

THE BLUE BERET



MAY IN RETROSPECT

ROTATIONS

2-10 May AUSCON
7-21 May DANCON
9-21 May TPT SQN

VISITS

1-5 Vice Adm B P Stefenson, Brig Gen J A Palmoren and Maj B Widmark visited the Swedish Contingent.
2-9 Mr I Pert and Mr S McEwan, journalists, visited the British Contingent.
3-9 Col and Mrs J Gordon, MOD, visited the British Contingent.
7-9 Mr M Eickhoff, WDR Producer for German TV film visited UNFICYP.
7-12 ORF TV team of 5 led by Mr F Molden visited the Austrian Contingent.
7-21 Lt Col D O' Callaghan, CO 16/5, visited the British Contingent.

13-16 Lt Col A Sifvertsson and Lt Col C Thor visited the Swedish Contingent.
13-16 Mrs M Cocks and Mrs M Elliott, MOD, visited the British Contingent.
13-17 MWO D Brown visited the Canadian Contingent.
13-19 Col S Wiberg, Head of UN Dept., visited the Swedish Contingent.
14-23 Lt J' Stow, 16/5 TA, visited the British Contingent.
16-28 Ambassador S Hirdman, Mrs Hirdman and Mr B Wulf visited the Swedish Contingent.
20 Lt W Root, RN, and WO R Grant, RAF, visited the British Contingent.
21-23 Capt P Hannukkala visited the Finnish Contingent.
23-29 Mr W Mondl and Dr F Klocker visited the Austrian Contingent.

FUTURE EVENTS

18-20 JUNE. CANCON Show

27, 28, 29 JUNE. Shakespeare's "HENRY V" at the Ancient Curium Theatre. 8 p.m. Tickets from British Council. Tel: 442152.

Sports

25 JUNE. UNFICYP Swimming Championships.

MUSIC BY STARLIGHT

The Curium Music Society presents evenings of recorded music in the Ancient Theatre at Curium, at 8 p.m.:

19 June - Italian Night
3 July - Scandinavian Serenade
17 July - Competition Programme - The Sea, the Sea
31 July - Classical All sorts

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Scout Car on the Green Line

Photograph by Sgt A Thomson

THE BLUE BERET



Editorial

We have had a number of recent changes in the staff of the Military Public Information Office. In particular Mrs Joan Nield has moved from the Secretary (visits co-ordination) role to be Press Assistant and therefore becomes Editorial Assistant to the Blue Beret. A photo of all the staff, old and new, is on Page 16.

This month we also welcome the 2nd Bn the Royal Irish Rangers to Sector 2 and say goodbye to the 1st Bn The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment (the Farmers Boys).

From the 3rd Bn Royal 22e Regiment (the Vandoos) we have the stirring story of the First World War battle for Vimy Ridge, and from AUSCON the story of 10,000 shots of another nature.

Sector 5 brings us the Adventures of Monica, and from the Scout Car Sqn we have the story of their charity fund raising relay across the entire Buffer Zone.

Finally as the hot summer approaches we remind all readers to be especially vigilant to prevent fires, which can start so easily in the Buffer Zone at this time of year.

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Austrian folk festival.



FUN
AT
AUSCON

The winner!



He's made it.



Fun at Kidcon.



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Maj J May handing over the key of the Transport Sqn to Maj A Crosse.



A West German film crew visiting D12 during Task Charlie re-supply.



Light at the end of the barrel!



UN MP Coy mini Medal Parade.



254 UNFICYP Signal Squadron.



WESSEX CHANGEOVERS

By: Flt Lt F. Haggerty

Photographs by Unit Photographer



Interior of the new Wessex MK 5, viewed looking forward



84 Sqn RAF DANCON March team

The last of our Wessex Mk 2's has now finally left Cyprus. The Mk 5 has very few apparent external differences. There are now no yellow Wessex and the new ones are all in camouflage but retain the blue UN band. The cabin windows are larger than on the Mk 2. The biggest internal difference, which affects passengers, is a large "coffin" on the left of the cabin opposite the main door. This box contains gyroscopes for the aircraft systems and doubles as three seats.

The Squadron managed to field a team of six for the Dancon March and all completed the event successfully. Great hospitality was shown to the team by the SNCO's Mess at Limnitis Camp who hosted them.

Over the last few months our tasking for the UN, other than the normal twice weekly "Task Charlie", has been very light. In March we flew the Swiss Ambassador to the UN, and in April, the Danish Minister of Defence.

THE NEW SWEDCIVPOL CONTINGENT

By: Ch Insp P-A Persholt

Photographs by Unit Photographer

On the 17th of April 1985 the 46th SWEDCIVPOL contingent arrived. A total of 10 new policemen came and 4 from the 45th unit renewed their service.

A few weeks earlier the Commander, Superintendent K-G Mauritzon and one man arrived.

SWEDCIVPOL consists of 16 members and the average number of years of service in Sweden is 18 years. Only 5 policemen have not been in UN service before.

After a briefing period the 46th unit took over responsibility on the 23rd April.



12 of the members of the 46th SWEDCIVPOL contingent:
Front row: Comd, Supt K-G Mauritzon, D Comd, Ch Insp J Hjert, Ch Insp S Hofvenstam.

