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Editorial

On 1 August the Greek Cypriot authorities made the wearing of seatbelts for front seat passengers compulsory. Naturally all members of UNFICYP will be required to comply with this law. The Military Police will, in addition to their frequent speed checks of UN cars, keep a special lookout for offenders of this new ordinance.

Most European countries require front seat passengers to wear seatbelts and there are moves to extend this rule to the rear seats too, so therefore, it should not be too difficult for us to conform. It also is not a matter of trying to outwit the authorities and only wear the belt when the police are in sight. The chances of an accident in the proximity of a police car are fairly remote.

Statistics from all over the world have shown conclusively that the wearing of seatbelts saves lives. It is therefore highly irresponsible for anyone to disregard this new law.

Please therefore, think before you drive and "belt up".

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AYOYE



The AYOYE Group was formed prior to the departure of the Canadian peace-keepers for Cyprus. AYOYE stands for the word "OUCH" which means HOT in French-Canadian slang.



The basic formation conception was devised by Sgt Tony Demariano who plays with a professional music group in Montreal. The rest of the group came together later with auditions also taking place in Cyprus. Tony was already playing lead guitar, then came Sergeant Sylvain LeBlanc at the bass guitar, Pte Dubreil on the drums, Captain Jorris Lapointe (doctor



by profession) at the rhythm guitar followed by Pte Dupuis on the Keyboards and, finally, Pte Bergeron (the newest member) who is, indeed, a wonderful singer.

Having played on many

occasions such as mess and Canadian festivities, radio and finally for the Rock Concert in aid of the Surgical and Transplant Center Cyprus and the Association of Patients Suffering from Kidney Failure, the band decided to take a well-deserved vacation.

Like all the great stars, AYOYE will withdraw from the public eye and the lime-light at the peak of its career. Consequently, in the name of the group, we would like to thank all our fans for their support. May the sound of magic be with you!

UNPA JUNIOR SWIMMING CLUB

On the morning of Saturday 4th July 1987 commencing at 0600 hrs the UNPA Junior Swimming Club held a swimming session to enable club members to gain their distance awards. All children who attempted their own particular distance did extremely well and are congratulated on their success.

However, 2 swimmers did very well, firstly Louise McCallum

aged 14 one of the clubs senior members attempted her 10,000 metres award. After some 7 hours in the pool she was on her last length and victory in sight, well done Louise. Secondly, after setting a pool first by swimming 800 metres (19 lengths) at the age of 4, Andrea Mason now 5 years old has done it again! This time by swimming 2,000 metres (46 lengths) a very creditable performance, well done.

"THE CHOGGY SHOP ALWAYS GETS IT'S MAN"



SSM Bond Handing Over the Cash to George, the Choggy Shop Owner Lt Charrington Encourages Him.

(consulting his debtors book), you still owe me...

As the Sergeant Major later admitted "I was stunned and amazed. He's got a better

memory than that of an Elephant. I'd totally forgotten it when I last left. I'd say I was sick as a Parrot only it was a fair cop".



When Corporal Bond left UNFICYP in 1979 he could hardly have imagined that he would return some nine years later as Squadron Sergeant Major of the Ferret Scout Car Squadron. Another thing that probably didn't cross his mind in the flurry of departure was the small matter of outstanding "tick" at the camp Choggy Shop. It existed however, although George, the owner of the Choggy Shop, clearly had faith in Corporal Bond. He contented himself with a nine year wait until the moment that the Sergeant Major, as he inspected Prince William Camp stepped over the threshold. He was immediately greeted by: "Corporal Bond; Congratulations, you have been promoted. Let me see now

"AGAINST ALL ODDS"



Behind Every Successful Officer stands a good clerk... or is it the other way around?

It is considered that not enough training is given to officers to prepare them for dealing with clerical staff and it is hoped that the following points will assist them:

a. Always remember that clerks do not require to eat regularly. They therefore appreciate being given urgent tasks at lunchtime to be completed by first thing in the afternoon. To make them completely happy this work should be accompanied by the phrase, "I'm just off for a quick lunch, I'll have that as soon as I get back".

c. If a clerk is obviously employed in an urgent task for another officer, ie typing or compiling a brief, he will appreciate you breaking his concentration by asking one of your important questions eg "Why is there no soap in the loo?" or "have you seen my pencil?" etc.

d. If on entering the office your clerk is engaged in conversation with a second person of equal or inferior rank to yourself then ignore this second person and speak directly to your clerk. If he appears not to hear or his attention is wavering then speak in a louder voice until you have his complete attention. An expert will develop this until he can

f. To ensure your work is dealt with promptly and not overlooked always place it in the centre of the clerk's desk, this is very important if he is already working on papers at the time.

g. When preparing drafts for typing ensure they are written in faint pencil. Deletions, additions, arrows, balloons, and writing in the margin will also aid the typist. Under no circumstances write in a legible manner.

h. Typing speed will also be improved if you appear at the typist's shoulder every two minutes to ask how it is going.

i. Feel free to demand coffee at irregular intervals especially for casual visitors; apart from giving the clerk a break from the immediate and urgent typing task that you have just given him, it is all good training for civilian life. (Everyone knows that clerks in the Army can only be expected to type and make copious amounts of coffee).

