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Exactly one year ago, following further military cuts in UNFICYP Headquarters, the amalgamation of the Spokesman's Office with the Military Public Information Office took place. The UNFICYP Spokesman's Office is divided into two sections, one dealing with the media and other aspects of the Force, and the other with UNFICYP's in-house journal, the Blue Beret.

The media/political side is made up of four personnel: two Cypriots, one Briton and a Pole. Our Turkish Cypriot translator, Beraat, a newcomer to the Branch, works side by side with George, the Greek Cypriot translator, an oldtimer with the Force. Keeping everyone on their toes, Boss included, and the first one you come across on entering the office is our Secretary, Lorraine, another oldtimer who worked with many UNFICYP Chiefs of Staff and now tries hard to instill some military discipline into this civilian lot! Last, but definitely not least, is the Spokesman himself, Waldemar Rokoszewski, who, even after six years of daily dealings with the military, still shows reluctance to give up his very civilian approach and inimitable style!

Among them they deal with the island's media, meet and brief local and international journalists, deal with political authorities on both sides, arrange Press conferences and deal with translations to various offices within the Force. And you had better

stay away from them when they are drafting a daily press cable!

The second major area of activity within the Spokesman's Office is the publication of the Blue Beret magazine which is the official in-house UNFICYP journal. It is produced monthly, and records the activities of the multinational peace-keeping force in Cyprus. The magazine aims at giving the reader an account of current UNFICYP activities and provides a source of information on major events within the force.

This crew consists of a Briton and an Irishman. The Assistant Editor, Miriam, is a Briton who, having served in several departments of UNFICYP, has a wide knowledge of UNFICYP's functions. In co-operation with the enthusiastic and dedicated group of Press Officers of the UNFICYP participating nations, Miriam is responsible for the compilation and editing of relevant information for the Blue Beret magazine. She is, in addition, responsible for organising and coordinating line tours for journalists and eligible, non-military officials visiting UNFICYP.

This section also utilizes the services of Joe, an Irishman, who is the UNFICYP Force Photographer. He covers all photographic services required within the Force, with particular emphasis for inclusion in the Blue Beret.

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The United Nations  
Year of the Family

by Sgt Joe Relihan

## The Blue Beret



## EDITORIAL

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In describing the pivotal role of families in the social development process, the UN Secretary-General said: "Through the International Year of the Family, we are returning to the basic elements of human society as a primary step towards a clearer and more powerful agenda for social justice. This is just the beginning of a process... We must establish a partnership with families in the formulation of a new social contract enabling us to face the challenges of the 21st Century in all sections of human activity... In this hope lies the hope of families all over the world. In this vision lies the prospect of a world where every family can be a sanctuary of security, respect and love".

UNFICYP is a non-family mission, and most of you have left your loved ones behind. We know it's hard, but upon completing your tour in 'the service of peace', you will join them again. You are, however, surrounded by your friends and colleagues in UNFICYP, part of the greater family of United Nations peace-keepers - a family indeed!

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# THE 1994 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY

compiled by Mrs Miriam Taylor

*If the 1980s was the decade of change, the 1990s is likely to become the decade of looking back on values and getting our priorities right. 1994 is the International Year of the Family and today, politicians, pundits and priests are examining, dissecting and proclaiming about the family like never before. Why, they are now asking, is there so much family breakdown and increasing numbers of one-parent families? How well do parents look after their children? What is the responsibility of the government? What is the role of national and international organisations? The questions are unending.*

*In this issue of the Blue Beret, we present the views emanating from sources within UNFICYP, aimed at enlightening our readers on this important topic. The first article gives a brief account of the fundamental role of the family and underlines the theme. The second deals with the welfare role of the military in Britain, and the last contribution presents the views expressed by members of the Argentinian Contingent.*

## THE YEAR'S MOTTO

The universal model of a family unit comprises the father, the mother and their offspring. This simple and fundamental group survived over the centuries and has been society's most durable link. Today, however, this link is tending to slacken as the family is increasingly confronted with the disintegrating forces of modern life.



The emergence of other forms of households than the traditional nuclear family, such as single parent units or individuals who live together, raises the fear that the basic unit of society is in danger of gradual extinction. At present, a

united family is widely acknowledged as the best guarantee against social and cultural degradation, as well as a plague of violence, drug and organised crime. Ideally, families form an oasis of caring in a competitive world; they look after family members who are very young, elderly, ill or disabled. It is also within families that tolerance must be practised and learned as a precondition for cross-cultural, international and inter-racial understanding in the greater society. To underscore this, the United Nations General Assembly, in its Resolution 44/82, proclaimed 1994 as the "International Year of the Family" with the theme:

**Family: Resources and Responsibilities in a Changing World"**

and

**"Building the Smallest Democracy at the Heart of Society"**

The year's motto reflects the pivotal role families play in ensuring the well-being of society, and expresses the conviction that families should provide an environment where all family members enjoy the full measure of their human rights as a precondition for development.

