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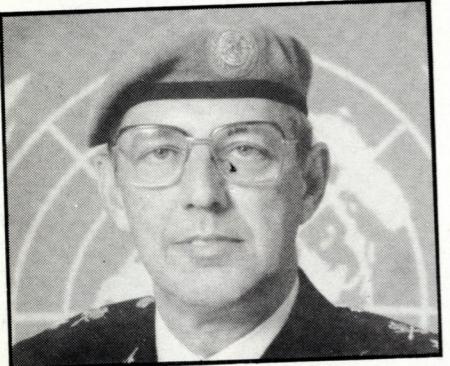


FAREWELL



FAREWELL TO COS

Brigadier General John Arch MacInnis arrived in Cyprus in May 1986. During two outstanding years in his capacity as Chief of Staff UNFICYP and Commander of the Canadian Contingent, he will be remembered for his naturally calm and friendly approach to everybody, even in times of crisis.



Despite a very busy two year tour, he managed the occasional game of golf and set an example of physical fitness - often seen running or cycling in the Nicosia area. General MacInnis and his wife Barbara were experts at hosting the numerous functions

which their position required of them. Many members of the local community as well as UNFICYP staff will remember them for their hospitality.

HQ UNFICYP bids the General and his family well and wish him good luck in his new job as Director General of Military Plans and Operations at the National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa.

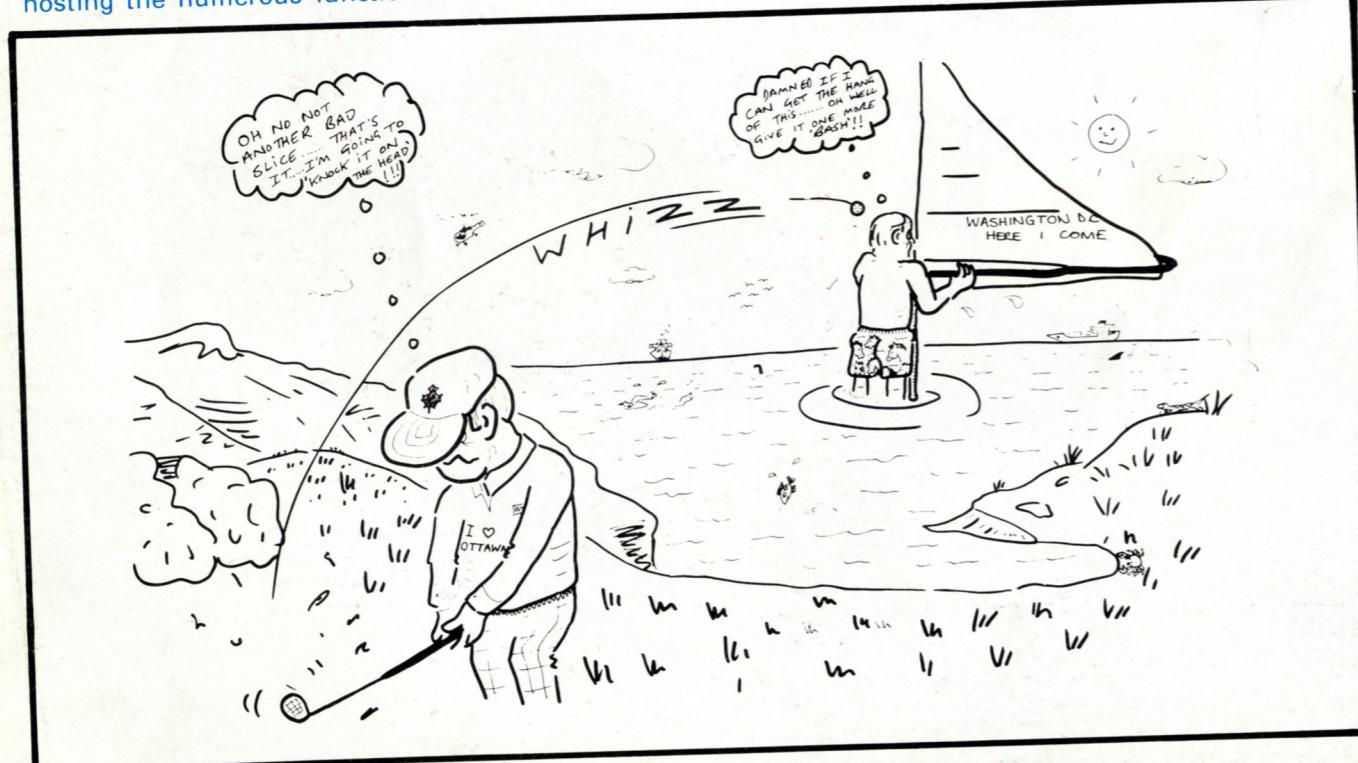
FAREWELL TO DCOS

Colonel James Hamilton-Russell arrived in Cyprus in May 1986 but he must be counted as a founder member of UNFICYP having been here as a Troop Leader with The Royals in 1964.

