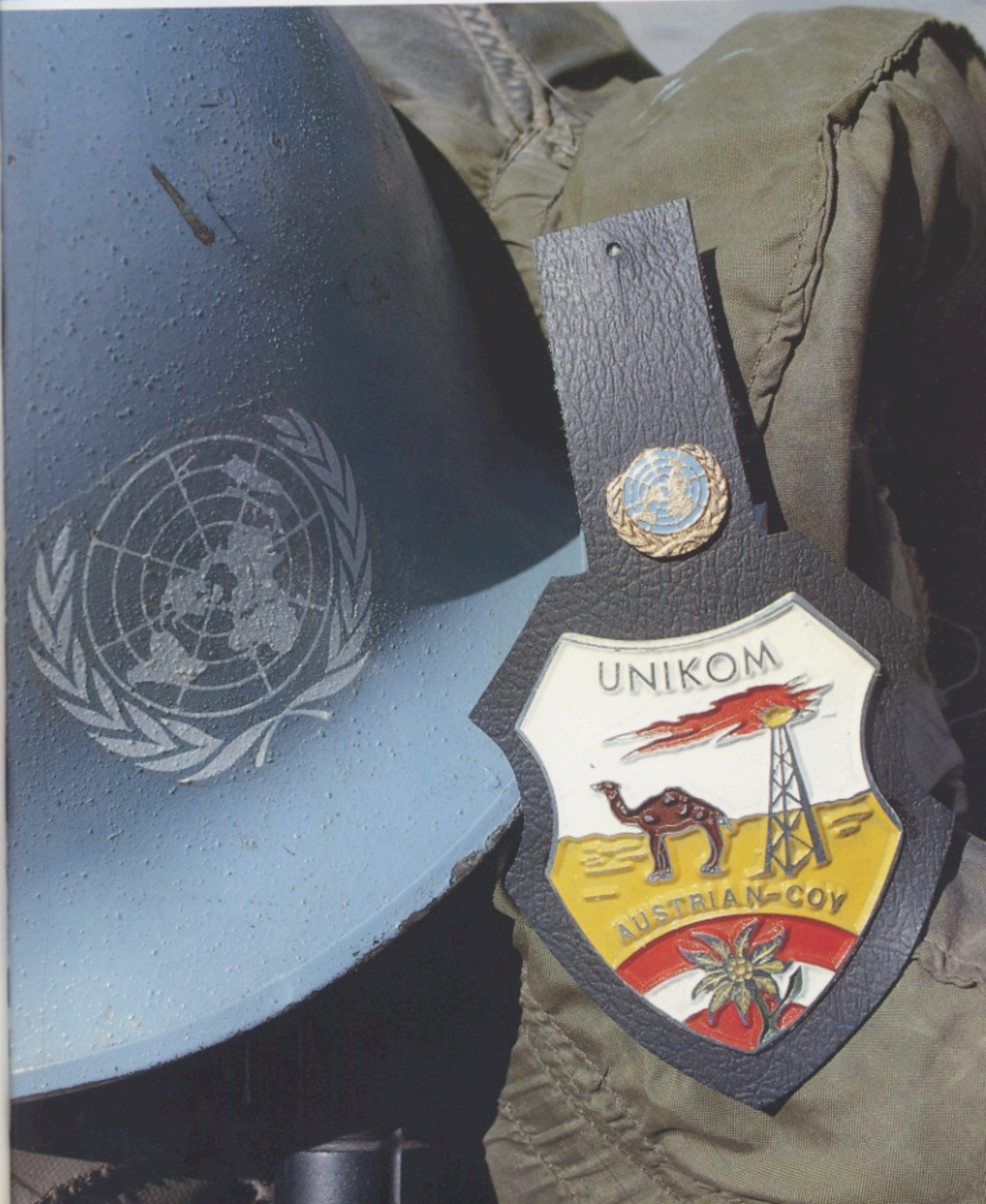


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## WOMEN POLICE OFFICERS AT SWEDCIVPOL



As you will have read in May's edition of the Blue Beret, the SWEDCIVPOL rotation took place on 19 April. The incoming Unit consists of 18 Police Officers, two of whom are women. Insp Anette Pipping (left) and Insp Helen Görtzen (right) are the first two female Swedish Police Officers in Cyprus.

