AUSTRALIAN MEDAL PARADE

Close order drill no longer receives high priority during training at the Australian Federal Police Academy so we deliberated for some time whether we should simply walk into the position or should we parade in some military style. Commander Mills insisted on parade style in full dress.

The parade was followed by a cocktail style reception in the courtyard of the BBC Officers Mess and around 2130 the majority of guests joined the Contingent for supper at the Australian Mess.

The evening was made more memorable by the presence of Deputy Commissioner and Mrs John Johnson who visited austcipvol as part of a world wide inspection of Australian Federal Police overseas posts.

By the time you read this article most of the 32nd Contingent will be back in Australia settling down to their duties. I would like to wish them the very best of luck. If they perform those duties as well as they performed on 27 July, they will have no problems.

On 27 July 1990, the 32nd Contingent of the Australian Civilian Police held its Medal Parade. There were eight members on parade to receive the United Nations Peace Medal.

Supt J. Cooper receives his UN Medal.

AUSTCIVPOL on parade with Deputy Commissioner Johnson (Centre).

The temperatures in Cyprus at the moment have reminded me of an Australian bush ballad, the words of which I would like to share with you. It is made up of words spoken by an old cocky (farmer) whose son he was near to death.

For nearly sixty years I've been a cocky of drought and flood and fire I've lived through plenty

This country's dust and mud has seen my tears and blood

But it's nearly over now and I am easy.

I married a fine girl when I was twenty

But she died in giving birth when she was thirty

No flying doctors then just a gentle old woman

But it's nearly over now and I am easy.

She left me with two sons and a daughter

And a bone dry farm whose soil cried out for water

Though my care was rough and ready

They all grew straight and steady

But it's nearly over now and I am easy.

My daughter married young and went her own way

My sons lie buried by the Burma Railway

In this land I've made my own

I carry on alone

But its nearly over now and I am easy

City folks these days despise the cocky

With subsidies and dole they say it's easy

There's no drought and starving stock

On a sewered suburban block

But its nearly over now and I am easy

For nearly sixty years I've been a cocky...

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Danish Soldiers at OP D12 the Highest OP in Sector 1 Measuring 371m.

by PTE MK JORGENSEN

DEATHS OF UNFICYP MEMBERS

The Force Commander regrets to announce the deaths in a road traffic accident on 07 September of CPL CH Garrad-Cole, CPL KJ Easter, LCpl MD Owen and LCpl SG Shrubsole, all members of C Squadron 13/18 Royal Hussars serving with the Force Scout Car Squadron.

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**DANCON MEDAL PARADE**

The DANCON Medal Parade was held in Viking Camp, Xeros, unfortunately without a band. The Parade was presented by Chief of Staff, Col E de Broerage assisted by the Deputy Chief of Staff Col E de Broer Ferguson and Commander DANCON, Lt Col B Madsen.

Colour SGT NØ Andersen.

OC/HQ COY and first line.

Brigadier WJ Courage accompanied by Comd DANCON prepare to inspect the Danish Contingent.

OC/C-COY and first line.

Brigadier WJ Courage inspecting HQ-COY.


Brigadier WJ Courage presents the UN MEDAL to KN B Ornstrup 211 C-KMP.

Brigadier WJ Courage presents the UN MEDAL to KN MB Rasmussen.

DCOS presents the UN MEDAL to Pte J Hansen.

COMD DANCON presents the UN MEDAL to Pte TK Andersen.

**IMPRESSIONS OF CYPRUS**

KYRENA: GIRNE HARBOUR, CYPRUS

By Major Peter Townsend
SECTOR THREE NEWS

Hello again out there from Sector Three! By the time you read this, our final entry in the Blue Beret, the first issue (and very happy) members of Canadian Contingent S3 will have left Cyprus, turning over our UN duties to 12 RBC and the rest of Contingent S4. Not to worry though, we'll all be thinking of you on the beaches as we huddle in the peace and security of our frozen igloos back in Canada. I'm sure I speak for everyone when I say that most of us were a little sad to say farewell to Cyprus and UNIFICYP; our tour with you was an extremely interesting and rewarding experience for every member of the Contingent.

Looking back on it, things were busy enough right up to the end to keep our minds firmly on our jobs and to help make the time pass quickly. With the hectic days of the mid-July operations, sporting competitions and yet more visits to our Sector, we barely had time to think of home. Our sports teams managed a strong showing in UNIFICYP sports right to the end. The Sector Three swimming team cleaned up at the UNIFICYP Swimming Gala on 25 July and on the Volleyball court our team of "novices" managed a first place win at the 15 August UNIFI- CYP Championships. Thanks for coming out! On a less serious note, Sector Three hosted the First Annual Canadian Invitational Rugby Tournament at the UNPA on August 10th. Congratulations to 22 Air Defence Regiment for capturing the top two slots.

