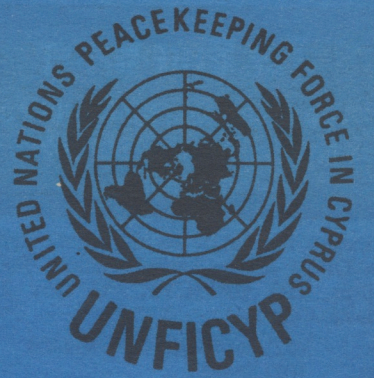


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MUSIC AND MONUMENTS SET SCENE FOR MEDAL PARADE

By Captain Andreas Vas



The historical sites of Cyprus were not the only scene setters for the medal parade which took place in Sector 4 on 3 September.

35 members of the Mehrnbach Band from Austria visited UNFICYP between 29 August and 5 September, mainly in order to provide musical accompaniment for the occasion. The band

wore their traditional Austrian costumes. They also gave a concert in Dherinia on 31 August, which entertained both residents and visitors alike.

Force Commander de Vergara proved that commanding a military unit has definite similarities with directing a band, when he conducted a piece of music like a professional.



Against the scenic background of the central square in Famagusta, Sector 4 once again celebrated the presentation of United Nations medals to the 91 Austrian, 47 Hungarian and 24 Slovenian soldiers who have served in UNFICYP for the last six months.

The soldiers of Sector 4, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Helmut Plieschnegger, provided an excellent demonstration of discipline and training. The programme, which included a performance by the Mehrnbach Band, delighted all guests, as well as members of the local community who had gathered to watch the proceedings with interest.

Auf dem beeindruckend schönen, alten Hauptplatz von Famagusta hat der Sektor 4 unlängst seine UN-Medal Parade abgehalten. 91 Österreicher, 47 Ungarn und 24 Slovenen haben Ihre Auszeichnung erhalten

Oberstleutnant Helmut Plieschnegger selbst kommandierte die ausgerückte Truppe und die Soldaten des Sektor 4 haben bei der Parade einen professionellen Eindruck in Sachen Exerzierdienst hinterlassen. Das Programm wurde von der Musikkapelle Mehrnbach aus Oberösterreich mitgestaltet und erfreute die anwesenden Gäste, darunter auch Vertreter der lokalen Behörden.

Die Medaillenverleihung wurde vom Ungarischen Verteidigungs-

The Hungarian Minister of Defence, Dr Janos Szabó, presented the medals to the Hungarian recipients, and the Chief of Mission, Dame Ann Hercus, the Force Commander, Major General Evergisto de Vergara, and General Lajos Fodor from Hungary decorated the remaining members of the Sector.

Following the presentation, a reception was held at the Othello Tower, yet another delightful setting. It was made even more spectacular by the performance of the Mehrnbach Band playing several popular Austrian collections, including "Großer Zapfenstreich", a passage of music often played at military events.

minister Dr. Janos Szabo fuer die Ungarischen Soldaten und von der Chief of Mission Dame Ann Hercus, vom Force Commander Major General Evergisto de Vergara und vom Ungarischen General Lajos Fodor fuer die anderen Soldaten durchgefuehrt.

Im Anschluss daran wurde im Othello Tower, einer weiteren interessanten historischen Sehenswürdigkeit in Famagusta ein Empfang gegeben. Wie schon ueblich zeichneten sich die Koeche mit einem excellenten Buffet aus und die Musikkapelle trug mit beliebter oesterreichischer Volks- und Marschmusik wesentlich zur hervorragenden Stimmung an diesem Abend bei.

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QUOTATIONS

**Remember to always dream.
More importantly to make
those dreams come true and
never give up.**

Dr Robert D Ballard

**Keep your eyes on the stars,
and your feet on the ground.**

Theodore Roosevelt

**If you have built castles in the
air, your work need not be lost;
there is where they should be.
Now put foundations under
them.**

Henry David Thoreau

EDITORIAL

After three months in Cyprus and this mission, I would like to share some of my initial observations. On one hand, a lot of what I had been told about Cyprus in the past has proved to be accurate. Indeed, the natural environment is beautiful, the Cypriots are friendly and the overall living conditions in the mission, especially compared to what I've seen in former assignments in Africa and Asia, are more than adequate. On the other hand, I have come to realize that UNFICYP's tasks and responsibilities are far more complex and difficult than most people outside of this mission would expect.

Let's take civil affairs matters as an example. They include such tasks as humanitarian assistance to the left behind communities, economic development of the Buffer Zone and pilgrimages. At first glance they seem non-controversial and offering clear benefits to both sides.

Unfortunately, very often the implementation of these tasks is adversely affected by political differences. The absence of any formal contacts between the two sides is another major impediment, which practically precludes any direct bilateral cooperation. As a result of such circumstances, the Civil Affairs Branch often has to attend to matters which go beyond the tasks listed above. In fact, it regularly deals with a combination of civilian, political as well as military and police matters and plays a crucial part in this integrated peacekeeping operation.

In order to effectively carry out their responsibilities, the Civil Affairs staff must not only have intimate knowledge of the problems but also develop diplomatic skills to solve them.

I personally feel very fortunate to be in charge of this branch consisting of a small but talented and dedicated group of people who have every reason to be proud of their work. Rewards in peacekeeping, including civil affairs, are not easy to achieve but are well worth the effort.

Wlodek Cibor
Chief Civil Affairs Officer

Me gustaría compartir mis experiencias después de haber llegado a Chipre y a esta Misión hace tres meses. Por un lado, he comprobado que todo lo que me habían dicho acerca de Chipre, era verídico. Definitivamente, el ambiente natural es precioso, los chipriotas son amigables y las condiciones de vida en general son más que buenas, sobre todo si las comparo con las condiciones de vida que he tenido en asignaciones anteriores como en Africa y Asia. Por otro lado, he llegado a comprender que las tareas y responsabilidades de UNFICYP son mucho más difíciles y complejas de lo que la mayoría de la gente de afuera se pudiera imaginar.

Por ejemplo, tomemos el área de asuntos civiles. Esta área cubre la tarea de asistencia humanitaria a las comunidades dentro de la zona de amortiguación que se han quedado atrás en el desarrollo económico. También esta área proporciona asistencia a peregrinaciones. La primera impresión que se tiene con este tipo de asistencia parece ser sin controversias y a la vez se puede ver que ofrece beneficios claros para ambos lados, pero desafortunadamente, muy a menudo estas tareas al ser ejecutadas, se ven afectadas adversamente debido a diferencias políticas. La carencia del contacto formal entre los dos lados llega a ser un impedimento mayor, ya que prácticamente evita toda cooperación bilateral directa. Bajo estas circunstancias y como resultado, la Oficina de Asuntos Civiles muy seguido tiene que atender asuntos que van más allá de las tareas mencionadas anteriormente. De hecho, esta Oficina tiene que lidiar con una serie de asuntos combinados entre aspectos civiles, políticos, militares y policiales. Por consiguiente, esta Oficina llega a jugar un papel crucial en la integración de esta Operación del Mantenimiento de la Paz.

