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UNFICYP SAFE AND SKILLED DRIVING COMPETITION SUMMER 1992

This summer's Safe and Skilled Driving Competition, held on 15/16 July, developed the new format that was successfully tried in November 1991 during the last Driving Competition. The event consisted of a long night navigation stage from the UNPA to Troodos, followed by a convoy drive back to the UNPA in time for breakfast. The remainder of the Competition was then spent on various driving and skills stands around Nicosia Airport, with the prizes being presented to the successful teams by the Force Commander at midday.

A total of six teams entered, one from each Sector, the FSC Sqn and the Signal Squadron who represented Support Regiment. The whole event was organised by the Transport Squadron who did not compete, with excellent assistance from the BRITCON Medical Centre and the UNFICYP Workshops.

The stands varied from a realistic and challenging simulated road traffic accident scenario, to an impromptu wheel changing exercise where teams had to use local resources instead of the vehicle jacks. As these both occurred during the night drives, the challenge to the teams and tempo of changing circumstances helped to keep them on their toes throughout. This continued back in the UNPA where special stands tested their skills at cross-country driving, manoeuvring, simple recovery and driving law. The most noteworthy comment concerns the enthusiasm and good humoured approach that all teams demonstrated throughout, with Sgt Beaudoin from CANCON's Team unofficially being singled out as the "Spirit of the Competition" Winner.

Results were as follows:

Overall Team Winners were the Signal Sqn from Support Regiment, headed by Capt Watt. Runners-up were Sector Two, captained by Lt Kettler, with the Ferret Scout Car Sqn, led by Lt Willis taking 3rd place.

Winners of the Heavy Vehicle Crew Section were from the Ferret Scout Car Sqn, with the runners-up being from Support Regiment.

Winners of the Light Vehicle Crew Section were from Sector Three, with Support Regiment taking the runners-up medal.

In conclusion, this was an event with variety and challenge which appeared to be enjoyed by all who participated. It is hoped that the skills which earned the prizes fiercely contended for during the event will prove to be the virtues which will promote safer and more skilled driving during our operational tasks.



Overall team winners: Sig Sqn, Sp Regt



There are always the ups...



...and the downs...

IF THE CAP FITS, WEAR IT!



Is this a possible solution to UNFICYP's financial problems, or just a case of it being a dog's life as the ALO?

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Sector Three on patrol
by S/Sgt Kev Capon

EDITORIAL

The most recent inter-unit competition organised at Force level was the UNFICYP Safe and Skilled Driving Competition which was run by Support Regiment and won by Sig Sqn. This Competition, organised twice per year, is primarily aimed at raising driving standards throughout the Force. It was eagerly contested, because all recognised its significance as an important indicator of a unit's standard in and commitment to an essential skill required in all operations.

The importance of road safety and good driving practices is also reflected in the Force Commander's Road Safety Certificates and Safe Driving Awards. These are awarded periodically on the recommendation of the CPLD to contingents, units and individuals who meet the required criteria. Certificates of excellence were recently awarded to units for exceeding the 100,000 miles and the 50,000 miles targets per blameworthy accident.

Personal contributions too are further recognised by the Force with the Individual Safe Driving Certificate.

Both the competition and the certificate indicate the importance HQ UNFICYP attaches to safe and accident free driving. If further proof of this emphasis is required, it may be seen in the large public sign on the main road through the UNPA, reminding all of UNFICYP's accident statistics.

Do these methods have the desired effect? How conscious are we of our individual part in this campaign? Do we see the accident statistics as being relevant to us? Or are they ignored?

Each one must answer these questions for him/herself. In the meantime, when you pass that notice, reflect a little on those figures. They apply to you!!

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formed at Woolwich as 1 Coy Army Service Corps, when we were equipped with horse transport. We now perform a second line support role for 19 Inf Bde with 8T vehicles, but on return from Cyprus, we are to re-equip with DROPS vehicles to perform a third line role in the future.

All members of the Squadron are now settling into their tour with UNFICYP. It will be the ninth time we have deployed in this role though now, only a handful of soldiers have any first-hand experience of Cyprus.