Be assured that if you follow these few simple rules you will earn the undying respect and devotion of your clerk.

MR ROGER BROWN, HEADMASTER, ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL

On 23rd July we were very sad to bid farewell to Roger Brown who has done so much for our children during their critical years of 5 to 12.

You can read elsewhere in the Blue Beret about the resurrection of the school.

We wish Roger and Shelia and their two children, Sally and Christopher, all the best in their new home in Lincoln, England, where Roger starts as Headmaster in September at St Faiths - a school of 200 students.



When does he want it? - Who's calling? - What brief? - Hold the line please -

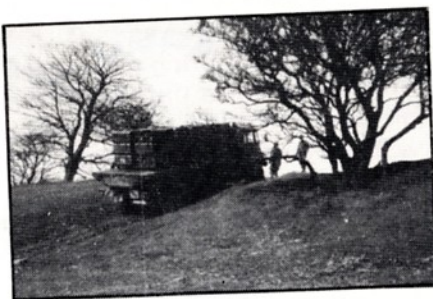
b. Clerks do not have happy home lives. You will therefore be extremely popular if you can delay urgent work until the evening when the clerk is due to leave, thus ensuring he does not have to spend long boring hours with his wife and family. He will especially enjoy typing papers at this time on Morale and Man Management in the Army.

stand 20 feet from his clerk and shout down every other conversation in the office.

e. The procedure at sub para d. above is even more effective if the clerk is talking on the telephone. He will enjoy the mental stimulation of trying to listen to the caller whilst you shout into his free ear.

WHEEL 'EM OUT - WHEEL 'EM IN

Tuesday 30th June saw the changeover of the UN Tpt Sqn. 8 Sqn RCT returned to their home base of Aldershot to be replaced by 60 Sqn RCT. 60 "Mushroom" Sqn RCT are based in Catterick Garrison, North Yorkshire, an area of great natural beauty with soft green dales and windswept moors. The Sqn can trace its history back to 1 July 1901 when it was formed at Woolwich and designated 60 Horse Transport Coy Army Service Corps. It was originally equipped with light and heavy dray horses but within two years was converted to mechanical transport becoming 60 Motor Transport Coy Army Service Coy. On declaration of war in 1914 the Sqn was reinforced with reservists and sailed to France, holding some 90 lorries and 4 traction engines on its establishment. The Company achieved the notable feat of capturing a German twin engine aeroplane on 3rd Sep 1917. At the end of the war the Company was disbanded, only to be reformed as 60 Ambulance Company RASC in 1938.



The Squadron is now a part of the 2nd Infantry Division Transport Regiment RCT which comprises 15 Sqn RCT (to whom we hand over in January 1988) and 216 Sqn RCT(V) who are a Territorial Army unit. The role of the Regiment is to provide 2nd and 3rd line transport to units in the British Army of the Rhine (BAOR) during time of war.



The Nicosia CSPCA dogs home is becoming a regular visiting place for members of the Sqn. There are some 35 dogs at the home; most are fit and healthy although some are in a sorry state. Should anyone wish to help in any way contact Lt Rainforth on 2433.



By the time this article is published the Sqn will have completed over one month of its tour. Already in these first weeks there has been much activity.

Sports fixtures are busily being arranged and all contingents are cordially invited to challenge the nigh on unbeatable 60 Sqn football team (contact Capt Cooper on 2432).

The Squadron has completed 5 previous tours with UNFICYP and is looking forward with enthusiasm to providing the Force with its transport support until January 1988.



DANCON INVADED

By: Lt Col T Symon

Tuesday 7th July 1987 saw an unprecedented invasion of Camp Viking, Xeros by:- all the Medical and Dental Officers in UNFICYP the Force Photographer, a Wessex helicopter containing the OC 84 Sqn plus party of five AECO/SMO Akrotiri and party of two and an Alouette of the UN Flight AAC flown by the QH1.

After plundering the PX and generally milling around for a time the invaders then marched on the Medical Centre where the SMO, Lt Mads Klokke, gave a guided tour to anyone who looked interested, while the remainder re-commenced milling around.

trying to get the troops on the move again, while trying not to appear as if he had lunch on his mind.

