

THE Blue Beret

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UNFICYP GOLF CLUB

On Saturday 26th, May 1990 the UNGC had its first Captains Day. This event was organized and funded by the Club Captain, SSgt John Baldock, to say thank-you to the Club Committee and its members for their hard work over the past season.

The number of entries was low, but the quality of play was very good with an outstanding performance by WO1 Dixon and a very credible round by WO2 Chris Thomas, one of two guest players. It is hoped that he will

prove to be a valuable club member.

After the competition there was a BBQ lunch which was enjoyed by the players, their families and friends. Many thanks to our sponsors for their help with the refreshments and prizes and also a thankyou to Ken Webster for photographing the events of the day. SSgt Baldock wishes to thank again all club members and the Committee for their support and wishes them well for the new season in

September.

The results of the competition are: Capt Prize, Best Gross, Pat Doyle, 79; Best Nett, J Dixon, 60; Best Front Nine, A Pibworth, 41 strokes; Best Back Nine, P Corker, 42 strokes; Nearest The Pin, K Webster; Longest Drive, P Corker;

The results of the fun competitions are: Children's Chip In, Sinead Doyle; Players Putting, John Nolan; Players Chip In, P Corker; Spectators Putting, Mrs A Pibworth.



Captains Day Participants



WO1 John Dixon receiving his award for Best Net from SSgt John Baldock.

UN BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP

During Easter weekend the United Nations Badminton Championships took place at the Lefkotheon Gymnasium in Nicosia. Saturday's play consisted of playing all the preliminary rounds up until the finals stage and the event had over fifty entries throughout the U.N Contingent.

Sunday's finals saw some excellent Badminton, the Men's Singles being a very close fought match. The winner was J. Meier from MP Coy. The Men's Doubles was an all DANCON final, the winners were C Svendsen and A Bendisen. The ladies competition saw Sylvia McCracken winning the singles, doubles with daughter Shona and the mixed doubles with Cpl



Merritt. Over all the event was highly successful with The Cyprus Badminton Federation overseeing the events. Major

Grist RAPC HQ Sqn Commander, Support Regiment presented the trophies to all winners and runners up.

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The Countess Mountbatten, Colonel in Chief, PPCLI, presenting Peace Keeping Medal by SSgt Ken Webster

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EDITORIAL

UNFICYP, in common with other multi-national peacekeeping missions has an ever-changing manpower profile with units and personnel rotating frequently. One benefit from these changes is the added opportunity afforded to us of meeting and serving with other nationalities and of learning working practices and social customs different to our own. Getting acquainted and learning to cooperate with others in harmony is not always easy and requires tolerance and patience. The end result can be a most rewarding and enriching experience for the individual and for peacekeeping.

MANDATE RENEWED

On the 15 June, 1990 the Security Council adopted a resolution extending the stationing in Cyprus of the United Nations Peace Keeping Force for a further period ending on 15 December 1990.

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CANADA

To truly understand the character and background of the members of the Canadian Contingent, it may help to first gain an appreciation of the country that is their home. Truly representative of their nation, the 575 Canadians serving in Cyprus come from a land of climatic and geographical extremes and a great diversity of peoples.

Canada is the world's second largest country after the USSR. Spanning an area of almost 10 million square kilometers, it shares the North American continent with its closest neighbour the United States, and is bordered on three sides by ocean. As a result of its northern location, nearly four-fifths of Canada is uninhabited with three-quarters of the population (25,650,000 total) living in urban areas along a 300 kilometer wide strip north of the Canada/United States border in the country's more temperate regions.

Winter temperatures can dip to -62C in the Arctic north, yet summer temperatures of -27C are commonplace in the towns and cities of the south. Far from a land of snow and igloos, Canada boasts large population centres at the same latitude as Rome and Northern California. With so much of the country uninhabited, nature lovers can readily explore vast stretches of unspoiled countryside or pitch camp where the only neighbors may be the abundant wildlife. Bear, moose, caribou, elk and wolves are but a few of the animals which roam the Canadian Wilderness, and the country's waters abound with salmon, trout, bass, pike and cod. Canada has more lakes

than any other country in the world.

