

RMP MOBILE PATROL-FAMAGUSTA, CYPRUS.

On Sunday 1st April (All Fool's Day) 1956, L/Cpls. Mick Parry and Vic Sunderland proceeded from 51 Brigade to Warburg House, to pick up L/Cpl. Sims.

At Warburg House, Vic Sunderland decided to put up the LR's windscreen as it was a gusty and dusty morning contrary to the orders of the day which required it to be down and no sunglasses were to be worn. The trio then left Warburg House and turned left through the gate towards the cross-roads, where Vic indicated that he was going straight over.

About fifty yards further on three hand-made bombs fashioned from cast iron drain-pipes were thrown over a wall to the right of the LR, two landing on the bonnet, one of which hit the windscreen. One rolled to the left of the LR the other to the right. The third went underneath or to the rear and all exploded. A piece of bomb actually hit Mick's cap and turned it sideways!

Vic received two wounds in his back and Mick was wounded in his right forearm. L/Cpl. Sims escaped injury.

Cpl. Ernie Guy drove Mick and Vic. to First Aid, and from there both were transferred to the BMH in Nicosia. After two weeks they were RTU fit for duty.

It was likely that had the wind-screen not been up, one bomb may have exploded at face level with fatal consequences!

Hearsay had it that the CO when told of the incident was worried in case the LR was damaged!!

Refer to pictures: MickParry3;MickParry4;MickParry5;MickParry6 and note the damage marks to the side of the LR!



MickParry3



MickParry4



MickParry5



MickParry6