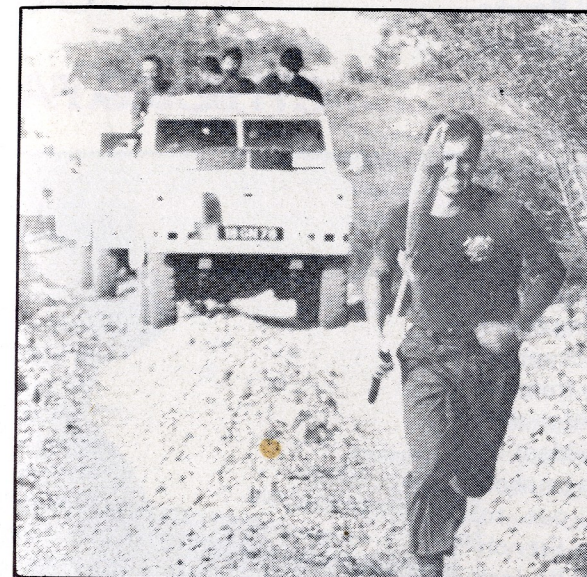
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Back row: Insp G Andersson, Insp A Bergstrom, Insp H Delen, Insp I Pekkari, Insp S Soderstrom, Insp G Dahlin.



SCOUT CAR SQUADRON PATROL TRACK MARATHON RELAY

By: Capt B. GILL

Photographs by Unit Photographer



Cpl Beardmore shows grim determination in Sector 2.



4th Tp. 21 / C and Sqn Ldr at A28 after the finish.

It was with the hope of setting up a regular event for the Scout Car Squadron, to be done every six months, that the Patrol Track Marathon was conceived. A remarkable amount of planning and organization went into the event which was designed to provide charitable contributions for a Greek-Cypriot orphanage and Turkish-Cypriot orphanage. The idea was for each Scout Car Troop in the Buffer Zone to run their particular Section of it by means of a relay. Thus each man ran approximately three miles, carrying a UN flag and handing it on to the next man. The Buffer Zone was then covered, from West to East in two sessions, spread over two days. Though we all run regularly to maintain our fitness, none of us found it easy running on the patrol track in the blazing heat carrying a flag. In addition, the very fact that the runners had a landrover following them meant that they naturally ran as fast as they possibly could.



SSM Tony Willmore at PWC at the start on the second day.

Our efforts were not wasted, the 120 miles were covered in 10 hours and 6 minutes. We raised over £500 for the charities and gained a great deal of personal satisfaction. Our grateful thanks

Brig Duchesne, Maj Crosse, Sgt Roberts (organiser)- B Coy at 0600 for the start on the first day.

are extended to those Sectors that willingly provided the medical cover, and to those who generously agreed to sponsor the event.

Battle Honours to be carried on The Colours:

Queen's Colour:

"Mons," "Le Cateau," "Marne 1914," "Messines 1914," "17," "18," "Ypres 1914," "15," "17," "18," "Neuve Chapelle," "Loos," "Somme 1916-18," "Albert 1916," "Arras 1917," "Cambrai 1917," "18," "St. Quentin," "Hindenburg Line," "France and Flanders, 1914-18," "Macedonia 1915-17," "Suvla," "Gallipoli 1915-16," "Gaza," "Jerusalem," "Palestine 1917," "18," "Dyle," "St. Omer-la-Bassee," "Dunkirk 1940," "Normandy Landing," "Caen," "Rhine," "Bremen," "Bou Arada,"

"Djebel Tanngoucha," "North Africa 1942-43," "Centuripe," "Sicily 1943," "Sangro," "Garigliano Crossing," "Anzio," "Cassino II," "Argenta Gap," "Italy 1943-45," "Malta 1940," "Yenangyaung 1942," "Burma 1942-43."

By: Capt C H O' Rourke

Photos by: Sgt L Callow

In June the 2nd Bn of the Royal Irish Rangers takes over the Sector Two responsibility from the 1st Bn The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment. Our Regiment consists of The 1st Bn, at present serving in Germany, the 2nd serving with UNFICYP, and the 4th & 5th, which are TA Bns, based in Northern Ireland. The Rangers are the sole remaining Irish regiment of the line. Our present title, The Royal Irish Rangers (27th (INNISKILLING), 83rd and 87th), is, like the Regiment, an amalgamation of three older Irish Regiments. These were, The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, The Royal Ulster Rifles and The Royal Irish Fusiliers. This amalgamation took place in 1968 so there are still a few ex-members of these Regiments serving in the Rangers.

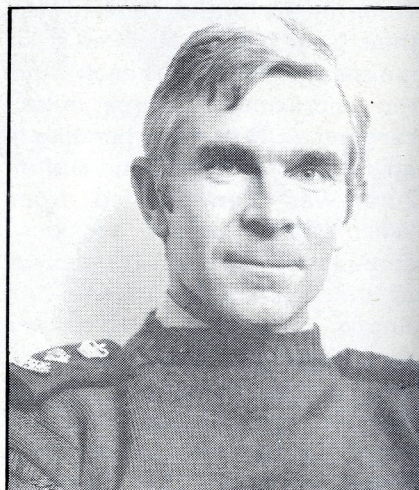
Lining the route for the Queen and President Mitterrand on the occasion of his State Visit.



The Inniskilling Fusiliers, the oldest of the three Regiments was raised at Enniskillen in Northern Ireland, in 1689 to assist William of Orange in the overthrow of King James II. The title Inniskilling is an old spelling of the town's name. The nickname, "The Skins" stems partly from an abbreviation of the title and possibly also from an incident at the battle of Maida, when a naked bathing party turned out to successfully ward off a French attack. At Waterloo the 27th lost so many officers that there were not enough to command the companies. On being offered the loan of some officers from another Regiment the Commanding Officer politely declined, saying, "The sergeants like to command the companies and I would be loath to deprive them of the honour".



