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UNFICYP SP REGT NEWS



Cpl "Marco" Bartolini, a vehicle mechanic, has been with the UNFICYP Workshop since March 1990. He works in our Inspections Department and depu-

tises as our representative at Astra garages when required.

Cpl Bartolini was brought up in Plymouth and met his wife Wendy in Catterick while serving with the Army. He has completed a wide range of postings, since beginning his career in Herford (FRG), at 4 Armd Div and Sig Regt, including short tours in the Falklands, and Northern Ireland as an infantry soldier, with exercises in Canada, Kenya and Sardinia.

Cpl Bartolini has been an active sportsman in Cyprus representing the Sp Regt at football and the Workshop at Athletics, Basketball Volleyball and Swimming, while his special interests are photography and watersports. He will leave us shortly to join his wife in the UK before departing for a 2 yr tour in Brunei.



Sergeant Jack Hawkins enlisted into the Army in 1971, joining the Junior Tradesman Regiment as a boy soldier in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. On completion of his training, Craftsman Hawkins was posted to 6 Armoured Workshop in Munster West Germany.

After serving with 5 Regiment Royal Artillery Workshop in Hildesheim, Craftsman Hawkins was posted to 15 SQN RCT in Osnabruck. In 1978 he was posted to the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards Light Aid Detachment and whilst with them completed two training exercises with the Battle Group in Canada.

After a tour of duty with 7 Armoured Workshop the now Corporal Hawkins was posted to HQ REME TA at Borden in England and was promoted to Sergeant. His duties included the maintenance of all the vehicles of the sponsored TA units.

In 1988 Sgt Hawkins transferred to the Royal Corps of Transport. After spending 6 months in Belize was posted to his present unit, 60 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport. Sgt Hawkins is currently on his first tour of duty with the United Nations in Cyprus and is the Troop Administrative Sergeant of A Troop UNFICYP Transport Squadron.



The Sp Regt Skill at Arms Competition took place on 6 Sep 90. The standard of shooting on both the rifle and the pistol improved this year. The Workshop won the overall competition with the highest average score, with the Signal Squadron winning the SA 80 match and the Workshop winning the Pistol competition. The Falling Plate competition, now the 'Balloon' competition was won by the Signal Squadron with the Workshop as runners-up. Pictured (From Back, LtoR): WO2 Olejnik, Maj Merrett, WO 2 Goss, LCpl Baguley, LCpl Andrews, Cpl Fielding, LCpl Harrison, SSgt Town.



Captain Richard Green was educated at Bradford Grammar School and Liverpool University where he read Physical Geography. He was commissioned in 1986. After his Young Officers' Course in 1987 he joined 1 RGJ in Osnabruck for a 6 month attachment. During this period he served in Northern Ireland on a 4 month emergency tour. He started his Army Pilots Course in December 1987, qualified in 1988 and was posted to 669 Sqn AAC in Delmold. During his time with 669 Sqn AAC he served once more in Northern Ireland. He became a Flight Commander in September 1989. He married Kristy in July 1990 and was posted to UNFICYP in August 1990. His interests include most sports and downhill skiing.

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A Gazelle Helicopter
of UN Flight Army Air Corps.
By SSgt Kev Capon.

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EDITORIAL

In this edition of the Blue Beret, we are happy to introduce the first of a series of articles on the United Nations prepared by the Chief Administrative Officer Ms Susan Matthew. The United Nations itself, despite its status as a worldwide body and the multiplicity of its activities and organizations, remains for many, an impersonal and distant bureaucracy. In this series we aim to give you a general outline of the greater United Nations and perhaps bring to you some of the more human aspects of an organization which plays such an important role in world affairs.

The recently introduced "Impressions of Cyprus" series of sketches continues this month with yet another excellent drawing from Major Peter Townsend.

Finally we wish to thank the many people who took the trouble to submit articles over the past month, the response has been marvellous. We regret that lack of space prevents us publishing but a fraction of articles submitted but please keep your articles coming.

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FOCUS ON UNFICYP MILITARY POLICE

Introduction

The Military Police Company is, as in most other UN-missions, a truly international unit in that the very composition of this Company and its personnel reflect the nationalities represented in the Force as a whole. Seven nations out of a total of 8 contributing to this mission are represented in the Military Police and the Company counts 54 personnel from Austria, Britain, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Ireland and Sweden. The Company is always commanded by a Canadian Major, presently Major J.P. Cloutier, who besides being the OC of the Company is also the Force Provost Marshal and, as such, advises the Force Commander on all military police matters such as discipline, security, investigations and prevention of traffic accidents.

