

# ***THE BLUE BERET***



SEPTEMBER 1980





AUGUST IN RETROSPECT

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|---------------|--|--|---|
| Rotations     | None   | 11—13                                  | Colonel J S Messervy, Commander Royal Corps of Transport Headquarters South West District, to HQ UNFICYP and UNFICYP Transport Squadron to interview all Officers and SNCOs.  |
| Medal Parades |  | 13—15                                  | Mr A Bryanton — Public Affairs Manager and Mr P Scott — photographer from Rolls Royce. Mr B Green — Managing Editor of AIR International. Mr D Calvert — Photographer Inter Air Press. Mr G Bridge — PRO HQ Strike Command. |
| 8             | British Contingent   | 20—28                                  | Lt Col Reid to the Canadian Contingent to consult with the Canadian Contingent's Chaplain.  |
| 12            | Swedish Contingent   | 22—29                                  | Maj D Birrell, OC 8 Sqn RCT to HQ UNFICYP and UNFICYP Transport Squadron on a recce as OC Transport Squadron (designate).   |
| Visits        |  | 26                                     | Lt Col F Gigacher, Comd AUSBATT/UNDOF to HQ UNFICYP.  |
| 6             | Brig J Starling MBE MC, Deputy Commander HQ South West District, to HQ UNFICYP and UNFICYP Transport Squadron.   | 26—30 Sep                              | Capt Jorgensen to the Danish Contingent to make a signals inspection.   |
| 6—10          | Mr J Haslem, Australian Member of Parliament, and Mrs Haslem to HQ AUSTCIVPOL.   | 29—5 Sep                               | Mr Keith Hamilton, reporter on the Southern Evening Echo, to 3 RGJ in Sector 2.   |
| 6—16          | Brigadier The Honourable Henry P Bell-Irving DSO, OBE, ED, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, Canada, and Mrs Bell-Irving to HQ UNFICYP and the Canadian Contingent. | Military and Recreational Competitions |   |
| 7—22          | Midshipman J Sutherland, RN to UNFICYP to carry out a general project on a United Nations Force in the field.  | 11                                     | UNFICYP Swimming Gala   |
| 8—10          | Lt Watkins to 13/18 Hussars, Force Reserve.  | 28/29                                  | UNFICYP Military Skills Competition.  |
| 8—15          | Mr K Howard, Artist, to the British Contingent, to portray Medal Parade and scenes of the Buffer Zone.   |  |   |
| 8—15          | Miss Victoria Mather, reporter on the Sheffield Morning Telegraph, to 13/18 Hussars, Force Reserve.  |  |   |

FUTURE EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Wine Festival at Stroumbi Village Paphos

Organised by the village committee in early September and it includes free wine tasting, exhibition of grapes and Folk dances.

Wine Festival, Limassol

Second fortnight of September. Organised by the Limassol Municipality. It will be held in the Public Gardens of Limassol. Free distribution of wine, open air restaurants serving local and foreign dishes. Performances of folk dancing, signing and Cypriot theatrical sketches.

Cyprus Autumn Open Tennis Tournament

At the Larnaca tennis club during the second fortnight of September. Open to all without restrictions including foreigners and professionals.

At the American Center

33B Homer Avenue

Nicosia Tel: 73143

Tuesday 23 September at 7.30 p.m.

'Inherit the Wind' 128 minutes

The conflict between science and fundamental religion flares into open war in a small American town where Bertram T Cates, a school teacher has been arrested for teachnig Darwin's theory of evolution in violations of a state law banning anything that 'denies' the divine creation of man as taught in the Bible. The case is quickly taken up by a cynical newspaperman, whose

interest is heightened when the champion of the Fundamentalists (Frederic March) is named prosecutor of the case. A self-styled agnostic (Spencer Tracy) and one of the legal men of the time is appointed defence counsel. The courtroom drama that follows is one of the most powerful ever filmed. Directed by Stanley Kramer.

Thursday, 25 September to Friday, 3 October

America Preserved

An exhibition of colour photographs by Laurence O'Keeffe taken during his travels through the United States 1976 - 78.

The exhibition will be open every day from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 pm. and from 3.00 pm. to 5.00 pm. (Closed 27 and 28 September).

CYPRUS RALLY

|       |           |           |                    |
|-------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|
| 26—27 | September | Section 1 | Nicosia — Paphos   |
| 27    | September | Section 2 | Paphos — Platres   |
| 28    | September | Section 3 | Platres — Limassol |
| 28    | September | Section 4 | Limassol — Nicosia |

OCTOBER

International Clay Court Tennis Championships

To be held in Nicosia at the Field Club Courts during the first fortnight of October. Open to all without restrictions.

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Articles of general interest are invited from all members of the Force. Descriptions of recent local events or of visits to places of interest are welcome.

Illustrations are most welcome. Photographs should be in black and white on glossy paper.

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Resupply of stores to OP D35 in the Danish Sector by a Whirlwind helicopter of 84 Sqn Det RAF.

