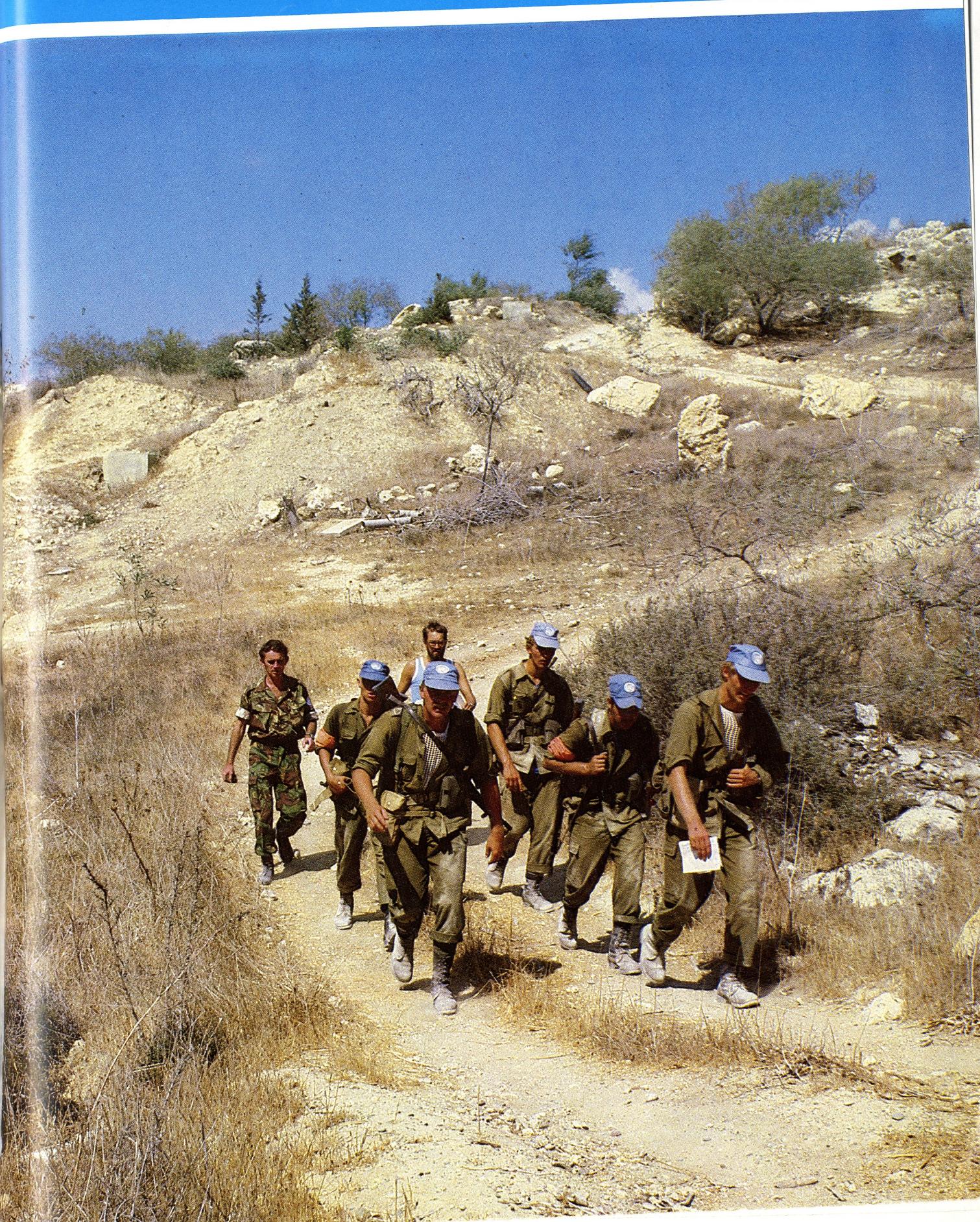


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# OCTOBER IN RETROSPECT

## ROTATIONS

The Canadian Contingent  
The Swedish Civilian Police Contingent  
Half the Austrian Contingent  
UNFICYP Transport Squadron

## MEDAL PARADES

21 The Austrian Contingent  
**VISITS**

2-3 Lieutenant General A Pajunen, Finnish Minister of Defence, Mr T Hiltunen, Secretary of State and Lieutenant Colonel V Yrjola visited the Finnish Contingent.

4-11 The Staff Band of the Women's Royal Army Corps played in various locations for UNFICYP.

7-14 Lieutenant Colonel K Hansen paid a familiarisation visit to the Danish Contingent. Lieutenant Colonel B Madsen, Commander T Hald and Major N Mannerup also visited the Danish Contingent during this period.

8 Brigadier D Ramsbotham CBE, Director Public Relations (Army) visited UNFICYP.

9-10 General Sir George Cooper KCB MC ADC Gen, Adjutant General, visited the British Contingent.

9-11 Colonel S Wiberg and Mr A Mollander, Secretary in the Swedish Foreign Ministry, visited the Swedish Contingent.

11 Major General W L Whalley, Director General Ordnance Services, visited UNFICYP.

13-18 Lieutenant Colonel H D C Duncan MBE and Captain A T Roach visited the Force Scout Car Squadron.

17-18 Major General J L Bartlett, Paymaster in Chief visited UNFICYP.

## FUTURE EVENTS

THE AMERICAN CENTRE presents a special series of films of Henry Fonda.

**16 November at 7.30 pm:** "The Best Man", a 1963 film based on a prize-winning play by Gore Vidal.

**23 November at 7.30 pm:** "On Golden Pond" — a retired couple facing the problems of growing old. Jane Fonda plays their daughter who has some growing of her own to do.

**30 November at 7.30 pm:** "Summer Solstice" — a sixty-minute videotape produced in 1981, in which an elderly couple recalls significant moments in their lives.

