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THE UNFICYP ATHLETICS COMPETITION

The UNFICYP Athletics Competition was held recently in the Makarios Stadium by courtesy of the Cyprus Sports Organisation. The event was



To the victors.. the spoils



Force Commander presents the Team Trophy to Maj Trevilyan, Sp Regt.

organised by S/Sgt Mims APTC on behalf of Sp Regt and once again, its success was a tribute to his work.

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR AND SENATOR VISIT SECTOR THREE

by Lt D Buchanan

In April, Sector Three had the pleasure of hosting a "green line" tour for Mr Robert Lamb, US Ambassador to Cyprus and Senator Dennis Deconcini from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The purpose of their visit to UNFICYP was to see the general scope of UNFICYP's role and understand its concept of operations. The visitors received detailed briefings at HQ UNFICYP and then went on a Sector Three City Bty line tour which was conducted by Lt Col DM Chupick, CO 2 RCHA.



UN PLAYGROUP VISITS FLIGHT

by Lt PJR Duke, AAC



Pilots they're not, but aviation enthusiasts they certainly were. On the recent visit to Flight the youngsters of the UN Playgroup took a great interest in all aspects of the day-to-day business of flying. The boys and girls were shown the fire fighting truck the refueling bowser and were able to sit in the Gazelle Helicopter. The highlight of the morning came when the OC Flight Maj Tim Sharp returned from a sortie and landed in front of the children. The visit was also an apt time to hand over the £180.00 raised by the recent Flight EXATHON which had been carried out by members of Flight and led by Lt Peter Duke.

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Force Reserve Training
by S/Sgt Phil Cadman

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EDITORIAL

Despite the repetitive nature of media enquiries and the frequency of their line tour requests, it is necessary to accept each occasion as a public relations and information opportunity for UNFICYP. A large number of UNFICYP personnel are involved in different aspects of activities associated with the media visits and enquiries. These include personnel manning OPs along the line in the Buffer Zone, as well as those at Sector and Force Headquarters; all make a valuable contribution.

The good PR derived from their combined efforts is usually overlooked, especially by the individuals involved, often simply dismissed as one of the mundane chores associated with their routine duties.

However, the importance of these duties is not lost on those seeing UNFICYP's peace-keeping operations for the first time. So as a fitting and timely reminder of the importance of these tasks and of how personnel of the Force are perceived, we provide a paraphrased extract from a letter of appreciation from a recent visiting US journalist:

"... was deeply impressed with the personal commitments and competency of the soldiers and policemen with whom I came in contact... their efforts have helped strengthen and focus my advocacy work on behalf of the United Nations Peace-Keeping operations..."

An acknowledgement then of the work often taken for granted by many and a timely compliment to all those earned it. Keep up the good work!

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BRITCON MEDAL PARADE

by Capt RGT Paley, Adjt, QRIH



The British Contingent Medal Parade took place at Nicosia International Airport on Friday 30 April. Four Guards were on parade, one furnished by Support Regiment and the other three by the Sector Two Regiment, The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars. Each Guard consisted of three officers and 30 men. Also on parade was the Regimental Guidon of The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars, their band and the band, pipes and drums of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Irish Regiment.

Guests at the parade included the Resident Representative of the Secretary General and His Excellency the British High Commissioner. The United Nations medals for peace-keeping in Cyprus were presented by Maj Gen MF Minehane, the



Gen Sir Brian Kenny GCB CBE, chatting to members of Balaklava Sqn

Force Commander, Gen Sir Brian Kenny GCB CBE, Colonel of The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars, and Lt Col P Resch, DCOS.

After the medal presentation, the parade concluded with an advance in review order and a sunset ceremony, during which the flags of all contingents that make up UNFICYP were lowered. The British Contingent then marched off and into their respective clubs and messes for some much enjoyed food and refreshment.



The FC, Maj Gen Minehane, inspects the parade

VISIT TO QRIH BY THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

by 2 Lt V Beale

General Sir Brian Kenny GCB CBE, formerly Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe, recently visited The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars in his capacity as Colonel of the Regiment.

