ANZAC DAY

Over 100 members of the UN attended the Dawn Service at Wayne's Keep, organised by the AUSTOVIPOL Contingent. Later a gunfire breakfast was served at the AUSTOVIPOL Mess, where the traditional toast in Australian rum will long be remembered by the participants.

The two-up school held during the afternoon was well attended and many were introduced to the mysteries of the game. Although some left poorer in pocket, all left richer for the experience.

Members of the AUSTOVIPOL Contingent would like to thank the Force Commander and UN members for attending the ceremony. Special appreciation must go to the Reverends Hicks and Cable and also Father Guermeont for conducting the Dawn Service and to the Commanding Officer of 15/19 The King’s Royal Hussars for allowing a trumpeter to play the Last Post and Reveille at the ceremony.

LET SUMMER SMILES NOT TURN TO TEARS

At the beginning of April, on the last day of his tour, a Swedish policeman was taking his final dive on a SCUBA diving course. He had attended all the previous classes and thought he knew what he was doing. He was with his diving partner at a depth of 20 metres, when he noticed something even deeper and swam down for it. It was then that he realised he was too deep. Panic followed when he had a problem with his breathing apparatus. Unconscious, he was brought to the surface by his two instructors.

CONFIRMATION - A FAMILY AFFAIR

On Monday 27 April at St Columba’s Anglican Church in the UNPA, a service of Confirmation was held. The Rt Revd John Brown of the Diocese of the Gulf conducted the service, and is seen here (centre) with the candidates and two Padres who assisted him. Mrs Gill Howarth and her daughter Tracy were both confirmed in a very simple but moving ceremony. Our thanks are due to the Bishop, who has a very busy programme travelling around his most unusual and diverse Diocese.

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EDITORIAL

Special ceremonies and parades are very much a part of military life, because a soldier takes pride in the traditions and value these occasions represent and which he is also pledged to uphold. Service with the United Nations offers a unique opportunity to observe and participate in the ceremonial activity of other nations.

At this time of the year in UNFICYP, such occasions have again presented themselves in that a number of contingents celebrated their medal parades in the time-honoured tradition of their respective military forces. Each nation through its pomp and ceremony formally records another milestone in its evolving military tradition, namely the receipt of a medal for UN peace-keeping. The spectacle on these occasions is always impressive, and is matched in turn by the hospitality with which the guests are received and entertained. Such medal parades are worth recording for a variety of reasons, and not least because those trained for conflict are honoured for keeping the peace. It is almost as if the biblical wish for changing “Swords into ploughshares” was attainable.

Meanwhile, however, another recent UN ceremony provided a poignant reminder: if one is needed, of the consequences of the unbridled use of military might. This was the memorial service at Wayne’s Keep War Graves Cemetery on Anzac Day, 25 April. The simplicity of the dawn service, devoid of pomp and ceremony, impressed all participants and offered a grim reminder of the cost that the young nations of Australia and New Zealand paid to come of age in the cruel world of the 20th century.

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BRITCON MEDAL PARADE - 24 APRIL 1992

United Nations' medals for peace-keeping were presented to members of the British Contingent on Friday 24 April by the Force Commander, Maj Gen MF Minihane (his first Medal Parade as Force Commander). He was assisted by the Chief of Staff, Brigadier NL Frederik Lund and the Deputy Chief of Staff, Col P Resch at Nicosia International Airport. The Commander British Contingent, Lt Col JPG Stevens, RTR accompanied the FC throughout the parade, which was commanded by CO Sector Two (15/19 The King's Royal Hussars), Lt Col CH Braithwaite. Other troops on parade were 16/SL. The Queen's Royal Lancers. The parade was supported by Regimental Bands of 15/19H, the Quebec Band of the Queen's Regt and the band of 1st Bn, the Worcester and Sherwood Foresters (29th/45th Foot).

The Guard Party 15/19H commanded by WO1 (RSM) Newton.

Force Commander presenting Cpl Callaghan with a UN Medal. Next in line is Sgt Simmlow with Sg t Charles holding the Medal cushion (all of UNFICYP Support Regiment).

Maj Gen Minihane (Force Commander UNFICYP) accompanied by Lt Col Stevens (Commander BRITCON) and Lt Col Braithwaite (Parade Commander) inspecting No 2 Guard.

D Sign 16/SL commanded by Maj Ridley.