Con objeto de llevar a cabo sus responsabilidades efectivamente, la Oficina de Asuntos Civiles, cuenta con un personal, que no solamente debe tener un conocimiento profundo de los problemas existentes, sino que también debe desarrollar aptitudes diplomáticas para lograr resolver estos problemas. Personalmente, me siento muy afortunado de estar a cargo de esta Oficina que está compuesta de un pequeño pero talentoso y dedicado grupo de gente, quienes tienen todas las razones para estar orgullosos de su trabajo. No es fácil ser recompensado cuando se trabaja para la causa del mantenimiento de la paz, incluyendo "Asuntos Civiles", pero vale la pena hacer el esfuerzo.

Wlodek Cibor
Chief Civil Affairs Officer

Nach drei Monaten in Zypern bei UNFICYP moechte ich gerne ueber einige meiner ersten Eindruecke berichten. Zum einen hat sich vieles was ich in der Vergangenheit ueber Zypern gehoert habe bewaehret. Natur und Landschaft sind tatsaechlich sehr schoen, die Menschen sind freundlich und die Lebensbedingungen bei dieser Mission, sind verglichen mit dem was ich bei anderen Einsaetzen in Asien oder Afrika gesehen habe, mehr als zufriedenstellend. Andererseits habe ich aber auch schon erkannt, dass UNFICYP's Auftrag und Verantwortlichkeiten wesentlich komplexer und schwieriger sind als man es von aussen betrachtet meinen moechte. Nehmen wir Sachen aus dem Bereich zivile Angelegenheiten (Civil Affairs) als Beispiel. Dieser Bereich umfasst humanitaere Unterstuetzung fuer die ethnischen Minderheiten auf beiden Seiten, Fragen der wirtschaftlichen Entwicklung im Bereich der Pufferzone oder auch Organisation von Wallfahrten. Das alles scheint einfach zu organisieren und zum Vorteil beider Volksgruppen zu sein.

Leider gibt es bei der Umsetzung dieser Aufgaben oft negative Einfluesse wegen der politischen Spannungen. Das Fehlen einer echten Gesprachsbereitschaft zwischen beiden Seiten schliesst praktisch jede direkte bilaterale Zusammenarbeit aus.

Aus diesem Grund ist die Civil Affairs Branch oft mit Aufgaben konfrontiert, die ueber die zuvor beschriebenen Bereiche hinausgehen. Tatsaechlich ist die taegliche Arbeit eine Mischung aus zivilen, politischen, militaerischen und polizeilichen Angelegenheiten und sie ist eine Schluesselfunktion beim Peacekeeping hier.

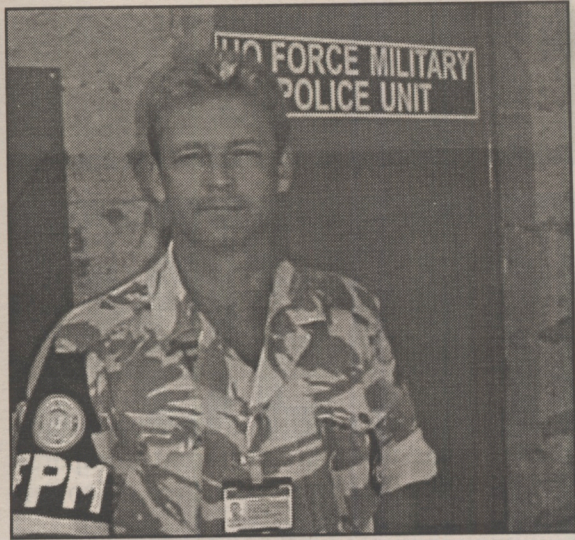
Um all den Anforderungen gerecht zu werden muessen unsere Mitarbeiter nicht nur ein profundes Wissen ueber die aktuellen Probleme haben, sondern auch mit diplomatischem Geschick agieren.

Ich persoendlich bin sehr zufrieden der Leiter einer Abteilung zu sein, die sich aus einer kleinen, aber faehigen und engagierten Gruppe von Mitarbeitern zusammensetzt, die allen Grund hat auf Ihre Arbeit stolz zu sein. Erfolg im Peacekeeping, Civil Affairs eingeschlossen, ist nicht leicht zu erreichen, aber es zahlt sich aus, dass man sich darum bemueht.

Wlodek Cibor
Chief Civil Affairs Officer

BB TIPS: SOME RULES FOR SAFE DRIVING

- Do not assume that you will be given the right of way. The other driver may not be willing to grant it.
- Do not overtake on a hill or bend where you cannot see to complete the manoeuvre. Hold back until it's safe to proceed.
- Know and obey all traffic signs and signals.
- When approaching junctions, crossings or parked vehicles, slow down and look for other hazards.
- When leaving a parked position, check oncoming traffic and signal. Check the mirrors and the blind spots.
- Year after year, "speed too fast for the road conditions" is a major cause of accidents. You are responsible for the safety of your passengers and other road users, so slow down and observe the road.
- Be extra careful when there are cyclists or scooters on the road. Do not follow them too closely and watch that blind spot, as there is every chance they will be in it.
- Ensure you first inspect your vehicle before use. Details are contained in the SOPs, Volume 5, Part iii, Section 15, Paragraph 1531.
- When reversing, get someone to guide you. If this is not possible, get out and check around the vehicle before moving.
- Good drivers do more than comply with the law. Be considerate of the other driver to your mutual advantage. The life you may save could be your own. And remember,
DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE.
- No suponga que le será cedido el paso. El otro conductor puede estar dispuesto a concederlo.
- No sobrepase a otro vehículo en una loma o curva donde no pueda ver completamente la maniobra. Espere hasta que sea seguro hacerlo.
- Conozca y obedezca todos los avisos y señales de tránsito.
- Cuando se aproxime a cruces de caminos, peatonales o vehículos estacionados, disminuya la velocidad y preste atención a los riesgos.
- Al salir de un estacionamiento, observe la dirección del tránsito y las señales. Controle los ángulos muertos utilizando los espejos.
- Año tras año, "conducir a velocidades superiores a las determinadas para los caminos" es la mayor causa de accidentes. Usted es responsable de la seguridad de sus pasajeros y de los otros conductores, por lo tanto disminuya la velocidad y observe el camino.
- Sea especialmente cuidadoso cuando hay ciclistas o motociclistas en la ruta. No los siga demasiado cerca y controle los ángulos muertos ya que seguramente estarán en ellos.
- Inspeccione su vehículo antes de usarlo. Los detalles al respecto figuran en las SOPs, Volumen 5, Parte III, Sección 15, Párrafo 1531.
- Cuando retroceda, hágase guiar por alguien. Si esto no es posible, descienda y controle alrededor del vehículo antes de moverlo.
- Los buenos conductores hacen más que cumplir con las leyes de tránsito. Ser considerado con el otro conductor es para su mutua conveniencia. La vida que puede salvar podría ser la suya. Y recuerde,
NO BEBA ALCOHOL SI VA A MANEJAR.



Newly appointed Force Provost Marshal,
Major Richard Moore

Since UNFICYP's inception in 1964, the Force Military Police Unit (FMPU) has been, in its various styles of title, part of the force. In those early days there were some 120 MPs and an annual tally of 700 traffic accidents, however, the mission was some 6,000 strong.

