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AN APPRECIATION OF MR OSCAR CAMILION

from UNFICYP Force Commander,
Maj Gen MF Minehane



Oscar Camilion, Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Cyprus, left the island on 19 March, having led the Good Offices Mission since late 1987 on behalf of two Secretaries-General. He went directly back to his native Argentina to take up the Defence portfolio in the Government of President Menem.

Upon his departure from Cyprus, Mr Camilion was the recipient of warm tributes from the leaders of the two communities, from Dr Boutros Boutros-Ghali and from many other quarters. These were richly deserved.

There can be little doubt that during Mr Camilion's tenure, the Good Offices Mission made many advances, drawing an unprecedented level of support from the United Nations Security Council. The re-launching of inter-communal talks with the August 1988 working luncheon in Geneva between the then leaders of the two communities - under the auspices of Mr Perez de Cuellar (himself a predecessor of Mr Camilion); the subsequent development, through shuttle diplomacy, of a draft Overall Framework Agreement in the form of a Set of Ideas; and the commencement in 1992 of sustained direct joint meetings on that basis between the leaders of the two communities under the personal auspices of Dr Boutros Boutros-Ghali - all of these steps reflected the astute and dedicated work of Mr Camilion.

Mr Camilion's period in office saw the Security Council committing itself to the position that "a Cyprus settlement must be based on a State of Cyprus with a single sovereignty and international personality and a single citizenship, with its independence and territorial integrity safeguarded, and comprising two politically equal communities as defined in paragraph 11 of the Secretary-General's Report of 3 April 1992 (S/23780) in a bi-communal and bi-zonal federation, and that such a settlement must exclude union in whole or in part with any other country or any form of partition or secession..." These principles, as codified by the Council, are at the core of the continuing negotiation and will be an important legacy to Mr Camilion's successor.

That Oscar Camilion made a significant contribution to the development of an agreed settlement in Cyprus ought to come as no surprise to those familiar with the particularly rich qualifications that he brought to the service of the United Nations. In earlier years, he had been



The Special Representative, HE Mr Oscar Camilion, with the leaders of the two communities in Cyprus at his residence in Nicosia.

a distinguished Managing Editor and Chief Editorial Writer for one of Latin America's foremost daily newspapers, he had been Professor of Political Science and International Relations at the University of Buenos Aires, and he had made a remarkable career in his country's foreign service, culminating in his serving as Foreign Minister in 1981.

Beyond his professional achievements, Mr Camilion demonstrated in Cyprus a personal disposition that was well suited to the tenor and tempo of the negotiations which he led. A high degree of human sensitivity and a keen sense of humour helped him and those working with him to transcend sometimes difficult moments.

Oscar Camilion was a friend and close collaborator of successive Force Commanders of UNFICYP. His experience and knowledge were also always available to Generals Greindl and Milner. They and all military colleagues benefitted much as a result.

Mr Camilion and his widely admired wife Susana are now called once again to the service of their native land. The qualities which they showed in such abundance here in Cyprus will once again be available to the Argentine and its people, whose gain is the loss of UNFICYP and of Cyprus. We wish the Camilions every success in the new responsibilities that they will now share.

Hasta la vista.

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VIPs
at HQ UNFICYP

by S/Sgt Phil Cadman

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EDITORIAL

Our front cover records the presence in Cyprus of VIP visitors from UN HQ, namely the Under Secretary-General, Mr M Goulding, and the Director, European Division, Department of Political Affairs, Mr G Feissel, seen here in the company of Force Commander UNFICYP, Maj Gen MF Minehane, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, HE Mr O Camilion, and Senior Adviser, Mr P Kavanagh. The special occasion was a visit by Mr Goulding, formerly responsible for peace-keeping and now, since 1 March 1993, designated Under Secretary-General for Political Affairs: of course, Mr Goulding is no stranger to Cyprus or its problems, but this was his first visit in this new role.

The event coincided with news of the departure of long-serving UN peace-maker, HE Mr O Camilion. Peace-making has been the role which has engaged Mr Camilion for five and a half years, in addition to cheerfully meeting the demands of UN shuttle diplomacy around the Nicosia-Athens-Ankara triangle. Patience, optimism and resilience are desirable attributes for these peace-making endeavours, and were admirably demonstrated over the years by Mr Camilion.

Having set his personal stamp on UN efforts here in Cyprus, Mr Camilion now relinquishes his UN post and returns to the service of his country as Minister of Defence. No doubt in time, a replacement SRSG will arrive, but Mr Camilion's work here and the esteem in which he was held by community representatives, politicians, diplomats and military will stand as a fitting testimony to his work, serving as a bench-mark for others to follow.

