

THE BLUE BERET



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SEPTEMBER IN RETROSPECT

Rotations		
15	Force Reserve. B Squadron, 13/18 Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own) handed over to C Squadron The Royal Horse Guards & 1st Dragoons (RHD/D), The Blues and Royals.	
Medal Parades		
2	Danish Contingent.	
Visits		
2—11	Lt Col Eriksson and party of nine from the Swedish Battalion (designate) to the Swedish Contingent and HQ UNFICYP.	
3—11	Mr W Smith of the 'Victoria Columnist', Mr T Fisher of the 'Toronto Sun', Mr T Perrin and Capt Dunne to the Canadian Contingent to gather material for media coverage of the Canadian Contingent in UNFICYP.	
6—9	Gen E Spannocchi, Commander-in-Chief of the Austrian Federal Armed Forces, Lt Gen K Schrems, Col R Lendenfeld and Capt K Grabner to HQ UNFICYP and the Austrian Contingent.	
9—16	Lt Col E H Walther, Commanding Officer Danish Battalion (designate) to the Danish Contingent.	
9—18	Maj Skjerning and Sen Sgt Nielsen to the Danish Contingent to undertake the annual road safety inspection.	
11	Lt Col Schaltz to the Swedish Contingent to attend the SCACYP meeting.	
12—19	Maj I M D L Weston, RHG/D and Sqn Ldr J Jeffries, RAF, United Kingdom Helicopter Examination Team to HQ UNFICYP, 84 Sqn Det RAF and UNFICYP Flt AAC.	
13—15	Mr Rae, Member of the Canadian Parliament, and Mrs Rae to the Canadian Contingent.	
14—18	Col C Read, Col J Doucet and Col G Corbould to the Canadian Contingent to discuss establishment and logistic support.	
15—17	Ms M Hjelmqvist and Ms M Lindenbaum, psychologists, to the Swedish Contingent. Maj Roberts to the Canadian Contingent to carry out an x-ray equipment check.	
17—18	Mr Johnston, Mr Ross, Mr Marcotte, Mr Hatherall and Mr Guss to the Canadian Contingent to provide customs pre-clearance for the returning battalion.	
17—3 Oct	Maj Gen J Brown, Director General of Ordnance Services (DGOS), MOD UK to UNFICYP to be briefed on UNFICYP's role and operation of the UK logistic support system.	
23	Mayor K Johansen Lt Col G Bladbjerg to the Danish Contingent.	
23—30	The Hon Mr Lamontagne, Minister of National Defence, Canada and party of five to HQ UNFICYP and the Canadian Contingent.	
24—26	Brig R A S Rickets, Chief Engineer United Kingdom Land Forces to HQ UNFICYP, and the Royal Engineers in the British Contingent, to see the extent of work required in the Buffer Zone.	
24—25	Mr E Neumann, Austrian Army Chaplain, to the Austrian Contingent.	
26—29	Capt L Meijer to the Swedish Contingent as OC HQ Coy (designate).	
29—3 Oct	Gen R Withers, Chief of Defence Staff, Canada, Mrs Withers, Maj D Leslie, Capt M Couture, CWO Osside and WO Caron to HQ UNFICYP and the Canadian Contingent to obtain first-hand knowledge of Canadian operations within the UN.	
30—2 Oct		
Military and Recreational Competitions		
9	UNFICYP Shooting Competition.	

FUTURE EVENTS

OCTOBER	
International Clay Court Tennis Championships	
To be held in Nicosia at the Field Club Courts during the first fortnight of October. Open to all without restriction.	
The British Council, 3 Museum Street, Nicosia. Tel: 42152.	
Thursday 2 October 7.30 p.m.	
Public Lecture: "Planning for and Developing Leisure Industries".	
by Professor Sir George Grenfell Baines practicing architect and senior professor at Sheffield University, now Visiting Professor at the Higher College of Technology, Nicosia.	
Thursday 9 October at 7.30 p.m.	
"Exploring Photography" (a series of six films, 25 minutes each produced by the BBC narrated by Bryn Campbell).	
in collaboration with the Cyprus Photographic Society.	
Part 1: "Movement": The first programme of the series both forms a general introduction to the series and explores the techniques of the most widely known form of photograph, the 'action' photograph that is the essence of press photography.	
Part 2: "The Portrait": The range of techniques and approaches adopted by contemporary portrait photographers.	
Part 3: "The Landscape": A general introduction to contemporary landscape photography dealing with tone, line, pattern and contrast as elements in landscape composition.	
Parts 4 — 6 will be shown on Thursday 23 October at 7.30 p.m.	
Tuesday 14 October at 8.00 p.m.	
Concert	
The Music Group of London	
David Parkhouse — Piano	
Eileen Croxford — Cello	
in a programme of Brahms, Beethoven, Chopin, Alan Rawsthorne, Villa Lobos, Joaquin Nin, Ernest Bloch and Mde Falla.	
The Group will also play at the Town Hall in Limassol on Thursday	
16 October at 8.00 p.m. and at the American Academy in Larnaca on Friday 17 October at 8.00 p.m.	
Thursday 23 October at 7.30 p.m.	
"Exploring Photography"	
Part 4: "Social Documentary Photography": Documentary work with examples by leading photographers in this genre.	
Part 5: "Urban Landscape": Discusses photographers of the urban scene.	
Part 6: "The Image": Last part of the Bryn Campbell series on the difficult 'symbolist' pictures that are outside the main categories of photography previously discussed.	
Thursday 30 October at 7.30 p.m.	
"Cyprus Landscapes and History"	
An exhibition of pictures by Michael Owen and Ronald Dutton. Michael Owen has been living in Cyprus for nine years. A teacher of Art in Adult education, married to a ballet teacher, he owns Lania Studio. He studied painting under Louise Henderson in Auckland, New Zealand. This is his third exhibition in Cyprus and he has works in private collections in over fifteen countries. Ronald Dutton trained as a Geographer and he holds Bachelor, Master and Ph.D. degrees. In recent years he has had lectureships in Education at the University of the West Indies. Married with two sons he has his own studio in Lania village. His first exhibition of paintings and graphics was in Cyprus, 1976 and he has works in England, Germany, Jamaica, USA as well as Cyprus.	
Both artists were born on Tyneside in England and have come by different paths to the same village in Cyprus.	
The exhibition will remain open until Tuesday 4 November.	
Coming events in November	
Photographic Exhibition: "Press Photographs" — examples of the work of 12 of Britain's leading Press Photographers.	
The Rose Theatre Limassol will present "Crime on Goat Island" by Ugo Betti.	
A Concert by The Messiter Taylor Trio.	

