

# ***THE BLUE BERET***



SEPTEMBER 1981



# AUGUST IN RETROSPECT

## ROTATIONS

None

## MEDAL PARADES

- 5 Swedish Contingent  
28 Danish Contingent

## VISITS

- 4 Austrian Film Team to make training film  
5 ITN Film Team to make news programme for British television.  
5—13 Lt Col P McQueen and Sgt J Leclerc to the Canadian Contingent to install new dental equipment.

6—10 Lt Col T C M Roderick-Jones, Commanding Officer Queen's Royal Irish Hussars to the Force Scout Car Squadron.

18 Mr Anthony Twist, Senior Public Relations Officer of the Sovereign Bases to HQ UNFICYP.

19—27 Maj Adjicot to the Canadian Contingent to discuss Regimental training plans.

26—28 Lt Col L Brasseur WO W Hansen and Sgt G Huff to the Canadian Contingent in connection with 1 Ln Tp Project recce.

## MILITARY AND RECREATIONAL COMPETITIONS

- 17 UNFICYP Swimming Gala  
20—21 UNFICYP Military Skills Competition

# FUTURE EVENTS

## OCTOBER

### Concerts of Country and Bluegrass Music

Monday 5 October at 8.00 pm at the Archbishop Makarios III Amphitheatre Nicosia

Wednesday 7 October at 8.00 pm at the Municipal Garden Theatre Limassol

Thursday 8 October at 8.00 pm at the American Academy Auditorium Larnaca

Direct from the USA, for the first time in Cyprus, two outstanding groups play and sing the music of America's heartland. Buck White and the Down Home Folks feature the fast and fluent mandolin-playing of Buck White, the vocals of his daughters Sharon and Cheryl, and Jerry Douglas on dobro (acoustic steel guitar). Harold Morrison and Smoking Bluegrass are also a family group, with Harold Morrison's five string banjo supported by his daughter Karla's bass guitar and the dobro of Benny Williams. A lively and relaxed evening of fun for music-lovers of all ages. Proceeds from the sale of tickets and special souvenir programmes will benefit the scholarship fund of the Cyprus-American Association. Prize drawings will be held at each concert. Tickets 500 mills at Esso stations and other outlets.

Wednesday 14 October at 7.30 pm at the American Centre

### Hide in Plain Sight

James Caan (The Godfather) both directed and starred in this tense drama. A divorced father who visits his children every weekend finds that they have suddenly disappeared along with their mother and her new husband, a small-time crook hiding from gang vengeance. The father begins a desperate one-man battle to track them down. Based on a true story, this film looks at the agonizing problem of the conflicting rights of divorced parents and their children from a different perspective from "Kramer v Kramer".

Wednesday 21 October at 7.30 pm at the American Centre Nicosia. Film show.

### Singing in the Rain

One of the all-time musical greats with Gene Kelly and Debbie Reynolds exuberantly dancing and singing their way through a comedy set in Hollywood during the transition from silent movies to "talkies". An unforgettable send-up of the whole film-making process, enhanced by some of the finest musical numbers ever seen on the screen.

Thursday 22 October – AUSCON Medal Parade  
21, 22 & 23 October – UNFICYP Tennis Tournament

24 October – United Nations Day. SWEDCON will be or-

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## on the cover

Cpl COTNAM (CANCON) exhausted after the forced march stage of the UNFICYP Military Skills Competition. Photo: Editor

# THE BLUE BERET



## Editorial

The June issue of "The Blue Beret" promoted a competition for a new UNFICYP Christmas Card. The panel of judges comprising the Force Commander, the Chief Administrative Officer and the MPIO have selected the winning entry.

Surprisingly the printing costs of the colourful new card will be less than the old one. Those of you who purchased last year's card will remember that the card and envelope were priced at 150 mils each. The NEW card is to be sold for *ONLY 100 MILS!*

The new card will be available at the end of September from Mr Dooley, the Procurement/Shipping Officer, UN Secretariat, HQ UNFICYP. Telephone Nicosia 64000 Ext 7208.



Maj Gen Gunther Greindl presenting a cheque for £25 to Mrs Maryrose MacMillan-Nihlen as the prize for her winning entry.

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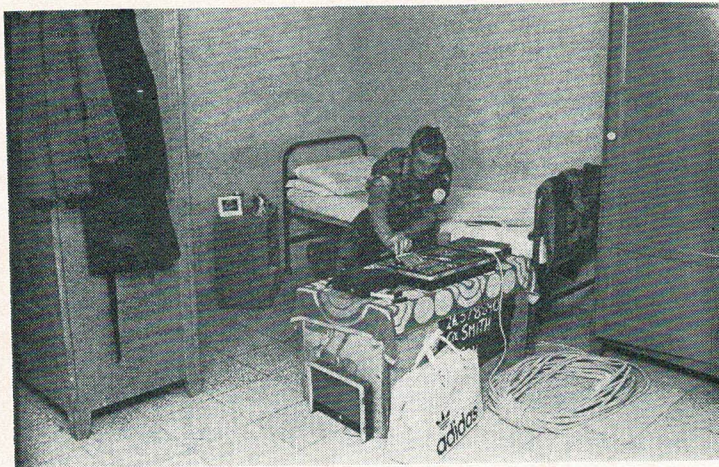
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The new accommodation block



A room in the new block

# OP B33 IS IMPROVED



By Lt Robin Barker



B33 is situated 2500 metres from the Box Factory which is just north west of Astromeritis. It is surrounded by rich farming land, including numerous citrus groves, most of which are still being farmed. The shape and layout of B33 has changed during the last year with the construction of accommodation and a new bunker which is yet to be completed.

The accommodation for the Royal Engineers was considered to be a little spartan and was considerably overcrowded. Therefore the Royal Engineers based at the Box Factory were tasked with building a new accommodation block.

