JUNE IN RETROSPECT

ROTATIONS
AUSTCIVPOL
The British Contingent
UN Scout Car Squadron

VISITS
1-3 Lieutenant General Belzize, Colonel L. Mackenzie, Lieutenant Colonel J Lemieux, Lieutenant Colonel J Holy, Captain J Mercer visited the Canadian Contingent
5 Mr A Cloke visited the British Contingent
5-6 Master Warrant Officer K Macdonald visited the Canadian Contingent
5-6 & 14 Mr A Rosen and Mr P A Hermansson visited the Swedish Contingent
5-28 Captain E Plovdrup visited the Danish Contingent
9-13 Major K Trevors visited the Canadian Contingent
10-13 Brigadier General R Allen and Captain J Boivin visited the Canadian Contingent
12-13 Warrant Officer H Corbin and Mr J Cote visited the Canadian Contingent
12-15 Mr A Abrink visited the Swedish Contingent
13 Wing Commander A Nicholson visited the British Contingent
17-19 Mr G Mitchell visited the Canadian Contingent
21-25 Major General J D W Goodman and Mrs Goodman visited the British Contingent
24-4/7 Major K Harvey and entertainment group of 28 visited the Canadian Contingent
25-3/7 Mr U Otto and Mr K Carlsson visited the Swedish Contingent
26 Major J Knox and Mr R Burrell visited the British Contingent
26 Colonel B Harding CBE MC visited the British Contingent
26-28 Colonel S Wilberg visited the Swedish Contingent
26-4/7 Major P Tweedlie visited the Canadian Contingent
28-1/7 Captain J Harja and Captain V Ala-Mononen visited the Finnish Contingent
30-4/7 Lieutenant R McCulm and 40 members of the Canadian Band visited the Canadian Contingent

FUTURE EVENTS

JULY
Ayia Napa: Sunday late afternoon performances of Cyprus folk dances, songs, band music etc. are taking place throughout the summer at Ayia Napa Monastery square from 3 July to 30 September.

AUGUST
Folk Art Festival in Paphos: During the second week of August, folk songs and dancing, photographic and folk art exhibitions, band music, etc. in Paphos. (Tel: 061-32867).
Troodos Open Tennis Tournament: Held during the first fortnight of August.
Open to all without any restrictions including foreigners and professionals.
Lefkara Village Festival: August 12th – 15th. Exhibition of embroideries and silverware. Folk dances, songs, etc.

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Ferrets on Patrol
Photograph by Sgt A Thomson
SSgt Andrew Bryant who received the BEM in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

FC presenting UN Medals to members of the Force Scout C Squadron on their Medal Parade.

The Force Commander looking at a Wessex helicopter of 84 Squadron and the role equipment which it can be called upon to carry.

The jump from an eight meter high cliff outside Cap Greco, always finishes the Swedish Cap Greco March held by SWEDCON for Swedish UN-soldiers. The march is 30 kilometers, and each soldier has to carry his battle dress and battle equipment, weighing about 12 kilos.

FC preparing to drive off in fire engine during visit to Support Regt.

Visit of Lt Gen C H Beziere, Commander Canadian Mobile Command.
ORTONA HOUSE

Named for a hard won battle of World War II Ortona House, which actually comprises two adjoining bungalows, serves as home for four weeks at a time to one of “B” Company’s three Platoons. The most easterly platoon outpost in Sector Four, “Ortona” line stretches for 2 km from the walls of old Nicosia, east through the Omorphita suburb to the open plains of Sector Five (SWEDCON). The resident platoon is responsible for two Observation Posts and two Observation Points, as well as regularly/irregularly scheduled patrols.

Ortona House is called “home” by the platoon that mans the eastern portion of Sector 4.

In addition to their duties on the “line”, the men of the Company have been put to work in the “free” time carrying out home improvement projects. The base- ment of C-S8 APPINE is now the Company Headquarters “Billy Bunker” – thanks to 5 Platoon and 5 Platoon is now at work re- constructing the platoon bunker in Ortona House. So far, more than 8,000 sandbags have been filled and, with any luck at all, by the time 4 Platoon gets back to the line they can turn the hole we’ve dug into a swimming pool.

The Commander of Sector 4 enjoys a barbeque with the residents of Ortona House.

FIRE... FRIEND OR Foe?

This month should see a number of fires in the area. These will be mostly grass fires and looked upon more as a nuisance than a threat. However any fire forms a threat particularly when the fuel to feed that fire is plentiful as it is at present with very dry undergrowth and low bush, and when one of the means used to combat the fire, water, is scarce.