Tasking

The primary task of the MP Coy is to enforce UNFICYP policies related to discipline and traffic regulations. Furthermore the Company provides investigations into all sorts of incidents and in that capacity liaises closely with local police authorities. Besides the more routine police taskings the Special Investigation Section, the Company's Criminal Investigation Department, provides investigations into serious incidents, fatal accidents, contraband and conducts all anti-vice operations. In addition to the military police taskings the MP Coy is responsible for access control to the United Nations Protected Area (UNPA) and HQ UNFICYP. For this purpose the Security Platoon, consisting of 20 men, comprised of personnel from the four main contingents, Austria, Britain, Canada and Denmark, are under the operational control of the MP Coy. The authorization for gaining access and transiting through the UNPA is given by UNPA Pass Office also operated under the control of the MP Coy, a function that brings the

Company into close contact with the local population.

A few facts and figures: The MP produces monthly 60-70 investigation reports of which approximately 65% are traffic accident investigations. In addition to this the Company produces 100-120 minor incident reports concerning breaches of discipline and speeding. The SIS have lately produced 10-12 major investigations per month which unfortunately is a considerable increase over recent years. Although UNFICYP is a comparatively peaceful mission the workload for the 54 military police officers in the Company can be of a very busy nature, because the number of reports are not equivalent to the total amount of work since a lot of incidents are defused on the spot before they reach "the papermill". However, the general feeling in the Company is that we provide security and police services to all members of this mission with style and a smile.

Organization

The Company consists of the HQ element, 5 detachments of which 2 are located on the northern side of the Buffer Zone, the SIS, the UNPA Pass Office and the Security Platoon. Its manpower consists of 2 officers, 52 WO's and NCO's and, of course, 7 locally employed civilians without whom this company could not perform. All United Nations Military Police-men have jurisdiction over any member of the Force and therefore a large amount of company training is invested into understanding the legislations of each individual nationality so that all MPs are able to enforce the regulations and handle any offence without undermining the national principles of the offender.

The HQ Element

The HQ Element is the command and control unit of the



Pictured (Front to Back) are SSgt Smith, Storeman Gelsthorp and LCpl Price of the QM Section, HQ Element.

Company. It is situated in the UNPA in Nicosia. It consists of the FPM, Major J.P. Cloutier, and the Deputy Officer Commanding, Captain S. Matz, who is also the Company's Operations and Logistics Officer, the Company CWO, who is responsible for personnel administration, discipline, and welfare, the Crime Reader who is responsible to the DOC for the standardization and quality of all MP reports, and the QM Section including transport are all HQ elements located in Nicosia.



Pictured is Sgt Sibbald with Betty and Arghira in the HQ Element Orderly Room.

Nicosia Detachment

Nicosia Detachment has a total strength of 25 MPs and is by far the biggest detachment within the Company. Situated in the UNPA, Nicosia Detachment provides MP support to both the British and Canadian sectors 24 hours a day. The detachment is commanded by a British Sergeant Major who has a large area of responsibility stretching from Kyrenia in the north to Limassol in the south. The Nicosia Detachment is responsible for the security of the UNPA and HQ UNFICYP and because of the heavy workload this detachment is used as the basic UN MP training centre for most of the newcomers to the Company.



MCpl Cambell on duty at the Nicosia Detachment.

Larnaca Detachment

Situated very close to the international airport in Larnaca, the detachment provides MP support to all incoming and outgoing UN flights. The detachment is presently run by a Canadian Sergeant who has 3 other members to support his detachment. In the winter time the Larnaca detachment's manpower is increased to the total strength of seven and takes on the responsibility of patrolling Limassol.

Xeros Detachment

Xeros Detachment is located in an old sea-front hotel approximately two miles west of the main camp of the Danish Sector. The detachment has a vast area of responsibility covering the western part of the island which consists entirely of the Troodos mountains. The detachment provides MP support to the Danish Sector and is presently run by a Danish SSgt.

Famagusta Detachment

This detachment is located in the centre of Famagusta and provides MP support to the Austrian sector. Also a four man detachment presently commanded by an Austrian WO2 resides in a relatively peaceful sector.



Larnaca Detachment (RtoL) Det CO Sgt Tucker, Sgt Jensen WO2 Reini and Sgt Hahn.

Ayia Napa Detachment

During the summer season, 7 MP make up the detachment and they are very busy rendering police services to soldiers on rest and recreation. The detachment is presently commanded by a Danish SSgt and he has to handle an extremely wide range of different incidents. Since all personnel going to Ayia Napa have to wear civilian clothes the MP are the only uniformed UN personnel in this area and their tasks are very similar to that of civilian policemen. The detachment's primary task is disciplinary patrolling in order to defuse incidents created by the easy living in this holiday resort. Since a lot of Sovereign Base Area troops also visit the town the UN MP arrange joint patrols with RMP from Dhekelia; an arrangement which is to the



(Back Row LtoR) SSgt Jensen, Sgt Weingartner, Cpl Johnson, Sgt Watkins. (Front Row LtoR) Sgt Ekstrand, MCpl Pellerin, SSgt Kepplinger and SSgt Andersson.

benefit not only of the MP but to the soldiers and the police services rendered to them when they are on leave having a good time.