Today, the FMPU has been reduced to an international unit comprising seven nationalities and only 24 officers, warrant officers and SNCOs. In an earlier issue of *The Blue Beret* (No 12 dated 22 July 1999), readers will recall that there are two military police stations - UNPA and Dherinia.

Our role is to provide the police support, reaction to traffic accidents, advice, investigation of criminal acti-

vities and assistance to UNFICYP and all members of the mission throughout the island, 24 hours a day. A significant requirement which continues unabated whilst some members of UNFICYP are relaxing after finishing their day's work. There are only two duty officers - the FPM and 2ic and when significant problems are reported to FMPU, the FPM becomes involved, as do the SIS (Special Investigation Section). The SIS is composed of investigation specialists who are scenes of crime (SOC)-qualified and experienced in all police matters, from relatively minor injuries to the most serious of criminal investigations.

During the previous 20 months, there have been a number of pro-

nounced changes which have created a variety of challenges all of which have been met. The 'global village' diversity of the UN has always been visible within UNFICYP and the additional MPs to FMPU from Slovenia and the Netherlands have enhanced the effectiveness of the unit. Patrols have been directed to the extremes of the buffer zone and along the various routes which are regularly and less frequently used by members of UNFICYP; these patrols have contributed much to the reduced rate of traffic infringements, providing ample example to the civilian police forces on the island that the UN is taking its responsibilities seriously, with due consideration to the laws of Cyprus and with impartiality.

More recently there has been a successful integration of the UNCIVPOL and MP clubs into the UNFICYP International Police Club (IPC). This club has begun its new existence founded from what had been the MP Company's Club for several decades. Old feelings, sympathies and expectations with the past have, coupled with good spirit and good humour, shown much promise for what is likely to develop into a very successful club.

Changes in personalities inevitably occur and the outgoing FPM, Major James London, handed over his appointment last week to Major Richard Moore, who brings with him his own talent and personality to the none-too-easy tasks of FPM.

Fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly



The Hon Dr Theo-Ben Gurirab, MP,
Minister of Foreign Affairs of the
Republic of Namibia and President of the
fifty-fourth session of the United Nations
General Assembly

The General Assembly of the United Nations opened its fifty-fourth session on 14 September at United Nations Headquarters in New York, bringing together the delegations of all Member States, many of them led by heads of Government or Foreign Ministers, for an examination of international issues.

The General Assembly, set up in 1945 under the United Nations Charter, is the United Nations main deliberative body and provides a forum for multilateral discussion of the full range of international issues covered by the Charter.

The Assembly comprises all Members of the United Nations and meets in regular

session each year from September to December and thereafter as required. Decisions on important questions, such as those of peace and security, admission of new Members and budgetary matters, require a two-thirds majority. Decisions on other questions are adopted by a single majority, with each Member State having one vote.

For this session, the Chief of Mission, Dame Ann Hercus travelled to New York to brief the Security Council on UNFICYP's mission in Cyprus. During her visit, Dame Ann also met with United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan and other senior UN officials.

PEACE-BELL CEREMONY

Secretary General Kofi Annan officially launched the International Year for the Culture of Peace when he rang the Peace Bell in a Headquarters ceremony on Tuesday, 14 September.

The launch of the International Year, proclaimed by the United Nations for the year 2000 on the initiative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), will also be observed with ceremonies at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris and by numerous other events throughout the world.

The document contains nine articles, which advocate that a culture of peace is a set of values, attitudes, traditions and modes of behaviour and ways of life based on respect for life, ending of violence and promotion and practice of non-violence through education, dialogue and cooperation.

2001-2010 was proclaimed the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World.

1. Nehmen Sie nicht an, daß Sie als Rechtskommender freie Fahrt haben. Der andere Fahrer gewährt es ihnen vielleicht nicht.
2. Überholen Sie nicht in einer Kurve oder auf einem Hügel, wo Sie nicht die gesamte Fahrbahn einsehen können. Warten Sie bis es sicher ist, daß Sie überholen können.
3. Wissen und befolgen Sie alle Verkehrs- und Ampelzeichen.
4. Sobald Sie zu einer Kreuzung, einem Übergang oder geparkten Fahrzeugen kommen, fahren Sie langsamer und halten Sie nach anderen Gefahren Ausschau.
5. Wenn Sie aus einer Parklücke ausparken, beobachten Sie den Gegenverkehr und vorhandene Verkehrszeichen. Schauen Sie in alle Rückspiegel und Überprüfen Sie den toten Winkel.
6. Der Hauptgrund für Verkehrsunfälle ist jedes Jahr zu schnelles Fahren für die gegebenen Straßenverhältnisse. Sie sind für die Sicherheit Ihrer Beifahrer

- und anderer Straßenbenützer verantwortlich. Fahren Sie daher langsam und beobachten Sie die Straße.
7. Seien Sie besonders vorsichtig, sobald sich Radfahrer oder Motorfahräder auf der Straße befinden. Halten Sie genügend Sicherheitsabstand und beobachten Sie den toten Winkel im Rückspiegel, es könnte jemand darin sein.
8. Überprüfen Sie zuerst Ihr Fahrzeug, bevor Sie es in Betrieb nehmen. Einzelheiten lesen Sie in der SOP, Volume 5, Part iii, Section 15, Paragraph 1531.
9. Benützen Sie einen Einweiser, falls Sie zurückschieben müssen. Wenn Sie keinen Beifahrer haben, steigen Sie aus und überprüfen Sie zuerst um das Kfz bevor Sie zurückschieben.
10. Gute Fahrer machen mehr, als nur nach dem Gesetz zu handeln. Zu Ihrem eigenen Vorteil sollten Sie die anderen Fahrer beobachten. Das Leben das Sie schützen, könnte Ihr eigenes sein. Und erinnern Sie sich,
DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE.

