

THE BLUE BERET



MAY 1980



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Medal Parades**Visits**

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MAY**The 5th Cyprus International (State) Fair**

To be held in Nicosia from 24 May to 8 June. Many Cypriot exhibitors and foreign countries are participating in their well decorated pavilions. They exhibit their industrial and agricultural products. At the side of the Fair there is an international restaurant with music and folk-dancing.

Kataklysmos 26 May

The celebration of the "Flood". A unique and colourful Cypriot celebration associated with the Pentecost, as well as with sea games, traditional dancing and singing. Festivities in all the seaside towns. It takes place 50 days after Easter Sunday. The festivities start on 25 May.

JUNE**Cyprus National Junior Tennis Championship**

To be held in Nicosia at the Field Club Courts during the second fortnight of June. Open to all junior Cypriot Nationals and permanent residents only.

The 5th Nicosia Festival

Takes place in Nicosia the second week of June, with theatrical performances, concerts of popular and classical music as well as exhibitions of folk art.

Paphos Festival

Performances of ancient Greek drama will take place by moonlight at the ancient theatre of Kato Paphos by the Higher Schools of Paphos during the months of June and July.

St Paul's Feast 28 and 29 June

Religious festivities at Kato Paphos at which the Archbishop in all his Byzantine splendour officiates, assisted by all Cypriot Bishops. A procession of the Icon of St Paul through the streets of Kato Paphos follows.

JULY**International Art Festival of Limassol**

It takes place during the first fortnight of July in the Municipal Gardens of Limassol. There are folk and classical dances, concerts of music and songs, exhibitions, etc.

APRIL IN RETROSPECT

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Force Reserve. B Squadron, The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars (B Sqn QRIH) handed over to B Squadron, 13/18 Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own), (B Sqn 13/18H).

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Canadian Contingent. In Sector 4 Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) (LdSH (RC)), handed over to 3rd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, (3PPCLI).

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Australian Civilian Police Contingent 16 handed over to Contingent 17.

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Swedish Contingent. In Sector 5 Battalion 75C handed over to Battalion 76C.

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None

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25-2 May

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Military and Recreational Competitions

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Professor R Hatano, Department of Law at Gakushuin University, Tokyo, of the peace-keeping study group sponsored by the Japanese Foreign Ministry, to UNFICYP.

Flt Lt G McCracken, of the 38 Group RAF Examining unit, to 84 Sqn Det RAF to categorise aircrew.

Capt Desgroseilliers, WO Hansen and MCpl Caron to the Canadian Contingent to repair communication system in observation posts.

Mr P Clare of the Somerset County Gazette, and Mr M Humphreys, representing the Cornwall Packet Newspapers, to the British Contingent to meet soldiers from 1LI.

Wg Cdr A C Eagles-White, Lt Cdr G C Herbert, Flt Lt B M Kilcullen, Flt Lt T I Scott and WO R Lynham, members of the UN Defence Communications Review Team, to HQ UNFICYP.

Brigadier J O E Moriarty, Director of the Army Nursing Service MOD UK, to HQ UNFICYP and UNFICYP Medical Centre for inspection of medical service.

Maj G Tweedie and Capt R Yates, both of C Sqn, Royal Horse Guards, the Force Reserve designate, as a recce party.

Lt Col D L Seddon, RCT Manning and Record Office, to HQ UNFICYP and Support Regiment, to give lectures on RCT careers and to hold individual career interviews.

UNFICYP Soccer Tournament 1980.

FUTURE EVENTS

Troodos Open Tennis Tournament

An open tennis tournament will be held in Troodos during the second fortnight of July. Open to all without any restrictions including foreigners and professionals.

Curium Festival

Performances of Shakespeare (second fortnight of June) and ancient Greek drama and concerts by moonlight at the ancient theatre of Curium near Limassol. The performances take place throughout the summer.

AUGUST**Folk Art Festival (PAMPAPHIA)**

Organised in Paphos under the auspices of Laographikos Omilos Paphos during the first fortnight of August.

The Dormition of the Holy Virgin

Celebrations take place at the monasteries of Trooditissa and Kykko on 14 and 15 August. The Abbots, dressed up in their religious gowns, attend the services whilst the churches are full of pilgrims from all over Cyprus and villagers take the opportunity to sell their products.

SEPTEMBER**Wine Festival at Stroumbi Village Paphos**

Organised by the village committee in early September and it includes free wine tasting, exhibition of grapes and Folk dances.

Wine Festival, Limassol

Second fortnight of September. Organised by the Limassol Municipality. It will be held in the Public Gardens of Limassol. Free distribution of wine, open air restaurants serving local and foreign dishes. Performances of folk dancing and singing and Cypriot theatrical sketches.

Cyprus Autumn Open Tennis Tournament

To be held at the Larnaca tennis club courts during the second fortnight of September. Open to all without restrictions including foreigners and professionals.

OCTOBER**International Clay Court Tennis Championships**

To be held in Nicosia at the Field Club Courts during the first fortnight of October. Open to all without restrictions.

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on the cover

A typical scene from the DANCON March taken in the northern foothills of the Troodos Mountains.

Photo: Carl Johansen

**THE
BLUE BERET****Editorial****Editorial Staff Increases!**

In March the Editor, in his primary appointment as MPIO, gained a new secretary, Sue Bingham. Since she has been in that chair she has taken a particular interest in this journal and, in addition to being an immense help to the Editor in his routine editorial tasks, has also managed to produce her own contributions, as those of you who read the last issue will have seen. In view of her interest and involvement the Editor has decided to create the new honorary post of Editorial Assistant and, as such, Sue is listed in the column alongside, amongst the editorial staff. Welcome!

Just to emphasise Sue's involvement we are including below, in the Editorial, a couplet she wrote having completed the DANCON March which features prominently in this issue.

What a DAMN CON!

End in sight,

Head feels light;

Medal on,

Tiredness gone;

Boasting talk,

Easy walk;

Back next year?

What?! No fear!!!