In summary the MP Company is a small diversified and

efficient element of UNFICYP whose primary aim is to provide a service to all members of the Force and their families.

by: Captain S. Matz
DOC, UN MP Coy

SECTOR TWO NEWS

A VISIT FROM THE VALLEYS

22 Air Defence Regiment, 'The Welsh Gunners', serving at the moment in Sector Two and in the Sovereign Base Area in the South of the Island, had a visit from their home country. The Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor Frederick Smith and the Lady Mayoress visited the Regiment to further the natural links which the Regiment has with Wales. Their visit included a full day with the United Nations soldiers and a tour of the United Nations Buffer Zone.



The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress with the lads of 42 Bty, 77% of which are Welsh.



(Left) The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress with the Colonel of the Regiment Lt Col Keith Prentice, and (Right) inspecting a helicopter of Army Air Corps Flight.



UNITED NATIONS RUGBY TOURNAMENT NICOSIA 9 AUGUST 1990



The Welsh Gunners once again showed their strength in depth, finishing as winners and runners-up in this 7's tournament, excellently hosted by the rugby mad Canadians.

As hosts the Canadians were keen to do well and two of the best matches of the tournament saw the Welsh Gunners' 1st and 2nd sevens overcome the Canadians to clinch both places in the final.

The presentation of a magnificent shield was a suitable climax to an excellent afternoon of rugby. As the suntanned teams and spectators headed off in search of liquid refreshment, thoughts of rainy days and muddy Dortmund pitches seemed a long way off.

12 SU ROUND VALLEY RELAYS

On Wednesday 5 September eight members of Sector Two from 22 AD Regt attended the 12 SU Relays at Happy Valley, Episkopi. Sgt Long and Sgt Siddall both did particularly well, especially after a hot sweaty drive down from Nicosia. All runners enjoyed the day, including the Regimental Photographer who was 'volunteered' at the last minute! The teams came 14th and 23rd out of 31 participating teams. Well done chaps!

