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SAFE DRIVING IN CYPRUS

BY THE FORCE PROVOST MARSHAL

The prevention of road accidents has been a matter of concern ever since motor vehicles first appeared on our roads. Road traffic accidents can occur at any time and any place.



Be careful - this could happen to you

A common factor in accidents in which a vehicle is involved is the presence of a human being and the probability of human error. Human error is the element directly responsible for just about every accident, and it is upon this aspect that attention must be focused.

Traffic accidents involving UN personnel serving in Cyprus have increased by 20% compared with the same period last year. Although the majority of traffic accidents that occur are in the main of a minor nature, amounting to no more than a slight scrape or dent on the vehicle bodywork, some accidents have been potentially quite serious, involving vehicles colliding head on or rolling down embankments several times. It is purely luck that, during the last 18 months

of my service with UNFICYP, I have not had to submit a report giving details of a fatality.

Unfortunately, as we all know, good luck does not last forever and it is a sad fact that eventually, somebody's life will be cut short needlessly. The question is when? I am afraid the only way this question can be answered is with the aid of a crystal ball. Incidentally, you can submit as many UN 900s as you like, but I can assure you there is no budget for the issue of such an item of equipment. This is probably due to the fact that traffic accidents involving UNFICYP personnel have cost this mission nearly C£45,000 during the past nine months - money that could no doubt have been spent on more constructive things.

So what can we do about this problem? The answer is simple. We must ensure that the odds against each one of us being involved in a traffic accident are increased. This is not a difficult thing to achieve. We must each improve our driving skills, show restraint when out on the road and, above all, be tolerant. I cannot give you a lesson on tolerance and restraint, but I can give you some advice on how to improve your driving skills, advice that, if taken, may help to increase your odds against being involved in a traffic accident. So, starting in next month's issue of the Blue Beret magazine, I will be giving tips on various aspects of driving which you will be able to apply to the conditions here in Cyprus. Please make time to read it.

Before I sign off, I would like to give you something to think about until my next article: "It is better to arrive a little late in this world than early in the next". Keep the speed down please!

UN MP DET DHERINIA

by Sgt Chris Leeson

As of 1 April, the seasonal UN MP Det at Ayia Napa opened its doors and became operational once again. The Det has moved location this year, and is now situated in Dherinia in smaller but no less humble surroundings. The role of the Det, however, has remained unchanged, and is there to provide 24-hour instant UN MP assistance to any Force member who encounters difficulty in the area, or should attempt (God forbid) to cause any! To accomplish this role, the Det is contactable 24 hours a day on 03-829210, and provides high visibility mobile/foot patrols in the Ayia Napa area.

If you travel to Ayia Napa this summer, you will find us open until 31 Sep, so look us up if you need our help. After all, we are there for your benefit.



UN MP Elm - Dherinia Detachment

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UNFICYP MILITARY
SKILLS COMPETITION

BY CPL WILLIE QUAIN

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EDITORIAL

We are all aware that in 1993 and 1994, UNFICYP underwent significant cuts. From approximately 2,500 all ranks, the number diminished to the current strength of approximately 1,200. Headquarters UNFICYP followed suit by abolishing certain posts, amalgamating offices and the work of those considered to be "indispensable" being shared among those remaining. There is no doubt we all are stretched more than ever with more and more obligations on each of us. Whether you like it or not, more and more daily pressure has become a fact of life.

Have you ever thought how many professional contacts you have daily? Have you ever thought that, whilst being under pressure, you may develop the natural but unnecessary and harmful dependency of expressing an unconditional "no" before "yes" is even considered? Being rude instead of friendly? Avoiding issues rather than being helpful? This kind of "vicious circle" attitude leads to frustration from which you, and others, may suffer. Efficiency then decreases to the detriment of all.

If you've discovered this trend in yourself, or if others have told you you are already there - think! Be nice. Be friendly. It will help your day go smoother. Above all, think in terms of our UNFICYP family and the mandate we all carry. The message of the day is: **HELP YOURSELF BY HELPING OTHERS.**

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UNFICYP Military Skills Competition

The UNFICYP Military Skills Competition took place on Tuesday 9 May 1995 in the UNPA.