The first week of August also saw a visit to the Contingent by BGen B. Vernon, Commander 1 Canadian Brigade Group. BGen Vernon, himself a member of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, was a welcome sight from home. He brought with him plenty of first hand news about events back in Canada.

Well, that about wraps up Sector Three News for 2 PPLCI and the rest of Canadian Contingent S3. I would like to take this final opportunity to thank the members of every contingent within UNIFICYP for having made our stay in Cyprus both an enjoyable and memorable one. Together we've come from around the world in the service of peace, and shown just how much can be accomplished when a variety of people from many different nations unite in the pursuit of a common goal. Take care everyone, and return home safely. Maybe we'll soldier together again some day...

Pictured from left: SSgt Lloyd, Sgt Bertelsen, Sgt Goetzfried, WO2 Wally.

W02 Erwin Wally joined the UN MP Coy on 19 Jun 80 as a Cadet Sergeant Major of a Militia Rifle Coy for the last few years. WO2 Wally is no stranger to the Island and the UN MP Coy having served in UNIFICYP in 1972 and 1982, he also served in UNDOF 1980-81. For the past three years WO2 Wally has served as an instructor for the Austrian MP Courses. On his return to Austria he will continue to run these Courses as an Officer.

Sgt Peter Lloyd joined the Swedish Army in 1976 for one years compulsory service. In 1978 he joined the Voluntary Reserve (FBU) and was promoted to SSgt in 1982. In Jan 82 he attended the Swedish Civilian Police Academy. Since then he has been a member of the Stockholm Police Force and was promoted to the rank of Inspector in Apr 1988. SSgt Lloyd served as an MP with the MP Coy UNIFIL in Lebanon and Israel 1988-89. He arrived in Cyprus on 2 Apr 1990 to take up duties with the UNIFCYP MP Coy. SSgt Lloyd is single and will return to Sweden 16 Oct 90.

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AUSCON NEWS - SECTOR 4

Lt Col Strohschneider (left) assumed command of AUSCON in a Handover Parade held on 6 July. He succeeded Col Fritsch (centre) who was Commander AUSCON since July 1989. Also pictured is Lt Col Pacher-Thelnburg (right), Co Austrian Battalion.

EXCHANGE WITH CANCON

Between 16 to 19 July, 8 soldiers from CANCON and 8 soldiers from AUSCON exchanged places and were given the chance to gain a better understanding of the two armies while being placed at certain OPs. A strengthening of relationships occurred between the two and new friendships were made. Also our soldiers valued the opportunity to improve their English. Pictured (left) is OC of 2 Coy with newly arrived Canadians at DP-A-05.

AUSTRIAN MECHANICS

The mechanic crew, probably one of the busiest in AUSCON, consists of 8 men (1 workshop leader, 1 man who is responsible for the spares and 6 mechanics). These Austrian specialists, which have to maintain the preparedness for approximately 70 vehicles are equipped with modern tools, supplied from Austria. For example a new car hoist, the only one in UNFICYP, a motor tester and an installation for cleaning small tools. Pictured top left is the new car hoist, below left M/Cpl Brandtner in action and above WO1 Berghammer with the new motor tester in action.

BUFFER ZONE MARCH

On 28 July, the Buffer Zone March for the HQ Coy took place in the 2 Coy area. Along the way, all participants were tested in their abilities of telecommunications, map reading and first aid.

In front of the picture OC HQ Coy, Capt Pachinger (radio-equipped).

WEDDING IN SECTOR 4

On 21 July the SMO of Sector 4, Lt Col Klein, married his charming fiancée, Astrid, at the registry office in Paralimni. After the wedding ceremony, the happy occasion was appropriately celebrated. We wish all the best to the newly married couple. Pictured above is the married couple in Ali's 10 Star Hotel at Salamis and (right) the Wedding Ceremony at the registry office in Paralimni.


Map reading test.

Soldiers in action.
This month, Sector Two brings you a "Rogues Gallery" of some of the individuals who make up Sector Two.

Bombardier Paul Mudd (right) was born on 29 April 1964. He has served in the army for 10 years and is happily married to Dawn. Although in the picture you see him keeping a keen eye on the Buffer Zone, his usual job is a Battery Clerk for 42 Bty 22 AD Regt.

He is a keen sportsman and won the 100m and 200m in the Cyprus Army Individual Athletics Meeting. Congratulations are sent to him from the Regiment!

