

# THE Blue Beret

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### MP COY MEDAL PARADE



On 30 May 1991, a mini Medal Parade was held at Headquarters MP Coy. Pictured above is Lt Col CA Heggie, the previous CPO, presenting SSgt P Stickler with his Numeral 8. Maj Paul Cloutier, the FPM, looks on. SSgt Stickler has served continuously with the UNFICYP MP Coy since August 1987.

### AUSTCIVPOL NEWS EVEN MORE FROM THE LAND OF OZ...

In June, the 20 members of AUSTCIVPOL were delighted to be overwhelmed by a sudden invasion of some 70 of their fellow countrymen. The visiting Aussies were Officers and men from the Australian Army Logistical Supply Group who were staging through Cyprus en route for Sydney. Lt Col Ross and his men were returning to Australia after providing engineering, medical and logistical support to UN operations in the area of Northern Iraq. Whilst in Cyprus, they took the opportunity of visiting UNFICYP for a briefing on UNFICYP's role and a tour of Sectors Two and Three. It was then on to the AUSTCIVPOL Mess for a barbecue and an exchange of news from home. It became obvious during the visit that when the Australian slouch hats were not on the head, they were grasped firmly in the hand. As one soldier put it, "If I'd had a sackful of these hats in the Middle East, I could have retired on the offers that were made for them".

### CAPTIONS COMPETITION



Pictured above is the winning caption submitted by Mr Clem Millgate.

Any bright ideas for the agonizing stance pictured below? Entries to the MPI0 by 13 September 1991.



Part of the group arrives at HQ UNFICYP for briefing

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Danish OP Visit  
by UNFICYP helicopter  
by SSgt Kev Capon

# The Blue Beret



## EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

In this issue of the Blue Beret, we wish to extol your literary virtues. Despite the onset of summer heat, vacation time and unit rotations, you have continued to provide the magazine with a steady and satisfactory supply of articles. We are particularly happy to note that many of the more interesting submissions are coming from personnel serving on the line. These articles offer a unique and interesting flavour of UNFICYP at its most elemental level, and we would dearly love it if many more of our readers presently stationed at locations across the Buffer Zone would send in articles describing what peace-keeping is like for those serving their UNFICYP tour at the operational "coal face". We look forward to hearing from you.

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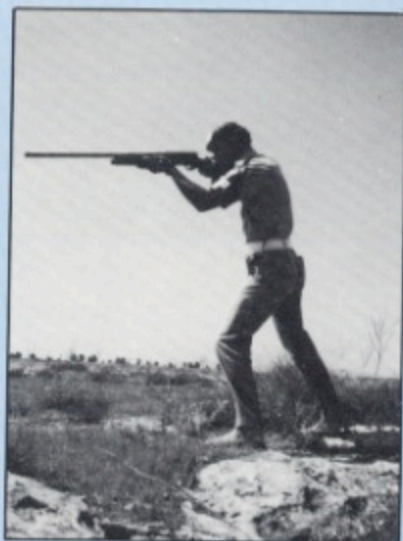


## PEST CONTROL WITHIN THE UNPA

Within the UNPA, wild dogs occasionally run free, sometimes in packs, and these are regularly a source of concern. The MP Coy is responsible for controlling and sometimes exterminating these dogs from within the confines of the UNPA. The main reason for this is due to the fear of Hydatid Disease (echinococcus granulosus) which, if transmitted to humans, may be fatal.

There are at present two means available for exterminating wild dogs, one being poisoning and the other by use of a shotgun, the latter method only being used by the MP Coy.

In some instances, the killing of a wild dog may not be required. The Nicosia MP Det is equipped with poles to capture wild dogs, if there is no threat. This is the most commonly used method and during the period 1 Jan 91 to 8 May 91, eight dogs were captured while only three were considered dangerous and shot. If it is found necessary to kill a dog, the carcass is carefully bagged and turned over to the Nicosia Veterinary Services for disposal. As with all military operations, a return is required on a monthly basis.



A Military Policeman on pest control duty

## UNFICYP MP COY INSIGNIA



The insignia (shown left) is the one designed and currently utilized by the UNFICYP MP Coy. It is a readily identifiable symbol in that the base is the MP badge worn by duty personnel, and affixed on top are the national flags of the seven contingents which provide military policemen to the theatre. The contributing countries at present are Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Sweden and the United Kingdom.