The winners - AUSCON's A team

This is regarded as the ultimate competition of all, designed to test the soldier in various military type skills, ie observation, reporting, running, the obstacle course, the tunnel dig, first aid, grenade throwing and shooting with time-related

marks awarded for proficiency and deducted for mistakes.

The competition was hard, as it has always been in the past, and all contingents put forth very elite teams.



The FC with ARGCON's C team

Conducted by Camp Command under the ever-watchful eye of Garrison Sergeant Major John McDonagh, the event proved to be a very competitive

affair with Sector Four A team, provided by HQ Coy, emerging very impressive winners, followed by the Permanent Force Reserve (A team) in second place and Sector One (C team) third.



Camp Command staff, under the watchful eye of Sgt Maj John McDonagh

LCpl Strebl (AUSCON) took the 3.5m wall all by himself and, when asked how he had done it by the Chief of Staff, he explained as follows: "I am a big man"!

UNFICYP Shooting Competition



Sector Four's falling plate team with the Trg Offr in the centre



Sector Two, winners of the rifle competition

The UNFICYP Shooting Competition was held on Wednesday 26 April 1995 at the UNPA Ranges. The competition was organised by Camp Command, with four teams taking part in the rifle match and seven in the pistol match. In the Falling Plates Competition, seven teams took part.

The result was something of a sensation as this year, AUSCON did not win all four team trophies! The rifle match was won by Sector Two and the individual pistol match by Lt Iturhart (ARGCON). The winner of the individual rifle match was Sgt Potho (an Austrian in the Perm FR) and three team trophies, namely the pistol, the falling plates and the overall team, were won by AUSCON.



Winner of the individual pistol competition, Lt Iturhart (ARGCON)



AUSCON'S ROTATION - MARCH 1995



It is quite amazing how time flies. A tour with the UN is a little like the sea. The tide comes in and then goes straight back out again! This time, at high tide, Sector Four

by his last address to those departing, was fully satisfied with the manner in which these men had performed their duty in UNFICYP.



Lt Col Eder bidding farewell to WO1 Pinezits and other comrades

welcomed a bunch of good men into the contingent again, but we also lost quite a few good comrades and friends with this rotation. As you can see in the photo above, the crew leaving had mixed feelings about their departure too. There aren't many faces here which would indicate that our fellow peacekeepers were happy to leave wonderful Cyprus!

The procedures are always the same in some aspects. The dog checks on such occasions are part of this procedure, as was the warm farewell of the CO, who, judging



The dogs on their routine checks

Then the usual cargo processing had to be taken care of, which, in many cases, can result in hard, concentrated and skilful work, as you can see in the photo (above right).

Once the plane had touched down, the new arrivals were eager to set foot on the island where so many great soldiers with the UN and Austrian coat of arms on their sleeves have served for peace. This, of course, does not mean that all questions had been answered already. Some matters had to be sorted out and arranged on the spot, invariably con-

cerning all ranks and areas of responsibility.



I want that box 3.234 cm to the left!

However as a whole, the rotation was as smooth as it always is. AUSCON is lucky to have many years of experience on its side to perform this task.



From the left: MCpl Nickl, Maj Auernig, Maj Lacchini and Maj Aschauer

We will miss many of those who left, but we are glad that the new crew is as good as the previous one.

HQ UNFICYP - OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

An inaugural men's singles Tennis Tournament was held at the newly refurbished courts in the UNPA on 22 April 1995.

There were 16 entries in total and a knockout system was played. The first place was taken by Jagjeet Singh (centre), HQ UNFICYP, second place went to Capt Johannes Kashofer (left), AUSCON, and Lt Col Roberto Ferrer (right), CPLO, came in third. There will be more tournaments coming up in the near future.





DAS WANDERN IST DES MÜLLERS LUST (WALKING'S WHAT THE MILLER LIKES)

With every new rotation, AUSCON organizes a walk through the Buffer Zone. This gives our soldiers a very good opportunity to familiarise themselves with the AOR of AUSCON, and also gives them the chance to improve their personal fitness.