In describing the pivotal role of families in the social development process, as a key consideration for the world summit on social development, the UN Secretary General said:

"Through the International Year of the Family, we are returning to the basic elements of human society as a primary step towards a clearer and more powerful agenda for social justice. This is just the beginning of a process that will not be complete in 1994, nor in the immediate follow-up to the year.

We must establish a partnership with families in the formulation of a new social contract, enabling us to face the challenges of the 21st Century in all sectors of human activity. We must restore the place of people in development, enriched by our diversity and nourished by our commitment to a world at peace.



In this hope lies the hope of families all over the world. In this vision lies the prospect of a world where every family can be the sanctuary of security, respect and love."

sketches by Mrs Jenny Hart

## THE BRITISH ARMY IN SUPPORT OF THE SERVICE FAMILY

### Introduction

Service life has seen many changes over the last 100 years: there were times when wives would follow the husbands around as part of the baggage party, caring for them, feeding and looking after their comforts, treating their wounds from battle, even living in tents and, when in the UK, living in the same accommodation as other soldiers, with only a blanket to give privacy.

During WWII, the welfare of soldiers and their families began to be of concern to senior officers and was illustrated in the pamphlet "Comrades in Arms" published in June 1942. It said: "The men's welfare must always be the direct concern of the regimental officer, otherwise he does not command them in any real sense, nor will he get to know them and build up that essential relationship of mutual confidence and respect"

### Difficulties confronting Service Families

The army has in place a very comprehensive welfare system, should married servicemen and women experience difficulties in some of the following areas:

- Accommodation problems relating to married quarters, problems such as the location, type, size and official policy on the contents of the quarter, in addition to pressure to become or to remain an owner/occupier whilst serving, which would mean enforced separation, debt and stress.
- Children's behaviour and children's education. The Army Education Service has many schools throughout the world, but with many families moving stations every two to three years, this could affect their progress and examination results. A lot of parents elect to send their children to boarding school to give stability to their child's education: this, again, is a cause of stress to the child and to the family.

- Family illness or bereavement, including alcohol and drug problems.
- Financial and economic problems.
- Loneliness, particularly of the young, new service wife who has left her home and family, moved to a new environment and not yet made friends.
- Dissatisfaction with marriage or with choice of partner.
- Separation, which could be two to three days, or four to six months, and, in some cases, up to 11 months in one year.
- Redundancy and resettlement difficulties: the army is presently being reduced by 40,000 positions.

Most of these problems are managed most successfully by the families themselves, but if they do have difficulties, there are many agencies within the military system to help them cope.



### Families Housing Welfare Service (FHWS)

Because of the problems posed by the increasing complexity of army life, it was felt that cases of social distress that could well occur were beyond the scope of the existing system. Thus, in 1974, an independent committee was set up to review welfare provisions for the army and for army families. A number of organisations were put into place, one being the FHWS. Its responsibilities are:

- Married Quarter management, allocation and administration.

- Welfare counselling or referral to an appropriate agency such as the Army Welfare Assistant, or the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen's Families Association.
- Motivation, control and coordination of families, community and youth activities.

### Other Agencies

Service families may find that they do not wish to speak to anyone connected with the regiment. There is an option of using other agencies that can give confidential advice. They include the services of a Medical Officer or Doctor, a Padre, the Army Benevolent Fund, the Department of Social Security and the Local Authority Social Services Department or Citizens Advice Bureau, which could direct the family to other welfare agencies, including the Samaritans, Cruse, Compassionate Friends and Relate.

### Families Officer

Most units in the British Army have Families Officers (UFOs) who act as the Commanding Officer's representative for matters concerning the families of all ranks under his command. The UFO must be grey-haired and wizened, and, if the unit is really lucky, almost bald as well! He is normally the first point of contact for all families, and when the unit is abroad, he is in constant, daily contact with them.

### Conclusion

Service families are a breed of their own. They have to get on with life under trying conditions, and they are very successful in carrying this out. Things have got better and improvements are being made all the time to improve the quality of life of servicemen and women and their families. If they do have problems, then they have many representatives and agencies to turn to.

