In recent weeks there have been some fires in and around the United Nations Buffer Zone which have caused extensive damage to the countryside. No doubt the subsequent enquiries will decide who, if anyone, is to blame and as investigations are still continuing we should not speculate how each fire started.

Fire, when out of control, is a terrible thing - especially when it occurs in the open countryside in hot and dry conditions like the ones we experience at this time of year. Coupled with the fresh wind which seems to blow here, especially in the evenings, forest or bush fires will spread with devastating speed.

The problem on this island is exacerbated by the fact that a fire will destroy within hours the work that the Cyprus reforestation over many years is trying to achieve, namely to make this island not so dry in summer. It is a well known fact that where there is a forest, there is water.

Reconstruction is a costly, labour intensive and lengthy process. The Cypriot authorities have embarked on this course some years back. Don’t let us undo this good work through ignorance and negligence.

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ERRATUM
A printing error occurred in May’s edition. The article concerning the history of the 1st Battalion the Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment stated that the Worcestershire Regiment (29th/36th of Foot) was raised in 1864. This should have read 1894. Our apologies to the Commanding Officer and all ranks of the Regiment, for having made them appear so young!
DOWN WITH THE OLD
UP WITH THE NEW
OP A-26

In the third week of February the time was right for AUSCON's Engineer Platoon to start construction work by pulling down nearly the whole of the old OP A-26 which is situated close to the SBA-line road.

additional men, all craftsmen, were sent from Austria to carry out the actual work.

After having pulled down the old house, our engineers started laying the concrete foundation.

OP A-26 will amount to approximately £4,500.

Our engineers did their job very well, working throughout the day and finished the construction within a rather shorter time than expected. Apart from the outer roughest the new building will be ready to be handed over in the second week of July.

We wish the crew occupying the new OP A-26 for their future UN service.

The former building was in a very bad condition, so it was necessary to replace it to give the OP crew reasonable living conditions for their work. To avoid any interference with routine UN-duty, the whole OP crew lived in tents during the time of reconstruction. Five 15.4m x 7.8m wide. Then they erected the outer walls, three baffleys and terrace tiled and covered with CGI sheets. The new building consists of three bedrooms, one living room, kitchen, toilet, working facilities, one store room and a large verandah. The costs of the new

GREEK CYPROT AND TURKISH CYPROT JOURNALISTS MEET AT LEDRA PALACE

On 3rd July a unique meeting between the Journalists Union of North and South Cyprus took place in the Ledra Palace Hotel under the auspices of the United Nations.

The UNFICYP Spokesman and the MPIO had been approached several times to start a press club for journalists from both north and south where they could periodically meet and exchange views. Hopefully this meeting will be the first of many such informal gatherings.

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The Canadian Show troupe, under the direction of Major Roberge, was sponsored by the Director of Physical Education Recreation and Amenities at NDHQ in Ottawa. As a matter of fact, a show troupe is organized for the entertainment of every single Canadian unit serving in Cyprus for the maintenance of peace.

The Show was produced by Rolly Hammond Productions Inc. The Musical Director, Pierre Lessard, was also a member of the TIP TOPS Orchestra. The Choreographer was Lorna Wayne and the show was adored through the participation of the beautiful Heat Wave Dancers.

The talented Chantal Jourdan continually succeeded in bringing the house down as she sang to the audience. Michel Dulec, the rock and roll singer, kept each and everyone clenching to his seat as while he was singing he twisted and rocked across the dance floor. The Heat Wave girls fulfilled their role as the soldiers’ cheers verified that they indeed had a place for every single one of these beauties in their “big” hearts.

There was also an astonishing display of magic put on by Mehdi who succeeded in keeping the spectators bewildered with his tricks of illusion.

A wonderful evening of entertainment was enjoyed by all the attendees. Our unit would like to thank all the guests who joined the 2nd22ER family during the 1987 CANCON Show festivities.

UN MP COY - MILITARY SKILLS

On Friday 12 June 87, the UN MP Coy held a Military Skills Competition in ‘too’ perfect weather conditions, the temperature topping 40°C by the end of the contest. The five MP detachments on the Island and Special Investigation Section entered two-man teams (nine teams in all) and six of the seven nations which provide Military Policemen to the Company were represented. The competition featured the usual events, orienteering, forced march, obstacle course, and the like. It also featured events of a police response nature, e.g., safe driving skills at emergency response speed, a bicycle race (Bobby high speed response?) and a motor vehicle accident first aid situation.

Close competition proved to be Ayia Napa MP detachment, represented by Sgt Bergstrom (Sweden) and Sgt Nielsen (Denmark) followed closely by the Special Investigation Section team of WO2 Dahlqvist (Sweden) and 1/Sgt Stuhlpfarrer (Austria) who despite their “seniority” very nearly staged an upset. Third place went to Sgts Dalsberg (Denmark) and Kräling (Austria), representing Larnaca Detachment.