Whilst on the island, Gen Kenny visited all the squadrons of the QRIH and attended the BRITCON Medal Parade and reception. He also presented LS and GC Medals to WO1 (Bandmaster) DW Cresswell, WO2 (SQMS) TP Wellstead RLC and WO2 (SQMS) KM Jones AGC (SPS).

Pictured right, shortly after his arrival, Gen Kenny is seen chatting to Lt Col AN Bellamy, Sqn leader Major RA Noone and Capt Peter Hill.



QRIH BAND VISIT

by WO1 DW Cresswell, Regimental Bandmaster



The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars, currently serving in Sector Two, have recently enjoyed a visit by their Regimental Band. Having travelled from their home base in Fallingbostal, Germany, the band completed an extensive programme of engagements during their four week visit and also took advantage of many of the adventure training facilities.

Highlights of the visit were concerts in the villages of Flasou, Linou and Peristerona, a concert in the Soli Theatre near Xeros Camp and also entertaining other members of UNFICYP. In addition, the band performed for the Austrians in Sector Four at their Spring Dance and again for the Australians on ANZAC day, 25 April.

The band's visit culminated in the BRITCON Medal Parade on 30 April when they combined with the Regimental Band, pipes, drums and bugles of 1 Bn The Royal Irish Regiment.



COP SHOOT '93



Rear, from the left: WO1 H Dahlqvist (Swed), WO1 G Zudik (Aus), Sgt G Lalonde (Can)

Front: MSSgt G Sakoparnik (Aus), Sgt D Newman (Can)

Congratulations to the UN MP team which successfully participated in the yearly "Cop Shoot" held at the Dhekeliia Ranges. This event was organised by HQ RMP Episkopi.

The UN MP team consisted of two Austrians, two Canadians and one Swede. These very experienced Senior NCOs proved their skill and were only beaten by the CYPOL Anti-Terrorist Team in the Falling Plate and the Rifle and Pistol Competitions.



Sgt Lalonde and Sgt Newman, trying to find the right end...

QUICK REACTION PREVENTS A FATALITY

by Sgt B Barton



Cpl Robert (Bobby) Russell and Tpr Dennis Bamford are members of Alamein Sqn, The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars, currently with the UN MP Elm Security Pl. While serving in this capacity, Cpl Russell and Tpr Bamford recently saved a life and became reluctant heroes.

On Monday 8 March 1993, at Jubilee Camp, Cpl Russell and Tpr Bamford were resting off duty when they heard someone scream for help from an adjacent building. On entering it, they saw an unconscious soldier lying on the floor. Cpl Russell and Tpr Bamford treated him for shock and arranged for an ambulance. Fortunately the casualty regained consciousness and, following treatment, made a speedy recovery. It was later established that he was repairing an extension cord when the accident occurred. The quick reaction by Cpl Russell and Tpr Bamford ensured this accident did not become a fatal one. **Well done boys.**

SECTOR FOUR'S NEW SERIES

WHAT ON EARTH HAPPENED TO...?

PART 1: M/Cpl LENA and Cpl REICHELT

"Stories of people only seen once, and you could have sworn that they had been posted out, but - they still are somewhere around!"



Cpl Reichelt, looking at life passing him by

As part of their operational responsibilities, Austrian soldiers provide a UN presence in Varosha and also monitor the status quo in some currently uninhabited villages. Driving on the link road between Dhekalia and Ayios Nicolaos, you might notice one, a not so small but deserted village to your left, Akhna. If you have never been at the receiving end of one of the famous AUSCON Sector Briefings, you probably would never know that there, in the middle of nowhere,

two members of 2 Coy AUSCON are keeping a lonely guard.

Since AUSCON's last rotation in March, M/Cpl Karl-Heinz Lena and Cpl Thomas Reichelt have been living and working there, keeping a watchful eye on the village. Part of their routine is to man the rooftop OPT at irregular intervals and to patrol the roads as required under the UN flag.

They do admit that their post is a bit secluded, but they are well looked after by their comrades of the platoon, who not only provide the "meals on wheels" service for them, but also bring the daily gossip and the mail, of which both of them are getting plenty!



