

THE BLUE BERET



MARCH 1982



FEBRUARY IN RETROSPECT

ROTATIONS — NIL

MEDAL PARADES

4 MP Company

26 Danish Contingent

VISITS

4—11 Mr D McDine, Sgt J Dickson, Mr M Bennett, Mr R Mills, Mr D Burton and Mr R Sears on a Public Relations visit to 2 QUEENS and the Force Scout Car Squadron.

8 Wg Cdr Dawson visited 84 Sqn Det RAF.

9—18 BGEN R P Beaudry, Commander BGC, Lt J L Laporte and CWO J J Lebeuf visited the Canadian Contingent.

11—12 Mr M Abrahams, photographer for The Times newspaper, visited HQ UNFICYP and Sector 2.

14—15 Mr James Jonah, Assistant Secretary-General, visited HQ UNFICYP.

16—17 Lt Gen C Belzile, Commander Canadian Land Forces Mobile Command, Lt Col P Bergevin, Capt Sweetnam, CWO P Caissie and MCpl R Adam, visited 2R22eR.

16—17 Maj Mansfield, Capt Truan and WO1 Letori; Signals Training and Evaluation team visited the British Contingent.

26 Feb—24 Mar Maj Menard visited the Canadian Contingent.

MILITARY AND RECREATIONAL COMPETITIONS

5 Shooting Competition

10—11 Military Skills Competition

13 Safe & Skilled Driving Competition

18 Orienteering Competition

20 Chess Competition

FUTURE EVENTS

At the American Centre,
33B Homer Avenue Nicosia,
Tel: 73143.

Wednesday 17 March at 7.30 p.m.

Films By Peter Bogdanovich. "The Last Picture Show". This, Bogdanovich's second film (1971) which he wrote and directed, was the first to gain him widespread critical and popular acclaim. It was followed in quick succession by the frenetic screwball comedy "What's Up Doc?" and "Paper Moon". Nothing since has quite fulfilled his early promise. The picture show (cinema) of the title is, along with the billiard hall, the only entertainment in a bleak little Texas town in the early 1950s. The boys of the town talk about leaving for good, while the girls spend their days growing plump and lonely, leaning anxiously towards their mirrors. The film stars Jeff Bridges, Timothy Bottoms and Ellen Burstyn with Oscar winning performances from Ben Johnson (best supporting actor) as the cinema owner and Cloris Leachman (best supporting actress) as a neglected wife.

Wednesday 31 March at 7.30 p.m.

"The Philadelphia Story". A classic sparkling comedy directed by George Cukor. Spoiled society girl Katharine Hepburn plans a second marriage, but the occasion is disrupted suddenly by the appearance of ex-husband Cary Grant and gossip columnist James Stewart (who won the Academy Award for best actor). Screenwriter Donald Ogden Stewart also won an Oscar for his screenplay based on Philip Barry's Broadway hit.

At the British Council,
3 Museum Street Nicosia,
Tel: 42152.

Thursday 18 March at 7.30 p.m.

A Theatrical Happening arranged by Glyn Hughes. Three new plays by playwrights living in Cyprus:

The Casting — by Colette Ioannides

Timi — by Tim Lewis

Drapes (A Triptych for 3 Women) by Glyn Hughes

with original music by Patricia Karayan

co-designer Paris Metaxas

with international cast

Monday 29 March at 7.30 p.m.

Public Lecture: Archaeology and the Interpretation of the Past by Professor Glyn Daniel, Professor Emeritus of European Archaeology at the University of Cambridge, Fellow of St John's College, Cambridge, Fellow of the British Academy and editor of the Archaeological Journal "Antiquity". Dr Vassos Karageorghis, Director of the Department of Antiquities, will be in the chair.

Friday 2 April at 7.30 p.m.

Professor Daniel will talk at the Town Hall Paphos, in collaboration with the Department of Antiquities and "Eleftheri Skepsi" of Paphos.

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on the cover

Sgt Christer Poka on the OP phase of the Military Skills Competition.

Photo: Editor



THE BLUE BERET

Editorial

February has been marked with a "plethora" of military and recreational competitions. Since I just would not have had the space to fit everything into this issue, something had to be "shelved". In the event readers may notice that the normal "Out & About" pages have been substituted with other articles.

The Swedes have finally made it on the colour front cover, and we welcome the new UNFICYP Senior Political Adviser, Mr James Holger, on the back page.

