

# THE BLUE BERET



DECEMBER 1984

PEACE  
ON EARTH

HAPPY  
NEW YEAR



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS  
FROM THE CHILDREN OF UNFICYP



# NOVEMBER IN RETROSPECT

## ROTATIONS

## VISITS

- 1-8 Lt Col T Earl, CO The Life Guards visited the British Contingent
- 1-8 Lt Col D B Storrie OBE RM and Capt P M Babbington MC RN visited the British Contingent
- 1-8 G James McDougall plus Sound Engineer, BBC TV Bristol visited the British Contingent
- 1-8 Mr F Peter Hayes, J Bennett and A Briggs, ITV Harlech visited the British Contingent
- 6-8/12 Lt Stuart visited the British Contingent
- 6-13 Film team from BBC visited the British Contingent
- 8-13 Brig Gen Brown, Col Waldrum, Major Hyslop, Capt N Braham and Capt Simpson visited the Canadian Contingent
- 8-15 Financial & Records team of four visited the British Contingent

- 11-17 Ten RN Officers visited the British Contingent
- 12-15 Col R Kuusisto, Lt Col V Yrjola and Major Tiihonen visited the Finnish Contingent
- 12-15 Mr E Knutas, Messrs Torsten Eriksson and Bjorn Gothe visited the Swedish Contingent
- 15-27 Military News team of 3 visited UNFICYP
- 20-28 Brig Gen G Travers and Chap Gen to Canadian Forces visited the Canadian Contingent
- 21 Sqn Ldr D Skinner, RAF visited the British Contingent
- 21-24 Lt Gen Erik Bengtsson, C in C Swedish Army, Mr Per Borg, Col Sten Wiberg, Lt Col Claes Blomvist visited the Swedish Contingent
- 27-5/12 Lt Col J Bujold and RECCE party of 11 visited the Canadian Contingent
- 28 Mr E Leigh, Mr C Townsend, Mr J Wheeler, Sir A Buck, Mr R Jones and Sqn Ldr Cooper visited the British Contingent

# FUTURE EVENTS

- 19.12.1984: Annual Christmas Concert with the Students String Orchestra conducted by Themis Christodoulou and the "Nicosia Singers" conducted by Rick Reader.  
Location: British Council (3 Museum Ave) Time 19.30 Free Entrance

Old Time Music Hall to be held on 20, 21 and 22 December in St Michael's School UNPA.

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Christmas Greetings from the  
children of UNFICYP.

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## Editorial

This December issue of the Blue Beret contains the Force Commanders Christmas Message and also several seasonal Christmas recipes from around the contingents.

The children on our front cover come from the eight nations of UNFICYP plus one representative of the 22 nations of our civilian staff. In this season of goodwill they symbolise the hope that the Nations of the World will strive together to remove conflict.

This month we have articles welcoming the new Sector 2 Unit, 1st Battalion of The Duke of Edinburghs Royal Regiment, no strangers to Cyprus, our new Chief Administrative Officer and the new Commander of Sector 6. We also look back at 84 in 84, the Canada/Cyprus soccer match and a Scout Car Squadron trip to Egypt.

Finally we have interesting articles on DANCON welfare and SWEDCON volunteers. In conclusion all of us in the MPIO office wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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The Force Commander along with the Commanding Officer, Support Regiment, and other willing helpers at the traditional stirring of the Christmas Pudding.

Major John May the OC of 15 Squadron RCT, the new UN Transport Squadron, accepts the ceremonial Key from Major Henry Crawford, OC of the outgoing Transport Squadron.

The Wreath laying ceremony at the Remembrance Sunday Service in Wayne's Keep Military Cemetery.

Children from the Evangelismos Special School recently spent a great day with the UN courtesy of their AUSTCIVPOL hosts. Some of the children are pictured here trying out a UN Flight helicopter for size.

The Commander-in-Chief Swedish Army, Lt Gen Erik G Bengtsson inspects the honour guard during his recent visit to UNFICYP.

The pancake stand proved very popular at the Fayre.

The second annual Medal Parade took place at HQ AUSCON Camp Duke Leopold V. in FAMAGUSTA on 18 Oct 84. 146 Austrian UN servicemen received the UNFICYP medal "In the service of peace" from FC MajGen G G GREINDL. An official reception for all guests of honor was held afterwards at FAMAGUSTA's ancient OTHELLO TOWER.

Now how many sweets are in that jar wonders Emma Duchesne. This was one of the many stalls at the KIDCON Christmas Fayre held at St Michael's School.





# AUSCON NEWS

## NEW COMMANDER AUSTRIAN CONTINGENT

By Capt Manzl

Photo by Contingent photographer

Lieutenant Colonel Werner F. Brandner was born in Linz/Austria in 1942. He graduated from Theresian Military Academy in 1968 and was commissioned to the Air Force Signal Battalion where he served as platoon leader and training officer until 1970. From 1971 to 1976 he was Officer Commanding of various signal companies. Thereupon he made a six months tour with UN as Signal Officer of AUSBATT/UNDOF.

