1989 CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Christmas is probably the furthest thought from your minds especially when summer isn’t even over yet!

However, this year’s UNIFCYP Christmas Card Competition is now underway. Open to all members of UNIFCYP and their families (there is no age limit). The winner will receive a grand prize of £75, their design will become this year’s UNIFCYP Christmas Card on sale to everyone in November and will feature in December’s issue of the Blue Beret.

To help you follow the points should be noted:
1. The design must be complete i.e. ready for print and should be coloured (if you choose to use colour). Unfortunately, we cannot accept rough ideas or sketches as drawing/design facilities are not available to us.
2. There are no particular limits to the themes of the card but designs should convey something of our role in the service of peace and reflect Christmas as a Christian event.
3. We hold a selection of UNIFCYP Christmas cards from previous years and anyone is welcome to call into the office to look - however, they are not to be removed from the office.
4. All entries are to be received by this office no later than Friday 1st September and all applicants are asked to include their name and address. All entries will be returned.
5. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any queries – Extension 2235.

COLONEL COMMANDANT OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN ARMOUR CORPS VISITS SECTOR THREE

The Colonel Commandant of the Royal Canadian Armour Corps, Major General Howard visited The Royal Canadian Dragoons from 16-22 May. Accompanying Major General Howard during his visit were: Mrs Howard, former Mobile Command Commander Lieutenant-Governor General and his wife and Chief Warrant Officer Duffney, the Armour Corps’ Regimental Sergeant Major.

The visit began with the traditional Cavalry Supper at the Wolseley Barracks Officers Mess. The following morning the Colonel Commandant inspected a Quarter Guard provided by 2 Troop, City Squadron.

The itinerary for the remainder of the visit included Operations Briefings, tours through City, Rural and Headquarters Squadrons, a visit with the Force Commander and the Commander of CANCON Colonel C.R. Wellwood. The nights were as busy as the days with the party attending numerous functions including a dinner at the Warrant Officers and Sergeants’ Mess at the Ledra Palace.

The visit provided everyone with the opportunity to learn more about Cyprus, meet the Regiment and enjoy the beautiful weather of Cyprus.

The Colonel Commandant of the Royal Canadian Armour Corps, Maj Gen Howard receives an OP briefing from Tpr Davidson.

Left: Have a swinging time in Petkaswala!

Colonel C R Wellwood CD.

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AUSTCIVPOL NEWS

The Decree Nisi became absolute in the UNCIVPOL matrimonial proceedings during May, 1989. AUSTCIVPOL and SWEDCIVPOL went their respective separate ways. Due to operational necessities the two civilian police contingents have reverted to AUSTCIVPOL and SWEDCIVPOL, respectively. However, both parties still work closely together as was evidenced during the demonstration by the Refugees Committees on the evening of the 31st May, at the Ledra Palace Hotel. A bar-in-que lunch was arranged to celebrate the dissolution on Tuesday, 13th June.

On Wednesday, 7th June, 1989 the members of AUSTCIVPOL together with the locally employed civilian staff and friends from the Australian High Commission, as well as the Swedish Contingent Commander and the Swedish POLOPS Office gathered at the court yard behind the Sergeant's Mess at the Ledra Palace Hotel for a bar-in-que and to say farewell to the very popular Deputy Commander of AUSTCIVPOL Superintendent Jim Jameson and his wife Mina. The Jamesons were held in very high esteem in UNFICYP circles and especially by their own Australian colleagues. Jim and Mina received some very nice presents including a presentation made by Chief Superintendent Lennart Peterson on behalf of the Swedish Civilian Police.

At this time of the year in this part of the world and especially this year because of the Australian cricket touring teams visit to the U.K. and our own drawn game between C Squadron of the Lifeguards from the Ferrer Scout Cars and AUSTCIVPOL. I would like to leave you with a famous Australian poem written by Thomas E. Spencer for everybody's enjoyment in general and cricket fans in particular.

"How M'Dougall Topped the Score"

A peaceful spot is Pipers Flat. The folk that live around. They keep themselves by keeping sheep and turning up the ground. But the climate is erratic; and the consequences are

The struggle with the elements is everlasting war. We plough, we sow, and harrow
then sit down and pray for rain; And then we all get flooded out, and have to start again.