M/Cpl Lena all dressed up, and only Akhna to go to.

EASTER CHURCH SERVICE

by Maj H Reisinger

The Chaplain of Sector Four, Lt Col Ernst Faktor, carried out some research and found a very impressive place to celebrate Easter. The church service was conducted at Ayios Neophytos, the tiny chapel of a former monastery in the Buffer Zone near the village of Troulli.

AUSCON members with their families attended the service. A group of soldiers has also formed a choir and, having practised for weeks, accompanied the celebration. After the special blessing of the flame, a traditional Easter bonfire was lit on a nearby hill.



The Chaplain blessing the Easter Candle.

OPERATIONAL TASKS OF SECTOR THREE SOLDIERS

Soldiers of the line batteries in Sector Three spend most of their time on three main operational



Bdr Sutton and Bdr MacCarthy repair the barbed wire at C84, OP Cockburn near Ledra Palace Hotel.

tasks, namely manning OPs, conducting patrols and providing escorts for civilian work in the Buffer Zone.



The escort, Bdr Boland, observes some civilians conducting repairs of the sewage system in the Buffer Zone.

The OPs manned by 2 RCHA watch over contentious areas or are located between the occupied positions of the opposing forces. Reports from the UN OPs concern cease-fire violations in their immediate area of view and SHOTREPs in their general area.



A foot patrol is conducted by Bdr Clapper and Gnr Furber near Frezenburg Troop House

If the OPs are the Sector's ears, then the patrols are its eyes. The foot and vehicle patrols involve marching or driving through the Sector's area of the BZ four times by day and by night. The city is patrolled on foot and the rural area in vehicles. These patrols report any change to the status quo such as improved positions, forward movement and any change in activity. The random timings and routing of patrols add an extra level to the observation and security along the line.

Escorts are a fact of daily life in the BZ because there is a surprising amount of work that must be done there. Regardless of whether this work relates to the maintenance of military OPs or positions in unmanned areas, or whether civilian workers must enter the BZ to repair water, sewage or electrical works, all require UN escorts.

A soldier's role on the line is not just to occupy an OP. There are many other routine tasks unseen to the outsiders that keep the soldiers of 2 RCHA extremely busy and the status quo maintained.

CANCON ENGINEERS AND THEIR "BEAVER TALES"

Symbol of the Canadian Military Engineer (CME) Branch for over 20 years, the beaver was adopted as it reflects directly the hard work and dedication of its members. Led by the Engineering Officer, Capt RP Taylor, the CANCON Engineer Team is composed of 12 NCMs of all trades. Its role is to provide a combination of both construction, and combat engineer services to our Sector. Apart from the daily maintenance requirement, these services include construction designing, fire prevention and technical assistance as well as mine and booby trap counter measures.

Working in Cyprus constitutes a real challenge. Having to look after the OPs in Sector Three as



Engineer work being carried out at the back gate of the Ledra Palace

well as other numerous tasks, the workload can be quite demanding on the Troop's time. Faced with different construction standards to those in Canada, the tradesmen have

quickly learned to improvise and adapt.

One of the highlights of wearing a blue beret is the interaction we have with the Engineers of other Contingents. The cultural exchange is certainly a noteworthy and worthwhile experience because it enhances the esprit de corps and experience of all military engineers.

On a final note, you will often hear or see the word CHIMO when dealing with CME. It comes from the Eskimo language and simply means "To our friendship" or "Let's be friends". It is a symbol and a reminder to all Canadian Military Engineers of our long tradition and sense of family.

SECTOR FOUR NEWS

"SPRING" IN CYPRUS



Welcome to the guest of honour (left to right):
Maj Gen Minehane, Lt Scherman, Chaplain Faktor
and Capt Willmann

For three days, all available personnel were busy stuffing as much "spring" as possible into the vicinity of the AUSCON Officers' Mess for a setting not even Spring itself could have provided. The kitchen staff chopped every single vegetable they could lay their hands on to create a "Frühlingseintopf", a spring stew so to speak.