One is often amazed at the speed at which a fire spreads even without the aid of a following breeze. But that speed is incredible when the fire either develops its own draught or the weather presents a strong breeze. Changing wind patterns can change the predicted path of the fire front and can also fan into flames areas already dealt with by firefighters or start new fires by blowing burning residue into new areas.

Some inexperienced firefighters attack an advancing fire head on. This may work on small scale fires but it is far better to come at the fire from the sides in a pincer movement. If it can be broken up into smaller ‘spot’ fires all the better. Standing in front of an advancing fire puts the firefighter at a disadvantage, the smoke and burning embers from the fire, together with its generated heat, will be blowing towards him and create for him a very difficult working environment. The heat of such a fire is great so protective clothing is a must, preferably a coverall or the like and strong footwear. Shorts, T-shirts and thongs are just the thing for those looking forward to serious injuries.

Fire, like most things found in nature is a good slave but terrible master. Firefighting is an art and a job for the inexperienced one must be made so by necessity. Containment of the fire and notification of the appropriate authority should be the first priorities.

...AND ITS GOODBYE FROM US

At the time reading this article the 20th Contingent will have been replaced by the 21st almost a month. We of the 20th wish our colleagues every success in their tour and would thank all those people who made our tour such a memorable one.

By Capt Hans Brath

One of the dams to be checked is the Lefka-Kafizes Dam. This dam is situated approx. 10 km. south east of Karavostasi and provides irrigation and drinking water to take place in one of the largest areas of the banana and citrus on the island.

The ride to the dam runs through one of the most exciting and beautiful mountainous regions by small tracks which gives the driver a hard job. Fortunately, the dam gives the SHO very few problems, but water supply in Cyprus always has to be carefully monitored, particularly during a period of drought which has now lasted several years.
SCARLET LANCERS DEPART
By Capt N M A Ridley
Photographs by Sgt A Thompson

At the time of writing we have only one month left to serve with UNFICYP. We have already packed our more bulky possessions including our Squadron Leaders yacht, and our troops have begun to prepare for handover to our successors, 1st Sqn The Lifeguards.

Over the last month the Scout Car Squadron has participated in three noteworthy occasions.

The first of these was the UN Horse Race which was run at the Nicosia course on the 19th May. The event was the first of its kind in UNFICYP and was organised by Lieutenant Alick Campbell. The race itself was won by Lt Tom Jones for HQ UNFICYP and he was able to receive his prize from the Force Commander. Mrs Griendl received a cheque for £500 on behalf of UN Charities from the racetrack. It is hoped the UN race will become a regular fixture in Cyprus as the afternoon was much enjoyed by all concerned.

The next main event of the month was the UN Musical Drive and Revue which took place at the Airport on the 25th May. The show was put on as a way of marking the Squadron’s departure. Bands played while Ferret Scout Cars danced between a series of sketches designed to illustrate some of the more amusing aspects of the UN. We certainly enjoyed the evening and were confident that the audience did as well.

Finally on the 7th June the Squadron took under command elements from the new Sector Contingents to form the Force Reserve for an exercise in Sector 6. This was an excellent exercise and we were delighted with the speed with which the newcomers to the Force picked up all the tricks of the trade.

As you will have gathered from the above our last days in Cyprus have not been idle. The future sees us returning to our parent Regiment in the South of England at Tidworth where our role will once again be to provide armoured reconnaissance for the 1st Infantry Brigade. In September we will be on exercise in Denmark and so may see some old Sector One faces!

Now is the time, however, to say goodbye to UNFICYP. We have been honoured to work with all Contingents and feel that we have had excellent relationships both militarily and socially. We take with us many fine memories of our tour and hope many of us will be able to keep in touch with new friends. We conclude our contributions to the Blue Beret by wishing all members of UNFICYP all the best for the future both in Cyprus and when they return to their homes.

UNFICYP WORKSHOP CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE UN
By Major B Nutt
Photograph by Sgt A Thompson

The UNFICYP Workshop held its 20th birthday celebrations on 21 Jun 84 with a lunchtime barbecue in “The Craftymans Arms”, the unit club. The many guests included Brigadier PR Duchesne OBE COMMRCTON and 4 founder civilian members of the Workshop.

The Workshop officially opened on 21st June 1964 and on the 24th of June 1964 the first civilians commenced their employment there. In those early days of course, conditions were a little primitive to say the least.

Vehicle repairs actually commenced in tents and it took some time before use of two large hangars was agreed to, only one of which remains standing.

Heavy and armoured vehicles were repaired by the military section and light vehicles by the civilian section.

In 1967, due to financial reasons, the two sections amalgamated and the old light-vehicle shop was demolished. Since the early days of working in tents the Workshop has, of course, been improved. For one thing, it now has toilets.