Eventually, after a bit more milling around and quaffing of fruit squash, the marched on the helicopter landing zone. There they were given a description of the Wessex in the Casevac/Medevac role by Flt Lt Dai Evans RAF - including how to get into the aircraft with head/arms still attached. The aircrew of the Wessex then proceeded to truss up the AECO

leapt into cars and helicopters and vanished in the general direction fo Limnitis, where the Alouette and the cars arrived almost simultaneously - in time to see the sports pitch disappear in a southerly direction as the Wessex landed on it.

This crowd of hungry doctors, dentists and aircrew were bravely welcomed by Maj M Tommerup, OC Charlie Coy, and led, growling, in the direction of the food. There followed what the Danes call lunch, but what most people would call a "week's rations". The aircrew, while



"This is a Hel-i-cop-ter"



"OK OK I'll stay for lunch"

Having regrouped they then marched on JOC where they fell upon vast quantities of fruit squash conveniently placed there, no doubt to deflect attention from the Officers Mess Bar. After much quaffing of fruit squash and some more milling around an attempt was made to justify the invasion in the form of a resume of aeromedical evacuation in Cyprus given by the AECO, Sqn Ldr Reg Odbert, with interjections from the audience (but no heckling, cat-calls or obscenities, fortunately!).

About this point the CMO was observed to be looking anxiously at his watch and seemed to be

in a stretcher which bore an ominous resemblance to a strait-jacket. However they released him after finding he couldn't be scared into making rash promises!

Everyone then ambled over to the Alouette where WO1 Laverton, the qualified Helicopter Instructor, was waiting to describe his aircraft in the Casevac role. It was quickly apparent that for anyone over 1.8 metres in height an amputation of at least both feet would be necessary to fit into the internal litter!

Having got the business side of the day over, everyone then

showing great restraint in refusing the schnaps and beer, made up for it by exhibiting healthy appetites -so much that Sqn Ldr Paul Critchley, OC 84 Sqn, was heard after 1½ hours of relentless eating, to ask quietly if the Wessex had enough fuel for the extra weight.

However, eventually everyone dragged themselves off to their respective transports and departed.

Thank you Sector One for your hospitality and making this new departure for the Monthly Doctors and Dentists Meeting such a success. We hope you'll invite us back!



9th/12th ROYAL LANCERS ARRIVE



For the last time for 6 months these two troopers of the 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's) are sporting the red cap of their regiment before they don the more familiar Blue Beret of UNFICYP. 110 officers and men of the regiment have now fully settled into their role in the Buffer Zone, the second time in a decade that 'A' Squadron has fulfilled this task.

The lances that these soldiers carry come from a special bamboo that has become increasingly rare as a result of which only a few of them remain with the regiment and are used only for ceremonial occasions. Historically the adoption of the lance in 1816 was as a result of the effectiveness of the weapon in Napoleon's armies. It was not, as was once stated, an early defence cut. The 9th Lancers took part in the only Lance action of the First World War, when two troops of 'B' Squadron overthrew a

Squadron of the German 1st Guard Dragoons. The outcome was aided by a concealed British machine gun post which in the painting commemorating the event is hardly visible. Although the 9th and 12th Lancers both

adopted the Lance at the same time the 12th gave them up first in Egypt in 1927 when they became mechanized in Rolls-Royce Armoured Cars. The 9th mechanized in 1936 going into Vickers Light Tanks.



WITH GOD ON YOUR SIDE

The original painting of this scene now hangs in the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. It represents an early chapter in the history of the 12th Light Dragoons (as they were then). Then in 1793 the regiment was sent to defend Italy from French attacks. They landed at Civita Vecchia in the Papal states and acquitted themselves so well that the Pope, Pius VI, granted three of the officers an audience and gave them each a gold medal. He also presented the three Regimental Hymns which were at one time sung daily and are



The Pope Blessing 3 12th Lancer Officers

now still used frequently. It should be said at this point that there is no truth whatsoever in the rumour that the reason that the Regimental Hymns had to be sung was a penance for ravaging all the nuns in the Vatican.

For those of you who still wish to get to the top of the pile remember that history has a way of repeating itself and so all you need is a blessing from the Pope and a gold medal. The three officers in the picture all had both and all of them became Generals.



"THE AUSTRIAN KITCHEN IN SECTOR SIX"

Good meals are very important for soldiers, not only for their moral but also for their condition to enable them to do their duties at all times. Austrian cooks therefore do their best to keep them happy and healthy.

Each month they have to prepare about twenty tons of food. When cooking they have to keep in mind the different climatic conditions of the island. Also some ingredients and spices are different to Austria.