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FAREWELL

SWEDCON CYPRUS

Six months have gone too quickly. It is difficult to figure out where the days and hours have gone. There was so much we wanted to do when we came to Cyprus. Well most of the time we have been working at our duties — but the rest of the time? It has been one of the worst winters in Cyprus for a long time; the weather has not been kind but even if the sun has not shone every day, most of us will look like Indians when we return to Sweden.

We have also had time to take part in several different competitions, sometimes with good results and sometimes, maybe, not so good. But we have had fun and we have learnt something, maybe many of us think that it would be fun to go back to Sweden, but I also think that most of us would like to come back to Cyprus for a shorter or longer time in the future.

We shall never forget the UN work and Cyprus.



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Picture 1 On duty in the BZ.

- " 2 Receiving our medals for work in the service of peace.
- " 3 The prizes in the Volleyball Competition were presented, by Lt Col Pereswetoff- Morath.
- " 4 SWEDCON helping a Cypriot farmer with his goat.
- " 5 Sometimes the sun shone making us look like Indians.
- " 6 Practice before the Shooting Competition.



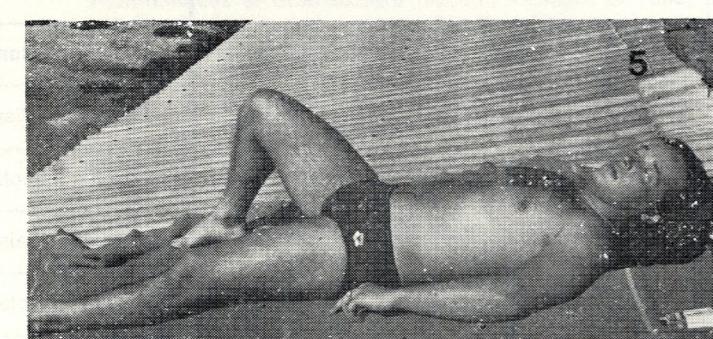
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Sgt Barlow listening to farmers' problems in the coffee shop in Akaki.

Birthdays, Backgammon, and other Work

It was Sgt Ian Barlow's birthday on 28 March. Sgt Barlow is one of the two Sgts who act as farming agents in Sector Two's area of the Buffer Zone and, to mark the happy occasion, some of the Akaki farmers suggested a birthday dinner. It was not until that evening, however, that Sgt Barlow discovered that he was being invited to take them out! A good evening was had by all and Sgt Barlow paid the bill.

Since 1st Bn The Light Infantry took over responsibility for Sector Two, fifty-nine fields have been re-opened for farming in the Western Company area due to much hard work by Sgt Barlow and his colleague, Sgt Thompson. The two Farming NCOs have made many friends amongst the local far-

mers and seem to have 'gone native', spending more time in the company of Cypriot families than they do with other British soldiers.

Sgt Barlow visits the coffee shop in Akaki every evening to meet the farmers and listen to their problems. Many simply want to book a UN escort for the next day's farming, or to discuss the re-opening of a field.

Sometimes they have a complaint to make about damage to trees, or the theft of fruit. Often they want to talk about their way of life, or to play Backgammon — in fact one of Sgt Barlow's unofficial duties is to run the Akaki Backgammon Competition.

Other activities undertaken by Sgt Barlow have included the organisation of the Akaki Childrens' Christmas Party; indeed the spectacle of the Light Infantry's Regimental Police Sgt, heavily disguised as Father Christmas and being dragged through the village by the Australian Police, proved as entertaining to adults as to the children.

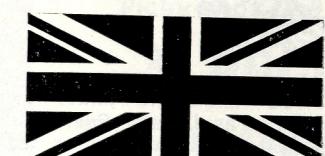
Sgt Barlow has found his tour as a Farming NCO most rewarding, and an interesting change from his normal job as a Mortar Section Commander. He has picked up some phrases in Greek, learnt to eat strange food and become something of an expert in skills as varied as pruning a citrus

Orange harvest in the Buffer Zone.



Lunchtime break with farmers in the Buffer Zone.

Sector 2



FARMING

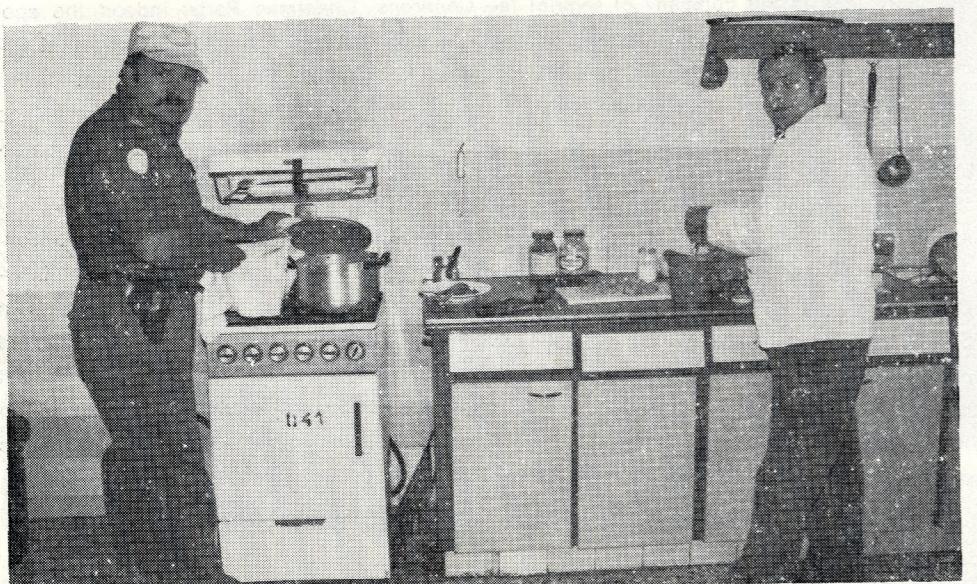
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LIAISON POST SOLDIERS