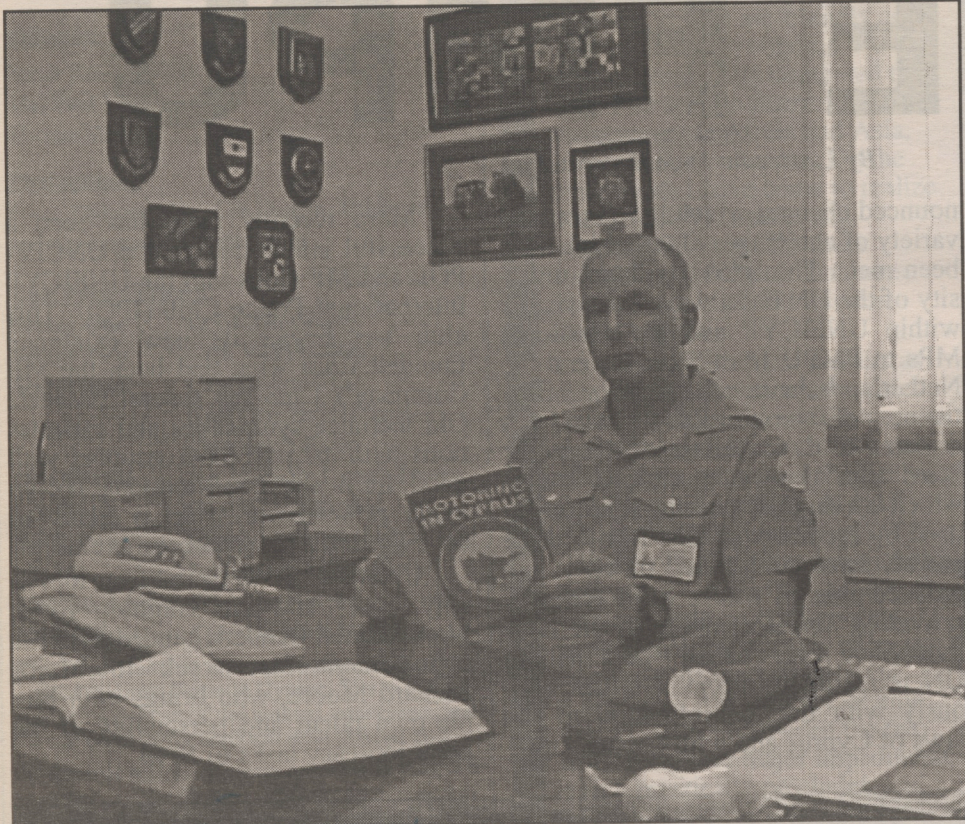
1. Soha ne légy biztos benne hogy megadják az úton a neked járó elsőbbséget. Lehetséges hogy egyes vezetők nem hajlandók elismerni azt.
2. Soha ne előzz dombon felfelé, vagy kanyarban, ahol nem látod be a teljes manőverhez szükséges útszakaszt. Maradj hátul amíg nem biztonságos az előzés befejezése.
3. Ismerd és hajtsd végre a közlekedési jelek és jelzések utasításait.
4. Ha csomóponthoz, útkereszteződéshez, parkoló autóhoz közelítesz, lassíts le és figyelj az egyéb lehetséges veszélyekre is.
5. Mielőtt parkolásból ismét bekapcsolódsz a forgalomba ellenőrizd a mögöttes forgalmat és jelezd elindulási szándékodat. Ellenőrizd a tükröket és a holt-tereket is.
6. Évről-évre a "Nem az útviszonyoknak megfelelő sebesség" okozza a legtöbb balesetet. Te vagy a felelős az utasaid és a körülötted közlekedők

biztonságáért Ezért lassíts le és figyeld az útviszonyokat.

7. Légy különösen figyelmes ha az úton kerékpárosok vagy kismotorosok közlekednek. Ne kövesd őket túl közelről és minden esetben ellenőrizd a holt-tereket, mert nagy az esélye, hogy éppen ott vannak.
8. Mielőtt használnál egy autót, hajtsd végre az átvizsgálását. Az adatokat az SOP 5. Könyvének, iii. Részének, 15. Fejezetének 1531. Paragrafusában találod.
9. Tolatáskor kérj meg valakit, hogy irányítson. Ha ez nem lehetséges szállj ki és ellenőrizd körbe az autót mielőtt tolatnál.
10. A jó vezető többet tesz a szabályok betartásánál. Légy figyelmes a többi vezetővel szemben a kölcsönös "siker" érdekében. Az élet amit megmenthetsz akár a tied is lehet. És ne felejtse el:
NE IGYÁL ÉS VEZESS!

REAL LIFE

MASTER DRIVER GORMAN: "YOUR SAFETY IS MY CONCERN"



The master driver and his collection of road safety brochures

In an effort to reduce the number of traffic accidents, a recent addition to UNFICYP's workforce is Staff Sergeant Donald Gorman. Since 15 July this year, Donald is UNFICYP's Master Driver, someone who is found in each British brigade and above. What exactly is his job?

"My first task was to carry out some research," explains the newly appointed official. "I had to find out what the cause of the accidents was. Then I had to have a look at ways to bring down the number of

accidents, and finally, I had to find ways of putting my ideas into operation. This is all in a concerted effort to increase road safety within UNFICYP. After all, every injured person is one too many, don't you agree?

"And it's not only the injuries that concern the management team, it's also the amount of money spent on repairs. If we can save on garage bills, this money can be spent in better ways elsewhere."

Can he comment on his findings yet?

"Yes, I can already safely say that UNFICYP drivers are to blame for about 95% of all FMPU-registered accidents this year. I should add that most accidents are about trivial matters, but still, they cause a scratch or a dent."

And how about the causes?

"Well, from previous assignments, I know that if the driver of a car is the same person who has to maintain the car, his driving discipline will tend to be better. I also think that if higher fines were imposed, it would make drivers think twice before taking risks."

Are higher fines the ideal solution?

"Oh no, the ideal solution would be a more extensive training and education programme. Preferably this programme should be run prior to deployment to Cyprus. On

the other hand, in Cyprus driving conditions are different compared with the home countries of contributing nations."

What more can we expect of you?

"I'm currently thinking about organising a safe and skilled driving competition, having a "driver of the month" election and distributing posters from the European Road Safety Committee. And I would add that I'm not here just for the soldiers. I would also be pleased to advise families or the youth club about the safe use of push bikes. It's all very time consuming, but I do it with pleasure."

For any questions, phone 4452 and ask for Master Driver Donald Gorman.

	1999	1998
ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	1 1 6	1 4 8
INJURIES	1 3	1 0
DEATHS	0	0
YEAR	9 9	9 8

MESSAGE TO MOTORISTS

UNFICYP Road Safety Bulletin

By SSgt Norman Gorman, Master Driver, HQ UNFICYP

For some time, UNFICYP's Senior Management Team has been concerned about the number of Road Traffic Accidents (RTAs) that we, as UN drivers, have been involved in. This article has been produced to help promote road safety and educate drivers within the mission. Although it is primarily aimed at UN civilian and military drivers, dependants are encouraged to read and pay attention to the following points.

Question: WHAT IS THE MAIN AREA OF CONCERN?

Answer: Recent statistics have shown that over the last three-month period, the number of traffic accidents have doubled each month.

Question: WHO IS MAINLY TO BLAME?

Answer: Unfortunately, these statistics indicate that the UN driver is mainly at fault. This is not because we are worse drivers than the local population. However, they do have the added advantage of having local knowledge, so they are therefore more aware of "trouble spots" than we are. They adjust their driving accordingly, often without warning. You, as the UN driver, may not see the problem and before you can do anything about it, you are involved in a traffic accident.

Question: HOW CAN WE REDUCE THE NUMBER OF RTAs IN THE MISSION?

Answer: By applying the technique known as "defensive driving".

- Keep the speed of your vehicle relevant to the road and conditions you are travelling on. This will help keep a larger distance between you and the vehicle in front.
- Read the road well ahead.
- When vehicles leave the factory, they automatically have blind spots fitted, so don't try and check them using your mirrors - it doesn't work! Look over your shoulder and, if you are driving a high vehicle (e.g. a large goods jeep), look down for that pedestrian or cyclist.

Safe Driving requires knowledge and skill. It must be learned through experience, practice and a personal commitment to safety. Driving experience is extremely important, but it alone is not enough. To become a safe driver you must continue to improve your skills, correct poor driving habits, learn from your mistakes and avoid repeating them.