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UNFICYP WEDDINGS



ANNE AND DAVE - IRELAND

On 30 January 1993, the wedding took place of Miss Anne Bradshaw and Sgt Dave Dooley. Sgt Dooley is posted to UNFICYP as the Force Commander's driver/house steward. The Force Commander, Maj Gen MF Minehane, and his wife Maura attended as honoured guests and both participated in the church ceremony.

The wedding took place in the Roman Catholic Church of St Catherine's in Limassol. The bride and groom chose this Church due to its scenic location beside the Mediterranean, and the fact that Father Brian McTommonney is the resident priest there. Father Brian has officiated at the weddings of Irish people on UN missions throughout the Middle East since the first Irish officers served in Israel in 1958, and has been adopted as an 'honorary chaplain' by the Irish throughout the Middle East.

After the ceremony, the wedding party returned to Nicosia for the reception which was held at the WOs' and Sgts' Mess in Jubilee Camp.



Outside St Catherine's Church, Limassol



RHONDA AND ROBBO - AUSTRALIA



Outside St Paul's Cathedral, Nicosia

On 21 January 1993, Station Sergeant Ronald (Robbo) Robinson married Rhonda Sanderson at St Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Nicosia. Stn Sgt Robinson and his wife met whilst

they were both working as Customs Officers at Melbourne International Airport during 1984. Approximately 40 people attended the service and enjoyed celebratory drinks afterwards at the AUSTCIVPOL Lounge.



SECTOR FOUR NEWS

THE AUSTRIAN ENGINEERS

by Capt F Wanka

It is a fact that the engineers in UNAB do not carry out the same duties here in UNFICYP that they do in Austria. Generally speaking, the task of a combat engineer is to reinforce the mobility of his own forces and to obstruct that of the enemy.

The Engineer Platoon is located in Camp Duke Leopold V with a total of 18 soldiers, all under the command of Lt Czerny. Their tasks here are very different to what they would be doing at home. The platoon consists of different trades, such as bricklayers,



The Engineer Platoon

carpenters, plumbers, electricians, smiths, etc. They are all needed to take care of accommodation inside and outside the Camp. If anything breaks down, it is of course the engineers' responsibility to rectify the problem, by day and even by night if it is urgent.

A lot of machinery is available to carry out this work, together with two trucks and two Pinzgauers. One thing they could really



M/Cpl Selinger (carpenter)

do with is a truck with a crane. Nevertheless, UNAB is very proud of its engineers who do their job very well, often performing real wonders with very simple materials.



Cpl Haringer (painter)



L/Cpl Maurer (smith)



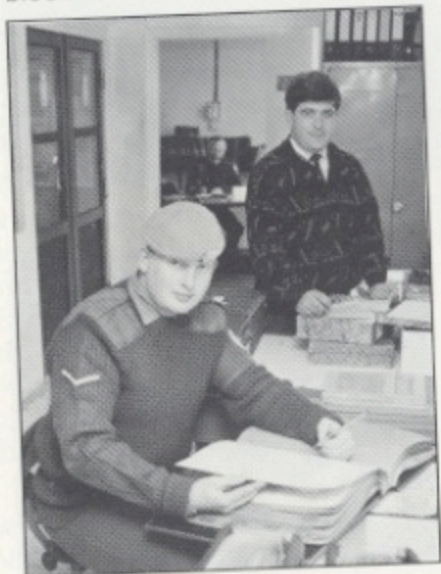
Erecting a new tower for the sentry box



RAOC STORES SECTION UNFICYP WORKSHOP REME - NICOSIA

by WO2 Allan Hughes

You're driving through the Buffer Zone - something doesn't feel right with your Rover. You slow down. Suddenly the Rover shudders, there's a grating that sets your teeth on edge and you come to a premature halt. The vehicle doesn't wish to restart, so you get out and look under the bonnet, hoping that the problem will be simple. Unfortunately, your heart sinks as you open it up, to find oily fluid sizzling on the engine block.



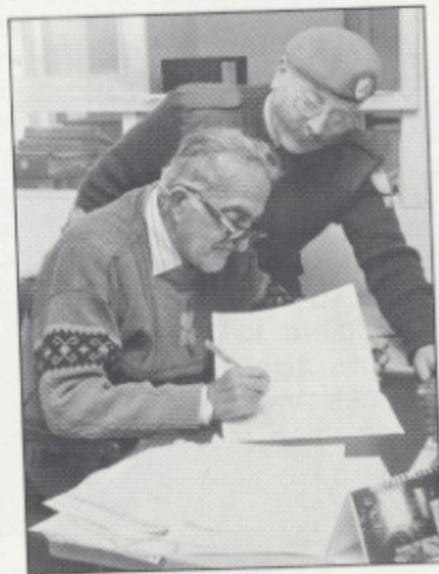
L/Cpl Nick Barton and George
cooking the books....



