

# THE Blue Beret

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An Austrian Observation Team

## EXERCISE PANDORA'S BOX

The Force Reserve Exercise of Pandora's Box took place in Sector Four's area of the Buffer Zone on 28 February 1991. This kind of exercise takes place every month, and practises contingency plans and command and control.

The Force Reserve is composed of platoons from all Sectors and Support Regiment, and is controlled by a Headquarters established by the FSC Sqn, who also provide two troops of Ferret Scout Cars.



CQMS Dermot O' Callaghan, assisting the Exercise Controller



A Canadian Grizzly, performing checkpoint duty



Rescue operations were also exercised



Ferret Scout Cars established an important part of the Force Reserve

## UN AAC FLT TO THE RESCUE

On 29 January 1991, the UN Flight AAC were planning to carry out some routine night flying training in the Buffer Zone with Sectors Three and Four. The crews did night fly, but for Capt Richard Green and SSgt Paddy Connelly, it was far from routine.

Just prior to taking off for the training, they were tasked by the Joint Operations Centre to respond to an incident involving a capsized boat carrying two fishermen in the Kokkina area of Sector One. On arrival, they made a search for the fishermen, but failed to locate them. Assistance was then requested from the

Rescue Co-ordination Centre (RCC) in Episkopi, which was provided.

UN Flt remained in situ for the whole of the four-hour operation, acting as an Airborne Relay Station as well as co-ordinating and controlling the search. Those who have flown with the UN Flight will realise that the aircraft had to refuel at some time. This was carried out by the UN Flight's own fuel bowser, manned by LCpl Mark Hitch and Air Tpr Stu Goodings, who had been dispatched to Xeros so as to be on hand if needed.

One of the fishermen was



eventually found and rescued, thanks to the swift response of the personnel within UNFICYP and, in particular, the men and equipment of the UN Flight AAC.

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Assisting the humanitarian tasks in Sector Two by SSgt Kev Capon

## EDITORIAL

Easter greetings to readers of the Blue Beret. We hope each of you enjoy a very pleasant and restful holiday. If, dear reader, during the vacation you are in a relaxed mood and contemplating the good fortune that brought you to Cyprus in the first instance, perhaps you might allow a moment or two to consider that special article for the Blue Beret which has been tossing about in your fertile mind for some time, and which you now wish to express on paper. Do not delay, take a break from relaxation and set to it. Both the Blue Beret and your own peace of mind will have benefitted when the fruits of your Easter endeavours appear in a forthcoming edition. Looking forward to seeing you in print.

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# IRCON CELEBRATES

The Irish national holiday, St Patrick's Day, falls on 17 March. On that occasion, people who consider themselves to be Irish or of Irish extraction gather together to celebrate their national identity in the company of friends. Who was St Patrick, and why do Irish people celebrate in his memory?

### St Patrick - The Man

St Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland, was not a native of the island. He first came to Ireland as a captive. The Irish in the 5th century habitually raided the coast of Western Britain and Scotland, seeking booty and slaves. When St Patrick was sixteen, Irish raiders captured him from his home in Roman Britain and brought him to Ireland where he spent six lonely years herding pigs before escaping. Back in the safety of his home, Patrick, who was born a Christian, experienced a vivid dream, described in his autobiography 'The Confessions', in which he heard the people of Ireland calling him

back. Having trained for the religious life in France, Patrick returned to Ireland in 432 AD as a bishop and devoted the remainder of his life to preaching Christianity to the predominantly pagan Irish. St Patrick's mission was an outstanding success and when he died, he left behind an organised Church and a well established Christian community.

### The Day

St Patrick's Day, the major festival for Irish people at home or abroad, is a combination of religious and cultural activities. Aside from religious services, the day is marked by parades, concerts, sporting events and family gatherings with most communities marking the feast with its own special event. The Defence Forces celebrate the day with formal parades at which the Shamrock, the national emblem, is distributed to all troops on parade. Foods traditionally associated with St Patrick's Day are corned beef, or

bacon and cabbage, Irish stew and smoked salmon, all washed down with glasses of Guinness, though many prefer Irish Whiskey.



