

At the end of Ranges the vehicles were put into preservation and the majority of the Regiment disappeared for a week's leave before the start of training for Cyprus. For this tour the Regiment had to reorganise itself into two sabre squadrons (Arras and Cambrai) and a Headquarters element (Rhine). The all-up strength for the tour is 339, with the remainder staying in Osnabruck formed into G and Tobruk Squadrons.

Cyprus training involves a three- week package conducted at a low level. The emphasis is upon weapon and first aid training, combined with some simple test exercises. Also included are a number of lectures which give a background to the situation and history of Cyprus (see page 51).

The Advance Party flew to the island at the end of May soon to be followed by two main body flights at the beginning of June. As many in the Regiment were involved in the 1989 Cyprus tour we have, it is hoped, learnt from their experiences. The main deficiencies at that time stemmed from the poor quality of life that exists on the line. We have attempted to improve this by, for example, providing troop houses and cars during their off-duty time, and the provision of improved recreational and adventurous training equipment. We hope that our soldiers will now have the opportunity to enjoy a rewarding and satisfying tour.

We are due to return in December with 1992 remaining something of a mystery. We have been warned for a move in 1992, however the date and our exact location in the United Kingdom is yet to be confirmed.

The Regiment is keenly looking forward to Cyprus and to whatever else next year will bring. The last five months have been a busy, demanding and frustrating period. We have had much asked of us as a Regiment and have always given a performance of the highest standards. Throughout this period everyone has worked exceptionally hard. It is this that has helped The Fourth to shine in quite the way that it has.