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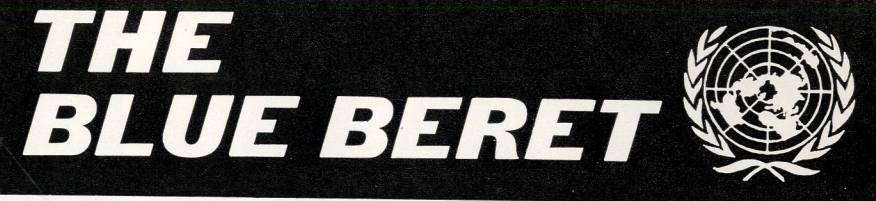
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on the cover

A member of the Military Police Company on duty with his healthy mode of transport.

photo: George Moffett



Editorial

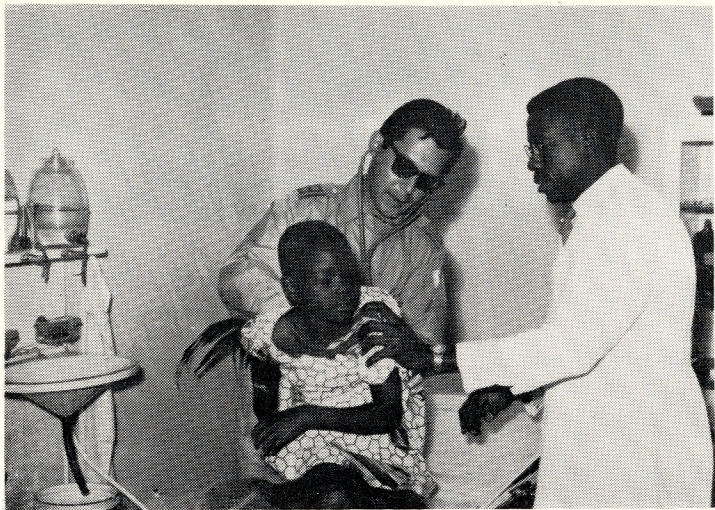
No doubt the cartoon below caught the reader's attention before the Editorial! This issue contains a particularly interesting and topical article about "Road Safety" written by Inspector Graham Shinnick.

Articles of general interest suitable for inclusion in the "Out and About" section will be gratefully received. Please ensure that black and white photographs and included.

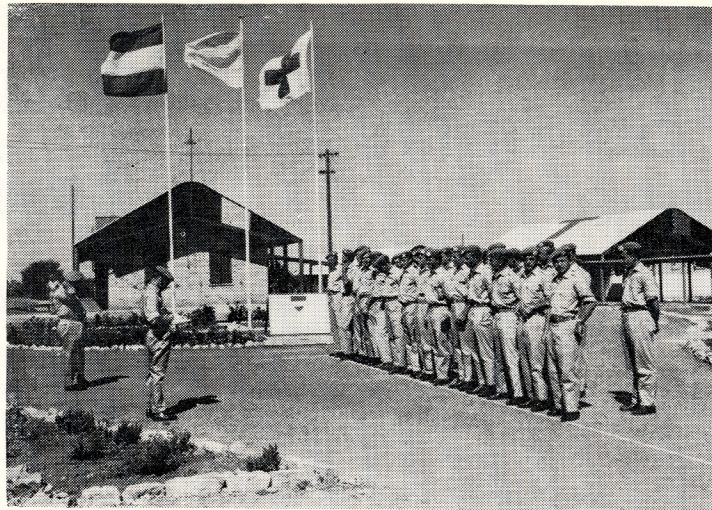


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A physician of the Austrian Field Hospital in the Congo examining the health of a native girl — about 1962.



Morning muster parade in the Austrian Field Hospital, UNFICYP, all medical ranks wearing the old Pattern khaki uniform.



Daily ski-patrol whether during sunshine or heavy storm on Mount Hermon, UNDOF Syria.

AUSTRIANS THE



Article by Friedrich Mayer

The Austrian Federal Army presently maintains the following peace-keeping missions:

UNFICYP (United Nations Force in Cyprus) since 14 April 1964.

UNTSO (United Nations Truce Supervision (Organisation) since 4 December 1974.

UNDOF (United Nations Disengagement Observer Force) since 3 June 1974.

More than 13,000 Austrian soldiers have served in UN Missions since 1960. The present strength of AUSCON/UNFICYP is 315 men, AUSBATT/UNDOF 535 men. UNTSO engages 10 officers and 3 Medical Assistants.

ONUC:

The then relatively young Federal Army saw its first mission in the Congo, in collaboration with the "Organisation des Nations Unies au Congo". General von Horn, a Swede, was Commander and Yeopoldville was the site of the Forces' Headquarters. The UN Force was tasked with troop employment for the protection of the now independent former Belgique-Congo against external attacks as well as against the Secession-Movement of the Province of Katanga. Contingents from a total of 28 countries served

in the Congo from 14 Jul 1960 to 30 Jun 1964. The maximum registered strength in 1962 was 19,000 soldiers. Austria contributed to this UN Force: 55 doctors plus medical and clerical personnel to man a Field Lazarette. Their task was to supply medical relief for a part of the UN Force. Towards the end of the Congo Mission they also began attending to mainly the civilian population and refugees (medical relief, hygienic actions and foodstuff distribution). The monthly average of treatment in 1963 saw approximately 200 UN soldiers and 4,000 native Congo patients. A total of 166 persons, 33 of which were doctors and 2 nurses, served with ONUC. Up to 200 native Congo locals were also employed as assistant workers.

