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## UNFICYP'S NEW CHIEF OF STAFF BRIGADIER R M LAMBE MBE



Brig Lambe (right) with the outgoing COS, Brig Fredenslund (left) and the Force Commander, Maj Gen Minehane.

Brigadier Dick Lambe was born, raised and educated in Ireland prior to joining the British Army in 1965. 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 in 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 theorist, he is new to United Nations operations. A man of modest but catholic taste, Brigadier Lambe espouses personal integrity and openness and dislikes duplicity, rigidity and closed minds.

When not immersed in work, Brigadier Lambe is a Patron of Coral Cay Conservation and Sarteneja 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 Trisha. They have two daughters, Shauneen and Andrea, who are both above school leaving age but not yet finished studying.

## HEAT DOESN'T STOP PLAY!

by Major Vince Hazlewood

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 the "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-Marie Fredenslund. The COS has been the Club President and Vice Captain for the last year. The results of the farewell competitions were:

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



Supt Wilde (left) and Brig Fredenslund (centre) receiving their runners-up prizes from the UNGC Chairman, Maj V Hazlewood

## UNFICYP SUPPORT REGIMENT ORIENTEERING

At 0545 hrs on Thur 16 Jul 92, the five sub-units of UNFICYP 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.



Lt Col IPG Stevens RTR, CO Sp Regt, presenting the winners shield to SSgt (SQMS) Dave Forbes and Sgt Si (Superman) Norris.

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REME Wksp, Sp Regt  
by S/Sgt Kev Capon

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## EDITORIAL

Change is very much a part of military life and operations. Consequently the ability to continue with the "mission" without loss of momentum through changes in staffs, unit personalities or changing operational circumstances may be regarded as another indicator of professionalism. It also holds true in United Nations peacekeeping operations where the different terms of service and national modus operandi etc. for each contingent means frequent changes of personnel and units.

This situation has gone on in UNFICYP for 28 years without any major problems, and in recent weeks, the whole process passed off smoothly once again when principal staff officers and line units rotated; in itself a tribute to the personnel and units involved.

Now it remains to record the departure of Brig NL Fredenslund (DANCON) and the arrival of Brig Lambe MBE (BRITCON) as part of this process. To Brig Fredenslund, a fond farewell and best wishes for the future; to Brig Lambe, a welcome to the challenges of UN soldiering.

At another level, A Sqn 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers replaced D Sqn for Scout Car and Force Reserve duties; and in Sector Three, the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery Regiment has replaced the "Vandoos". Sector Four has also changed personnel in the major appointments, and the UN MP Coy has recently had its change of command ceremony.

To these new units and personalities, welcome to UNFICYP and United Nations peace-keeping operations.

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## NEW FACES AT UNFICYP MP COY



Coy Sgt Maj, CWO L Church



UNFICYP MP Coy Insignia



SIS, WO2 G Kelly



CQ, SCpl T Mardon



FPM, Maj W Boone



Crime Reader, CS T Farrell

## CHANGE OF COMMAND

Signing over  
of command

ceremony took place.

Maj Gen Minehane stressed in his address the important role the multi-national MP Coy plays in policing UNFICYP. 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.

A Change of Command ceremony was recently held at the UNFICYP 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 Minehane, inspected the troops, after which he presented the UN Cyprus Medal to 11 members of the Coy. Then the Change of Command

UN MP Coy  
on parade1<sup>ST</sup> REGIMENTHISTORY OF THE  
1<sup>ST</sup> 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 arriving 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 13-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, RCA. 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 Gagetown, 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 UNFICYP duty from 22 Regt.

VISIT BY THE EASTERN  
MILITIA AREA COMMANDERBrig Gen Bombardier is shown a section of the BZ 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 JLL Bombardier. BGen Bombardier arrived at Wolseley Barracks on 28 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 of men.

BGen 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

## SUPPORT REGIMENT GULF MEDAL PARADE



Cpl Staples being presented with his medal

Commander British Forces Cyprus (CBFC) AVM Hunter CBE AFC presented Gulf Medals to 71 BRITCON members of HQ UNFICYP 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 S/Sgt Shead.