St Patrick's Day, Ireland's national holiday, was celebrated by UNFICYP's Irish contingent on 15 March. There were two separate functions. The formal celebration took place in the morning, when the Contingent paraded at St Barnabas' Church UNPA, to receive the UNFICYP peace-keeping medal from the Acting Force Commander, Brigadier peace-keeping medal from the Acting Force Commander, Brigadier Niels Fredenslund. Following the distribution of shamrock and a religious service, the invited guests attended a reception at Club Hibernia, where children of Contingent members entertained the gathering. In the evening, IRCON hosted a function at the BBC Officers' Mess at which guests had an opportunity of sampling Irish fare to the accompaniment of traditional Irish music and song provided by the Contingent, their families and fellow Irish residents in Cyprus.

The Contingent was honoured to have as its special guests the Minister of Defence, Mr Brendan Daly TD, his wife Patricia, and a party which included the Defence Forces Chief of Staff, Lt Gen James Parker, the Secretary of the Department of Defence, Mr Sean Brosnan and the Director of Operations, Col John O' Shea. The Irish Ambassador, HE Mr Antoin MacUnfraigh and the Honorary Consul, Mr Stephis A Stephanou, also attended.



Comdt J Sreenan, SPO K O' Flynn, CS B Weldon, Comdt P Murphy, RSM J Keating, CQMS D O' Callaghan, CQMS T McCann, Sgt J Cunningham

# SECTOR FOUR A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A WATER TANK LORRY DRIVER



Breakfast in the Mess



Filling in the work ticket



Another day starts



Filling up the tank in the Camp



Is there enough water?

Throughout the year, but especially during summer time, the maintenance of the water supply is a big problem in Sector Four. For this reason, our battalion is equipped with three special lorries, type OEAF. Each one is capable of transporting 6,000 litres of water in one lift.

This busy job is carried out by MCpl Steindl and Cpl Pletzer who are responsible for the supply of the camp and 2 Coy, and by LCpl Ehm who is responsible for 1 Coy.



Cpl Pletzer and Chaplain Stadelmann



The new accommodation



## OP AS-18

For a long time, the crew of OP AS-18 have been hoping for new accommodation. Some months ago, a decision was made to renew this OP, and the Austrian engineers have now started on the construction. On behalf of all ranks, OP AS-18 wishes to thank everyone in UNFICYP who has contributed money, support and labour.



Austrian Engineers

### COMBAT FITNESS TEST



The CFT takes place on an annual basis by all members of BRITCON. Part One consists of an 8 mile trek, three miles cross-country, to be completed in two hours. A 15km weight is carried throughout and the soldiers move in a formed body.

Part Two is when the going gets tough! Once the trek is over, the soldiers have to climb into a 4 tonner - with the tailboard up... and then get out again. After that, there is a five foot ditch which has to be jumped. The final part of the test is a fireman's carry of somebody of equal weight and stature for a distance of 90 metres in one minute.



### 254 (UNFICYP) Signal Squadron

Radio Troop is the main troop within 254 (UNFICYP) Signal Squadron and is situated in the cargo sheds of the old Nicosia Airport on the UNPA.

The Troop's main role is to provide communications support for UNFICYP. In order to make this possible, they supply all the equipment and expertise to man eight communications vehicles and the HQ UNFICYP JOC.

The Troop is commanded by a Canadian Officer and is a mixture of both British and Canadian soldiers who use each other's communications equipment - a good opportunity to learn something new and different.

Back (left to right): Sig Green, Sig Thornton, Sig McCulloch, Cpl Landry  
Front (left to right): Cpl Hayes, Sgt Will, MCpl Belanger (the bear)



### SECTOR TWO NEWS

The recently arrived Royal Engineer Detachment for Sector Two are from 36 Engineer Regiment and are normally based in Maidstone, Kent. They have settled in quickly and have already established a reputation for prompt and efficient workmanship.

The Engineer Troop consists of 1 Officer, 1 Sgt and 12 specialist engineers, whose trades include plumbing, bricklaying, carpentry, painting and decorating, and last but not least the electrician.

Under the direction of Lt Dale Garwood and Sgt Graham



LCpl Diston showing his skills in bricklaying



Sgt Pennycook (left) and LCpl McBlain in "think tank" mode

Pennycook, the Troop are fully employed in all OPs as they help

make life a little more comfortable for our soldiers.

### ONCE UPON A TIME

#### BEFORE...



The Queen's Own Hussars are well known as a family Regiment, and close ties are often formed between members serving in the Regiment. We would like to show an example

of one such relationship, and wonder if anyone presently with the UN Forces in Cyprus can beat it?