UNFICYP:

Austria has participated in UNFICYP as follows: A Field Hospital was maintained between 14 Apr 1964 and 18 Oct 1973 in St David's Camp (Sector 2) with a strength of approximately 54 men. A total of more than 65,000 UN members were treated in addition to Cypriots who were also treated in emergency cases. An UNFICYP Medical Centre was maintained in Headquarters from

19 Oct 1973 to 10 April 1976. During this period approximately 14,000 patients were treated. The Republic of Austria also maintains an Infantry Battalion with a current strength of 315 men. AUSCON (since 3 May 1973) was originally located in the Paphos District. December 1973 saw its shift to Larnaca. Following the withdrawal of FINCON out of the Buffer Zone it was necessary to re-organise yet again. AUSCON subsequently shifted to Famagusta in October 1977. Austria and Sweden supply consecutive Police Contingents. The Austrian Civilian Police ended its duty in the UNFICYP Mission Area on 27 Jul 1977.

UNTSO:

The Security Council Resolutions of 11 Aug 1948, 9 Jun 1967 and 10 Jul 1967 were responsible for the basis and the modifications of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation Mission which is an observer organisation tasked with the supervision of the cease fire between Israel and its neighbours. Observation areas were the Golan



Supply run for an Austrian UNEF unit, 1974.



One of the three OPs on Mount Hermon in winter, UNDOF, Syria.

AROUND THE WORLD



Medal Parade in the Austrian Field Hospital, now St David's Camp in Sector 2.

Heights and the Suez Canal. Due to the 1967 and 1973 wars, the Sinai Peninsula was later also added to its observation area. Presently military observers are contributed by 17 countries including the USA and the USSR. The Commander, under the title of "Chief of Staff", is Maj Gen Arkki Rainer Kaira of Finland. UNTSO Headquarters is located in Jerusalem. Austria presently supplies 10 officers and 3 medical assistants which serve alternatively in Cairo, Jerusalem, Damascus, Tiberias, Naqoura or Beirut.

UNEF:

Austria contributed one Battalion, with a maximum strength of 602 men, to UNEF from 26 Oct 1973 to 2 Jun 1974. It occupied a small section in the Buffer Zone east of the small "Bitter Sea" (on both sides of the GIDDI Pass Road). Beginning on the 3rd of June 1974 the Battalion began shifting to the newly formed UNDOF Mission Area in Syria. The task of UNEF 2 (also known as Strip of 1956-67) was the occupation of a UNEF B unlike the first UNEF in the Gaza

Buffer Zone and establishment off control posts on the Sinai Peninsula for the supervision of the existing ceasefire agreement between Egypt and Israel.

UNDOF:

The United Nations Security Council Resolution of 31 May 1974 resulted in the formation of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force tasked with the maintenance of the ceasefire regulations between Israel and Syria. Its main task however is the control of the "Areas of Limitations" and occupation of the "Area of Separation". Austrian and Finnish Battalions as well as support units from Canada and Poland are currently operating in UNDOF. The present strength is approximately 1,280 men. Maj Gen G Greindl, BCE, an Austrian, is Force Commander. UNDOF Headquarters is located in Damascus. Our Battalion operates from Mt Hermon (height 2,814 m) in the north to the connecting road of Kuneitra-Khane Erennebe in the south with a total of 19 Observation Posts and a Camp in Fauar.

In Conclusion

"Austrian Radio" has been transmitting on short wave a special programme for our UN Contingents. The "Austrian Postal Administration" has established, for the soldiers, two "Army Post Offices" for the speedy handling of mail to and from the homeland. These are:

**A 1500 AUSBATT/UNDOF and
A 1501 AUSCON/UNFICYP**

The supply of provisions of all kinds operates smoothly and satisfactorily due to the maintenance of a "National UN Department" in our Ministry of Defence.

Sound the Bugle

Thousands of Austrian have already served in the UN Missions. Thousands are still waiting in Austria for an opportunity to serve with a unit of the "Blue Berets". They are all aware of their mission: We are soldiers in the Service of Peace.



ARE YOU A GAMBLER?

An Article on Road Safety by Inspector Graham Shinnick



Each year throughout the world a great number of people are killed or maimed by motor vehicles. Many motorists apparently do not appreciate the seriousness of traffic problems.

At the outset I wish to make it known that the views or the opinions expressed in this article are those that I have formulated because of the stark reality and sometimes bitter experiences of working for some 19 years within the sphere of police operations with particular reference to Accident Investigation. Recently some friends organised what was called a 'Casino' night and to the delight of those responsible it was a great success. Leading into my text therefore I should like to ask the question 'Are You a Gambler?' Black Jack, Poker, Roulette, luxury casinos, the company of beautiful women.....

Mention the word gambling and that's what most of us think of. Ask us if we gamble and we would laugh and say, "Sometimes; a few bob on a game of cards; a few bucks on the 'nags' occasionally and maybe a few cents, crowns or whatever on a few other things — but really no big gambling".

Reality sometimes sneaks out of the darkness in subtle ways. Many of us are in fact compulsive gamblers in the worst way. We are compelled to continually gamble the most valuable possessions we will acquire; our lives and the lives of our friends. Every motorist is aware that the odds of drinking and driving make for a losing game — ask those people who have been there. Every time we slip in behind the wheel after consuming quantities of our 'favourite drink' we risk the loss of life. After all, that's what gambling is, isn't it..... an undertaking involving a risk of loss.

