

THE Blue Beret

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ANZAC DAY



His Excellency, the Australian High Commissioner, Mr E Stevens, with "old" soldiers and "young" coppers

On Saturday 25 April 1992, a Dawn Service was held at Wayne's Keep War Cemetery to remember the landing at Gallipoli by the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZACs) on that day in

1915. This landing is now commemorated each year in Australia with a Dawn Service, gunfire breakfast and a parade, followed by a reunion of old comrades and the traditional game of "Two-up".

Over 100 members of the UN attended the Dawn Service at Wayne's Keep, organised by the AUSTCIVPOL Contingent. Later a gunfire breakfast was served at the AUSTCIVPOL 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 AUSTCIVPOL 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 Guevremont 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.

Because of the emergency ascent, the three of them had to spend several hours in a compression chamber at the hospital. However, thanks to these two skilful instructors, all ended well - this time.

This should be a lesson to us all. Now that the swimming season has arrived and many of us spend a lot of time in the pool or the Mediterranean, we should never forget the dangers that surround us at all times, and especially where children are concerned.

Don't spend too long in the sun, and **don't** take risks in the water - it just isn't worth it.

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 Cyprus and 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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Observation duties
in Sector Two by 15/19H

by S/Sgt Kev Capon

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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.

Meantime, 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



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

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 Minehane (his first Medal Parade as Force Commander). He was assisted by the Chief of Staff, Brigadier NL Fredenslund and the Deputy Chief of Staff, Col P Resch at Nicosia International Airport. The Commander British Contingent, Lt Col IPG 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 16/5L, 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 Guidon Party 15/19H commanded by WO1 (RSM) Natrass.



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



D Sqn 16/5L commanded by Maj Ridley.

UNFICYP FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP : 22-23 APRIL 1992



The winning team from Sp Regt

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 runners-up from the UN MP Coy

draw on their way to the finals. However the end result was Sp Regt 4, UN MPs 3.

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



SECTOR ONE NEWS



THE HIGHEST OBSERVATION POST IN CYPRUS



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

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

WEDDING IN LIMNITIS 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 Dolmer 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!

UNFICYP ATHLETICS COMPETITION 1992



The winning Support Regiment team with S/Sgt Kim Parker holding the trophy

The UNFICYP individual and team Athletics Competition was held at the Makarios 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 UNFICYP 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



SECTOR TWO NEWS

FOCUS ON G SQUADRON



Capt Edwards, 2i/c G Sqn

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



L/Cpl Bell liaises with the locals

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 2Lt 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 two CFLs and the farming land that lies between them. They also man the towers and OPTs 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,



L/Cpl Robson

they will convert to the armoured reconnaissance role in preparation for the Regiment's amalgamation in December 1992.



L/Cpl Marshall and Tpr Wootton building the assault course at B-32

ORANGE HARVESTING

Members of G Squadron 15/19H recently found themselves taking part in an unusual activity - orange picking. Mr Stelios Simadhiakos, who lives in Astromeritis and owns the orange groves south of OP B-32, was unable to harvest his crop of oranges himself, so he turned to the UN for help. As a result, several members of G Squadron mucked in for a few hours hard work and helped Mr Simadhiakos to clear his groves.



L/Cpl Donnelly with Mr Simadhiakos



SECTOR TWO NEWS



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 UNFICYP 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.



Mr Gregoris Patsalides receiving his plaque from Lt Col Braithwaite

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 Cpls Jackson and Firth, L/Cpls Raymond, Baston and Hodgson and Tprs 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.



L/Cpl Baston and Tpr McTaggart with a wheelchair racer

SAILING IN CYPRUS

15th/19th The King's Royal Hussars, serving with UNFICYP as the Sector Two Roulement 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 UNFICYP.