## FOREMAN OF SIGNALS



S/Sgt (FofS) Carl Shead 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 BAOR. He attended the Foreman of Signals course at Blandford between June 1989 and April 1991, and is currently serving as the Foreman of Signals with 254 (UNFICYP) Signal Squadron. In this capacity, he is the man responsible for radio and telephone technical assistance within UNFICYP and the TV system on the UNPA.

S/Sgt Shead 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 UNFICYP Support Regiment. His main interests include DIY!

## UN WORKSHOP BOWLING TEAM: THE CRAFTIES

By L/Cpl P Scott



This year's team from left to right are: Sgt Adie Bell, S/Sgt Kim Parker, Sgt Steve Jennison, WO2 (SQMS) Allan Hughes (Captain) and WO1 (ASM) Reavill.

The Crafties 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 Crafties 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's top average, which has stood since 1982, was shattered by the team, and members of the Crafties have gained two of the top four averages for this League season.

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

## EXERCISE APHRODITE'S DELIGHT



Preparing to launch a Wayfarer - left to right: Cpl Mark Siegal, Sig Mac McDonald, Sig Warren Little, Cpl Buddhi Buddhahadur.

Ex Aphrodite's Delight is the bi-annual adventure training exercise of 254 (UNFICYP) Sig Sqn. The exercise was held over the period 29 June-10 July at Evdihmou Bay west of Episkopi. Members of the Sqn and a few from Sp Regt took part in a variety of adventure training pursuits: sailing, rock-climbing, canoing, windsurfing, diving and many more fun activities. All who took part enjoyed themselves and special thanks go to all those who assisted OCdt Andy Hopcraft in organising the Exercise and instructing.

## THE TRANSPORT KEY TO SUCCESS

by Maj E Crossen

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



Maj I Campbell (7 Sqn) formally hands over the key to Maj E Crossen (1 Sqn)

With new feet over the pedals of the UNFICYP wheels, transport will certainly continue rolling. The settling in period has gone extremely well... so far no accidents! Obviously, the tasking of Sgt Collings to deal solely with accident reports has proved a successful deterrent! Although pleased that it keeps his workload to a minimum, he is somewhat disappointed - why? Because the sketch maps produced at the scene of an accident can often be quite amusing.



Royal Corps of Transport.



Back Row: Cpl Eldridge, LCpl Morris, Capt Williamson, Sgt Charles, Lt Austin, Capt Smith  
Front Row: Cpl Robertson, SSgt Mimms, Spr Sparrow, Dvr Cooksey

On the other side of UNFICYP 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 addicts, and four completed a sailing course



at Salamis Sailing Centre. The UNFICYP Basketball Competition was well represented by members of the Squadron with Lt Austin, LCpl Dick, Cpl Robertson and Dvr Cooksey helping the UNFICYP Sp Regt Team to a

credible runner-up position. With a keen element of volleyball players coached and enthusiastically motivated by Cpl Day and LCpl De-Boltz, the Squadron looks forward to the competitions ahead. Watch out all other Sectors!

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



The Quartermaster's departmental photograph. Rear Rank (left to right): Stellios, LBdr Jacobs, Bdr Brown, Gnr Ferris, Cpl Graham, SSgt (BQMS) Drummond, LBdr Morrisroe, LBdr Trump, Sgt Drury and Katris. Centre Rank (left to right): Costas, Kojak and George. Front Rank (left to right): Vangelis, Dinos, Capt (QM) TJ Vickers RA, WO2 (RQMS) Nugent and Theo

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 Btys are met. Whatever is needed, write it down as a memo and the QM will action it - so he assures us, anyway. Just remember chaps, you're working in 'field 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 Resch, who also represented the Force Commander, attended the ceremony. Lt Col G Rieszland, 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 Rieszland will command an AAC Battalion.

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



The change of command (from left to right): Lt Col Rieszland, Col Resch and Lt Col Hossinger

## NEW PERSONNEL IN SECTOR FOUR



**CO UNAB: Lt Col Helmut Hossinger** was born in Zettling, 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 1970. 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 with 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 Hatzenbichler** was born in 1956 in Carinthia, and is currently the OC, 2 Coy. Back in Austria, he was the OC of an Artillery Coy.