Most driving decisions are based on the judgement "Yours and Other Road Users". Concentrate whilst driving and don't daydream.

Remember, you are in control of the vehicle.

PEOPLE

POLYGLLOT

By Major Paul Kolken

El Sub-teniente del país hermano del Brasil, Pedro Schwerz, es capaz de hablar alemán e inglés, aparte de su lengua materna, el portugués. El idioma alemán lo aprendió con su familia, ya que son de ese origen. El idioma inglés en colegios y academias.

Pero, finalmente fue enviado a una misión de paz con una Unidad Militar de Argentina, donde se habla español.

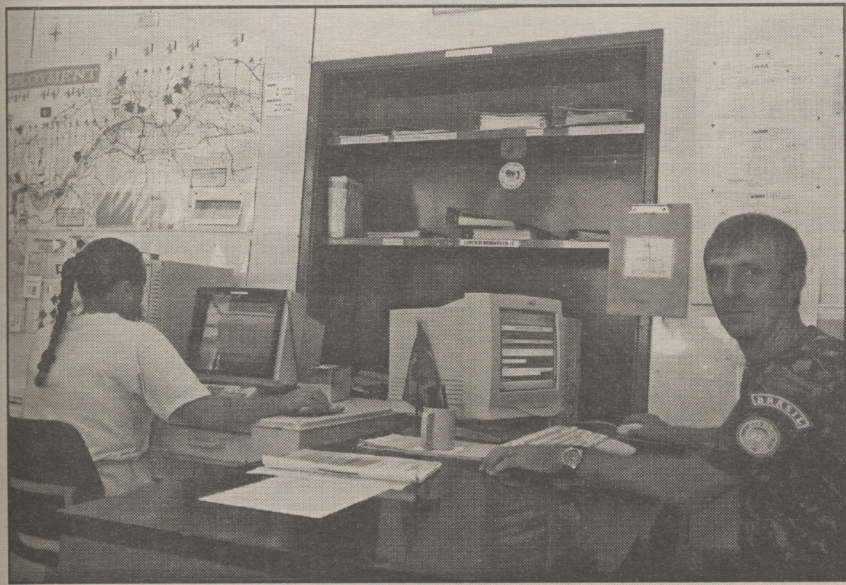
"La primera semana fue un poco difícil entender," admite Pedro. "Pero por suerte el español y el portugués son muy similares, entonces lo capté un poco más rápido."

A causa de su conocimiento en Inglés, él trabaja actualmente en la Oficina de Operaciones del Sector 1, junto con sus colegas argentinos y con el Capitán de Paraguay Julio Brugada.

"Esta es mi primera asignación extranjera," dice Pedro. "Pero, espero que no sea la última. Lo que me gustaría lograr es mi promoción a Teniente en un año y luego, obtener un trabajo en una de nuestras embajadas en Europa. Luego podría mejorar mi inglés. Podría también traer a mi familia, mi señora y mis dos hijos. Ahora me mantengo en contacto con ellos mediante los correos electrónicos (e-mail). Una vez a la semana los llamo por teléfono para escuchar sus voces y poder hablar un poco de Portugués."

Y en su tiempo libre?

"Practico y estudio mis idiomas. De vez en cuando visito a mis amigos austríacos en su bar de la UNPA. No solo para hablar y mejorar mi alemán. Me gusta su cerveza, también."



Pedro Schwerz in his multi-lingual working environment

Brazilian 2nd Lieutenant Pedro Schwerz speaks German and English - as well as his mother tongue, Portuguese. But he ended up being sent on a peacekeeping mission with a Spanish-speaking unit.

"The first week was a bit difficult," Pedro admits. "But luckily, Spanish and Portuguese are very similar, so I picked it up quite quickly."

Because of his knowledge of English, he works in the operations section of Sector 1, together with Argentinian colleagues and with Uruguayan Captain Julio Brugada.

"This is my first foreign posting," says Pedro. "But

hopefully not the last. What I would really like is to get my promotion to Lieutenant in a year or so, and then find a job with one of our embassies in Europe. That way I could use and improve my English.

"I could also bring my wife and two children. Now I keep in touch with the family by sending e-mails almost every day. Once a week, I call them by phone so I can hear their voices - and I get to speak Portuguese."

And in the meantime?

"I practise my languages. I sometimes visit the Austrian bar at the UNPA. It's not only to keep up my German - I like their beer too."

WHO'S WHO?

By Major Roberto Paleo

Look at the photograph on the right and see if you can identify these men. Difficult? Well, I'll tell you a story that may help.

A few days ago, whilst chatting with a colleague in his office and looking around, this photo attracted my attention. It's a very old and ordinary snapshot, nothing special, but if you read on, you'll understand the connection between this photo and UNFICYP.

It was taken in 1977 and shows two soldiers from the 17th Infantry Regiment of paratroopers. They had just completed a free fall at the instruction field in the city of Catamarca in Argentina. At that time, the man on the left was a young 2nd Lieutenant and the man on the right a young NCO. Have you recognised them yet?

Both of them were paratrooper instructors and part of the Argentinian army's special jumping team. All members of this team had arduous tasks such as training future paratroopers and carrying out night-time exercises with special equipment. They also participated in civilian competitions and achieved excellent results.

In 1978, the Commander of the 4th Airborne Brigade, Brigadier General Rodolfo Mujica (the father of the present Commander Sector 1), presented to the man on the right the prize for the best paratrooper.

Years later, after serving in different army units, both men met again in their beloved regiment, the 17th Infantry Regiment of paratroopers. But by then, the man on the left was the second in command and the man on the right was the company sergeant major. Do you need more clues?

Mire la foto. ¿los conoce?, ¿puede usted identificarlos?, le voy a contar una historia que lo ayudará a lograrlo.

Hace pocos días mientras conversaba con un camarada en su oficina y miraba algunos recuerdos militares, me llamó la atención una foto. Es una foto muy sencilla y antigua, nada especial, pero si prestan atención podrán notar que su historia llega hasta Chipre.

Esta foto fue tomada en 1977. Muestra a dos militares que acaban de realizar un salto en paracaídas en el campo de instrucción del Regimiento de Infantería de Paracaidistas 17, en la Ciudad de Catamarca - Argentina.

El hombre de la izquierda era en ese momento un joven subteniente, el de la derecha un joven suboficial. ¿Todavía no los reconoció?

Ambos eran durante esos años instructores de paracaidismo e integraban además el equipo especial de saltos del Ejército. Los miembros de este equipo siempre han sido sometidos a rigurosas exigencias, desde el entrenamiento de futuros paracaidistas hasta lanzamientos de combate nocturnos a gran altura con equipo individual completo. También han participado de competencias civiles, logrando siempre excelentes resultados.



?-left and ?-right

At present, both men are members of the Argentinian Contingent in UNFICYP. So if you're a member of Sector 1 and you still haven't recognised them, you definitely need an appointment with your oculist. They are the commanding officer of Sector 1, Lieutenant Colonel Rodolfo Mujica, and the Regimental Sergeant Major, Warrant Officer I Carlos Aguilera.

