

THE Blue Beret

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VISIT OF MAJ GEN TW DE FAYE

A recent CANCON VIP visitor to UNFICYP was Maj Gen TW De Faye, who is Commander Land Forces Western Area in Canada.

During this visit to 1 Regt RCHA, he paid a courtesy call on FC UNFICYP, Maj Gen MF Minehane.



CANCON PRESENTS LOCAL SCHOOL WITH BICYCLES

by Capt J Fortoloczky

Prior to their departure, 1 RCHA presented the Paphos Gate Convent School with 12 bicycles as part of the Sector's on-going humanitarian effort. Padre Marche led the venture, which included refurbishing the bicycles which have been sitting idle since 1974.

The Maintenance Section of Adm Bty did a remarkable job with restoration, and the bicycles were then delivered. Congratulations on a job well done.



From the left: Gnr BJ Short, MCpl JRL Pelletier, Cpl DA MacFarlane and Cpl JV Smith stand among staff from the Paphos Gate Convent School during the presentation ceremony.

SWEDCIVPOL MEDAL PARADE



Lt Meisthuber, from the Austrian Contingent, plays for SWEDCIVPOL and the spectators before the arrival of the Force Commander.

The Swedish Commander receiving his medal. Next to the Commander are HQ clerks Nisse Danielsson and Anne Lundberg. Anna Björkén assisted the Force Commander during the ceremony.

SWEDCIVPOL held their Medal Parade at the Castle Hotel, Larnaca, on Friday 5 February 1993. The Force Commander distributed 13 medals to members of the Contingent.

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SWEDCIVPOL
on duty in Pyla
by S/Sgt Phil Cadman

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EDITORIAL

Throughout its time in Cyprus, UNFICYP has provided soldiers, policemen and civilians from a great many countries with a special challenge in an interesting environment. This is so whether we come to this UN mission as peace-keepers, peace-makers or supporting administrative civilian personnel. Each individual's personal experience here forms their views on the island's problems, culture and people in addition to providing an insight into the modus operandi and problems facing UNFICYP.

Numerous members of the Force have benefitted from this process. Indeed, a significant percentage have done so on a great many occasions, returning to the island again and again to work with UNFICYP.

An Australian member of UNCIVPOL has experienced this cycle of events in common with many other UNFICYP veterans, but has added an unusual dimension by returning to Cyprus to work here in a local village accompanied by his wife and young family. Sgt Wally Edwards, having served with AUSTCIVPOL in 1983 and 1985, sought leave of absence from the Australian Federal Police authorities and in 1990 came to live for one year in Mammari. His unusual story features in this issue.

Can any member of the Force, past or present, offer a wider range of personal experience and direct involvement with the island?

If you can, then the Blue Beret would like to hear from you.

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AUSTRALIA DAY



Geoff Hazel, demonstrating how the bush dance should be done

On 26 January, the Australian Civilian Police Contingent celebrated Australia Day by hosting a traditional Bush Dance. The venue at St Michael's School Hall in the UNPA accommodated some 200 guests, who were treated to an assortment of Australiana throughout the evening.

With a large demand for the Australian Beer "Victoria Bitter", a mercy run for more supplies was carried out early in the evening. Mingled amongst the gum trees, the hay bales and straw,

the large crowd participated in a number of Australian bush dances, all of which were demonstrated in advance by Caroline and Peter Wilde, ably supported by Fergus Bushell, IRCON, the caller for the evening. He performed this task with the greatest of ease and kept the guests on their toes throughout.

Topped with a fresh serving of kangaroo stew, koala casserole and crocodile creole, it was a good family night which resulted in a successful Australia Day 1993.



The young and old all join in!

AUSTCIVPOL MEDAL PRESENTATION

On Friday 15 January, the members of the 37th Contingent received their United Nations peace-keeping medal. The evening presentation took place in the grounds of the Ledra Palace.

The Force Commander presented the Contingent



The FC presenting Sgt Brian Whinnen with his UN Medal



The FC presenting Sgt J Bellicanta with his UN Medal

with their medals, after which a reception was held in the WOs' Mess.

