

THE BLUE BERET



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FEBRUARY IN RETROSPECT

ROTATIONS

4-11 Feb AUSCON (½ Batt)
17 Feb-
13 Mar CANCON

VISITS

4-6 Swiss TV team, Mr E Gysling, Mr M Steiner and Mr M Buchel visited UNFICYP.
5-2 Wing Cmdr W J Bevan visited the British Contingent.
6-11 Maj H I A MacDonald visited the British Contingent.
6-13 Col J G Hamilton-Russell visited the British Contingent.
10-27 Lt-Col Anerud visited the Swedish Contingent.
10-27 Ms Roosvall and Ms Engelbrechtsson visited the Swedish Contingent.
11-16 Capt C R Usherwood visited the Canadian Contingent.
11-19 Lt-Col M S Bouris and party of 2 visited the Canadian Contingent.

11-5/3 Amtsrat F Konig, WO1 H Baumgarten and WO1 H Mayer visited the Austrian Contingent.
12-10/3 Mr G Bowman and party of 4 visited the Canadian Contingent.
14-21 Mr P Dardelde visited UNFICYP.
20-23 Brig J Baskerville-Clegg visited the British Contingent.
20-27 Lt-Col Ponkowski visited the British Contingent.
21 Maj-Gen J Boyne visited the British Contingent.
24-12/3 Mr B Fothe and Ms A K Nyberg visited the Swedish Contingent.
25 Brig P Abraham visited the British Contingent.
25-27 Mr N G Holmgren visited the Swedish Contingent.
26 Sir A Drew KCB visited the British Contingent.
27-6/3 Maj-Gen J D G Pank visited the British Contingent.

FUTURE EVENTS

MEDAL PARADES

7 March SWEDCON
27 March BRITCON

UNFICYP Community Spring Fair on 12 April 1986 from 1300 to 1715 after a final band display.

SPORT

15-16 March DANCON March
29-30 March DANCON March

"WHATS ON IN NICOSIA"

At the British Council:
Repeat performances of "1984" on 13 March, at 7.30 p.m.
Guitar Concert by 3 guitarists on Wednesday 26 March at 7.30 p.m.

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Military Skills
Competition

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Sgt A Thomson

THE BLUE BERET



Editorial

Now that the Cyprus winter seems to be over, we move into warmer weather with reports of Aphrodite ceremonies from DANCON and Carnival from AUSCON. Sector 2 looks ahead to Easter at the end of the month with their selection of seasonal recipes.

This month we welcome the 3rd Battalion The Royal Canadian Regiment (3 RCR) to Sector 4. We also have an article from the Scout Car Squadron on their first month in Cyprus.

There are many competitions in UNFICYP and this month we have details of some of them. Our front cover shows one of the highlights from the Military Skills competition. 84 Squadron reports on their football match against DANCON and from Sector 2 comes details of both their success in the shooting competition and an unusual, and rewarding, cooking competition for the "hobby-chefs".

Whilst considering the unusual, Sp Regt have a report on the little known assistance provided to UNFICYP by the Royal Army Veterinary Corps.

Finally we have a selection of articles from various contributors about Camp Madeleine, SWEDCIVPOL and the MP Company Medals Parade.

Have a good Easter and remember that the clocks go forward one hour on the night 29/30 March.

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SCOUT CAR SQUADRON THE LIFE GUARDS



Cpl Maj Whatley shows everybody the real way to fire the LMG.

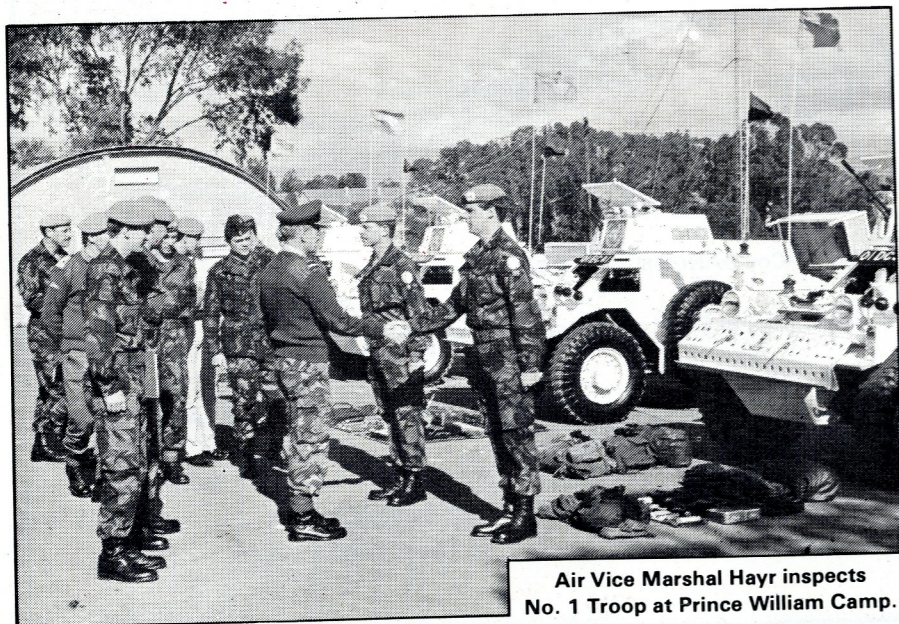
It is hardly surprising that the first month of our tour in Cyprus has been remarkably busy both militarily and socially.

