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VISIT OF BRITISH SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE, THE RT HON MALCOLM RIFKIND, MP



From the left: Sgt Howarth, Brig Lambe, Mr Rifkind, LCpl Gibbons, Dvr Sweaney, LCpl Evans and LCpl Aveling

The Rt Hon Malcolm Rifkind recently visited the British Contingent in UNFICYP.

On 26 Oct 92 at the UNFICYP Headquarters, he made a courtesy call to Maj Gen Minehane, Force Commander UNFICYP. The rostered Quarter Guard for the visit was provided by Sp Regt.

He was then taken to Sector Two where he was met by the Commanding Officer, Lt Col RE Preedy, after which he made a visit to OP B-40 where Gnr Tony Lloyd of Q (Sanna's Post) Battery gave Mr Rifkind an OP brief.

HANDOVER IN SWEDCIVPOL



The handover ceremony

On 6 Oct, the pelicans in the new Swedish Civilian Police Contingent took over SWEDCIVPOL's duties in Larnaca. For those of you who don't know, a pelican is not only a large water bird with a pink beak and white legs - it is also the Scandinavian nickname for the new Swedish personnel arriving in UNFICYP! (Possibly the colouring has some bearing here...)

Sunburnt colleagues took care of the incoming Contingent with briefings on their duties, driving in Cyprus and the way of life in general. The new Contingent were greatly impressed with the expertise of their departing countrymen, and hope to fulfil their functions in UNFICYP in an equally efficient and effective manner.

REME'S 50TH BIRTHDAY

by Maj I Ross



A toast to the next 50 years!



Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

The Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers was formed on 1st October 1942. It was the British Army's response to the increasing complexity and diversity of machines and equipments used throughout the Army.

REME has been in Cyprus for over 30 years, initially in the SBAs and from 1964 in UNFICYP. It

has always been an essential part of the British Forces in Cyprus, being responsible for repair, recovery, modification, servicing and overall maintenance of a wide variety of equipments. These have included generators, Landrovers, everything from Daimler armoured cars to the Ferret Scout Cars, boats and a few other items for specialist tasks such as fire fighting.

The fiftieth anniversary of the Corps has been celebrated world-wide. In UNFICYP, on 1 October 1992, the FEME directed that the day should start with an eight mile run with webbing. Leaving from the UNPA swimming pool at 0615, the members of the Workshop were run through the BBC and towards the Officers' Mess. On reaching the Mess, they were instructed to deposit their webbing before being greeted by a champagne breakfast. After some hesitation and being told that they could continue with the run if they so wished, the general consensus of opinion was that the champagne was the preferred option!

Over the past 50 years, the Corps has served world-wide. It has survived the recent restructuring of the British Army, and now looks forward to yet another 50 years' service.

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UN MP Patrol

by S/Sgt Kev Capon

EDITORIAL

On 11 November 1918 at 1100 hrs, the armistice to end the First World War came into effect. That date became "Armistice Day" and was recognised as a time to reflect on the ultimate price paid by the youth of a generation. From the search to find meaningful ways of recognising that supreme sacrifice, the idea of paying tribute to an "unknown soldier" was developed and also the concept of a special Remembrance Day, together with the "poppy" as the poignant symbol of remembrance.

Unfortunately the "Great War", euphemistically referred to as the "war to end all wars", was followed by other conflicts, and the annual November Day of Remembrance evolved as a solemn ceremony to remember soldiers who fell in a variety of wars around the world.

Here in UNFICYP, this tradition is maintained in the ceremonies by the British Contingent at Wayne's Keep and by the Canadian Contingent at the Wolseley Barracks memorial, both conducted in the company of a large representation from other contingents. This gesture by peace-keepers recognises the sacrifice of other soldiers; a sacrifice that continues to be required, even in some United Nations operations, because of the continued propensity of man to engage in major conflict.

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BATTERY TITLES EXPLAINED

by Lt T Price-Jones



P BATTERY (THE DRAGON TROOP) ROYAL ARTILLERY

The Dragon Troop was formed at the request of the Madras Government as a Troop of Horse Artillery in 1805.