The yacht "Scudder" in a snowstorm earlier this year

SECTOR FOUR NEWS

AUSCON VIP VISITS



Gen Majcen at OPT A-20

Gen Misztal and Capt Strohmaier
at OP AS-20

AUSCON was a popular location for recent VIP visits, especially Generals. General Philipp visited in early March, and a further five Generals visited the Austrian Contingent over the following three weeks.

The first was General Majcen, 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, and was later posted as Chief of the Military Command, Vienna. Today, he is the highest ranking officer in the Austrian Armed Forces.

Another VIP was General Eckstein, responsible for personnel matters in 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 Misztal from Poland, who landed by helicopter at OP AS-20.

The final military VIP to visit was the departing Force Commander, Major General Clive Milner.

Brig Hessel supervising the opening of a bottle of champagne
at Camp Duke Leopold VMaj Gen Milner "commanded"
by Lt Steubelmüller, Sector Four DO

MOTORING NEWS IN SECTOR FOUR

An interesting event took place in the area of 1 Coy UNAB. 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 Lerchster 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 Marko Payer, they restored the VW during the period December to March using every minute of their spare time, being well supported by Koutroupis Company, located at OP A-14. In all, they reckon 250 hours' work was required to restore the car, which M/Cpl Lerchster intends to drive back to Austria at the end of his tour.

L/Cpl Burtscher and M/Cpl Lerchster
with the renewed VW-Käfer

SECTOR FOUR NEWS

ENGINEER PLATOON, AUSCON

The Engineer Platoon, located at HQ Sector Four in Famagusta, 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. On-going 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 1/Lt Breitfuss, and the crafts represented include carpenters, electricians,

bricklayers, plumbers and painters. Platoon transport is provided by one heavy truck 12M18 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.

Meantime, they continue to be ready for any emergency.



The new Coy Commander of HQ Coy is Maj Eligius Adam who replaced Maj Stangl. Born in Styria 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.

AUSCON
NEWCOMERS

The new Austrian Contingent was operationally briefed on the Buffer Zone on a step-at-a-time basis in the form of a 22 km march from OP AS-20 to Camp Izay. Subsequently, the "old hands" also showed their skills, this time not in marching but in the team shooting competition which was won by Lt Habitzl, WO1 Steinmann, Sgt Barbič and MCpl Stelzhammer.

Maintaining Personal Fitness

In the peace-keeping role, one of the most pleasant ways of training is through sport. Sport benefits the individual, develops team spirit and provides opportunities to meet members of other contingents.

It is not important which sport activity you choose for fitness training - what is important is to take advice initially from an instructor and then to ensure continuity in your training programme.

The training routine should be carried out three to five times per week for about 30 minutes each time. Running is possibly the easiest sport for most training programmes, and only needs your effort.

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-mural 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



L/Cpl Greenhill starts the Scout Car Squadron Grand Prix 1992.



"It's no good shouting - I'm stuck!" Drivers changing over in the pits.

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 SHQ teams. They drew for their karts 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 Nicolaou, 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 PWC, 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 snipped away all my locks and then raised his mirror to seek my approval, and I was not permitted to leave until scented powders, oils and aftershave 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,



Chris (right) with a satisfied customer.

elderly gentleman cycling slowly towards No 12 Ayios Andreas, do say hello.

UNFICYP BABY BOOM



No, 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	(w/o Maj Bill Wiseman, SSO Log, HQ UNFICYP)
Gitte with Mads	(w/o Capt Michael Wallin, 2ic, UN MP Coy)
Verena with Leo	(w/o Maj Stefan Chevanne, LO NG)
Sharon with Harry	(w/o Maj Brian Clesham, COS, HQ BRITCON)
Fiona with Natalie	(w/o WO2 Ian Johnson, Pay Office, Sp Regt)
Jan with Katie	(w/o Sgt Dave Oliver, AV Tech, AAC Ft) and
Sharon with Gemma	(w/o Sgt Alan Brown, CC, Med Branch).

Unfortunately, Lynda and Danielle (w/o Alan Hook, AC Tech, AAC Ft) 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...

