

# THE Blue Beret

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## UNPA CYCLING PROFICIENCY COURSE

by WO2 Steve Ansell



Daniel Wright showing lots of concentration through the "cones".

One of the many 'duties' with which the Military Police become involved is Road Safety. So, in keeping with this worthwhile tradition, the Nicosia Detachment sponsored the first UNPA Cycling Proficiency Course. The course was held over the Easter holiday period at St Michael's School.

The aim of the course was simple - to teach some of our children useful cycling skills, which it is hoped will keep them safe when out on busy roads for the years to come.

The response to the course was excellent: 20 children from St Michael's School signed up and were easily divided into two groups. The beginners (5 to 7-year-olds) were Daniel Wright, Sarah Ansell,

Wayne Shead, Nicola Atkinson, Catherine Parker, Robert Ross, Christopher McGinley, Patrick Smith, Darren Hoareau and Sophie Hawker. With the intermediates (8-year-olds and over) were Darryl Snead, Natalie Skipworth, Jody Harrison, James Ross, Deeann Hoareau, John Paul Mercer, Lee Speak, Daniel Rackham, David Mercer and Natalie Hawker.

UNFICYP was very lucky to have secured the attendance and skills for the course of Corporal Steve Cullinane from the Royal Military Police Unit in Episkopi. Steve had been trained by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents which is the governing body for Cycling Training in the UK. As the course progressed, Steve was to need all of his skills and experience.

It began with many eager and very enthusiastic children arriving to show off their bikes. After an initial safety lesson in the classroom and a video, a complete and thorough check of the bikes was made. Over the next five days, the children were put through their paces outside. All



The children trying out their new skills



Sarah Ansell receiving instruction from Cpl Cullinane.

the students were taught the correct cycling position and how to start any ride with their bikes. The younger children concentrated on riding skills and abilities, whereas the older children were sent out under supervision onto the UNPA Married Quarters roads for practical experience.

Finally, after much hard work, the course concluded on Friday morning with a written and practical cycling test, which everyone passed. As a reward for all their efforts, the Force Provost Marshal, Major Paul Cloutier, congratulated and presented all the successful students with a Cycling Proficiency Certificate.



Group Photo - all students



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UNFICYP Safe and Skilled  
Driving Competition  
by S/Sgt Kev Capon

# The Blue Beret



## EDITORIAL

United Nations sponsored peace-keeping operations include a variety of options; from peace-keeping forces, through good offices missions to observer missions. Currently, these operations are spread across the globe, endeavouring to create the right conditions for peace and stability for many nations and countries.

UNFICYP is one of the more enduring missions and it provides an instructional insight into the problems faced by peace-keepers, the operational procedures which evolve together with the force structure, and organisation required to conduct and sustain them.

The military and civilian police peace-keepers of UNFICYP, in common with their counterparts in other United Nations' missions and forces, when thinking about the forces' organisation, are inclined to forget the central core of committed personnel who provide a continuity to the UN's efforts. This very important element is the United Nations Civilian Administration staff and they are ultimately responsible to the UN HQ in New York for the efficient administration of any mission. The Civilian Administration staff are a multi-national grouping of individuals, and here in UNFICYP alone, 20 nationalities are represented.

This month, in a timely tribute to the role they play, a feature by Mr Jagjeet Singh is included. It is hoped that the information provided will give readers a basic appreciation of this important component of UNFICYP.

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## AN EPOCH HAS COME TO AN END

by Maj P Knudsen, Senior Personnel Officer, Sector One



The Danish Contingent has been a part of UNFICYP since spring 1964 and after more than 28 years and 57 contingents, it now seems to be changing. At least, this is the speculation in the media as a result of some recent statements in Copenhagen.

It appears that, following a meeting in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Foreign Minister stated that there will be changes in the Danish commitment to UNFICYP this year. Of course, the final decision has not yet been negotiated with the United Nations, but it looks as if DANCON 57 may be one of the last major Danish Contingents on the beautiful island of Aphrodite.

The first Danish Contingent, of approximately 1,150 all ranks, arrived in Cyprus on 14 May 1964. The Contingent was deployed and operational from June 23, 1964. DANCON was at that time organised in HQ Coy, A, B, C, D and E Coys. The battalion was located in Nicosia, with HQ DANCON and HQ Coy at Ledra Palace, A Coy at Paphos Gate, B Coy at Elizabeth Camp with one platoon in Louroujina ("The Pocket", SE of Nicosia) and C, D and E Coys on the Green Line in Nicosia. D Coy had a platoon situated in Ayia Irini (Morphou Bay),

which after a short time was deployed to Alona in the Troodos Mountains.

