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UNITED NATIONS



JUNE IN RETROSPECT

ROTATIONS

Nil

MEDAL PARADES

Nil

VISITS

1—4 Lt Col Gard and Maj Hammerskjold visited SWEDCON, accompanied by First Secretaries, Mr H Bjork and Mrs E Blomgren-Edenstrand.

1—9 Capt R D Craig and WO P N Lamontagne visited the Canadian Contingent.

1—9 BGen W W Turner and CWO E E Patrick visited the Canadian Contingent.

2 AVM H Reed-Purvis, Commandant General of RAF, visited the Danish Contingent, accompanied by Flt Lt D Knowles.

2—24 Capt E Plovdrup visited the Danish Contingent.

2—10 Lt Col Hamilton-Russell MBE visited UNFICYP

8—16 BGen J A Cotter, Comd 1 CBG, visited the Canadian Contingent, accompanied by Lt Col R Baxter and CWO G Smith

8—16 Lt Col G Brais, Maj B Pinsonneault, Maj Lareau and Sgt F Bergeron visited the Canadian Contingent.

MILITARY AND RECREATIONAL COMPETITIONS

UNFICYP Volleyball competition.

FUTURE EVENTS

23 Jul—1 Aug

Limassol Art Festival in the Public Gardens, Limassol.

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on the cover

An Austrian soldier scans the terrain from his rooftop OP at A17.

Photo by Frank Voice

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Editorial

UNFICYP Christmas Card Competition

Christmas Card for December 1982

There will be a competition, open to all members of UNFICYP and their families, to design the new Christmas card.

Prize for winning entry

Prizes will be presented by the Force Commander as follows:

First prize:	£30
Second prize:	£15
Third prize:	£5

Design Guidelines

The card should provide us with a military theme and include:

- The multinational UN peace-keeping element
- and may be a photograph/painting/sketch

Panel of Judges

Members of the Panel of Judges will be as follows:

Maj/Gen G G GREINDL (Force Commander)
B/Gen C W HEWSON CD (Chief of Staff)
Mr James WHYTE (Chief Administrative Officer)
Maj D C J EMMETT (MPIO/Editor Blue Beret) (co-ordinator)

Closing Date of Entries

All entries should be sent to the MPIO HQ UNFICYP, and the closing date will be Friday 6 August. It is intended that the new card will be available for sale from the end of September.

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THE FEMALE UN SOLDIERS OF SWEDCON



Radio Officer 2, Gunvor Ejergard, and her supervisor, Lt Richard Bjork, handle all radio communications between Sweden and the Swedish contingent in Cyprus.



Staff clerk, Sgt Anita Kolterud and Warrant Officer Marie Williamson, discuss a problem in front of the church at Camp Victoria.



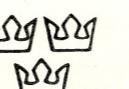
One of the female UN soldiers of SWEDCON is nurse, Lt Kerstin Jensen. A few weeks ago she took part in a medical evacuation training between OPs 21 and 22. Here she is seen leaving a Wessex helicopter with CMO Dr Sven Lagerholm.

So near — and yet so very far away. Wherever you wanted to go it was always too far for the people of Asele in Swedish Lapland. But modern Swedish society, nevertheless, gave these people a picture of the world. Gunvor Ejergard would surely see most of it when she grew up. This was a dream of almost every young person. Gunvor turned her dream into reality. Today, at the age of 39, she has travelled around the world for more than twenty years. A short time ago she thought she had had enough and found herself work in Sweden. Six months later she was on her way again . . . this time as a Swedish UN soldier in Cyprus.

She was only seventeen when she left Asele for Stockholm and started to work as a maid. It lasted two months. A friend of hers kept talking about becoming a radio operator. They both applied for the appointment and training; both were accepted — but only Gunvor completed the course.

At this period in time, the demand for radio operators was greater in the merchant navy; you could choose the ship and the route you liked. Gunvor eventually made her choice; she signed on the m/v Adak, a bulk carrier, which carried her as well as iron ore from Sweden to Antwerp, from there to the east coast of the United States of America and then back to Sweden, this being the normal route.

By Capt Lars Lundblad



It was like an adventure all the time. One winter night Gunvor remembered running aground off Oxelosund — her home port. She has experienced a great deal during the years at sea: the grain trade between the United States and Red China, the tropical gales and a hurricane in the Caribbean Sea. At times she worked for a wrecking car association in California.

Lately, Gunvor has tried to slow down her pace of living and travelling. Her last endeavour was to work in Sweden. At that time her attention was drawn to the advertisements concerning working in the UN in Cyprus. Gunvor was one of twelve girls selected out of a total of two thousand applicants.

Female UN soldiers in SWEDCON are employed as postal clerks, canteen keepers, switchboard operators, staff clerks and radio operators. With very few exceptions, the women like their situations and the services they are managing.

KOKKINA, DANCON'S BIGGEST OP

By Sgt N H Heramb



L/Cpl O L Knudsen, L/Cpl S G Nielsen, Pte C P Andersen and Pte M A Jensen are setting up a new telephone line.



Cpl A E Kinanen briefing Pte T Vestmar at DO1.



Limnitis and the OP's, and telephone contact with the OP's, Limnitis, Xeros and also Nicosia.

This gives only a brief idea of what Kokkina is like, and Sector One are very proud of this, their biggest OP. Certainly, the surroundings and the way of life there ensure a morale which is second to none.



L/Cpl T Serop and L/Cpl K R Pedersen on their way to DO2.