Capt Pillmeier introducing the Austrian rifle to the FC and his MA

The march is split into two laps. The first one is to allow the soldiers to "warm up" and acclimatize themselves. It consists of a walk along the Buffer Zone of 2 Coy in Dherinia, covering a distance of approximately 12 km.

The second lap stretches along the patrol track in 1 Coy from Pyla to Athienou, via the Karavous Pass. Each of these marches includes a shooting exercise,

which is always a welcome break and also one of the highlights of the event.



Left - 2 - 3 - 4

The Buffer Zone march in 1 Coy, conducted in March 1995, was one of the highlights of Sector Four's agenda for the month. The FC, Brig Gen Vartiainen, the COO, Lt Col Leitgeb, the CO Sector Four, Lt Col Eder, and the MA to the FC, Maj Scouller, participated in this rotation march. In the event, the FC proved what real leadership is all about - he arrived first in Camp Izay, Athienou, thereby proving that he was one step ahead, as the FC is supposed to be.

AUSCON is already looking forward to the next march, which will undoubtedly be an experience of comradeship and learning - as the last one was.

THE FAMAGUSTA OLD CITY RUN



Famagusta's Old City Wall

29 April 1995, 10.00 am - 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, go! It was a warm morning, and everybody was excited about the event about to take place - the Famagusta Old City Run. Preparations had been going on for days, and the set-up was perfect. Fruit and drinks were available along the track, and even the road had been watered so that the dust from the trainers of the fastest runners would not kick up too high! In the start/finish area, a fair-sized crowd had gathered to cheer the athletes who, in turn, put forward their best efforts to beat the sun and clock - and they did just that! The winners had every reason to be happy and proud of their achievements. The overall winner (pictured on the right in the centre) was WO1 Hector Heintze (ARGCON).



Three triumphant veterans

Last but not least, plenty of refreshments had been prepared for the celebration after the race. All in all, it was a great event and a good example of how sport can unite people from different countries and cultures.



IRISHBATT, UNIFIL visit UNFICYP

During the period 31 March to 2 April 1995, a rugby team from IRISHBATT in UNIFIL visited UNFICYP for a short tour. A rugby match was arranged and Sector Two, the Queen's Royal Lancers, kindly provided the opposition - or was it collusion? The match proved to be a thoroughly competitive affair, with IRISHBATT emerging victors 33:20. Afterwards, both teams and supporters retired to the Hibernia Club for an enjoyable social evening, where the "man of the match", Capt Tony Casey, was encouraged to purchase a drink for the house...!



Teams from IRISHBATT and Sector Two prior to kick-off



Sunday dawned and the broken and weary bodies of IRISHBATT contemplated the next task in hand - a soccer match versus IRCON, UNFICYP. Having refuelled on copious quantities of local and international fuel the previous night, it was felt that victory could easily be achieved. This, however, was not the outcome, as IRCON emerged victors at 10:2. A heated discussion later brought forward the opinion that the wrong fuel had been used - and a valuable lesson had been learned!

← The IRCON soccer team

FUND RAISING FOR TANZANIAN FOOD APPEAL - IRCIVPOL, PYLA

by Insp John Daly

On Sunday 9 April, 1995, a brave group of IRCIVPOL at Pyla, including a couple of veterans, Supt Matt O'Dowd and Sgt Jim Tutty, set out on an epic 16 km charity cycle. They were accompanied by a number of local men from the village. The purpose was to raise funds for Intercare, Tanzania.



The cheque is proudly handed over

Many miles of training were covered in the weeks leading up to the big day, preparation which was very necessary as the riders left Pyla and hit the upward climb, a severe test of strength and fitness.

All arrived safely on the plateau and headed for Kingfield, crossing over the Famagusta Road. It was downhill from here through Dhekelia and a chance to pick up that second wind. As the riders turned left for Larnaca, they found themselves facing into a strong head wind which sapped reserves of energy. The final leg of the journey involved a 4 km climb to Pyla, and fortunately, all riders arrived back safe and well, and raised a tidy sum of £540.

The event was organised by Police Officer Willie Ward, assisted by Mr Kikis Mitides. A special word of thanks is necessary to some sponsors, viz. Carlsberg for the supply of T-shirts and liquid refreshment; Coca Cola Company for the supply of soft drinks; AUSCON at Pyla for the supply of finger food, and last but not least, all the kind people who donated money so generously for such a worthy cause.