Photo: George Moffett

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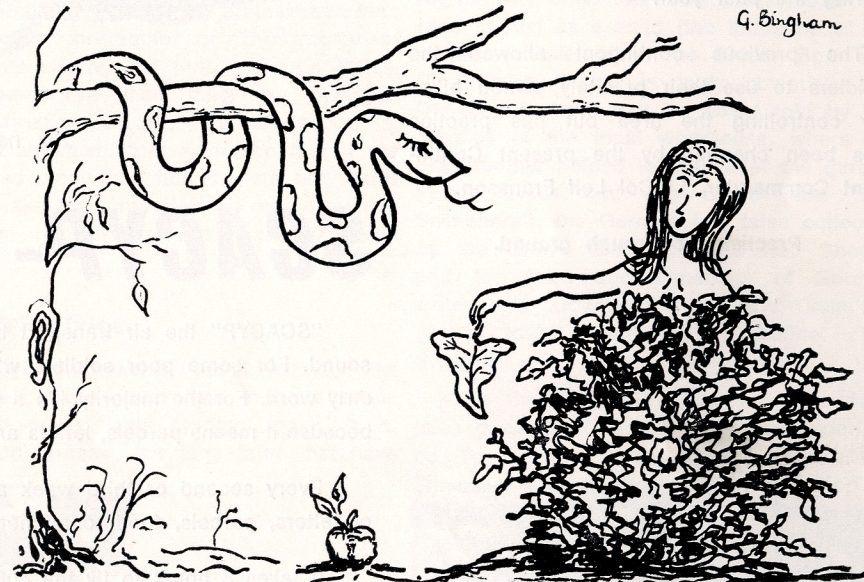


Editorial

I have no doubt that all our readers have noticed that this issue of "The Blue Beret" does not have a colour front page. The reason quite simply is the lack of funds in the present climate of financial restraint.

There has been a distinct lack of voluntary submissions of cartoons by our readers apart from WO2 Graham Bingham. There must be some budding artists amongst the various national contingents, so please help out.

Lastly, I would appreciate some articles of general interest with some good black and white photographs attached, to put in the "Out and About" section.

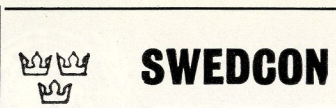


"I'M SO WORRIED ABOUT ADAM, HE'S ABSENT WITHOUT LEAF!"

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#### ARTICLE BY TOBY FALK

Six white Java 250 motorcycles have arrived in Cyprus to be used in the service of peace. Their task will be to allow more flexibility in the monitoring of private farming activities in the Sector 5 area.

The request was referred to UN HQ New York and the Vehicle Establishment Committee there decided that the motorcycles would not replace any vehicles. The increase in transport is necessary since the large farming area has increased considerably during the past year.

The previous contingent allowed the soldiers to use their privately owned bikes for controlling the area but this practice has been changed by the present Contingent Commander, Lt Col Leif Fransson.

#### Practising on rough ground.



## UNICYCLES AT SWEDCON!



Six new Java 250 Motorcycles.

## SCACYP- (HERCULES & HERRINGS=HOME)

"SCACYP" the air transport between Sweden and Cyprus is a word with a magic sound. For some poor soldiers who have been sent home for various reasons it is a dirty word. For the majority it's a word that has an air of curiosity, thrill and happiness because it means parcels, letters and supplies. It is SWEDCON's living nerve with Sweden.

Every second or third week a big clumsy, ugly giant lands at Larnaca Airport full of letters, parcels, food, cars, herrings, ammunition — you just name it!

It takes 8 hours to fly the 4000 kilometres from Sweden. Average speed is 600 km per hour and the plane drinks 15,000 litres of fuel on a one way trip. Those who have flown by this plane know that there are no comfortable seats and all attempts to talk are killed by the roar from the four propellers.

This noisy giant that looks like a flying whale is called a Hercules C130 — made in the USA.



The noisy giant!

# HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN

#### Fairy tales in a hundred languages

Hans Christian Andersen was born at Odense on the Danish island of Funen (Fyn) on April 2, 1805 to poor parents. By the age of 24 he was already writing poems and plays and had had his first book published — a whimsical collection of sketches loosely strung together in the form of a mock travel book. That same year (1829) he managed to get a play produced; it was a parody of the heroic style of drama.

#### First foreign travels

In 1831 he made the first of many journeys abroad, travelling in northern and central Germany. The fruit of this journey was a vivid travel book, 'Shadow Pictures of a Journey to the Harz Mountains and Saxony'. Two years later he published Collected Poems. He continued to write, both poems and plays, the rest of his life. Some of the plays were performed, but they are mostly of little merit and have been largely forgotten, as also has the bulk of his poetry, though a few fine songs and lyrics have found a permanent place in Danish anthologies. In 1833 Andersen, with the help of a public grant, set out on an extended tour of Italy, travelling via the Rhine, Paris and Switzerland. Among other places, he visited Florence, Naples, Pompeii and Paestum, basing himself on Rome, where altogether he spent six months. While there he started on his first novel, 'The Improvisatore', which was published in 1835. It describes the rise of a poor boy, an Italian improvising poet of the market place, to fame and fortune, set against a colourful background: Italy of the romantic movement. It was Andersen's own life story as he intended it should be. The book was an instant success in Denmark and established him as a major European author at a stroke when it was translated soon after into Ger-

man. It also established him in England when it was published there (the first of his works to appear in English) ten years later.

#### The first fairy tales

A few weeks after the Improvisatore, Andersen published the first of his fairy tales, a volume of four: 'The Tinder Box', 'Little Claus and Big Claus', 'The Princess on the Pea' and 'Little Ida's Flowers'. Seldom has a major literary breakthrough seemed so inauspicious. The small booklet of 64 pages that came out on May 8, 1835, was badly printed on poor paper, and the tales were condemned for their violence and questionable morals. Even the least critical reviewers thought that the author of 'The Improvisatore' was wasting his time on such trifles. More perceptive than they, the physicist Hans Christian Orsted, the discoverer of electro-magnetism, told Andersen that if the novel had made him famous, the fairy tales would make him immortal: an opinion which Andersen himself did not share to begin with.