Leading Seaman J Solloway

## HISTORY MAKING FOR THE MP COY

On 11 June, the UNFICYP MP Coy made history in that the first Military Policewoman arrived on the island as a member of the Company. Pictured right is Leading Seaman J Solloway, who was posted from 1 CBG MP Pl, Calgary to the MP Coy for a six month tour. LS Solloway was first introduced to military life in July 1982 as a member of the naval reserves. On 14 March 1986, she transferred to the regular force and, following MP training, has served in CFS Shelburne, CFB Cold Lake, CFB Halifax, CFB Calgary and presently in Cyprus.

## NEW PERSONNEL WITHIN AUSCON



AUSCON's new Contingent Commander, Lt Col Peter Resch

Three times a year, in March, June and November, approximately 50% of Sector Four's personnel rotate. This system ensures that newcomers can be advised by personnel on island who have been serving within UNFICYP for a least four months.

On 18 June, new key personnel arrived in Cyprus, followed on 25

June by a further 172 soldiers. Since the return two months ago of the 115 soldiers who served with UNIKOM in Kuwait, the Austrian Contingent is now up to normal manning of 410 soldiers again.

AUSCON welcomes in particular the new Contingent Commander, Lt Col Peter Resch and the new Sector Four DCO, Lt Col Gerd Rieszland.

Lt Col Resch took over from Col Strohschneider as Contingent Commander and also as Chief Operations Officer in HQ UNFICYP. In Austria, he works at the National Air Surveillance Centre. During 1983, he served with UNDOF in the Golan Heights. Lt Col Resch was born on 29 April 1955, and is accompanied by his wife and three children. His hobbies are computers and skiing.

Lt Col Rieszland was born on 26 April 1944 in the former Democratic Republic of Germany. He joined the Austrian Army in 1963 and was commissioned in 1967, after attending the Military Academy of Wiener Neustadt. His latest appointment in Austria was DCO and SLO of an anti-aircraft battalion. Lt Col Rieszland has a lot of UN experience - UNEF



The new DCO of the Austrian Battalion, Lt Col Rieszland

(Egypt) in 1973/74, UNDOF in 1975/76, HQ UNDOF in Damascus in 1979/80 and AUSCON/UNFICYP between Feb 87/Mar 89 in the same appointment as he holds at present. Lt Col Rieszland is married and has two sons. His hobbies are skiing, tennis and table tennis.

## AUSTRIAN SOLDIERS FROM UNIKOM BACK AGAIN

The 115 Austrian soldiers who spent two months with the new United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observer Mission are back! Under extreme heat and difficult living conditions, these boys managed to carry out their duties in an exemplary fashion. Every single soldier found a way of coping with life in the desert with the sandstorms, the severe heat (sometimes up to 52°C), the low standard of living and the lack of privacy. Living literally in field conditions and with very little chance of rest and recreation, they have all done a very good job. Improvisation, organisation and flexibility were not only slogans - they were to apply every day.

It was a great experience for these Austrian soldiers to meet so many people from various countries and to see different ways of life. They are now back in Cyprus or in Austria with memories they will never forget.



Hauling down the Austrian flag



## SUPPORT REGIMENT NEWS

### SAFE AND SKILLED DRIVING COMPETITION



Dvr McGibbon and LCpl Russell

On 5 July 1991 at Nicosia International Airport, the 1991 UNFICYP Safe and Skilled Driving Competition took place. This was a well fought competition with teams submitted from all contingents, Support Regiment, the FSC Sqn and the Tpt Sqn.

Congratulations must go to all competitors with their good humour and positive attitude during the day. A special mention must also go to the marshalls and back-up crew who ensured the competition went smoothly. The overall winner was the Tpt Sqn.



