

# THE Blue Beret

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## A JOB WELL DONE



Whilst taking some well earned rest, a Trooper from 4 RTR put his training to good use.

This summer, Jim Cartney was relaxing at the Marabella troop flat at Ayia Napa. Suddenly he heard shouting, and on investigation, he found that a young Greek Cypriot boy had been rescued from the bottom of the swimming pool. The lad was not breathing. Trooper Cartney quickly took control and applied expired air resuscitation (EAR), which was successful and the boy began to breathe on his own. The lad was taken to hospital by ambulance.

Trooper Cartney, from Peterhead in north east Scotland, joined the Regiment in June 1990 as a trained Chieftain Gunner. This is Trooper Cartney's first tour of Cyprus, where he is employed as a rifleman in one of Cambrai Squadron's OPs.

## SPOT THE PERSONALITY



An extra issue of the blue Beret goes to the winner!

## CONGRATULATIONS



Trooper Thomson is congratulated by the American Ambassador after being presented with the Army Commendation Medal for service in the Gulf with the American Forces.

## SIGNALS AT SECTOR FOUR

by the Commcen Crew



Part of our busy Commcen crew

The Austrian signals crew, consisting of the Commcen, the line troop and one radio operator for the home link to Vienna, is commanded by Capt Weiner and his NCO, W02 HJ Trenner. The main task of the five Commcen operators is to provide official and private telephone and FAX communications to all parts of the world, sometimes under very difficult conditions. They are also responsible for the radio link between the companies within Sector Four, to the LP in the Karpas and between AUSCON and the other UNFICYP contingents. Recently, one of the Commcen soldiers joined the DANCON exchange programme, where he had an interesting and informative stay, thanks to our Danish comrades.

The Line Troop ensures that the Commcen and its equipment is kept in working order. Their main tasks are the laying, maintenance and clearance of field wires. Due to the variety of their tasks, the whole crew is very pleased to be able to serve in UNFICYP.

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Gurkha and Chinese soldiers of 34 Sqn GTR by SSgt Kev Capon

# The Blue Beret



## EDITORIAL

As is the case in so many of life's more pleasant occasions, duty tours with UNFICYP must also end. Thus my time in Cyprus is almost over, and I will shortly yield the position of MPIO and the editorship of the Blue Beret and depart for Ireland. It has been a most satisfying posting on a beautiful island, and we shall dearly miss the many wonderful friends from so many nationalities it was our good fortune to meet.

To the may Blue Beret subscribers, a big Thank You. The magazine relies almost entirely on your diligence. It is not easy providing inputs for any journal month after month, especially when there are also other tasks to be performed. But you did it and I hope you will continue to do so and offer my successor, Comd Dick Heaslip, the same unstinting degree of support and co-operation I was fortunate to enjoy.

Finally, a very special expression of gratitude to the staff here at the MPIO's office. Individually and collectively, they ensured that irrespective of other pressures and the foibles of a dilatory Editor, the Blue Beret came out. It has been a pleasure to work with you. I wish you all well.

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## ROYAL CANADIANS AT THE POOL



MCpl McKenzie is about to unbalance his opponent in the Rope Bridge competition

On the last day of August, 2 RCR gathered around the pool at the Ledra Palace (can we help it if it has a swimming pool?) for a variety of games. The competition consisted of three teams, one from each Mess, struggling for the title of Pool Champs.

The competition started with the Rope Cross. In this event the objective was to knock your opponent off the rope bridge without falling into the water. The highlight of this competition was the battle between WO Hynes and Capt Bradley. Although Capt Bradley eventually returned victoriously after a long and exhausting battle, the competitive style of WO Hynes as well as his choice of athletic swim wear was very popular among the spectators and left little to the imagination.

The second event involved two-man teams competing in the Boat Battle. The objective of this competition was to get both members of your team into the boat first. The Junior Ranks' Mess proved to be

superior in this event, winning both battles. The only real loss in this competition was the boat, which is now slightly deformed.