Canada is a sovereign nation within the British Commonwealth. Most of its people are of British (about 10 million) or French (7 million) origin; there are 368,000 na-



tive Indians, 25,000 Inuit (Eskimos) and a wide, ever-increasing range of immigrant nationalities from virtually every country in the world. In this respect, Canada has truly become an international melting pot of ethnic backgrounds, nationalities and cultures.

Canada is a constitutional monarchy under Queen Elizabeth The Second of England. The Crown's powers are administered by a Governor General, now always a Canadian. There are a Prime Minister and a Federal Parliament in the capital city of Ottawa, which oversee the function of the country's central government as well as the governments of each of the country's 10 provinces and two territories. These provinces are, from west to east, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland. The two territories, the Yukon and Northwest Territory comprise the country north of the 60th latitude and well into the Arctic Circle.

Most of Canada's population and industry are centralized in the Great Lakes region and the St Lawrence lowlands of Southern Ontario and Quebec respectively. In the east, the Appalachian highlands extend into New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland. These highlands are part of an old mountain range extending northwards from the eastern United States and are quite heavily forested.

The Canadian Shield, consisting of very old, hard bedrock, is an area of forests, lakes and exposed rock which sweeps westward through most of Quebec and Ontario, embraces the Northern parts of the provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and extends into the Northwest Territories. The shield contains valuable mineral and forest resources as well as the potential for vast sources of hydro electric power.

Alberta, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan contain Canada's largest farming area and are known collectively as the "Prairie Provinces". In the south the prairie provinces are flat and very open, providing ideal farming land which produces vast quantities of wheat, barley, cattle and other foodstuffs.

Much of Western Canada is more than 2000m high, covered by a series of mountain ranges known as the Western Cordillera. These mountains run down the western edge of the country, covering most of British Columbia, the Yukon to its north, and parts of Alberta. The famous Rocky Mountains form the eastern edge of the chain, towering to more than 3000 meters. The

west coast provides rugged and spectacular scenery with fjords, mountains and islands, most of which are heavily forested. Major natural resources in this area include forestry, fisheries, and minerals.

Canada's far north is sparsely inhabited by small communities of Inuit. It is a wild and inhospitable place with low rainfall, little tree growth and large areas where the ground is permanently frozen. Yet even here, the country abounds in valuable natural resources in the form of minerals and fossil fuels.

Canada's major natural renewable resource is the forests that extend across the country in a belt 500 to 2000km wide and cover more than half the total land area. Canada is the world's largest exporter of wood pulp and paper and nearly one job in ten depends on the wood industry. Other major exports include agricultural products, fish, minerals (particularly nickel, zinc and titanium) and

hydro electric power which is sold to the USA.

Nearly one-fifth of Canadian workers are in manufacturing. Industry in Canada is highly mechanized and includes wood and petroleum products, car manufacture, food and metal processing, and many others. Most international trade is with the country's closest neighbor and ally, the United States. The Americans are largely responsible for a recent surge in tourism, which has moved this industry into Canada's top eight export earners. Vast open, natural spaces draw the fisherman, hunter, canoeist and camper not only from the USA, but also increasingly from Britain, Continental Europe and Japan. Among Canada's top sights are the Niagara Falls, the Rocky Mountains, the historic city of Quebec, the modern cities of Toronto and Vancouver, and the fishing villages of the eastern Maritime Provinces.

Canadians as a whole tend to be peaceful and generous in nature; always willing to lend a hand to those countries in need of assistance or those people looking for a new start in life. This industrious yet unassuming and friendly attitude, has earned Canada a very positive international reputation. For Canadians themselves, the opportunity to pursue a comfortable, productive lifestyle in the manner of their own choosing is guaranteed by an extensive system of legislated individual rights and freedoms. Like any other nationality, Canadians have many concerns about the future of their country. In spite of this, Canada has long maintained a strong sense of international responsibility and concern for global affairs. Our participation in every UN-sponsored peacekeeping mission to date and countless international humanitarian operations is but a small representation of this universal concern.

