UNIFICYP'S NEW CHIEF OF STAFF
BRIGADIER R M LAMBE MBE

Brigadier Dick Lambe was born, raised and educated in Ireland prior to joining the British Army in 1963. In 1967 he was commissioned from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst into the Royal Regiment of Artillery.

Since then he has seen regimental service in UK, BAOR, Libya, Hong Kong and Belize and staff experience at UK, Belize and Australia. He was promoted to Brigadier in July 1988, and his last appointment was as Commander British Forces Belize.

More a practical soldier than a theoretician, he is now to United Nations operations. A man of modest but catholic taste, Brigadier Lambe possesses personal integrity and openness and dislikes duplicity, rigidity and closure.

When not immersed in work, Brigadier Lambe is a Patron of Coral Cay Conservation and Samarjan Butterfly Trust, he is a Friend of Belize Zoo, a Member of the Royal College of Defence Studies and a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.

Brigadier Lambe is aged 47 and is married to Trista. They have two daughters, Shaunneen and Andrea, who are both above school leaving age but not yet finished studying.

HEAT DOESN'T STOP PLAY!

by Major Vince Hazelwood

The United Nations Golf Club is based within the UNPA, Nicosia. It is an 11 hole course of interesting variety. It is currently the closed season with only a Monthly Eclectic/Running Stableford (Runstab) competition for "mad dogs" who want to keep their golf game going during the summer. The opening game of the season was on 19 Sep 92.

Recently a golf match was held to say farewell to Brig Nils and Anne-Maria Fredenslund. The COS has been the Deputy President and Vice Captain for the last year. The results of the farewell competition were:

1st: SSgt Nick Webber and Mr Joe Preston (BHC)
2nd: Brig Nils Fredenslund and Supt Peter Wilde (FODOPS)

UNIFICYP SUPPORT REGIMENT ORIENTEERING

At 0545 hrs on Thur 16 Jul 92, the five sub-units of UNIFICYP Sp Regt gathered at the swimming pool in the UNPA to take part in the final competition for the CO's shield. Each unit had to supply six runners to compete over three courses varying in length from 4km to 7km. Despite a few misleading clues, there were some fast times. Individual times were added to produce a total time for the team. The winners were 254 Sig Sqn, closely followed by HQ Sqn in 2nd place and Ord & Flt in 3rd place.

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CHANGE OF COMMAND

A Change of Command ceremony was recently held at the UNIFICYP Military Police Company, when Maj Paul Cloutier, Force Provost Marshal, handed over command of the MP Coy, after two years to Maj E Wayne Boone.

The ceremony began at 11.30 hrs, at which time the Company Warrant Officer, CWO Lloyd Church, marched 34 Coy personnel representing Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Sweden and the United Kingdom onto the square. Musical accompaniment was provided by the Greek Cypriot Police Band. The Force Commander, Maj Gen Mitichean, inspected the troops, after which he presented the UN Cyprus Medal to 11 members of the Coy. Then the Change of Command ceremony took place.

Maj Gen Mitichean stressed in his address the important role the multi-national MP Coy plays in policing UNIFICYP. Following his address the parade, now commanded by Maj Boone, marched past.

A reception at the MP Lounge for Coy personnel and guests ended the midday festivities. Evening brought out all members to a Mug-Out for Maj Cloutier and three other Coy soldiers. A good time was had by all, including wives and children of accompanied members and guests.

VISIT BY THE EASTERN MILITIA AREA COMMANDER

Brig Gen Bombardier is shown a section of the EZ by the City OC Maj Yvan Bouchard.

The 3rd Battalion of the Royal 22nd Regiment was pleased to be the host for the visiting Area Commander, Brigadier General JIL Bombardier. Brig Gen Bombardier arrived at Wolseley Barracks on 25 July, where he was met by an honour guard made up of militia personnel attached to 3e R22eR for the purpose of augmenting the 3rd Bn during its Cyprus operation. These personnel were drawn from militia units in the Eastern Area, as it shares the same geographical region as 3e R22eR. The Eastern Militia Area furnished up to sixty personnel in total for the operation, which signifies a very large contribution on their own.

Brig Gen Bombardier spent the week visiting the line and seeing for himself the excellent performance of his militia personnel, and he was able to return home quite satisfied.