Cpl Steve Jennings
re-arranges major assys.

After being recovered to the Support Regiment Workshop, much to the entertainment of the OPs you pass en route, you are informed that spares will be required to repair your Rover. You abandon your Rover and return to your unit, but what happens now? Where do the spares come from?

The spares are organised from a small enclave located within the UN Wksp in Jubilee Camp. It is manned by three military personnel and three civilians. WO2 Allan Hughes is WOi/c the section, with Cpl Steve Jennings the military storeman, and L/Cpl Nick Barton the military supply controller (clerk). The civilian component of the unit is Mr George Papaeleftheriou, the clerk, Mr Stelios Georgiades, the storeman, and Mr "Harry" Chouldjian.



WO2 Allan Hughes and Mr Harry,
checking the results!

The unit holds approx 2000 item headings, ranging from washers and gaskets to engines and gearboxes. The vehicle fleet that the unit supports (because of its age and the rough terrain that it covers) causes many problems with the supply of items through the tried and tested resupply system.



The happy band (from the left):
Mr Harry, Mr George, Cpl Steve Jennings,
WO2 Allan Hughes and L/Cpl Nick Barton

There are problems in the resupply of items because of the long chain of supply from UK. If the items are not available on island, unless they are of a high priority, then the stores are shipped out with a delivery time of six to eight weeks. It means that this unit has to get the provisioning of items correct, otherwise we cannot provide the back up service required by the UN fleet.

Most other units on island are linked to a computer system to assist them with identification of the various parts of vehicles. We have a system called "Harry". Unlike other systems, "Harry" is not affected by electrical faults or bad weather and is infallible. In fact, our system has been up and running for over 40 years, but with modern technology, he will be phased out in May 1993.

The unit prides itself in its support to a busy Workshop, always using the world renowned RAOC phrase "IF IT'S GOT A PART NUMBER, YOU CAN HAVE IT" - although in this case, it may take some time!



Royal Army
Ordnance Corps.

THE UNFICYP SKIING COMPETITION

by Capt F Wanka



The winning team, from the left: Capt Payne, Maj Troughton,
Cpl Howard, Cpl Waller and Cpl Dickens.

Once again, the Austrian Contingent organised the UNFICYP Skiing Competition on Mt Olympus in Troodos.

Soldiers from AUSCON had gone up one day in advance to prepare for the race, which was supported by the ASC (AUSCON Sports Club) and the CSC (Cyprus Skiing Club). On the big day, the organisation was perfect, however the weather was partly sunny and sometimes cloudy

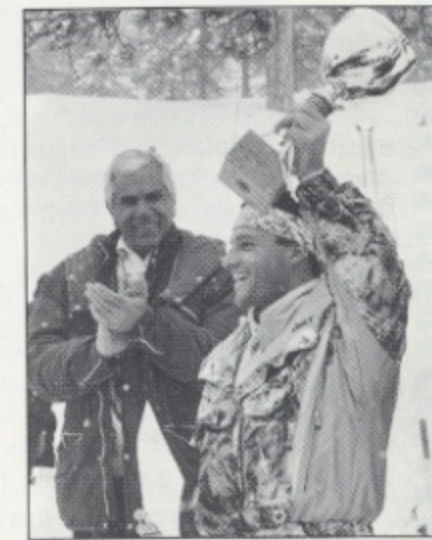
with light snowfalls. At times, the slope was covered by fog.

Nevertheless, Capt Steubelmuller made the announcements and the race started on time. During the interval between the first and second stages of the race, everyone was invited to partake of some goulash soup, made by the Austrian cooks in the field kitchen (we call it "Gulasch-Kanone!") and also Austrian beer.

At the "bar", Capt Brandtner and Capt Zsifkovits were selling "Gluhwein" and other drinks to warm up.

In the afternoon, the prize giving ceremony took place. The UNFICYP COS, Brig Lambe MBE, presented the prizes to the winners and runners up.

The individual competition was won by M/Cpl Mair from Sector Four. The winning team and, therefore, the UNFICYP Champions, were Team No 1 of the Queen's Royal Irish Hussars from Sector Two. **Congratulations!**



Happiness on the face of the winner

2ND REGIMENT ROYAL CANADIAN HORSE ARTILLERY

At 1100 hours on 19 February 1993, 2 RCHA assumed command of Sector Three from 1 RCHA. 2 RCHA is the 105mm field artillery unit belonging to the Special Service Force in Canadian Forces Base Petawawa, Ontario. The Regiment was tasked as the 59th and last Canadian Contingent to UNFICYP.