Anette (28) started her career in 1983 and is concerned with patrolling and investigations in Handen, 20 km south of Stockholm.

Helene (33) has been in the Swedish Police Force since 1982. After patrol duties in Stockholm, she decided to try something else, and is presently a recruiting officer in the City.

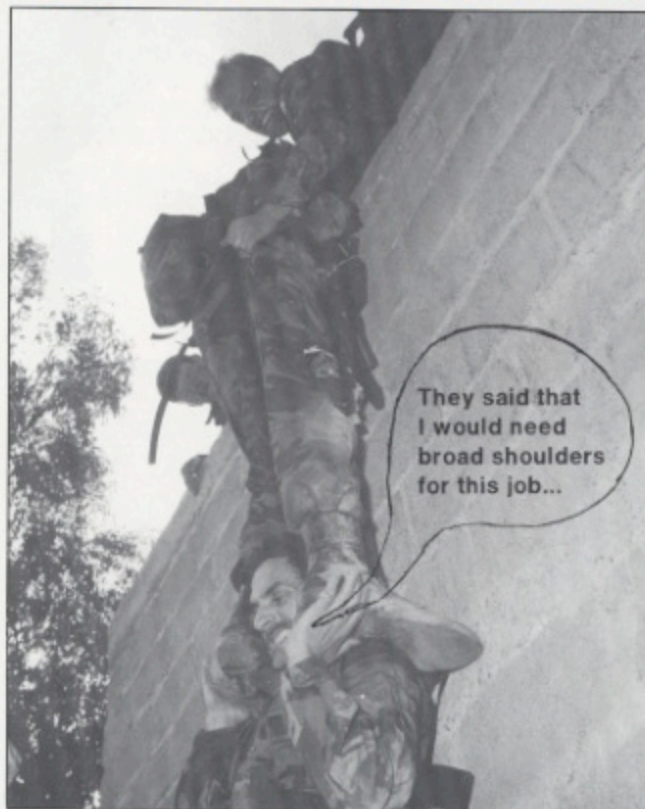
Anette and Helene competed with 105 applicants for their jobs. In Sweden, there is nothing unusual about seeing two policewomen on patrol together. Women make up approximately 11% of today's Force, and more are becoming interested in this profession all the time. 400 recruits were admitted into the Police Academy last January, 33% of whom were women.

After four weeks in UNFICYP, Helene said "You cannot find anything similar to this job back in Sweden. It is a challenge and an experience. We are learning to adjust to different cultures, to eliminate as many problems as possible, but most of all we are given the opportunity to see how the 'blue berets' work". There is no doubt that when she and Anette return to Sweden in the middle of October, they will have a lot more to add to this comment!

Both Anette and Helene have been welcomed by their colleagues as well as local police and UN staff here in Cyprus.

Hopefully, many more women will follow in their footsteps.

## CAPTION COMPETITION



The winning caption for last month's competition was submitted by LCpl Hole, RCT. Can you put a suitable caption to this picture? Submissions to MPIO by 15 July.



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UNIKOM -  
the beginning  
by SSgt Kev Capon

# The Blue Beret



## EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

Your prompt response to our pleas for new contributors and more submissions to the Blue Beret has been most gratifying and we would like to record a well done to all of you who took the trouble to send articles, features or photographs for recent editions. A steady monthly input from each contingent will enable us to ensure maximum representation for every unit and produce a vibrant and interesting magazine. Your Unit Press Officer will be happy to offer assistance, or you may call the Blue Beret office for advice. See you in print.