Je me souviens
Lt CW McLean

HISTORY OF THE 1ST REGIMENT, ROYAL CANADIAN HORSE ARTILLERY

The origins of 1 RCHA are the origins of the Regular Canadian Army. A Militia General Order of 20 October 1872 authorized the formation of two batteries of garrison artillery to maintain the various military establishments which the government had inherited from the departed British. These batteries were A Battery at Kingston and B Battery at Quebec. On 10 August 1883, a Militia General Order authorized the formation of C Battery. C Battery was not actually formed until 1887 in Victoria, BC.

The Boer War, and subsequent fielding of the Canadian Artillery Brigade, saw the reformation of C Battery. While in South Africa, C Battery took part in the relief of Mafeking. After returning back in Canada, it was again disbanded in 1901.

In 1905, A and B Batteries were designated the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery. Later, equipped with 15-pounders, the batteries went overseas to become part of the Canadian Cavalry Brigade and then the RCHA Brigade. A and B Batteries saw action at the Somme, Cambrai and many other battles. C battery was reformed at Kingston as a depot battery.

Between the two World Wars, A and B Batteries were stationed at Kingston and C Battery at Winnipeg. As Canada's only regular artillery units, they were re-equipped with 18-pounder guns and converted to mechanized units.

On 3 September 1939, A, B, C and the 54th Field Batteries mobilized to form the First Field Brigade, RCHA. This was the first occasion on which all three RCHA Batteries served together. The Regiment arrived in France in June 1940. It was subsequently evacuated and was the only Artillery Regiment to bring back its full complement of guns. On 1 January 1941, A, B and C Batteries were redesignated the 1st Field Regiment RCHA. The Regiment then went on to see action in Sicily, Italy, including Ortona and Cassino, and Northern France.

During the Korean War, 1 RCHA replaced 2 RCHA in the Commonwealth Division until April 1953. The post war period saw much fluctuation in the regimental establishment and equipment. At times, 1 RCHA consisted of as many as five batteries of various types. Its equipment has included field and medium guns, locating equipment and aircraft from the Air Observation Post Troop.

In 1957, 1 RCHA was stationed at Fort Prince of Wales in Germany from which it returned to Camp Gaetontown, NB in 1960. Seven years later, it returned to Fort Prince of Wales, Germany. In October 1970, 1 RCHA moved to CFB Lahr, and remained there until today. In Germany, the Regiment supported 4 CMBG which was the main effort of Canada's contribution to the NATO Force structure. With the disbandment of 4 CMBG and Canada's withdrawal from NATO, the Regiment will now reside at the Home Station. Op SNOWGOOSE 58 will be the 1st Regiment's first UN peace-keeping operation as it now takes up UNIFICYP duty from 22 Regt.
SUPPORT REGIMENT
GULF MEDAL PARADE

Commander British Forces Cyprus (CBFC) AVM Hunter CBE AFC presented Gulf Medals to 71 BRITCOM members of HQ UNIFCYP and members of Support Regiment on 2 July at RHQ Support Regiment. Prior to presenting the Gulf Medals, he presented Long Service and Good Conduct Medals to WO2 Sherrington and Sgt/Sgt Shoad.

FOREMAN OF SIGNALS

S/Sgt (ForEx) Carl Shoad joined the Army in August 1975 and graduated as a Radio Technician from the Army Apprentice College, Harrogate in January 1978. Since then, he has served in Northern Ireland and BAGO. He attended the Foreman of Signals course at Stanford between June 1989 and April 1991, and is currently serving as the Foreman of Signals with 254 (UNIFCYP) Signal Squadron. In this capacity, he is the man responsible for radio and telephone technical assistance within UNIFCYP and the TV system on the UNPA.

S/Sgt Shoad is accompanied on this tour by his wife Marion and three children: Daryl, Wayne and Vanessa. He is a keen sportsman, playing football, badminton and tennis for UNIFCYP Support Regiment. His main interests include DIY!

UN WORKSHOP BOWLING TEAM: THE CRAFTHIES

By L/Cpl P Scott

"This year's team from left to right are: Sgt Adie Bull, S/Sgt Ken Parker, Sgt Steve Jenkinson, WO2 (SMB) Allan Hughes (Captain) and WO1 (ASM) Revell."

The Crafftis bowl purely for fun on a Tuesday afternoon for 20 weeks a season, twice a year. The team has been noted for its bowling success since its formation last year during which it won 14 trophies. This year, it went "one better", winning 15.

