WATER WORKS
IN DANCON

During the last few weeks teams of soldiers from DANCON have been working hard to restore the water supply to the village of Ambeliko and Lefka in Northern Cyprus.

The flow of water had been interrupted when the pipeline, which begins high in the Troodos mountains was damaged during the winter storms. The soldiers from DANCON working with engineers from the Cyprus Water Authority followed the pipeline through the rugged terrain tracing the leaks and repairing them.

Working in extreme conditions ranging from sheer cliffs to a snake infested river bed (two soldiers in fact suffered snake bites) the repair team succeeded in their aim.

By the end of June, Ambeliko and Lefka were receiving cool crystal clear water from the Troodos springs.

NEW COMMANDING OFFICER FOR AUSCON

On the 15th of June Lt Col E. Dallinger arrived on the island. In the following five days he was introduced to his appointment by his predecessor Lt Col Schipper. On the 20th of June the official handover ceremony took place. Lt Col Dallinger, who has had two previous postings in Cyprus (First in Paphos, in 1973, second in Larnaca 1975, as a Coy Commander), became the new Commander of AUSCON, and quickly entered into the spirit of the Contingent.

For Lt Col Dallinger it is very important to set a leading example. Physical readiness will come in the foreground. Finally it must be mentioned that Lt Col Dallinger was positively impressed by the discipline of the Austrian Soldier. The new Commander is quite aware of the demanding tasks of Sector four personnel. We wish him good luck.

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DANCON WATER REPAIRS
BY SSGT A. BEATON
(Story on page 2)
A FISHY TAIL!

The sea off Cape Greco was calm, and a light cooling breeze blew as Cpl Anderolli Rainhard (a cook from Camp Duke Leopold V) relaxed in a small boat waiting for a bite on one of his lines.

Little did he realise that below him a 7 foot long creature was beginning to take an interest in the tasty bait. Suddenly he was startled from his relaxed state by a tremendous tug on one of his lines and a fierce struggle ensued. Eventually, Anderolli managed to kill the beast with a harpoon. With the help of two local fishermen he hauled the fish aboard and to his amazement discovered that what he had caught was no ordinary fish but a 250 kg shark! The fishermen were equally delighted with his catch as the shark had been frequently damaging their nets and afterwards Anderolli was invited to join them in a celebration with the local community.

To catch a shark is not only a first for Cpl Rainhard but also a fairly rare occurrence as they are not often sighted in Cypriot coastal waters. Without the photographic evidence and the entry in the camp guard’s log - when he witnessed the shark’s tail poking out of Corporal Rainhard’s car - anyone would think that this was just another fisherman’s tail.

EDITOR’S NOTE: We have done some investigating ourselves and with the assistance of the Cyprus Government Fisheries Department we identified the creature as a juvenile hexanchus griseus (six-gilled or grey shark) a most unlikely catch as they normally live in deep water living off fish and crustaceans.

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER VISITS THE 9th/12th LANCERS

As mentioned in the last issue Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief of the 9/12 Lancers visited the Regiment at Wimbish on 19th June.

The parade in her honour took place on the airfield at Wimbish (it being a RAF station during the war) and consisted of a slow and fast drive past of the Regiment’s present vehicles followed by a slow drive past of old vehicles both Regiments used such as Sherman, Chieftan, Conqueror Centurion and even an UNFICYP Scout Car was commandeered for the occasion. The weather was the only aspect that “dampened” the day. It rained from the moment the Regiment formed up until Queen Elizabeth arrived, so all spectators were soaked but greatly enjoyed an impressive parade. Afterwards Queen Elizabeth lunched in the Officers’ Mess whilst most serving and past officers’ and their families dined in the gym.

After lunch Queen Elizabeth visited a fetes, which due to the weather had to be moved into one of the old aircraft hangars, where she met many soldiers and their families.

Before departing she had a careful and well experienced look over ‘Dangerous Game’ the horse she gave the Regiment in 1987.

A thoroughly enjoyable and successful day was rounded off by an all ranks dance.

Pease Prize winning efforts of Mr. Lester B Pearson in establishing the United Nations Emergency Force in 1956, and of course, Canada’s participation in UNFICYP since 1964.