RAOC PETROLEUM DEPOT, UNPA



Cpl Cox, an RAOC Petroleum Operator

One of the variety of services the Ordnance Detachment provides is the supply of POL (Petrol, Oils and Lubricants) for

the whole of UNFICYP. 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/Cpls Simpson and Shire are both seen below in the POL Depot stacking jerricans of fuel, after having spent several hours filling them using a multi-nozzle fuel dispenser.



L/Cpl Simpson (left), an RAOC Petroleum Operator and L/Cpl Shire, an RAOC Supply Specialist.



NEWS FROM SECTOR THREE



CAMP BERGER, RURAL COY, SECTOR THREE

by Lt Richard Moffat

6 Platoon, B Coy of the 3rd Battalion, Royal 22nd Regiment are now settled in Camp Berger. The Camp can be found slightly north of the Buffer Zone, next to the village of Louroujina, whose inhabitants, most of whom raise livestock or farm, number approximately 400.

The village is quite unlike anything we, as Canadians, have previously encountered. At first, the rustic appearance was somewhat disconcerting, but the welcome we received and the warm relationship already in place between our Camp and the village made us feel completely at home.



The Camp Berger PI supply men to the Amiens observation post. Cpl Laliberté salutes a passing vehicle.

The night life in Louroujina is a little quieter than that of Nicosia, where the majority of our Contingent is quartered. It does, however, have its advantages. After extensive research, we are now able to confirm that the local kebabs are second to none!

The light village traffic is also welcome, especially after returning from a hair-raising visit to Nicosia. We all agree that the fresh air and open spaces are ideal for peace of mind and physical training, especially for those of us who grew up in small towns back in Quebec. The only trouble is that the local shepherds' dogs still confuse our white Pajeros with lost sheep, and seem determined to return them to the fold!

The "Vandoos" are now well established in Louroujina and have adapted well to their new surroundings. 6 Platoon is keeping the peace along Sector Three with professionalism and pride, all the while enjoying excellent relations with our civilian neighbours.



From left to right we have Mcpl Bélanger, Sdt Bouffard, Lt Moffat and Mcpl Lalonde at their home in Camp Berger.

CITY COY SETTLES IN

by 2Lt C McLean, 3 PI Comd

City Coy, 3e R22eR, have now come to know the line and the duties they are tasked with quite intimately. In the process, a great deal of time was spent learning the exact details of the line and the different particulars of each position. Now, finally in place, City Coy's personnel have started to participate in various other activities.

With Lt Marc-Andre Villeneuve leading the way, many have started to take the SCUBA diving course offered at the Ledra Palace Hotel pool and at Ayia Napa.

City Coy personnel are also participating in several inter-company sports with Sector Three's Rural Coy and our Support Coy at the BBC. Softball seems to have become the preferred sport and certainly the most competitive, with the different companies' honour at



Here, at observation post Holdfast, soldiers Boucher and Bedard look to their left of arc.



Soldier Parel (right) points out the ground to Sgt Legault from the Frezenburg platoon.

stake in each game! City Coy is also gearing up to participate in several inter-contingent sports activities and competitions.

Off-duty personnel have started to get to know the island by taking guided tours of various tourist locations offered by our Contingent's Welfare Office. Trips have so far been organised to Paphos, Limassol and the Troodos mountains.

The personnel of City Coy are in no risk of becoming bored during their tour. With our part of the line being possibly the busiest section of the island, our people are kept extraordinarily busy, and with all the activities and facilities offered during off-duty periods, the remainder of our tour will most assuredly pass very quickly indeed.

Je me souviens



NEWS FROM SECTOR THREE



VIMY RIDGE REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY - 9 APRIL 1992



Maj Bouchard leads his Company from Wolseley Barracks.

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 22e 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.

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.