The signing ceremony was held at the Wolseley Barracks Officers' Mess, presided over by FC UNFICYP, Maj Gen MF Minehane. Lt Col MJM Swan, Commander CANCON, and key UNFICYP and CANCON staff were in attendance.

It is noteworthy that this was the second time the two Regiments had handed over responsibility on UN operations. The first time was when 1 RCHA relieved 2 RCHA in Korea in May 1952.



UNFICYP FC takes time to thank CO 1 RCHA, Lt Col MD Capstick (right) for his unit's good performance and wishes CO 2 RCHA, Lt Col DM Chupick, the best of luck in his upcoming tour.

IRCON NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS



by RSM
Pat Nolan

Ireland has a long tradition of participation in United Nations Peace-Keeping Missions. The first Irish Observers served in Lebanon in 1958, and the first full Infantry Battalion saw service with UNOC in the Congo in 1960, rising to a high at one stage, in that force, of two infantry battalions and an armoured squadron. Ireland also supplied line troops to UNFICYP from 1964 to 1973, when the unit then serving in UNFICYP was redeployed to UNEF II as a consequence of the Yom Kippur war in the Sinai. The UNFICYP commitment at its highest involved two battalions with their own organic light reconnaissance and heavy mortar support elements, whilst the rear elements of another Irish Battalion was then ending its service with UNOC.

To date, Ireland has contributed approximately 40,000 personnel to UN missions and currently has almost 1,000 troops serving under the Blue Flag in many different countries.

IRCON UNFICYP continues this long established support for UN peace-keeping missions. The NCOs of the present Contingent arrived in Cyprus on 24 June 1992 to join the Contingent Commander, Lt Col R Heaslip and Comdt F Bushell, both of whom had already been here since mid 1991.

Apart from those in the MP Elm, the Contingent is employed at HQ UNFICYP and all are experienced peace-keepers who have all previously served with UNIFIL. Lt Col Heaslip and Comdt Bushell have both served



The FC reviews the IRCON parade which includes (from the left): Comdt F Bushell, Lt Col R Heaslip, Maj Gen MF Minehane, RSM P Nolan, Sgt D Dooley, CQMS J Hanly, CQMS M Halpin, CQMS A Sheehan, Sgt F Rickard and C/S T Farrell.

with UNTSO, while Lt Col Heaslip and CQMS Sheehan have previously served in UNFICYP. In addition, C/S Farrell served with UNIMOG (Iran/Iraq) in 1988.

This small military Contingent is only one part of the Irish community in UNFICYP. A very important group are the wives and children who play such a valuable role in all the social activities. Also included in this community are Pat Brennan of the Field Service and his wife Ber, not forgetting the Chief Finance Officer,



IRCON - the younger generation

Mr Joe Morris. Of course, there is also the multi-talented Sgt D Dooley who joined the Contingent in Oct 92 and on 31 Jan 93 married his fiancée, Miss Anne Bradshaw, in St Catherine's Church, Limassol.

March, of course, was an extremely busy month for this Irish community with the usual self declared national week being enjoyed by the Contingent and its many friends.

The week began with a visit from the Irish Naval Service vessel 'L.E. Ashling' which had just completed a resupply cruise to the 72 Irish Bn in the Lebanon and docked in Limassol Port on



At the IRCON medal presentation and shamrock parade (from the left): Mrs A Andrews, Maj Gen MF Minehane, Dr D Andrews and Mr O Camillon



Father 'St Patrick' Brian explains the shamrock to an international audience.

12 March to start a three-day courtesy visit to Cyprus. The Contingent hosted the ship's crew at a reception in the Hibernia Club, while the following day, the families were given a guided tour of the vessel before it sailed for Vigo.

Then it was time to pay due homage to St Patrick, whose feast day is celebrated on 17 March; a day when the Irish the world over tend to turn GREEN, just like the Emerald Isle. St Patrick first came to Ireland as a slave and subsequently converted the island to Christianity. The traditional connection between St Patrick and the shamrock arises from his use of it to preach his message to the Irish people.

As usual, the Contingent hosted two separate functions on the day.

The first and more formal event took place in the morning, when the Contingent paraded at St Barnabas Church, UNPA to receive the UNFICYP Medal from FC UNFICYP, Maj Gen MF Minehane. Immediately after the parade, the Contingent continued the age-old tradition of shamrock distribution and a church service. This was followed by a reception at the



The evening entertainment programme included a valuable contribution by the drums of the RIR



A multi-talented duo: Capt Irene Cotter MD RO and Sgt Dave Dooley.



Mother and son - Mrs Alice Halpin and her "little" boy Mick

Hibernia Club where both the adults and the children of the Contingent entertained the guests with a cultural display; Irish dancing being performed by the adults and traditional songs in Irish being sung by the younger members.



