UN NEWS WELCOME

Special Representative of the Secretary General — MR OSCAR CAMILLON

The newly appointed Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Cyprus, Mr. Oscar Camillon, arrived on 29 February to begin contacts with the two sides in pursuance of the good offices mandate entrusted to the Secretary-General by the Security Council.

Mr. James Holger, who has been Acting Special Representative since 1984, will remain as Deputy Special Representative for several months. He had been scheduled to retire in February, but was asked to stay on for a transitional period.

Ambassador Camillon, 58, is a former Foreign Minister of Argentina and has had a distinguished career not only as a diplomat but in the fields of journalism and law and as a university professor. At the time of his appointment late last year, he was Professor of Political Science and International Relations at the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences of the University of Buenos Aires.

Mr. Camillon served in the Argentinean Foreign Service from 1958 to 1962 and from 1976 to 1981. Between those periods of service he was in private practice as a lawyer and consultant, and from 1965 to 1972 was managing editor and chief editorial columnist of "Clarin", a leading Buenos Aires daily newspaper. Later he continued to write a syndicated column for Argentine newspapers.

In his diplomatic career, Mr. Camillon has held the posts of Chef de Cabinet of the Foreign Ministry, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Ambassador to Brazil, as well as Foreign Minister. He was the chief Argentinian negotiator of the agreement on use of international rivers signed with Brazil and Paraguay (September 1978) and of agreements on nuclear cooperation with Brazil (1979-1980). As Foreign Minister in 1981, he led the delegation of Argentina at the 36th session of the UN General Assembly.

Mr. Camillon has published a number of essays on political theory, political sociology and the history of political thought.

He is married, with four children. His wife, Susana, and youngest son Juan are with him in Cyprus.

T his month has seen a number of changing faces within UNIFCYP. The Special Representative of the Secretary General, Mr. O. Camillon began his appointment at the beginning of the month, and the 3rd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry replaced the regiment of Artillerie Legere du Canada on the 8th March. There have also been rotations of personnel in all Sectors as well as UNCIPOL. On behalf of the Force Commander, I wish to extend a very warm welcome to Mr Camillon and his family, and to all new arrivals and trust that you have a happy and successful tour in Cyprus. Best wishes are conveyed to all those who have left, or are about to leave UNIFCYP, and our appreciation follows for your contributions to the peacekeeping mission.

A number of staff appointments within HQ UNIFCYP are being reorganised to reflect changes brought about by the Swedish Contingent's departure last year. From April the post of MPD goes to the Irish Contingent, and Commandant Pat Nash takes over from the current MPD and Editor, Major Graeme Ratchiffe, who moves to Operations Branch.

Please make a note of the Spring Fair in your diaries. It takes place on Saturday 9th April between 1300 - 1630 hours in the area of the Nicosia International Airport within the UNPA. 40 stalls have been planned with activities for all the family and all profit goes to charity. Please come and support the afternoon.

May I take the opportunity, on my second and last editorial, of wishing you all a very happy Easter.

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UNCIVPOL HQ TAKES SHAPE

Extensive renovations to the buildings adjacent to the former AUSTRACIVPOL HQ by local contractors, and working bees from the Civilian Police Contingents, has resulted in the development for the new UNCIVPOL Headquarters an establishment which must be the envy of many Units.

The complex is ideally situated near the old Airport tower where the peace and quiet is only occasionally disrupted by Choppers flying overhead and the local Go-Cart Club races.

Tons of rubbish have been removed from the area and the voluntary workers have discovered what appears to be well planned lawns and gardens established and carefully tended by Colonial gardeners of yesteryear.

The new Operations Room with its computers and telephone systems, operational displays, separate offices and other facilities are equal to any modern office complex. It is staffed for 16 hours each day by an Operations Officer and a Duty Officer, and is the central control and co-ordination area for UNCIVPOL operations.

The Mess caters for fourteen living-in members and provides good quality cuisine, prepared by cooks who strive to satisfy both Swedish and Australian tastes, with a varying amount of local content.

When the finishing touches to the lounge and living out areas are completed in the next few months, UNCIVPOL Headquarters area will be an ideal place to serve a six months posting to Cyprus.