A.N.Z.A.C. - WE SHALL REMEMBER THEM - CYPRUS 1995

A.N.Z.A.C. - Australian, New Zealand Army Corps, the brave men who fought for Australia and New Zealand against overwhelming Turkish forces at Gallipoli in 1915.

It was more than a defeat: it was the ultimate sacrifice that a young nation could make by sending its young men off to a war in a foreign land so shortly after Federation. 8,587 were killed and 19,367 were wounded; a solemn start to a war that lasted another three years.



Sgt Rick McQualter (left) and Sgt Dennis Dwyer bearing the Australian and New Zealand flags at St Paul's Cathedral

ANZAC Day is a day of remembrance and then celebration to all the men and women who have paid the highest penalty for this country. All around Australia on 25 April each year, Diggers (veterans) dig out their medals and best suits and make their way to the RSL (Returned Servicemen's League) and then on to the local war memorial for the dawn service, which is similar to the one held by AUSTCIVPOL in Cyprus - and they remember.



The Queen's Royal Lancers Band at the dawn service

After the dawn service, it is usually back to the RSL for some breakfast (and a rum for the more hardy) and then to the main march through the town or city streets which culminates in a final service at the Cenotaph or local memorial.

As the years go by, more and more veterans are disappearing and younger faces are taking their places as a sign of respect: it is a tradition that should, no, will not be forgotten. It has become a time of unity, which is shown by members of every Australian community, city and town in the way that everyone seems to "chip in" to make the day special. From the police officers tasked to pick up those who cannot drive, to the volunteers who make the breakfasts and the kids who hold the old fellow's hand. Everyone bands together to keep ANZAC day special.



Members of the 43rd and 44th AUSTCIVPOL Contingents

Gallipoli has become special, a symbol if you like, to all those who have served our great country and also to those who appreciate the supreme sacrifice that was made for them by others.



The British High Commissioner, HE Mr David Madden, with Mrs Madden



by Sgt Mark (Goose) Bainbrigge

Following is the extract that was read at Wayne's Keep War Cemetery in the Buffer Zone on 25 April 1995:

"At 0400 hours on 25 April 1915, the ANZACs came ashore at what was later to be named ANZAC Cove in Turkey. It was a rugged area rising steeply from a narrow beach.

Landing by ships' lifeboats, they were under constant machine gun and shell fire from the moment they first sighted the shore. Casualties were extremely heavy. It was a Sunday.

They had been told that this task would be to establish a bridgehead and that the landing would be unopposed and take place on a wide-open beach surrounded by gentle, grassy slopes - it was the wrong beach.



The Very Rev Patrick Blair (l), Monsignor di Monterezemolo (c) and the Rt Rev Father Umberto (r)

When daylight dawned, they found themselves confronted by almost sheer cliffs, rocky ground and thick scrub while above them, large numbers of entrenched Turkish troops poured fire down into their massed ranks.

Amid this general confusion, the self-reliance and extreme bravery of these amateur soldiers were a constant source of wonder, both by the allies and the Turkish forces. They advanced, were halted and dug in, having gained but a mere kilometre by the end of the first day. This was as far as they would ever go.

The landing was a bold plan conceived by the First Lord of the Admiralty, Winston Churchill, to seize

the Dardanelles and open a second front. However, it failed from the outset and fast became a battle of attrition, culminating eight months later in a total withdrawal of allied forces.

The cost to Australia was extremely heavy. She lost 8,587 soldiers and 19,367 were wounded. However, for Australia, it was neither a victory nor a defeat, but the baptism of a young nation by the horrors of war."



The Australian High Commissioner, HE Mr John O'Sullivan, on the right with guests

Once the formal part of the day was over, including a further church service at St Paul's in Nicosia and a quiet function at the residence of the Australian High Commissioner, Mr Sullivan, it was back to the Australian Mess to let the festivities begin. Those who attended should each attest to being part of a "bloody good day".



The game of 2-up in action

In all, the members of AUSTCIVPOL would like to thank all the people who helped us make the day special, and who, like us, remember.