The Crafftis team recently represented the United Nations in the Army Cyprus Bowling Championships held in Limassol. Three members of the Workshop came out as Army Cyprus Champions, beating the then current Army Cyprus team by over 200 pins. This year, the League is a new average, which has since stood since 1982, was shattered by the team, and members of the Crafftis have gained two of the top four averages for this League season.

The new season for the Crafftis Bowling Team has already started. The team hopes to continue in its present form and maintain the No 1 spot.

THE TRANSPORT KEY TO SUCCESS

by Maj E Crossan

Yes, the six-monthly UNIFCYP transport key was turned once again on 21 July 1992 with the changeover of 'Shiny 7 Son RCT' to 'Big 1 Son RCT'.

On the other side of UNIFCYP life, the Squadron personnel have already started involving themselves in the endless variety of activities available to them. Seven have already completed the basic PADI Diving Course, most of whom now seem adept, and four a sailing course at Salamis Sailing Centre. The UNIFCYP Basketball Competition was well represented by members of the Squadron with Lt Austin, Lcp Dick, Lcp Robertson and Dvr Cooksey helping the UNIFCYP Sp Rgt team to a creditable runner-up position. With a keen element of volleyball players coached and enthusiastically motivated by Cpl Day and Lcp De-Bolitz, the Squadron looks forward to the competitions ahead. Watch out all other Sectors!

QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT, 5TH REGT RA, SECTOR TWO


When reading articles about soldiers, one always hears about the front line troops. However we must not forget those in the rear echelons, who are just as important during the operational tour. The soldiers in the Quartermaster's department, 5 Regt RA ensure that the boys on the line are fed, watered and given a roof over their heads.

The Quartermaster, Capt TJ Vickers RA, ensures that everything runs smoothly and all demands from the line Boys are met. Whatever is needed, write it down as a memo and the QM will action it - so he assures us, anyway. Just remember chap, you're working in 'Tidd' conditions!
CHANGE OF COMMAND AT THE AUSTRIAN BATTALION

On 13 July 1992, the change of command took place at the Austrian UN Battalion. The Contingent Commander and Deputy Chief of Staff, HQ UNFICYP, Colonel P Risch, who also represented the Force Commander, attended the ceremony. Lt Col G Riesland, who was Commander since August 1991, has completed a number of tours with the UN. The Austrian Battalion is indebted to him for his commitment to the Austrian Sector during his period of command. Back in Austria, Lt Col Riesland will command an AAC Battalion.

The new CO, Lt Col Helmut Hossinger, also has a lot of UN experience, which he will have no doubt need in the months ahead.

NEW PERSONNEL IN SECTOR FOUR

CO UNAB: Lt Col Helmut Hossinger was born in Zell in Styria in 1946. Having finished college and completed his national service, he joined the Military Academy in Wiener Neustadt, where he graduated as a Lieutenant in 1975. In 1983, he passed the Staff Officers’ course, and in 1986 the Field Officers’ course. Since November 1987, he has served as a staff officer at the Styrian Regional Command.

Lt Col Hossinger has also served several times in the UN, both in UNFICYP and UNDOF. He took over command of Sector Four on 13 July 1992. Lt Col Hossinger is married to Gerlinde, and they have three daughters.

CO 2 Coy: Maj Friedrich Steininger was born in 1956 in Styria. He has served previously with UNFICYP as the Adjutant. Maj Steininger has a Master’s Degree in History.

SLO: Maj Robert Kraus was born in 1957 in Styria. This is his second tour with UNFICYP. In Austria, he was OC of an HQ Coy.

SOO: Maj Gerald Hatzschiczer was born in 1958 in Carinthia, and is currently the OC 2 Coy. Back in Austria, he was the OC of an Artillery Coy.

SO2: Maj Karl-Michael Hrusa was born in 1950 in Vienna. He has also gained experience with the United Nations. Back in Austria, he was the SLO of the Vienna Guards Battalion.

SO2 Lab/Op: Maj Franz Krammer was born in 1958 in Upper Austria. He too has served with the UN on previous occasions, and back in Austria, he was a Quartermaster in Salzburg.

SNQ: Maj Johannes Hoheisdat was born in 1957 in Carinthia, and served once as OC at AUSCON. Maj Hoheisdat graduated in law, and back in Austria, he is a lawyer in the Tyrol.