In October 1976 he was assigned to the Austrian Army Signal School (AASS) as senior officer of the radio training section. In 1980 LtCol Brandner attended the Signal Officer Advanced Course at the US-Army Training Centre in Ft. Gordon / Georgia.



Back to Austria he became senior officer of the operational training section AASS, which was followed by a second tour with UN as Second in Command of AUSCON in Cyprus from August 1982 to February 1983. This was succeeded by the transfer to the Signal Department of the Austrian MOD.

In October 1984 LtCol Brandner returned to Cyprus and assumed command of AUSCON. The new Commanding Officer is married, his wife's name is Ilse, and he has four children aged from fourteen up to nineteen. Unfortunately they will only be able to accompany him during the holidays.

The hobbies of the new Commander Sector Six are off shore sailing, board sailing and tennis.



New CO AUSCON Lt Col W BRANDNER receiving battalion's colours from his predecessor Lt Col T DORFMEISTER (on the right) during the Change of Command Parade.

# A TRIP TO EGYPT



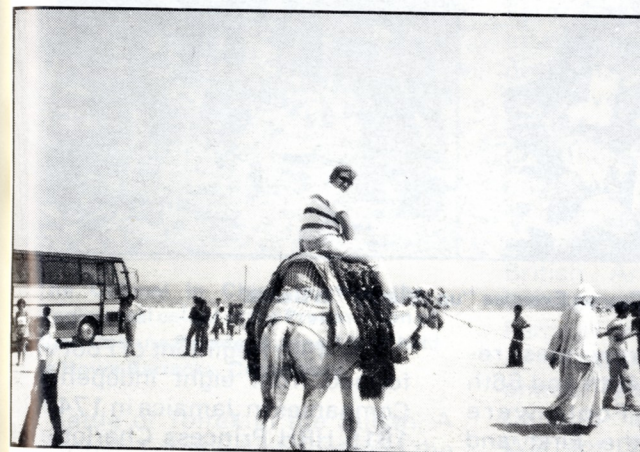
By LCoH Ingram

Troops have been strongly encouraged to see and do as much as possible in particular during their R & R periods.

The following article describes one such visit to Egypt by LCoH Ingram, LCoH Valentine and Tpr Howgate.

We made a short trip to the Pyramids passing by the late Presidents Sadat's house and crossing the Nile. The Pyramids were as big if not bigger than imagined and surrounded by the now all too familiar traders. These Urchins appeared from every-

return to the Coach for Alexandria (after a demonstration showing us how Papyrus paper was made from the original plant). Our journey was brightened slightly with another 'gem' from Miss England saying: 'We will go back to Alexandria along the desert



Lester Ingram on Njinsky led by LCoH Valentine in drag



LCoH Ingram 'The Author'

Our journey started on the morning of Friday 7th September. We set off from Prince William Camp to meet the Oddyseas Elytis, a large sea-faring ferry docked at Limassol. The next morning we docked at Alexandria and by 8.00 a.m. we were boarding a bus bound for Cairo.

The coach trip took three hours without stops, with a commentary given by an English speaking courier. We managed to snatch one 'gem' from her with her description of an Egyptian 'Katoosh' (a silver or gold bar bearing a name in Hyroglyphics):

The one you see being passed around is medium size, there is a large one which is a bit larger and a small one which is a bit smaller'.

Suitably amused and now fully awake we arrived in Cairo.

where selling rides on camels, 'sits' on camels, and in fact anything on camels. Howgate and I wasted little time selecting two swift mounts and raced each other, much to the amusement of LCoH Valentine.

When it came to paying for these extraordinary animals we quickly discovered that US \$ or Egyptian Pounds were the hard currency, and our offer of Cyprus Pounds was met by total incomprehension. Eventually we explained that two Cyprus Pounds were worth at least six Egyptian at any bank. Without giving this 'shark' too long to think about it we slipped away to continue our sight seeing after a stop at the Sphinx (a great deal smaller than expected).

All too soon we were forced to

road which is mostly desert'.

We laughed ourselves to sleep, waking at 8.00 p.m. in time to board the awaiting ferry bound for Limassol.

2.00 p.m. Sunday afternoon saw us backs in Limassol and there we were met by our ever punctual Driver.

We would like to thank 'our Bri' (LCoH Jones) for providing us with the Mini Bus, thus making SWANCON EGYPT possible. A memorable three days to be sure.







# "THE FARMERS BOYS"

By Lieutenant Phillip King

Recent events will appear to be repeating themselves when the 1st Battalion The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment (Berkshire and Wiltshire) take over from 40 Commando RM and man sector 2. Eighteen months earlier another handover took place between the two units, in the less attractive environment of South Armagh, Northern Ireland. This latest handover has been rather more eagerly awaited however!

