

# THE Blue Beret

December 1990







## Christmas Message from the Force Commander

*Christmas, the season of fellowship and goodwill, the time of sharing and caring, is upon us once more, and all of us will realize that, as we celebrate the birth of Christ, we do so with our families and friends whenever possible. Here in UNFICYP, however, many of us will be unable to celebrate Christmas in the traditional way. It is a sacrifice we must all make but in the knowledge that it is for a most worthwhile cause - that of peace. As such, your contribution is invaluable, recognized and appreciated. This has not been achieved without cost and we remember those who lost their lives or suffered injury whilst in UNFICYP service in 1990.*

*I am heartened and proud, and commend all of you for your dedication and perseverance, your patience and good humour, and I wish all of you a happy and safe Christmas and a peaceful New Year.*

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The annual BRITCON Remembrance Day Service was held in Waynes Keep Military Cemetery, Nicosia, on Sunday 11th November. The service was conducted by the Reverend Peter Rutherford, BRITCON Chaplain. The congregation of 400 included representatives from each unit of the British Contingent, representatives and guests from other contingents, and a substantial diplomatic representation. The lesson was read by Col Edward de Broe-Ferguson MBE, BRITCON Commander and wreaths were laid by various high ranking officials.

In his address the Chaplain drew attention to the extraordinarily high casualties of the First World War which moved people to set aside this day of Remembrance each year to recall those who lost their lives in the service of their country. The continued occurrence of conflicts since has made it important for many to have this annual occasion 'to remember'. However, the Chaplain stressed the need for Remembrance to be effective in motivating efforts for peace and reconciliation in our own day, and he concluded with the words of a prayer of Dag Hammarskjöld, Swedish



economist and statesman and second Secretary General of the United Nations:

*Hallowed be Thy name,  
not mine,  
Thy kingdom come,  
not mine,  
Give us peace with Thee,  
peace with men  
peace with ourselves  
and free us from all fear.*

## HQ UNFICYP MEDAL PARADE

On 31 October 1990 the HQ UNFICYP Medal Parade took place in front of the HQ with COS Brig Fredenslund presenting the medals. Pictured with COS are the medal recipients (L to R) back row, Capt R. McCutcheon, SSgt H. Simon, WOII A Smed, Capt H. Kossegg, Mag R. Petsovits and Maj W. Gesslbauer. Front row, Maj S. Moeller, Maj B. Bowes, Brig N. Fredenslund, Lt Col C. Heggie and Maj K. Hoechtl.



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Force Commander  
with children of  
UNFICYP

# The Blue Beret



## EDITORIAL

*The editorial staff of the Blue Beret would like to thank our readers and our contributors for their full hearted support during the past year and we look forward to a continuation of this in 1991. It is our most sincere hope that many more Force members will become contributors to the Blue Beret and ensure that it remains a fresh, vibrant Journal and a permanent record of UNFICYP activities.*

*We wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

*Due to an oversight, the Editorial Staff regret that there has been an error in the Volume No since July 1990 to date. Please amend all Volume No's to read 27.*



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## FAREWELL TO 22 AIR DEFENCE REGIMENT



Brigadier Gordon (our Brigade Commander from Germany), speaking to WOII (BSM) Bird at B18.



Bdr Newman keeping the communication going between Sector Two and HQ UNFICYP.



LBdr Hatch, Bdr Harding, LCpl Agaunno and Gnr Skelly at Astromeritis... Ready and waiting!

The end of 22 Air Defence Regiment's tour in Cyprus looms ever closer and by the time you read this it will have finished. The tour has been very successful and most have thoroughly enjoyed their time whilst serving on the line.

October and November were busy months for the Welsh Gunners. The period included the demonstration in Astromeritis, the BRITCON Medal Parade, Remembrance Day, and normal duties in the Buffer Zone OP's, all of which kept the Regiment fully occupied. The UNFICYP Shooting and Military Skills Competitions also kept us busy.

The six months have passed very quickly, and it will be a pity to leave as we have all benefited from the experience of working with the United Nations. The comradeship and fun that we have had on our tour is all down to the friendly approach of the other nations and the Officers, SNCO's and soldiers we have had the pleasure of working alongside. Our thanks to you all for your company and a great tour, we have made many friends.