Finally, for those members of the Force who have not yet discovered that the location of the MPIO's office has changed, please note that it is across the road from the main entrance to HQ UNFICYP.



"Sergeant Major's woken up."

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DC-9 SUPER 80: AUSCON ROTATION



By Maj Freddie Lugert

Photos by Cpl Günter Stubenvoll

lion with these flights, which means exact planning in advance. With the exception of container transport of supplies by ship, normally twice a year, the only way to ship in goods necessary to 'run' the battalion, is by Austrian Airline military rotation flights.

More than 45 metres long (about 147 ft), approximately 60 ton take-off weight and a seating capacity of 135, AUSTRIAN AIRLINES new DC-9 SUPER 80 arrived at Larnaca Airport for AUSCON's first 1982 rotation, two flights from and to Austria transported 285 soldiers altogether and more than 16 tons of luggage and cargo.

AUA's (Austrian Airlines) station manager at Larnaca, Walter GUNHOLD, is one of the few Austrian Airlines managers who have to handle military air transport. He and the UNFICYP Force Movement Officer Maj Ole HOLCK (DANCON) and AUSCON's Senior Logistics Officer Major Erwin LAUBER can already be called a team, handling the two rotation flights every three months.

The Austrian Contingent rotates not only 50% of its personnel every three months, but also re-supplies the batta-



More than 70 tons of luggage and over 1100 troops are transported each year by Austrian Airlines military transport to and from Cyprus. Pictured is a new DC-9 Super 80.



Cargo transport leaves Camp Duke Leopold V for Larnaca Airport.



It's been a smooth military airlift thanks to the assistance of AUA's Station Manager Walter Gunhold.



"Here's my address. Don't forget to write to me when you get home!"



Bulldozing the new track.



Temporary Accommodation — A Tent

SLAG HEAP TO HILLTOP OP D15 CLOSES DOWN-OP D38 OPENS UP

By Major Niels Havner

Even during an ongoing mission it can happen that a new OP has to be established. The reason why OP D15 has had to be closed was due to a large fissure in the slag heap at Skouriotissa Mine which formed the base of the OP tower as well as the living accommodation. This large "crack" in the slag heap was inspected by the Force Engineer who quickly realised that it endangered the whole OP. In fact, after a heavy rainfall, the hut and the personnel might well have disappeared down the precipice!



Lt Col Madsen, the CO of DANCON, had already selected Hill 1010 as the best place to re-establish the OP. In addition to a more secure base for an OP, it would provide better conditions for observation and therefore it was not difficult to decide on the removal of the OP — only how to do it without any break in the 24-hour observation.

Major Rasmussen, OC B Coy, was tasked to plan the detailed removal of D15. The pioneer platoon, working faster than they ever did before, built a brand new observation tower in a very short time, using the workshop facilities in Viking Camp. The new tower was flown in, suspended under a Wessex helicopter.



An Alouette lowers the "privy"



Stores everywhere.



A Wessex brings in the OP tower.

Photos by John Cook and Michael Jensen

being the first heavy lift task for these new helicopters. The venerable Alouette was also used to move various stores.

62 Support Sqn RE provided a bulldozer to make a track up the hill, and after a few days it was possible to bring other supplies by road transport.

The new OP, now named D38, is a fully going concern, although the temporary accommodation is tentage. The permanent accommodation is expected to be completed in the near future and should be superior to the old OP on the slag heap.



OLDTIMERS OF '64

By Capt Bernard St Laurent

On 4 March 1964 the United Nations Force in Cyprus was established under command of Gen Gyani from India. By June 1964 a force of 6300 men had arrived from Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Ireland and the United Kingdom.

The 1st Battalion R22eR, The Vandoos, left Quebec City to become Canada's first contribution to UNFICYP. In contrast, today's peacekeeping Force has approximately 2400 members.

Since that time the Royal 22nd Regiment has been represented by its battalions upon eight occasions. We presently have members who served in the initial contingent and who have returned two or three times since, carrying out their duty with the same high degree of pride and enthusiasm.

In those days the units were called out for a period of three months and it wasn't until May 64 that the good news of a three month extension was announced.

Master Warrant Officer Desjardins (then Lance Corporal) remembers quite vividly the rudimentary facilities used to satisfy the basic needs of the troops. For example, the showers were formed from a suspended barrel, a water hose and a perforated garbage can lid. The water flow was regulated by a soldier who was perched above his buddy and who poured the water onto the garbage can lid upon request.

