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## 3 SCOTS commended for service to peace

It was an ordinary sunny day in Cyprus when Black Watch, 3rd Battalion of the Royal Regiment of Scotland (3 SCOTS) arrived for their tour of duty with UNFICYP in March 2015, but Wednesday 16th of September was a very special day; it was the day when the United Nations recognized their individual and collective contribution to peace and stability on this island.

Just as the sun was going down over the Corinthian Mountains, UNFICYP's Force Commander, Maj. Gen. Kristin Lund was joined by the British High Commissioner, HE Richard Todd, and UNFICYP Chief of Staff, Col. Tim Wildish to present the Sector 2 troops with their UN Medals in honor of their contribution 'in the service of peace'.

Over the past six months the 3 SCOTS troops have been deployed in Sector 2 and led by Lt. Col Al Steely. The Force Commander congratulated the troops for a 'job well done' and thanked them for their efforts they have made during their six month tour of duty.

The 3 SCOTS had the difficult task of dealing with the most

congested area of the island, notable for its proximity of Opposing Forces, and diplomatic, cultural and historic sites of sensitivity. In particular they were praised for worked on the dangerous buildings lining the Green Line which the Force Commander said had been 'impressive'.

Speaking after the presenting the UN medals on behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Ban Ki-Moon, the Force Commander said "peacekeepers from 3 SCOTS brings a special combination of professionalism and dedication to UNFICYP. Coming from the same unit gives you the advantage of knowing each other. It is the synergy from your training and different skills that makes both you and UNFICYP strong."

As the ceremony ended the Force Commander reminded the troops to "take comfort from your continued service in the name of peace on this island. Wear your medal proudly, tonight and beyond. You have all been excellent representatives for your nation in the "Service of Peace".



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