In 1969, B Squadron The Queen's Own Hussars were based near Limassol as the Ferret Scout Car Squadron. Our first photograph (left) shows Cpl Brian Mellor and Tpr Dave Southern relaxing in Jubilee Camp after playing football for the Squadron. The second photograph (right) shows Major (QM) Mellor and WO 2 (RQMS) Southern recreating the first photograph in St David's Camp

#### ...AND AFTER



in 1991. In the intervening 22 years, both have served with the Regiment often, as now, in the same Squadron or Department, and this tour has brought the happy memories flooding back.

### BLACK IS BACK!



The Royal Tank Regiment, in the guise of T Sqn 1 RTR, are back in Cyprus, and have just completed a tour as the Western Squadron of Sector Two, under the command of the Queen's Own Hussars. Black, and in particular the black beret, is the dress of the Royal Tank Regiment, the first Tank unit in the world.

It first made its mark at the battle of Cambrai in 1917 and every year, on 20 November, the Royal Tank Regiment celebrates Cambrai Day. The training

requirements of 1990 meant that for T Sqn, Cambrai Day could not be celebrated until 15 December, but celebrated it was in the various Messes - until after lunch, when it was back to business as usual for T Sqn on the line. The job of monitoring activity in the Buffer Zone cannot stop, even for Regimental holidays!

T Sqn have now moved on to Dhekelia for the remainder of their stay in Cyprus, which was, for them, an unforgettable one.

# AUSTCIVPOL MEMBER RECOGNISED FOR SERVICE



Station Sergeant Doug Hair is a popular AUSTCIVPOL member well known to other contingents, particularly the Canadians in Sector 3. Doug is an experienced police officer with many years community policing service in the Australian national capital, Canberra. His record has now been formally recognised by being awarded the Australian National Medal for diligent service. He was presented with his medal appropriately, during a

function at the Australian High Commission to celebrate Australia Day. The presentation was made by the Australian High Commissioner, His Excellency E Stevens. Station Sergeant Hair is due to return to Australia in March and hopes to return to community policing in Canberra.



# AUSTCIVPOL PLAYS HOST TO MIDDLE EAST FAMILIES

As a result of tensions in the Middle East, families from Australian diplomatic missions in the area have been moved temporarily to accommodation in Cyprus. On hearing of their circumstances, Sergeant Phil McInerney decided to welcome them with a good old Aussie barbecue. Transport was quickly arranged and on Sunday 13 January the families were brought to AUSTCIVPOL HQ. Games were arranged for the children while members spoke to wives about the way of life in the various missions. The barbecue was a great success with some food not readily available in the Middle East being particularly enjoyed. The families later expressed appreciation for a welcome break among fellow Australians at a trying time.



# WIVES' DRIVING LESSON AT FSC SQN



by Mrs Audrey Capon  
Photos by SSgt Kev Capon



Five wives from UNFICYP were recently lucky enough to escape a morning of housework for a much more exciting experience. They had all won a "Mystery Prize" each at the Wives' Christmas Dinner. This prize turned out to be a driving lesson in a Ferret Scout Car.



Audrey (Handbrake) Capon

Although the prizes had been donated by the previous squadron, The Blues & Royals gallantly took up the challenge and gave the wives a morning to remember.

A little disappointed at first that they were not to be let loose on Nicosia's one way system, the wives were happily led to the UNPA's Go Kart track where they were to receive instruction.

Now down to the business of driving. First problem — most of the wives could not reach the pedals... This was overcome by sitting on the floor, but this in turn brought problem number two — how to look out of the windows! No worries, however, because that's what the commander in the Turret is for. The morning finished with an obstacle course against the clock.

Despite a few close scrapes, no damage was done. A big thank you goes to SSgt Mal Whitaker and the lads of SHQ Tp from all the ladies.



Noreen (Here I come) O' Callaghan



Andrea (Cruncher) Harding



Jan (kamikazee) Slade



## NICOSIA MP DETACHMENT



Welcome to Nic Det. Nic Det is the Nicosia Detachment, United Nations Military Police Company, Cyprus. Nic Det is the largest of the five Military Police Detachments in Cyprus, with an area of responsibility stretching from Kyrenia in the North to Limassol in the South.

A truly international setting, Nic Det is composed of 25 Military Policemen from seven of the eight UNFICYP nations under the leadership of a British Royal Military Police Sergeant Major.