Although the Battalion has not served with UNFICYP before, it is not new to Cyprus, nor indeed, the Green Line. In February 1964 the Battalion was stationed in Malta and moved en masse to Cyprus, as part of the Nicosia Truce Force manning the Green Line between the Greek and Turkish sectors. In March the same year the United Nations took over and those who had borne the burden of the beginning of the emergency were pulled out. Some members of the 1st Battalion still own and wear the "Green Line Tie".

The "Farmers Boys" association with Cyprus does not end there. Between July 1964 and January 1965 reinforcement companies rotated through Episkopi Sovereign Bases. The Battalion was also stationed in the Sovereign Bases between August 1975 and January 1976. As a consequence many members of the Battalion are looking forward to renewing old acquaintances and revisiting favourite tavernas.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment (Berkshire and Wiltshire) was formed by the amalgamation of the Royal Berkshire Regiment and the Wiltshire Regiment, both distinguished Regiments of the line. The amalgamation parade, held before the new Regiment's Colonel - in - Chief, HRH The Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh, took place on 9 June 1959.



B Coy on Exercise "up country" in Belize.

In 1881 the Army was re-organised and the 49th and 66th Regiments of Foot were amalgamated as the First and Second Battalion Princess Charlotte of Wales's Berkshire Regiment. At the same time the 62nd and 99th Regiments of Foot were combined as the First and Second Battalion of the Duke of Edinburgh's Wiltshire Regiment.

The 49th Regiment of Foot was formed from eight independent Companies in Jamaica in 1743. In 1815 HRH Princess Charlotte of Wales's had been so impressed with the smartness and good conduct of the Regiment that she conferred her title on them. In 1885 the additional title of "Royal" was conferred upon the Regiment following victory at the



A Company in Crossmaglen, N.I. 1983 at a bomb incident. The darker grey in house the centre of the picture blew up shortly after.

Photographs by  
Contingent Photographer



The Colonel in Chief saluting the Regimental colour at the Presentation of New Colours Parade, 8 June 1984 held at Howe Barracks, Canterbury.

Battle of Tofrek in the Sudan. A British Force which included the 49th had been attacked, but successfully defeated a far larger force of fanatical opponents. Princess Charlotte of Wales's (Royal Berkshire Regiment) is the only Regiment to have awarded the title "Royal" after a single action.

The present situation in Afghanistan is a reminder of the British invasion in 1879 after the massacre of the Envoy and his escort at Kabul. The 66th Regiment was ordered there in 1880, and in July of that year part of a Brigade sent to intercept a force of "irregulars" advancing on Kandahar. The small force of irregulars turned out to be an army of over 14,000, which enveloped the British Forces. Two Indian Regiments to the left of the 66th were routed, and they crashed into and broke the rear of the 66th, breaking its line into fragments. The 66th was completely massacred. It was defeat, so no Battle honour could be given for it, yet no-one had anything but praise for the 66th.

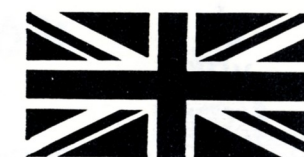
General Primrose, in his official dispatch to the Commander in Chief, India, wrote "...history does not afford any grander or finer instance of gallantry and devotion to Queen and Country than that displayed by the 66th Regiment on the 27 July 1880."

The 62nd Regiment of Foot was formed in 1756 and in 1782 it became the 62nd (Wiltshire Regiment). In 1845 the 62nd was stationed in Madras and Bengal and took the field against the Sikhs in the first war against that nation. In the first battle - that of Ferozeshah, the Regiment led the attack on the main enemy position, losing more than half its effectiveness in killed and wounded, its losses being more than those of any other Regiment engaged. The Battle ended in one of the most brilliant victories standing to the credit of the British Army, 35,000 of the enemy being routed by a British Force of under 18,000. The Battle is remembered today by an annual parade in which the Colours are handed to the Warrant Officers and Sergeants Mess for safe keeping, for during the battle the loss of Officers was so great that Sergeants carried the Colours.



South Armagh 1983 - I DERR are no strangers to OP duty!

The 99th Regiment of Foot was raised in 1824. Its association with the first Duke of Edinburgh in South Africa and at home led to Queen Victoria granting in 1874 the title "Duke of Edinburgh's". The expression "dressed up to the nines" comes from the reputation gained for the smartness of uniform of this Regiment.



Both the Royal Berkshire Regiment and Wiltshire Regiment saw action in all theatres of the First and Second World Wars.

More recently, the 1st Battalion The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment (Berkshire and Wiltshire) has had an active and varied period of service. January 1983 saw their return from BAOR, where they served as Mechanised Infantry, to Canterbury, in England. Almost immediately upon arrival preparations began for a four month tour in South Armagh, and following the successful completion of this period of operations the Battalion returned intact to Canterbury.

More recently, the high points of 1984 have been a parade in June at which the Colonel in Chief, The Duke of Edinburgh, presented the Battalion with new Colours, the first new ones since the amalgamation. This parade was a most immediately followed by a six week period of training for the whole Battalion in Canada.