For the last two years Colonel Hamilton-Russell has been Deputy Chief of Staff Headquarters UNFICYP and Commander of the British Contingent and both posts have kept him very busy. In spite of his very relaxed approach he has been a fine example of the adage that the best way to enjoy life is to work hard and play hard.



Contingents and we wish them every good fortune for their forthcoming tour in Washington DC.



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ONE OF THE NEW
AUSTRIAN VEHICLES
BY SSGT A. BEATON

THE BLUE BERET



Editorial

This month sees further changes within the Military Public Information Office. Sadly we lose Mrs Karen Morgan who departs at the end of May. Karen joined the office in April 1986 and was the Editorial Assistant for twenty four publications of the Blue Beret until taking up the duties of Secretary. During her term as the Editorial Assistant she shouldered most of the responsibilities for production of the magazine. In wishing Karen 'Bon Voyage' we welcome Mrs Angela Smith as the new Editorial Assistant who has worked hard on April's issue and again this month where she has had the added difficulty of working with the new Editor!

Congratulations go to Sergeant Kathy Burdett on being the first policewoman to serve in UNCIVPOL, to the UNICORNS Rugby Team on winning the All Island Major Units KO Cup and to Lt Col Don Smith QM Sp Regt and the tremendous example shown by everyone associated with raising funds for the Foetal Heart Monitor Machine.

Also included in this month's magazine are the results of the UNFICYP Safe and Skilled Driving Competition, with this in mind may I remind you all PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY!

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UNFICYP RUGBY CHAMPIONS



During the first half of the season the UNICORNS Rugby team consisted of 15 Sqn RCT, AUSCON, I WFR and Sp Regt who began the season by winning all but one of their games (not forgetting the highlight of winning the All Island 15 a side KO Plate Competition at Ayios Nikolaos).

The UNICORNS Rugby began to be taken more seriously by members as well as the opposition and the team had a change of face with the new Scout Car Squadron and the King's Own Border Regiment where we saw such players as (Big) Dave Evens who dominated the 'line outs', Alan



to have the choice of 3 flyers on the wings (Kicker Red), (Knuckle Toes) Fletch and Buck Rodgers, what more could a team want? "A

out of our reach the only game left to win was the All Island Major Units KO Cup on the 26th March '88.

The scene was set at Ayios Nikolaos, UNICORNS v Akrotiri in the final. (The strongest sides on the Island). The first half was evenly played with the UN going into the break with a small lead of 8 points to 3 points (tries from Dave (Lover Boy) Cowan and (Coco) Halling). The second half started fast and furious with a great deal of pressure put on the UN but our skill and commitment held out and the team began to roll with tries from Glynn (Smoothy)



(Coco) Halling who, at 18 stone, thought he was a 'Stand Off' but played prop. Robert (Paddy) Pollock who struggled on even though he could see double most of the time, I'm sure his alphabet is different to ours! Then there's Trev (Sing-a-Long) Keough, who held the pack together with a little tune of his own when the pressure was on.

The pack was complete with power, speed and skill not forgetting Greg (Lolly Pop) Hewitt at Stand Off who scored in most games if not all with his blistering speed and was consistently supported by Andy (Ay By Bent Nose) Gregory and Ken (I'm Injured) Cannon in the centre and

full back" someone said, so we filled this post with Glynn (Smoothy) Morgan who caught all he wanted and kicked out the rest.

With this new face to the team, the success continued, never crying off because of commitment to duty (normal work), always fielding a team whether short of regular players or not and support becoming larger and larger which boosted our determination even further. In the league we were pushing Akrotiri for the top, but just failed to beat them with the best performance at Nicosia with the home crowd in a nail-biting match where we went down 9-10 with Akrotiri scoring the last kick of the game. So with the league

Morgan, Greg (Lolly Pop) Hewitt and another from (Coco) Halling and live conversions from Hugh (Crafty) Griffiths which left a final score of 24 points to the UNICORNS and 6 points to Akrotiri.