Left to Right: COS, Brig Fredenslund, SSgt Taggart, Dvr McLear (with trophy), LCpl Tagg, LCpl Russell

### UNFICYP FLT AAC ANNUAL DINGHY SURVIVAL TRAINING

Early morning visitors to the UNPA pool in May may have thought they were witnessing an alien landing. In fact, it was UNFICYP Flt AAC doing their annual dinghy survival training. Each man leapt into the pool wearing his life jacket and individual dinghy pack to simulate a forced landing in water. Under the watchful eye of WO2 Paddy Connelly, the Flight Helicopter Instructor, the unfortunate pilot clears from the imaginary sinking aircraft, inflates his life jacket and dinghy and then pulls himself into the dinghy as quickly as possible. In the freezing North Sea in winter, vital seconds have meant the difference between life and death for many pilots. In actual fact, the men of UNFICYP Flt AAC have more chance of boiling than freezing to death!

After the practice in the pool, the Flight travelled down to RAF Akrotiri to try the real thing in the sea. Having jumped off Royal Navy and Royal Corps of Transport launches, the stricken pilots carried out their survival drills and then waited to be rescued by Wessex aircraft of 84 Sqn RAF. Even though the training has a very serious side to it, a good laugh was had by all, and our thanks go to all those at RAF Akrotiri who helped us out.



Practising in the pool

### VISIT OF BRIG J H ALMONDS (LATE R SIGNALS) COS BFC/DCBFC TO 254 (UNFICYP) SIG SQN - 13 JUNE 1991

On Thursday 13 June 1991, the Signal Squadron was honoured with a visit from the Deputy Commander British Forces Cyprus - Brig J H Almonds, late R Signals. Although the DCBFC had not served with the UN, he made the most of his visit, touring all of the Squadron Departments and meeting some familiar faces.



Brig J H Almonds touring all of the Squadron's Departments

## 4 RTR ARE BACK



Lt Col MNE Speller, MBE



The Saltire: the symbol of 4 RTR

It was said in 1989 that 4 RTR had completed its last tour of Cyprus for some considerable time. Many prominent members of the Regiment discarded their blue berets. Then the rumours began in Sep 90 - "have you heard...? No, absolutely no truth in the rumour". Then the Gulf Conflict began and the Regiment was on standby - no chance of Cyprus now. Finally came the news that the Commanding Officer had addressed the Regiment - 4 RTR will deploy to Cyprus and take command of Sector Two by 6 June 1991 for a six-month tour - yes, we're back!

The Regiment, commanded by Lt Col MNE Speller MBE, has deployed three Squadrons and a RHQ element; Arras Sqn, commanded by Maj H Murray at B-18 in the East, Cambrai Sqn by Maj W Fyfe in the West, and Rhine Sqn by Maj PA Lyall in the centre of St David's Camp.



The Adjutant and his "kiddforce"

The Regiment has now settled in and all Squadrons are functioning well. Many soldiers are utilising the Adventure Training package run by WO2 Braithwaite in Dhekelia and many others have departed on R&R to various locations.

The Pipes and Drums are now here and many performances have been booked. The P&D were founded in 1973, under the direction of Pipe Major Peter Elder. The band began performing as a formal entity in 1974. The P&D of the Fourth are established as double hatted crewmen, each member having an armoured role within the Regiment. The band is 16-strong and is under the direction of Pipe Major Gary Nicholson and Drum Major Stab MacBeth.

The P&D were granted the privilege of wearing the Hunting Tartan of the Roses of Kilravock, a unique distinction bestowed on the Regiment in 1972 by Miss Elizabeth Rose, the present Baroness of Kilravock and Clan Chieftain.

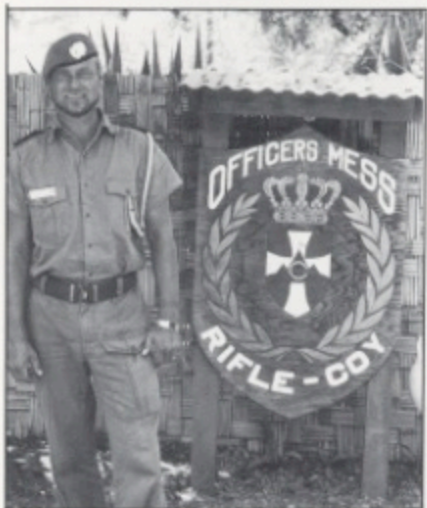


On the sporting side, 4 RTR takes to the waves.