The taskings of Nic Det Military Police are numerous and varied. They cover traffic accident investigations, traffic control, criminal investigations such as thefts and assaults, VIP escorts, security patrols and contingent briefings. Although unnoticed by most, the Nic Det conducted about 25 VIP security escorts in 1990.

Traffic control and traffic accident investigation occupy the majority of

Military Police taskings with over 400 speeding offences and 332 traffic accidents which included 7 deaths in 1990. If a Cypriot is involved, these accidents are investigated in cooperation with the appropriate civilian Police Force. So each Military Policeman must be very flexible, patient and understanding when dealing with members of other contingents and Cypriot nationals.

Each evening, buildings and vital points' Security Checks are conducted at over 40 locations within the UNPA and the Nicosia area. Although not as exciting as investigating traffic accidents, or patrolling discos and bars, it is one of the most active police and security preventive taskings performed by Nic Det.

Even though heavily tasked with operational tasking, members of Nic Det are always eager to join MPs from other detachments in participating in UNFICYP competitions, this year winning the Skill at Arms Trophy and coming in a strong second in the Mil Skills.

In the fall of 1990 the UN Military Police Company conducted a Fund for Blind Children Drive. Nic Det provided support for the fund raising and together the Military Police Company raised over C£2,000.00 which was distributed to Blind Children's organizations on both sides of the island.



The life of a Military Policeman in Cyprus is very fulfilling and satisfying, which is the reason so many of the Nic Det Military Policemen are on their second or more tours with the United Nations. It is for these reasons that the Nic Det Military Police exhibit such a professional and competent knowledge of their varied duties.

## A TRIBUTE TO DINOS

8 March 1991 marked the last working day of Dinos Christou, Local Supervisor II (Mechanical and Electrical) after 46 years' loyal government service to the Property Services Agency and its predecessors before retiring.

He joined the Army Works Department in Nicosia on 20 September 1944 as an Apprentice Electrician and over the years, gained various promotions to his present grade. Dinos' career has many high spots, but the peak occurred in 1966 when he was awarded the British Empire Medal by Her Majesty The



Queen for outstanding services to the Department. He was presented with the award on Her Majesty's behalf on 4 October 1966 by Mr A R Adair, Acting British High Commissioner in Cyprus.

Dinos' co-operation, understanding, cheerfulness and helpful attitude in carrying out his duties has been acknowledged many times over the last 46 years. Dinos has earned the utmost respect from his friends and colleagues both past and present, and the Department takes this opportunity to wish him a long and happy retirement.

## DANCON 54

by Capt P Odde, 2i/c HQ Coy



Centre and main street of Viking Camp



Chaplain O Grabas

DANCON 54 arrived in Cyprus last November. Members of the Contingent are from all over Denmark, recruited according to the specific duties they are required to perform. The co-ordination and composition of a Contingent is the responsibility of the UN department in Denmark, a military unit which

undertakes the training of soldiers five weeks before they are accepted as part of the Danish UN force.

HQ Coy DANCON is stationed in Viking Camp, situated in Xeros in the northern part of Cyprus. It is divided into three platoons and three sections as follows:

- (1) The Command Platoon, which services HQ Coy with daily administration and food supplies.
- (2) The Maintenance Platoon consists of a depot, a workshop and a motor section, all servicing the whole Contingent.
- (3) The Staff and Signal Platoon operates as a Secretariat and a Signal Section, the latter being responsible for communications, which includes the telephone system and the new DANCON Radio Station.
- (4) The Medical Section secures the general health of the Contingent.
- (5) The Engineer Section repairs and rebuilds the accommodation the Contingent currently uses, and
- (6) Last but not least, the Paymaster and his clerks. This Section deals with DANCON's famous "shop", where one can buy nearly everything.



Ptes CJV Christensen, TB Fejler and J Hansen working in the kitchen



The Medical Section

For Danish soldiers, it is unusual to serve abroad, therefore HQ Coy is delighted to be in Cyprus. In May, when our tour comes to an end and we all depart for Denmark, we shall undoubtedly have had a very happy and unforgettable time.

## DANCON MEDAL PARADE 16 FEBRUARY 1991



//Lt AA Terp riding "Cease Fire". Cease Fire comes from the Dhekelia Saddle Club



## CHIEF OF STAFF VISITS THE FSC SQN



The COS, Brigadier Fredenslund, visited the Squadron on Wednesday 30 January. After a briefing by the Squadron Leader, he toured the camp and then tested out a Ferret Scout Car.