It seems now to be well accepted that

there are numerous factors that assist in bringing about motor vehicle collisions and that the most significant of these is driver behaviour. It also seems to be widely accepted that human beings are not born bad, nor conversely are they born good.

The subsequent mix of 'goodness' and 'badness' in each person is in essence 'life's' experiences on him, and his response or his reactions to them. This then is the attitude with which he faces the world, and the mere fact of getting behind the wheel of a vehicle does not basically alter that outlook, because 'a man drives as he lives'. If his style is such that he normally lives cautiously and is tolerant and considerate, then he will drive in a way that demonstrates these attributes. On the other hand a person having no regard for these qualities and who adopts aggressiveness, is lazy and lacks discipline will fall within the ambit of a deviant driver. Deviant driving habits, expressed through poor accident or near accident records, simply manifest a way of living which has been demonstrated in personal life styles.

By their driving behaviour communities throughout the world reflect the attitude of the driving public and also the Authorities responsible for administering the Road Safety Programme.

Do you as a UN driver possess the qualities of a deviant driver? If so then your driving habits are a **direct reflection** on the way you live, the authorities responsible for administering road safety, and of paramount importance, all members of the United Nations Forces in Cyprus. Furthermore, it also reflects on the country that you represent. Conversely, good driving habits enhance the reputation of your country, your unit and you as a person.

There exists within the organisation of UNFICYP an administration responsible for Road Safety. There also exists the Support Regiment which supplies and maintains vehicles in good roadworthy condition. The third ingredient for safe driving are the attributes of CAUTION, TOLERANCE and CONSIDERATION. This can only be supplied by you..... THE UN DRIVER.



Radar gun now in use by the MP Coy.

1980 MILITARY SKILLS COMPETITION

Article by **Tin Whitehead**
Photographs by **George Moffett**



True grit man! (CANCON)



Capt Athill and his Merry Men. (3 RGJ team finishing the Forced March).



SWEDCON 'under the wire' on the obstacle course.

The 1980 UNFICYP Military Skills Competition took place on 28/29 August. The competition was sponsored by the 3rd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets (3 RGJ) under the direction of Major Lance Ruck-Keene. The co-ordinating officer from HQ UNFICYP was Major Peder Frederikson. Each team consisted of one officer and three soldiers and entries came from DANCON, 3 RGJ, CANCON, SWEDCON, AUSCON and Force Reserve. After a closely contested competition, Major General J J Quinn presented prizes to the winning 3 RGJ team and to SWEDCON (runners-up) and DANCON (third).

The competition began in the heat of the morning sun with temperatures that were to exceed 100°F during the first phase which was the 13½ km forced march. All the teams were going well when the Force Reserve team had to retire. Despite plenty of pre-competition training one member of the team suffered from a severe attack of sun stroke and had to be 'medevaced' by helicopter.

The two fastest times for this stage were SWEDCON with a time of 1 hr 34 min 15.8 secs and 3 RGJ with a time of 1 hr 34 mins 53.6 secs. Water was in plentiful supply at the finish and competitors were to be seen drenching themselves from the jerry-cans.

After a short rest teams were briefed for the next phase of the competition. They were then led forward to OP positions and shown the ground by the umpires. The task was to establish an OP with slit trenches for all members of the team and an administrative area for cooking and resting. The initial part of the establishment of the OPs took place in daylight with finishing touches put in at dusk. All teams achieved good results on this phase with the honours going to 3 RGJ (81 pts), CANCON (76 pts), SWEDCON (74 pts). Whereas 3 RGJ did the most digging CANCON did a little less and achieved their aim with a collection of large stones to construct a sanger. It was interesting to note that the large amount of dry grass made camouflage quite effective.

Later that night phase 3 began with the Night Navigation Exercise. All teams negotiated a course of 5 — 8 kms long consisting of several checkpoints.

Up to this stage all teams were fairly even in their points but navigation proved a disaster area for CANCON (2 pts) and AUSCON (—16 pts). The best two teams in this phase proved to be SWEDCON (102 pts) and DANCON (98 pts).

After completion of the Night Navigation Exercise the teams returned to their OPs to carry out phase 4 which was the Night Observation. This event included: movement of vehicles, illumination (flares), movement of small lights, camp site noises, blank ammunition being fired, movement of men, gun drill noises. The results of this phase were very close with DANCON just managing to pip the other teams with a score of 189 pts.

The next morning began with SWEDCON in the lead and their team looking confident. It is interesting to reflect what the scores were at this stage with seven stands of the last phase still to go:

SWEDCON	— 593
3 RGJ	— 578
DANCON	— 536
AUSCON	— 468
CANCON	— 428

It was apparent from the scores that AUSCON and CANCON had a great deal of lost ground to make up and that it looked like a contest between the other three teams.

The first stand was the grenade throwing with contingents being allowed to use their own dummy grenades. The scoring was based on where the grenades finally came to rest as opposed to where they struck the ground. Since the target area had hard ground, soft

ground and many stones it was a matter of luck as to where the grenades stopped. Be that as it may, the rules were the same for all teams and in the event the scores were on a par.

Stand 2 was the Signals stand and teams had to establish a telephone link from a platoon to a section position. The D 10 cable provided had to be camouflaged and then 'dug-in' where it crossed a patrol track. Bonus points were awarded for speed and points were deducted for incorrect procedures. After all teams had completed the signals stand SWEDCON had opened up the lead still further and it seemed that it would stay that way.

The next stand was the distance judging. Five white boards marked with large black letters were placed in different positions and at different distances. The boards stood at 400m, 250m, 350m, 600m and 450m. The use of binoculars was allowed but the use of maps was forbidden. The scoring on this stand was:

20 pts for each correct distance allowing 10% error.

10 pts deducted for an error less than 15% but more than 10%.

15 pts deducted for an error less than 20% but more than 15%.