UNIFICYP FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP: 22-23 APRIL 1992

The winning team from Sp Regt

The runners-up from the UN MP Coy

For the first time since the inception of the football competition, neither of the teams in this final had been there before. Both Sp Regt and MP Coy were drawn in the same group for the early stages and fought a 0-0.

The prizes were presented by the DGOS, Col P Resch, to the well deserved winners and runners-up.

THE HIGHEST OBSERVATION POST IN CYPRUS

Situated 371 metres above sea level, OP D-12 is the highest UN OP in Cyprus. It is operated by C Coy, Sector One and is manned on a 24-hour basis by four men, who are on duty for two weeks at a time.

OP D-12 is in a very mountainous area, and when heavy rains fall, it is not unusual for the track leading up to the OP to become impassable on both sides. When the OP is isolated in conditions such as these, the parking area is then used as a helipad.

And all kinds of weather is just what is experienced at OP D-12. Last winter, the OP was covered by 30 cm of snow within 24 hours. It was cold but also nice, because it reminded us all of a good Danish winter!

The OP crew from 1 Platoon: (Top left) H Kristensen and SL Brusberg, (and bottom left) A Jensen and J Jensen

The OP looks more like a Norwegian mountain hut than an OP in Cyprus!

WEDDING IN LIMITIS CAMP
(C COY, DANCON)

On 16 March 1992, Pte Jens-Jacob Brix and his fiancée Jette Helene Larsen were married in C Coy, DANCON. The bride left her home in cold Denmark and travelled to Cyprus to be married under different skies.

Chaplain J Dølmer officiated at the ceremony, and everyone from C Coy who was not on duty attended the wedding, together with guests from B Coy and HQ Coy. The festivities which followed were in true C-Coy fashion, and all those present will remember this occasion for a long time to come!

UNIFICYP ATHLETICS COMPETITION 1992

The UNIFICYP individual and team Athletics Competition was held at the Mokarious Athletics Stadium, Nicosia on 28 April 1992. The event was sponsored by Support Regiment.

Performances were generally superior to last year, so it is hoped that this year, the UNIFICYP team will fare better in the Cyprus Services Athletics League (CSAL). The very closely fought team competition was, as always, decided on the relay events. The final results were:

1st: Support Regiment 56 points
2nd: Sector Two 55 points
3rd: Sector Three 50 points
4th: Sector One 43 points

The winning Support Regiment team with 5/Sgt Kim Parker holding the trophy.
SECTOR TWO NEWS

FOCUS ON G SQUADRON

This month’s Sector Two news focuses on G Squadron, the western sub-unit. They operate in the rural area west of Nicosia between Kokkinotrimithia and Astromeritis, and have the Danes of Sector One as their nearest neighbours. The Buffer Zone in their area is approximately 20 km long and varies between 2 km and 4 km wide. Because of this, they are kept busy with humanitarian issues and have daily contact with many farmers of both communities.

G Squadron is commanded by Major David Rutherford-Jones, and their Headquarters is at B-32, more commonly known as the “Box Factory.” As the name implies, B-32 used to be a fruit packing factory. It now houses G Squadron’s Headquarters and one sabre troop. Currently this is 3rd Troop, commanded by 2Lt Harry Chrisp and Sgt Thompson. Their main task is to provide G Squadron’s contribution to the Force Reserve.

The remaining two sabre troops live at the four OPs that cover G Squadron’s area. The Western Troop, currently Lt David Chubb, and S/Sgt Maguire’s 2nd Troop live at B-33 and B-35. The Eastern Troop lives at B-22 and B-24, and is led by Lt Tom Moon and Sgt Miller. B-24 is of interest because it is in Dhenia, one of the villages which lies inside the Buffer Zone. These two ‘line’ troops spend their days patrolling the CFLs and the farming land that lies between them. They also man the towers and OPs in their area, as well as providing the G Squadron Additional UN Reserve.

G Squadron was formed on 1 December 1991 by amalgamating C and D Squadrons, the 15th/19th The King’s Royal Hussars. These two Squadrons exercised in Canada during August 1991 and on return to Germany from Cyprus, they will convert to the armoured reconnaissance role in preparation for the Regiment’s amalgamation in December 1992.

L/Cpl Boll uses the locals

L/Cpl Donnelly with Mr Simadhiakos

25 YEARS’ SERVICE

On Tuesday 17 March, Gregoris Patsalides retired after almost 25 years of service with the UN. Gregoris began his service as a plumber working for the United Nations in Limassol in June 1967. In 1975, he moved up to Nicosia where he has lived in Kokkinotrimithia, serving UNIFCYP with his plumbing experience ever since.