THE MUSIC GROUP OF LONDON presents work by Mozart, Bernard Stevens and Brahms in collaboration with The Cyprus Philharmonic Association in the following locations:

THE AMERICAN ACADEMY, Larnaca on **18 November at 7.30 pm.** Tickets at £1.25 each available at the American Academy on Larnaca 52046.

THE BRITISH COUNCIL, Nicosia on **21 November at 7.30 pm.** Tickets at £2.00 each available at the British Council and The Cyprus Philharmonic Association on Nicosia 63898.

**22, 23 and 24 November** at the CHANTECLAIR THEATRE, Nicosia at 8.00 pm:

ACT present "Rats" by Agatha Christie and "The Real Inspector Hound" by Tom Stoppard.

Tickets at £1.50 each available from the British Council or YMCA.

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## Editorial

For those of you that have not taken the opportunity of purchasing one of Ken Howard's sketch books, then let me remind you. The book consists of over thirty scenes from the United Nations Force in Cyprus by an artist who has recently become a member of the Royal Academy in London. The book sells for £3 Cyprus or £3.50 Cyprus if postage is required.

They would make excellent Christmas presents or, for that matter, individual pictures can be extracted and framed, again to make a very welcome present. But do hurry, limited stocks are available (over 2½ thousand have been sold) as these books are being offered to the British Armed Forces through Soldier magazine. Any inquiries to the Paymaster, UNFICYP Support Regiment please.

## UNFICYP Christmas Card

Copies of the UNFICYP Christmas Card are now on sale for 13 cents each. They may be bought in lots of 25 from the Procurement Officer, HQ UNFICYP (telephone Extension 2136) or individually from Canteen M Shafi, HQ UNFICYP.

## Thoughts For The Month

The pursuit of excellence is the worthiest ambition of man; whether he is engaged in chipping away marble or baking a cake.

Youth would be an ideal state if it came a little later in life.

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**Senior Sergeant 'Wally' Edwards, the Administration Officer at AUSTCIVPOL HQ.**



**Chief Inspector Mike Coyle, whose office is in HQ UNFICYP, is on his eighth tour of duty in Cyprus.**

## AUSTCIVPOL - HOW? WHEN? WHERE? WHY?

**By Station Sergeant Jeff Brown**

**Photographs by Sergeant Tony Hodgetts**

Since our arrival in Cyprus we have been continually asked, 'Where in Australia do you come from?', 'What do you do in the Police Force?', 'Are you all in the same Police Force?', and 'How do you get to Cyprus?'. In this article I will briefly answer those questions and give a little background to AUSTCIVPOL.

When Australian Civilian Police first served in Cyprus in 1964 the Contingent was made up of Police drawn from all Australian State Police Forces, the Northern Territory Police, Australian Capital Territory Police and Commonwealth Police Forces. This situation continued until 1976 when it was decided that only members of the Commonwealth Police Force would serve in Cyprus. In 1979 on the formation of the Australian Federal Police by amalgamating the Commonwealth and Australian Capital Territory Police Forces, the role of AUSTCIVPOL in Cyprus went to this new Police Force and that situation remains.

All members of the A.F.P. wishing to serve in Cyprus must volunteer and then go through a selection criteria. Two weeks prior to departure the contingent gathers in Canberra for instruction on Cyprus Procedures before flying to Cyprus on normal commercial air services.

As the A.F.P. is a national force with members all over Australia with numerous and varied functions, the 20th Contingent AUSTCIVPOL is therefore made up of members from different locations and backgrounds. Senior Sergeant Trevor SHARP is in a Criminal Investigation area in Darwin, the hot northern-most city in Australia and Capital of the Northern Territory, whilst Senior Sergeant Bob AITKEN is from the southern city of Melbourne, the Capital of Victoria where he supervises Airport security. From the west we have Senior Sergeant Ross O'CONNOR who works in the warrant section in Perth, the capital of Western Australia and from the east Sergeant Frank VLASICH who works in General Duties and Ports Watch at Kingsford-Smith Airport in Sydney, Australia.

lia's largest city and the capital of New South Wales.

The station commander of AUSTCIVPOL HQ, Gary BROWN was a recruiting officer for the A.F.P. and travelled all around Australia. The station commander of AUSTCIVPOL, Wolseley Barracks, Jeff BROWN was a watch house (Police lock-up) and city branch supervisor in Canberra the National Capital of Australia. Also from Canberra we have Senior Sergeant Ted DEEKER from the crime collation unit, Senior Sergeant Laurie PYNE is a Police motorcyclist and mobile supervisor, Senior Sergeant Kevin SMITH, Traffic Branch and our contingent M.T.O. in Cyprus and Sergeant Graham SCHMIDT from City Branch in the centre of Canberra.

We have a breath analysis operator with Senior Sergeant 'Wally' EDWARDS, our Administration Officer and Senior Sergeant ALDRIDGE was a Physical Training Instructor at the Police College. Senior Sergeant Tim FISHER was an instructor at the Police College and previously in the Accident Investigation Squad, as was Senior Sergeant Guenter MOEBUS prior to transferring to City Branch.

From the Police Search & Rescue Squad we have Senior Sergeant Ross CRAFTER who is also a Police diver and Senior Sergeant Don BARNBY from Traffic Branch where he undertook all types of duty from random breath tests to radar operator. Sergeant Ian FINLAYSON is from Brisbane, the capital of Queensland where he worked in General Policing.

In a previous issue of Blue Beret we featured the AUSTCIVPOL Commander, Chief Superintendent Don MORRISON who was Officer in Charge of Southern Region and Superintendent Jim JAMIESON who was in charge of security at Parliament House, the Prime Minister's Residence, Government House and Diplomatic Missions in Canberra.

The Final member of the 20th contingent is Chief Inspector Mike COYLE who stayed on from the 19th contingent and who is now completing his eighth tour in Cyprus with AUSTCIVPOL. He is the Police Operations officer and responsible for liaison between UN-CIVPOL and Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot Police Forces.