L.E. Ashling

Special guests for the day were the Minister of Defence, Dr David Andrews TD, and his wife Annette. Also included in the VIP party were the Defence Forces Chief of Staff, Lt Gen Noel Bergin, Mr Sean Brosnan, Secretary of the Department of Defence and Col Pat Keogh, Director of Operations. The Irish Honorary Consul, Mr Stephis Stephanou, and his wife Cecelia also attended.

The highlight of the day was the evening function in the Officers' Mess, where a traditional Irish dinner was served. Guests were entertained during and after the dinner with an extensive programme of Irish music, song and dance. This programme included special performances by harpist Capt Irene Cotter MD RO and Sgt Dave Dooley, in addition to an entertaining musical programme by members of the RIR Band and "ceile" dancing by IRCON, ably supported by many "willing" and "enthusiastic" guests. The "craic" was 'mighty'.

As a footnote to all these celebrations, it is worth recording that St Patrick came to Ireland in 462 AD and, as these events in UNFICYP testify, wherever there are Irish around the world, he continues to be remembered annually.

THE UN 10 KM ROAD RACE

All the omens for a perfect running day were there from the start: a clear day, cool but bright, and a background of fresh snow, clearly visible on the Troodos mountains. The scene was thus well set for the annual UN 10 km Road Race, an event popular throughout the island and for which UNFICYP played host to a number of invited teams and individual runners from the Sovereign Base Areas.

A total field of 77 runners started the race organised by Sgt Wright (Sp Regt) who, together with S/Sgt Mims (APTC), put in many hours of preparation to ensure that all ran smoothly (excuse the pun!) on the day.

Of course, the proof of the pudding was the race itself, and

almost from the start it was clear that teams from outside the UN were a force to be reckoned with. Sgt Reynolds (Epi Striders), a recent arrival on the island, opened up an early lead at the 1 km point and remained in control of the race from there on. He came in a clear winner, 400 m ahead of Cpl Gould (Individual) and Sgt Turner (Force Wksp) in second and third places respectively.

Apart from good individual performances by the above, there were notable team performances as well, mainly by 9 Sig Regt ESBA. The Dhekelia Ladies outpaced the Epi Ladies to win the Ladies Team event.

Prizes were kindly presented by the UNFICYP Chief of Staff, Brig RM Lambe MBE, who just stifled his comment about most



Brig Lambe presenting a prize to the winning lady: Mrs Bush, from the Dhekelia Ladies.

of the prizes going outside the Force... UNFICYP are nothing if not good and generous hosts!

UNFICYP CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS 1993



The UNFICYP Cross Country Championships were organised by Support Regiment in the persons of Sgt Wright (Ord Det) and S/Sgt Mims (APTC), both veterans of many similar events.

A new and undulating 10 km course provided variety and interest for the competitors. 46 starters competed in very chilly conditions.

Pre-race favourites for the team were the host unit, but a surprise was in store! As expected, Sgt Wright took the lead from the start. Although he never looked like relinquishing his lead, particularly on home ground, he had to keep a wary eye on the gutsy Sgt Schrottenbach (AUSCON) who kept him in his sights throughout. Sgt James (Sp Regt) kept a good, steady pace ahead of the main pack to take third place and keep Sp Regt hopes of team glory alive. However, it was not to be their day. The unexpected is the essence of sport, and the surprise team to steal the limelight (pictured left) was 9 Para Sqn RE (Sector Two). They packed tightly to get their runners in the first 14 finishers, thus proving the value of team spirit and pulling together.

The veterans were there too, undeterred by the chill, with Capt Walshe (Sector Two) winning by a short head from Maj Schmidinger (SWEDCON).

Articles by Maj J Ingham

BRITISH FORCES CYPRUS - CATERING COMPETITION

by W02 (SQMS) Lomas BEM
Army Catering Corps

This year the BFC Catering Competition was held at Dhekelia on 22 and 23 Feb 93. The Catering Troop from UNFICYP Support Regiment, although heavily committed to its normal tasks, decided to enter a team against stiff opposition from the Sovereign Base Areas in Dhekelia and Episkopi.

Training started out of hours, three weeks prior to the competition. The majority of training was conducted by W02 (SQMS) Harry Lomas and S/Sgt Terry Speak. FCWO Bill Marr and C/Sgt Derek Tubby were also on hand for expertise and advice when training was validated.

Day One of the Competition saw Cpl (Mark) Herritage representing UNFICYP in the Chef of the Year Competition. His task was to produce a 3-course meal in three hours. This he did very professionally by winning the Competition outright, scoring 115.5 out of a possible 120 points. An excellent start for the UN Team and Cpl Herritage, who goes back to England in June to represent Cyprus in the British Army Cookery Competition.