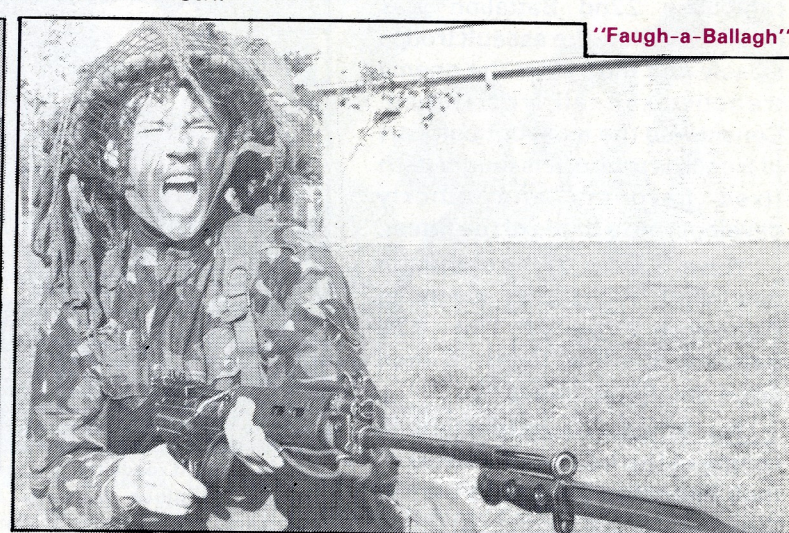
Bugles, pipes and drums of the Battalion.



Lt Col R D O Lone Commanding officer.



In the shadow of Dover Castle.



"Faugh-a-Ballagh"



THE ROYAL IRISH RANGERS

Regimental Colour:

"Martinique 1762," "Havannah," "St. Lucia 1778-96," "India," "Maida," "Cape of Good Hope 1806," "Monte Video," "Talavera," "Bourbon," "Busaco," "Fuentes d'Onor," "Barrosa," "Java," "Tarifa," "Cuidad Rodrigo," "Badajoz," "Salamanca," "Vittoria," "Pyrenees," "Nivelle," "Niagara," "Orthes," "Toulouse," "Peninsula," "Waterloo," "Ava," "South Africa 1835, 46-47," "Sevastopol," "Central India," "Tel-el-Kebir," "Egypt 1882, '84," "Relief of Ladysmith," "South Africa 1899-1902," "Imjim," "Korea 1950-51."

The Royal Ulster Rifles, itself an amalgamation of the 83rd and 80th Regiments, was given the title The Irish Rifles in 1881. The Rifles bequeathed many of their traditions to the Rangers, of which, by no means the least, is the somewhat unusual combination of bugles (from the Rifles) and pipers from the other two Regiments. The wearing of a crossbelt by the officers and black accoutrements by the other ranks reflects the Rifle tradition.

The Irish Fusiliers resulted from a combination of the 87th and 89th in 1881. Their nickname, "The Faughs", stems from the 87th charge at Barrosa in 1811, when the soldiers attacked with shouts of (in Gaelic) "Fag an bealach", (Clear the way). This resulted in a slightly anglicised version "Faugh-a-ballagh" becoming a Regimental motto. The battle of Barrosa, at which the 87th captured the Eagle standard of the French 8th Regiment, is celebrated with great ceremony each year on March 5th.

Since the amalgamation, the second Battalion has served in the UK, BAOR, Cyprus, Bahrain and Belize. We are, at present, based in Dover, in the shadow of the Castle, but have our eyes firmly fixed on BAOR, where our role lies. We were heavily involved in Ex LIONHEART which, added to our other commitments, has ensured a full timetable since our arrival in Dover.

Our Regimental Depot is at Ballymena in Northern Ireland, and it is from Ireland that we mainly draw our recruits (approx. 75%) while many of the remaining 25% are from 1st or 2nd generation Irish families in England.

So there's a wide variety of accents and idioms, which characteristics should help us blend in easily in UNFICYP. We look forward, then, greatly to our tour and a chance to serve in the blue berets.



VIMY RIDGE

By: Lt S.R.I. Cseleny

Photographs by Unit Photographer

On 13th April, the 3rd Bataillon, Royal 22e Regiment currently serving in Sector 4, celebrated one of its most glorious battle honours; Vimy Ridge. An Honour Guard of over 200 officers and men marched proudly to St-Josephs church in full dress, bayonets fixed, colours flying, led by their CO, LCol Bujold. At the church, the bataillon was joined by Canadian Forces Padres Cosman and Cornell in prayer to mark the anniversary of this historic battle.

