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MP COY MEDAL PARADE



FC reviews the MP Coy. Seen here talking to MCpl Pellerin, Ayia Napa Det.



FC addresses the MP Coy.

On Wed 19 Sep 90, UNFICYP MP Coy marched 44 of its personnel onto the Square by contingent to the accompaniment of music provided by the National Guard Band. All seven nations contributing members to the 53 strong coy were

represented and were presented United Nations Medals and numbers on behalf of the Secretary-General. In his address to the parade and visiting guests, Maj Gen Milner generously recognised the sometimes difficult and

unpleasant tasks military policemen are continuously called upon to perform in providing an impartial service to the community for the equal benefit of all.

ALMNAS - THE SWEDISH TRAINING CENTRE

Before arrival in Cyprus, officers at SWEDCIVPOL and SWEDCON undergo a week of training at the Swedish UN Training Centre. The UN School at Almnas was set up in 1984 to provide comprehensive and rapid training for the personnel working internally for UN, both on military missions and in a civilian capacity with

disaster relief task forces. The training caters for both men and women. The concentrated, short-cycle courses are completed by 2,000 trainees annually, and to date more than 60,000 men and women have served in more than 30 missions in something like 20 countries in the service of peace.



The new "Pinkies" at SWEDCIVPOL pictured just before departure for Cyprus on 8 October 1990. From left, back row, Anders Ahlgren (instructor), Curt Larsson, Lars Juneklint, Tomas Fasth, Anders Fockman, Lars Wallberg and Lars-Erik Svanberg. From left, front row, Stig Fagersson, UIF Nord, UIF Sjöberg, Björn Astell and Christer Tholinsson.



Exercise to test and prepare the personnel security equipment.

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AUSTCIVPOL ON
PATROL
by SSgt Kev Capon.

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EDITORIAL

UNFICYP celebrated United Nations Day on 24 October. This was the 45th Anniversary of the founding of the United Nations.

November has been dominated by the visit to UNFICYP of Mr Marrack Goulding, the Under Secretary-General for Special Political Affairs who headed a team of officials from United Nations Headquarters, New York tasked with conducting a review of UNFICYP. The team will carry out a thorough and wide ranging examination of UNFICYP which was last reviewed in 1980. UNFICYP has welcomed the review and is eagerly awaiting the conclusions.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM CPLO

With the outset of rain, the roads of Cyprus will become very slippery and there is likely to be a spate of vehicle accidents. All ranks are to be warned of this and to take extreme care.

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Present Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr Javier Perez de Cuellar.

ABOUT THE UN

(continued)

By Ms Susan Matthew

The first site of the UN Secretariat was at Church House in London and the first General Assembly meeting was at Central Hall, Westminster. On 14 February 1946, during its first session, the Assembly decided that the United Nations Headquarters should be located near New York City.

The first Secretary-General of the United Nations, Trygve Lie of Norway, was appointed in London on 1 February 1946. Mr. Lie served until 1953 and was succeeded by Dag Hammarskjöld of Sweden who served until his death in a plane crash in Africa in 1961. U Thant of Burma (now Myanmar) was Secretary-General from 1961 until 1971; he was succeeded by Kurt Waldheim of Austria, who served from 1972 to 1981. The present Secretary-General, Javier Perez de Cuellar of Peru, assumed office on 1 January 1982.



Site of UN Permanent Headquarters, New York, before clearing.



Site of UN HQ on the day construction was begun, Manhattan, New York, 14 September 1948.



A view of the Headquarters of the United Nations in New York as it stands today.

The UN Building: The familiar present-day Headquarters building stands on 18 acres of ground

on the eastern shore of Manhattan island. When it was selected, the site, which these days is international territory, was a run-down area of slaughterhouses, light industry and a railroad barge landing. It was purchased with a gift of \$8.5 million from John D. Rockefeller, Jr. and additional gifts of property by New York City completed the site parcel. The building was designed by a team of 11 architects.

