

# THE Blue Beret

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## UNFICYP'S NEW DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF



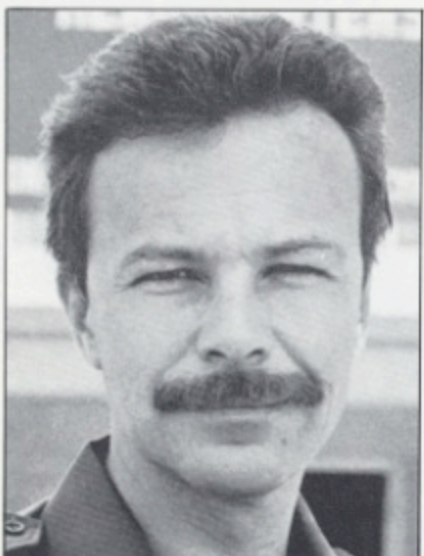
Col E.N. de Broe-Ferguson MBE was commissioned into the Black Watch, an Infantry Regiment recruited from the Scottish Highlands, in 1962.

Since then he has served with his Regiment in Malta, Libya, Malaysia, Gibraltar, Belize, The West Indies, Canada, Denmark and Germany. He commanded his Regiment in Germany in the mechanized role as part of an armoured brigade. He has also served on the staff of an Airborne Brigade Headquarters and as the Military Secretary to the Commander in Chief, British Army of the Rhine.

For the last two years he has been Commandant of the All Arms Tactics Wing, at Warminster and was a member of the Army Tactical Doctrine Committee.

Col de Broe-Ferguson has had previous tours with UNFICYP. In 1966 he was stationed at Polemedhia Camp Limassol as the Ops B (Ops Info) and Ops E (Humanitarian) Officer and in 1979 he returned for a two year tour as the Ops Info Officer at HQ UNFICYP for which he was afterwards awarded the MBE.

He is married to Pauline and has a son, James aged 22 and a daughter, Miranda aged 17.



Lt Col Strohschneider joined UNFICYP as Chief Operations Officer on June 29th, 1990.

In 1970 he was called to compulsory service in the Austrian Army and from 1975 to 1978 he attended the Military Academy of Wiener Neustadt, where he received his commission. After his studies at the Military Academy, Lt Col Strohschneider became a Platoon Leader in a tank battalion equipped with M60A1 battle tanks and subsequently served in the battalion as Personnel Officer and Company Commander. From 1982 to 1985 he attended the General Staff Course and his last posting in Austria was as Section Chief in the Ministry of Defence. Lt Col Strohschneider has past experience in UN service. In 1971 he held a post at the Austrian Field Hospital in Cyprus and in 1980 he served as Platoon Leader and Deputy Coy Commander in the so called Dherinia-line Sector 6 where he was also charged with the special duties of a DO.



Capt Søren Ragnar Isaksson assumed duty as Ops Branch D03 in May 1990. Capt Isaksson joined the Finnish Army in 1974 and has served in the Vylands Brigade as Platoon Leader and as a Branch Officer in the Brigade HQ. During the last year he served as Infantry Company Commander.

Capt Isaksson enjoys spending time with his family and also a wide variety of hobbies and sports. He was a member of the Finnish Athletic Team from 1978 to 1982 and achieved the following personal records: long jump, 7.63m; triple jump 15.7m; 100 meters, 10.8 sec; 200 meters 22.4 sec.

Capt Isaksson is accompanied by his wife Anne, two daughters; Tina, and Michaela and a son, Sakari.

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Humanitarian Tasks  
Anti-Mosquito Spraying in Sector 2  
by SSgt Ken Webster

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## EDITORIAL

The recent accidental death of LCpl Andrew Rimmer of the Force Scout Car Squadron while on patrol in the Buffer Zone, serves as a tragic reminder that peacekeeping, wherever it is taking place, has a cost. For most soldiers, the performance of often pedestrian routine tasks such as patrolling or the manning of isolated observation posts is their daily lot, but these tasks are also the essence of peacekeeping operations in Cyprus. That much of this seemingly endless routine goes un-noticed by the world at large, is unfortunate, but does not lessen the importance or necessity of the tasks. The conscientious application to whatever duty we are assigned is ultimately what will ensure a successful completion of UNFICYP's mission. LCpl Rimmer was doing just that when he died. We wish to extend our condolences to LCpl Rimmer's family and to his comrades.