**SO2 PI/Trg: Maj Karl-Michael Hruza** was born in 1952 in Vienna. He has also gained experience with the United Nations, and back in Austria, he was the SLO of the Vienna Guards Battalion.



**SO2 Lab/Qtg: Maj Franz Krawinkler** 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.



**SHO: Maj Johannes Hohenbühel** was born in 1957 in Carinthia, and served once as DO at AUSCON. Maj Hohenbühel 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 concluded with a committal on UNFICYP reserves in the exercise area.



CP location

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 this operation which included elements from the Danish, British, Canadian and Austrian military contingents in addition to personnel provided by UNCIVPOL 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



CASEVAC by Gazelles from UNFICYP



Capt T Schmoigl, MD and Capt M Homayuni, MD treating the wounded

for by the exercise controllers, casualties were incurred. This demanded a reaction from the medical team, led by Capt T Schmoigl MD and Capt M Homayuni MD, which in turn required a casualty evacuation, both by a Gazelle helicopter from UNFICYP heli flight 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 UNCIVPOL 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 Hruza (SO2 PI & Trg), Brig Lambe (COS), Lt Col OABC Hansen (COO) and Brig Fredenslund (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 Fredenslund, COS and Brig Lambe, COS (Des) visited the exercise and commented on various aspects of it to Lt Col OABC Hansen, COO and Major M Hruza, SO2 PI & Trg. The occasion was also the last UNFICYP field training exercise attended by Brig Fredenslund, and it was a fitting farewell to his tour of duty.



## 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 Deuxieme 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 UNFICYP back in 1964. Indeed, the Sgt Major of our Administration Company, Sgt 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 tug-of-war team during the UNFICYP Athletics Competition

At these times, it is all too easy to talk of the success of a given tour within UNFICYP. It is important, however, to define what is meant by this. The operational and non-operational activities that are executed here do not always fall neatly into place with the traditional perception of a military success. Operationally, the 3rd Battalion has attempted to carry out its duties as defined by the Security Council Resolution 186 in 1964 and more directly in accordance with UNFICYP's mission as dictated by the Force Commander. To this end, the men and officers of the Battalion have tried to adopt a professional, even-handed and calm approach to the job. We believe we have been successful in that. Naturally, the troops on the ground have only been able to do their bit with efficient logistical support, and we must therefore salute our Admin Company based at the UNPA and indeed all of the support that UNFICYP has collectively given us.

We have been extremely busy not only with the task at hand but also with the number of visitors that we have been happy to receive. Sector Three is a high profile sector and this can



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 Gurkhas 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 UNFICYP 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 UNFICYP 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 UNFICYP 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 bon courage" to our successors. Je me souviens.



Lt Villeneuve takes a drive through the BZ with his driver, Sdt Gangon

## 'A' SQUADRON - 16TH/5TH THE QUEEN'S ROYAL LANCERS



Maj Julian Snell

It is a great privilege for the 16/5L 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 15 June 1992, drawing personnel from all squadrons and departments of 16/5L. Following two weeks' training in our home base at Wimbish, 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 UNFICYP 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 16/5L in 1977 and has held a succession of appointments serving in BAOR, Canada, Lebanon, Norway, UK and Australia. Following attendance at the Army Command and Staff College in Victoria, Australia in 1991, he assumed Command of A



Capt Charlie Hedley

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 BAOR 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 UNFICYP. 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.

## THE TROOPERS OF UNFICYP FLIGHT



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

Neil Coleman joined the army in 1982 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 Detmold, 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 UNFICYP. 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.

Robert Nuttal joined UNFICYP from 12 Flt AAC at Wildenrath, West Germany, the Army Air Corps' VIP flight. He is a crack shot, having shot for his county'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 Soest, West Germany, and whilst in 3 Regt, he served operationally in Northern Ireland. Air Trooper Daniels has now completed his six-month tour with UNFICYP, and looks forward to his return home where he is a keen freshwater fisherman.



## 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 Solea 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 Xeros, 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 Xeros, 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 guests. 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 Privates' 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 the 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



Entrance to Skouriotissa Camp

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.