The final event included several demanding relays. This was the phase in which the Officers staged their comeback attempt, winning the first two relays and moving to within one point of the Junior Ranks. The final event, the Magazine Relay, involved swimming with a National Geographic magazine held above the water, the objective being not to get the magazine wet. Both the JRCs' and Officers' magazines were almost completely dry. The RSM was required to make the final unbiased decision, but in the end, he sided in favour of the Junior Ranks.

In all it was an entertaining afternoon for spectators and participants alike. As the Cypriot summer slowly draws to a close, we Royal Canadians hope to make further such use of our blessed pool.



Members of the Junior Ranks Mess appear to have easily won the Boat Battle

QUARTERMASTER  
GENERAL VISITS IRCON

Maj Gen Kevin Duffy, Quartermaster General, Irish Defence Forces, visited UNFICYP on 30 September 1991. Maj Gen Duffy, pictured above with the members of the current Irish Contingent, served three tours of duty with UNFICYP, the last occasion being 1979/1980 when he was Ops E Officer, the precursor to the present appointment of Chief Humanitarian Officer.

VISIT OF THE  
SINGAPORE DELEGATION

Maj H-E Bonde (SPO), Lt Col D Banja (CO), Comdt P Murphy (MPIO) and members of the Singapore delegation

On 18 August 1991, a delegation from Singapore went to Sector One by helicopter. After a short stay at OP D-38, they went by car to Viking Camp, Xeros. Here they met the Danish senior officers for a briefing.

## 2 RCR RETURNS TO CYPRUS

by Lt Mark Toma



2 RCR Colour Party marches through the ranks of the Departure Guard at Saint John, New Brunswick Airport

**Cyprus - the island of Venus. Haven of tourists. A little island in the eastern Mediterranean where defensive driving skills are challenged to the utmost. Hot, quiet, hotter still and seemingly tranquil.**

Cyprus - dry, dusty and divided. Plagued by inter-communal conflict and stricken by war, with its uncertain peace arrangements still monitored by the United Nations.

Cyprus bound, 2 RCR, the Royal Canadians, soldiers of Gagetown. Left behind (in addition to families) are the Lawfield Corridor, Scotty Dog Woods, the Inniskillen and Petersville. They are replaced in Cyprus by the Buffer Zone, the Ledra Palace, and Camps Liri, Berger and BBC.

The Advance Party, comprising those who required a detailed handover, and anyone else for whom a seat on the aircraft could be found, arrived on the island on 13 August. A frantic week was then spent in adjusting to Cyprus, learning job requirements and doing administrative handovers. The change of command took place as scheduled on



The arrival of Main 1 is led by Sgt Pete Mean, Provost Sgt for Sector Three

20 August, but it was without the benefit of the people on Main 1 as HURRICANE BOB delayed their arrival until the 21st. They were quickly followed by Main 2's arrival on the 23rd. Upon arrival, each group was whisked up to Blue Beret Camp for a full in-clearance and then was immediately sent out to man the Buffer Zone.

The unit's arrival in Cyprus provided a drastic change in environment for most of the unit members, as only a small percentage have had previous tours. In place of the lush green forest areas of eastern Canada, we were faced with what we considered to be an oppressive amount of heat, a landscape dominated by sandy earth tones and an abundance of different sights, sounds and smells to greet us to our



Newly arrived 2 RCR soldiers are greeted with the typical in-clearance line-up

new "home". The climate and jet lag combined to make the first few days long, hot and tiring. Still, with the establishment of normal routine, everyone quickly adapted to their new surroundings. Rural Company became accustomed to the wide open spaces, while the "Urban Peacekeepers" of City Company learned a new version of the "Neighbourhood Watch" programme. At the same time, Battalion Headquarters settled in for a long haul in the difficult conditions of the Ledra Palace and the Jaffas in Administrative Company nestled contentedly into Blue Beret Camp. Everything that did not move for the first week of the tour has now been given a fresh coat of paint and general clean-ups of all areas have been attacked with vigour.