FORCE RESERVE FIELD TRAINING EXERCISE IN PETROPHANI

by Capt Franz Wanka

A major Force Reserve Exercise took place recently in the Petrophani area of the Buffer Zone. The aim of the exercise was to practise all elements of the Force Reserve in a crowd control exercise scenario, loosely based on a possible intercommunal confrontational demonstration.

In effect, it was a two-day event. It began with an exercise situation being depicted in the Austrian Sector requiring an alert in Sector Four, and with a commitment on UNFICYP reserves in the exercise area.

As the depicted situation developed, it was decided to respond by moving exercise elements to the area and establishing a local Command Post. Lt Col W Wildberger, DCO Sector Four, was in command of the operation which included elements from the Danish, British, Canadian and Austrian military contingents in addition to personnel provided by UNFICYP from Sweden and Australia.

The area was controlled by a series of UN checkpoints and the important unit for this operation was the FSC Sqn, commanded by Maj M Ridley and, of course, support from Canadian infantry combat vehicles to contain further escalations. There was also contingency planning for intervention in a crowd control situation.

Throughout the morning, the demonstrations continued, taxing the resources which were deployed and, as allowed for by the exercise controllers, casualties were incurred. This demanded a reaction from the medical team, led by Capt T Schmigl MD and Capt M Homayun MD, which in turn required a casualty evacuation, both by a Gazelle helicopter from UNFICYP field medical and also by several ambulances. In this way, the efficiency of the medical plan was well tested.

A special exercise situation was also created at this point to allow for the involvement of UNICPOL personnel, whereby they were required to arrange meetings within the ‘demonstrating’ communities. Finally, the exercise was allowed to end when all UNFICYP reserves were practised and ‘order’ was again restored.

Maj Hrusa (SO2 Pl & Trg), Brig Lambe (COS), Lt Col OABC Hansen (COO) and Brig Frederslund (outgoing COS)

And so, having been tested by the exercise and the heat, all participants returned to their units, leaving the exercise controllers to assess its effectiveness.

Brig Frederslund, COS and Brig Lambe, COS (Des) visited the exercise and commented on various aspects of it to Lt Col OABC Hansen, COO and Maj Hrusa, SO2 Pl & Trg. The occasion was also the last UNFICYP field training exercise attended by Brig Frederslund, and it was a fitting farewell to his tour of duty.
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THE "VANDOOS" BID FAREWELL

by Capt PA Jones

Operation Snowgoose 57 has come to an end and by 24 August 92, all members of the 3rd Battalion Le Royal Vingt Doizieme Regiment will have returned to Canada. It is now the time therefore to look back on our tour here in Cyprus, reflect on what we have achieved and count the memories that we will take back with us to our home base at Valcartier, Quebec.

It was our 1st Battalion who were the first Canadian unit to serve with UNIFCYP back in 1964. Indeed, the Stg Major of our Administration Company, Stg Major Jacques, served here at that time as a private soldier. Since then he has returned in 1972, 1985 and now in 1992. Soldiers of the Battalion who were born during his second tour are now serving alongside him here 20 years later! These facts demonstrate very well how the recent history of our Regiment has been intrinsically linked with that of Cyprus.

Our City Company men on patrol

be clearly seen by the fact that between 22 Feb and 31 July 92, we gave line tours to and entertained 697 people. This does, however, include the 60 Grahams who walked the city line with our guide back in May, much to the intrigue of the forces north and south of the BZ! We also had the pleasure of a visit from the Canadian External Affairs Minister, Barbara McDougall and from our Colonel of the Regiment, Major General Reid.

We have been delighted to entertain members of UNIFCYP at two of our national holidays. There was Canada Day on 1 July and "La journée de St Jean Baptiste" on 24 June. This coincided with our CANCON show. There, the enthusiasm with which the men of the Battalion demonstrated their pride at being French Canadians and their "joie de vivre" was evident for all to see!

We have been lucky enough to have participated in all the UNIFCYP military and sporting competitions during the six months, where a great sense of spirit between teams has been shown.

Having taken over the Sector from the Royal Canadian Regiment in February, we will have handed over to the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery by 21 Aug 92. We have been privileged to be members of UNIFCYP during a possibly decisive time in the history of Cyprus. We will remember our time here with fondness and pride, and we wish "bonne chance et bonne courage" to our successors. Je me souviens.