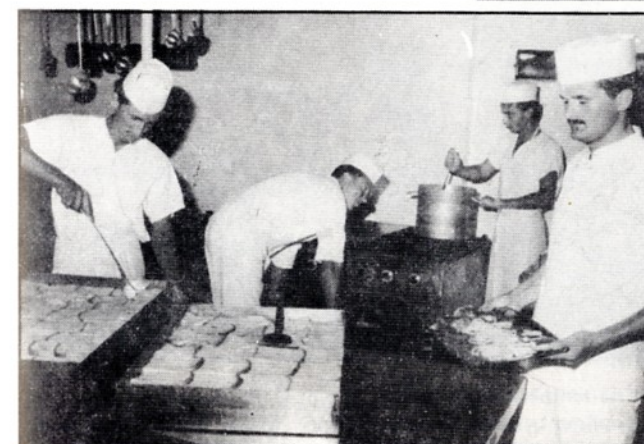
The officer, who is in charge of the cooks is our Quartermaster, Capt F. KRAWINKLER.



Our "hobby" cooks on the OPs have a great deal of work to do. As volunteers they spend two weeks in Vienna learning the basics in preparing food. When they arrive here in Cyprus they have the chance to put their ideas into practice, resulting (sometimes with the OP-crews wondering how it works that a non-professional could reach such a high standard.

The day for the hobby cooks starts early in the morning with the preparation of breakfast and goes on through the day producing snacks, coffees and dinner. Due to the duty of our soldiers some meals have up to three sittings and the cooks need great flexibility in their meal-time schedule. Obviously hygiene is a very important aspect in hot climates like Cyprus, so the cleaning and washing up takes quite a lot of time.

In general army kitchens do not have a good reputation, but in AUSCON this is not the case our cooks and our catering system are absolutely first class.



He has been in Cyprus now for almost one year and knows how to manage this job very well. The Austrian coffee and cake, the so called "Jause" as well as the whole style of Austrian cooking (especially on Medal Parades and Parties) is very well known and enjoyed as we were assured on many occasions.

As well as our catering section the Quartermaster is responsible for the paymaster section, the clothing depot, the duty free shop and of course the quartering section.



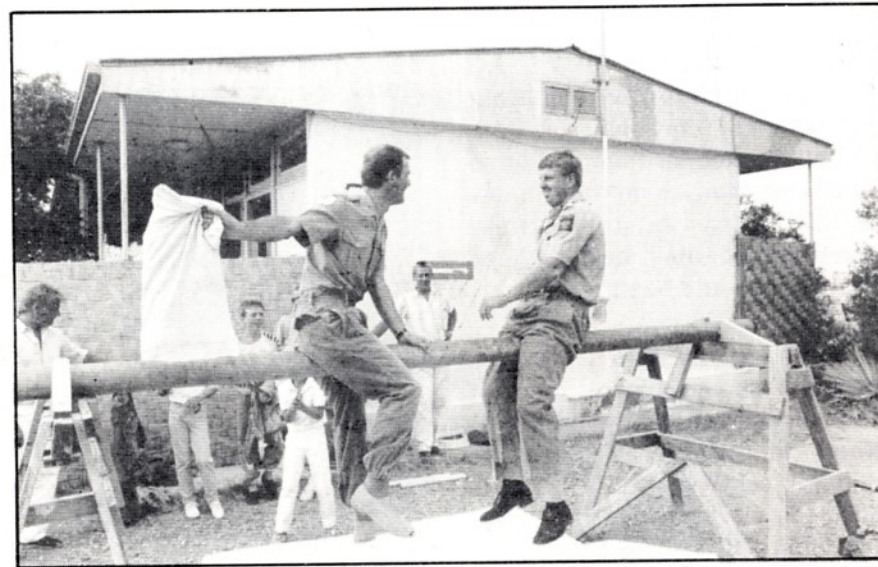
UNFICYP Workshops won the Support Regiment Skill at Arms on 6 July. The team was captained by Capt Robert Laurie.



"MASTER**OF THE****HORIZONTAL BAR"**

Every country has its own favourite games. In Sweden we have many traditional games, one of which comes from the biggest Swedish island, Gotland.

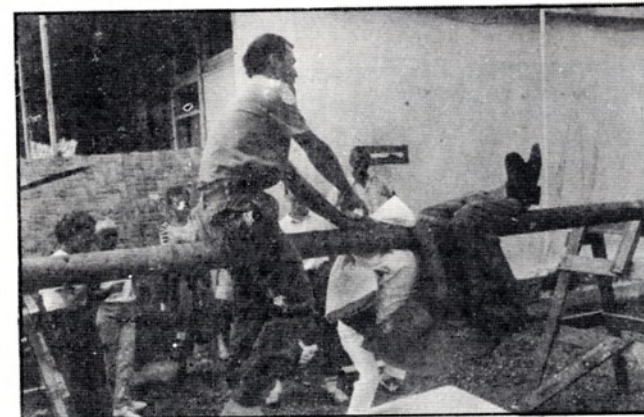
It is called "Master of the horizontal bar". Two 'fighters' are sitting on the bar and are supposed to hit each other with a pillow. Winner is, of course, the fighter who succeeds in knocking down the opponent. The pictures were taken from an evening when Senior Operations Officer, Major Hakan Soderberg and the Deputy Swedish Commander, Major Joakim Collin, challenged each other.



