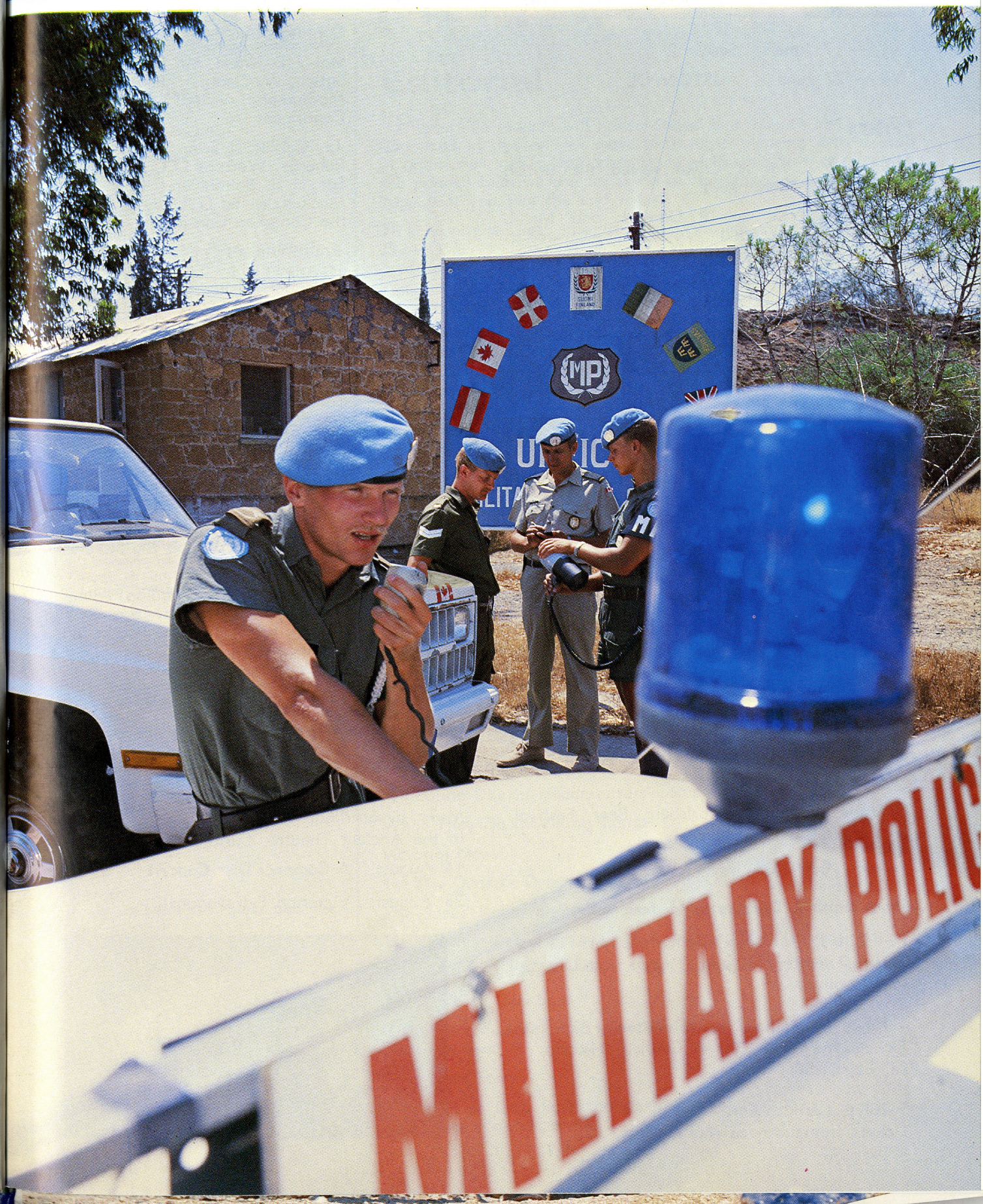


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JULY 1985





# JUNE IN RETROSPECT

## ROTATIONS

4 — 7 June Sector 2  
14 — 27 June AUSTCIVPOL

## VISITS

3 — 6 Mr A Cloke visited the British Contingent.  
3 — 6 Lt Col B Odmark and Mr L Strandell visited the Swedish Contingent.  
4 — 5 Lt Gen Sir Roland Guy, KCB, CBE, DSO, ADC Gen, Adjutant-General, visited the British Contingent.  
4 — 5 Capt G Wauthier visited the Canadian Contingent.  
5 — 16 Comdt J P Kennedy visited the Irish Contingent.  
6 — 13 A Yugoslav TV team visited HQ UNFICYP.  
10 — 11 Mr Chris Opperman and Mr Clive Mariner visited the British Contingent.  
11 — 19 8 Canadian personnel led by Lt Col B Mitchell visited the Canadian Contingent.  
11 — 27 Capt J E Jacobsen visited the Danish Contingent.