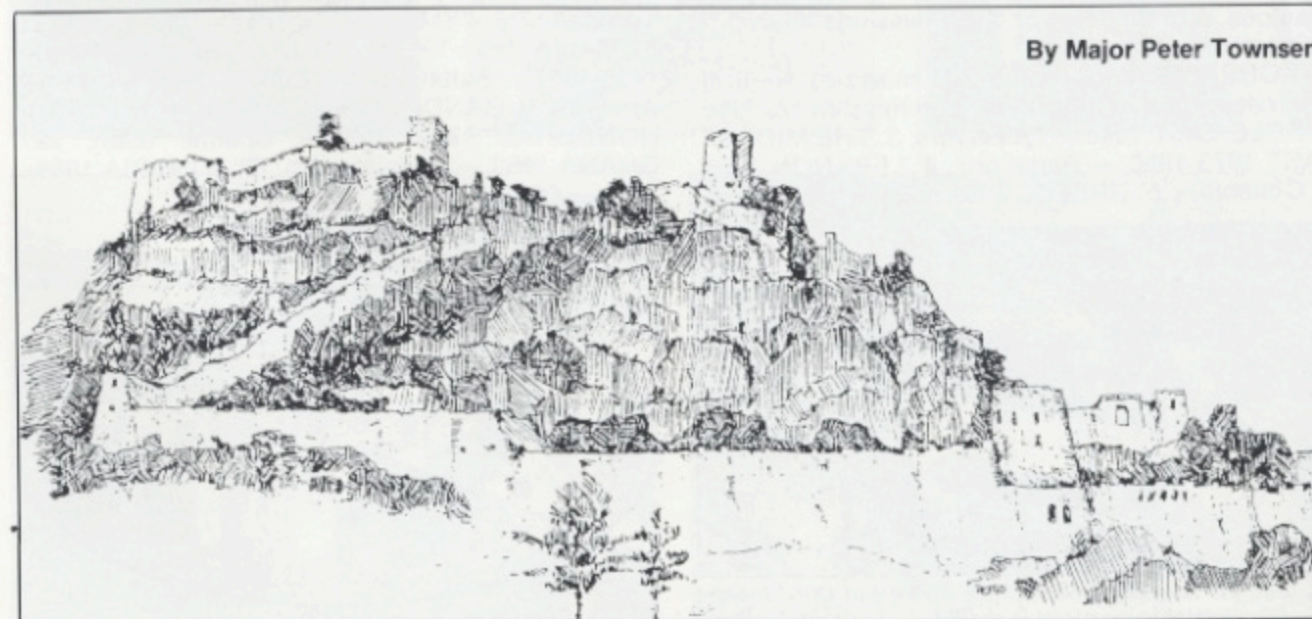


22 AD REGT WELSH CHOIR



IMPRESSIONS OF CYPRUS: ST HILARION CASTLE

By Major Peter Townsend



SWEDCIVPOL UNIT 56 SAYS THANKS AND GOODBYE

On 18 October 1990, several officers of Swedish Civilian Police Unit 56 will be departing Cyprus and are to be replaced by Unit 57. The Swedish Police Unit 56 want to say thanks to all UNFICYP personnel and other friends for a great time here in Cyprus and wish everyone good luck in the future and good results in the peacekeeping. Pictured are the officers returning to Sweden together with the officers who will be staying on for another six months to join Unit 57. Back row from the left: Åke "Slim" Holmberg (departing) Anders Ahlgren (staying) Johan Backlund (departing) Claes Hedbom (staying) Peter Gustavsson (departing) Sven-Åke Hellman (departing) Staffan Vestbom (staying) Jan-Åke Fredriksson (staying) Anders Wretling (staying) Ronnie Dahlqvist (departing). Front row from the left: Ulf



Cahling (departing) Björn Liljedahl (departing) Stig Morin (staying) Hans Jakobsson (departing) Håkan Thelin (staying)

Örjan Green (departing) Göran Johansson (departing) Tommy Åslund (departing) and finally Mats Paulsson (departing).

SWEDISH UN CONTINGENTS

Since 1948, Sweden has taken an active part in UN operations on three continents, i.e. the Congo, the Middle East and Cyprus. A standby force is normally recruited each year in the spring and the autumn. It includes two battalions, special units for catastrophe aid, observers etc. Most Swedish soldiers can obtain a position in the emergency forces. To date over 60,000 Swedish men and women have served in various UN peace-keeping missions. A breakdown of these missions follows. (Illustrated below, right).

1. KOREA 1953 — (not a UN mission) Neutral supervisory and repatriation commission. 2. THE MIDDLE EAST 1948 — Observers. 3. THE MIDDLE EAST 1973-1980 — Battalions. 4. LEBANON 1958 — Observers. 5. GREECE 1952-1954 — Observers.

6. ALGERIA 1980 — Special team. 7. CYPRUS 1964 — Battalions and civilian police. 8. NIGERIA 1968-1970 — Observers. 9. CONGO 1960-1964 — Battalions and Technical team. 10. PERU 1970-1971 — Technical team. 11. NEW GUINEA 1962 — Observers. 12. THAILAND/KAMPUCHEA 1979-1980 — Special team. 13. KASHMIR 1951 — Observers. 14. LEBANON 1980 — Field Hospital Company. 15. RAFAH 1963-1965 — Field Hospital Company. 16. YEMEN 1963-1964 — Observers. 17. SOMALIA 1980-1981 — Special team. 18. GAZA 1956-1967 — Battalions. 19. EGYPT 1956 — Observers. 20. UGANDA 1981 — Special team. 21. HONDURAS 1982-1983 — Special team. 22. GHANA 1983 — Special team. 23. NAMIBIA 1989-1990 — Civilian police.



Pictured are Superintendent Örjan Green and Chief Inspector Åke Holmberg on patrol in the BZ.



SECTOR FOUR - AUSCON

A COMMEMORATION FOR THREE AUSTRIANS

On 14 August a commemoration for Lt Izay, Sgt Decombe and LCpl Isak was held at the memorial stone erected near Goshi. These 3 Austrian peacekeepers were killed during the occurrences in August 1974. After the eye witness report (provided by the only survivor) was read out, a garland was laid down by CO Sector 4, Lt Col Pacher-Theinburg and. COO, Lt Col Strohschneider.



Chaplain Damey during his address.



Laying down of the garland.

QUARTERMASTER SECTION OF SECTOR FOUR

The Quartermaster Section, one of the busiest in AUSCON, comprises of 32 soldiers under the command of Maj H Olschu (pictured below, left.) This Section is responsible for all matters concerning food supply, clothing, finances and accommodation. During one month AUSCON

consumes approximately £31000 (CY) worth of food stuffs alone (e.g. 4000 kg meat, 1500 sausages and similar products, 150 kg fish, 8500 kg vegetables, 3200 kg bread, 11000 pieces of baker's ware).



UNFICYP FSC SQN

C Sqn 13/18 Royal Hussars has now been with the United Nations Forces in Cyprus for three months. They have spent this last month preparing themselves for the various military competitions due shortly and participating in many sporting activities. Patrolling has continued along the line with fortunately few incidents worthy of report.

Capt Ogden, Staff Sergeant Cullen, Sgt Scott, LCpls Hughes and Haigh took part in the Dhekelia 1 mile swim on 27 August. Sgt Scott should be commended on coming fourth in his group. Capt Ogden should be commended on finishing! LCpls Warn, Goggin, Hodges and Collins took part in the round the valley relay at Episkopi and came 11th out of 31 teams. LCpl Warn achieved the fourth fastest lap time. We supplied 5 out of the 12 members of the BRITCON Water Polo Team and won the finals of the Army Units competition. Cpl Wright, LCpl Haigh, Tprs Walton, Hutchinson, Sobieralski and Pte McGavin made up the team. Tprs Walton and Sobieralski should be commended on their performance. We also won the finals of the Army Minor Units Swimming competition, when Tpr Walton excelled himself at Freestyle and Backstroke, Tpr Hutchinson was outstanding in the medley relay and Tpr Sobieralski in the Freestyle relay.

