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UNFICYP WELCOMES DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF COLONEL WOLFGANG FRITSCH

Colonel Fritsch was born in Vienna in 1942. He was a member of the Viennese Boys Choir and attended Commercial College.

He joined the Steel and Transport business and was soon entrusted with responsible functions in well known Austrian Companies.

At the age of 31, he joined the Austrian Army and attended the Austrian Military Academy.

In 1977, he took over as Company Commander of an Anti Aircraft Battery as Lieutenant. In 1981, he served with UNDOF as Company Commander of Mount Hermon. After returning to Austria he became DCO of an



Anti Aircraft Battalion. From 1982 to 1985 he attended the General Staff Course and was promoted to Major in 1985. Three months later he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and in 1988 he took over as Chief of Staff and DCO of the territorial command of the province of Upper Austria in the rank of Colonel.

Colonel Fritsch became Deputy Chief of Staff of UNFICYP in July 1989. He is married with two children, his hobbies include photography, skiing and travelling and he is interested in culture and contemporary history.

DRAGOONS COMPETE IN 100 KM RACE



MCpl Train and MCpl Lingley prior to the start of the 100km Biel-Bienne Run.

Two members of Sector Three competed in the 100 km Biel-Bienne Run in Biel Switzerland on 2 June 1989. The participants, MCpl Jeff Train and MCpl Brent Lingley were only two of over 4000 competitors in the run which had to be completed in 24 hours. They competed in the military category thus had to wear combat clothing and running shoes.

Congratulations is extended from the Regiment for a job well done, MCpl Train finishing in 17 hours 40 minutes and MCpl Lingley in 18 hours 53 minutes.

MCpls Lingley and Train noted that the run would not have become a reality without the interest and support provided by the Regiment and especially those in the Welfare Section and the UMS.

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UN MP COY

AT WORK

by: SSgt K Webster

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Editorial

August is the official holiday month in Cyprus and as a consequence, the publication of the Blue Beret has been thrown somewhat off schedule. It is worth noting that many of the local shops and facilities also close for short periods so it is advisable to check before making any plans.

The Caption Competition has had a steady if unspectacular response. Congratulations to Sally Kyriakides on being the first winner. (See Quote... Unquote on page 6).

It is appreciated that while the weather remains in the forties, the last thing on peoples minds are thoughts of Christmas. However, if you feel you would like some extra cash for that extra present, the 1st September is the closing date for entries to the Christmas Card Competition and the chance to win 75 Cyprus pounds.



SSgt Werner Müller of AUSCON is shown being presented with his 25th numeral by the Force Commander. This recognises 12½ years service with UNFICYP. SSgt Müller is presently serving as a clerk in the Personnel and Logistics Branch of Headquarters UNFICYP.

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CANCON MEDAL PARADE

Key to photos (left)

Top: The FC inspects the parade.

Middle: Those who were on duty during the parade were presented with their medals later by Commander, Sector Three.

Bottom: Brigadier General Bell pins the UN Medal on Cpl D Talbot.

Most members of Sector Three will long remember July 1st, Canada Day, as that is also the day that they were presented with their UNFICYP Medals. The ceremony took place at the Ledra Palace.

Two guards of 50 men were presented with their medals by the Force Commander and Brigadier General G. Bell, Col-

onel of the Regiment.

Following the parade there was a reception held in the Jasmine Gardens.

Brigadier General Bell, who was visiting the Regiment accompanied by his wife Jean, enjoyed the parade as well as visiting the soldiers on the line to present medals to those who were on duty.

CBFC OPENS NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE IN NICOSIA

After much work and very little money, the CBFC Maj Gen JPW Friedberger CBE opened the refurbished UN Community Centre in Nicosia on 13 June. Chatting about the new facility are the CO Sp Regt, Lt Col John Smedley and the QM, Maj Mick Anderson.



UNPA HIVE OPENING



Mrs Lavinia Courage opening the new HIVE Office in the UNPA Community centre, Nicosia, on 7 Jun 89.

With her is Mrs Ros Roberts, Lt Col Smith (ex QM Sp Regt) and the CO Sp Regt, Lt Col John Smedley.