To thank him for his many years of hard work, the Commanding Officer of Sector Two, Lt Col Braithwaite of the 15th/19th The King’s Royal Hussars, presented Gregoris Patsalides with a regimental plaque, a print and a long service diploma.

L/Cpl Boll and Tpr McTaggart with a wheelchair racer

WHEELCHAIR MARATHON

On Sunday 22 March, nine members of H Squadron removed their blue berets and put on running shoes and shorts to show another side of the UN.

The boys, all serving with the 15/19H in Sector Two, had volunteered to help in a 12 km wheelchair marathon in aid of the Kyrenia Rehabilitation Centre. The team consisted of Cpl Ray Jackson and Firth, L/Cpl Raymond, Baston and Hodgson and Tpr McTaggart, Johnson, Callaghan and Nunn.

The marathon started at the east of the city and, with the aid of a police escort and the threat of rain hanging over the Kyrenia mountains, the eight wheelchairs and runners headed back to Nicosia and the finish line at Kyrenia Gate. Even with a strong headwind, and a good soaking about halfway, the marathon was a complete success with many new friends being made.

SAILING IN CYPRUS

15th/19th The King’s Royal Hussars, serving with UNFICYP as the Sector Two Roulette Regiment, have made the most of the Mediterranean climate and have added an extra activity to the Adventure Training Programme - offshore sailing. The excellent conditions of prevailing winds and warm, clear waters allow a wonderful opportunity for Sector Two personnel to take part in an exhilarating activity.

This has all been made possible by the generous loan to 15/19 Hussars of the sailing yacht "Scudder", which is now based in Larnaca Marina. Scudder, a 32-foot sloop, skippered by Lt Piers McGinn, is owned by Lt McGinn’s father and is normally based in Nice, France. Lt McGinn and a crew of three sailed her to Cyprus last December amid varying weather from snow in southern Italy to storms in the Ionian Sea. Arriving in early January, Scudder is constantly in use, cruising the south coast of Cyprus as part of the Adventure Training Programme during the 15/19 Hussars’ tour with UNIFCYP.

The yacht “Scudder” in a snowstorm earlier this year
AUSCON was a popular location for recent VIP visits, especially Generals. General Philipp visited in early March, and another five Generals visited the Austrian Contingent over the following three weeks.

The first was General Majeoon, who was a founder member of the Austrian Armed Forces. During his career, he was responsible for the planning and organisation of the Ministry of Defence. He was accompanied by several high-ranking officers of the Military Complaints Department.

AUSCON was also visited by the FC UNDOF, General Miskef from Poland, who landed by helicopter at OP AS-20.

Another VIP was General Eckstein, responsible for personnel and leadership in the Ministry of Defence.

He was accompanied by several high-ranking officers of the Military Complaints Department.

The Engineer Platoon, located at HQ Sector Four in Fumagunl, has many tasks. These include the maintenance of electricity and other services, the upkeep of the soldiers' accommodation and the planning and construction of new buildings. Ongoing repairs of old buildings and material procurement are also the responsibility of our engineers. The Engineer Platoon of 29 all ranks is under the command of Lt Breitfuss, and the crafts represented include carpenters, electricians, bricklayers, plumbers and painters.

Platoon transport is provided by one heavy truck 12M1B and two Steyr 710 Pinzgauers.

These engineers have to cope with many special environmental conditions on the island, for example the problems associated with the great difference in temperature between summer and winter, the heavy rainfall and the drought season, thin walls without insulation, metal sheet or concrete roofs, exposed water resources and rusty water pipes as well as faulty electrical constructions - all these keep the engineers very busy.

To perform their many tasks over a wide area, they have driven over 2,900 km in three months. Most of these tasks have been of an emergency nature. Their major undertakings for the moment include the construction of an accommodation block at AUSCON HQ and the renovation of the old kitchen.

Meanwhile, they continue to be ready for any emergency.

An interesting event took place in the area of 1 Coy UNCAF. The Nicosia Motor Club routed its 9th International Tour of Cyprus Rally through Athienou and Troulli areas. On a sunny Saturday, 47 cars left Nicosia at two minute intervals on the 700 km long course. Only half the cars finished the competition on Sunday. Several members of the Austrian Contingent took an interest in this rally.