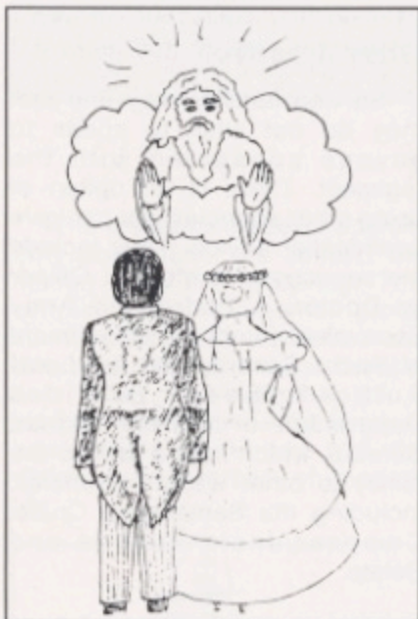
## ARGENTINIAN POINTS OF VIEW

### THE THEOLOGICAL ASPECT OF THE FAMILY

by Father Pedro Candia, Chaplain, Argentine Army

"God established marriage and the family while creating man, since the beginning" (Mt 19,4 - Cfr Familiaris Consortio No 3).

The Catholic Church is ever conscious that marriage and the family



constitutes the most precious unit of mankind, and, therefore, it raises its voice and offers help to anyone who, knowing the value of marriage and the family, tries to live them faithfully. The changes which are today taking place in the traditional structure of the family brought with them some positive and some negative consequences. On the positive side, one could mention that increased awareness of personal freedom has brought more attention to the quality of an interpersonal relationship in marriage, has facilitated the promotion of women's dignity, has drawn attention to responsible paternity and has heightened attention on care in children's education.

However, there are signs of worrying degradation in some fundamental values, such as the wrong interpretation of individual autonomy which has replaced moral and social responsibility, and has resulted in growing numbers of divorces, abortion and the deterioration of family values. Furthermore, the breakdown of the patriarchal authority of the head of the household over his family has resulted in increased confusion regarding the

role of the father, mother and children.

In his most recent speech at St Peter's Square on this very subject, the Pope pointed out that the family is seriously menaced by an egalitarianism that is undermining the vitality of families and sterilizing marriages. He pointed out that the united family is the best guarantee against social and cultural degradation, as well as a plague of violence, drugs and organised crime.

The Pope, John Paul II, called the present day situation the "Culture of Death", and Argentina has raised life's flag as that glorious statement of Saint Ireneo: "Gloria Dei, homo vivens", in other words if man lives his life in the glory of God, he will also live with God in the super-natural.

**NB: The views expressed in this article reflect the personal opinion of the author, and are presented to stimulate thoughts on some controversial issues contained therein.**

### THE FAMILY VISION OF A PEACE-KEEPER AWAY FROM HOME

by Cpl Raul Cabanillas, Argentine Army



The concept of the family in the thoughts of a member of a peace-keeping force living thousands of miles away from his country is unique in many ways. What is enclosed in the word "family"? What springs to mind? A father, a mother, the children - or something more, such as a home, culture, the feeling of belonging, sharing and love?

Being alone and working abroad, you are denied the opportunity to be more fully involved in your family responsibilities. However, you have ample time to reflect and evaluate your thoughts and aspirations on what you have left behind. The family and its values, the support and understanding from your wife, the knowledge that at the end of a hard day at work, you will be greeted by the smile of a child on your return. The institution of a family embraces not only its worthwhile structure, but more particularly, the bonds uniting its members, the family's rituals and its activities.

Living away from home, we find that this emotional attachment to the family unit reveals itself as a shield against the cold loneliness and violence of the outside world. In other words, living apart from your wife and children makes you realise the overriding importance of the family in our life and its role as the most fundamental institution for human growth, love and happiness. Consequently, it is our duty to prevent modern life from weakening the family's crucial function.

Concluding, despite the separation, a renewed appreciation of the family's role emerges, which leads to the strengthening of the loyalty and attachment to our loved ones.

### THAT BRIGHT, LITTLE STAR

by Lt Alejandro Di Tella, Argentine Navy (Marines)

The night is quiet and warm. Skouriotissa Camp remains calm, almost noiseless, as the men get their well deserved rest. Only two or three lights appear through the windows, signs of life among that marvellous stillness of Cypriot nights. The only sound I can hear is a late-night song on my radio.



My work is over. I have nothing to do here and I should be in bed. However the thought of going to sleep alone, without even a kiss from my son - that was the fearful moment I have tried to avoid every night since I arrived in Cyprus. So I begin my little ritual. I open the window, glance at the

sky and look for that bright, little star, shining alone. I always do it, hoping that my wife and little boy are watching it at the same time, only 15,000 km away. The distance vanishes, the clock stops and the family is reunited under the glimmer of the bright little star.

Then I think of the days prior to my departure when I was getting ready to leave Argentina. Talking to my wife, playing with my son, worrying about how they would cope in my absence. I was about to go to the unknown, meeting new faces, learning about different cultures, concentrating on my work, and I wondered if they would be alright - after all, they would have to carry on without me. Would

they suffer because of my absence? I thought this was obvious, since they would be in a routine and I would be constantly occupied with the task ahead of me.