Between 1840-1842, the Troop took part in the expedition to China (the Boxer Rebellion) and fought at the battles of Canton, Amoy, Tinghai, Chenhia and Ningpo in 1841 and Shanghai and Chinkiang in 1842. This expedition is the major contributory factor in the Battery's present title "The Dragon Troop" which was subsequently awarded in 1926, and the battle of Chinkiang (21 July 1842) is now celebrated as "Dragon Day". As a result of this period, the Troop was granted the honour title 'CHINA' in 1843.

During this time, the Troop was still based in India and it was from India that the 2nd Burma War was mounted which resulted in the Troop being granted the honour title "PEGU" in 1853. There followed



a further period in India and England with many changes in title between 1853 and 1900. The title P Battery RHA emerged in 1889.

Of course, the Troop has seen action in the South African War, the First and Second World Wars and more recently in the Gulf War.

Q (SANNA'S POST) BATTERY

Q (Sanna's Post) Battery was formed on 1 March 1824 in Poona, India as 3rd Troop, The Bombay Horse Artillery. Between 1838 and 1857, the Troop saw action in the First Afghan War, the Sikh and the Persian Wars. In 1858, the Battery saw service during the Indian Mutiny.

Following several title changes, in 1889, the Battery assumed the title 'Q Battery Royal Horse Artillery'.

The Battery next saw service in the Boer War between 1899 and 1901. On 31 March 1900, it had its finest hour when it saved its guns and the majority of General Broadwater's force from a vicious Boer ambush at the Battle of Koorn Spruit, near Sanna's Post. The Battery fought with such collective gallantry and skill that Field Marshal Lord Roberts ordered four Victoria Crosses to be awarded, in addition to three Distinguished Conduct Medals. It is the most highly decorated action in the history of the Royal Regiment of Artillery. In 1926, the Battery was granted the honour title 'Sanna's Post'.

The Battery's history continued to evolve through the First and Second World Wars with further equipment and name changes. As a consequence of Army restructuring, the Battery comes full cycle when in May 1993 after 169 years of service, it disbands as a Locating Battery. The title will then move to the Headquarters Battery of 5 Regiment. As such, the proud traditions of the Battery will live on.



ST DAVID'S CAMP LAD (LIGHT AID DETACHMENT)

by Cfn Mark Brain



Cpl Bob Lee, wishing he knew how to put the gearbox back together



Cfn Ezi Martinez, drilling something different for a change.



Cfn Mark Brain, using a spanner and not an adjustable.

For the duration of their tour in Sector Two, the LAD tasking has been taken over by members of 5 Heavy Regiment RA Workshops. The role of the LAD is first line repair; however engine overhauls and gearbox changes are not uncommon.

The LAD consists of Sgt Brown (Inst Tech), i/c Wksp, who also handles repair of binoculars, night sights, etc; Sgt Lorimer (electrician), who maintains the electrics on all of the vehicles with the Regiment; Sgt Dickson, i/c vehicles; and finally the mechanics, Cpls Lee and Sweetland, together with Cfn Brain and Martinez.

However, the task of the LAD would be that much more difficult if it were not for the mechanics on the line. Cfn Hulse and Cfn

Walker are responsible for keeping Q Battery mobile, while Cpl Spinks, Cfn O'Carroll and Cfn Zamen are responsible for keeping P Battery on the road.

Being in Sector Two is a challenge for the Workshops, especially the mechanics. They are not only concerned with the repair of vehicles in St David's Camp, but they are also involved in the heavier work and accident repair,

something which is not normally done, even back in Germany. Here in Cyprus, the mechanics' trade skills are fully tested as vehicle parts, which would normally be replaced in other missions, now have to be stripped down and overhauled. "Quick-fit" fitting no longer applies in an area where vehicle roadworthiness is difficult to achieve - and yet is a must.