Our first month on the island has passed quickly, most likely because it was the first month and all ranks have been very busy. Everyone is already looking forward to leave days and the chance to experience the various aspects of Cyprus, other than the Buffer Zone and paint brushes.

## THE GURKHAS

All Gurkha soldiers are Nepalese nationals, born and raised in Nepal. The British Army recruits men from the martial castes (or tribes), Gurungs and Magars from the West and Rais and Limbus from the East.

After approximately 1 year 9 months, the young recruit arrives at his squadron as a trained soldier. During his first three years, the young Gurkha driver will work as a task vehicle driver. Opportunities for overseas travel may occur if the young driver is attached to an infantry company for an overseas exercise.

Promotion within the Regiment is based on seniority and merit. A soldier has his first opportunity for promotion to Lance Corporal at the six year point. Promotions from Sergeant onwards can be relatively swift and each new rank permits an extension of service. From the rank of Staff Sergeant and with a minimum of 16 years service, an individual can be commissioned as a Queen's Gurkha Officer (QGO). Promotion to Major (QGO) and appointment as the Gurkha Major is the peak of a Gurkha's career.

### Gurkha Customs and Culture

The Gurkha Officers of the Squadron are Queen's Gurkha Officers (QGOs) and are addressed as Captain/Lieutenant Saheb and they in turn address their fellow officers in the same terms.

Gurkhas have two names, i.e. Lance Corporal Krishnabhadur Gurung: the first is the given name and the second denotes his tribe. British personnel often abbreviate names of those they know to KB, using the key letters of the name. It would not be effective to ask a



A Gurkha Piper



The Kukri Dance

group of Gurkhas for Gurung to come forward, as there are 28 in the Squadron.

Gurkhas are forever cheerful, willing and a very proud race, modest and slow to anger. In the main, the Gurkhas are Hindus and do not eat beef and observe the traditional religious customs of their faith. During this tour, they will celebrate their major religious festivals of Dasain and Tirhar in October.

Some useful phrases are:

- |                   |                              |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Hello             | - Ram Ram                    |
| How are you       | - Tapain Kasto Honu Hunchha? |
| O.K.              | - Thik Chhu (OK will do!)    |
| What is your name | - Tapain Ko nam ke Ho?       |



Officers and SNCOs, 34 (UNFICYP) Tpt Sqn GTR

## THE HONG KONG CHINESE

Chinese soldiers have been connected with the British Army for nearly 80 years. Immediately after World War II, Chinese soldiers were recruited to form the Hong Kong Pioneer Company, which in 1948 became the Hong Kong Chinese Training Unit. This Unit was renamed the Hong Kong Military Service Corps (HKMSC) in 1961.

The HKMSC is part of the British Army and in the past 23 years, it has developed into a strong and effective force, providing valuable assistance and manpower to serve alongside and in support of locally based British and Gurkha units in the territory. The Chinese soldiers deployed in Cyprus are part of 29 Squadron RCT, one of the Squadrons of the Gurkha Transport Regiment.

Men are enlisted into the HKMSC between the ages of 18 and 25. They initially undertake to serve for four years, but this can be extended by four year periods up to eight and 12 years, and some serve for 21-22 years. HKMSC soldiers, after undergoing basic military training at the HKMSC Depot, are posted and serve all over the territory employed as drivers, dog handlers, military policemen, medical assistants, clerks, cooks, storemen, educational instructors, radio operators, mariners, etc. In fact, there is hardly any military job in the territory which the Hong Kong Chinese soldiers cannot do, and they are rightly proud of their versatility and skills.

The Corps is now 1,100 strong and over the years, it has developed into a mature and viable force, proud of its traditions and of its record of service to the Crown and the territory.

### Chinese Customs and Culture

The Chinese officer in the Squadron holds exactly the same type of commission as his British counterparts and should be treated accordingly.