Pictured here are Troop Leader Cornet York and his driver, Tpr Hayes

LCoH Farmer is a Vehicle Commander in 2 Troop, currently located at Skouriotissa with B Coy, Sector One. LCoH Farmer has just returned from Kenya



A solitary Life Guard serving with C Squadron is Tpr Pearson from The Life Guards Mounted Squadron. He is attached to us just for this tour

LCoH Harris is a Vehicle Commander in 3 Troop, now located at Camp Marie Therese in Sector Four



LCoH Knibbs is the Squadron Clerk. Recently married, he is on his first tour in Cyprus



CoH Broughton is the Orderly Room Corporal of Horse and Chief Clerk for the tour. He is a very keen rugby player



LCpl Clayton is the Squadron Leader's driver. His brother is also serving with UNFICYP. He is in H Squadron The Queen's Own Hussars at B-18



The pictures below were taken at the Ferret Scout Car Meet & Greet Night on Saturday 9 February 1991. The theme this evening was a "Gangster Night".



LCoH Sykes and Robertson were rightly put behind bars for their terrible impressions of Anthony Quinn and Tommy Cooper



SCM Manning is the Squadron Corporal Major of the Ferret Scout Car Squadron, C Squadron The Blues and Royals. His true identity was finally revealed when in a moment of weakness, he reverted back to his old self. Punishment was not severe enough for his bad impression of The GODFATHER

## EASTER COOKBOOK

The real significance of Easter is, of course, the religious festival. However, for most people, Easter also marks the onset of spring: an end to the gloomy wintry weather and the beginning of another culinary year.

In England, roast lamb is normally served at lunch time on Easter Sunday, followed by afternoon tea with Simnel cake and, of course, the traditional Hot Cross Buns and delicious chocolate Easter Eggs. In some parts of Britain, it is the custom to roll hand-painted hard boiled eggs down the nearest slope. The coloured hard boiled eggs are still very much part of the Greek Orthodox Easter celebrations. On Easter Sunday, every household will have a bowl of coloured eggs ready for the egg bashing competition... Each member of the family chooses an egg, and then tries to crack his/her opponent's egg to see which one will be the winner for the year!

### EASTER DELICACIES



#### MINT SAUCE

One small bunch of freshly washed mint  
2 level tsps sugar  
1 tbsp boiling water  
1-2 tsps vinegar

Chop mint leaves and sugar very finely. Put mixture in a sauce boat, add boiling water and stir until sugar is dissolved. Stir in vinegar to taste. The sauce should be left one hour before being served.

#### Method

Loosen the pelvic bone, trim and clean the knuckle end. Place the lamb on a bed of quartered onions sprinkled with rosemary and wild thyme. Season to taste and roast in hot oven for 15 minutes, after covering the joint in dripping or lard. Remove from hot oven. Place halved potatoes around joint. Baste joint and potatoes well. Replace in a moderate oven (375F or gas mark 4), allow to cook steadily, basting meat and potatoes from time to time. When cooked, keep hot, carve and serve with mint sauce. Tender lamb should be carved thicker than other roast meats.

#### SIMNEL CAKE

6 oz. butter  
6 oz. soft brown sugar  
3 eggs, lightly beaten  
8 oz. self-raising flour, sieved  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
4 oz. sultanas  
12 oz. currants  
2 oz. ground almonds

For the centre and decoration:  
2 8 oz. packets almond paste  
12 tiny Easter egg sweets

Cream the fat and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs a little at a time. Fold in the dry ingredients and then stir in the sultanas, currants and ground almonds. Put half the mixture into a greased and lined 7 inch cake tin.

Roll out both packets of the almond paste thinly enough to cut circles round the cake tin; reserve the trimmings. Place one on top of the mixture in the tin. Cover with the remainder of the cake mixture and bake in a moderate oven for about 3-3 1/2 hours. Turn out and cool on a wire tray, removing the paper.

Place the second circle of almond paste on the cake. Out of the trimmings make the 11 small balls for the top. Place around the edge of the cake. Little Easter egg sweets and fluffy chickens can be used as additional decoration.

## SECTOR THREE NEWS GOODBYE...

All members of 12e Regiment blinde du Canada have by now left Cyprus, and are reunited with their families back in Canada. Although we are glad to be home, it is with mixed emotions that we left this island we had grown to appreciate. We all know about the warm temperatures and beautiful beaches, but there is more to serving in Cyprus than the good weather. During the last seven months, we have had a better opportunity to appreciate the people and cultures of both communities, as well as socializing with soldiers and



Cpl C Chevalier and Cvr Lafreniere during a recce patrol in Nicosia

individuals from seven different nations. We can say without a doubt that we are better for it. Some of the friendships made here will last forever.