On a less somber note, this month also sees a change on the editorial staff of the Blue Beret. Linda Horne, who as Assistant Editor successfully guided the magazine since last March, has departed for Canada following a home posting for husband Dave. We wish Linda Bon Voyage and thanks for a job well done. Kerry Martin from Australia becomes the Assistant Editor. Welcome back to UNFICYP Kerry.

## DEATH OF UNFICYP MEMBER

The Force Commander regrets to announce the accidental death while on duty on 18 July 1990, of LCpl Andrew Rimmer, REME attached to C Squadron 13/18 Royal Hussars (QMO).

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## NEWS FROM AUSCON



*Congratulations to Capt Petsovits on his promotion to Major. Major Petsovits has been serving as SO COMMS (Tels), HQ, UNFICYP, since Nov 1989.*

### TENNIS COMPETITION

The Benson and Hedges Tournament took place in Nicosia from May 28th to June 6th and the AUSCON tennis team enjoyed great success. Capt Kraus won the men's single and took second place also in the mixed doubles with his Cypriot partners. Capt Trummer and Mrs Pacher-Theinburg took third place. Pictured right is Capt Kraus in action.



### AUSCON SOCCER TEAM

AUSCON has formed a soccer team and if you are looking for an exciting adventure call our Sports Officer at Camp Duke Leopold, Ext. 156. Shown are (Back row) Cpl Mair, Sgt Pauschner, LCpl Merkle, Sgt Riegler, LCpl Rossmannith, Lt Mag. Kern, and (Front row) LCpl Vavra, LCpl Kruchr, LCpl Mach, MCpl Schneider, MCpl Graeml and Sgt Heiling.



On 28th June a fire started 100 meters east of OPT-A-20 and due to strong winds it spread quickly. The fire was fought by fire brigades from



Ayios Nicolaos and Dhekelia and help was also given by Austrian soldiers. The blaze was finally extinguished on July 3rd.

## SWEETS FROM AUSTRIA FOR UN SOLDIERS



During the last rotation special kinds of cake from Upper Austria (Linzer Augen and Linzer Stangerl) were handed over by Maj Scheibler. These sweets were produced by Master Baker Aigner living in Uttendorf, district Braunau.

From left to right are the Humanitarian Officer Maj Scheibler, Cpl Applinger, WO II Pressler, Cpl Garstenauer, and LCpl Selinger.

## "BLOEDELEXPRESS" IN SECTOR 4



From 13th until 19th June the "Bloedelexpress", a well known Austrian entertainment group visited Sector 4. On 17th June, a performance took place in CDL V, which was attended by approx 150



members of AUSCON. During the two hour show, sketches in musical form were presented. Performances were also held in the area of the First and Second Coy.

## SP REGT SWIMMING GALA



Traditionally the Swimming Gala is an enjoyable competition for the whole of the Regiment. This year was no exception, with the Signal Squadron surfacing as the overall winners. Pictured left is Lt Col Smedley presenting the Sig



Sqn with the Winners Trophy, received by Sig Bridges, who was the youngest member of the team.

Pictured right is RQMS Jones receiving his Veteran's Race Winner's Medal from the CO.





## 22 AIR DEFENCE REGIMENT ROYAL ARTILLERY SECTOR TWO



Having only recently arrived on island HQ Sector 2 (22 AD Regt RA) decided to enter a team of 13 volunteer runners in this year's Olympic Day 10K run in Nicosia.