INTRODUCTION: By the OC, Major PD Pedersen



OC, Maj PD Pedersen



Main Gate, C Coy Camp

I am proud to have served as OC C Coy, DANCON. Within our Company, we have what we call the "Charlie spirit", which you will only be able to understand when visiting our OPs and Camp. You will meet friendliness and hospitality, and, of course, the soldiers, who will proudly tell you about their mission and daily life.

You probably know that C Coy occupies the most western and magnificent part of the Buffer Zone. It has

one platoon in the enclave of Kokkina. The Coy has a total strength of 118 - five officers, 10 NCOs and 103 privates, of which 22 are temporarily promoted to the rank of corporal.

You are most welcome to visit C Coy any time you wish. We shall then be pleased to offer you our special "Charlie spirit".



Sgt Heideskov in charge of the workshop with some of his men



Bager, the Clerk

## THE BUFFER ZONE BY NIGHT - BY PLATOON LEADER LT JFH LARSEN

Night patrol to the OPs within the Buffer Zone is a wonderful experience, particularly in the mountainous area of Sector One.

There is no human habitation in the area. With no electricity, the first thing that strikes you is the stars, incredibly clear and beautiful in the dark sky. It's at times like this when you realise the meaning of eternal and never-ending space. The second thing that amazes you are all the sounds - the animals and

insects of the night, again magnified by the lack of human presence.

Around sunrise, a very special phenomenon occurs. At this time, everything stops. Nature holds its breath and waits. Suddenly, the magical silence is broken and the sounds and movements of the birds, insects and animals of the day reach you. Before you move, you can also enjoy the view of a herd of mufllons moving quietly across the valley. A new day is born.



C-COY  
DANCON 55/UNFICYP  
Limnitis

## CHARLIE COY / DANCON



CONCLUSION: By the 2ic, Capt NJ Madsen and Sgt F Gliese



2ic, Capt NJ Madsen

After enjoying nature from the track or from the OPs, we now carry on to visit Limnitis. The Camp here is old but cosy. It needs a lot of care and maintenance, but the atmosphere is good and we like it!

In the month of July, normal routine is frequently broken by surprise exercises with the DANCON Reserve. On the last occasion, we practised manning a checkpoint, body searches and the handling of defectors.



DANCON Reserve on exercise

## SECTOR ONE HUMANITARIAN TEAM

by Major Thomas Oksen



The SWP team: Maj T Oksen, HXA S Douglas and Stn Sgt P Hudson

Zone, 14 are located in Sector One. The spraying is carried out by the two communities in accordance with a yearly programme, every area being sprayed once every two weeks. All spraying teams have to be escorted - this means 56 escorts a month!

The Sector One Humanitarian Team also carries out a monthly three-day Southwind Patrol, visiting Turkish Cypriots living in the Paphos District.

This variety of tasks results in a very busy life with almost never a dull moment - it is certainly one of the best jobs in Sector One!

The Sector One Humanitarian Team consists of three people; Major Thomas Oksen leads the team, and is assisted on a part-time basis by 1/Lt Henrik Poulsen and Sgt Per Skovby.

The Humanitarian Team has a diverse and interesting job. Responsibilities include meetings with farmers twice a week, controlling and regulating the water between the Marathasa and Lefka Dams, co-operation with various ministries to minimise the risk of fire during the summer, including reconnaissance for a new firebreak.

The Team is also responsible for anti-mosquito spraying: of the 26 areas to be sprayed in the Buffer



The Humanitarian team: Maj T Oksen, 1/Lt H Poulsen and Sgt P Skovby discussing water problems



## KOKKINA, THE WESTERN OUTPOST

By I/Lt PH Boysen



I/Lt P Boysen

About 30 minutes drive from Limnitis, you will find C Coy's Kokkina Platoon. Originally there were five manned OPs in Kokkina, but now there are only two: D-01 and D-03. In addition there are two recce patrols which survey the patrol track. These recce patrols also deliver food and other supplies to the OPs.



Bob, the Shopkeeper

The platoon HQ consists of a platoon leader, his 2ic, a cook, one soldier (the odd job man!) and a shopkeeper. Altogether, C Coy's "Kokkina platoon" consists of 25 happy soldiers!