Cpl Phil Sweetland, lying down on the job again



Cpl Lee Graham and Sgt Ian Dickson, pleased at having found the NATO stock number for a crate of Carlsberg

VISIT OF PADRE TO SECTOR TWO

The Padre, Captain Ray Hayter, recently paid a visit to 5 Regiment Royal Artillery, Sector Two.

Ray, who is the Regiment's Padre back in Dortmund, Germany, came over to Cyprus for a fortnight. As well as holding a field service, he visited many of the soldiers on the line and learnt a lot about the work of the United Nations. This was the Padre's first visit to the UNFICYP.



Padre Hayter prepares for his field service.

DAY TO DAY FOR BRAVO TROOP, EASTERN BATTERY

by 2/Lt M White



OP B-28 is home for 22 soldiers who man OPs B-27, B-28 and B-40 on a 24-hour rotation. A typical day starts at 0800 hrs with routine slipping into gear as the water truck arrives and duty personnel ready themselves for another day's work. The personnel at B-25 are also part of Bravo Troop, and the function of all these OPs is to oversee the rural area of Eastern Battery within Sector Two.

Meal preparation is taken care of by the hobby cooks. However, in their absence, Troop salads by L/Bdr Edmunds are becoming legendary, and roasts are definitely Sgt Snell's speciality!

After lunch, sports kit can be worn instead of uniform for off duty personnel and throughout the afternoon, Troop projects can continue with greater ease. Currently, B-28 are building a recreation and Bar-B-Q area, and B-25 are also constructing their own Bar-B-Q. The afternoon tasks, other than continuing to observe our area, include painting the 45 gallon drums that indicate the Farming Security Line.

As the temperature falls at night, there is a variety of leisure and recreation pursuits for off-duty personnel. Of course, letter-writing is also actively encouraged.

For the future months, several events are planned to keep us



The Troop Comd, Mr White



Sgt Snell



L/Bdr Edmunds

occupied in ways other than manning the OPs along the line. The rugby season is well underway, as is the orienteering which also helps in maintaining fitness.

Bravo Troop has a large area to cover from its four OPs, however spectacular panoramic views are an added bonus within our TAOR.

LOGISTICS CONFERENCE



Logistics personnel on a line tour of Sector Two

The Force Commander's Logistics Conference, which was hosted by Sector Two, recently took place in St David's Camp. The Conference, which was organised by Sector Two's Quartermaster, Capt TJ Vickers, ran smoothly.

Once the Conference was over, the Commanders were taken on a line tour and then they all participated in a mini assault course which was devised by the Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant, WO2 T Nugent.



BRITCON MEDAL PARADE



HE Mr Camilion presenting Sgt Kibble with his UN medal



The Adjutant, Capt A Waller, on parade

A parade was held at Nicosia International Airport on Friday 2 October 1992 to present UN medals to the British Contingent of UNFICYP. On parade were elements of 5 Regiment RA, A Sqn 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers and UNFICYP Support Regiment. The Parade Commander was Lt Col RE Preedy, CO 5 Regt RA. The Guard Commanders were Maj J Stadward RA, Maj N Slinger RA, Captain A Hackford, OC 1 Sqn RCT, and Maj K Smith AGC (Sp Regt). The Force Scout Car Sqn was commanded by the OC, Maj J Snell, 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers.

Medals were presented by the SRSG, His Excellency Mr Oscar Camilion, the Force Commander, Maj Gen MF Minehane and the Deputy Chief of Staff, Col P Resch.