The race commenced at 9am with our team consisting of Capt Bernie Winch, W02 Scouse Morrey, SSgt Bob Whyte, Sgt's Sid Siddall, Craig Morrison, Stuart Long, Clive Jones, Bdr's Tom Spooner, Dave Alleyne, LCpl Aggi Aguanno, LBdr's Allen Thomas, Paul Davies, and Gnr's Jimmy Brown, Charlie Childs.

The course was totally asphalted and headed off in the direction of the UNPA, until returning to the stadium through the heart of Nicosia. Luckily water points were situated every 2.5km, which was an absolute must, given that the temperature was approximately 28/30C.

All team members finished in very creditable times, and afterwards, every runner received an extremely welcomed cold drink, attendance certificate and a commemorative T-Shirt.



The general feeling was that it had been an extremely worthwhile race and we were all looking forward to the next race in the area.



Left: Capt Mark Pinches, Sect 2 Humanitarian Officer with Sister Veronica and a child from the Infant School.

Below left: 22 AD Regt showing they are jacks of all trades.

Below right: There were no volunteers for putting out this fire!



Left: Gnr Graham Speed, 42 Bty, proving it is possible to look cool on duty even in this hot weather!



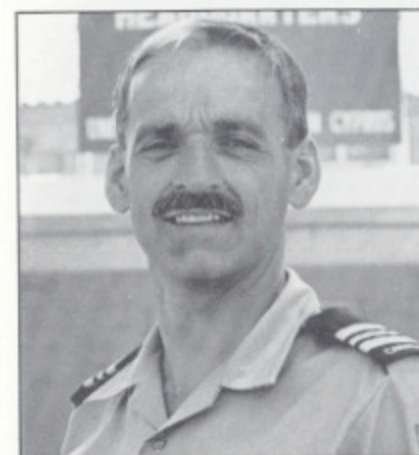
Right: Brothers, Sgt Neil Prince and Gnr Howard Prince are both serving at B 18. They are part of the 9 Sanna Post Tp serving with 22 Air Defence Regt, Sect 2.

## MP COY CHANGE OF COMMAND

On 27 Jun 1990, the United Nations Force in Cyprus Military Police Company held its Change of Command and Medal Parade. On that occasion, Major General C Milner, OMM, CD, Force Commander, UNFICYP and the other guests witnessed the Force Provost Marshal, Major G Nault, CD, relinquish his command to Major P Cloutier, CD.



## NEW FORCE PROVOST MARSHAL



Major Cloutier enrolled in the Canadian Provost Corps in April 1967. Commissioned from the rank of Sergeant April 1979, he served with the Special Investigation Unit Atlantic Detachment in Halifax. Following graduation from the Canadian Land Forces Staff College in 1983 he commanded 1 Military Police Platoon in Calgary. Major

Cloutier also commanded the Canadian Forces Service Prison and Detention Barracks and he served as Force Provost Marshal with the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) in 1986.

Major Cloutier and his wife Joanne have one son currently studying at the University of Alberta, Canada.

## QMSI CLIVE GRANT APTC

QMSI Clive Grant arrived in Cyprus in Apr 88 for a 3 year tour. He is the physical fitness instructor for Sp Regt and provides physiotherapy treatment for sports injuries. He participates in all sports at a high competitive standard and is also the principal sailing instructor for the UNFICYP Watersports Club. Both he and his wife Jacqueline run the UNPA Youth Club and are very much involved in all the community activities.





## THIS IS SWEDEN



Sweden is located so far north in Europe that the Arctic Circle slices through its northern most province, Lapland, but it is not an Arctic country. Thanks to the winds that blow from the warm Gulf Stream in the Atlantic, Sweden has a rather mild climate considering its location. For example, during spring recently, the climate and the temperature was even better than in Cyprus for several weeks. Furthermore, the distance between the northern tip of the country and the southern tip is nearly 1,600 km (1,000 miles), and this means that its natural features and climate are quite varied.

Half of Sweden's surface is covered with forest. The country also has plentiful supplies of water. Nearly 100,000 lakes are connected in a lacework of waterways and many large rivers flow from the northwestern mountains through the forest to the sea. A long coastline also contributes to the character of the country. Sweden is located between the Baltic Sea and the North Sea.