*The Force Commander regrets to announce the death on 21 May 1991 of Trooper Stuart McGhee, Queen's Own Hussars.*

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# BRITCON MEDAL PARADE

photos by SSG Kev Capon



SRSg and DCOS with the FSC Sqn, The Blues and Royals

The BRITCON Medal Parade was held outside the Airport Terminal Building on Friday 26 April. The Bands of the Blues and Royals, QOH and WFR joined to form the basis of the parade. Officers and soldiers of all BRITCON elements were on parade, comprising:

- C Sqn Blues and Royals (No 1 Guard)
- Queen's Own Hussars (Nos 2 & 3 Guard)
- UNFICYP Support Regiment (No 4 Guard)



The Force Commander taking the salute



2/c FSC, Capt C Daly



A Bandsman of the Blues and Royals' Band



The Bands of The Blues and Royals, The Queen's Own Hussars and The Worcester and Sherwood Foresters



Escort to the Inspecting Officer (left to right): LCpl Hartnell and LCpl Clayton, H Sqn, QOH



SSM, WO2 Lawley with the COS, Brig Fredenslund



Maj Ledger, OC H Sqn, QOH, leading the march past

The finale of the parade was the bugler of the QOH sounding "The Charge". This was followed by the Scout Cars of C Sqn, vehicles from the Tpt Sqn, 2 x Gazelles and finally a Wessex from 84 Sqn RAF driving at speed and flying past the guests and spectators.



LCOH S Gibbons receiving his medal from the FC



Bandsman of 1st Bn, The Worcester and Sherwood Foresters (1 WFR)



The Band plays on



SRSg presenting the UN medal to Maj Metcalfe, OC G Sqn, QOH



Lt Col Carter, CO QOH, Parade Commander



Adj QOH, Capt Thomas



FSC Sqn in their line up



Mr Lawley, G Sqn, QOH

# UNFICYP SPRING FAIR

Photos by SSgt Kev Capon

The annual Spring Fair was held in and around the Airport Terminal Building on 13 April. Sideshows, stalls and entertainments made approximately £7,500 for charities. All elements of UNFICYP participated as well as civilian traders.



# ANZAC DAY - 25 APRIL 1991



AUSTCIVPOL officers with the Australian High Commissioner and ex-servicemen

On 25 April 1991, members of AUSTCIVPOL and their families were joined by dignitaries and friends from UNFICYP and diplomatic missions for a Dawn Service at Waynes Keep Military Cemetery, followed by a traditional «Gunfire» breakfast at the AUSTCIVPOL Mess. The remainder of the day saw other activities at the Aussie Mess, including the traditional game «Two-up», which was invented in the trenches of Gallipoli by the original Anzacs. The members of AUSTCIVPOL would like to express their thanks to all who helped to make Anzac Day 1991 such a memorable event.



Cmdr Mills laying a wreath

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.  
The memorials stand lest we forget.