The Sqn has also continued its outward bound activities around the island. Windsurfing and Sailing courses at Salamis have been a great success. Scuba Diving continues, and various members of the Squadron have been trying their hand at Sky Diving and Hang Gliding.

The Squadron is now looking forward to the competition period.



Officers mess staff: Tpr Denney, Tpr Butler, Tpr Mills, LCpl Aldred and LCpl Wick.



Sgt Chippendale having injured his back playing football against Supt Regt Sgt Mess.



Tpr Walton working on his Ferret.



Britcon Water Polo Team.



FSC Sqn Drinks Party, Officer's Mess - 23 August.

NEW FACES WITHIN AUSTCIVPOL

Thursday 13 September saw the arrival of twelve Australians who have now become part of the 33rd AUSTCIVPOL Contingent attached to the United Nations Peace Keeping Force in Cyprus. Everyone appeared more than a little tired after the trip from Australia which takes over twenty hours flying time plus a little 'stopover' in Singapore and Athens. By the time they arrived at AUSTCIVPOL Headquarters they were well and truly ready for a well earned rest. That was not to be however, as the outgoing members of the 32nd Contingent wanted to know what was happening at home.

The new members have been recruited from a number of areas within the Australian Federal Police and bring with them a variety of skills and experience. In line with the current Equal Employment Opportunity legislation in Australia, two ladies are included in the new Contingent. A warm welcome to Cyprus is extended and it is hoped they will enjoy their stay here.

To introduce the new members, a brief profile on each follows (from L to R).

Station Sergeant Steve Bullock was born in Crewe, UK and now resides in Sydney, New South Wales. Steve was posted here from the Organised Crime Branch, Sydney.

Sergeant John Druhan born in Sydney, New South Wales has come here from the Property Office within the Australian Capital Territory Region.

Station Sergeant Amos Mackay, born in Suez, has been employed for many years in the Bureau of Criminal Intelligence in Canberra.

Sergeant Robert Perrau a native of Sydney, New South Wales, is posted here from the Community Policing Division in Canberra.

Sergeant Alexander Thurgar, born in Maryborough, Queensland, was a member of the Special Intelligence Branch in Canberra.

Station Sergeant Elizabeth (Liz) Harrison was born in Norwich, England and moved to

Australia in 1964. Liz now lives in Perth, Western Australia and worked in the Fraud and General Crime Branch.

Sergeant Christine Schmidt, born in Cobar New South Wales also moved to Perth where she was employed in the Fraud and General Crime Branch.

Sergeant Brendan Stone was born in Frankston Victoria. Brendan has been posted here from the Surveillance Branch in Melbourne.

Sergeant Phillip McInerney comes from Mona Vale, Sydney and worked in Sydney with the Organised Crime Branch.

Sergeant Frank Hales was born in Reading UK and now lives in Sydney. Frank was employed in the General Crime Branch located in Sydney.

Sergeant Stephen Hardy born in Melbourne, Victoria, worked with the Target Development Branch, Melbourne.

Station Sergeant Michael Watson born in England, moved to Australia where he lives in Sydney. Michael was attached to the Fraud and General Crime Division, Sydney.



SECTOR 3

LE 12e REGIMENT BLINDE DU CANADA

The 12e RBC, is now commencing its fourth tour on the island of Cyprus; the first tour being in 1973 ("C" Sqn attached to the 3 R22eR), then April to Oct 1977, April to Oct 1983 and now Sept to March 1990/91. The 12e RBC are proud to be with the UN, and are ready to face any situation.

For this month's issue we would like to give you the history of our Regiment.

The Regiment traces its origins to the colonial French era when, in 1651, Pierre Boucher called to arms the first militiamen. From the beginning, the region of Trois-Rivieres furnished volunteers to fight first the Iroquois, then the English and finally the Americans.

The 1868 Militia Act of the new Canadian Confederation authorized, on 24 March 1871, the regrouping of four rural companies, into the Three Rivers Provisional Battalion of Infantry. With the addition of two more companies, the unit lost its "provisional" status and became, on June 1871, the 86th Three Rivers Battalion of Infantry. Regiment status was obtained on 8 May 1900 under the name 86th Three Rivers Regiment.

The Regiment did not mobilize during World War I. It did, however, contribute to the overseas mobilization of the 178e Bataillon Canadien Français on 12 January 1916. Embarking in Halifax 3 March 1917, the 178e was dissolved upon arrival in England for the purpose of furnishing reinforcements to in-place units such as the 22e Bataillon, soon to become the Royal 22e Regiment. As fate would have it, the diverse sub-units of the 178e participated in the battle of AMIENS in France.