Senior Operations Officer, Major Hakan Soderberg, right, seems to be full of self-confidence. He is bigger and heavier, but watch out, the Deputy Commander, Major Joakim Collin, tries to aim a giant punch against his opponent.



Major Soderberg is suddenly hit. Surprisingly he can't maintain his balance.



The fantastic fight is over. Major Collin continues to hit his opponent, but it is unnecessary. Major Soderberg's body won't be listening to his brain anymore during this fight!

By: S/Sgt Beaton

TALENT EXPOSED

Cpl "Bill" Bilodeau who is the draughtsman with Sector 4, has been using his artistic skills to help amuse and brighten the lives of his fellow colleagues on UN duty.

Writing under the Non de plume "Pax Lapine" (a popular Canadian cartoon character) he fills a page in the Voodoo's monthly magazine with merciless satirical cartoons. These cartoons depict everyday Battalion life (and more often

misfortune), all based on information supplied by "spies within the ranks".

The walls of the Junior Ranks mess have also received Bill's attention and frescos of King Kong and a giant tiger look down on the pinball players and beer swillers. This month's front cover shows Bill with Cpl Robin St-Tierre who helped him paint "Sunset Dreaming" taken from a work by the Italian painter L. Paprignane.



Take care, Pax Lapine is watching you!!

OUT OF THE RUBBLE

The headship of St Michael's Primary School in Nicosia, Cyprus, caught my eye as an interesting appointment. It had closed in 1974 at the time of the Cyprus troubles and only the shell remained.

After a successful interview in London and the trauma of moving a young family from Germany to Cyprus via UK, we arrived on August 23rd in 92° of blazing sunshine at Akrotiri.



Learning can be fun

The United Nations Protected Area, within which St Michael's stands, on a 'British Retained Site', was something of a shock -rusty barbed wire and Greek, Turkish and U.N. observation posts everywhere. It was soon to become home and accepted as the 'norm' by the children. This large, former all-age school had been rewired and partly redecorated. Luxuries such as electricity and furniture were yet to be 'issued', the whole building stood desolate and totally empty.



In the pets cage

Fortunately the children of families already here were allowed to continue their education at the local English speaking Cypriot schools, so time was on our side. I picked up the

two teachers from Akrotiri the following week after initial accommodation problems were resolved and settled them in.



Mr Roger Brown

Furniture and equipment for the school started to arrive the following week and is still appearing via a number of unlikely channels. A secretary, caretaker and two cleaners were appointed none of whom had worked in a school before and we set to work to unpack, sort, check and generally create a school.

I visited most English and Cypriot schools on the island to establish links and beg or borrow equipment, books and aids that were still awaited including a piano. The local community were invited to an open day and on September 24th 1984, three months early, we opened with three teachers, four children and two pets. An enviable pupil teacher ratio by any standards!

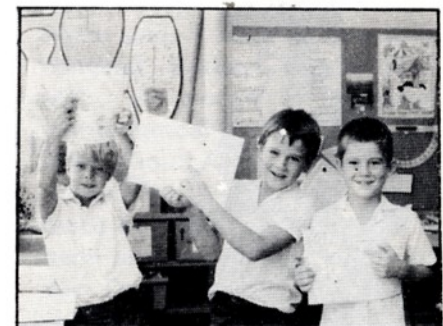
After the initial physical effort of organising the school's teaching areas and resources there followed numerous visitors, endless telephone calls and tidal wave of paper work involving curriculum guidelines, filing systems, inventories, book orders school bookshop, work services and repair requests, P.T.A. and Advisory Committees and the establishment of links

with a dozen local, military and civilian agencies which kept us a shade busy. The 'break through' occurred when we succeeded in obtaining an official school rubber stamp. (You need one to get one!)



It's not all work!

Three years later, with 80 children (plus 20 pets) and 4 staff, we can look back on a unique and interesting school period which made many physical and mental demands on both teaching and non-teaching staff. My thanks to my colleagues Elaine(s) Marsden and Veysey for their support and to all those behind the scene units in SCEA and UK and the multifarious local, military and civil agencies who responded to our requests for provisions from cardboard to computers, loo rolls to locks, magi-boards to microscopes, Perry's pooters to piano.



Putting St Michael's on the map

With my imminent departure for UK, the reins of the school are to be handed over to Mr David Turner from King's Lynn. Good luck David in learning the local language. No, not Greek but LEC/LET F & CO UNFICYP RQMS etc.