The highlight of the afternoon was the citation by the Officer Commanding, Major Brian Nutt, of long service to two civilian members of the Workshop – Mr Panny Ellinas and Mr Tony Frangopoulos. Panny and Tony have worked as vehicle mechanics since 1958. They worked first at Dhekelia Workshop and subsequently since 1971 at UNFICYP Wksp REME. During their careers they have maintained a variety of equipment including the Austin K9, Bedford QL, Humber and Ferret Armoured Cars and the Vanguard Staff Car as well as vehicles presently in service.

Following this, Mr Panny Roussos, the longest serving member of the Workshop gave an account from his personal knowledge of former times at the Workshop, and presented a plaque from the civilian employees to the OC.

The spirit of the afternoon was captured by Brigadier Duchesne, OBE speaking highly of the loyalty of the civilian workforce, who are drawn from all communities on the Island, and thanking them for their hard work over the years. He hoped, however, that there would not be many more anniversaries and that the Cyprus troubles could soon be solved.

Brig Duchesne presents long service certificates to Mr Panny Ellinas (left) and Mr Tony Frangopoulos (right).
SUCCESS FOR SWEDISH WELCOME PARTY

By Lt M Dagerhall

The 6th June 1984 was the second Swedish National Day held by the Swedes. The first took place last year, when the Day of the Swedish Flag, being the same day, was made into a National Day.

Among the earlier events un Swedish history worth remembering on 6th June was the crowning of Gustav Vasa in 1523 and the acceptance of one of the Swedish Constitutional Laws in 1809.

The Swedish Welcome Party, arranged by SWEDCON on Swedish National Day, the 6th of June, was an enormous success both for invited guests and the organisers. The party was enjoyed by more than 500 persons, who afterwards agreed "The SWEDCON Cabaret was the climax of the evening".

The guests arriving at the Welcome Party at Camp Victoria, Larnaca were greeted by UN personnel dressed in 16th and 17th century uniforms and old Swedish national costumes. After the traditional snacks and drinks the Swedish CO wished all the guests welcome, and the Swedish flag was lowered to the bugle tunes of the Swedish tattoo.

After the tattoo the drill exhibition took place. Among whirling bayonets the 16 man troop was showered with applause.

The Swedish buffet very quickly emptied the Flag Square and filled the messes. For a while that was because the SWEDCON Cabaret, immediately after the buffet, totally cleared all messes of guests as well as chairs.

And the cabaret really was outstanding, not least thanks to the sweet, Swedish cabaret girls. During a very short hour the guests at Camp Victoria were flown to "Cabaret Land" by a simulated airplane on the Flag Square. The most appreciated event of the evening.

"When is the next party?" one of the guests wondered after ending the evening on the Swedish dance floor.

The SWEDCON cabaret was the much appreciated climax of the Swedish National Day, not least thanks to the cabaret girls....
"Too many cooks spoil the broth." I hope that this saying will not become true with this page, because for the following recipes we needed a team of four:
1. Cook 1/Lt Salzer Wolfgang,
2. Supervisor Mrs Gross Christa,
3. Design 1/Cpl Sumper Michael, and the most difficult job for me,
4. Tester Capt Manzl M. Rainer.

**KAISER FRANZ JOSEF TORTE**
(Emperor FRANZ JOSEF cake, which is a genuine Austrian recipe and very popular in our home country)

**Ingredients:** (for the cake)
- eggs
- powdered sugar
- almond meal
- flour
- cooked chocolate
- Beat egg yolks and sugar until very frothy, then add the ground almonds (nuts) and the softened, but not too hot) chocolate. Whip the egg whites very stiffly, fold them in. Bake the mixture in a round cake tin that has been greased and floured. Baking-time 45 min, at approx. 175°C. Cool on wire tray.

When the cake is cold, fill it with the following cream:

**Ingredients:** (cream)
- cream
- butter (margarine)
- cooked chocolate
- vanilla sugar
- chocolate chips
- Mix everything well until it is very creamy. Fill it into the cake and spread it on its top too.

Chill the torte for some time before serving it.

**SALZBURGER NOCKERL**
(soufflé from SALZBURG)
(for 3 persons)

**Ingredients:**
- milk
- butter
- eggs
- vanilla sugar
- powdered sugar
- flour

Put the milk, together with half a packet of vanilla sugar and the butter, into an ovenproof soufflé dish. (size: about 1 litre) bring it to the boil. Whip the 3 egg whites very stiffly, fold in 30 grams of the sugar and the rest of the vanilla sugar, beat again for some time, then blend in the remaining sugar and the egg yolks. After this add the sieved flour very carefully. When everything is evenly blended, place the mixture on the boiling milk, sprinkle over with a bit of powdered sugar and bake it in the oven at approximately 200°C for about 25 minutes. until the soufflé has well risen and become golden brown.

