COMBINED MEDAL PARADE

On Friday 7th April, the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, presented UNFICYP medals to the 1st Battalion The Royal Irish Rangers and members of the Australian Civilian Police Contingent at Polemidhia Camp.

The parade was held in the late afternoon and took the form of an inspection, medal presentation, march past and an impressive advance in review order. There followed a "Beating of the retreat" by the Band, Pipes and Drums of the Rangers.

The impressive spectacle was watched and much enjoyed by a large crowd of guests who heard the Force Commander thank members of both contingents for their excellent record of service to UNFICYP in the Limassol Zone. The parade was followed by reception in the Officers’ and Sergeants’ Messes.

CONTRIBUTIONS

The following contributions have been made towards the cost of UNFICYP,

- Belgium US $ 56,925
- Denmark US $ 120,000
- Italy US $ 180,000

FLAG CEREMONY

Chief Warrant Officer J. Robichaud, 2 Battalion, R22eR, lowers the battalion flag as Master Warrant Officer A.L. Minette, Lord Strathcona’s Horse (Royal Canadians) stands ready to raise the regimental flag of the LdSH(RC).

- The Force Commander presents the UNFICYP medal to members of the Australian Civilian Police Contingent.
- "Eyes right" — The Royal Irish Rangers march past the Force Commander.
47-ÅRS SISTA MARSCH AVVERKAD

Den siste stora marschen för hataljon 47 har avverkad. Den startade in till bly Plattan på södra sidan om Kyrenia-borgen. Sedan trampade den ringliga marschsalonnen upp över bilderna med bilder på naturköta passade vid LiKanik och så ned på andra sidan och raste ut i vattnet – ja de flesta tog ju av sig kläderna innan de hoppole det i våta elementen... Det var en ganska modellad marsch, tyckte de flesta deltagarna då de berättade sin mening. För- rumet börja och radio hade varje man med sig utrustning i stridssäker sam vapen. Besvärligast var att det var en marschdag utgörd av kulletterenhetningar och det var ganska svart att hitta balansen vid klibbningen över dessa om- lös, med normal fart avklarades hela.

SEKTION 1

Mangå trode kanske att de två sektorerna vid hataljon 47 med sina respektive chefs blev helt bortgömda då de inte hittade dem i denna muret av Cypern. Fei, helt fel! Här presenteras de och de till och med inom ram, En av åtskilliga låmo de av de olika sektorerna har däremot tidigare kontraster i Cypern.

Och en gång vill redaktören påpeka: Om det är någon som önskar några extra-exempler av någon Cypern så kom till redaktionen. Fortfarande finns det en våt upplaga kvar.

SEKTION 2


Inte att förglömma är Miss Linda Rutters, chefssekretär som också har sitt arbetsrum i anslutning till den andra sektorernas administrativa hjärtan. På sekionen finns även två skrivare: Jan Kindeberg och Ro- ger Andersson.

SEKTION 3

Åven om kapten Gustaf Hester framhåller att "en bra personl värdar sig själv" så får det väl inte vara någon tvivel att den personalfrämsta sekionen för offer en det nytjatt denna vinter-kontingent. Rolle har inte sparat sin passagerare, inte heller följer omfattningen i både och innehåll, medvetandet har förbättrats och expeditionslarmen har kämpat opp flygförhållningar a m. Även fotograferna och redaktöran som bland mycket annat urget Cypern har alltid varit i farten.

Block 1
THE ROYAL IRISH RANGERS (27th (INNISKILLING), 83rd AND 87th)

On Friday 4th July, The Commandant of UNIFCYF, Major General D. Prem Chand, presented medals to the 1st Battalion of the Royal Irish Rangers who represent the British Army in Northern Ireland.

The Royal Irish Rangers, the only Irish Line Regiment in the British Army, were formed on 1st July 1868 from the former Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, Royal Ulster Rifles and Royal Irish Fusiliers. At the time of the Dissolution of the Union, three battalions were raised, two in December 1968 and the 3rd Battalion was disbanded.