The building was designed to serve four major groups: delegations, who send more than 3,000 persons to New York each year for the annual sessions of the General Assembly; the Secretariat — there are currently 4692 UN Secretariat staff working in New York; visitors, who currently average some 500,000 annually; and journalists, of whom more

than 450 are permanently accredited, while twice that number are present during major meetings.

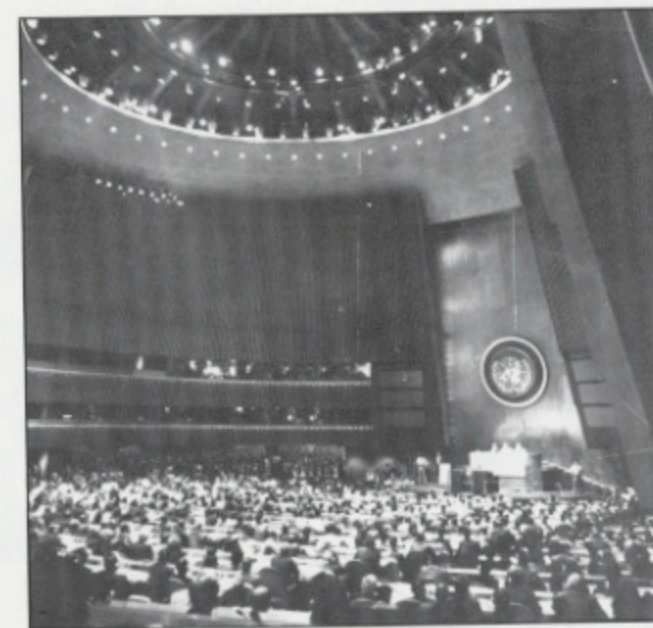
The Nobel Peace Prize has been awarded five times to the United Nations or related organizations: the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) in 1954 and 1981, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in 1965, the International Labour Organisation (ILO) in 1969 and the United Nations Peace-keeping Forces in 1988. The Prize was also awarded to Lord John Boyd Orr, Director-General of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), in 1949; to Ralph J. Bunche, Acting United Nations Mediator in Palestine, in 1950; and, posthumously, to Dag Hammarskjöld, United Nations Secretary - General, in 1961.

The United Nations proper, as established by the Charter, is composed of six principal organs: the General Assembly, the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council, the Trusteeship Council, the International Court of Justice and the Secretariat. All are based at United Nations Headquarters in New York, except for the Court which is located in The Hague. Related to the United Nations are 18 other autonomous organizations which operate in areas as diverse as health, radiation protection, international postal regulation, meteorology safety at sea and international air navigation standards.

The **General Assembly** is composed of representatives of all Member States. It can discuss any questions or matters within the scope of the Charter, or relating to the powers and functions of any organ provided for in the Charter, including: receiving and considering reports from the Security Council and other United Nations Organs; considering and approving the United Nations budget and apportioning the contributions among Members; and electing non-permanent members of the Security Council, the members of the Economic and Social Council and those members of the Trusteeship Council who are elected, electing jointly with the Security Council the Judges of the International Court of Justice and, on the recommendation of the Security Council, appointing the Secretary-General.

The decisions of the Assembly have no legally binding force for Governments; however, they carry the weight of world opinion on major international issues and the moral authority of the world community.

(continued Next Month)



View of the 44th General Assembly (25 September 1989) listening to President Bush's speech.

NEWS FROM SECTOR 4

POLITICAL VISIT TO AUSCON



(From left) Lt Col Pacher-Theinburg, Dr Schambeck and Mr Strutzenberger.



VIPs pictured laying the garland.

On 2 October the President and vice-President of the Austrian Bundesrat paid a visit to AUSCON. After a wreath laying ceremony at the monument near Goshi the party completed a short line tour guided by Lt Col Pacher - Theinburg.