20 pts deducted for an error of more than 20%.

The Swedes are renowned for their mapreading, navigation and orienteering and it was a complete surprise that the SWEDCON team came unstuck in this stand as they only scored 15 pts. This changed the position quite dramatically putting 3 RGJ

in the lead. The team order changed to:

3 RGJ	— 797
SWEDCON	— 750
DANCON	— 726
AUSCON	— 651
CANCON	— 619

At this stage people were wondering whether SWEDCON could make up 47 pts.

Stand 4 was the map reading stand and proved quite testing with the featureless terrain. However, SWEDCON managed 55 pts to 3 RGJ's 53 pts. The First Aid stand followed the map reading and teams had to dress a gunshot wound, put the wounded soldier on a stretcher and then sprint with the stretcher over a distance of 75m. Three out of the five teams received maximum score for this stand and 3 RGJ managed to score 2 bonus points above the maximum for their sprint time. 3 RGJ received 102 pts and SWEDCON 100 pts.

The running order could still change quite dramatically as it had done after the distance judging but the question was whether SWEDCON could catch up 3 RGJ and overtake them during the last two stands. Stand 6 was the obstacle course which really was physically demanding. SWEDCON had some difficulty getting over the wall and it seemed that they had no chance of overhauling the leading team. AUSCON are to be congratulated on a very fast time over the obstacle course.

The last stand of the day was the falling plate which proved to be extremely difficult. DANCON shot very well and won this part quite convincingly. SWEDCON and BRITCON tied with 56 pts each and therefore 3 RGJ held onto their lead to become the champion military skills team of 1980.

In some ways it was a great pity that CANCON and AUSCON had done so poorly in the night navigation as there is little doubt that all five teams would have been in close contention near the end.

Major Lance Ruck-Keene and the officers and soldiers of 3 RGJ who organised and ran the competition are to be congratulated on their hard work. There is no doubt that each team did its best right up to the end and this made it all the more interesting.



Which way to Copenhagen? (DANCON)



AUSCON judging distance we think!



'Heinz' makes 'regular' soldiers.

Teams	March	OP	Night Navigation	Night Obs	Grenades	Sigs	Dist Judg	Map Reading	First Aid	Obst Course	Shooting	Place/Total
Sector 1 DANCON	194	55	98	189*	7	138*	45	20	85	91	88*	3/1010
Sector 2 3 RGJ	250	81*	60	187	9	120	90*	53	102*	90	56	1/1098
Sector 4 CANCON	206	76	2	144	16*	115	60	30	100	92	40	5/881
Sector 5 SWEDCON	252*	68	102*	171	9	133	15	55*	100	71	56	2/1032
Sector 6 AUSCON	224	74	—16	184	15	133	30	45	100	100*	72	4/961

* DENOTES BEST SCORES

FUN MARCHING

Articles by Toby Falk

How does one make the training for the forthcoming DANCON March more fun? One way is to do it at Cape Greco and that's what 2 Platoon, of 2 Coy, SWEDCON, did.

The soldiers left Po'ar Camp in Athienou really early by bus

and headed for this beautiful area. It was still dark when they started marching.

The surroundings were peaceful. They passed some sleeping hotels and in the distance they could hear the early morning cock crowing.



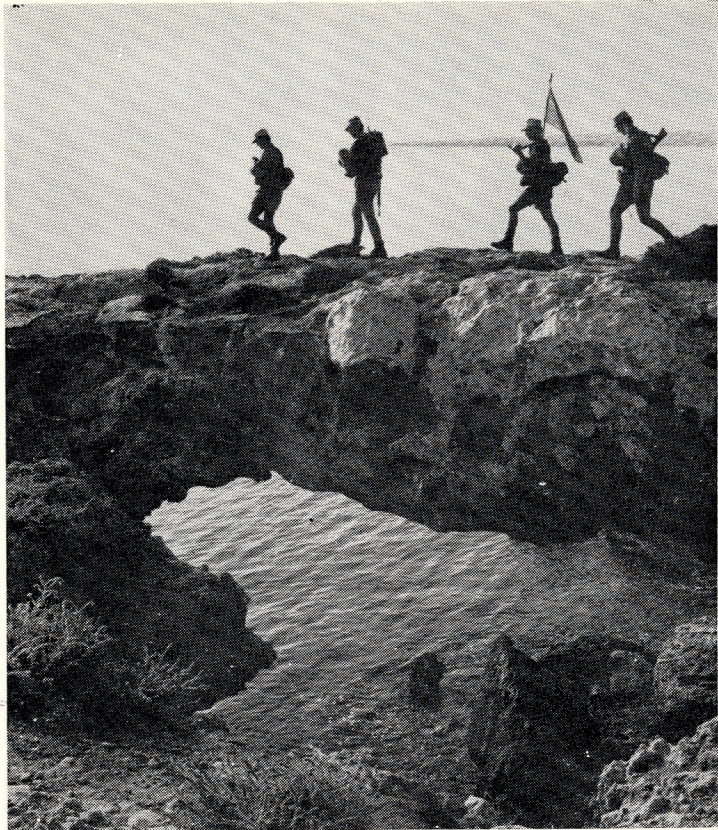
SWEDCON



Roland Johansson with moustache, surrounded by impatient "friends".



"Half a 'tache".



Ake Andersson took this beautiful photograph.

"UPPER LIP REDECORATION"

SWEDCON is now a moustache poorer — in connection with a drive to collect C£400 for one of the local employees who needs an operation on his back. MP Roland Johansson sacrificed his "lip decoration". The moustache was sold by auction one evening at the WOs and Sgts Mess at Camp Victoria in Larnaca.

A team from the WOs and

Sgts Mess bought the moustache for C£27. After doing half the work with a pair of scissors and a safety razor the other half was sold to the Officers Mess for C£24.