Sgt Frank Hales and Sgt Krissy Schmidt at the Last Post

# LOCAL DIPLOMAT COMES CALLING



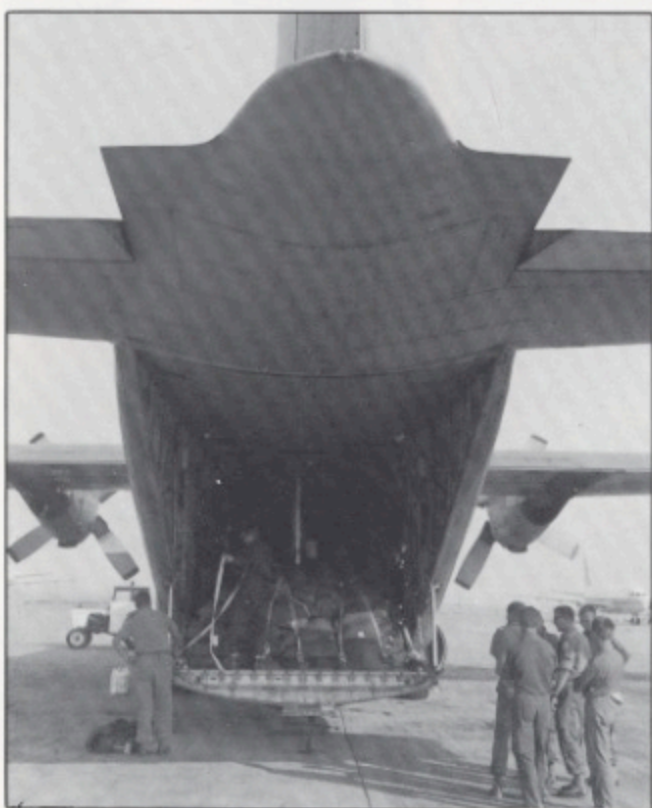
Mr Bell, the Canadian High Commissioner to Cyprus, accompanied by LCol Romses during his inspection of the Quarter Guard on his arrival at Wolsey Barracks.

On 16 April, Sector Three was visited by the Canadian High Commissioner to Cyprus, Mr Bell. Mr Bell is also the Canadian Ambassador to Israel and lives in Tel Aviv. During his visit, Mr Bell was brought up to date on UNFICYP and the current situation of operations in Sector Three.

Mr Bell was preceded by a few days by Col Minnis, the Canadian Forces Attaché to Cyprus and Israel. Col Minnis briefed both the Senior NCOs and Officers of Sector Three on the various military and political situations in the Middle East and how they were affected by the recent conflict in the Persian Gulf. Col Minnis, a fellow Patricia, left us all better informed and in high spirits.



Austrian soldiers waiting to depart



Basic equipment (left) is loaded

## UNIKOM UNITED NATIONS IRAQ-KUWAIT OBSERVER MISSION

On 6 April 1991, the world was informed that a new UN mission - UNIKOM - was about to start operations. Their main tasks are:

- supervision of troop reductions;
- erecting and installing OPs along main roads;
- control of traffic within the demilitarized zone and in special selected areas;
- conduct of land and air patrols; and
- accident investigation

All in all, UNIKOM will collect some 1,400 troops for fulfilling these goals, 300 of whom will be military observers.

A C-130 Hercules from the Swedish Air Force took off on 25 April carrying 35 Austrian and 35 Danish soldiers from UNFICYP. Within three days, AUSCON and DANCON had deployed approximately one third of their Contingents to assist in the initial operations of this new Force.

The workload for the remaining Austrian and Danish soldiers within UNFICYP has, therefore, increased substantially. However, with a little «tightening up» within these Sectors, and also with assistance from Sector Two, Sector Three and the Force Scout Car Squadron, regular UNFICYP duties continue despite the shortage in personnel.

The Austrians and Danes are very proud of their contribution to UNIKOM, and await the return of their lads serving in the Gulf.



May Muller (2/c Sector Four) bids farewell to Austrian soldiers setting off for UNIKOM



Danes' final inspection

### REPORT FROM OPERATION DESERT PEACE

by Major Hasse Ekström  
Comd Golf Coy/DANCOY, UNIKOM

On 25 April, the troops from UNFICYP descended into Kuwait through a thick layer of smoke after a five hour journey. The City was marked by war and pollution - houses damaged by fire and explosions, and streets covered in trash. However, the people greeted us with smiles - the Blue Berets were undoubtedly among friends.

It was a mammoth task organising the mission from scratch. 115 Danes and approximately 600 other UN soldiers were accommodated in one warehouse in UN Camp Doha, 30 km north west of Kuwait City - that was no joke in 30-50°C with no privacy whatsoever! The average working day included 15-20 hours of operational taskings. Daily duties included cleaning, constructions, repairs, loading and unloading of trucks and transport. There was unavoidably a lot of heat and smoke stress, with incidents of small arms fire and mines; however there was a bright side to all this! The recreational activities included running in the coolness of the night, body-building, reading and best of all - sleep! Under such circumstances, we got to know each other fairly well, for better or for worse, during those days.