We are now setting our sights towards Germany and being back with our families for a well earned Christmas break. We hope that you all have a very Happy Christmas, and a peaceful New Year... May all your daily SITREPs be quiet ones! We hope that someday we will have the pleasure of working alongside you all again.



The MT Dept at SDC... The real workers!



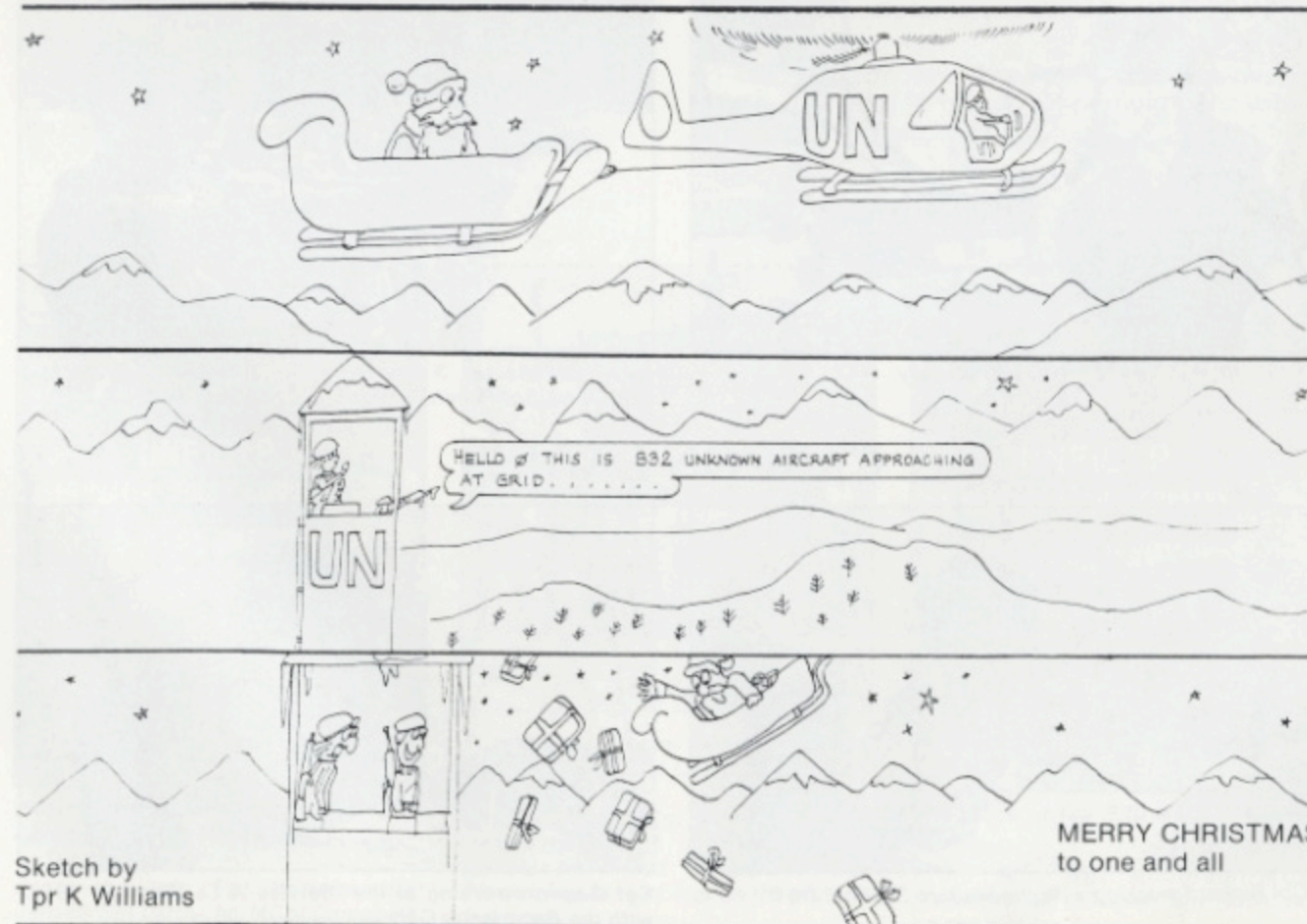
BEHIND THE WIRE... WHERE THEY BELONG! Bdr Adair, Gnr Thorington, LBdr Fenney and Dvr Roberts.