The story wouldn't be complete without special thanks to all the hard work and sleepless nights from our coach Roy (Player Extraordinaire 20 Mins) Collins without his efforts the story could have had a different ending. The 3rd half owes thanks to the 2 supporters/bar staff, Sue and Liz for all their help and I hope that all spectators enjoyed the games and thanks from the team for your loyal support.



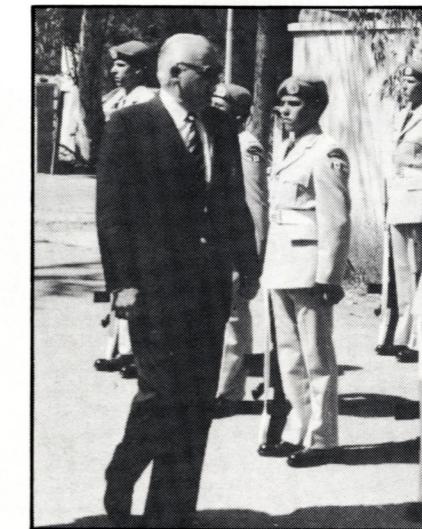
VIP VISIT TO 3 PPCLI



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As they visited OPs in Rural and Urban Coy areas, the Lieutenant-Governor and his wife were delighted to renew their acquaintances with the troops whom they had met at a Farewell Party held at Government House prior to the Battalions departure to Cyprus.

The Battalion enjoyed the company of the Lieutenant-Governor and Her Honour Mrs Rogers and were as sorry to see them go as the visitors were to leave.



At the end of April the Honourable Robert G. Rogers and Her Honour Mrs Rogers visited 3 PPCLI and toured the lovely island of Cyprus.

Soon after arriving the Lieutenant-Governor reviewed a Quarter Guard commanded by Sgt KA Murphy. The next few days were a flurry of activity, as the visitors were hosted by both the Officers and Warrant Officers & Sergeants Messes and office calls were made to both the Special Representative Mr Camilon and Force Commander Maj-Gen



ROUND-UP FROM

Well, things are going pretty well here in CANCON. Everyone has settled in nicely and is preparing for the much-advertised warm weather. We have become 'Visits Experts' and all of the important acronyms pass through our lines, i.e., the CDS, VCDS, MND, COMD AIRCOM, CIS, LT GOV BC, DMPC, et. al.



Cpl Boldt of Adm Coy smiles as he prepares to give the Micro Van's lawnmower a mechanical to celebrate the RCEME anniversary.



The lads from HQ Coy "do lunch". From left to right: Cpl Harte-Maxwell, Cpl Desroche, Pte Shemko, MCpl Macmillan, MCpl Gribble, Cpl Wren and Pte Saunderson.

The lads out in Rural Company, whom we call, with much affection "Kebab Coy," have re-Christened Gold-fish Camp (or was it Gold-Fish Bowl?!) to Camp Liri. On 16 April, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held to celebrate the opening of their combined

Mess hosted the first "Cannon-ball Splash," won by MCpl Gribble. Cpl Wren was a game participant according to popular opinion.

Urban Coy has been keeping a pretty low profile. Word has it that the vehicles are all grounded

SECTOR THREE

(keep those miles down guys), the lieutenants are always on duty, and everyone else is patiently waiting for the Pedhios River to dry up so the great "C-7 Goldrush" can begin.

Adm Coy has naturally been working constantly. Word has it

that everyone in Adm Coy solemnly celebrated the RCEME anniversary by breaking all their vehicles. (What is the name this week anyway, REME, REMY, EME, or the popular LEME alone?)

NEWS FROM THE LIFE GUARDS

April has been a busy month for the Scout Car Squadron. Quite apart from the frantic preparations for the BRITCON Medal Parade, (which included painting each Ferret at least twice and removing the top half of one for the Squadron Leader), we have been inundated with visitors.

The first of these was Major General Cooper, Commandant of The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, who came up from the final exercise-Exercise Spring Victory, to see us. As an ex Commanding Officer he takes a great deal of interest in our activities around the World and it was a pleasure for us to see him, albeit only briefly.

Also visiting from Ex Spring Victory were six young officers currently at Sandhurst, but due shortly to join the Household Cavalry. They were shown the line in Sector 3 Rural, both by Land Rover and from the air, before retiring to the Mess where they were ambushed by a tray of Brandy Sours.

Few people were fortunate enough to avoid the Regimental Band during their stay. They performed at Skouriotissa, (at the swimming pool opening ceremony), at Wolsley Barracks and at Camp Polar, not to mention the Beating Retreat in the UNPA and charity concert at Curium.