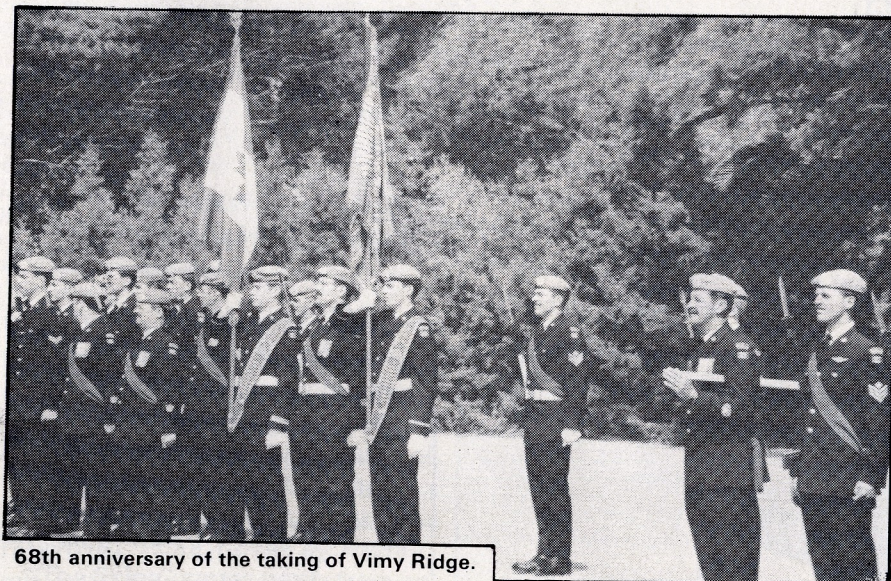
The mission that lay before our forefathers 68 years ago was not one to be taken lightly. To date Vimy Ridge had been the objective of no less than three major allied attacks. Attacks that cost the lives of nearly 150,000 British and French troops.

Canada, still in its infancy as an independant nation and with a little appreciated military heritage, stood little chance to field the troops necessary to accomplish the task. Nevertheless, on 17 April 1917, the Second Canadian Corps, consisting of over 100,000 Canadians left the safety of their trenches to attack the then German held Vimy Ridge.

Not yet a full regiment at the time, the 22nd Battalion was tasked to follow the assault troops closely and then clear the enemy trenches of all resistance. Considered the most difficult part of trench warfare, it is fought with fixed bayonets and quickly develops into a battle of the fittest.

Nevertheless, at the end of the day, Vimy Ridge was safely in Canadian Hands. The 22e Battalion itself suffered 26 men killed and 84 wounded.

No longer considered as a colony in the hearts and minds of their allies, the Canadians earned their rightful place amongst them.



68th anniversary of the taking of Vimy Ridge.

In addition, the French Government erected the Vimy Cross at the battle site as testimony to the great Canadian victory.

But the mass we hold in honour of the Battle for Vimy Ridge is not only to celebrate our victory, but to honour our dead. Not just those of a single battle, but the hundreds in which the Vandoos have participated, of which our battle honours remind us of only a precious few.

For there is no one who profoundly hates war more than an infantry man. No one else has experienced and faced the horrors of war on the same scale as the

foot soldier. It was not as heroes that our forefathers went to battles but as simple men whose courage was the measure of their sense of duty.

Although we find ourselves in uniform today, it is because we know that there are worse things than war, and they all come with defeat. We enjoy our rights and privileges guaranteed to us by our constitution and fight with anyone who wishes to take them away from us. We honour our dead so that our sense of comradeship can be heightened by the knowledge that they fought so that we could live free.



Sgt St Laurent reads the second Lesson at the Religious Services held to commemorate the taking of Vimy Ridge.



Mcpl Martineau receives his newly aquired Mcpl's chevrons.

10,000 SHOTS

By: Capt Fritzlehner

The 10,000th vaccination at the San Ambulance of Camp Duke Leopold V since the establishment of United Nations Austrian Infantry Battalion caused a little celebration.

Not only the "maltreator" is prominent, CO LtCol BRANDNER, who acted after a short introduction by Capt Dr. Saurma but also WO I NEUMANN who was vaccinated.

In 1964 WO I NEUMANN served with the Austrian Field Hospital consisting of 54 men and spent many other tours in Cyprus. The AFH existed till 1973 and WO I NEUMANN was again in charge to help with the removal of AFH to UMC/HQ.

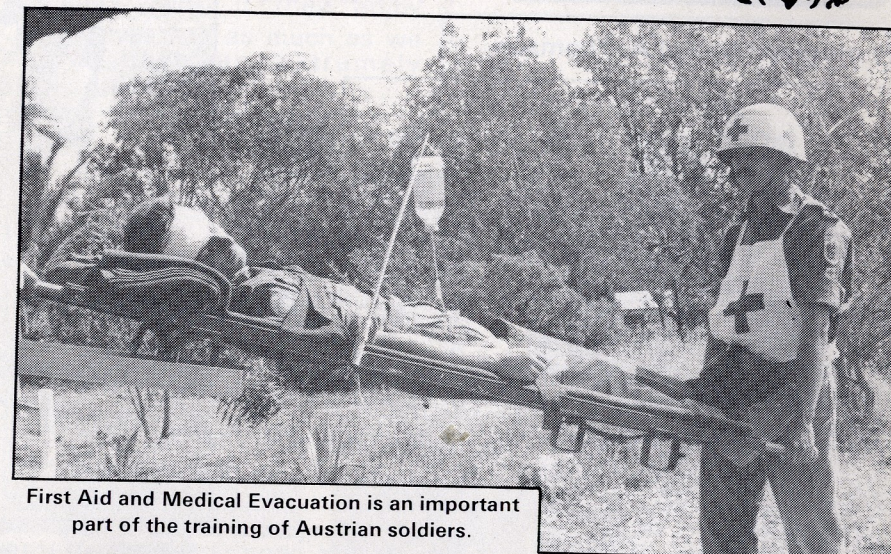
The San Ambulance of CDL is responsible to take care of the 300 soldiers of the battalion. The contingent seems very healthy regarding the health statistics. 5-7 patients are average per day; mostly minimal injuries and colds in winter.