Earlier in the year 'B' Company had spent three weeks training in Belize, and the whole Battalion had taken part in Home Defence Exercises. The high point of sporting success was victory for the Boxing Team in the UKLF Intermediate Boxing Championships. The Army title was narrowly lost to 1 Kings in Osnabruck, BAOR.

"The Farmers Boys" nickname, originally that of the Wiltshire Regiment, emphasises the rural background of many of our recruits from Berkshire and Wiltshire, and we look forward to watching over the somewhat different agricultural scenery in Cyprus, determined to contribute to UNFICYP in all ways.





## CANCON WELCOMES CANADIAN OLYMPIC SOCCER TEAM

By Captain G.R. MacCallum Photos by: Pte B S Fishleigh



Having had a month to settle into our peace keeping duties, we in the Canadian Contingent received a pleasant surprise from home in the form of our National Olympic Soccer Team. Cyprus was the final stop on a tour that took them to Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt and Morocco.

Although not scheduled to play until 31 October, the Canadian Team arrived in Nicosia on the 27th. That evening the team was hosted by CANCON at a reception at the Ledra Palace Hotel. This gave both soldiers and athletes the opportunity to reminisce

about home and to exchange travel stories. Our guests were keenly interested in our duties here in Cyprus, and the Battalion operations staff provided them with a thorough briefing followed by a line tour of Sector IV.

The military "show and tell" being completed, our visitors then set out to demonstrate their expertise. On the evening of 31 October, at Makarios Stadium, our Olympians were hosted to a "Friendly" by the Cyprus National Football Team. The game was very well attended, with no doubt the noisiest section being the

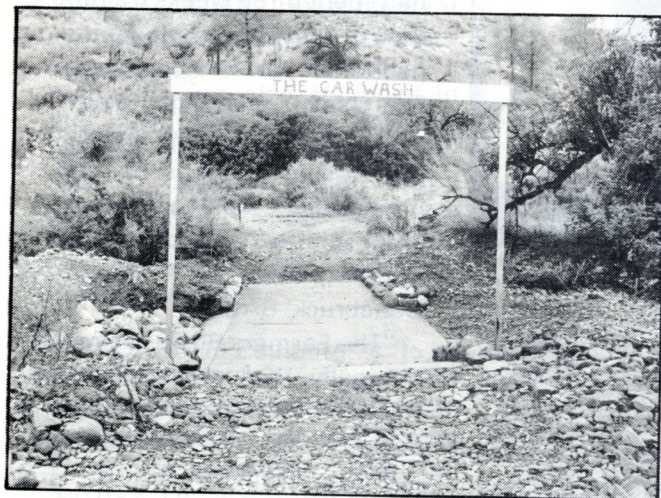
more than 200 Canadian spectators.

The fans were not disappointed as the game proved to be a cliff-hanger! Despite excellent opportunities, neither side was able to defeat the superior goal-tending and the final score was 0-0. The non-stop action kept the crowd in suspense and the individual skills of the players made it a very thrilling show. We thoroughly enjoyed hosting our fellow Canadians and take great pride in their accomplishments. They are truly our ambassadors of sport!



## OP LONE LINE

By WO1 DJ Boyne  
Photos by Sgt A Thomson.



On the 23rd October 25 members of 33 Engineer Regiment (EOD) arrived in Cyprus for the long awaited OP Lone Line 21. Work was scheduled for the western end of Sector 1 and included the use of explosives for track widening, the laying of an Irish Bridge and the

building of a new 12m long culvert. Work was successfully completed during the allocated time and the Unit returned to the UK on 29th November 84 with our thanks and appreciation for a job well done.

## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL OPERATION FOR 84 SQUADRON

By Flt Lt N. Hall RAF

Photos by Contingent Photographer



Members of 84 Squadron recently took part in an operation of a totally different nature than those to which they are normally accustomed. We held a Squadron reunion in October as part of our "84 in '84" celebrations, but unlike most RAF reunions which are held in the United Kingdom, we decided to hold ours on our home ground at RAF Akrotiri. It had to be made into a week-long event to make it worthwhile for people to come out all the way to Cyprus, and the response to our advertising was tremendous; although not everyone was able to fly out for the week, we found a sizeable number who could.