11 — 27 Capt H Hansen visited the Danish Contingent.  
13 — 25/7 Maj J D Knox, Mr R H Burrell, Sgts McClean, Foote and McClumpha visited the British Contingent.  
16 — 23 Lt Col R D Swan, Maj J O L Roberge, Warrant D C Honsinger, Sgt H J Bolton and Cpls W J Mackenzie and G R Layton visited the Canadian Contingent.  
16 — 23 Entertainment group of 23 accompanied by 5 Canadian Forces personnel visited the Canadian Contingent.  
17 — 18 Col R Greenwood visited the British Contingent.  
17 — 19 Lt Col V Yrjola visited the Finnish Contingent.  
17 — 21 Brig Gen Liston, Comd 5 Bde, Lt J Tremblay and CWO M Proulx visited the Canadian Contingent.  
18 Ms J Grimshaw visited the British Contingent.  
24 — 27 Mr R Rydberg visited the Swedish Contingent.  
25 — 3/7 17 members of Canadian Forces Central Band, led by Sgt S Y Dumouchel visited the Canadian Contingent.

# FUTURE EVENTS

27 June — 1 July: Carlsberg Beer Festival, on the old Limassol Road

1 July: CANADA DAY

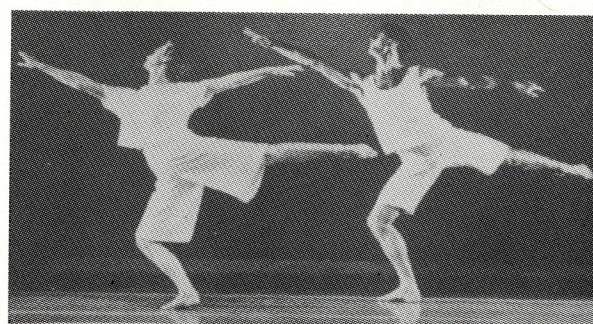
## Janet Smith & Dancers in Modern Ballet;

1 — 2 July: Limassol International Art Festival, Garden Theatre, 8.30 p.m. Tickets from Limassol Municipality.

4 July: Municipal Theatre, Nicosia, 8.30 p.m. Tickets from The British Council, Nicosia, £3, £2, £1.50.

5 July: Larnaca Fort. Tickets from Larnaca Municipality, £2.

Music by Starlight in the Ancient Theatre, Curium:  
14 August: A Compact Disc Concert  
28 August: Victorian Extravaganza



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UN MP Coy at Work

Photograph by Sgt A Thomson



## Editorial

Perceptive readers will have noticed that in both last month's issue and in this one we have been experimenting with a dash of additional colour. In consequence of this we have re-allocated the pages which we use for some of the standard features. We hope that you like the end result.

This month we welcome the new FSC Squadron, B Squadron The Queen's Dragoon Guards, and say farewell to their predecessors, A Squadron The 16/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers. We also have some first impressions of life in Cyprus from the 2nd Battalion The Royal Irish Rangers.

The unsung heroes of Headquarters Company feature in both the Sector 1 and Sector 4 articles this month and we have similar news from the REME and RAOC detachments of the Support Regiment. From AUSCON comes both a feature on one of their Tyrolean members and some more delicious Austrian recipes.

Our front cover highlights the members of the 7-nation MP Company. Inside you will find an article on the use of radar to control speeding. Many of us may feel uneasy when we see the Military Police with their radar gun, but if it reduces accidents and saves lives, I am sure we would all agree it is a job well done.

Finally, we have another Anniversary. This time to celebrate 25 years of Irish Defence Forces participation in UN Peacekeeping operations. Comhgardachas!

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## FAREWELL AND PEACE BE WITH YOU

By Capt BP Gill

Photograph by Sgt A Thomson

It is now sadly time for us to leave UNFICYP after a six month tour that can only be described as a great success. From every point of view the tour has gone well for us and we have benefited most importantly from the Multi-National aspect of the United Nations. Our role as the Scout Car Squadron gives us unparalleled freedom to travel the length and breadth of the island. We can do this both by routine patrolling and also by rotating our troops every three weeks through the Sectors from West to East. As a result we have many friends and have numerous happy and amusing memories to take with us back to Tidworth. As documented elsewhere in this publication we have now been replaced by B Squadron 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards. We wish them every good fortune and trust that their tour will be as enjoyable as ours has been.



FSC Sqn mini Medal Parade



## RANGERS FIRST IMPRESSIONS

By Capt CH O'Rourke



To the skirl of the pipes of 2 R Irish and to the salute of both old and new CO's the Blue Flag of the Duke of Edinburghs Royal Regiment has been replaced by the Green of the Rangers. So although new to Sector Two we hope the only thing 'Green' about us is our regimental colour!

Our first impression of Cyprus must be 'phew what a scorcher'. With the heat mounting and dire predictions of worse to come? Special stocks of beer are already being built up to counter the threat.

Since arriving we have had ample opportunity to partake in the cosmopolitan and very friendly atmosphere of UNFICYP. In the space of a few weeks we have worked

and socialised with more nationalities than most meet in a lifetime. Such soldiering is a world away from the normal military routine and all the more welcome for it.

The vast majority of the soldiers in our battalion will do a three month rotation, here on the line, and in the Sovereign Base in Dhekelia. This gives those in Dhekelia a chance to participate in adventure training and also obviously the many water sports the island has to offer.

Our Band, Bugles, Pipes and Drums although only here a week (at time of writing) are already filling engagements and expect to have a very busy time of it both in the UN and elsewhere.