#### More fairy tales

Although Andersen's travel books, like his novels, were much read in his lifetime, and still make lively reading today, it is, as Orsted foresaw, the fairy tales that have



won him a lasting place in world literature. They have been translated into a hundred languages, and there can be very few people in the Western world who are not familiar with at least a few of them, though they may not always be the best and will frequently be in mutilated and even bowdlerized form, or 're-tellings'.

The immediate sources of many of them are not difficult to trace, partly by means of Andersen's autobiography, which he wrote in several variations, and partly through the voluminous diaries that he kept during most of his adult life (and that have been published in full for the first time for the centenary). The models were 'The Arabian Nights' and other tales which his father had read to him as a child (the influence of the former on tales like 'The Tinder Box' and 'The Flying Trunk' is fairly obvious); The Danish folk tales that he heard told by the inmates of the local workhouse, where his grandmother helped to look after the garden ('Little Claus and Big Claus' and 'The Swineherd'); the German folk tales collected by the Grimm brothers ('The Red Shoes') and the tales and romances of German writers like Hoffmann, Tieck and Chamisso ('Little Ida's Flowers', 'Thumbelina' 'The Shadow').

More than anything, however, the fairy tales grew out of Andersen's own experience. To quote a Danish scholar (Hans Brix): 'In every one of them there is a drop of the writer's heart's blood, and that is why they remain fresh and alive while innumerable attempts to imitate them have failed'.

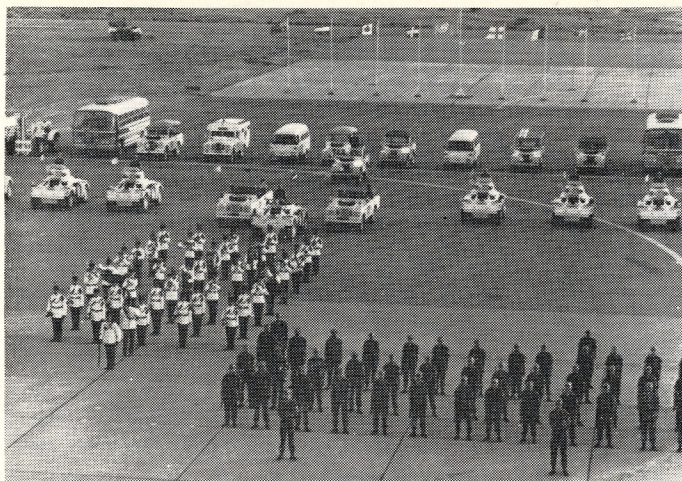


THE LITTLE MERMAID, made by Danish sculptor Edv. Eriksen, is the symbolic statue of Copenhagen. She sits on her rock at the entrance of Copenhagen harbour.



KRONBORG CASTLE AND WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE. In the early 15th century King Erik of Pomerania built Krogen which was later renamed Kronborg. The castle was, for its time, a very up-to-date fortress intended as a base from which to enforce the "Sound Dues" imposed on foreign merchants in 1429 (abolished in 1857). In the mid-16th century King Frederik II rebuilt the castle in splendid Renaissance style. It was at Kronborg that William Shakespeare laid the scene of his play "Hamlet".





General view of part of the parade.

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B Squadron 13/18 Royal Hussars drive past with their Ferrets.



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3rd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets march onto the parade.



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3rd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets double past.

The BRITCON Medal Parade took place at Nicosia International Airport on Friday 8 August 1980. Major General J J Quinn presented the UN medals to the tune of 'The Mighty Quinn', played by the Band of the 3rd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets. The Parade was commanded by Lieutenant Colonel J P Foley OBE, MC, Commander Officer of 3rd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets. The Commander of BRITCON, Brigadier J D Bastick, MBE, was the instigator of the revised and impressive parade programme.

The following units were on parade:

B Squadron 13/18 Royal Hussars (QMO)  
3rd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets  
and their Regimental Band and Bugles  
84 Squadron Detachment RAF  
UNFICYP Support Regiment comprising:  
UNFICYP Engineer Detachment  
254 (UNFICYP) Signal Squadron  
UNFICYP Flight AAC  
6 Squadron RCT  
UNFICYP Medical Centre  
UNFICYP Ordnance Detachment  
UNFICYP Workshop REME



UNFICYP Support Regiment vehicles drive past.

# MILITARY SKILLS COMPETITION

ARTICLE BY BOB HANSEN

At 0800 hours on 4 August the Battalion Military Skills Competition commenced with the weighing of equipment and a general briefing for all contestants. By 0940 hours the first team had crossed the start line for a gruelling and demanding 13 km route march. Team 5 for A Coy consisting of Lt Williams, MCpl Hitchcock, Cpl Doyle and Pte Palmer won the route march with a very respectable time of 1 hour 26 minutes. An excellent show considering the temperature hit a high of 118°F. As some people were over-heard to say, "People are dying in Texas and we go for 13 km marches".

After completing the route march the team captains received orders for the next phase of the competition. Each team had to construct a defensible OP with overhead protection. After several hours of hard labour, the teams were ready for the night navigation. This was a 5 km march which was won in a record time of 50 minutes by Team 3 from HQ Coy consisting of Lt Mulhall, Sgt Scott, Cpl Gunn and Pte Thorgeirson.