We look forward to joining the "team" in Cyprus and contributing to all facets of the Force, including its sports, exercises, training and operations. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the OC and all members of 7 Sqn for the invaluable help they have been to us over the last few months. It is now time to say 'move over "Shiny 7" and make way for the "Big 1"!'.
The Unit celebrated its centenary in 1970, having been

1 Sqn RCT assumed the role of the UNFICYP Transport Squadron in July 1992 vice 7 Sqn RCT. 1 Sqn is based in Colchester, and is under the direct command of 19 Inf Bde, although next year under Options for Change, it will become part of 10 Tpt Regt RLC when it reforms in Colchester.

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UNFICYP WATER SPORTS CLUB

The UNFICYP Water Sports Club (UNWSC) is based at Salamis, north of Famagusta. The Club owns four Wayfarer dinghies, (2-4 crew), four Laser dinghies (single handers), two Toppers (singles), ten sailboards and six canoes kept on the UNPA.

The Club runs one dinghy sailing course per month, which will continue (providing instructors are available) until October. Sailboard courses have not been run so far, due to the lack of qualified instructors (if there is anyone out there.....).

Canoeing has been limited to sea canoeing during periods of adventurous training, but courses will be run before the end of the season, with preliminary instruction in the UNPA pool, followed by sea canoeing.

At Salamis, the sailing side of the Club is open every weekend and UN/BRITCON holidays. There is a Beachmaster who is in charge of facilities, and should you not already be a member of the UNWSC, he will take your CE1 for your day's sailing fee - providing you are a competent sailor/board sailor.



Maj Vince Hazlewood presenting Mr Doug Davidson with a UN plaque. Mr Davidson has been the Chief Sailing Instructor with the UNWSC for 1992. He returns to Australia with his wife and family.

If you are not into sailing, there is an interesting reef at Salamis for those who like to snorkel, or one can just watch the more active from Bedi's whilst having something to eat and drink.

UNFICYP ATHLETICS 1992

At the close of a successful athletics season, UNFICYP athletes won the British Forces Cyprus Minor Units team trophy, were runners-up in the Cyprus Services Athletics League (CSAL), providing several individual champions, and came second in the annual triangular match with the ESBA and WSBA. Considering the limited resources of Sp Regt, the overall results were admirable. Well done lads!



The UNFICYP Athletics Team

1 SQUADRON RCT

by Maj Iain Crossen

THE 'CHEQUERED FLAG'



During operations in the Middle East, 1 Company Royal Army Service Corps (1 Coy RASC) were challenged to a race across the desert against a Cavalry Regiment who were strongly fancied to win the race with ease.

However, 1 Coy RASC crossed the finish line first and, for their efforts, received the Chequered Flag to mark their victory, which to this day has been adopted as the Squadron emblem.

NEWS FROM THE SCOUT CAR SQUADRON

July brings us to our last month before we hand over to A Squadron 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers on 11 August. It has been both a very interesting and testing tour. The Squadron has covered a wide spectrum of tasks and activities in the peace-keeping role, which for many was a new experience.



Cpl Devey and Tpr Monaghan

Although patrolling the Buffer Zone is the main daily task of the Troops, they have been called upon to carry out numerous other duties: VCPs, OPs, proving new routes, fire-fighting and also making up the nucleus of the Force Reserve. Notwithstanding the line troops' hard work, we should remember the personnel of Prince William Camp, the "Base Rats", the QM stores, MT, the cookhouse and the LAD who have kept us clothed, mounted, fed and on the road. SHQ have manned the Squadron Ops Room solidly during the tour as well as running a troop during times of R & R for others.

It seems an age since our arrival in February to a very cold Cyprus. Since then, the line troops have been lucky enough to enjoy the hospitality of all the Sectors, whom we would like to thank publicly and wish them all well in the future.