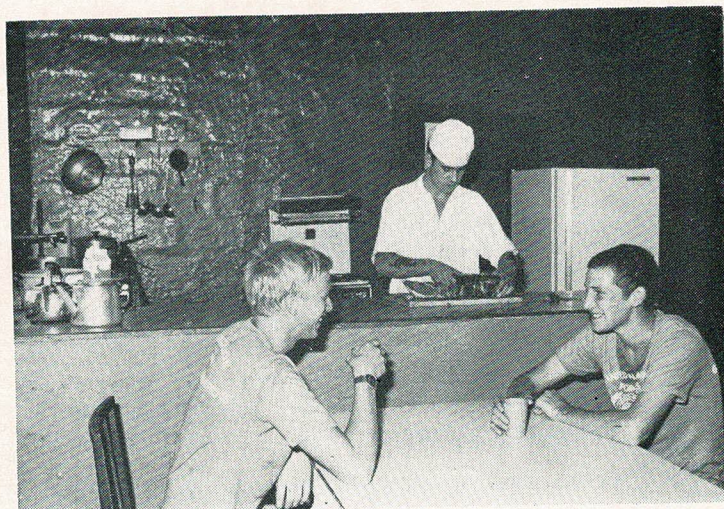
Their efforts produced a six room breeze block building divided into four-man rooms, which provides a better ratio of men to rooms than we enjoy back in our UK base at Catterick.

Each room now has a brightly painted interior, no two rooms being the same colour. There are more than enough electrical sockets for each man's needs, and every room enjoys the benefits of strip lighting. A real home from home.

The old accommodation is now put to good use. For example, it is variously used as a recreation room, dining room, gymnasium and a classroom; it contains a table tennis table, a dart board, a set of gym weights and an odd assortment of furniture which any antique dealer might be interested in. Offers to the OP!

Having built the new accommodation, the Royal Engineers' next task was to build a new swill and rubbish area. This was built with the universal breeze block. The task was completed shortly after our arrival in the OP and was immediately followed by the laying of the

foundations for the new bunker, again consisting of a breeze block constructed in a large hole dug by our predecessors. This construction is now well under way and ready for the roofing. After this, tons of earth will be bulldozed on top of it and all that will be seen of the work will be the entrance. The remainder of the OP differs little from any other with its kitchen, Ops room, tower and ablutions. The story of OP B33 is the story of the Royal Engineers Detachment from the Box Factory. Despite efforts by 1 Green Howards to make small improvements such as the construction of an outside shower, which is very popular after an early morning run, the credit for the major improvements to the OP must go to the Royal Engineers.



# THE SIGNALS SYNDICATE

By Maj Hubert Schermann



1 Lt Kubiska (fourth from the right) with his crew.

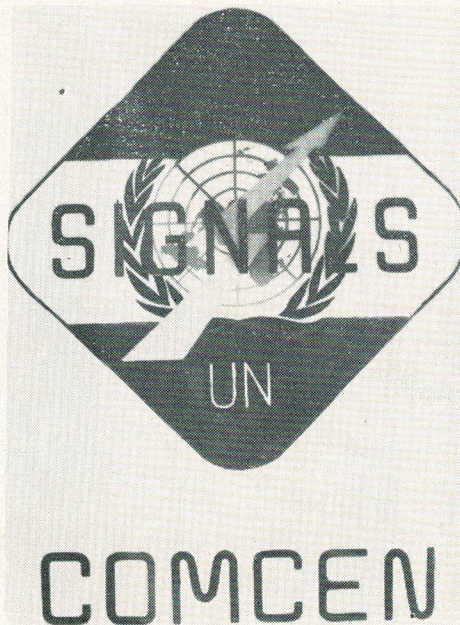


LCpl Ringer learning the operation of the telephone exchange as WO2 Karl Hoter looks on.

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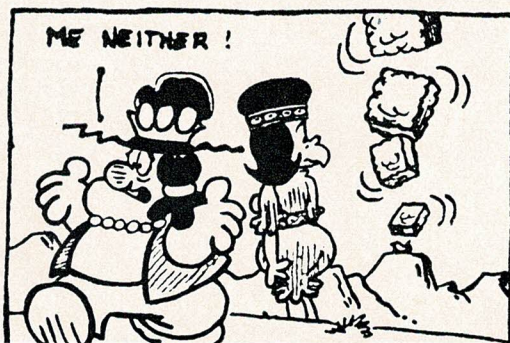
- operation of the telephone exchange,
- maintenance of radios and teleprinters in Sector 6
- maintenance of radios and teleprinters to Austria
- service and maintenance of approximately 180 Km of telephone lines
- helicopter landing guidance.

The first of the listed tasks occasionally brings about slight but sometimes tricky language problems. Not English, which is relatively easily coped with, but rather with the many different Austrian accents and dialects spoken by members of the Signal crew. An example



is LCpl Ringer (pictured working the exchange) who speaks with a heavy Tirolean accent. His workmates quite often scratch their heads and reach for a dictionary to try to make some sort of sense out of what he is saying! However, the eleven man strong crew, composed of a 1 Lt, two WO1s two WO2s and six junior ranks, always manages to get by and competently carry out their "exchange" role, fearing only the so-called "Rash-Howa" (Rush Hour) as LCpl Ringer would pronounce

The present Signals crew successfully organised and carried out the last Senior Signal NCO Convention in Camp Duke Leopold V.