Our soldiers have been discovering the delights of the beaches and the UN pool and of course, Nicosia. In answer to the many queries we have had about the level of tattooing on our soldiers, no it is not compulsory on joining the regiment but it is almost always the case that a newly arrived soldier will get one, or two, or three etc. My favourite is 'made in Belfast' tattooed around the navel. However having 'John loves Annie' on your arm when your wife's name is Pauline, can cause problems.

To conclude, I would like to thank the many of you who have been so hospitable to us since our arrival and I hope we will get the opportunity to return in kind.

## WHAT THEY DO IN VIKING CAMP

Article and photographs by K.-P. Koudal

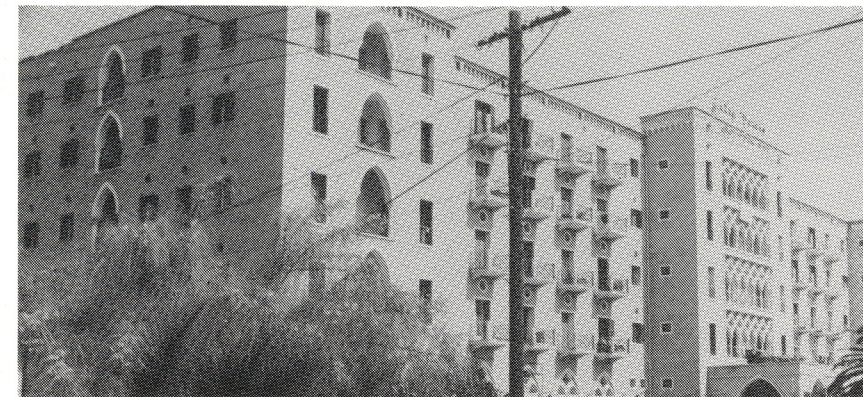
It was DANCON XII who received the doubtful pleasure to remove HQ Coy from the "Green Line" in Nicosia where DANCON was situated from 1964-1970. VIKING CAMP became official in March 1970, but not by Nicosia standards. Convenience and conditions were not in World Champion class. 170 soldiers were stationed in HQ and the accommodation in tents was very primitive, but it soon changed into new buildings.

But let's look at HQ COY today, 15 years after the change. Viking Camp is located at Xeros by Morphou Bay and near the Troodos Mountains. Its primary task is to give support to DANCON staff (also located at Viking Camp), and to the companies on the line, B-Coy and C-Coy.

The motor pool is our Taxi Service responsible for fuelling and maintenance of our vehicles.

The Finance Section is very important. They carry out many different tasks such as pay and money exchange, ordering and distribution of food supplies, receiving and despatching of mail.

The Camp section has to take care of daily maintenance and cleanliness, and when the kitchen has to be cleaned of insects and



Hotel Ledra Palace on the "Green Line" in Nicosia. HQ DANCON was situated here.

cockroaches they have to use poison, not a special fun job! The work involves making everything out of nothing and "please deliver before ordered". Dansborg is where the MPs are stationed and also part of the Camp.

The kitchen section feeds 130 mouths three times a day. 12 privates see to it that none of us starves. It lives up to Danish standards of cooking — most of the time!

Two doctors, one sergeant and five privates take care of health in Sector 1, and a doctor and two privates are always on call. In emergency cases a helicopter is used.

The Signal Troop have a lot to do to keep the line in order. Eight privates are in charge of the daily

broadcasts to Denmark and the maintenance and operation of telephones in Viking Camp, as well as the daily SDS run to Nicosia.

The Pioneers are in charge of the repair and maintenance of housing, and other matters that require the skills of their 15 craftsmen. Viking Camp also has a laundry, and a workshop for the service and repair of vehicles, some of which are of a great age.

The Welfare Office is run by an officer, a sergeant and a photographer, who provide many services including sight-seeing tours of the Island, films, books, or, if there is a birthday or family occasion in Denmark, flower greetings. So, there is always something going on in Viking Camp.



S. Andersen, M. Christensen, and S. Lauridsen, from the Medical Centre. They are always happy.



P.B. Nielsen and G.H. Lauridsen, the Camp Assistants giving a short rest to the old Camp Bus.



**VISIT OF GENERAL SIR ROLAND GUY, KCB, CBE, DSO, ADC, ADJUTANT-GENERAL,  
WITH BRIGADIER DUCHESNE, TO ST MICHAEL SCHOOL, UNPA.**