The usual monthly programme of operational patrols and recreational activities has continued as normal. The Sqn hosted the very successful UNFICYP Tennis Competition, with the prizes being presented by the Force Commander. The Squadron team came third in the Safe and Skilled Driving Competition, with Cpl Devey and Tpr Monaghan winning the heavy vehicle class. The outgoing COS, Brig Fredenslund, visited us on his



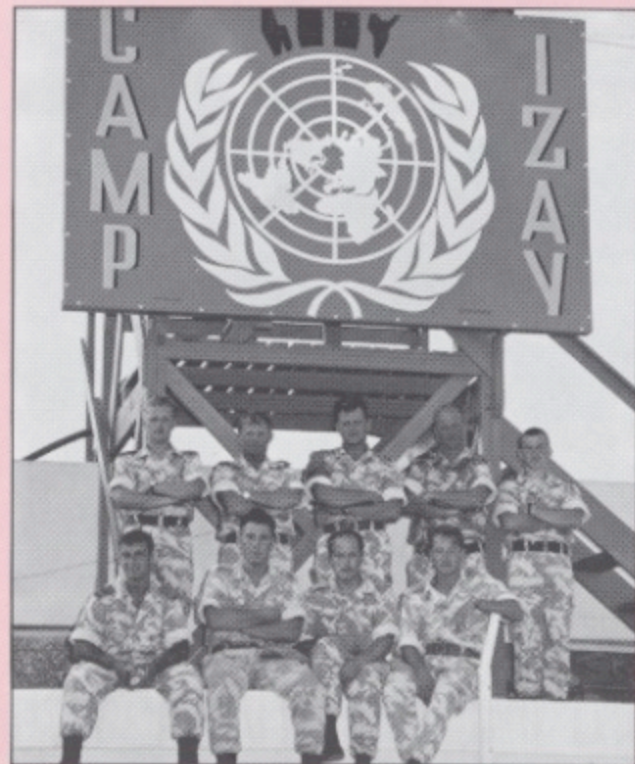
L/Cpl Stretton, Tpr Borril and Tpr Bray

farewell tour and General Sir John Wilsey came to see our ACC personnel.

The Force Reserve were crashed out to Sector Four for Exercise Pandora's Box, and although it was extremely hot, the day was most successful.

On our return to England, the Squadron will rejoin the Regiment in Wimbish and in a year's time, the Regiment will join with the 17th/21st Lancers to become The Queen's Royal Lancers.

In conclusion, we would like to thank everyone for making our challenging tour so enjoyable.



2nd Troop, 16th/5th FSC Sqn, the "Lancer Troop"



DANCON TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP



DANCON's preparation for the recent UNFICYP Tennis Competition involved a contingent tennis championship. The matches were played in the UNPA tennis courts in about 35 degrees Celsius. Above you can see L/Cpl K Peterson, winner of the singles, being



handed the cup and medal by the Senior Administrative Officer, Maj P Knudsen. Above are the doubles champions, L/Cpl FJ Nielsen and L/Cpl LH Nielsen, receiving their prizes with the Sports Officer, DANCON, on the left.

HISTORY IN THE MAKING by WO2 Steve Ansell UN MP

On Tuesday 21 April 1992, a little piece of UNFICYP and Royal Military Police history was made in the United Nations Military Police Company in Cyprus.

After over 28 years of continued operations as peace keepers in Cyprus, the British Contingent of the UN MP Company has seen its first policewoman. Recent operational changes have allowed Sgt Emma Shaw to volunteer for service on a six months operational tour with the UN.

Now trained for her new role, Sgt Shaw is stationed in Nicosia, which is the largest of the five UN MP Company Detachments. She is employed as the Shift Commander on B Shift, having direct control over four Military Policemen, presently a Canadian, an Austrian and two Danes. As part of her duties, she can be called to react to a whole host of problems, from the common traffic accident to large scale street confrontations.

Sgt Shaw enlisted into the British Army on 4 August 1986. She lists her hobbies as horse riding, running, water skiing, wind surfing, reading, swimming and orienteering. In addition to her off duty pursuits, Sgt Shaw has a wealth of experience in her police profession, with particular expertise in the investigational field, having qualified in her Special Investigator's Course and worked with the Special Investigation Branch of the FMP in Germany.



From left to right: MCpl Bob MacDougall, Sgt Thomas Rasmussen, Sgt Emma Shaw, Sgt Peter Molgaard and MCpl Stephan Reisinger

Although Sgt Shaw is the first ever female in the British Military Police Contingent, she is not the first to serve in the UN MP Company. The Canadian Contingent has used female Military Police before; in fact there is one serving in the Nicosia Detachment at present, LS Dorothy Ennis.

There is little doubt that, in a predominantly male environment, the presence of female MPs is much appreciated.



DANCON: THE ENGINEER SECTION



"God helps those who help themselves"
(and so do the Engineers!)