Capt A Hackford delivers the general salute



1 WFR Band

SEARCH AND RESCUE - AN IMPROVED SERVICE FROM FLIGHT

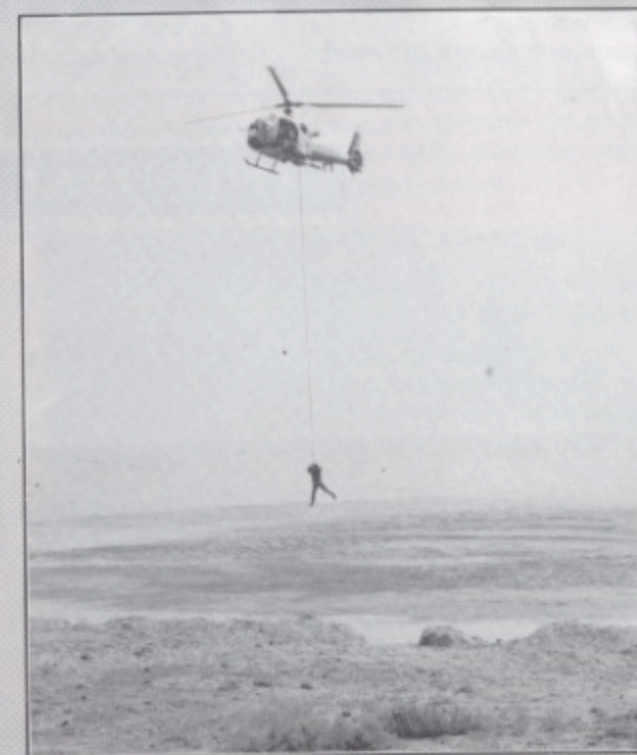
by Lt P Duke

After more than one task this summer to search for missing sailors and windsurfers caught out at sea by strong winds, the UNFICYP Flight decided they would attempt to improve their service by putting themselves into the position of those unfortunate yachtsmen in trouble.



During the summer months, the pilots practised wet dinghy drills and roping techniques, successfully "rescuing" at least four victims each. In addition, each one of the pilots subjected himself to a turn at the other end of the rope, so they now all know how it feels to be stranded!

So relax in future! It is, of course, better to be careful and avoid taking risks when out on the open waves, especially with the change in season. However, should the AAC Flight discover a would-be seaperson in danger, the present team feel they are in position to tackle any problem which may arise.



AAC Fit at work



LIMNITIS CAMP

by WOII L Larsen, Admin SNCO, C Coy, DANCON

Limnitis Camp is situated in the western part of Sector One's area of responsibility. The Camp, formerly the Irish Contingent's location, was taken over by DANCON in 1970. It is currently home for C Coy, totalling 118 men who man the OPs in the Lefka area. The Coy HQ and two rifle platoons are quartered in the Camp, and the third rifle platoon is placed in Kokkina which is further west.



The Camp's keep fit room

At first, living conditions were very primitive and the Company were accommodated in tents. As time went by, barracks and huts were constructed which are still in use today. The Camp is situated in a very fertile valley, which lies 2 km from the sea in the "suburbs" of Limnitis village.

The foxholes for local defence of the camp were dug in 1974. At that time, the Camp personnel witnessed the fighting as Danish soldiers manned these foxholes for several weeks because of the air and ground activities of that period.

Today, the situation is peaceful in the Camp. The daily routine is handled by the Company HQ Platoon, who man the command post with radio operators and the office with a clerk, in addition to the motor transport section with drivers and mechanics. The workshop, the



The Command Post, C Coy, situated in the centre of the Camp

armoury, the local shop and last but not least the kitchen are also run by this Platoon.

One rifle platoon at a time takes care of OP duties. The second platoon, which is not on OP duty, is stationed in the Camp in a reserve role. As part of such tasks, they carry out sentry duty, fire pickets and are also part of the Force Reserve.



The Privates' quarters

Of course, the soldiers of DANCON do avail of leave during their tour. However, even after a stay in Ayia Napa, OP duty is actually what the Danish soldier looks forward to - or so we are told!!

THE DANCON MARCH

In September, 714 persons participated in the DANCON March.

The two 25km marches took place as usual in the Troodos mountain range. Of the 714 participants, only 640 finished the March with the Medical Section working hard to tend to blisters, heatstroke and cramp!

The Danish Contingent would like to thank all participants for their fighting spirit during the very last "DANCON March".

Footnote: The spirit of this major mass participation UNFICYP activity surely demands that it be continued as a unique, biannual feature on the UNFICYP social, recreational and training calendar. Will it continue??