### Three Cheers for St Michael's.



*Leigh Browne receiving his Cycling Proficiency Certificate. Well Done Leigh.*



*I wish we had a visitor every day.*



*Brig Duchesne thinks "how do I answer this one"!*



*He does look a nice man.*

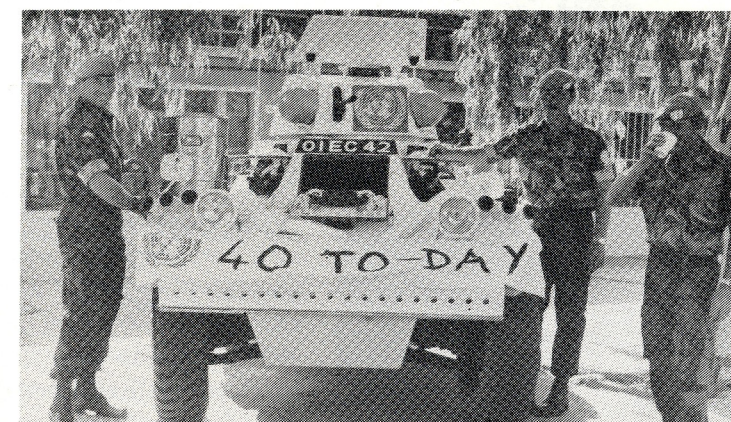


*Guard of Honour at HQ UNFICYP for  
Gen Sir Roland Guy, KCB, CBE, DSO, ADC, ADJ-GEN.*

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*The UNFICYP ROAD Safety Certificate awarded to AUSCON for the period 1 Nov 84 - 1 May 85 by the Force Commander to CO AUSCON. Mr H Ofner, Austrian Minister of Justice, looks on.*



*Splicing the mainbrace to celebrate the 40th anniversary of UN*



*The Director-General of Finance for Cyprus, Mr. H. Hadjipanayiotou, handing a cheque for 308,071 Cyprus Pounds (over US\$500,000) as his government's 1984 voluntary contribution to the expenses of UNFICYP. In accepting the cheque, the Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. Hugh Brophy thanked the government for the contribution, which continued the increased participation of the government in the expenses of the Force, and supplemented its provision of materials, services, accommodation and generous import concessions.*



Force Commander presenting medals and metallic numbers to members of HQ UNFICYP.

*Visit of Association of Foreign Military Attaches to UNFICYP.* -







By Lt R.E. Blaksley



*His imperial Majesty Franz Joseph, Emperor of Austria and King of Hungary. Colonel In Chief of The Kings Dragoon Guards, 1896-1914.*

On July 11 the advance party of B Squadron 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards arrived in Prince William Camp, Nicosia fully relieving the 16/5th Lancers of the duties of the Scout Car Squadron a week later. Both are British Cavalry Regiments who lived and fought through the great era of mounted warfare, and we are proud of our history and traditions.



In 1959 the two Regiments raised in 1685 became amalgamated, and last year we commemorated the

Pre Cyprus training. A patrol track in the Scottish Highlands.

Our Regiment owes its origins to a Parliamentary order in 1685, granting King James II the necessary means to increase the standing army in order to combat a rebellion by The Duke of Monmouth in the West Country. In June of that year two Regiments were raised, The 2nd and 3rd Regiment of Horse, which, 274 years later, amalgamated to form 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards.

During our 300 year history the Regiment has served in many glorious campaigns throughout the world, with Lucknow and Waterloo amongst the best remembered of our long list of battle honours.

In 1896 The Emperor Franz of Austria became the Colonel-in-Chief of The Kings Dragoon Guards (formerly The 2nd Regiment of Horse) and granted the Regiment the honour of wearing the double-headed eagle of The Austrian Empire as its Regimental Badge. Although this badge was withdrawn from use in 1915 it was resumed by the Regiment in 1938 and has been proudly worn as our cap badge ever since. The Emperor remained Colonel-in-Chief up until the First World War, and even though the Regiment served in France they asked not to be put into action against the Austrian forces. The Emperor himself declared that should any members of the Regiment be captured they were to be treated as his guests, not prisoners.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother presenting the Long Service and Good Conduct Metal to Staff Sergeant William Brace B Squadron SQMS on Friday 28 June 1985. He has been awarded the medal for his exemplary service since joining 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards in September 1967.

Silver Jubilee of that amalgamation. This year, of course, is a momentous occasion in our history as it is the 300th Anniversary of the formation of those two Regiments. The high point of this year of celebration was the visit to the Regiment of The Queen Mother, our Colonel-in-Chief, shortly before our departure from England.

The Regiment is no stranger to the Mediterranean for apart from having had a Squadron in Beirut for the whole of 1983, we also had a Squadron in Nicosia for six months of that year, and then a troop attached to B Squadron 4 RTR for their tour in the last part of 1983.

Our normal role is one of Armoured Reconnaissance for which we spend a large part of our



## 1st THE QUEEN'S DRAGOON GUARDS



Photographs by Unit Photographer



Armed Forces on Exercise in Denmark.

Almost all the soldiers in the Squadron are Welsh — the Regiment recruiting, as it does, on a regional basis from Wales and the Border Countries. Visitors to Prince William Camp will come to know the cheerful hospitality of the Welsh and we look forward to maintaining our reputation for friendliness.

The Regiment, and B Squadron in particular, is closely affiliated to a number of other Regiments around the world including Le 2eme Dragons of France and the Governor General's Horse Guards of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps. We very much enjoy our reciprocal visits with these Regiments, and only last year spent a month with the Cavalleggeri di Lodi in Italy.

During the weeks preceding our departure from England, as well as working towards the Tercentenary celebrations in the last week of June, the Squadron has been training hard for its role with the United Nations.