The DANCON Engineer Section

In many ways, the above saying, used by the Force Engineer, Maj Worrall, has become the Engineer Section's motto in DANCON.

There are only 15 men providing the Danish Contingent with repairs, maintenance and construction. It is, therefore, important that these skilled craftsmen are kept free of work that does not require their special expertise. Minor repairs and maintenance are carried out by the Camp NCO and two privates in each Coy. The Engineer Section is under command of Capt

Jaeger and S/Sgt Laursen: it includes two electricians, two plumbers, two smiths, five carpenters, three bricklayers and one painter.

An unusually cold and wet winter left the engineers in DANCON 57 with a lot of repair work. In addition, there is the on-going construction of new accommodation, the start of re-establishing an efficient water supply at D-35, added to the requirement for new accommodation at D-11 in the shape of portable cabins, and the on-going

preparation/planning for further renovation in the Buffer Zone - all this ensures that the engineers are kept very busy!

Of course, emergencies must also be handled and, as can be expected, this will always be at the most inconvenient time of day...



Privates 1st Class Martin Jensen (left) and Michael Hansen at D-35 on C-Coy track where the DANCON Engineers are renovating the OP.

DANCON RELAY RACE

The DANCON Relay Race was held on Wednesday 24 June. It was run in the UNPA with 10 teams taking part, totalling approximately 100 runners.

The results are as follows:

First	: Sector Two (A)	44.10
Second	: Sector One, The Vikings	44.29
Third	: Sector Four, AUSCON - BLITZ	45.20



The winning team from Sector Two is handed the trophy by Comd Sector One, Lt Col N E Jacobsen.



A quick handover, the baton is handed to Lt J Brogger.

The Sports Officer, DANCON, WO2 A Danekilde, thanked all participants for a good day and a fine race.

It should be noted that in October next, DANCON will organise another DANCON Relay Race.



NEWS FROM CANCON



CELEBRATION TOUR 1992

The Canadian Contingent celebrated the arrival of the CANCON Show between 22 and 24 June 1992. Our unit received this troop of artists who came to entertain all those serving here in Cyprus. Needless to say, there was a lot of ambience and electricity in the air.

The CANCON Show included four singers who, individually or together, had us singing and dancing throughout the evening. There was also an unforgettable magician (everybody will remember his rabbit!) and a group of six dancers. All the artists were supported by an excellent backing group who also contributed to the evening.

Last but not least, a mention must be made of the technicians' team who did a marvellous job with the lights, the sound and the special effects which were of excellent quality, giving the show all the glamour it needed.

Even though we are far away from our homes and families, the CANCON Show added a special atmosphere to the Quebec National Day (24 June) celebrations.



CANCON Show Comedian, Mike Carbone, demonstrating his veteran skills to Yianna Tsangara (secretary to CO Sector Three)



Quebec veteran singer Patsy Gallant checks the pulse of the Sector Three City Company Ops Officer, Christian Bergeron



Patsy Gallant, sharing a few quiet moments with the Sector Three RSM, Marc Madore

VISITORS TO SECTOR THREE



Ms Eliza Kimball, the Cyprus Desk Officer at the UN HQ in New York, visited Sector Three on 3 July.



Maj Gen N S Freeman, the Chief Engineer in the Canadian Forces, visited Sector Three from 30 June to 02 July.



NEWS FROM CANCON



CANADA DAY

This year marks the 125th year of the existence of Canada since confederation. It is a year which will witness celebrations across the nation and several major events, including the visit of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II to Canada.

Canada Day is officially recognized as 1 July; this is the day when the British Parliament passed the British North America Act, thus giving life to the country called the Dominion of Canada. Initially, the young nation was only a mere fraction of the huge country that exists today. Composed of four provinces, Upper Canada (Ontario), Lower Canada (Quebec), New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, the provinces united for reasons of defence and economic co-operation. "Dominion Day" was celebrated on 1 July for the first time in 1867. Since that date, the country has grown in size and population.

The festivities of Canada Day are celebrated in most towns in Canada. It is normally a family-oriented festival, marked by games, picnics and fireworks. The biggest Canada Day bash takes place in Ottawa, where usually 500,000 people congregate on the lawn of the Parliament buildings to hear speeches, to cheer on their favourite performers and to witness the fireworks after dark.