DANCON 1/UNFICYP was very similar to the Contingent Denmark has now deployed to Croatia as DANCON 1/UNPROFOR.

However, due to a stabilized operational situation, reductions in UNFICYP strength caused further cut backs in DANCON. During the years 1968-74, DANCON was gradually reduced and by the time DANCON was redeployed to the present Sector One area, the manpower was approx 500 all ranks. When the dramatic events of 1974 occurred, the personnel strength had by then fallen to approx 200 all ranks, organised in two companies, HQ and C Coys, with HQ Coy in Viking Camp, Xeros and C Coy in Limnitis Camp with a platoon in Kokkina.



After the Coup and the events of July and August 1974, UNFICYP expanded again. DANCON was increased with another light infantry company (B Coy) from Denmark, and the Contingent rose to 400 all ranks. B Coy was located in the area of the Technical School in Lefka.

In 1975, DANCON was re-organised as it is at present, approx 350 all ranks, organised into Contingent HQ and HQ Coy (Viking Camp, Xeros) B Coy

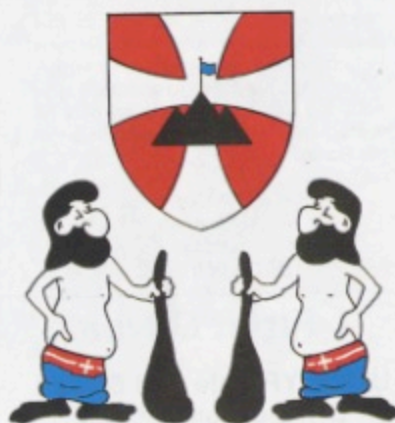
(Skouriotissa Camp) and C Coy (Limnitis Camp and Kokkina).

From the start of its peace-keeping operations in Cyprus, the Danish Contingent was numbered in numerical sequence, DANCON 1 being the first Contingent to serve here. DANCON 57 is the current unit serving in Sector One, and its organisation follows the usual military format of an HQ element and operational sub units.

The teeth elements of the Contingent are the operational Coys, and these are designated B Coy and C Coy. B Coy is based in the Lefka area, and is divided into HQ Coy Platoon and two identical OP Platoons. C Coy (118 all ranks) is slightly larger, similarly organised and based in Limnitis. It has the additional responsibility of the Kokkina area, which is presently manned by 1 Platoon.

HQ Element consists of the Contingent HQ and HQ Coy through which command and control of the Contingent's operations and administration is exercised. It includes the Pers, Ops, Logs and Finance Branches and is supported within the HQ Coy by its constituent components: HQ Coy Platoon, Depot and Maintenance Platoon, HQ and Signal Platoon, Pioneer Platoon, Finance Section and the Medical Centre.

C - COY



## FORCE SCOUT CAR SQUADRON NEWS

Photos by S/Sgt Kev Capon

May has been another very busy month for the Scout Car Squadron. Many visitors, including the Force Commander and our own Commanding Officer, came to see us and all seemed to enjoy themselves. We held the Force Reserve exercise 'Pandora's Box' on 19 May and this also went well, largely thanks to the enthusiastic contributions of the Sector platoons.



L/Cpl Bailey receives his medal from Gen Rous

Of course, the most memorable event of the month was the presentation of Gulf Medals to those Squadron personnel who served in Kuwait. This ceremony was added to by the participation of our principle



Tpr McCowan receives his Gulf Medal

guest, Lt Gen The Honourable Sir William Rous, who is the current Military Secretary.

76 officers and other ranks were on the parade which took place at 8.00 pm on 26 May at the UNPA Swimming Pool car park. All are at present serving with the UN Forces, and as such, the main body were dressed in their UN uniform with blue berets: in addition, the Squadron furnished a full Lance Guard in ceremonial dress. The front rank received their medals from General Willie, while the other two ranks received theirs from Lt Col Ian Stevens (Comd BRITCON) and Col John Anderson (British DA). The Ferret crews, who produced an immaculate

feu de joie received their medals from Lt Col Adrian Ris (CPLD). The foot drill was kept to a minimum, consisting only of a march on and march past. Honours and awards went to S/Sgt Bond, who received a 'Mention in Despatches' and to Maj Ridley, Lt Morley, WO1 Jablonski, Capt Radford and Tpr Stanton who all received CRA's Commendations.

Finally we would like to thank all those from the Sectors, HQ UNFICYP, Support Regiment and the band of the Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters' Regiment for their help in laying on the event.