Every soldier who served with 12e Regiment blinde du Canada during the last tour is aware of the contribution he has made to world peace, and we are proud of what we have accomplished. Although overshadowed by war in the Persian Gulf, our task of peace here in Cyprus was nonetheless an important one. We wish our successors as many good times and positive encounters as we have had.

## ...AND HALLO!

The sun rises and sets, the seasons change and now it is time for the Canadian Contingent of Sector Three to change. This month, you will be saying goodbye to 12e Regiment blinde du Canada, and hallo to the First Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. 1 PPCLI's participation in Operation SNOWGOOSE 55 will be the 10th tour of duty by the Regiment, and the fifth time our Battalion has been to Cyprus.

The last time our Battalion participated in UNFICYP was April to October 1984. There are many members of the Unit who have been to Cyprus before, albeit in more junior positions than they now hold.

1 PPCLI's home is Currie Barracks in Calgary, Alberta on the eastern slope of the Canadian Rocky Mountains. Calgary is a modern city of 660,000 people and home to the Head Offices of Canada's petroleum industry. It is also the home of "The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth", i.e. the Calgary Stampede. The Calgary Stampede is the largest rodeo in the world with the highest prizes for professional cowboys.



CFB Calgary Base Commander Col Joly along with local Calgary Militia Honorary LCol Pierce inspect members of 1 PPCLI before departure from Calgary for Cyprus

Southern Alberta, where Calgary is located, is the center of the Canadian beef industry. With this in mind, it is understandable that with a population of two million, Alberta has one million horses!



1 PPCLI Colours are marched onto the parade at the Calgary International Airport during the departure ceremony

On 10 August 1989, our Regiment celebrated its 75th birthday. Although younger than many "Old World" regiments, we have had a proud and glorious history. We were raised to fight in France in the Great War of 1914-1918. The original soldiers of the Regiment were almost entirely all veterans from British units, or fought in the Boer War. During World War II, we fought in the Italian Campaign and then moved to north west Europe to participate in the liberation of Belgium and the Netherlands. All three of our Battalions fought in Korea, and at various times since 1953, we have contributed a Battalion to Canada's Contingent to NATO in Europe.

Since spring 1989, we have formed the Battalion Group of Canada's commitment to NATO's ACE Mobile Force (Land) (AMF(L)) for North Norway. As such, we have gained much experience with internationally diverse brigade sized formations. We are sure this experience will help us be an asset to UNFICYP.

In closing, we are looking forward to our deployment to Cyprus with UNFICYP and the chance to get to know the members of other Contingents.

## 57TH CONTINGENT, SWEDCIVPOL



Insp Sjöberg



Insp Fockman

The 57th Contingent of SWEDCIVPOL (Swedish Civilian Police) arrived at Larnaca Airport on 8 October 1990. The Contingent consists of 18 Police Officers, commanded by Ch Supt Håkan Thelin.

The HQ is situated in Camp Flamingo in southern Larnaca. SWEDCIVPOL is responsible for civilian police duties within Sector Four, and apart from the Austrian Contingent, they co-operate with the Cypriot police authorities on both sides. Patrolling is carried out between Athienou and Dherinia, occasionally dealing with hunters in the Buffer Zone. Pensions are delivered to Greek Cypriots living in the Karpas area, and SWEDCIVPOL also assist the local police in various matters, i.e. death investigations.

In Pyla, SWEDCIVPOL has a sub-station manned on a 24-hour basis. Pyla is located within the Buffer Zone, approximately 13 km north east of Larnaca, and is unique in that the village has a mixed population from both communities. Apart from patrolling in this Buffer Zone area, SWEDCIVPOL co-ordinate with the two mukhtars on problems such as the electricity supply, the telephone network and various local matters. A good rapport is very important!



Insp Nord



The 57th Contingent of SWEDCIVPOL will return to Sweden towards the end of April, after a very enjoyable tour.



Congratulations go to Sally Kyriakides of the Finance Section for the winning caption of the photograph featured in last month's magazine.

If you can think of an appropriate caption for this month, please let us know by Thursday 18 April. Anonymous entries will be accepted!

