

# THE Blue Beret

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## SECTOR 2 REGIMENTAL ATHLETICS COMPETITION

As well as all the excitement of the last few weeks 2nd Field Regiment also found time to hold its annual athletics competition in Nicosia. A somewhat shorter programme than usual was necessary



Nick Smith in the high jump (46 Battery)



Harrison (N Battery) in the long jump.

to keep the manpower bill to the minimum, but this did not detract from the quality of the competition.

After a neck and neck race 46 Battery clinched the title from N Battery on the last event, the 4 x 100 metre relay. We now look forward to the UN athletics competition on the 17 April.

## VISIT TO HMS MANCHESTER

A party of soldiers from O Battery recently visited Her Majesty's Ship 'Manchester'. 'Manchester' is affiliated to 2nd Field Regiment because the city of Manchester is our joint recruiting area and both units retain strong connections with the county and locals. The visit was



Bdr Allinson and Gnr Mc Vicar.

possible as HMS Manchester was paying a courtesy call in Larnaca.

A group of sailors from the 'Manchester' visited Camp Elizabeth and were delighted to get the opportunity to visit the Green Line and get an insight into the working of UNFICYP.

## DOG HANDLING COURSE

Sergeant Peter Dawson recently attended a dog handling course in preparation for his next posting to Woolwich in south east London, the home of the Royal Artillery, where he will run the dog troop. As well as providing security patrols the



troop also undertake display work at military shows.

Just to avoid any confusion Sergeant Dawson is the one on the left.



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## Editorial

For many UNFICYP personnel used to less favourable climatic conditions in their home countries, summer has arrived in Cyprus and for some this is reflected in greater participation in outdoor activities. Over a year UNFICYP organizes a great variety of events both sporting and cultural. The success and benefits derived from such activities depend on the encouragement and wholehearted participation of everybody. For the interests of camaraderie, esprit and personal enjoyment we urge all our readers to become involved, UNFICYP and its personnel will be the better for it.

The editorial staff are very pleased with the reaction of Blue Beret readers to the recently included En Passant column. Please continue to provide the material. The magazine needs a continuous supply of information concerning current activities and personalities in all areas and from all ranks of UNFICYP.

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## LEGEND TO FRONT COVER:

1. The 'Allied council' (France, Great Britain, USA, USSR) as co-governor between 1945 and 1955 with the Austrian first President, Dr Renner.
2. Symbolizing the monarch history up to 1918 when Austria became a Republic.
3. The signing of the 1955 State Treaty in the Viennese castle of Belvedere.
4. A piece of Austria which belongs to the whole world - the 'Vienna International Centre' which houses some of the organizations of the UN. With this Vienna became the third UN HQ city in 1979 after New York and Geneva. (Photo: copyright reserved).
5. In 1989 the 'Iron Curtain' between Austria and the former Communist neighbours was pulled down. (Photo: Copyright by Austria Today - James Wilkie).



## EXCHANGE TRAINING

B Coy in DANCON have just completed their exchange training with the other contingents in UNFICYP.

The first exchange was with CANCON at the end of January which lasted for four days. The City Coy sent six Canadian soldiers to B Coy who in turn sent six Danes to City Coy.

to leave the friends they had made and said that they would rather spend the rest of their six month tour in CANCON! Apart from making new friends the Danes have learned a lot about how the Canadian Army works and of course have improved their English (if you can call it English!).

In mid February we had the opportunity to send a further six soldiers, one from each OP in B Coy, to the Pyla platoon in AUSCON, and once again this proved to be a tremendous success.

For the men of B Coy it has been very instructive and many routine tasks have been improv-



Danish soldiers join British soldiers at D36.

Pte K Staugaard (right) watching television at B33.



Pte First Class, J E Jensen at Citadel Sector 3.

When the Canadian soldiers arrived they were briefed and each soldier was placed on a separate OP. The Danes who were sent to the City Coy were likewise stationed on OPs throughout Sector 3. When the Danish soldiers returned they were sorry



Pte R Overton (CANCON) at the Danish OP38.

ed as a result. The English radio procedure for instance has now reached an acceptable level and is no longer one of our weak spots. The increased social contact has strengthened relationships between the sectors and has proved that we can all work as a team which in turn gives us all a better UNFICYP.