A night observation exercise was held from 0200 hours to 0330 hours on 5 August. Lt Mulhall and partners won the event with a score of 124 out of 180. Teams then had a chance to grab a couple of hours sleep. But it wasn't quite that easy, as they had to cook a hot meal and continue to maintain the normal two men on sentry. Team 2 from B Coy consisting of Sgt Cowan, Pte Adams and Pte Pinke won this one hands down with a score of 14 out of 15.

At 0730 hours on 5 August, the teams commenced a series of seven stands approximately 2 km apart. The first stand tested everyone's map reading ability, followed by a mad dash to the grenade range where Lt Williams and crew managed to come up with the high score of 30 out of 108! After a short walk the teams came upon the first aid stand. At this stand the contestants had to provide emergency first aid to a wounded soldier and carry him a distance of 75m in 15 seconds. Both Lt Williams' team and Lt Mulhalls' managed to carry the soldier over the 75m in 14 seconds.

The signals stand tested the teams ability to lay line and to receive a coded message. Lt McComber's team consisting of MCpl Cutting, Pte MacDonald and Pte Rhyno scored 90 out of 100 to tie with the HQ Coy team.

After another short jaunt of 2500m the teams had to accurately judge distances from 100m to 1500m. It wasn't quite as easy as it looked. However, Lt Williams and team had a respectable score of 80 out of 100.

Following this was the obstacle course which consisted of a 100m dash and the crossing of a 3 rope bridge. Once again Lt Mulhall's team won with a timing of 5 minutes and 43 seconds.

Each team then had 45 seconds to get to the rifle range. Only Team 4 consisting of Lt Squires, Sgt Bowden, Pte Lesage and

Pte Lejune did it in the 45 seconds. However, McComber's marksmen did the best with 10 bulls out of 15.

The overall winner was HQ Coy with a score of 1160 out of 1343. All competitors did an excellent job during a very demanding and difficult competition. A hearty thank you goes to all the umpires and control staff who helped to make the competition a very successful one.

Congratulations to Lt Mulhall, Sgt Scott, Cpl Gunn and Pte Thorgeirson for winning the competition. Best of luck during the UNFICYP Competition on 28/29 August.

| Results Event    | Team 1 | Team 2 | Team 3 | Team 4 | Team 5 | HPS  |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------|
| Rte March        | 228    | 186    | 214    | 208    | 234    | 200  |
| OP               | 58     | 50     | 61     | 56     | 37     | 85   |
| Ni Nav           | 0      | 126    | 190    | 139    | 130    | 100  |
| Ni Obsn          | 65     | 93     | 124    | 83     | 80     | 160  |
| Tac Rest         | 7      | 14     | 12     | 7      | 9      | 15   |
| Map Reading      | 55     | 45     | 65     | 60     | 70     | 100  |
| Grenade Throwing | 24     | 20     | 21     | 12     | 30     | 108  |
| First Aid        | 91     | 93     | 103    | 92     | 104    | 100  |
| Sigs             | 90     | 45     | 90     | 85     | 85     | 100  |
| Judging Distance | 10     | 25     | 50     | 50     | 80     | 100  |
| Obstacle Course  | 94     | 59     | 100    | 93     | 88     | 100  |
| Shooting         | 73     | 5      | 56     | 24     | 30     | 100  |
| Inspection       | 96     | 71     | 74     | 92     | 98     | 100  |
| Total            | 891    | 932    | 1160   | 1001   | 1075   | 1368 |



The winners left to right: Cpl Gunn, Sgt Scott, Lt Mulhall and Pte Thorgeirson.



Left to right: Pte Adams, Lt Hirlehey, Sgt Cowan and Pte Pinke.



Lt Squires and his team.



# OP 28 - THE COASTAL



ARTICLE BY  
FRIEDRICH MAYER

Photographs by  
George Moffett

On the eastern coast of Cyprus, south of Famagusta, our OP A 28 is situated, very close to the seashore. This OP belongs to the 2nd rifle company of AUSCON and is the eastern-most OP of the so-called 'Dherinia-line', which runs from Ayios Nicolaos (British Sovereign Base Area) in a mainly east-west direction to the coast. The OP is manned as usual with 1 NCO and four junior ranks, of which two are from the old and more experienced crew whereas the other two came to Cyprus with the last July rotation, due to our three monthly — 50% rotation system.

Sgt Gunter DEISTING is the OP Commander, he comes from the city Graz in the province Styria and he is a regular soldier. In his time off he can always be found in a small bay nearby, fishing and snorkeling. He provides the OP cook with fresh and tasty fish. His first tour with UNFICYP was in 1976/77 with AUSCON in Pyla village.

L/Cpl Johann ZEINHOFER is his deputy and comes from Upper Austria. He has done one tour in 1975 in Zyyi on the southern coast and his second in 1977/78 in Famagusta; he is a militia soldier.

L/Cpl Gunther BASTIAN is serving for the first time with the United Nations Peace Keeping Force and is very fond of his duty here, he gets a lot of new experience. Additional to his OP duties he is the cook and therefore responsible for the bodily well-being of his comrades, and it seems they are quite satisfied with his services.

L/Cpl Diethart KOEFER has wide experience with the UN. He has already served with UNDOF on the Golan Heights for two six month periods in 1976/77, in 1978 and again in 1979/80. It is his first tour on Aphrodites Island and he is very interested in foreign countries, the population, their customs and habits. Koefler comes from Carinthia, the southern-most province of Austria and is also a militia soldier.

L/Cpl Erwin GATTINGER works in a paper-mill in Austria, but every third year he gets a certain longing for another tour within



Left to right: LCpl Bastian, Sgt Deisting, LCpl Koefler, their cat Murli and 1/Cpl Zeinhofer.