Lance Guard awaits the arrival of Lt Gen The Honourable Sir William Rous KCB OBE

## UNFICYP TENNIS COMPETITION 1992



From left to right: Tennis Champions WO1 Koller and L/Cpl Schol (Sector Four), Tpr Harvey, the Force Commander and 2Lt Richmond.

The 1992 UNFICYP Tennis Competition was held at Prince William Camp. 14 doubles partners were entered from Sector One, Sector Two, Sector Three, Sector Four, the FSC Sqn, Sp Regt and the UNFICYP MP Coy to play for the UN Trophy.



Gen Rous inspects men of D Sqn 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers

The final was won by Pte Peterson and Pte Sorensen (Sector One) who beat WO1 Mortesson and Sgt Horvath (MP Coy). The FC presented the prizes.

## 5 REGIMENT ROYAL ARTILLERY



Lt Col RE Preedy, RA, CO 5th Regt RA

Three batteries of 5 Regiment, Royal Artillery, stationed in Dortmund, Germany, have recently arrived in Cyprus, taking over Sector Two from 15/19 Hussars. The Regiment, commanded by Lt Col RE Preedy RA, completed the takeover on Wednesday 3 June 1992.

The two batteries manning the line are P Battery RA (The Dragon Troop), commanded by Maj JNJ Stadward RA, and Q (Sanna's Post) Battery RA, commanded by Maj NJB Slinger RA.

Headquarters Battery, from where operations and administrative support are directed, is based in St David's Camp. The Camp is commanded by BC, Maj SDC Eaton RA, who is also the Operations Officer. (He changed his initials to secure his job!)

A brief word now on the Regimental history.

The Regiment was formed as 5th Regiment Royal Horse Artillery in 1939 and consisted then of K Battery and G Battery (Mercers Troop) RHA. K Battery was the current riding troop at St John's Wood.

In 1940, the Regiment formed part of the British Expeditionary Force to France and, after Dunkirk, moved to North Africa, where it joined 7 Armoured Division. Along with 7 Armoured Division, the Regiment fought throughout the Western Desert, and for a limited period took part in the Italian Campaign. On return to the UK in early 1944, it took part in the Normandy Landings and fought in North West Europe to VE Day.

In 1946, CC Battery became C Battery. In 1958, as a result of the re-organisation of the Royal Horse Artillery, the Regiment became 5th Field Regt RA. P Battery (The Dragon Troop) RA and Q (Sanna's Post) Battery RA joined K Battery to form the Regiment. C Battery left the Regiment.

After a short period near Crickhowell, the Regiment left in September 1958 for Hong Kong and a three year tour. Following an enjoyable tour

with 25 pdrs, the Regiment returned in October 1961 to England and Salisbury Plain as 5 Light Regiment. During its stay at Perham Down, the Regiment had many equipment changes. In 1961, K Battery had 5.5. guns, P and Q Batteries had 25 pdrs, then in 1962 all Batteries were allotted 4.2 mortars as well as the other guns. In 1963, the Regiment converted to 105mm pack Howitzers and took part in exercises in Libya, Canada and Norway with this versatile new gun.

In August/September 1964, the Regiment moved to BAOR and reverted to its title of 5 Fd Regt RA, and was stationed at Gutersloh as a Close Support Regiment. Once again, K Battery had 5.5. guns and P And Q Batteries 25 pdrs, but these gave way to Abbot in 1966. Skiing and hockey featured as the major successful sports before the Regiment returned in 1969 to Bulford, England. The Regiment formed part of 3 Division and the Strategic Reserve, and the next three years were dominated by four emergency tours in Northern Ireland before the move to Hildesheim in 1972 and re-equipping with 175mm guns; the Regiment then changed its name to 5th Heavy Regt RA. The Regiment was joined by 18 Battery on the disbandment of 42 Regt in February 1977.

The Regiment moved from Hildesheim to Dortmund in 1984, remaining there to the present day. In 1991, the Regiment converted to the Multi-Launching Rocket System (MLRS). The Regiment is scheduled to move back to the UK some time in 1994; the time and location is not confirmed, and will form an MLRS Regiment in the new Allied Rapid Reaction Corps.



A Drone Launcher, used by the Regt in Germany for recce.



## 7 SQN DEPARTS



7 Sqn is now drawing to the end of its tour with UNFICYP. Despite the unusually poor weather early in the tour, the Sqn has tried to make the most of the many opportunities Cyprus has to offer.