The Chinese have three names, i.e. Lance Corporal Yan Tak Wah. The first is the surname and the second and third are his "forenames". He is known formally as Lance Corporal Yan, but as "Ah-Wah" to his close friends. The majority also have an English first name.

The HKMSC soldiers are mainly of Cantonese origin and are very willing and uncomplaining workers. They regard it as a matter of pride and "face" to do well and are consequently highly qualified. A minority are Christian with the remainder Buddhists. Three traditional festivals that will be observed during the tour are: mid-autumn festival (23 September), Chung Yeung (16 November) and the winter festival (22 December).

All Chinese are qualified to speak English and all ranks have a command to some extent. With patience and clear orders, they are well capable of holding their own. Some useful phrases are:

- |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| Good morning | - Jo San     |
| How are you? | - Nei Ho ma? |
| No problem   | - Mo Mantai  |
| Thank you    | - M goi      |

## FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Having been on the island for just under two months and well integrated into the Force, it is perhaps appropriate to take this opportunity to thank the other members of UNFICYP for the way in which they have made us feel so welcome.

No sooner had our feet touched the ground when we were asked to produce volunteers for the Support Regiment Swimming Team, which went on to win the UNFICYP Swimming Gala. In addition, our Lion Dance team was in action in the Sgts' Mess to say farewell to our predecessors, 15 Sqn RCT. Next came the Volleyball Competition, which we managed to win against very stiff competition.

During our short tour here, we have been visited by a number of people including the COS and CO Support Regiment and many have sampled our Chinese and Gurkha cooking. The COS, during his visit, witnessed the Chinese Lion Dance at which he "dotted" the eye of the lion before the dance for good luck commenced.

Our first couple of months here has so far been extremely busy but very rewarding, and we now look forward to the Skill at Arms and Military Skills meeting.



A Troop, 34 (UNFICYP) Tpt Sqn GTR

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## DANISH-AUSTRIAN EXCHANGE

During the period 26-30 August, five Vikings (Pte M Blond, Pte JRV Nielsen, Pte J Pedersen, Pte J Kollerup and Pte NC Jensen) left B Coy, DANCON as part of the exchange programme with the Austrian Contingent.

In their place, five Austrian soldiers arrived at B Coy and were briefed on their forthcoming tasks. We Danes communicated with our Austrian friends in a mixture of German and English, although radio communication was naturally all in English. They learned what was expected of them on duty in the six OPs/OPTs of B Coy, and were taken on a line tour to see the different terrain in Sector One. Duties were shared equally - not only the foot patrols, but maintenance and upkeep of the OPs, which did not exclude cleaning and cooking!

This exchange of personnel was considered a profitable experience, and one which should be followed up with the British and Canadian Contingents.



## 25th Anniversary in B Coy/ DANCON

On Thursday 22 October 1991, Mr Charalambos Tsitseklis will celebrate 25 years of service with the UN.

He was born in the village of Pano Zodhia in 1936 and after finishing school, which included four years in the English School in Morphou, he started working as a waiter in the RAF Officers' Mess in Nicosia. In 1966 he joined the UN, originally in Xeros but later moving to Skouriotissa. He and his family finally settled in the village of Katydata, although his four children have now grown up and left home.

Charlie, as he is fondly known, is very conscientious and hard working, and the personnel of B Coy/ DANCON wish him all the very best in the future.



The five Austrians on exchange with 1/Lt HF Haugaard, Platoon Leader, standing in the centre

## NEW SECTOR OPERATIONS OFFICER



On 19 August 1991, Major Jorgen Nielsen (right) took over the appointment of SOO in Sector One from Major Ole von Holck. The new SOO was once a logistician, but since 1982, he has been almost continuously in UN service.