SECTOR TWO SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE



So it was that between Major Patrick Roberts and Maj Richard Nixon-Eckersall, a commitment was made to cycle the length of the Buffer Zone on 22 March 1995.

Between January and March, the team covered some 250 training miles over some very inhospitable terrain. The emphasis was on hill work, as much would depend on their ability to survive the mountains of Sector One, ARGCON.



The intrepid pair: Patrick (left) and Richard

It was decided that, having committed themselves to 15 hours at the very least "on the saddle", they might as well try and raise some money for a worthwhile cause. The International Committee of the Red Cross was chosen as a suitable charity, and the equally difficult task of seeking sponsorship began in earnest. It would be fair to say that there are a great number of charity events taking place in Cyprus, although in their favour, those who had volunteered to sponsor the cyclists had more than just an

inkling that the task ahead was not an easy one and that they would be getting value for money!

The day arrived and fortunately, the weather was on the side of the riders. Arriving at UN-08 at 0530 hours, they were greeted by the whole section, who had got up to give them a stirring send off. The first four hours were particularly hard and slow work through Sector One's area of responsibility. For anyone whose mind wasn't focused on a hard saddle or the perils of falling off the edge of a mountain, they were quite a sight. At every OP there was a welcoming party with drinks and food, something both riders appreciated enormously.

By midday they were pretty much on target and nearing the UNPA. Throughout Sector Two's area, SSgt Hill joined the cyclists, and his initial intention was to accompany them to the Austrian Sector and then return to the LPH. Unfortunately for him, his pedals didn't stop turning as planned, and his 25 mile ride ended up closer to 70! However, his company was much appreciated.

Sector Four's hospitality was equally impressive, and thankfully the countryside, though not without the odd hill, was rather easier to negotiate. At each new area they were met by an escort and led ever closer to the sea and their final destination. As darkness fell, the

accompanying vehicles were invaluable to the cyclists who, without their own lights, were finding some of the tracks fairly challenging. Thankfully, no one came to grief and at 2100 hours, they arrived at UN-146 and the eastern coast of the island. 221 km (133 miles) had been covered in 15 hrs and 20 mins, comfortably within the target - or maybe "comfortable" is the wrong word!



A well deserved break in Sector One

Thanks must go to the support team from both the Regiment and the Force Reserve, who not only provided excellent support, but who also collected monies for the charity en route. Thanks also go to the Sectors who enabled the whole venture to go ahead and made the riders feel so welcome at all the rest stops. The total sum raised for this charity run was £400 Cyprus.

There is little doubt that, for the Argentinians and Austrians, these riders have merely reinforced their belief that only mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the midday sun!

PERMANENT FORCE RESERVE
48-HOUR SQUASHATHON

On 16 Feb 95, eight members of the Perm FR played squash non-stop for 48 hours. The players completed a total of 401 games, and collected approximately £280 Cyprus.

Grateful thanks go to those who supported the squashathon and to those who helped collecting the sponsorship. All proceeds have been put towards the UNPA swimming pool.



The squashathon team, looking slightly worse for wear after their arduous task!

DIRECTOR OF THE ROYAL ARMOURD
CORPS VISITS SECTOR TWO

Maj Gen Hall talking to LCpl Wright

Maj Gen Johnnie Hall (late Scots Dragoon Guards), the Director of the Royal Armoured Corps, visited the Queen's Royal Lancers at the end of March. He came out to see the work of the Regiment in Cyprus with the UN.

Maj Gen Hall spent his last few days as Director, enjoying the family spirit of the Regiment.

The British Military Cemetery
at Wayne's Keep

The British Military Cemetery at Wayne's Keep is a small hollow, overlooked on three sides by high ground, and was at one time a Second World War tented Military Police camp and stockade. The Cemetery took its name from this prison, or "keep".



By the year 1960, the bodies of 409 servicemen and 167 dependants, who lost their lives in Cyprus from 1939-1960, had been laid around the "Cross of Sacrifice" in Wayne's Keep Cemetery. Many were British, but they lie alongside dead from across the Empire and the Commonwealth. Memorials to 73 cremated Indian Hindus and 58 members of the Cyprus Regiment stand among the gravestones, which include those of seven Germans.