Major General Lord Michael Fitzalan-Howard Colonel of the Regiment.

where in cooperation with the Band of The Kings Own Royal Border Regiment and the Corps of Drums of the 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards, well over 1000 people were treated to a 50 minute open air concert in the amphitheatre.

With B Squadron The Life Guards out here on Ex Lion Sun over half the Regiment is in Cyprus, so what better time for the Colonel of the Regiment, Major General Lord Michael Fitzalan-Howard, and the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Goodhew, to pay us a visit. They were here for ten days and split their time evenly between the two Squadrons. Up at this end of the

island their programme took them to all four Sectors, out on patrol by Land Rover, Ferret and Helicopter. They both enjoyed their visit tremendously and expressed their gratitude to everyone involved.

We are now on our own again and life has returned to normal, (whatever that maybe!)

Sadly when the Band left they took our musician, 'Bambi' Allen, with them. He will be missed by us all, but for those of you who live in the UNPA and have grown accustomed to being woken up by a not-always-immaculately-blown trumpet reveille, fear not: Musn Dry has joined us to keep up the good work.

THANK YOU FROM

THE BAND OF THE LIFE GUARDS



I would like to thank anybody who helped making our short visit so enjoyable, and although it would be difficult to name them all, I would like to say a special thank

you to all in A Squadron The Life Guards, who looked after us so well, and were so helpful in lots of ways; and to all of my new friends in UNFICYP I say it has been a

great pleasure to meet you all, and I look forward to seeing some of you at least in Windsor. Maj G. McColl, Director of Music.



UNFICYP SAFE AND SKILLED DRIVING COMPETITION



The UNFICYP Safe and Skilled Driving Competition, organised and run by the UNFICYP Transport Squadron, was held over a two day period from the 29th to the 30th March 1988. As in previous years the venue was the airport apron in front of the main terminal building on the UNPA. The competition involved teams representing most of the UNFICYP contingents including; AUSCON, DANCON, BRITCON, CANCON, FSC Sqn, Tpt Sqn and Sp Regt.

The competition was broken down into three categories; a written Cyprus highway code test and two manoeuvring areas, one light class and one heavy class. Each manoeuvring area comprised of seven separate stands. Each stand had to be negotiated in turn by the team members in various types of vehicles. The course had been designed to test driving skills to a very high standard, particularly in the areas of accuracy, observation and a team member's adaptability



The Winning Team. From left to right: Dvr Roberts, Dvr Johnstone, LCpl Wardrope, LCpl Odonoghue, Dvr Fairhurst, LCpl Brady, Dvr Vaughan and Team Captain SSgt Burrows.

to an unfamiliar vehicle.

The competition proved a great success inspite of inclement weather. The day was rounded off with a barbecue lunch and a prize giving ceremony attended by Maj General Greindl the Force Commander.

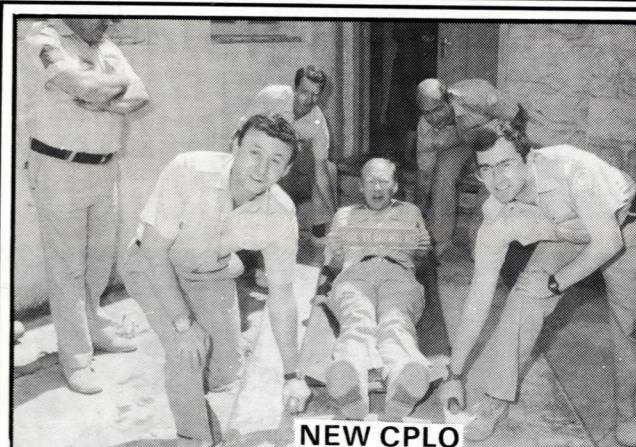
Special congratulations should go to LCpl Wardrope who managed to win the Best Individual driving trophy in the

heavy class with the incurrence of only one penalty point. Our thanks go to Commandant Pat Nash, RSM Jackson and CQMS Maloney of IRCON who attended as the, all important, neutral adjudicators.

It is hoped that such competitions, apart from being an enjoyable break from the norm, will also encourage a better and safer standard of driving among all UNFICYP members.



The winners of the Commanding Officers Shield which is presented twice a year was won by the REME Workshops. Shown below is the Commanding Officer Lt Col Charles Pyman presented the shield to the Officer Commanding the REME Workshops Major Tom Matthews.