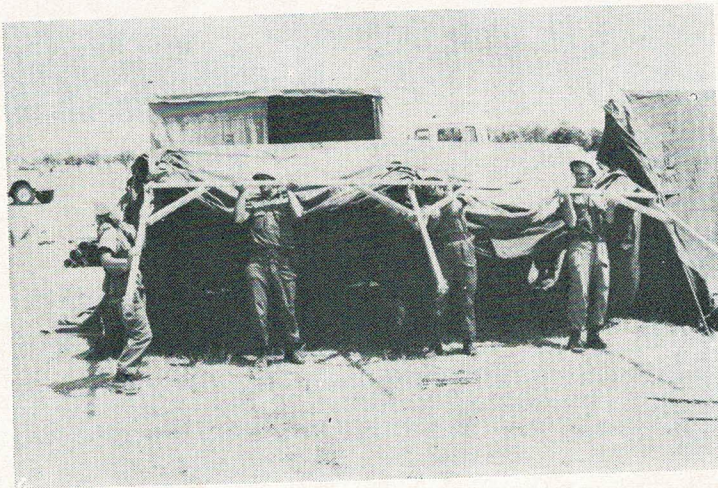




Swedish soldiers guarding the "Airplane" (the bus on the left).



One of the "victims" is transported away from the scene.



The Swedish medics raise one of the tents belonging to the field hospital.



A car is searched at a temporary checkpoint on a road in the exercise area.

# "KOJAK" AT SWEDCON



By Anders Gummesson



Trying to remove a "living roadblock".

The Swedish battalion - 78C - has had a very active period during the last few months. Several big exercises—in and outside the buffer zone—have taken place.

The code word for these exercises is KOJAK. The first exercise—KOJAK ONE—took place within Camp Victoria in Larnaca. Its aim was to test the fitness of the various branches in the

from Camp Victoria. The scenario was that of a civilian airplane hi-jacked by terrorists and forced to land at an airport. The Swedish contingent was given the task of negotiating with the hi-jackers and getting the hostages out of the plane. Personnel from the Swedish Civilian Police impersonated the hi-jackers. Spectators found their behaviour most realistic and were very pleased to see that the negotiations proved to be successful!

took place in the buffer zone in 2 Coy's area. It included standing patrols, checkpoints and various security activities.

The medical specialists in the Contingent also got a very good opportunity to practise their emergency training. Lots of wounded soldiers were brought to their field hospital.

The three KOJAK exercises, now completed, will be followed by at least one more exercise involving the entire

# PEACEKEEPING PADRES

By Lt Greg Jensen

Their 'battle grounds' are in Cyprus, Germany, Canada and Canadian ships on the seven seas, and they 'fight the good fight' in war and peace.

They are called the padres—the chaplains of the Armed Forces—and they play a very special role in the Armed Forces of Canada. The Armed Forces padre's religious calling is specialised because he is serving people in a military environment who may some day be required to make the ultimate sacrifice.

The Canadian Airborne Regiment has two padres with the unit. Capt Bruce Sweet (Protestant) and Capt Rhiel Turgeon (RC). Capt Sweet is a qualified

Paratrooper and a permanent member of the unit.

As well as providing religious services to the troopers, both padres lend a comforting ear to young soldiers far from home who are lonely, in doubt or need spiritual and moral guidance. They can often be seen having a friendly chat with soldiers on and off duty and their visits to the observation posts are welcomed by the soldiers.

Chaplains are commissioned officers in the forces and must complete military training and professional development training in the same manner as all other military officers. Chaplains were brought

to Canada with the British Regiment in the latter part of the 18th Century and from the time militia units were formed in Canada there have been chaplains serving in the Armed Forces in peace and war. Several were decorated for bravery and dedication to duty in World War I, World War II and Korea. Padre John Weir Foote won the Victoria Cross for bravery during the Canadian raid on Dieppe France in August 1942. Padre Foote remained behind on the beaches to assist the wounded and died rather than be evacuated and he became a prisoner of war.

Chaplains serving in the Armed Forces no longer spend their careers in one element. They must be willing to serve on land, sea or air, and inevitably will serve in two environments in the course of their careers.

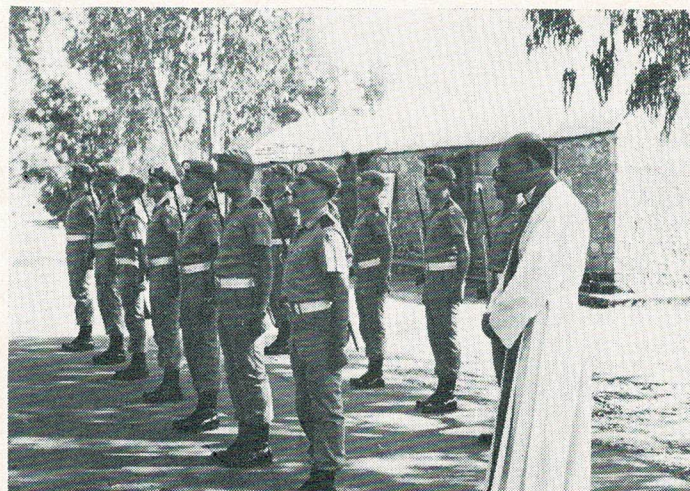
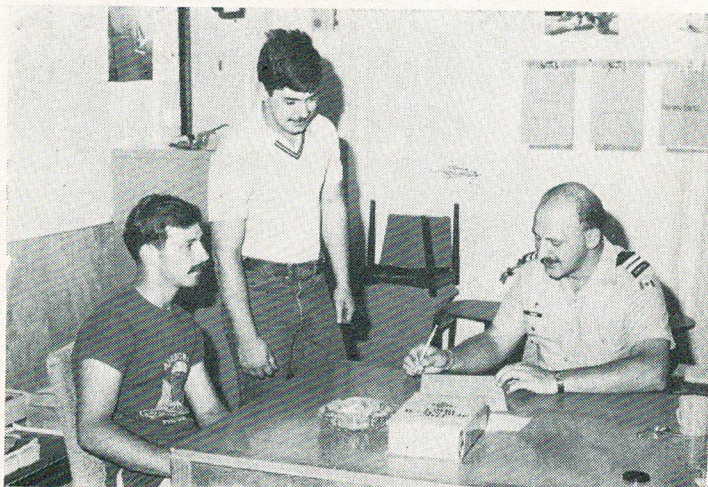
The Padres of the Canadian Contingent make an important contribution to the peacekeeping operations of the Regiment in Cyprus.