Both the Force Commander and the Commander Canadian Contingent, Colonel CR Wellwood, presented the United Nations Medal, “In the Service of Peace,” to the men on parade, which marks the 40th Canadian Medal Parade. The date was also significant to all Canadians since it was the country’s 121st birthday.

There was a reception at the Ledra Palace swimming pool following the parade which was enthusiastically attended by all the guests.

With the passing of the CANCON show and the Medal Parade on 1st July, Canada Day, the time remaining in our tour gets shorter and shorter. The Advance party leaves at the end of August and by the end of September. The Lord Strathcona’s Horse (Royal Canadian), an Armoured Regiment from Calgary, Alberta, will be firmly in control.

The Force Commander, Maj Gen G Greindl awards the UN medal to Pte N. Lavalle of C Coy.
THE 4th/7th ROYAL DRAGOON

They say that time flies when you are enjoying yourself. Well this last month has zoomed by and the Regiment has enjoyed an active and busy initial 5 weeks on the line, heavily involved in both official United Nations business and also in the sporting and leisure side of life. We were warned before we arrived, that June had been called the “silly season” due to the amount of work that goes on. This one seems to have been no exception. But although operationally we have been busy, most people have found time to make full use of the various facilities and opportunities available to them on the island and therefore morale in the Regiment is high.

Over the last month, we seem to have been inundated with both official and unofficial visitors to the sector and there seems to be no end to the hordes who are planning to come over in the next few months. As one can imagine it has generated a fair amount of work for all involved but we have enjoyed hosting all of our guests to Sector 2 so far and we hope that they found the place as interesting as we are finding it.

On the Regimental front, we celebrated Dettinjen day on the 27th of June. It is the one Regimental battle honour that we celebrate annually and this year, like all others, saw no change in the near to ridiculous games organized for the afternoon of the big day. The most memorable event this year had to be the trailer race, in which teams of 8 had to push a Land Rover trailer with team captain inside, over a course of 500m along which were various team tasks. These included eating 2 dry Weetabix, downing a tumbler of Vodka, all on a particularly hot afternoon. Certainly not good for the digestion or the head, but the whole day was rounded off with an excellent barbecue held at St. David's Camp bar.

The sporting side of life has also been hotting up. June saw the inter Squadron swimming competition being held at the UNPA pool and we managed to play our first cricket match at Dhekelia. The swimming was held on the 29th of the month and was fiercely contested and supported by all Squadrons. Lt JJ Packshaw dominated the individual events but his solo performance was not enough to beat off D Squadron in the team races and it was they who collected the Regimental swimming cup from Mrs Mark Nicole, D Squadron Leader's wife.

Tpr Murray G (15/19H) Squadron briefs Lt General Sir Antony Walker at B23.

GUARDS' REGIMENTAL DIARY

Two days earlier, the UN Squadrons took on the might of the Dhekelia Squadrons in what turned out to be an enthralling cricket match. Considering it was our first outing, the team played fairly well but our pace attack was destroyed after 3 quick wickets by 2Lt W Spooner, a fine right hander from Notting Hill, London. He savaged every ball bowled at him and ended the game 48 not out, but more importantly steered his team to a comfortable 5 wicket victory. Could he be the man to tackle Malcolm Marshall in the final task for England?

The Adjutant and RSM caught playing 'thing of a number' during a recent crash out.

Some more “Geordies” attached to the Regiment - 2nd Troop G (15/19H Sqn).

That concludes this month - it may have been hectic but we have certainly enjoyed our first month, not only on the island but here in the United Nations. We are now looking forward to July and August when wives and families start visiting us here and also to the next bout of Military and sporting competitions. We look forward to meeting more of you then.

SUPPORT REGIMENT SHOOTING COMPETITION
6th JULY 1988

The UNFICYP Workshop Team under Major Tom Mathew won the Regimental Skill at Arms meeting at Dhekelia. Results were:

1st Wksps REME 371 points
2nd HQ Det 356 points
3rd B Tp RCT 356 points

UNFICYP Wksps Winning Team
PARADE OF STARS 1988

Nobody said it was going to be easy.