Between the wars, Canada paid little attention to its military. Due to events in Europe however, the Government did create the first armoured units through the efforts of Captain F.F. Worthington. On 15

December 1936, the Regiment became The Three Rivers Regiment (Tank).

Mobilized on 1 September 1939, the Regiment's first task was the supervision of prisoners of war. Training began in March 1940, and 3 August, the Regiment travelled to Borden to train on tanks. On 4 November 1940, it amalgamated with other units to form the 1st Canadian Armoured Brigade. On 1 April it was given the name 12th Army



Tank Battalion, The Three Rivers Regiment (Tank). It embarked for England on 19 June 1941 and trained there for two years on Matilda, Churchill and Ram tanks. Chosen to participate in the invasion of SICILY, the Regiment was re-equipped with 75mm Sherman tanks. At dawn on 10 July 1943, it disembarked at Pacino as part of the 1st Canadian Infantry Division, marking the beginning of a victorious campaign. The Regiment distinguished itself at GRAMMICHELE, PIAZZA ARMENIA, AGIRA, and in the TROINA VALLEY. In August 1943, the unit was renamed the 12th Canadian Armoured Regiment (TRR): 12 CAR.

In Italy, the Regiment proved itself in combat on 6 of October 1943 at TERMOLI, and from 15 to 29 December during the battle of ORTONA. It also fought in the

MONTE CASSINO operation in early 1944 as well as the penetrations of the GUSTAV and HITLER lines. Heaviest losses were taken from 24 to 30 June 1944 in the battle for the TRASIMENE line: 22 dead and 44 wounded as well as 22 destroyed tanks, 16 of which came from "C" squadron. As well, during this engagement, five troopers, the crew of one Sherman, were taken prisoner.

Transferred to Northwest Europe 6 March 1945, the Regiment ended a two-year period of almost continuous operations during which it received 23 citations. The 12th CAR has the honor of being the only Commonwealth unit to have fought along-side all Allied Armies on two European fronts and to have fought without relief for five months and 19 days consecutively.

The Regiment was demobilized 30 November 1945, and undertook its prewar tasks as a reserve force and providing aid to the civil power. Beginning on 1 April 1946, it changed designation several times, including the "46th Anti-Tank Regiment, The Three Rivers Regiment", "Le Regiment de Trois-Rivieres, 24th Canadian Armoured Regiment" and on 19 May 1958, was renamed "Le Regiment de Trois-Rivieres, RCAC".

As part of the unification of the Canadian Forces, 6 May 1968 saw the formation a new Regular Force armoured regiment based on the Regiment de Trois-Rivieres: le 12e Regiment blindé du Canada (12e RBC). Le 12e RBC adopted the history, customs and traditions of the 12th CAR, and the Regiment de Trois-Rivieres became at this point the 12e Regiment blindé du Canada (Milice). The 12e Regiment blindé du Canada proudly acknowledges its past in wearing the Coat of Arms of its city of origin as its collar dogs.

The Regiment celebrated its centennial anniversary in 1971

and confirmed its association with the British "Royal Tank Regiment" that same year. As of 1972, the 12e RBC was paired with the French 12e Regiment de chasseurs in Sedan until that unit's dissolution, when the 8e Regiment de Hussards in Altkirch became their new French counterpart. The Regiment participated in security operations during the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games. Originally a reconnaissance unit equipped solely with Lynx and Ferret vehicles, the 12e RBC currently possess a Lynx Squadron and two squadrons of Cougar

vehicles with the 12e RBC currently possess on Lynx Squadron and two squadrons of Cougar vehicles with the 76mm gun. Since December 1989, the 12e RBC has been part of the new 5e Brigade mécanisée du Canada, one brigade of the reactivated 1st Canadian Division whose operational tasking is with the NATO forces in central Europe. The 12e RBC (M) until 1988 was organized with one reconnaissance squadron employing Iltis vehicles and one Cougar squadron. In 1988 the Regiment's "tank" status was confir-

med in converting to two Cougar squadrons.

In 1967 and 1981, 12e RBC (M) was awarded the Worthington Trophy as best Militia Armoured Regiment. For its part, The Regular Force 12e RBC won the Ramshead Trophy four years consecutively from 1984 to 1987, setting the standard for Armoured gunnery in Canada. These results demonstrate that the Regimental motto "ADSUM" (Present) is as credible today as it was when adopted in 1889. The future holds the Regiments 125th anniversary in 1996, preparations for which have already begun.



Change of Command Ceremony (LtoR) New CO, Lt Col Maisonneuve, FC, and Old CO Lt Col Sutherland.



Cpl Laroche on Switchboard Duty, City Sqn.



Cvr Doiron at OP Citadel.