How wrong I was! Even though I arrived in UNFICYP and met new faces,

made new friends, marvelled at different cultures and enjoyed my work, I had something I hadn't bargained with - time. Time to think and reflect on my family. Of course, I am proud to be here - after all, I volunteered to come. But I miss my family, the most precious gift God has given to me. I miss them because a "family" is not only a father, a mother and children - it's a lot more! It's a feeling of security and personal happiness, born in an environment of love, confidence, care, respect and companionship.

After a while, I shut the window, turn off the lights and go to bed. Tomorrow is another day.

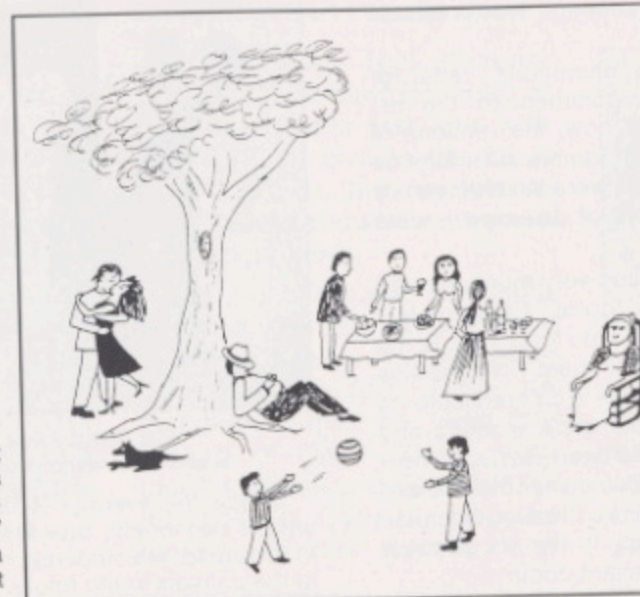


### THE "COYA" FAMILY by Pte José Luis Gutierrez, Argentine Navy (Marines)

The "Coyas" are Indians from the northern province of Jujuy, Argentina. Specifically, they are located north of San Salvador de Jujuy, the provincial capital.

This race is on its way to extinction, and its beliefs, rituals and dress are slowly disappearing. Only a few families now maintain them, because villages are diminishing due to the migration of young people looking for new horizons and education.

However, there is one day every year when families get together - 1st August. On this day, they "feed" the "motherland". The "Pachamama" ("motherland" in Quichua language) is a day of abundant



cooking, when relatives and friends are invited and share the festivities. Guests also offer food, beverages and tobacco to the Pachamama in return: this is in the hope of good health, abundant harvest and maintaining family relations. Other celebrations where families get together are Christmas, New Year's Eve, the Cattle Market and the Carnivals.

It would be a pity for the youth of today, the descendants of the Coyas, to forget the traditions of their ancestors, since inside each of us, there is a unique spirit - the Coya soul.

# THE AUSTRIANS AND NATURE

## A RACE FOR LIFE

by Maj Herbert Steinbüchel



A race for life was what we wanted to see. We - Maj Schweiger (SHO Sector Four), Maj Steinbüchel (OC HQ Coy) and Maj Wallner (OC 1 Coy) - carefully chose the night of 19/20 October. For your information, that was the night of the full moon. After intensive study of the terrain, we decided to choose a sandy bay in the Karpas region (locally known as the "plastic beach", due to all the garbage thrown into the sea in that area!).

But who were the participants in this "race for life"? We were

waiting for turtles, or, more precisely, loggerheads (caretta caretta) to hatch. We knew that hundreds of them were about to leave their "nests" and stream into the sea.



The turtles try to creep to the sea.

Some beer, a barbeque and brandy shortened the waiting period. There was nothing moving on the beach, apart from a few crabs. So, when the full moon was up, we decided to give nature a helping hand - we started to dig down into the nests and induce birth! We knew exactly where approximately 100 nests were located, and to our surprise, we were very successful. Five palm-sized turtles appeared, immediately crept towards the sea and then

vanished in their element.

Thanks to our assistance, at least five have survived the race. What happened to the hundreds that remained is a mystery, however there are two possible conclusions. Either these Cypriot turtles were born with inherent Cypriot punctuality, or we Austrians, due to the length of our tours with UNFICYP, have got accustomed to being permanently late!



Humanitarian help by Maj Schweiger

## A STEP FORWARD - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

by Maj Herbert Steinbüchel

Today, when environmental protection plays a great role worldwide, we, as peace-keepers, feel we must contribute.

AUSCON, having prepared aluminium cans for recycling over a long period, commenced the re-utilization of left-over food. Until now, the remains of CDL's meals were disposed of at Famagusta's famous garbage dump. Here, dogs - which were simultaneously hunted by the UN as transmitters of diseases - were fed!