Do not open the oven during baking-time.

Serve the "Salzburger Nockerl" in the soufflé dish, and very hot.

The Austrian cuisine is renowned for its delicious desserts and cakes. These are two typical Austrian recipes, maybe you have already heard of the one or the other. Go ahead, try them out. Happy Cooking!
62 CYPRUS SUPPORT SQUADRON RE
IN SUPPORT OF UNFICYP

By WO1 D J Boyne
Photographs by: Sgt A Thomson

At the western end of Sector 1 lies the enclave of Kokkina, and it is here that men and equipment from 62 Cyprus Sp Sqn RE are being used in support of UNFICYP.

Carving the track up to DO1.

Access to the manned OP DO1 has been very difficult for vehicles during the last twelve months and engineer support was requested to realign the route up to the OP so that access for resupply vehicles could be improved.

A second task has since been added, that of access from the south to OP DO2, a temporarily manned OP that has at this moment to be approached with difficulty through the north.

The support from 62 Cyprus Sp Sqn RE appeared in the form of LCpl McKinnon and his powerful D6 bulldozer that travelled the route through Paphos and Polis on Scammel and low loader.

The task started on Monday June 1984 and is programmed to last for a period of 5 weeks. When completed it will considerably ease the resupply to the men of the Sector 1 Kokkina platoon.

LCpl McKinnon operating his powerful D6 bulldozer.

Lieutenant Colonel M R O Leigh 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards

Lieutenant Colonel Michael Leigh was born in Edinburgh in October 1940. He was educated at Ampleforth College and following a two year course at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst was commissioned into the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards in July 1960. He served with them in the United Kingdom and Germany (BAOR), as a troop leader and assistant adjutant, until 1964. He was then posted for two years to the Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps as a troop leader and regimental signals officer. This was followed from 1966 - 1971 as a Squadron Second-in-Command in Northern Ireland and UNFICYP (Zygi - June to December 1968 in the Armoured Recce Squadron) and then as a Squadron leader, in Germany.

In 1972 Colonel Leigh attended the Army Staff College at Camberley and was posted as GSO2 Ops/Int/SD/Sy at HQ South West District at Taunton in Somerset. This was followed by a return to Regimental Duty as a Squadron Leader in UK (including a six months tour in Northern Ireland as OC The Independent Armoured Car Squadron) and Germany).

In December 1980 a two year posting as UK Exchange Officer/SO2 to the Australian Land Warfare Centre in Canungra, Australia was followed by a two year tour as Regimental Second-in-Command in Germany and UK. This was succeeded by an eighteen month tour as SO2 G1/G4 (DAA & OMG) at the Royal Armoured Corps Centre, Bovington.

In June 1984 Colonel Leigh returned to Cyprus and assumed command of the United Nations Force in Cyprus Support Regiment. He is married, his wife's name is Gilla and he has three children. Luci aged seventeen, Alice aged fifteen and Katie aged seven. Colonel Leigh is keen on shooting, bird-watching, fishing and gardening. He also represented the Army and Inter-Services at Athletics in the 1960's.
UNFICYP MANDATE RENEWED

The following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Security Council at United Nations Headquarters, New York, on 15 June 1984.


"The Security Council,
Noting the report by the Secretary-General on the United Nations Operation in Cyprus of 1 June 1984 (S/16596 and corr 1 and 2 and add. 1).
Noting also the recommendation by the Secretary-General that the Security Council extend the stationing of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus for a further period of six months.
Noting further that the Government of Cyprus has agreed that in view of the prevailing conditions in the island it is necessary to keep the Force in Cyprus beyond 15 June 1984.
Reaffirming the provisions of resolution 186 (1964) of 4 March 1964 and other relevant resolutions,
1. Extends once more the stationing in Cyprus of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force established under resolutions 186 (1964) for a further period ending 15 December 1984.
2. Requests the Secretary-General to continue his mission of good offices, to keep the Security Council informed of the progress made, and to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution by 30 November 1984.
3. Calls upon all the parties concerned to continue to co-operate with the Force on the basis of the present mandate."

THE BLUE BERET EDITORIAL TEAM

During the last 4 months the entire Blue Beret editorial team has changed. The new team, seen here, comprises Maj Rod MacArthur (MPIO and Editor), Mrs Joan Nield (Editorial Assistant), Sgt Arthur Thomson (Photographer) and LCpl Charlie Joffrey (MPIO Driver).