Sergeant Dorval (then a Private, who operated the switchboard in B Coy's Ops Room) and Master Corporal Surette (then a Private in B Coy) and Master Corporal Latulipe (then a rifleman in C Coy and afterwards a driver with 8 Pl for the last 3 months) recalled the many tense moments at OP Hilltop. It was established to appease the skirmishes in the Kyrenia mountains. Since helicopters could not land on that rugged terrain, the soldiers had to jump from them to reach their post. This continued until a landing platform was built. It was only after three months of laborious work, filling sandbags and under the occasional exchange of gunfire, that Hilltop became fit for occupation. The risk was ever-present though, since OP Hilltop was located between positions "Gin" and "Whiskey" occupied by the two factions. Notwithstanding, Sergeant Dorval and Master Corporal Surette returned to Cyprus on three subsequent occasions.

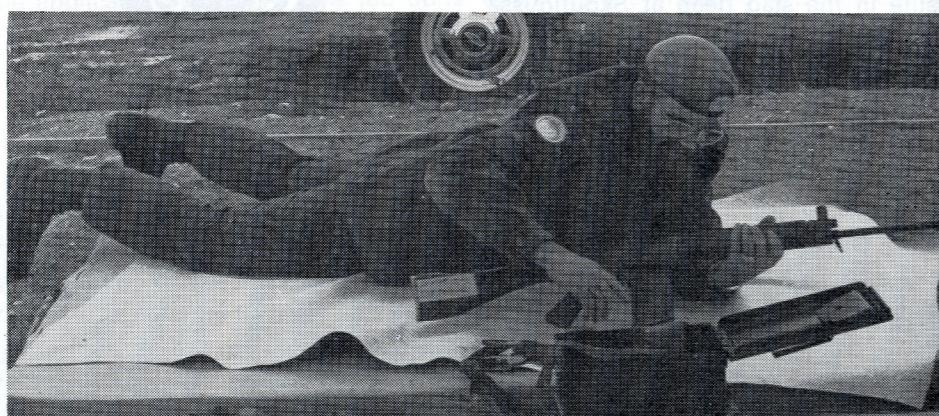
Warrant Officer Laplante (then a signaller in north Nicosia and subsequently with the Recce Platoon in Bellapais) is here for the third time, and mentions with a touch of cynicism that 'Locksmith' operations were basically a meeting between the two parties seated around the same table out in an open field! An officer from the UN was also

present and listened to the grievances of both sides regarding mostly their harvests and the use of agricultural equipment.

Even though he wasn't one of the first to tread upon Cypriot soil, it is worth mentioning that Warrant Officer Girard from the transport section is on the island JE ME SOUVIENS!



MCpl Surette receives a clasp to his UNFICYP Medal from General Allard in January 1982.



WO Girard practices for the Shooting Competition.



MCpl Latulipe (facing the camera) with the Movement staff helping unload a C 130 Hercules aircraft.

CLANSMAN FOR SECTOR 2

By Major Nigel Harris



Britain's new range of super-radios, new radios has enabled 2 QUEENS to the Clansman has arrived for service with talk to its rear party at Colchester, England, using normal voice procedure. This has helped to reduce the number of signals the battalion has had to send.

No longer do commanders have to rely on the ageing Larkspur range of radios, or the telephone system which often fails when it rains.

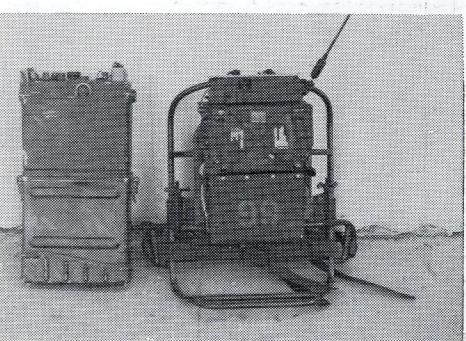
2 QUEENS started to use Clansman in July last year. The radios underwent tough testing on an exercise at Otterburn in Northern England in October. During this training the sets survived two weeks of very hard infantry training in terrible weather. There were very few problems.

Because of its confidence in this range of radio the Regiment were keen to use the sets in Cyprus. Soon after

arrival here the Clansman net was opened, and it is now proving its worth.

The excellent range of one of the new radios has enabled 2 QUEENS to talk to its rear party at Colchester, England, using normal voice procedure. This has helped to reduce the number of signals the battalion has had to send.