The MPIO's office is located opposite the main entrance to HQ UNFICYP at Blue Beret Camp, telephone extension 2235.

## QUOTE ...



## ... UNQUOTE



## en passant...

If you have any information you would like to see published in this section please telephone extension 2235 by 15 April 1991.

### VIP VISITORS TO UNFICYP IN FEBRUARY 1991

Maj Gen Jørgen Lyng  
Danish Chief of Defence Staff

### FAREWELL TO:

Maj B Lauritzen  
(SO2 Pers/Mov & LO/DANCON)

Sqn Ldr B Bickers  
(ALO)

Lt Mike Purcell  
(OC Radio Tp/Sig Sqn)

WO1 Hannes Holek  
(CC Ops)

Mrs Joanna Davis  
(Data Processor)

Cpl Simon Williams  
(RCT, AUSTCIVPOL MTO)

### WELCOME TO:

Maj J Honnerup  
(SO2 Pers/Mov, & LO/DANCON)

Fit Lt Phil Walsh  
(ALO)

Lt Walter Wood  
(OC Radio Tp/Sig Sqn)

Lt Mike Sox  
(JOC D04)

WO2 Werner Muller  
(CC Ops)

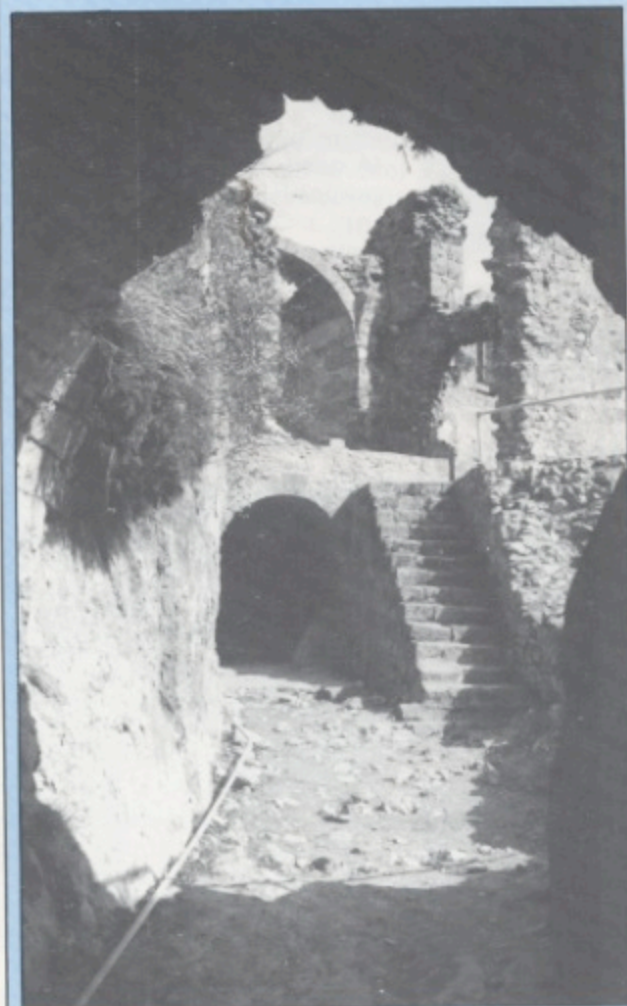
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## CONGRATULATIONS

The Commanding Officer of Sp Regt, Lt Col J Smedley, congratulates Sgt Norrie on his excellent grading and achieving first place on the Royal Signals Riggers Short Course, held at RAF Digby over the period 070191-010291.



## UN 10KM ROAD RACE

The UN 10 km road race was held in Nicosia on Wed 13 Feb 91 with 121 men and 9 ladies competing. It was a fast course, with some very creditable times being achieved. Individual results are as follows:

### Mens

1. Pte Knudsen	31m 52s
2. Cpl Kellaway	31m 08s
3. WO2 Hough	32m 13s

### Ladies

1. Cpl Cooper	38m 58s
2. Mrs Payne	40m 33s
3. Mrs Bennett	41m 36s

Pictured is the winning entry to the Photographic Competition, submitted by Sgt Liz Harrison from AUSTCIVPOL. It is a very fine shot, taken in St Hilarion Castle. Sgt Harrison wins two rolls of colour film.

Entries for next month's Competition should arrive at the MPIO's office by 18 April 1991. Any number of photographs may be submitted in the same month. The rules for this competition are set out on page 4 of the February 1991 edition.