'The Hotel': Officers' accommodation at Skouriotissa Camp



## NEWS FROM AUSTCIVPOL CROWD CONTROL TRAINING



A Coy holding the line -  
T Heigren and T Jensen

Demonstrations are one of the many operational incidents that require a high level of co-operation between the various contingents of UNFICYP. Such protests constitute an area where the actions of UN personnel may have a direct effect on individuals from the local population. Further, the guaranteed presence of the media ensures that any action taken by the UN will come under close public scrutiny. Thus our actions at a demonstration have the potential to influence the way in which the world perceives the UN - for the better or for the worse.

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



Holding the line - serious looks from B Coy,  
SM Jensen and S Christensen. The  
demonstrators are Gnr Harrington, L/Bdr  
Phillips, Gnr Trevis and L/Bdr Smith

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 Sergeants 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



## SWEDCIVPOL MEDAL PARADE



Front Row (new recipients): Insp Johan Backstad, Insp Ulf Suup, Sgt Stefan Lundh, Sgt Ywonne Larsson, Sgt Leif Nerhall, Sgt Mats Johansson, Sgt Lena Frylemo, Sgt Leif Engman, Sgt Örjan Brodin. Rear Row (old timers): Lt Lennart Malthe, Sgt Stefan Olsson, Sgt Anders Johnsson, Sgt Sven-Olof Åberg, Insp Raine Sundström, Insp Urban Axelsson, Insp Haras Kopsch, Supt Kjell Persson, Supt Krister Kindberg, Chief Supt Claes Johansson.

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 - Pyla, Athienou, Larnaca and Famagusta, supporting the Austrian Battalion. In this way, the Swedish police are always on the spot, ready to respond as required.



Ywonne Larsson and Anders Johnsson at the  
entrance to the Sandy Castle Hotel

## AUSSIES TEACH WATER CONFIDENCE



Some of the 58 participants in the AUSTCIVPOL "Learn to Swim" campaign



Margaret Hazel encourages Sophie Clesham to learn to swim



L/Cpl Simon Doyle with Charles Bowes

58 youngsters turned out for the seasonal AUSTCIVPOL. "Learn to Swim" Campaign at the UNPA 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 AUSTCIVPOL for higher level instruction.

The objectives of the campaign were not only to teach swimming but to also 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 'Skipper' 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 toil.



S/Sgt B Slaney, 1 Sqn RCT, came along to learn the ropes and help carry the flour

## CHANGES IN DANCON PERSONNEL

### NEW OC B COY, DANCON

Last month Maj K Mikkelsen (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 Mikkelsen was in command of a squadron of main battle tanks (Centurion) in the 2nd Armoured Battalion, the Zealand Life Regiment. This is his first duty abroad.



### NEW SECTOR HUMANITARIAN OFFICER

At the end of May, Maj Mogens Kristensen (right) took over as Sector Humanitarian Officer, having arrived from a posting as a teacher at the Sergeants' School in Funen. His predecessor was Maj Peter Pedersen, who returned to the Zealand Train Regiment.

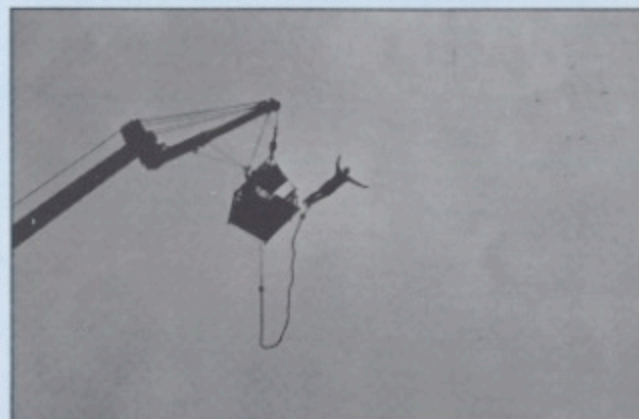


## NEWS FROM SECTOR TWO



### BUNGEE DOWN UNDER - WELL, CYPRUS ACTUALLY - FOR CHARITY

By Bdr PD Charnock



BSM 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 were tense 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 Troop) 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.