## THE ROYALS HAVE ARRIVED

**By Lieutenant Don Haisell**

**Photographs by Private "T C" Elliott**

As the Canadian Forces 707 makes its final approach to Larnaca Airport, three pipers of the Second Battalion, the Royal Canadian Regiment prepare to welcome the final draft from Canada. Let it be known to all that the Royals have arrived!

2 RCR officially accepted responsibility for Sector 4 during a small ceremony held at Wolseley Barracks on the evening of Wednesday the 12th of October. Brigadier General C.W. Hewson, Acting Force Commander presided as Colonel G.T. Service of 12e RBC turned over the reins to Lieutenant Colonel W.J. Aitchison of 2 RCR. Now when you enter Wolseley Gate or Camp Maple Leaf you are entering Royals country.

What does this mean to the soldiers of 2 RCR? To have served in Canada's senior Infantry Regiment during her centennial year has made them stand a little taller. To finish that year and enter a second century of service as members of UNFICYP makes them fully aware of their duty and proud to serve with the other contingents on the island of Cyprus.

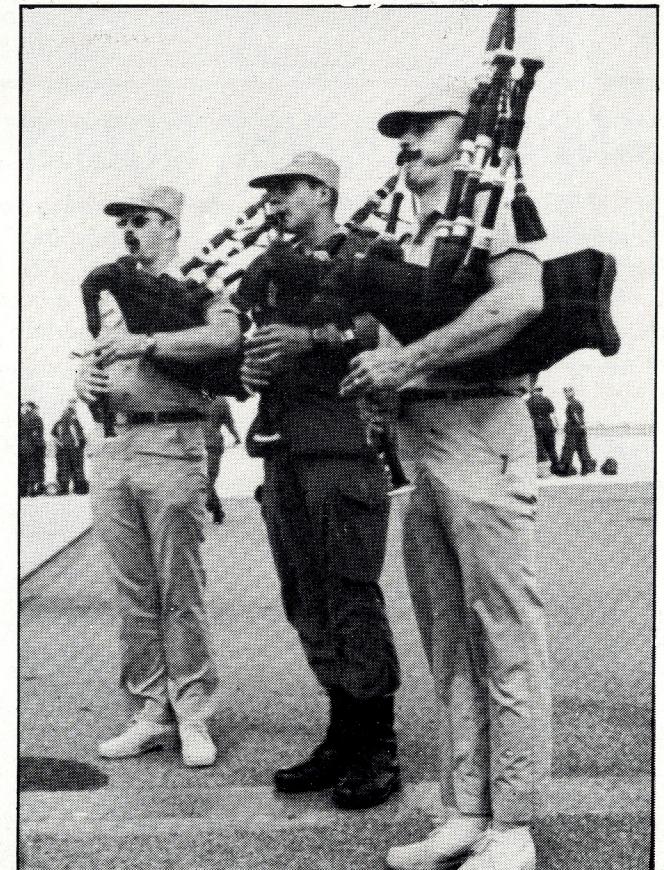
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**The first Royals arrive on the Island of Cyprus**



**2RCR colour party at Wolseley Barracks**



**Pipers of 2RCR at Larnaca Airport**

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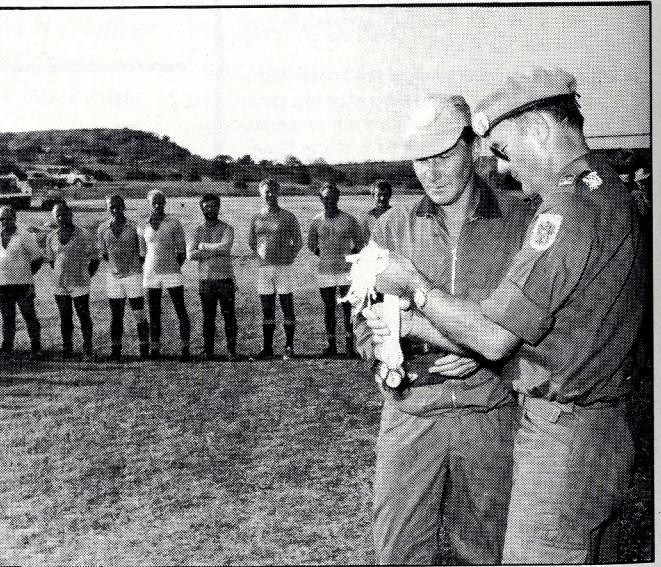


**The Women's Royal Army Corps Staff Band Beating Retreat at Nicosia Airport on 7 October.**



#### SWEDISH SOLDIERS ON EXCHANGE

**Three of six Swedish soldiers from Camp Polar on a five day exchange visit in October. Fully integrated into two scout car troops they have patrolled regularly, as drivers and commanders, on the patrol track in the UNBZ with great success.**



**CO Sector 6, Lt Col Buttlinger, presents the captain of the SWEDCON old boys team with the team's medals, which they won in the UNFICYP old boys football tournament on 10 October.**

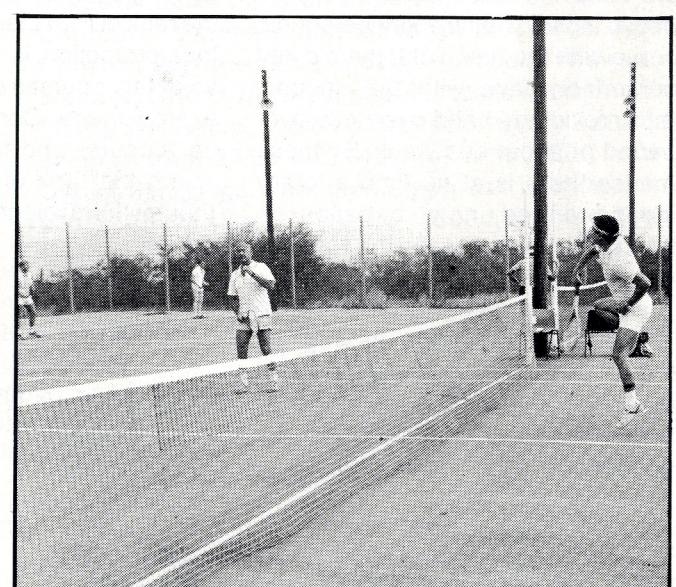
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**The Finnish Minister of Defence, Lt Gen A Pajunen, visited HQ UNFICYP on 3 October. During his visit he inspected a Guard of Honour.**