The Col and RSM with the two teams from Sector Two who entered the UNFICYP Military Skills Competition.



Lt Phillips helping his team over the twelve foot wall... "I didn't realize they were all so heavy!"



Sketch by  
Tpr K Williams

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
to one and all



## SECTOR 3 - B SQN 12 RBC, THE ELECTRIC SQUADRON

B Squadron has put on a new face, in fact one could say it has put on over a hundred new faces, for this tour of Cyprus sees a reorganization of B Squadron. The majority of the volunteers have come from the four militia armoured regiments in Quebec, those being: the Sherbrooke Hussars, the 12 RBC (militia), the Royal Canadian Hussars (Montreal) and the Regiment de Hull. The remainder of the positions have been filled by reservists from infantry units. In all, 125 militia soldiers have decided to take time off from their civilian jobs and studies, to partake in the adventure of an operational tasking with the United Nations.

Following an intensive 6 week training period in Valcartier, Quebec, B Squadron arrived in Cyprus early September and was assigned to the rural area of Sector Three. Stretched out

along 38 km of Buffer Zone, B Squadron has quickly adapted to the rigors of military life, and the peculiarities of Cyprus. Overall, the reorganization has been a great success.



Armoured Militia Regiments Historical Poster.



Pte Faubert J.R.L. Regt Maisonneuve "B" Squadron.



MCpl Cantin J.P.A. 12e RBC (M) on duty.



CANCON Sector 3 Shooting Team from L to R Maj Boudreau, Sgt Pelletier, MCpl Labonte, Adjt Fong.

## CANCON LADIES



MCpl Richard working with the Welfare Section, BBC.



Sgt Gagnon working at the "Service A La Clientele" BBC with the Regimental QM.

## UNFICYP SECURITY PLATOON - MP COY



Gnr Williams at Foxtrot Gate.



Pte Linsbauer checking passes at Morphou Gate.

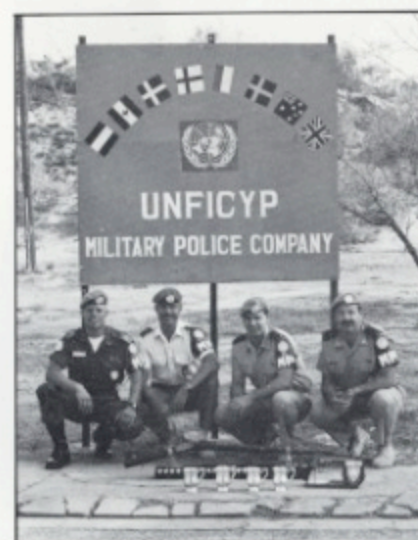
The international Security Platoon (Sy PI) has been under the operational control of the UN MP Coy since 1989. The Sy PI is comprised of personnel from the four Sectors, with Sectors 1 and 3 each providing four men while Sectors 2 and 4 provide five, all coming under the command of a Sergeant provided by Sector 3. The Sy PI members, with the exception of the PI Sgt, are housed and fed within the FSC Squadron, Prince William Camp.

The primary responsibility of the Sy PI is to man the two access points to the United Nations Protected Area (UNPA), which are known as Foxtrot and Morphou Gates.

The Sy PI is also responsible for manning and effecting access control measures at the main entrance of HQ UNFICYP as well as conducting UNPA perimeter patrols. Sy PI members work 12 hour shifts with one shift on duty, one shift on rest and one day off.

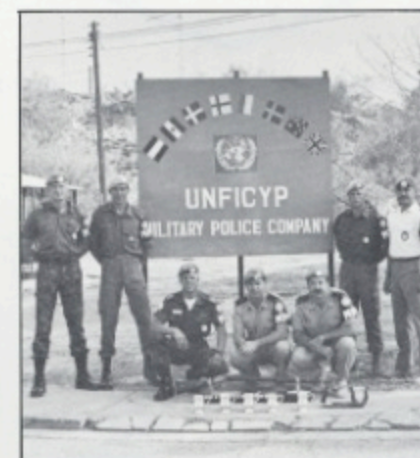
To get a better idea of the workload involved, a recent traffic survey revealed that between the hours of 0630 to 1830, a total of 2769 vehicles passed through Foxtrot Gate. That translates to about 230 vehicles per hour, 31 vehicles per minute or one vehicle every two seconds. During the same period, 1394 vehicles passed through Morphou Gate. That means that in a 24 hour period, Sy PI members salute approximately 700 officers and diplomats travelling through their access posts.