Padre Sweet discussing OP duties with troopers from 2 Commando.



Padre Sweet gets on with the routine administrative work.



The second UNFICYP Military Skills Competition 1981 took place on 20/21 August. The Competition was sponsored by the 1st Bn The Green Howards under the direction of Lt Col Stuart Adlington. The co-ordinating officer from HQ UNFICYP was Maj Jorn Hee. Each team comprised one officer and three soldiers and entries came from DANCON, AUSCON, Sector 2, CANCON, SWEDCON, FSC Sqn and Support Regiment.

After an extremely closely contested competition, Maj Gen Gunther G Greindl presented prizes to the winning Support Regiment team, to Sector 2 (runners up) and to CANCON (3rd). All competitors also received a certificate to commemorate their participation in this gruelling competition.

Phase 1 of the competition—the forced march—was held over a new course of approximately 12.5 Km. The start was from the main gate of Alexander Barracks Dhekelia, and the finish was just above the obstacle course next to the admin area. The weather was perfect and in view of the heat of midsummer the start times were brought forward to between 0700 and 0735 hrs. The CANCON team ran almost the whole

way and arrived at the finish in an impressively fast time of 66 mins. The second fastest time was Sector 2 in 75 minutes with Sector 5 very close behind in 77 minutes.

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 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 establishment of the OPs took place in daylight with finishing touches put in at dusk. Activity during the night comprised a night navigation exercise followed by an observation exercise.

The next morning began with Sector 2 in the lead by a narrow margin and at this stage the other teams in contention were DANCON, CANCON, SWEDCON and Sq Regt. AUSCON had scored zero on night navigation and were faced with a mammoth number of points to make up.

The first five stands of Phase 3 were grenade throwing, signals test, distance judging, map reading and first aid. At



Danes through the obstacle course.



# MILITARY



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By the Editor

TEAMS		Forced March	OP	N
SUPPORT REGT	-1st	248	83	10
SECTOR 2	-2nd	254	78	16
CANCON	-3rd	272*	73	14
SWEDCON	-4th	250	81	7
DANCON	-5th	222	88	6
AUSCON	-6th	228	98*	
FSC SQN	-7th	222	65	6

\* Denotes highest score





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the forced march.

TITATION

Photos Bob Fousert

ULTS

Gren	Sigs	Dist	Map	1st			TOTAL
				Aid	Obst	Shoot	
52	127	55	60*	66	95	104	1072
48	130*	70*	45	47	37	112*	1065
70*	127	0	35	77*	82	64	1027
68	124	30	30	66	100*	112*	1001
50	130*	40	30	44	42	104	905
52	121	25	30	69	48	88	818
46	113½	0	30	52	17	88	758½

the end of these stands Sector 2 had maintained the lead, followed by Sp Regt and CANCON who, despite scoring zero on the distance judging (through late arrival), had done very well on the other stands and were lying third.

From past experience of Military Skills competitions, the lead can change hands quite dramatically. The final day proved no exception as the Swedes set a blistering time over the obstacle course in 1 min 57 secs. Sector 2, the hot favourites at this stage, took 3 mins over the obstacle course and lost a lot of points. Sector 2 however scored well on the shooting, and Sp Regt needed a good time on the obstacle course and a good shooting result to take the lead. Much to everybody's surprise, the Sp Regt team, led by Capt Tim Cross, took only 5 secs longer than the Swedes and produced a good score on the shooting. This put them in the lead over Sector. 2. All eyes were then on the CANCON team to see if they

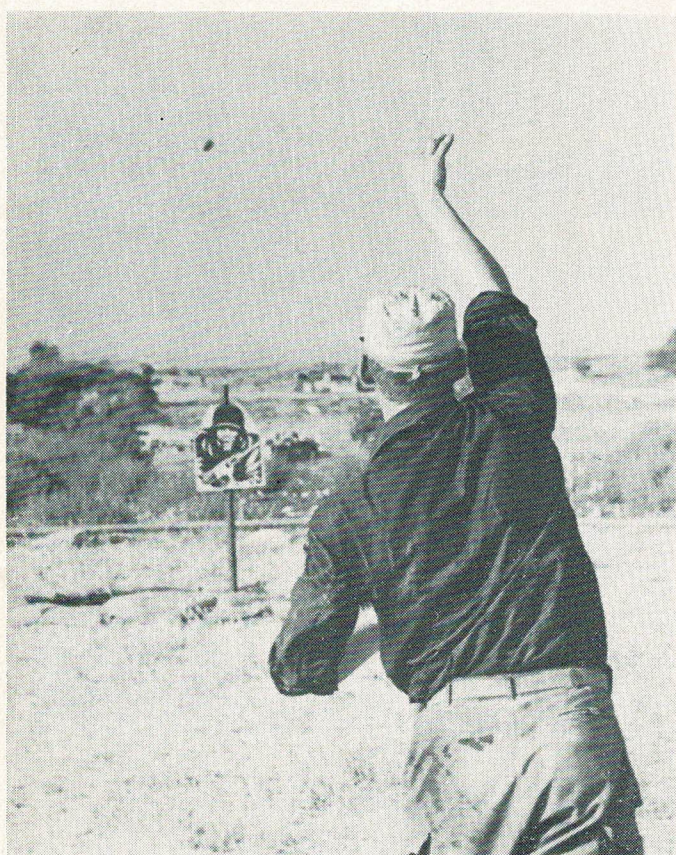
could score enough points on the obstacle course and shooting to beat the other two leading teams. The Canadian went over the obstacle course in the third fastest time and it transpired that they required to knock down 14 out of the 15 plates in the shooting to win. In the event the pressure was too great and they only knocked down 8 plates leaving Sp Regt the winners with Sector 2 runners up.