## BRITISH HELICOPTERS ASSIST IN MEDEVAC EXERCISE

On 14 August, the JOC Sector One arranged a MEDEVAC exercise for their personnel in the DANCON Medical Centre. Two RAF helicopters participated in the exercise which was carried out to practise the correct radio and evacuation procedures in an emergency. One "wounded" sold-

ier was evacuated by ambulance, and five by helicopter in four flights. The imaginary casualties were gunshot wounds, broken limbs, serious burns and head injuries.

The exercise went well and the medical personnel learned a lot, thanks to the expertise of the



Capt M. SVAERKE, SMO

British helicopter teams and the DANCON JOC who arranged the activity.



B Raungaard (left) and W01 A Terp (right) carrying out the medevac



M Poveisen, Medical Assistant (right), and M Svaerke (Papa-Doc) administering thoracic drainage

## COMMANDER (DESIGNATE), DANCON



Lt Col Kurt Bache (above right) was born in 1943. He became a Reserve Officer in 1965, and was commissioned into the regular army as a First Lieutenant in 1970 in The Royal Hussars.

Lt Col Bache was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in 1988 when he was appointed CO of Recce Bn/Comland Zealand. In 1990, he transferred to the Danish Life Regiment as 2ic and Chief of Staff of the Regiment. He is married with three children, a boy serving in the Danish Air Force, and a girl and boy living at home, attending secondary school.

## A POPULAR VISIT TO SECTOR ONE?

Twice a year, two dentists pay a visit to Viking Camp, Xeros. The main purpose of this visit is to check UN personnel who serve with UNFICYP for more than six months and, if necessary, carry out dental treatment. All equipment is brought over from Denmark, and fillings, scaling, extractions and minor operations can be carried out.

Although our Dental Officers, Helle Langhede Olsen and Claus Donslund Jensen, have had a very busy time during their short visit to DANCON, it was a great experience for them and they have found time to enjoy Danish hospitality.



The COS, Brig Fredenslund, during a dental check up. Ooops, where did it go...?

## FORCE RESERVE TRAINING DAY



Members of DANCON attempting to assist an injured casualty at the First Aid stand



Canadians, Jocks (4 RTR) and Austrians "on the front line"



A member of DANCON making heavy work of breaking through the ranks of the Light Cavalry (A Sqn, 13th/18th Royal Hussars (QMO))



Force Reserve Platoon Commanders and Sgts in front of the disused aircraft



Cpl Perrett (FSC Sqn) debriefs hot and tired Austrians at the Map Reading stand

On Thursday 26 September, the Force Reserve spent a day training in and around the area of Prince William Camp. The day was sponsored by the FSC Sqn (A Sqn 13th/18th Royal Hussars (QMO)), under the direction of Major Steffen Møller, S02 Ops (PI & Trg).

In the morning, the Force Reserve platoons rotated through a series of four stands designed to test and standardise training. The stands were: map reading (a short, hot, orienteering exercise), recognition (vehicles and uniforms), first aid (dealing with casualties in a simulated "Ferret pile up") and finally crowd control (practising the skills under Phil Hudson, AUSTCIVPOL, which would be tested in the afternoon's exercise).

After a short break for lunch and a well deserved drink on arguably one of Cyprus' hottest days, the whole Force Reserve assembled on the airfield to conduct a crown control exercise which was a huge success. As the photographs show, all contingents participated with gusto and enthusiasm, yet all the time exercising exactly the right amount of discipline required.

## SPECIAL INVESTIGATION SECTION UNFICYP MILITARY POLICE COMPANY

The SIS comprises a five man multi-national Section (2 x British, 1 x Canadian, 1 x Austrian and 1 x Swede) and is responsible to the Force Provost Marshal for the investigation of serious crimes, all fatalities and serious breaches of security within UNFICYP. The Section is also responsible for anti-vice activities including monitoring the cabarets, bars and discotheques in Cyprus (an arduous duty in itself). The composition of the Section enables it to deal with all UNFICYP personnel regardless of nationality. All Section members are proven experienced investigators who are able to draw on their knowledge and technical ability gained in both their home countries and their time 'in the job' at SIS. The Section is also able to provide technical assistance in many forms (eg photography, fingerprinting, forensic crime scene examination, etc) for SIS cases, and is the technical support for the UNFICYP MP Coy Detachments in this field.