THE AUSTRIAN MEDICAL CENTRE

The Austrian Medical Centre is divided into two parts. One part is located outside Camp Duke Leopold and the other in Athienou. It comprises 11 soldiers under the command of SMO Lt Col Dr Klein. The Medical Centre is staffed with 3 medical officers (one in Athienou) and 9 medical assistants (three in Athienou). The Medical Centre in

Famagusta is equipped with an electrocardiogram. A Difibrillator, an X-Ray station, various utensils for medical attention, a small laboratory and a chemist. Transport of patients is provided by way of cross-country ambulances Pinzgauer, 1 VW-bus and 1 VW-Golf.



SMO Lt Col Klein.



Medical Assistant Cpl Schoeggler in action.



(From left to right) WO I Hassler, Capt Bachmann, sets Lt Col Pacher-Theinburg's arm in plaster.



Medical Centre in Famagusta.



Sickbay.

ART EXHIBITION

On 3 October, the Art Exhibition "Meditations" opened in Nicosia. Two members of AUSCON contributed to the exhibition namely Mrs Youhaida Gesselbauer, the wife of SO2 Maint/Qtg, and Lt Geroldinger. Lt Geroldinger was born in Linz on 10 October 1961. After his study at the art academy "Mozarteum" in Salzburg he joined the peacekeeping forces in Cyprus where he served as Pl Ldr 2 Coy and Hum Offr until Sept 90. Pictured are (Left) Lt Geroldinger and (Right) Mrs Youhaida Gesselbauer talking with one of the participants.



AUSTCIVPOL PRESENTS THE MELBOURNE CUP

In November 1862, on some vacant land outside Melbourne in Australia, a few horses raced over two miles for a purse of 800 sovereigns. It was won by a horse named Archer. From that humble beginning, the race has developed into an international sporting event in which some 24 thoroughbreds now race over 3,200m for A\$2,000,000 prizemoney. In the process, it has become part of Australian folklore with the ability to generate the sort of national excitement, almost hysteria, which has the power each first Tuesday of November, to bring the country to a standstill.

Expatriate Australians around the world also celebrate and so it was on Saturday 3 November, AUSTCIVPOL Contingent played host to friends and ticket buyers to draw horses for the 128th running of the Melbourne Cup. The Force Commander Maj Gen Milner was kind enough to make the draw to loud applause or groans as each horse was matched to the successful ticket holder. After the draw, shares in horses were auctioned allowing unsuccessful ticket buyers and others to purchase 'a piece of the action'.

Then on the afternoon of Tuesday 6 November, Australians, guests and stakeholders gathered at AUSTCIVPOL mess to listen to the running of the 1990 Melbourne Cup. In keeping with traditions, punters displayed the full range of race day dress ranging from the fashionably elegant to the bizarre. Judged best dressed at the end of the day was Mrs Anna Norris.

The race was broadcast to high excitement and the result typically generated what can only be described as pockets of enthusiasm.

In all, a successful Cup day reflecting credit on a hard working committee. Proceeds from the sale of tickets will go to a selected childrens charity.



Sgt Steve Cooke Auctions the Horses assisted by Sgts Alex Thurgar and Brendan Stone.

The result of the 1990 Melbourne Cup:

1. KINGSTON RULE
2. THE PHANTOM
3. MISTER BROOKER



Adding elegance to the proceedings were Mrs Janine Jennings (Left) and Mrs Jacque Broadbank on Cup Day.



Ch Supt Thelin, Swedcivpol accepts the major prize.



Force Commander draws the Successful tickets on Calcutta Night.



Maj Peter McGhie discusses the field with Ray Tuckfield and Supt John Cooper.