After a long search, an institution very much in need of such "garbage" has been found: Famagusta's Hayvanat Bahcesi, i.e. the Zoo. The food has to be separated into different containers - "meat", "vegetables and fruit" and "other". Plastic buckets in different colours have been provided, and both our local workers and the Austrian kitchen personnel have been instructed how to use them. The Turkish Cypriot Zoo owner then comes daily to collect the buckets, which is a blessing because of the fact that the food, especially in the hot summer months, generates a rather unpleasant odour!



Maj Steinbüchel briefs kitchen staff and local workers on the present system.

Since the average AUSCON soldier gains 1 kg of weight per month, due to the excellent quality of food in the camp, we sincerely hope that the same will apply to the animals in the future. They really need it!

# 2ND PLATOON, 1 COY, ATHIENOU



Photos and article by SSgt Karl Füsselberger

2nd Platoon, 1 Coy is located in Camp Izay, Athienou, and its boundaries run from Karavous to the old Larnaca-Nicosia road. The platoon consists of 21 personnel, commanded by 1 Lt Pillmaier and his deputy, 1 Lt Simon, together with a guard group of six soldiers. Farming and hunting are the most frequent incidents which occur in this area, and to monitor this situation, patrolmen are posted on OP AS-21 and AS-22 with patrols taking place by day and by night.

At OP AS-21, we meet Sgt Ziervogl, who is on his third tour with UNFICYP. After serving eight months in the Quartermaster's section, he moved to

Athienou. Also located there is Cpl Leopold Klepatsch, who changed from a butcher in



Briefing on the line (from left to right): 1 Lt Simon, Sgt Ziervogl, Pte Hofbauer and Cpl Klepatsch.



Patrol in the "Happy Valley": Cpl Kloiböck (left) and Cpl Kronhofer

civilian life to a peace-keeper. Pte Albert Hofbauer, a pastry-cook, has served four months on the line, and will move to Famagusta this month to strengthen the kitchen crew there.

Visiting an Austrian OP is always a pleasant experience because of the hospitality of the soldiers, especially in Athienou!



Patrol Base AS-21



Cpl Füsselberger on guard in Athienou

## THE BUNGEE CONNECTION

by SSgt Karl Füsselberger

When you ring AUSCON, you may first speak to MCpl Werner Fitzinger. He is not only a very skilled COMMCEN operator, he also has a very

exciting hobby. This 23-year-old from St Johann/Pongau is currently on his first tour with UNFICYP. In civilian life he is an electrician, but his leisure time is spent snowboarding and bungee jumping.

His first jump was in Austria during a visit to a local festival. He found it very uncomfortable, but after his fifth jump, he discovered that he liked the feeling of "free falling" very much (difficult to believe for the writer!). In Cyprus, bungee jumping is very popular, and



MCpl Werner Fitzinger in action



Hallo, Sector Four switchboard: Can I help you?

Werner has just celebrated his 50th jump in Ayia Napa. He received a T-shirt which certifies that he is now a qualified "jumper"!

## 7 PARA RHA PARACHUTING



Boarding the aircraft



Out you go... and

Elements of 7 Para RHA were able to conduct some essential national training at RAF Akrotiri on Thursday 17 November. Despite the best efforts of the weather, which flooded the original drop zone, over 180 parachute descents were achieved with the new low level parachute onto the salt lake in front of Akrotiri village.

As a precaution against distracted drivers causing accidents in Akrotiri village, the Sovereign Base Area police closed the approach road to RAF Akrotiri each time the aircraft passed over the drop zone.

Although the aircraft did have to abort one sortie when it was struck by a bird(!), at the end of the day, in warm autumn sunshine, all participants and spectators walked away without injury or incident, having successfully achieved all of the intended aims.



Getting ready to jump



Happy Landings!

## CANCON NOTES

Members of the Canadian Contingent and their families took advantage of October's summer-like weather (to Canadians it feels like summer) to go north to Kyrenia for a combined adventurous training and family day.

The adventurous training took the form of SCUBA diving. Day one was done off of a Zodiac inflatable vessel. The northern waters offer temperatures and visibility similar to the south coast, but there is somewhat more in the way of aquatic life (presumably it doesn't get speared or have explosives dropped on it as often). Day two was to include a day and night dive, but unfortunately, diving operations were curtailed by the arrival of force four seas, with gusts to force five. The decision not to dive was disappointing but sensible.

The families were only slightly less adventurous, in that they took to sea for a day as aspiring pirates aboard the good ship Barbarossa. The original plan was to have the diving operations on day one done from the same ship the families were on, but there was a slight miscommunication within the civilian

organisation (the 'Cyprus factor?'). As a result, that ship was unavailable and the two groups were forced to sail separately. Nonetheless, a good time was had by all.