As you can see the Sy PI certainly has its hands full and forms an important part within UNFICYP's organization.



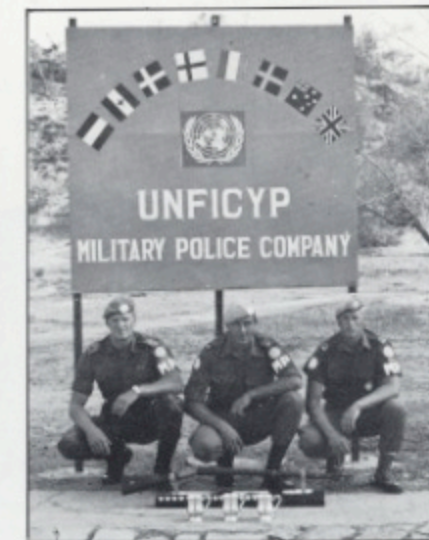
Winners of the UNFICYP Pistol Competition: UN MP Coy

From the left: Sgt Bertelsen/Sgt Jensen/Sgt Larouche/MCpl Campbell



The UN MP team winners of the UNFICYP Shooting Competition 90.

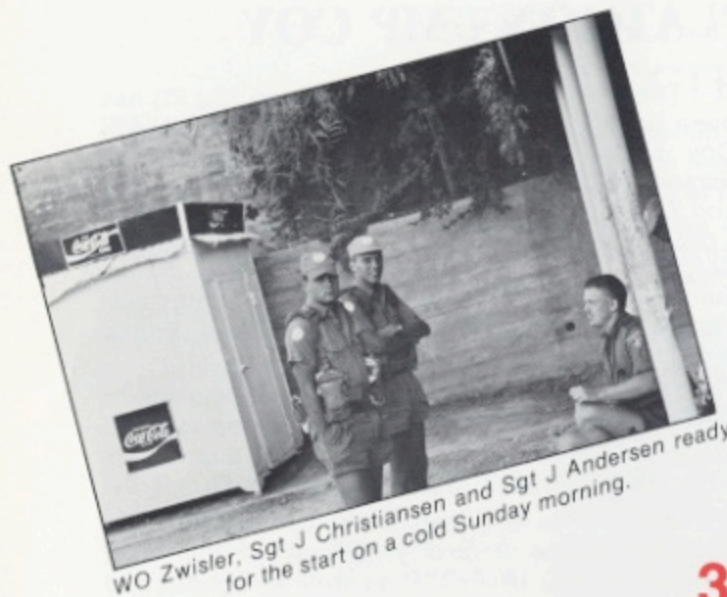
From the left: Sgt Anderson/MCpl Hagleitner/Sgt Bertelsen/Sgt Larouche/MCpl Campbell/Sgt Pichler/Sgt Jensen. Not on the picture: Sgt Koch.



2nd place in the Rifle Match: UN MP Coy

From left: Sgt Anderson/MCpl Hagleitner/Sgt Pichler. Sgt Koch: not on the picture.





WO Zwisler, Sgt J Christiansen and Sgt J Andersen ready for the start on a cold Sunday morning.



The march begins and "Kokkina" is off to a good start.