A special guest at the presentation was the Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator Gareth Evans.



6' NOT OUT

by Sgt Jamey Bellicanta

Station Sergeant Robert Brian Edwards, perhaps better known as Wally Edwards, first arrived on the island of Cyprus as a Sergeant in 1983 for a one-year tour of duty with UNFICYP.

In 1985, he returned to the island with his family for another year, during which he was the Humanitarian Officer as Senior Sergeant.

Following this tour, he returned to policing in Australia's capital, Canberra, and for the next four years, he toyed with the idea of returning to experience Cyprus from the "village life" as opposed to his previous UN perspective. His family, not being strangers to the island, were very supportive of the idea which eventually came to fruition in 1990.

In January 1990, Wally took 12 months' long service leave from the Australian Federal Police and returned to Cyprus, taking up residence in the village of Mammari. He had developed a number of contacts in the village and through this he assimilated easily into village life. His two daughters, Tania (14 years then), and Lauren (9 years) attended the American Academy in Nicosia.

Wally's first job in the village was at a local flower farm, maintaining roses, carnations, chrysanthemums and gladioli. He was employed in the hot houses, harvesting the flowers in a manner he describes as the 'Sir Les Patterson style' of cultivation. This was a job which was to last three months.

Following on from this he undertook a number of jobs, the principal one being in the local tannery operating fleshing machines. He was also involved in a partnership with a local Mammari personality in a small vegetable market garden. This job also kept him very busy. A typical day would start at 5.00 am - for all the family. "I would attend the market garden from 6.00 - 8.00 am. After short break at the local Mammari coffee shop, it was on to the tannery until 4.00 p.m. Following work at the tannery, back to the coffee shop for a refreshing beer or two.

After a short break I would then attend the market garden with my partner until 8.00 pm. Once completing duties at the garden, it was back to the local for another beer before returning home". This routine was common to most of the village, with many locals working two jobs and very long hours.

"The village people were very helpful and hospitable; many a time we accompanied them

on picnics and outings. Nothing proved too difficult for them. We also attended local soccer matches, weddings and feasts". He recounts how the village became 'possessive' in the sense that if he had any problem or required any type of service and did not seek their assistance in the first instance, they would be offended.

"As a 'villager', I had contact with the UN pass control office, joined the queue of local people applying for a UNPA transit pass and awaited my interview. Many of the locals found this amusing, but none more than I, as on my 1985 tour, I was the UNPA Pass Control Officer!"

His wife Judy was kept busy with the children and normal household duties, but still found time to participate in village activities, often struck with the very obvious contrasts with Australian life. His two girls also enjoyed their stay and made many friends within the village. Of course they picked up some Greek and some European pronunciations for their "Australian".



Sgt Wally Edwards on patrol overlooking Mammari Village

In summary, he concludes "that all in all, it was a very busy and enjoyable experience. We were guests in another country, living with a different language, customs, ideas, values, lifestyles and beliefs".

Asked if he would do it all again, he replies "Yeah, not a problem!"

At present, Wally is based at the AUSTCIVPOL Peristerona Station. He arrived in Cyprus in March 1992 with the 36th Contingent and is currently serving on his sixth tour of duty. He will be leaving soon for the shores of sunny Australia.

CANCON NEWS

2ND REGIMENT, ROYAL CANADIAN HORSE ARTILLERY



2 RCHA, who recently took over command of Sector Three from 1 RCHA, was formed in Shilo on 7 August 1950 for United Nations service in Korea. It consisted of D, E and F Btys and RHQ, and was equipped with the 25 pounder gun.

2 RCHA arrived in Korea and fired its first rounds in action on 17 May 1951. During its year in Korea, 2 RCHA fired close to 300,000 rounds as part of 25 CIB and, later, 1 Commonwealth Division Artillery. Five soldiers were killed in Korea and 31 received bravery or meritorious service decorations.