The SIS caseload has been so varied, it would not be practical to elaborate on individual cases. However, to enlighten the reader as to the type of work in which SIS has been employed, this year alone there have been two suicides, a number of serious assaults, investigations relating to security matters and a number of joint enquiries with the Cyprus Police Criminal Investigation Department of a varied nature.

Excluding its primary role, the Section has been involved in a number of inter-company sporting events, most admirably displaying its prowess in volleyball,



The current Section Members, from left to right: Sgt Wellfoot (British), W01 Martensson (Swedish), W02 Scott (British WOIC), W02 Storch (Austrian) and Sgt Lewis (Canadian)

tennis, cricket and football and is also an integral part of the team responsible for raising monies for the UNFICYP Blind Fund which provides charities to both Northern and Southern Cyprus Blind Associations.

To conclude, a tour with SIS can be interesting and varied and also, as with the remainder of UNFICYP MP Coy, it provides an opportunity to see the different cultural and professional characteristics prevalent when working in a multi-national environment.

## FSC SQN NEWS



1st Tp with Sgt Major Schrott in Camp Izay

1st Troop arrived at Camp Liri for the last four weeks of 1 PPCLI's tour in Cyprus. We were very soon settled into a world of muffins, pancakes, hashbrowns and enormous steaks by the pool! We eased our way into life in UNFICYP in typical Yorkshire fashion, deliberately and "quietly" using the time to adapt to our new role with the Ferrets. We

also used this time to get to know one another, as this was the first occasion we had worked together as a troop. With 1 PPCLI looking forward to returning to Calgary after a six month tour, we assisted them in their farewell celebrations...

No sooner had we settled in than the advance party from 2 RCR arrived heralding the arrival of a fresh batch of Canadians. Having just mastered the Alberta drawl, we were now faced with the completely different "twang" from Newfoundland and Nova Scotia. We worked well with the new Canadians for 10 days, after which we moved due east to Sector Four and Camp Izay in Athienou, home of 1 Coy AUSCON.

Izay welcomed us with open arms. Working with the Austrians is obviously quite different to life with the Canadians, and we have adapted well to a new and varied patrol programme. It is refreshing meeting and working with other UN members from different parts of the world, and it is this that makes FSC such an interesting and varied role. We shall remain here another four weeks before we rotate once again in October.

## AUSCON NEWS



In the early morning of 19 August 1991, Padre Edwin Stadelmann died as a result of cancer.

"Pater Edwin" (as he was known in Sector Four) was born on Christmas Eve in 1932 at Alberschwende, a small village in western Austria. At the age of 22, he took his holy orders at the

## OBITUARY

"Salvatorianer", an international community which cares mainly for youths and the work force.

To the benefit of Austrian soldiers, Pater Edwin chose as his vocation to be a pastor, and over the years, he did his best not only spiritually but also to solve as many personal problems as he could. He served with UNDOF 10 times and twice with UNFICYP. On 13 May, he left Cyprus for the last time. The Austrians have lost a very good friend and comrade. Requiescat in pace.



## HANDOVER OF CHAPLAINS

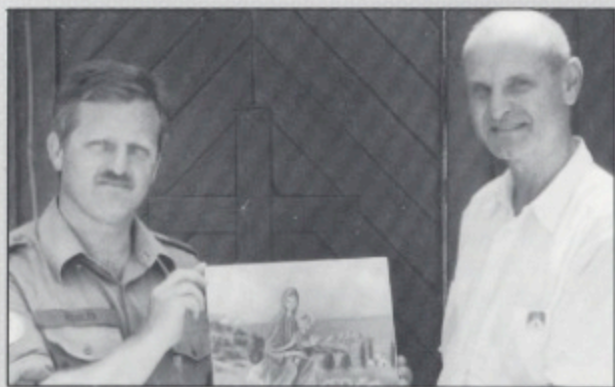
Military Dean, the Rev Herwig Imendörffer, took over as the successor of "Padre Edwin". However in the middle of August, he and his family returned to Austria and the Secretary of the Austrian Roman Catholic Military Bishop, the Rev Siegfried Lochner, took over.