One of the high climbs on the second day, 1.5 km after the start.



NEWS FROM CANCON



1 RCHA AND BRANDON MANITOBA SHOW SOLIDARITY

by Capt J Fortoloczky

The 1st Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery and the City of Brandon, Manitoba formally exchanged flags at a parade in front of the Brandon City Hall on 31 July 1992. Many of the Citizenry, along with the local media, were present to take part, both at the parade and the following reception. This reflects the close cooperation between the City, the Canadian Forces Base Shilo and 1 Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery.

Brandon is the second largest city in Manitoba with a population of some 40,000. It is located in the south-west part of the province. The Mayor is Mr R Borotsik who, along with the Base Commander of CFB Shilo, Col JHLHP Boucher, will visit the Regiment here in Cyprus in January 1993. The Base and City are closely intertwined economically which is a real plus to all of southern Manitoba. Many Brandonites hold jobs at the Base and vice versa. In addition, the City provides amenities which would be sorely missed by the families of Shilo, had the Base been located in a very remote locale.

Brandon is also home to the 26th Field Regiment, which is one of the militia (reserve) units contributing soldiers to 1 RCHA while here in Cyprus. 26 Fd Regt has been a source of soldiers and support for the Regiment since it has been in Shilo. Soldiers of 26 Fd Regt are counted on for augmentation to the Regiment



The Brandon City flag flying in front of the UN and Regimental flags

during exercises, both in Shilo and abroad. The Regiment also supports 26 Fd Regt by providing expertise, training and equipment.

Whilst the Regiment is on United Nations service, the UN flag is flown daily in front of the Brandon City Hall, hence the Regiment flies the Brandon City flag in front of the Contingent Orderly Room at BBC. When the Regiment returns to Canada, the flags will be returned with a ceremony marking the continued support and pride of both communities.

SECTOR THREE PARTICIPATES IN THE LAST DANCON MARCH



Sgt B E Partridge thinking "be careful how you put that thing on" while receiving his DANCON March Medal

Once again, the much anticipated DANCON March was undertaken in the Troodos Mountains. Sector Three carried on the long tradition of Canadian participation in these marches with the Recce Troop and AUNR Troop taking part.



Sgt P J Dick pipes the Sector Three group to the finish of the DANCON March.

AUNR TROOP RAPPEL IN TROODOS



Members of the AUNR Troop take a well deserved break and pose for all to see.

It was just another sunny Cyprus day - or so many of the AUNR (Augmented United Nations Reserve) troops thought. However it was a day for them to travel into the Troodos mountain range and partake in some serious yet enjoyable military training - rappelling.

After the somewhat long yet scenic ride, the 22 soldiers arrived at the chosen location and set up. The rappel master, SSgt Mimms, together with Lt Plourde, WO Wells and Bdr Trowbridge, quickly had soldiers going down the mountainside. Rocky cliffs

certainly added the element of danger, which soon got the adrenalin pumping! Throughout the day, no major accidents occurred, although WO Wells did take a small tumble and ended up upside down... After lunch, the soldiers continued honing their skills and increasing their fitness levels by both climbing and rappelling.

AUNR would like to thank SSgt Mimms and his able assistant from the FSC Sqn for their help in making the training most successful.



Bdr TP Adams wonders if it is too late to buy life insurance...

THE AUSCON SPORTS CLUB (ASC)

The AUSCON Sports Club (ASC), originally founded towards the end of 1989, has not been very active of late. However at the end of July, it suddenly found new life. The Club was set up to organize sports for the troops of AUSCON in their spare time.

The ASC offers a lot to all members of AUSCON and their families - there are about 15 sections including tennis, table tennis, riding, sailing,

surfing, diving, soccer, volleyball, etc. The President of the ASC, the DCO, Lt Col Wildberger, is an active supporter of the Club and is always looking for new activities.