The OPs, where the majority of soldiers are based, are supplied by two Ambulances a Pinzgauer and a VW-Golf. WO I NEUMANN became addicted to Cyprus and joined UNFICYP again in 1976 and 1979.

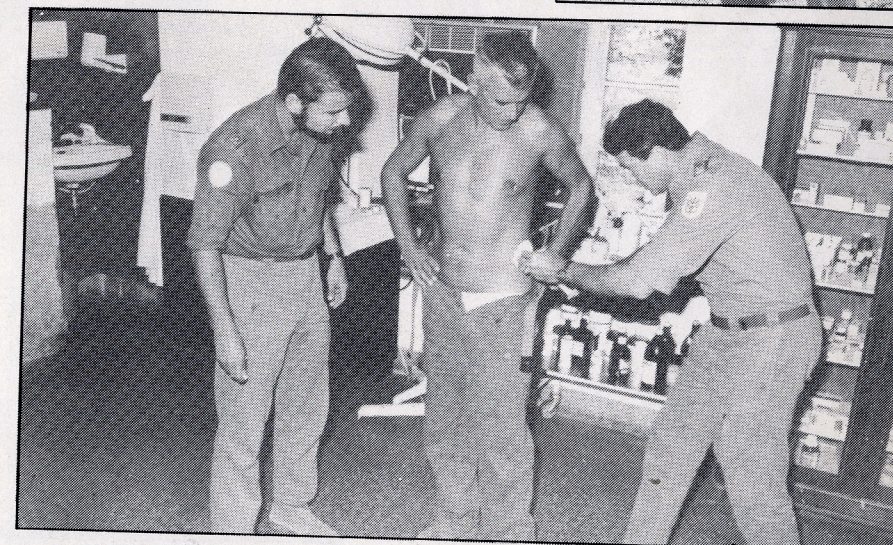
After another tour to the Golan Heights in 1982 he returned this year to Cyprus. He is the mainstay of the San Ambulance of CDL consisting of two doctors, two NCO's and 4 privates. Compared with the MDs of the battalion, who are reservists and come voluntarily from private hospitals, WO I is a professional, born in Styria.

The medical doctors visit the OPs weekly and educate the crews in first-aid methods in theory and in practice. One main part of our doctors work is various vaccinations. For example each member of Auscon gets Gammaglobulin every three months and all soldiers, who stay longer at the island get a second Cholera vaccination.

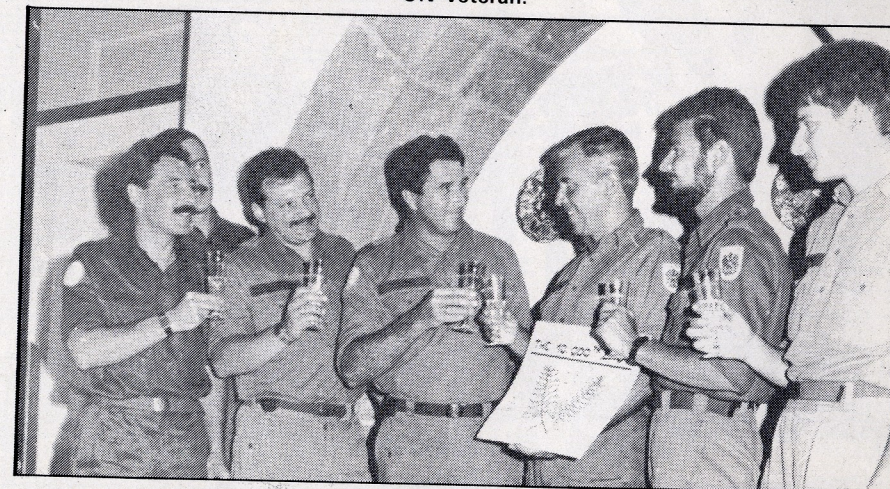
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First Aid and Medical Evacuation is an important part of the training of Austrian soldiers.



A well trained shot by the CO Lt Col W. BRANDNER for WO I NEUMANN, the UN-veteran.



The Medical Station celebrating the 10,000th vaccination shot (from left to right): MO Capt Dr Benedek, Cpl Tillian, Sgt Wilfling, Co Lt Col Brandner, WO I Neumann, SMO Capt Dr Saurma-Jeltsch and Cpl I Frischauf.



UNFICYP ATHLETICS COMPETITION

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Photograph by Sgt A. Thomson