But the folk are now rejoicing as they never rejoiced before, For we've played Molongo cricket and M'Dougall topped the score!

Molongo had a head on it, and challenged us to play
A single-innings match for lunch
— the losing team to pay.
We were not great guns at cricket, but we wouldn't well say No, so we all began to practise, and we let the reaping go.
We scoured the flat for ten miles round to muster up our men, But when the list was totalled we could number ten.
Then up spoke big Tim Brady, he was always slow to pay, And he said he — "What price M'Dougall, who lives down at Coopers Creek?"
So we went off old M'Dougall, and he stated in reply
That he'd never played at cricket, but he'd half a mind to try. He couldn't come to practice — he was getting in his hay.
But he guessed he'd show the beggars from Molongo how to play.
Now M'Dougall was a stockman, and a canny one at that,
So he started in to practice with a paling for a bat
He got Mrs Mac to bowl him, but she couldn't run at all,
So he trained his sheepdog, Pincher, how to scout and fetch the ball.
Now, Pincher was no puppie; he was old, and worn and grey; But he understood M'Dougall, and — accustomed to obey —
When M'Dougall cried out "Fetch it!" he would fetch it in a trice;
But until the word was "Drop it!" he would grip it like a vice.
And each succeeding night they played until the light grew dim; Sometimes M'Dougall struck the ball, sometimes the ball struck him!
Each time he struck, the ball would plough a furrow in the ground,
And when he missed, the impetus would turn him three times round.
The fatal day at length arrived, the day that was to see
Molongo bite the dust, or Pipers Flat knocked up a tree!
Molongo's captain won the toss, and sent his men to bat.
And they gave some leather-hunting to the men of Pipers Flat.
When the ball sped where M'Dougall stood, firm planted in its track,
He shut his eyes and turned him round, and stopped it with his back!
The highest score was twenty-two, the total sixty—
When Brady sent a Yorker down that scattered, Johnsons sticks.
Then Pipers Flat went into bat, for glory or renown.
But, like to grass before the scythe, our wickets tumbled down.
"Nine wickets down for seventeen, with fifty runs to win!"
Our captain heaved a heavy sigh
And sent M'Dougall in.
"Ten pounds to one you lose it!" cried the barracker from town;
But M'Dougall said "I'll take it man!" and plonked the money down.
Then he girded up his moleskine in a self-reliant style,
Threw off his hat and boots, and faced the bowler with a smile.
He held the bat wrong side out, and Johnson with a grin,
Stopped lightly to the bowling crease, and sent a wobbler in;
M'Dougall spooned it softly back, and Johnson waited there.
But M'Dougall, crying "Fetch it!" started running like a hare;
Molongo shouted "Victory! He's out as sure as eggs."
When Pincher started through the crowd, and ran through Johnsons legs.
He seized the ball like lightning; then he ran behind a log.
And M'Dougall kept on running, while Molongo chased the dog.
They chased him up, they chased him down, they chased him round, and they chased him to ground.
He darted through a slip-rail — the sewer shouted "Ten!"
M'Dougall puffed; Molongo swore; excitement was intense;
As the scorer marked down "Twenty", Pincher cleared a barbed wire fence.
"Let us heed him!" shrieked Molongo. "Brain the mongrel with a biff!"
"Run it out! Good old M'Dougall!" yelled the men of Pipers Flat.
And M'Dougall kept on jogging, and then Pincher doubled back.
The scorer counted "Fifty" as they raced across the track.
M'Dougall boys were going fast, Molongo breath was gone — But while Molongo chased the dog — M'Dougall struggled on.
When the scorer shouted "Fifty!" then they knew the chase could cease.
And M'Dougall gasped out "Drop it!" as he dropped within his crease.
Then Pincher dropped the ball, and, as instinctively he knew Discretion was the wiser plan, he disappeared from view.
And as Molongos beat men exhausted lay around, We raised M'Dougall shoulder high, and bore him from the ground.
We bore him to M'Qinnis, where lunch was ready laid.
And filled him up with whiskey punch, for which Molongo paid.
We drank his health in bumpers, and we cheered him three times three.
And when Molongo got its breath, Molongo joined the spree.
And the critics say they never saw a cricket match like that, When M'Dougall broke the record in the game at Pipers Flat.
And the folk are jubilating as they never were before;
For we played Molongo cricket, and M'Dougall topped the score.
WELCOME TO THE FOURTH ROYAL TANK REGIMENT