RURAL COMPANY, SEVEN PLATOON

The tour is passing quickly for members of Seven Platoon, Rural company, 2PPCLI. We're at the halfway point and have already accomplished a great deal.

We've just come from a six week tour in Camp Berger where we were preoccupied with trying to help solve farming and water problems in the Louroujina Pocket, while at the same time maintaining the UN presence in the area. It was a very rewarding experience and unquestionably, one of the best platoon taskings on the island.

Right now we're on a two week stint as Sector Three's Reserve Platoon located in the Ledra Palace in Nicosia. We remain at one hours notice to move for the duration, ready to respond to tasks ranging from fire fighting, priority escorts or being employed as a mechanized infantry rifle



Seven Platoon, Force Reserve, with their Grizzly APC after an exercise

platoon. This two week period also allows us to refresh our knowledge on weapons, vehicles and procedures not normally used on the line. It is also a good time to concentrate on team and personal sporting activities.

We have one week left before

rotating back onto the line to Central Platoon, where our duties are much the same as when we were in Camp Berger. With only three months left in the tour, seven platoon looks forward to continued hard work and hard play.

SECTOR THREE NEWS

Ask anyone in Sector Three these days how their tour is going, and to a man they'll tell you that it is all down hill from here. Yes, at long last Canadian Contingent 53 has hit the halfway point in its six month tour — three months down and only three more to go! Even now, our thoughts turn fondly towards home; families, friends, familiar sights, (ice, snow and sub-zero temperatures for months on end)... YES there is no place like home.

Aside from being a landmark in terms of reaching our mid-tour point, this month was a special one for us thanks to a visit by our Regimental Colonel in Chief, the Right Honourable Countess Mountbatten of

Burma, CD, JP, DL. Lady Patricia, as she is affectionately known to the members of the PPCLI, couldn't have come at a better time. Not only was her visit a welcome "shot in the arm" for unit morale; she was also here in time for one of the highlights of our tour — Medals parade. And what a parade it was! An intimate Regimental family affair, the parade featured just enough pomp and ceremony to ensure that it would be a special event. However as everyone in the contingent will attest, it was the presence of our much loved Colonel in Chief that made the event a particularly memorable one. No other feeling can compare to the universal pride that our soldiers felt when their medals were pre-

sented by Lady Patricia herself. A lot of hard work "sprucing up" Wolseley Barracks and rehearsing for the parade paid off handsomely as the Colonel-in-Chief was repeatedly heard to say what a wonderful visit she had with her "Patricias".

City Coy, 2 PPCLI is enjoying its task of maintaining the Status Quo along the section of the Buffer Zone located within the Old Venetian Walls of the City of Nicosia. Unlike many other sections of the Buffer Zone which are located in open, rolling terrain, City Coy's area is characterized by narrow, winding streets lined with old, weather-torn buildings.



The Countess Mountbatten of Burma addresses the Medals Parade.



CANCON Medals Parade - a proud moment for the men of Sector Three.



The Countess Mountbatten of Burma inspecting the City Coy line at "Beaver Lodge".



The Colonel in Chief presenting medals to members of Rural Coy at Camp Liri.



The Colonel in Chief presenting medals to members of Frezenberg PL on the line.



The Colonel in Chief, PPCLI, revisiting Frezenberg House, which she opened during a visit in 1984.

As the summer temperatures are now upon us, patrolling and OP duties have become an arduous task requiring increased concentration and attention to

detail. As a result of the heat, night duty has quickly become the most popular tasking among City Coy soldiers.

Having just reached the mid-

point of their tour in Cyprus, City Coy soldiers remain highly motivated and committed to their responsibilities of acting as United Nations peace-keepers.

SWEDISH CELEBRATE NATIONAL DAY



The Swedish Contingent singing the national anthem.



Guests joining in to sing Helen Gore led by Chief Inspector Anders Ahlgren.