On 18/19 May, all 115 Danes returned, safe and sound, to Cyprus. 45 soldiers volunteered for another six-month duty in UNFICYP, and the remainder returned to their parent units in Denmark.

The Danish soldiers I met and worked with in Operation Desert Peace were the very best I have met during my 24 years of service. Not one of us will ever forget our days in Kuwait.



Boarding the plane for UNIKOM: Pte J Hansen (left), 1/Lt H Christiansen (centre) and Pte K Dalggaard (right)



6 May - Parade for Mr Marrack Gouling, Under Secretary General for Special Political Affairs, in Camp Doha



Short is beautiful! Pte J Hansen (left), LCpl EHL Petersen (centre) and Pte H Kjeldsen (right)

## BLOOD DONATIONS AT THE LARNACA POLICE STATION



Ch Supt Håkan Thelin (left) and Ch Supt Prokopis

On 8 May, the Larnaca Police District organised a blood donation day at the Police Station in Larnaca, supervised by the Chief of Police, Ch Supt Prokopis. The Blood Bank counted up to 147 «blood bags» on this occasion, and to quote one of the nurses: «it was a good catch»!

Commander Swedish Contingent, Ch Supt Håkan Thelin, was there together with his wife Birgitta. Mrs Thelin works at a blood bank in Sweden, and was of course very interested to learn how blood donations were carried out here in Cyprus. Naturally, Ch Supt Thelin never hesitated to lay down on one of the beds to make his own contribution to the «bank». Next time, even the Swedish Chief Inspectors and Inspectors may be persuaded to do the same thing...!



Ch Supt Thelin donating blood

## VISIT OF BRIGADIER PARKER-BOWLES



LCpl Lee receiving medal his from Brig Parker-Bowles

Brigadier Andrew Parker-Bowles, our ex-Lieutenant Colonel Commanding, visited the Squadron during the period when the BRITCON Medal Parade took place. He took the opportunity to present medals to five members of the Squadron who had been with the Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment, Knightsbridge, London.

The Regiment is composed entirely of members of The Blues and Royals (presently the FSC Sqn) and their brother Regiment, The Life Guards. A posting to the combined Regiment is usually for two years, after which the person concerned returns to his parent unit. Their role is entirely ceremonial, and consequently, what a tremendous change and challenge it is, for those five, to taste operational existence here with UNFICYP.



Knightsbridge lads with their UN medals. From the left: LCpl Lee, Tpr Pearson, Tpr Turner, Tpr Smart, Tpr McGregor

## VISIT OF THE BLUES AND ROYALS' REGIMENTAL BAND

The Blues and Royals have a very distinguished Band which recently paid a visit to Cyprus. Their duties are varied and extensive, and range from playing, both mounted and dismounted, in the presence of the Queen, to appearances in London parks and at various coastal resorts where it has a regular following.

The Band had an extremely successful visit, having a very comprehensive schedule. The main event was the BRITCON Medal Parade, which went very well with many a favourable comment. On the following Sunday, there were two concerts, one at PWC's Officers' Mess where our officers entertained members of Sector Three, and the other also at PWC, but for the whole Squadron.

On their fourth day, the Band played in Kyrenia Harbour. The Harbour was floodlit and the concert was a huge success with most of the town, about 3,000 people, turning out to watch. The following day found the Band performing in Eleftheria Square, South Nicosia. Once again, viewing was free and totally for the enjoyment of all who came. The Mayor of Nicosia, Lellos Demetriades, gave a speech and the whole concert was very well received.

On the last day, they played at a dining out night in the Sgts' Mess, Jubilee Camp which was very much enjoyed by all who attended.