This is the first time that a Sp Regt team has ever won the Military Skills competition and needless to say it was one of the most popular and deserving wins in UNFICYP.

Lt Col Adlington and the officers and soldiers of 1 Green Howards, who organised and ran the competition, are to be congratulated on their excellent organisation and hard work. This competition requires severe mental and physical endurance and to take part and complete it is an achievement in itself.



AUSCON at the Signals stand.

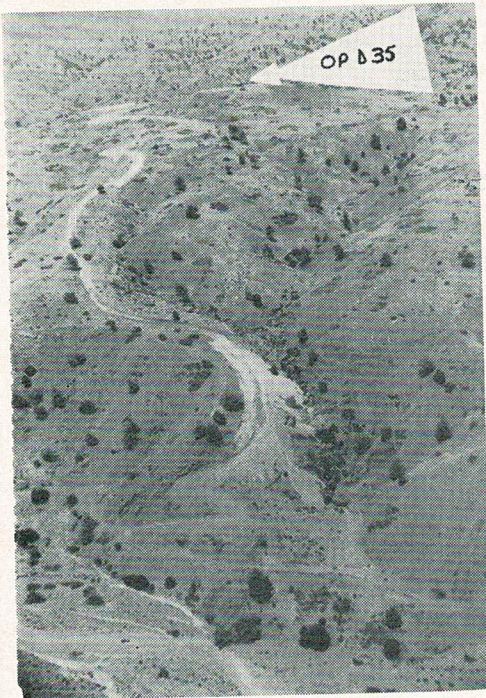


The Force Commander Congratulates the winning Sp Regt team. From left to right: Cfn Colin Hargreaves, Pte David Morrell, Sgt Robert Cassidy, Capt Tim Cross.



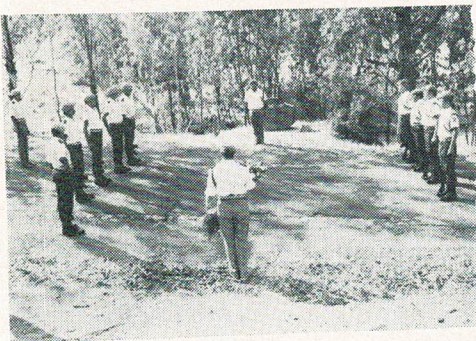
# DANCON NEWS

By Maj Ole Blickert-Hansen



## NEW ACCESS TRACK

The RE Detachment has completed a new access track from OP D35 to the old track in the valley below. DANCON soldiers using this much shorter route between OP D35 and OP D15 are saving two hours travelling time each day.



## WREATH LAYING

On 16 August, CO DANCON Lt Col Lauritzen held a wreath laying ceremony at the DANCON memorial on the Ambelikou Road. Seven years ago two Danish soldiers were killed there in a



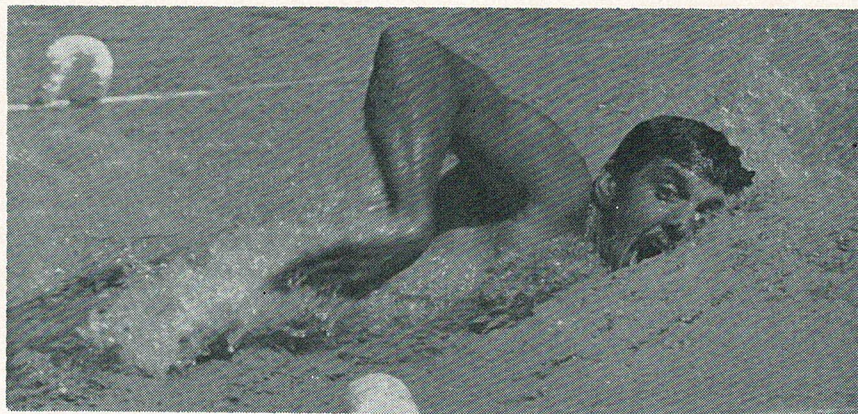
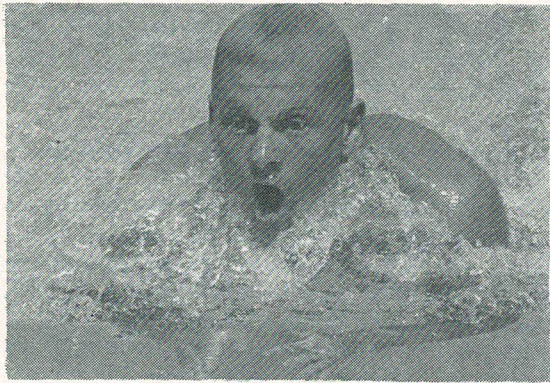
## MIL SKILLS TRAINING CIRCUIT

DANCON won the Military Skills Competition in February and were keen to repeat the performance. For 14 days prior to the second competition this year, held in August, they trained hard on a special training circuit in Skourio tissa. The picture shows the hopeful members of the team.