By the 17th of January B Squadron was complete and operational less a small number who joined us later after a Boxing Competition in England.

Each Troop quickly settled into its Sector and got on with the task of getting to know their areas inch by inch. B Squadron was last here in 1979 so the job is not totally unfamiliar. By publication each

Troop will have changed Sectors twice and will be becoming familiar with the many customs and traditions of the different nationalities.

Soon after arrival the Squadron had to sort itself out for a Force Reserve Display at the Airport on January 20th. This parade was taken by Colonel W D Wellsman who, after an inspection, took the salute on the drive past of the entire force, including all the logistics and REME Elements.



Air Vice Marshal Hayr inspects No. 1 Troop at Prince William Camp.

By: Capt H D Hyson

Photos by: Unit Photographer

The next day saw an early start and the Force Reserve exercise proper, this time in Sector 1.

Already in our first few weeks in Cyprus we have had numerous visitors including Mr Brian Urquhart, Air Vice Marshall KW Hayr, CBFC, and Brigadier AD Myrtle. A frequent task for the scout cars is the provision of VIP



SCM Cusick proves that he really is a combat soldier.

escorts, although recently we seem plagued by school buses which arrive just as the escortee steps out of his house. The ensuing tangle of vehicles usually bedevils all our attempts to provide a smooth escort.

Our most recent visitor was Colonel JG Hamilton-Russell, MBE, who has recently finished commanding The Household Cavalry in England. He is due to take over the job of Deputy Chief of Staff UNFICYP in May 1986.

We are also very much looking forward to the visit of the Life Guards Band for two weeks at the end of March. They will be taking part in the BRITCON Medal Parade and playing for the UN in Nicosia and hopefully in Sector 1.

VETERINARY SUPPORT TO UNFICYP



Pets Clinic, Major Julia Kneale RAVC, assisted by LCpl Mike Bedford RAVC, examines a pet animal at the clinic.

The Cyprus Defence Animal Support Unit, Royal Army Veterinary Corps is part of the garrison of the British Sovereign Base Areas, but like many other British Units it gives assistance to UNFICYP by supplying specialist skills which would otherwise be unavailable to UNFICYP from within its own resources.

In this unit's case the support comes in two forms; veterinary and canine. The most mundane aspect of this is the inspection of fresh meat produced on island for supply to both UNFICYP and UNIFIL. This involves a weekly trip by the OC to Larnaca abattoir. A more enjoyable part of this work is the inspection of the farms which provide the animals; to make sure that the herds are healthy and the husbandry is of an acceptable standard. There is also a monthly pets clinic held at the UNPA for those members of UNFICYP stationed here long enough to acquire a pet. These vary from dogs through cats and guinea pigs to budgerigars. This work is also done by the OC who is a qualified veterinary surgeon.

So much for the veterinary side. Shakespeare wrote 'Cry havoc and let slip the dogs of war' but just as we become soldiers of peace for the UN so certain four

1A13 KIPPER, one of the Arms Explosive Search dogs.



just as a hunting dog will point to game. These animals have saved many lives by their efforts. One example of this is when they helped to find mines left behind after 1974. Although there have been and continue to be many attempts to find a mechanical sniffing device none so far has the sensitivity or the ability to detect so many different substances as a dog's nose.

If you ever thought that your posting was too long, spare a thought for these canine soldiers who are in Cyprus for life, due to

legged members of the unit become dogs of peace when they come up with their handlers to give UNFICYP the benefit of their own particular skills (even if they do not get to wear the famous blue beret). To give a couple of examples of the types of dog available there are the trackers, whose name is self explanatory, and the Arms Explosive Search dogs. These are trained to search for and locate hidden weapons and explosive devices and show their handler where these are,

the quarantine restrictions back in the UK. I am happy to say that many go on to enjoy a retirement in Cyprus like some of their human counterparts.