## "C" SQUADRON THE BLUES AND ROYALS SAY GOODBYE



'C' Sqn's tour as UNFICYP Force Scout Car Sqn has drawn to a close. On 25 July, we handed over to 'A' Sqn 13th/18th Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own) and have now returned to our Regiment in Windsor.

This tour was the first time that most of us had worn the Blue Beret and consequently, we had to learn a whole range of completely new skills. Soldiering in a United Nations Peace Keeping Force requires a very different approach to that which we are used to,

and the change has been both challenging and rewarding. We have enjoyed the unique opportunity to work with so many different nationalities, particularly those whom we have not encountered in NATO, and one of the most important things that we will all take away with us is a deeper understanding of the many countries that make up UNFICYP. We hope that the friendships we have made will endure, and we would like to say a big "thank you" to those from the different

Sectors and Units who have done so much to make our tour successful.

In the uncertain times that lie ahead for the British Army, it is certain that everyone who served with 'C' Sqn on this tour will look back at the last six months as one of the most enjoyable and worthwhile experiences of their careers. It is also very much hoped that they will be able, in the future, to see a happy and united Cyprus and to say to themselves that they did their bit to make this possible.

## CANCON MEDAL PARADE



The Ops O, Maj Michitsch looks on as BGen Fredenslund, COS, pins the UNFICYP medal on reservist Pte Teavo of the Prince of Wales Own Regiment



Sector Three Guard of Honour firing a Feu de Joie in the still of the night

Everyone has their day in the sun, and CANCON had its day on 14 Jun 91. The CANCON Medal Parade was a celebration the soldiers of Sector Three put much time and sweat into. There were numerous rehearsals and one dress rehearsal. Everyone who watched the Medal Parade saw the culmination of a lot of work.

With everyone seated on the patio of the Leda Palace Hotel and the sun setting, the pipes began to play. Cpl McAdam, a reservist from the Calgary Highlanders, played the lone piper's tune from the roof of the Leda Palace. With everything dark and quiet, all that was heard was the tap tap of a drummer marching the 1 PPCLI Drum Line onto the patio. Complete with black light and fluorescent drum sticks, the six members put on a 20 minute show that all will remember. The Pipes and Drums of Canadian Forces Europe (CFE) did a fine follow on, playing many well known Highland tunes.

Then it was time for a little action: with the sound of a helicopter echoing through the darkened patio, silent soldiers rappelled from the top of the hotel and performed an adroit demonstration of unarmed combat skills.

The parade itself was marched on, led by the massed bands of the CFE Pipes and Drums and the 1 PPCLI Corps of Drums. Maj Gen Milner took the salute and, with the assistance of the COS, the UNFICYP medals were pinned on the chests of those on parade. The highlight of the parade was the 3 volley Feu de Joie, while one of the members of the country rock group 20/20 fiddled "O' Canada". Within minutes after the parade was over, the group 20/20 from Calgary took the stage and began to play up a storm of classic country music. This must be all part and parcel of coming from Canada's "cow town", Calgary.



LCol Romses looks on as MGen Milner pins the UNFICYP medal on Cpl Chartier



**CANADA DAY**

by Capt BC Nelson



The guilty - LCol Romses, CO 1 PPCLI, about to pass sentence of a promotion to the "wanted". Left to right: Sgt Wazinski, MCpl Dumas, MCpl Swanson and Sgt MacLeod



The young ones had a great day too



Cpl Spooner and goat. "Go for it while I hold him"



City Coy in the lead heading for the "back stretch". Where are the horses? Left to right: Pte Tovey, Pte Brissette, Pte Kirk and Pte Aullenback in the driver's seat



One little piggy went to market... Cpls Evens and Trudel victorious after a battle with a greased pig



Capt Parent, Adjt, looks on as LCol Romses (left) promotes the DCO, LCol Pentney

1 July 1991 - Canada Day, and we are in Cyprus. We're from Calgary, the Wild West. So how can we celebrate our nation's birthday? I'll tell you how. You get some wood, straw, animals and some muscle and turn Wolseley Barracks into a wild frontier town, reminiscent of 1880 on the prairies.