THIRD BATTALION PRINCESS PATRICIA’S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY

In a few weeks time the Third Battalion, Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry, will leave its island base in Victoria, British Columbia, on Canada’s west Pacific coast for Sector 3, Nicotia.

The PPCLI has a very strong Regimental history. It was raised in Ottawa in August 1914 by Hamilton Gault, a Montreal businessman and Militia Officer. The Regiment is named after Princess Patricia of Connaught, the daughter of the Governor-General of Canada.

Many battle honours and three Victoria crosses were earned by soldiers of the Regiment during both World Wars and the Korean War.

“Grizzly” family of armoured fighting vehicles and a variety of weapons including the TOW antitank missile system.

The Battalion specializes in operations particular to its mountainous island base. It trains regularly in mountain and amphibious operations from Alaska to the California Coast, and in the Canadian Arctic.

Commencing in March, the Battalion begins its third tour of United Nations Peacekeeping duties in Cyprus. All ranks look forward to a peaceful tour.

Since then, the Regiment has served in Canada, Cyprus and on NATO duty in West Germany.

The Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment is the Countess Mountbatten of Burma, also called "Lady Patricia".

The Third Battalion is a mechanized battalion of 680 professional soldiers. The Battalion is equipped with the
SUPPORT REGIMENT NEWS

TABLE TENNIS RESULTS

On 18 January Support Regiment held their table tennis competition in St Michael's School Hall. The winners, after a hard fought final against the combined team from Flight and Ordnance Detachment, were RHQ.

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On 1 February 1988 the Force Commander appointed Lt Col C. Mc A Pyman, Commanding Officer of Support Regiment, to the new post of Garrison Commander of the United Nations Protected Area. As such Col Pyman will be responsible for operations, administration and logistics within the area.

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DINGHY CLUB GIFT

In January the Dinghy Club received two launching trailers from The NUFFIELD TRUST. The trailers were brought out from UK by the new FSC Sqn, 'A' Sqn The Life Guards commanded by Maj Harry Scott. The trailers are in regular use at Deniz Kizi beach and instead of 8 people being required to launch the Wayfarer it can now be managed by 3.

JUBILEE CAMP GETS CORPORALS CLUB EXTENSION

Corporals club extension completed.

The Corporals of Support Regiment voted to have an extension built to their club facilities. The work, which cost the JNCO's over £5000, was started in September last year and has now been finished thanks to the speedy work of the Public Works Department.

A third of the cost of the project was donated by the Regimental and Corps HQs whose Corporals and Lance Corporals use the club.

UNIFICYP

SKIING COMPETITION

The most “exotic” of all sporting events within the Force is the annual Skiing Competition. Who would believe it possible, that in Cyprus, the island of sun and love, we have skiing facilities? This year there was, as usual, a lot of snow on the Troodos Mountains and the competition took place on the 11th of February as scheduled.

AUSCON was responsible for the planning and organisation of the race and was helpfully supported by the Cyprus Ski Club.

The giant slalom track started at the peak of Mt Olympus (1952 mtrs) and went down the North Face slope next to the ski lift.

All UN-contingents were represented. Also participating were members of the Cyprus Ski Club and two UNIFICYP women skiers - Mrs. Jolanda Gaulkin, wife of the UNIFICYP Spokesman, and Sally Robertson of HQ CANCON.

As expected by many, the mountain-trained Austrian soldiers won both races followed by the excellent skiers of the Cyprus Ski Club.

The competition organisers from AUSCON had not only prepared the slope and race details but also spoiled the racers and the audience with “Glühwein” and “Gulyás”. So the competition became an exciting event for all participants even though the weather was not as good as it could have been.