36<sup>TH</sup>

DANCON



MARCH

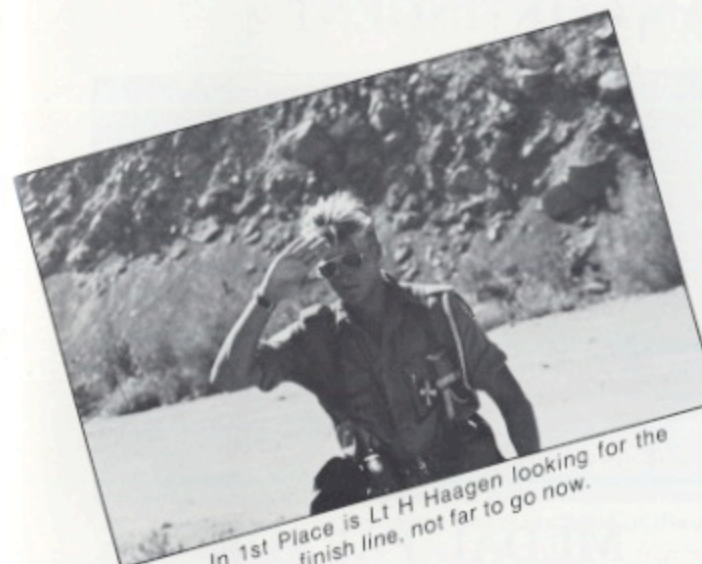
The March took place in the Troodos Mountains on  
15-16 September  
and  
22-23 September  
with  
543 participants



Gosh! We are on the move, but it is a long way to the top.



Pte CS Christensen, Pte KJ Kristensen, Pte R Louring and Pte CH Petersen halfway but still in a good mood.



In 1st Place is Lt H Haagen looking for the finish line, not far to go now.



SSgt M Taylor and SSgt M Jessen at the finish line and pleased with themselves.

The DANCON March was first held in 1972 with personnel from DANCON only. Since then, the March has been carried out twice a year with only one break which was in 1974/75. With the recommencement in 1975, military personnel from all Sectors could then participate including civilians with the permission of the Commander DANCON. The March is carried out over two days — 25 km each day. All military personnel are required to carry full marching equipment which must weigh a minimum of 10 kg.

The purpose of the DANCON March is to encourage as many members of UNFICYP as possible to participate in physical training, and at the same time offers a good opportunity to meet other UNFICYP members during the March.

The 36th DANCON March was enjoyed by all who participated even though a few large blisters appeared at the finish line! DANCON would like to thank all participants for their high spirits over the two days and we hope that in future the March continues to be a success.



Pte PO Larsen and Pte J Larsen at the finish line in need of a talk with the medic.



Sgt NO Andersen and Sgt H Mulgaard with refreshments at the finish line.



## SECTOR 4 — AUSTRIAN CONTINGENT



### AUSTRIAN BRASS BAND VISIT

On 24-30 October an Austrian brass band from Maria Alm (a little village in Salzburg) visited the Austrian Battalion and went on to perform a number of concerts at selected locations in Sector 4. The highlight of their tour was a serenade given to the Force Commander which took place on 29 October in front of the UN HQ UNFICYP.



### MEDAL PARADE

The AUSCON Medal Parade was held in Camp Duke Leopold V on 16 October, accompanied by music provided by a Turkish Military Band. The UN Medal "In the Service of Peace" was presented by the FC, Maj Gen Milner, COS, Brig Fredenslund and DCOS, Col de Broe-Ferguson.

### THE CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST COLUMBA'S (C OF E) WILL BE AS FOLLOWS

**SUNDAY 23RD DECEMBER**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**CHRISTMAS DAY**

- 1700HRS CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE
- 2330HRS MIDNIGHT COMMUNION
- 0930HRS FAMILY COMMUNION

### IMPRESSIONS OF CYPRUS ST COLUMBA'S - NICOSIA

By Maj Peter Townsend



## UNFICYP FSC SQN



OC, Maj Nall demonstrating the latest in "State of the Art" Ferret Scout cars!

With the end of the tour approaching, life has become extremely busy for FSC Sqn. Recent events have included the UNFICYP Military Skills, Shooting and Football Competitions. Also the Recce Party from the Blues and Royals, under Major White-Spunner, completed their initial visit and are now preparing for their arrival in January.

One hundred and thirty six years ago on 25 October 1854, the Regiment, on the right of the first line, took part in the charge of the Light Brigade at Balaklava, probably the best known battle of the Crimean war. The annual Balaklava celebrations took place this year over a week and

culminated in the Sgts' Mess where the Balaklava Ball was held on Saturday 27 October. We were very privileged to have Major General Milner as our guest of honour.