Electricity and water are no problem at Kokkina — there is a generator which runs for twenty-one days before being refuelled. Outside communication is also good — Kokkina has radio contact with



3RCHA

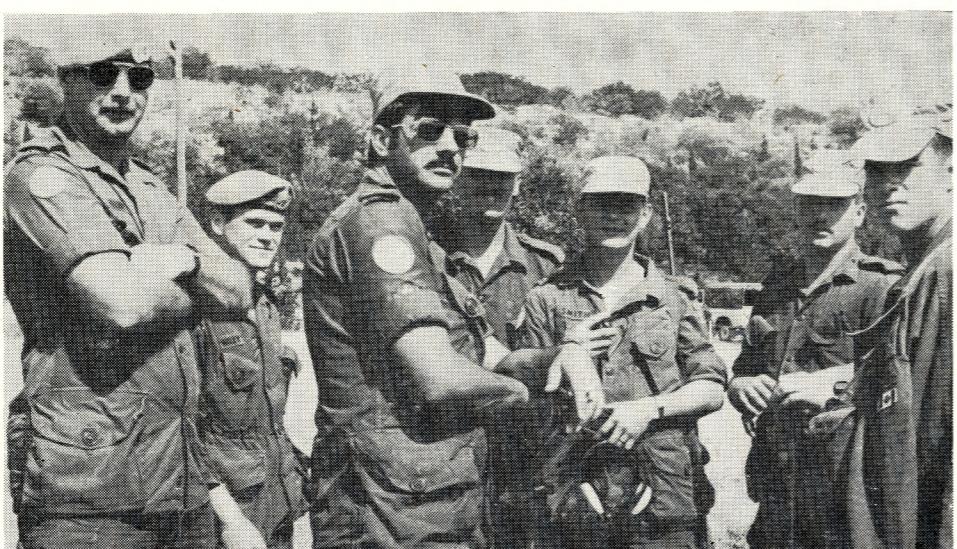
The ever-demanding challenge of maintaining morale and esprit continued for 3 RCHA during the month of May. Combined with inter-unit sports competitions and trips to the Leave Centres, the unit was involved in several regimental endeavours. On the 26th May, in celebration of the Canadian Artillery Birthday, a "Sports Day" was held. The Officers and Senior NCOs assumed duty on the line in order to ensure that the maximum number of soldiers could participate in the sports events. Included were: "Track and Field" competitions, "Swimmeet", "A Tug-of-War", "Chain of Command Race" and a "Soft Ball" game. J Bty (Blue Beret Camp) and U Bty (Ledra) triumphed as the trophy winners but everyone had a good time.

The Regiment has found itself in an ideal situation for water-sport recreation on the island. Taking full advantage of this, the scuba divers got off to a good start by running two basic diving courses. With the able tutelage of Sgts Ron Lindsay and Larry Weber, the course trained divers in the Ledra Palace pool and concluded with a one-week open water session in the Dhekelia, Cape Greco and Episkopi areas. The Regiment has equipment and air facilities available for club use and club divers venture to most corners of the island. Several additional courses are planned for later in the tour. The Regiment also participated in the "Falling Plate" competition held in Dhekelia on the 12th and 13th May. Two four-man teams entered and, although they had only limited practice on a 30M-range, their performance was admirable. Cpls McMullin and Smith and Gns Ramsey and Cardinale placed in the top four teams and thereby gained the right to participate in the "Semi Finals" competition. The Regiment is looking forward to the July "Small Arms" competition to try its luck again.

The maintenance of morale continues to be a major concern and the involvement of our soldiers in the many activities in Cyprus appears to be the best means of ensuring it remains high.

MAY-TIME EVENTS

By Captain Dave Wiley



Falling Plate Rifle Team (L to R) Capt Harv Ellery - Team Coach, Capt Dave Wiley and Team Members: MCpl D E Ell, Gnr J E Beddows, Cpl D R Smith, Cpl H G McMullin, Gnr B J Lougheed.



Members of 3RCHA participate in Dhekelia at the "Falling Plate" competition.



Members of the Regiment participate in the CANCON Scuba course at the Ledra Palace swimming-pool.



HQ Company proving there is more to life than logistic back-up.

ST DAVID'S CAMP TO DHEKELIA RUN

By Capt Richard Hall

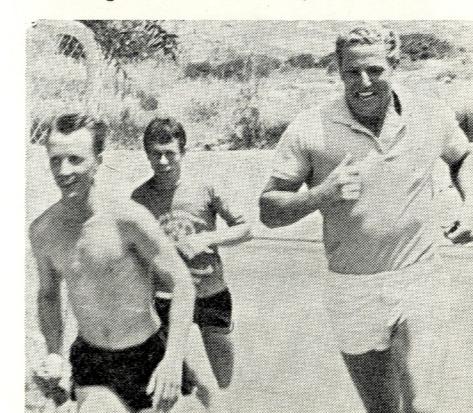
Photo's by Cpl Turner



"They serve to lead". Lt Col P R Rostron and RSM Keeling as the pain begins to tell.

Tired, worn out and weary. A fitting description for the group of soldiers that arrived in Dhekelia on Sunday 6 May. Sore feet, aching muscles and heaving lungs are complaints that are all too familiar to soldiers in any Army but these soldiers from 1 Glosers did not seem to mind the physical discomforts as they ran into the Eastern Sovereign Base Area to be welcomed and applauded by their companions.

What was all this fuss about? The idea started as a joke, was fostered in the Officers' Mess bar, developed into a challenge and eventually became reality.



Is the adjutant actually enjoying the run?