When Capt Gord Shumway first approached me with the details of the mission, I seriously considered calling it a tour and heading home early. Don't get me wrong—I'm no quitter, but I'm not a glutton for punishment either. The task was straightforward. Somehow, the tough ones usually are.

On 26 June 1988, a troupe of 22 performers, 12 of whom were stunningly beautiful, young, unattached women, were going to land at Larnaca Airport on board a special CF Hercules flight. My job was to stick with them like glue, answer all of their questions, and fulfill their every want and desire for the duration of their one week stay on the Island of Love.

Arriving in Cyprus after five successful performances in Lahr, the Golan, and El Gorah, the Parade of Stars was ready for the best time of its tour. The entertainers were at their peak, and were all anxiously looking forward to meeting Canada's Cyprus peacekeepers, and showing them all a good time.

Admittedly, three of the cast were more interested in meeting the CANCON medics at BBC, and were rushed there by ambulance from the airport. It seems that our Air Force friends with the Multinational Force and Observers in El Gorah were less than diligent hosts and allowed the stars to contract bad cases of "The Gut." Our medics saved the day, though, and all of the performers were able to carry on with the show, although one of the ladies was released from hospital only hours before the first performance. Fortunately, Pte Bill Gordon was strategically located in her dressing room to ensure she was awakened at all the opportune times.

So to speak.

The show itself was a slick, professional production which flowed so smoothly that it was difficult to believe the troupe had been working together for only four weeks. Even the band Authorized Personnel was formed specifically for the Parade of Stars.

Opening each performance were the six nude dancers of Body and Soul who elicited enthusiastic exhortations from the crowd and set the tone for each night. Headline singer, Mary Lu Zahalan was very warmly received as she sang both original songs from her new album and old hits made famous by Canadian singers and songwriters. Acting as MC for the show, comedian Jeremy Hotz fenced with the audience and developed a special rapport with the formerly scenes.

All members of the troupe wish to pass on their sincere thanks to all ranks of CANCON for their warm reception. Cyprus was decidedly the best stop on their tour, and all were sorry to leave after only one week. Mind you, they don't envy anyone a six month tour on the line, and were extremely impressed and appreciative of the efforts Canadian soldiers make towards peace on the island.

Following their performances

Mary Lu Zahalan belts out another powerful song.

Jeremy Hotz and Pete Rekrut compare noses.

John Pattison ventriloquist and friend.

Enthusiastic Canadians show their appreciation for a superb show by a group of very professional Canadian entertainers.

Jeremy Hotz, rascous comedian, got as good as he gave from the enthusiastic crowd.

Unknown Cpl Elliott, and one rarely seen Nancy Drew. Two tried to round out the show in both the singing and comedy departments. Company Three, a group of beautiful and talented young singers enchanted the audience with their renditions of some favourite old songs, and John Pattison, Hal and Gar Lu dazzled everyone with his (their?) hysterical ventriloquist act.

The show closed with a medley of Canadian songs and a special slide show from home which was not only heart warming to Canadians, but fascinating to guests who were treated to a wide cross-section of typical Canadian

in Nicosia, the troupe retired to the beach in Larnaca for three days of well-deserved R & R after a gruelling three week tour through the Middle East. This correspondent was ordered to accompany them, against his better judgement, and barely escaped with his sobriety.

What a job.

BY: CAPT MARK TOWHEY

Body and Soul surround John Pattison and Garlu.
**TRAINING OFFICER’S FAREWELL**

On 30 June FSC hosted the Training Officers’ Conference in Prince William Camp and said farewell to Major Henning Broechmann DANCON who has been S02 Plans and Training for the past year.

Right:
UNIFCYP Training Officers’ bid farewell to Major Henning Broechmann DANCON (wearing shorts).

**A MUSICAL FAREWELL TO THE LIFE GUARDS**

At 0730 hours on the morning of Thursday 7th July for the last time Prince William Camp echoed with the sound of Musician Smith of The Life Guards playing the Cavalry Last Post as the flag of A Squadron, The Life Guards was lowered.