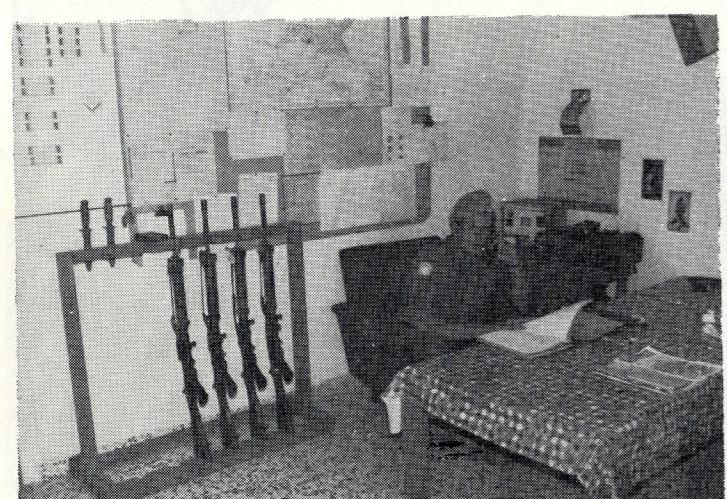


WO1 Johann Wilhelmer, the Section leader, and LCpl Siegfried Radl in front of the LP 02.

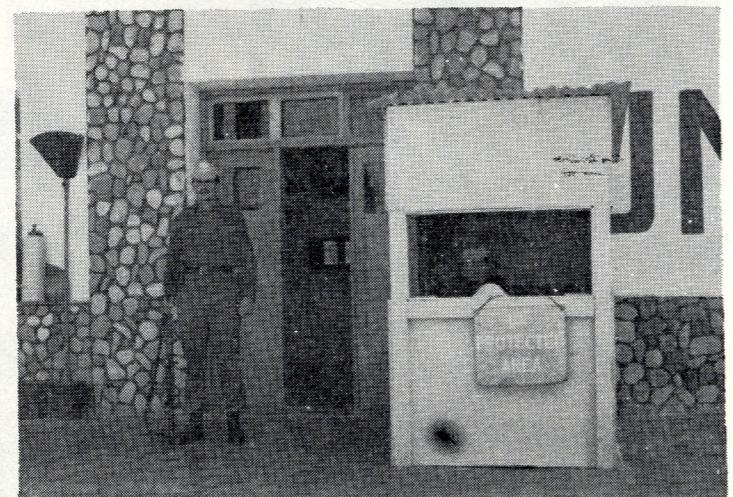


Cpl J Hablichler is the cook of LP 02, in addition to his Liaison Post duties, and is supervised here by WO1 J Wilhelmer.

LCpl Petrus Knasz working with the radio set in the duty room.



AUSCON soldiers of LP 03. Left Cpl E Grundner, now on his second tour with UNFICYP and in the sentry box LCpl H Attelschek.



ROTATION IN SECTOR 4



Article by Bob Hansen
Pictures by Dan Gall

3 PPCLI Take Over

On 31 March, 3 PPCLI landed at Akrotiri airport to begin their United Nations Peace Keeping role in Cyprus. (The last battalion of "Patricia's" assigned to the island was the 1st Battalion who were here April-November 1978).

Left.....

Lt Col D McNabb, LdSH (RC) welcoming Lt Col W B Vernon, 3 PCCLI, to Cyprus, with Capt Tombu looking on.



....Right....

Lt Col Vernon takes over operational control of Sector 4 from LdSH (RC). BGen J A Cotter witnesses the signing.

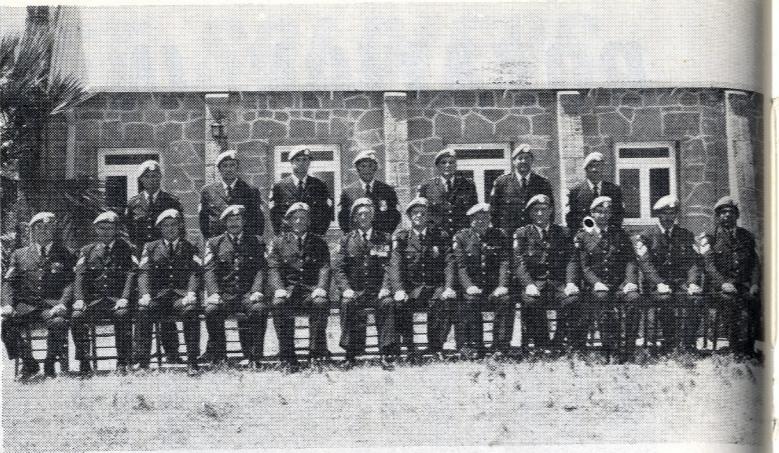


.....Left

Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) depart.



The present Headquarters of AUSTCIVPOL, on the first floor of a small factory near Kokkino Trimithia, which was taken into use in 1975 after the redeployment of the Force.



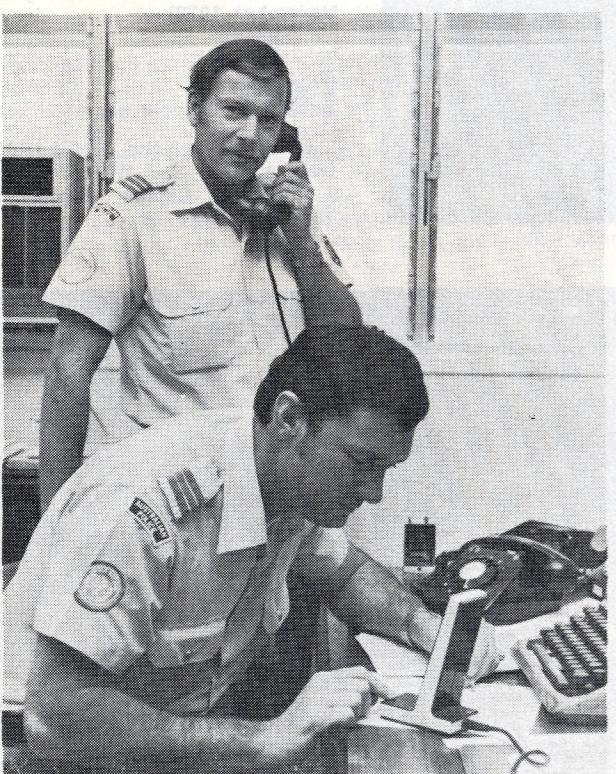
The 16th Contingent of AUSTCIVPOL photographed soon after their arrival outside St Columba's Church in Blue Beret Camp on 25 April 1979, after the ANZAC Day commemoration service.