Offices and work areas were changed into trading posts, banks, jails and saloons, complete with swinging doors. The baseball diamond was turned into a rodeo pen, then some local animals were found and a rodeo was held - Cypriot style! There were a variety of contests of skill and daring such as greased pig wrestling, goat roping, wild goat milking, 45-gallon barrel bronco riding and 1/4 ton trailer "chuckwagon races". What about the horses? Don't worry - we're infantry, we pulled the wagons ourselves!

Members of both communities on the island had the opportunity to participate in the fun and games, which were held twice on Canada Day. It was a good means of quiet diplomacy, allowing everyone to get to know each other better and see how Canadians like to celebrate a birthday - Canada Day.

**PANDORA'S BOX EXERCISE IN SECTOR TWO**



We were not quite sure what to expect. Soldiers were stood to and kit was checked - today we were going to practise a little restraint.

The troops deployed to B-32 and kit was ground-dumped for safety. We got into the trucks and left to meet "possible hostility". Under the guidance of the Adjutant and his trusty team, the lines were deployed, orders were given and what to expect remained unknown... At 1230 hrs, a bunch of "friendly demonstrators" arrived and we were put to the test - how to practise control. It wasn't easy, since the Tartan Army got over-enthusiastic at times.

It was a busy day but the troops did well and all that was expected of them. We thank our friends for their help, and hope to meet them again one day in more comfortable surroundings.



**CHARITY RAFT RACE - ORD DET**



On Saturday 6 July, Ord Det personnel entered their raft in the Dhekelia Grand Charity Raft Race, with all proceeds going to the Great Ormond Street Hospital Appeal.

The raft itself was constructed by members of the Ord Det in their own time, despite a hectic work schedule. The completed raft was painted UN blue and white and bedecked with UN insignias.

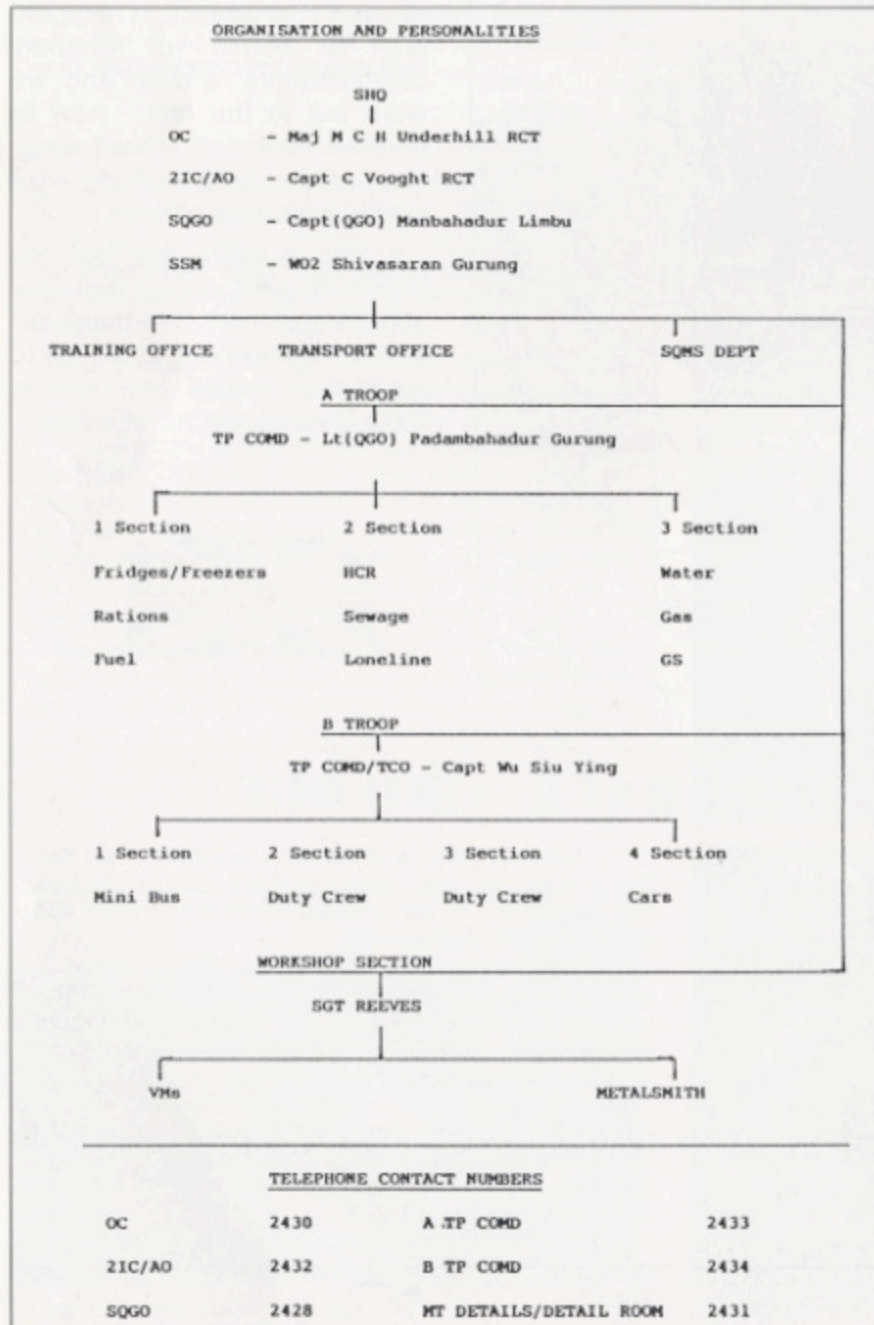
The race itself consisted of a sea voyage of approximately 500 metres and a 20 metre overland sprint, complete with raft, to the finish line. Financial penalties were awarded against teams whose raft sank or disintegrated. The Ord Det's raft was crewed by W02 Wilson, Cpl Theyer, LCpl Benfield and Pte Featherstone who, whilst not managing to win the race, successfully completed the course without incurring any financial penalties. As a guide, approximately half of the 50+ competitors were penalized!