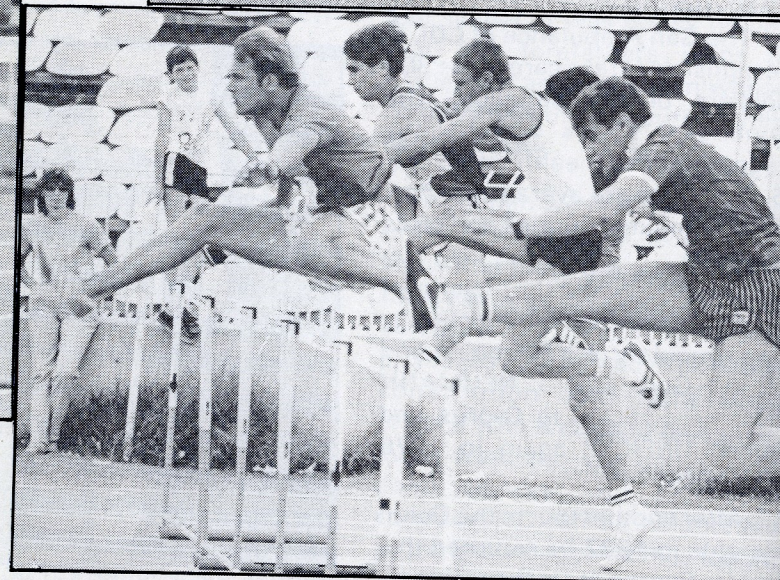
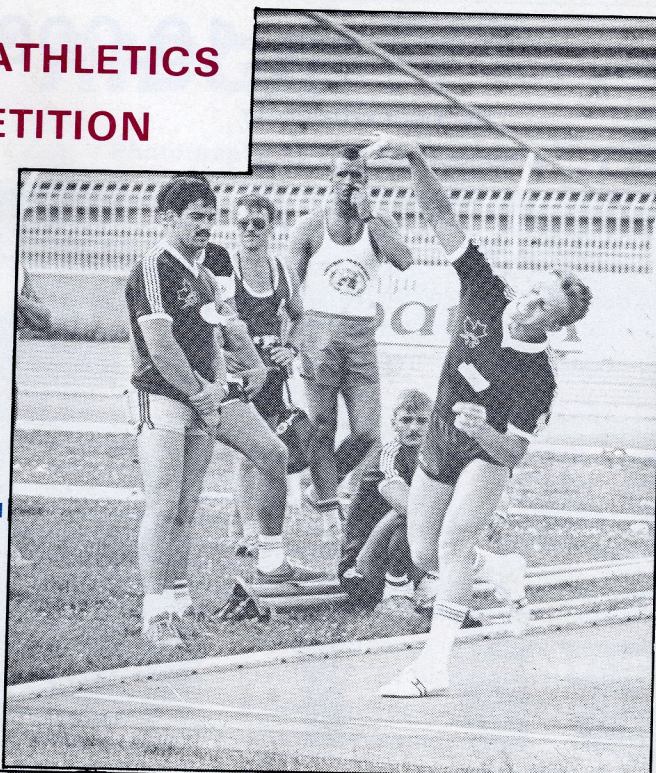


Lt Payne FSC 100m Hurdle.

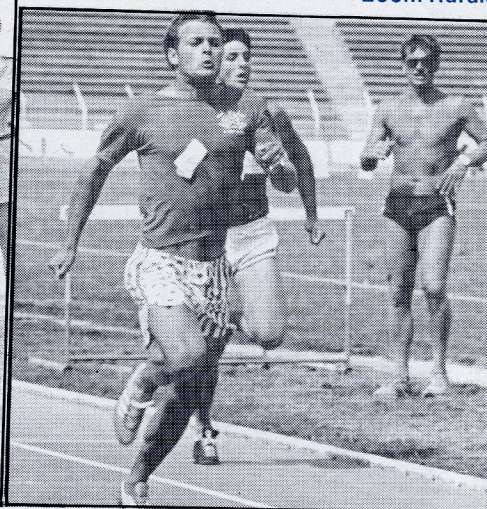


Swedish competitor in the shot putt

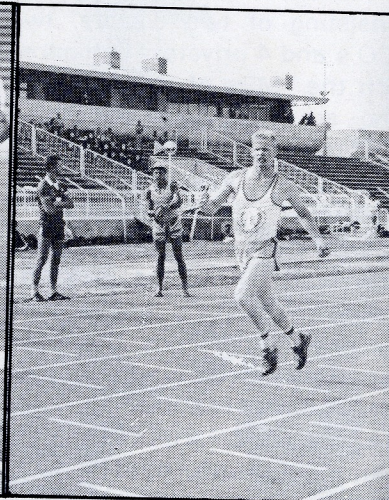
CANCON
doing
its bit
with the
Javelin



200m Hurdles Lt Rogers FSC.



Lt Rogers FSC winning 100m.



BRITCON wins!



INTERNATIONAL COOKBOOK



Say "SKAAL" the Danish Way

Denmark, like every other country, has its special drinks and cocktails that are well worth trying. First of all is everyone's favorite, Danish aquavit, which means "water of life". Cold it

must be, with ice on the glass. You ceremoniously, n "Skaal", drink the down your glass say



Cocktail Party

For canapes, day old sandwich bread is preferable. It does not crumble as easily when buttered.

Canapes may be round, square or oval in shape. Spread soft butter on bread slices before cutting desired shapes. Time

can be saved by cleaning vegetables and putting the various spreads and ingredients into small bowls before starting the buttering.

There are many varieties of canapes and, like sandwiches, it is important that color and taste be compatible.

1. Smoked Salmon

Cut salmon slices in halves, lengthwise. Fold the salmon like a cornet and press it into the butter. Put a sprig of dill into the cornet.

2. Shrimp

Put a dab of mayonnaise in middle of canape, and shrimps on top. Insert pick into a bit of lettuce, then into canape.

3. Danish Caviar

Spread caviar on the bread like butter to make it stick better. Insert pick into a small lemon wedge, then into canape.

4. Danish Salami

Press small slices of Danish salami on buttered bread. Larger slices may be rolled or folded together like a cornet and pressed into butter. Sprinkle with chopped chives.

5. Ham

Place a thin slice of folded ham on bread. Insert pick into a small tomato wedge or carrot slice, then through ham and bread. Garnish with parsley sprig.

6. Tongue

Roll thin slices of tongue. Place on bread. Insert pick in small square of cream cheese, then into bread. Garnish with cress.