For the first time the Medal Parade of the 16th Contingent was held at the HQ UNFICYP Officers' Mess in Blue Beret Camp and took place on 25 October 1979.



The Australian High Commissioner swearing in the members of the 16th Contingent as part of the newly formed Australian Federal Police.



As in any police role a quick response is essential to the task of AUSTCIVPOL in Cyprus. Here Sgt K Davis is seen manning the radio at HQ AUSTCIVPOL requesting information required by Sgt P Rofe who is standing behind him.

Both AUSTCIVPOL and SWEDCIVPOL provide duty inspectors constantly on watch in the Joint Operations Centre at HQ UNFICYP alongside the military duty officers. In the picture Insp M Geale of AUSTCIVPOL is seen, on the left, on duty with Comdt D O'Carroll.



UNIT FEATURE

FAREWELL THE 16th CONTINGENT

Article by Cedric Mercer — Pictures by Pete Statham

BACKGROUND

In 1964, shortly after formation of UNFICYP, the United Nations decided, for the first time, to incorporate civilian police into one of its military forces. Five member nations — Australia, Austria, Denmark, New Zealand and Sweden — agreed to supply police officers. This inclusion of civilian police in a peace-keeping operation remains unique to this day.

The reason for including civilian police in the Force was that very early on it had been established that in Cyprus serious inter-communal incidents could arise over minor problems at village level. Furthermore, it was obvious that there was a real need for a very close liaison between UNFICYP and the Cypriot law enforcement agencies and individual Cypriots at grass roots level if inter-communal problems arising from non-military activities were to be dealt with promptly and efficiently. The introduction of the United Nations Civilian Police (UNCIVPOL) achieved this aim by quickly establishing a good rapport with their professional colleagues in the Cypriot police force, both Greek and Turkish Cypriots, and also gaining the confidence and trust of the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities as a whole.

The Australian Government, in 1964, responded to the request of the United Nations by supplying 40 police officers. They formed a composite Australian Civilian Police Contingent (AUSTCIVPOL) and were representative police officers from all Australian state police departments and the Commonwealth Police Force. Since Australian state police departments and the Commonwealth Police Force. Since that time over 500 Australian policemen, all volunteers, have served in UNFICYP and in most zones and sectors of the Force.

Between 1965 and 1975 AUSTCIVPOL was principally represented in the southern and western districts of Cyprus. The Headquarters was at Limassol and units operated from stations at Ayios Theodoros, Paphos and Polis. With the re-organisation of the Force, after the events of 1974, AUSTCIVPOL was reduced to a strength of 20 police officers in Sector 2 where it remains to this day. A sub-station was established at Xeros in Sector 1 in 1975 but was closed in February 1977. In July 1977 a further organisational change resulted in AUSTCIVPOL police officers being attached to CANCON in Sector 4 to replace the Austrian Police Contingent when it was withdrawn.

The 16th AUSTCIVPOL Contingent, commanded by Chief Superintendent Ted Davis, which has just departed, was composed on arrival entirely of members of the Commonwealth Police Force. During their tour with UNFICYP the Commonwealth Police Force amalgamated with the Australian Territory Police to form the new Australian Federal Police. One result of this amalgamation was that all members of AUSTCIVPOL had to swear allegiance to the Queen and to keep and maintain the peace as members of the new Force. This ceremony took place at the AUSTCIVPOL Headquarters at Kokkino Trimithia on 1 November 1979 and the Australian Acting High Commissioner, Miss Erica Grimwade, administered the oath.

Most members of UNFICYP think that because AUSTCIVPOL are police officers they are here in Cyprus to police the members of the Force. Nothing could be further from the truth. They have no jurisdiction over the military members of the Force; this is entirely the responsibility of the Military Police Company.

AUSTCIVPOL

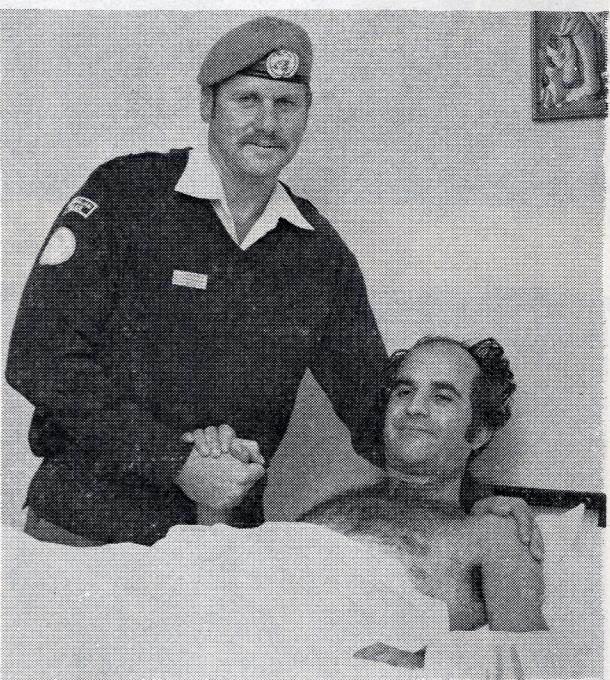
ROLE

Although working without accepted police powers, AUSTCIVPOL are able to operate very ably and efficiently in support of the military units of the Force and as liaison officers between the Cypriot communities and the Force. Much of their duty involves liaison with the Cypriot Police (CYPOL) and the Turkish Cypriot Police Element (TCPE). Despite the great distances between Australia and Cyprus all police officers, quite naturally "speak their own language", therefore the members of AUSTCIVPOL have through the years, built up extremely good working relationships with all the local police officers with whom they have worked. Because they have no formal powers AUSTCIVPOL seeks to achieve the aim of the UNFICYP mission by mediation, constraint, the exercise of tact, diplomacy and prompt and accurate reporting. The operational functions of AUSTCIVPOL are mainly patrols in the Buffer Zone, investigating non-military breaches of the Status Quo agreement and obtaining information of humanitarian and economic problems. In the main, inquiries and investigations are not initiated by AUSTCIVPOL, requests for such work come usually from within the Force. From time to time the Cypriot government authorities and Cypriot citizens request information from, or make complaints to AUSTCIVPOL; these matters are looked into and the findings are reported back through the Police Operations Officer (POLOPS) at HQ UNFICYP.