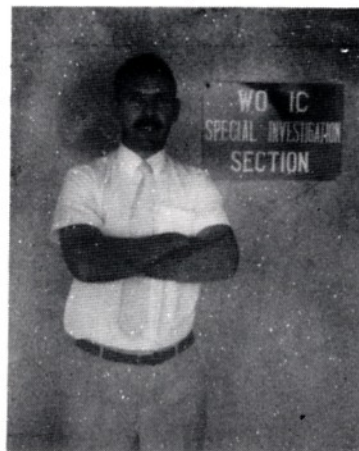
UN MP COY NEWS

On 11 June 89, five members of the UNMP Coy participated in the UNCIVPOL Swedish Police "PYLATHON" road run, a demanding 15.2 km (9.2 mile) run situated between the small village of Pyla located in the Buffer Zone and the City of Larnaca. This run is designed to promote physical fitness and fighting spirit amongst the Colleagues of the City. Those Military Police-men who completed the run were Sgt's Andreas Kaltenbacher, John Christensen, Martin Mihaljevic, Robert Anderson and Ken Neilson. On completion of this event, all five members were made honorary BZ Sheriffs of Pyla County.

As you are all aware, rotation time becomes a fact of life in the UN and the MP Coy is no exception. In the month of June, one third of the Coy rotated in a large turnover consisting of 17 new

members. To those departing, we wish God's speed and a safe journey home and to the new arrivals, we welcome you aboard, trusting that your tour in Cyprus will be productive and a rewarding experience.

Most recently, the MP Coy



WO2 Keith McNally

Lounge underwent renovations to its patio area where it's restructuring and added design made a definite improvement.

the grand opening of the patio was held on 30th June where numerous members of various UNFICYP Units were invited and hosted to an excellent BBQ, which combined comradery, music and good fun.

On a special note, we take the opportunity to introduce the new Special Investigation Section Commander, WO2 Keith McNally, who recently replaced WO2 Jim Wiggam. WO2 McNally is a family man who came from the HQ PM (A) London, England, where he held the position of Special Projects Warrant Officer.

WO2 McNally's career has been extensive in the areas of criminal investigations and police/security liaison, combined with numerous postings which has included the Falkland Islands. The MP Coy welcomes WO2 McNally and his family to a prosperous and eventful tour within UNFICYP.

QUOTE ... UNQUOTE



Congratulations go to Sally Kyriakides of the Finance Section for coming up with the winning 'quote' for the photograph featured in June's magazine. (above).

If you can think of an appropriate caption for this month's photograph please let us know by Friday 1st September — the winning entry will feature in October's magazine — and as before anonymous entries will be accepted!

The MPIO's office is located opposite the main entrance to HQ UNFICYP at Blue Beret Camp. Telephone extension 2235.



The Princess of Wales visited B Squadron in Tidworth, UK in June this year.

WELCOME BACK TO THE 13th/18th ROYAL HUSSARS

The 13th/18th Royal Hussars (QMO), famous for their participation in the Charge of The Light Brigade, have returned to Cyprus for their fourth six month tour in nine years.

B Squadron took over as the Force Scout Car Squadron at the beginning of July. The Squadron is commanded by Major S N Fishwick, who was a Troop Leader during their 1980 UN tour, and the Squadron Sergeant Major is WO2 S Hawley BEM.

For some of the Squadron this is their second or third tour but for the majority it will be a new



challenge in a role that they have not yet experienced.

For the past two years the Squadron has been based in Tidworth, England as a medium reconnaissance squadron within

the United Kingdom Mobile Force exercising in Denmark and Germany.

Thirty two members of the Squadron recently returned from a six month tour in Belize as the Force Armoured Recce Troop.

The Squadron is normally equipped with Scorpion, Scimitar and Striker reconnaissance vehicles. The Squadron have had extensive training of Ferret Scout Cars, prior to the tour, and are looking forward to operating on new equipment in a different environment.

We wish the Life Guards the very best on their return to England.



The Force Commander sharing a joke with Sgt Michael Jackson.

AUSTCIVPOL NEWS

On Thursday, 15th June, 1989 all members of the 30th Contingent of AUSTCIVPOL attended a dinner at the Warrant Officers and Non Commissioned Officers Mess of C Squadron the Life Guards. The occasion was to mark the return of the Life Guards to Windsor and the birthday of the Australian Commander Mr Mills.