Ord Det would like to thank their sponsors who helped to raise £50 for the Great Ormond Street Hospital Appeal.



# 34 (UNFICYP) TRANSPORT SQUADRON THE GURKHA TRANSPORT REGIMENT

JULY 1991 - JANUARY 1992



GTR is proud to have been selected for a tour with UNFICYP and the Squadron is looking forward very much to becoming part of the multi-national United Nations force.

The Squadron itself is multi-national comprising of British, Gurkha and Chinese personnel drawn from 10 different units and wearing 5 different cap badges, totalling 130 personnel. In the main, the Squadron is drawn from the GTR whose home is Hong Kong. 34 (UNFICYP) Transport Squadron formed on 21 June 1991 and underwent training for one week prior to deployment from Hong Kong via UK to Cyprus. The Regiment in Hong Kong provides all aspects of transport support to the Garrison, from armoured vehicles to maritime support. The Regiment has four Squadrons in Hong Kong with sizeable deployments in the UK and Brunei and detachments in Nepal and Korea.

All ranks of the unit volunteered to a man for this tour and of the 82 Gurkhas in the Squadron, 39 took part in Operation GRANBY.

The Regiment and Squadron are unique in the British Army, and we hope to share our ethnic culture with all ranks during our tour. We look forward to the many challenges ahead, and are most conscious that our primary role is support, particularly transport support to UNFICYP, which we will do our utmost to achieve.

## CANCON SHOW



How does one spell relief? The CANCON Show - that's how! Yes, from 24-26 June, the troops of Sector Three and guests were treated to three outstanding performances by the CANCON Show.

Known mainly for the dancers, the Show also contained an assortment of singers, a five piece band, a juggler, an MC and a road crew. The Show lasted about 1 1/2 hours and, as evident in the pictures, contained an assortment of colourful if not provocative wardrobes.

Like all visitors to Sector Three, their stay would not have been complete without a briefing and tour of the Buffer Zone. These were accomplished over a two-day period, with stops in the line houses for meals on both days.

Judging from the smiles still evident on the soldiers' faces, the CANCON Show was a success. Thanks again to the performers for their excellent show, and to the support staff for making it all possible.



## THANK YOU, LEIF!



On 8 July 1991, Leif Thaström (left) from the Special Investigation Section (SIS) finished his ninth tour of duty with the United Nations. He has served seven times in Cyprus, once in Gaza and once in the Middle East.

