RTR SQUADRON LEAVE

Two members of the Force Reserve seen talking to Lieuten-
ent S. Weiser of the Austrian Contingent at the Carlton Factory.

The Force Reserve for the last six months has been C Squadron
of 3rd Royal Tank Regiment. With their black and green shoulder
slip-ons they have been a familiar and popular sight in the buffer
zone. Their four saw an increase in the number of roads to be
patrolled, and a redeployment from Larnaca to Athens, which
ended a lot of unproductive dri-
ving in Sector Five each day. The
Squadron, under its commander
Major Bill Bale, was the first
sub-unit of the Royal Tank Regi-
ment to serve in the Force since
1st Royal Tank Regiment left in
October 1975 at the end of
Operation Mayflower — in which
the Force assisted over 8000
Turkish Cypriots to move to the
North of the Island.

One of the more popular scenic posts for men of the Force
Reserve was the one at Skouriotissa in Sector One. For the whole
of their four three troops were always detached to Sectors 1, 5
and 6. Each of the six troops in the Squadron took their turn on
these detachments.

The Squadron Leader Major
Bill Bale seen with his driver at
the end of the British Contingent
Martial Parade.
DANCON MARCH

The first DANCON March of 1978 took place over the weekends of 25th/26th February and 11th/12th March. On each day the 25 kilometre route went through hilly wooded country (mostly uphill). To keep warm, and to prove how fit they were, all participants had to carry 10 kilos of equipment. All contingents were represented in the Two Marches. 246 came from Dancon and 154 from other contingents took part. This time the Staff of the Danish Embassy in Nicosia and the wives and children of members of the Danish contingent also took part.

-On the first day of the second march, the Weather Gods were against the Marchers. Rain, hail, even snow and at times, a very powerful freezing wind blew through the wet clothes of the participants who had expected the weather to be as good as it was the first weekend, whereas they had not brought appropriate clothes. This picture on the second day shows: "Once bitten — twice shy".

The "Urban Service Patrol" made by experts from Dancon's medical centre was available on the route if needed.

Private C. L. Bedker, HQ Coy takes a rest on the second day's route.

NEWS

DANCON

MASSIVE SUPPORT IN VAIN

-Swedes lose soccer final

More than 100 members of the Swedish Battalion came to Dhekelia to see their boys defeat BRITCON in the grand final of the UNFICYC Soccer Championships. In spite of the massive support the Swedes didn't have a chance. The first half was exciting and the teams were even. Just before the break BRITCON took the lead, but after a few minutes of the second half the Swedes scored. The British turned out to be in better condition, they were stronger and faster, and they played the best soccer and scored another three times before they received their gold medals from the Force Commander General J. J. Quinn.

Major K. E. Kaergaard (52) and Kim Kildebrant (9) shared the hardship, helped each other and were presented with the DANCON MARCH MEDAL by Commander Dancon, Lt Col C. B. Brockmeyer when they reached the end of the March.

But the Swedish leader, Carl-Henrik Dellgard, looks puzzled.

And in the second half the Swedish audience looks rather depressed.

BRITCON certainly deserved their gold medals. Especially their number 7, a tough fighter, who caused the Swedish much trouble.

-"Go, SWEDCON, Go!" Bengt Turhagen tried to mobilize the Swedish support.

The Swedes had a good start in the second half and Dahn Rentzehm scored.

"So it's all over. They did their best, but it wasn't good enough. A tired Swedish team congratulates the winner."
A TROOP VISITOR

Brigadier P M Davies OBE, the Commander of 19 Airportable Brigade visited the Force recently to see those units of his formation who are serving in UNFICYP at the moment. During his visit he programme included both the Kings and the Transport Squadron, and while he was with A Troop of 1 Squadron RTY, the Force Transport Squadron, he was pictured enjoying a jolly with Major Errol Harris and Lieutenant Alberry.