After a short ceremony in

which Major Harry Scott handed over to Major James Mackaness, Squadron Leader, D Squadron 9/12 Royal Lancers, The Regimental Flag of the Lancers was raised after a six month break. We send our best wishes to A Squadron The Life Guards on their return to Windsor.

**UNPA PLAYGROUP**

Left to right: Mrs Anne Herlihy and Mrs Moira Silvanna with some of the children.

Mrs Moira Silvanna (RT) who has been running our UNPA playgroup for UNIFCYP children of all nationalities aged between 3-5 years old, unfortunately left us on 30th June. Mrs Anne Herlihy has now taken her place and we wish her well in her new job.

**DINGHY SAILING CLUB**

The Dinghy Sailing Club have managed to buy a safety boat. Here it is being launched for the first time under the watchful eye of Sgt Ken Askew (wearing bouyancy aid) who is the Treasurer of the Club.

**PISTOL SHOOT CHAMPION**

Captain Charlie Manning receiving the Champion Pistol Shooting prize from Lt Col Charles Pyman.

**UNPA YOUTH CLUB REOPENS**

Left to Right:
Neil Grant, S Sgt Grant, Tony Perkins, Lydean Collins, Dvr Comer, Yvonna Beven, Colin Hannah and Cpl Elliott.

Winners of the Bar football competition;
Left to Right:
Paul Beven (singles winner), Andrew Garland and Mark Herlihy (winners of the doubles).

**QUARTER GUARD INSPECTION**

Brig Courage inspecting Quarter Guard of Support Regiment on the 29 June 88. Brig Courage is talking to Cpl Edwards from Tp Sqn. Sgt Boardman is Guard Commander.
NEWS FROM B COY-DANCON

One of the OPs in our area, D34 is known as the Fort of Nicolas or the Welfare OP. The OP was established in November 1975. It is built on a hill, with views to the North of Morphou Bay and in clear sight of the coast of Turkey. To the South you can see Skouriotissa next to the copper mine mountains. There are spectacular sunrises and sunsets with the whole spectrum of colours playing on the surrounding mountains. It is breath taking. D34 consists of a watch tower and a hut. The watch tower houses survey, radio and reporting kit. We have a concrete bedroom and a living room displaying posters of the prettiest women in the world. There is a kitchen with refrigerator, freezer and gas stove and finally a small bathroom. We get water twice a week. It is almost like another Danish home. The OP is manned with one corporal and three privates. During the course of one month we have two weeks at the top, one week in camp and six days off. Our mission at the OP is to survey, and to do foot patrols, and we are expected to be ready by the Hell pad if visitors arrive for 'Blue Visits'.

Our spare time is spent in many different ways. First we have to cook to stay healthy and strong, we also try to stay physically fit by running etc. We also read and have non-political discussions on world affairs, and we have OP tournaments in darts, board and card games.

You could say that being at an OP makes you more qualified for the 'marriage market', or it could give your wife or girlfriend a pleasant surprise on your homecoming. Most important being stationed at an OP makes you more tolerant.

FOR THE PYLATHON

Did you know that there is a race called the PYLATHON?

Instituted in January 1984 by a Swedish policeman named Curt Teckner, the race runs between the UNICIPOL stations at Pyla and Larnaca by the seaside. The runner can decide which station he wishes to begin from.

The distance of the race was originally 12.7 kilometres, but due to the change of location of the police station at Larnaca in 1988, the distance is now 15.1 kilometres. The reason for the creation of the PYLATHON was to maintain fitness within the Swedish Civilian Police, in much the same way that the infamous DACON March was instituted, although on a much more modest scale. Although the run was originally only for Police, an 'open class' to allow any member of the United Nations to participate was formed.

THE PYLATHON

by Chief Inspector K. Kindberg

Unlike the DANCON March the PYLATHON can be run at any time of year, by individuals or groups and with no time limit; the only person you need compete against is yourself. Everyone who completes the distance receives the much sought after 'PYLATHON DIPLOMA' personally endorsed with the signatures of the UNICIPOL members stationed at the Pyla station. To this day, 61 persons have run the race; this number does not include those who have run more than once.