On Tuesday, 27th June the new Deputy Chief of Staff, Colonel Fritsch visited AUSTCIVPOL Headquarters for a short familiarization tour and a briefing.

On Thursday, 6th July, 1989 eight Sergeants from AUSTCIVPOL namely John Love, 48 from Young in New South Wales, Bert Kuijpers, 41 who was born in Venlo in the Netherlands, Paul McEwan, 32 from Queenbeyan Heights in New South Wales, Michael Banach, 31 from Wollongong in NSW, Paul Kerr-Laslett, 29 from Bundaberg in Queensland, Peter Sloane, 27 from Narabri in Western NSW, Steve Rollings, 27 from Wagga Wagga in NSW and Michael Jackson, 25 from Canberra in the



From left to right: Commander Mills, The Minister for Justice, The Honorable Senator Michael Tate and The Deputy Commissioner of Operations of the Australian Federal Police, Mr Roy Farmer cutting the commemorative cake.

ACT were paraded by Supt Paff. After inspection by the Force Commander he presented the UN Medals and addressed the men and their guests. This was witnessed by the Minister for Justice The Honorable Senator Michael Tate, his principal private secretary Mr Barry Smeaton and the Deputy Commissioner for Operations in the AFP Mr Roy Farmer.

Later the Minister addressed the gathering and cut a cake signifying Australia's 25 years of involvement in UNFICYP. Thanks for the particular success of this parade must go to the Corporal Major Steve (Nick) Carter Life Guards, the Pipes and Drums of the 4th Royal Tank Regiment and Master Chef Dave Hodgson and Sergeant Paul Spencer who made the presentation cake.

After leaving the Officers Mess at the Blue Beret Camp the

celebration continued at the Australian Summer Mess where the Pipes and Drums from 4 RTR continued with the entertainment. The Minister Senator Tate made a presentation to our cleaning lady supreme Mrs Paras Michael who has completed 15 years continuous service with AUSTCIVPOL.

In conclusion I was reading an Australian Newspaper last week and thought I'd pass on this small item which I'm sure you'll enjoy.

Column from the Macleay Argus:

"A bus full of Macleay netball players on a trip to Sydney last week succeeded only in confusing the driver as they tried to tell him the shortest way to travel to their destination. Then one player ventured down to the front to talk to the driver "Do you want a quick route?" she volunteered, before turning bright red."



From left to right: Parade Commander Supt Paff, Sgts Kerr-Laslett, Sloane, Rollings, Jackson, Kuijpers, Love, McEwan and Banach.



From left to right: Commander Mills and the Force Commander, Major General Milner inspect the parade.

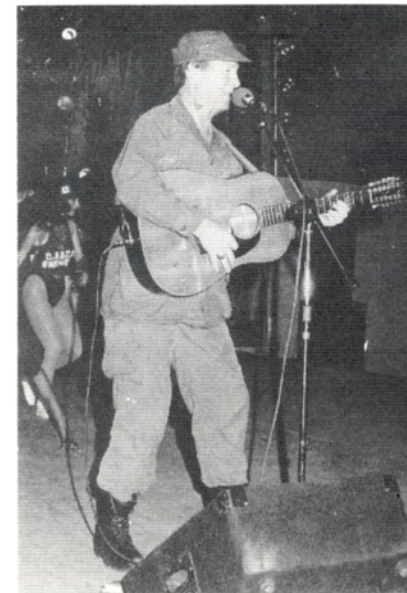
CANCON SHOW



Jeff Evason jokes with Cpl Larson.



The CANCON Show Troupe (photo by Tpr Batten).



John Allan.



Dixie Lee.



Singer Rosita Korbert.

The week leading up to the CANCON Show was full of activity as the back patio at the Ledra Palace was transformed into a stage and seating for approximately 350 guests.

The CANCON Troupe, which was completing a month long road trip in Cyprus, consisted of thirty musicians, dancers, singers and magicians. In total, three shows were run in front of packed houses on the 19th, 20th and 21st June.

The Show was organized by



Singer Bill Candy.

singer/comedian John Allan Cameron and was hosted by Cameron and singer Suzanne Gratton. Everyone was kept on the edge of their seats by the antics of Dixie Dee, magician Jeff Evason or the beautiful Motion Dancers.