WO2 Dawson, Alan Brown and WO2 (BSM) Sheppard

## 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.

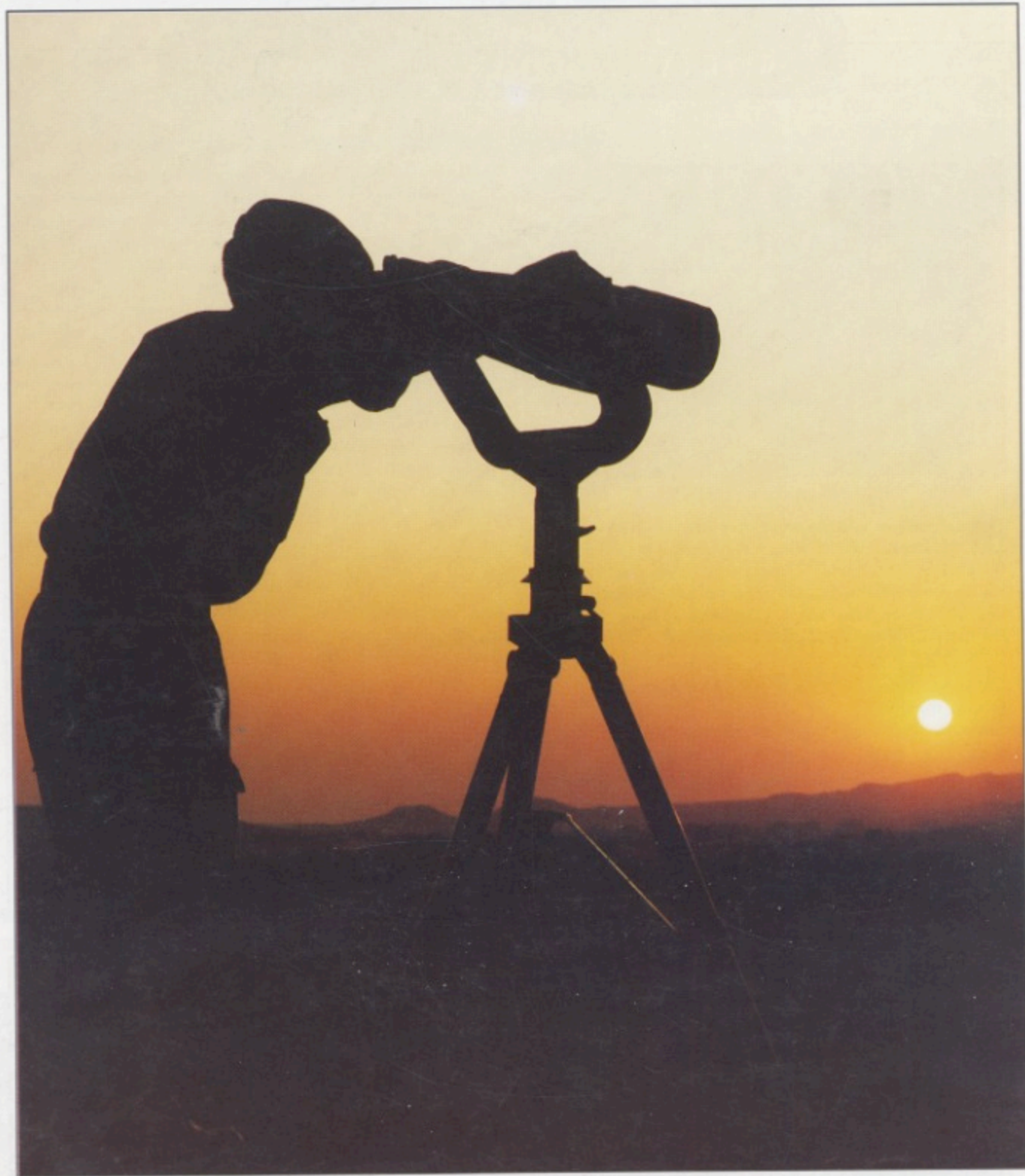
His visit consisted of a line tour, meeting various personalities of UNFICYP and a trip to the Adventure Training cell in Dhekelia. The visit went well, and the General enjoyed the opportunity to see the 5th Regt RA deployed in its peace-keeping role.



Gnr Smith P Bty with the MGRA



## REFLECTIONS OF B-40



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.