Not long ago the ASC party took place in Camp Duke Leopold V, and everyone joined in the celebrations, participating in the many and varied activities. At the end of the day, a raffle was held and the winner received a mountain bike.



The President of the ASC, Lt Col W Wildberger, congratulates the winner SMO, Capt G Rainer

NEWS FROM "A" SQUADRON 16th/5th THE QUEEN'S ROYAL LANCERS

by Capt C Hedley



A Squadron is now firmly adjusted and settled into its new role. The Admin Officer, Capt Dai Davies has hosted the Staff Liaison visit of Maj Bill Wiseman and his logistics team from the Headquarters. As we are still being housed, clothed and fed, all parties must have been pleased!

This was followed by the visit of the Chief of Staff and Commander BRITCON, Brig Dick Lambe, for his introductory visit to the Squadron. After a briefing, he was given a tour of Prince William Camp with the opportunity to chat to soldiers at their place of work and meet some of the Squadron personalities over coffee in the Sergeants' Mess.

The Force Commander, Maj Gen Michael Minehane, paid a similar visit which started with the inspection of the Lance Guard, followed by a tour of the various departments within the Camp.

Another highlight of the "top brass" visits was that of General Sir John Waters, Commander in Chief UK Land Forces. With a very hectic schedule, which also included seeing other units, part of his line tour involved flying in to see 5th Troop based at Skouriotissa Camp. He was met by the Troop Leader, Lt Pownall, and Sgt Naven, who briefed him on the role of a Scout Car Troop. On returning to Prince William Camp, a Lance Guard, which is a traditional honour conferred upon high ranking visitors, was awaiting and in turn inspected



General Sir John Waters inspecting the Lance Guard

by the General. This was followed by drinks in the Sergeants' Mess, where he presented Sgt C Tuffley, REME with his Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. Finally before he departed, lunch was held in the delightful surroundings of the Officers' Mess garden.

On the adventure training and sporting front, the Squadron's participation has been exceptionally active. 52 members were recipients of the DANCON March medal, after successfully completing the two day arduous hike in the mountains. It has also been pleasing to note the interest generated in sailing and diving. In addition, the Squadron has now recorded two soccer victories over 1 RCHA, while LCpl Duroe and LCpl Wooldridge were part of the plate winning Unicorn Rugby Team at the Dhekelia Sevens.



Sgt Tuffley receiving his LSGC medal from General Waters



The FC with Maj Snell

LIFE AT OP A-28 THE GUARD OF THE SEA

by Capt F Wanka

This OP is usually manned with seven soldiers, four of whom are always on duty. Now what does their day look like? Well, at 0600 hours, reveille is called and they turn to for their duties. First priority is to take care of the body - so, breakfast is taken and finished by 0730. This is followed by a training programme while those resting from duty are responsible for cleaning the OP. Of course, the sentry post is continually manned and observation is maintained over the area all the time.



Sgt Hammerer, Pte Auzinger, M/Cpl Unger,
L/Cpl Binder, Sgt Krenn and L/Cpl Trampitsch.

Our area includes the three-mile Maritime Security Line. The Post Commander has the responsibility to ensure that observation is maintained over our area on a 24-hour basis.

Observation Post routine chores and training continue throughout the morning while our part-time cooks take their turns to prepare lunch. This we have at about 1330 hours, having endured the appetizing aroma from the kitchen area as we go about our tasks.



2/Cpl Scherl at the Watch Tower

Those not engaged on duties are free for sport and recreation activities in the afternoon. This means swimming during the summer months, because the Post has its own beach close by. This amenity means we get many "guests" from other OPs along the line. All are welcome because it makes a change to the daily routine. The unfortunate sentry oversees all these activities during his tour of duty, longing for his turn in the Mediterranean when his duty ends.

No wonder OP A-28 is a popular OP for those who serve here.

A SPORTSMAN IN AUSCON

One of the best sportsmen in AUSCON is M/Cpl Schrottenbach. He comes from Karinithia where he was serving as a soldier in the LWSR 72.