Many were amazed at the professional quality of the show and would like to say thank you to the members of the CANCON Show troupe for providing us with the fine entertainment so far away from home.



Magician Jeff Evason performs an amazing illusion with assistant Tessa.



Country and Western singer Kelita sang a few heartwarming tunes.

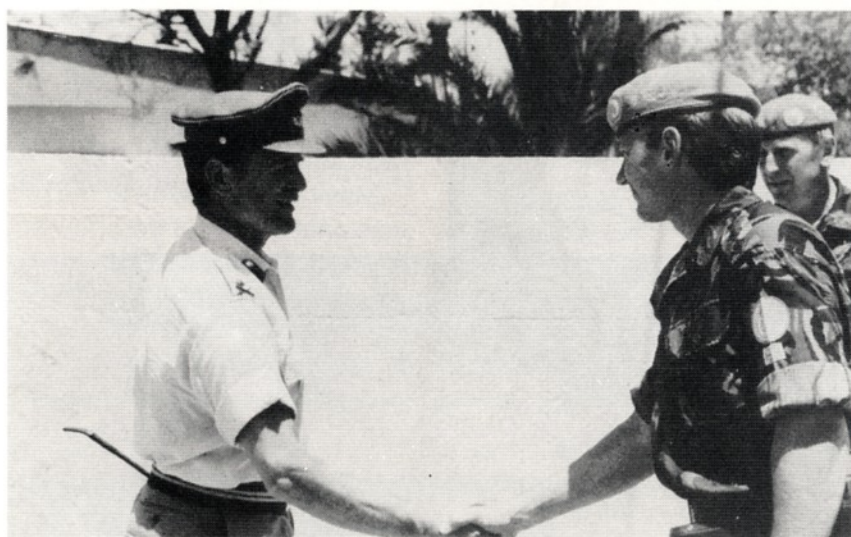
THE VERY IMPORTANT SANDBAG OF SECTOR 2

The radios and telephones cackle constantly with such gems as "A cannae heer whit yir sayin", "Am nae deaf", "An a token tae who a thought a wiz?" An amazing piece of technical wizadry this telephone when you consider a scotsman invented it. Maybe our line team here in Sector 2 can do their "wee bit" to improve it in the coming months. The men of the Fourth Royal Tank Regiment have already given the problem some serious thought and have come up with what they think is the answer.

The soldier in B22 ties the message to the leg of a passing dog who wanders to the infam-



Major General Pank, Director Infantry.



Major General Swinburn.

ous sausage factory. On arrival at the sausage factory the dog is seen by the eagle eyed humanitarian OP who have been waiting under cover of an old tractor for six days eating nothing more than dried figs. The trap snaps closed as a very large suspended net drops onto the unsuspecting hound. Eventually the message is recovered and staffed into the humanitarian diplomatic NAAFI bag. The dust is kicked up as the landrover moves off in the direction of St David's Camp.

The driver of UN 239 casts a shadow onto the sun baked



The Effective Comms Team.

The Message.

LS & GC MEDAL PRESENTATION



Recipients of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal presented by the Commander British Forces Cyprus on 13 Jun 89

Left to right are: Sgt Hall REME, SSgt Hughes RAOC, LCpl Thompson RRF, CBFC, Sgt Norrie R Signals.

earth outside HQ UN Sector 2 awaiting the arrival of the ever busy Operations Officer. Time passes and eventually the Ops Officer arrives in his sleek limousine. The message is passed by hand and signed for, eyes peer from inside the HQ building, what is this new info.

The Ops Officer guards his thoughts and movements until he arrives at his office and summons the team to assemble. Brows are wiped and conversation stops as the Commanding Officer Sector 2 arrives. The by now yellowing scrap of paper is unfolded very deliberately by the Ops Officer on top of the diase. With a dry throat he reads aloud to the audience, pens poised. "From B32 the sandbag previously reported is still there, am keeping close surveillance team in position, case continues".



Major General Swinburn, Commander 1 Division, BAOR, (Assistant Chief of General Staff, Designate).



General Sir Brian Kenny, Commander-in-Chief, BAOR.

THE ROYAL DANISH NAVY TAKE OVER HUMANITARIAN IN SECTOR ONE

The Royal Danish Navy have joined DANCON and some of the Naval Officers who are involved in humanitarian have quite literally become the water-men of Sector One.