Canada Day is an opportunity for Canadians to stop and contemplate the unique diversity of their country and to revel in its greatness. It is an occasion where the normally "quiet" Canadian can openly express his love of country.

3e R22eR CELEBRATES ST JOHN'S HOLIDAY IN CYPRUS

24 June (La Fete de la St-Jean) was a very special day for the members of 3rd Battalion as this is a traditional holiday for French Canadians, commemorating St John the Baptist who is their patron saint. For the Quebecois, it has added importance as it is also their national holiday, and is celebrated in Quebec with a lot of emotion, or as we say here "they really put the pack". Generally, the day is marked by large gatherings of people listening to popular Quebec music and then lighting huge bonfires at night.

Here in Cyprus, unfortunately because of the high fire danger, huge bonfires were out of the question, but nevertheless 3rd Battalion was still able to "put the pack". Fortunately for us, the CANCON Show was presenting the final show of their tour here on the night of the 24th. So this, coupled with "la Fete de la St-Jean", meant the night turned out to be an unforgettable one for those who were able to attend. With the audience and all the cast of the Show waving and wearing their Quebec flags, the night got into high gear right from the start.

Many visitors from the other Sectors of UNFICYP were there to partake in the festivities, including the Force Commander, MGen Minehane. In the Junior Ranks' Mess, there was a party for those who preferred a more traditional "St-Jean", where musicians from the Contingent played popular Quebec music.

All in all, 24 June 1992 will not be a day soon forgotten for those of us who were able to take part in the festivities. We will all remember for a long time our "St-Jean" in Cyprus.

Je me souviens
Lt C W McLean



Corporal Savard with the singer Toyo during the evening of St John the Baptist.

AUSTCIVPOL MEDAL PARADE



Group photograph of medal recipients

The 36th Australian Civilian Police Contingent held its Medal Parade at the BBC Officers' Mess on Friday 3 July 1992. Over 160 guests witnessed the presentation of medals by Maj Gen MF Minehane to eight police officers and numerals to nine previous medal recipients. Prior to the medal presentation, Superintendent Tim Egan, Middle East Liaison Officer for the Australian Federal Police, read a history of the Australian Contingent.

In addition to receiving the UN Medal, AUSTCIVPOL Commander, Harry Bryant was presented with the National Medal for 15 years' Australian police service. The Parade was attended by the Australian High Commissioner to Cyprus, His Excellency Mr Eddie Stevens.

Special thanks go to the staff of the BBC Officers' Mess for the catering arrangements and also to Drum Major Fuller, who led the Drum Corps of the Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters.



Comd Harry Bryant receives the UN and national medals.



Sgt Craig Jacobsen accepts his medal from the Force Commander



Stn Sgt Bob Edwards is decorated on his fifth tour to Cyprus.

VISIT OF AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER TO SWEDCIVPOL

On Wednesday 24 June, the Australian High Commissioner to Cyprus, His Excellency Mr Eddie Stevens, visited SWEDCIVPOL in Sector Four. He was met by Commander Claes Johansson and was shown the SWEDCIVPOL offices at Famagusta, Pyla and Larnaca.

Mr Stevens discussed the role of the UN Civilian Police in Cyprus, especially the unique task of policing the mixed village of Pyla.



The Australian High Commissioner to Cyprus, Mr Eddie Stevens in the SWEDCIVPOL Pyla office with UN CIVPOL members.

DINING - IN NIGHT



Sergeant Craig Jacobsen asks for more - much to the amusement of his fellow diners.

Dressed in their finery, the Australian Contingent recently attended a formal dinner at a popular Nicosia restaurant. AUSTCIVPOL had organised the bash to celebrate the 36th Contingent's first three months in Cyprus. The evening was imbued with the sense of decorum that one has grown to expect from members of the Australian civilian police, and the conversation around the table sparkled with wit and genial banter. In other words, a darned good time was had by all!



When Major General Minehane first attended an Australian function, he was presented with an Australian Military Forces "Rising Sun" cap badge. Sergeant Dale Cooper decided to research the history of the badge with its striking design, which many mistakenly believe is modelled on a sunrise.