As a culmination of four weeks of training for individual skills the Squadron spent a week in the magnificent Highlands of Scotland. In order to train the drivers and give them the confidence that is required on the tracks that they will encounter on the 'Green Line', a week was spent patrolling along some remarkably similar tracks that can be found in an otherwise inaccessible part of Britain.

The whole of our last month in England was taken up by preparation for the Tercentenary celebrations. A full Parade mounted in vehicles on Friday 28th June

marked the start of a busy weekend. The Queen Mother inspected the Regiment and paid us the honour of lunching in the Officers' Mess. She then visited a number of displays and met many of the soldiers and their families. Both the Officers and Sergeants Messes then rounded off the day with magnificent parties well into the night. Inevitably our final days in England consisted of last minute packing and frantic farewells. However, we are now pleased to be firmly established in Nicosia and look forward to fully participating in all United Nations activities throughout our tour. We intend to maintain the high standards required of the Scout Car Squadron, and are much looking forward to meeting many of you over the coming months.



*Major Christopher MacKenzie-Beevor Squadron Leader, B Sqn QDG.*



# THE SPEED RADAR AND YOU

By Sgt Treacy

Photos by Sgt A Thomson



The UN-MP Traffic NCO, or Radar NCO as he is sometimes called, is regarded by some drivers as a menace or nuisance whose only aim in life is to harass and report the UN driver for traffic violations. I would like to take this opportunity to rid the readers' mind of such unfounded assumptions. The job of Traffic NCO with UN MP Coy is to conduct surveys and submit to the relevant authorities reports in relation to traffic accidents. The job is also to enforce traffic regulations within the UNPA and indeed Island wide. This of course brings me to the subject of speeding offenders.

allowance which is in fact to the advantage of the driver. The radar equipment is primarily intended to act as a deterrent.

The primary function of the Radar NCO is to assist the community. For example last year there were six fatal traffic accidents involving UN personnel, some of which were speed related. The roads of Cyprus are not of a standard that invite high speed. The presence of radar as a deterrent is one reason why the number of injuries and fatal accidents is no higher than it is.

It has been proven, and is still being proven, world wide every day of the week, that speed related traffic accidents cause the most serious injuries. Without the enforcement of traffic regulations and the radar the number of speed related traffic accidents will rise, and, sadly, so too will the fatalities. Remember, there is danger on every road, and why should you become another statistic to prove that speed kills.

*Radar Speed Detector in use.*



Speeding offenders are detected by use of a Radar and this can sometimes result in reports being submitted against offenders. The radar equipment used by UN MP Coy is the Munie-Quip TRIBAR T3 which is manufactured in America and which is used in North America, and by most European Police Forces. It is worked on a beam system which has a radius of 500 meters and covers an area of 75 meters. It is extremely accurate and can be operated with a power pack or through the electric system of the MP patrol vehicle. Due to the fact that the equipment is one man operable and can be used in darkness or daylight and the fact that the offending vehicle can be detected long before the driver observes the radar operation makes it extremely effective. In order to achieve the maximum effect as a deterrent, radar checks are conducted at different locations and at different times on a daily basis. Before such a check is activated, three independent tests are carried out on the equipment to ensure it is functioning properly. In addition, there is a 2 MPH each way



The sun has only begun to paint the eastern sky an orange fire, but already the hard working members of 3e R22eR Headquarters Company are preparing to meet the new day.

However, some members of the Company have been at work since midnight. In the Communications Centre, a signaller has been answering radio checks, manning the switchboard and typing messages throughout the wee hours of the morning. Also the Sector Four Duty Officer has been occupying his place of duty.

At 0800 hrs, operations begin in earnest, commencing with the morning Operations briefing attended by all section heads.

Meanwhile another very important group is preparing for the coming day of activities, specifically the drivers, who are busily checking their vehicles for the upcoming patrols to be carried out that day. The Reconnaissance Platoon patrols and reacts to a number of special tasks each day. When these duties and maintenance of their eight vehicles have been completed, they spend a good deal of their time honing their skills.

While all this activity is taking place, the smallest but reputedly the busiest section in BHQ is running errands on the Turkish side of Nicosia. The Humanitarian Section provides the link between North and South in such important areas as medical oxygen transfer, telegram and mail delivery, passport processing and delivery of critical machine parts. This group also coordinates civilian work in the UNBZ and looks after 114 UN controlled buildings.

# A ROUTINE DAY IN HQ COY



*Private Prince Standing Guard Duty.*

The critical denominator of any headquarters is paperwork, the JOC orderly staff are a dedicated collection of clerical personnel who stand ready to give service on a 24 hours basis be it typing, filing, duplicating, running errands or just plain searching through files. Their motto is "ask and Ye shall receive"!

The Ops Information Section provides both operational and public information. For the former, they monitor Company operations, make regular tours, and keep in touch with the HQ UNFICYP Info cell. The latter is provided through the Unit newspaper "Le Castor en Mission", "Blue Beret" articles, and Cyprus news bulletins. This Section also produces the weekly Cancon radio show heard Monday evenings on the CBC.

Throughout the day, Signals Platoon keeps busy ensuring communications. The line section works hard keeping both the 80 kilometre long field phone system and the partially functioning antique exchange operating. In addition to providing a 24 hour Comms Centre, and taking care of all communication equipment the platoon also furnishes a five quarter ton Command Post and a radio rebroadcast system for emergency operations. On their off hours Platoon members provide a ham radio link to our families in Canada.