### SOME BASIC FACTS ABOUT SWEDEN

AREA: 450,000 km sq (174,000 sq miles)

POPULATION: 8.5 million

CAPITAL: Stockholm 1.4 million

LANGUAGE: Swedish

RELIGION: Lutheran State Church

FORM OF GOVERNMENT: Constitutional

Monarchy Parliamentary Democracy

CURRENCY: 1 krona = 100 öre (between 7 and 8 cents, Cyprus)



## LIFE IN SWEDEN

Wages and salaries alone do not determine the Swedish living standard. Just as important are the services that people receive for taxes paid. An industrial worker earns on average approximately 120,000 Swedish kroner a year (about 9,230 Cyprus pounds). In most cases his wife also works at least part time. An average income earner pays about 40% of his gross salary in direct tax. In addition, his employer pays 40% of payroll in fees to the National Government for Employee Social Benefits. Furthermore, everyone has to pay a value-added tax of just over 20% on goods and services.

Swedes enjoy a Social Welfare System that stretches from cradle to grave. When a person gets ill he receives sick pay, in most cases 90% of lost income. The greater part of the costs for medical care and prescribed pharmaceuticals are covered by the public sector.

Children start school at age 7. Education is free, and one free meal is provided each school day. After nine years of compulsory schooling, over 90% of students continue to upper secondary

school, which offers both vocational and academic study lines. All schools are co-educational. Education at universities and professional colleges is also free of tuition fees.

Employees in Sweden are legally entitled to five weeks of paid vacation. Most people have Saturdays off. During a year, they spend about 1,500 hours at work, compared with more than 3,000 at the turn of the century. In other words, people have substantially more leisure time as well as economic resources to take advantage of it.

Access to the great outdoors means a lot to the Swedes. A unique tradition of "everyman's right" entitles everyone to hike freely in forests and fields, pick berries and mushrooms, and go swimming or boating — of course on the condition that he doesn't intrude on the privacy of the owner, vandalize or litter. Strict legislation nowadays limits building on the shores of lakes and sea, which are thus kept open to the public.

Climate forces the Swedes to do most of their socialising indoors during at least half of the year,

and they generally choose to do so at home rather than at restaurants and cafes. Christmas is the important family festivity. Mid-summer, the great outdoors party of the year, is the time when Swedes socialise the most outside their own families and enjoy a meal consisting of new potatoes with herring. Of course some of the Swedes accompany that with one or two snaps.

Another typical Swedish traditional takes place one warm August evening every year where cold, boiled cray fish is served and washed down with the Swedish snaps — a culinary custom illuminated by colourful paper lanterns. The Swedish

Contingent in Cyprus shall keep to the tradition some evening in August. If you should be invited do not hesitate to come.

Sweden's contribution to UN peacekeeping missions commenced with UNTSO in June 1948. In 1964 the First Battalion arrived in Cyprus and performed their peacekeeping role until their withdrawal in 1987. For the moment the Swedish Contingent consists of only 26 members performing UN civilian police and military duties. The Swedish Government has since received requests to contribute in future possible UN missions.



## THE LONELY SWEDES AT HQ IN PROFILE

The Swedish Contingent has six members at HQ in Nicosia. They have together carried out peacekeeping missions in various parts of the world for more than 8 years.

From the left:

Sgt Stefan Helander, Re-Supply Clerk currently working in Humanitarian Branch, 33 years old. Received his military training in the Swedish Infantry. Has carried out peacekeeping in Cyprus four times before between 1987 and 1990.

Maj Mats Bergstrom, SO 2, Humanitarian Branch, 44 years old. An officer in a Swedish Infantry Regiment. Has served in UNFICYP twice, 1966 and 1981.

Capt Hans Thorgren, DO HQ, 32 years old. Officer of the reserve in the Swedish Army. Graduate

from a School of Economics. Has served in UNFICYP during the winter of 1979-1980.