Mr Julian Snell

It is a great privilege for the 16/6L to do two consecutive tours with the UN and A Squadron, having arrived between the 4 and 11 August, are thoroughly looking forward to their six months.

The Squadron is 120 strong, formed on 16 June 1992, drawing personnel from all squadrons and departments of 16/6L. Following two weeks' training in our home base at Wimborne, Essex, England, the Squadron took three weeks' leave. On return, two more weeks' training took place, including a practice Force Reserve Exercise on the disused airfield in our UK barracks - simulating very closely Nicosia Airport in the UNPA!

The actual handover/takeover from D Squadron went extremely well. For this, Major Mark Ridley and his team deserve our thanks for their hard work in the preparation of the vehicles and equipment. All members of our Squadron are now well established, both on the line and at Prince William Camp. It is a case of "business as usual" and hopefully, the whole process has gone sufficiently well for other members of UNIFCYP not to have noticed that there has been a change!

Personalities have of course changed. Below is a short list of key personnel. The Squadron is commanded by Major Julian Snell; Major Snell joined the 16/6L in 1977 and has held a succession of appointments serving in BORO, Canada, Lebanon, Norway, UK and Australia. Following visits to the Army Command and Staff College in Victoria, Australia in 1991, he assumed Command of A Squadron in January this year. His Second-in-Command is Captain Charlie Hedley who joined the Regiment in 1987, has served as a Troop Leader in UK and BORO and as Squadron Operations Officer in the Gulf Conflict. He has been 2IC of A Squadron since mid-1990. A Squadron are greatly looking forward to their tour with UNIFCYP. All members of the UN forces in Cyprus are very welcome to visit us in Prince William Camp so that we can get to know everyone.

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Capt Charlie Hedley

THE TROOPERS OF UNIFCYP FLIGHT

Robert Nuttal joined UNIFCYP from 12 Fit AAC at Wildenrath, West Germany, the Army Air Corps' VIP flight. He is a crack shot, having shot for his country's under 21 team, and plans to continue to be involved in target rifle over here. He is keen on most sports, particularly cricket and football. Being a cross country runner, Rob is looking forward to seeing off the opposition at the next Military Skills Competition. Air Trooper Nuttal's plans for the future include pilot training, and furthering his shooting to a standard to join the ARA team.

Paul Daniels has been an Army Air Corps soldier for over two years. During this time, he has trained as an infantryman, groundcrewman for Lynx and Gazelle helicopters, signaller and driver to HGV 2 standard. Since October 1990, he has been a member of 3 Regt AAC in Freetown, West Germany, and whilst in 3 Regt, he served operationally in Northern Ireland. Air Trooper Daniels has now completed his six-month tour with UNIFCYP, and looks forward to his return home where he is a keen freshwater fisherman.

From the left: Cpl Coleman (REME), Air Trooper Nuttal and Air Trooper Daniels

Neil Coleman joined the army in 1992 as an apprentice at Princess Marina College. Since then, he has served with 70 A/C Wksp REME at Middle Wallop, England and 4 Regt AAC based in Dallgow, West Germany. During these two major tours, he has completed several others including Northern Ireland and Operation GRANBY. This is Cpl Coleman's second tour with UNIFCYP. He is married but has no children. He is an all round sportsman, being a keen rugby player, cricketer and an accomplished thrower in all disciplines at athletics.

Lt Wiltvenouze takes a drive through the 62 with his driver, Sgt Gargion

LT Wiltvenouze takes a drive through the 62 with his driver.
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THE HISTORY OF SKOURIOTISSA CAMP

by Maj KM Mikkelsen, OC B Coy

Skouriotissa has an interesting history from a UN perspective. In fact, it has served as a Headquarters location for a Swedish and an Irish Battalion before it became the HQ for B Coy DANCON 16 years ago.

Skouriotissa Camp is situated at the bottom of the Troodos mountains in the Soles Valley, just 30 miles west of Nicosia. The Camp is overlooked by the Skouriotissa Hill to the west and has a fertile green valley to the east. From the top of Mount Olympus one can see both the Camp and B Coy’s main area of responsibility.