All members of the unit enjoy their work and have great pride in their UN status even though it is only part time. It is very rare for the humans of the unit to qualify for their UN medal but one of the dogs, 3A18 SODA has just completed his second 90 days. Perhaps he will get his medal or at least a ribbon for his collar!

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Mrs Hayr, escorted by Mrs Duchesne, visiting St Michael's School.



Visit of handicapped children from Evangelismos Special School to 66 Sqn RCT, UNFICYP.



All ranks 2 Reg RCHA and 3 Airborne Cdo say farewell to those of you who supported us, worked with us and befriended us during our 6 months with UNFICYP. As the "jumpers" say "have a good one".



Military Skills Competition 1986.



DANCON Medal Parade.



HQ UNFICYP mini-Medal Parade.



UNFICYP were hosts to a touring UNIFIL Rugby Group from 9th to 12th Feb 86.



Mr M Goulding's visit to UNFICYP.



SWEDCON's winning team in the UNFICYP Skiing Championships held at Troodos in Feb 86.





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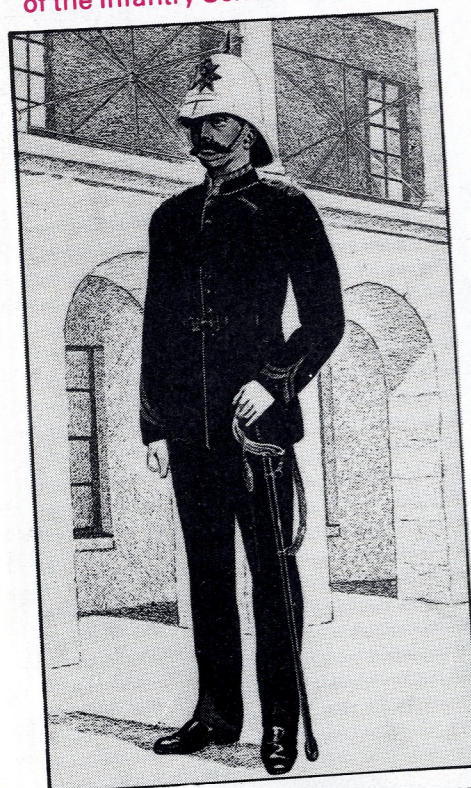
CANADIAN

THE ROYAL

REGIMENT

The 3rd Bn, The Royal Canadian Regiment, commanded by Lt Col J.S. Cox, is commencing its second UN tour of duty in Cyprus after an absence from the Island of nine years. It is hoped this tour is both as professionally challenging and as interesting as the 1976/77 tour.

The Royal Canadian Regiment was formed as Canada's first regular force Infantry regiment on 21 December 1883 under the title of the Infantry School Corps. This



THE ROYAL REGIMENT OF CANADIAN INFANTRY

title was changed to The Royal Canadian Regiment in 1901.

In 1885 The Regiment, with a militia force of 250, was dispatched to quell the North-West Rebellion in Saskatchewan. This action resulted in the first of fifty-four battle honours that The Regiment has been awarded during its first full century of service to Canada.

As part of the Commonwealth Expeditionary Force, The Regiment was awarded two further battle honours in South Africa at the turn of the century. The most notable was the Battle of Paardeberg on 27 February 1900, at which time the Commander of the Boer forces,



Recce Platoon conducting rapel training on a 40 metre rock face.

3RD BATTALION THE ROYAL CANADIAN REGIMENT

Gen Kronje, surrendered to the Canadian forces. The Regiment has now celebrated Paardeberg Day for 85 years; This year, the 3rd Battalion will be deploying to Cyprus and it will commemorate the occasion both in Canada and on the Island.

The Regiment went on to distinguish itself in both the First and Second World Wars as well as the Korean conflict. The 3rd Bn was formed to serve in Korea where it saw action during the period March-May 1953. It



Recce Platoon participating in a live fire exercise in Sennelager, West Germany.



"3rd Battalion Roll Past"
Lt. Col J.S. Cox, Co 3rd Bn The Royal Canadian Regiment on the left of the picture.

formally joined the present Canadian Army Order of Battle in 1970.

The 3rd Bn served in Cyprus from Oct 1976 to Apr 1977 and has just recently returned from seven years of duty in the Federal Republic of Germany. For the past 18 months the 3rd Bn has been at Kapyong Barracks in Winnipeg, Manitoba and is part of 1 Canadian Brigade Group. Present plans call for the 3rd Bn to return to Germany in 1988.



3rd Battalion The Royal Canadian Regiment on Parade.



Digging a fire trench near Winnipeg at - 30°C.

The 3rd Bn is equipped and trained as a mechanized infantry battalion. The primary vehicle is the M113 armoured personnel carrier and the main support weapons include the TOW weapons system and 81 mm mortars. Its current strength is approximately 700 all ranks so that it has left a fairly large rear party behind in Canada.