## SAFETY FIRST



Capt Stix a member of the Austrian militia was sent to Cyprus to inspect the windlasses for the Austrian Battalion. He spent a week doing the checks and found all in order.

## TALavera TAKE OVER IN THE WEST

At 0800 hrs on the 8 March 46 (Talavera) Air Defence Battery assumed command of the western half of Sector 2. 46 Battery is the senior battery in 2nd Field Regiment and was awarded its honour title "Talavera" after the battle of Talavera de la Reyna in 1809 as part of the Peninsular Campaign, part of the war of the alliance against Napoleon. 46 Battery is the only air defence battery in 2nd Field Regiment and when stationed in Germany is equipped with the Javelin shoulder launched missile system.

The handover between L (Nery) Battery and ourselves was completed without hiccup. Having been on the line for only 4 days the Battery cemented its arrival by winning the 2nd Field Regiment athletics competition and we hope to take part in many other sporting fixtures whilst serving with the UN.

All ranks of Talavera are looking forward to an interesting and varied tour of duty with UNFICYP and hope that the friendships we make will last long after we are gone.

### TALavera



## THE EAGLES HAVE LANDED!

N Battery (The Eagle Troop) has just taken over the eastern half of Sector 2. It gained its distinctive title fighting against the Afghan army in 1842. The Battery does have another honour title, however, that of Beni - Boo - Ali Troop, although its rather a mouthful to shout on parade!

The Battery fought with distinction in both World Wars and holds the record for the highest number of rounds fired in a month. August 1917 saw the Battery's guns fire 15360 rounds, fur-



thermore in support of the Canadian Corps. It is also interesting to note that in 1938 the Battery was commanded by Major J C Friedberger, whose son is now the Commander of British Forces Cyprus.

This is the Battery's second tour with UNFICYP, having served with the first British contingent in 1964. We look forward to our tour with UNFICYP and to meeting as many of the other contingent members as possible.

## SBA BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP



Cpl Merritt winner of the Men's Plate

During the weekend of the 10th February 1990 the annual Badminton Competition took place at 9 Signal Regiment, Dhkelia.

The newly formed UNPA Badminton Club entered the competition with six players: LCpl Yoe, LCpl Davies, Cfn McGann, Dvr Gibbons, Mrs Davies, and Cpl Merritt, (Team Captain).

As well as playing in the singles, all participated in either the men's doubles or mixed doubles.

LCpl Yoe and Cfn McGann did extremely well to reach the quarter final of the men's doubles, only to be beaten by Cpl Merritt and Sgt Middleton, who lost to the favourites in the semi final.

In the mixed doubles Cpl Merritt and Mrs Casson made the semi-finals before getting beaten by the eventual winners.

The teams greatest success was that Cpl Merritt won the men's plate final convincingly by 15-0, 15-5.



## SECOND BATTALION TAKES UP THE SLACK!

With the arrival of main body one on 7 March and main body two on 11 March, Second Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry has hit the ground running. Picking up where our 1 RCR predecessors left off, the boys from Winnipeg are ready to roll. More than one new arrival was heard to comment on the joys of trading a Canadian prairie winter for the balmy climes of a Cypriot spring!

The arrivals and subsequent processing went smoothly (for the most part) and in no time the soldiers of 2 PPCLI were on

nets and wooden signs the RCR left behind!

Speaking of housecleaning, how about that rain/hail/sleet storm on 11 March? Anyone happy to have a roof over their heads in the Ledra Palace Hotel is no doubt now praying fervently that the rainy season has passed. Rumour has it that WO Amaral is looking for a good pair of used water wings! (Just in case). A good room is no longer a BIG room, just a DRY room - right Warrant?

Now that we're firmly in the groove, the rest is, as they say,

gravy. With summer fast approaching so to are a variety of Contingent and Force-level competitions. All ranks of Sector Three look forward to getting out and meeting the other Contingents on these various 'fields of battle'. In the meantime, there's always those 48's to look forward to...

On that note, its time to sign off. From all of the Second Battalion's new arrivals, a hearty "Hello" to the rest of UNFICYP. Talk to you again in a month with the further adventures of 2 PPCLI "on the line" in Sector Three!



New arrivals to Sector Three receiving their initial processing via the Arrival Assistance Group.