THE ROYAL DANISH LIFE GUARDS



In the summer of 1657 a Swedish Force invaded Denmark from assembly areas in Western Prussia and Pomerania. The enemy advanced through Schleswig-Holstein, up into Jutland, and finally invaded Zealand by marching over the ice covered Belts.

Consequently Denmark-Norway lost Scania and other regions at the Roskilde Treaty of 26th February 1658.

The period of peace was short, however, and about a month after the formation of the Guards, a Swedish Expeditionary Force landed in Korsor, Zealand, on the 8th August 1658 advancing towards Copenhagen.

The aim of the invasion was to conquer all Denmark, thereby strengthening the Swedish position as the main power in the Baltic, by the control of the Danish waters.



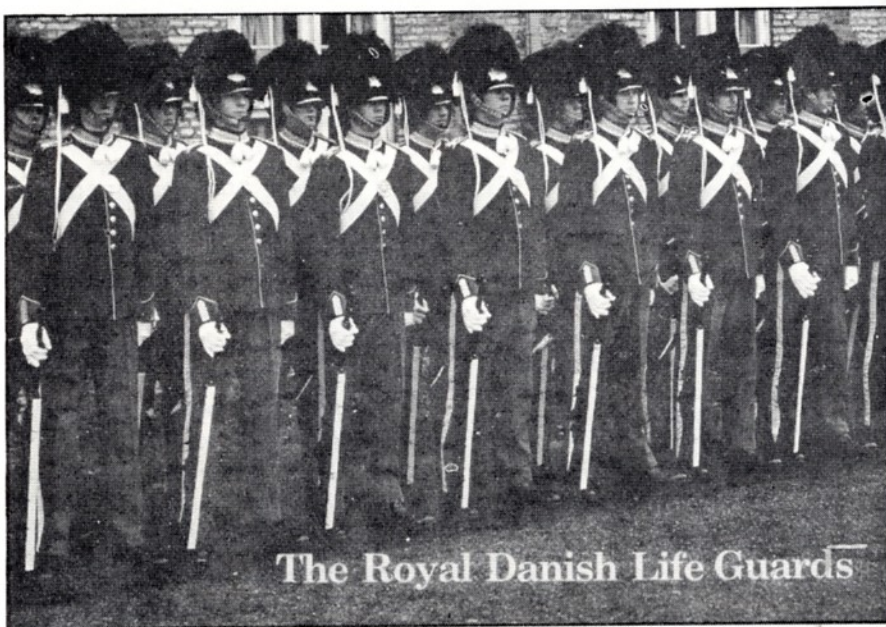
Musketeer of the Guards about 1658.

This time Denmark decided to fight firmly against the aggressor, so the baptism of fire for the Guards took place during the siege of Copenhagen 1658-59.

Here the newly raised Regiment of about 550 men at the beginning, made up 20% of the regular Infantry.

Regiment of Foot' and 'The Red Regiment'.

The history of the Life Guards during the centuries is characterized by the implementation of the two main tasks: guard duties and field duties. Guard duties include ceremonial and service at Court.



The Royal Danish Life Guards

King Frederik III raised The Royal Danish Life Guards on the 30th June 1658.

Besides being subordinate to The Royal House, the Guards have also been under various field commands.

In 1961 the official name was stated as 'The Royal Life Guards' and 'The Life Guards' as the acknowledged short version.

In the first years the Guards were known by such names as 'Our Regiment de Garde of Foot' (1658), 'His Royal Majesty's Life Regiment', 'The King's Life

King Carl XV of Sweden-Norway was Honorary Colonel of the Guards 1860-1872, and the Czar Alexander III of Russia 1879-1894.

Since 1950 the battalions and other units of the Guards have been assigned to Eastern Land Command for the Defence of the Island of Zealand.

The Guards have served the Sovereign and the Danish community, and have consequently adopted the motto: 'Pro Rege et Grege' - For King and People'.

At the moment The Royal Lifeguards make up 13% of DANCON 47.

UN MONEY MEN



The handling of pension and welfare payments to the Greek Cypriot people domiciled in the Karpas area is dealt with by Chief Insp Harry Hedlund, Insp Torsten Eek and Insp Tommy Sundlen from SWEDCIVPOL, Larnaca.

The money is collected from the Ministry of Welfare and the Ministry of Labour. Even the Red Cross turn to UNFICYP for help to deliver payments etc. Assistance is also given to the Greek Cypriots in this area with banking transactions. A policeman from TCPE always accompanies SWEDCIVPOL members.



SWEDCIVPOL are very welcome visitors to the Karpas

There are over 400 people who receive payments so as you can imagine it is quite a considerable sum of money for SWEDCIVPOL to deal with.

HOW MANY VISITORS?