It has been a busy tour for the Sqn, coping with the many varied tasks we were given. The Sqn averages about 90,000 miles per month in support of all Sectors. The numerous types of vehicles, coupled with the diversity of the terrain, provides it's own challenges. For many of our young drivers, it has been their first operational tour and has proved to be an excellent opportunity to improve their driving skills and, more importantly, earn a medal!

The RCT has been at the forefront of improved employability of women in the British Army. 7 Sqn is no exception to this, being the first UNFICYP Tpt Sqn to deploy women in this operational theatre. On 1 April 1992, all the female members of the Sqn re-capbadged from the WRAC to the RCT, a memorable occasion for the girls and the Sqn.

The Sqn has worked hard, so in line with the old adage, we felt obliged to 'play hard' too! Throughout the six months, the Sqn has been fortunate enough to be able to release quite a number of soldiers on many adventurous and arduous activities. We have sailed the high seas, dived to great depths and conquered the heights of Sector One during the DANCON Marches. Members of the Sqn have also participated in many courses, ranging from freefall parachuting to sea canoeing and skiing.

UNFICYP is eager to foster a friendly, yet eager and competitive spirit: this is evident in the many competitions and sports that are organised. 7 Sqn has contributed to most of the UNFICYP sports teams and has competed as a Sqn in all the major competitions. All members of the Sqn who have competed have enjoyed the good humoured rivalry and camaraderie that a multi-national force offers.

Overall, the Sqn has had a demanding tour, both professionally and socially, and now looks forward to returning to the UK and meeting the new challenges the future Royal Logistic Corps holds. We would like to thank everyone for the friendship and assistance offered during our happy time in UNFICYP. We wish all contingents the very best for the future, and welcome 1 Sqn RCT whom we know will also enjoy their tour with UNFICYP.

## ORDNANCE DETACHMENT - CENTRAL DISTRIBUTION POINT



Cpl Hines and Pte Neath listing unit stores for collection.

The Ordnance Detachment provides several services, one of which is the CDP - Central Distribution Point. The CDP is an integral part of the distribution network of UNFICYP.

Stores issued from source, whether from Akrotiri or from the UK, arrive for the Contingents in Nicosia and along the "line" via the CDP. Likewise, stores that are returned by the Contingents are passed through this department.

The CDP is managed by Sgt Dave Wright and his staff of supply specialists. Each "Sub Spec" has dedicated duties during their six-month tour, but as experienced supply specialists, they have received training in stores distribution.



The flow of stores is a daily process, using a "Milk Run" vehicle provided by the RCT Transport Squadron. Stores can be the size of a post card or even an engine assembly. The men are therefore trained to operate MHE - Mechanical Handling Equipments, such as Hand-Pallet Transporters, Eager Beaver Fork Lifts and Hyster Fork Lift Trucks.


**NEWS FROM AUSCON**



At the end of May 1992, AUSCON's 2 Coy organised a "short triathlon", based on a 500 metre swim, an 8 km cycle and a 5 km run. A standard bicycle was provided for each competitor so that everyone had the same chance!

There were 24 competitors split up into teams of four. In the end, Lt Luger with his team won by a wide margin, followed by the Force Reserve, Sector Four and AUSCON's 1 Coy. The prize-giving was carried out by Commander Sector Four, Lt Col Rieszland, and a small barbecue was organised to finalize this event.

The second Triathlon in Sector Four will take place in October 1992, when all competitors will be able to bring along their own bicycles - maybe this time, more Sectors will take the opportunity to join us!


**TRIATHLON**

L/Cpl Akermann on his "superbike"

**KALAMARI A LA REZA**


"KALAMARI A LA REZA" was written on the menu of Friday. Nobody could imagine what this stood for, and most were suspicious. All afternoon, Dr Reza Homayuni had been working in the kitchen with a wooden spoon even larger than himself. And if you think that Reza disappointed us, you are wrong! He served up the most delicious kalamari. Without a shadow of a doubt, he not only knows how to look after our health, but after our stomachs too.

Try this - take some kalamari, slice them into circles and marinade them in the juice of a lemon for one hour. Mix garlic, salt and pepper, roll the kalamari in this mixture, coat them in flour and fry.



Dr Homayuni in action

**BREEDING EFFORTS IN 2 COY**

L/Cpl Burtcher with one of his pigeons

Apart from a line tour, visitors to AUSCON's 2 Coy will find something of interest to see. Pigeons are being kept there as carrier pigeons and several experiments are currently being carried out by L/Cpl Burtcher.