On return to Canada in 1952, the Regiment was stationed at Fort Osborne Barracks in Winnipeg. In June 1953, it provided the Sovereign's Escort at Queen Elizabeth's Coronation. Later that year it deployed to Germany for NATO service with 1 CIBG.

2 RCHA returned to Winnipeg in 1955 where it remained until January 1964. During this period

it was reorganised and re-equipped and in 1964, it returned on NATO duty to Fort Prince of Wales in Germany. In 1956, its 25 pounders were replaced by the 105mm CI, and Y Bty's 4.2 mortars were replaced with the 155mm M114 towed Howitzer. Z Bty, with the M114, was attached to 2 RCHA from 1957 to 1964. In 1958, T Bty was formed as the Regiment's locating battery, and Y Bty was disbanded. On completion of its Germany tour in 1967, 2 RCHA moved to Gagetown with other btys and subsequently to Petawawa. The Regiment received the Freedom of the City of Kingston in 1983, and of Cobourg in 1987. The Regiment served in Cyprus from September 1985 to March 1986.

Since 2 RCHA's formation in 1950, change has been a constant factor in its history. The Regiment has served on three continents, in peace and in war. Its organization has grown and shrunk. While largely a field artillery Regiment, it has also had locating and air defence btys, using a wide range of equipment and guns.

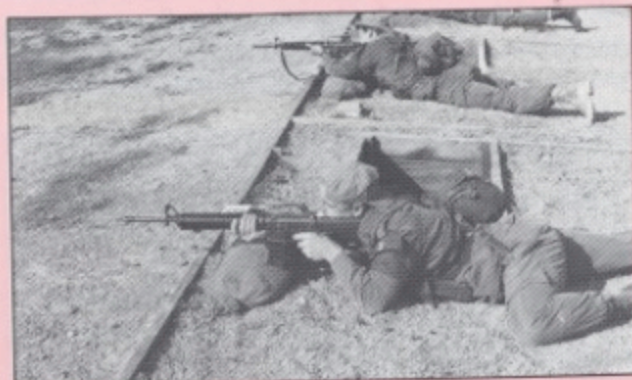
Most of all, 2 RCHA has shown the flexibility and professionalism needed to respond to these changes. It has always been a superior Regiment. It will always be "Second to None".



CITY BATTERY AND RECCE TROOP PERFORM SMALL ARMS TRAINING

The Dhekalia small arms ranges were home to troops from City Bty and Recce Tp in January, when soldiers had the opportunity to exercise on their personal and crew served weapons. These included the C-7 rifle, C-9 light machine gun and the 7.62 mm general purpose machine gun.

Of course, with the soldiers coming from different batteries, there were numerous competitions. Recce Tp clearly dominated these contests, with City Bty winning one falling plate contest.



The Firing Line featuring Gnr BC Embro of City Bty



MBdr WD MacLean coaches Bdr JW Robb of City Bty on the C-9 light machine gun.



Bdr RG Schnarr shows the confidence and skill at arms necessary to be part of Recce Troop.



CANCON NEWS

VISITORS TO SECTOR THREE

SECTOR THREE HOSTS COMMANDER LAND FORCES WESTERN AREA



MGen TW De Faye discusses OP work with Bdr SA Fletcher (centre) while LCol MD Capstick (left) looks on

1 RCHA are part of Land Forces Western Area (LFWA) and is thus under command of Major-General TW De Faye. In January he made trips to Germany, Croatia and Cyprus to visit units and soldiers of his command presently on peace-keeping duties.

Within LFWA there are three major units (1 RCHA, 3PPCLI and 1 CER) along with numerous reserve personnel serving around the world. During a dinner, at which he was a guest of honour, he referred to the 4,000 Canadian soldiers currently serving on peace-keeping missions.

MGen De Faye spent only three days in Cyprus, but made time to meet with and talk to as many Canadian soldiers as possible before their handover to 2 RCHA.