The new radios have been welcomed by both signaller and infantryman on the line. They have always needed a sturdy set which was effective, light and easy to operate. With Clansman they have got it.



UNFICYP RESERVE FORCE

Photos Bob Fousert

The multi-national Reserve Force, commanded by the OC of the Force Scout Car Squadron, trains for and practices on exercises a variety of military techniques and scenarios.

The UNFICYP Reserve Force exercises once a month on a series of exercises. To date seven of these exercises have been run, organised and controlled by the Scout Car Squadron.

The last exercise, run by B Squadron 13/18 Royal Hussars took place on 17 and 18 February. It was a testing 48-hour exercise of all the tasks of the Reserve Force. It included First Aid training, helicopter loading drills, road safety, a communications test, night map reading and a thorough inspection of all arms and equipment. This successful exercise was the culmination of B Squadron's tour with UNFICYP and confirmed that the Reserve Force is a viable operational unit well capable of executing its tasks.



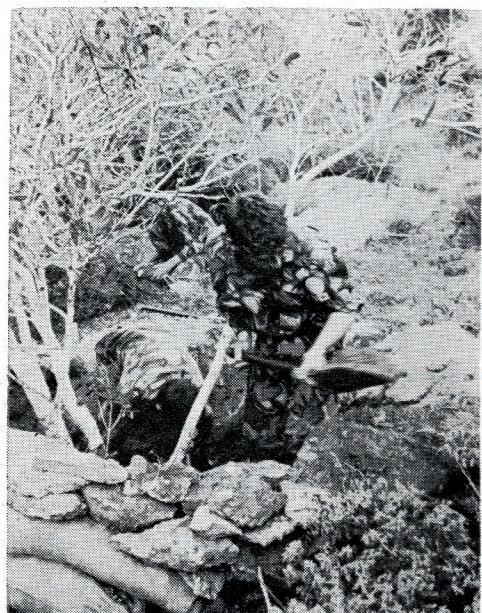
Lt Paul Scott-Masson briefs Swedes, Austrians and Canadians.



First Aid practice.



Happy Austrians during the march.



Sp Regt B team digging in.



Danes tend a casualty on the first aid stand.



CANCON B team scrambling over the net.

MILITARY SKILL

By the Editor.

The first 1982 UNFICYP Military Skills Competition took place at Dhekelia on 10/11 February. The Competition was sponsored by 2 QUEENS under the direction of Lt Col Roddy Mellotte. The co-ordinating officer from HQ UNFICYP was Maj Jorn Hee. Each team comprised one officer and four soldiers and entries came from AUSCON, DANCON, SECTOR 2, CANCON, SWEDCON, FSC SQN, SP REGT and the MP COY.

After the extremely closely contested competition, Brigadier J D Bastick presented prizes to the winning Sector 5 'A' team, to Sector 5 'B' team (runners up) and to the Sector 2 B team (third). All competitors also received a certificate to commemorate their participation in this sometimes gruelling competition.

Phase 1 of the Competition — the march — was held over a new course of approximately 16 Km. The rules for this march had been changed so that it was no longer a test of physical fitness, speed and stamina. Since there was no incentive to win bonus points by doing a good time, every team was awarded maximum points.

The weather on the first day was perfect and after the completion of the march, teams were briefed for the next phase of the competition. They were then led forward to OP positions and shown the ground by umpires. The task was to establish an OP with slit

trenches for all members of the team including an administrative area for cooking and resting. The establishment of the OPs took place in daylight, with finishing touches put in at dusk. Activity during the night comprised a night navigation exercise and an observation exercise. Yet again the night navigation exercise proved to be the undoing of most of the teams; in fact the only two teams to score any points at all were Sector 1 B team and Sector 5 B team.

COMPETITION

Photos Bob Fousert

The next morning began with Sector 5 B team in the lead by a good margin. However, at this stage all the other teams were still in contention. There had been showers during the night and the first few hours of the second day were interspersed with periods of heavy rainfall.

The five stands of Phase 3 were driving, first aid, signals, map reading and the combined obstacle course and shooting. The heavy rain had not only

made the competitors' clothing and equipment heavier, but had also produced very muddy and slippery conditions on the obstacle course. The Sector 5 'A' team set a blistering time over the obstacle course and did well in the shooting. Nevertheless there were several teams close on their heels.