The adventure begins - 2 PPCLI main body arrives in Larnaca 07 Mar

the line. Most of our soldiers got a hearty handshake, a "welcome to the Island of Love" and directions to the nearest O.P. Alas fellas, work before play!

It has been a busy introduction to Cyprus to be sure, but what the heck — to a man, Second Battalion is 'good to go'. Plenty of time to relax later is the attitude around here; for now its "lets get busy"! So far the results have been worth it. Everyone is settled in, we've all learned our jobs and the great 'rotation house cleaning' is in full swing. (Firewood? Not required sir - just look at all of these filing cabi-



Pte C.K. Erickson of Headquarters Company gets his first look at Cyprus (and obviously likes what he sees!).



Ambassador Fortier, Canadian Ambassador to the UN takes in the sights from OP CS 60 Victoria during his visit to Sector Three on 02 Mar.

## FSC SQN NEWS



Tpr Rutherford, Cpl Thomas, Tpr Mallin and Lt Wilkinson.

C Squadron 9th/12th Royal Lancers (P.O.W.S.) have had a particularly busy month, and over the last fortnight have spent a great deal of time being deployed as the Force Reserve. On two occasions the Force Reserve has been at Ledra Palace to help support Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in the final part of their takeover. In spite of the continuing commitment to the Force Reserve the Squadron has over the last month managed to take part in a number of sporting activities. The British Near East Forces skiing competition was represented by a team consisting of Lt Wilkinson, Cpl Thomas, Tpr Mallin and Tpr Rutherford. They managed to achieve a very credible fourth place amongst strong competition. A Squadron team also took part in the Ayiois Nickolias Road Race where LCpl Pender and Tpr Burkat achieved particularly good results.

The Troops have also begun rotating through the leave

period, and many have taken advantage the excellent opportunities available to visit Egypt and Israel.

Major Edward Nall (13th/18th Royal Hussars) has recently visited C Squadron on his recce and we look forward to seeing him with C Squadron in July.



Capt Colin Cherry and Capt John Sewell from FSC Sqn Special Operations 'Dead Sea' Israel.

## CITY COY, 2 PPCLI ON THE LINE

By: Lt J Walsh

With all of its personnel now firmly on the ground, City Coy, 2PPCLI is quickly adapting to its new operational role of United Nations Peacekeeping. For most personnel, the change in climate comes as a warm welcome compared to the cold winter weather left behind in Canada.

For many members of City Coy who are serving in Cyprus for the first time, the island of Cyprus offers a new geographical and cultural experience. For others who have been to Cyprus on previous occasions, sampling the local cuisine and absorbing the warmth of the Mediterranean sun are highlights quickly remembered from years ago.

City Coy personnel are looking forward to a rewarding tour



In no time 2PPCLI soldiers like Cpl Manuel of City Coy found themselves 'holding up the line'.



### MILITARY EDUCATION

General: "Young man, What is the general use of cavalry in modern warfare?"

Subaltern: "Well, I suppose to give tone to what would otherwise be a mere vulgar brawl!"

on the island of Cyprus and are committed to fulfilling the challenging task of operating as an integral component of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus.



## NATIONS SERVING WITH UNFICYP: AUSTRIA

### General:

Austria is situated in southern central Europe, covering a part of the eastern Alps and the Danube region. The country has a wide variety of landscape, vegetation and climate.

Situated as it is at the heart of a continent, it has always been a junction for communication links between the trade and cultural centres of Europe. Austria is a federal state with a total area of

The variety of geography and climate has led to a correspondingly wide range of vegetation. The woods in Austria's lower regions consist of the standard Central European mixture of oak and beech. Fir predominates above 4000 ft. Austria is one of Europe's most heavily wooded countries, with 44% of its total area accounted for by forests. Austria's wildlife is characteristic of Central Europe.

### The Economy:

Austria has a social market economy the principles of which are organized on a private basis. Exceptions are provided by such public services as the post, the railways and the nationalized industrial concerns. In terms of production Austria is a highly developed industrial country with a rapidly growing services sector.

In 1987 the Austrian gross do-



The Austrian Military Academy - Founded in 1752 is the oldest in the World.

The castle of Schoenbrunn in Vienna the residence of the monarchy.

approx. 84000 sq. km (32000 sq. miles) and consists of nine provinces (see map).