January offered no respite for Sector Three by way of visitors. 1 RCHA were honoured to host the Honourable Lee Clark, MP for Brandon-Souris. He was accompanied by his wife Barbara on this fact-finding trip. Mr Clark holds the seat in Canada's Federal Parliament, representing an area in the Province of Manitoba which includes Canadian Forces Base Shilo, the Regiment's home station.

Each Battery took the visitors through their respective areas of responsibility. The Clarks were especially interested in the militia personnel, as many of them come from the city of Brandon.

Mr Clark expressed his pride in Canadian peace-keepers, but especially in 1 RCHA, with whom he has had a long and pleasant association.

MEMBER OF CANADIAN PARLIAMENT VISITS CANCON



Gnr RC Pethick welcomes the Honourable Lee Clark, MP and wife to OP C-45. Lt JB Hansen looks on.



BRIGADIER-GENERAL BW ASHTON VISITS 1 RCHA

BGen BW Ashton commands the 1st Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group (1 CMBG) of which 1 RCHA forms the artillery component.

Not long before the Regiment's tour came to an end, BGen Ashton paid them a visit here in Cyprus. He was hosted by all four Batteries and spent considerable time touring the BZ and meeting soldiers.



Gnr CA Ross discussed some of the finer points of postal delivery with BGen BW Ashton

Articles by Capt J Fortoloczky

AUSCON ATHLETES AT CAIRO MARATHON

Friday 22 January in Cairo was an ideal day for a marathon race: the weather was cloudy, but not too cold.

However at the end of this run, the participating Austrians, Maj Kraus, WO1 Grutzmacher, Sgt Begusch, Sgt Schrottenbach and L/Cpl Schabus were really angry. The run was totally disorganized and Sector Four's best runner, Leo Schrottenbach, was misdirected to the 10 km lap around the pyramids of Giza instead of the right way to the excavations of Sakkara. Because of that mistake, he missed the turn for the second half of the marathon. The winner's time of 2 hrs 55 mins was slower than Schrottenbach's usual time, and he was very disappointed to have missed the possibility of a win. His



The Austrians participating in the Cairo Marathon:
From the left: Maj Kraus, WO1 Grutzmacher, L/Cpl Schabus, "Coach" Lt Col Wildberger, Sgt Begusch and Sgt Schrottenbach as well as Capt Walzl from AUSBATT/UNDOF.

consolation was coming fourth in the 10km race.

For the others, however, the run was an extraordinary adventure, running almost 43 km, passing the famous pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx, along the dusty Nile canal and afterwards through the desert to the excavations of Sakkara - and the whole way back to Cairo. From time to time their speed had to be minimized, due to "traffic jams" caused by camels, water buffalos and donkeys. Children, at first friendly, threw stones at the athletes

on their way back, maybe because they didn't receive any "bakshish". The last 2 km were hell: this was the part from the Sphinx to the finish line - uphill all the way.

By this time, legs started to feel like lead and every step was torture. Happy and proud, the UNFICYP Austrians passed the line with only one casualty. The results were not bad at all: Sgt Begusch came in 24th, WO1 Grutzmacher came in 29th and Maj Kraus came in 33rd.



BIRTHDAYS IN SWEDCIVPOL

by Sgt Per Jystrand

It is not always in a Swede's best interests to live by the sea, as it is customary for members of SWEDCIVPOL to soak people (with water!) in many different ways on their birthday. Anything can be used, eg hoses, water pistols and buckets of water. You just have to end up wet, as can be seen from the photos...

Commander Kent Robert (right) recently celebrated his birthday. After a 15 minute jog, he was "helped" by his colleagues to take a quick dip in the Mediterranean...

Lennart Kron and Per Jystrand (left), who had a joint birthday



celebration, were taken by surprise when Stefan Ulsson, helped by Lena Frylemo, caught both of them with a bucket of water, thrown from the balcony above.

SECTOR FOUR NEWS

"DREI KÖNIGS"-DIVING

cold waters. The spectators could see both the lights of the tree as it sank, and also the lights of the divers.