## NEW HUT IN LIMNITIS

There has been a flurry of building in Limnitis Camp. On 11 August a small



## SWIMMING COMPETITION

### RESULTS

#### 50 yd FREESTYLE

- 1 Burke (CANCON)
- 2 Waites (SP REGT)
- 3 Anderson (SWEDCON)

#### 50 yd BREASTROKE

- 1 Lindberg (SWEDCON)
- 2 Stevenson (CANCON)
- 3 Clarke (BRITCON)

#### 50 yd BUTTERFLY

- 1 Johannesson (SWEDCON)
- 2 Fousert (HQ)
- 3 McCarthy (CANCON)

#### 50 yd BACKSTROKE

- 1 Ribbhagen (SWEDCON)
- 2 Russell (CANCON)
- 3 Slot-Jensen (DANCON)

#### OVER 35-50 yd FREESTYLE

- 1 Whitehead (HQ UNFICYP)
- 2 Urwin (BRITCON)
- 3 Legood (CANCON)

#### 200 yd FREESTYLE

- 1 Andersson (SWEDCON)
- 2 Morgan (CANCON)
- 3 Cassidy (SP REGT)



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#### 100 yd BREASTROKE

- 1 Johannesson (SWEDCON)
- 2 Kurcwal (CANCON)
- 3 Cottle (BRITCON)

#### 100 yd BACKSTROKE

- 1 Thom (BRITCON)
- 2 Waites (SP REGT)
- 3 Holmberg (SWEDCON)

#### 4 x 50 yd MEDLEY RELAY

- 1 Swedcon
- 2 Cancon
- 3 Sp Regt

#### 4 x 50 yd FREESTYLE RELAY

- 1 Swedcon
- 2 Cancon
- 3 Sp Regt

#### OVER 35 -

#### 4 x 50 yd FREESTYLE RELAY

- 1 HQ UNFICYP
- 2 Sp Regt
- 3 FSC

#### FINAL PLACINGS

#### FIRST

SWEDCON

#### SECOND

CANCON



Maj Gen. Greindl presenting prizes to the over 35 Freestyle Relay Team. From the left: Maj Whitehead, Maj Inshaw, Maj Roberg (Shaking hands) and Maj de Broe Ferguson.



# EXERCISE RAMASES RAFT

By Lieutenant Francis Galliano

Photography by Trooper Michael Sharp

## Introduction

The Duke of Edinburgh's Squadron (Force Scout Car Squadron), Queen's Royal Irish Hussars, mounted an expedition to Egypt from 20 June to 8 July 1981. The aim of the expedition party of 10 soldiers, led by Lt Francis Galliano, was to sail down the River Nile, from Aswan to Nag Hammadi, following the ancient trade route from the south.

## Background

Life in Egypt has always meant the Nile. The First Cataract at Aswan was the first physical opposition to exploration of Nubia by the ancient Egyptians. From the First Cataract downstream towards the Mediterranean was the centre of civilisation. The river is still alive with life—a never ceasing artery.

Mud bricks laid out to dry. From these will arise huts. In them whole families will live. We pass villages—dogs looking for food, chickens scratching the earth, donkeys turning their never ending circle, women turning the ancient Archimedes screws to bring up the most precious of all things—water. The Nile supplies these canals, the canals the fields. At the edge of the fields, palm groves to keep out the moving sands of the desert. And above the old flood line are the pyramids, the pyramids of Sakkara.

Tooting and shouting our driver zooms through the villages to the great Pyramids of Giza. The twenty-two pyramids in the area are over-shadowed by the three Great Pyramids of the IVth Dynasty (c 2300 BC). "Cheops Belongs to the Horizon" is the largest of the three. The mass of stone is so enormous that one

mains of railway carriages. We speed through the night past all the towns we shall see on our return journey. We awake in Aswan. The Nile is a deep blue. Our feluccas await; the Nubian boatmen look at the men that they will sail with to Nag Hammadi.

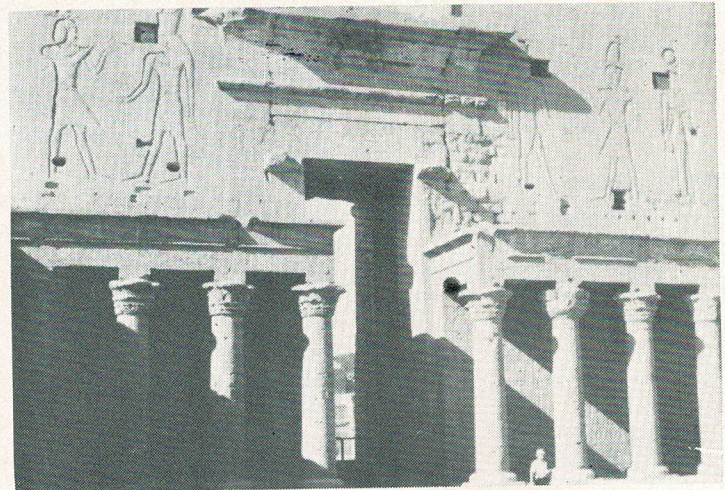
We see the British-built Lower Dam. Below it the First Cataract. Both over-shadowed by the Russian-built High Dam. Lake Nasser stretches southwards; under its calm waters lies most of Nubia.

We mount "Moon" and "Milky"—our feluccas. We sail past Elephantine Isle where the ancient town of Aswan was. Past the hotels bordering the river. And past the lush greenness of Kitchener's Isle—a botanical paradise.

When there is no wind we float with the river; with wind we tack towards



Temple of Amon Ra at Luxor



Temple of Horus at Edfu

Where once barges had floated down at flood time to carry the stones to the pyramids, now one has phosphate and sugar carried on the motorised river barges.

## Extracts From The Expedition Diary

Cairo, the city built for the Nile, still has a majestic splendour that can be seen through the neon lights, advertisements and debris. The largest city in Africa sprawls itself along the banks of the Nile. In it the busy lives of people. At night we wander down to the Nile. The black, slow-moving mass. The small rowing and sailing boats add dignity to the floodlights and noise.