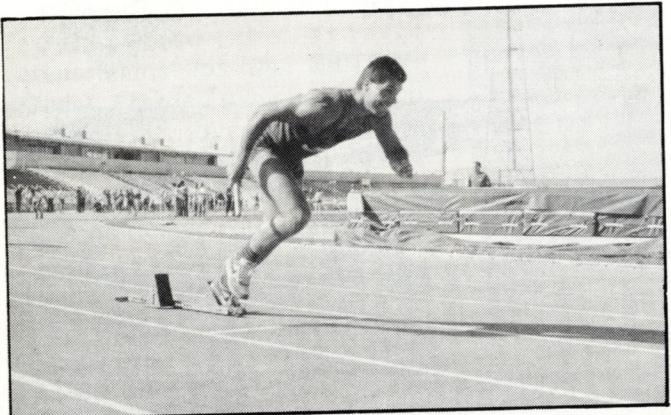


NEW CPLO

Lt Col Stuart Bennett RAOC took over the post of CPLO from Lt Col Dadswell at the beginning of April.

Lt Col Bennett comes from Commanding 16 Ordnance Battalion at Bicester, he and his family are looking forward to their next three years in Cyprus.

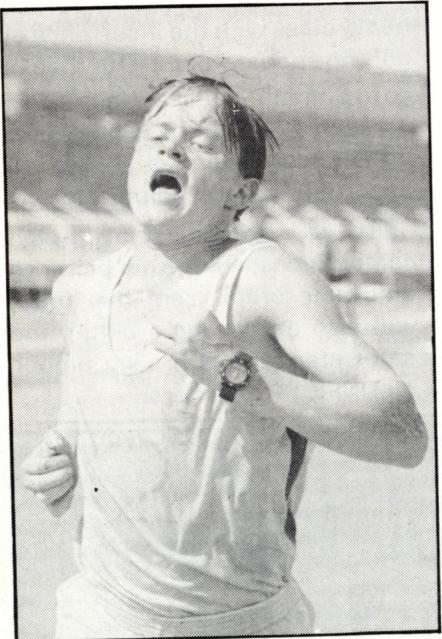
UNFICYP



TRACK EVENTS

100M SPRINT

	CONTIGENT	TIME
1. CPL GLEAN	SP REGT	10.50 s
2. PTE MOTA	CANCON	11.60 s
3. PTE RODGERS	1 KINGS OWN BORDER	11.75 s



400M

	CONTIGENT	TIME
1. LT MACKENZIE-HILL	F.S.C.	51.48 s
2. CPL HANSON	SP REGT	51.70 s
3. PTE RODGERS	1 KINGS OWN BORDER	52.00 s