Everything was ready when the torches were lit on the evening of Friday 16 April 1993 to illuminate AUSCON's first open air "do" this year - to celebrate the one night in which the Cyprus winter becomes summer.

Despite all the flowers, spring spirit, etc, the event could not have been the success it was without the wonderful performance of the QRIH Band who managed to fit Camp Duke Leopold V into their schedule. The word is around that even an Austrian orchestra could hardly have done better, so they can be sure that their music was very much appreciated.

MILITARY OMBUDSMAN

Each Austrian soldier has two ways of filing a redress or complaint. He has right of plea to the Minister of Defence through the military system, and he also has recourse to a special institution which is responsible directly to the Parliament. This parliamentary line of pleading is not a widely used alternative but the occasional request is processed through this method. Consequently, the Chairman of this body (which roughly translates as the Complaints Department of the Austrian Parliament), Mr Horst Schender, visited UNAB recently. He was accompanied by Dr Peterneil and Col Grabner.

Mr Schender stayed with AUSCON from 27 Apr to 01 May, following a tight schedule of briefings and meetings with officers, NCOs and men, both in the camps and on extensive line tours. He also found time to support the Austrian team competing in the Military Skills Competition. Virtually every member of the Battalion did get his chance to put a word or two into ears well trained to listen and presumably hard to bend. The Chaplain, the Master Chef and the PMCs, the most common

victims of this routine moaning, all got a few well deserved days off as a result.

He paid a courtesy call on the Government's own Ombudsman. One does not know what Mr Schender heard at his meeting, but one can assume that the message he takes home from Sector Four sounds familiar: No problem in AUSCON!



Keeping an eye on the AUSCON team which took second place in the Mil Skills Comp (Mr Schender in centre)

Articles by Maj H Reisinger

9 PARA SQN
SECTOR TWO ENGINEER DETACHMENT

by Lt M Fuller RE

9 Para Sqn RE is currently undertaking the role of Sector Two Engineer Detachment, attached to The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars. The BRITCON Detachment is somewhat monopolised by 36 Engineer Regiment based in Maidstone, Kent. Each detachment does a six month tour of duty prior to handing over to another squadron within the Regiment.

The Detachment consists of one officer, one SNCO and 12 ORs who are responsible for four main tasks. The first is that of general maintenance within the camps of Viking and Skouriotissa and also along the Buffer Zone in the OPs. The second task is larger project work which may, for example, involve the rebuilding of accommodation or the construction of a cesspit. Third is an emergency call out facility and fourth is that of minefield recording and perimeter fence maintenance. We try to carry out these tasks to the best of our ability. The completion of some tasks is extremely rewarding, whilst others can be much less glamorous jobs such as unblocking sewers and cesspit removal.

At the end of each day, the Detachment's somewhat weary fleet of vehicles (when will we get our L200s?) faithfully returns its tired and extremely hungry workers to the box factory. At OP B32 everyone checks the kitchen roster - in the hope that they are not cooking that evening!



Two members of 9 Para Sqn RE on patrol

GOLIATH BEATS DAVID by Maj H Reisinger

All things considered, it could have been a lot worse. Mind you, APOEL Nicosia does play in the Cyprus' premier league and they did have a slight advantage, both in the choice of the Makarios Athletics Centre as their home turf to play on, as well as through their superior resources to draw fans. So the limited Austrian crowd was

not really a match for the APOEL supporters who had the home venue advantage. Nevertheless our team did well.

It sounds like hindsight but, honestly, the AUSCON team went to Nicosia with the aim of scoring at least one goal against "the giant", and to allow them to score no more than ten. They succeeded,



The two teams with the referees (Sector Four in the dark shirts)



The best players: Capt A Willmann (right), D/OC 2 Coy, our goalie and Mr Dragan Samboric, Yugoslavian legendary, forward of APOEL

with a final score of 8:1, after a good, fair and friendly match. Of course, it could have been better (insiders say) had they had more time for training. But it could also have been worse...