BRITCON MEDAL PARADE 5 OCTOBER 1990



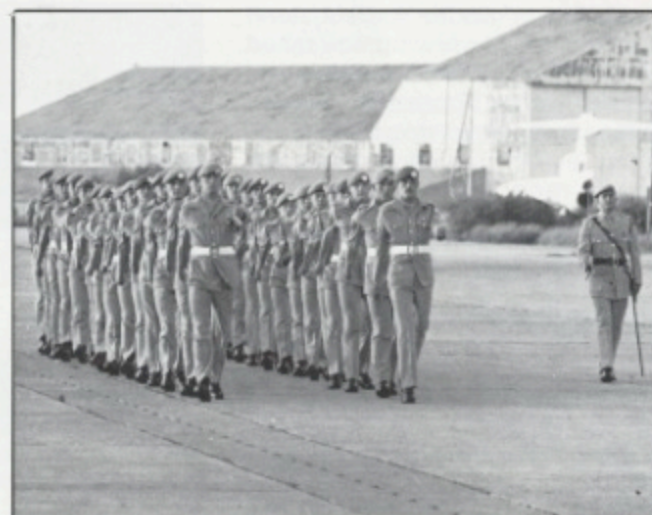
The Band of 13/18 Royal Hussars (QMO) march past the Force Commander.



Cfn Williams, 22Regt, is presented with his UN Medal by the Force Commander.



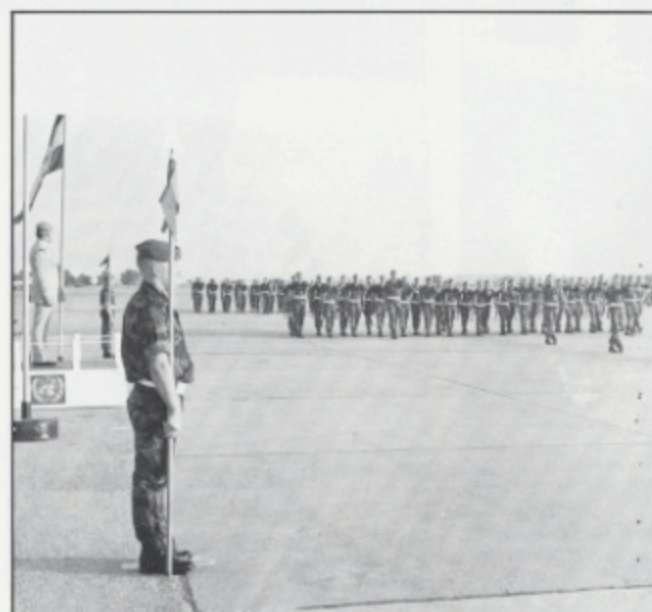
The Force Commander presents Dvr Robson, RCT, with his UN Medal.



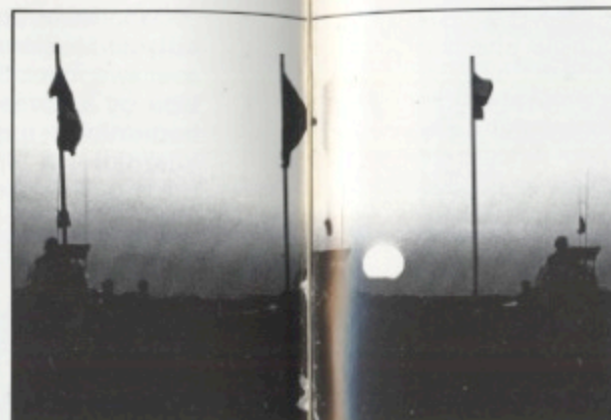
The Medal Party commanded by Capt PJ Donovan, RCT march on.



22 Air Defence Regiment commanded by Lt Col KHN Prentice on Parade.



22 Air Defence Regiment Royal Artillery march past the Force Commander.



The Sunset Ceremony.



35 AD BTY RA and 22AD REGT RA mark time.



UNFICYP Support Regiment drive past.



Ferret Scout Car Squadron, C Sqn 13/18 Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own).



Flag Party with the Flags of the contributing nations of UNFICYP.