Austria has common borders (1682 miles) with no fewer than seven other countries. These neighbouring states have varying social and economic systems.



The Austrian Provinces

### The Landscape:

The Austrian landscape falls into five sections: Eastern Alps (63%), Foothills (11%), Pannonian Lowlands (11%), Vienna Basin (4%), and Granite Highlands (11%). Austria's highest mountain is the Grossglockner (12,465 ft). On its way from the Black Forest in southern Germany to the Black Sea the Danube flows some 220 miles of its course through Austria. Austria belongs to the Central European transitional climatic zone. The oceanic influence of the Atlantic is felt more strongly in the West, the continental influence more strongly in the East.

### Population:

According to the latest census (1981) Austria has a population of 7.55 million. For those born in 1981 average life expectancy for men was 69.5, for women 76.6. Austria's population is 98% German-speaking. In the provinces of Carinthia and Burgenland there are two ethnic groups whose rights are guaranteed by the terms of article 7 of the Austrian State Treaty of 1955. Some 84% of the population are Roman Catholic, while a further 6% are Protestant.

### Political structure:

Austria is a republic based on the principles of pluralistic democracy as practised in the West. Austria's democratic structure is founded upon the multi-party system.

Since 1945 more than 80% of the votes in all elections to the main legislative body, the Nationalrat, which comprises 183 representatives, have been accounted for by two major parties: the Social Democrats and the Christian Democrats.

The head of the state is the president, who is elected by all citizens entitled to vote in a direct ballot for a six-year term of office. The head of the govern-

ment is the Chancellor, who is usually the chairman of the strongest political party. Austria is a country in which basic freedoms and human rights are safeguarded for everybody. Social peace is safeguarded by an Austria institution: the so-called social partnership in which the representative organizations of employers and employees have effectively co-operated on a voluntary basis for decades.

### An outline of recent anniversaries 1945-1990:

45 years Republic II

(Republic I 1918-1938; 1938-1945 Austria as an annexed part of the German Third Reich)



One of Austria's most famous composers: Wolfgang A. Mozart.

1955:

Austrian State Treaty with France, Great Britain, USA and USSR. Building up of the Austrian army. Membership to UNO

AUSTRO-QUIZ (not for AUSCON members)

Find the right answers to the questions about Austria in this "Blue Beret". Send your answers to OpsInfo/Sec. 4 (AUSCON) by May 15th.

1. How many representatives are in the Nationalrat?
2. What is the name of Austria's highest mountain?
3. In which year did Austria become a member of UNO?

You could win 10 bottles of Austrian wine!

## POLITICS

Around one quarter of all Austrians take an active interest in politics. During the 1970s it was only 10% to 14%.

Almost half of the population react to politics with indifference or mistrust, or consider the subject too much for them.

Around 75% of Austrians think they have title influence on what the government does. (The corresponding figure for Italy is 80%, West Germany 61%, and USA 33%).

By contrast, 72% of Austrians regard referendums as "a good thing". In 1985 the figure was only 59%.

The number of committed voters who traditionally vote for "their" parties (or those of their parents continues to sink steadily: from 65% in 1979 it is now down to 58%.

Some 10% of Austrians are personally politically active, 20% try now and again to persuade friends and acquaintances to vote for a particular party, and 30% attend political events.

About 30% of Austrians are prepared to participate in "citizens' initiatives". Only 20% agree with strikes as a means of realizing political objectives. A mere 4% would be prepared to use illegal means to that end, and - would have no objections to living in a dictatorship.

Finally, 82% of Austrians are very satisfied or fairly satisfied with democracy, parties, and "the entire political system".

- Statistically, every "1.7th" Austrian owns a motor vehicle. There is one private car per 2.8 inhabitants, and one motor cycle, truck or tractor for every 12 people.
- Every third Austrian is — statistically — owner of one of the 2,524,000 cattle registered at the middle of the year.
- Every "2.6th" Austrian is in dependent employment.
- Every fifth employee works in public administration.
- Every twelfth Austrian came to the country as a refugee. Since 1945, around two million people have sought sanctuary in Austria. Of these, 630,000 have remained and become socially integrated.
- Every 19th Austrian lives outside the Austrian borders.
- Every 192nd Austrian married during the first half of 1989. This is 48 percent fewer than during the equivalent period of 1988—when the state still awarded a marriage grant of 15,000 AS (around \$1,000).
- Every 280th Austrian was injured in a traffic accident during the first half of 1989, an increase of 4.4% over the first half of 1988. Every 12,000th Austrian was killed on the roads (5.2% down).
- Every 62nd Austrian has been injured in a sporting accident on average in recent years. One third of these accidents took place while skiing.