39TH REGIMENT ROYAL ARTILLERY

by Capt Hilary Long



39th Regiment Royal Artillery has now taken over from The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars as the Sector Two Regiment. The Regiment is commanded by Lt Col RJS Smith QGM RA and the Regimental Sergeant Major is WO1 (RSM) RA Hamzat. 39th Regiment's home, for the past 33 years, has been Paderborn in Germany.

39th Regiment has four Batteries: 132 Battery (the Bengal Rocket Troop) and 176 (Abu Klea) Battery are the Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) batteries and are deployed on the line. 57 (Bhurtapore) Battery is a locating battery which has men deployed in the line batteries for this operational tour in Cyprus: the remainder of the Battery stayed in Paderborn. 56

(Olpherts's) Headquarters Battery, the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers' Workshop and the Royal Logistic Corps Stores Troop complete the regimental Order of Battle. The Batteries have their own colourful histories with origins in India and Egypt dating from the 18th and 19th centuries. The battle honours in their titles give just a hint of the campaigns and personalities from the past.

On 1 April 1947, after WWII, 2 Medium Regiment was redesignated 39th Medium Regiment. Since then, the Regiment has served in the Middle East, North Africa, Palestine, Cyprus, the United Kingdom, Northern Ireland, Germany and most recently in the Gulf War.

39th Regiment was the only MLRS Regiment in the 1st (United Kingdom) Armoured Division which deployed to Saudi Arabia in 1990 and has the distinction of being the first Regiment to fire MLRS on operations in the British Army. The latest additions to the Regiment are the locating systems of the Drone, Sound Ranging and Meteorology troops of 57 Battery who joined 39th Regiment on 26 March 1993.

Our present role is as the Depth Fire Regiment, equipped with the MLRS, in the 1st (United Kingdom) Division which is part of the newly formed Allied Command Europe Rapid Reaction Corps.

LT COL RJS SMITH QGM RA

Commanding Officer, 39 Regiment Royal Artillery

Lt Col Richard Smith was born in Edinburgh in November 1952. He was educated at Melville College Edinburgh and was commissioned into the Royal Artillery from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in March 1973.

As a junior officer, he served as a gun position officer and troop commander with 1st Regiment Royal Horse Artillery in Detmold and Northern Ireland. He was ADC to CinC Allied Forces Northern Europe in Oslo in 1975 before commanding the Royal Artillery's Potential Officers' Troop at Woolwich in 1976. In 1980, he was a close observation platoon commander in Belfast before

becoming the Adjutant of 27th Field Regiment in Lippstadt. He raised and trained 5th Heavy Regiment's stay behind observation post troop in 1982 before moving to Division II of Army Staff Course 18 at Shrivenham in 1983.

After a year as a student at the Staff College Camberley, he became the SO2 (W) in LSOR6 responsible for 155mm gun systems and artillery CIS in 1985. He returned to regimental duty in 1987 to command E Battery 1st Regiment Royal Horse Artillery in Bergen, Hohne. He was the Chief of Staff Artillery 4th Armoured Division in Herford from 1989 to 1990.

He was the member of the Directing Staff at the Royal College

of Science, Shrivenham, responsible for depth surveillance from March 1991 to January 1993. He assumed command of 39th Regiment Royal Artillery on 1 March 1993.

His hobbies include offshore sailing, stalking, game shooting and fishing and he has a keen interest in military history. He is a qualified mountain leader and enjoys hill walking.

Lt Col Smith is married to Jane, and has two daughters; Emma born in September 1985 and Charlotte born in October 1987.



UNFICYP SHOOTING COMPETITION: BULLSEYES GALORE

by Maj J Ingham

Right through the ages, the art of marksmanship has been the mark of a soldier. It started with the slingshot, then spears and arrows, progressed to the crossbow bolt, and eventually to the musket and high velocity rifles. The aim (excuse the pun) has always been to put the projectile bang on target, quicker and more frequently than the opponent.



↑ Didn't we do well?
Overall winners - the
Austrians

Sp Regt - winners of the
rifle and falling plate
matches →

WO Webster accepts 3rd
place plaque in the pistol
competition from the FC,
Maj Gen Minehane ↓



So what has changed over the years, apart from the weapons themselves? Not a lot. The spirit of competition always brings out the best; of course, it helps if the weather is set fair and there is an international dimension to it all, such as the contingents of a UN force.