Two soldiers, M/Cpl Ernst Lercher and L/Cpl Karl-Heinz Burtscher, were equally enthusiastic about the race, but were uneasy at the idea of using their VW-Käfer. However, with the help of Cpl Markus Payer, they restored the car during the period December to March using every minute of their spare time, being well supported by Nicosia's company, located at OP A-14. In all, they reckon 250 hours' work was required to restore the car which M/Cpl Lercher intends to drive back to Austria at the end of his tour.

The new Coy Commander of HQ Coy is Maj. Elgius Adam who replaced Maj. Stangl. Born in Stylla in 1949, he has three women in his life - one 18-year-old, one 8-year-old and the woman he married 19 years ago. Maj Adam is on his first UN tour, which is a change from his job in Austria as a flying instructor. His sports interests include orienteering, and he is also a skiing instructor.

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FORCE SCOUT CAR SQUADRON NEWS

Now that the weather has improved, the patrol track has become much more manageable and less treacherous for the Scout Car Squadron. With the sun shining, numerous visits and outings have been undertaken, adventure training courses completed, and the Squadron personnel have made time for various sports and extra-curricular activities. One of these took place on 1 April, headed by Cpl Greenhill - the Inter Troop Go Kart Grand Prix.

The races took the form of relay with drivers changing over every five laps - this produced excitement and confusion in the pits, a quick swap being the name of the game.

The final was then upon us, the line up being the MT, Officers’ Mess, LAD and SNO teams. They drew for their cards and were then briefed. With an initial false start, they took off. It was a close race to the end, with first place being taken by the team from MT.

The day finished in true Grand Prix style, and we all look forward to testing our skills and nerves of steel in the next FSC Squadron Rally.

Chris, the Barber by Lt Alex Watson

Chris Nicolaiou, who has reached the ripe old age of 70, can proudly boast to have worked for 50 years with the British Army as one of their most greatly loved barbers. He can be seen, sitting in the sun outside his barber’s shop in PWG, in a finely starched white jacket, always ready to greet a soldier as he busies about his daily duties on camp.

One lunchtime, I entered Chris’s shop for a fresher and more summer cut for my Cyprus tour. As I entered the shop, Chris saluted smartly, placed my beret upon a hook and sat me down firmly in his chair. Carefully he shaved away all my locks and then raised his mirror to seek my approval. I was not permitted to leave until scented powders, oils and after shave were thoroughly applied. Soothed and ready for an afternoon’s work, I left Chris, but not before having been brushed down from head to toe.

Chris is a truly contented man. He told me how he used to give every British soldier a “short back and sides” during World War II. He has also had many and varied experiences with the British Army during 1955-59. He gladly recounts all this to those who have time to listen and to this day, he continues to soldier on, looking after the British Army personnel.

Sadly, his wife has just died so Chris is alone now. He has one son who works in the US and Britain, and a beaming smile spreads across his face when he talks about his 11-year-old grandson.

Many people may just walk by Chris, not realising what a wonderful and full life he has had. George, our cook, told me jokingly “he’s not a barber, he’s a butcher”. But Chris reassured me he has never had any complaints and he loves working with the UN. So if you ever see a well-groomed.

RAOC PETROLEUM DEPOT, UNPA

One of the variety of services the Ordnance Detachment provides is the supply of POL (Petrol, Oils and Lubricants) for the whole of UNICYP. About 200,000 litres of fuel is issued per month. This is carried out at the RAOC Petroleum Depot in the UNPA.

The fuel is delivered daily by drivers from the BCT Transport Squadron. This is done by using UBREs - Unit Bulk Refuelling Equipment. Basically, this is a large fuel tank mounted on the back of a four tonne vehicle.

Apart from their day-to-day employment in the Depot, other duties include the servicing and maintenance of all POL locations along the Buffer Zone. Sgt Del Pentland (who is responsible for the accounts) and Cpl Cox also conduct staff liaison visits to each of the sectors. The purpose of these visits is to ensure that operating procedures and safety precautions are adhered to, and they also provide an opportunity for giving advice about POL matters.

L/Cpl Simpson and Shire are both seen below in the POL Depot stockroom of fuel, after having spent several hours filling them using a multi-nozzle fuel dispenser.