# OBSERVATION POST

a UN Force. His first tour was in 1973/74 in Sinai with UNEF and afterwards on the Golan Heights. He found Syria very interesting and joined UNDOF for a second time in 1976. Now he is exploring Cyprus in his time off.

The routine duty on the OP starts at 0600 hours, when the alarm clock rings and everyone rushes out for fifteen minutes physical training. But one hour earlier a sentry has climbed up the observation tower to start his watch cooled by a fresh sea breeze. Meanwhile L/Cpl BASTIAN prepares coffee and tea, bacon and eggs and lays the table for breakfast. OP duty begins at 0800 hours with two hours daily exercise, weapon drill and cleaning, repeating orders and briefings, given by the Company Commander, Platoon Leader or a senior NCO on the OP. At various times patrolling is done in the Buffer Zone, either on foot or with a cross country 'Pinzgauer' vehicle, looking out for changes or remarkable events.

A problem which often arises, is tourists entering parts of the Buffer Zone. We remind them about the situation out here and ask them to return to the tourist centres.

As farming in this part of the Buffer Zone is organised well and due to good realtions the farmers do not cross the farming line. Because there is a shortage of water too in this region, nobody tries to enlarge his fields and therefore farming problems are almost unknown in the area of OP A 28.

Another task for the soldiers on the eastern coast is to remind military vessels, fishing boats and speed boats from the nearby tourist centres that they are very close to the respective seaward extended ceasefire lines (for military vessels) or the maritime security line (for civilian boats). As soon as a boat comes too near, a soldier of OP A 28 fires one or two flares in the sky and in most cases the boat returns from whence it came.

In their time off soldiers do physical training, swimming, rowing in a rubber boat and fishing as outdoor amusement and the so called 'hobby-cook' L/Cpl Bastian is an expert in preparing various kinds of fish meals; his comrades can ask for fried or boiled fish or grilled over charcoal. Indoors they play cards, chess, write letters to their families at home or read about the latest news in Austrian newspapers, which they get daily together with mail and rations.

When daylight fades away in the late evening and the sentry climbs down from the observation tower, for the last time of the day the OP Commander assembles his men for a communal supper, discussing the incidents and problems with them. Whether a day was rather quiet or very busy every soldier is always aware that he is far away from his home country, maintaining peace on Aphrodites' Island.



Left: LCpl Bastian, Right: Sgt Deisting.



Members of OP A28 off duty.



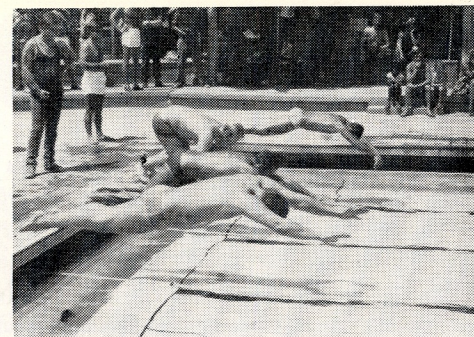
Top: LCpl Koefler, Bottom: 1/Cpl Zeinhofer.

LCpl Koefler observing vessels on the sea.

Sgt Deisting firing flares.



# EX "LONG RUN"



## UNFICYP SWIMMING GALA

On Monday 11 August the annual UNFICYP Swimming Gala was held at the Blue Beret Camp swimming pool. All the races were keenly contested but the fight was ultimately between CANCON and SWEDCON. Eventually SWEDCON, with some ex-national swimmers, won by a narrow margin. Prizes were presented by Major General J J Quinn.



Capt Alvin Tull, the announcer, with the race recorders.



Insp Murray Geale checks the race times.

### TEAM RESULTS

|     |         |           |
|-----|---------|-----------|
| 1st | SWEDCON | 26 points |
| 2nd | CANCON  | 21 points |
| 3rd | MP Coy  | 6 points  |



The winning Swedish team (from the left) Capt Axelsson, Cederborg, Pte Pettersson, Pte Andersson, L tCol Björkeröth, (sitting) WO1 Brandkvist, Pte Stoor, Pte Nilsson and Pte Kron.

On 29 July a sporting event organised by S Company 3rd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets took place in Sector 2. This was Exercise "Long Run", a 30 mile relay race for teams of 6 runners, starting at the Troodos Mountain Leave Centre and finishing at Astromeritis.

The day dawned bright and hot, and as runners, umpires, drivers, marshals, medicine and spectators gathered at lunch time for a preparatory briefing, some of the enormous administrative effort required for such an event became apparent. S Coy were probably cursing the day they ever had the idea.

The Green Jacket teams were taken from Platoons of S Coy, Company HQ, from other invited Companies and departments within the Battalion, and we were very pleased to see a team from Force Reserve, our neighbours in Cyprus and England. We also invited the 2nd Battalion The Coldstream Guards (on training at the time on Troodos) to participate and a strong team, including several of their known athletes, appeared.

AUSTCIVPOL kindly cleared the route ahead and at 1600 hours the first runners took off at a furious pace. The competitors soon spread out leaving large gaps which would require desperate efforts by later runners to close up.

The fastest time was undoubtedly Cpl Karamath — running first for HQ Coy who gained three minutes on the next man, finishing his 5 miles in 26 mins 20 secs, however Surveillance Platoon, S Coy were the winning RGJ team and are to be congratulated on an overall time of 2 hours 56 mins. Best team overall proved to be The Coldstream Guards, whose several battalion and APTC athletes proved too strong, against the other teams which were much smaller sub-units. They also deserve much credit for a spirited and extremely fast run.