MISS C SQUADRON

New Morphou Checkpoint

C Squadron 3rd Royal Tank Regiment invited their own Beauty Queen to visit them and see both the Medal Parade and how they work. Miss Lynn Hull was pictured during a very brief visit to the Force Reserve base in Athienou where the resident troop had arranged a special roof-top picnic.

WINNING AUSTRIAN TEAM


Briefing in the Camp Commander's Office (from l to r, Maj Kellenbrunner, WO 1 Abt, WO 1 Walker, WO 1 Hellbell, WO 1 Konrad). The everyday affairs are discussed with the Sergeant-majors of the Coy's and with the Camp NCO.

Lieutenant des Offizierskasinos (l to r, Lt Cpl Hardt, L/Cpl Käsebock, Cpl Gutmann). They are working on the problem of the officers' well-being of the officers and their guests.

The "corner stones" of the Officers Mess from l to r, L/Cpl Hardt, L/Cpl Käsebock, Cpl Gutmann, who look after the well-being of the officers and their guests.
HIGH COMMISSIONER VISITS CANCON

On the 2nd of March Canada's High Commissioner to Cyprus, The Honourable E. Lee paid a visit to the Canadian Contingent in Cyprus. He was given a briefing and line tour of the United Nations Buffer Zone in the old city of Nicosia. Later a special lunch was held in the Canadian Contingent Officers' Mess. High Commissioner to Cyprus, The Honourable E. Lee, pictured above inspecting 1 Coy Quarter Guard at Wobsoley Barracks.

PAARDEBURG DAY CELEBRATIONS

On the 27th of February the 2nd Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment celebrated Paardeburg, a Regimental Battle Honour. This was the first battle in which Canadian Troops fought in outside of our country. Some of the festivities included the play-offs in the inter-coy softball league which was won by H Coy and a pace stick competition which was won by B.M.G. Sgt's from 1 Coy prepare to march off for the pace stick competition on Paardeburg Day.

MEDALS PARADE

Just recently the Canadians serving with 254 Signals Squadron were presented with their United Nations Medals. Colonel C.V. Carlson, the Contingent Commander, presented a total of 9 medals. Cpl Aubin of 254 Signals Squadron is presented with his CD by Colonel C.V. Carlson as Lt Lynch looks on.

FORCE FOOTBALL COMPETITION

The Force Football Competition has been running for the past two months under the arrangements of the British Contingent (The Kings). It has been organised as a league in which all teams played each other, and then the first two in the league played each other in a Grand Final.

The league games produced some very good and exciting football, between, at times, evenly matched teams. The Grand Final, which took place in Dhekelia, two weeks ago, between the Swedish Contingent and a team from Sector 2, was a very good and exciting game that ended in a 4-1 win for Sector Two.

The results of the league were:

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What a savv! The Kings' goalkeeper looks on in his penalty area having saved a certain goal.

RECENT RESULTS

- Sp Regt 2 v Sector 5-3
- MP Coy 2 v Sector 4-7
- MP Coy 0 v Sector 6-2 (by default)

GRAND FINAL

Sector 2-4 v Sector 5-1

The winners were the 1st Battalion The Kings' Regiment who were pictured with their prizes after the final.
AUSCON WINS

This year, both the snow conditions and the weather were perfect at Troodos for the annual Force Ski Competition. The arrangements were once again in the efficient hands of the Austrian Contingent, and they provided a wonderful competition for both the competitors, and the spectators.

The course down the North Face of Mount Olympus was a very hard one that tested the skill of all competitors.

The prizes this year went to the Australians who took all the first three places in the individual competition and the team prize as well.

The results were:

**Individual**
- Gfr Patschke — first
- Kpl Hassemaier — second
- Gfr Kiemel — third

**Team**
- AUSCON — first
- SWEDCON — second
- BRITCON — third

At the end of the competition the Force Commander presented the prizes, and is seen here presenting the first prize.

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