**NEWS FROM SECTOR 2**

**22nd Air Defence Regiment Royal Artillery**

In late December last year the Commanding Officer announced that 50 Missile Regiment RA was sending a composite battery to Cyprus with the Welsh Gunners of 22 Air Defence Regiment RA. This is the first time that more than a few soldiers from 50 Missile, Britain's only Lance Regiment, have served outside Germany for over 20 years. The 50 Regiment Battery assumed responsibility for Western Company, Sector 2 on 4 June 1990. The Battery comprises Gibraltar Troop, Arrom Troop and 15 Troop (named after their parent batteries), and a Headquarters Troop. All personnel are volunteers.

The Battery has been kept fully committed on operational tasks but has found time to participate in sporting and cultural activities. This is a far cry from our normal role of providing nuclear support to 1 (BR) Corps. As well as hosting Sector Reserve events during the marching season, there have been two successful exchanges with CANCON, not the least because a large quantity of "Molsen" beer seemed to appear from nowhere.

**LANCE FOR HIRE - THE 50 REGIMENT BATTERY**

Battery sportsmen have represented Sector 2 and the UN in cricket and swimming. We also enjoyed a robust game of football against the local TF Battalion. The result was a very diplomatic one-all draw. We are looking forward to the replay before we leave for the south of the island. With the Battery now settled into its new role with characteristic enthusiasm, plenty of sports events, and the occasional cocktail party or games night, this is proving to be a superb tour and one which will no doubt be over far too quickly.

**60 SQUADRON ROYAL CORPS OF TRANSPORT**

60 Squadron RCT has now taken over the role of UNIFCYP Transport Squadron from 0 Squadron RCT and we are now starting our seventh tour of duty with the United Nations Forces in Cyprus.

The Squadron was first formed in Woolwich on 1 July 1901 when it was designated 60 Horse Transport Company Army Service Corps. After service in the 1st World War the Company was disbanded in 1918 and reformed in 1936 at Woolwich and moved to France.

At the end of the 2nd World War the Company formed part of the British Occupation Force in Austria where it stayed until 1954 when it was once again disbanded.

On 15 July 1955 the Company was reformed as part of 24 Brigade and moved to Kenya in December 1956, where the Company saw service in Kenya, Swaziland, Tanganyika, Uganda as well as Kenya.

From 1964 to 1967 the Company was in Aden during which time (on 15 July 1965) the Company became 60 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport. In 1967 the Squadron returned to Tavistock, England from where in August 1969 it was deployed to Northern Ireland for the first of eight operational tours in the province.

The Squadron moved to its present home at Colburn Barracks, Caterrick Garrison, North Yorkshire in February 1974. One of the Squadron's major commitments is to UNIFCYP, a role which the Squadron assumes once in every two and a half years.
C Squadron 13/18 H is now into its second month in Cyprus and is becoming involved in as many activities as possible. The first three weeks after our arrival were busy to say the least with the Force Reserve being activated three times. It was a great opportunity to work in such close liaison with four different nationalities. The Force Reserve was stood down after fortunately little activity and the Squadron then settled into the patrol routine. The process of acquainting ourselves with the various contingents has invariably been a pleasant experience. The hospitality of everyone within the UN is outstanding and much appreciated.

The Squadron has taken advantage of the adventurous training and sporting activities within the Island. We managed a third in the UN Swimming Gala on 25 July, when Support Regiment pitched us at the post in the last race.

The tables were turned, on 8 August when our Sgts Mess competed against Support Regiment Sgts Mess at Cricket and came away 7 wickets the better. Our Rugby Sevens team (picture below left) managed to reach the Semifinals when they were then beaten by 22 Air Defence Regiment.

Our swimming gladiators were soon recognised and Col Wright, LCpl Haigh, Tprs Hutchinson and Walton are now members of the UN Water Polo Team. Tprs Hutchinson and Walton are also members of the UN Swimming Team. The main adventurous training activities to date has been Scuba Diving with sixteen Squadron members now qualified to Open Water Standard (picture above right). Courses at Windsurfing, Sailing, Water-skiing, Polo, Canoeing and Parachuting are all booked. We like to keep ourselves busy.

Below right: 5 Troop competes at volley ball against the Australian Contingent at Camp Marie Theresia.
Far below left: 3 Troop under Lt Determeyer and Sgt Graham, work with the Canadian Contingent on the line.
Far below right: Sgt Graham on patrol.

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FSC SQN NEWS

On Thursday 26 July, the Swedish Civilian Police held their Medal Parade at the Officers Club in Dhekelia in which seven members received peacekeeping medals.