The FC delivers his address as Comd Britcon, Col de Broe-Ferguson, MBE, looks on.



Lt Col KHN Prentice orders 'The General Salute'.



35 AD BTY RA on Parade.



LCpl Hughes 13/18H, is presented with his UN Medal by the Force Commander.



Dvr Baxter, RCT, receives his UN Medal from the Force Commander.

UNFICYP SUPPORT REGIMENT



Cpl Danny Johnson of the RAOC, currently serving a six month tour with the Ord Det UNFICYP Sp Regt is a Petroleum Operator by trade and is seen operating a mechanical equipment fuel dispenser. The eqpt is capable of re-filling five jerricans simultaneously and recently over a three day period Cpl Johnson and his assistant LCpl Brian Benfield, also a Pet Op, were able to fill some 1800 cans for use by the Force.

When not replenishing Force reserve stocks both NCOs can be found dispensing fuel daily from kerbside pumps, issuing on average 3800 litres to contingent vehicles. They are also responsible for visiting unit lines and advising on all POL matters where necessary.



Sgt Mike Charnley a member of the Ordnance Detachment UNFICYP Sp Regt, is seen here checking the serial numbers on electric "Flying Pest" destroyers which are used in all UN kitchens. This is just one of many types of equipment, that is held in the Ord Det for use throughout the Force.



Sgt 'Chunkie' Weber has just arrived in UNFICYP and takes up the post of 4th pilot with UNFICYP Flight AAC.



On joining the Army in 1974 Cpl Charles Gordon MacIvor started skiing, and in 1976 he joined the British Skiing Team leading up to the Lake Placid Olympics in 1980, he has skied in four World Championships. On joining the RCT he skied for the Corps for 3 years. Then in 1983 he rejoined the British Ski Team, where he skied in the 1984 Sarajevo Olympics as a Biathlete, and in 1985 skied in Russia and East Germany in the World Cup races. Cpl MacIvor continues to ski for his Regiment and is a keen cross country runner and took part in the "Cyprus Walkabout" as one of the Support Regiment team members. The team came eleventh overall and were the second Cyprus based team to finish.

Chunkie, joined the Royal Signals in 1974. In 1981 'Chunkie' attended an Aircrewman Observers Course at the Army Air Corps Centre at Middle Wallop and on completion was posted to 659 Squadron 9 Regiment AAC in BAOR.

During 1985 he attended the Army Pilots Course at Middle Wallop and was again promoted before being posted to BAOR to 663 Squadron AAC, 3 Regiment AAC based in Soest.

In 1988 he was posted to 655 Squadron AAC in Ballykelly, Northern Ireland for 2 years with a subsequent transfer to the Army Air Corps in August 1990.

Welcome to UNFICYP and a special welcome to his wife Sue and sons Marc and Iain.

Sgt Lawrence, alias Mr Landrover, is attached to UNFICYP Wksp from the LAD of 3rd Battalion Royal Regiment of Fusiliers who are currently based at Hemer in Germany. As Mr Landrover he is attached to DANCON where he works in conjunction with Danish vehicle mechanics on the Landrover fleet. Sgt Lawrence who comes from Belfast is married to Linda, and has 2 children.

He joined the Army in 1975, and after basic training was posted to the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards in Osnabruck. After leaving Osnabruck, he has had tours in Germany, UK and Northern Ireland as well as 2 years in Hong Kong with 10 Gurkha Rifles, which included an attachment to the Jungle Warfare School.



On 20 September, Sp Regt held its Military Skills competition which once again proved to be a gruelling event. The Wksp narrowly defeated the Signal Squadron into second place with Ord/Fit gaining a credible third place. Pictured (Top Right) (L to R) is the winning team, Sgt Lawrence, Cfn Theaker, Cpl Fielding, Cfn Armstrong and Lt Johnston. Pictured (Top left) Cpl Thornton under the wire.