The pigeon has made its mark in history. Pigeons have been bred for differing reasons over the centuries - as offerings to the Gods, as a delicacy, to convey messages and in Christianity as the symbol of the Holy Ghost. There were carrier pigeons in the time of the pharaohs, in Hellenic times they were assigned to report the winner of the Olympic Games and more recently, in both World Wars, they were used to transmit messages when conventional means of communication broke down.


**NEWS FROM AUSCON**

**BUSY WEEKEND FOR THE AUSTRIAN CHAPLAIN**

The Austrian Chaplain recently had an extremely busy weekend. Whit Sunday is an important Christian holiday, and several Austrians decided to make it one they would not forget. Cpl Trojna, L/Cpl Zaller, Cpl Platzer, Cpl Niedergesess and 1/Lt Habitzl were confirmed. Yet another sacrament took place the previous day, when Heinz and Marina Gritschnigg had their son, Steven Marco Eligius, baptized at the Church of Aya Marina.

Confirmation is one of the seven sacraments in the Catholic church. It is when a Christian openly proclaims his faith in God, and this is usually done at about 14 years of age. In recent years, many young people choose to delay their confirmation, and so the Austrian army chaplains provide the opportunity for those in military service to be confirmed: in fact, about 1,000 soldiers do so annually.

Whit Sunday was the chosen date for these five Austrian peace-keepers, and the ceremony was performed by the Austrian military chaplain, Siegfried



The christening of Steven Marco Eligius Gritschnigg

Lochner, in the presence of the UNFICYP Force Commander. After a very impressive ceremony, a celebration followed at OP A-28 (Beach Post).



Confirmation of Cpl Trojna (above) and 1/Lt Habitzl (below)



The FC, Maj Gen Minehane, attended the confirmation celebration.

**DIVING ADVENTURE AT CAMP DUKE LEOPOLD V**

The Sector Four diving stars, SMO Dr Rainer (left) and M/Cpl Cizek (right) with the Camp NCO WO I Isopp

An unusual event recently took place at CDL V. There was an infestation of snails in the main water reservoir, and nobody was able to check the state of the tank from the outside. Therefore, M/Cpl Cizek, the diving instructor of CDL V, donned his underwater diving kit and jumped into the reservoir to check the level of pollution with the Sector Four SMO, Dr Rainer, assisting him in this very important operation.

After 90 minutes, the operation was completed when a tub containing the offending snails was brought to the surface and a big hand was given to the diving stars!!

## AUSTCIVPOL: POLICING SECTOR ONE

A major part of the role played by AUSTCIVPOL is dealing with breaches and incursions by civilians in the Buffer Zone. On behalf of UNFICYP, the UN Civilian Police conduct investigations and report on incidents with law enforcement implications that may have an impact on the UN's peace-keeping obligations. To do this, AUSTCIVPOL deploys police to provide support, advice and assistance to the military in Sectors One, Two and Three and also at Headquarters UNFICYP. This article, the second in the series on civilian policing in UNFICYP, looks at AUSTCIVPOL's role in Sector One.

Station Sergeant Ray Carlin is in charge of the Peristerona Station, previously known as Camp Dingo. He and his three officers have the responsibility of policing Sector One. The Peristerona officers have been tasked with maintaining a close liaison with police and other authorities at a local level and getting to know the people living and working in this Sector.

The special needs of Sector One are usually seasonal. For example, in the winter during the hunting season, armed hunters dressed in camouflage gear and wearing other military apparel may inadvertently breach the Buffer Zone. The appearance of these men stalking the mountains and fields, often at dawn or dusk when visibility is poor, is of



AUSTCIVPOL may liaise with Sector One personnel to prevent breaches of the Buffer Zone

great concern to all military personnel who monitor the Buffer Zone and vicinity. On occasion, such incidents may lead to protests or at worst, the development of a serious situation. AUSTCIVPOL's role is to remove the hunters from the Buffer Zone - an often tricky task - without the power of arrest.

Fishing rights are also a seasonal problem. During spring and summer, the Peristerona officers often visit Kato Pyrgos harbour to interview fishermen who cross the Maritime Security Line to set their nets with predictably unwanted results. The task in these situations may involve joint liaison with civilian and military authorities in an attempt to prevent such activities.

Another facet of the job for the police in this Sector involves visiting Turkish Cypriots living in the Paphos area to ensure their well-being continues. Any complaints they make are followed up or passed to the right quarter for action. These visits are made on behalf of the UNFICYP Humanitarian Branch.

Police Officers seconded to UNFICYP require a mature and flexible approach to allow them to negotiate differences without reliance on legislative powers. The work done by the Peristerona team shows that Sector One is in good hands.