Although the vast majority of the soldiers are from the eastern half of Canada, the Battalion is currently stationed in Winnipeg. All ranks are volunteers and are professional soldiers who take great pride in their Regiment.

It is of interest to note that the

3rd Bn The Royal Canadian Regiment will be serving its second UN tour of duty in Cyprus alongside one of its sister regiments from the British Army, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers. All members of 3RCR are looking forward to our tour with great enthusiasm.

While a small number of personnel of the 3rd Bn are starting their second tour, and a few on their third and fourth tours, UN duty is a new experience for the majority of the soldiers. We look forward to meeting our counterparts in the other Contingents both socially and on the sports field.

PRO PATRIA



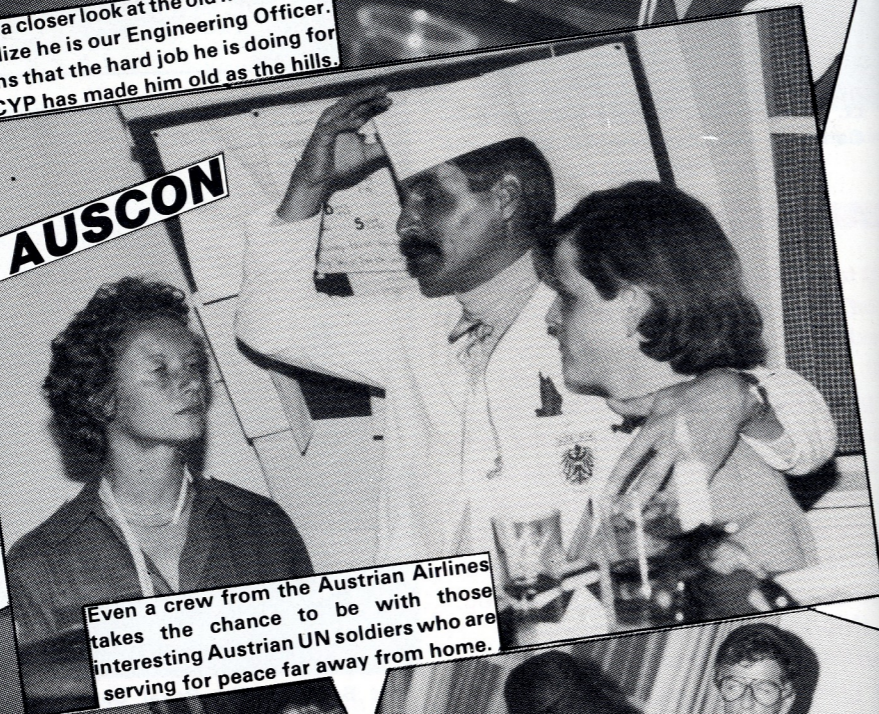
It's a Saturday and six o'clock in the evening. An old man with grey hair and a stick in hand enters the Officers Mess. After a short look around he asks, "Is this the place where the Austrian Carnival festival takes place?" Of course it is.



Having a closer look at the old man's face we realize he is our Engineering Officer. It seems that the hard job he is doing for UNFICYP has made him old as the hills.

CARNIVAL IN AUSCON

The best thing about this evening is that there is no speech. What luck for our Commanding Officer. Indeed LtCol Machly likes being in company with pretty girls. Well it's CARNIVAL and that's why everything is different.



Even a crew from the Austrian Airlines takes the chance to be with those interesting Austrian UN soldiers who are serving for peace far away from home.



What would a typical Austrian festival be without dancing? But that's no problem, because our "music officer" knows how to play the proper music that motivates even those guys with two left feet.

FUSILIERS LIVE UP TO THEIR NAME

By: Maj J Ingham

Photos by: Sgt A Thomson



"Fusil" for the non French speakers amongst our readers means rifle, and our title stems from the name given to an early musket first designed in France. In broad terms, we could be called "riflemen". An apt name this turned out to be when we competed in the recent UN military shooting competition, at Dhekelia.

The long hours of practice and patient waiting for vacant slots in the range bookings paid off



handsomely. Team coach WO2 Cunningham, an old Bisley hand, found that despite his long experience, he could not resist the temptation to bite his already short fingernails even shorter as the results came in slowly, and pressure mounted.

He need not have worried, however, the efforts of team trainer Capt Alex Brown were rewarded when Sector 2 was eventually named as the overall winners, after a scare from the Swedes of Sector 5 who pushed us hard throughout.