THE EAGLE

Through the glens of Kyrenia and Troodos comes a haunting note, a bird is disturbed from its eyrie. The dust is beginning to settle but the island has a visitor, Scotland's Own Fourth Royal Tank Regiment. Sector Two has the Bagpipes and the Gaelic, which we intend to share with the locals. Lt Col McBean led an advance party closely followed by the main party flights on the 6th and 7th of June. Scotsmen donned their blue berets and got down to the task in hand.

Small changes of routine and dress will be seen displayed. The Hunting Rose Tartan and Blue Flashes, quickly distinguish our sector. The Brown, Red and Green, our Regimental Colours are worn with true pride.

The motto "FEAR NAUGHT" has come to stay for 6 months and the Commanding Officer and all Ranks wish everyone a warm welcome with open arms, to all sectors.

The Eagle has landed, the dust settles, but the pipes play on!

THE FOURTH

The Soldiers of the Fourth come from all over Scotland, but the majority are from Inverness, Fife and Glasgow. Though the Regiment has a long association with Scotland, in particular with the Scottish Yeomanry Regiments, it was not until 1959 that it began to recruit specifically from there. It is one of only two Royal Armoured Corps Regiments privileged to do so, and Scotland's own Royal Tank Regiment.

The Regiment has come to Cyprus with three Squadrons and 97 Battery (Lawson's Company) 4 Fd Regiment, its affiliated Battery. The regiment is supported by a large rear party who are responsible for its maintenance of the Regiments' tasks and for a major re-equipment programme.

The Regiment has enjoyed the challenge of coexisting with a front line Tank Regiment to the infantry role. It has been hard work, but stimulating and above all different.

The Fourth Royal Tank Regiment have been looking forward to their tour immensely. The job is fascinating, demanding and of the utmost importance. Equally there are unparalleled opportunities for sport and recreation which it is determined to enjoy.
FAREWELL C SQUADRON
THE LIFE GUARDS

C Squadron has by now left
Cyprus and flown back to Eng-
land. The tour came to a close
much as it started. We hosted
various visits, various confer-
ces, competed in various
competitions, and prepared to
handover the role of the Scout
Car Squadron to the 13/18 Hus-
sars.

Amongst those who visited us
have been: Brigadier Bloxham (a
big cheese from the Army CATER-
ing Corps), General Sir Charles
Huxtable KCB CBE (Command-
der in Chief United Kingdom
Land Forces), a PR team from
the Ministry of Defence, Michael
Waldman (a BBC TV documen-
tary producer), the Permanent
Under Secretary of State Sir
Michael Quinlan KCB, the Royal
Jordanian Polo team, Force
Commander and Chief of Staff.

On the sporting side of life, we
have had varied degrees of suc-
cess. At the beginning of June
the Squadron fielded a Polo
team against a combined 3RHA
and 15/19 Hussars team. Unfor-
tunately after a very close match,
we lost 3–2. The following day Lt
Cox led our M1 Skills team to a
very creditable 6th. It was a great
shame that they had some unfore-
seen problems on the march,
which let them down and gave
them a rather poor start.

The UN shooting competition
came next and once again we
had a few slight hitches, which
caused our team not to do quite
as well as expected. Amongst
the other sporting events around
about, we hosted the tennis
competition. The Squadron had
entered the cricket league, and
has also had a fun game against
the AUSTRALIAN POL. Unfortu-
nately we were beaten, however
we have retained 'The Bone of
contention!'

Four Officers from the Squad-
ron (Capt Garrett, Lt's Mahony,
Uloth, Farquhar) competed for
the UN in an International
Triathlon Competition against
Jordan, British Bases, and Cy-
prus. The Jordanians won, British
Bases just pipped us to the post
and the Cypriots came 4th. This
Triathlon involved Show-jump-
ing, Archery and Jeep driving.

We have now left Cyprus
behind and will take away fond
memories of our time here. New
friends have been made, new
links around the world have been
forged, and we look forward to
seeing you at some time in the
future.

'Cheers Chod, it's been good
fun!'