After approximately 20 minutes of battling with the waves and current, the divers emerged from the water exhausted. It was impressive to watch the lights glowing in the sea. Climbing up to the OP again, everybody received a welcome glass of "Gluhwein" (a warm wine with different spices), making the ceremony an enjoyable one for all participants, both divers and spectators alike.



Chaplain E Faktor during the Church service on the cliffs

Early in the new year the Austrians celebrate the feast of the "Heiligen Drei Konige" (the Holy Three Kings). A tradition has also evolved on that day for diving clubs to sink a Christmas tree to commemorate those who have died while diving.

The ASC (AUSCON Sports Club) Diving Section decided to uphold this tradition at OP A-28. The combination of high winds, rough seas and strong currents presented major problems to the divers. After changing into their diving suits, the divers had a short briefing and then they entered the



Capt F Wanka preparing the equipment.



The diving team on their way into the sea.

BIRTHDAYS IN AUSCON

Recently we took the opportunity to celebrate the birthday of our Quartermaster, Capt G Kettler, and our Field Post Master, G Meisthuber, as well as Lt G Liko, a PI Ldr of 1 Coy.

We passed a very enjoyable evening in the Officers' Mess with good company, excellent food and, of course, cakes. Needless to say our "Posti", as we call him, showed his talent on the violin. He calls this instrument his "favourite girlfriend". At first, he played some classical pieces, then he changed

to his favourite music, country and western. The Field Post Master is a real artist and everyone enjoyed listening to him. He also received offers to play during several other celebrations.

Later on, the two Gerhards, the Field Post Master and the Quartermaster who share the same first name, cut the birthday cake. The party lasted until the early hours...



Gerhard and Gerhard cutting the cake

Articles by Capt F Wanka

PYLA AND THE PYLA PLATOON

by Capt H Steiner, PI Ldr



Sgt Lenz on duty at AS-03



Capt H Steiner (PI Ldr in Pyla) and S/Sgt Durkowitz during a terrain briefing at OP AS-18.

The area of responsibility for the Pyla Platoon stretches from the ESBA of Dhekelia to the Karavous pass in the west, i.e. 11 km as the crow flies. Overall, the Platoon is responsible for 35 square kilometers and two populated villages, Pyla and Troulli.

In fact, Pyla is the only mixed village in the Buffer Zone accessible to both communities. Each community has its own coffee shop in the village main square, where the inhabitants can sit and drink their coffee. In addition to its military roles, UNFICYP's concerns in Pyla are to oversee the peaceful and harmonious co-existence of the two communities. Problems must be dealt with very quickly and at the lowest practical level, ever conscious of the political repercussions created by any problems in this village.

Apart from this sensitive location, the Platoon area extends along the line to OPT AS-20 which overlooks the village itself. Vehicle patrols visit here regularly.

To the west we find OP AS-18 on an elevation of 200m above sea level, well known as the "Edelweissshutte". Due to its high location, the Section on OP duty is able to oversee both the Pyla plateau and the village of Troulli.

200m north of Troulli village is another OP, AS-03. Then we have the Karavous Pass, 3 km west of Troulli. This is also another sensitive area, due to the proximity of the opposing cease fire lines.

In the general Troulli area, the Austrian Contingent has been successful in the past by meeting the requests of the Troulli villagers to permit the extension of areas being farmed. Known now as the Farming Security Line, this area is a good indication of UNAB's commitment to the UN's effort to seek a return to normal conditions.

GOOD PR

by Sgt Per Jystrand

One of SWEDCIVPOL's Duty Officers, Tommy Lofqvist (right), alias "the Onion", missed the life he led on the island of Gotland where he had contact with the general public while conducting radio shows and meetings.

So as not to lose touch with this, he has started up an information service during his off-duty hours for the benefit of Swedish tourists visiting the island. He lectures about the United Nations' role in Cyprus and specifically the work of SWEDCIVPOL. He has held meetings in Limassol, Larnaca and Ayia Napa, which have all been well supported and very much appreciated.