The design originated with an Australian collector of military memorabilia who built a trophy shield to display his collection of bayonets. The trophy comprised a semi-circular board on which bayonets and sword bayonets were arranged alternately around a monarch's crown. Specifically,

the weapons were the Martini-Henry rifle triangular socket bayonet and the cut-and-thrust sword bayonet.

In 1902, when the 1st Battalion Australian Commonwealth Horse was raised for service in the South African War, a General Service Badge based on the trophy of arms was struck. Over the years, minor changes were made to the design.

The origin of the term "Rising Sun" given to the badge is not connected with the sun, nor with heraldry or history, but with a brand of jam! A Melbourne jam factory produced "Rising Sun" brand conserve, large quantities of which were shipped to the Australians serving in South Africa. The jam's distinctive trademark bore certain

ORIGIN OF THE AUSTRALIAN "RISING SUN" BADGE



Sergeant Dale (Alice) Cooper presents the results of his research to the Force Commander

similarities to the Australian's General Service Badge.

During June, the Force Commander was invited to the Australian Mess for a barbecue dinner where Dale Cooper presented him with a summary of his study.

AUSTCIVPOL HEADQUARTERS STATION



AUSTCIVPOL Officers attend village meetings with Sector Two Humanitarian personnel.

administrative and operational centre for the Contingent. Here, the majority of the Contingent are housed and the accommodation includes kitchen and recreation facilities. The main communications centre is also located there.

Officers attached to this station have the primary responsibility for patrolling and responding to incidents in Sector Two, but if necessary, they will be tasked to cover investigations in Sectors One and Three as well. Without the normal recourse to arrest and presentation of evidence at court, AUSTCIVPOL deals with offences in the Buffer Zone either administratively or through the local police.

It is from this Headquarters that police are tasked with humanitarian duties which include helping to distribute supplies to Maronite villages in the north and attending village meetings with Sector Two personnel.

In the summer months, there is always a high risk of fires in the Buffer Zone resulting from carelessness or natural causes. AUSTCIVPOL are called in to investigate the source of the fire and submit a brief, should there be a compensation claim for damages. Other situations which involve civilians and require UN CIVPOL involvement include trespassing, demonstrations, stealing or straying stock.

AUSTCIVPOL's training and experience equips them to perform these investigations where at all times, the use of discretion and diplomacy is essential.

The UNFICYP mission is that of peace-keeping, while "keeping the peace" is a primary role for police in Australia. From the start, all UN CIVPOL members have been unarmed, making it easier for them to be used in peace-keeping roles where low level encounters such as demonstrations, illegal hunting or property disputes are the operational reality. The major tasking for incidents such as these are done from AUSTCIVPOL Headquarters. This is the third article in the series about civilian policing in UNFICYP, and in it, we look at AUSTCIVPOL's Headquarters Station and its role.

Located in the UNPA near the old Nicosia airport, AUSTCIVPOL Headquarters is the



NEWS FROM SECTOR TWO



Visit of Force Commander, Major General MF Minehane



Bdr Still and Force Commander

The Force Commander, Maj Gen MF Minehane, recently visited 5th Regt RA and toured their Sector. He was accompanied throughout by Lt Col RE Preedy RA, Commanding Officer of 5th Regt. During his visit he met many of the soldiers from both P and Q Btys.



Gnr Moses, P Bty



L/Bdr Earle, P Bty, just looking pretty

PERSONALITIES OF 5th REGT RA



The RSM, WO1 (RSM) Dunne, Bdr Sharpe, P Bty and WO2 (BSM) Dawson, P Bty

Without the soldiers on the ground, it would be impossible to run an efficient peace-keeping force. Here are just a few of the peace-keepers who form 5th Regiment Royal Artillery.



Sgt McDermott (Chief Clerk) trying his hand at another trade. Just stick to being a Chief Clerk, Sgt McDermott!!



Gnr Sims of Q Bty ensures that all is quiet at Bravo Charlie 25



Bdr Shenton, phoning home again...



NEWS FROM SECTOR TWO



PROMOTION FOR GUNNER S MARDELL

Lance Bombadier Scott Mardell is currently serving with B Troop, Q (Sanna's Post) Battery, 5th Regiment Royal Artillery. The Battery is responsible for patrolling the eastern side of Sector Two.