I told you that this is a very old and ordinary photo, but it's full of reminiscences and nostalgia. We all have photos like this and one day, when we retire and have time to look through our albums, they will remind us of the best part of our lives, the life of the soldier.

Incidentally, both these men insist that they've hardly changed. So who needs an oculist?

En 1978, el Comandante de la Brigada Aerotransportada IV, General de Brigada Rodolfo Mujica (padre del actual Comandante del Sector 1), entrego al hombre de la derecha el premio al mejor paracaidista.

Años más tarde, después de estar cada uno en distintas unidades, estos hombres volvieron a estar juntos en un regimiento, casualmente su querido Regimiento de Infantería de Paracaidistas 17, el de la izquierda como 2^{do}. Jefe y el de la derecha como Encargado de una Compañía. ¿necesita más ayuda?

Actualmente ambos integran el Contingente Argentino en UNFICYP. Si usted forma parte del sector 1 y todavía no lo descubrió, tal vez necesita consultar a un oculista.

Ellos son el Comandante del Sector 1, Teniente Coronel Mujica y el Encargado del Sector 1, Suboficial Mayor Aguilera.

Se lo dije, esta es una foto vieja y muy común, pero que guarda muchas historias y recuerdos muy valiosos. Todos tenemos fotos como ésta y seguramente al verlas cuando estemos retirados de la vida activa, nos recordarán una parte de nuestra historia, seguramente la más bella de nuestras vidas, ¡la vida de soldados!

Ambos dicen que actualmente lucen como en aquellos años. ¿Quién necesita al oculista?

NEWS



STAY COOL

In the middle of the morning on 8 September, an alarm sounded and before long, UN civilian, military and police staff were pouring out of their offices to previously designated meeting points. Why? A fire practice.

During the long, hot, Cyprus summers, forest fires are not unusual. In fact, 23 have been extinguished inside the Buffer Zone so far this year. So it is not without reason that the fire department prepared and executed a practice which involved all personnel within the UNPA.

The fire section arrived almost

immediately on the scene of a vehicle which had "caught fire" and a UN flight helicopter circled the area, keeping a close watch on the proceedings.

After the fire had been extinguished, the fire officer gave all staff a very quick briefing on how to handle fire extinguishers and what to do in the case of emergency.

This time it was only a practice. But it could be the real thing. As the fire officer said, "Prevention is better than cure".

In an emergency, remember to dial:
(86) 4777

Sector Civil Affairs Teams meet in Sector 4



Police Officer Bridget Shelly briefing the Sector Civil Affairs Officers in front of OP 129 in Pyla

A change is as good as a rest, they say. So, on 27 August, members of SCAT 1 and SCAT 2 had a change from their own Sector and visited SCAT 4 in Famagusta, Sector 4's area of control. The visitors included representatives from Argentina, the UK and Uruguay.

The teams received briefings at various locations including

Camp Duke Leopold V and OP 146, where the MSL was explained to them. Following that, Police Officer Bridget Shelly outlined her tasks and responsibilities in the mixed village of Pyla.

This kind of exchange allows SCAT members to talk about specific problems and to share ideas on how to improve the service given to both communities.

FROM HUNGARY WITH LOVE

Hungarian soldiers from the MFR brought joy to an elderly compatriot, a resident of an old people's home in Larnaca, when they visited her on her 91st birthday.

Isabel Tinger came to Cyprus over 50 years ago. It was at the beginning of World War II when she made her way to the island from Bahrain in an attempt to return to Hungary, but the war had already reached her country.

In Cyprus, she went to a bank to withdraw some money. Although she

speaks a little Greek now, she only spoke Hungarian, French and German at the time, and ran into some language problems.

The bank manager at the branch she visited spoke a little French and he helped her out. They fell in love, married, and Isabel stayed on the island with her Cypriot husband who died just two years ago, aged 97.

Bedridden now, Isabel lives comfortably in the home. The unexpected birthday visit from the Hungarian soldiers did much to make her day.



Surprise!

ON YOUR BIKE!

Community policing in Sector 4 has taken on a whole new meaning with the introduction of regular bike patrols in Pyla and Troulli.

The concept of bike patrols is certainly not new, but is proving very effective as police patrols. UNCIVPOL have found they can cover more ground in comparison to walking, yet they are still more accessible to the villagers than patrolling in a vehicle.

Deputy Sector Superintendent Larry Andrews stated the local population were quite amused when they started the patrols three

weeks ago. Although not sure whether they were amused with the patrols or the ability of the riders, the locals have now become accustomed to the patrols and, in fact, look forward to their visits each day.

"It's been a great way of meeting the people," says Larry, who has only been in Cyprus for a month. "It's certainly helped us in familiarising ourselves with the area."

Bicycle patrols are just one of many strategies that are essential in improving the profile of UNCIVPOL in Cyprus.



Sergeant Adrian Streeter and Deputy Sector Superintendent Larry Andrews

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ITEMS FOR SALE

CARS FOR SALE

Mazda 323 Familia, white, 1300cc, r/c, new exhaust, d/f £800. Call Sgt Wallerberger, Tel: (03)822670

Opel Ascona 1.6 RH 1985, 4-door, a/c, r/c, good condition, £1,200 d/p. Call Elena (02) 759113 (o) or (02) 526235 (h)

Ford Escort 1.3, 1993 saloon, 75,000 km, diesel, white, d/f £1,400. Tel: Lt Hitz on (03) 822670 or (09)451409.

Toyota Corona 1.6, white, 1992, low mileage - 44,235 km, excellent shape inside and out, £2,000 d/f. 2-year guarantee of parts and labour. Will consider payment by instalments. Tel: CM's office at (02) 864402.

Mitsubishi Lancer, 1994, a/c, £1,400 d/f. Contact SSgt Kovac (02) 864666.

Fiat Ritmo, white, '80 good condition, £250. Call Peter (UNCIVPOL) on (03) 730716.

Mitsubishi Pajero GLS, 2800 Turbo Intercooler, green/silver, SWB, 3-doors, 1995, rhd, 60,000 kms, £7,500 d/f. Call Andrea: (02) 664362.

BMW 520i Sedan, 1986, 5-speed, a/c, radio-cassette, insurance to Apr 2000, 2 new tyres, new battery and recently serviced. £700 d/f. Tel Sgt Andy Thorp on (02) 676870.

Mercedes 200, 1985, one owner, full service record, lhd, 195,000 km. £1,000. Tel: (02) 492650.

Honda Prelude Sports, EXM 271, 1992, 2.0 litre engine, new tyres, only 37,000 km. £1,960. Tel: (02) 864681.

Mazda 323, blue, 1300 cc, 1990 £1,100 ONO. Tel (02) 314439 (o) or (02) 318162 (p).

OTHER ITEMS FOR SALE
Three-piece suite (3-2-1), bluish-grey, in good condition, German-made. Any reasonable offer considered. Tel: Cyril (02) 864451 or (04) 646364.

Tomy AFX Scaletric Road Racing Set. 62 ft of track, 2 cars, controllers, transformer and all other accessories. Excellent condition and boxed as new. £35. Tel: Barry on (02) 359001 (h), 864510 (o).