Thus it was that the shooting teams of UNFICYP joined battle on 14 April. Once again, honour, prestige and national pride was at stake, to say nothing of the military training value.

Pre-competition favourites were the Austrians from Sector Four, whilst SWEDCIVPOL were expected to put up a stiff fight in the pistol match. Always fierce competitors, Sp Regt could be relied on to make a real match of it, whilst Sector Two would not

be affronted if we said that they were probably more familiar and accurate with a 120mm bore weapon.

As it turned out, there were no major upsets. There was a fierce battle for the overall competition between AUSCON and Sp Regt, with Sector Four team taking the prize by a mere three points - one shot!

The rifle match and falling plate were won in style by Sp Regt, whilst the pistol match went to the Austrians.

The art of marksmanship had thus been well practised again on the UNPA range: the sun shone, honour was satisfied and the Force Commander presented the prizes to smiling soldiers.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

by WO1 Gant, RLC

Well, it's all in a name. Everyone knows that in the military system, mail goes missing if it is not correctly addressed. All the more reason to have the correct details when we are dealing with supplies.

As part of the formation of the Royal Logistic Corps, the UNFICYP Ordnance Detachment has been given not just a new cap badge, but also a new name. The Detachment, responsible for supplying most things from ID cards and toilet rolls to furniture and cooking equipment, has become the UNFICYP Supply Detachment, Royal Logistic Corps.

Shown here in the photograph are stalwarts of the Detachment at the unveiling ceremony of the new sign.



Left to right: Sgt Carl Bayliss, Capt John Robson,
WO1 Ron Gant and Sgt Dave Wright



The Australian Police Contingent assembled at Wayne's Keep Cemetery together with members of the Australian Army who are presently serving with the British Army in Cyprus.

On Sunday 25 April, the Australian Civilian Police Contingent conducted the traditional Australian and New Zealand celebration of 'ANZAC Day' with a Dawn Service at Wayne's Keep Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery.

The word ANZAC is an acronym for the Australian & New Zealand Army Corps that was formed for the landings at Gallipoli in 1915. The landings were part of a bold plan to open a 'second front' during WWI, but it resulted in dismal failure at a huge cost to ANZAC, French and British troops. However, for Australia, it was neither a victory nor a defeat but the baptism of a young nation through the horrors of war. The celebration of ANZAC Day each year is in memory of those soldiers who landed on that foreign shore so many years ago, and in continuing memory of those thousands of other Australians since, who have laid down their lives in the service of their country. The day is also a celebration by Australian ex-service personnel of that special bond that exists between 'mates' who have served their country together on foreign fields.

This year, the ANZAC Day 'Dawn Service' in Cyprus was particularly poignant, largely due to the fact that by happy coincidence the 'ANZAC Bugle' of The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars (QRIH) was 'in-country' with their Regimental Band and with the kind permission of the Commanding Officer,

Lieutenant Colonel Bellamy and the skill of Corporal Paul Thomas, the bugle sounded 'Last Post' and 'Reveille' during the service.

The 'ANZAC Bugle' had been presented to the QRIH by the 'Australian Light Horse' in 1959 and bears two inscriptions, the first being:

"Presented to 2nd Light Horse Regiment, Australian Imperial Forces (Queensland) by Catriona, Donald, Sheila and Desmond Cameron (Ipswich), August 1914 - PRO REGE ET PATRIA"

The Light Horse took the bugle to the First World War where it first sounded men to arms at Gallipoli. It was used for each battle cry of the Regiment thereafter and was played during the conduct of ANZAC burial services.

In 1959, the 2nd Light Regiment was amalgamated and the bugle was presented by the Light Horse to The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars in appreciation of the fact that the Regiment had fought alongside Australian troops during numerous campaigns from the time of the Boer War.