The Mayor of Nicosia, Mr Lellos Demetriades (right) with Maj Tomlinson and Maj White-Spunner (left)



The Band playing at Eleftheria Square, Nicosia



Levent Bayram dons the Forage Cap of the Director of Music, Maj Roger Tomlinson at Kyrenia Harbour

FAREWELL FROM THE



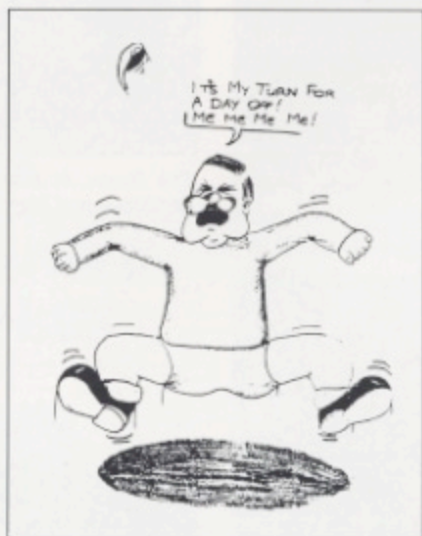
Sgt Jeffrey Adams, enjoying his first "line tour", welcomed the operational nature of the posting. "Peace-keeping is a delicate balance of tact and fairness" he says



"Working in Cyprus with the United Nations has taught me a thing or two about tact and patience. I'll be glad to get home, but I have enjoyed it" says Tpr Clayton from B-33



Tpr Taylor (92) from H Sqn B-32, proving that it isn't all work in Sector Two



It didn't take long for the soldiers to adapt to the routine...

On 4 June 1991, The Queen's Own Hussars handed over responsibility of Sector Two to the 4th Royal Tank Regiment. The Regiment has served here for six months and has enjoyed a relatively peaceful tour, made many friends and learnt a great deal about life in Cyprus.

The tour for many members of the Regiment has included long hours of OP duty, observing both opposing forces and ensuring the status quo is maintained in the Buffer Zone. Changes to the norm have been dealt with quickly and normally at the lowest level. The change from our normal role of being mounted in tanks in Germany has given everyone the chance to learn new skills.

The Regiment has participated in all the military and sporting competitions held within the United Nations with varying degrees of success. Winning the Football and the Cross Competitions Country were the highlights of the tour. Many of the Regiment joined the Danes in Sector One for their biannual DANCON March - an experience never to be forgotten. Somehow we managed to compete in the Ski Competition finishing behind the two winning Austrians teams!



Lt Garwood and Tpr Jenns competing in the 4 x 100 m relay



Lt Cribb competing in the 3,000 m Steeple Chase



QUEEN'S OWN HUSSARS

Some of the less athletic members of the Regiment have had the opportunity to carry out active recreational training including diving, parachuting, windsurfing and canoeing. Many have learnt to enjoy new sports which they will continue to pursue.

Despite the problems of the Gulf War and the detail in handing over part of the Sovereign Base Area to a resident Regiment, all ranks have managed to take two weeks much needed R&R. Leave has been taken on-island with a number of wives and girlfriends joining their husband from both Germany and the U.K.

As we return to Germany, everybody will have benefited from the tour, many new friends will have been made, areas we would never have seen have been visited and we will have all gained a welcome break from Germany. Hopefully The Queen's Own Hussars will be lucky enough to draw the right straw again in the future. Good luck to all remaining in Cyprus - we shall miss you.



Tpr Perkins, enjoying a game of table tennis at B-24, said "I would come back to Cyprus tomorrow. It's been a great experience to work with the United Nations".



Tpr Heath on guard at B-18. When asked what he thought of life in Cyprus, he replied: "It certainly makes a change from driving a tank in Germany!"



Tpr Thomas on duty at B-28 will be glad to get back to the gym, his regular job, but has admitted that he wouldn't have missed this tour for the world.