The final but definitely not least important element is the Unit Military Police Section besides running the cleanest "Motel" on the island they conduct evening Patrols of the more 'exotic' areas of old Nicosia.



*Cpl Mailhot checking the NOD on the roof of the Ledra Palace.*

To keep this varied group working at peak efficiency, you need a sharp internal Headquarters. This group comprises the Sector Operations Officer whose secondary duty and an extremely important one is Company Commander, his driver, the Company second in command, the Company Sergeant Major and an efficient company clerk.

So, now I would say that it is quite obvious why the personnel of Sector Four Headquarters Company get up so early.

*Je me souviens.*



# FREDDIE, THE TYROLEAN

Have you ever been to the Tyrol? Have you seen its snow-peaked mountains, the picturesque villages and the "wild" natives there? If not, you have now the chance to meet a small part of the Tyrol on the Island here: 1/Lt Freddie Senn.

By: Capt Fritzlehner

Photographs by Unit Photographer



*Freddie's home in the Alps.*

Freddie comes from Landeck, a lovely little town amid the Alps. After schools, one year of national service and a preparation course for the Military Academy, Freddie became an officer cadet. Every year some 400 young men apply for studies at the Academy. They are tested rigorously, but only 120 of the best are allowed to attend the "Alma Mater Theresiana", the oldest Military Academy in the world (founded 1752). After 3 years of military and scientific studies and professional training on the job as well, Freddie was commissioned in 1979.

As 2/Lt he started his career as a regular officer in a Tyrolean Infantry Regiment. In 1982 Freddie volunteered for his first duty tour to UNFICYP and he got sick — CYPROMANIA (— people with this mental disease always try to come back to Cyprus).

So Freddie came again in February 85 and was appointed to MTO in AUSCON. After 3 months he swapped the MTO's office for a rather hot seat: Adjutant of CO Sector Six.

Freddie was in the Austrian National Team of Waterball for some years and he even won some national titles in swimming competitions. So Freddie's favourite sport is swimming. But besides this he likes to play the guitar and sing

Tyrolean and English songs. And most of all, as a genuine Tyrolean, he enjoys hunting — but not only for deers or chamois; his favourite hunting areas are the beaches of Ayia Napa!

You could recognise Freddie, also when he is not wearing his "Lederhosen", as 195 cm tall and 100 kg heavy Austrian. And I am sure, he will smile and invite you to listen to a Tyrolean story.



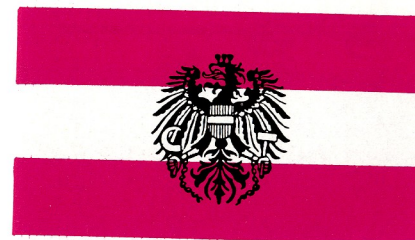
*1/Lt Freddie SENN entertaining the guests of the Austrian Folk Festival.*



*CO Lt Col W. Brandner and his Adjutant Freddie on inspection.*



# INTERNATIONAL COOKBOOK



## SACHERTORTE

(SACHER-CAKE)

(recipe by  
Cpl Berstling Josef)

### INGREDIENTS:

6 eggs  
160g. butter  
175g. chocolate  
apricot jam  
160g. sugar  
160g. flour  
1 packet (2 teaspoonfuls) vanilla  
sugar chocolate icing

### PREPARATION:

Beat the soft butter with half the sugar, the warmed chocolate and the egg yolks until fluffly. Whip the egg whites with the remaining sugar until stiff, add to the mixture. Stir in carefully the flour and vanilla sugar, previously sieved together. Pour into cake tin and bake for an hour in a moderate oven. When cool cut in half, spread with apricot jam and sandwich together again. Also coat the sides and top with apricot jam, then cover thickly with chocolate icing.

### ICING:

Warm 100g. chocolate carefully (not too hot). Heat 200g. sugar with water until it begins to stick together.

Mix the lukewarm sugar with the softened chocolate and beat smooth.



## GOULASCH - SOUP

(recipe by

WO/2 Ludwig Hofinger)

4 persons

### INGREDIENTS:

250 grams beef in small cubes (appr. 1 cm) not too lean, not too fat  
150 grams potatoes in small cubes like the beef  
250 grams onions cut very small  
100 grams bacon cut small  
2-3 fresh paprika cut small  
salt, pepper, marjoram, garlic, bay-leaves, cummin (pulverized), lemon-peel, worcester sauce, paprika pulverized (genuine sweet), vinegar, edible oil, pepperoni (hot)

### PREPARATION:

Roast the cut onions in hot edible oil till golden brown. Add the beef-cubes and let it roast

together again till most of the gravy has evaporated.

Then add a few dashes of vinegar (cautiously) and fill up the pot until the beef is well covered under the surface of water. Use beef-tea instead of water if available. Add the spices to your taste (use plenty of pulverized paprika) and drop in the potatoes just when the beef is half-rare.

Meanwhile roast the bacon separately and add it together with the cut fresh paprikas and pepperoni a few minutes before serving.