The task of the Sector Humanitarian Officer (SHO) is to work on the solution of humanitarian and economic problems, and to act as liaison officer to the Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot authorities.

On the humanitarian line the SHO does a monthly patrol called the Southwind patrol where he visits Turkish Cypriots

living in the Paphos area.

Economic problems encountered by the SHO range from anti-mosquito spraying to farming, water, electricity and hunting in the Buffer Zone. Out of a total of twenty-six anti mosquito spraying areas in the complete buffer zone fourteen are to be found in Sector One.

Farming is divided into the mountain area and the more flat land. The crops are carrots, figs, olives, citrus and grain. Grazing of sheep and goats is intermingled with the various other farming activities.

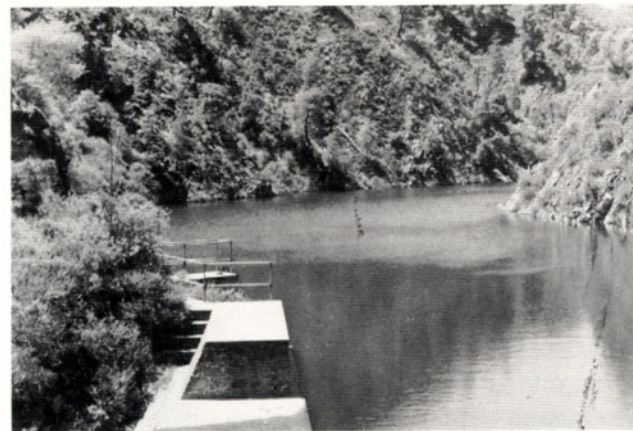
The supply of water to various villages in the locality is constantly creating problems for the SHO. Irrigation water is supplied from three dams: Marathassa, Lefka and Petra.

Like Water the continuity of the supply of electricity requires the assistance of the Sector Humanitarian staff from time to time. And as if the SHO did not have a varied enough programme of tasks; the control of wild dogs also comes within the ambit of the Humanitarian Section.

Quite a change from being an officer on a Danish Frigate!



Humanitarian staff have to check the water pipes from time to time.



The Lefka-Kafizes Dam.



ATHLETICS SUCCESS FOR 7 SQN RCT

7 Sqn RCT, about to return to the UK after a six month tour with the UN achieved a notable success by winning the All Island Minor Units Athletics at Episkopi on 21 June. It is a fitting end to their tour with the UNFICYP Sp Regt having provided the backbone of the UN athletics team who recently topped the Cyprus Services Athletics League.

UNFICYP RAISES MONEY FOR CHARITY

A three month charity drive by members of UNFICYP for the 'Kidney Patients' Association of Guy's Hospital £1,000,000 Appeal' for a new children's kidney unit, was completed on Sunday 14 May 1989. The 'drive' was in four phases and began when eight ladies from the UN took

'The Wire Inn' on the evening of 14 May 1989. This was a tremendous success — the band of The Greek National Guard provided some excellent music and the Force Commander, Maj Gen Clive Milner kindly presented certificates to those who completed their first parachute jump

numerous firms in Cyprus, over C£2000 has been raised towards the 'Appeal'.

The success of this 'drive' owes much to the enthusiasm, dedication and sheer effort of a small group of people to whom very many thanks must go — Liz Bird, Alan, Sylvia and Siobhan Carne, Neil Hinks, Steve Hughes, Jane and Henry Porter, Sharon McCaldon, Eddie and Margaret Mullen, Tony Rood, Ian and Shelley Sharpe, Angus and Jackie Smith and Marilyn Thynne.

Of course the biggest thanks must go to everyone in UNFICYP whose unselfish generosity made it all possible. The money raised will be going directly to where it is most needed — to the children themselves — and will go a long way towards helping those children suffering from kidney disorders lead as normal a life as possible, which could not be a more gratifying feeling.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING THOSE LESS FORTUNATE THAN YOURSELVES



WE DID IT!!!