1500M

	CONTIGENT	TIME
1. LCPL SCHROTTENBACH	AUSCON	4 m 16 s
2. PTE MIKKELSEN	DANCON	4 m 20 s
3. PTE HANSEN	DANCON	4 m 29 s

5000M

	CONTIGENT
1. CPL ATKINSON	1 KINGS OWN BORDER
2. LCPL SCHROTTENBACH	AUSCON
3. PTE KNIGHTLEY	CANCON

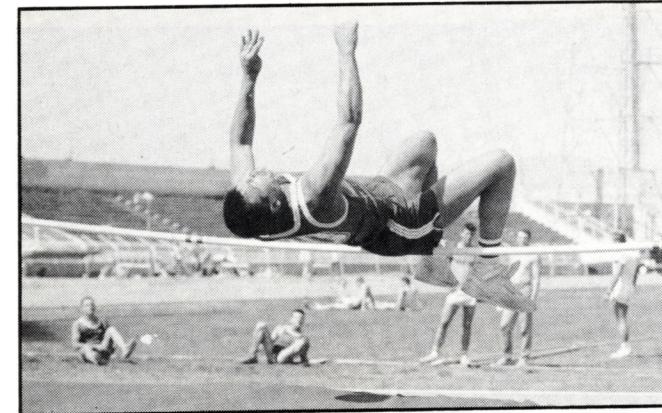


4 X 100M RELAY

CONTIGENT	TIME
1. CANCON	45.54
2. SP REGT	45.54
3. 1 KINGS OWN BORDER	45.60



ATHLETICS



Overall winning team - Sector 2

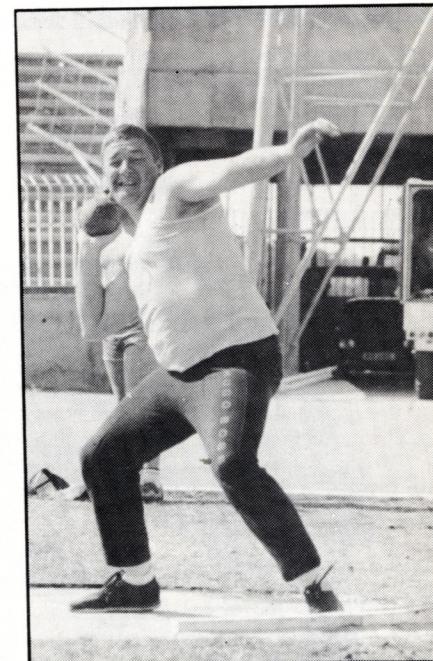
FIELD EVENTS

HIGH JUMP

	CONTIGENT	HEIGHT
1. LT MACKENZIE-HILL	F.S.C.	1 M 79 cm
2. MCPL PUMPHRIES	CANCON	1 M 76 cm
3. CFN SMITH	1 KINGS OWN BORDER	1 M 73 cm

JAVELIN

	CONTIGENT	DISTANCE
1. PTE JOHANSEN	DANCON	56.70 M
2. PTE BOWKER	1 KINGS OWN BORDER	44.60 M
2. LCPL SMITH	SP REGT	44.60 M

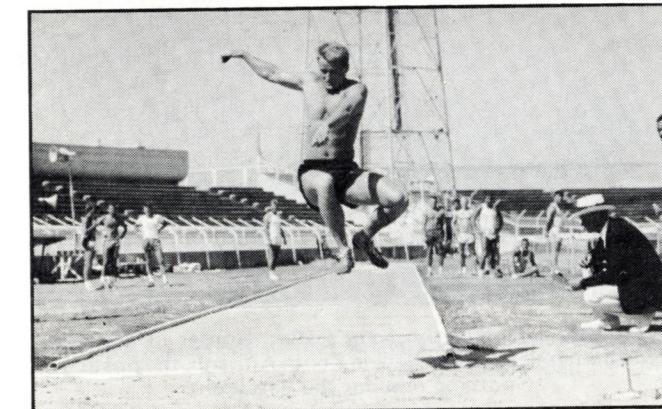


LONG JUMP

	CONTIGENT	DISTANCE
1. PTE FORRESTER	1 KINGS OWN BORDER	6.13 M
2. LT ANDREWS	CANCON	5.96 M
3. M/CPL PUMPHREY	CANCON	5.93 M

SHOT

	CONTIGENT	DISTANCE
1. PTE JOHANSEN	DANCON	13.29 M
2. MAJ SCOTT	F.S.C.	10.60 M
3. SGT MILLER	DANCON	10.20 M





WHAT'S IN STORE FOR

By the 31st of May, the King's Own Border will have departed Cyprus. The Camps and OP's will be occupied by members of the 4/7 Dragoon Guards, a Cavalry Regiment at present serving in West Germany. They will have to adapt from tank warfare to peace-keeping duties although there is little doubt that they will be more than ready for the task. The King's Own Border will be back in Colchester, South East England.

The month of June will see the Battalion unpacking kit, sorting out weapons and cleaning out the barracks in general, prior to a period of disembarkation leave.



The Bands of The Life Guards and The King's Own Border combined at Curium recently for a splendid evening of music. Bandmaster Martin is seen here conducting.



Lt Mark Norton, recently of Eastern Company, was the first Officer in 300 years to win the Battalion Small Arms Meeting. This took place down at Dhekelia.



Next year will find the King's Own Border in action in Northern Ireland. Seen here in South Armagh, the posting is nothing new for the Battalion.



KING'S OWN BORDER?

The end of the month will be the build-up to a Battalion exercise and sees the start of numerous conventional warfare training courses. August is block-leave for 19 Infantry Brigade (of which we are a part), and September will find us on exercise with the Brigade.

Later in the year some will be travelling to the North-West, visiting schools and keeping public engagements, and the Battalion shooting team will have competed in the Regular Army Small Arms Meeting. One Subaltern will be posted to the Australian Army and one will have been on exercise with Liverpool University Officer Training Corps.

Recce, mortars and anti-tank platoons will all go on concentrations and live fire their respective weapons, while the rifle companies will get plenty of time on the ranges.



The Mayor of Carlisle met soldiers from Arnhem Company on St. George's day here pins on a rose.



On St. George's day (April) 23rd the Battalion traditionally receives roses. Here the Mayor of Lancaster presents a rose to a soldier of Chindit Coy.



Next year, the Battalion is deploying to a well known area, that of Northern Ireland. Most soldiers see this as a great challenge to their soldiering skills, but of course for the families, the 4 months of separation is a stressful time.