In the end, the Fusiliers won the Rifle match, SMG match and had both A and B teams in the final of the Falling Plate. Only in the pistol match did we fall below pre-match standards. Far be it from the author to suggest that the pistol shots were over-awed by the presence of the Commanding Officer.

HOLIDAY PRIZE TO HOLY LAND

By: Maj J Ingham

Photos by: Fus Wainwright

When Fus Mark Roberts left our home barracks in North Yorkshire some two months ago, little did he dream that he would be the winner of a prize holiday to the Holy Land for, of all things, his cooking. Roberts normal job in the battalion is rifleman in 5 Platoon, B Company.

When the battalion realised that in the platoon locations along the Sector 2 line it would be necessary to employ infantry soldiers as full time cooks, a crash training programme was implemented. An intensive one week course in the unit kitchens was started for some 40 soldiers, under the paternal eye of Sgt Robb, ACC. Soldiers who had done little more than boil an egg or heat a tin of compositions hitherto, suddenly found themselves turning out choux pastries, delicious roasts and simmering casseroles. In the eyes of the professional cooks the course was a "rags to riches" story overnight.

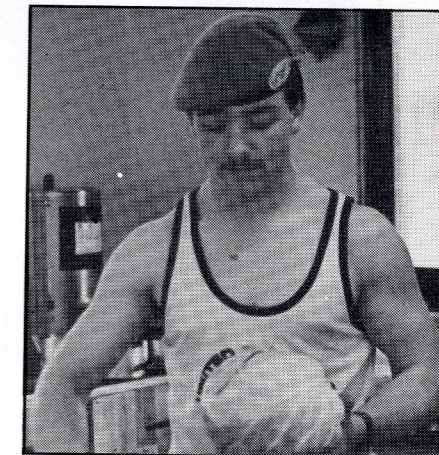
The training was, of course, absolutely necessary, as the new Regimental cooks found out on arrival. However, to inspire

confidence and fire enthusiasm, B Company, based in the West of Sector 2, decided to run a cooking competition. Each location was required to lay on an evening dinner party, to be followed by some form of entertainment. The competition was fierce, especially so because in addition to normal inter-platoon rivalry, the standard was remarkably high.

The prize for the winning cooks was a 4 day cruise and tour to the Holy Land, including visits to Jerusalem and Bethlehem, all paid for out of Company funds.

In the final analysis, 5 platoon took 1st and 2nd places. Accompanying Fus Roberts on his holiday cruise is Fus Mark James, from Oxford, whose own culinary skills took him to within a mark or two of prime position.

Both these young Fusiliers will be starting their well earned holiday in a few days time. Only one problem remains unsettled- whilst the two of them are away sunning



themselves, who is going to take over their role in the kitchens along the line?

For the record, here is the winning menu, and delicious it was too:

Prawn Cocktail
Stuffed Pepper and Tomato
Grilled Trout Almond
Steak Akaki (the local village)
Orange Surprise (served in the fruit)
Cheese Board
Coffee and Liqueurs

Could you do it after only a week's training and a little practice?

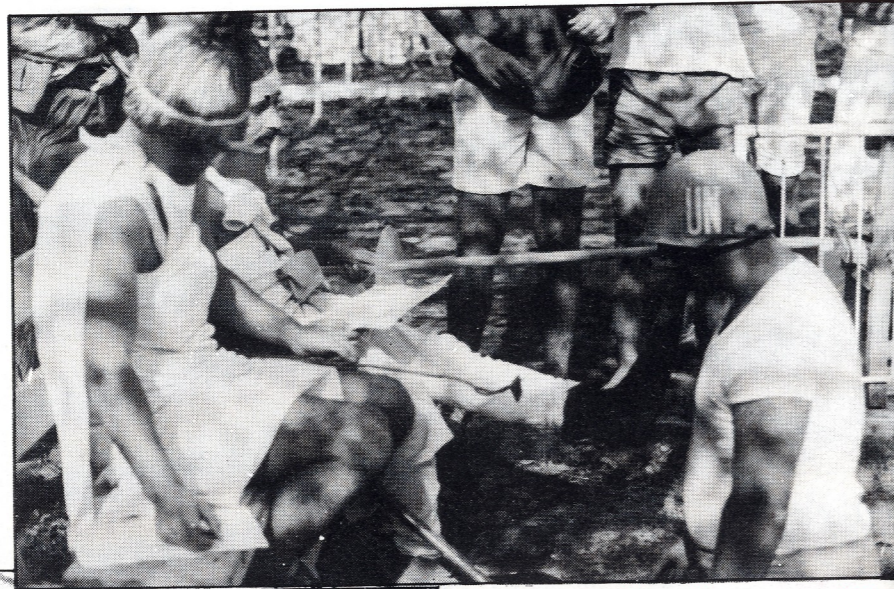


THE C-COY/DANCON-FOR VIKINGS ONLY!

