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 Wayne's Keep Military Cemetery, Nicosia, on Sunday 11th November. The service was conducted by the Reverend Peter Ruthtford 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 Bore-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 Hammarskjold, 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 man 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, Sgt H. Simon, WOII A Smed, Capt H. Kosegg, Maj R. Petsova and Maj W. Gessingsbaeyer. Front row, Maj S. Moeller, Maj B. Bowes, Brig N. Fredenslund, Lt Col C. Heggle and Maj K. Hoeflich.

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FAREWELL TO 22 AIR DEFENCE REGIMENT

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 CP’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, SNCOs 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 STREPs be quiet ones! We hope that someday we will have the pleasure of working alongside you all again.

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

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

LBdr Hatch, Brdr Harding, LCpl Agaunno and Gnr Skelley at Astromeritis... Ready and waiting.

Behind the wire... Where they belong! 8th again, Gnr Thornton, LCpl Penney and Brdr Roberts.

The COI 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.

UNIFICYP SECURITY PLATOON - MP COY

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 Pl 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 UNIFICYP 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 UNIFICYP's organization.

CANCON LADIES

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

MCpl Richard working with the Welfare Section, BBC.

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

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Gunner Williams at Foxtrot Gate.

Sgt Laroche checking passes at Morphou Gate.

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


Winners of the UNIFICYP Pistol Competition: UN MP Coy.

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

3rd place in the Putter Match: UN MP Coy.

From left: Sgt Anderson/MCpl Heglethner/Sgt Pichler. Sgt Koch: not on the picture.
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 UNIFICYP as possible to participate in physical training, and at the same time offers a good opportunity to meet other UNIFICYP 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.
SECTOR 4 — AUSTRIAN CONTINGENT

AUSTRIAN BRASS BAND VISIT

On 24-30 October an Austrian brass band from Maria Aim (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.

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

SUNDAY 23RD DECEMBER — 1700HRS CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE
CHRISTMAS EVE — 2330HRS MIDNIGHT COMMUNION
CHRISTMAS DAY — 0930HRS FAMILY COMMUNION

IMPRESSIONS OF CYPRUS ST COLUMBA’S - NICOSIA

By Maj Peter Townsend

UNFICYP FSC SQN

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.

OC, Maj Nalls demonstrating the latest in “State of the Art” Fertet 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 Recei 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, Sgt 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 Leith, Sgt S Godfrey, Sgt R MacDonald-Barber, Sgt G Wright and Sgt G Scott. (Front row from left) Sgt M Walshe, 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.

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.

COS VISITS SP REGT
On 9 Oct 80 Brigadier Fredenschlund 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 Smidley. Later he visited the sub units and toured the facilities sponsored by the Regt.

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 LIL), Garrison Commander Dhekelia.

LCpl Wilson receiving his Trophy for "Young Chef of the Year".
UNFFICYP 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 Walk. "Canadian Crackshots"

Sp Regt A Team 'Victors' 1990 (L to R): LCpl Davies-Morris (Sig), Sgt Norris (Sig), Cpl Duffy (FLL REME), Cpl Theaker (WKSF), Lt Johnston (WKSF). Danish pain under the wire.

THE BELLS UNFFICYP GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP 1990

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


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 Janke, Insp Fockman, Insp Tholinsson, CH Insp "Pelle" Swanson, Insp Nord, Insp Aste, Insp Fasth, Supt Larsson and Insp Hedbohm.
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

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 Brie", 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.

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

The Commanding Officer and all ranks of Support Regiment wish members of HQ UNFICYP and those of all UNFICYP 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!

The Australian Civil Police Contingent wishes all personnel of UNFICYP a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. We also look forward to continuing into 1991 the good working relationships enjoyed in 1990.

CO FINCON

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 hope that no one in SWEDCON will be missing this Christmas in Camp Flamingo. It is hoped that no one in SWEDCON will be missing out on the festivities. The officers and NCO's of the Irish Contingent wish all members of UNFICYP the compliments of the Christmas season and every good wish for the New Year.

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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.

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