The end product was a relay run from St David's Camp to the Eastern Sovereign Base Area at Dhekelia, a sum total of 77 kilometres. Each department within the Battalion was invited to field a team of runners, which varied in size from two but these soldiers from 1 Glosers did not seem to mind the physical discomforts as they ran into the Eastern Sovereign Base Area to be welcomed and applauded by their companions.

The run started at 0700 hours with the Commanding Officer and Regimental Sergeant Major being put through their paces, as they completed the first leg. By pure chance this was the shortest stretch of the day. Who bribed WO2 Osborne who organised the distances?!

From St David's Camp the route wound its way through the UNPA to the hot and dusty streets of Nicosia where the Adjutant, against all odds, managed to find the way. The spectacle was met by amazed stares from a few of the local population. By the time the runners reached the corridor road the sun was a little higher in the sky and the kilometres seemed a little longer as the heat took its toll. However, it was not long before the sweat-streaked runners were greeted by the tantalising sight of the cool blue sea at Larnaca, a temptation which few could resist by the end of



Sgt Ann McNish in a blur of speed proving that the women can do it as well as the men.

All in all the run was enjoyed by those who participated during the four hours and fifty three minutes which it took to complete the course. What did it achieve? A sense of satisfaction for those who took part and £297 for charity.

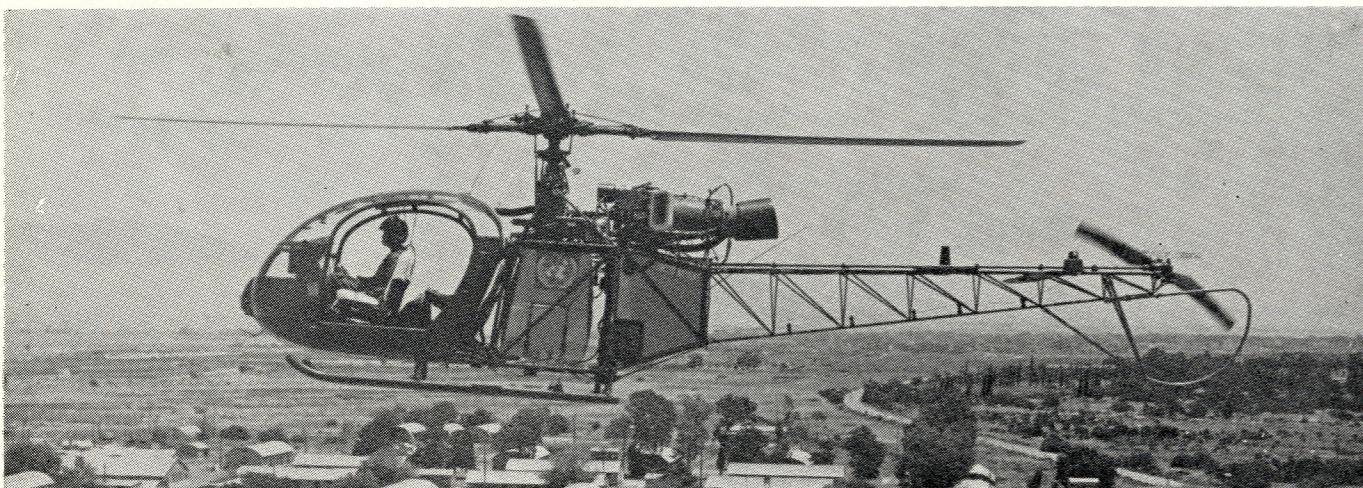


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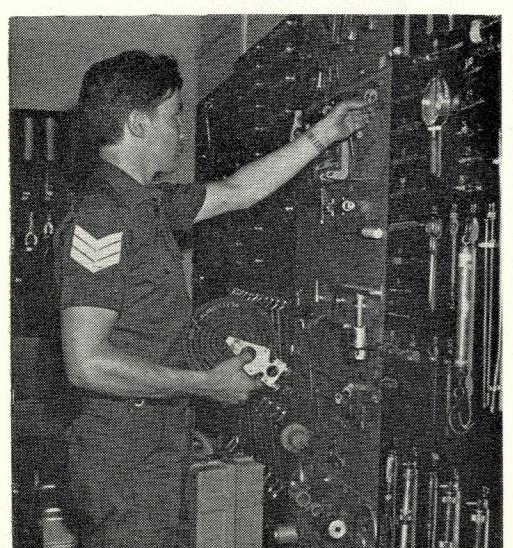
Photo's by Frank Voice

By WO1 Tony Davies.



Sgt Andy Crawford hovers over the helipad.

On 1st September 1982, the British Army Air Corps (AAC) will be 25 years old – the 'youngest' Corps in the British Army. In 1957 the Minister of Defence, Duncan Sandys, directed the War Office to take responsibility for the manning and operation of its own light aircraft for the purposes of reconnaissance, direction of artillery fire and general liaison flying. An agreement was reached with the Air Ministry that the already existing AOP (air observation post) and light liaison flights would be merged to form an Army Air Corps, responsible for the command and control of unarmed light aircraft and helicopters. Thus on 1st September 1957 the former Glider Pilot Regiment was disbanded and the new Army Air Corps came into being. As a point of interest the current OC of the UNFICYP flight AAC took part in the celebration fly-past over Kuala Lumpur, the capital of Malaya.



Sgt Adrien Ryan. All tools for use on helicopters are systematically checked to ensure none are left 'inside'.