The shaving was accompanied by "hoots of laughter" and "heavy clapping". The proceeds from the entrance fees and "outrance" fees were C£57.



"Better looking?"



UNFICYP SAFE & SKILLED DRIVING COMPETITION

Article by Graeme Morrison

The biannual UNFICYP safe and skilled driving competition was held at Nicosia Airport on Friday 12 September. Sponsored and run by the Transport Squadron this event attracted more entries than ever before largely as a result of the entries being free.

A total of 17 teams and 3 individuals took part in a series of skills designed by SSgt Gough of the Transport Squadron to test accuracy rather than speed. A variety of different vehicles were used including borrowed Canadian 2½ and 1¼ ton and a Swedish Vo'vo. More standard Land Rovers, 4 tonners, minibuses and coaches were also used to give as varied a spectrum of activity as possible.

Each driver had to complete all the ha-

zards and a written highway code test and the scoring system evolved from a series of penalty points rather than bonuses so the team or individual with the lowest score won.

The competition was held in brilliant sunshine and a very high standard of skill was evident. The Force Commander visited for nearly an hour during the morning and was encouraged by the driving that he saw. Competition was keen and it wasn't until the last two drivers completed their tests that a result emerged.

SWEDCON, with a strong representation of 4 teams, were leading with their 'C' team throughout much of the competition only to

be relegated to third place by a late challenge from the UN MP Coy and UNFICYP Workshops.

The last two competitors decided the competition, Sgt Neilson of the UN MP Coy narrowly beating Cpl Neal of the Workshops to clinch the individual title and the team award. Driver Albinson of the Transport Squadron was the third best individual and Driver Yarnold also of the Transport Squadron won the under 21 award.

The competition produced some excellent driving and was run in a friendly spirit, all the competitors are to be congratulated as is SSgt Gough for organising a most enjoyable and imaginative event.



The winning team from left to right: Sgt Jan Nielsen, DANCON, WO2 Carl-Johan Stahle, SWEDCON, Capt Peter Hull, CANCON and Cpl Paul Thomas, BRITCON.



Competitors discussing the next manoeuvre.

UNFICYP SHOOTING COMPETITION

Article by Toby Falk

CANCON knows how to hit the target! This was demonstrated during the UNFICYP Shooting Competition that was held on the small arms range in Dhekelia on 9 September 1980. The competition was run by SWEDCON and prizes were presented by the Force Commander.

The competition was divided into a rifle match, a pistol match and a sub machine gun (SMG) match. A Falling Plate competition was held at the end.

When the rifle and pistol points were counted the Swedes, (Sector 5) were in the lead with 525 points, one point better than CANCON. However, CANCON had a good result with the SMG and overhauled SWEDCON.

The Falling Plate Competition was as usual very exciting and here the Canadians won with half a second lead over the Swedes.

Results:

1st CANCON 882; 2nd SWEDCON 855, 3rd BRITCON 813; 4th DANCON 742; 5th AUSCON 699; 6th SP REGT 650.

Rifle match:

1st C/Sgt Dorey — BRITCON — 101; 2nd Cpl Whaley — CANCON — 98; 3rd Pte Ljunggren — SWEDCON — 93.

SMG match:

1st Cpl Gresswell — CANCON — 99; 2nd Cpl Tyson — BRITCON — 95; 3rd Sgt Ekenstam — SWEDCON — 94.

Pistol match:

1st Maj Garschall — AUSCON — 65; 2nd Insp Soderstrom — SWEDCON — 65; 3rd Lt Cotterell — SP REGT — 63.



M/CPL Turple a member of the CANCON Shooting Team.

Out & About

JERUSALEM

ARTICLE BY PIP JOHANSSON

Photos by Toby Falk

Jerusalem is 2,400 feet above sea level, sprawling over stark hills where human history has been written and re-written. It is an ancient city and a holy one for the three great religions of Christianity, Judaism and Islam. It possesses and overwhelming wealth of religious sites — and it is usually as 'sights' that they merit attention.

The **Old City** stands out as the place to head for first; it deserves at least a day to explore. It can be entered by seven interesting old gates. Jaffa Gate is the main one — nearby is the old Citadel with the Tower of David. You can climb up on to parts of the high ramparts, for views of the city. There are different quarters, which have different characters — Christian, Jewish, Moslem and Armenian — merging at the edges so you might hear East European music mingling with Arab chants. The Old City has endless, narrow streets, archways and little squares. Many of the buildings are very old and there's an interesting mixture of architecture — Byzantine, Moorish, Crusader, Mameluke.

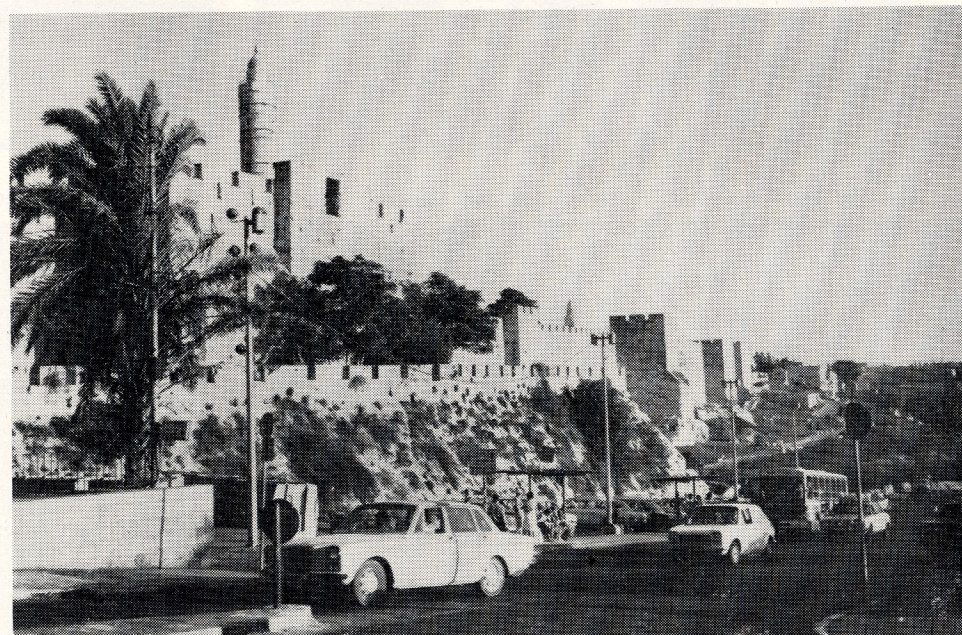
From Jaffa Gate, the street to the right leads into the quiet Armenian quarter, which is still being rebuilt after war damage, with stylish buildings in pale stone. To the left of Jaffa Gate is the Christian quarter. By following the street straight ahead you find yourself in the Moslem quarter, and souk. The maze of narrow alleys are lined with stalls and are a hive of activity. There are masses of souvenirs, but also food stalls with sacks of spices, nuts and beans, piles of fruit, cheese, meat, fish, pickles, bread and exotic cakes. The air is full of fragrances along with the sounds of Arab music and stallholders trying to entice you to buy with their 'welcome, welcome'. You see Arabs in traditional head-dress, playing backgammon, drinking coffee and smoking hookahs.