Supt Stig Morin, POLOPS HQ 49 years old. Working as a Police Officer in Sweden. Has extensive experience of peacekeeping: 1961-1962 in Congo, 3 tours in UNFICYP as a civilian police officer 1975, 1976 and 1980 and finally in Lebanon in 1983. Will stay in Cyprus until April 1991.

Sgt Jari Harma, Duty Clerk Ops Branch, 27 years old. In Sweden he is employed at the Customs Department. Has served in Lebanon and Cyprus before. This is his third tour in Cyprus.

W01 Stig Edqvist, MP Coy, SIS, 43 years old. In Sweden he is an Inspector in the National Police Force. Has been to Cyprus twice before, in 1971 as Sports Officer at SWEDCON and 1977 in the MP Coy.



## SECTOR THREE NEWS

Hello again from Sector Three, stalwart defenders of the Buffer Zone from the maze of Nicosia to the plains of Lourigina. Although June was a quiet month in our Sector operationally, the soldiers of CANCON kept themselves busy with a diverse series of activities.

Arguably the biggest highlight of our tour so far was the CANCON show at the Ledra Palace Hotel on 20-22 June. The performance, which is financed and organized by the Canadian Department of National Defense, showcased a wide variety of professional talent from across Canada. Every soldier in Sector Three had the opportunity to see the show at least once, and many guests from UNFICYP and elsewhere took advantage of their invitations. All in all, the event was a smashing success which lived up to everyone's expectations.

The first of July, Canada Day, was another big event for the members of CANCON. This day of national celebration is observed by Canadians the world over, and in Sector Three things were no different. The Traditional "Chuckwagon" race, a tug of war competition and a belly flop contest were only a few of the events that filled the day which preceded an all ranks barbeque party.

A final event which deserves a brief mention was the UNFICYP basketball championships at Makarios Athletic Centre on 27 June. Teams from all Contingents competed for the coveted first place trophy and medals. The final results were Sector Three in first place, AUSTCIVPOL in second and the Support Regiment third.

Well that's about all for general goings on in Sector Three over the past month. Until next time take care, enjoy the sun and above all, keep the peace!



*Dancing on the Ceiling '90 - What a show!*



*The Administration Coy winning entry in the Canada Day Chuckwagon Race.*



*UNFICYP Basketball champions - Front (L-R) Cpl Oickle, Cpl Durette, MCpl Milton, Pte Sinclair and Sgt Lucas. Rear (L-R) Pte DeWind, Lt Anderson, MCpl Hicks, Pte Jackson and Cpl Roberts.*



*Pte Sinclair delivers a "killing blow" to MCpl Hicks in the Jousting event.*



*Rural Coy "digging in" during the Tug of War competition.*

## RURAL COMPANY: UP TO THE TASK!



*The ever adaptable Rural Coy Soldiers. Cpl Landry as a member of the Force Reserve Platoon.*

Rural Company of Sector 3 is likely the most diverse area of any in UNFICYP. It covers the close, built up area of East Nicosia, through the wide open plains to the South and all the way down to the hills surrounding the Louroujina pocket.

Between shifts, the Rural Company soldier rarely finds himself with nothing to do. Routine domestic chores and training must, and does go on, mixed with a healthy dose of fun to keep spirits high such as activities like shooting skeet or honing up on marksmanship skills.

The diversity of the terrain and the variety of the tasks demand that the Rural Company soldier is versatile, fit, alert and prepared. Each of its members demonstrates the ability to meet the challenges of peacekeeping in a firm and fair manner everyday.

## CITY COMPANY NEWS

Now that the summer heat has finally reached its peak, City Coy soldiers are enjoying a slightly less frequent incident occurrence rate. Patrols and OP duty during the hours of darkness have quickly become the most popular taskings. Early morning runs and late night PT are the secrets to staying in good shape.

City Coy soldiers continue to enjoy the exchange operations arranged between other Sectors within UNFICYP. Those personnel who recently returned from AUSCON and BRITCON report having a very enjoyable time getting familiar with other areas of the Buffer Zone, meeting new friends and "partaking in the local traditions" of their host Sectors.