UNIFICYP numbers were presented to the remaining nine officers by Comd SWEDCIVPOL at the traditional Crayfish Party which was held by the Contingent on Friday 12 August. Combined, the nine officers have served in a total of 27 contingents on Cyprus with a personal total of 7 served by Inspector Åke "Slim" Holmberg.

Pictured is the COS accompanied by Comdt Hákan Thelin presenting the UN Medal to Inspector Jan-Ake Fredriksson, Chief Inspector Giöran Johansson and Inspectors Ronnie Dahlqvist, Sven-Ake Hellman, Peter Gustavsson, Cleas Hedbom, Björn Liliedahl and Ulf Carling.

NEW MEMBER AT SWEDCIVPOL

SWEDCIVPOL welcomes Inspector Anders Johansson who began his tour with UNIFICYP on 30 July. Inspector Johansson has served in Cyprus twice before - in 1979 as a Sergeant at Dept of Transport at TPC and 1985 as a Sergeant at MP Coy. Inspector Johansson presents one difficulty, though, as we now have three officers bearing the name Anders, in future he will be known as "Ribban".

ONE OF SWEDCIVPOL’S TASKS IN UNIFICYP

SWEDCIVPOL and AUSCON are responsible for Sector Four in the Buffer Zone. One of the most important tasks for SWEDCIVPOL is the mixed village of Pya in which SWEDCIVPOL and AUSCON work in close liaison. Our Commanding Officer in Pya is Chief Inspector Hans Jakobsen, and 2 Duty Officers are available on a 24 hour basis.

The population of Pya is made up of approx 750 Greek Cypriots and 400 Turkish Cypriots and the task for SWEDCIVPOL, in general, is to ensure that life in Pya is as normal as possible. SWEDCIVPOL have good liaison with residents and officials of Pya, an absolute necessity to ensure the task is carried out successfully.

LT COL SKOV DEPARTS

Lt Col Benny Skov, Chief humanitarian Officer UNIFICYP since Aug 88 departed Cyprus for home and retirement from the Danish Army in Jul 90. Prior to his retirement and in recognition of his distinguished service to Denmark, HM Queen Margrethe II awarded Lt Col Skov the distinction of Ridderkorset 1st grade. The Force Commander, Maj Gen Millner presented Lt Col Skov with the medal at a ceremony at HQ UNIFICYP attended by fellow staff officers.
L/Cpl Snape has recently joined the United Nations and is a member of the Quartermaster’s Department Support Regiment. L/Cpl Snape is a 26 year old Supply Specialist who joined the Royal Army Ordnance Corps in 1984. He is a single soldier who has served in England, Germany and Cyprus. While a keen sportsman playing most sports and recently representing the Unicos cricket team, he still manages time to travel the island sightseeing.

Capt MacDonald receives the Winning Team Trophy from the COS.

NO TASK CAN BE COMPLETED UNTIL THIS PAPERWORK IS DONE

The British soldiers currently serving with the Ordnance Detachment UNFICYP Support Regiment share a common record. Between them they have been responsible for the issue, during the last six months of some 646,732 toilet rolls. L/Cpl Kibble, a Supply Specialist by trade, has had the task of loading this phenomenal figure onto unit vehicles whilst Sgt Bradley, a Supply Controller has accounted for every roll received and issued during his tour.

L/Cpl Kibble and Sgt Bradley are both returning to UK and their parent unit CDO Bicaster where their talents will be put to great use and tested on a daily basis.

Both soldiers have been heard to say... "If I never see another toilet roll!"

UNFICYP SWIMMING GALA

On 25 July, the annual Swimming Gala took place in the UNPFA pool organised by Sp Regt. It was a splendid afternoon of keen competition with Sect 3 emerging as the winners. Sp Regt runners up and FSC a very close third. Brigadier Courage presented the prizes.

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Sgt Norris arrived in Cyprus for his second tour here in April 1990. He completed a 6 month roulement tour with the Squadron in July 1994 as a L/Cpl promoted to Cpl, he then returned to 30 Signal Regiment in Blandford. After his tour in Blandford, he went to 7 Signal Regiment Harford for 3 years. Whilst there, he was part of the rugby squad, which was successful in winning the ‘Army Cup’. Sgt Norris went on to 8 Signal Regiment, Catterick Garrison where he completed his technician course, after which he was posted to 254 Signal Squadron, where he will be serving for 2 years accompanied with his wife Anna.