In the south-east of the Old City is Temple Mount or the Noble Enclosure, dominated by two gleaming domes. Facing a spacious plaza is the **Western Wall** (or Wailing Wall) the most holy of places to the Jews. It is all that remains of the Second Temple (built by Herod in 1 BC after Solomon's was destroyed) — the huge, lower blocks of stone dating from Herod's time. It symbolises to Jews the destruction of the Temple by the Romans, and their exile and persecution. Jews come to pray here, and insert prayers on rolled up bits of paper in cracks in the Wall. Excavations are going on around the walls, and many important finds have been made.

Above the Wall, in a pleasant area with courtyards and gardens are two of the most



The Dome of the Rock. In the foreground is the place of ritual cleansing before prayer.



This photograph is taken standing outside Jaffa Gate, looking towards the Citadel and David's Tower.

famous mosques in Islam. The **Dome of the Rock** with its large golden dome, is built over a big rock which is said to be where Abraham nearly sacrificed his son Ishmael and from where The Prophet Mohammed ascended to heaven. It is octagonal, and splendidly decorated — intricate blue, white and gold patterns, glazed tiles, mosaic, marble, gold stained glass, Persian carpets and quotations from the Koran around the walls.

El Aqsa Mosque across the courtyard from

The Dome of the Rock is a splendid example of Islamic architecture. It is said to be the site where the Khalifa Omar prayed. Huge pillars, stone archways, vast chandeliers tinkling in the breeze, beautiful stained glass, gold and turquoise inlaid ceiling and panels with Persian carpets.

In November's issue of 'The Blue Beret', there will be a further article on where to go and what to see in Israel.



INTERNATIONAL COOKBOOK

ARTICLE BY PIP JOHANSSON



Chicken Marengo

Ingredients

3 lb chicken
Juice of 1 lemon
1 sliced onion
2 spoonfuls tomato paste
1 glass medium dry white wine
3 dessertspoons oil
1 dessertspoon butter
2 dessertspoon chopped parsley
1 bay leaf
Oregano
2 tablespoons flour
1 tin mushrooms
1 tin tomatoes
salt and pepper

Method

Clean chicken and cut into four pieces. Mix in a bowl the lemon juice, oil, salt and pepper, onion, parsley and bay leaf adding the oregano. Put chicken into the mixture for 1 hour. Remove chicken and put the marinade through sieve and set aside. Melt butter in a deep pan and when hot, fry floured and seasoned chicken until golden brown. Pour marinade on to the chicken add the wine, tomato paste — diluted with 1 tablespoon of water and cover and leave on low heat to simmer for about 40 minutes. When chicken is almost cooked drain and fry mushrooms in a little butter add drained tomatoes and use this mixture to decorate chicken before serving.

Linzertorte

Ingredients

150 g butter
150 g sugar
Cinnamon
1 egg
salt
150 g flour
150 g ground almonds
30 g flour
Blackcurrant jam and egg yolk

Method

Beat together the butter, sugar and egg and add almonds, 150 g flour, cinnamon and salt. Place two thirds of the mixture in a tin well greased with butter. Mix the remainder of the mixture with 30 g flour into a dough and roll into several strips. Place one strip around the edge of the cake and cover the cake mixture with blackcurrant jam. Place the remaining strips on top of the jam in a criss-cross fashion and brush with egg yolk. Bake for 50 to 60 minutes in a medium oven.

GOURMET'S DELIGHTS FROM AUSTRIA



That's 'KAISERGUGLHUPF' Austrian cake!

Wiener Schnitzel

Ingredients

6 thin slices veal
2 eggs
1 tablespoon oil
25 g flour
salt & freshly ground black pepper
fresh breadcrumbs
butter to fry

Method

Coat the veal in the seasoned flour dip into the eggs beaten together with the oil and cover in fresh breadcrumbs. Fry in the butter until tender. Serve garnished with a wedge of lemon and a green salad.

Kaisergugelhupf

Ingredients

250g butter
14 egg yolks
300g fine flour
30g yeast dissolved in a teaspoon of sugar
150g sugar
6 eggwhites
30g butter
20g flour
salt

Method

Cream butter until fluffy. Gradually add the egg yolks mixing a spoon of flour in between

each yolk. Stir for several minutes then add the remainder of the flour and the yeast, salt and sugar. Stir then fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Butter a cake tin and dust with flour, then fill half full with cake mixture. Cover with a cloth and allow to rise to full size. Place in a warm oven and bake until golden brown. Raisins and grapes can be added to the mixture if the dough is too thick, thus preventing the cake from rising to full size.