SUPPORT REGIMENT ACC CHEFS



UN Support Regiment ACC Detachment consists of 12 military chefs. The Master Chef, WO2 Chris Harding and SSgt Colin Slade, the Officers Mess supremo, are posted to the UN for 2 years. All the others are here for a 6 month operational tour.

The Officers Mess staff consistently rise to the challenge presented by a Multi-national membership. National Day celebrations and other functions are generally accompanied by a request for 'something special' from the host country. SSgt Slade and his staff enjoy the diversion from everyday cooking.

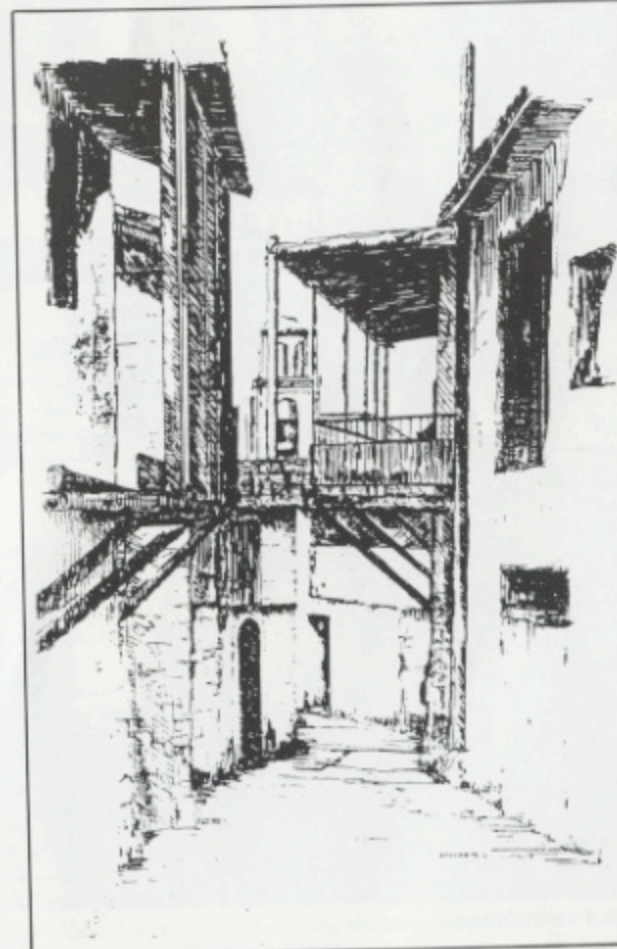
The Sgts Mess staff is headed by Sgt Birch. He is assisted by 3 junior NCO's working an eight hour split shift system. Weekend functions allow a certain degree of experimentation with food presentation and everyone agrees that the Sgts Mess Buffets and Dinners look just too good to eat.

Pictured preparing the Buffet for the reception following the Britcon Medal Parade recently are (L to R) Cpl Turner, SSgt Slade, LCpl Scott and LCpl Wilson.

IMPRESSIONS OF CYPRUS

KAKOPETRIA: CYPRUS

By Major Peter Townsend



LE 12e REGIMENT BLINDE DU CANADA ESCADRON "A"

This month's article is dedicated to our City Squadron or rather, Escadron "A" du Douzieme Blinde.

Most of the troops are living in section houses and troop houses in the city, and the CP is located at Wolseley Barracks. The Commanding Officer of "A" Squadron is Major Rick Sulik (The Grey Pollack), and his Sergeant-Major is MWO Bob Martel (Uncle Bob).

"A" Squadron is divided into six troops: Sqn Headquarters, administration and the four line troops. Ledra and Citadelle troops stay in the Ledra Palace Hotel while Maple and Frezenberg troops are quartered in their respective line houses.

Our task here is to enforce the Status Quo inside Nicosia. Our observation posts and patrols maintain the peace, through mutual respect gained by the UN and other forces involved. During previous tours in 1977, 1983 the Squadron proved that it could meet this challenge and consequently the men, the Senior NCO's and the officers are eager to continue the Sqn's tradition of professionalism demonstrated by our predecessor.