AUSCON vs AUSBATT

The football team of the Aust-
rian Battalion on the Golan
Heights arrived in Cyprus for a
soccer match against AUSCON
which took place on the 1st June.
The trip, which mainly had a
recreational purpose, paid off for
the UNDOF members as they
won the match 2–1.

However the game got rather
rough in the second half, and
some of the men were slightly
injured. So a re-match was
organised and transferred to
safer terrain. In a game of table
football nobody got hurt and
AUSCON equalled the score by
winning the event!
AUSCON MEDAL PARADE

On the 26th of May the antique Theatre of Salamis was once again the scene of the Austrian Medal Parade.

The soldiers marched into the arena to the beat of drums and received the Medals which were presented by the Force Commander, Maj Gen Milner assisted by the Contingent Commander of AUSCON Lt Col Wieser. The Force Commander particularly impressed the men and the audience with his speech, unexpectedly held in English and German.

After the ceremony CO Sector 4, Lt Col Dallinger, invited all guests to a reception, where they were awated by the buffet and examples of Austrian field-kitchen cooking.

JUNTA MEETING...
WITH A DIFFERENCE!

June’s JUNTA meeting in Sector 4 was dominated by sporting activities, which, according to rumour wasn’t to the liking of all participants!

All CO’s, including their drivers, competed in a “mini triathlon” consisting of a 200 m swim, an 8 km cycle and a 2 km run. The competition also included a rifle shooting event.

Fastest contestants were FPM Maj Nault and LCpl Eaton, Sp Regt.

Right: Thank God it’s over! From left to right: Lt Col Dallinger CO Sector 4, Lt Col Broke, CO Sector 2 (3 RHA), and Lt Col Smedley, CO Sp Regt.

SWISS AIR AMBULANCE

As part of its increasing contribution to the United Nations peacekeeping activities, the Government of Switzerland has made available to the United Nations since February 1989 an air ambulance facility for emergency medical evacuation or repatriation of UN personnel injured or wounded during service in any of the UN peacekeeping operations (with no costs to the UN for the use of this facility).

UNFICYP were the first ever to use the Swiss air ambulance when an Austrian corporal, seriously injured in a traffic accident in Cyprus in April 1989, was repatriated from Cyprus to Vienna Austria. The whole operation went smoothly and exactly as planned.
SECTOR THREE HOSTS UNIFICYP BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Sector Three hosted the UNIFICYP Basketball Tournament on 1 June 89. The four teams competing in the tournament, which was held at the Makarios Stadium, were AUSCON, CANCON, BRITCON and the Support Regiment.

Commander Sector Three Lt Col M.W. Appleton opened the tournament by throwing the ball for the initial tip off. The round robin format guaranteed each team of at least three games.

When the final point tally was made at the end of the day CANCON was the winner followed by AUSCON, BRITCON and the Support Regiment.

The Force Commander, Maj Gen C. Milner, attended the closing ceremonies presenting trophies and plaques to the participants.

Cancon, winners of the UNIFICYP Basketball Tournament.

UNIFICYP SHOOTING COMPETITION MAY 89

Pictured above are the Sector 1 winning team. Second and third were Sector 3 and UN MP Coy respectively. Winners of the Falling Plate competition were Sector 4.

UN MP COY HAPPENINGS

During the recent UNIFICYP Shooting Competition the UN MP Coy were placed a respectable 3rd overall with WO2 Larsen (DANCON) placed 1st in the pistol match. The rifle team, with a 5th place finish, consisted of Sgt Leon (CANCON) (Capt), Sgt Hansen (DANCON), Sgt Lawson (BRITCON) and MCpl Berry (CANCON). The pistol team, with a 2nd place finish, consisted of WO2 Larsen (DANCON) (Capt), WO2 Price (BRITCON), Sgt Gidlund (SWEDCON) and 2 Sgt Hubmann (AUSCON).

On 2 Jun 89, the Force Commander presented UN medals and numbers to 11 members of the UN MP Coy including the Force Provost Marshal.

The UN MP Coy was represented in the Happy Valley Triathlon by a team consisting of Sgt’s Andersson, Timmermann and Nielsen. Of the 180 participants the UN MP Coy team finished in third place which is an excellent result as were the individuals with Sgt Andersson finishing 11th, Sgt Timmermann 24th and Sgt Nielsen 50th. An excellent result considering that some of the competitors were top amateurs from Europe.