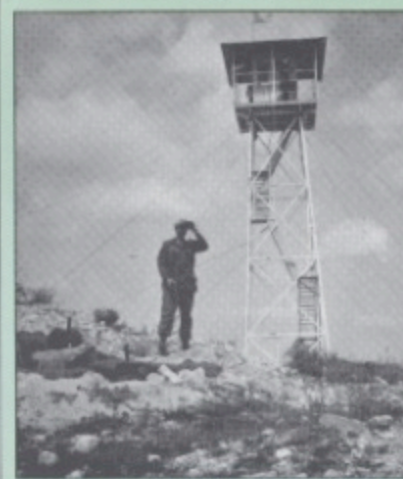
This historical event represents one of the greatest battle honours for the 22nd Battalion during this world conflict; a conflict that took the lives of 950 Battalion personnel. A total of 5,909 men were rotated through the ranks of the Battalion which received numerous distinctions.

Therefore, at 0845 hours on 9 April 1992, 200 men of the Battalion marched from Wolseley Barracks to the Church of the Holy Cross in Nicosia, where those sacrifices were remembered.



See no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil. Father Perada of the Church of the Holy Cross (left) with the Sector Three padres, Alain Guevremont (centre) and Bradley Hicks, after the ceremony of remembrance.

CANADIAN FILM CREW VISIT SECTOR THREE



Photographer Boris Spremo shoots an entirely natural and spontaneous pose of Sgt Bélanger in front of an observation point.

Between 17-23 March 1992, Sector Three hosted a visit by a Canadian film crew who were including the UNFICYP 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.

Interviews with members of the Battalion were conducted as well as substantial "B roll" film of the environment in which we work. Suffice it to say that some veritable stars were born as a result of the filming, including "the natural" Maj Gilles Linteau, "Which is my better side" Major Yvan Bouchard and "You can stop talking now" Capt Phillippe Bérard.



UN MP COY MEDAL PARADE
26 APRIL 1992



Pictured above is Maj Gen Milner inspecting the UN MP Coy at his last UNFICYP Medal Parade. Accompanying Maj Gen Milner is the Force Provost Marshal, Maj Paul Cloutier. The MPs featured are CS Ryan (IRCON), WO1 Martensson and Sgt Tysell (SWEDCON) and S/Sgt Palviola (FINCON) in the rear file.

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 Ayia Napa, Famagusta, Larnaca, Nicosia and Xeros. It also has a five-man Special Investigation Section which is located within the Company HQ Element.



The FPM leading the march past

A Brief History of the UN MP Coy

The UNFICYP MP Coy was first formed in 1964 and at that time was located in Wolseley 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

SWEDISH HANDOVER

On 6 April at 1800 hours, the 59th Swedish Police Contingent handed over responsibility of SWEDCIVPOL to the 60th Contingent at Camp Flamingo in Larnaca. The Swedish Commander, Claes 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: Olle Åberg, Lennart Malthed and Anders Johnson. Seated, from the left: Harras Kopsch, Claes Johansson and Krister Kindberg.



The new Police Officers in SWEDCIVPOL's 60th Contingent: Top row, from the left: Örjan Brodin, Leif Nervall, Stefan Olsson, Leif Engman, Stefan Lundh and Mats Johansson

Seated, from the left: Lena Frylemo, Ywonne Larsson, Urban Axelsson, Ulf Suup and Raine 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 Schmidt, 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 Peristerona 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 Headquarters.

Station Sergeant Clive Webster was last here in 1988 with the 28th Contingent. He has worked in various



From left to right: Tony Crowe, Steve Lane, Ray Carlin, Dale Cooper, Jane Chandler, Craig Jacobsen, Clive Webster, Clive Murray, Bob Edwards, Grant Schultz and Lloyd Schmidt

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 preparation of inventories for the transfer and the "march in" process prompted Geoff and Margaret to recall why they had left the Australian Army in 1972.