On the 6th of June Swedish National Day was held at the BBC Officers Mess, Nicosia, with approximately two hundred guest attending. The reception began with a Swedish drink called Wolfblood, followed by a talk

by Commander Hakan Thelin on the history of Swedish National Day. The national anthem was sung and afterward the guests were invited to partake of a traditional smorgasbord. Schnaps were served and with the aid of

an English translation, everyone joined in to sing Helen Gore, a well known Swedish schnaps song. All who attended thoroughly enjoyed the excellent food and good company.

AUSCON SECTOR FOUR

Climbing is very popular amongst AUSCON Members, as it is at home in Austria. When a sports club was established a climbing section was included, which is especially enjoyed by members from mountainous regions.

The head of this section is Capt Robert Kraus, a qualified mountain guide in the Austrian Army. Under his supervision those interested are taught to use the correct safety measures and techniques, therefore it is now possible to climb in an effective way. He gave special thanks to Gen Philipp, Austrian Army Commander and former Force Commander at UNDOF, who made it possible for the club to obtain alpine equipment with the support of a sponsor. All members of AUSCON and other Contingents are invited to enjoy this sport. Pictured is Capt Kraus at Cape Greco.



On the occasion of the opening of the new tennis and volley-ball courts, AUSCON's Sports Club organized competitions in tennis, volley-ball, darts, table soccer and table tennis. Afterward a reception was held, attended by AUSCON members and special civilian guests.



Although AUSCON has been quite successful in past UNFICYP Competitions, they continually work hard to improve their military skills. Pictured is Lt Frank of Varosha Platoon at the obstacle course.



As in the past, AUSCON has exchanged soldiers with CANCON and for the week of May 28 to June 1, Pte Gutenson, Pte Collins, Pte Judasch and Pte Greeve have been on duty with AUSCON, 2 Coy. The most interesting points for the guests were the line tour, guided by Maj Hutter, Co, 1 Coy and a shooting competition, at the rifle range, organized by shooting instructor, 1Lt Hammerle. The Canadians were impressed by the Austrian small arms equipment, including the STEYR assault rifle, 5, 56 calibre and the 18 round GLOCK pistol, 9mm. The exchange ended with a Happy Hour at OP-A-28.



Colonel Wolfgang H Fritsch, Deputy Chief of Staff and Commander AUSCON since June 1989 relinquished his appointments as of July, 1990. Upon his return to Austria he resumes his previous appointment as Chief of Staff of the Military Territorial Command of Upper Austria. Col Fritsch's successor as Deputy Chief of Staff is Colonel DeBroe-Ferguson from Britain and the new Commander AUSCON is the Chief Operations Officer, Lt Col Strohschneider.



On the 5th of June the monthly Logistics Conference took place in Sector 4, hosted by SLO, Maj Brandenberger, with personnel from HQ and all sectors attending.

The day began with a briefing in Camp Duke Leopold, followed by a line tour in the area of 2 Coy. To work up an appetite a "Death Slide" into the bay close to OP A-28 was organized and after this "cooling down" the conference ended with a barbecue and refreshments. Pictured is Maj Peter McGhie (SSO Logs).

FSC DEPARTS

It is with a tinge of sadness that I write this article as it heralds the end of our tour in Cyprus. It is not only the end of the C Squadron tour, but also the conclusion of the Regiment's participation in UNFICYP for the foreseeable future.

An independent Squadron on an operational tour overseas in a hot climate conjures its own element of natural excitement. Within the Squadron the Troops have much independence since they live in their outstations working for the various contingents. The role requires small teams to live and work together, often in difficult and cramped conditions, but they have managed to generate the most wonderful spirit. It is in the light of this spirit that the tragic death of Tpr Burkat was such a blow to all of us. He was killed in a traffic accident whilst on leave in the early hours of the 29 May 1990. This sad loss of a friend places the only gloomy aspect on what has otherwise been a very happy tour. Our condolences are offered to his family.

Away from operations, the Squadron enjoyed Cyprus to the full making the most of all the many sporting and recreational facilities on offer. It was particularly pleasing to see a 9th/12th Lancer polo team line up to play the 17th/21st Lancers at Episkopi.