In 1912, the Cyprus Mine Corporation (CMC) took over the region for mining purposes, and traces of mining are still visible on Skouriotissa Hill. A point of interest is that the Romans also mined in this area, and the shallow tunnels constructed by them were once used by the first UNFICYP soldiers as air raid shelters. The CMC originally mined gold and up to 1945, they employed 3,500 people. The extraction of the gold took place at Xerok, and transportation was cross-country by horse until a two-way railroad was built. The remaining trains and wagons from this time are now collecting rust on Skouriotissa Hill and in Xerok, a reminder of how intense the mining must have been.

Aerial view of the Camp

In 1960, surface mining was introduced for the purpose of extracting copper. At the same time, the CMC expanded and started new mining fields. It is said that two whole villages were demolished during this period of mining. The present Skouriotissa Camp dates from this time, although some parts had been constructed earlier.

The Camp is made up of several buildings, the former residence of the CMC manager (now called "The Hotel") being used as quarters for the Officers, Warrant Officers and guards. The main building, once used as laboratories, now serves as the HQ and administration building. The former admin building is now used as quarters and the Officers’ Mess, having been renovated by UNFICYP to suit DANCON’s needs. Also in this complex is the privates’ bar and video room, “the Club” which is Officers and NCOs’ Mess and the sports area. This area includes sporting amenities such as tennis, volleyball, squash, football, basketball and a swimming pool, and the area is leased separately to B Coy from the Bishop of Morphou. In addition, the Camp contains garrison facilities for maintenance, engineering, etc. There was also a railway and mine in this location, but these too were a casualty of the July/August 1974 events and are both now abandoned.

One area of special interest within the Camp is the Church of Panayia, which dates back to the fifteenth century. A monastery was founded here in 1716 and up to 1912, the whole area belonged to the local monastery. The building still has some rather small rooms in the north western part, probably once used as cells for the monks. Currently, the valuable paintings of Christ and the Virgin Mary are being retained for safe keeping by the Bishop of Morphou, who has ecclesiastical and temporal responsibility for the area. The altar has not been removed, and it is obvious that it has a long history. For the time being, the Church is under reconstruction, however services still take place there and DANCON’s Chaplain has used it occasionally with permission.

Although several buildings need refurbishment, this Camp has served DANCON well. Recently, a syndicate of mining companies has apparently expressed interest in re-opening mining in the area. Consequently, exploration and heavy traffic on the narrow secondary road may once again become part of daily life in the area of Skouriotissa.

Entrance to Skouriotissa Camp

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NEWS FROM AUSTCIVPOL

CROWD CONTROL TRAINING

The members of the Civilian Police Contingents form part of UNFICYP’s capability to respond to all demonstrations that impinge upon the integrity of the Buffer Zone. The police role is twofold, primarily they provide an appropriate level of response at demonstrations, and secondly they co-ordinate the training for soldiers from all contingents. The instruction touches on the basics of the law as it applies in these circumstances, and describes techniques developed by police in their home countries to provide effective crowd control using the minimum of force. The aim of police at any demonstration is always to allow the participants to peacefully present their point of view without breaching the law.

The latest of these training sessions took place in the heat of the day at the Box Factory where Sergeant Dave McCarthy and Steve Lane of AUSTCIVPOL provided instruction for 63 DANCON soldiers. “P” Battery from Sector Two ably assisted during the practical sessions by providing the “demonstrators”.

Sgt Steve Lane with final advice for the front line

The Medal Parade for the 60th Swedish Police Contingent was held at the Sandy Castle Hotel in Larnaca on 31 July. The ceremony started at 1730 hours with the Swedish National Anthem being sung by members of the Contingent. The new COS, Brigadier Lambe, then presented medals and numerals to SWEDCIVPOL personnel.

The Swedish Civilian Police is a very small contingent with only 18 members. At the moment, they are stationed in four places on the island - Pyra, Athienou, Larnaca and Famagusta, supporting the Austrian Battalion. In this way, the Swedish police are always on the spot, ready to respond as required.


Yvonne Larsson and Anders Johansson at the entrance to the Sandy Castle Hotel.
AUSSIES TEACH WATER CONFIDENCE

Some of the 54 participants at the AUSTCIPOL "Learn to Swim" campaign.

Margaret Hazeldene encourages Sophie Cleatham to learn to swim.

L/Cpl Simon Doyle with Charles Bowers.