By Captain S.M. Qvortrup

In the far NW along the ceasefire line you find the Danish C-Company with its main camp situated in the idyllic Limnitis valley, and a platoon camp in the isolated and picturesque Kokkina area.

The Company mans six OPs all on the outskirts of the rough Troodos mountains and two in the Kokkina area. With one exception the OPs can be reached by wheeled vehicles only with



difficulty and with an experienced driver at the steering-wheel. Although the highest "mountain" in green and hilly Denmark is just over 170 meters above sea level, the soldiers get attached to their OPs and the surrounding mountains.

Every fortnight the four men who have manned the OP are sent by helicopter to the camp and replaced with another four men. While staying in the camp they are trained in basic military skills for seven days and are mainly off duty the remaining week. Perhaps due to the tough terrain and isolation good spirits and solidarity are things that characterize the C-COY. Indeed the Xmas bathe is a token of the special Charlie spirit.

At 12 o'clock Xmas day last year the Company was introduced to Aphrodite, King Neptune,

Doctor Bone and his men, all of whom had been "baptized" the previous year. Dressed in the extremely fashionable military underwear and blue UN-helmets the Company including all ranks was led through the village of



Limnitis by King Neptune and his court. Presumably people in the village get the impression that all Danes act like this at Xmas but it must be stressed that it is a special DANCON and C-COY tradition.

On the beach every Charlie soldier was led through a very special and secret Charlie ritual that makes demands on both stamina and courage. Naturally it ended with a reviving bathe in the chilly Mediterranean. Two hours later the Company celebrated the passed hardships with a good and traditional Danish lunch.

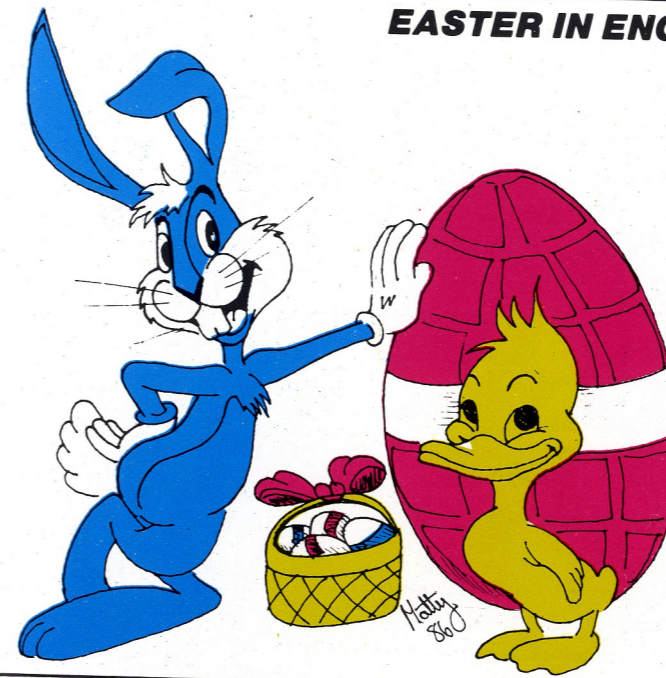
This is just one of many special events that take place in the C-company but one of the things that has made the Charlie company what it is.



INTERNATIONAL COOKBOOK



EASTER IN ENGLAND



The real significance of Easter is, of course, the religious festival. However, for most people Easter also marks the onset of Spring: an end to the gloomy wintry weather and the beginning of another culinary year. The period is also noted for its important sporting occasions.

Picture if you will the family returning from the Good Friday race meeting, the 1st Grand Prix of the year or the local football Derby, to the traditional Easter tea of Hot Cross Buns in front of the fire. Then, the Easter Sunday lunch of new season's lamb and Springtime Gateau, followed by the excitement of Chocolate Easter eggs for the children and the traditional rolling of hand painted hard boiled eggs down the nearest slope.

HOT CROSS BUNS (10-12 Buns)

Main Ingredients

Currants 2oz, Mixed Peel ½oz
Bun Spice 5 drops, Yeast Dough
Flour and Water Batter for
Crosses, Bun Glaze

Yeast Dough

Plain Flour 12oz, Yeast ¾oz
Sugar 1oz, Milk 7fl oz
Margarine ¾oz, Pinch of Salt
Egg Colouring

Bun Glaze

Water ½pt, Sugar ½lb
Boil sugar in water. Skim.
Glaze is ready.