Our tour ends in March 1991, and already we are preparing to meet the Recce party of the next Contingent from 1 PPCLI.



Cvr Turnblom Keeping a eye on the Buffer Zone.



Cvr Descoteaux and Cvr Geray on guard at OP Jeep.



Cpl/C Larouche at Frezenburg House situated in Nicosia.



Cpl Fournier hard at work.



SDT ST-CVR, normally a cook at Frezenburg House, had a change of duties for a day.

FSC SQUADRON NEWS

This month has been the busiest and in many ways the most rewarding for the Ferret Scout Car Squadron starting with exercise Pandora's Box. The exercise was a great success with individual car commanders showing initiative in a classic recce type task.

The Regimental Band under the Bandmaster WO1 P Greener visited Squadron from 27 September for 2 weeks. They arrived in time for the BRITCON Medal parade, and the Band went

on to perform at AUSTCIVPOL, BBC Officers Mess, AUSCON, FSC Officers Mess and several private functions.

The Squadron was also visited by our Commanding Officer, Lt Col AL Mallinson and RSM (WO1) SD Taylor at the same time as the Band.

In conclusion the Squadron is continuing their primary task on the line and are enjoying the daily challenges of being part of UNFICYP.



Cpl Kendall and Cpl Chantler training on the ranges.



Tpr Slater on ranges.



Pte Moody, Royal Hussars, attached to C Sqn 13/18 H on the ranges.



The FSC Sqn Squash Winning Team. (L to R) Sgt Graham, Lt Determeyer, Sgt Letts, Cpl Lund and Tpr Murphy.



Cpl Bettney receives his Dancon March Medal from Commander Dancon.



Capt Cobb shows how much he relied on Cpl Bettney and Tpr Baker on the Dancon March.

SECTOR ONE NEWS

"The only way to tame a Viking is to marry him..." That is what 3 beautiful Danish girls were convinced of when they went to Aphrodite's Island to marry 3 Danish UN-Soldiers.

On Saturday 1 September OC/HQ Coy, Major Bent Graver married Mrs Alice Eriksen (Right).

The Viking Church is situated outside Viking Camp in Xeros and after the ceremony KS Allan B Christensen and Mrs Christensen receive homage from his colleagues on 4 August (Below left).

On Saturday 14 July, KS Kim Madsen was married to Miss Lise Hansen in the old Orthodox Church in Skouriotissa (Below right).



CHAPLAINS VISIT TO DELTA 38 IN THE BUFFER ZONE

Pictured (standing from left) Rev David Rath (CANCON), Rev Malcolm Burke (Magic Mac) (CANCON), Rev Josef Dameg (AUSCON), Rev Lorenz Christensen (DANCON). (In front), Rev Peter Rutherford (BRITCON).

SECTOR TWO - THE WELSH GUNNERS

At the end of September Sector Two was visited by the MGRA from 1 (Br) Corps in West Germany. Major General MFL Shellard CBE commands the Artillery in Germany and was an

official visitor to Sector Two, to see 22nd Air Defence Regiment at work. He spoke to many of the soldiers in 53 (Louisburg) Battery and 35 Air Defence Battery and the visit was a great success.



Outside the QM's Department at SDC. The MGRA promoted both the outgoing RQMS WO II Guest and the incoming RQMS WO II Key from Gunner to Lance Bombardier when he was the Battery Commander of 53 (Louisburg) Battery... many years ago!



The MGRA being briefed by BDR Griffiths at B24.



53 (Louisburg) Battery at BC 22.



GNR's Jones and Davies, going out on foot patrol from B25.



"Smile Please!" L/BDR Davies, BDR Newman and GNR Lewis shortly before the Britcon Medal Parade.



WOII Law at the Nicosia Art Gallery exhibiting a number of his own paintings.