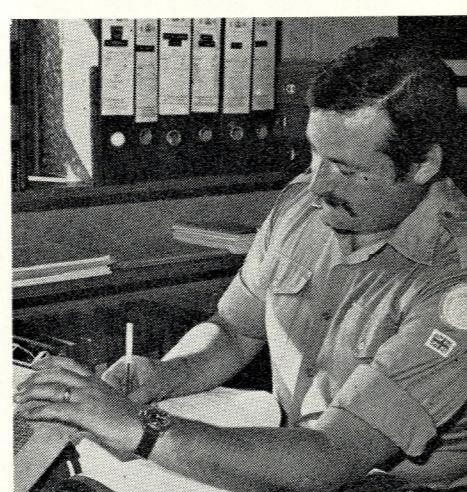
The following years up to 1973 saw many changes in both policy and aircraft, with the Corps changing from a predominantly fixed-wing force to one equipped mostly with helicopters, some armed with Anti-Tank Guided Missiles. Although this period saw a tremendous expansion of aviation it was under conditions of the general reduction of British Armed Forces. As a result the AAC has always been short of administrative manpower and therefore has to "leech" onto other units for support.

Throughout the mid-1960s British Defence Policy was under stern review; the British Aircraft Industry was foundering and there were times when, to any dedicated army aviator, the future looked bleak and uncertain. After its shaky beginnings, October 1973 saw the Army Air Corps take its rightful place as a fully-fledged Corps amongst the fighting and supporting arms. Hitherto its non-technical ground crew, ie, drivers, signallers and air traffic controllers were 'borrowed' from other arms (mostly Royal Artillery) and served for three years with the AAC before returning to their regiments. The increasing complexity of the AAC's roles and the demands made by the new generation of aircraft required full-time Army aviators. Air Gunners and Observers were needed to assist the pilots of Scout, Gazelle and Lynx, to operate the missile and weapon systems and the avionics required for low level tactical flying by day and night in almost any weather conditions.

The AAC has been recruiting directly for several years. The recruits receive basic military training with the Royal Armoured Corps, driver training is given by the Royal Corps of Transport, and regimental clerks are trained by the Royal Army Ord-

nance Corps. Lynx, a most sophisticated modern helicopter equipped with the TOW missile, needs a two-man crew and the AAC itself is now providing the aircrewmen. Pilots, however, still continue to be attached from all arms for a four-year tour of duty, up to one-third of the total pilot strength. The AAC now recruits its own officers direct, for regular or short service commissions.

Since 1978 the AAC has been organised into regiments with the addition of some smaller units such as our own UNFICYP Flight AAC, to meet specific needs. Most regiments have two squadrons – a Light Squadron equipped with twelve Gazelles and a Utility/ATGW (Anti Tank Guided Weapon) Squadron which has twelve Lynx. Each aircraft has an NCO as an aircrewman to act as navigator, observer or gunner, and many aircraft captains are, unlike the other British Services NCO's. The regiments have their own ground crew provided by



Sgt Bill Merrills, the Flight's Supply Controller, books in a piece of equipment.

UNFICYP FLIGHT ARMY AIR CORPS



1957 - 1982



The 'Boss', Major Ian Bell DFC, prepares to take off.

NCO's and airtroopers of the Corps. All aircraft maintenance is done by integrated Light Aid Detachments (LAD) of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME) who also carry out major servicing in REME Aircraft Workshops.

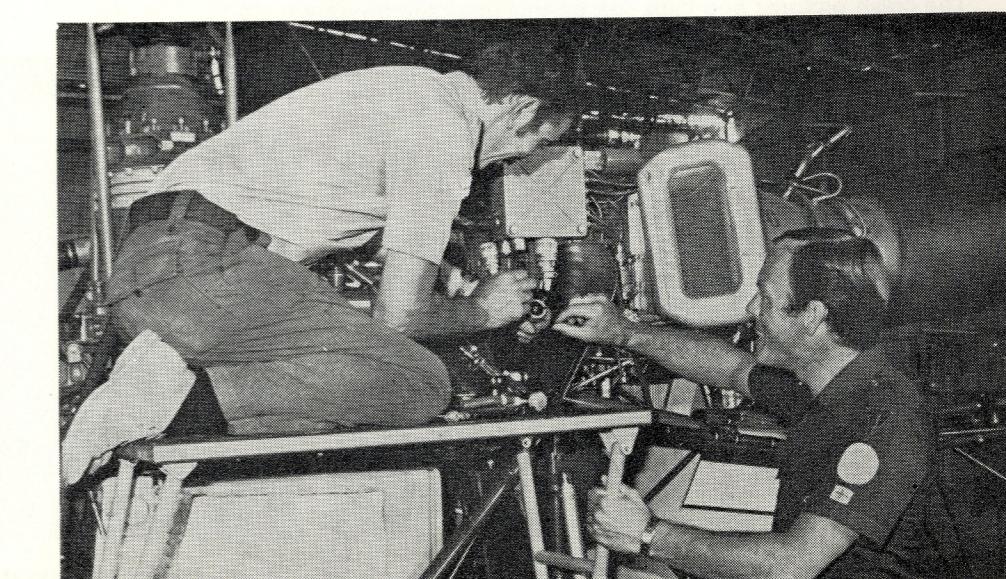
After years of uncertainty the Army Air Corps reaches its silver jubilee with a great deal more strength and confidence than at any time in its short history. Although it is a young Corps, it has a body of tradition which is enviable, for Army Aviators have been constantly on active service since France in 1940 right through to the present day when they contribute their share to operations in the South Atlantic and Ulster, and stability in Belize and here in Cyprus.