Cpl Ian Forbes joined UNFICYP Wkp at the beginning of March this year from 10 Airborne Workshop in Aldershot, UK. Cpl Forbes has a string of specialist qualifications and skills. Parachute trained, he is also a canoe and top rope and abseiling instructor. He had diving and water skiing qualifications. He is a joint Services Moutain Expedition Leader and an Assistant Instructor of Physical Training.

Cpl Alan Hall joined the Army in September 1984 aged 16 years. His basic military training was carried out at the Junior Regiment Royal Signals located at Oulton in the NE of England. On completion he was posted to 8 Signal Regiment in Catterick where he underwent trade training and graduated after 5 months as a Class 3 Data Telephigraphist.

Alan then joined 24 (BR) Signal Regiment based in Krefeld, W Germany and after a very short time was upgraded to Class 2 in his trade and rewarded with promotion to LCpl. In June 1998 he was posted to 30 Signal Regiment based in Dorset, England from where he is currently detached to 254 (UNFICYP) Signal Squadron. He is now a Class 1 Data Telephigraphist and is employed as a Cpl Shift Supervisor in the UN Commenc Nicosia.

A keen sportsman, Alan has participated in football, boxing and badminton at Regimental level and has been awarded Royal Signals Corps Colours for representing the Army at tennis. When he is not working or playing sport he takes full advantage of the social activities available in Cyprus and can often be seen admiring the views in Ayia Napa.

LCpl Harrison in the performance of his duties as Clothing Storeman in the Quartermaster's Department UNFICYP Support Regiment. He is pictured attempting the impossible by sizing SSgt Kitchener (Farret Scout Car) for No 7 Dress and hoping that he will be a picture of sartorial elegance when fully dressed.
en passant...

VIP VISITORS TO UNFICYP IN AUG 90
Brigadier General Vernon
CANCON, Commander of 1st
Canadian Brigade Group
Air Commodore Saundby
Assistant Surgeon General
(Medical Supplies) - BRITCON
Major General Smethurst AO,
MBE
Australian Defence Forces

WELCOME
Brig NL Fredenslund
Chief of Staff
Lt B Soucy
JOC DO4
Capt M Purcelli
OC Radio Tp
Lt Col JOM Maisonneuve
CO CANCON
Maj G Oqvist
DC DANCON
33rd Contingent
AUSTCIVPOL
12E Regt Blinde du Canada

FAREWELL
Brig WJ Courage MBE
Chief of Staff
Lt SW Krause
JOC DO4

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section please telephone extension 2235 by October 12th.

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SO2 Hum
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SMO (Brit)
Capt EP Ross
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Lt J Cobb
promoted to Capt.
2nd Lt AJ Cormack
promoted to Lt.
Sgt T Wright
promoted to WO2 (RQMS).
LCpl MA Lund
promoted to Cpl.
LCpl DR Ward
promoted to local Cpl.
LCpl DJ Kendall
promoted to local Cpl.
Cfn SE Gibbs
promoted to LCpl.

Gnr Davies
promoted to A/LBdr.
Gnr Hall
promoted to A/LBdr.
Gnr Rogers
promoted to A/LBdr.
Gnr Hill
promoted to A/LBdr.

UNFICYP ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL
ORGANISATIONS
Over the past twelve months
UNFICYP has received several
requests from civilian organisa-
tions for assistance in providing
tentage for various functions.
These have included a large mar-
quée for the Carlsberg Founda-
tion who conducted a two month
archeological dig at Akamas, 600
square metres of covered seat-
ing for the Nicosia Municipality
for the International Parliamentary
Union reception and two large
tents for the TRNC Students
Union for their summer festival
during the month of August.

NEW CHIEF OF STAFF - UNTSO
Major-General Hans Christen-
sen of Finland will replace Lieu-
tenant General Martin Vadsø of
Norway as UNTSO’s new Chief
of Staff with effect from 26
October 1990.

Major & Mrs Mick Anderson celebrated their
25th Wedding Anniversary in the BBC Officers
Mess on Monday 3 Sep 90. They met at Episkopi in
1964 when Major Anderson was a L/Bdr in the RA
and Mary a SACW in the WRAF. They have a
daughter Michaela and a son Mark. Major
Anderson AAC is the Quartermaster UNFICYP
Support Regiment and Mary is the MPIO Sec-
tretary. Major and Mrs Anderson would like to
thank all those who joined them in their cele-
bration.

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Only once in every century does the op-
opportunity occur for this photograph to be taken. So
at 12:34 and 56 seconds on 7 August 90, WO1
(RSM) Taylor and the chefs of Support Regiment
had a once in a life time picture taken at Nicosia
Airport. They are now arranging a re-union for the
next time the numbers in the time and date run
from 1-10.