AUSTCIVPOL discuss problems with fishermen at Kato Pyrgos harbour.

### VISIT FROM AUSTCIVPOL VETERAN

During May, AUSTCIVPOL Headquarters was visited by Assistant Commissioner Gavin Brown of the Victoria Police, Australia. Assistant Commissioner Brown served as a Constable with the 2nd AUSTCIVPOL Contingent at Kakopetria during 1965-66. At that time, the AUSTCIVPOL Headquarters was located at the Romanzo Hotel, but for those of you who have visited Kakopetria in recent years, the old hotel has had a face lift and is now called the Makris.

Gavin returned to Cyprus for a nostalgic look at the island and to visit friends during a break in attendance at a Senior Command Course at Brams Hill Police Staff College in Britain. He will return to the Victoria Police at the end of the course.



Assistant Commissioner Gavin Brown (right) visits Commander Harry Bryant at AUSTCIVPOL Headquarters, UNPA.



### SWEDISH MIDSUMMER CELEBRATIONS



Children from the Swedish Schools and others singing

One of the biggest events for Swedish people every year is midsummer, when the sun shines all day and all night in most parts of Sweden.

There are always big celebrations on this day. First, a midsummer pole is decorated with leaves and fresh flowers. The pole is then raised, and a group of people dance around it singing typical Swedish songs. Also on this day, foods such as new potatoes, pickled herring and freshly picked strawberries are the speciality.

This year, the midsummer celebrations took place at the sports field on the UNPA. Many attended, including children from the Swedish schools on the island. It was the first time that some of the guests had seen such a celebration, but a good time was had by all.

### PYLATHON 1992

The "Pylathon" is a competition which stretches 15.3 km from Pyla to Camp Flamingo in Larnaca, and is run by the 43rd Swedish Contingent. The competition is basically for civilian police only, but all members of UNFICYP were invited to participate.

On 31 May, the Pylathon took place. It was a warm and sunny day and all 13 participants managed to finish the run. The results are as follows:

Winner - Urban Axelsson,	SWEDCIVPOL	- 1.07.57
Second - Mats Johnsson,	SWEDCIVPOL	- 1.10.13
Third - Leif Nerhall,	SWEDCIVPOL	- 1.11.59

Fastest - Egarter, Werner	AUSCON	- 1.07.55
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Participants in the run looking happy enough!

### KIDCON NEWS

Recently S/Sgt Keith Best attended the basic Youth Workers Course at Ayia Napa. As a result of that and in the interests of on-going training, Keith had to carry out "a project" involving the Youth Club (KIDCON) as an assessment. Having asked the members of KIDCON what they wanted, the consensus of opinion was firmly for an activities weekend away from Nicosia and the UNPA.

Eventually, a weekend at 'Happy Valley' Episkopi was organised. Activities included water sports, rock climbing, abseiling and a social/games evening. The weekend was enjoyed by all, thanks to Keith Best and all the adult volunteer helpers.

Summer Youth Activities will run from 20 July to 16 August.





NEWS FROM CANCON



MEDAL PARADE on 30 APRIL 1992

The Canadian Contingent in Sector Three, the 3rd Battalion of the Royal 22nd Regiment (3e R22eR) recently held its Medal Parade. The colour guard was dressed in the traditional Royal 22nd Regiment ceremonial uniform which includes the red scarlet tunic and the high bearskin hat.

The parade was also marked by the number and the presence of many dignitaries and guests. Among these distinguished visitors were the UNFICYP Force Commander, MGen MF Minehane, and the Colonel of the Royal 22nd Regiment, MGen Reid. The Battalion was very honoured and pleased by the presence of this distinguished member of the Regiment who was performing his last official function with the 3e R22eR as Colonel of the Regiment before leaving his duties this summer. The two Major Generals, accompanied by the UNFICYP COS,



Lt Larose of No 2 guard in the foreground during the "feu de joie"

Brig Fredenslund, presented the UN medals to all the personnel on parade. Following the Medal Presentation, MGen Minehane and MGen Reid addressed the parade.

The ceremony ended with a march in review order. The rest of

the evening was spent in the respective messes where the members and their guests were treated to champagne and a buffet.

Je me souviens  
Slt CW McLean



The Force Commander presenting RSM Madore with his No 3 numeral for service with UNFICYP. Next to him are Sgt M Michaud and Sgt Barrette.



The Commanding Officer Sector Three and the Battalion's colours at ease in front of the Ledra Palace.