If necessary thicken the goulasch-soup with a spoonful of flour and season the last time with wit and taste. Note that only the cook is entitled to taste the goulasch-soup during the cooking-procedures, otherwise... (it might be a superstition, but who dares?)





## THE ALTERNATIVE FACE OF UNFICYP WORKSHOP

By Lt I S Simpson, REME

Photos by Unit Photographer

Most people are aware of the main responsibility of the UNFICYP Workshop REME — to keep the British owned and hired equipment serviceable and roadworthy at all times. However, underneath the serious exterior lie numerous talents of a lighter nature ready to be unleashed.

It is when a request is made for an unusual piece of equipment that the industrious electrical and mechanical engineers delve deep into their hidden supplies of ingenuity. We may not have the special tools, but in the end the final products fit the bill.

A prime example that springs to mind is the annual bed race. Underneath that calm exterior lies a



"GNASHER", the Workshop car streaks to victory in the annual bed race.

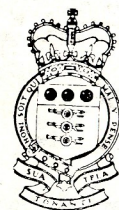
turbo-charged V-12 beast—truly a wolf in lambs clothing. Of course, a little leg power doesn't go amiss and with the OC's wife at the wheel who could go wrong?

And so, next time you happen

to come across the unusual, you can console yourself that it is probably the product of the alternative side of UNFICYP Workshop REME; made Arte et Marte — "By skill and by fighting".

## THE PROVIDERS

By Capt M. Heath



The Ordnance Detachment is one of the many small elements of the UNFICYP Support Regiment providing logistic support to the Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus.

The UN clothing that you wear, the fuel and oils needed to keep your vehicles running and the spare parts to repair them are all supplied by this detachment of 13 soldiers and 8 civilians. If you are reading this article sitting on a comfortable chair or settee — we repair them too.

12 of the soldiers in the detachment and the OC are members of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, the British Army supply experts. Their trades are supply controller, supply specialist and petroleum operator. The 13th soldier is a member of the Royal Tank Regi-

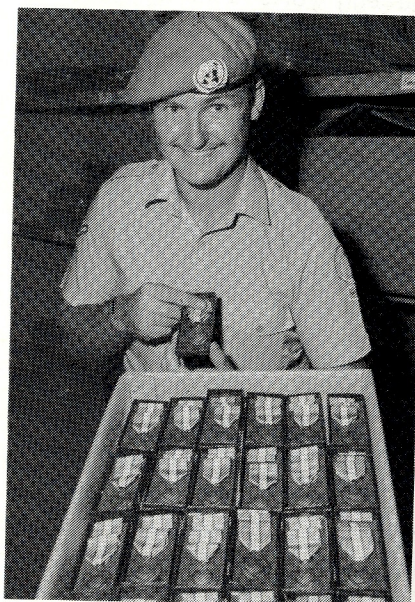
ment he is responsible for fuel accounts.

Most of the time only each contingents' logistic personnel are aware of our existence. We are quite happy to keep this low profile. If infants on the line start to talk about us, we must have done something wrong!

The daily work of the detachment is varied and interesting and can include: issuing clothing, UN stationery, cleaning materials, checking receipts of goods from UN Depot at Pisa, Italy or from British bases in Cyprus; operating the UNPA Pol Point and arranging for deliveries of fuel and oils to contingents; preparing flags, chairs, flagpoles, etc. for use at medal parades; repairing UN owned furniture. These jobs may sound dull to you in your OP but they are our bread and butter!

Photo by Sgt A Thomson

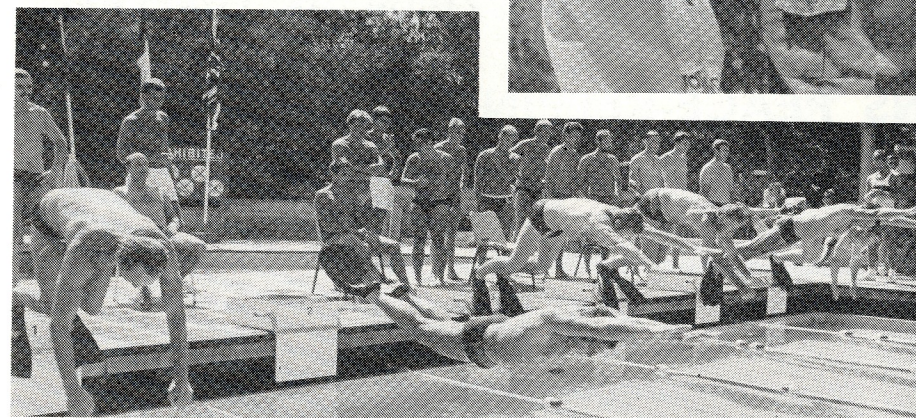
We all enjoy working with this multinational Peacekeeping Force and hope that we are helping it to run smoothly and efficiently.



LCpl "Geordie" Hetherington Keeper of the UN Medals.



CO AUSCON Lt Col Brandner is proud of the UNFICYP tennis champions Cpl Lux (left) and WO1 Neumann who won the final in the doubles class.