Congratulations to Lt Gruber - 1st INDIVIDUAL CLASS

Results:

1. Lt GRUPER AUSCON
2. Cpl LUX AUSCON
3. Pte KAMMERHOFER AUSCON
4. Cpl SEIDL AUSCON
5. Lt MacKENZE-HILL FSC

Team - UNIFICYP Class

1. AUSCON
2. FSC Sqn
3. DANCON
4. Supt Regt
5. BRITCON
# Military Skills Competition Results

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* Denotes time and score

### Obstacle Course
This proved to be a really good test of team work and speed. The worthy leaders were:

1st Sector 1 Team A 5 mins 10 sec
2nd Sector 1 Team A 5 mins 14 sec
3rd Sector 4 Team A 5 mins 19 sec

### Grenade Throwing
This was a good spectator event. Top team scores were: Team 3A - 468.84 pts, Team 1B - 437.10 pts, Team 3B - 390.88 pts. Highest individual scores were:

1st Pte Christensen Team 1B 115.80 pts
2nd Cpl Fluet Team 3A 114.37 pts
3rd Sgt Parr Team 3A 112.08 pts

The longest throw was 64.62m by Pte T F Ziegler (Team 1A). Second was 63.08m thrown by Sgt Parr (Team 3A).

### Map Reading
Each team member had to answer one question. The best teams at map reading were:

1st Sector 1 Team B 235 pts out of 250 pts
2nd Sp Regt Team B 224 pts 250 pts
3rd Sector 2 Team C 218 pts 250 pts

### Equipment Identification
There was a high standard throughout the Force. The following did particularly well:

1st FSC Team B 218 pts out of 250 pts max.
2nd Sector 1 Team C 218 pts
3rd Sector 3 Team A 210 pts

Two competitors got a maximum of 50 points - Lt Peyton (Team 2A) and Sgt Parr (Team 3A).

### 100m Shoot
The Royal Engineers did a grand job in preparing the Range for the shoot. Unfortunately the shoot turned out to be a bit of a disappointing competition as no less than eleven of the 16 teams disappointed maximum scores.

### 10 Km March
Starting at 0600hrs at the new 100m UN Range we had outstanding performances!

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All competitors are congratulated on their fine example of fitness, stamina, skill and sportsmanship in this major UNFICYP event.
The Regimental Sergeant Major, WO1 Prince gets a grip of practicing Quarter Guard at St Davids Camp. This Guard is formed from members of the Drums Platoon whose war time role is the deployment of Sustained Fire Medium Machine Guns.

The type used by the British Army is the General Purpose Machine Gun mounted on a tripod, and in this role it is very effective. The Drummers reach a high standard of proficiency with this weapon.

PRESTON LADS OVERLOOK NICOSIA

On the roof of B20, 4 lads of 14 Platoon 'stag on! These 4 lads are all from the town of Preston in the North of England. This is one of the features (and strengths) of the British Regimental System. Two of the lads, Gary Wadmore and John Tallentire are cousins. Needless to say they all support Preston North End Football Club. (L-R LCpl Andy O'Prey, Pte Gary Wadmore, Keith Yates and John Tallentire.)

CSgt Gregory of 1st Battalion

The Kings Own Royal Border retires from the Army after 25 years. He will finish his service where he began, on the island of Cyprus.

‘TG’, as he is widely known has served on the island 4 times, 1964, 1968, 1984 and finally in 1988, with the United Nations. Over the past 25 years he has seen active service in Aden, The Falklands and Northern Ireland, and trained in Jamaica, Canada, Libya and the USA. He spent 2 years in Berlin with the Battalion during which time he was involved in guarding Rudolf Hess in Spandau, and also travelled frequently into East Berlin. He has been involved in just about every department in the Battalion and finishes as Colour Sergeant for HQ Company at St David’s Camp.

TG is well known for his singing talents and on a good day can give an excellent rendition of any Elvis Presley song you care to name. We are hoping to persuade him to sing again for us before he finally leaves the island in March.

PANCAKES!

In England Shrove Tuesday is traditionally the day prior to fasting for Lent when all the eggs and butter which would otherwise go bad in that period are used up, hence the old custom of making pancakes on that day. The custom is still widely adhered to, and so Shrove Tuesday saw much merry making down at B18. A pancake race took place around the block, with competitors tossing their pancakes at various points along the way. Somewhat surprised (not to say bemused) Turkish and Greek Cypriot soldiers looked upon the scene and one wonders what the entries in their log books must now contain for that afternoon. The final phase of the race was to eat the offending item but most ended up being fed to the Commanding Officers’ dog Shandy.

