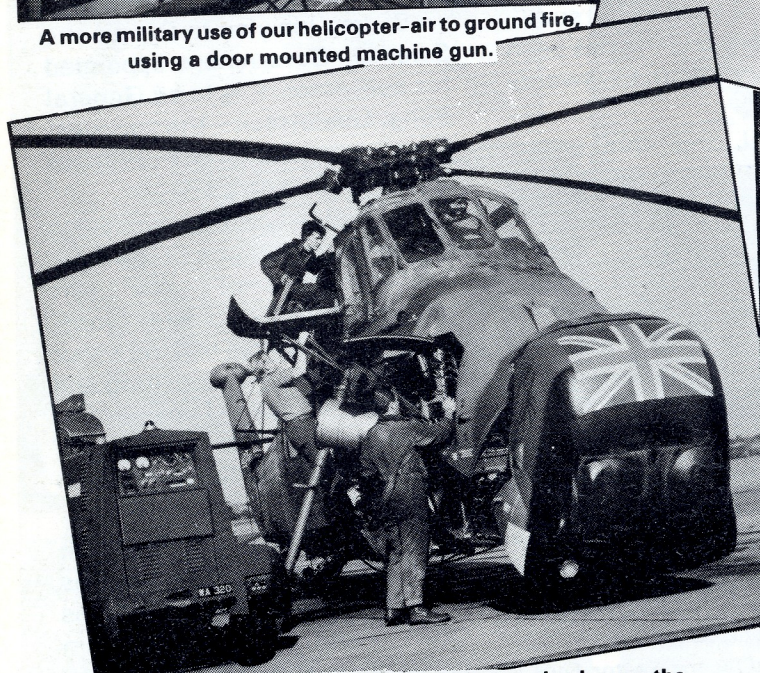
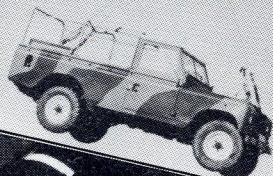
A more military use of our helicopter—air to ground fire, using a door mounted machine gun.



A common task for the unit is to rescue injured seamen from boats at sea. This requires a lot of training. Here we are working with a launch of 10 Port Sqn. RCT.



In support of the Army we can easily deploy a heavy prepared load. The Land Rover above weighs 1550 Kg.



Before and after every flight, the groundcrew check over the whole helicopter.

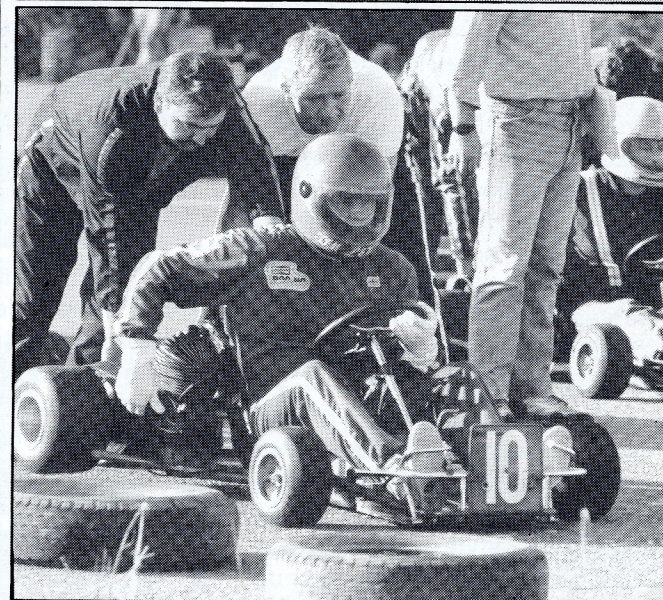
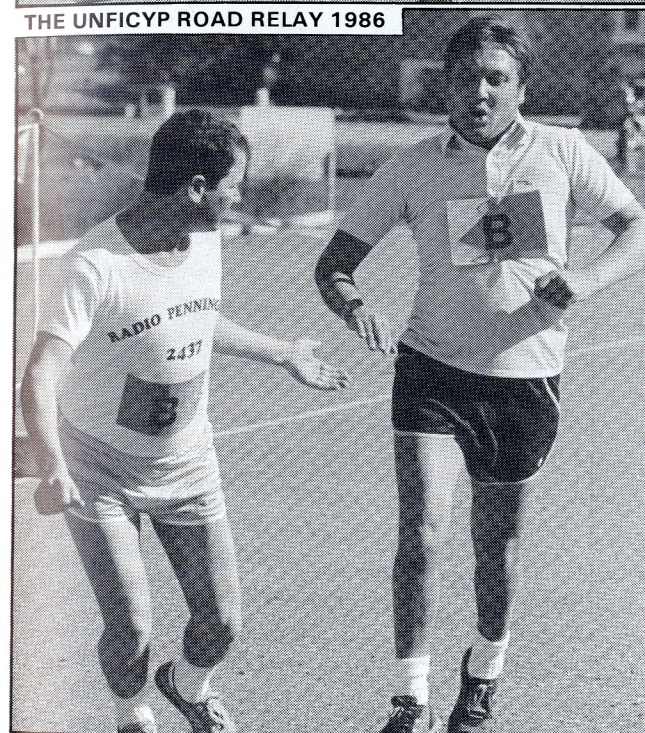


Two doctors are shown taking care of a premature baby in an incubator as we flew to a Tel Aviv hospital.