The actual tasks are many and varied including investigating fires in the Buffer Zone, generally grass fires, some of which involve damage to private property; following up breaches of Buffer Zone agreements by farmers and shepherds; investigating unauthorised vehicles in the Buffer Zone or on UN property; the rounding up and returning of livestock that stray across the permitted boundaries in the Buffer Zone; the processing of application for 'transit passes for Sector 2 and 4. This is by no means a comprehensive list but it does give some idea of the variety of the work that is undertaken, much of it outside the role of a normal civilian law enforcement agency.

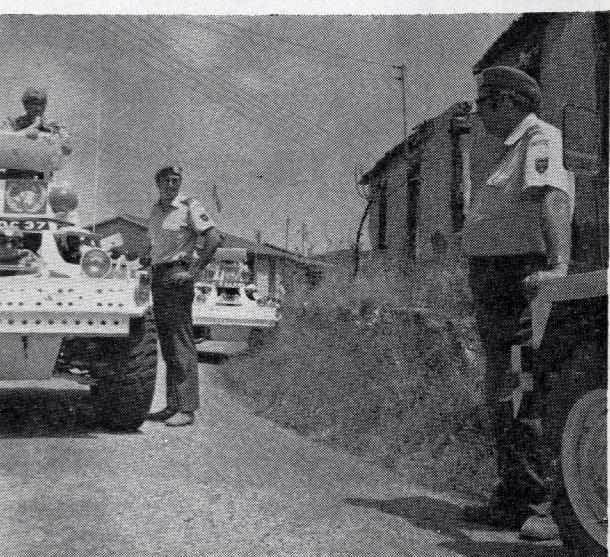
To apply their professional skill effectively, members of AUSTCIVPOL have to bear in mind at all times the aims of the UNFICYP mission, acquire and maintain an in-depth knowledge of the Sectors within which they operate, and remain impartial in their dealings with both Cypriot communities. Although they work long and irregular hours, remaining on call twenty-four hours a day, they still manage to visit the many places of interest on this beautiful island and also entertain their many friends throughout the Force and among the local communities.

In Cyprus AUSTCIVPOL are unarmed and they find that this fact enables them to venture into avenues of inquiry that otherwise might well be closed to them. This factor together with good liaison and friendly contact are positive features directly related to the continued success in 'peace keeping' achieved by that body of volunteers known as 'Skippies' — the men from AUSTCIVPOL.



Ch Insp J Thurgar was awarded the Star of Courage by the Australian Government and the Diploma of Honour by the Cypriot Government for his brave action on 9 October 1979 when he risked his life by walking into a minefield to rescue a seriously injured Cypriot tractor driver, Chrysostomos Seas. Ch Insp Thurgar is pictured visiting Seas in hospital soon after the event.

In the course of maintaining vigilance within the UN Buffer Zone members of AUSTCIVPOL regularly become involved with other elements of the Force. In the picture the members of AUSTCIVPOL meet up with a patrol from the Force Reserve.



DANCON MARCH



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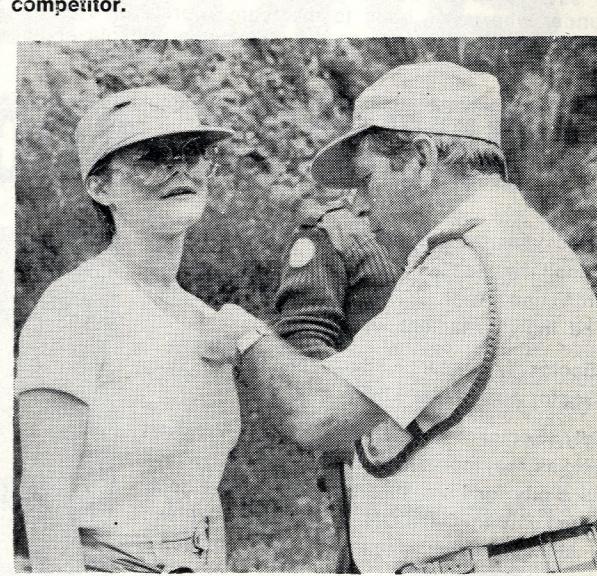
.....Go!
Medical service of high quality.

After a day on the DANCON March, marchers look as though they're still going strong.

In March Sector One arranged the 16th DANCON March. A total of 620 participants from all contingents in UNFICYP entered for this event which is not an easy endurance test. The march is over two days, covering 25 km each day through mountainous terrain. Each soldier also has to carry a 10 kilo back pack. The starting line is in the village of Evrykhou, which is approximately 200 metres above sea level, and participants walk up the Troodos mountains, following one of the small tracks, continuously climbing up to 1250 metres above sea level.

The second day's route takes you from the same starting point through beautiful countryside. The road takes the marchers between the Cyprus Mining Company and the village of Skouriotissa, through hilly terrain, with the last 2 km uphill to the finishing line. Upon arrival each participant is presented with a Diploma and a DANCON March Medal from the Commander of Sector One, Lt Col L C Schnor, and there are sandwiches and refreshments for all the weary travellers.

Five minutes rest with a Coke is just wonderful.



KEEP SMILING



Blue Beret SPORT

Now that the season has come to an end we can look back with some pride on our achievements. We only lost one ladies match during the entire season; it must be admitted we did get beaten by some mens' teams!

After a lot of training we finished the season by winning the Episkopi Six-a-Side Competition, which we consider to be the most hotly contested of the six-a-side competitions. Unfortunately, due to injuries, we were only able to enter one team. If it had not been for the backing and encouragement of all the Nicosia Nobblers, the six who finally won would probably not have achieved their victory.