Shortly after the last team finished, all competitors and spectators gathered in the mens' dining hall in Alexander Barracks for the results, prize giving and lunch. Even at this stage it was not clear which team had won the competition. In the event it was an extremely close finish with SECTOR 5 'A' team scoring only 5.5 points more than their 'B' team, with SECTOR 2 'B' team only 10 points behind the winners. This was the first time that the MP Company produced a team for this competition and they took a very creditable 9th place out of 13 teams.

Apart from the march, everybody agreed that the competition was physically and mentally very testing, although there were varied comments depending on the success or failure of each team. Lt Col Mellotte and the officers and soldiers of 2 QUEENS, who organised and ran the competition, are to be congratulated on their excellent organisation and hard work. This competition requires a great deal of manpower and time to administer, and without the Dhekelia element of the British Battalion it would prove an extremely difficult task within UNFICYP resources.



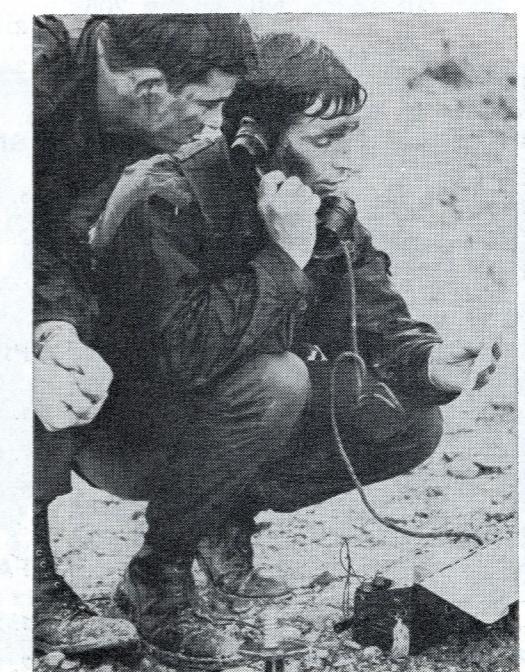
SECTOR 2 A team in step at the finish of the march.



MP COY team on the way to highest score on the driving stand.



Brigadier Bastick presents the prizes to the SWEDCON A team, from the left :Lt Fredriksson, WO2 Lybeck, Pte Nilsson, Pte Almqvist, Pte



FSC SQN team at the signals stand.



SWEDCON B team attack the wall.

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A Sector 5 and Sector 2 team up against each other in the Falling Plate competition.



TEAM RESULTS

POSN	TEAM	PISTOL	SMG	RIFLE	TOTAL
1	Sector Two	191	331	330	852
2	Sector Four	230	301	307	838
3	Sector One	206	281	271	758
4	Sector Five	218	311	228	757
5	Sector Six	150	322	284	756
6	MP Coy	214	284	199	697
7	FSC Sqn	183	258	248	689
8	UNFICYP Sp Regt	207	206	180	593
9	HQ UNFICYP	220	NIL	NIL	220
10	SWEDCIVPOL	205	NIL	NIL	205



The winning Sector 2 team: Seated front row (left to right): LCpl Frealove, Pte Merchant, CSgt Jarvis, Lt Col Packham, Sgt MacAndrews, 2Lt Dixon; Standing back row (left to right): CSgt Jeffreys, LCpl Brewer, Capt Newman, CSgt Whitall, Sgt Vessey, Pte Griffin, Capt Hurley.



Lt Guy Laroche (CANCON) checks the score on a target.

UNFICYP SHOOTING COMPETITION

Photos Bob Fousert

On 5 February SECTOR 4 hosted the first shooting competition of 1982 at Dhekelia Ranges. The competition between teams was fierce, however SECTOR 2 managed to ward off a strong challenge from SECTOR 4 and win the competition. 3rd, 4th and 5th positions were separated by only one point between teams! The prizes were presented by the acting Force Commander Brig J D Bastick.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

RIFLE

1. WO1 Geckler (SECTOR 6) 100
2. Pte Jarvis (SECTOR 2) 95
3. WO2 Roblika (SECTOR 6) 95

SMG

1. Pte Johannesson (SECTOR 5) 102
2. Pte Pachner (SECTOR 6) 91
3. Sgt McAndrews (SECTOR 2) 90

PISTOL

1. Sgt Boivin (SECTOR 4) 64
2. Lt Gad (SECTOR 1) 62
3. WO2 Ljunk (SECTOR 5) 62

FALLING PLATE

1. SECTOR 4
2. MP COY B Team
3. SECTOR 2 A Team

Blue Beret SPORT

ORIENTEERING COMPETITION

On 18 February SECTOR 5 organised and hosted the first UNFICYP Orienteering competition of 1982. Two courses were set, one of 6 Km for the Individual/Team event and Open Class, and one of 5 Km for the "Old Boys". The courses were set by Capt Christer Wernhult (Sports Officer Sector 5) around the Dhekelia area.