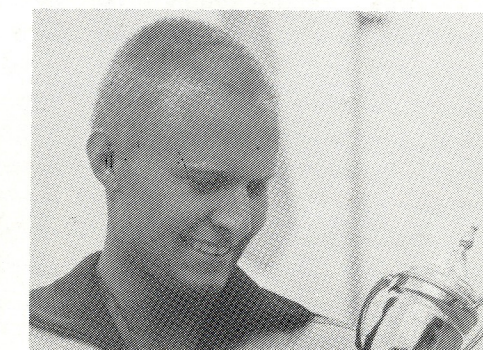
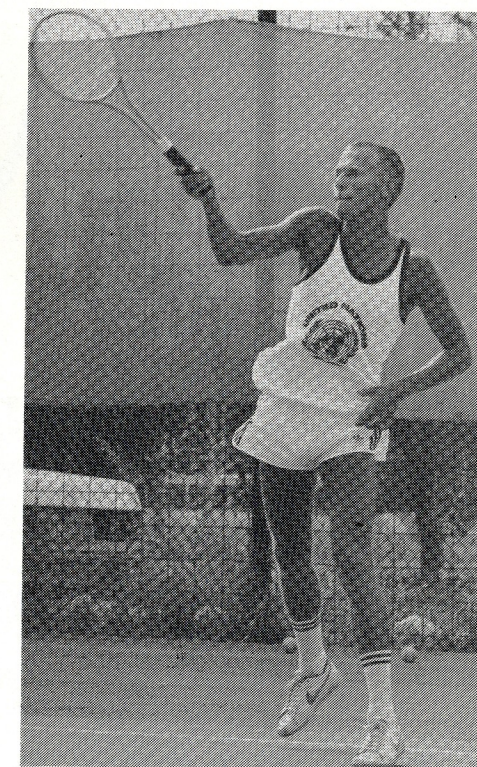
Left: UNFICYP Swimming Championships Chain of Command Race.



SWEDCON Winning Team of UNFICYP Swimming Championships.



Learning the ropes of rigging. Pte Lafreniere, Sig Sad and Padre Peter Brooke HQ BRITCON.



Winner of UNFICYP Tennis Championships receiving his cup.





# UN NEWS



## 25 YEARS OF IRISH PARTICIPATION IN UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING FORCES

In July 1985 Ireland celebrates 25 years of participation in United Nations Peace-Keeping Forces. The involvement with United Nations Observer Missions however started two years earlier.

In June 1958, the first Irish officers were appointed as observers with UNOGIL (the United Nations Observer Group in Lebanon). This mission continued until December 1958 when the first Irish officers were attached to UNTSO (the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation). There are 2 officers serving as observers in the Middle East at present. In August 1962, 2 officers were attached to the United Nations Temporary Executive Authority (UNTEA) in West New Guinea. Then from September 1965, 12 Irish officers served with UNIPOM (UN India Pakistan Observation Mission). In 1974, some Irish officers were seconded to UNDOF (UN Disengagement Observer Force).

The first participation in Peace-Keeping Forces followed a request by the United Nations in July 1960 for a contingent of Irish troops to serve with ONUC (Organisation des Nations Unies au Congo). (As this involved sending armed forces outside the country, fresh legislation was necessary and an enabling Act was passed in July 1960). Between July 1960 and May 1964 when Irish involvement ceased, a total of 8 Battalions, 2 Infantry Groups and 2 Armoured Car Units, as well as many personnel on UN



Headquarters staff, had served on 6 month tours of duty. Approximately 6,400 all ranks served in the Congo, 26 of whom lost their lives (16 in action) and 57 were wounded or injured. Lt-Gen Sean McKeown DSM was appointed Force Commander, ONUC, in January 1981, a position he held until March 1962.

The Irish contingent was still in the Congo when a request was received for another unit to participate in UNFICYP. Between April 1964 and October 1973, a total of 3 Battalions and 18 Infantry Groups as well as HQ UNFICYP staff, totalling approximately 9,220 all ranks served in Cyprus, rotating every 6 months. In October 1973, following the Yom Kippur war, the United Nations decided to send a peacekeeping force to the Middle

East. The Infantry Group left Cyprus and joined UNEF II from October 1973 to May 1974. Since then the Irish presence in Cyprus has been maintained by 2 officers and 6 NCOs in HQ UNFICYP. Maj-Gen James Quinn DSM served as Force Commander UNFICYP from 1976 to 1981. 8 Irish soldiers have lost their lives due to service in Cyprus.

The next participation followed a request to send a Unit to serve with the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, (UNIFIL). In Spring 1978, an Infantry Battalion departed for Lebanon. To date 13 Battalions have seen service in the Lebanon as well as units which served at UNIFIL HQ at Naqoura. Some 9,000 all ranks have served with UNIFIL. Lt-Gen W Callaghan DSM was appointed Force Commander of UNIFIL in February 1981, a position still held by him. The present contingent of 740 all ranks consists of an Infantry Battalion plus HQ and Military Police personnel.

In 25 years of participation in Peace-Keeping Forces and 27 years of participation in Observer Missions, Irish personnel are held in high regard both by the local inhabitants in their areas of operation and by their comrades from other Troop Contributing nations. It is gratifying to conclude that the Irish soldier has proved to be a fine ambassador for his country in the international arena that is the United Nations.