**Members of the team, Afterthoughts, who won the UNPA ten-pin bowling league stand with the Chief of Staff, Brigadier General C W Hewson (centre). From left to right: Phil Maddox, Andy Bryant, the Chief of Staff, Jim Newton, Andy Ruthven. (Dave Boyne and Steve Chamberlain who make up the team are missing from the photograph).**



**Members of UNIFIL recently "whitewashed" UNFICYP at tennis - the UNFICYP team hopes to do better in the return match in November!**

# THE NEW AUSTRIAN BATTALION

**By Major Peter Mulacz**

When this edition is issued, half the Austrian Battalion will have rotated. Since this rotation is a "large" one — very many officers are new, including the new CO — it seems to be worthwhile to have a closer view of the Austrian Battalion and of the Austrian Army in general, too.

The overall strength of the Austrian Contingent is three hundred, including staff personnel in HQ UNFICYP and Austrians in the UN MP. The Battalion divides into the HQ, one HQ Company and two Rifle Companies. With this rotation a change in the orbit of the Battalion is (or will be) effective:

1st Rifle Company mans OP's A20, A26 and A02 with its 1st platoon, whereas its 2nd platoon serves as the Guard platoon in Camp Duke Leopold V.

2nd Rifle Company is now responsible for the OP's of the so-called Dherinia Line (OP's A05, A08, A14, later A10, A17, A18, and A28) and in Varosha (OP's A15 and A30). The two liaison posts on the Karpass peninsula belong now to the HQ Company since their tasks are humanitarian ones — our Sector is responsible for the re-supply of the largest minority on this island.

The Austrians have four rotations a year, always changing about half the battalion. Each rotation consists of two flights: the new key personnel arrive with the first flight, the old key personnel leave with the second, thus providing a hand-over/take-over period of about one week. By these means there is at no time a totally inexperienced new battalion in charge of the sector and the status of readiness is maintained.

A high percentage of the Battalion are reservists, officers as well as NCO's and privates, overall more than 70%. This is due to the militia type of the Austrian army which is a conscript army with annual conscription and four call-ups a year. The young Austrian soldiers have to serve for a basic six-month period with additional exercises on a two-years basis until they have reached 35 years of age. However, some of the soldiers have to stay with the army for eight months (without follow-up train-

ing), most of them forming the Alert Force. Our Flight Division is similarly organized. The Alert Force consists mainly of mechanized forces and is ready at any time, without need for general mobilization. But the multitude of soldiers, serving for the reduced period of six months, form the "Landwehr" which divides into mobile and territorial organized units. This principle was modelled on the Swiss example.

Of course, the six or eight months of service refer to the conscripts who are not interested in any type of military career. On a voluntary basis, you can stay with the army for a limited time or you can decide to become a regular soldier. In both cases, you have to pass appropriate courses and examinations, for example, for NCO's the army's NCO School and for officers the Military Academy. In case of mobilization, the cadre formed by the regulars would be too small, so there is a need for a reserve cadre too. Military education in the reserve is mainly on a voluntary basis: a future reserve officer, for example, has primarily to volunteer to serve for twelve instead of six months, then he must complete the follow-up training and by doing so can achieve the rank of First Lieutenant. Every further promotion is due to additional voluntary courses and/or training, for example, the Company Commander's course and so on. Thus he can reach the rank of a full Colonel although full Colonels in the reserve are rare.

The Austrian army as described above has to be ready to cope with three different threats:

- Crisis situation: a condition of international danger and conflict
- Neutrality situation: a state of war or armed conflict in a neighbouring state
- Defence situation: a military attack on Austria

To be prepared, especially for the latter case, Austria is divided into "Key Zones" and "Area Security Zones", whereby the Key Zones form the backbone of Austria's defence,



**LtCol Theodor DORFMEISTER, who is at the same time**

- CO Austrian Contingent
- CO Austrian Battalion
- CO Sector Six

prepared with permanent emplacements, positions and obstacles.

This is — very briefly — the army and the country, from where the Austrian soldiers come to join UN service in Cyprus. All the Austrians, from the youngest private up to the CO, volunteer for UN service; nobody is forced to do so. The battalion is "tailor-made" for its tasks. Before the newcomers arrive to relieve half the battalion they gather twice in Vienna: some two months beforehand, for medical checks, vaccinations etc, and then two or three weeks before the flight, for administrative matters and additional military training. This is the usual procedure which everybody has to undergo, even the designated CO.

Our new CO is Lt Col Theodor Dorfmeister who is an armoured officer, as was Lt Col Buttinger whom he replaces. As usual for a CO, Lt Col Dorfmeister has been in UN service before: as a Military Observer at Suez and then in Cyprus. In 1977 he was the SOO of the Austrian Battalion, at that time responsible for Sector Five. His last appointment in Austria was CO of 33 Armoured Battalion. He is married and has two children. Now he is looking forward to a successful tour with UNFICYP again. All the best to him and his "new" battalion!