## ALL THE WAY FROM BOTANY BAY

Nine new members of AUST-CIVPOL have just arrived here in Cyprus from Australia. Each member will spend at least six months here as part of the 32nd contingent. Service in Cyprus is voluntary for members of the Australian Federal Police and members are selected from all regions of Australia. Among those pictured are:

**Sergeant Wayne D Jacobi** will find a slight difference in the duties in Cyprus having served for a time in the Observation Squad in Brisbane, Queensland.

**Sergeant Anthony R Petherbridge's** most recent deployment was with the Organised Crime Branch based in Sydney, New South Wales.

January. At home John is employed in the legal division based in Canberra.

No matter where you have served in the past I doubt if you have experienced anything quite like Cyprus and the duties we carry out here. Welcome to the island, everyone here wishes you all the very best and hope that you will enjoy your tour.



Left to Right: Sgt Stephen R Cooke, Sgt Murray J Cottam, Sgt Douglas E Hair, Sgt Wayne D Jacobi, Sgt Anthony R Petherbridge, Sgt John Williams - Mozley, Sgt Melita Zielonko, Sgt John Myers

**Sergeant Stephen R Cooke** who was employed in the Accident Investigation Squad in Canberra prior to coming to Cyprus.

**Sergeant Murray J Cottam** was also in Canberra attached to the International Division which is part of the Investigations Department.

**Sergeant Douglas E Hair.** Doug's latest posting prior to Cyprus was with the Systems Design Branch situated in Canberra.

**Sergeant John Williams-Mozley** I am sure will welcome the operational type duties in Cyprus having spent time in the Bureau of Criminal Intelligence based in Canberra.

**Sergeant Melita Zielonko** has been on the island since mid January. Prior to her posting to Cyprus, Melita was employed at City Division, General Duties Branch.

**Sergeant John Myers** also began his new duties in mid

At the same time we bid farewell to six members who are homeward bound. All six came with the 30th contingent and decided to remain for a further six months with the 31st. Unaccompanied postings are originally for a six month tour with the option of remaining for a second six month period.

Departing are:

**Sergeant Mick Banach** is to take up duty with the Drug Target-

## BRATFISCH - A FAMOUS HISTORICAL NAME

MCpl Johann Bratfisch currently serving with AUSCON is the great grandson of the late Mr Johann Bratfisch, who is well known in Austrian history.

Mr Bratfisch was the coachman to the Crown Prince Rudolf and was the

first to find the Prince and his loved one shot dead on a winter's morning in 1889. The tragedy of Mayerling caused a great scandal and no one has ever known whether the Prince and his lover were murdered or if they committed suicide.



MCpl Bratfisch - a link to Austria's history is seen here with the portrait of the Crown Prince Rudolf.

## AUSCON SOLDIERS GO 'GREEN'

Cyprus, like many other countries in the World is noticing the 'green' movement.

In Athienou the village within the Buffer Zone in Sector 4 villagers have formed a group known as 'Friends of the Forest' and recently invited the soldiers of 1 Coy, AUSCON to participate in an afforestation campaign.

Twenty peacekeepers, led by the Coy Commander, helped the villagers to plant some 500 native trees and in return UNFICYP were given 100 trees for planting at the OPs along the line.

CO 1 Coy, Maj Grunner sets an example



ing Branch in Sydney on his return to Australia.

**Sergeant Wayne Comyn** returns to Australia after taking a spell of leave and takes up duty with the Northern Patrol Branch in Canberra. This is a uniform position in the general policing or community policing area.

**Sergeant Judith Donnelly** has served in administration within AUSTCIVPOL. On returning to Australia Judy will take up duties in the Major Crime, Fraud and General Crime Branch in Sydney.



**Sergeant Paul McEwan** and his wife Victoria are returning to Canberra where Paul is posted to City Division - a uniform or community role.

**Sergeant Bill Rawlinson** I believe, intended to stay for a

further six months in Cyprus but his children proved too great a pull back in Canberra. Bill returns to Canberra to City Division.