UNFICYP Flight AAC is unique in that Cyprus is the only place in which the British Army operates Alouette IICs. Sixteen of these aircraft were purchased in the early 1960's as a stop-gap when production delays, largely due to unexpected engine development problems, held up the Scout's entry into service. The Alouette was to become a firm favourite with all who flew it, as well as with the REME technicians. It remains robust and simple and its reliability is almost legendary. As permanent tribute to the aircraft and the REME – our youngest 'cab' in the fleet is a shining twenty-one year old! Our safety record is second to none, with no passenger injuries or fatalities in the seventeen years we have served with the United Nations, and it is the aim of every man in the unit to ensure that this unique safety record continues. The Flight carries out observation, reconnaissance, command and control and liaison tasks throughout the UN Buffer Zone from Kokkina to Famagusta. It has a secondary responsibility for resupply

and casualty evacuation. To enable it to carry out these tasks the Flight provides two aircraft seven days a week which also cover any emergencies or immediate operational requests. Equipped with four Alouettes, the Flight consists of four pilots (including the officer commanding), seven REME technicians and seven ground support personnel, all eighteen of us being based at Nicosia International Airport – the biggest helipad in the world! As an integral part of Support Regiment most of our administration and welfare is looked after by them, leaving us far more able than we would otherwise be, to carry out our main task – to provide and fly aircraft in support of the UN. Most of the unit members – ten of them – do only the standard six-month UN tour whilst the OC, three pilots, one REME warrant officer, two REME SNCOs and

one RAOC supply controller serve for a continuity tour of two years – very necessary when most people involved in Army Aviation these days only ever see photographs of the Alouette.

The Flight is a small unit and one which changes its complement regularly. We maintain and insist on the highest standards of professionalism from all members of the Unit. Much of our success in this field depends on the 'Flight Safety Awareness' of you the users and our safety record to date has only been achieved by the high standard of training within the different Contingents. In this our Jubilee Year may we thank you, wish you well, and ask that by close co-operation our safety record continues for as long as we serve together.



WOI (ASM) Brian Butt and Cpl Paddy Alexander discuss a problem.



UNFICYP VOLLEYBALL COMPETITION

1st	DANCON
2nd	CANCON
3rd	SWEDCON
4th	SCOUT CAR SQUADRON
5th	UN MP Coy
6th	HQ UNFICYP and HQ BRITCON
7th	BRITCON
8th	SP REGT

The winning team:

Rear row: L-R Sgt P I HANSEN, LCpl J D KRISTIANSEN, LCpl E K LARSEN, LCpl A H PETERSEN, Pte T H SOERENSEN, Pte T K LARSEN

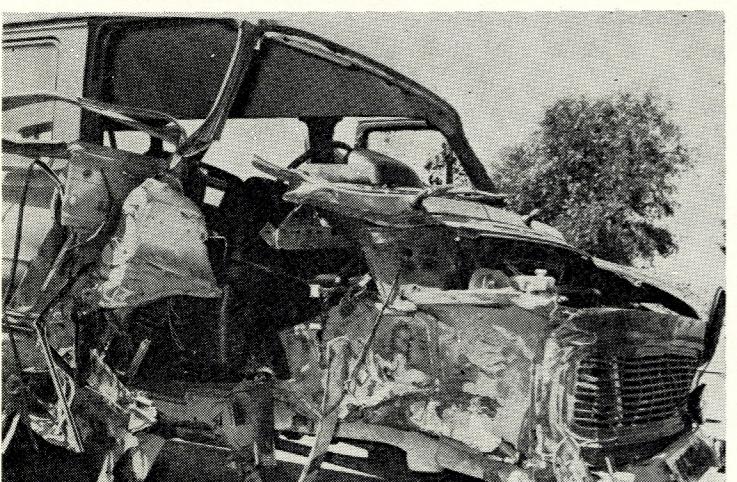
Front row: L-R Cpl A BUUSMAN, LCpl F V MATHIASSEN, Pte M W NIELSEN, LCpl C SOELBERG, Sgt A P LAURITSEN

R O A D S A F E T Y Y E A R JUNE 1982 REPORT

At the half-year point in UNFICYP Road Safety Year the Force is making a 28% reduction in accidents in 1982 when compared to 1981 totals. The following units earned a monthly certificate showing that they stayed within monthly accident ceilings set by the Force Commander:

Sector 1
Sector 2
Sp Regt
FSC Sqn
AUSTCIVPOL
HQ UNFICYP

The crash pictures and captions on this page tell their own story.



The driver and front-seat passenger were wearing seat-belts and were back at work the next day.



The driver and front-seat passenger were not wearing seat-belts and were admitted to hospital with serious injuries. The driver lost an eye.



INTERNATIONAL COOKBOOK



DANSK LEVERPOSTEJ (DANISH LIVERPASTE)

By Maj J Schultz-Lorentzen

Danish "SMOERREBROED" is well-known all over the world and nearly everyone falls for this light and very tasty dish.

One of the Danish specialities in the very wide selection of "SMOERREBROED" is a piece of rye bread with liver paste, decorated with, for instance, bacon, mushrooms and pickled gherkin. It tastes best if it is served warm.