# PERS/LOGS IN DANCON

**By Major Hans Schmidt**

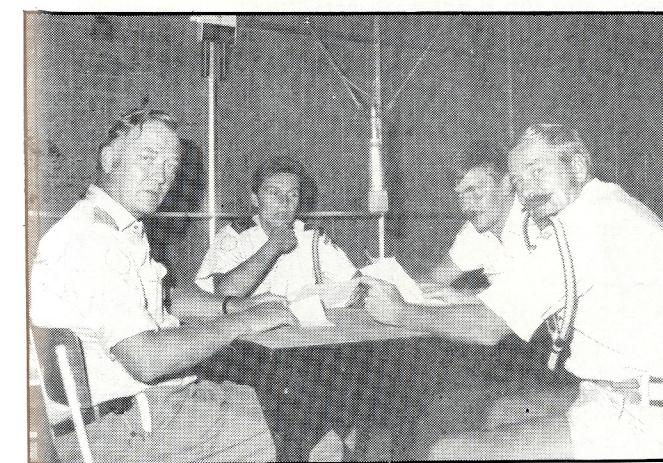
**Photographs by Private Morten Westerdahl**

If you think working behind a desk in a Contingent serving with UNFICYP is boring, you are almost right. But when you do not only see the dark and boring hours, it can also turn out to be a rather charming affair.

The PERS/LOGS branch is divided into two separate sections in DANCON, each headed by a major with a varying staff of officers and other ranks. This article will deal with the Personnel Section.

First we have the DANCON Secretariat. It is headed by a captain who commands a WO-I and three privates. Every piece of paper coming in or going out passes this office for filing or processing. This office is therefore the heart of all paper-work in the Contingent and its slogan is "No paper, no 'war'". (If you took away the paperwork, the "battle" would be over).

A very important piece of machinery in the Secretariat is the copying-machine and I shall accept almost any bet on the fact that this machine is the best looked after and best nursed mechanical device in the Contingent, Sector Commander's staff car included. And why? Because the clerks otherwise will have to multiply everything needed on the typewriter, which as we all know, is very timeconsuming and very often a demanding overtime-duty.



**Editors of the DANCON Radio. From left to right: Chaplain F E Lange, Sgt H R Lund, LCpl J Poulsen and WO2 I B Hansen (the latter is also the coach for the UNFICYP football team).**



**The DANCON Secretariat. From left to right: WO1 B L O Sorensen, LCpl V R Christensen, Pte H O Vitting, Pte O D Olsen and Capt B K Jorgensen.**

Second we have the Welfare-office headed by a 1 Lt commanding a SSgt and a private; the latter is also the Contingent Photographer. They deal with everything concerning the welfare of all ranks, arranging tours nearly all over the world — Cyprus included — editing the DANCON Book, which contains pictures of every Contingent-member and is published free of charge to all ranks. Another popular activity is the distribution of "Flower Greetings" through "Interflora", mainly to Denmark.

Last but not least we have the Contingent Chaplain. He is busy looking after the spiritual welfare of all ranks. By visiting all OP's and Camps in Sector 1 on a biweekly basis he is an important link between the Church of Denmark and all ranks in Cyprus. Apart from this job he is also an adviser for social affairs and welfare. One of his most popular tasks is editing the "DANCON Radio" which is broadcast every Saturday evening from 2115 — 2145 hrs via the CBC in the Danish language. The opening phrase is always the same: "God aften DANCON" (Good evening DANCON) and you will hear music and greetings from home and from other members of DANCON; even members of UNTSO in Israel and Lebanon are contributing. Everybody who is addressed is obliged to buy a round in the bar to all present. Thus too many greetings to one person may result in a rather costly evening.

The head of all these busy people, who is he? Well, he happens to be the Contingent Personnel — and Press—officer, besides having the little, easy job of ADC to the Contingent Commander, but do not pity him, because he likes it!

# UNITED NATION'S MILITARY SLLS COMPETITION

The UN Military Skills Competition took place in the Eastern Sovereign Base Area on 22 and 23 September 1983. Fourteen teams began, but only eleven teams finished this arduous test of character and physical fitness.

Teams consist of an officer, a SNCO and three private soldiers. Contingents may nominate the officers and SNCO's but HQ UNFICYP makes a random selection of soldiers from contingent nominal rolls. The names of the six soldiers eligible for each team are then published two weeks before the competition, so intensive team training (with reserves) can only begin at this stage — a mere 14 days prior to the event! The level of preparedness of the teams on the day reflects the interest, dedication and determination shown from this point onwards.

The competition itself is heavily weighted to emphasize the importance of teamwork and is split into three phases. In phase 1 the teams move around a series of 5 'stands' testing their skills in a number of relevant military activities. During this competition, the stands consisted of map-reading, judging distance, grenade throwing, signals and first aid. Phase 2 consisted of an observation post exercise, (incorporating a separate observation exercise), and a night navigation exercise, which might be called night orienteering with weapons. By the time Phase 2 begins all the



Australians try their skill in First Aid



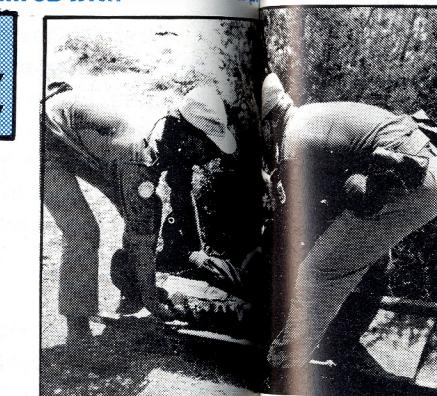
Chief of Staff presents AUSCON Team 6B with their third place trophy

**By Captain G H P Flood**  
**Photographs by Sergeant Tony Hodgetts and Lance Corporal Burrow**

teams are suffering from lack of sleep and most team members feel fatigued from their exertions. However, it is at this stage that the competition really becomes a challenge for the competitors, because the Phase 3 activities consist of an obstacle course, a demanding 15km forced march and a falling plates shoot.

Needless to say, the varied demands made on teams and individuals throughout all three phases produced some startling results and changes in the scoreboard. At the end of Phase 1 team 2A were in the lead, followed by MP Coy, 5B, 2B and 6B. At the end of Phase 2, when the results of the night time activities had been collated, 2A were still leading but were now followed by 5A, 5B, 6A and 1B. MP Coy had slumped to 9th position. DANCON team 1B had leapt from 10th to 5th position and both Swedish Teams looked strong. The competition was wide open and was to remain undecided until the final activity, the shooting.