A man asleep in the gutter, couples hold hands, a family sits on cardboard and newspaper and eat a small meal, children run and play on the pavements beside the Nile. Cars toot and brakes

must see it to believe. It contains over six million tons of stone. Napoleon astonished his officers by calculating the stone from the three pyramids would be sufficient to build a wall 3m high and 0.30m thick round the whole area of France. The oppression and organisation to build such a colossal tomb is difficult for one to imagine. At the time most of the world lived in caves.

"Great is Chechren" and "Divine is Mycerinus" are the other two pyramids. Inside, the passages—the corridors built to confuse all and which confused none—all the tombs having been plundered in ancient times. At sunset the "Son et Lumiere" begins at Giza.

Soldiers of this age sit on roofs of trains going to Alexandria. In our German-built air-conditioned train we speed from Cairo. Through our double-glazed windows we see the shanty towns

Edfu, passing ancient tombs and forgotten temples.

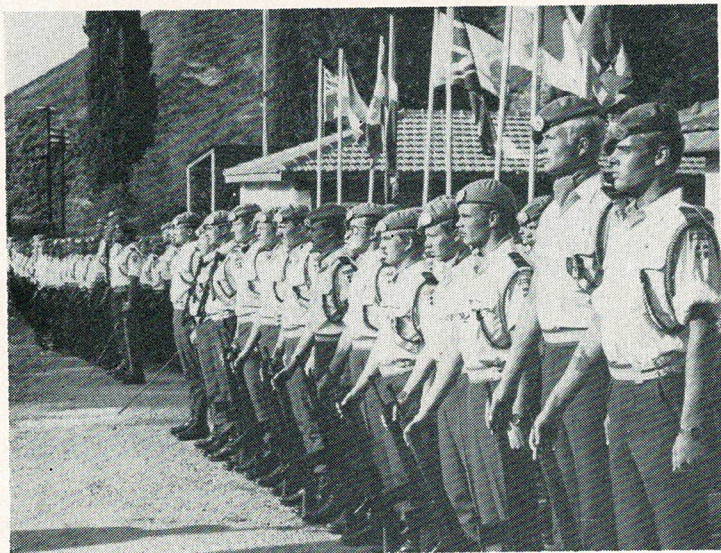
Men dressed only in loincloths carry enormous rocks off a river barge. A carriage takes us through the town of Edfu. In the centre of the poverty an enormous temple to Horus the Falcon god. Finished only fifty years before the birth of Christ, it is the finest example of an Egyptian temple. The massive entrance pylons are flanked by two black granite statues of falcons. From Dandara, his wife Hathor would come once a year in triumphal barges to be with her husband. Their statues would be taken to the temple roof to be exposed to the sun's rays so as to be reborn. A falcon from the King's Aviary would be chosen to represent the physical being of the god for the following year.

Both boats take in their sails and tie up and float as there is no wind. Ancient



# DANCON MEDAL PARADE

## Skouriotissa Camp 28 August



Maj Gen Greindl pins a UN Medal on the chest of Lt Col Lauritzen, CO DANCON.

# SWEDCON MEDAL PARADE

## Larnaca School for the Blind 5 August



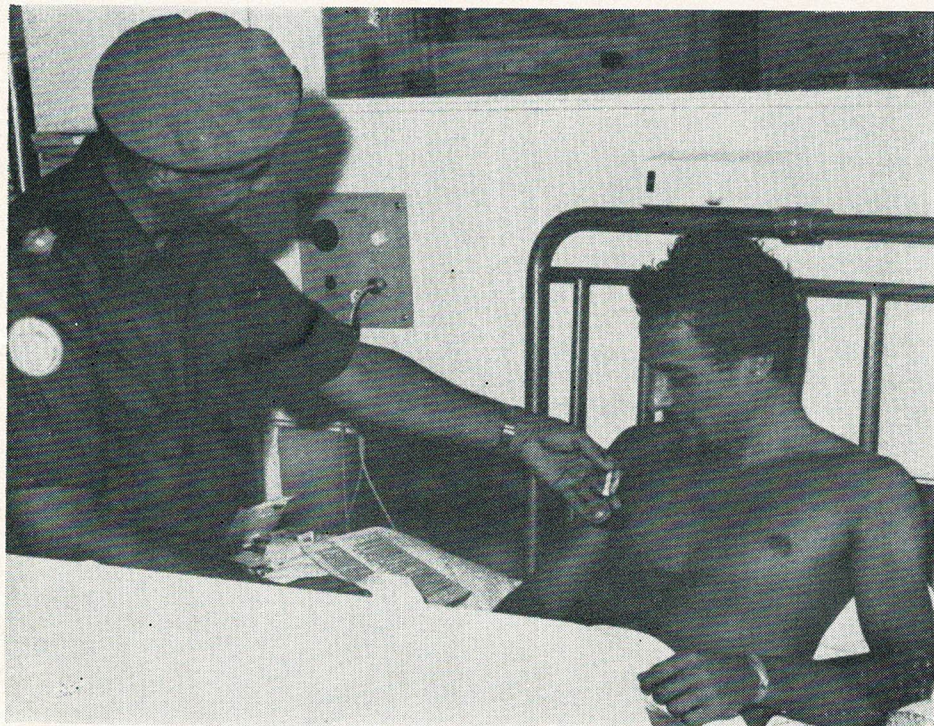
Maj Gen Greindl congratulates P/e Frederikson after presenting his UN Medal.