Sgt Major ‘CJ’ Walker inspects one of the offending articles prior to the race.

In the evening at B28 LT Norton proceeded to cook pancakes for every member of his platoon who wanted one (and several that didn’t) in an effort to make B28 more like home.

L-R Pte Frank Walker, Shaun Fleming, Chris Cooper, Cpl Geordie Hart and Pte Woody Woods crack on with it at the butts.
The Guns, thank God the Guns! One of the problems faced by any unit coming to Cyprus is what to bring to make them feel at home. There’s no question that the Colours of any unit are high-priority items, however it can become very difficult if the Regimental Colours weigh more than several tons. The Colours of the Artillery are the Guns, and they are given the respect, rightfully deserved, by all Gunners and members of the Canadian Forces.

To bring an M-109 self-propelled Howitzer would be a tedious task, yet the Regiment possesses an alternative solution that weighs less than 150 pounds! The Guns brought by 5e RALC are small-scale replicas of the 32 pounders. Made of solid brass, the Guns are traditionally kept by the Officers of the Regiment, and used on occasional Gun Salutes for ceremonies and mess dinners. The gun detachments are composed solely of Junior Officers of the Regiment and the dress for the Gun Salute is always black.

The last time the Guns were used was at the CANCON medal parade. Now, the Guns are being prepared for their return.

The Gunners and soldiers are also preparing their journey home with eagerness. Considering Canada’s harsh winters, one would only think that they would benefit from a tour in Cyprus during Canada’s frosty season! After six months, the thing our Gunners and soldiers look forward to is going home to their families, friends and loved ones.

The 48th rotation of the Canadian contingent winds down to a close as the 5e Régiment d’Artillerie Légère du Canada prepares for the trip to Quebec City. The Gunners and soldiers will take home many memories and a feeling of pride about their task as United Nations Peacekeepers in Cyprus. The Officers, Gunners and soldiers wish the best of luck to the 3rd PPCLI and all members of UNFICYP as 5e RALC bids a fond farewell to Cyprus.

UBIQUE!

The annual UNFICYP Volleyball Competition was held on Wednesday 3rd February. Seven teams showed up with their best players, each one of them hoping that they would be walking away with the honour and the gold medal.

All the spectators were there to enjoy the “SHOW”.

Each match was quite exciting, and particularly the opening match which let us see two of the best teams of the tournament competing (Sector 1 vs Sector 3). After numerous smashes, bumps and volleys, the Canadians walked away as survivors, with a good option for the honour. After the first phase, four teams were left. These were Sector 3 vs Support Regt and Sector 2 vs UNMIP. Again, the Sector 3 showed their superiority in the semi-final match, beating their opponents without any difficulties. However, in the other semi-final match, we had to wait to the end to know the winner. Once the last whistle blew, we knew that the stage was now set for the final match; Sector 3 vs UNMIP.

That final match let us see very good plays, smashes and volleys but, still the Canadians were too strong. Without any surprise, Sector 3 (CANCON) was crowned as the 1988 UNFICYP Volleyball Champions.

Congratulations to all competitors.

FROM TAP TO DRINKING WATER

In January AUSCON installed a new Ultra-Violet Water Sterilizing Unit within Camp Duke Leopold - Famagusta. This apparatus which is of a high technological standard, renders it possible to improve the quality of tap water to a standard of drinking water. With our 125,000 litre water tank this gives us far more independance, as the normal water re-supply gave many problems in the past. Another advantage is the notable relief on the Contingent's budget on the expensive purchase of bottled water. This Austrian made product makes life much easier and more comfortable in Camp Duke Leopold V.
THE RANK STRUCTURE OF THE LIFE GUARDS

When is a SSGt not a SSGt?

Although the title ‘The Life Guards’ was not adopted until 1788, the origins of the Regiment go back to 1660, when King Charles II formed a mounted bodyguard from eighty Royalists in exile with him in Holland. On his return to England the King used this force as a basis for the formal appointment of three troops of Horse Guards for his personal protection.