Before the Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters came to Cyprus we were warned that a large chunk of our time with the UN would be spent looking after visitors. We didn't, however, realise quite how large a chunk this would be. In the two months since we took over Sector 2 the following visitors, some expected, some unexpected, some welcome and some not so welcome, have entered our

the DCOS, the Mafia (on their conference), the Humanitarians (on their conference), sundry staff liaison visits, two JOC duty officers with hangers-on and bags under their eyes and a "tinny full" of new AUSTCIVPOL. The British Army has fought back with one Brigadier, five Lieutenant Colonels, numerous smaller fry including a briefcase

Territorial battalion, some of the battalion that will relieve us and what seems like several classrooms full of University Officer Cadets. Finally under the heading "others" come a Spanish TV crew, a Soviet TV crew (almost), a Yugoslav professor, a Canadian Major General, a National Guard Colonel, a Colonel from the Turkish Forces, lots of other GCNG and TF (but not too many without our permission) the ex-inhabitants of Morphou and Philia and, if rumours are to be believed, Barbara Castle (Euro MP). A quick and rough mathematical calculation shows that about 650 people have 'visited' us in 2 months. That is twice as many as there are of us here and works out at 20 per day. Our questions about these visitors to the more experienced UN contingents are:-from the Quartermaster; can he put them on ration strength?, from the Adjutant; "will there be less during the really hot weather?", from the MTO; "I wish we had their 'swanning' mileage!" and from the Ops Officer; "do I really have to brief all of them?".



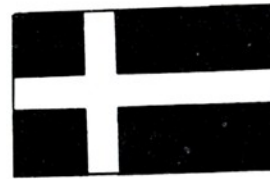
Pte Barry Garlick welcomes yet another visitor

Sector:- UNFICYP have fielded a strong team comprising the COS, full of staff officers from Germany, some of our own

"DRILL SQUAD"

Those two simple words are music to Swedish ears. The Swedish soldiers in Cyprus are well known for three things, the extremely short haircut, the Ray-Ban glasses and the rifle juggling.

Battalion 90 C's Drill squad is from "Goldfish", which is the First Rifle Company. The men had been drilling together for at least 140 hours before the performance which took place during the Swedish Medal Parade.



"Meatmincer", Lt Jorgen Andersson stands in the centre as the rotating bayonets spin round in this precise exercise

Anyone can have their hair cut and most soldiers can afford the glasses (even if they do like to spend their money on beer and Ayia Napa). But there are only a few who can learn perfect weapon drill. Exercise with rifles is a longstanding Swedish tradition within the UN Forces.

"When we are not exercising together, we train by ourselves at our OP's" says Tommy Simonsson who is one of the members of the Drill Squad. The culmination of all this training was when the soldiers met in the centre of the drill square with rotating bayonets. Standing in



Tommy Simonsson demonstrates the impressive Swedish Rifle Drill

the middle of all this was their leader Lt Jorgen Andersson.

It is a little sad that when the soldiers return home to Sweden there is no use for their drill talent, for in the Swedish Army weapon drill is forbidden. But then again when you know many rifles the Drill Squad break during their exercises you would probably understand why....

YOU AND THE LAW



Doubtless many readers will be aware that the new seatbelt law originally planned to be effective from 1 July 1987 was postponed to the 1 Aug. This was chiefly due to the realisation by the authorities that motorists had had insufficient time to have seat belts fitted, also stocks of seat belts ran out on the island. The law is now in force. The following rules are to be obeyed:

1. All vehicles must be fitted with seatbelts in the front seats.
2. Driver and front seat passengers are to wear seat belts.
3. Children under 5yrs must sit in the rear seats. (Even if front seats are fitted with child restraints).
4. Children between 5-10 yrs may only sit in front seats if fitted with approved child safety harnesses.

It is also an offence for a driver to allow a front seat passenger not to wear a seat belt. Furthermore, UNFICYP Personnel Instructions state that "ALL UNFICYP drivers and front seat passengers must wear seat belts". The UN MP Coy will be taking a keen interest in the wearing of seat belts and will report anyone found not wearing them.

UN MP COMPANY MEDALS PARADE



The international character of the UN MP Coy was illustrated once again on 18 July 1987, when Brigadier General MacInnis, Acting Force Commander, presented medals and numbers to twenty four military policemen representing Austria, U.K. (Great Britain), Canada, Denmark, Finland and Sweden. The remaining contributing nation, Ireland was ably represented by an Irish MP Colour Party.

The parade and medal ceremony was followed by a buffet dinner and social evening punctuated by two performances by the 1 WFR Corp of Drums, the latter of which was the famous "night light" performance.



According to the 250 guests in attendance, the evening was highly successful.

Brigadier General MacInnis observed that the multi-national make-up of the UN MP Coy is

unique in UNFICYP, and truly reflects the spirit of the United Nations. He congratulated the Force Provost Marshal and all members of the Company for their service to UNFICYP.