Clive Grant (timekeeper), Jane Porter, Neil Hinks, Sylvia Carne, Dylan Williams (counter) and Margaret Mullen celebrate completion of the 'sit-ups'.

part in the DANCON March in April. This involved marching 25 kms a day for two days around the Troodos Hills. Each undertook to raise as much money through sponsorship as possible and well over C£700 was raised. Next came a sponsored 1000 sit-ups in one hour by LCpl Neil Hinks. This he carried out on 15 April 1989 and in fact he completed 1400 sit-ups in the allotted time, and by so doing, added another C£200 to the Appeal. The third phase was a sponsored parachute jump in which nine members of the UN (two ladies and seven men) took part — six for the first time! This was completed on Sunday 14 May 1989, and over C£400 was raised. The fourth and final phase of the 'drive' was a Dance/B-B-Q/Grand Raffle which was held at

earlier that day. All prizes for the raffle had been donated by the many shops, firms and organisations in Cyprus and over C£500 was raised during the evening. Putting this together with the many generous donations that were received not only from units within UNFICYP, but also from



"ON THE ROAD"

Marilyn Thynne and Jackie Smith on the second day of the DANCON March.

EX BLUE BLAZER



62 (Cyprus) Sp Sqn RE have just completed a 5 week deployment in support of the UN in DANCON Upgrading 50km of patrol tracks, laying the base and steel framework for a new kitchen in Camp Limnitis and building an improvised bridge in Skouriotissa. LCpl Wright and Spr King are shown here drilling holes for demolition to widen the UN patrol track.

25 YEARS OF UNFICYP COMMANDERS OF THE SWEDISH CONTINGENT

Col J Waern
Col C G Stahl
Col S Geijer
Col I Hornquist
Col L Laven
Col B Stjernfelt
Col C Hermansson
Col P S Wallin
Col L Laven
Lt Col L Onfelt
Lt Col C G Norderup
Lt Col I Bondeson
Lt Col J E Liedgren
Lt Col B G Samelius
Lt Col L Onfelt
Lt Col B Medin
Lt Col S Kristensson
Lt Col M Fornell
Lt Col R Igelstam
Lt Col A Rolff
Lt Col P Swtromberg
Lt Col A Baarnhielm
Lt Col J Wibring
Lt Col L A Wanryd
Lt Col A Rolff
Lt Col B Odmark
Lt Col A Waldner
Lt Col L Fransson
Lt Col B Eriksson
Lt Col S A Jansson
Lt Col K E Kvist
Lt Col C J Ask
Lt Col P Lundbeck
Lt Col S Jansson

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Lt Col B Pellnas
Lt Col G Wigforss
Lt Col P Kjellstrom
Lt Col B Behm
Lt Col S Larsson
Lt Col J Mohlin
Lt Col N Alstermark
Lt Col B Hultin

Oct 1983–Apr 1984
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Oct 1986–Apr 1987
Apr 1987–Oct 1987

COMMANDERS OF THE SWEDISH CIVILIAN POLICE

Supt H Lagerhorn
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Supt G Henriksson
Supt F Eriksson
Supt A Ekstrom
Supt S Bagge
Supt H Johnsson
Supt L Lundborg
Supt Y Larsson
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Supt J Sjogren
Supt C Holm
Supt B Zetterman
Supt B Nystrom
Supt J Herholz
Supt K G Mauritzon
Chief Supt S Smedjegarden
Supt S Pettersson
Supt K G Andersson
Chief Supt L Petersson

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Apr 1987–Oct 1988
Oct 1988–to date

NOBEL PEACE PRIZE MEDAL FOR AUSCON MEMBERS

On 28th September 1988 the Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to the United Nations Peace Keeping Forces.

In memory of this outstanding day the Austrian League of United Nations decided to award a medal to all Austrian soldiers who served with UN Forces at that time.

On Monday, 3rd July 1989, the representative of the Austrian League of UN, Dr. Agstler, pronounced during his speech, that serving for peace is a great challenge.

DCOS Col Fritsch, Commander AUSCON, awarded the Nobel Peace Prize Medal at Camp Duke Leopold V to 85 members of AUSCON. He mentioned that Austria has been contributing for more than 25 years

to UN Peace Keeping Missions with an overall number of about 25,000 soldiers — all volunteers.

After the decoration cere-

mony, everybody was invited to the WO's and Sgt's Mess for a dinner which finished in a very enjoyable day.



Colonel Fritsch, Commander AUSCON awarded the medal to 85 members of AUSCON including the CO Lt Col Dallinger.