58 youngsters turned out for the seasonal AUSTCIPOL "Learn to Swim" Campaign at the UNFA Swimming Pool. Each child was graded and those who could swim (or splash about in good imitation) were handed over to Sergeants Carl McNulty of 254 Signal Squadron and Jayne Chandler and Dale (Alice) Cooper of AUSTCIPOL for higher level instruction.

The objectives of the campaign were not only to teach swimming but also to increase water confidence. Those who could not swim were allocated an instructor who provided appropriate training for a total of eight hours over four weeks.

In keeping with the Australian theme, a 'Skippy' kangaroo pin was given to those who managed to swim halfway across the swimming pool. Certificates were awarded to swimmers who could make a full width.

HUMANITARIAN PATROL

Cooperation is the 'name of the game' when conducting the Sector Two long Northwind humanitarian patrols. In this instance, the labour force was provided by the troops of 5th Regiment Royal Artillery and 7 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport. 7 Squadron were on their last patrol and showing the ropes to 1 Squadron RCT. The photograph was taken by the Australian Civilian Police member who managed to snatch a break from the backbreaking toll.

NEW PERSONNEL

NEW OC B COY, DANCON

Last month Maj K Mikkelson (right) relieved Maj S Franzmann, who had been in command of B Coy, DANCON for the past 11 months. Maj Franzmann is now a UN observer in UNPROFOR. In Denmark, Maj Mikkelson was in command of a squadron of main battle tanks (Centurions) in the 2nd Armoured Battalion, the Zealand Life Regiment. This is his first duty abroad.

NEWS FROM SECTOR TWO

BUNGEE DOWN UNDER - WELL, CYPRUS ACTUALLY - FOR CHARITY

By Bdr PD Charnock

AISM Sheppard takes the plunge.

Most ways of making money for charity involve running marathons, parachuting or cycling, but not for two Warrant Officers from P Battery (the Dragon Troop) RA of 5th Regiment Royal Artillery. At present serving with the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus, WO2 John Sheppard BEM and WO2 Mick Dawson had other ideas.

John's daughter is a long-term sufferer of epilepsy and he always wanted to do a bungee jump, so what better way to help raise money for a worthy cause, the Epilepsy Society of Great Britain, and complete a long time wish.

When the fateful day arrived, both John and Mick wore t-shirts with quite a few butterflies. Another twist to the story is that Mick was leaving as Battery Sergeant Major the following day and handing over to John as the new Battery Sergeant Major of P Battery (the Dragon Troops) RA, so on they went to Ayia Napa and an appointment with fear.

John entered the cage looking confident; he had the weight checked on his hand and the safety staff tied off the bungee at the right length. It was time, up the cage went. Eventually it reached the top and John made his way to the edge of the cage, then he looked out onto the wide blue yonder and the spectacular view over Ayia Napa. John stood rigid on the edge of the cage, the countdown began, 5,4,3,2,1, Bungee! Without hesitation, John took off with a perfect swallow dive over the rippling sea below, letting out a cry of 'Dragon' as he went.

It was then Mick's turn. Mick went up in the cage, looking slightly apprehensive but determined. He was not one for great heights. As before the countdown began, 5,4,3,2,1, Bungee! And once again, impressively there was no hesitation as Mick rushed at high speed towards the sea. Very quickly it was over, and an estimated Cyprus £1,000 was raised by two very determined Warrant Officers. Well done to both men.

VISIT OF MGRA TO SECTOR TWO

The Major General Royal Artillery, Maj Gen GS Hollands, visited 5th Regt RA, Sector Two for four days during August.

His visit consisted of a line tour, meeting various personalities of UNFICYP and a trip to the Adventure Training cell in Dhekelia. The visit went well, and the General enjoyed the opportunity to see the 5th Regt RA deployed in its peace-keeping role.
B-40 is manned by soldiers of Bravo Troop, Q (Sanna’s Post) Battery, 5th Regiment Royal Artillery. The OP is situated just to the west of Nicosia in Sector Two and is, without doubt, the most pleasantly situated OP within the Sector. It is a popular stop for official visitors to Sector Two because of the spectacular view it provides. At this time of year, the surrounding landscape is arid and barren, caused by the intense heat of the summer’s sun. However, in the spring, the view is improved by the colour the flora produces.

The photograph shows Gunner Millen of Q Battery at dusk.