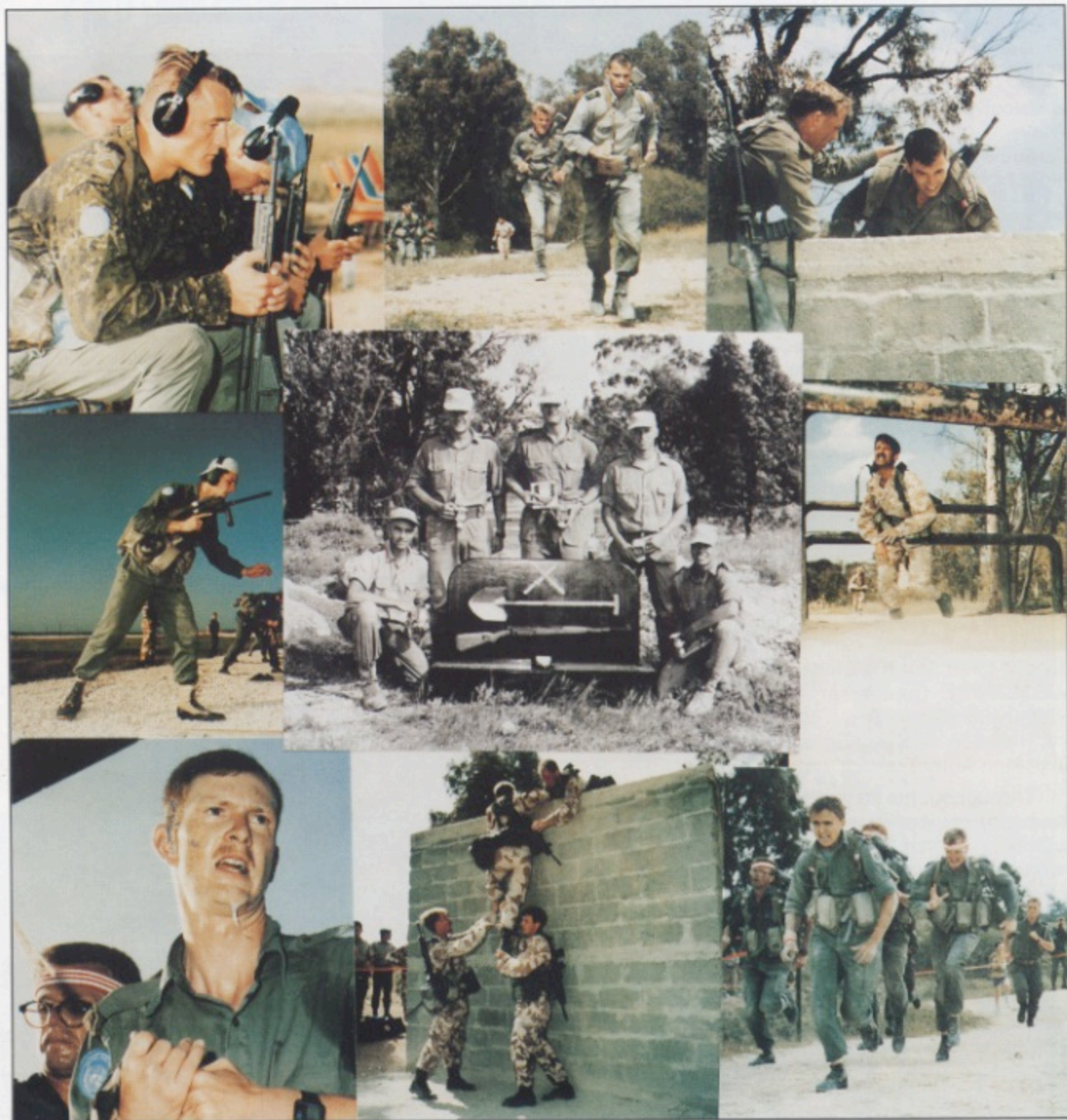
Superintendent Hazel will take on the role of Administration Officer for AUSTCIVPOL.



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 48 mins and to SHQ Tech and Line as overall winners.



UNFICYP MILITARY SKILLS COMPETITION 1992/1

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