Earnest Competitors

Capt Taylor (BRITCON) left and Sgt Nilsson (SWEDCON)

Despite the heat all teams did well. One team completed the orienteering course in 19 minutes. Hand grenades were flying in excess of 60 metres, and a record quantity of water was drunk. The winning team in every
‘A’ SQUADRON 9TH/11TH ROYAL LANCERS

After an absence of nearly a decade the 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales’s) are returning to Cyprus. Their reappearance comes at a time when the regiment has just returned from a nine year tour in West Germany to be based at Carver Barracks in Essex. ‘A’ Squadron were lucky enough to be chosen again for the forthcoming 6 month tour as the UN Scout Car Squadron.

The Squadron last fulfilled this commitment in 1978, their current Squadron Leader Major Martin Rutledge serving as a subaltern, and their current Sergeant Major SSM Bond serving as a Troop Sergeant. Many of the NCO’s in the squadron were also on the last tour, so experience of the island, at least in the older members, should not be lacking.

The 9th/12th Royal Lancers was raised as two separate Regiments, the 9th Queens Royal Lancers and the 12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales’s), in July 1715 as result of the revolt of the supporters of the Stuarts against George 1.

The two regiments had broadly similar histories, serving with distinction in Egypt and in the Peninsular Campaign against Napoleon, and at Waterloo. The 9th Lancers distinguished themselves during the Indian Mutiny winning no less than 13 Victoria Crosses during the campaign. The 12th Lancers went on to serve in the Crimea.

Both regiments saw action in the Boer War of 1899-1902 before being amalgamated to form the current one. Since amalgamation service has been seen in Northern Ireland, Aden and Germany, not forgetting ‘A’ Squadron’s last visit to Cyprus in 1976 when the regiment was last in England. In 1977 the regiment converted from tanks to the armoured recce role which it continues to fulfil today. For the last couple of years the regiment has been very much in the NATO front line based near the East German Border at Wolfenbüttel as part of the 1 (BR) Corps Reconnaissance Force.

In 1986 the Regiment competed for the International Reconnaissance Competition, the Boeselager Trophy, which it won outright. This was the first time ever that a non-German team had won the trophy, competing against teams from most other NATO countries. Sporting success has also been achieved in football, with the victory of the Calvary Cup in May 1987, as well as recent Army victories in Volleyball. ‘A’ Squadron is hoping to maintain this high standard, perhaps though in some more exotic sports!

The Squadron brings about 110 men to the UN, all of whom are greatly looking forward to the chance and opportunities that such a posting brings. There is no doubt that the Squadron is the envy of the regiment.

On exercise, the Scimitar Light Reconnaissance Vehicle.

Spartan Armoured Personnel carrier practising for the Boeselager competition Germany.

Lancer Guard outside RHQ Carver Barracks, Essex England.

Did you know that the Swedish UN Battalion had it’s own Godchildren in Cyprus?

For some years now the Swedes have given money to two kindergartens on the island. These are special kindergartens for orphans or abandoned children and are situated in Limassol and Famagusta. Every week the Personnel Section at Camp Victoria open their gates and arrange guided tours for Swedish tourists. After they have been shown around the camp, they are invited to give a donation to help the children in these two homes.

About once a month the Swedes visit the kindergartens and present the gifts. Usually these are in the form of clothing and shoes which the children need. It is a feeling close to Christmas Eve when the young children receive their modest gifts.

MEMBERS OF THE SWEDISH PERSONNEL SECTION SHOWN WITH THE CHILDREN FROM THE FAMAGUSTA KINDERGARTEN FOR ORPHANED CHILDREN RECEIVING THEIR WELCOME GIFTS.

PERSONNEL AT BOTH KINDERGARTENS ARE VERY PLEASED AND GRATEFUL WITH THE KINDNESS AND INITIATIVE SHOWN BY THE SWEDISH PEOPLE.

YEAR ROUND SANTAS’
**CYPRUS SERVICES ATHLETICS LEAGUE**

On 12 June the fifth and final event of the Services Athletics League took place at Dhekelia. On a hot, bright and sunny afternoon the UNFICYP team excelled and beat all the other Garrisons. The results were:

1st UNFICYP 261 pts
2nd EPISOPI 229 pts
3rd AYIOS NIKOLAOS 217 pts
4th DHEKELIA 183 pts
5th AKROTIRI 168 pts

This was the first time in many years that Episkopi Garrison has been beaten and we owe our outstanding performance to the combined efforts of:

By: Maj. N F M Oxley

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Deserving special mention amongst these athletes were Sgt Christiansen Sector 1, high jump 1.93m and Sgt Johansen Sector 1, Javelin 56.34m. These performances during the fourth league match in Akrotiri were the best in Cyprus this year.