Christmas approaches fast and our thoughts naturally wander to our loved ones. It is traditional in England for Christmas Day to start with the opening of 'stockings'. The day continues with a church service and then a lunch of roast turkey and Christmas pudding. In the Regiment, prior to Christmas leave, the soldiers are served a Christmas lunch waited on by the officers and senior ranks. Christmas afternoon is dominated by the Queen's Speech broadcast to the nation.



The Military Skills Team after the event: LCpl Harris, Cpl Chantler, 2Lt Hawes, LCpl Golby, Tpr Baker and Pte Moody.



WARRANT OFFICERS' AND SERGEANTS' MESS FORCE SCOUT CAR SQUADRON (Rear row from left) Sgt S Webb, Sgt S Graham, Sgt S Letts, Sgt S Godfrey, Sgt R MacDonald-Barber, Sgt G Wright and Sgt G. Scott. (Front row from left) Sgt M Walsaw, SSgt R Jacques, SSgt S Cullen, WOII C Durant, SSgt B Kitchener, Sgt C Wheldon and Sgt V Wright.



## ABOUT THE UN

(continued)

By Ms Susan Matthew

The General Assembly holds its regular session from September to December each year. The work of the United Nations year-round derives largely from the decisions of the Assembly and is carried out by committees and other bodies established by the Assembly, in international conferences, and by the Secretariat of the United Nations — that is the Secretary-General and his staff of international civil servants.

The Security Council has 15 members: five permanent members — China, France, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, and the United States — and 10 elected by the General Assembly for two-year terms. The Council has primary responsibility under the Charter for the maintenance of international peace and security.

While other organs of the United Nations make recommendations to Governments, the Council is the only organ which has the power to take decisions which Member States are obligated under the Charter to carry out.

Members of the United Nations and non-members, if they are parties to a dispute being considered by the Council, are invited to take part, without a vote, in the Council's discussions.

Each member of the Security Council has one vote. Decisions on substantive matters require nine votes including the concurring votes of all five permanent members — this is the rule of "Great Power Unanimity", more familiarly known as the "veto" power. If a permanent member does not support a decision but does not wish to block it through a veto, it may abstain.



View of UN Security Council members voting on a resolution. (Iran/Iraq conflict, 24 February 1986)

It is by resolutions of the Security Council that peace-keeping operations are authorized, and their mandates defined and renewed. The Council also decides how a newly-established operation will be financed (e.g. voluntary or assessed contributions, Regular Budget etc.).

The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) has 54 members who serve for three years. Eighteen members are elected each year for a three-year term to replace the 18 retiring members. ECOSOC is the principal organ co-ordinating the economic and social work of the United Nations and its specialized agencies and institutions. Subsidiary machinery of the Council includes functional and regional commissions, and various standing committees and expert bodies.

The Trusteeship Council was established to supervise the administration of Trust Territories placed under the Trusteeship system. It acts under the authority of the General Assembly or, in the case of a "strategic area", under the authority of the Security Council. Today, only one of the original 11 Trusteeships remains — the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (administered by the United States). The others have all attained independence.

Under the Charter, the number of members of the Council is to be equally divided between those members who administer Trust Territories and those who do not, a parity which is not currently maintained; there are now only five members — the United States (administering State) and the other permanent members of the Security Council.



View of the Headquarters of the United Nations in New York with some of the flags of the 159 Member States.

(continued...)



The corner stone of the United Nations Permanent Headquarters was laid on United Nations Day 24 October 1949 by Secretary General, Trygve Lie and Wallace K Harrison, Chief Architect.



Zanetti mural created under a grant from the Guggenheim Foundation. The mural begins at the left with the destruction of the family and ends at the right with its resurrection and a bright eyed child looking toward a generation of peace.

## SP REGT NEWS



### COS VISITS SP REGT

On 9 Oct 90 Brigadier Fredenslund visited Sp Regt. He inspected a guard of honour commanded by Sgt Howarth before being briefed on the make up and role of the Regt by the CO, Lt Col Smedley. Later he visited the sub units and toured the facilities sponsored by the Regt.



Cpl Walters enlisted into the Royal Corps of Signals in September 1966 as an apprentice tradesman. His first 3 years of training were carried out at the Army Apprentices College, Harrogate, where he graduated as a Radio Telegraphist.