7. Liverpate

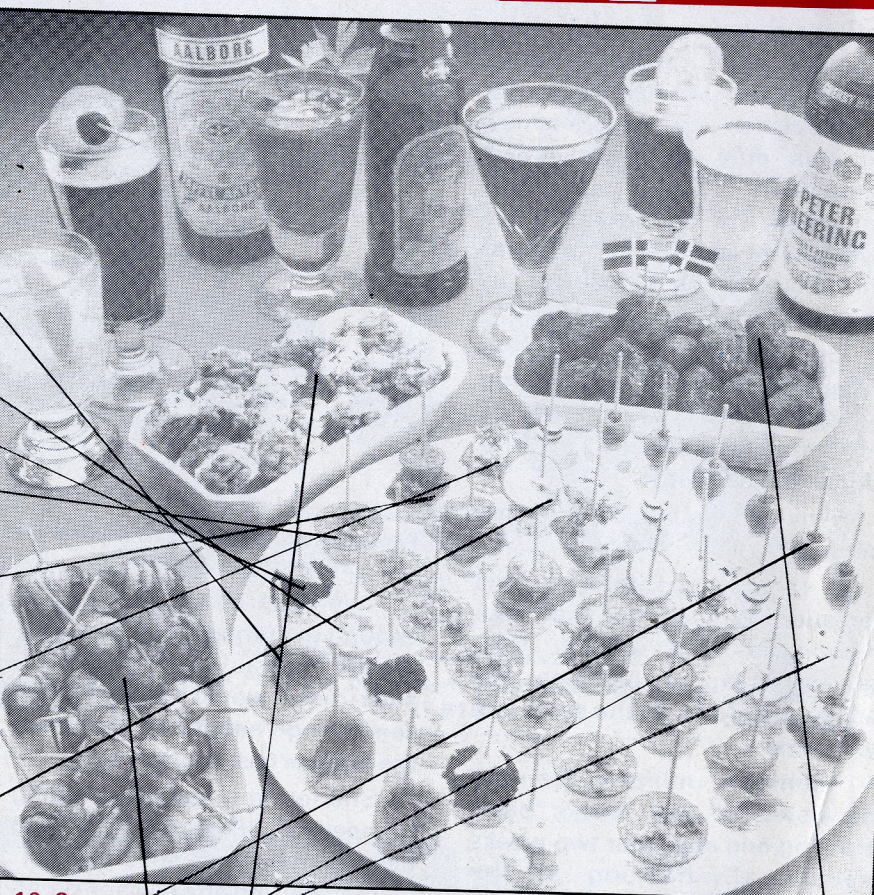
Soften liverpate with cream. Mound on bread. Snip cucumber slice half through. Overlap cut edges to make a cone. Insert pick through cucumber and into bread.

8. Danish Blue Cheese

Cut Danish Blue into small cubes using heated, thin knife.

9. Danbo

Top small cube of Danbo cheese with slice of radish. Insert pick.



10. Samsøe

Insert pick in stuffed olive, then into cube of Samsøe cheese.

11. Bacon-Rolls

Roll half a slice of bacon around a cocktail-sausage and secure with pick. In skillet, fry rolls in a little butter until golden and crispy.

12. Blue Cheese Nuts

Cut blue cheese into small cubes using heated, thin knife. Place a cube of Danish Blue between two walnut halves and press together.

13. Cocktail-Frikadeller (Meat Balls)

Follow same recipe as for Erikadeller.



Corps of Drums playing to villagers.

MONICA'S OP DUTY

By Lt Ola Thelberg

Photographs by Unit Photographer



Photograph by Sgt A. Thomson



Afterwards I got a very nice card from the boys. I've got a new opinion of duty in the buffer zone and their way of living, tells Monica. The interest among people to fulfil UN-service is very big in Sweden and Monica applied for this duty in a very hard competition. There were 3,000 applicants for 80 female posts within SWEDCON UNFICYP and the Swedish UN-hospital in Lebanon.

One year ago, she decided to accept this service. She is on furlough from her job as an information officer at the University of Orebro.