RESULTS

UNFICYP Championship (6 Km)

1. Pte Lemoine (SECTOR 5)	39.30
2. Sgt Rasmussen (SECTOR 1)	45.37
3. WO2 Johansson (SECTOR 5)	46.50
4. Sgt Carlsson (SECTOR 5)	47.06
5. WO2 Wittstrom (SECTOR 5)	49.00
6. WO2 Vinge (MP COY)	49.21
7. Cpl Lacroix (SECTOR 4)	52.00
8. Pte Berg (SECTOR 5)	53.44
9. Maj Whitehead (HQ UNFICYP)	54.20
10. Sgt Panduro (MP COY)	56.15

Maj Gen Gunther G Greindl presents the prize to Individual winner Pte Lemoine of SWEDCON.

TEAM COMPETITION

1. SECTOR 5 'A' Team 8
2. SECTOR 5 'B' Team 24
3. MP COY 28

'OLD BOYS' (5 Km)

1. Maj Florgard (SECTOR 5) 38.56
2. Lt Col Postrup (HQ UNFICYP) 39.06
3. WO2 McCaig (SECTOR 2) 51.45



Insp Ekelund makes a move against Capt Gustavsson, whilst WO1 Kraler looks on.

CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

On 20 February the UNFICYP Chess Championship, hosted by the MP Company, was held at the Community Centre in the UNPA Nicosia. The competition was run initially on a league basis with the top two players in each league contesting the semi-finals. In the end it was a win for Insp Ingvar Ekelund.

RESULTS

Winner — Insp Ekelund (SWEDCIVPOL)

Runner-Up — Capt Gustavsson (SECTOR 5)

Third — WO1 Kraler (SECTOR 6)

ROAD SAFETY YEAR 1982



"Deuce and a Half" being manoeuvred into a tight spot.



An official measures the distance from a Pinzgauer parked in a "garage".

FEBRUARY REPORT

UNFICYP REACHES THE 50% TARGET IN FEBRUARY

The second month of Road Safety Year 1982 has proved to be encouraging. Cyprus was blessed with fine, unseasonal weather and the number of accidents show a big drop over February 1981 figures. These units earned a monthly Certificate showing that they stayed within monthly accident ceilings set by the Force Commander:

SECTOR 1	SP REGT
SECTOR 2	AUSTCIVPOL
SECTOR 4	SWEDCIVPOL
SECTOR 5	HQ UNFICYP
SECTOR 6	

Our monthly ceiling of accidents is 14, only 13 occurred. Congratulations to Sectors 1, 2 and 6, AUSTCIVPOL and SWEDCIVPOL for succeeding for the second month running and to Sectors 4 and 5 and HQ UNFICYP for their first success.

PROJECTION FOR 1982

If the 33 accidents up to the end of February are projected throughout 1982 as an annual pattern, UNFICYP would reduce accidents by 37% against 1981 totals. This is a 3% improvement over the projection at the end of January.

THE AVOIDABLE ACCIDENT

Driving in Cyprus is not easy, but very few of our accidents can be attributed 100% to the third party. Speed, simple reversing errors, lack of attention on difficult roads continue to be the root causes of most of our accidents and 50% of them happen at night.

REACH THE 50% TARGET

February proves that a 50% reduction is achievable in a month. The aim remains to achieve it for the year and continue to improve the 1982 projection by cutting out the simple avoidable accidents:

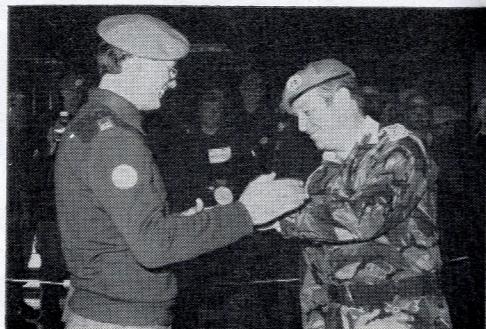
1. TAKE EXTRA CARE AT NIGHT AND WEEKENDS
2. BEWARE THE SIMPLE ACCIDENT IN UN CAMPS
3. NEVER REVERSE LARGE VEHICLES UNASSISTED
4. DRIVE SLOWLY AND DEFENSIVELY



The winning team (L to R) SSgt Neilson, Sgt Elvinson, Cpl Bailey.