The photograph above is not a baby competition! There has been a baby boom in the UNPA in recent months. The photograph shows, from left to right:

Eva with Phillip
Ginie with Mads
Verena with Leo
Sharon with Harry
Fiona with Natalie
Jan with Katie
Sharon with Gemma

(w/o) Maj Bill Wiseman, SSO Log, HQ UNICYP
(w/o) Capt Michael Wallin, Zic, UN MP Coy
(w/o Maj) Stefan Chevannes, LO NO
(w/o) Brian Clesham, COS, HQ BRITCON
(w/o) WO1 Ian Johnson, Pay Office, Sp Regt
(w/o) Sgt Dave Oliver, AV Tech, AAC Fit and
(w/o) Sgt Alan Brown, CC, Med Branch.

Unfortunately, Lynda and Danielle (w/o Alan Hook, AC Tech, AAC Fit) were unable to make the photo call, but Danielle, was not to be outdone - she is also pictured here (above right).

It is interesting to note that the officers’ wives produced boys and the SNCOs girls! But...
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NEWS FROM SECTOR THREE

CAMP BERGER, RURAL COY, SECTOR THREE

by Lt Richard Modlat

On 9 April 1917, the 22nd Battalion had the task of clearing a trench system 50 metres behind the first assaulting wave at the point of a bayonet. By the end of the day, Vimy Ridge was in Canadian hands.

This historical event represents one of the greatest battle honours for the 22nd Battalion during this world conflict: a conflict that took the lives of 950 Battalion personnel. A total of 5,909 men were rotated through the ranks of the Battalion which received numerous distinctions.

Therefore, at 0845 hours on 9 April 1992, 220 men of the Battalion marched from Wolseley Barracks to the Church of the Holy Cross in Nicosia, where those sacrifices were remembered.

On Thursday 9 April 1992, 3e R22eR, celebrated the anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge which took place in France during World War I. The Battle of Vimy has great significance for the people of Canada and indeed 3e R22eR, as it was one of the most important victories of the Canadian Expeditionary force in the great war. It symbolises to a large extent the sacrifices Canadians had to endure for their country to emerge as a true nation.

In 1917, the Royal 22nd Regiment, then called the 22nd Battalion, was part of the 2nd Canadian Corps which, on 9 April, launched an attack of 170,000 men, of whom 100,000 were Canadians, with the aim of capturing the Vimy Ridge. The British and French had tried and failed at three attempts in December 1914 and in the spring and autumn of 1915 to capture this strategically dominating feature, with the loss of 150,000 dead.

Maj Bouchard leads his Company from Wolseley Barracks.

CANADIAN FILM CREW VISIT SECTOR THREE

Between 17-23 March 1992, Sector Three hosted a visit by a Canadian film crew who were including the UNIFICO mission within an hour-long documentary on United Nations tasks involving Canadian Forces throughout the world.

The crew had already visited Israel, Lebanon and Egypt and after their stay with us, they visited El Salvador before their return to Canada. Later in the year, they are due to visit Yugoslavia.

The film crew was composed of English and French language directors, a photographer, a sound and camera man and a military escort. The visit proved to be a great success with each day involving 6-7 hours of filming.

Interviwers with members of the Battalion were conducted as well as a visit to battalion command post and a visit to the area of responsibility. The film proved a success and the presentation was an excellent success. The film crew went away very impressed with the Battalion and the spirit and the commitment of the personnel.

Photographer Bernie Sperro shoots an entirely natural and spontaneous pose of Sgt Belanger in front of an observation post.

Here, at observation post Holitsa, soldiers Boucher and Richard look to their left of arc. Je me souviens.
UN MP COY MEDAL PARADE
26 APRIL 1992

Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Sweden and the United Kingdom.
The MP Coy also has a security platoon under its operational control, which is made up of personnel from all four sectors.
The UN MP Coy provides support services to commanders at all levels within UNFICYP and throughout the island of Cyprus. It presently operates five Military Police detachments located in Aytos Napa, Famagusta, Larnaca, Nicosia and Xeros. It also has a five-man Special Investigation Section which is located within the Company HQ Element.

Pictured above is Maj Gen Mörner inspecting the UN MP Coy at its last UNFICYP Medal Parade. Accompanying Maj Gen Mörner is the Force Provost Marshal, Maj Paul Cloutier. The MPs featured are Cpl Ryan (RCON), WO1 Montenasson and Sg t Tysell (SWEDCON) and S/Sgt Pavlakas (FINCON) in the rear file.