Whilst walking around St David's Camp, a very broad Canadian accent was overheard and on investigation, it was discovered that Cpl Wayne Eric Joseph Killeen, a Canadian soldier, is currently serving with The Queen's Own Hussars.

Cpl Killeen was born in Antwerp on 28 March 1955, son of a Canadian father and an English mother who were serving with 27 Brigade of the Canadian Army. The next 20 years saw Cpl Killeen accompany his family around some 18 postings. In 1973, he graduated from High School and in 1975 he finished college. It was whilst in High School that Cpl Killeen started his long association with the Territorial Army: this led him to his first UN tour in 1976 to Egypt, Syria and Israel.

After some 17 years with the Canadian TA and reaching the rank of SSgt, Cpl Killeen met and married an English girl, causing a move to the UK in 1987. Two years passed before the call to arms proved to be irresistible, and he enlisted into The Queen's Own Yeomanry, a light reconnaissance TA regiment based at York.

On hearing that volunteers were required for service with The Queen's Own Hussars during their tour of Cyprus, Cpl Killeen signed on for a six month period with the regular army. He has enjoyed himself so much that he has stated his intention of completing a further six months with the Regiment as a tank soldier on our return to BAOR.

## UNFICYP SKILLS PUT TO THE TEST

Photos by SSgt Kev Capon

### UNFICYP ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS



These Championships were held in the Makarios Stadium on Fri 19 April. The final team placings were:

1st : Sector Three: 65 points  
2nd : Sp Regt: 63 points  
3rd : Sector Two: 50 points  
4th : FSC Sqn: 30 points

### UNFICYP SKILL AT ARMS - 29 APRIL 1991

The winners of the UNFICYP Shooting Competition are as follows:

#### Rifle Match:

Individual: Sgt Henderson  
Team: Sector Three

#### Pistol Match:

Individual: Lt York  
Team: Sector Three

#### Falling Plate Match:

Team: Sector Four B



The FC congratulating the winners of the Falling Plate Match

### Sp Regt Mil Skills Competition



As a fore-runner to the UNFICYP Military Skills Competition, Support Regiment had their own competition on 19 March 91. The final placings are as follows:

1st: Sig Sqn  
2nd: Wksps  
3rd: B Tp RCT  
4th: HQ Sqn  
5th: Ord/Flt  
6th: A Tp RCT

Shown above is the winning team: Cpl Mick Hodds, Lt Wally Wood, Sig Ev Galloway, LCpl Gary Roberts, SSgt Dave Forbes.



Sgt McQuade of B Tp, RCT taking part in the assault course.



The Dirty Dozen! Canadian team members, standing left to right: MCpl Thorne, 2Lt Johnston, Pte Chambers, Pte Bibby, Lt Chura. Kneeling, left to right: Sgt Primmer, MCpl Barton, Lt Staniowski, MCpl Pearson, Sgt Hillier, Capt Pigden, Cpl Provost.

## CANCON NEWS UNFICYP MILITARY SKILLS COMPETITION

Photos by SSgt Kev Capon



Champions, every one of them. 15 tired but satisfied soldiers from 1 PPCLI show off their smiles and new trophy mugs. They are, from left to right standing: MCpl McMillan, Capt Annis, Sgt Paquette, Pte Brocklebank, MCpl MacPhail, Sgt Romanko, Lt Staniowski, Lt Weiss, Pte Taylor KM, MCpl Smith DA and Sgt McCutcheon. Kneeling, left to right: Pte Knussel, Pte Taylor KJ, MCpl MacGual, Pte Walker



Sgt Paquette, Pte Taylor and Capt Annis showing the effort everyone put into the competition. All those three are members of the second place team from City Coy. This is what soldiering is all about.