City Coy soldiers are continuing to enjoy their tour in Cyprus and remain committed to their task as UN Peace-keepers.



*MCpl McKindoe and Pte Mienstra on CP duty.*





## DANISH FLAG DAY AT VIKING CAMP

On 15 June the Danish Contingent celebrated the Danish National Flag Day at Viking Camp, Xeros, together with friends from all UN units in Cyprus.

In Denmark we celebrate our National Day on 5 June, the day we received our Constitution in 1849. Then on 15 June we celebrate our Flag Day also known as Valdemar's Day after Valdemar the Conqueror who was the King of Denmark from 1170 to 1241.

During the battle at Lyndanisse in Estland in the year 1219, King Valdemar's Army lost their blue and yellow lion banner and was therefore nearly defeated.

But then the miracle happened. A red banner with a white cross was seen in the sky and the banner fell from the sky amongst the Danish soldiers on the battlefield. After that, King Valdemar's Army again made progress and finally won the battle at Lyndanisse.

Since 15 June 1219 the Dannebrog has been the colours of the Danish State. Therefore the Dannebrog is the national symbol of Denmark and features on the Danish Flag. In addition every Danish unit at Regt level are presented with their own Regimental Banner by HM Queen of Denmark.

After the historical background there was a small presentation of the Colours by an officer and 5 soldiers of the Royal Danish Life Guard, all serving with DANCON.

The Presentation of the Colours was followed by another small ceremony in which one of our junior officers, due to depart Cyprus after 8 months of duty, presented his armstring to his successor.

After the ceremonies there was a barbeque followed by a very nice evening at Viking Camp.



Pictured uncovering The Colours are Pte K J Kristensen, Pte C J V Christensen, Pte R K Marqvardsen, Pte T Møller-Larsen, Pte T Hansen, SSgt K Knudsen and Capt H W Lundberg.



Pictured Saluting The Colours are Pte K J Kristensen, Pte R K Marqvardsen, Pte T Møller-Larsen, Pte T Hansen, SSgt K Knudsen and Capt H W Lundberg.



Pictured Changing the Armstring are Lt A Nørsgaard, Lt Col B Madsen and 1 Lt A A Terp.



Enjoying the meal are Capt C Cherry, Capt D J A Farquharson, Capt P J Middelsen, Capt T B Stinson, and Capt T Stoltenborg.

## THE RETURN OF THE 13/18 ROYAL HUSSARS (QMO)

The 13/18 Royal Hussars (QMO) have returned to Cyprus for the fifth time in ten years when C Sqn took over at the beginning of July as the Ferret Scout Car Squadron at Prince William Camp.

The Regiment now under the command of Col R L Mallinson has been based in Tidworth, England for the past three years as a medium Recce Regiment with the UKMF which is assigned to COMBALTAP. We train in the UK, Denmark and Germany and C Sqn normally work with

Scorpion, Scimitar and Striker CVRT. The new role in Ferret Scout Car will certainly make an interesting change.

Approximately one-third of the Squadron have been here before on various tours. Maj EWJ Nall, OC, was last in Cyprus with the WSBA Sqn in 1981 as C Sqn 21C. WO2 C R Durant took over as Squadron Sergeant Major in January 1989 and has served with both the UN and Sovereign Base Areas in the past. Staff Sergeant Collen is here as SQMS, having served in 1981/82

as a Corporal in C Sqn and more recently in 1987 as troop Sergeant in A Sqn.

The handover with the 8/12 Lancers went remarkably smoothly and eight hours after the main party arrived we embarked on exercise Pandora's Box. The exercise was shock treatment for most, but certainly very useful training. We are all looking forward to the challenges of our role and the numerous military and sporting competitions.



Squadron Leader, Maj Edward Nall.



L/Cpl Golby and Tpr Barker from C Sqn 13/18 Hussars proudly stand by their "new vehicles".