The day finished, the prizes were presented and everyone filtered away tired and sore, but with a real sense of achievement of having tested not only individual fitness, but team spirit!

## Out & About

One for the worm,  
One for the crow,  
One to rot  
And one to grow.



This cross-eyed warrior was one of five in a field in Co. Offaly, obviously made by a true believer.



This Roscommon lady with her well-developed figure and flowered dress is definitely female.

Farmers sometimes plant four seeds in each hole. Then to keep the crow from getting his share, the farmer makes a scarecrow. These human effigies are ephemeral folk figures, rarely lasting more than one season. Sometimes dignified, often humorous, and at times downright ludicrous, they bear an ancient heritage and are surrounded by legend and lore.

It could almost be said that you can judge a country's character by its scarecrows. The Mexicans suffice with strips of old clothing tied to a stick so that the cloth waves in the breeze. Very little effort expended here. The practical Scots take the plastic bags that their fertilizer comes in and attach these to a post after they have fertilized the fields. No waste there. The technology-minded Americans coat their seed with up-to-date repellents that keep the pests away and make a 'body' in the field unnecessary. No outdated method there. But the farmers of Ireland not only make scarecrows, they turn them into figures that are a joy to behold. Irish scarecrows are like the Irish people — imaginative, unique and full of fun, the Force Commander being a prime example!

Why have the Irish not adopted more modern methods of keeping crows away? There are several possible answers, but one seems most obvious. Every Irishman has to have someone to talk to, not just occasionally, but all day — every day. This is easily accomplished when he is at the pub or at the market, or even at church. But for most men the day of reckoning comes when the crops have to be planted, the potatoes have to be dug, or the

# SCARECROWS

by PIP JOHANSSON



In Ireland even the crows are religious. According to legend they always begin their nests on the first day of March. If March the first falls on Sunday, the crows wait until the next day to begin the nests. The same thing might be said of these scarecrows: this fellow with his nice warm hat could be on his way to church while below the lady with her lace shawl and black dress could be another churchgoer.



hay has to be 'saved'. And couldn't a fellow go crazy out in the field alone? But with a scarecrow standing there the farmer can talk to someone (or something) all day long and never be interrupted. So even if his seed were crow-proof, I honestly believe that the Irishman would still make his scarecrow for company.

With all the variety of sizes and shapes that you will find in Irish scarecrows, there is one traditional type that won't be found — one in the shape of a snake. An old folk belief tells us that crows are afraid of snakes. Therefore, farmers in some parts of the world paint sticks or twisted roots to look like snakes and place them in the fields. But thanks to St Patrick Irish crows are so unfamiliar with snakes that that they would have no fear of a snake-scarecrow if they saw one.

Even in Ireland there are farmers who scoff at the scarecrow and claim that the outstretched arms of the figure simply make a handy place for the crows to rest while eating the stolen grain. But when you combine the Irish sense of nostalgia with a healthy helping of superstition and a respect for ancient tradition, you soon have a scarecrow in (almost) every field. You can see from the pictures that they are found in every part of Ireland. Just look for them along the way and return their friendly wave.





# INTERNATIONAL COOKBOOK

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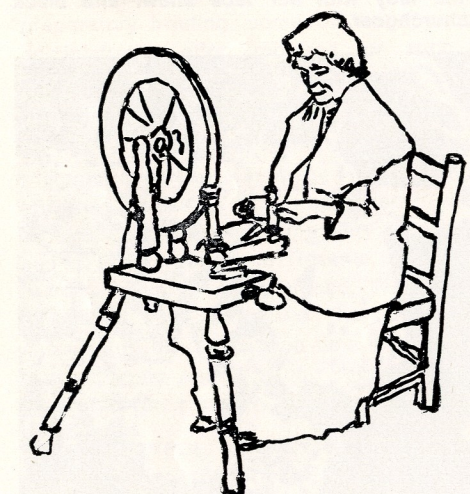
## Traditional Soda Bread

### Ingredients

- 900 g (2 lb) plain flour
- 2 teasp cream of tartar
- 600 ml (1 pint) milk
- 1 teasp salt
- 1 teasp bread soda (bicarbonate of soda)

### Method

Sieve flour, salt, soda and cream of tartar into a mixing bowl. Make a well in the centre and pour in the milk mix with a knife until most of the flour is taken up. Knead with floured hands adding more milk if necessary — the dough should be soft. Shape the dough into a 22 cm (9 inches) round flattish cake and place on a floured baking tin. Cut a cross on top to allow for rising and bake in a fairly hot oven (205°C) for an hour or more — cover with foil about half way through cooking time so that it does not get too brown.



## Bacon & Cabbage

### Ingredients

- 1375 g (3—5 lbs) piece of bacon
- Cabbage

### Method

Steep bacon overnight in fresh water. Place bacon in saucepan — cover with fresh water, bring to the boil and simmer gently (Cooking time: allow 30 minutes for each 450 g (1 lb of bacon). Prepare cabbage. 10—15 minutes (before bacon is cooked, add in cabbage. Any longer than 15 minutes and the cabbage would lose its crisp texture. Delicious served with boiled potatoes and parsley sauce.



## Traditional Recipes from Ireland

### Potato Cakes

#### Ingredients

- 75 g (3 oz) plain flour
- ½ teasp baking powder
- 200 g (½ lb) mashed potato
- 1 tablesp milk

#### Method

Sieve flour, salt and baking powder into a bowl. rub in the butter until mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Mix in mashed potato and a little milk to make a soft dough. Roll out 1½ cm (½ inch) thick, but into shapes with a small round cutter, brush with beaten egg and bake in a hot oven (215°C gas/mark 7) for about 15 to 20 minutes. Potato cakes may also be fried in hot fat. Delicious served hot with lashings of butter.