### THE "ALMOST CLOSE-OUT"

Especially attentive readers will recall from the last CANCON article that the impending closing-out of the Canadian Contingent was announced to occur on 15 December 1994.

Well, UNFICYP isn't getting rid of all of the Canadians after all, because two positions will be retained (presumably the jobs were so bad the UN couldn't give them away!). So,



CANCON families returned to Kyrenia Harbour after a day of seafaring.



CANCON divers (from left to right): Capt Brian Hamilton, Sgt Eve Gaudreau, civilian boat operator, Sgt Glen Perron and civilian dive assistant.

there will continue to be two former colonials - just to disconcert the Brits!

### 11 NOVEMBER: REMEMBERING THE PRICE OF PEACE

The Canadian Contingent, which has been part of UNFICYP since its inception in 1964, held its own remembrance ceremony on Friday 11 November (see back cover). It had special meaning because it was at the British Military Cemetery, Dhekelia, where nine Canadian soldiers are buried.



## UN MP ELEMENT NEWS UN MP ELEMENT WIVES



Photos by Sgt J Relihan



Diane Leeson



Khalida Hoffinger



Anne Conway



Janet O'Toole

Out of the Unit's strength of 24 SNCOs and WOs, seven of the unit's members are married and accompanied on their present tour with UNFICYP, yet nothing is ever heard about these wives who put up with their husbands long, strange and sometime unsocial working hours. This seems like a good opportunity to give those wives some well deserved publicity.

Mrs Sue Trafford and Mrs Diane Leeson can be seen on a daily basis, as they both work in the YMCA in the BBC, making sandwiches and generally talking the day away to anyone who will listen. Mrs Petra Stickler will be known to most members of St David's Camp, where she works as a clerk/typist in the QM's Dept. Mrs Janet O'Toole is a popular

figure to all under 5s in the UN, as she runs the Hillcrest Creche in the MQ estate. Mrs Anne Conway and Mrs Patricia Smyth both have full time jobs looking after their respective children, Adam Conway (aged 3), Clara Smyth (aged 4), and Niamh Smyth (aged 2 1/2) and last, but by no means least, there is Mrs Khalida Hoffinger, who is currently job hunting.

As for hobbies and pastimes, they are naturally varied. However, they all seem to share one common activity, and that is that after a full day, they generally find themselves cleaning up and running around after their respective husbands, very rarely receiving a "thank you", so let's set the record straight. Thank you, ladies, for putting up with us.



Patricia Smyth



Petra Stickler



Sue Trafford

## FC'S VISIT TO SECTOR FOUR

Photos and article by SSgt Karl Füsselberger



Where is the FC?

On 26 September, the newly arrived Force Commander visited Sector Four. After inspecting the guard of honour in Camp Duke Leopold, lunch was served in the Officers' Mess.

Later, Brig Gen Vartiainen visited Varosha and was briefed on the current situation there. This was followed by a visit to Dherinia for an overview of the tasks carried out by 2 Coy. He then continued on to Pyla, one of the most interesting areas of Sector Four. After sunset, the last item on the agenda was a visit to Camp Izay in Athienou, where dinner was served. Later on,

a visit to the sauna provided a very relaxed atmosphere and the chance for an informal chat. The following day, 1 Coy was visited.



Personnel from Camp Izay. From the left: Capt Zach, WO1 Cibulka, Sgt Zahourek (greeting the FC) and MCpl Steinwider.



## ADVENTURE TRAINING

by Capt Owen Adams



During the tour, regimental personnel have had the opportunity to revitalise themselves adventure training and join a variety of courses, gaining a qualification if competent. The well tanned, dedicated and hard working instructors provided their expertise in a variety of fields, always meeting the needs of those on the line.



Capsize: LBdr Arnold gets it wrong.

**SUB AQUA** Bdr Bertenshaw (Berti BSAC) headed this oxygen intensive activity, supported by WO2 Betty, Sgt Acott and Bdr Mills. They all formed second skins and began to grow gills with the amount of time spent in the water training divers for the future. There is a huge interest in this activity, and the staff look forward to seeing all the qualifications being used in Bovisand harbour in January!

**CLIMBING** Sgt Edwards and LBdr Farrar have been making daily the 40-minute drive to the cliffs of Cape Greco to frighten more students. They have successfully taught 60 people how to suspend each other off heights, incorporated with some useful rope management. LBdr Farrar has been easily recognised in the garrison by the presence of "THE BEAST", a tribute to airborne and mechanical reliability.

**CANOEING** Sgt Bates and Bdr Bankhead have been busy practising their roles in the fishing bay to impress the locals. They have watched many students progress from those precarious few strokes to proficient canoeists, many of whom achieve some form of roll. Bdr Bankhead was demoted to assistant instructor, as it was difficult to borrow him from the MRS where he was usually accommodated.