Day Two, an early start to Dhekelia for "Cold Larder & Pastry Work". More good news for UNFICYP winning one gold, three silver and two bronze awards. At



The Bronze Award - Sgt Hauxwell



CO Sp Regt, Lt Col Stevens and the QM, Maj Chaytors, with the winners

this stage UNFICYP were favourably placed to win the Grand Prix prize (Team Competition).

The final stage of the Competition was "Cook & Serve". Cpl (Whishy) Wishart (the COS Chef) and L/Cpl (Bronny) Bronsden had to cook and serve a 3-course meal in 70 minutes from start to finish. Not an easy task for the best chef and waiter. Yet again, an excellent result, yet another gold award. This was the "Cream on the Cake" - the Support Regiment Chefs had won the Team Competition against all other British Units on behalf of the "Blue Berets".



The Gold Award - L/Cpl Marriott

SUMMARY OF PRIZES

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|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Team Competition | Winner | UNFICYP Sp Regt |
| Chef of the Year | Winner | Cpl (Mark) Herritage |
| Petit Fours | Gold Award | L/Cpl (Bernie) Marriott |
| Celebration Cake | Silver Award | Cpl (Baz) Wright |
| Larder (Cold Poultry) | Silver Award | Cpl (Steve) Lewis |
| Larder (Cold Meat) | Silver Award | Pte (Rick) Parker |
| Pastillage (Works in Sugar) | Bronze Award | Sgt (Doug) Hauxwell |
| Petit Fours | Bronze Award | L/Cpl (Eddie) Niblett |

A special thank you to all those who assisted. Well done everybody who competed.

AUSTCIVPOL HOST THE UNFICYP VOLLEYBALL COMPETITION

On Wednesday 3 March, the Australian Civilian Police Contingent hosted the annual UNFICYP Volleyball Competition at the UNPA hangar. The event was well supported, with eleven teams entering from all sectors.

The eleven teams were divided into two pools and played a series of one set preliminary games. The UN law enforcers, AUSTCIVPOL and MP Elm, were undefeated in their respective pools. This was a particularly impressive effort by the Australians, considering the average age of the side was just a shade under 40...

Following the semi-finals, the MPs met AUSCON 1 in the grand final. The MPs continued their domination of the day and won in two sets. Commander Harry Bryant of the Australian



Back row, from the left: Sgt Pete Murphy, Supt Geoff Hazel, Stn Sgt Robbo Robson, Sgt Charlie Wright, Sgt Trish Reynolds.
Kneeling: Sgt Bob Corrigan, Sgt Jamey Bellicanta, Stn Sgt Serge Aquilante.

Civilian Police Contingent awarded the perpetual shield and medals to MP Elm.

The day was enjoyed by all participants and a high level of sportsmanship was displayed.

PYLATHON - 1993

by Sgt Per Jystrand

The traditional Pylathon race was held on 7 February 1993, conducted by SWEDCIVPOL.

31 men and one woman took part in this year's run. SWEDCIVPOL's Bo Mansson broke the Swedish record and won the bronze medal. However the outstanding participants came from the Austrian



The start in Pyla



Commander SWEDCIVPOL presenting the winner with his prize, while the Sports Officer (right) looks on.

Contingent. Their Leo Schrottenbach won the race in 54.58, making this a new record. Congratulations Leo.

After the race, the Sports Officer, Lars-Göran Plagman, and his staff organized a sauna and breakfast for the runners.



UNFICYP SUPPORT REGIMENT Orderly Room Profile



by WO2 Sherrington



Sgt Graham, WO2 (ORQMS) Brian Sherrington, Cpl Steve Lille, Cpl Russ Gray. "Chief Clerk still shuffling the files - to other people".

The Support Regiment Orderly Room is located within Jubilee Camp UNPA and is in the same building as the Regimental Headquarters. It is the focus of Regimental life and activity, or at least, that is the claim.

For the time being there is quite a mixture of Corps and cap badges, in keeping with the character of our composite Regiment.

At the helm is the Orderly Room Quarter Master Sergeant (ORQMS), WO2 BJ Sherrington, who has served most of his career with Royal Engineer units. He has been with UNFICYP for 18 months and is hoping for a posting to Germany at the end of his tour in August 1993. In between shuffling the files, he finds time to run the Regimental Squash team, which recently won the UNFICYP Squash Competition.

2i/c of the Orderly Room (ORS) is Sgt WF Graham who, until recently, was a member of the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards. His Regiment amalgamated with 4/7 Royal Dragoon Guards in August 1992. He has been with UNFICYP for eight months and is enjoying Cyprus very much. In his spare time he represents the Squadron football team in the ESBA minor units league.