Cpl Walters is a well travelled man and has seen service in West Germany, Belgium, Belize, Uruguay, Portugal and the Falkland Islands to name but a few of his exotic postings.

Cpl Walters is married with two children. His hobbies include windsurfing and running. He was detached to 254 (UNFICYP) Signal Squadron in July where he is employed as the Troop Cpl in Radio Troop.

## THE CYPRUS ARMY COOKERY COMPETITION 1990

The competition took place on Wednesday 24 October at Dhekelia in King Richard's School. There were four categories in the competition and UNFICYP Support Regiment cooks entered in three categories. Standards were extremely high and a great deal of time and effort had been given by all competitors with each category being well contested. After much deliberating by the judges, the UNFICYP cooks were placed as follows:

Table Centre Piece	— 1st: Cpl Turner
Royal Icing Cake Decoration	— 2nd: Cpl Longmoor
Young Chef of the year	— 1st: LCpl Wilson

LCpl Wilson now goes forward to the Army Finals which take place in Aldershot early next year.

Prizes were presented by Colonel MAG Watts MBE (Late L.I.), Garrison Commander Dhekelia.

LCpl Wilson receiving his Trophy for "Young Chef of the Year".





## UNFICYP MILITARY SKILLS COMPETITION

On 18 Oct 90 the Mil Skills Competition once again proved to be a gruelling event. Despite the day being cooler than in the past many teams suffered heat stress casualties.

The results of the individual events are:

10 km March	: Sp Regt B
100m Shoot	: Sp Regt A
Recognition	: Sp Regt A
Grenade	: Sect 1 B
Map Reading	: Sp Regt A
Obstacle Course	: Sect 4 B
Overall Results	: 1st: Sp Regt A
	2nd: MP Coy
	3rd: Sect 1 A



Austrians at the 12 Foot Wall.



"Canadian Crackshots"



Sp Regt A Team "Victors" 1990 (L to R) LCpl Davies-Morris (Sig), Sgt Norris (Sig), Cpl Duffy (FLt REME), Cfn Theaker (WKSP), Lt Johnston (WKSP).



Danish pain under the wire.

## THE BELLS UNFICYP GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP 1990



History came about on Saturday 20 October when the annual UNFICYP Golf Championships were held at the UN Golf Course for the first time.

At the end of the Championships the winner of the Gross Competition and UNFICYP Golf Champion for 1990 was Mr Mike Kelly (72) (pictured above with John O' Donoghue, the Bell's rep). Nett Competition: 1st WOI



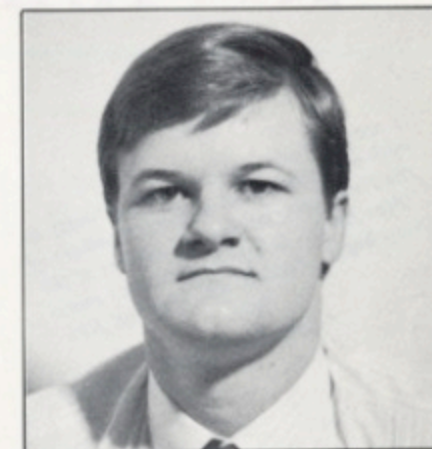
J Dixon (87). Best Nett Ladies: Mrs A Fredenslund (65) (pictured above with Brig Fredenslund the COS). 1 Best Nett Guest: A Dumbbar (69). Best Nett Guest Ladies: Mrs Mytters (71). Club Captains Prize: P Gereghy (78). Nearest the Pin (18th hole): Sgt A Rose. Nearest the Marker (7 whole): Maj M Burnett. Most honest golfer: WOII B Key.

## AUSTCIVPOL PROFILES



Station Sergeant Liz Harrison arrived in Cyprus in September and commenced humanitarian duties with the 33rd AUSTCIVPOL Contingent. In 1974 she joined the Police Force and was employed in crime investigations. In 1977 Stn Sgt Harrison was the first female to be seconded to the Police Force on Christmas Island, where some 3,000 Indian, Malays and Chinese are employed on mining operations.

From there she moved to Perth in Western Australia where she specialised in fraud investigations. Stn Sgt Harrison sees the opportunity of serving in Cyprus as a further challenge and finds the role of Humanitarian Officer very rewarding.