Cannondale racing bike, size 56, dura-ace gear, suspended seat, £600. Tel: Lt Hitz on (03) 822670 or (09) 451409.

WANTED

Items for a jumble sale, to be held on Sunday 19 Sep 99, to raise money for abandoned donkeys. Anything saleable accepted. Please drop off at CM's office.

ITEMS FOR HIRE

HIVE ITEMS FOR HIRE

The NICOSIA HIVE operates a comprehensive loan store. Items available are: VAX machine, child's car seats, pushchairs, backpacks, high chair, travel cots, children's toys and bikes, cool boxes, sun loungers, golf clubs, radio/cassette players, BBQ, etc. Call

the HIVE to check availability.

DISCO FOR HIRE

The UNPA WOs' & Sgts' Mess (The Vic Club) has upgraded its disco equipment to a high standard. This is available for hire for functions etc. The cost of hire is now £50.00 per event. Two DJs are also available and separate arrangements should be made with either DJ regarding fees. Bookings for the disco should be made through the PMC, WO2 Miller on (02) 359760 ext 126 (W) at least seven days in advance.

HAVING A PARTY?

The Youth Club is now available for hire. Many facilities including new disco equipment and lights, barbecue and plenty of space! Contact Pam on (02) 359112 for more details.

PROPERTY TO LET

Two large luxury 265 sqm 4-bedroom flats in Make-donitissa, one of which has separate 1-bedroom flat, bbq area and a 200 sqm roof terrace. Both have a/c, c/h, satellite dish, modern fitted kitchen, etc. Tel. (02) 351498 or (09) 610646

Fully-furnished flat in Ayios Dhometios (close to UNPA). £300. Tel Angela at (02) 864528.

New house (second storey) in Aglanjia area. Fully furnished, 3-bedrooms (one with private shower). A/c and c/h + private parking. Tel (090) 417416 or (09) 6160824.

3-bedroom ground floor house, fully furnished, in Ayios Pavlos (close to UNPA). Solar water heater and c/h. Tel: (02) 774783.

Two minutes walk to the beach. Amathus (Limassol) area, one-bedroom flat, fully furnished with TV, covered parking, common gardens, tennis court and swimming pool. £15 per day. Only serious enquiries. Call between 15:00-19:00 hrs. No agents please. Tel: (02) 486423.

2-bedroom fully furnished a/c apartment near UNPA. £300. Phone Klaus (02) 864520 or Evroula (09) 605992.

FACILITIES

WHY DON'T U.NETWORK@THE UNPA?

The next meeting after the summer break takes place on Wednesday 29 September at 10.00 am in the HIVE.

Come along and exchange information with a friendly group of spouses from UNFICYP and diplomatic missions. More info at (02) 591933 or (02) 489553.

NICOSIA LIBRARY

The Nicosia Library, 23 Sycamore Road, UNPA. Tel (02) 359317. Many new books now in stock. For the new entrance, please follow the arrows round the side.

Huge selection of fiction & non-fiction books for adults and children.

Book search and reservation

service.

Language cassettes and books available on long-term loans.

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Change of Library Hours:

1000-1300 hrs: Mon to Fri

1700-1900 hrs: Mon-Wed-Fri

Closed Tues/Thurs afternoons

Watch out for winter hours - to be published soon

SERVICES

NICOSIA HIVE NEWS

Help beat the world record of cups of tea being drunk in one morning, to raise money in aid of SSAFA Forces help. Please come along to the HIVE at 10am.

The NICOSIA HIVE is open for information and advice and is located at 21 Sycamore Road, UNPA (within the Married Quarters area).

The Nicosia HIVE Coordinator is Karen McCormack.

All nationalities are welcome!

Opening Times: Mon-Wed-Fri, 0930-1230 and 1500-1700 hrs.

Help is wanted. If you have some free time, we are looking for some volunteers at the HIVE. For more details, call Karen on (02) 359316.

BEAUTY TREATMENTS BY NIKI.

Niki will be at the HIVE on Thursday 30 September. A wide range of facials, manicures, pedicures and waxing treatments available. For appointments or more information, call Niki on (05) 391640 or the Nicosia HIVE on (02) 359316.

GREEK LESSONS start again on Tuesday 21 Sept at the HIVE.

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Cost: £20 for a course of 10 lessons. Phone the HIVE to register.

SANDRA'S HAIR FASHIONS

Sandra's Hair Fashions is situated at 21 Sycamore Road on the Married Quarters Patch. Open Mon-Fri between 0900-1800 hrs. Tel: (02) 776454.

ENGLISH LESSONS

Qualified and experienced teacher available to teach English to small groups or on a one-to-one basis. Tel: (02) 772991.

EVENING BABYSITTING AND ASSISTING AT PARTIES

Lady available for evening baby-sitting and assisting at drinks/dinner parties. Tel Maroulla: (02) 330296 after 1600 hrs.

MATURE BABYSITTER Reliable, mature lady available for baby-sitting. Tel: (02) 623850 after 1600 hrs.

UK-TRAINED SEAMSTRESS

available for alterations, zip replacements, costume making, etc. Also specialises in beautiful creative home fabric decorations. Contact Stella on (02) 491840.

JOB WANTED: Woman is looking for houses, offices and staircases in Nicosia + area to clean. Own transport

available. 12 years experience. Call (02) 433811.

BRITISH TRAINED SEAMSTRESS

Specialises in dressmaking for formal occasions, ball gowns, wedding dresses and outfits, etc, also alterations and repairs. Mrs Chris Broad. 28 Vyzantiou Street, Ayios Dhometios, Nicosia (close to UNPA, near Astra garage). Tel: (02) 773206.

ART FOR PLEASURE

Classes start on Wednesday 29 September at 6 pm until 9 pm. It's a 10 week course, costing £30. Phone Lindsay on (02) 358611 or Karen on (02) 359316

MISCELLANEOUS

BRATCON YOUTH CLUB.

If you are aged between 8-16, and want to have some fun, BRATCON is the place to be seen. We are open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 6-8.30 pm at St Michael's School in the UNPA. Our

YMCA NEWSFLASH!!

The YMCA now stocks a range of aromatherapy products from Applewoods of England for men and women.

During Sep and Oct, everyone purchasing Applewoods products goes into a draw for a free reflexology treatment.

We also have a wider range of photo albums and frames. Lots of stock and cards have been reduced by 25% and more. Come and have a browse and bag a bargain!!!

club is run by volunteers. We do everything from sporting activities to staging our own pantomime.

Come along and make some new friends. For further information, contact Pam Kingston on (02) 359112, or pop in on one of the nights that we are open and find out for yourself. Membership is £1.50 per term or £4 annually. Nightly subs - 50c for members and 75c for visitors.

CHURCH SERVICES

SERVICES AT ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH, UNPA: ANGLICAN EUCHARIST:

Roman Catholic Mass, Saturdays: 18:00 hrs.

Sunday worship: 09:00 hrs.

All welcome.

Sector 2 Padre's Office (LPH) tel: 864760/1, Ext 301.

Britcon Chaplain: Padre Philip McCormack.

Dutch Chaplain, Padre Frank Duyvenvoorde.

NB: We are still looking for relief staff for the YMCA. If you fancy working a few hours now and then with a friendly team, contact Rose at the YMCA or ring (02) 359308.