The end of '89 will be a time of excitement, as each company will be undertaking an expedition to somewhere in the world connected with 300 years of soldiering history. Burma, China, USA and Europe will be visited, and possibly India. It will be a superb opportunity for young Officers and soldiers alike, and gives an incentive while some of the harder aspects of soldiering are being experienced.

There are exciting and challenging times ahead for the Battalion and each new task will be tackled with the same enthusiasm as UNFICYP duties were.

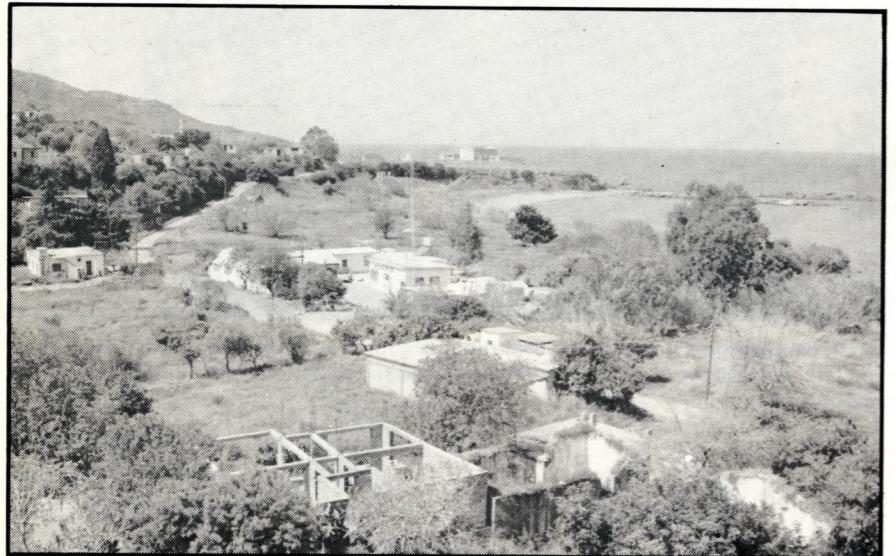


THE KOKKINA POCKET



by Captain R. F. Harder
Commander/Kokkina

Once you have passed the main Camp CHARLIE in Limnitis and spent 30 minutes on a winding road along the beautiful coastline towards Polis, you will eventually reach Kokkina Village where the rifle platoon from CHARLIE Company/DANCON performs its United Nations peacekeeping task



in the separate BZ around the isolated enclave.

The United Nations have been represented in this area since 1964, first by SWEDCON, later by IRCON. In 1970 a Danish platoon took over and it has remained part of Dancon ever since.

HARRY THE HONDA

For those of you who watched the DCOS's rehearsal for the BRITCON Medal Parade and were wondering about the pink Honda with red spots which appeared behind the Transport Squadron contingent during the drive past, that was Harry The Honda. He was also painted specially for the occasion and as his owner 2Lt Rupert Mackenzie-Hill says 'at least people don't laugh at my car anymore'. I cannot imagine why!



FIRST POLICEWOMAN IN UNCIVPOL



When the 28th Australian Civilian Police Contingent landed in Cyprus in March, one of their members was a policewoman, the first to serve with UNCIVPOL.

Sergeant Kathy Burdett joined the Commonwealth Police in 1977 and currently serves with the new Australian Federal Police, formerly she was stationed in Canberra Australia. During her service with both organisations she has worked in many different areas including Criminal Intelligence, Surveillance and Witness Protection and as a security officer to the wife of one of the former Prime Ministers of Australia.

The Australian Federal Police has 2691 members. Of those only 401 are female; and of those 401 only 1 is a commissioned officer. Kathy's position here with UNCIVPOL is that of Administration Sergeant, ensuring the smooth running of the joint contingents, in conjunction with her Swedish



counterpart at HQ UNCIVPOL.

This is not the first time that Kathy has led the way among Australian policewomen. In 1983 she was one of the first policewomen posted to the isolated Australian Territory of Christmas Island, in the Indian Ocean, where she worked for three years.

UNCIVPOL is comprised of

both Australian and Swedish civilian police. When asked if she would like having a Swedish policewoman coming to work with UNCIVPOL Kathy replied: 'Yes, and I'm sure that would please the males in the contingents as well!'

However, we will have to wait because at this stage Swedish policewomen are not allowed to work within UNCIVPOL.