Sergeant Alex Thurgar is another 33rd Contingent member who also arrived in Cyprus in September. Prior to joining the police service, Sergeant Thurgar served for five years in the Royal Australian Navy as a meteorological observer. His police background includes investigation and intelligence duties. Sergeant Thurgar is married but his wife Vivienne will not be joining him until near the end of his tour. A native of Maryborough in Queensland, Alex is an active sportsman with interests in tennis, squash, volleyball and windsurfing.

## NEWS FROM SWEDCIVPOL

On 13 October the Bi-Annual Volleyball Cup was held between AUSTCIVPOL and SWEDCIVPOL. The game took place at AUSTCIVPOL on the HQ Volleyball Court. In spite of the fact that AUSTCIVPOL had strengthened their team with their British MTO, SWEDCIVPOL managed to win the fifth and decisive set.



Pictured above is the SWEDCIVPOL Volleyball Team (From the left) Insp Wallberg, Insp Juneklint, Insp Fockman, Insp Tholinsson, Ch Insp "Pyla" Svanberg, Insp Nord, Insp Astell, Ch Insp Fasth, Supt Larsson and Insp Hedbom.





# MERRY CHRISTMAS

As Commander of the Danish Contingent  
54, I wish all UN personnel serving with  
UNFICYP a Merry Christmas and a  
Happy and Peaceful New Year.  
CO DANCON



All members of the Austrian Contingent  
would like to wish a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year to all members of  
UNFICYP.



## HAPPY NEW YEAR



I am pleased to have this opportunity to  
wish all civilian and military members of  
the Force and, indeed, all readers of the  
"Blue Beret", a joyful Christmas and a  
very happy, healthy and peaceful New  
Year.

Chief Administrative Officer

The Force Scout Car Squadron would  
like to wish all members of UNFICYP a  
very Merry Christmas.



The Commanding Officer and all ranks  
of Support Regiment wish members of  
HQ UNFICYP and those of all  
contingents a very happy and peaceful  
Christmas. Be assured that our support  
services will continue over the Christmas  
period and will be provided with added  
good cheer!



As the Christmas season approaches, it is  
fitting for us to remember loved ones and  
to once again contemplate the sacrifices  
we, as service personnel, make at  
different times in our lives. The balancing  
act which must take place between our  
two families, the military or regimental  
family and the family waiting at home, is  
one which we share with many other  
service members in the region, especially  
at this time of strain in international  
relations.

Let us find solace in the righteousness of  
our cause and offer our thoughts in the  
hope for the triumph of goodwill. To all  
peacekeepers in Cyprus and to their  
families, I wish a most peaceful, joyous  
and merry holiday season.

Commander CANCON

On behalf of the Finnish Contingent I  
would like to thank all other Contingents,  
both soldiers and civilian personnel, for  
your cooperation during the year and  
wish you all Merry Christmas and Happy  
New Year.

CO FINCON



The Australian Civil Police Contingent  
wish to take this opportunity to wish all  
UNFICYP members a very Merry  
Christmas and a happy and prosperous  
New Year. We also look forward to  
continuing into 1991 the good working  
and social relationships enjoyed in 1990.



SWEDCON wishes all personnel within  
UNFICYP Merry Christmas and a Happy  
New Year.

At Christmas time thoughts, of course, go  
to our families and friends in Sweden. We  
in SWEDCON will arrange a traditional  
Swedish Christmas in Camp Flamingo. It  
is hoped that no one in SWEDCON will  
long for Sweden this Christmas but  
instead return to Sweden with a fine  
memory of Christmas 1990 in Cyprus.

The Officers and NCO's of the Irish  
Contingent wish all fellow members of  
UNFICYP the compliments of the  
Christmas season and every good wish for  
the New Year.



The Force Provost Marshal and all  
members of the UN MP Company take  
this opportunity to extend to UNFICYP  
members and their families a very Merry  
Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
Remember that this period of celebrations  
has often caused sadness rather than joy  
in some of our families due to over  
indulgence of alcohol, especially whilst  
driving. Please remember if you drink,  
don't drive. Make sure your friends also  
insist you don't drink and drive.