All members of UNFICYP who have visited DANCON (including the Force Commander), have expressed their admiration for this speciality. In order to give everyone a chance to try it here is the recipe:

DANSK LEVERPOSTEJ

250 grammes pig's or calf's liver

250 grammes pork

250 grammes fat

1 onion

3 anchovies

40 grammes margarine

40 grammes flour

1/4 litre milk or water

1 egg

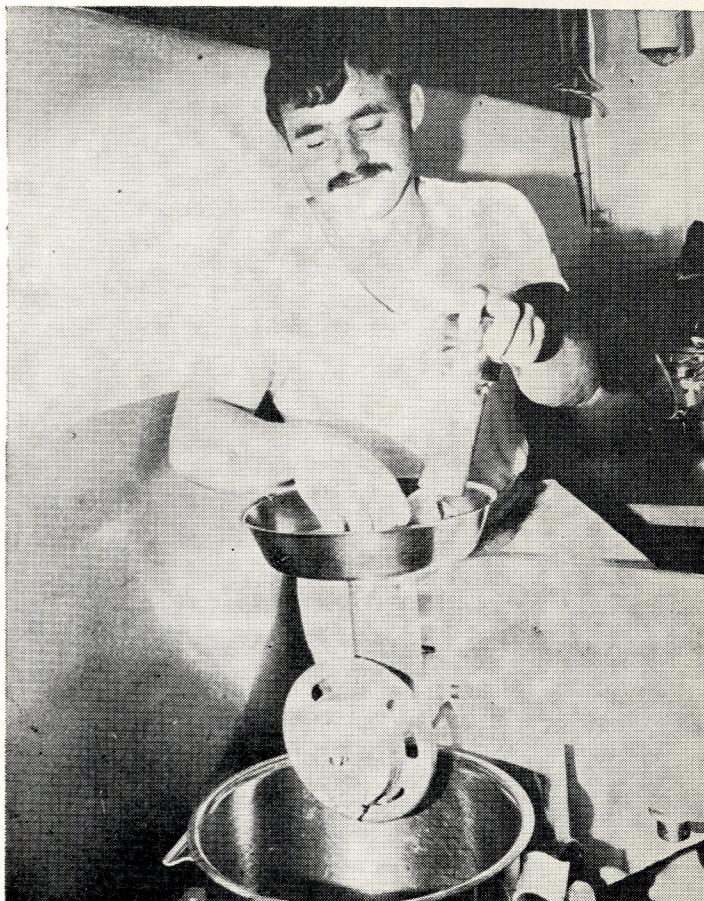
salt

1/2 teaspoon pepper

1/4 teaspoon crushed cloves

1/4 teaspoon allspice

Wash and dry the liver and pork and cut into small pieces. Scrape the fat and cut into pieces. Melt a little of the fat and spread thinly over a deep baking tin. Mince the liver, pork, remaining fat, onion and anchovies 3-6 times. Melt the margarine; add the flour and slowly add the milk (or water) over a low heat to make a sauce. Mix into the minced ingredients and add the egg and spices. Add salt to taste. Pour the mixture into the greased tin and bake in a water bath for about 1 hour 15 minutes at 150°C (Gas No. 2). Eat with relish.



Mincing the ingredients.



The tins with the paste ready to be baked in the oven.

ANCIENT SALAMIS

PART 2

Article by Editorial Staff

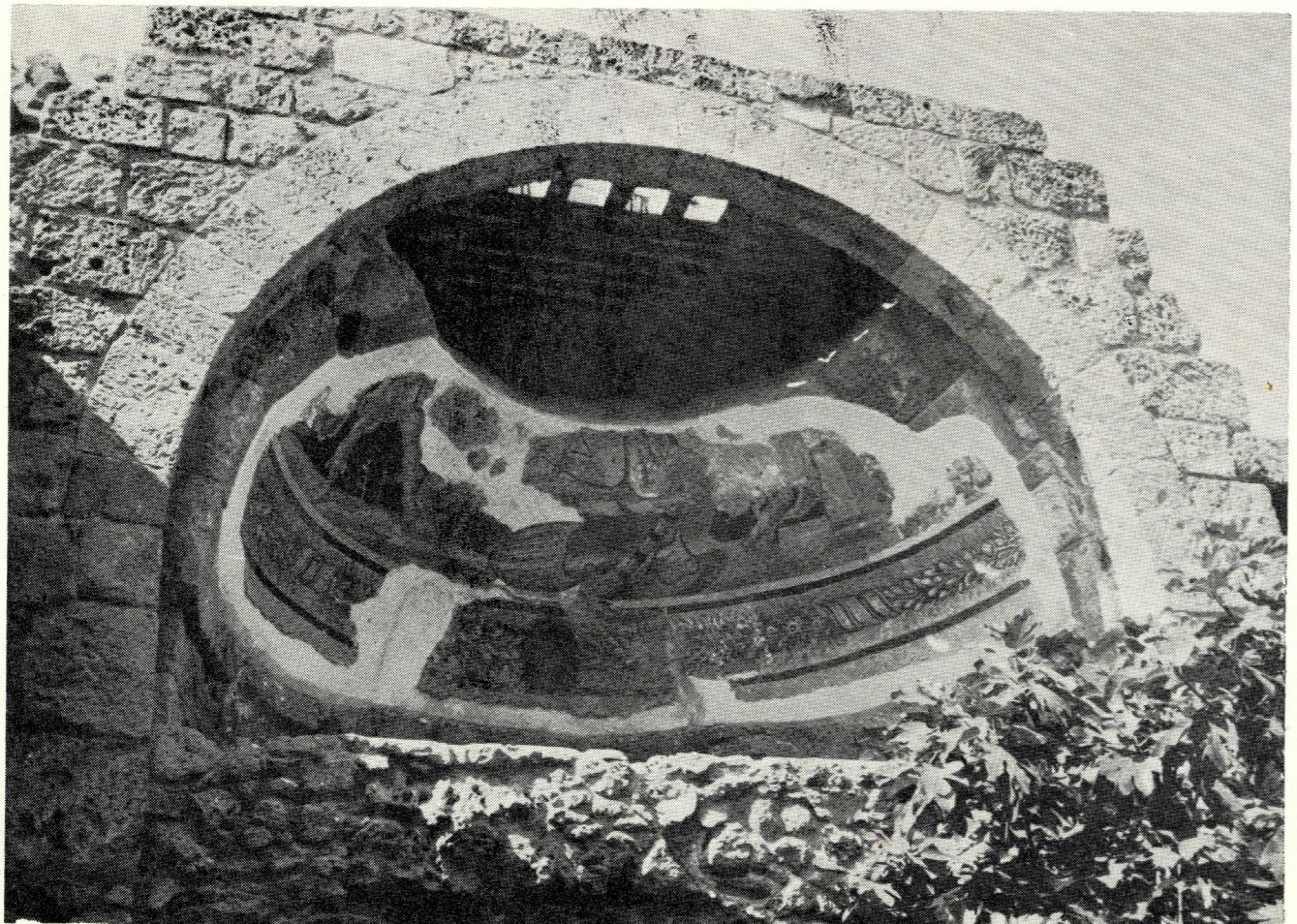
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DESCRIPTION OF SITE (Concluded)