The Orderly Room Corporal (ORC) is Cpl SC Lille. Cpl Lille was a Staff Clerk in the RAOC until he transferred to the Adjutant

General's Corps in April 1992. He came to UNFICYP from UK in September 1992 for six months. When he leaves UNFICYP he is posted to Northern Ireland. Cpl Lille is used to handling fast balls from all directions, being the goalkeeper for the Regimental hockey team.

The Movements within the Regiment are controlled by Cpl R Gray who is a Royal Corps of Transport Clerk. He arrived for a six month tour in October 1992 from AMF (L) and will be joining 5 Airborne Brigade in April 1993. As a qualified grade III soccer referee, he is also well versed in spotting the fast balls. We wish him well in his switch from putting people into planes to jumping out of them!



Left to right: Mrs Andri Charalambous, Mrs Electra Hanna and the Chief

This year all clerks amalgamate to join the newly formed Adjutant General's Corps. This takes place on 1st July 1993. It is interesting to note that on that date, Sgt Graham will have had four cap badges within 12 months. Is he going for some kind of record, or does nobody want his services we wonder?

The Orderly Room military staff are ably supported by two locally employed civilian typists. Electra has served UNFICYP for six years and Andri has served UNFICYP for 18 months. All of us serving with these ladies are amazed at their typing skills and their grasp of the English language. They keep even the native English speaking staff on their toes!



PROFILES - HELI FLIGHT

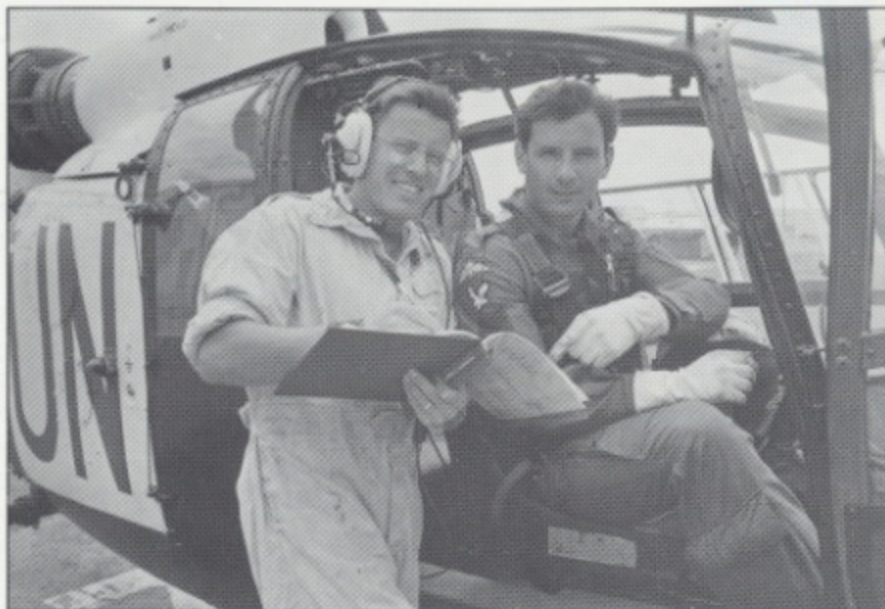


HELICOPTER PILOT

Sgt Colin Withey joined the Army as an Apprentice in the Royal Army Pay Corps in 1980. After two years at Worthy Down, he was posted to 1 Armd Div Sig Regt as a Military Accountant.

In 1985 he passed all Arms 'P' Company and was posted to 2 Para and then 5 AB Bde Sig Sqn in Aldershot. After two and a half years in the Bde, he successfully completed selection for Helicopter Pilot and was posted to the Army Air Corps Centre at Middle Wallop to attend Army Pilot Course 309. He graduated from APC 309 in Sep 88 and was posted to 4 Regiment AAC in Detmold for two years, after which he was posted to Northern Ireland Regiment AAC for another two year tour.

Colin is a keen sportsman who plays/manages the UN BRITCON and the HQ Sqn's football team. He is the captain of the Support Regiment hockey team as well as being the 2i/c of the Regimental Orienteering team: he is also on the Committee and plays for the Nicosia Tramps (civilian) hockey club.



Pre-flight checks

HELICOPTER ENGINEER

Sgt Gordon Mallaby left school in the summer of 1977. On completion of two years at college, he joined the REME in 1979. After a year and a half of military and trade training, he left Middle Wallop as an Aircraft Technician to join 71 Ac Wksp REME in Detmold, Germany. 11½ years later, he left Germany after postings to Berlin,

Hildesheim, Minden and Soest, and a tour in Northern Ireland.

As an Aircraft Technician, Gordon is responsible for ensuring that the helicopters are ready for the pilots to fly. He is also involved with the day-to-day management of the ground crew.