The next season will start in the middle of September and because of postings we will be losing some of our present players. Merril McGahan, our one time Captain, has left for Chelstow overland. She started up the hockey side and through drive and determination brought us through to a glorious finish. We have had only one non-British player, Margaret Harrison, who having learnt our strange rules, was a great asset. Many thanks also to Mary Pounder who came back to the team soon after Victoria was born and Carole Meade, who, as the only unmarried player, took a great deal of teasing.

UNFICYP SOCCER TOURNAMENT

This year the Soccer Tournament was organised by Sector 2 and it ran throughout March and April. The six teams that entered the tournament were:

Sector 1, Sector 2, Sector 4, Sector 5, Sector 6 and the UNPA.

Sadly, Sector 4 withdrew after only the first week as they could not muster a team, which was a pity for I am sure there are some good players within CANCON. Perhaps they will be able to field a team in next season's tournament.

BRITCON fielded a very good team and looked ready to take the Cup, but SWEDCON showed them how to play football in style by beating them 6-1.

The UNPA sported a very good team and seemed to be the dark horses of the tournament, (it was reported by another team's spy that they were out training in the afternoons!). DANCON showed some good football in their games but lacked the shooting power to get goals which they needed badly. AUSCON produced a good side who showed a lot of flair and skill in their football. One man from their team who was very strong in defence was SSgt Karl Fruehwald; also he kept his team together when they were down and made them fight hard for the ball to try and obtain a win.

The best game without a doubt, was between UNPA and BRITCON with non-stop action throughout the game with both teams taking the lead in turn until there was only



The Swedish team who won the UNFICYP Soccer Competition.

3 minutes to go with the score at 2-2. Cpl skilful football. By half-time Sector 5 had taken command of the game with two good goals from Hamrin and Jackman. In the second half the UNPA tried to fight back but although UNPA fought really hard to pull back the score line in those dying minutes and came close a couple of times.

The final league ended up as follows:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sector 5	4	3	0	1	15	3	6
UNPA	4	3	0	1	14	9	6
Sector 2	4	1	2	1	9	13	4
Sector 6	4	1	1	2	12	9	3
Sector 1	4	0	1	3	8	12	1

So we come to the final game between Sector 5 and the UNPA for the UN Cup. The Final was played at Dhekelia. The game kicked off with both teams playing good,

Ladies' Hockey Season's Winners



The winning team. Left to right: Anne Wickes, Carole Meade (playing capt.), Marcelle Stobie, (team capt.), Julie Hagger, Mary Pounder, Linda Horner, with the trophies. Missing is Merril McGahan, now motoring to England.

Tricia Wargent is an excellent coach, so we still gladly welcome any of you girls — whether you can play or not; do look for our notices in September.

M. Stobie



The Byzantine church in Peristerona.



Asinou Church.

ON THE ROAD

Through the hills to Kakopetria

Article and Pictures

by S. Ingemar C Olsson

When the daytime temperature on the plain begins to soar, a car tour into the Troodos area is a pleasant way to cool down.

The excursion described here takes in a Byzantine church and a mosque in Peristerona, frescoes in the medieval church at Asinou, a picnic lunch on a hilltop overlooking Morphou Bay and a visit to a newly restored watermill after dinner in one of the several good restaurants in Kakopetria.

About 25 kms from Nicosia on the main Troodos road you will see, on your left,

The mosque in Peristerona and some curious local children.



Peristerona with its minaret and five-domed church, which is picturesquely situated beside the river. If you wish photographs of aspects of both the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot cultures, here is the place to take them.

Back on the Troodos road again, and a little distance past Astromeritis, there is a sign which reads "Asinou 5½ miles". Turn left into the narrow road and drive up to the village of Nikitari, where you ask for the village priest. He has the key of Asinou Church and will also accompany you to it. The wall paintings in the church cover practically every inch of the interior, and are remarkably clear in colour, although they are several hundred years old.

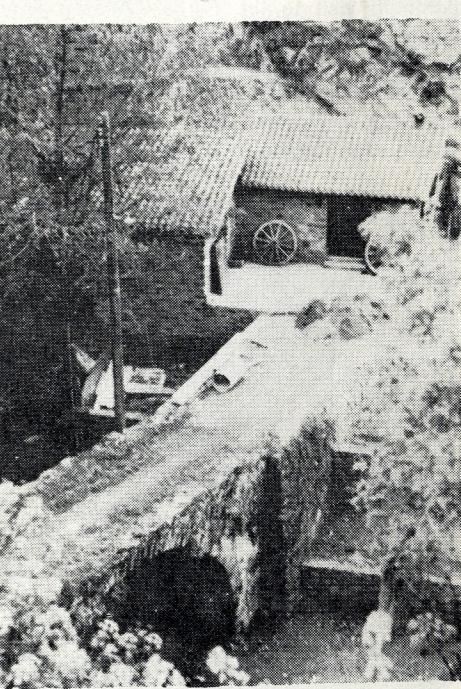
After driving the priest back to his village, go back towards Asinou. Shortly before the church you will see a small open-air restaurant on your right. Here, turn right into the unsurfaced forest road going up into the hills. This panoramic road takes about 45 minutes slow driving before joining up with the asphalt, main Troodos road. However, after about 15 minutes drive on the forest road, the opportunity presents itself to enjoy one of the most beautiful picnic sites of one's life! The best hilltop is on the right hand side of the road. There is a broad path to the top of the hill, from which the view over Morphou Bay is one of the best in Cyprus.

Back on the road; where the forest road joins the main Troodos road, turn left. The village of Kakopetria is on the right. Here there are many good restaurants and the trout from the local trout farms make a delicious meal — and a good reason in itself for visiting Kakopetria.

A steep cobbled road goes up to the old village, which is very attractive. There is a small path leading down to the river and the water mill. The history of the mill is printed on a board outside; it was restored this year and is now a Folk Museum.

After the tour there is less than an hour's drive back to Nicosia on the main road, which is well surfaced and well signposted to make a relaxing trip home.

The newly restored water mill in the old village of Kakopetria.



So congratulations Sector 5 on winning the UN Football Cup!