A minibus has its open door measured from a "wall".



The individual winner, Sgt Deisting, receives his medal from Brig Bastick.



INTERNATIONAL COOKBOOK



WIENER-BRØD

By Major Niels Havner

THE HISTORY

All Danes like wienerbrød, and if they have been abroad for some time, you might hear them say that they are looking forward to getting a piece of wienerbrød when they get back home.

Wienerbrød is entirely a Danish invention, but — sorry to admit it — the dough was actually invented by a confectioner apprentice named Klaudius Gelee, born in poverty in the year 1600 in a small village not far from Toul in France. At the age of 15 he was, against his will, apprenticed to a confectioner. It quickly became apparent that he was very gifted and his master was very pleased with him. At the end of his apprenticeship he decided to bake something special for his sick father. He prepared a piece of dough in which he wrapped a knob of butter, patted the dough on the table and folded it up again. He did that 10 times and finally shaped the dough into a loaf.

His master, who had been watching the whole process, dissuaded him from baking the bread because he thought the butter would melt out through the dough. Gelee, however, put the bread in the oven with some other pastry. Gradually during the baking, the master as well as the apprentice got more and more surprised because of the exception-

al shape the bread took. This was the beginning of the real puff pastry.

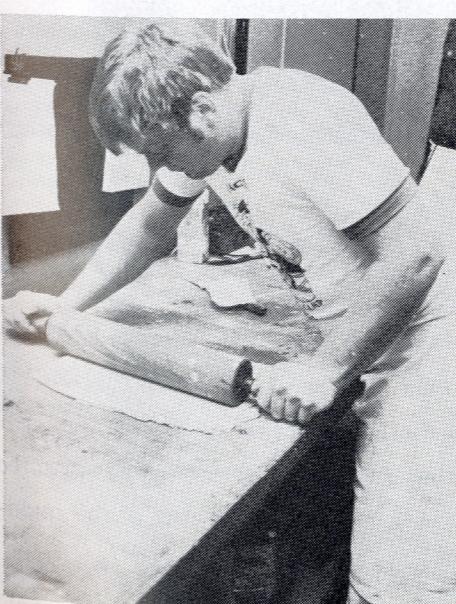
Having finished his apprenticeship in 1622, Klaudius Gelee went to Paris and got a job with a confectioner named Rotabeau. There he perfected his invention which brought the house a large fortune and a lot of prestige.

Later Gelee went to Florence in Italy where he worked with the Moscas Brothers Confectioners. The firm grew rapidly and after a short time it launched several branches and even received the honour of being "inventor of Pastas Fogliata" (puff pastry), even though Klaudius Gelee kept his secret and made his pastry in a locked room. He died as a very respected artist in the year 1682. After all these years it is still a mystery how the recipe was brought from the locked room to Denmark, and why it is called wienerbrød, but now for the way we make wienerbrød in Denmark.

Wienerbrød may have different shapes and contents; it can be round with cream and chocolate coating; it can be square with cream and jam, or it can be made in a long bar with marzipan and chopped nuts which you can cut into smaller pieces.

RECIPE

50 grammes of yeast
2 decilitres of hand-hot milk
1/8 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon sugar
100 grammes butter (melted)
1 beaten egg
500 grammes of wheat flour
For the wrapping: another 150 grammes of butter or margarine



LCpl Rasmussen rolls the dough.

METHOD

First of all, the yeast, milk, spices and melted butter must be mixed together. The egg (save a little bit for brushing the dough), should be added,



LCpl Rasmussen filling the Wienerbrød.

Pictorial news



The Force Commander pins on a medal.

MP COMPANY MEDAL PARADE

On 4 February the MP Company held their Medal Parade at HQ UNFICYP. The parade was commanded by Maj Sam Marcotte and the medals were presented by the Acting Force Commander, Brig J D Bastick, who is pictured pinning on a UN medal.