The history of the Regiment, however, goes back a great deal further than 1968. The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers were raised in Ennistimon on June 20th 1669 for the defence of that town. One of the Inniskilling principles, Battle Honours was that of St. Lucca which was gained on May 24th 1796. After the capture of the island, the Governor ordered that the colour of the 27th Regiment would fly for one hour before the Union Jack in recognition of their gallantry during the attack. Another Battle Honour celebrated by the Inniskillings was Waterloo. After the battle, the Duke of Wellington wrote in his despatches that "the 27th had saved the centre of my line". The territorial style and title "Inniskillings" is the oldest in the army.

The 83rd Regiment was raised in Dublin by Major William Feetham in 1799. The same year also saw the raising of the 87th Regiment. These two regiments later combined to form the Royal Irish Rifles, which in turn became the Royal Ulster Rifles. The major battle honour celebrated by the Ulster Rifles is Somme Day, which commemorates the biggest part of the Regiment played in that battle.

The 85th and 86th Regiments which later became the Royal Irish Fusiliers were also raised in 1799. In 1811 at the Battle of Borodino the 85th Regiment won great renown by completely routing three French battalions and capturing the eagle of the 8th Regiment, which was the first ever to be captured by a British Regiment.

The Royal Irish Rangers in "Review Order" on their parade.

It was here also that when the Regiment charged the French they spread the Irish Battle Order of "Fougue-Boulcion". The Royal Irish Fusiliers also earned the nickname of "The Fougue".

All three Irish Infantry Regiments fought throughout the Second World War, notably in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. On D-Day both regular battalions of the Royal Irish Rifles were in the assault on Arromanches, 1st Battalion the assault in the attack on Arromanches and 3rd Battalion in the sea borne landing.

The 2nd Battalion, The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers served in France and Flanders from 1914-1918. The 3rd Battalion also served in the 2nd World War, and was deployed with UNIFCYF in 1964.

The 1st Battalion Royal Irish Rangers come from Germany where they were part of 20th Armoured Brigade. The 2nd Battalion also served in the 2nd World War, and is deployed as Demonstration Battalion at the School of Infantry, Warminster.

The Irish Army Chief of Staff visits IRCON

On Monday 10th April, the Irish Contingent received an official visit from their Chief of Staff, Major General T.L. O'Carroll. The visit was accompanied by his wife and aide-de-camp, Commandant Ward, and was met at the airport by the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand and Commodore Lieutenant Colonel W. Callaghan.

On arrival at Wolfe Tone Camp, the Chief of Staff inspected a Guard of Honour under the command of Lieutenant Paul O'Donnell. He was then briefed on the operational role of the Irish Army in the Northern Ireland Peace Process and the role of the Irish Army in the operation of the peace process.

The Chief of Staff, accompanied by Lieutenant P. O'Donnell, inspected the Guard of Honour in their parade.

PERSONALITIES OF THE WEEK

This week we feature Captain Billy O'Neill from Galway and Corporal John Hayes from Limerick, who look after our pay during the six months. Captain O'Neill is our representative sports officer and holds an All-Ireland Senior Football Medal.

IRCON NEWS

One of the functions fulfilled by the Chief of Staff during his brief visit was to welcome the newly-formed Ulster Irish Infantry Group. On his visit to the new Comeraghs, Lieutenant Colonel Horley, and on his right-hand Captain Keyes and Commandant John Martin Company Commander. The new group flies in on the 18th and 25th of April and the 21st flies home on the same date.

As we prepare to depart we, the Officers, NOs and men of the 21 Infantry Group, bid a fond farewell to all our friends on the mainland. We also extend a hearty welcome to the 21 Group and wish them every success in their tour of duty.
STRATHCONA'S IN CYPRUS

Corporal Gordon Christie, left, Subunit Squadron, Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians), receives a briefing on the Green Line in Cyprus from Corporal Jean Crozeau, Royal 22e Regiment. At 13 noon on Friday 1st April the first member of the Strathcona's took over an observation post in the Nicosia District. The Calgary-based 40S (RC) replaced the 2nd Battalion, RCE(R), by 12th Apr.