VISITORS

MEMBER OF JAPANESE PEACE-KEEPING GROUP

Professor Riboo Hatano, Department of Law at Gakushuin University, Tokyo, who is a member of the peace-keeping study group sponsored by the Japanese Foreign Ministry, visited the Force from 20 to 22 April. His visit started at HQ UNFICYP where he met the SRSG, Ambassador R Galindo-Pohl, and the Force Commander, Maj General J J Quinn, and was then given a full operational briefing. During the last two days of his visit, he spent most of his time out on the ground visiting all the sectors. In each sector he was briefed in detail on the local problems and then toured OPs so that he could talk personally to soldiers and discuss their day to day tasks and the problems they experienced on the ground. In the photograph on the right he is seen being briefed by one of the Danish soldiers at OP D03 overlooking Kokkina.



Pictorial news

DIRECTOR OF BRITISH ARMY NURSING SERVICE

On 26 April, Brigadier J O E Moriarty CB, RRC, QHNS, the Director of the Army Nursing Service in Great Britain, made a lightning visit to the Force. After a short visit to HQ UNFICYP where she met the Force Commander and the Commander British Contingent, Brigadier P F B Hargrave OBE, she went on to visit the UNFICYP Medical Centre. Among the staff she met there was the NCO in charge, Sgt P Dutfield SRN, RMN, RAMC, with whom she is seen talking in the picture below.

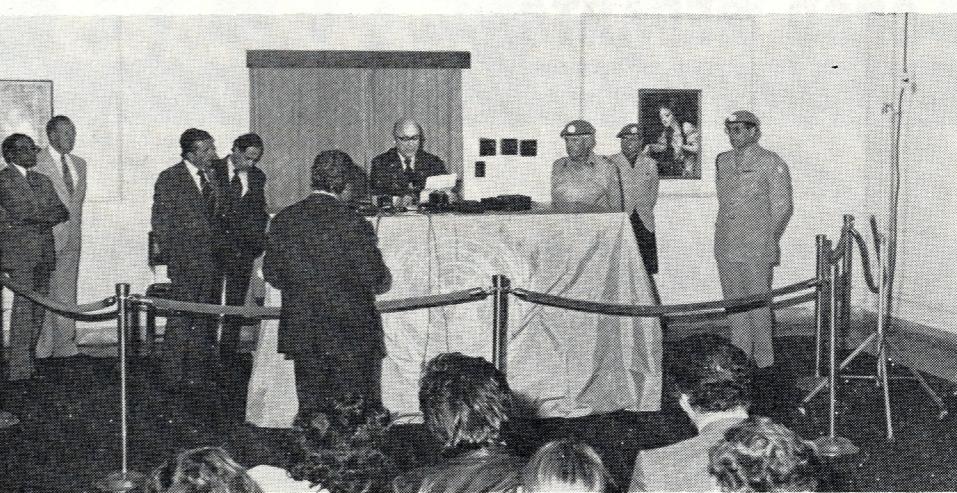


LOGISTICS CHIEF OF SOVEREIGN BASE AREAS

Colonel D H Jenkinson MBE, the Colonel AQ, Headquarters Land Forces Cyprus, made a day's visit to Sector 1 on 29 April. The British bases provide a large element of the logistic support to the Force and the Colonel was visiting to see for himself some of the logistic problems that are peculiar to the Force. In particular he was interested in the building of the Patrol Track through the mountainous foothills of the Troodos range of which a large proportion of Sector 1 is made up. The building of the Patrol Track has been one of the major logistic tasks undertaken for the Force from British resources. He is pictured above being briefed by the OP Commander and one of the crew at OP D15.



NEW SRSG ARRIVES



AWARDS FOR VALOUR

Australian "Star of Courage" presented to Ch Insp Jack Thurgar

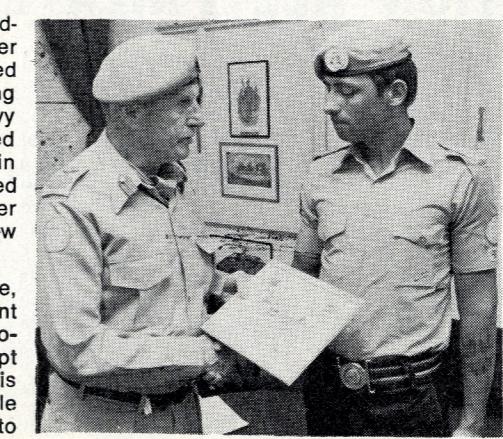
On 9 October 1979 Ch Insp Jack Thurgar, a member of the 16th Contingent of AUST-CIVPOL, risked his life by walking into a minefield to rescue a seriously injured tractor driver. Soon after the event the Acting Australian High Commissioner in Cyprus, Miss Erica Grimwade, told the Cyprus Weekly, "We recommend him very highly for gallantry but we don't know what the award will be or when". The award finally made was one of his country's highest awards for outstanding bravery the Star of Courage. As the Cyprus Weekly said, "It is believed this is the first time ever that the Star of Courage has been awarded to anyone in the Australian Police. It is certainly the first time for anyone serving in a UN Force in a peace-keeping capacity". In the photo Ch Insp Thurgar is seen being invested with the award by the Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia, HE Sir Zelman Cowen, AK, GCMG, K St J, QC, at Government House, Canberra on 21 March 1980.



Force Commander's Commendation to Cpl Stephen Hooker

On 14 February 1980, a driver in a land-rover attempted to use a ford on a river between two OPs in Sector 2. He mis-judged the depth of the water and the very strong current caused by some recent, very heavy rainfalls. The vehicle began to get washed away and later became almost submerged in the swirling torrent. He was finally lifted clear of the stricken vehicle by helicopter thus abandoning the vehicle which was now in real danger of being totally swept away.

When Cpl Hooker arrived at the scene, the vehicle was in the middle of the torrent and largely submerged. He immediately volunteered to go out to the vehicle to attempt to secure a tow-line. With a rope around his waist, he succeeded in reaching the vehicle but it was becoming increasingly difficult to



secure the tow-line to the rear towing eye of the vehicle which was well below the water-line. At considerable personal risk he tried for just over two hours to secure the tow-line in spite of the fact that the water-level of the river was steadily rising and the current becoming stronger. He finally managed to secure the tow-line but by this time the river conditions were such that it was virtually impossible for any relief to get out to the vehicle and, had he not managed to reach the vehicle when he did, it would undoubtedly have been lost.