The burden to the Regiment of having a reinforced Squadron away is considerable, and yet the support was never less than total. We would also like to thank the wives and families; so much has fallen on their shoulders with the men away, but their support has been invaluable. Finally we must thank the Operational and Logistics Staff at HQ UNFICYP who have denied us nothing. It was reassuring to be able to count with utter confidence on the support of the whole organisation in all matters.

22 AIR DEFENCE REGT, WELSH GUNNERS

The Welsh Gunners are on a six month posting (June/December 1990) to the Mediterranean island of Cyprus.

Based normally in Dortmund West Germany, half of the Regiment are with UNFICYP, while the remainder are based in the south of the island on normal duties and training in the Eastern Sovereign Base area of Dhekelia. For the tour 22 AD REGT are lucky enough to have serving with them a Battery from 50 Missile Regiment, and individuals from 32 Hy Regt, The Royal Corps of Transport, Royal Regiment of Wales, The Welsh Fusiliers, The Royal Signals and the Armoured Field Ambulance.

The Regiment officially took over command of Sector 2 from 2 Field Regiment on Monday 4 June, so the past few weeks have been a combination of painting (anything that doesn't move) clearing up (including the ponds!!) sweeping, organising and generally settling in.

The Regiment has been caught up in the social scene already, with visits to all the other Sectors. In sports, 5 members of Sector 2 completed in the UN v's WESBA/ESBA & Akrotiri Athletics competition. The overall performance was excellent. As a team the men competed without any preparation whatsoever having only arrived on the Island the

day before. They accumulated enough points to be positioned overall runners up for 1990. The Regt was not so successful in the Military driving skills competition, however, having only been on the Island for a week, the team are to be congratulated on a very gutsy performance.

Visitors to Sector 2 have included Maj Gen PPD Stone MPE, and The Chief of Staff. The Regiment has worked together well to smooth out all the teething problems experienced. Things will now settle down and an atmosphere of normality may even return to St Davids Camp.



Cleaning out the pond. (Front to Rear) L Bdr Drummond, L Bdr Murray, Bdr Tague, and Cpl Moran.



Brigadier Courage, COS, is welcomed to St David's Camp by the Commanding Officer Lt Col Keith Prentice.



Cfn Ian Morton and L Bdr Sean Murray.



Pt has started already with early morning runs

SP REGT BASKETBALL COMPETITION



Dvr Gibson receiving his winning team medal from Lt Col Smedley with Sgt Stenson looking on.



The Sp Regt Basketball Competition finals took place in the Makarios Stadium on 23 May 90 with a hard fought game between the Wksp and A Troop of the Tp Sqn. Sgt Stenson managed to lead his team to victory in a closely played match.

DANCON WIN UNFICYP MIL SKILLS



Sector 1 C Team won the gruelling test of Skills on 21 Apr 9. The team is pictured with the 'monster' trophy and their silver tankards presented by the Force Commander.

1st Sect 1 C	32 pts
2nd Sp Regt A	34 pts
3rd Sect 3 A	41 pts
1st Sp Regt B	41 pts

ENGINEER DET FISHING TRIP



The Engineer Detachment of Support Regiment is one of the busiest sub units being constantly in demand for work on the line. It is seldom that they get a chance to relax, however, when they do, they do it in style. SSgt Mercer is seen with their catch during a fishing trip.

MP COMPANY PROFILES



Chief Warrant Officer Peter Galigan, CD replaced Chief Warrant Officer Jim Lemieux as CCWO, UN MP Coy on 4th of May 1990.

CWO Galigan arrived from Canadian Forces Base Kingston, Ontario. Presently serving in his 36th year as a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force Police and as a Military Policeman since integration.

CWO Galigan is married with three children and two grandchildren all residing in Canada. He is no stranger to the Island and the UN having served in the UN MP Coy, Nicosia 1975-76 and UNDOF HQ 85-86. The Chief is looking forward to his final tour and to working in harmony with all contingents.