Team 2A, the overnight leaders, failed to score in any activity in Phase 3 and finished an exhausted 8th. The Swedish Teams maintained their efforts and finished well, 5B were the eventual winners and 5A were 5th. The Danish Team 1B continued to improve and turned in a magnificent performance in the shooting to clinch the runner-up position. The Austrian Teams, who had not slipped below 7th place in any phase, both did well in Phase



3 and finished in 34th positions respectively.

As in any competition that is vigorously contested, consisting of several different scoring systems (even within the phases), and which is prone to the inevitable human error, there were some interesting queries and problems for the organisers to resolve. The prize

Overall Position	Team	Overall Points	Phase 1 Position	Phase 2 Position
1	SWEDCON 5B	763	3	3
2	DANCON 1B	665	10	5
3	AUSCON 6B	580	4=	7
4	AUSCON 6A	535	6	4
5	SWEDCON 5A	535	7=	2
6	SP REGT A	486	9	10
7	MP COY	430	2	9
8	BRITCON 2A	419	1	1
9	BRITCON 2B	368	4=	8
10	SP REGT B	297	13	14
11	CANCON 4B	287	14	11

The following teams withdrew:

CANCON 4A  
FSC SQN  
DANCON 1A



... Obstacle Course ...



Chief of Staff with the winning SWEDCON Team 5B



... Forced March ...

# UK AWARDS FOR SCOUT CAR SQUADRON SOLDIERS

Article and photograph by Captain Mark Outhwaite

At the beginning of October commendations were received from England for two NCOs in Scout Car Squadron for an incident that took place during an exercise earlier this year in England. Cpl Donald Smith and Cpl Jonathan Horsell were both serving in B Squadron 4th Royal Tank Regiment, from which the Scout Car Squadron is formed, and the events that led to the awards are worth recording.

In March 1983 the squadron, equipped with the 54 ton Chieftain Tank, was on exercise on Salisbury Plain, a major training area in the south of England. Having been constantly on the move for several days the squadron was instructed to move 30 miles across the area, at night and tactically to a harbour area to await the next phase of the exercise.

Late on the evening of the 18th March the squadron, split into two groups, began the move, without lights. The weather was poor, with light rain and mist reducing visibility for the already tired tank crews. 7 Troop with its three tanks, commanded by the Troop Leader, Cpl Smith and Cpl Horsell set off into the night.

By the early hours of 19th March the troop was within four kilometres of its position when disaster struck. Cpl. Horsell's tank, travelling some 200 metres behind Cpl Smith, put a track over the edge of a small unmarked quarry. Despite last second action by the driver the vehicle toppled over the edge into the quarry. Unaware of what had happened behind them the other tanks continued into the night.

When Cpl Horsell recovered consciousness the turret was in total darkness, and he could feel that he was hanging upside down with one leg trapped.

The batteries were leaking and fumes began to fill the turret. It was obvious to him that the vehicle was upside down on its turret. There was no answer from the driver or the operator when he called. After managing to



Left, Corporal J R Horsell and right, Corporal D H Smith

orientate himself Cpl Horsell located a light switch and saw a chaotic scene around him. The turret was a shambles and the operator appeared to be trapped half out of the turret with only the lower half of his body inside. Retrieving his radio headset he began to transmit clear calm radio messages giving his location and the situation whilst at the same time, despite being trapped, he attempted to reach and give assistance to the operator. Unfortunately the soldier was pronounced dead by the doctor once inside the turret. Cpl Smith then left the vehicle and emerged into the grey light of dawn. Two hours later the move began again and the exercise continued.

Cpl Smith, upon hearing the message, immediately turned about and began to retrace his tracks. Fifteen minutes later he and other vehicles arrived upon the scene to find the upturned tank in the quarry. By this time the driver had extricated himself from his compartment and dug his way out.

Cpl Smith forced his way into the driver's compartment and, with battery acid leaking around him began to dismantle the driver's seat to gain access to the turret, all the while giving encouragement to Cpl Horsell.

Once inside the turret he carried out first aid on Cpl Horsell and, freeing the trapped leg, passed him outside

For Cpl Horsell the final paragraph of his commendation reads "At all times ... Cpl Horsell was totally professional, calm and objective. Although his own injuries were not to prove serious Cpl Horsell displayed courage, determination, and initiative with complete disregard for his own well being and safety".

For Cpl Smith it reads:

"From the time of the first report of the accident until the incident was over Cpl Smith showed calmness, courage and determination and initiative with complete disregard for his own safety".