FOETAL HEART MONITOR MACHINE

A need was identified to provide a Foetal Heart Monitor Machine for the Families Medical Centre in Nicosia. This machine is designed to be used in the comfort of the home, thereby avoiding long uncomfortable journeys for pregnant mothers to ante-natal clinics. The challenge to raise the £C750 was accepted by the Quartermaster LT. Col Don Smith RA UNFICYP Support Regiment and plans were made to relieve an unsuspecting population of the funds required. An amazing £C1480.94 was raised in a period of just four weeks, this enabled the organiser to provide not only the Heart Monitor but also a full reference library for the St Michael's Primary School in the United Nations Protected Area.



The picture shows Mrs Pyman the Chairman of the SSAFA committee in Nicosia receiving the cheque from SSgt Hughes the organiser, also in the picture are Mrs Cecilia O'Hara the nursing sister who asked the Nicosia Division (SSAFA) for help to raise the money for the Foetal Heart

Monitor Machine and WO2 Caffrey who raised over three hundred pounds raffling a flight donated by The PRI Support Regiment and Sgt Mullock, who along with other slimmers, lost 60 Kgs and raised over six hundred pounds in sponsorship.



NEW VEHICLES FOR AUSCON

The new Austrian vehicles have finally made it to Sector 4, here in Cyprus, all the way from Austria.

After the official presentation of the vehicles to the Austrian Army in January the vehicles spent February on a promotional tour of Austria.



CYCLING PROFICIENCY

The first successful cycling proficiency course was held at St Michaels's School between 14th and 18th March 1988.

Following the official cycle inspection a few shocked fathers had to sacrifice a Sunday afternoon to restore cycles from the 'DANGEROUS' category into the 'ROADWORTHY'. For an hour and a half each day WSSgt D Dawson of the RMP in Episkopi



ran the 5 day course, 2Lt Randerson and SSgt Barrick were at close hand to give any help necessary and will also run the two forthcoming courses. Of the ten who took the course eight

passed and were proudly presented their certificates by Lt Col McA Pyman, CO Support Regt.

The best pupil was Julie Laing, although all the students reached a high level of control.

The Puch crosscountry vehicles and VW 4WD minibuses then went on to Triest, Italy and were then shipped from there to Limassol, and the Steyr 12M18 trucks were transported on the river Danube through the Black Sea to Cyprus.

NEW WORKOUT STUDIO FOR AUSTRIAN SOLDIERS



The idea for contacting politicians and industrialists in the hope for raising funds for leisure-time equipment for Austrian soldiers was started by MCpl M Krammer.

The Provincial Government together with private enterprise donated the equipment to AUSCON and soldiers are now in the lucky position of being able to spend their off-duty hours in a workout studio of their own in at Camp Duke Leopold V - Famagusta.

There are currently 84 Austrian members from the Austrian province of Styria and the representative of Styria Mr F Hasiba didn't miss the chance to present this sports apparatus to his country-men and at the same time managed to catch some impressions of the UNFICYP Peacekeeping Mission as well.

At the presentation ceremony the "Joint Medicals" a musical trio consisting of SMO Capt A Majewski, MO Capt R Hofstatter and DO Lt A Thalhammer provided the entertainment.



ANZAC DAY 1988



By: Superintendent Frank Pimm

Anzac Day is the anniversary of the first landing at Gallipoli in World War 1.

Approximately 0420 hrs on 25 April, 1915, 2,500 men from the Australian and New Zealand Army Corp (ANZAC) landed on Turkish soil near Ari Burni now known as Anzac cove.

For the Anzacs it was neither victory or defeat, but a baptism of a young nation. Australia had shed its first blood as a nation, but paid heavily. A quarter of the campaign casualties were Australian; 8,709 were killed and 19,367 were wounded. A small price compared with some other nations, but to our small nation, of then 5 million, it was large.

Australians commemorate Anzac Day to remind future generations, not of the result of the campaign, but of the manner in which the Anzacs acquitted themselves, their exemplary devotion to duty and the cause

they were fighting for.

Anzac Day 1988 was a very busy day for Australians in Cyprus. Three official functions took place, a commemorative service was held at St Paul's Anglican Cathedral, after the service the Australian High Commissioner, David Wadham hosted a reception



A SAD LOSS FOR UNFICYP



It is with deep regret that we announce the deaths of two members of the Force:

Major Pseben Hoi Christensen OC/ACC. OFF/HQ-COY/DANCON on the 14th April 1988 and Private Trottier a member of the Third Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry on the 25th April 1988.

Our most sincere sympathy goes to their families and friends.

The Anzacs were well and truly remembered in Cyprus in 1988, as we recalled the famous Binyan Lines;

The shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.

BRITCON MEDAL PARADE