**Sergeant Steve Rollings** is posted to the Legal Services Division in Canberra.

Each of the members returning home will leave something behind which will remind us of them and their stay here. I hope that they have all gained some valuable experience whilst here and that their lives are the better for it.



## VISIT TO SWEDCIVPOL

In the beginning of March, SWEDCIVPOL and UNFICYP were visited by the new Chief of the Swedish UN Training Centre, Lt Col Bo Henriksson. He was accompanied by Maj Christer Alldén, who is Chief Instructor at the centre, and Maj Hans Flodell from the UN Department at the Swedish Army Council.

The Swedish UN Training Centre, situated outside Stockholm, trains about 2,500 officers, soldiers and policemen of all ranks every year, among them about 150 women. At present, most of them are serving within UNIFIL in Lebanon, where 650 men and women belong to the Swedish Logistic Battalion (SWEDLOG).



Lt Col Henriksson in the middle with Maj Flodell to the left and Maj Alldén right.

## THE ANONYMOUS SWEDES



There are some members serving within UNFICYP who you don't see very often. WO1 Stig Edqvist at the UN MP Coy SIS, in Nicosia is one of these people. Members of the Special Investigation Section are the only members of UNFICYP who do not wear a uniform to work. Like most Swedish MPs, Stig Edqvist is a civilian policeman at home, and serves as a Detective at the National CID in Stockholm. Stig has previously served as a Military Policeman in Cyprus and in the Middle East and is pictured here (right) with his Canadian colleague Sgt Floyd Marrin.

## SUPT ÖRJAN GREEN



Supt Örjan Green has been Deputy Commander of SWEDCIVPOL since October 1989. This is his second tour in Cyprus. Back in Sweden he is serving as an officer at Linköping Police Department.

## CAPT HANS THORGREN



Capt Hans Thorgren is Duty Officer at JOC, HQ UNFICYP. He has been in Cyprus since July last year. This is his second service tour in Cyprus. In Sweden he belongs to the Army Reserve and has a degree in Economy at the University of Stockholm, where he lives.

## UN MP COMPANY MEDALS PARADE



Sgt Ferris, Canada, receiving his second tour numeral from Col Fritsch, DCOS.



Sgt Bertelsen, Denmark, receiving his UN Medal from Col Fritsch, DCOS.

Once again the international character of the UN MP Coy was illustrated on 22 February 1990, when Colonel Fritsch, Deputy Chief of Staff, presented medals and numbers to thirty military policemen representing Austria, Great Britain, Canada, Denmark, Finland and Sweden. Ireland was ably represented by an Irish MP, Medals bearer. The parade and medal ceremony was preceded by an International Flag Party who marched on and broke their respective flags. For this part of the ceremony, Australia was represented by a member of

AUSTCIVPOL. After the parade a buffet dinner was served and attended by the 200 guests. Col Fritsch observed that the multi-national make-up of the UN MP Coy, is unique in UNFICYP and truly reflects the spirit of the United Nations. He further stated that the UN MP Coy has a hard job to perform but a very necessary one. He congratulated the Force Provost Marshal and all members of the Company for their very good turn-out on parade and for their service to UNFICYP.



Col Fritsch, DCOS, presenting WO1 Edqvist, Sweden, with his numeral for his third tour in Cyprus.



Col Fritsch, DCOS, presenting LCpl Stuart, Britain, with his UN Medal.



Maj G Nault, FPM leading the UN MP Coy during their March Past at the end of the UN MP Coy, Medals Parade.



Col Fritsch, DCOS, presenting Sgt Gottfried, Austria, with his UN Medal.



## UN OPEN DARTS COMPETITION

At the beginning of March the UN Tpt Sqn organized a UN Open Darts Competition in the Wheel-em-Inn Club, Jubilee Camp. The event, sponsored by Just Darts of Nicosia, attracted over 50 entries.

It was obvious from the first throw that the standard was very high. The semi finals were very keenly contested with most throws scoring 100 plus. The final was an all DANCON affair with 'Scooter' emerging as the victor against Willy Olesen after some darts reminiscent of the 'World Championships'. Third and fourth places went to Mark Wright and Jay Jones both of UN Flight.