Gymnasium and Baths

The most important group of remains is the Gymnasium and Baths. Its most spectacular feature is what is commonly known as the 'Marble Forum', the great Palaestra surrounded by four porticoes which was the exercise ground for the athletes. Its principal allied buildings are to the south-east and contiguous. They are of great interest as well as being of a complexity which is best resolved by reference to the plan on the opposite page.

The Palaestra belongs mainly to the period of rebuilding by Constantine II. The events in the summer of 1974 stopped the excavation of tombs behind the south and north porticoes of the Palaestra. These were destroyed in the fourth century A.D. but partly reconstructed as public baths at a later date. Of particular interest is the semicircular set of latrines at the south-west corner of the Palaestra. These provide stone seating for forty-four persons facing a colonnade complete with drainage and water system.



The mosaic of Apollo and Artemis in the niche in the southern wall of the South Hall of the Gymnasium.

Out & in About in Cyprus

Southern Group of Ruins

Visitors should now turn south and branch to the left on the tarred road opposite the Roman Baths. This fork leads past the Roman Villa. There is not much to see because little has been done on the site since excavation in 1881 and its walls and the bath house attached to them are very much overgrown.

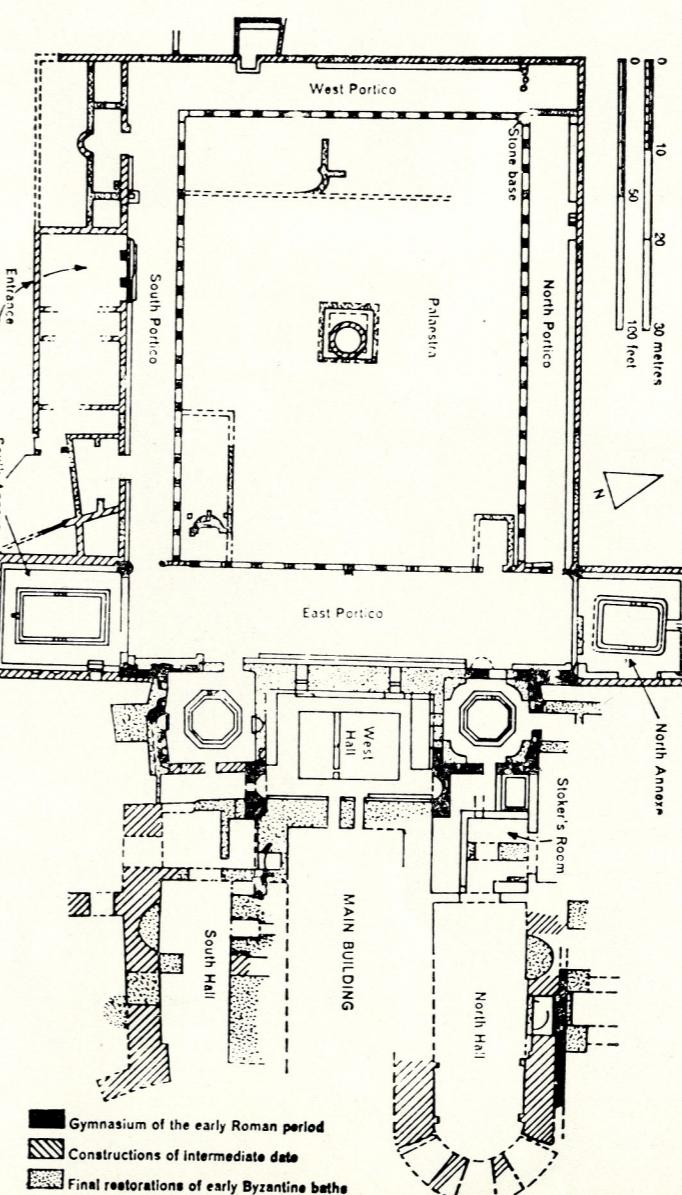
A little further on the estimated centre of the ancient city is reached at a crossroads. Take the left track which will lead after several right-angled bends to one of the most newly excavated sites, known as the Kambanopetra. This has been identified as an early Christian basilica, the most complete of its kind so far discovered in this part of the world. The north and south side of the church are bordered by long galleries and porticoes while an atrium faces the sea.