Today, the high ground is occupied by the opposing forces on the island, and Wayne's Keep lies under their continual gaze in the United Nations Buffer Zone. Though it continues to be maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and the British High Commission, access to Wayne's Keep is controlled by the United Nations. Currently, this responsibility rests with WO2 (SSM) MA Davies of A Squadron, the

Queen's Royal Lancers, who escorts the steady stream of visitors who come to pay their respects to the dead.

Recent visitors were Mr and Mrs Freeman from Plymouth. In 1956, as an RAF Cpl, Mr Vic Freeman had been a witness to the death of his friend, Cpl TJ Hale. Now, almost 40 years later, a holiday in Cyprus had given him the chance to visit his friend once again. For him, the visit created a wealth of memories of his service on the island and the events following Cpl Hale's death. For all visitors, whether visiting the grave of an old comrade or that of a close relative, the experience is intensely personal, and, notwithstanding the need for an escort, this is never forgotten.

SSM Davies has found that visitors are pleased to see the cemetery still so closely connected to the British Armed Forces and to find the cemetery so well cared for, despite the continuing upheaval caused by an extensive refurbishment. In addition to his escort duties, WO2 Davies also lays wreaths, sent via the British Legion, from people unable to pay their tributes in person. A photograph of the wreath laying is sent as a memento courtesy of A Squadron (see left).

Despite its position, Wayne's Keep remains a focus of remembrance on both a private and an official basis. The Australian Civilian Police Contingent started their ANZAC Day celebrations there with a dawn service on Tuesday 25 April, and the Queen's Royal Lancers plan a ceremony of remembrance at the "Cross of Sacrifice" on Cavalry Memorial Sunday, 21 May.

THE QUEEN'S ROYAL LANCERS FONDOUK DAY CELEBRATIONS



The Queen's Royal Lancers, the Sector Two Regiment, celebrated their principal battle honour on Sunday 9 April in Wolseley Barracks. The Battle of Fondouk took place in Tunisia during the campaign to force Rommel out of North Africa. A variety of events were laid on including football, volleyball and tug-of-war competitions, before the action progressed to the Ledra Palace swimming pool and the greasy pole competition.

The day was rounded off with an all ranks barbecue by the pool. All who took part enjoyed the day, especially the officers who, to a man, ended up being thrown in the pool!



Austrian Medal Parade



The guidon is marched on

Officer presenting the medals, in the presence of the Chief of Mission, Mr G Feissel. Many other high ranking officials were in attendance, including the American Ambassador, HE Mr Richard Boucher. In his speech, the Force Commander not only complimented the Austrian

At AUSCON's Medal Parade on Friday 19 May 1995, held at the village of Dherinia, 66 members of the Contingent on their first tour with UNFICYP received the UN medal. The ceremony turned out to be very impressive with the Force Commander, the Chief of Staff and the Chief Operations



The FC and CO Sector Four taking the salute



The Clive Band of the Prince of Wales Division

The Clive Band of the Prince of Wales Division, stationed in Episkopi, provided excellent musical accompaniment throughout the presentation, including the Austrian national

Contingent on its good work, but he also remembered the 40th anniversary of the Austrian State Treaty, when Austria gained full independence.



Happy smiles! M G Feissel (l), Maj Wallig (c) and Brig Vartiainen (r)

anthem and the well-known Radetzky March. Fine weather contributed to the success of the event and, as usual, the chefs in the Austrian kitchen presented an excellent buffet for the guests in the Dherinia Community Hall.

The evening lasted somewhat longer than originally planned, which shows the amicable spirit which prevailed.



Sgt Hoffbauer being presented with his UN medal by the FC



Austrian medal recipients march on, accompanied by the drummer of the Clive Band



Capt Schriffl receiving his UN medal from the Chief of Staff



Lt Col Eder inspecting the buffet!



CO Sector Four and the FC at the reception



British Medal Parade



Monday 24 April saw the majority of The Queen's Royal Lancers presented with the United Nations Medal. The Regiment paraded on the Ledra Palace Hotel car park, marching on to the parade to the tunes of the Regimental March being played by the Lancer Band.