Something new all the time at the YMCA.

We now have have a selection of **GERMAN PAPERBACKS**. Is there anybody in Sector 4 interested? Just give us a call.

MILITARY BAND CONCERT - 7 OCT 99

HQ BRITCON will sponsor a military band concert on Thursday 7 Oct 99 in the UNPA, starting at 1900 hrs.

All members of UNFICYP, the diplomatic community and those with access to attend this musical evening. Food and drink will be available, and there will be a small charge for entrance, with all proceeds going to charity.

More details to follow, but mark up your diaries now!

KEEP US INFORMED

Are there any charity functions, concerts, UN-related events, etc coming up in the near future?

Sectors/branches/UN-associated clubs are invited to advertise well in advance all events of interest to our readers.

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Please help. Call the shop on (02) 669568 and support a good cause.

THE BEST FILMS CAN NOW BE SEEN AT THE UNPA

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Read the notices in the International Cafeteria for an evening of good entertainment.

Also shown in the Ledra Palace Hotel.

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If readers wish to continue to advertise, they are requested to call/re-apply in writing.

BLUE BERET SPORTS SECTION

AT LAST - A GAME OF FOOTBALL

By Major Roberto Paleo

For most countries in the world, soccer is the most popular sport. Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay are no exception. Since arriving in Cyprus last May, we in Sector 1 have not had the opportunity to practise the sport. But on 9 September at 5 p.m., by invitation of the Mayor of the Lefka municipality, Mr Mehmet Zafer, we finally got to play their local team in a game in the local stadium.

Lefka is located north of the Buffer Zone to the south of Morphou Bay, a few kilometres from Camp Roca of Sector 1. The village has a population of approximately 4,000 people.

When entering the stadium we could see straight away that the field was in excellent condition, its green grass combined with the brown colour of the surrounding mountains.

Before the game started, the team captain/coach, Lieutenant Colonel Rodolfo Mujica, gathered us

together and told us: "Play calm. This is our first game together and we will make several changes of players in order to find out how everyone plays." Then the great moment came and we were all anxious to get started, wearing of course, our traditional Argentinian shirts.

During the first half of the game, our individual efforts were not enough to counter-attack the well trained players of the Lefka team. Then the technical director, Capt Hugo Ulloque, changed some players. By the end of the first half we were losing 0-2.

In the second half, our Sector 1 team started playing better as Sgt Luis Campos scored a goal and the game became more exciting - and amusing. Both our goalkeeper, Lt Víctor Piorno, and Lefka's

goalkeeper, stopped the score from rising until Ayudante Juan Molas completed a penalty goal and the score came to a tie 2-2.

We all enjoyed playing soccer again, regardless of the outcome and we are already planning the next game. We are now training hard in order to do our best in the forthcoming UNFICYP championship.



CARTER CUP FINAL

By Bombardier Kerry Roberts and Gunner Daz Heithus



The flair and finesse of the Dutch and the aggression and passion of the Brits gave 22 Regiment enough confidence to enter the 8-a-side soccer competition with all Cyprus-based British units entering teams. The selection of 16 travelled to Dhekelia with high hopes. One win and two draws proved enough to go through to the area semi-final, and a crushing 6-0 victory over JSSU made 22 Regiment the area group winner.

Next hurdle was the all-island semi-final, played under the floodlights of Akrotiri against the home side RAF Akrotiri. It proved to be a classic. Only minutes before the end, an Akrotiri penalty brought them level. Two five-minute spells of extra time followed. Just as

David Platt did in Italia '90, Lance Bombardier Wojtas deflected home a cross, sending the team and supporters into ecstasy.

Nearly two weeks of hard graft brought the team into the Carter Cup final. 12 Support Unit was the team to beat. A defence mix-up caused a 1-0 down, followed by another goal five minutes into the second half. The 12 Support Unit goalkeeper, named Man of the Match, managed to brilliantly save a penalty. The miss signalled the end of the challenge, and 12 SU came out 5-0 winners.

The runner-up medals couldn't dispel the disappointment at the way the gunners played, but the stronger team won, and that's what sport is all about.

DENTED PRIDE AND PUZZLED MIND

By Gunner Roddy Clash

In October, the "Cyprus Walkabout", an annual two day orienteering event, will once again be organised. This event always includes hours of hard work on the tracks in the Troodos mountain range. A true commando's cup of tea, one would suggest? Proper training, orienteering skills as well as physical stamina, is the only way to do well in this competition.

Gunner Roddy Clash reports: "It's 3 August, the day of my first Cyprus Walkabout training. Five mates from 20 Commando Battery, and UNCIVPOL secretary Diana Bridger, a keen orienteerer, are my companions for the day.

Unaware of what's ahead of us, spirits are high. We start the planned 25 kilometres at a comfortable pace. My companions question my fitness and make jokes about it, but I laugh them away and settle into the pace easily.

After about 10 kilometres, the sun proves to be our worst enemy. Temperatures hit 40 degrees, but this doesn't stop Lance Bombardier Paul Smith boasting of being able to run up hills all day.

But we need water breaks more frequently now. Each next step seems to get harder. After about 20 kilometres, Smith

proves he can't live up to his boast. He has to stay behind and watch the remainder "running up the hill".

The commando pride suffers another dent when Bombardier Ritchie White cramps and falls to earth screaming. Two down, five to go.

The last few kilometres bring us to our final destination and to the waiting minibus. What a relief. Although hard, I enjoyed myself and I'm looking forward to the next training session and to the competition itself. But I'm left with one question. How does Diana manage to keep up the same pace throughout and finish looking as if she could also walk the return journey without any trouble?"



Which way do we go?

Sweet Revenge for Sector 2 East

By Sergeant Andy Pringle

Sector 2 East took on Sector 2 West in a return match after the Dutch win of a closely fought football battle late last July. This time, the Brits challenged the Dutch to a games evening involving the more traditional bar contests.

One of the more notable individual performances was of Lance Corporal Nicky Dudley, the City troop chef. Obviously she had been practising with her kitchen knives, as can be seen by the ease with which she won the darts competition. Following this first success, Gunner Halvorsen potted like a demon to secure his victory in the pool competition: Brits 2, Dutch 0.

Table tennis proved to be not quite so easy as expected. Lance Corporal Flint managed to win the first game, but had to give the next two to the Dutch. The Brits had to dig deep and to fight hard, but eventually managed to regain the lead and improve the score: 3-0.

2 Lieutenant Sheldon put in a sterling drive to master the sport of all sports. Dedication and probably an extensive training programme brought him to the top of the play station competition. One colleague was heard saying: "If your written work and your adventure training programmes were as good as your playstation skills, you

could have made Lieutenant by now."

The Dutch had only one chance left to avoid total defeat, but the Brits were determined to also win the final event: the dominos. Taken unaware, Major Collins and WO2 Baker were completely outclassed by their Dutch opponents. The Dutch didn't manage an overall win, but at least they saved their honour.

The evening was well hosted by City troop with an outstanding BBQ. A rematch is now in the planning stage. As honour is even at the moment, integrated Dutch and British teams will contest next time.



Up and left