Sgt ANDERSEN (J-C) joined the Queen's Life Regiment Denmark in 1987. After 3 months basic training he was transferred to the Danish Military Police School in Aalborg. He was promoted to SGT in 1988 and went to work in the Military Police under the 2nd Brigade of Eastern Command.

Sgt Andersen arrived in Cyprus on 31 Oct 89 and started working as a patrol Sgt in Larnaca MP Detachment. On the 2nd June 90 he took over the job of Training/Sports NCO for MP Coy and Security Platoon.

Sgt Andersen is single, and is looking forward to his new job.



WO2 Bob WHITE RMP, joined the UN MP Coy on 21 May 90 as Nicosia Detachment Commander for 2 yrs vice WO2 Paul PRICE. He joined the RMP in 1974 and has seen service in West Berlin, Northern Ireland, West Germany, UK, Cyprus and Lebanon. This is his second tour with the UN MP Coy. The first being back in 1984 at which time he served as Crime Reader for a period of 4 months.

WO2 White is accompanied by his charming wife Liliane and 5 month old baby daughter Tara.

Since 1979 WO2 White has been actively involved in the field of Close Protection. In 1986 he spent 9 months in Lebanon as Team Leader responsible for the safety of the British Ambassador. It was during this tour of duty that WO2 White met his wife Liliane, who is Lebanese.

FAREWELL FROM 2ND FIELD REGT

Suitcases are packed, nominal rolls called, last minute tasks completed — 2nd Field Regiment are leaving UNFICYP! It seems barely possible that six months could have gone by since the first pale members of the Regiment stepped off the aircraft into the blistering heat of Cyprus in November!

Since then, of course, we have had to adjust our initial views of Cyprus, and not just concerning its weather, and there is little doubt that our return to Germany will be equally demanding. Six months ago our feelings were of excitement

mixed with sadness at leaving our families behind. Today, mixed with our pleasure at rejoining our families is a sense of sadness at leaving our many old and new friends and colleagues in UNFICYP.

Overriding this, however, is the satisfaction that comes from completing a task to the best of our ability and measuring up to a difficult challenge. We are also filled with gratitude to all members of UNFICYP whose support made our job possible and whose company made it enjoyable. All members of 2nd Field Regiment would like to take this opportunity to

wish you a heartfelt thank you and every success to 22nd Air Defence Regiment who are taking over in Sector 2.



The Talavera Military Skills team smiling with relief.

CANADIAN SOLDIERS VISIT DANCON

As in the past, there will be exchange training again this summer between Sector 3 and DANCON. The purpose of this training is for the soldiers to become familiar with operational procedures in other sectors and to familiarize themselves with new terrain. Working together also encourages a better understanding of each other's customs and many new friendships are formed.

This past week four Canadian soldiers have worked with C Coy, 1 Platoon: Cpl Jordan, OP D11; Pte Bzowey, OP D12; Pte Grenne, OP D13; and Pte Noguet, OP D14. All duties were carried out according to the usual routine from Monday to Friday. Apart from OP duty, driving with the RECCE units, foot patrols and directing helicopter landings also took place. The exchange visitors found the ter-

rain interesting and enjoyed their stay with C Coy and 'On the Top' as well. Their duties were well carried out and they fit very quickly into the four man team on the OP. Thank you to Jordan, Browey, Grenne and Noguet - we hope you enjoyed yourselves. We in C Coy look forward to meeting more soldiers from Sect 3 as we enjoyed this interesting experience.



Cpl Jordan ready for Helicopter Take Down at D11 helipad.



Pte Grenne (2nd from left) dining with the crew on D13 and Platoon Leader 1st Lt Moller.

THE AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Twenty six years ago Australia's first contingent of police landed on the island of Cyprus to begin a United Nations mission which is still going on as successfully as it began.

In the early days, police from all states of Australia and the Australian Capital Territory played their part in building the reputation of the United Nations Peace Keeping Force in Cyprus, but with the formation of the Australian Federal Police, in 1979, the role transferred to members of the new force.

Since then, 15 Contingents of Australian Federal Police members have kept up the traditions of those early days and brought credit to their force in the international arena.