So, if there is anyone from UNICIPOL who likes to run or who perhaps is in training for another event and is interested in taking part in the PYLATHON should contact one of the Swedish members of UNICIPOL in Larnaca or Pyla, or phone HQ UNICIPOL through the UN exchange on extension 2277. The rest will be handled automatically.
FUN RUGBY MATCH RAISES MONEY FOR CHARITY

It was a warm evening with a soft cooling breeze which greeted the two teams in the ladies versus men charity fun rugby match on Wednesday 15 June 1988. This was a match with a difference as the ladies were dressed in the men’s rugby strip and the men were dressed in ladies clothing with the added handicap of having to wear flippers instead of shoes! -

Many spectators had gathered to watch the spectacle and join in the fun and they were not to be disappointed. Mrs Pyman, wife of Lt Col Pyman Commandant UNFPA, took the kick off and there then followed 30 minutes of non stop hilarity, drama and incident (but very little rugby!!), with many cooling down periods, either by constant soakings from the UNFPA fire houquet or the many visits to the bin bin, which was a huge pool filled with water, ordered by the referee or, more often than not, imposed by the players themselves.

The ladies obviously turned out to be the eventual winners of the transplants, not only for people within the UK but for people from all over the world, including Cyprus, and their appeal aims to raise £1,000,000 for a new kidney unit.

The event was an outstanding success and over £800 was raised which will all go to the appeal. The majority of this money came from the sale of raffle tickets with over 40 prizes being donated by many shops and organisations in Nicosia as well as by a number of Contingents and departments within UNFICYP, for which grateful thanks are extended.

A cheque for the money raised is to be presented to the Appeal Committee in London on 8 August 1988 by Kathryn Porter, the 10 year old daughter of WD1 and Mrs Henry Porter, who is a patient of Guy’s Kidney Unit, when she will be at the hospital undergoing a series of tests. A photo of the presentation will appear in a later issue of this magazine.

Finally, the organisers of the event would like to extend their thanks to all those departments and individuals within UNFICYP without whose help the event would not have taken place, and also to all those people who took part on the day, whether it was playing, helping or just watching - you made the event the success it was and helped make those less fortunate than yourselves a lot better off.

THE DANCON BAKERS

When dawn breaks over the hills of the Sector One area the soldiers at QPs D38 and D26 begin their day by baking bread.

Each day one of the soldiers takes his turn to bake, starting at about 6 a.m. and by 9 a.m. the bread has been baked, buttered, shared around and devoured! Not well in the centre add the margarine, milk and yeast mixture. Stir and beat the mixture until it forms a dough, leaving the sides of the bowl clean. Knead the dough for at least 10 minutes. Leave the bowl covered with a tea towel in a warm place for an hour. Transfer the dough to two greased baking tins and cover with a plastic bag until the dough rises and is springy to the touch. Brush tops with the beaten egg mixture and bake in the centre of a preheated oven at 230°C, 450°F or Gas Mark 8 for 30 minutes, until well risen and golden.

Pte 1st Class Kent Olsen taking his turn to 'knead the dough' only do the soldiers bake bread but they are also dab hands at making pancakes. They have fillings of their choice which they eat as a snack later in the day.

Here are the two recipes taken from D26:

PANCAKES

200 gms plain flour
1 tsp sugar
1/4 tsp salt
1/2 tsp lemon rind
3 eggs
300 ml milk
3 tsp beer or water

Mix all the ingredients together in a bowl with a whisk. Melt a little fat in a frying pan and pour a small amount of the mixture into it (just enough to cover the base) brown on both sides. Eat immediately, filled with anything of your choice, for example, ice cream, marmalade, sugar or nuts.

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UNFICYP SHOOTING COMPETITION

BEST RIFLE SHOT: SSgt Hughes, Sp Regt
BEST SMG SHOT: Capt Wight, Sect 3
BEST PISTOL SHOT: MCpl Papagiannis, Sect 3

BEST RIFLE TEAM: Sector 3
BEST SMG TEAM: Sector 3
BEST PISTOL TEAM: Sector 3

OVERALL WINNING TEAM: Sector 3
2nd: Sp Regt
3rd: Sector 2