QRIH were formed in 1958 by the amalgamation of two distinguished British Cavalry Regiments, the 4th Queen's Own Hussars raised in 1685 and the 8th King's Royal Irish Hussars raised in 1693. Both Regiments had colourful histories including, among many historic events, their charge



The Dawn Service: Mr Peter Edwards, the Acting Australian High Commissioner, and his wife Anne, together with Maj Gen and Mrs Minehane.

ORIGINAL ANZAC BUGLE PLAYED AT CYPRUS DAWN SERVICE

by Derek Gough

against the Russian guns at Balaklava, being original members of the 'Desert Rats' in North Africa during WWII and in more recent years, playing a vital role as a key armoured unit in the Gulf War. In 1896 their most famous member joined the Regiment, a young Lieutenant by the name of Winston Churchill. In 1939 he was appointed their Honorary Colonel and remained so until his death.

The 8th Hussars first served alongside Australian troops in the Boer War and subsequently France (1914-1918), North Africa (1940-1942) and Korea (1950-1951).

The 4th Hussars likewise served with Australia in France and North Africa as well as Greece (1941) and Malaya (1948-1951). The 4th also served with the 2nd New Zealand Division in Italy during 1944-1945. After amalgamation of the two Hussar Regiments, the newly formed QRIH served alongside Australian troops in Sarawak and Brunei during 1962-1964.

The 2/14 Queensland Mounted Infantry (ARES) are affiliated to The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars to this day.

30 Australians attended the Dawn Service, together with the full band of The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars under the competent baton of WO1 David Cresswell. Also in attendance was the Regimental Piper of the Canadian Royal Horse Artillery, Master Gunnery Sergeant Colin Norris.



"Come-in-Spinner": Police Sergeant Serge Aquilante loses the pennies during the "Two-Up" game conducted by AUSTCIVPOL on ANZAC Day afternoon while Police Sergeants Doug Child and Bob Corrigan ensure all is above board!



The Australian and New Zealand flags are dipped in salute to "the fallen" as Cpl Paul Thomas of QRIH band plays the Last Post. Flag bearers were Police Sergeants Shane Austin and George Argenti.

Over 100 invited guests attended the ceremony, including UN and diplomatic VIPs. The Government of Australia was represented by the Acting Australian High Commissioner Mr Peter Edwards and his wife Anne.

Wreaths were laid in memory of all Australian and New Zealand servicemen and servicewomen who have made the supreme sacrifice for their country and also on the graves of the four Anzacs who are buried at the cemetery.

In the afternoon, members of the Australian Police contingent entertained over 200 guests at their Mess for refreshments and the usual game of "Two-Up".

In the evening a Flag Parade was held in "mufti" when all members and guests were 'fallen-in', dressed and inspected, before Police Sergeant Serge Aquilante recited an emotional rendition of Banjo Patterson's 'Clancy of the Overflow' followed by the lowering of the Australian Flag and the recital of 'Binyons Lines' to the accompaniment of the 'Pipes' of Colin Norris. It was a fitting end to a magical day.

MILITARY SKILLS WITH A DIFFERENCE

by Maj J Ingham

A regular six-monthly feature in the UNFICYP forecast of events for many years has been the Military Skills Competition. This year however, there were changes afoot resulting in a competition which flowed non-stop from start to finish and sought the imagination of the competing teams, testing many of the basic skills required of the UNFICYP soldier.

MIL SKILLS: I took place on Thursday 29 April in the UNPA. The event was once again organised and run by Support Regiment, with help from Headquarters personnel.

Sharp at 0600, the first team embarked on this new training venture. First the scrutineering and ID checks to make sure that everyone started on an equal basis. Next, in the eerie, empty bowels of the deserted airport terminal building, the first of the new ideas - the observation and reporting stand. This test required a report as per UN procedures on an "incident" as viewed by the team. No room for inaccuracy, only sharp eyes and a clear mind. That done, it was outside again for the start of the Force March, 10 kms of non-stop effort with a number of military activities to



Who'd be sick with this bunch looking after you??

be completed en route.

Before we knew it, the team was off down the runway, heading next cross country towards the assault course. This was merely the early warm up jog to prepare tense muscles



Daily maintenance of the UNFICYP supergun

for the exertions ahead. No stopping now, down the slope, over, under, round and through the seemingly never ending obstacles. A skinned knuckle here, a knock there, and bruises everywhere - but no relenting.