Returning to the crossroads turn left. Just before reaching a right-angled bend you will see a round sunken structure supposed to have contained a water clock. The area at the corner is known as the Granite Forum because it contains numerous overthrown pillars of Egyptian granite, many of which are approximately 18 ft. in length.

The next sight of importance is also on the left of the road: a second great Basilica measuring 190 by 140 ft which is thought to have been the metropolitan church of St. Epiphanios bishop of Constantia (A.D. 368-403), after the rebuilding of the city. Most of the church was subsequently razed to ground-level, probably during the period of the Arab raids of the seventh century. The foundations show signs of building at different periods but the original consisted of a central nave and three aisles on either side, two of



A different view of the Church



PLAN OF THE GYMNASIUM AND BATHS

which were subsequently united. Annexes extend on the outer walls of the main church and remains of staircases suggest that these originally led to internal galleries. A feature of the central apse is a semicircular flight of steps leading to the synthronon, a raised bench for the clergy set against the apse wall. A marble-lined tomb in the most central of the southern apses was almost certainly constructed to contain the relics of St. Epiphanios.

The motor track veers west soon after the Basilica. The great water reservoir which has come to be known as the 'Vouta', from the faulting which covered it lies just off the road to the south. It was built between A.D. 627 and 640 for the storage of the water supply brought from the northern mountains above Kythrea. The Italian traveller Nicolai Martoni who came here in 1394 mentions 'a vault raised on thirty-six columns and with apertures above, whence the water was drawn'.

The Vouta is situated immediately north of the Agora or 'Stone Forum'. Inscriptions record the restoration of this market-place during the reign of Augustus in the first century B.C. The remains are mainly of this period of rebuilding. The Agora consisted of a central open space approximately 750 by 180 ft enclosed on its two longer sides by colonnades formed of stone drums finished in stucco and filled fluting. These columns were set at intervals of 15 ft. and crowned with Corinthian capitals. The shops were entered through the porticoes. The main entrance was on the north side in the area subsequently overbuilt in the construction of the Vouta. Four of the original five columns which formed this entrance have survived in part.

The Temple of Zeus at the southern end of the Agora may be approached either on foot or by a track running parallel with the west side of the site and which peters out soon afterwards. The high podium is the most prominent part of the ruins which are certainly those of the Temple of the Olympian Zeus though this has not yet been proved identical with the shrine of Zeus Salaminios, one of the island's three traditional shrines which were granted the right of asylum for fugitives in A.D. 22.

This concludes a full tour of the visible remains of the city which once covered a wide area and which was successively built over after each major disaster so that any square yard — now seen chiefly as scrub, stones, trees and sand — could cover a clue to buildings perhaps as interesting as anything yet discovered.

NEW FPM

On 22 June 82, in the presence of the Force Commander, the command of the UN MP Company was handed over to the new Force Provost Marshal, Maj D Turnbull CD by Maj S N Marcotte. Maj Marcotte leaves Cyprus to take up an appointment with the Quebec Detachment Special Investigation Unit.

Pictorial news**WATER FOR LIMNITIS**

The combined efforts of 84 Sqn RAF, the Royal Engineers detachment and the Pioneer Section of C Company the Danish Contingent ensured the rapid and safe installation of a new water tower on 17 June at Limnitis.

UNIQUE CEREMONY FOR SON OF COS

Conrad Richard Hewson aged 18 takes the Oath of Allegiance at his induction into the Canadian Armed Forces on Saturday 19 June 1982. The ceremony was carried out by his father, the Chief of Staff Brigadier General C W Hewson CD, and is believed to be the first of its kind for the Canadian Army in Cyprus.



On 7 June 1982 Commander of BRITCON, Col HWK Pye, visited St David's Camp. He is seen here talking to Capt Poom, OC HQ Company.

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LETTER FROM Mrs MARY QUINN

The Late Maj Gen J J Quinn

I wish to thank all our Cypriot friends for their kind and consoling messages of sympathy on the death of my dear and beloved husband Jim R.I.P. who held the Cypriot people in high esteem and affection. Please accept this acknowledgement as the letters were too numerous to answer individually.

NEW UNFICYP POLITICAL AFFAIRS OFFICER

Janusz Sznajder, UNFICYP's new Political Affairs Officer, is a Polish national who was born in Warsaw on 15 September 1952.

In Warsaw, which is his favourite city, he spent his formative years and earned his primary and secondary education.

Being fully aware that it is always sad to retire knowing that one has missed his true vocation, Janusz decided at an early age to enter the Faculty of Foreign Trade at the Higher School of Planning and Statistics in Warsaw. These studies, beside the MA degree he obtained there in economics and statistics, gave him a comprehensive knowledge of international politics and economic relations.

Immediately following the completion of his studies, Janusz commenced his career with a foreign trade enterprise in Poland. It was there that he launched his first international contacts at the professional level.

Two years later, Mr Sznajder joined the diplomatic service of Poland. From the beginning he dealt with multinational problems, primarily economic, in the sphere of United Nations activities.

During his diplomatic service he was a member of his Government's delegation to a preparatory meeting for the new International Development Strategy, to sessions of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, and to the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

During 1980-81 he served with the Permanent Mission of the Polish People's Republic to the United Nations at Geneva. Following that, he worked in the Polish Foreign Ministry's Department of International Organizations.

Janusz, a great reader of fiction, also enjoys films and music. While he is admittedly not a great sports enthusiast, he is an occasional soccer and tennis player.

He is joined in Cyprus by his wife, Elizabeth, and his three year-old son, Martin.