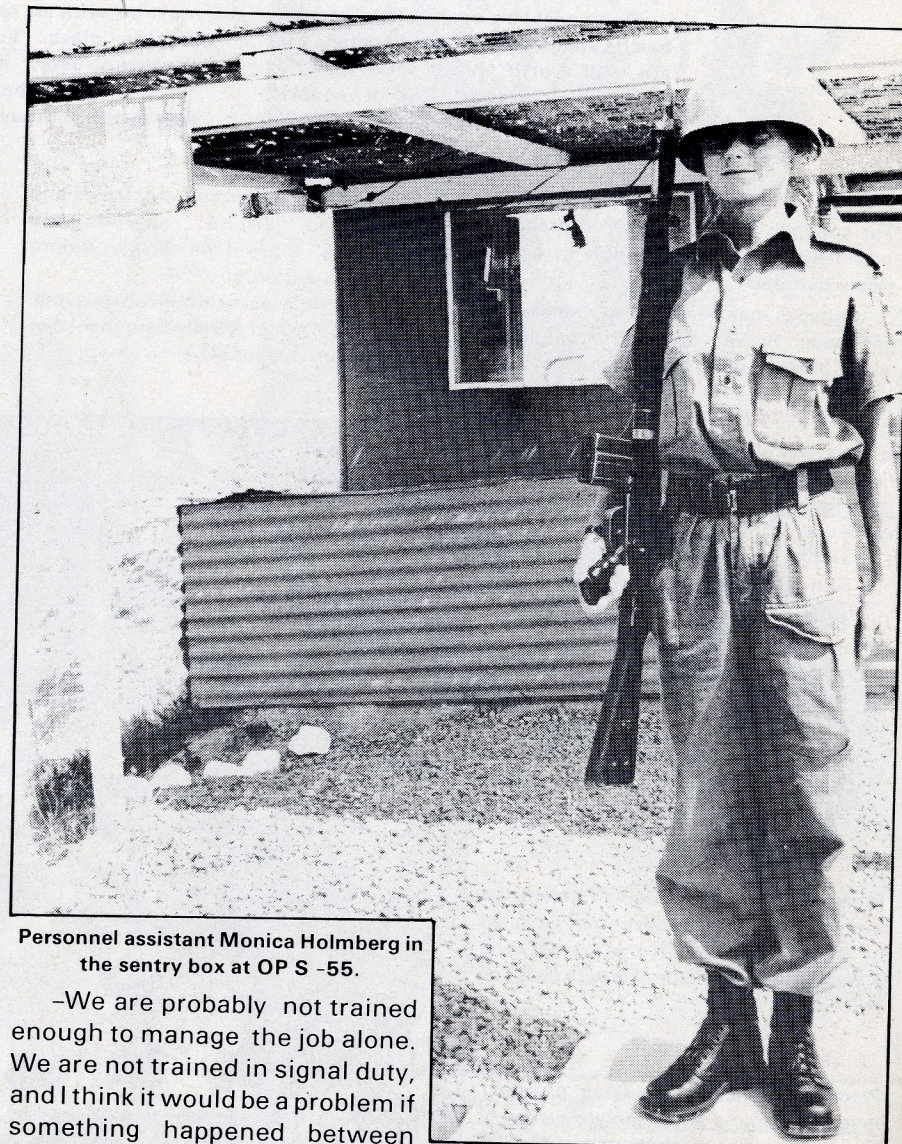
Why did you apply for this service?

- I am bored to hear this question. Probably for the same reason as male soldiers. Why always compare between the sexes, we are doing the same job, she says.

Monica's military training consisted of two weeks basic training and after that two weeks special UN-training at the UN-training centre at Sodertalje, near Stockholm.



Swedish competitor in the shot putt



Personnel assistant Monica Holmberg in the sentry box at OP S -55.

-We are probably not trained enough to manage the job alone. We are not trained in signal duty, and I think it would be a problem if something happened between the two parties, Monica says.

She found it most interesting to meet the OP-personnel and to live together with seven young soldiers during one day and night. She had expected a tough male attitude.

-But I never recognized that attitude at all, the boys were very nice and the contacts I made with them were good. Afterwards I changed my opinion of young boys, Monica adds.

-I also learnt that letters from home are very important. One of the boys was very sad because his girlfriend hadn't written a letter for a long time, she continues.

-The boys were most honest to each other. There was no doubt who was to cook, every man did what he had to do without any discussion or disagreement. I think this is very useful for the young boys for future life, says Monica.

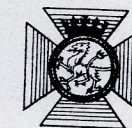
She is 30 years old and she thinks that it is important that UN-women are older than soldiers.

-I think it would be tough for a young UN-girl to handle this very special situation, Monica ends.

FAREWELL FROM THE FARMERS BOYS

By: Capt PJ King

Photographer: L/Cpl East



By the time that this edition is published the Farmers Boys of 1 DERR will have all returned to Canterbury in England, and already some will be in training for our next posting.

The time in Cyprus has been an exciting and enjoyable time for all. Most will leave having made new friends, and content with the knowledge that the "Farmers Boys" have achieved something. During our time as custodians of Sector Two a total of forty eight new farmers fields (both Greek and Turkish) and eight new boreholes have been opened up. Thirty unfortunate wild dogs, who have plagued farmers in the UNBZ have also been destroyed.

As the warm weather drew on, one of the more valuable contributions was made by the soldiers manning Bravo 25 and 28. On a hot afternoon in the middle of May Pte Stephens, from C Company, spotted three children starting a fire on the outskirts of Mammari village in the Buffer Zone. Although he caught up with the children the fire had spread into the neighbouring wheat fields. The soldiers in Bravo 25 fought the fire, and alerted the villagers to the threat. The fire soon spread over hundreds of square metres, with flames over ten feet high being fanned by the wind. By tackling the fire with beaters, by directing villagers into ploughing up ground to make a fire break, and with the help of a local fire engine the fire was put out after half an hour. Undoubtedly, had these soldiers and the Quick Reaction Force from B28 not arrived, many more valuable crops would have been destroyed.

We hope that the Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment's contribution to UNFICYP has been appreciated (we know that our Band and Corps of Drums have), and we thank everyone for making our stay here a cherished one. Finally, we are confident that

we leave you in good hands. Our neighbours from Dover in Britain, the 2nd Battalion Royal Irish Rangers, will, if they enjoy themselves half as much as we have, have an extremely enjoyable time.



BRIEFING OF SECTOR COMMANDERS.



Major Paddison, our eastern Coy COMD DEC-MAR, AT B18



Corps of Drums playing to villagers.



UN NEWS



40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS



On 26 June 1945, the United Nations Charter was signed by the original fifty-one member states

In the United Nations we have now had nearly 40 years of experience, 40 years of change and, for all the conflict of our time, 40 years without a global war. Let us look back at the road we have travelled, distil the experience and set our again refreshed and with a new determination."

"May I express the fervent hope that every effort will be made to have the year 1985 stand out laudably as a year of peace, conflict resolution, restraint, international co-operation and friendship among nations. This would be the way of transforming an anniversary into a celebration."

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