If you can think of an appropriate caption for this photograph please let us know by Tuesday 8th August. Anonymous entries will be accepted and the winning entry will feature in September’s magazine.

The MP10 office is located opposite the main entrance to HQ UNIFICYP at Blue Beret Camp.
The Nicosia Help Information Volunteer Exchange (UN-HIVE) was officially opened by Mrs Lavinia Courage at 10.40 on Wednesday 7th June. Also at the ceremony were Don and Peggy Smith, members of Support Regiment, and Unit and Contingent welfare agent representatives. The HIVE organisers and volunteers would like to thank all those who helped to make it an occasion to remember.

We thrive on information so if you have anything which may be of interest to others please come and see us. We would very much like to have information from other sectors.

When we have the information we pass it on. If there is something you wish to know drop in and see us when you are next in the UNPA.

We are located on the first floor of the Community Centre, School Road, in the same block as the Library.

Our opening times are:
- Monday 1700-1900 hours
- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 0900-1100 hours
- Friday 1100-1200 hours

We know they are odd hours - but you work odd hours too.

LIFE AND WORK IN B COY-DANCON

B Coy is located at Skouriotissa, a small village at the foot of the Troodos mountains. The Coy is the only Danish one based on the Greek-Cypriot part of the island. The village Skouriotissa was built by the Cyprus Mine Corporation (CMC) as a result of the Turkish Intervention in 1974, the mining became unprofitable, so the CMC denounced its 29 years contract. The mining company moved out, handing the village over to the Bishop of Morphou, who owned the ground.

In the immediate vicinity of the Skouriotissa-Camp is the “Mining Mountain” where mining has been going on for more than 2,000 years. The mining has been suspended but last year the washing out of copper started again.

B Coy moved to Skouriotissa in November 1975, and was quartered in CMC’s former head office, rented to the UN by the Bishop of Morphou.

The camp has, due to its previous function as head office of the CMC, tennis courts and a swimming pool. The latter is used frequently during summer in order to cool our hard-working bodies. As early as May the water was 24°C, only being heated by the sun.

In the centre of the camp there is a church which was built in the late 15th Century, measuring about 11 x 4 m. The church is being used to this very day. A candle is always burning near the altar and once in a while there are church goers. On Greek Cypriot National holidays, a lot of people visit the church, and they celebrate Mass. Even a Greek-Cypriot christening has taken place during our tour on the island. Danish soldiers have either been married or have had their children christened in the church as well.

B Coy consists of NCO’s and private soldiers from various regiments of the Danish Army and other services i.e. the Air Force and the Navy, which of course, gives the Coy a distinctive mark. The Coy is only a unit during its six month tour in Cyprus. Once back in Denmark, some personnel go back to their parent unit or become civilians again.

The HQ Platoon is divided into 3 sections. There is the administrative section, which takes care of the daily leadership of the Coy, mans the Ops room, and looks after all the signals and the maintenance of the camp. The logistic/maintenance section includes our drivers and mechanics, the logistic element and our beloved PX. Last but definately not least the kitchen, a quite indispensable section!

Two platoons of the Company are responsible for the Coy area which is 17 km long. The patrol track within the Coy area is 25 km. Besides its operational commitments, B Coy likes to take part in sporting events. The UNFICYP Cross Country championship was held in the surroundings of Skouriotissa Camp. The Coy also formed a team for Mil Skills. Since DANCON have won the last two times, with C Coy and HQ Coy being the Standard Bearers, B Coy were expected to win it this time. That B Coy actually lived up to the expectations came as a big surprise to everyone, not least to us the people of B Coy! We have also contributed players to the DANCON Football Team, Orienteering and Shooting Competitions.

Now 6 months has passed and most of us are going back to Denmark. Our successors have arrived and consequently we are all busy handing over.

To all the people, whom we have either worked with, or have become acquainted with, we would like to thank you for the memories and wish you good luck wherever you may be in the world.

The Austrian Field Kitchen still giving sterling service at the Australian Medal Parade.

"Another fine hole you've gotten me into Olly"
## 25 YEARS OF UNFICYP

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