M/Cpl Schrottenbach has taken part in many competitions, for example in the military pentathlons during three world championships. Since he arrived in AUSCON, he has come third in the Episkopi Triathlon during September. This event involved a 1,500 m swim, a 40 km bike ride and a 10 km run. All this he achieved in 2:17 - the winner finished in 2:13. At the cross-country relay in Akrotiri, he recorded the best time of the day, and helped his team to reach second place.

Keeping fit requires a lot of hard work. Every day when his duties are over, M/Cpl Schrottenbach starts his training. Sector Four wish him a lot of success in the future.



M/Cpl Schrottenbach at his training

NAMING THE AUSTRIAN CAMPS

by Capt F Wanka

It is customary in Sector Four to name the camps within the Sector after personalities in Austrian history.

Marie Therese, the great Austrian Empress, founded the Austrian Military Academy in the year 1752 in Wiener Neustadt. She also gave her name to Camp Marie Therese, situated on the road to Athna, where the Force Reserve Platoon is located.



The entrance to UNAB: Camp Duke Leopold V

The Battalion Headquarters and HQ Coy are situated in Famagusta. This Camp took its name from Duke Leopold V, a crusader who attempted "peace keeping missions" in the 12th century. During one historic struggle, Duke Leopold V's white service coat was covered in blood, and when his belt was removed, only that part of his coat remained white. According to legend, the colours of the Austrian flag (red, white and red) are attributed to this event.

SHOOTING COMPETITION IN UNAB



The winner of the rifle match, WO1 Inzko (left)
and the winner of the pistol match, Capt Kettler.

A Shooting Competition was recently held in Sector Four including the pistol match, the rifle match and the falling plates. At the end of the Competition, the CO presented the prizes to the happy winners.

The pistol match was won by Capt Kettler, the Sector Four Quartermaster. WO1 Inzko was the winner of the rifle match, and the champion of UNAB was the team from HQ Coy.



The entrance to Camp Marie Therese

Camp Izay is named after a 1/Lt in the Austrian Contingent who was serving in Cyprus during the 1974 troubles. Sadly, 1/Lt Izay and three other soldiers, Sgt Decombe, LCpl Sattlecker and Sgt Isak were caught up in the conflict. Only one of them, LCpl Sattlecker, survived and lived to tell the story. Hence 1/Lt Izay gave his name to this Camp, which is the base for 1 Coy, Sector Four.



Aerial view of Camp Izay

VISIT BY COS UNFICYP

COS UNFICYP, Brig RM Lambe, recently visited UNAB.

The helicopter carrying Brig Lambe arrived during the morning at Camp Duke Leopold V, where he was greeted by the Commanding Officer, Lt Col Hossinger. The COS then inspected the guard of honour in front of the Mess. He was later introduced to the officers of the camp, after which he received a briefing and inspected several OPs on the line.



The COS inspecting the guard of honour



Australian Civilian Police Contingent C Y P R U S



TIME TO WELCOME ANOTHER CONTINGENT

The 11 new members of the 37th AUSTCIVPOL Contingent with three "older" members:-

Back row (L to R): Peter Murphy, Charlie Wright, John Straskye, Patricia Reynolds, Bob Corrigan, Paul Southern, Sergio Aquilante.

Front row (L to R): Jamey Bellicanta, Brian Whinnen, Peter Wilde (Polops), Harry Bryant (Commander), Geoff Hazel (Administration), Robby Robinson, Shane Broomby.

Bob Corrigan have worked with AUSTCIVPOL before. Brian was here with the 19th Contingent in 1982 and continued a long tradition by marrying a British girl he met on the Island. Seven of the arrivals work in Australia's capital, Canberra - the remainder come from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane. We welcome you all to Cyprus.

Time really flies in UNFICYP. 11 members of the 36th Contingent went home in September to be replaced by the same number who came from Australia to form the 37th. Of the new Contingent, only Station Sergeant Brian Whinnen and Sergeant

FURTHER TRAVELS OF A HIGH COMMISSIONER

The Australian High Commissioner to Cyprus, Mr Eddie Stevens, continued his travels of the Island by visiting the Danes in Sector One. Avid readers of the Blue Beret will recall that in June, Eddie was seen in Sector Four visiting SWEDCIVPOL.