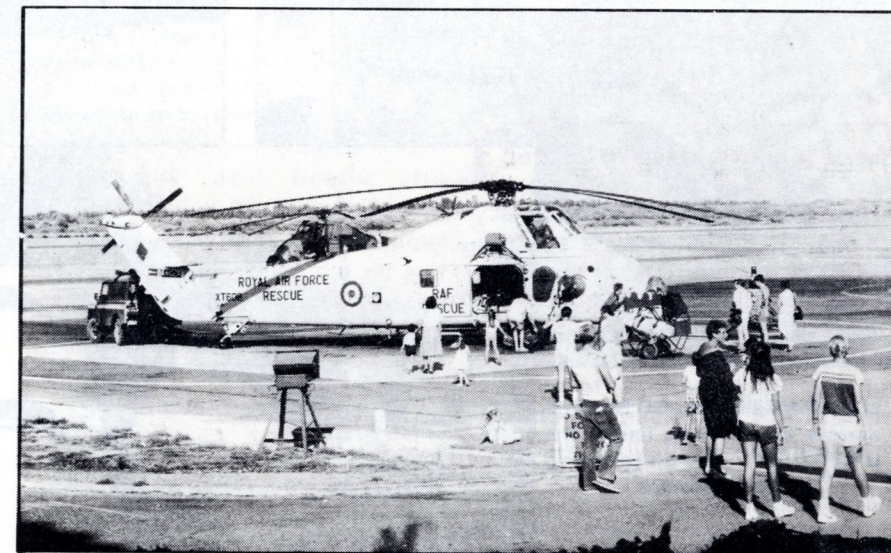
Those who needed accommodation were housed in the same apartments in Limassol; others were either still serving here or have retired here.

On the first day everyone gathered at the apartments to 'meet and greet' our visitors, and then it was off to Curium for the first event: an enjoyable evening's entertainment provided by the

Regimental Band of the Scots Guards, who had very conveniently arranged to visit Cyprus at the same time. This set the

helicopters for the children to climb in and out.

So who were our visitors? One

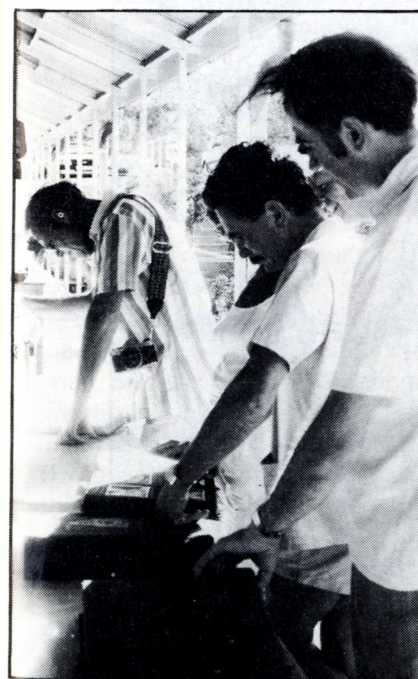


The only yellow Wessex left on the Squadron, and it was on the static display.

scene for the rest of the week - an evening out on the Saturday night at a Taverna in Limassol for dancing and Mezze; a Cocktail Party on Monday evening and a Ladies Guest Night on Tuesday night, at both of which the Regimental Band of the Scots Guards again played for us; another 'do' in a Limassol hotel on the Wednesday, and finally, a farewell party held in the Squadron crewroom. If our visitors thought that they would be able to catch up on their beauty sleep during the day, they were mistaken, for we had laid on several day trips to various places of interest around the island, and there was also an Open Day and Barbeque at the Squadron on the Sunday; all the Squadron History books were on display for perusal and of particular interest to our guests was the period from 1972 when the Squadron was first re-equipped with helicopters and began to operate in support of UNFICYP. There was also a short flying display and there were

of the youngest, Steve Miller, was on his way home from Oman via "84 in '84". Richard Green, on the other hand, had joined 84 fifty years ago as a wireless operator when it was flying Wapitis. We had two previous Squadron Commanders (Wing Commander Harry Guile and Squadron Leader George Puddy), an Air Signaller and a Navigator from the Beverly days and many others.

All in all, the week was a tremendous success; even the rain held off for the outside functions and nobody noticed it pouring down during the Guest Night. The guests left for the return journey home muttering something about "84 in '85", or maybe the Squadron should change its number? We probably will not be able to hold another reunion next year, but maybe we shall have one in three years time when the Squadron has its 70th Birthday.