A SPECIAL UN REFERENCE SECTION

KNOW YOUR BRITISH ARMY OFFICER RANKS



BRIGADIER

Leaps tall buildings with a single bound
Is more powerful than a locomotive
Is faster than a speeding bullet
Walks on water
Gives policy to God

COLONEL

Leaps short buildings with a single bound
Is more powerful than a tank engine
Is just as fast as a speeding bullet
Walks on water if the sea is calm
Talks with God

LT COLONEL

Leaps short buildings with a running start
Is almost as powerful as a tank engine
Is able to avoid speeding bullets
Walks on water in indoor swimming pools
Talks with God if a special request is approved

MAJOR

Can just clear a small bus
Loses a tug of war with engine
Can fire a speeding bullet
Swims well
Is occasionally addressed by God

CAPTAIN

Makes high marks when leaping small huts
Is run over by locomotives
Can handle a gun
Dog paddles
Talks to animals

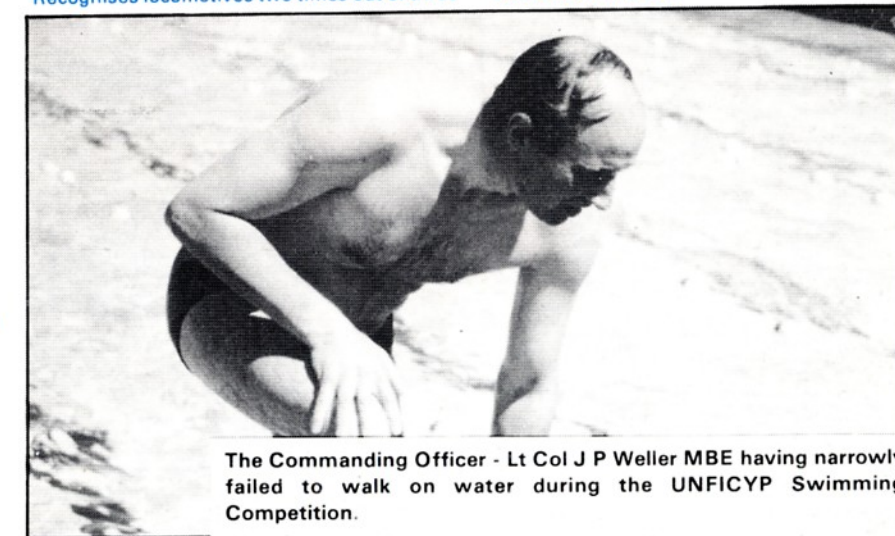
LIEUTENANT

Runs into buildings
Recognises locomotives two times out of three

Is not issued with ammunition
Can stay afloat if issued with Mae West
Talks to walls

2ND LIEUTENANT

Falls over doorsteps
Says "I see no puff puffs"
Wets himself with a water pistol
Stays on dry land
Mumbles to himself



The Commanding Officer - Lt Col J P Weller MBE having narrowly failed to walk on water during the UNFICYP Swimming Competition.



CANCON MIL SKILL COMPETITION



The Canadian Contingent held a "MIL SKILL" competition in the UNPA on 13th and 14th July in preparation for the "BIG ONE" which will be held in August. The reason this event was organized was actually two-fold. The primary reason was to check on the progress of our soldiers and secondary to select the officers and NCOs that will participate in the UNFICYP Military Skills competition.



Mcpl Drolet appreciating the "Higher" points of the Monkey Bars.



While crossing the obstacle, Mcpl Poirier has a look of impatience in not having completed it as of yet.



Here are the winning team members from Line West (C/Coy) Sgt Moreau, Capt Rochette, Pte Poirier, Pte Boulet, Pte Fournier.

Each infantry company had to enter two teams composed of soldiers chosen by the Battalion. Service and HQ Companies participated with a team each, thus making the overall team total six. It is to be borne in mind that this competition was drawn on the guidelines of the UNFICYP Military Skills Competition. The team results were very close and definitely better than expected. An excellent effort was made by all the participants during the ten-mile forced march. The winning team, from 'C' Company

was formed by Capt Rochette, Sgt Moreau, Sdt Boulet, Sdt Fournier and Sdt Poirier. Due to their top performance, they were rewarded with some champagne. This is a memory they shall treasure for the rest of their life. The training will be continued on a company basis. We are certainly looking forward to the intensive competition which is coming up in August; we are positive we shall win with flying colours.

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Team work is the name of game as shown by three members of the HQ Coy team. They are from bottom to top; Cpl Boucher, Pte Godette and Lt Dufresne.



A part of the Service Support Coy team not in the most comfortable of positions. They are from left to right; Cpl Fournier and Mcpl Montreuil.