The 22-year-old soldier from Glastonbury, Somerset, has served with Q Battery for five years. This is his second tour with UNFICYP his first being in 1990 whilst attached to 22 Air Defence Regiment Royal Artillery.

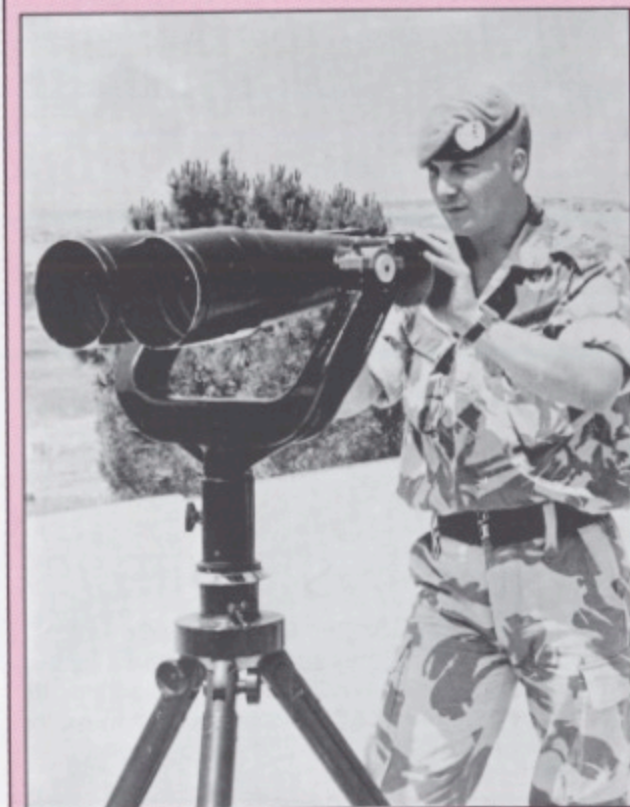


The Force Commander promoting Gnr Mardell to L/Bdr with WO2 (BSM) Clipston in the background.



Pictures from left to right are some of the chefs from Sector Two (5th Regt RA): Sgt Smith, W/Pte Walker, Cpl Gilbert, Cpl Taylor, WO2 (SQMS) Shaw, the Rep Col Comdt, L/Cpl Roper, Pte Gray, Pte Way and L/Cpl Jordan.

The Regimental Photographer



L/Bdr Sparrow

Lance Bombadier Mark Sparrow, the Regimental Photographer, is responsible for all the photographs submitted to the Blue Beret by 5th Regt RA.

Mark, from Sherston, Wiltshire, is 22 years old. He joined the Army in 1986, and has been a member of 5th Regt RA for five years. His younger brother is also in Cyprus. He is a member of Support Regiment.

Mark enjoys badminton and lazing around on the beach when time permits

Visit of the Representative Colonel Commandant of the Army Catering Corps to Sector Two

The Representative Colonel Commandant, General Wisely, recently visited the chefs of Sector Two. He was accompanied on his visit by the Commanding Officer of 5th Regt RA, Lt Col RE Preedy. The General later met members of the Regiment. On a line tour, he visited the Regimental hobby cooks and also viewed the Buffer Zone from an OP.

He then flew to St David's Camp to meet the chefs in a very relaxed atmosphere. After twenty minutes, the Colonel Commandant bade his farewells and travelled by road on to Jubilee Camp.

The General was impressed with the morale of the soldiers and chefs in every location he visited. His visit concluded with lunch at 16th/5th Lancers' location, the resident Ferret Scout Car Squadron.

NEWS FROM AUSCON

TACTICAL CONFERENCE
IN SECTOR FOUR

We mustn't get our hair wet....

The departing Sector Commander of Sector Four, Lt Col Rieszland, recently hosted his last Tactical Conference as CO UNAB. Following the Conference, several participants decided to go for a swim before attending the barbecue at OP A-28.

A NEWSPAPER HAS BEEN BORN



From left to right: MSSgt Max Wendler, Capt Siegfried Lochner and WO1 Leopold Fersterer with the first issue of their monthly newspaper the "Famasack Times"

M/Sgt Klaus Schadl arrived in Cyprus last March. With him came an idea which he had been developing in Vienna for some time. He had always wanted to produce a newspaper, so once he had become acquainted with his job, he finally managed to put his idea into effect.