**Pictorial**  
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## SRSG IN WINNING TENNIS TEAM

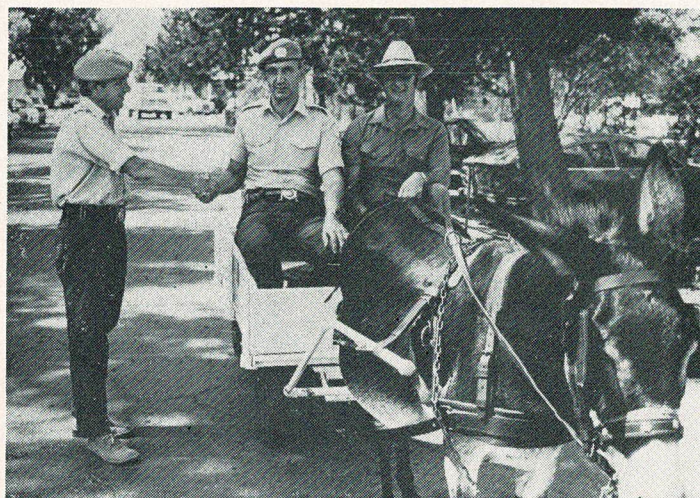
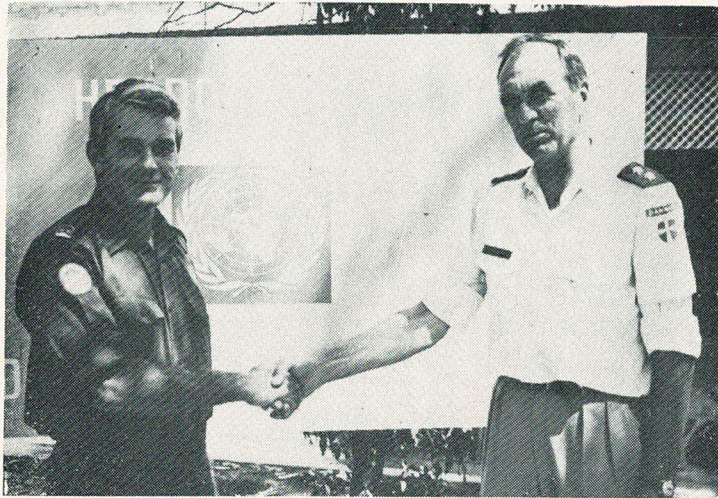
Mr Hugo Gobbi and Miss Diana Cunningham won the mixed doubles in the UNPA Tennis Tournament. The picture shows (from the left) Maj Gunther Greindl, Miss Diana Cunningham, Mr Hugo Gobbi.



## MINE ACCIDENT

Pte Lamartsson sustained injuries to one of his feet during fire fighting in Sector 5. Maj Gen Greindl paid a special visit to TPMH Akrotiri to see him and also to present him with his UN Medal for service in Cyprus.

## COOs AND CPLOs CHANGE OVER



The Chief Operations Officer, Lt Col Alfred Plienegger handed The Chief Personnel and Logistics Officer, Lt Col Cecil Tanner



# UN NEWS



## NEW UNFIGYP SPOKESMAN

**Keith Beavan**, the new Spokesman, was inadvertently born in Blackpool England, a feat of carelessness for which his Welsh family have hardly forgiven him 49 years later. He attributes his odd moments of deep Celtic gloom to this early mistake though he describes his general mood as "lovable - unless roused up".

While being educated at Arnold School, Blackpool, before going up to St Catherines Cambridge, he attempted frequently to make up with his estranged Welsh family by spending most of his youthful holidays in the family home of Hay, Cymru.

At Cambridge he studied geography, where, he says, his honours degree enabled him to learn early on where the 'Mediterranean' was, but not how to spell it. It was also at Cambridge where he patented his overbidding bridge system, a learning experience which has enabled him to avoid invitations on mission to play cards after playing only one rubber. His interest in jazz has, however, remained intact.

Mr Beavan's military experience occurred prior to entering Cambridge when for two years (1951-53) he was a National Service Pilot Officer in the Royal Air Force. During this period his contribution to unilateral disarmament consisted of crashing two planes near Winnipeg, Canada, one of which was on the ground at the time. However, the only combat injuries he suffered were two broken arms playing scrum half. These days he agrees with Mark Twain's dictum that there is no virtue in deliberately exhausting oneself, but enjoys watching others bruising themselves.

After University his experience in not being able to balance his budget landed him a job with the 'Economist'. He later joined the BBC and was their correspondent in the West Indies, based on Trinidad, before he joined Reuters in New York.



In 1959 he joined the United Nations on what he supposed was to be a three month General Assembly contract. The three months somehow became more than 250 months during which time he has always been responsible for the press releases on the Security Council, covering such events as the Congo, the Cuban missile crisis, several Middle East wars and the various meetings in connection with Cyprus.

He has served as Spokesman to two Secretaries General, U Thant and Kurt Waldheim, travelling on several occasions with the present Secretary-General, including the talks in Portugal which brought independence to the former Portuguese colonies and those in the Middle East in the shuttle diplomacy which resulted in the first extension of UNDOF.

In general Mr Beavan has been associated with the Middle East and Southern African questions. He served as Spokesman with UNIFIL at the beginning of its operation some three years ago, and has travelled with the United Nations Decolonization Committee and the Council of Namibia as Spokesman. Most recently, while Chief Editor of the United Nations, responsible for all United Nations press releases issued at Headquarters, he travelled with the Council for Namibia as Spokesman for their sessions in Panama.

Mr Beavan is joined in Cyprus by his 13 year old daughter, Susan. His 18 year old son, Colin, is studying in the United Kingdom and will join his father at Christmas. Learning from his own painful accident of birth, Mr Beavan says he has no animosity towards his children for being born in the United States.



## FORCE COMMANDERS COMMENDATION

On 24 July a coach driven by LCpl Terence Brooks RCT was involved in an accident in the Troodos mountains. The calm and disciplined actions of LCpl Brooks were instrumental in avoiding injury and loss of life to those on board the coach. On 17 August Maj Gen Greindl awarded the UNFIGYP Force Commander's Commendation to LCpl Brooks for his distinguished conduct during the coach accident.