The FC, Brig Gen Vartiainen, inspecting the troops with CO Sector Two, Lt Col Finlayson

Not only were members of the Queen's Royal Lancers being presented with their UN Medal, but also men from the many units who are serving with the Regiment in

Nicosia. These included the Guardsmen from 1st Battalion the Coldstream Guards, sailors from the HMS Ark Royal, Sappers from 9 (Para) Squadron Royal Engineers, Signallers from 259 Signals Squadron as well as the Territorial Army soldiers from the Queen's Own Yeomanry.



QRL's banner



Maj Gen AW Dennis, CB OBE

The medals were presented by the Force Commander, Brig Gen Ahti Vartiainen, the British High Commissioner, HE Mr David Madden, the Colonel of the Queen's Royal Lancers, Maj Gen Alistair Dennis CB OBE, and Brig Richard Dannatt, MC, Commander of 4

Armoured Brigade, the Queen's Royal Lancers' parent brigade.



The Royal Salute

Sgt Craig Ford, part of the HQ UNFICYP Medical Centre staff, was presented with a commendation by the Commander of the British Forces in Cyprus, Air Vice Marshal P Millar, for saving a young girl's



Cpl S Bucknell, the medal bearer, receiving his medal from the FC



HE Mr DCA Madden

life after a skiing accident in the Troodos Mountains. Sgt Ford acted in the highest traditions of the British Army whilst giving First Aid, and in the following casualty evacuation.

The Band Beat the Retreat after the Regiment had marched off the parade, playing as the sun dipped below the horizon while guests made their way to receptions in the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes.



FUNCTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS

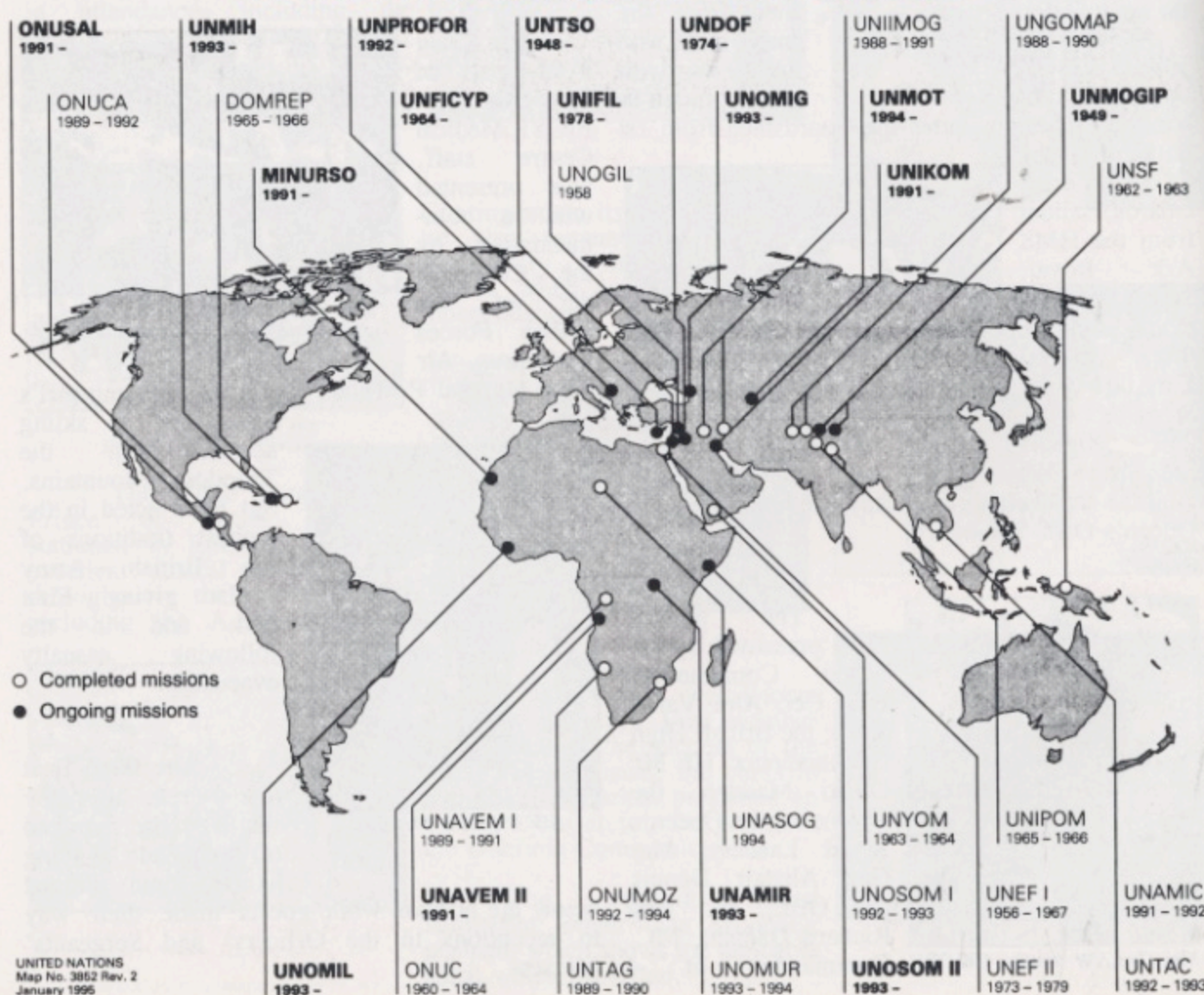
Over 650,000 military and police personnel and thousands of civilians have served in peace-keeping operations under the UN Secretary-General's command since 1948. And more than 1,100 have died while monitoring cease-fires, patrolling demilitarized zones, creating buffers between opposing forces and defusing local conflicts that risk wider war.