Sgt Edwards looks concerned



Splashdown: LBdr Wade makes his entry

**DINGHY SAILING** WO2 Woodhouse and 2Lt Thickness provided the comedy duo at the sailing club, sometimes teaching students to sail. WO2 Woodhouse believed in direction from a distance, providing the essential power-boat cover from the shore. 2Lt Thickness made a huge impression on the sailing club, and fled the country early in fear of his life and a huge bill.



Sgt Folan having packing checked by Gnr Tink!

**PARACHUTING** The birth of a new flock of sky gods was led by LBdr Farrar and troop commanders from the line. Capt Wilkinson was actually confused as the adventure training offices by the frequency of his visits, and the Garrison Officers' Mess became a WARP training ground, as officers were often seen standing with both arms above their heads turning in circles.

**OFFSHORE SAILING** This was led by Bdr Kelly, who toured the southern seas with a gang of dedicated sailors. The week was spent training for the rigours of sailing, and the shore visits were kept to strictly essential occasions. There was talk of mutiny, but since no one else could sail, it appears a compromise was met.

**ADMIN NCO** Bdr Elliot became the UN scrounger and was occasionally seen ferreting around the Garrison.



## SECTOR TWO OPEN DAY SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 1994

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When responsibility for Sector Two was handed from 2 RTR to 7 Para RHA, the transaction introduced into the Sector one of the most irresistible forces known to the services. This does not refer to the patrolling policy of the airborne gunner, but rather to the charity collecting drive of WO2 (SQMS) Daniels, the Master Chef of 7 RHA. His determination to raise

Band who were in Nicosia to support the Medal Parade, and featured the delights of Cypriot folk dancing from both sections of the



Cpl Warren demonstrating the historical background of the Royal Horse Artillery.

money for charity led directly to the Sector Open Day, and when he harnessed the indomitable talents of Gabriella Philippou from the UNPA Housing Section, the result was inevitable. The opportunity to introduce a bi-communal theme was too good to miss and, therefore, the organisation of the day was vested in the Humanitarian Branch of Sector Two.



Mrs Claire Griffith helping to raise money for worthy causes, with one of the principal organisers.

The Sector Open Day was woven around the Royal Artillery



The Turkish Cypriot wedding dance.

community. The pleasure that was so obviously gained by the dancers and spectators alike, and the sheer novelty of the occasion, made the effort to get them together really



The Indian High Commission presenting exotic cuisine.

worthwhile. The various stalls and side-shows were a combination of volunteers from the UN community and local tradespeople who were giving their profits to charity. Special mention should be made of Mr Hadjiandreou, without whose generosity far less money would have been raised, the ladies of the UNPA who manned the cake stall, the Indian Embassy staff, and a representative handicraft stall from the Turkish Cypriot side.



Greek Cypriot singers performing for the Open Day.

The highlights of the day were numerous; the CO Sector Two enjoying a donkey ride with his staff in escort, the children's painting competition, which produced a remarkably high standard of art, the Battery Sergeant Major of G Battery, who won a pet shampoo and cut in the raffle and sent one of his gunners, and perhaps most noticeably the air of friendliness and unity that pervaded the whole occasion.

The Open Day raised approximately £C1,500.00, which has already been donated largely to the Anti Cancer Society and a school for children with special needs in Kyrenia.



Local children hit the surf, courtesy of AUSTCIVPOL

# FAREWELL TO THE SUPPLY DETACHMENT THE ROYAL LOGISTICS CORPS

by 1/Lt G Köstner

After a period of 30 years service to the United Nations Forces in Cyprus, the decision was taken to civilianise the Supply Detachment.

Thirty years distinguished support began in 1964 when the logistic support was undertaken by the Royal Army Ordnance Corps and the unit was known as the "Ordnance Detachment". The Ordnance Detachment was then based in Jubilee Camp. In 1983, the Ordnance Detachment moved from Jubilee Camp to its present location. Ten years later, in 1993, as a result of amalgamations, the logistic support to the Force was undertaken by a new Corps, namely The Royal Logistic Corps, and the Ordnance Detachment then became known as the Supply Detachment.

The Supply Detachment was commanded by Maj Fred Bowes, with WOII Jim Brechim as second in command. The other members of the military team were Sgt Carl Baylis, responsible for all accounting matters relating to both stores and POL, Sgt Steve Williams, responsible for all storage matters, and LCpl "Mac" MacHale, who was the UNPA POL operator and who also advised units on the line about POL storage and safety matters.

Maj Fred Bowes was also the UNPA Fire Officer and during his time he attended some 18 fires. Not only did Maj Bowes attend and fight fires, but his military staff were often called upon to assist in fire fighting during working



Left to Right: Sgt Steve Williams, Sgt Carl Baylis, Maj Fred Bowes, WOII Jim Brechin and LCpl "Mac" McHale.

hours and could be regularly seen manning the fire tender.