### Irish Coffee (Per person)

#### Ingredients

- One stemmed whiskey glass
- very hot strong black coffee
- 1 tablesp whipped cream
- 2—3 teasp sugar
- 1 tablesp Irish Whiskey

#### Method

Heat glass. Heat whiskey and pour into the glass, fill with very hot black coffee in which the sugar has been dissolved, then float the cream on top. Do not stir. Irish Coffee is ambrosial if really hot, and a criminal waste of whiskey if served lukewarm.

### Coddled Potatoes

#### Ingredients

- 1 lb small potatoes
- ½ lb onions
- ¼ lb fat bacon

#### Method

Peel and thinly slice the potatoes, dice the fat bacon and fry with potatoes and sliced onions until brown. Add 1 pint of stock, salt and pepper to taste and some chopped parsley and simmer until potatoes are tender.

# Pictorial news

## AUSTCIVPOL MEDAL PARADE

Photographs by George Moffett.



Insp M Geale and Maj Gen J J Quinn share a joke!

## MP COY MEDAL PARADE

The Military Police Company Medal Parade was held outside their headquarters on Monday, 7 July. The Parade was commanded by Major J Harrison. The medals were presented by Major General J J Quinn. The day was extremely hot and refreshments were provided afterwards.



Maj Gen J J Quinn presents a UN Medal.



Ch Insp P Wise receives his medal as Ch Supt R C Allatson watches.



Parade with Piper and Drummer.





## SWEDCON MEDAL PARADE

About 240 soldiers received their medals for serving with the United Nations when SWEDCON held its Medal Parade in Larnaca on 12 August 1980.

After a speech by Major General J J Quinn, the Force Commander the spectators were given an unusual display of rifle

exercises by the honour guard. The parade was followed by a dinner for over 500 people in the gymnasium.

SWEDCON would like to thank the School Authorities for the use of the Makarios Schol for the Parade and the Band of the 3rd Battalion The Light Infantry.



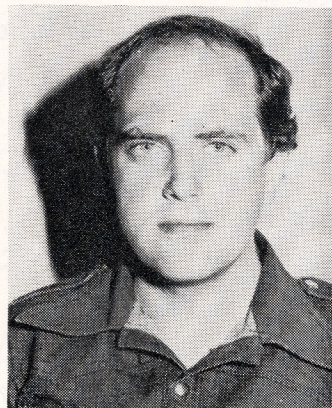
## ONE THOUSAND HOURS FLYING FOR PEACE WITH UNFICYP

Sqn Ldr Roger Wedge (OC 84 Sqn Det RAF Nicosia) presenting FS Jim Armstrong with a mug to commemorate his 1,000 hours flying on the Whirlwind helicopter during his 3 year tour with the UN in Cyprus.

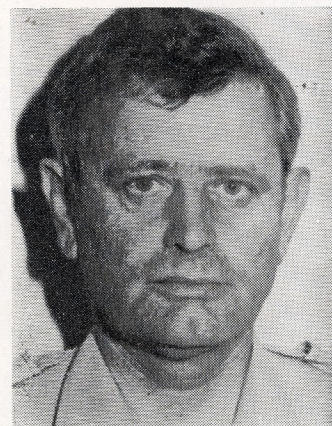
Jim arrived in Nicosia in July 1977 and left in August 1980. He took part in 24 Medevacs during his tour, carrying soldiers from all contingents, civilians from the UNPA and military and civilian Cypriots. The "Kyrenia

Rescue" which Jim took part in was the high-light of his tour when 117 people were brought ashore from the ferry "Erturki" which was in danger of foundering.

## NEW FACES

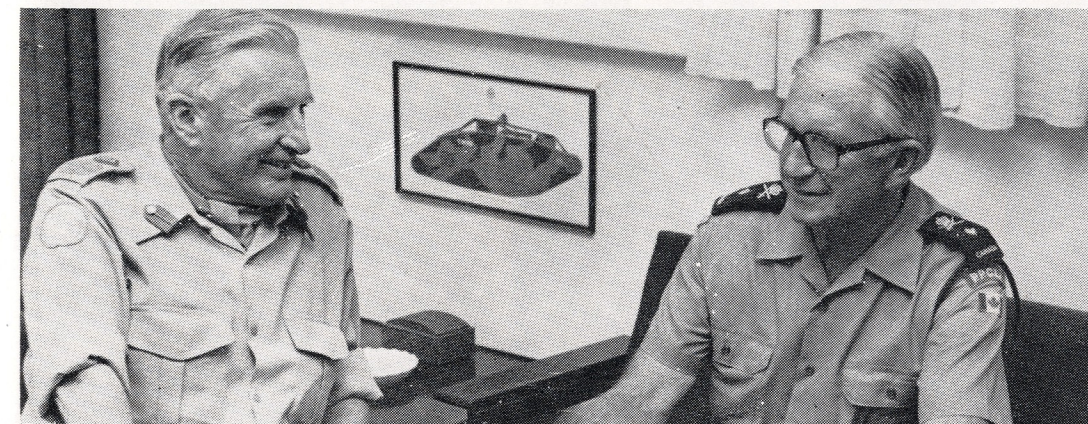


Mr O Schneidratius, the new Political Affairs Officer from East Germany.



Lieutenant Colonel L MacMahon, the new Chief Economics Officer from Ireland.

## LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VISITS 3 PPCLI AND FORCE COMMANDER



The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, Brigadier The Honourable Henry P Bell-Iving DSO, OBE, ED, visited the 3rd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and also met Major General J J Quinn.



## NEW COMMANDER AUSCON

The handover of the battalion command of AUSCON in Camp Duke Leopold V, Famagusta, took place on 30 July 1980. The battalion formed a hollow square with the colours on the left side and the Deputy Commander made his last report to Lt Col Helfried Satter, the departing Commander. In his address to all ranks he gave a retrospective view of the past fifteen months he was in command and mentioned all exceptional military events. Afterwards he thanked

everyone. Lt Col Pokormy, in his first speech, asked all soldiers to continue working with their hitherto impartiality and conscientiousness. He reminded the senior ranks to lead the juniors through good example and discipline. A handshake above the flag of the Federal Republic of Austria and a salute ended the ceremony and a long convoy of white UN vehicles with the soldiers of the second rotation left the camp for Larnaca airport.



## BLOOD DONATION

On 18 August 1980 at about 0905 hours the medical station of AUSCON/UNFICYP Famagusta got an urgent request for a blood donation of group 'O' negative from the surgery station of the Famagusta hospital.

A Turkish Cypriot patient Salih Halih, aged 60 and suffering from a stomach disease, urgently needed a transfusion. For some reason fresh blood is difficult to obtain on this island and quite a few blood groups are rare.

The duty officer made a call through the loud-speakers with in the camp and after a few minutes Cpl Hans-Georg Birouc, HQ Coy, agreed to a donation. He filled the bottle under the supervision of the SMO Capt Fred Pressl, MD, and gave it to the thankful laboratory assistant of the Famagusta hospital.





# UN NEWS



## RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS



Mr George Ioannides for the Greek Cypriot side.



Mr Hugo Gobbi reads the opening statement.



Mr Umit S. Onan for the Turkish Cypriot side.

The intercommunal talks resumed in Nicosia on 9 August after a break of more than a year.

The two interlocutors, Mr George Ioannides for the Greek Cypriot side and Mr Umit S. Onan for the Turkish Cypriot side, met under the chairmanship of the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative in Cyprus, Mr Hugo Gobbi.

The meeting was opened by Mr Gobbi at 1000 hours and after some welcoming words he read a statement from the Secretary-General, Dr Kurt Waldheim. Procedural matters were discussed and agreed upon, and the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16 September at 1600 hours.

### OPENING STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I note that both parties have indicated their readiness to resume the intercommunal talks, which were recessed in consultation with the parties on 22 June 1979, and to do so within the framework of the good offices mission entrusted to me by the Security Council and on the basis of the high-level agreements of 12 February 1977 and 19 May 1979.

Both parties have, in this regard, signified their intention to carry out the resumed talks in a continuing and sustained manner, to get down to concrete negotiations, discussing constructively, and giving full consideration to, all aspects of the Cyprus problem. In this connection I should like to outline the Secretary-General's understanding of the common ground that was worked out in the course of consultations which took place over the past several months:

- a. Both parties have reaffirmed the validity of the high-level agreements of 12 February 1977 and 19 May 1979:
- b. Both parties have reaffirmed their support for a federal solution of the constitutional aspect and a bizonal solution of the territorial aspect of the Cyprus problem:
- c. Both parties have indicated that the matter of security can be raised and discussed in the intercommunal talks. It is understood that this matter will be discussed, having regard to certain practical difficulties which may arise for the Turkish Cypriot community, as well as to the security of Cyprus as a whole:
- d. Both parties have appealed to the Secretary-General for the continuation of the intercommunal talks.

The practical implementation of the concepts in (b) and (c) above will be dealt with in the context of the substantive consideration of the constitutional and territorial aspects and will be reflected in the substantive positions and proposals of the parties concerning the various items of the agenda.

Concerning the matters to be discussed, the Secretary-General understands, on the basis of the 19 May agreement, that these will include the following subjects:

- a. Reaching agreement on the resettlement of Varosha under United Nations auspices, in accordance with the provisions of Point 5 of the 19th May agreement:
- b. Initial practical measures by both sides to promote goodwill, mutual confidence and the return to normal conditions, in accordance with the provisions of Point 6, which states that special importance is given to this matter:
- c. Constitutional aspects:
- d. Territorial aspects.

Concerning procedure, it is understood that the four items above should be dealt with concurrently in rotation at consecutive meetings. At an appropriate early stage, committee or working groups will be set up by the interlocutors.

## NEW DIRECTOR OF UN FIELD OPERATIONS

Mr. Ola Husa was appointed Director of the Field Operations Division, Office of General Services, with effect from 11 June 1980.

A Norwegian national, Mr. Husa was born on 1 May 1930. He holds a Degree in Civil Engineering from the Defence Academy, Copenhagen, Denmark, and is also a graduate of the National Defence College of Norway.

Just prior to his joining the United Nations, Mr. Husa served as Assistant Inspector, Ordinance Corps, Army Headquarters in Oslo. In his



long career with the Norwegian Army, Mr. Husa has served in several positions both in the field and at Army Headquarters with particular responsibility for technical, logistical and personnel matters. Mr. Husa has also acted in a teaching capacity in the military academies of Norway.

Additionally, Mr. Husa has been on a number of United Nations peace-keeping missions as a member of the contingent from Norway: with UNOGIL in 1958, with UNMOGIP (India-Pakistan) in 1966 and with UNIFIL (Lebanon) in 1978 and 1979.