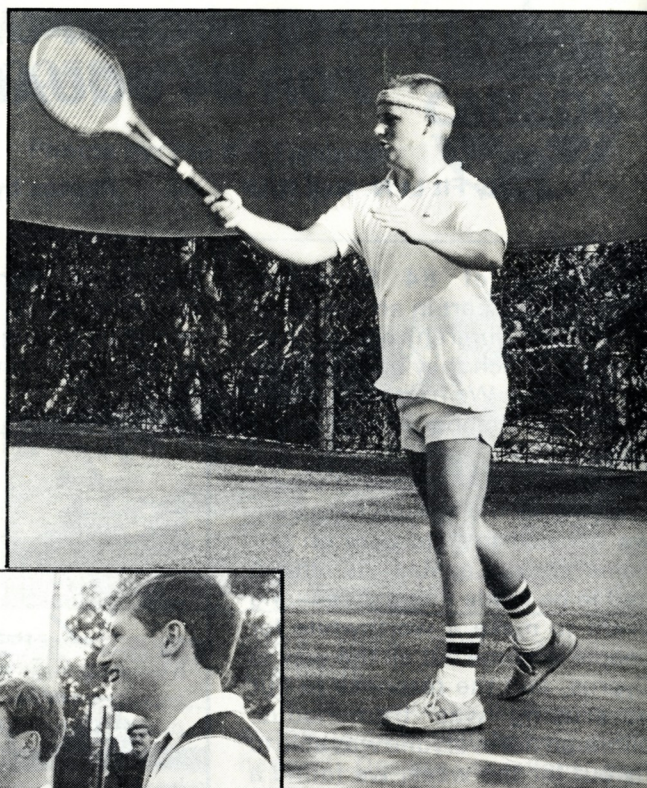


Looking at the Squadron history - Mike Wallington, Frank Richard, Tony Coward





Lt Col Per Källström, CO Sector 5 crosses the finishing line in the UNFICYP Orienteering Championships.



GAME SET & MATCH  
SWEDCON singles winner to Pte Pettersson of the UNFICYP Tennis Competition.



TENNIS

Brigadier Duchesne presents the prizes to the Doubles winners, WO2 Orszewski and Lt Wensley of Support Regiment.



SWEDCON SUPREME

The victorious Swedes who swept the board at the UNFICYP Orienteering Championships held at Dhekelia.



# INTERNATIONAL COOKBOOK



## CHRISTMAS RECIPES

From the various contingents



### IRISH COFFEE JELLY

- ¾ pt very strong coffee
- 2 level tablespoons castor sugar
- ½ oz powdered gelatine
- ¼ pt Irish Whiskey
- ½ pt Double cream

Put the coffee into a pan with the sugar and gelatine and heat almost, but not quite, to boiling, stirring all the time until sugar and gelatine are dissolved. Take the pan off the stove, stir in the whiskey, then share the coffee between 4 ½ pt glasses and put into the refrigerator to set. Before serving, top with cream.

### FINNISH HERRING SALAD, "ROSOLLI"

Ingredients: 3-4 boiled and peeled potatoes

- 2-3 boiled and cleaned carrots
- 2 onions
- 1-2 apples
- 2 pickled cucumbers
- 2 salted herrings
- 2 Hard boiled eggs

for dressing: 100 ml special cream

- 1 tea-spoonful of sugar
- 1 spoonful of vinegar from the beetroots

Remove the seeds from the apples, peel them and slice the potatoes, cucumbers, carrots, beetroots and apples into small cubic pieces. Slice the onions into small pieces, slice the herrings, and mix all ingredients to make a salad. Decorate with pieces of egg. Mix the vinegar with the cream and the sugar, whip well to make a dressing. Serve the salad and the dressing from separate bowls.

### SWEDISH GLOGG

- 1 Bottle Red Wine
- 100 mls Vodka

- 5 pieces of cinnamon-roll
- 20 cloves
- 1 piece of ginger
- 1 teaspoon crushed cardamon (kernel)
- 1 Seville orange peel
- About 300 mls sugar (granulated)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla sugar
- Sweet almonds, raisins

Start to crush the cardamon in a mortar and break the cinnamon-roll. Put the spices into a glass-jar (with a lid) and pour the vodka over. Close the lid and leave the jar overnight so that the flavour of spices will be mixed with the vodka.

Strain the juices off.

Scald and peel off the sweet almonds. Pour the wine and vodka into a saucepan.

Add the sugar and vanilla sugar. Let the glogg become hot **not boiling**.

Pour into cups or mugs and add almonds and raisins.

You need a teaspoon for eating the almonds and raisins.

### CHESTNUT STUFFING

- ½ kg / 1 lb chestnuts
- 200g / 8oz chopped cooked ham, optional - little milk
- 50g / 2oz breadcrumbs
- 50g / 2oz butter

Split the chestnuts and boil for about 10 minutes in water. Remove the skins and simmer the nuts in stock until very tender. Rub through a sieve and add to the other ingredients. This stuffing can be varied by adding chopped onion, mixed herbs or parsley, but do not use strong flavours to obscure the delicious chestnut taste.

### DANISH DEEP FRIED CHRISTMAS BISCUITS (Klejner)

- 9 oz plain flour
- 1 tsp whole ground cardamom

- 4½ oz butter
- 2½ oz granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons double cream
- 1 large egg
- icing sugar
- fat for deep frying (lard)

Sift the flour with the cardamom. Cut the butter into small pieces and rub in to the flour. Add the sugar, cream, brandy and egg. Knead well. Leave the dough in a cool place for 1 hour. Roll out on a lightly floured board (¼ inch thick) and cut into 1-inch strips with a pastry cutter. Cut these strips into 4-inch pieces and with the pastry cutter or the point of a sharp knife slit the middle of each strip. Pull one end of the strip through the slit to make a half-bow. Fry in deep fat for 3-4 minutes, until biscuits are light brown. Drain on absorbent paper. When biscuits are cold serve sprinkled with icing sugar.