Cvr Ayotte (left) with WO Tsibucas OPS "B" 12RBC.

ABOUT THE UN

By Ms Susan Matthew

"WE THE PEOPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS DETERMINED"

to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our life-time has brought untold sorrow to mankind,

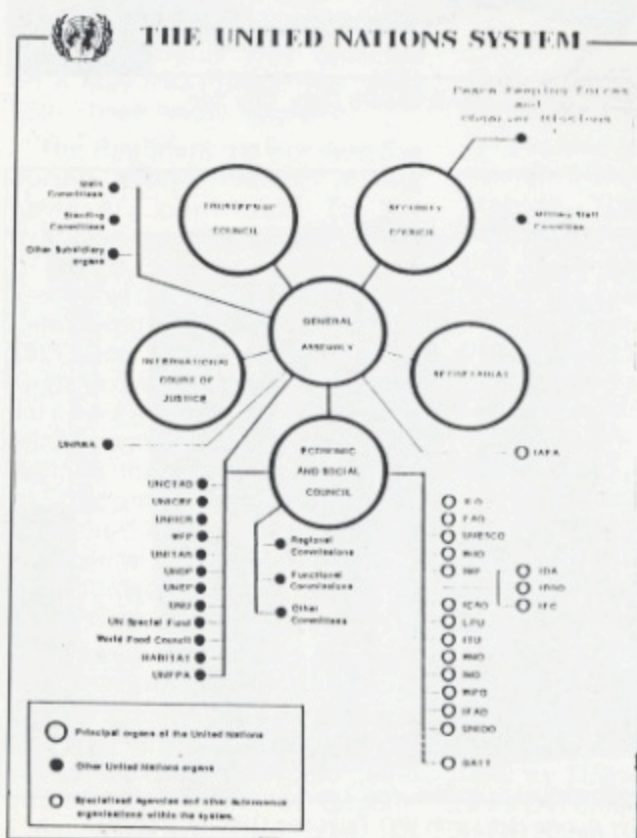
do hereby establish an international organization to be known as the United Nations."

These are the opening and closing words of the Preamble to the Charter of the United Nations — words which are possibly more poignant today than ever before.

As we carry out our individual tasks in UNFICYP, we all understand what it means to participate in a United Nations peace-keeping operation. But how much do we know about the United Nations Organization as a whole, of its history and functions, its staff and its Headquarters in New York where, amongst the flurry of all the other activity, the Security Council meets, where peace-keeping operations are born and mandates renewed?

First and foremost, the United Nations is an organization of sovereign nations bound together by their adherence to the Charter and its principles. At present there are 160 Member States.

The United Nations Charter was drawn up by the representatives of 50 countries at the United Nations Conference on International Organization which met in San Francisco from 25 April to 26 June 1945. The Charter was signed on 26 June 1945 and the United Nations officially came into existence on 24 October 1945. There were at that time 51 Member States.



Mosaic entitled "The Golden Rule" a gift to the UN by Mrs Nancy Reagan in March '87 on behalf of the United States.

Purposes And Principles: The purposes of the United Nations, as set forth in the Charter, are:

- to maintain international peace and security;
- to develop friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples;
- to co-operate internationally in solving international economic, social, cultural and humanitarian problems and in promoting respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms;
- to be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in attaining these common ends.

The United Nations acts in accordance with the following principles:

It is based on the sovereign equality of all its Members.

All Members are to fulfil in good faith their Charter obligations.

They are to settle their international disputes by peaceful means and without endangering international peace and security, and justice.

They are to refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against any other State.

They are to give the United Nations every assistance in any action it takes in accordance with the Charter, and shall not assist States against which the United Nations is taking preventive or enforcement action.

The United Nations shall ensure that States which are not Members act in accordance with these principles in so far as it is necessary for the maintenance of international peace and security.

Nothing in the Charter is to authorize the United Nations to intervene in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any State.

The name "United Nations" was devised by United States President Franklin D. Roosevelt and was first used in the "Declaration by United Nations" of 1 January 1942, when representatives of 26 countries meeting in Washington DC pledged their Governments to continue fighting together against the Axis Powers.

Official seal, emblem and flag: In response to a request for a button design for the San Francisco Conference, the Presentation Branch of the United States Office of Strategic Services designed an emblem which, with slight modifications, was later approved by the General Assembly on 7 December 1946 as the official seal and emblem of the United Nations. The emblem is officially described as a map of the world on a polar azimuthal equidistant projection surrounded by two olive branches. On 20 October 1947, at the second regular session of the General Assembly, the Assembly adopted a resolution declaring: "That the Flag of the United Nations shall be the official emblem adopted by



the General Assembly centred on a light blue ground". So far as is known, the colours have no special significance.

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PORTABLE CABINS - A NEW CHAPTER IN THE HISTORY OF OP D 18

In 1974 the Danish Contingent established a new set of OPs along the BZ. One of those was OP D 18 in the area of the Angolemi Valley on Sept 4. The OP was immediately nicknamed OP Angolemi.