Squadron Sergeant Major, Sgt Maj Durant.



Elements of the Force Reserve from the newly arrived Ferret Scout Car Squadron - ready for "crashout".



The COS meeting S/Sgt Kitchener, the new "Tiffy".



## AUSTCIVPOL - A HUMANITARIAN ROLE

This month we take a look at two facets of AUSTCIVPOL's duties here on Cyprus, both of a humanitarian nature. Firstly, the acquisition of a new mini bus and secondly, an insight into our Humanitarian Officer's role.

### THE HUMANITARIAN VEHICLE

In June 1990, AUSTCIVPOL received a new Isuzu 14 seater mini bus. This vehicle was donated by the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees and is used for Humanitarian Duties within the Sector 3 area. The new mini bus replaces a similar vehicle, a Toyota Hi Ace which was used in the same role since 1984.

On a daily basis, excluding Sundays, Turkish Cypriot patients are conveyed from the North Nicosia General Hospital to the following medical centers in South Nicosia: The General Hospital, Archbishop Makarios III Hospital, Limb Centre, Spastic Centre, Thalassaemia Centre and the Paraskevidion Surgical and Transplant Centre.

The Humanitarian Mini Bus, driven by members from AUSTCIVPOL, has become a familiar sight as it conveys patients

through the Ledra checkpoints to receive treatment which is not available on the northern side. Each month, approximately 300 persons of various ages make use of this service.

Members of AUSTCIVPOL have found that performing this humanitarian role is a very rewarding experience and many lasting friendships have been made.

### THE HUMANITARIAN OFFICER

Station Sergeant Murray Cottam is the AUSTCIVPOL Humanitarian officer. His duties in this capacity are primarily to assist the relevant Sector Humanitarian Officers on patrols known as the Northwind and Southwind.

The Northwind Patrol consists of several lorries loaded with food supplies and one lorry loaded with bottles of gas. The equipment is loaded in the south and then, under escort, conveyed to the Northern Maronite villages of Asomatos, Karpasia and Kormakiti where it is distributed amongst the residents of those villages. The patrol then carries on to the city of Kyrenia, where food and gas is supplied to the five remaining

elderly Greek Cypriot women still resident in the outskirts of that city. Quite often medical supplies are included in the many and varied items supplied to the Maronites and the ladies of Kyrenia.

The Southwind Patrol differs considerably from the Northwind. Twice a month the Sector Two Humanitarian Officers together with Station Sergeant Cottam travel to Limassol to oversee and assist with the welfare of Turkish Cypriots resident in Limassol. Quite often, the Humanitarian Officers are the only link between these people and their family/friends in the north, therefore, family reunions are arranged and written communication conveyed.

There are many other duties that Murray becomes involved in such as the transfer of prisoners and the escort of persons from one side to the other where there has been a death in the family.

Murray enjoys the role and derives a great sense of job satisfaction from it. He has met some wonderful people and shared many experiences with them, as AUSTCIVPOL's Humanitarian Officer.



Sergeant Steven Cooke with TK Cyp patients at Nicosia General Hospital - one of the drop-off points for Austcivpol's "Hospital Run".



Station Sergeant Murray Cottam.

## UNFICYP WKSP REME ON EXERCISE

On 24 May 1990, the Workshop embarked on its bi-annual adventure training camp. This year the five day exercise was aptly titled "Ex Melanda Magic". The two phase exercise involved nearly all of the 37 military personnel, leaving behind only essential duty fitters.

Phase I: which lasted 36 hrs, was an initiative-type exercise, kept secret from the participants until the start of the exercise. After an initial briefing at 0600 on 24 May, each team, of two players, was allowed to take 3 items of personal kit each before being

loaded onto a coach. Cpl O'Neill managed a camera, one packet of cigarettes and his wallet! Each pair was dropped off at different places along the old road to Limassol and had a day and a half to complete as many of the initiative tasks as possible. A few examples; cook a meal in the Limassol Sheraton Hotel, work as a tourist guide at the Tomb of the Kings, obtain a photograph 20 feet under water. The latter was achieved quite originally by 2 groups who produced photos of ten people standing knee deep in the sea! All groups

managed to complete nearly all of the 12 tasks with varying amounts of style and success and no one was arrested!