BON VOYAGE

Lieutenant Colonel G.H.J. Lessard, homeward bound Commanding Officer, 2 Battalion, Repai 22e Regiment, accepts the good wishes of the Force Commander, Major General Prem Chand, at Nicosia Airport. The RCE(R) have completed their six month tour and are returning to their home base at the Citadel in Quebec City.

ON GREEN LINE

Two members of the Royal Canadian Home Army from 40S, Repai 22e Regiment, have just been transferred from Corfu to Cyprus. Royal 22e Regiment, who has been on duty along the Green Line during the past six months. The new arrivals are Sergeant Joe Luciani (L) and Master Warrant Officer David Wood. RCE(R) who all served in Cyprus in the Nicosia District.

RAUHANTURVAAJIEN ARKEA

Force Commander tarkastaa Kykkon Flattia kunnioitustena 13.4. omen syyskoljastosta. (Yhäää kunnioitusta).

Demarkkaatiedonjoujisen voipane puskuri suorittamaan toimintaa. (Yhäää kunnioitusta).

Harjoitussuunnan ehtominen on paljon. Asennin käyn, asennin. (Vasemmalta.)

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FINCON NEWS

Naparikkoikenen kanalusilaisia myöyntiöitä kahvikahvikuortalossa. (Yllä)

I. JK:n komppanillaan tarkojen olivat ruotsalainen kahvikuorti ja savukka. (Oikealla)
**GERM WARFARE BAN**

49 countries, including the US, USSR and UK, agreed on 10 April to outlaw biological weapons. The convention was signed at parallel ceremonies at New York, Moscow and London. Additional countries may sign the convention, in the future, at anyone of these cities.

The convention forbids the development, production and stockpiling of bacteriological (biological) weapons. It requires parties to the convention to destroy any existing stocks of weapons of germ warfare within nine months of the convention coming into force. The convention will be in force when it has been ratified by the three depositary powers, and 19 others.

As an arms control measure the new convention is regarded in international circles as the most significant development since the non-proliferation treaty of 1968. That treaty did not require any destruction of existing weapons.

The United States and the Soviet Union tabled the draft jointly. The draft was approved by the United Nations General Assembly last December.

Meanwhile at Geneva a Soviet draft international treaty to ban nuclear weapons on the Moon and prevent the Moon’s use for military purposes was the main item on the agenda of the United Nations legal subcommittee on outer space.

**AUSTRIAN CIVILIAN POLICE MEDAL PARADE**

At Blue Danube village, Nicosia, on 10th April, UNFICYP’s Police Adviser, Chief Superintendent H. Wagner, presented UNFICYP medals on behalf of the Force Commander, to nine members of the Austrian Civilian Police Contingent.


**VISIT OF IRISH CHIEF OF STAFF**

Major General T.L. O’Carroll, Chief of Staff Irish Defence Forces, visited UNFICYP last week. He met members of 21 Infantry Group in the Larnaca Sector. The Group is nearing the end of its tour with UNFICYP. The Chief of Staff also met the Irish members of the staff at HQ UNFICYP and had the opportunity to visit the previous areas occupied by Irish. He is pictured presenting a biography of the President of Ireland, Eamon de Valera, written by the Earl of Longford and T.P. O’Neill to the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand.

Corporal James Donovan, who for the past six months has been Post Non Commissioned Officer at Camp UNFICYP, is seen packing his “bag-full” of cross country trophies won during his tour with UNFICYP.

Corporal Donovan who is a close associate of David Bedford, the English and International Cross Country Champion, has an impressive record of championship wins himself. Whilst with UNFICYP he won:

UNFICYP - cross country championship 1971.
NEARELF - minor units 1972.
Plus many others.

He handed his duties over last week to Corporal Coleman (seen holding the bag).

**RECORD OF SERVICE**

We wish Corporal Donovan the best of luck in the future. Who knows, perhaps we shall soon hear of him again, beating records in the international field.

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