UNFICYP ATHLETICS COMPETITION  
SECTOR THREE

The UNFICYP Athletics Competition was held on 28 April at the Makarios Athletics Stadium. The Canadian Contingent team attended after a short period of training and obtained the third position overall. This is a very satisfying result, especially for our athletes who participated for the first time in an international event of this sort. Congratulations to all concerned.



The Sector Three team



NEWS FROM CANCON



VISIT OF THE HONORARY COLONEL OF THE ROYAL 22ND REGIMENT IN CYPRUS

by Capt B Vieille

MGen RA Reid, CVO, MC, CD, Honorary Colonel of the Royal 22nd Regiment recently carried out a short visit of 3e R22eR.

The day after his arrival, and in spite of jet-lag, MGen Reid was received by LCol Swan, Commanding Officer of the Canadian Contingent and by the Commander of the United Nations Forces in Cyprus, MGen Minehane. Both expressed their appreciation to MGen Reid for the excellent work presently carried out by 3e R22eR here in Cyprus. MGen Reid was then given an operational briefing and taken on a complete tour of Sector Three by helicopter. Just before noon, he was received by Maj Bouchard, who escorted him on a line tour of City Coy. After a short rest in the afternoon, MGen Reid attended the Sector Three Medal Parade as the guest of honour.



MGen Reid chats with MCpl Marcoux during the presentation of the UN Medal to CANCON troops at Blue Beret Camp.

The next day, MGen Reid visited the Rural Coy, guided by Maj Linteau through this vast area.

On the third evening of consecutive activities, a Regimental Dinner was given in his honour by the Senior Non-Commissioned Officers of the unit. The next morning, he visited Blue Beret Camp and presented a number of UN medals. Maj Laroche guided MGen Reid through the various offices of his company.

Finally, our Honorary Colonel did some sightseeing and was impressed by the changes which have taken place since his last visit to the island.

MGen Reid is retiring after 50 years in the army.  
Je me souviens



LCol Gagnon presents the Colonel of the Regiment with a specially commissioned painting to commemorate his final visit to 3e R22eR.

THE VISIT OF THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER, MRS BARBARA McDOUGALL



Pte Guenette explains his responsibilities to the Minister accompanied by LCol Gagnon.

On Monday 1 June, Sector Three was delighted to receive the Canadian Minister for External Affairs, Mrs Barbara McDougall. Mrs McDougall was visiting Cyprus as part of her three-country tour of the region.

Before her departure, Commander Sector Three presented the Minister with a commissioned painting of the "Beaver Lodge" area of the line, a company location for the Canadian Forces between 1964 and 1974 and now within the Buffer Zone.

## INTRODUCING THE UN SECRETARIAT SUPPORT TO UNFICYP

Military members of UNFICYP understand the organisation of the other contingents because it is similar to their own. This article attempts to give some information on the UN Civilian Administration support to the Force. The civilian component renders technical and administrative support to UNFICYP and consists of staff from four categories:

**PROFESSIONAL STAFF** undertake the substantive and policy-making work of the organisation and also provide specialist services. They are usually assigned to a mission

from the regular establishment (eg UN HQ) for anything between one and four years: occasionally, professional staff may also be "mission appointees", that is by the terms of their appointment, they are limited to service with the mission for which they were recruited.

**FIELD SERVICE PERSONNEL** provide technical and general administrative support for peace-keeping operations. They usually spend their entire career in the field and may be assigned from one mission to another at 24 hours' notice. They would normally expect to serve approximately four years at each duty station.

**GENERAL SERVICE STAFF** volunteer to serve with peace-keeping missions for periods of between one and four years. They are assigned from the regular establishment (UN HQ or other establishment offices away from Headquarters) and for administrative purposes are temporarily converted to the Field Service Level for the duration of their assignment. Some FSL staff are also "mission appointees". GS/FSL staff perform secretarial and administrative support duties.

**LOCALLY EMPLOYED CIVILIANS (LECs)** perform clerical, secretarial, general administrative, technical,

skilled and unskilled tasks. At UNFICYP, LECs are provided through the UK Logistic Support System. At other missions, these duties are performed by locally-recruited General Service staff.

All categories, except the LECs, have international status.

The Secretariat is headed by the Chief Administrative Officer, Ms Susan Matthew, who is a veteran of many UN Missions, UNIFIL, UNTAG and HABITAT to name a few. She reports directly to the Force Commander and to the Field Operations Division, UN HQ, New York. She also liaises and co-

ordinates closely with the SRSO, and undertakes budgetary and personnel administration for CMP. Ms Matthew was assigned to UNFICYP from her parent office, Field Operations Division, New York. Here at UNFICYP, Ms Matthew has five Sections under her wing: Claims and Survey, Communications, Finance, Personnel/Travel and General Services.