Mark Wright (3rd place), Pamela (Just Darts), 'Scooter' (DANCON) - winner, Tom (Just Darts) and Willy Olesen (DANCON) - runner-up.



Pamela of Just Darts presenting a cheque to Cpl McCollah for charity.

The evening raised 77 sterling for charity which was presented to Cpl McCollah of Tpt Sqn by Pamela of Just Darts. Cpl McCollah flew to the UK the following day where the money was presented to the Aldershot and District Society for the Handicapped.

## AUSCON CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS



The Chess Championships, part of the AUSCON Sports Club activities, was held over 3 weeks within the three companies.

LCpl Nagy, WO1 Reiwoeger and Capt Thonhauser played in the final. The Chess Cup was awarded to Capt Thonhauser by CO Sect 4 - 'Lt Col Pacher-Theinburg.



## SP REGT ORIENTEERING COMPETITION

The event took place on 21 Feb. 90 and was once again won convincingly by the Signal Squadron. The competition counts towards the Commanding Officer's Shield as it entails the essential military skills of map reading and fitness.



The CO presenting the orienteering cup to CLpl Rayner.



Signal Squadron winners.



Sgt Hawkesworth concentrating on making sure that his card is marked.



Capt Giles making light work of the course.



SSgt Baldock trying to find a way through the wire.



A checkpoint jam.



Above Sgt Town confirming that he has the correct mark.

Left: WO2 Summers orientating himself.



## en passant...

If you have any information you would like to see published in this section please telephone extension 2235 by Fri 11th May.

### VIP VISITORS TO UNFICYP IN MARCH

Maj Gen Pennicott,  
Director Royal Artillery,  
to BRITCON

Amb L Yves Fortier,  
Canada's Permanent  
Representative to the UN,  
to CANCON

Mr R Facer,  
Deputy Under Secretary of State  
(Personnel and Logistics),  
to BRITCON

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UN Bureau Chief of the  
New York Times,  
to UNFICYP

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Irish Defence Forces  
to IRCON

### COMMEMORATION FOR THE FALLEN

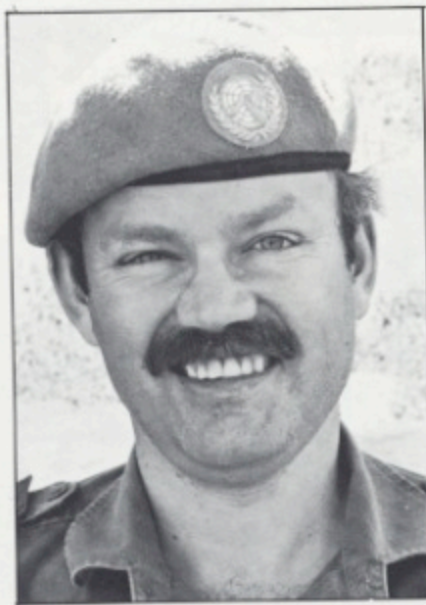
The dependants of the three Austrian peacekeepers (Lt Izay, Sgt Decombe and LCpl Isak) came to Cyprus to visit the tomb erected near Goshi where the three soldiers had been killed in 1974. A garland was laid by CO Sect 4, Lt Col Pacher-Theinburg.



### ARRIVALS

Maj Michael Mueller is the new DCO in AUSCON. He has extensive experience in peacekeeping, having served in Ops Info AUSBATT in UNDOF in 1976, OC 1 Coy AUSCON, UNFICYP in 1980 and as SLO AUSCON, UNFICYP, in 1986.

In Austria he is the Training Officer for tactics in anti-air fighting and he teaches at the Austrian Military Academy of Wiener Neustadt, the world's oldest military academy which was founded in 1752.



Maj D G Merrett, OC REME Wksp.



Sgt Tony Hawksworth, 9/12L, Orderly Room Sergeant, Sp Regt.



Capt Ian Stark RCT, Adj Sp Regt.



Pictured on the right enjoying a beer during a recent sailing trip is LBdr Kempin who has been promoted a short time ago. He is now based at OP BC21.

### UNFICYP WATERSPORTS CLUB

The UNFICYP Watersports Club is open to all members of the Force and their families. The club is situated at Salamis and has a number of dinghies, canoes and windsurfers. Courses are run throughout the summer and enquiries should be made through the 21C Sp Regt.