Cpl Hooker is pictured being presented with his Commendation certificate by the Force Commander.

Ambassador Hugo J Gobbi, the new Secretary-General's Special Representative in Cyprus, arrived on the evening of 8 May to assume his appointment. After landing at Larnaca Airport he then flew in a Whirlwind helicopter of 84 Sqn Det RAF to HQ UNFICYP where, in the Officers' Mess, he made a statement to the representatives of the international, Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot news media.

In the statement he said, "I am very glad to be in Cyprus and at the same time I am hopeful. I am not unaware of the experiences and frustrations of the past, nor do I ignore the current difficulties. However, it will serve no useful purpose to be prisoners of the pessimistic atmosphere of the past. On the contrary, we should look ahead with perseverance and hope. There is need for a new way of thinking, a new vision in accord with the dynamic period of human history in which we are immersed". He went on to say, "It is necessary to emphasise also that my efforts will be of little avail without the co-operation of the communities in Cyprus". He pointed out that the Secretary-General had asked him to provide an assessment of the situation within the next few weeks and any further decisions would be taken on that basis.



UN NEWS



SRSG DEPARTS

Ambassador Galindo-Pohl Leaves the Force

Ambassador Reynaldo Galindo-Pohl, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Cyprus, left the island on the morning of the 1 May at the conclusion of his assignment which had started in May 1978.

In a statement to the Security Council on 6 April 1980, Secretary-General Waldheim had announced that Mr Galindo-Pohl was relinquishing his post at his own request. At the same time the Secretary-General told the Council that "Mr Galindo-Pohl has made a distinguished contribution to the cause of peace in Cyprus".

Immediately prior to his departure Mr Galindo-Pohl received the following message from HQ UN New York, "On completion of your tour in Cyprus we would like to convey to you our appreciation of your dedicated service to the UN and your valuable contribution to the cause of peace in Cyprus. Your



experience and wisdom have been a source of strength to us who worked in close co-operation with you for the two years. We should

like to express to you also on behalf of all members of our office our best wishes for the future".

Mr Galindo-Pohl is a former Minister of Education of his country, Director of the Legal Affairs Department of the Organisation of American States and El Salvador's permanent UN representative. He said he would now devote his time to research and writing. He has already published a number of books, and the first volume of a series dealing with the political, sociological and philosophical approach of the law, starting from ancient times.

Mr Galindo-Pohl left Cyprus for Geneva where he received a personal letter of thanks from the Secretary-General.

All members of the Force would like to express their best wishes for the future to both Mr Galindo-Pohl and his wife.

VIOLENCE AGAINST UNIFIL CONDEMNED

The Security Council took two actions during the week ending 25 April regarding the situation in southern Lebanon.

In a unanimously agreed statement issued through its President on 18 April, the Council strongly condemned the "cold-blooded murder" by Major Saad Haddad's de facto forces of two Irish soldiers serving with the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). The Council also strongly condemned "all those who share in the responsibility for this outrageous act".

Speaker after speaker took the floor in the Council to condemn the murders and to emphasise that the United Nations Force must be allowed to carry out its role without hindrance in its entire area of operations. Many also called on Israel to end its support of the Haddad forces.

In a resolution adopted on 24 April, the Council reaffirmed its determination to carry out its previous resolution "in the totality of the area of operations assigned to UNIFIL up to the internationally recognised bounda-

ries".

As part of its decision, the Council asked Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim to convene a meeting of the Israel — Lebanon Mixed Armistice Commission to agree on precise recommendations and to reactive the 1949 Armistice Agreement "conducive to the restoration of Lebanon's sovereignty over all its territory".

Condemning all actions contrary to its previous resolutions, the Council strongly deplored any violation of Lebanese sovereignty, Israel's military intervention into Lebanon, all acts of violence in contravention of the 1949 Armistice Agreement, and the provision of military assistance to "the so-called de facto forces".

Also strongly deplored were all acts of hostility against UNIFIL and in or through its area of operation; as well as all obstructions of the Force's ability to confirm the complete withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon, to supervise the cessation of hostilities, to ensure the peaceful character of the

area of operation, to control movement and to take measures deemed necessary to ensure the effective restoration of Lebanon's sovereignty.

The Council condemned the deliberate shelling of UNIFIL's Naqura headquarters, and particularly the field hospital, by Haddad forces.

It called attention to the provision in the mandate that would allow the Force to use its right of self-defence, and to UNIFIL's terms of reference which provide that the Force will use its best efforts to prevent the recurrence of fighting and to ensure that its area of operation is not utilised for hostile activities of any kind.

The Council recognised the urgent need to explore all ways and means of giving effect to its previous resolutions, including enhancement of UNIFIL's capacity to carry out its full role.

The Secretary-General was asked to submit a follow-up report as soon as possible.

ATTENTION ALL PHILATELISTS

The third United Nations commemorative stamp issue in 1980, on the theme, "United Nations Peace-keeping Operations" will be released on 16 May, in United States, Swiss and Austrian currencies.

The new stamps will be printed in the following denominations, quantities and colours:

15c — 1,900,000 blue, black
31c — 1,600,000 blue black, green, yellow
Fs 1,10 — 1,600,000 blue, green
S 6 — 1,725,000 blue, black, yellow, red

(United States equivalent of F.s. 1,10: 72s;

S 6: 48c — subject to exchange fluctuation.)

The 15-cent and F.s. 1,10 denominations were designed by Bruno K Wiese of the Federal Republic of Germany and show a blue military helmet on which is superimposed the United Nations seal and "UN", the 31-cent and S 6 stamps were designed by James Gardiner of the United Kingdom and give the artist's impression of the United Nations deflecting two opposing forces. The stamps will be printed in offset by Joh. Enschede en Zonen, Netherlands, and will measure 36 mm horizontally X 26.6 mm vertically, perforation to perforation. Perforation size of stamps: 14.