GUARD OF HONOUR

On 17 February Lt Gen C H Belzile, Commander Canadian Land Forces Mobile Command, visited HQ UNFICYP. He was welcomed by the Force Commander, Maj Gen G G Greindl before inspecting a Guard of Honour. He is pictured inspecting Canadian soldiers who formed part of the multi-national Guard.



Force Commander inspects the troops.

DANCON MEDAL PARADE

On 26 February, DANCON held their Medal Parade at Xeros. The parade was commanded by Lt Col H R L Madsen and the medals were presented by the Force Commander, Maj Gen G G Greindl.

The music was provided by the Regimental Band of the 2nd Battalion The Queen's Regiment under the direction WO1 R Francis. The parade took place in the morning with an impressive turnout of Danish Officers and soldiers, who entertained their guests afterwards at receptions in the various messes.



GUARD OF HONOUR

On 17 February Lt Gen C H Belzile, Commander Canadian Land Forces Mobile Command, visited HQ UNFICYP. He was welcomed by the Force Commander, Maj Gen G G Greindl before inspecting a Guard of Honour. He is pictured inspecting Canadian soldiers who formed part of the multi-national Guard.

84 SQN DET RAF SAY GOODBYE

On 19 February 84 Sqn Det RAF said goodbye to their many friends in UNFICYP. A reception was given at the Nicosia International Airport, and the sad occasion was highlighted by a flying demonstration by two Whirlwind helicopters and two Wessex helicopters to show the increased lift capacity of the Wessex.

A lone piper led the aircrews to the reception where the guests were entertained by the RAF AKROTIRI Voluntary Band.



A Wessex displays its lift capacity with an underslung landrover.



Ft Lt Reg Wargent presenting a model Whirlwind mounted on a shield to the Force Commander, Maj Gen Gunther G Greindl.



The UNICORNS (in the dark shirts) about to get possession of the ball.

IRISH RUGBY TEAM FROM UNIFIL

A rugby team from the Irish Battalion with UNIFIL were hosted by IRCON UNFICYP during a short rugby tour in Cyprus. The highlight of their matches was against the UNFICYP rugby team — the UNICORNS on 19 February. Both teams played a hard game, but the UNICORNS ran out the winners by beating the UNIFIL team by 19 points to 15.

The UNICORNS and the IRBATT XV then combined forces to create a UN side which handily defeated the RAF AKROTIRI side 14-0 on Sunday the 21st.

The IRBATT XV team played one other game on the Monday before departure, against the DHEKELIA LIONS, the LIONS being victorious with a 20-16 score.



UN NEWS



Mr James Holger

NEW UNFICYP SPA

■ Mr James Holger, a Chilean national, has been appointed Senior Political Adviser to UNFICYP. He replaces Mr Cedric Thornberry who has returned to United Nations Headquarters in New York to take up other important functions in the area of peacekeeping.

James Holger was born in Washington D.C. on 5 January 1928. He attended primary and secondary schools in Chile before entering the Faculty of Law at the Chilean State University. After joining the diplomatic service of his country in 1949, he was awarded a scholarship to study at the Institute of Political Studies of the University of Paris. At a later stage in his diplomatic career he was enrolled in the Woodrow Wilson School of International Studies of the University of Virginia and, subsequently, at the School of International Affairs of Columbia University, where he obtained a Master's degree and a Certificate in African Studies and completed his studies for a Ph. D in History.

During his diplomatic career, James Holger served with the Chilean Delegation to the Organization of American States (1958-1960), the Chilean Embassies in Washington (1960-1964), Moscow (1965-1968), Bonn (1968-1970),

Berlin (1971) and, in the capacity of Deputy Permanent Representative in his country's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York (1972-1976). In the Foreign Ministry he was posted, *inter alia*, as Chef de Cabinet to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Deputy Director of the Political Affairs Department, Director of the Policy Planning Division and Director of the Department of International Organizations.

In early July 1977 he joined the United Nations. His first posting was Tokyo, where he worked as Executive Assistant to the Rector of the United Nations University. In December 1978 he was transferred to Lebanon to take up the post of Senior Political Adviser to UNIFIL. From March 1981 to mid-February 1982 he served in the Office of the Under-Secretaries-General for Special Political Affairs, working mainly on Middle East affairs.

James enjoys music, especially chamber works, opera and German lieder. He is also an enthusiastic reader of fiction and a soccer and tennis fan. He is married to Cecilia Becerra, a Chilean national, who is a professional musician. Cecilia has joined her husband in Cyprus. Their only son, Wieland, aged 25, lives in New York.