On his departure, the Rev Imendörffer said that he will always remember the time he spent with the soldiers of Sector Four, and wished his successor good luck and an enjoyable time during his tour with UNFICYP.



Handover between the Revs Imendörffer (left) and Lochner

## SUITABLE LEISURE TIME ACTIVITY



W01 Kogler handing over his work of art to the Austrian Chaplain

There is one peace-keeper in Sector Four, W01 Hubert Kogler, with very useful hobbies, i.e. painting and carving. To the delight of our Chaplain, religion is one of his spheres. W01 Kogler, from Leoben, Lower Austria, works in our PX shop. At home he is a professional soldier. In his leisure time he prefers "Hinterglasmalerei", which is a special painting technique.

## COMMEMORATION SERVICE AT GOSHI



On 14 August 1991, Sector Four held a Commemoration Service at Goshi in memory of the three Austrian soldiers killed in 1974.

W01 Kogler first served in Cyprus during 1974/75 when he painted his first picture of Maria and Jesus for our Chapel. Now, on his second tour, he has presented the Chapel with yet another painting. In a small celebration, this picture was placed at a shrine at OP AS-22, near Athienou.

## AUSTCIVPOL PROFILES



Supt Ken Hunt arrived in Cyprus early in September as the first member of the 35th AUSTCIVPOL Contingent. Prior to joining the police service, Supt Hunt served six years with the Royal Australian Army Medical Corps, including 12 months' duty in South Vietnam. He joined the police force in 1971 and has worked in the areas of fraud and crime investigations in Sydney and Melbourne. One of his recent accomplishments was to set up the first Australian Federal Computer Crime Unit which effectively investigates computer hackers and other computer-related crimes.

Supt Hunt is accompanied by his wife Jane, and they are both interested in scuba diving, skiing and sailing.



Stn Sgt Whady Jurosz (above) served with two contingents between December 1986 and March 1988, when he worked at Ledra and AUSTCIVPOL HQ. He enjoys all sporting activities and life in general. He has spent his career in the police in the Australian Capital Territory, but the enjoyment of working with the people of Cyprus drew him back.

## WELCOME AND WELCOME BACK



Stn Sgt Mike Watson (right) welcomes his replacement, Stn Sgt John Love.

The members of the 35th AUSTCIVPOL Contingent arrived in Cyprus on 18 September and with them returned three "veterans" who cannot stay away from the island. Stn Sgts John Love, Whady Jarosz and Brian Williams have each served with previous contingents and we welcome them back.

Stn Sgt Love was last here in 1989, serving with the 30th Contingent. He has been with the police for 23 years, having worked in the Australian Capital Territory and Indonesia. He is currently stationed at Peristerona.



Prior to joining the police service 16 years ago, Stn Sgt Brian Williams served for 21 years with the Royal Australian Air Force which included duty in Malaya, Thailand and Hong Kong. He was last in Cyprus with the 22nd Contingent in 1984-1985, when he served as Operations Information Officer.

## NEWS FROM SECTOR TWO

## LIFE AT B-25

by Trooper M Barnett

Following our return to Cyprus after a period of 18 months, there was the initial "settling in" when equipment was moved and installed, 'stag lists' worked out, Observation Post briefs learnt and soldiers acclimatized. Various jobs were tasked in order to improve the standard of accommodation; patrols, meetings and briefings were undertaken and it was then a matter of collating useful information with what had been previously known. Once everything appeared to be running smoothly, free time was considered.