Note: Mr PJ Morris assumed duties on 7 May 1992 as Officer in Charge of Administration, replacing Ms Susan Matthew who is on temporary assignment to UNOSOM (Somalia).



Ms Susan Matthew

### The following is a brief overview of each Section

#### Claims and Survey

Mr Goran Carlsson,  
Claims Officer



The Claims Office deals with third party claims and Property Survey Board matters with respect to losses incurred by the Organisation. The Claims Officer also acts as the Secretary of the UNFICYP Local Committee on contracts regarding local purchase of equipment and the provision of services to UNFICYP. In addition, he is responsible for the sale by auction of written-off UN owned equipment.

#### Communications

Mr Tsegaye  
Mihrete,  
OIC  
Communications



This Section provides telephone and facsimile service through independent UN-owned microwave links to the four Sectors of UNFICYP and to other UN peace-keeping operations in the Middle East. The Section is responsible for UNFICYP's earth satellite station which provides satellite communications with UN HQ,

New York, and all other UN peace-keeping operations and via UN HQ with links to all other UN offices worldwide.

The Section also provides mobile and point-to-point radio voice communications (Motorola) for the Force. During 1992, the current VHF System will be upgraded in a two-phased project aimed at providing an expanded, all-informed, island-wide UHF network.

#### Finance

Mr PJ Morris  
Chief Finance  
Officer



Under the general direction of the CAO, the Finance Officer is responsible for the preparation and control of the mission operational budget of approximately US\$ 13M per year. Under the delegated authority of the Controller of the United Nations, the Section approves the obligation of funds such as contracts, travel authorisations, purchase orders and work orders. It also approves all payments for field expenditure and ensures full implementation of the UN Financial Regulations and Rules. The other half of the UNFICYP budget is administered by UN HQ and is dedicated to meeting claims from troop-contributors in respect of extra and extraordinary costs and death and disability payments.

#### Personnel and Travel

Mr Veeraphol  
Suppapongtevasakul  
Asst Personnel/  
Travel Officer



The Personnel and Travel Unit advises international civilian staff of their entitlements under the UN Staff Rules and Regulations in respect of allowances and benefits. It also handles all travel-related matters for UNFICYP staff, including the rotation via commercial means of military personnel.

#### General Services Section

Mr Matti Sayrinen,  
Chief General  
Services



This Section comprises of five units: Accommodation, Inventory Control, Procurement / Shipping, Registry and Transport. In addition to the supervision of these five units, the Chief General Services maintains liaison with the Cyprus Government authorities on matters concerning the accommodation of the Force under the terms of the Status of Force Agreement, customs exemption and import/export formalities.

### A brief synopsis of the five units under the General Services Section follows:

#### Accommodation

The Accommodation Unit maintains records of all premises occupied by the Force and liaises with the Ministry of Communications and the Public Works Department on the acquisition / maintenance of buildings for UNFICYP. This office also deals with the Electricity Board and the Water Works Department regarding utilities used by the Force.

Mr Jagjeet Singh,  
Procurement/  
Shipping and  
Accommodation  
Officer

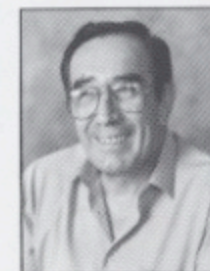


#### Procurement/Shipping

The Procurement/Shipping unit is responsible for raising purchase orders/requisitions for all items required by UNFICYP. The other missions in the Middle East also procure some of their requirements through this unit. In addition the unit handles the shipment of personal effects to and from the Mission area and arranges for the shipment of locally-purchased items to other Middle East peace-keeping operations.

#### Registry

Mr Miguel Lopez  
Records  
Management  
Officer



#### Transport

Mrs Maria Knutsen,  
Transport  
Officer (LEC)



This Unit handles the distribution of mail at UNFICYP and the despatch of diplomatic pouches to UN Headquarters and other Missions in the Middle East. It also maintains as well as updates UNFICYP's current records and archival material.

#### Inventory Control Unit:

Mr Berndt  
Wikstrom,  
Inventory  
Control Officer



The Inventory Control Unit is responsible for keeping records, and to physically control and account for all UN-owned, cost-shared and Cyprus Government equipment throughout the Force.





**UNFICYP's CIVILIANS AT WORK**