Operating under the title of UN Civilian Police, now Austcivpol, our role is that of observers, investigators and reporters. It is a task with fundamental differences from our normal role as investigative or community police in Australia.

We are unarmed and rely fully on diplomacy and tact to obtain a desired result.

Austcivpol patrols sectors one, two and three of the buffer zone supporting Danish, British and Canadian Military personnel. Cyprus is not the only location where Australian Federal Police members are serving on a UN capacity. Two members were posted for twelve months service in ARANYAPRATHET, Thailand, attached to the UN Border Relief Operation (UNBRO).

They are working with an international team of five, including officers from Sweden, Britain and the United States, liaising between UNBRO and the Displaced Persons Protection Unit, a newly created troop of Thai guards whose task it is to improve law and order in border camps housing 300,000 displaced Khmers.

The UN team members are the first western police officers based in Thailand to improve security of Indo-Chinese refugees since the major influx of refugees in 1975. They also help train Khmer civilian guards at the camps.

The Australian commitment to UNBRO has recently been reduced to one officer only.

SWEDCIVPOL UPDATE

On the 27th of May, SWEDCIVPOL received visitors from the National Board of Swedish Police. They were given an opportunity to gain knowledge on the workings of UNFICYP and meet with the Force Commander, Maj Gen Clive Milner. A line tour was found very interesting and the visitors also enjoyed a sightseeing trip around the island. On their last evening the visitors were invited to a dinner at Camp Flamingo, where the Deputy Police Chief gave an informative talk on recent developments concerning the Swedish Police Force. Shown at right are: (front) Ulf Waldau, Hakan Thelin, Klas Bergen Strand, (back) Sven Pettersson, Bertil Wallvik.



For many years SWEDCIVPOL and AUSTCIVPOL have held a volley-ball match twice a year. The competition is very keen and the game is discussed for many weeks before the meet.

The last competition was held on June 6th with SWEDCIVPOL defending the trophy. The Sweds immediately took the lead with a score of 2-0 and felt sure of certain victory, but AUSTCIVPOL were very determined and rallied to win with a score of 3-2. SWEDCIVPOL Commander, Hakan Thelin, made the presentation and congratulations were given for a good game.

During the afternoon water games were held, followed by a BBQ. The days events were thoroughly enjoyed by both contingents and all are looking forward to the next match, when SWEDCIVPOL hopes to bring the trophy back to Camp Flamingo.



Water sports: (Left) Sven-Ake Hellmen, Mike Crossley, Doug Hair, Staffan Westbom, and Lisa Bradley.

AUSCON CONFIRMATION

Last month, Military Chaplain, Msgr Karl Gindl, visited AUSCON, where he has served twice, in 1980 and 1986. The purpose of the visit was to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to LCpl Klaus Gubesch, Cpl Edmund Biber and Cpl Thomas Schoeggler, at the church of Ayia Marina.

AUSCON's Military Chaplain, Josef Damej celebrated the wedding of MCpl Barth and Jeanne Jorgensen at Ayias Neophytos.

Both ceremonies were well attended by AUSCON members and they were a welcome change from our usual events.



Shown from left to right: sponsor, SSgt Binder; candidate, Cpl Schoeggler, and Monsignore Gindl.

SPECIAL EVENTS



The Force Commander, Major General Milner receives the newly appointed Irish Ambassador to Cyprus, Mr Antoin Mac Umfraigh on his first visit to HQ UNFICYP.



MAJ PECK RECEIVING the SP REGT Commanding Officer's Shield from the CO Lt Col Smedley. All Squadrons within Sp Regt compete twice a year at Skill At Arms, Military Skills, Orienteering and Safe and Skilled Driving. The Signal Squadron were the overall winners and received the coveted Shield.



The Countess Mountbatten of Burma presenting MCpl Williston, Rural Coy with his promotion.



On 26 June, 1990, David Horne was sworn into the Canadian Armed Forces by Maj Gen Clive Milner. David is the son of Sgt and Mrs Horne both currently employed at HQ, UNFICYP.