THE RE DET

by Sgt Joe McLaughlin

Come day or night, rain or shine, at least one member of the RE Det of Support Regiment is always at hand to answer emergency calls. This person is the Duty Engineer who can be called out to fix anything from a blocked drain to a blown fuse. If the Duty Engineer can't solve the problem, he will invariably pass it on to the tradesman to whom it concerns. If it is not sorted out that day, then it usually gets done the next.



Christakis Toumbas and Sgt Joe MacLaughlin in the sign-writing shop

The Carpentry Section of the Detachment has wide ranging responsibilities and is made up of one military 'chippie', Spr Rick Glover and two civilians, Andreas and Theo.

Cpl 'Morph' Moreby and civilian Evgeny are in charge of blocked drains, leaking taps and all aspects of metal working.

One of the busiest RE Det sections here is the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Section. L/Cpl Sully O'Sullivan, Sammy, Costakis and Nicos deal with the air conditioners and fridges. Also in the HVAC Section are Houssein and Emillios who concentrate on gas fitting. The Section is responsible for all the HVAC jobs on the line and supports all contingents.

Spr Matt Marshall and Christakis make up the painters. Matt's job description is: "If it stands still, he paints it!"



"Wot, no beer?" The Sullymonster (L/Cpl O'Sullivan) and the Sheriff (Spr Marshall), both bluffing

However, Christakis (left) is also a superb signwriter.

The bricklayers, Cpl "Dist" Diston and Hambis, have two labourers, George and Kibros to help them. One of their recent jobs has been the building of the manholes for the new drainage system in Jubilee Camp.



The RE Det Carpenters at Work: Spr Rick Glover, Andreas Christou and Theo Georgiou.

The small team of electricians consists of Spr Eddie Edwards, Spr Richie Vowles and civilians Ali and Ponti. Their job covers every aspect of that trade!

Finally, of course, we have the management who in fact are the whipcrackers. They are S/Sgt 'Van Damne' Casey, Clerk of Works Mechanical, whose job is the general day-to-day running of the Det. His

civilian counterpart is Tony, Foreman at Trades, who keeps an eye on the civilian tradesmen.

I (Sgt Joe McLaughlin) cover the resources side of the Det, and the worries and admin of the guys are also my problem. Working with me is Phivos, the



Cpl Morph Moreby plumbing in a hot water system

storeman, who is tasked with trying to beg, borrow or steal the kit we need to keep the Det moving!

The Force Engineer, Major Worrall, and the Force Engineer Warrant Officer, WO1 Rooney, work with HQ UNFICYP and, amongst other things, find tasks for us to carry out...

With so few members, it's no wonder our motto is 'UBIQUE'.



Evgeny Psillouras manufacturing a boiler manifold

SECTOR TWO NEWS



LAD REME - SECTOR TWO

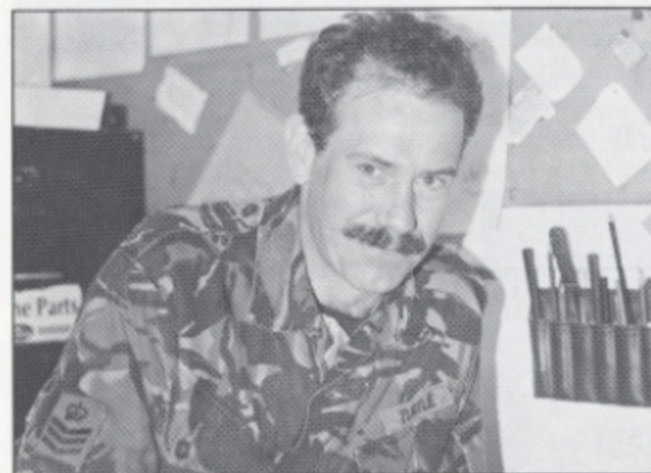


by S/Sgt G Turtle, LAD REME



Cfn Smith, getting dirty

Following the departure of DANCON in Dec 92, there was a change in the role of BRITCON line troops. With the same number of men as the previous tour, they took on the task of manning both Sectors One and Two.