Method

Sieve flour and salt. Rub in margarine. Make a hollow, placing sugar in the centre. Add currants and mixed peel. Dissolve yeast in luke-warm milk. Add egg, colouring and bun spice to milk. Pour the liquid over the sugar and fruit. Mix whole dough until it leaves the hands clean. Allow dough to prove until it doubles in size. Knock back and divide into 10-12 balls of equal size. Place onto warm greased baking trays in a warm atmosphere. Allow the balls to prove until they double in size. Pipe a cross over the top of the dough balls with the flour and water batter. Bake in a hot oven (450F) for 20-25 minutes.

Remove from oven and brush over with bun glaze. Allow to cool until warm, serve sliced, with butter.

ROAST SPRING LAMB, ROAST POTATOES, MINT SAUCE

Main Ingredients

Leg of Spring Lamb, 1½ lbs
Potatoes, 3 or 4 Onions, ¼pt Mint
Sauce Cooking time 20 mins per
1b + 10 minutes.

Method

Loosen the pelvic bone, trim and clean the knuckle end. Place the lamb on a bed of quartered onions sprinkled with rosemary and wild thyme. Season to taste and roast in hot oven for 15 minutes, after covering the joint in dripping or lard. Remove from hot oven. Place halved potatoes around joint. Baste joint and potatoes well. Replace in a moderate oven (375F or gas mark 4), allow to cook steadily, basting meat and potatoes from time to time. When cooked, keep hot, carve and serve with mint sauce. Tender lamb should be carved thicker than other roast meats.

SPRINGTIME GATEAU (For 10)

Main Ingredients

Sponge Mix, Raspberry Jam 2oz,
Butter Cream 1lb, Flaked or
Chopped Almonds 6oz

Sponge Mix

Plain Flour 6oz, Baking Powder
2oz, Egg 1, Caster Sugar 4oz, Milk
¼pt, Pinch of Salt

Butter Cream

Butter/Margarine ½lb,
Evaporated Milk 2oz, Icing Sugar
½lb, Essence and Colouring as
required

Method

Sift flour, baking powder and salt together. Whisk egg and sugar together in a basin for 2 minutes. Add milk and beat in the flour. Pour into a suitable greased and floured baking tin. Bake in a moderate oven (375F or gas mark 4) until ready. Remove from oven, turn out on to a pastry grille to cool and set. Cream the butter very lightly, adding sugar slowly until it is all absorbed. Beat in the milk. Mixture must be well creamed and very light. Add colour and essence as required. Flavours normally used are: Chocolate, Vanilla, Raspberry and Pistachio. Split cake into 3 layers: one layer of jam and one layer of butter cream between each. Invert sponge and cover top and side with butter cream. Cover the sides with almond nuts. Mark the top into 4 quarters. Cover each quarter with small stars of butter cream in 4 different flavours and colours.

CAMP MADELEINE - VERY SPECIAL

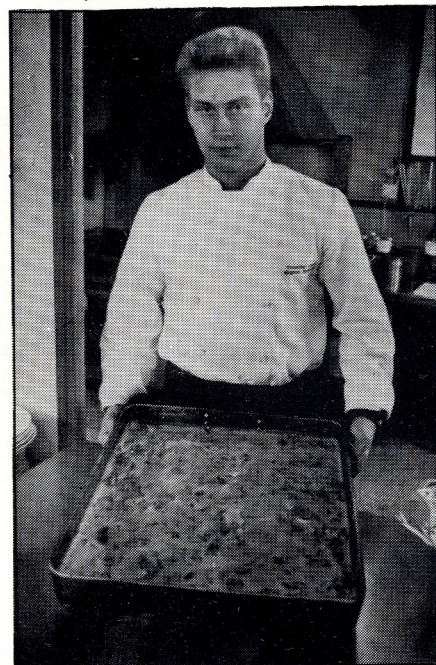
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Capt Eriksson, right, Platoon Leader at Camp Madeleine. His deputy, Capt Eriksson, left. The camp is named after one of the Swedish princesses.

Camp Madeleine is a very special camp. It is situated in Northern Cyprus in the little village of Louroujina. The Turkish name of this village, with 700 inhabitants, is Akincilar and that means spear point. And if you take a look at the map you can see why.

This Swedish camp is home for 25 Swedish soldiers in 2 platoon, 1st Coy and the contact with the inhabitants is good. "Yes, I really think so", says the Platoon Leader, Capt Eriksson. "We organize parties for the children in the school just next to our camp. It is very popular and the children always says "hallo" when we are



Magnus Engstrom is the boss in the kitchen at Camp Madeleine.

passing through the village in our vehicles".

The Deputy Platoon Leader, Capt Andersson, is a well known man in this village. This is his third service in Cyprus and the second at Camp Madeleine.