Sachertorte

Ingredients

200 g plain chocolate
150 g butter
150 g sugar
4 eggs
150 g flour
150 g plain chocolate for icing

Method

Melt 200 g chocolate in a bowl over saucepan of hot water. Beat the butter and sugar thoroughly together, add egg yolks one at a time then add melted chocolate and sifted flour. Whisk egg whites until stiff and fold into mixture. Pour into a greased floured cake tin with loose bottom. Bake at 175°C for half an hour. When cool melt 150 g chocolate with a knob of butter and pour over cake.

Pictorial news

DANCON MEDAL PARADE

On the afternoon of 2 September most of the Danish Contingent of UNFICYP received their medals at a Medal Parade at Evrykhou Stadium.

The Danish battalion is formed from 21 regiments, Army Ordnance Corps, Medical Corps, Navy and Air Force with their different methods of parading

and drilling. A central part in any Danish parade is "Changing the Colour", this time performed by Lt K Andreassen, Lt B G Svensson, Agt A Woythal and Sgt J O Hald. To amateurs it takes a lot of training but it was easy for Lt Andreassen and Sgt Woythal as they have done it together at Amalienborg, the Queen's Palace in Copenhagen.



Changing the Colours.

GREEN JACKETS TO THE RESCUE

Article by Crispian Beattie

C/Sgt Brian Ewin of S Coy, 3rd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets, was on his way to take stores to OP B25 in Mammari when he saw a large tract of garden burning round a house in Kokkinotrimithia.

Closer inspection of the blaze revealed a baby in danger. Young Renos Neoptolemos was about to be badly burned by the approaching flames as he played on the ground outside. Little Christoulla Mina who was looking after the children while Mrs

Anna Neoptolemos was away for a minute, was distraught and neither she nor the two little boys George and Panayiotis could get to the baby or beat back flames. C/Sgt Ewin, on the right of the photo, and Rfn Perkins (left) and Rfn Johnson (right), pictured here with Christoulla, Panayiotis and George, soon beat out the fire and rescued the baby. Thankfully a tragedy was averted owing to some quick thinking and fast action.



HQ Coy presenting arms to salute the Colours.

FAREWELL TO....

Lt Col M Fornell, Swedish Army, on the left of the picture is shaking hands with his successor Lt Col A Plienegger, Austrian Army. Lt Col Fornell has been Chief Operations Officer of Operations Branch, HQ UNFICYP for the past year and everyone here is sorry to see him go — we wish him all the best for the future. We welcome the new Chief Operations Officer, Lt Col Plienegger, and hope that his tour in Cyprus will be a pleasant one.



Maj George Thomas received the Force Commander's Commendation on 4 Sep 80 for all the hard work that he had put in as the Quartermaster of UNFICYP Support Regiment. He is pictured here with his wife Bery who herself worked as the Deputy Chief of Staff's secretary for the past two years. Those who knew them both would like to say a "Thank you and the Best of Luck".



CANADIAN MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE VISITS UNFICYP

The Honourable Mr J G Lamontagne, Canadian Minister of National Defence recently spent some time visiting the Canadian Contingent of UNFICYP. On Thursday, 25 September, he came to the Headquarters of UNFICYP where he was welcomed by a Guard of Honour

after which he called on the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Mr H J Gobbi and the Force Commander, Maj Gen J J Quinn. In the photograph on the right he is seen chatting to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Mr H J Gobbi.

Mr Joachim Huetter, West Germany, who has been with HQ UNFICYP as a Political Affairs Officer for the past two months.



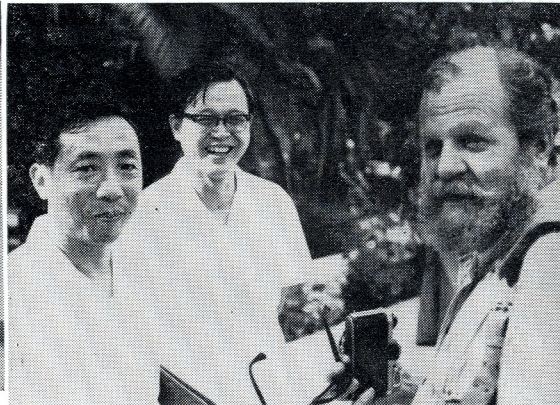
VISITORS

The Commander in Chief of the Austrian armed forces, Gen E Spanocchi, and Lt Gen K Schrems visited AUSCON from 6 to 9 September.





UN NEWS



THE CYPRUS INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS

Written by George Yacoub
(pictured centre top)

Photo Montage by Tim Whitehead

In the first four meetings of the Cyprus Intercommunal talks, held at weekly intervals between 16 September and 8 October 1980, the Greek Cypriot side and the Turkish Cypriot side completed the preliminary phase of these talks. During these meetings, which were held under the auspices of Mr Hugo J Gobbi, the Secretary-General's Special Representative, the two Interlocutors, George Ioannides (pictured on the left of the page in the fourth photograph from the top) and Umit Suleyman Onan (pictured talking to reporters in bottom left photograph), introduced their respective positions on the following questions: (a) "Agreement on the re-settlement of Varosha under United Nations auspices"; (b) "Initial practical measures by both sides to promote goodwill, mutual confidence and return to normal conditions"; (c) "Constitutional proposals"; and (d) "Territorial proposals".

In the Secretary-General's opening statement made by Mr Gobbi on 9 August 1980, it was stated that the four items mentioned above would be discussed in accordance with the 19 May 1979 Agreement between President Kyprianou and Mr Rauf Denktash reached at the high-level meeting held in Nicosia under the auspices of Secretary-General Waldheim.

As this initial setting out of position by the two sides was completed, the Interlocutors reverted at the meeting of 15 October to the item on Varosha for detail consideration. The same procedure was to be followed with the other items as well.