A Brief History of the UN MP Coy

The UNFICYP MP Coy was first formed in 1964 and at that time was located in Wotley Barracks. However, in 1974, it moved to its present location.
It is a multi-national organisation and is comprised of two officers and 51 other ranks from Sweden.

SWEDISH HANDOVER

On 6 April at 1800 hours, the 59th Swedish Police Contingent handed over responsibility of SWEDCON to the 60th Contingent at Camp Flamingo in Larnaca. The Swedish Commander, Elias Johansson, and five Police Officers from the 59th Contingent are staying for an additional six months in Cyprus.

The six officers from 59th Contingent:
Top row, from the left: Owe Åberg, Lennart Malhem and Anders Johanson
Seated, from the left: Harris Kopisch, Elias Johansson and Kristian Kindberg.

The new Police Officers in SWEDCON's 60th Contingent:
Top row, from the left: Oyven Brodin, Leif Kervall, Stefan Olsson, Leif Engman, Stefan Lundh and Mats Johansson
Seated, from the left: Lena Frykman, Yvonne Larsson, Urban Arellson, Ulf Sjöqvist and Rainer Sundström.

ARRIVAL OF AUSTCIVPOL 36TH CONTINGENT

On Saturday 21 March, 11 members of the AUSTCIVPOL 36th Contingent arrived in Cyprus. Of this number, five had previously served in Cyprus.
Station Sergeant Lloyd Schmitt, currently working in Sector Three, was in the 19th Contingent. In Australia he has worked in many areas including training, personnel and Interpol.
Station Sergeant Robert (Wally) Edwards was in the 20th, 23rd and 24th Contingents. He is currently in charge of the Peristera Station which carries out duties in Sector One.
Station Sergeant Ray Carlin, who has worked in fraud and drug investigation in Sydney, was in Cyprus with the 25th Contingent in 1986. He is working in AUSTCIVPOL Headquaters.
Station Sergeant Clive Webster was last here in 1988 with the 28th Contingent. He has worked in various areas of the Australian Federal Police in Canberra and Western Australia.
Sergeant Tony Crown has worked on patrol and traffic duties in Canberra. He was last on the island in 1987 with the 27th Contingent.

Twenty years after his last overseas service, Superintendent Geoff Hazel arrived in Cyprus on 25 March 1992 as the final member of the 36th AUSTCIVPOL Contingent. His previous overseas assignment was in South Vietnam as a member of 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment and the Australian Army Training Team, Vietnam.
Throughout his 20 years of police service, Geoff has performed community policing duties within the Australian Capital Territory. Areas in which he has worked include communications, juvenile aid, training and personnel management. Immediately prior to joining the Contingent, he was the Officer in Charge of the Personnel and Training Branch for the ACT Region, Australian Federal Police.
Geoff's wife Margaret has accompanied him to Cyprus while his 22-year-old son remains in Australia with his grandmother to care for the family home and cats.

The overall winners and fastest marchers at the end of the exercise.

EXERCISE APHRODITE'S CONQUEST

Ex- Aphrodite's Conquest is the bi-annual military training exercise of 254 (UNFICYP) Sig Sqn. The Exercise was held over the period 26 April - 2 May. The Sections made up from the three troops had to complete an 85km route around the Episkopi training area within three days. In addition, they were made to go through a number of military skills stands: First Aid, Map Reading and Command Tasks. Congratulations go to the Radio Tp for the fastest march time of 18 hrs 45 mins and to SHQ Tech and Line as overall winners.
The first UNFICYP Military Skills Competition of 1992 was held within the UNPA in mid April. The competition is set to test the all-round ability of the soldiers from all sectors and is administered by Support Regiment. Units are able to select the Officer and SNCO to lead their teams of five, but HQ UNFICYP select 10 men from the 60 eligible JNCOs and soldiers in a unit.

The 3-Phase competition begins with a 10km forced march, followed approximately 10 minutes later by a shoot of five rounds per man from 100m at a single figure 11 target. Phase 2 consists of three military tests: map reading, grenade throwing (for accuracy and distance) and recognition of military equipment. Inevitably, the competition result hangs on the outcome of Phase 3 - the assault course, which is the most gruelling 5-6 minutes in anyone’s life, especially when it is hot and dusty.

The overall results are as follows:

1st Place: Sector One (B) 27 points
2nd Place: Sector Two (C) 30 points
3rd Place: Sector Four (C) 39 points