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THE UNFICYP ROAD RELAY 1986



ACTION FROM THE NICOSIA KART CLUB RACE MEETING ON SUNDAY 12 JANUARY 1986.



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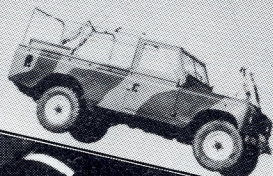
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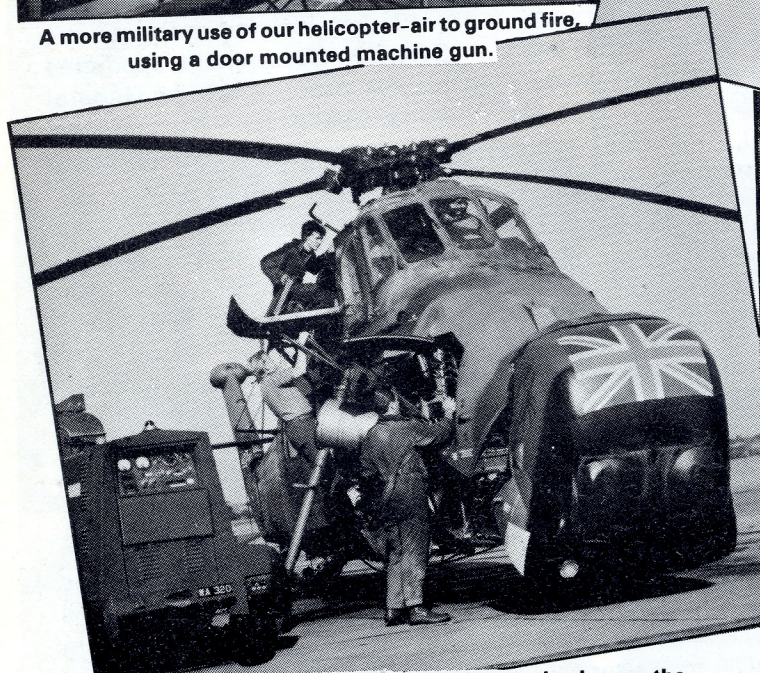
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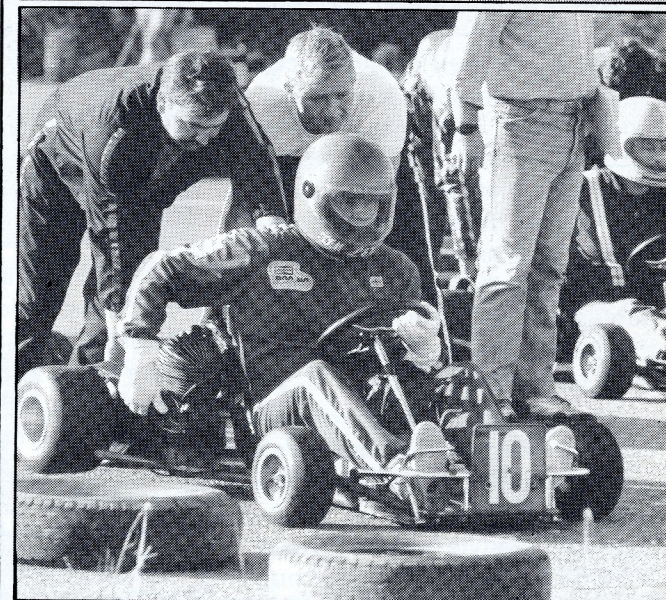
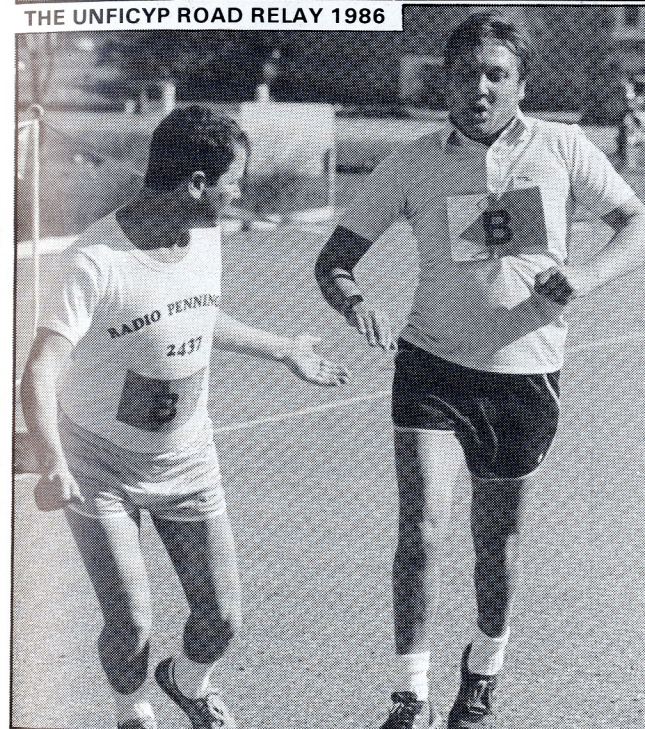
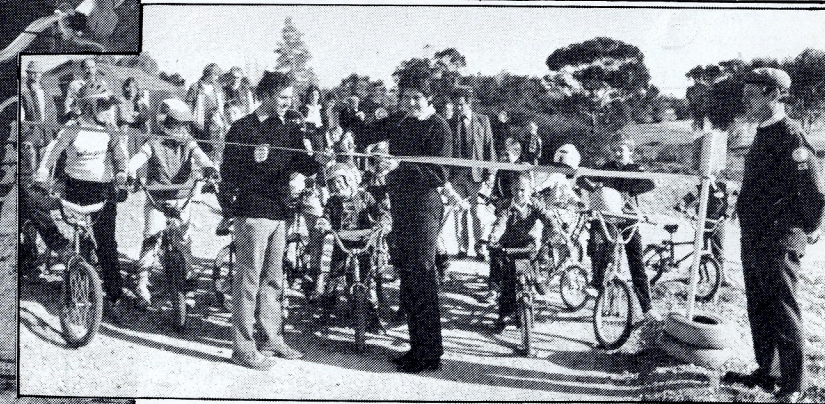