S/Sgt (Tiffy) Turtle

This placed considerable strain on what was already a heavy workload. The tasks of maintaining the vehicles that patrol the Buffer Zone, local modifications and the repair of all plant equipment, all fall on the shoulders of 14 members of the QRIH LAD, the majority of whom are based in Viking Camp, Xeros.

When the Danes finally vacated the camp, we set about establishing a new LAD in the empty DANCON workshop. This proved to be a mammoth task, necessitating frequent trips back to St David's Camp to collect the essentials required for first line repair of 'B' vehicles.



Cfn Simmons (below) and Tpr Carpenter (standing)

In this mission, all of us, whatever our trade, are confronted with equipment which we will probably never see again. Some of it even dates back to the early 50s. This presents a challenge to the accident repair and recovery tasks. Jobs that would normally be second line repair are regularly taken on by us, testing our trade skills to the utmost.

The line troops cannot operate without vehicles, and it is thanks to the time and commitment from the vehicle mechanics and other trades that the Regiment can carry out its UN tasking to the full.

Cfn M Galley, trying not to get dirty



SECTOR TWO NEWS



MT TROOP

by WO2 M Smith, MTWO, QRIH



Sector Two is now a larger area than heretofore and its increase in size has also extended the supply routes with consequential problems for the MT Troop, Sector Two.

In order to cover the whole area, MT has been split into three parts situated in Xeros, Skouriotissa and St David's Camp.

Adjusting to work in Cyprus, having previously worked in England and/or Germany, has been hard for the drivers. The difficulties can be attributed to many factors, but primarily to other road users,



Cpl Hamilton, MT SDC

inclement weather, poor roads and even poorer tracks. Many of the Western Squadron's OPs tend to become inaccessible after heavy rains, owing to the danger of the tracks when wet.

One of MT's overall responsibilities is road safety and consequently to ensure that all drivers are aware of the state of the tracks before setting out in their vehicles. To achieve this, a "traffic light" system has been put into operation whereby drivers may use a track if it is reported to be "green", must exercise caution if it is "amber", and are prohibited from using it when "red". This seems to work very well, but it is always the older soldier who adjusts slowest to the road conditions (please take note, RSM!)

We have now found our feet for this UN tour and hope not only to achieve our task of supporting the line squadrons, but also to further our own vehicle training and obtain a Class I licence for HGV drivers.

We thank 5 Heavy Regt RA for the handover and Sp Regt for all the help that they have given us to date, not forgetting Sgt Paul Bartsch in the Logistics Branch who has been most generous in helping us to learn our job and to obtain more transport when necessary.

Thanks also to all our friends in the UNPA. This should be a good tour for us, but only with their continued help and guidance.



L/Cpl Miller and Tpr Crookshank, MT SDC

LT COL AN BELLAMY
QRIH
CO SECTOR TWO

Lt Col Bellamy was commissioned into the Queen's Royal Irish Hussars in 1973. Apart from three years spent reading history at Durham University, he served at Regimental Duty as an armoured troop leader and battle captain until 1980 when he became Adjutant. There followed two years as a staff officer in ASD (2) at the Ministry of Defence, before attending the Army Staff Course at Camberley. He returned to Regimental Duty in 1986 as an armoured squadron leader, before joining the British Army Training Unit at Suffield, Canada as SO2 TAG/OPS. From 1989 to 1990, he conducted the Operational Effectiveness Study at the Ministry of Defence. Subsequently he spent a year as an instructor at the Army Staff College, before assuming command of the Queen's Royal Irish Hussars in December 1991.

Lt Coll Bellamy is married with two children and his wife is expecting their third child.



LARNACA MP DETACHMENT - THE END OF AN ERA

by Cpl RJ Chambers



The MP Detachment Larnaca closed its doors for business on 21 Jan 93. This is another end of an era in UNFICYP. It was a sad event for those who had worked there.

Historically, Larnaca Detachment has existed for almost as long as the UN Peace-keeping Forces' presence in Cyprus.