### HOLIDAY TOURTIERE

A traditional French Canadian dish served on Christmas Eve.

- Pie crust for 2 pies
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 lb. ground pork
- 1 med. onion, finely chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tsp. cloves
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. salt
- ¼ tsp. celery salt
- ¼ tsp. pepper
- ¼ tsp. sage
- ½ c. boiling water
- 3 large potatoes, grated

Brown meat, onion, garlic, and spices together. Add water to moisten. Add grated raw potatoes and simmer a few minutes. Spread into two uncooked pie shells. Top with pie crust. Seal edges and brush top crust with cream (optional). Bake in a hot oven (450F) for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 F and bake 30-40 minutes longer. Serve hot, cold or reheated. Can also be frozen.





# PURE WELFARE

By Capt. C. Leth

Photograph by Pte. P.H. Hansen

To be a welfare officer at DANCON must be the most desired job at the Contingent. What has a Danish Welfare Officer to do? Well, as the name tells you, he is occupied with the welfare. Not his own, but the welfare for all personnel that enter the Danish Contingent.

What is then welfare, you could ask?

If we should define the job at DANCON, we could say that it simply includes all those jobs you cannot place in other service groups.

The welfare task contains as following:

- Travel agency for not only the

personnel but also for their relatives.

- Manage the library.
- Manage the film performances,
- Manage procurement and performance of video-film.
- Effect flower-greetings to Denmark and other countries.
- Arrange and accomplish welfare trips to the different sights of the island.
- Effect education at corresponding college.
- Manage photography of all official events at DANCON and effect the sale for the personnel.
- Manage the video-shoot of every official event at DANCON and effect the following telecast.

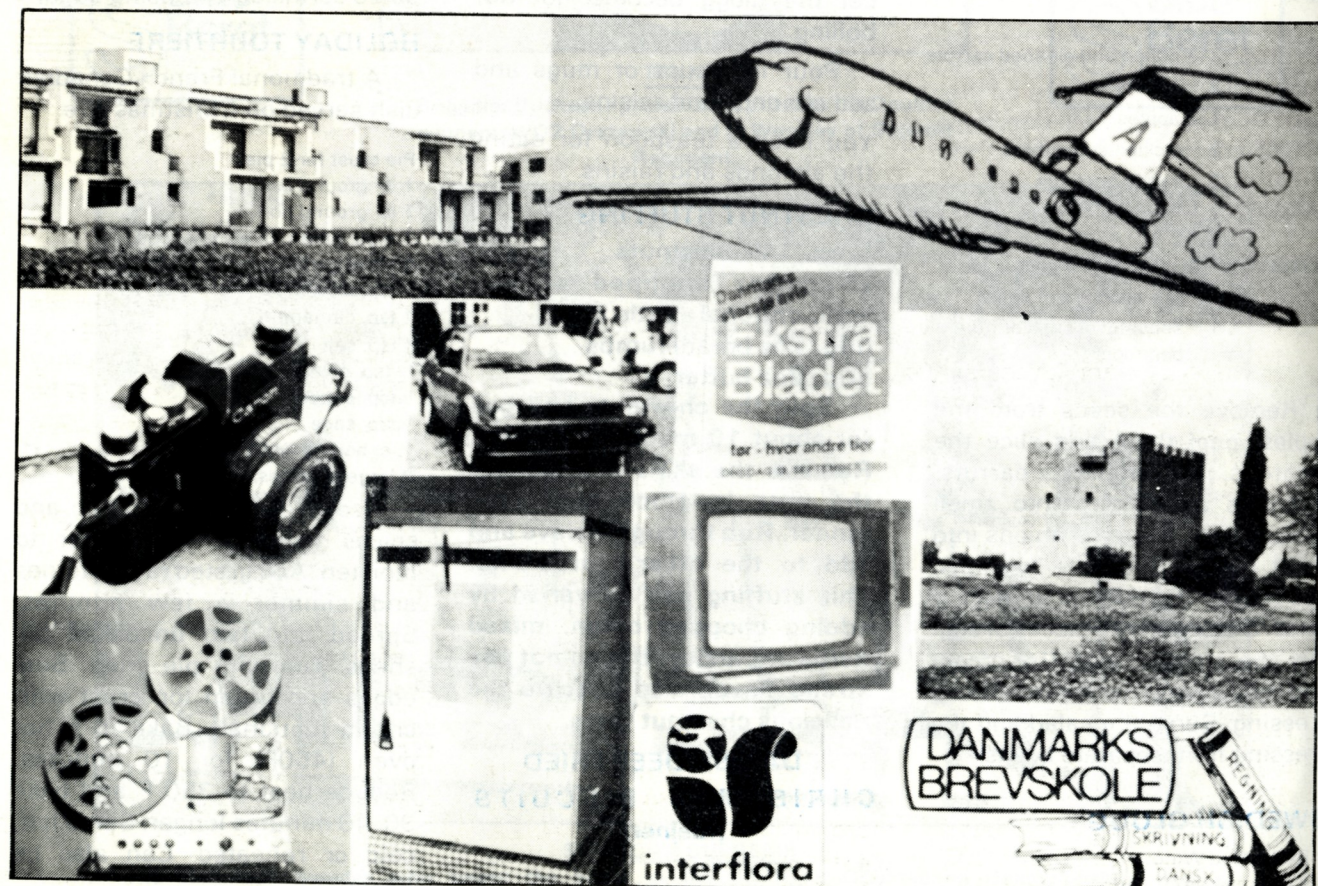
- Edit and publish the DANCON-BOOK.