To establish an OP at that time was a very difficult and primitive operation — not as we know it today, where our local Camp Section provides us with the necessary support. The original OP D 18 consisted of a Volkswagen and, because of the lack of materials, a home-made UN-flag (a blue sheet with the letters "UN" printed by hand). Along side the OP, a trench for four soldiers was established. On 12 Sept 1974 a tent was erected with a wooden floor, and a small "kitchen" consisting of a hotplate. Initially the OP personnel had to obtain water from a source outside the BZ, but in Nov 1974 D 18 established a 200 litre watertank. It was refilled every week, and that meant that the soldiers could have a shower every second day —

outside in the open air! Next OP D 18 received a complete kitchen, consisting of a kitchen range, a refrigerator, and a 200 V generator. In 1975 a tower was built out of wood! Finally in July 1976 the old tent was removed and replaced by a hut with a concrete floor, and in the spring 1977 D 18's wooden tower was replaced by steel. As time went by the hut began to deteriorate so accordingly B Coy/DANCON managed to get hold of four portable cabins specially designed at HQ UNFICYP. The cabins are now very comfortable and consist of a kitchen and living room, two huts as sleeping rooms, one hut with bathing facilities and a storeroom.

A new chapter in the history of OP D 18 has now been written. The remainder of the old hut was removed in July this year, but the memories of the Volkswagen and the tent will still live on in DANCON.



"New" OP D 18 portable cabins.



Pictured in front of "old" OP D 18 are from the left: Pte KH Nielsen, Pte T Moerck, Pte J Hansen, LCpl S Andersen, Pte K Nielsen, LCpl J Christensen and Pte A Hinge.

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VIP VISITORS TO UNFICYP IN SEP 90

Brigadier Tait, AAC
BRITCON

Major General Peck
Engineer in Chief to
OP Blue Blazer - BRITCON

Brigadier General Murphy
Assistant COS, Irish
Defence Forces - IRCON

Mr Brosnan
Assistant Secretary
Department of Defence
IRCON

WELCOME

Capt PJ Watt
SO Comms (Radio)

Supt R Yeeles
AO AUSTCIVPOL

Maj PJ Simmonds
OC UNFICYP Flight (AAC)

FAREWELL

Supt OSH Green
DC SWEDCIVPOL

PROMOTIONS

FROM CAPT TO MAJ.
Maj R Brooks (RAOC)
Maj Stadtmann
Maj Damej

FROM LT TO CAPT
Capt Hammerle
Capt Pachinger
A/Capt PJ Donovan

FROM CPL TO LOCAL SGT
GJ Wright

FROM CPL TO MCPL
MCpl Rammerstorfer
MCpl Schnabel

FROM LCPL TO CPL
Cpl Brandstatter
Cpl Leinfellner
Cpl Mach
Cpl Sunitsch
Cpl Vallese
Cpl Fuhrer
Cpl Leonartsberger
Cpl Renz
Cpl Carter
Cpl Williams
Cpl Wilson

FROM PTE/TPR TO LCPL
LCpl Hagen
LCpl Jetz
LCpl Pack
LCpl Dankesecker
LCpl Petrits
LCpl SG Blight
LCpl Lenthall
LCpl Peach
LCpl Brooks
LCpl Lowes
LCpl Welsn



Mr Alan Grace the Managing Director of the Services Sound and Vision Corporation in Cyprus handed over six windsurfers to Capt Richard Giles on 29 Aug 90. SSVS are one of the main contributors to welfare funds in the Army. The Commodore of the Watersports Club, Lt Col Smedley hosted the occasion.



VISIT TO UNFICYP BY ENGINEER IN CHIEF

During his recent visit to Cyprus from London, the Engineer in Chief (Army) Maj Gen Peck, spent a day with UNFICYP. The General had been in Cyprus from 1962 to 1965 and was keen to see how the Island had changed.

General Peck's visit included a meeting with the FC and then on to the RE Yard, the Box Factory (B32), OP Blue Blazer (D35) where he was then driven to Skouriotissa for lunch with the Danes before returning to Dhekelia.

SPONSORED SWIM IN REMEMBRANCE

A sponsored swim, organized by Nan Thomas with the help of Carole Brownley and Jacqui Grant and swam by the "Friday Scout Car Children" aged between 2 and 16 years, was held on Friday 14 September in remembrance of the sad loss of the lads of the 13/18 Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own). Money totalling £700 was raised and presented to the FSC Sqn WO's and Sgt's Mess on Friday 21 September. FSC Sqn plan to use the money for the production of a Memorial Book and a Cabinet which will be placed in the UNPA Church, and a Memorial Stone to be placed on the patrol track in Sector One.

Lengths swam on the day exceeded well over the 150 lengths aimed for with a total of 574 lengths and 2 widths.