Obstacles in the background - and time now to push out the strides, another 6 km before the tunnel dig. This is where the training pays off as pounding feet beat out the rhythm and eat up distance. Eventually the wire and log fence comes into view. Shoulders and backs ache as the intense digging takes its toll. Gradually the tunnel break-

through is made and enlarged and the team scrambles through.

Still no time to rest, every second counts, so it's off down the track again and lo, on the verge - here is a badly wounded soldier to be dragged under cover, bandaged, splinted, and carried for 500m, then on to the range. Here we had a long crawl and grenade throw prior to engaging targets by fire.

Up, on our feet and sprint to the firing point for the final event. Fill the magazine, check the weapon - load - steady the breathing and - "Fire"! One by one the targets shatter until that's it - all over, save the final checks and weighing of equipment.

At the final count, it was the faster time of Sp Regt on the forced march that carried the day. But it was a close thing: the Sector Four teams were close behind and absolute hot shots on the range.

Final Result:

Team	Final Score	Position
Sp Regt	43.15	1st
Sector 4:A	50.20	2nd
Sector 4:B	54.33	3rd



Sir, I'm getting tired of dragging you around this course



The FC gets an overview of an underground problem

FAREWELL/WELCOME - SWEDCON

by Police Sgt Ronald Krantz

At the beginning of April, Unit 62 of SWEDCIVPOL arrived in Cyprus, consisting of 11 new Police Officers. In addition, two MPs and one clerk arrived, who will be stationed at HQ UNFICYP.

The new arrivals come from all over Sweden and between them, they have quite a lot of UN experience. Several of the SWEDCIVPOL members have served in Cyprus before as UN soldiers, and also in Yugoslavia and the Lebanon.

During the farewell/welcome party at Camp Flamingo, about 100 guests attended. The Force Commander honoured us with a short informal visit,



From the left: CYPOL Insp Vassos Hadjiyiannis (Chief of the Oroklini Police Det who is responsible for Pyla) and Mr Ahmed Mehmet Sakalli with his Deputy Mr Ali Kerim Yahi in conversation with Insp Ramäng and Sgts Hedberg and Krantz from SWEDCIVPOL, Pyla at the Farewell/Welcome Party.



together with many of SWEDCON's friends and employees. Reflecting the good contacts developed by SWEDCIVPOL in Pyla, community representatives from the village were also present.

SWEDCON C115 is now in charge until we leave in October 1993.

SWEDCIVPOL IN FAMAGUSTA



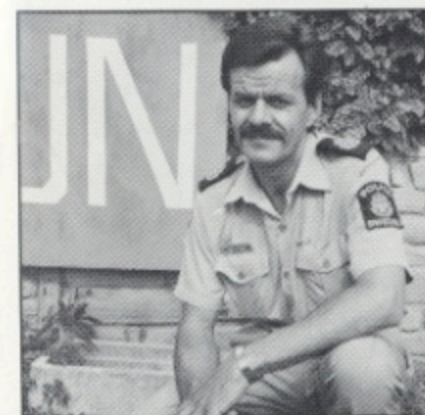
Sgt Anders Folkersson



← Insp Berndt Johansson



Sgt Marianna Palsson ↓



One of the SWEDCIVPOL sub-stations is situated at AUSCON HQ in Famagusta. At the moment, it is manned by one police inspector and two police sergeants who work closely with AUSCON personnel to follow up and investigate, among other things, infringements of the Maritime Security Line, endeavouring to find owners of boats crossing the MSL.

SWEDCIVPOL has a routine humanitarian task to deliver certain services to the Greek Cypriot communities in the Karpas area. The coffee shop in each of the villages is an important meeting and distribution point, and the interpreter is a vital element in the rapport established on these occasions. This special run is a two-day operation, visiting four villages on day one and two villages on the second day.

UNFICYP MILITARY SKILLS COMPETITION



The winners of the Military Skills Competition go "over the top"!