For the majority of 4 RTR men, this means the beach. When they are not lying on golden sands, or visiting towns, free time is spent watching videos, reading, "working out" on the weights and trying to get rid of those layers of fat! For some, the idea is to go home looking fit and healthy. For others, ambitions vary from the largest collection of bought videos to the longest list of girls' addresses!

It is our Regimental policy to improve public relations between UNFICYP and the two opposing forces. My OP, B-25, is located on the outskirts of the village of Mammari. On our arrival, the local inhabitants welcomed us with open arms. We accepted their way of life, and they accepted us as peace keepers and professional soldiers. Hopefully, once overall acceptance by all communities has been achieved, the way to a peaceful Cyprus can be paved.



Some of the Arras Squadron with "Arras"

## ARRAS?

Following a line tour by the Force Commander, the Officers and SNCOs of Arras Squadron, 4 RTR took the opportunity to pose for a photograph with "Arras", the sheep. "Arras" was presented to the Squadron by a Turkish officer who has since departed from the island. Currently treated as a pet, and learning to walk to heel, Arras's future is in some doubt after the 2ic, Capt Chris Hall, did some research on Turkish customs. Apparently, the gift is a token of friendship, to be consummated only on its consumption! "Cambrai" (20 November and the Regimental "Battle Day") could prove to be a bleak event for this sheep - the Gurkhas of the Transport Squadron apparently make a lovely lamb curry...

## 50s and 60s Night



Brett "Olivia" Simpson

AUSTCIVPOL and guests showed they could still recall the words to "Rock 'n' Roll" music at the 50s/60s night held in the Stockade. Although many denied they were old enough to have learnt the words when the songs first came out, it did not stop them dressing the part and singing along.

Ray Yan Tak Wah and Brett "Bart" Simpson gave us startling and unforgettable impersonations of John Travolta and that little Aussie song-bird Olivia Newton-John singing hits from "Grease".



Jan and Anna

## KIDCON SUMMER ACTIVITIES

In order to stave off boredom for UN children, a series of summer activities was organised during the months of July and August. To run these activities, we were lucky to have two Summer Student Volunteers (SSVs) - Teri and Jane from the UK.

Week 1 activities started with "It's a Water Knock Out" in the UNPA pool, organised by QMSI Clive Grant. There followed a visit to the UN MP Coy, when some of the kids found themselves locked in cells and handcuffed to railings - needless to say, they were released in time for lunch! Other activities, e.g. shooting practice, a scavenger hunt, a visit to the kart track and a raft race at Dhekelia kept the kids occupied for the remainder of the week.

Week 2 saw visits to the bowling alley, Salamis, AAC Fit, Markos Tavern for a meze and another swimming gala.

Week 3 activities included a visit to the Sig Sqn, the Caledonian Falls nature trail and yet another "It's a Water Knock Out", this time at Akrotiri.

Week 4 was given over to the summer camps at Melindi Beach, Episkopi, which included activities like canoeing, rock climbing, abseiling, surfing, sailing, camp craft, discos and barbeques.



SSgt Harrison and Gail Latimer (SSV) show how the abseil should be done



Members of KIDCON outside the UN MP Coy

The programme was, needless to say, a success and, on behalf of the kids and the organisers, a big "thank you" goes to everyone who hosted and helped the visits and activities.



**en passant...** If you have any information you would like to see published in this section, please telephone extension 2235 by 12 November 1991.

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## SUPPORT REGIMENT MILITARY SKILLS COMPETITION: 19 SEPTEMBER 1991



*The winning team*



The overall winner of the Military Skills Competition was 254 (UNFICYP) Sig Sqn. Below are the results of the individual phases:

Phases	Winner
March	Sig Sqn
Shooting	HQ Sqn
Map Reading	Sig Sqn
Recognition	Wksp
Grenade	A Tp GTR
Obstacle Course	A Tp GTR



*W02 Connelly from Flt taking part in the shooting phase*



*SSgt Kong, feeling the pain...*



*A Troop, GRT: Lt PB Gurung leads his team on the assault course*