This tour saw Leif taking part in investigations of serious crimes concerning members of UNFICYP. These included sudden deaths, traffic accidents or any matter which the Force Provost Marshal considered to be of special concern. The SIS consists of five men (two British, one Austrian, one Canadian and one Swede) working very closely together and all responsible to the FPM.

Back home in Stockholm, Leif works as a police officer in a Special Investigation Bureau. His successor, Lars Martensson, is also a police officer from Stockholm. He too has experience with the UN, having served three times in UNFICYP and four in UNIFIL.

We in SWEDCON would like to thank Leif for all he has done during his tour and to wish him a safe journey back to Sweden.

Welcome back to Cyprus, Lars!



## en passant...

If you have any information you would like to see published in this section, please telephone extension 2235 by 12 September 1991.

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Lt Col J Skipworth  
CMO

Maj JS Doyle,  
ADC to FC

Maj SK Worrall  
FE/LO CANCON

### FAREWELL to:

Mr C Gaulkin  
Spokesman

Lt Col L Lodge  
CMO

Capt BD Derible  
ADC to FC

Maj JM Pepin  
FE/LO CANCON

### PROMOTIONS:

SSgt J Watson to W02 (ORQMS)

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(CANCON)

BGen CA Walker  
(CANCON)

Mr Watanabe, Director National  
Police Agency, Japan

### WATER POLO 27 JUNE 1991



Support Regt Water Polo Champions 1991, HQ Sqn.

Back Row, left to right: Spr Yarranton, Spr Allen, L/Cpl Pountain, Sgt Howarth, Maj Craig. Front Row, left to right: Cpl Falconer, Sgt Jump, Cpl Turnbull, S/Sgt Slade, W02 Thomas

## TO ALL THOSE BORN BEFORE 1940 - IS THERE ANOTHER ONE IN UNFICYP?

We were born before polio shots, frozen food, Xerox, plastic, contact lenses, frisbees and the pill (darn it).

We were before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams and ballpoint pens; before pantyhose (relief), dishwashers (they were known as mothers and daughters), clothes dryers, electric blankets (wives at that time), air conditioners, drip dry clothes and before man walked on the moon.

We got married first and then lived together. In our time, closets were for clothes and not "coming out of", Bunnies were rabbits, and rabbits were not Volkswagens. Designer Jeans were scheming girls named Jean or Jeanne, and having a meaningful relationship meant getting along well with our cousins. We thought fast food was what you ate during Lent, and outer space was that distance between the backdoor and the loo in the back yard. We never heard of Gay Rights, group therapy, FM radio, tape decks or electric typewriters, yogurt and guys wearing earrings. A chip was a piece of

wood, hardware meant hardware and software was not even a word. In 1940, "Made in Japan" meant junk and "making out" meant how you did in your exams. MacDonalds was some old guy who owned a farm. A visit to the movies cost sixpence, for twopence you could make a phone call, ride a tram a few miles and twice use a public toilet. You could buy a new car for two hundred pounds, and gas was one shilling a gallon. In our day, cigarette smoking was fashionable, Grass was mowed, Coke was something you drank, and pot was a utensil for cooking therein. AIDS were helpers in the Principal's office, or Gofers for Generals.

We were also as dumb as to think you needed a husband to have a baby. But, we survived and watched the offsprings massacre the language of yore. We still tend to start a conversation "in the good old days", but actually, they are not too bad now.

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## AUSTCIVPOL SWIMSCHOOL



Sgt Bret Simpson instructs. Sgt Frank Hales looks on

The Australian Police annual swim school for children was conducted at the UNPA in June and July. The aim of the school was to teach non-swimming children water safety and swimming. The school proved popular, and some 32 children from UNFICYP families attended the swim lessons. Children were divided into classes according to age, and were progressively introduced to the rules of water safety and the techniques of swimming. The 12 members of AUSTCIVPOL who gave their spare time to the project were pleased to see their young students progress and gaining confidence in the water. The swimming ability of the children at the end of the school naturally varied, but as one of the instructors, Sgt Bret Simpson, pointed out, "If we have not taught every one of the children to swim, at least we have given them all confidence in the water".