**UNFICYP BOARDSAILING REGATTA**

This year's regatta was held at Salamis over the weekend of 13th/14th June. There were a total of 14 competitors from Sectors 4 and 5, HQ UNFICYP, Scout Car Sqn and Support Regt. The weather during the weekend was hot with a gentle 10 knot breeze for the 4 races which took place. On the first day it soon became apparent that Capt Roberts of the Scout Car Sqn was the best sailor, he won both races easily, but behind him the competitors were working hard to gain places. Lt Ibbotson achieved second place but he was hard pushed by Sgt Persson from Sector 5 and also Capt Fitteen and Sgt Gilbert from Sector 4. The racing on Sunday took a similar format with Capt Roberts winning the two remaining races. Nevertheless with Lt Ibbotson dropping back due to equipment failure the racing was even closer. The final race was a fun event, each competitor being given a pint of beer to drink before rushing to his board and doing a quick slalom race - Sgt Kirkham Scout Car Sqn showed amazing beer drinking qualities but Capt Roberts caught up again to win. The final results were:

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An excellent game enjoyed by both spectators and players alike, with the Unicorns looking forward to a possible return match later in the season.

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Canadian Contingent Medal Parade

The 2e Bataillon, Royal 22e Regiment, chose July 1st (Canada's National Day) to hold its UN Medal Parade. This auspicious day marks three months in the service of peace. As the sun was about to set, a representative group of the Canadian Contingent lined up on the Ledra Palace Patio for the award of the UN Medal. Many distinguished guests honoured us through their attendance on this special day; amongst them being Major-General G.G. Greindl (Commander UNIFCYP) who acted as the Reviewing Officer, Lieutenant-General F.J. Richard, CMM, CD (Canadian Military Representative to the NATO Military Committee) who was our guest of honour and, of course, Brigadier-General J.A. Madsen, CD (Commander Canadian Contingent and Chief of Staff UNIFCYP).

On parade were two guards of 50 men and the colour party of the 2e Bataillon, Royal 22e Regiment. It reminds him of the time spent in Cyprus in the service of peace and its award commensurates with the hardship and the rough time he had, when away from his loved ones. Wearing it on his uniform gives him a special feeling of pride and a voice deep inside him keeps telling him that it's worth all he went through to qualify for such a high award - a medal of peace.

The Medal Parade was followed by a cocktail reception at the Ledra Palace Swimming Pool and a Buffet Dinner at the Officers' and Warrant Officers & Sgts' Mess. We would like to take this opportunity to express our warm thanks to the Commanding Officer of the Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters for having so kindly permitted his band to add colour to this unique function through their priceless support in the field of music. Even though a Medal Parade activities was highly appreciated by all ranks within the Sector.

16 June 87 marked a special occasion for the 2nd Battalion Royal 22e Regiment (2R22eR). It was the date that one of the Regiment's former Commanders visited the Battalion in Cyprus. MGen G.H.J. Lessard, MB, CD commanded the Battalion from 1970 to 1972. This period also included a six-month tour on the Island of Aphrodite.

Although MGen Lessard had a very busy and active schedule, he requested (thus received) visits of all OPs and houses in order to reacquaint and experience what the soldiers are dealing with today. This keen interest in the soldiers' experience was highly appreciated by all ranks within the Sector.

The General easily kept the interest of the soldiers with "War Stories" and numerous comments on the historical aspects of the "Green Line" as seen pre-1974. The soldiers enjoyed the fact that stories that were to be handed down by word of mouth from the 28th or 29th contingent, were changes which have occurred or will be implemented in the near future within the Canadian Armed Forces. Particular attention was paid to the New Defence paper which was recently published.

Prior to his departure for Canada, the General presided over the "Numbers parade" ceremony on 23rd June. This was the first time, in our history, that such a parade was held in Cyprus. The ceremony honoured 69 of the 90 members of the contingent who have served at least 2 tours as peacekeepers on Cyprus. The General stressed the importance and the necessity of our mission in order to assist in maintaining world peace and thus indirectly demonstrating that peaceful solutions exist and must be sought.

Je me souviens

UN Fokker Flights to and from Cyprus in August 1987

1. Schedule Times are GMT - Adjust for Local Time

10 August UN 31

Department JER 0600 Depart CAI 0600
Depart DAM 0725 Arrive LCA 0800
Depart DAM 0810 Arrive DAM 1010
Depart LCA 1010 Arrive LCA 1105
Depart DAM 1105 Arrive CAI 1305
Depart CAI 1305 Arrive JER 1405

Above flights are carrying PAX for a MOVCOR Conference in Cairo 10-14 August - no bookings possible from UNIFCYP.