This first reorganisation of the Regiment probably gave rise to the rank of ‘Trooper’. Its exact origin is unclear but it was formally used by the Regiment the rank and file were referred to as ‘private gentlemen’. This small matter was straightforwardly cut out by King Edward VII during a medal parade shortly after the Boer War and the rank ‘Trooper’ was not borne by anyone except the Household Cavalry until after the First World War.

The next two unique titles to emerge were Gold Stick and Silver Stick.

The ‘Popish Plot’ of 1678 caused certain fears for the safety of the monarch and so, despite protestations from the King, Captains of troops of Life Guards were appointed by rota to attend the King from ‘his rising to his going to bed’, coming ‘next to the King’s person before all others’. This guardian’s badge of office was (and still is) an ebony staff with a golden head. The Colonels of the two Household Cavalry regiments still do duty as Gold Stick and if for any reason they cannot be at their place of duty, the Officer Commanding the Household Cavalry stands in for them as Silverstick.

Thus it was until 1756 that the Regiment consisted of a small number of Officers and ‘private gentlemen’ but no NCOs. In 1756, in order to fall into line with the remainder of the Army, each troop appointed four Warrant Officers, (known as quartermasters), and four Corporals of Horse (note the plural form). The reason that CoH was chosen, was to indicate ‘a more exalted and higher paid’ person than an infantry corporal which, being equivalent to a line Sgt, he was.

Also in this reorganisation Squadrons were formed from what had previously been two troops with the troop Warrant Officers becoming Staff Corporals wearing four inverted chevrons surmounted by a crown as their badge of rank. One of the eight SCpl became SCM and another became SOMC. (What happened to the other six is not entirely clear because ERE jobs were few and far between in those days). The use of ‘Corporal’ was in keeping with other ranks and avoided ‘Sgt’, which is derived from a word meaning servant.

Queen Victoria is responsible for Corporals in the Household Cavalry wearing two stripes instead of the usual one. History does not relate the precise occasion on which she was ‘not amused’, but she decreed that the SCpl of her bodyguard should wear two stripes to distinguish them from any others.

The ranks of WO2 and LCpl are relatively new, having been introduced in 1915 and 1920 respectively. SCMs became WO2s and Cpl and LCpl wore the same brasses.

The most recent development was in 1971, when LCOH was devised as a short term rank between Cpl and CoH. It has subsequently come to equate to full Cpl, with LCpl retaining 2 tapes and a crown, in order to bring the Household Cavalry into line with the foot guards rank of LSGt.

Confused yet?

In full dress the only badges of rank are Aiguletes, but that is another story designed to bamboozle even the most agile mind and has no place on these pages (until we start patrolling in state kit).

The answer to the question is ‘When he is a CoH! Easy!’

TUG OF WAR

One evening in January three RSM’s were socialising with each other and all boasting how good their tug ‘O’ war teams were. There was only one way to prove whose really was the best, and that was to have a competition. This took place at Ledra Palace sports ground on 4 February. Spectators were entertained by the band of THE KING’S OWN BORDER and a superb display of skill and strength of three 640 kilo teams.

The competition started with a match between Sector 3 and Supt Regt. Although Supt Regt won 2 pulls to 0 the Canadians did not make it easy and held both pulls for some considerable time.

The second match was between Sector 2 and Sector 3. Again the Canadians put up a very brave show but were beaten 2-0.

The longest and hardest match of the day was Supt Regt versus Sector 2, both teams holding for a long time before discipline and technique won the day for Supt Regt by 2 pulls to 0.

All teams are to be congratulated for a very friendly and sporting afternoon which all spectators thoroughly enjoyed.

The final placings were:
First: Supt Regt Jubilee Camp - 4 points
Second: Sector 2 - 2 points
Third: Sector 3 - 0 points

AUSCON MEDAL PARADE

AUSCON’s Medal Parade took place on the 29th January in Camp Duke Leopold. For the Austrian soldiers this was a climax to their peacekeeping tour in Cyprus and was enjoyed very much by all who attended.
Spring Fair

Saturday, 9th April, 1300hrs
at Nicosia Airport