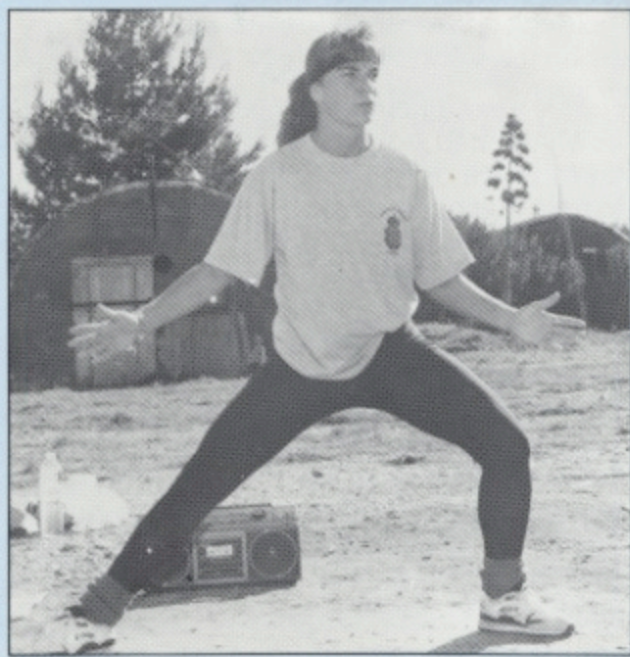
Gordon is married to Jean and has two children, Andrea and Kirsty.

AEROBICS CONTROLLED BY SWEDCIVPOL

Recently, the OC of HQ Coy UNAB decided to make a change in the weekly physical training schedule, and attempted to find some kind of exercise which everyone would enjoy. Lena (left), a member of SWEDCIVPOL in the Famagusta Detachment, was invited to take part in this physical training.

All available soldiers came up to the heli pad to join in. After a short introduction, we started the training and as it was the first time many of us had tried aerobics, a few soldiers faced some problems with coordination...

After nearly one hour of this exercise, we all were exhausted. With Lena we had an excellent teacher and the HQ Coy is seriously considering more aerobic lessons.



UN MP ELEMENT MEDAL PARADE

by W01 G Zudik

On 25 February 1993, members of the UN MP Element received their UNFICYP medals or numerals. Due to the reduction of personnel, nearly everybody on parade was honoured! The MP Element had a special agreement for weather conditions... and the event took place under bright, sunny skies!

We had the pleasure of having the COS, Brig RM Lambe MBE, present the medals on behalf of the FC. After the parade, MP personnel and guests relaxed over a very special lunch provided by SWEDCON and AUSCON.

Many thanks to the two contingents who made our event successful, and well done to all medal/numeral recipients.



Brig Lambe chatting with a recipient

A DAY IN DELTA 03 submitted by 2Lt V Beale

D03 is located in abandoned Kokkina, and provides an excellent view of the Buffer Zone, the abandoned village of Kokkina, the Mediterranean and to the south the Troodos Mountains.

The OP is alternately manned by sections 2, 4 and 6 of 1st Troop, Dettingen Sqn. The sections rotate through a system of one week in the OP, a week guarding the camp and one week off.

When in the OP, each member of the section performs a three hour duty, during which the Buffer Zone and Maritime Security Line must be kept under permanent observation. A short patrol must also be carried out at this time to observe locations which are in the dead ground adjacent to us.

When not on observation duty, time is passed either by sleeping after a late stag, letter writing, or working in the OP to improve the conditions for the sections who live here temporarily.

PT is left to the individual and usually comprises of a run or weight training. Cooking is

SECTOR TWO LINE SECTION

by L/Cpl MA Bushell



Tpr Mark Blackman

Soon after the arrival of the Queen's Royal Irish Hussars in Cyprus, it became apparent that a team of dedicated signalmen would be required to cover the Western sector and relieve the strain on 254 Sig Sqn Line Section. As a result, Tpr Blackman and myself were despatched to the UNPA to undergo some intensive line repair training.

After a very informative and exhausting two weeks, we were prepared to tackle many of the problems facing Sector Two. These included installing telephones within offices and accommodation and allocating them new numbers. Our main difficulty, however, lay in explaining to our superiors that from a 40 line exchange, one can in fact only obtain 40 lines! Another recurrent problem was that the line between the OPs kept going dead, and we were frequently tasked to find the fault and either repair the break or lay a new line.

I'm certain that over the next few months several problems will occur, but we look forward to tackling them in the hot Cyprus weather.



OP D 03

likewise an individual effort due to stag timings, except the evening meal, when everyone takes it in turn to produce a meal and to do the cleaning.

THE UNFICYP SKIING COMPETITION



M/Cpl Mair skiing his way to victory.