Most UN peace-keepers have been soldiers, volunteered by their Governments

in national contingents to apply military discipline and training to the task of restoring and maintaining the peace. They received the Nobel Peace Prize for their work in 1988.

UN peace-keeping operations have grown rapidly in number over recent years. While 13 operations were established in the first 40 years of UN peace-keeping, 21 new operations, or more than half again as many, have been launched since 1988.

UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS



They have also grown in complexity, as a new type of UN peace-keeping has evolved. Police officers, electoral observers, human rights monitors and other civilians have joined military personnel under the UN flag to help implement negotiated settlements of conflicts between previously hostile parties, encouraging former opponents to build a peaceful future together.

Since cold war tensions have subsided, peace has been threatened by resurgent ethnic and nationalist conflicts in

many regions. Increasingly, the world is turning to the United Nations to deal with these, and the cost of UN peace-keeping has risen accordingly. The annual cost of all operations was estimated in April 1994 at about \$3.8 billion.

However, global defence expenditures at the beginning of the 1990s amounted to about \$1 trillion a year - \$2 million per minute. The real cost of peace-keeping must ultimately be measured against the cost of the alternative - war.

CURRENT PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS

UN Peace-Keeping Operations	Current Strength	Fatalities	Rough Cost to UN (\$)	Period of Operation
UN Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO)	218	28	28.6 m	Jun 48 to present
UN Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP)	39	6	7.2 m	Jan 49 to present
UN Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP)	1,183	163	42.3 m	Mar 64 to present
UN Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF)	1,030	37	32.2 m	Jun 74 to present
UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL)	5,146	200	142.3 m	Mar 78 to present
UN Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM)	1,142	3	63.1 m	Apr 91 to present
UN Angola Verification Mission II (UNAVEM II)	135	4	25.5 m	Jun 91 to present
UN Observer Mission in El Salvador (ONUSAL)	34	3	28.9 m	Jul 91 to present
UN Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO)	334	4	40.5 m	Sep 91 to present
UN Protection Force (UNPROFOR)	39,789	131	1.6 b	Mar 92 to present
UN Operation in Somalia II (UNOSOM II)	9,412	134	942.4 m	May 93 to present
UN Observer Mission in Georgia (UNOMIG)	134		10.9 m	Aug 93 to present
UN Observer Mission in Liberia (UNOMIL)	84		1.1 m	Sep 93 to present
UN Mission in Haiti (UNMIH)	74		1.1 m	Sep 93 to present
UN Assistance Mission for Rwanda (UNAMIR)	5,522	16	193.5 m	Oct 93 to present
UN Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (UNMOT)	17		1.1 m	Dec 94 to present

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