Larnaca Detachment was for many years located in the heart of Larnaca, but later moved into Camp Victoria, after the Swedish Contingent left. Since then, the Detachment has been responsible for providing security support for the UN Air Head in conjunction



Cpl Chambers completes his last report in chaos



UN MPs - Load Masters?

with search dogs from RAF Akrotiri.

The Detachment has also been responsible for conducting disciplinary patrols and investigations in cooperation with the RMP, SWEDCIVPOL and CYPOL in the Larnaca and Limassol areas.

UN MP coverage for this area will in future be carried out by the Nicosia Detachment. The removal of all the equipment from Larnaca Detachment gave the appearance of a withdrawal, but members of UNFICYP are assured that we shall be there as always, whenever needed.

SGT DAVE WRIGHT - Ordnance Detachment

Sgt Dave Wright joined the Army in January 1978. He has seen service in UK, Germany, Hong Kong, Cyprus and the Falkland Islands. He is married to Jackie and they have two boys, Daniel and Christopher.

Dave is one of the top runners on the Island. He has been a serious runner since October 1987. He was at this time with FOD Dulmen in Germany. It was with this unit that he was awarded his Corps Colours and represented the Army.

Since his arrival on the island in October 91, Dave has made his mark on the running scene with many impressive achievements. It should be noted that Dave is currently the Army Cross-Country Champion (Cyprus). In addition, he recently won the UNFICYP Cross-Country Competition, and also the Cyprus Marathon which took place on 21 February 1993, setting a new Cyprus record of 2 hrs 26 mins.

Well done, Dave!



Sgt Dave Wright finishing the Army Championship

REME INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT

by Sgt N Perrett

The Inspections Department of the UNFICYP Workshop initiates the processing of all work for the Workshop. Vehicles requiring work are brought to us by the user and inspected to ascertain the reason for the fault. The vehicle is then passed on to the main Workshop hangar with a list of jobs required.

We undertake Rotation PRE Inspections for Sector Two, and the three-monthly inspections of Support Regiment vehicles, together with the checking of all the vehicles to be backloaded to Akrotiri.

Sgt Nev Perrett is the SNCO in charge of the Inspections Department, having been detached from his parent unit, LAD, 4 RTR in Osnabruck, Germany.

Cpl Norman Smith is the 2i/c as well as the stand in for "Mr Astra". He is on a six month tour, having been detached from 7 Armd Wksp, Fallingbostal.

We also have two local civilian inspectors.



From the left: Cpl "Smudge" Smith, Mr Ibrahim Hashmet, Mr Panayiotis Ellinas and Sgt Nev Perrett.

Mr Ibrahim Hashmet has been with the UN Workshop since 1966, having transferred from 48 Command Workshop in Dhekelia. He has been part of the Inspections Dept since 1978.

Mr Panayiotis Ellinas has been working for the British Army since 1958. He too started at the Dhekelia Workshop, transferring to the UN Workshop in 1971 and has been part of Inspections since 1986.

UNFICYP TPT SQN

by L/Cpl Sue Turner

1 Sqn RCT, the UNFICYP Tpt Sqn, have now settled themselves in for a further six months serving in the United Nations. 33 members of the Sqn, many of them on their first tour, flew out in the middle of January to join the 'old timers'. The Sqn strength has been reduced by almost 50%, so their tour should prove to be quite demanding. However, we believe in the motto "work hard, play hard" and have already got a number of the Sqn involved in activities such as skiing and sub aqua.

Despite the turmoil of change, the Sqn football team have gone from strength to strength. They are currently the ESBA MUFL Challenge Cup winners, the Carlsberg Challenge Trophy winners and the UNFICYP League Champions.



Standing: Steve Batty, John Birchall, Kev Robertson, Laurie Tripp, Ronnie Biggins, Stan Boardman, Paul Fletcher. Kneeling: Lee Casey, John Jackson, Dean Morgan, Mick Ingham, Steve Jones, Jim McDaid, Kev Bird.

THE MAMMARI COFFEE SHOP

Wally Edwards talks over old times with Mammari residents. See article on page 5.