# 84 SQUADRON

## JOTTINGS

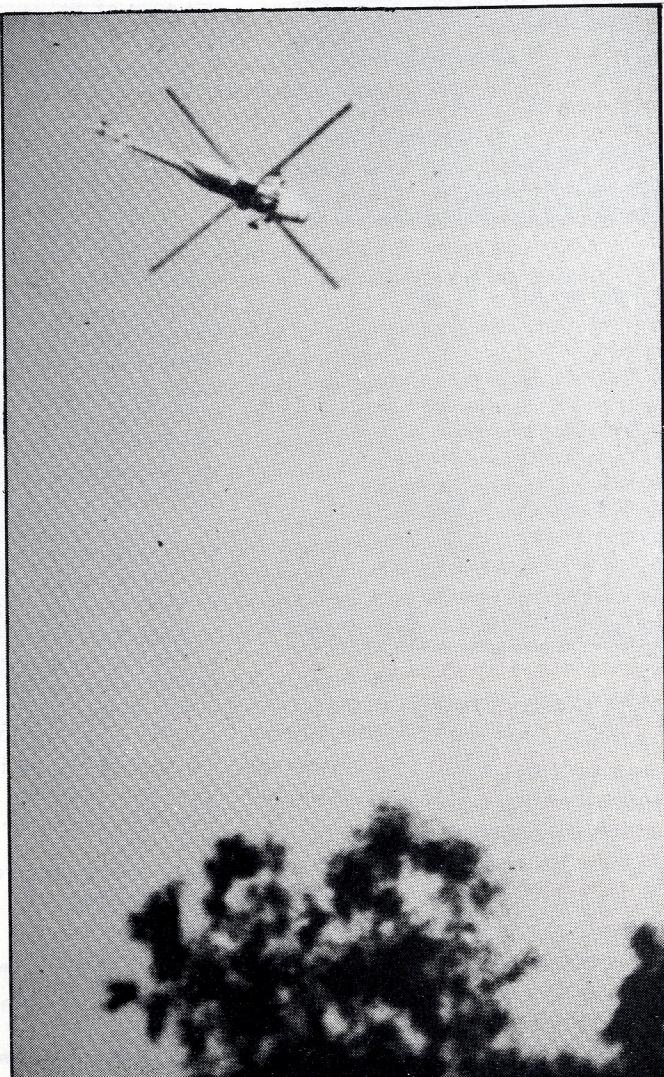


By Flight Lieutenant Nick Hall RAF

I must start this article with an apology, I'm afraid, but we are all very sorry that the RAF Akrotiri Open Day, due to be held on 1st October, had to be cancelled at such short notice. I realise how much of a disappointment it must have been to those members of UNFICYP and their families who had planned to come down to RAF Akrotiri for the day. Never mind, OC 84 Squadron has had a great deal of enjoyment and put in a lot of hard work perfecting his display in the Wessex, so to give you some idea of what you missed and to whet your appetite for next year, I have included a photograph of him taking a somewhat unorthodox view of 'Terra Firma' from his cockpit during one of his display practices.



Flight Lieutenant Mike Faulkner



Part of Squadron Leader King's display

There is one person who is not too upset, by all accounts; he is Cpl Lars Hermansen of C Coy, Dancon, who won a box of wine and food in the Akrotiri Grand Draw. This was delivered to him by a 'Task C' Wessex and I understand that for him life has now taken on a definite 'Rose' hue. (He was the only person in UNFICYP to win anything, but then I didn't win anything either).

Finally, last month we said farewell to Flight Lieutenant Mike Faulkner, who has now returned to the United Kingdom to take up a post with C Flight, 22 Squadron at RAF Valley in Anglesey. There he will continue to use his considerable skills as a Search and Rescue pilot. Mike and his wife Liz lived for much of his tour in Married Quarters at UNFICYP, Nicosia until they moved down to RAF Akrotiri along with B Flight last year, and we wish them all the best in their new location. With Mike's departure and the arrival of two new pilots, Flight Lieutenants Nick Easthope and Ken Park, the changeover of pilots on 84 Squadron is now complete.

# Blue Beret SPORT

## UNFICYP CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION

The UNFICYP Cross Country Competition took place in the beautiful terrain around Skouriotissa where B-Coy/DANCON is situated, on 29 September. The results were as follows:

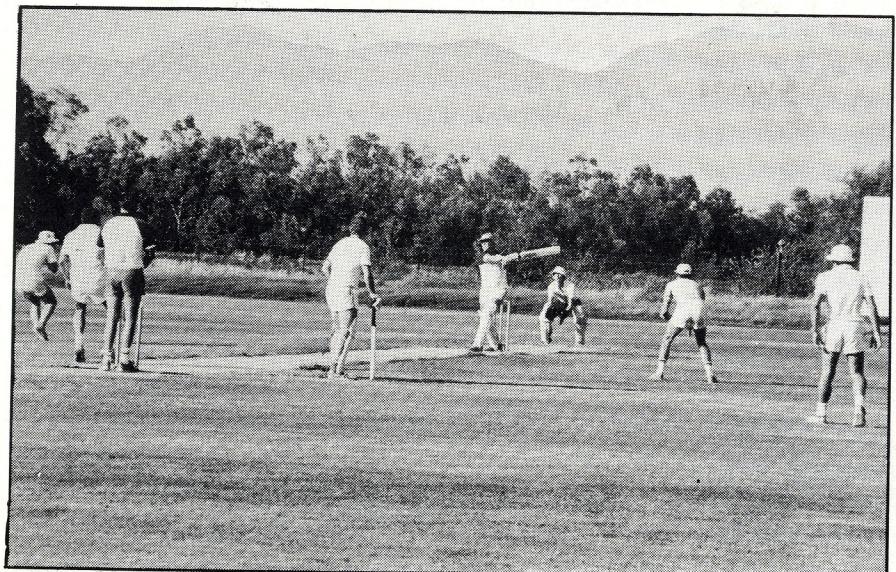
First: Sector Two  
Second: Force Scout Car Squadron



Brig Gen C. W. Hewson congratulates the winning team from BRITCON (Sector Two).

Third: UNFICYP Support Regiment The individual winner was LCpl McLaughlin of Sector Two.

## “THE ASHES”



Australia won “The Ashes” in the recent cricket match series.



From left to right: Tim Fisher, Andy Crawford and Laurie Pyne prepare the ashes.



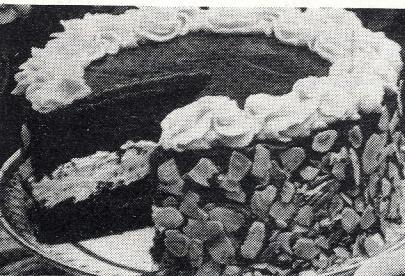
# INTERNATIONAL COOKBOOK AUSTRALIAN RECIPES FROM AUSTCIVPOL

By Sergeant Jeff Brown, with assistance from everyone

A popular treat on a cold winter's night in Australia is chocolate cake with tea or coffee. Chocolate cake is also very popular with coffee as an afternoon tea when someone special arrives.