### FIRST, SECOND & THIRD



MCpl MacGual raises his fist in victory as the Sector Three HQ Coy team lifts the Mil Skills trophy above their heads

Look at those smiles - they definitely look pleased about something! They say all things come in threes - and pictured around the UNFICYP Military Skills trophy are the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams from Sector Three. What makes them smile is the sweet taste of victory. The three teams carried out normal duties up until two weeks prior to the competition; from then onwards, they concentrated their time and energy on one thing - the competition. Doing well in a competition like this makes the beer taste better afterwards - and this year, the beer tasted terrific!



Lt Weiss, followed by Pte Walker, show their determination

### COMMANDER I CBG COMES TO VISIT



BGen Vernon chats with some of the men in the Junior Ranks Club. Left to right: Lt Sattler, ADC, BGen Vernon, Cpl Olson, Cpl Trudel, Cpl Johnson, MCpl Norman and Cpl Sitbon

Of all the various visitors Sector Three has had during April and May there was one face very familiar to all the soldiers of 1 PPCLI. That was Brigadier General Vernon, Commander of the First Canadian Brigade Group of which our Battalion is a part.

The Headquarters for 1 CBG, along with 1 PPCLI is located in Calgary so the troops are used to seeing him on our morning road runs. BGen Vernon visited us from 22 to 27 April 91 to see how the boys were doing in sunny Cyprus. More importantly though, he came to say farewell as he heads off to bigger and better things before we return to Calgary at the end of August. BGen Vernon had served in UNFICYP as the Commanding Officer of the Third Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in 1980. It really is a small world after all.



**en passant...** If you have any information you would like to see published in this section, please telephone extension 2235 by 12 July 1991.

#### VIP VISITS

Messrs H Cuny and B Foucher, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs (HQ UNFICYP).

Mr Spears, Controller Aircraft RAF (BRITCON).

Brigadier Walker, Comd 22 Armd Bde (BRITCON).

Brig Almonds, BFC (BRITCON).

Maj-Gen Ashenhurst, Dir Def Dental Svcs (BRITCON).

AVM Hunter, CBFC (BRITCON).

Mr Johnson, Under Sec, DOE (BRITCON).

Gen Sir John Chapple, CGS (BRITCON).

Brigadier Jones, DEE 1 LE(A) (BRITCON).

Mr Culshaw, Brit Dep Amb (Athens) (BRITCON).

#### FAREWELL to:

W02 White  
UN MP Coy

W02 McNally  
UN MP Coy

W02 Summers  
REME Wksp

W02 Thynne  
RAOC

#### WELCOME to:

CWO Butchart  
Coy CWO, UN MP Coy

W02 Ansell  
Nic Det Comd, UN MP Coy

W02 Scott  
WOIC SIS, UN MP Coy

W02 Wilson  
RAOC, Ord Det

W02 Wootley  
REME, UN Fit

Sgt D Hill  
Chief Clerk, UN MP Coy

#### PROMOTIONS

Lt David Hopkins,  
2i/c REME Wksp to Capt

W02 White, UN MP Coy  
to W01

W02 Thynne, RAOC, Ord Det  
to W01

W02 McNally, UN MP Coy  
to W01

W02 Summers, REME to W01  
and then commissioning

Lt Cliff Reeves, PI Comd, Rural  
Coy to Capt

Lt Cliff Trollope, Asst Adjt HQ Coy to  
Capt

2/Lt Pete Johnston, PI Comd City Coy,  
to Lt



Capt Cliff Reeves (centre) on his promotion to Captain with Maj Southern (left) and LCol Romses (right)



Capt Cliff Trollope (centre) on his promotion to Captain with Capt Yuzwak (left) and LCol Romses (right)



Lt Pete Johnston (centre) on his promotion to Lieutenant with Maj Pollock (left) and LCol Romses (right)

## CBF COMMENDATION



On 11 April, Sgt Joe McLaughlin (RE Det UNFICYP) received the CBF Commendation from AVM Hunter for outstanding work performed during his tour in Dhekelia with 62 Cyprus Sp Sqd RE.