24 August UN 31

Department JER 0500 Depart CAI 0655
Depart DAM 0740 Depart LCA 0840
Depart LCA 1025 Depart DAM 1145
Depart CAI 1325 Depart JER 1445

2. Between above mentioned flights, the UN FOKKER will fly to DAMASCUS and CAIRO from JERUSALEM and back. Further information about these flights at the FMO Office.

3. Applications for travelling with the UN FOKKER shall be forwarded to Force Movement Control UNIFCYP not later than 23 July 1987.

LCpl Coutu, CO Sector IV, presents MGen Lessard, OMM, CD, with a plaque commemorating his visit to Cyprus.
1 WFR - EX TRUMPET DANCE

Between unpacking after Op Spearhead in January 1987 and packing for a UN Tour in Cyprus in May 1987 1 WFR managed to fit in an interesting and varied five week exercise in Washington State, the “Evergreen State” on the North West Pacific Coast of the USA. During this time members of the battalion experienced conditions ranging from the open, frozen, sagebrush covered tundra of the Yakima Firing Area to the wet, almost trackless, forest on the coastal area which provided the suitable remote setting for the film “First Blood”.

Exercise TRUMPET DANCE was instituted in 1963 to allow two infantry battalion from UKLF each year to train in Washington State whilst based at Fort Lewis as tenant units of 1 (US) Corps. In 1987 from 4 February until 11 March, 1 WFR currently based at Oakington near Cambridge as part of 54 Infantry Brigade, provided the Battalion Group for Exercise TRUMPET DANCE 1.

The second ‘package’ was based at the yakima firing centre 160 miles east of Fort Lewis. Due to the intervening 7000 foot Cascade mountains the Yakima area receives far less rain than the coastal plain. It consists of high, rolling prairie that is a desert in the summer and frozen in the winter. Companies at Yakima followed dry work-up training with a days Live Firing Platoon Attack and a days Live Company Advance to Contact. The advance to contact followed a route known as Squaws Creek for a distance of 8km and included small arms, 84mm MAW, MGPM, SF, MILAN, Mortar Fire and, in one instance support from US A10 Aircraft and 155mm artillery. All participants agreed that it was their most realistic Live Firing training since Ex MEDICINE MAN in 1983.

After specialist and ‘work up’ training on Fort Lewis’s Field Firing Ranges and training areas the Exercise began on 11 February. This consisted of the three rifle companies rotating through three six day training activities. One was Exercise RAM JIVE, based around Fort Lewis itself. This was a dry exercise that included an amphibious landing on the shores of the Puget Sound, courtesy of the US Navy National Guard, a 15 miles advance-to-contact through heavily wooded country, an assault on a defended bridge and an attack on ‘Regensburg’, a fifty building simulation of a German village designed to practice FIBUA or as the Americans term it MOUT (Manoeuvres Over Urban Terrain). The Fort Lewis phase also included the “Tyre House” – a potential safety supervisors nightmare in which troops clear a large multi-room building, with walls constructed from car tyres, using L2 grenades and .22 ball.

COMMEMORATION SERVICE

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In view of this DANCON expressed a wish to erect a memorial stone, in accordance with Danish custom. The stone was manufactured and raised by the engineers of DANCON and on 18 June, a short but moving memorial service was held on location. During the service British and Danish personnel laid wreaths and finally the “Last Post” was blown.

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The British Contingent has expressed its gratitude and appreciation to DANCON for raising this memorial and arranging the service.
UNIFICYP SWIMMING GALA 1987

50 yds Freestyle
1st Morin - Sect 4
2nd Akerblom - Sect 5
3rd Klement - Sect 6

50 yds Backstroke
1st Smith - FSC
2nd Bergkvist - Sect 5
3rd Wardner - Sect 2

50 yds Breaststroke
1st Wennerholm - Sect 5
2nd Weller - Sect 2
3rd Nielson - Sect 1

50 yds Butterfly
1st Wennerholm - Sect 5
2nd Barette - Sect 4
3rd Dickenson - Sect 2

100 yds Freestyle
1st Neilson - MP Coy
2nd Morin - Sect 4
3rd Akerblom - Sect 5

400 yds Freestyle
1st Carom - Sect 4
2nd Edge - Sp Regt
3rd Gustafsson - Sect 5

Individual Medley
1st Burke - SP Regt
2nd Caron - Sect 4
3rd Dickinson - Sect 2

Freestyle Relay
1st Sector 5
2nd Sector 4
3rd Sector 2

Overall Team Result:
1st (69 pts) SECTOR 5
2nd (62 pts) SECTOR 4
3rd (47 pts) SECTOR 2