With Australia now going into summer and Cyprus into winter, we decided to use this recipe with the hope that someone might invite us around for afternoon tea. So we twisted the arm of Mrs Jamieson (the wife of our deputy Commander) for a chocolate cake recipe and she provided the following recipe which she tells us is a lovely dark chocolate cake that is moist and cuts well. And, of course, we need one that cuts well as there are twenty of us here in Cyprus and it needs to go around!

### DARK CHOCOLATE CAKE



1/3 cup cocoa, 3/4 cup hot water  
2 cups self-raising flour  
1/2 cup cornflour  
250g (8oz) butter or margarine  
3/4 cup brown sugar, lightly packed  
2 tablespoons castor sugar  
3 eggs, 1 cup milk  
1/2 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda  
300ml carton thickened cream

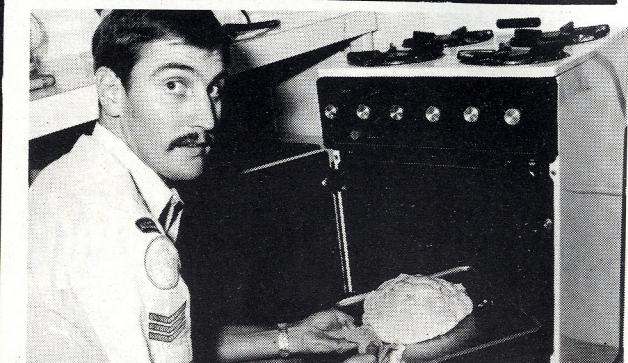
### CHOCOLATE ICING

90g (3oz) dark cooking chocolate  
1 teaspoon oil, 1/4 cup water  
2 cups icing sugar, approx.

Blend cocoa with water, stir until smooth. Cream butter and sugars until light and creamy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Fold in sifted flours alternately with milk. Add soda to cocoa mixture, stir into cake until smooth. Divide mixture between two 20cm (8in) sandwich tins. Bake in moderate oven 30 minutes. Turn cakes on to wire rack to cool. Join cakes with whipped cream, ice top and sides of cake with Chocolate Icing, decorate with whipped cream and toasted, flaked almonds if desired.

Combine chopped chocolate, oil and water in saucepan, stir over low heat until chocolate has melted. Gradually beat in enough sifted icing sugar to give smooth spreading consistency.

### AUSTRALIAN DAMPER (BUSH BREAD)



In order not to be outdone, the men of the 20th Contingent AUSTCIVPOL have come up with a recipe for good old Australian Damper. This is a kind of bread that is great with soups although our damper expert, Sergeant Ian Finlayson, insists that it should be eaten as a type of scone with butter or jam and cream. So as you can see, it is very versatile and is particularly good value when you consider that it costs almost nothing to make and no matter how bad a cook you are, it comes out perfect every time. Traditionally, damper is cooked in the hot embers of an open fire.

You need three cups of self-raising flour, half a teaspoon of salt and a little water.

You dry-mix the flour and salt and then add a little water to make a thick dough. If you make the mixture a little sloppy, don't worry, just add more flour. You then form the dough into an oval shape and place it on a greased tray. The tray (with the dough) then goes into the middle of a moderately hot oven. When it is cooked, take the damper out, tap it gently with your fingers and if it sounds hollow, it's cooked. If you like the crust a little crunchy, turn the heat up slightly during the cooking.

You now have a perfectly prepared damper and it may be eaten whilst warm by cutting into thick slices and lacing with butter, or you can wait until it cools.

A variation to the above is a sweet damper which is made the same way, but with one teaspoon of sugar and raisins and sultanas.

If you are a very, very bad cook and your damper does not turn out OK, then the next time you make a stew, also make a plain damper mixture and form the dough into little balls and drop it on top of the stew when it has about thirty minutes to cook. Put a lid on the saucepan and call them dumplings.



# UN NEWS

## FORCE COMMANDER UNFICYP MESSAGE TO ALL RANKS ON UNITED NATIONS DAY - 24 OCTOBER 1983

The following message has been received from the Force Commander to All Ranks of the United Nations Force in Cyprus on United Nations Day, 24 October 1983.

"On 24 October 1945 the United Nations charter was signed by 51 nations at San Francisco. Since that time more than 100 other countries have joined the United Nations Organization which works "for peace for justice and — for progress".

There are many of you here today in Cyprus who are serving the UN as members of a peace-keeping force for the first time, while others have taken part on two or more occasions. I should like to remind you that since 1945 UN peace-keeping operations have taken place in 13 different areas all over the world. In all of these areas the work of the many

contingents has been much appreciated by the host nations concerned and therefore I believe we should all be familiar with the four main purposes of the United Nations. These are:

**FIRST:** To maintain international peace and security through effective collective measures and through peaceful settlement of disputes;

**SECOND:** To develop friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples;

**THIRD:** To achieve co-operation in solving international economic, social, cultural and humanitarian problems, and in



promoting human rights for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion; and

**FOURTH:** To be a centre for harmonizing the action of nations in achieving these ends.

And now I wish you every success and happiness during the remainder of your tour with UNFICYP.

## CANCON SOLDIER COMMENDED FOR HIS INITIATIVE

Sgt J.M.G. Rouleau was recently congratulated by the Chief of Staff, Brigadier - General C.W. Hewson, for his instantaneous initiative in giving a hand to a fel-

low UN soldier from DANCON.

Sgt Rouleau was travelling along the UN Road towards Larnaca in a rainstorm on 10th June 83, when he arrived at

the scene of an accident in which a UN vehicle and a civilian taxi were involved. The water flowing across the road had caused the driver to lose control of the vehicle.

Sgt Rouleau noticed that the driver of the DANCON vehicle, Pte P.L. Carlsen, had a serious wound in the facial area and was losing a lot of blood. Despite his efforts, he was unable to call an ambulance. He, therefore, gave first aid to the soldier and drove him back to the CANCON Medical Room to be treated by the Medical Officer.

The initiative displayed by Sgt Rouleau illustrates the constant co-operation between contingents of the United Nations while on peace-keeping duties in Cyprus.