Following a line tour, Mr Stevens was met by a guard of honour at C Coy Camp. Later, he and his entourage were entertained in high style by members of DANCON at Limnitis Camp.



Major Kristensen explains the finer points of Sector One to the Australian High Commissioner, Eddie Stevens.

UNCIVPOL VOLLEYBALL GAME

It was a close game, but the Aussies scraped in to win the new Contingent volleyball match against SWEDCIVPOL. Held twice yearly between the incoming contingents of both civilian police elements, the AUSTCIVPOL victory gave them successive wins since recapturing the cup in April this year. Played over the best of five sets, the guys from Oz clinched the game in the final round.



The Swedes and the Aussies look fit and cool (before the match). AUSTCIVPOL is wearing "The Law" singlets.



An impartial umpire, Geoff Hazel gave no indication of which team he supported in the UNCIVPOL volleyball match...

Although there was a degree of rivalry during the game, the true reason for the competition was for the new contingents to meet. After the match, the Aussies hosted a "Fair Dinkum" B-B-Q at their Mess, where the odd glass of amber fluid was downed by both sides.



UN MP OUTSTATIONS



LARNACA DETACHMENT

by Sgt GA Kirkland



SSgt Johann Horvath, Sgt Gary Kirkland, SSgt Mario Scherer and WO3 Petri Paviola.

This little known and often forgotten detachment is located at Camp Victoria, approximately 1 km north of Larnaca International Airport. Our primary mission here is to provide security support for the UN Air Head, and secondly to conduct investigations and disciplinary patrols in the Larnaca/Limassol areas.

Policing is carried out in close conjunction with the SBA Military Police, SWEDCIVPOL and the numerous detachments of CYPOL. The tourist industry and the fluctuating visitor population add to the problems that arise in this area.

The detachment is currently manned by four personnel; however, with the re-location of the Leave Centres between Ayia Napa and Limassol, it increases to seven.

For those of you who are in our area of responsibility and run into difficulty, do not hesitate to request our assistance - we are here just for that reason.

Military Police Detachment Xeros is located about 4 km west of Viking Camp (HQ Sector One). The manning of the Detachment is carried out by the Detachment Commander, SSgt Simonsen (DANCON), the 2i/c, Sgt Arsovski (SWEDCON) and two patrolmen, Sgt Friberg (SWEDCON) and Sgt Jakobsen (DANCON).

Xeros Detachment has the biggest Military Police area of responsibility on the island. We deal with incidents on both sides of the Buffer Zone, some of which involve civilians. In such cases, the Detachment works together with civilian police with whom we have evolved good working procedures and relations.

In the Xeros area, you will find some of the worst roads on the island which cause many accidents. Our tasks necessitate a lot of time on the roads, but we don't mind because the landscape is so beautiful. People who have completed the DANCON March in the wonderful scenery of Troodos will probably know this. For some, Xeros is boring but in fact for MPs, it is one of the best places on this island.

XEROS DETACHMENT

by SSgt Simonsen



SSgt Lars Simonsen, Sgt Roland Friberg, Sgt Zuki Arsovski and Sgt Robert Jakobsen

FAMAGUSTA DETACHMENT

by SSgt J Horvath

In the heart of Famagusta, there is a detachment of the UN Military Police Company. Four self sufficient Military Policemen work here together: two from Denmark (SSgt Christensen (Comd) and Sgt Rovelt) and two from Austria (SSgt Horvath (2ic) and Sgt Pagitsch). A variety of duties are performed, occasionally involving close liaison with local police elements.

In spite of a busy schedule, participation in UNFICYP sport is also important to the detachment.

The working arrangements and team spirit within the crew is very good, and all members of this Detachment enjoy working hard to accomplish their mission.



Sgt Pagitsch investigates a traffic accident.

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