As all the contingents realize, the UN tour here in Cyprus permits the soldiers many opportunities to improve themselves and widen their horizons. This is especially true in the case of Padres, as they very rarely have the occasion to visit a location as rich in religious history as Cyprus and the Holy lands.

Just recently Protestant Chaplain, Capt Peter Day had the

opportunity to fulfill part of his mandate as unit Chaplain, which is to maintain and improve the morale and spiritual lives of the Battalion members, and attain a personal goal, by conducting a baptism in the River Jordan. Pictured is Padre Day administering the ceremony of adult baptism to Cpl Doug Marquardt of Administration Company.

en passant...

If you have any information you would like to see published in this section please telephone extension 2235 by August 16th

VIP VISITORS TO UNFICYP JUNE 1990

Major General Stone
BRITCON, DGPS (A)

Six Parliamentarians
from "Global Action"
to HQ, UNFICYP

Lady Braeborne,
Countess Mountbatten,
Colonel-in-Chief
of PPCLI, to CANCON

WELCOME

Lt Col L Lodge
Chief Medical Officer
Maj G Craig
Senior Dental Officer
Capt R Fenoulhet
Comptroller

Newly Arrived Irish Contingent
22nd Air Defence Regiment
Royal Artillery

Maj W Gesslbauer
SO2 MAINT/QTG, Pers Logs
Lt Col Strohschneider
Chief Operations Officer
FAREWELL

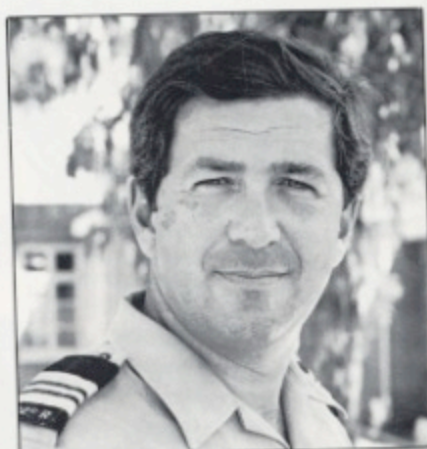
Lt Col Lantos
Chief Medical Officer
Maj N Young
Senior Dental Officer
Capt G Morneau
Comptroller

8 Sqn, 27 Regiment
Royal Corp of Transport
Scout Car Squadron
9/12th Royal Lancers
Irish Contingent

Lt Col B Skov
Chief Humanitarian Officer
Lt Col W Zlamala
SO2 MAINT/QTG, PERS/LOGS
Maj B Kreilgaard
SO2 OPS (Plans & Training)
Maj J Nault
OC/FPM
Capt M Ouellette
Asst OPS INFO/FMRO
LCol J Marcoux
Chief Humanitarian Officer
UN SECRETARIAT FAREWELL
Udom Sriboonlert
Personnel Travel Officer



WO2 Dave Taylor, Chief Clerk, Pers Logs, receives his Royal Warrant for his Warrant Officer Commission from Brigadier Walter Courage, Chief of Staff.



Congratulations to Major J Fortier on his selection for promotion to LCol and his appointment as Chief Humanitarian Officer, HQ, UNFICYP.

It is with sadness that we must say farewell to Elaine Marsden who will be leaving Cyprus in August. Elaine was a founder member of staff when St Michael's Primary School, here on UNPA, re-opened in 1984.

During the past six years she has taught hundreds of children from Service Families and has also been very active on the sporting and social scene. Her interests have included ten pin bowling, yoga, aerobics and amateur dramatics.

She will be sadly missed here in UNFICYP but we wish her well on her return to the UK.



As part of UNFICYP's efforts towards conservation within the Buffer Zone, the UNPA Conservation Committee monitors the habitat of flora and fauna so as to encourage the development and the protection of indigenous species.

Maj Young placed bird boxes made by the children of St Michael's Primary School, in trees on the UNPA, accompanied by Mr Charalambides, a Cypriot ornithologist, Mrs Courage, Miss Veysey and her pupils.