The newspaper crew was a very special team - Capt Siegfried Lochner (the Military Curate), WO1 Leopold Fersterer, MSSgt Maximilian Wendler and Cpl Andreas Mittheiss. The newspaper is called the "Famasack Times", and this month's issue shows several events which have happened recently in Camp Duke Leopold V.

"TOUR DE CHYPRE"

Capt Ivancsits, Lt Habitzl, L/Cpl Tschopp and Cpl Novak recently completed a rather unusual feat. They travelled all round the island by bike! The route for this seven-day tour was Famagusta to Limassol, Mount Olympus, Nicosia, Kyrenia and Kantara, then back to Camp Duke Leopold V. Many places of historical interest were visited on the trip and in all they covered 355km, conquered the Troodos mountains at 3,928m and achieved this in a total of 15.5 hours' cycling.



From left to right: Cpl Novak, Capt Ivancsits, L/Cpl Tschopp and 1/Lt Habitzl

BACKGAMMON TOURNAMENT

The PMC of the WO's' and Sgts' Mess in Camp Duke Leopold V, M/Sgt Klaus Schadl, recently organized a Backgammon Tournament which lasted for several days. Many excellent matches took place, however Lady Luck played her hand on quite a few occasions, showing the "veterans" that not only experience counts! After a very exciting final, the winners were:

- First: Sgt Markus Mayer
- Second: WO1 Ernst Neubacher
- Third: WO1 Herbert Koller



WO1 Neubacher congratulating Sgt Mayer (right) on his success in the Backgammon Tournament.

NEWS FROM AUSCON

NEW DCO IN AUSCON

The new Austrian DCO, Lt Col Wolfgang Wildberger (right), who arrived in Cyprus about one month before the main rotation, was born in 1948 in Burgenland, the most eastern province of Austria. He is married to Helga and they have three children, Roland, Martin and Nina.

He enlisted into the Austrian Army in 1967. After being commissioned in 1971, he joined a tank Battalion in Styria. Six years later, he became OC of a mechanized infantry company. In 1989, he was appointed to LWSR 54 as a Staff Officer (LWSRs are Regiments tasked for missions in areas where they are quartered.) Subsequently, he was appointed DCO of that Regiment in early 1992, an appointment which he held until his posting to UNAB UNFICYP.

Lt Col Wildberger has a lot of experience in UN peace-keeping missions. This is his sixth UN tour, and the fourth in Cyprus.

THE
"DO-IT-YOURSELF" CO

Sector Four's engineering platoon cannot complain that they don't get enough help. Little did anyone know that their versatile CO, Lt Col Rieszland (above), is experienced in laying tiles! There was a job that needed to be done in Sector Four, so the CO decided to take it on and show the rest of the Sector how it should be done. You never know when help is round the corner...!

NO TASK TOO SMALL FOR THE HUMANITARIAN TEAM

The Humanitarian Team from 5th Regiment Royal Artillery on duty in Sector Two of the UNFICYP Buffer Zone, definitely have the interests of mankind at heart.

Cleopatra is a Maronite living in Kyrenia and she recently spent some time in the south of the island. Eventually, she returned to Kyrenia and, after sorting out the paperwork, the Humanitarian Team facilitated her return to her home. Of course, as a result of her absence, the house and garden needed to be tidied and made cheerful once more. So again the Humanitarian Branch stepped into the breach and took on this task as well. Cleopatra moved in with her Turkish Cypriot neighbours while Capt Bartholomew and his team went into action. It took a few hours to render the house and garden habitable again. However once this was done, Cleopatra and her neighbours were delighted. To complete the job, Capt Bartholomew used contacts with other agencies to get a new refrigerator for Cleopatra.

All in all, a rewarding day's work for the Humanitarian Team, and a nice gesture to Cleopatra and her neighbours.



The Humanitarian team. From left to right: S/Sgt Humphries, WO2 McDougall, WO2 Hailes, Capt Bartholomew.

Nicosia Youth Club Summer Activities



The summer activities of the Nicosia Youth Club were carried out during the month of August. They included visits to UNFICYP sub units, one of which was to the FSC Sqn. The photograph above shows L/Cpl Barry Colley showing Terri Capon and Darren Mardon the workings of a Ferret Scout Car.