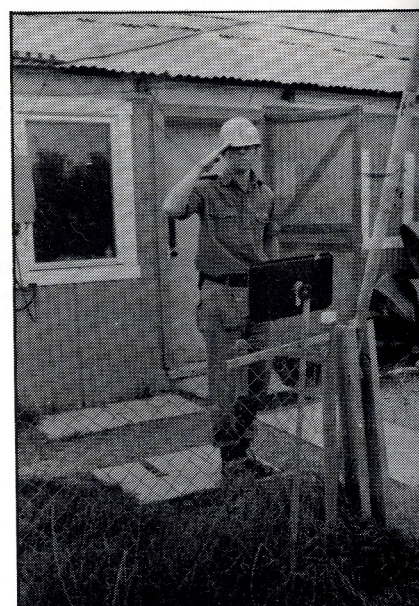
"I was here 1978-79 and of course there are some changes at the camp. We now have more and better buildings—but the atmosphere is the same. And I like it very much". Capt Andersson started a subscription for a little boy with a difficult hipbone injury. "Today the boy is 15 years old and I can see him playing football with his friends. It feels great."

The soldiers very much like working at this camp. "There are some problems when we want to go somewhere, we have to take a taxi. But that is a little problem—and maybe the only one. We have good comradeship—and that is number one for us." This says Lars Bratt, who is a Group Leader. "I feel so happy here that I stay here when I have leave", he adds. Magnus Engstrom works in the kitchen. In Sweden he is a cook at Stall-mastaregarden in Stockholm which is one of the most famous restaurants in the country. "Of course it is different being here at Camp Madeleine. But it is very interesting and I think I will be a better craftsman when I go back. This is also very good for your personality..."



"The mess is our home". Christian Wigren, Per Evringer and Thomas Nilsson have the same opinion about "Blue Ship" at Camp Madeleine.

As you can see there is a positive atmosphere at Camp Madeleine. "We know we are special – and we like it", says Capt Eriksson.



Mats Filipsson is guarding Camp Madeleine.

A SHORT INTRODUCTION OF SWEDCIVPOL

By Chief Insp Mats Hellqvist



Three officers of the 47th Swedish Civilian Police Contingent. From left, Inspector Pettersson, Inspector Sjobom, Chief Inspector Persholt.

The 47th Swedish Civilian Police Contingent consists of sixteen officers. Twelve members live in and operate from the HQ villa in Larnaca. Our up-to-date and functional substation is situated in the mixed village of Pyla, 13 Kms northeast of Larnaca. There in the Buffer Zone, where Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots live together side by side, three policemen fulfil their tasks.

One officer, Chief Inspector, Pim Martinsson, lives by himself in HQ Nicosia, and works as a Police Operations Officer. However, Martinsson has no time to feel lonely. He is SWEDCIVPOL's great entertainer, a good singer and guitar player. When he doesn't sing or play sport with his police colleagues in Larnaca, he lets the music flow among his HQ

neighbours.

SWEDCIVPOL reports and investigates incidents involving civilians in the UN Buffer Zone in Sectors Five and Six. We work close together with the population and have good collaboration with the two Cypriot police forces, CYPOL and TCPE. Our most frequent "cases" are overfarming, shots from firearms, thefts, illegal hunting and violations of the Maritime Security Line. UNCIVPOL has no authority to arrest suspects, but we mediate and report to the local police stations and to the Mukhtars of the villages. All our reports and results of investigations are examined in HQ UNFICYP. SWEDCIVPOL has also humanitarian tasks such as escorts of civilian Greek Cypriots to and from the Karpas and Kyrenia areas, and pension payments to Greek Cypriots who live in the Karpas area.

The level of readiness is high both in Larnaca and in Pyla. In both police stations at least one duty patrol and a duty officer are on duty twentyfour hours a day.



84 SQUADRON - DANCON FOOTBALL MATCH

By Flt Lt F HAGGERTY

A few weeks ago 84 Sqn had the pleasure to host a team of footballers from the Danish Contingent of UNFICYP. The game was enjoyed by both players and spectators alike, and after a hard fought match, 4-2 for the home team (a fiddle I hear!! 84 Sqn provided the officials) both teams descended upon the Ski Club at

RAF Akrotiri. Here, to the delight of all, our Danish friends were "BLUE-IED" just like a Danish PINKY! The effects were the same.

After a superb afternoon (thanks to the Ski Club) we all returned to a local Kebab House to carry on with the serious part of the visit. The following morning, the surviving members from 84

Sqn managed to cook our guests a full English breakfast with suitable refreshments, after which our guests departed to pastures PINK.

Many thanks to all who helped in making the visit such a wonderful event and our thanks to DANCON for the last Friendly International played at Delta Charlie.