Phase II: was based on a British Military Campsite on Melanda Beach near Episkopi and consisted of 2 days of adventure training pursuits. Top rope and abseiling, windsurfing, sailing, horse riding and water skiing. On Tuesday 29 May, the Workshop resumed work at Jubilee Camp after a very successful five days training.



Phase I Cpl Goldie and Cpl Grier cook a meal in the Sheraton Hotel at Limassol.



Phase II, SSgt Town and L/Cpl Scobie prepare to sail the high seas.

## UNFICYP SAFE AND SKILLED DRIVING COMPETITION

The UNFICYP Safe and Skilled Driving Competition was held on 12 June 1990 and was well supported with 7 teams entered. The competition consisted of the established tests and a couple of new elements in the form of a Speed Judgement Test and a Seatbelt Convincer.

The final results were effectively a clean sweep for Transport Squadron although congratulations should be extended to Cpl Feichter of Sector 4 who won the Light Vehicle Class. The overall team results were; 1st - Transport Squadron, 2nd - Sector 4 and 3rd - Support Regiment. The Heavy Vehicle Class was won by LCpl Reynolds (Transport Squadron) after a tie breaker with team mate Dvr Freestone.



UNFICYP Safe and Skilled Driving Competition Winning Team. From the Left: Dvr Parsons, Dvr Freestone, Sgt Stenson, LCpl Reynolds and Dvr McIntyre.



## en passant...

### VIP VISITORS TO UNFICYP IN JULY 90

Brigadier General Vernon  
CANCON, Commander of 1st Canadian Brigade Group.

If you have any information you would like to see published in this section please telephone extension 2235 by September 14th.

Lt PA Jireada  
SO Comd/CANCON

Capt RJ Boucher  
Mov O/CANCON

Lt Col WGS Sutherland  
CO CANCON

Maj TW Loveridge  
DCO CANCON

Maj F Larsen  
DCO DANCON

13/18 Royal Hussars (QMO)

## WELCOME

Col EN de  
Broe-Ferguson  
Deputy Chief of Staff

Maj A Bowes  
S02 Ops

Maj SQ Moeller  
S02 Plans and Trg

Maj JP Cloutier  
FPM

Capt RM Green  
21C UNFICYP  
Flight AAC

Lt MK Johnston  
21C/AO UNFICYP  
WKSP REME

60 Squadron  
Royal Corps  
of Transport

### UN SECRETARIAT WELCOME

Derek Coggon  
Procurement  
and Shipping  
Officer

## FAREWELL

Capt H Thorgren  
JOC D02

Lt SJ Gaunt  
OC Radio Tp

Lt DH Golding  
21C/AO UNFICYP WKSP REME

## PROMOTIONS

Dvr Williams PM,  
promoted to local LCpl

LCpl Duncan QGM BW,  
promoted to local Cpl

Capt Underwood  
promoted to Maj.

Sgt McClinchey  
Promoted to WO.

MCpl Lucas  
promoted to Sgt.

MCpl Linville  
promoted to Sgt.

## MEMBERS DEPARTED

WO2 Dave McCaldon completed his tour with UNFICYP in August 1990 and is posted to Aldergrove, Northern Ireland.

WO2 McCaldon was the Flight Sergeant Major of UNFICYP Flight while in Cyprus and we wish him well on his next posting.



Inspector Johan Backlund has departed Cyprus early after only nine months to attend helicopter pilot training in Sweden. The National Board of Swedish Police offered Inspector Backlund a place on the course commencing in August 1990 which he accepted.

There are only 25 helicopter pilots in the Swedish Police Force and therefore only two officers are trained every second year.

This is a great opportunity and all Officers in Swedcivpol wish Inspector Backlund good luck.