- Manage replacements of national passports.

- Manage procurement of newspapers, magazines and periodicals.

- Manage the collaboration between the different contingents and effect the most advantageous prices at the hotels and other civil enterprises all over the island.

As above mentioned, the three employed at the welfare office never need to be bored. The tasks are manifold and it is a delight to do the daily job. The personnel at the welfare office therefore are cheerful people.



# ONLY VOLUNTEERS IN SWEDCON



By: 1/Lt Staffan Dopping

Photo by Sgt Goran Larsson

Although the five contingents in UNFICYP have similar tasks, they can be built up quite differently.

The 394 members of the Swedish contingent (SWEDCON) differ from most of the others in the UN force in Cyprus in one respect. They are all volunteers.

The word volunteer might give the impression that the soldiers, out of idealistic reasons, offer their skill in the service of peace. That might be true for some of them, but for the majority, it is the same as applying for a job, just like any other. With one exception: this is one of the most popular jobs in Sweden.

For a long time, the principle of voluntariness is basic for the recruitment of Swedish UN personnel. According to concerned authorities, this is of great advantage:

- Voluntary personnel have more motivation
- The personnel are more educated, since UN service does not intrude upon basic military service.
- More people get the opportunity to UN service.

In Sweden, an employee cannot be given notice because of the fact that he or she wants to do UN service. This is established by law. Thanks to this, experts can be recruited for positions demanding special skills, for example legal advisers, medical doctors and policemen.

The system of voluntary recruitment also means that there are many applicants to choose from. Approximately 7,500 persons applied for a job in the present Swedish contingent on Cyprus. Most of them are conscripted personnel, approximately 300 officers of the reserve and 200 officers in regular service. About



SWEDCON soldiers from I coy training drill in "BZ-hallen" at OP S-64. Like all the other members of the Swedish contingent, they are volunteers.

1,000 women applied for only 12 positions. Thus, there is cut-throat competition for the 394 situations in SWEDCON.

A few years ago, women were included in the Swedish contingent in Cyprus. The female employees mainly appear in office service, signal communication or medical attendance. Their background is mostly civilian, but the women are also expected to master their firearms and act as soldiers.

Experience of women in UN service shows good results, but more positions are not likely to be opened for women. The Swedish UN force could be brought into action at any place where there is

conflict, and in responsible quarters the opinion is that too many women in an emergency force would be undesirable. Ethical and religious elements must be considered too.

Sweden is not considering any change in the system of recruitment as everybody involved agrees that it is a good system.

For the individual, serving in the UN force can mean great benefits.

Many regard it as an opportunity to experience life in an entirely different part of the world. It will be a welcome break in the usual routine, and may also be a recommendation in the subsequent career.





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## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE FORCE COMMANDER

As 1984 draws to a close our thoughts traditionally dwell on our homes, families and friends. Many of you will be unable to spend this festive season with your loved ones, due to your service here in the cause of peace, but I trust it will not be long before you are together again.

This has been a year in which I am pleased to be able to say that you have again maintained the peace in Cyprus in a professional, impartial and courteous manner. I am also proud to congratulate all units in the Force on their high standards of discipline and training.

1985 will soon be with us and I wish to take this opportunity to wish all military and civilian members of the Force, together with their families, my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy new Year.



## NEW CAO FOR UNFICYP

Mr Hugh Brophy arrived in Cyprus on 18 November 1984 to assume the functions of Chief Administrative Officer. Mr. Brophy was born in Melbourne,

Australia and educated at Victoria Parade, Melbourne University and the Australian National University. He later completed postgraduate studies

at the University of Pennsylvania.

After many years with the Australian Government in the Departments of Navy, Defence and Statistics, he was seconded to UNDP and served as Project Manager in Czechoslovakia. In 1973 he joined UN Headquarters in New York. In addition to his duties as Assistant Director of the Statistical Office, he was President of the Central Examination Board, Co-Chairperson of the Joint Appeals Board and Chairman of the Professional Issues Committee. Mr Brophy is a fellow of the Australian Computer Society and a member of American Mensa.



Mr. Brophy is accompanied by his wife, Faye, artist, illustrator and author of children's books. Their six children will reside in the United States and visit Cyprus in 1985.