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BON VOYAGE SUPERMAN

By: Charles Gaulkin

After 15 months as UNFICYP's Chief Administrative Officer, Hugh Brophy is off to Jerusalem to tackle an even more challenging assignment as CAO of UNTSO - where he will administer UN Observer operations in not just one but five countries of the Middle East.

As CAO since November 1984, Hugh has had the task of managing the mission finances, supervising the civilian staff, and taking care of the inevitable problems that go with the job of peace-keeping. By cutting through red tape wherever possible and taking a pragmatic approach, he managed to speed up administrative procedures, an accomplishment which was appreciated by UNFICYP personnel and local authorities.

As shown in the illustration on this page by his favourite artist (his wife Faye), UNFICYP loses not only a CAO but a tennis impresario, theatrical producer, computer wizard, bel canto tenor singer (with and without beer accompaniment), kite flier, weight lifter, gourmet cook, gardener, bird fancier (feathered varieties), cricket and snooker player and occasional investor in losing horses at the Nicosia track. (As for the Superman emblem, only the artist can explain that).

Hugh, who once played football and coached Canberra's Australian National University, never attempted to make Australian - style football popular at UNFICYP. However, he not only kept active in other sports but encouraged the civilian UN staff to keep in shape by joining in UNFICYP sports events. In a final appearance on the UNPA playing - field he lent his wiry frame to the sixman Secretariat team which was placed second in the tug-of-war event at the Australia Day festivities last month, and at the same time he picked up a trophy as champion boomerang thrower of the day.

The Brophys are sorry to leave their many friends in Cyprus. Those who find their way to their



new home ("take my plane", Hugh says, referring to the UN Fokker), will still be able to partake of the Brophy speciality: hot and sweet curry (his own secret recipe). To find the house, just look for the red and white airport-style windsock flying above the roof. It's the same one Hugh attached to his home in Nicosia - not so much to help others locate the house but so he could find it himself.

As a former repertory actor in Australia, Hugh was delighted to have the chance in UNFICYP to get back to the stage, in the recent "Jack and the Beanstalk" pantomime, as producer and in his royal role as King Satupon VII.

Although he never presented a song recital in UNFICYP (as he used to do at UN Headquarters in New York), UNFICYP-ers heard his occasional bursts of song (in the pantomime, in carol singing or

in the vicinity of a bar).

During his stay in UNFICYP, Hugh visited the observation posts and was impressed by the "unflagging interest and dedication of UNFICYP personnel, both military and civilian". He paid tribute to the Field Service staff and their ability to adapt to varied local conditions, frequent moves and isolation from UN Headquarters.

As always, Hugh has no qualms about the new post and approaches it with his usual aplomb - the self-confidence of a man who never (well, hardly ever) makes a mistake. (In a sign posted in his office, he admits: "Once I thought I made a mistake - but I was wrong.").

In case anyone goes looking for the man who left UNFICYP still \$130 million in the red, Hugh has taken the precaution of growing a beard so that no one will recognize him.