It is with regret that the personnel of the Supply Detachment, Royal Logistic Corps, left UNFICYP on 15 Nov 94, but they and their predecessors can look back with pride at the professional support that they have provided to the Force over the last thirty years. The RLC personnel of the Supply Detachment extend their very best wishes to all members of UNFICYP for a safe and successful future.

## NEW CHIEF HUMANITARIAN OFFICER LT COL JOHANNES HOHENBÜCHEL LL D

Lt Col Johannes Hohenbüchel was born on 27 April 1957 in Carinthia, Austria. During his youth, he lived in Italy, Indonesia and Chile.



He carried out basic and reserve officer training in 1975/76 and subsequently artillery training within the Military Reserve Artillery Force. Between 1977 to 1981 he studied law in Innsbruck, where he has been working since 1987, in his own law practice.

His first UN posting was in 1982 as a Duty Officer with AUSCON/UNFICYP. In April 1992, he was appointed Sector Humanitarian Officer (SHO), Sector Four. He left the island in March 1994, and returned to his new posting as CHO in July 1994.

Lt Col Hohenbüchel's hobby is flying, and he holds a commercial pilot's licence. Before returning to UNFICYP, he spent many enjoyable hours piloting a classic DC3 Dakota, but now he contents himself with flying light aircraft in his leisure time. He can regularly be spotted patrolling the Cypriot skies, overseeing his "domain" where he gets a bird's eye view of his humanitarian tasks!

Lt Col Hohenbüchel is married to Stephanie, and they have a three year old daughter, Johanna.

## HANDOVER OF UNPA FIRE OFFICER



Lt Col John Cummins (centre) with Michael and Theo, both civilian Firemen instructors, and members of Camp Command who attended the course.

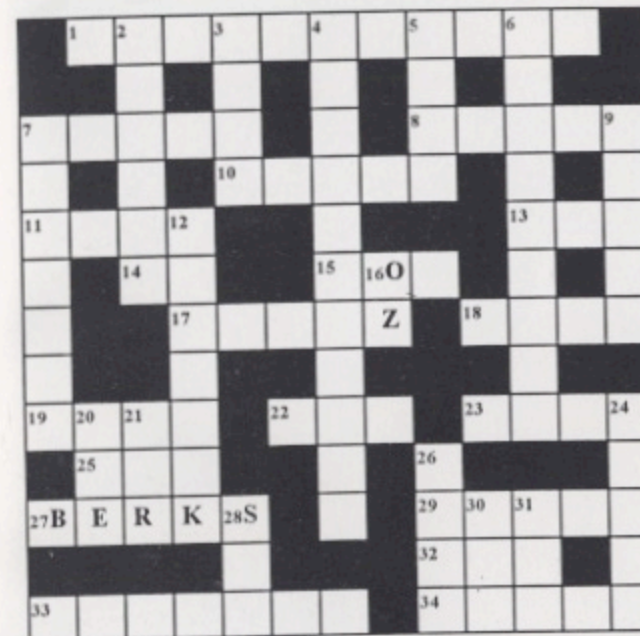
Prior to the withdrawal of the Supply Detachment on 15 Nov 94, Maj Fred Bowes handed over the duties of the UNPA Fire Officer to Lt Col John Cummins, Camp Command on 1 Oct 94. Maj Bowes organised a Fire Officers' course to train his successor and also Maj Gernot Pauschenwein, who is to take over as Fire Adviser to the three Sectors. Members of Camp Command also attended this course.

# THE BLUE BERET FUN AND TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE PAGE

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE: BB No 04

Congratulations! It appears that the readers of the Blue Beret Crossword Puzzle are well into the swing of things, since we now have an encouraging number of entries to this competition. The lucky winner of BB No 03 was **Maj Bob Black**, who is invited to collect his prize from the Spokesman's Office.

For the next puzzle, yet another bottle of transparent liquid will be won by the lucky person whose name will be drawn from the Editor's blue helmet on **15 December 1994**. Don't forget to submit your replies quickly - we are early this time so as to distribute the December issue before Christmas.



**Clues:**

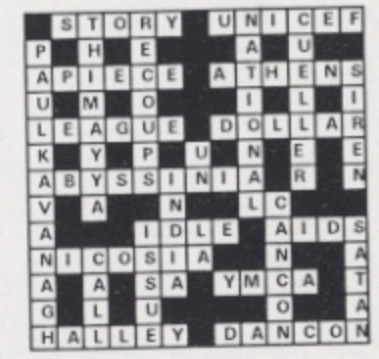
- Across:**
- South American City (6, 5)
  - Finish off the tan under the grill?
  - It reduces many a cook to tears
  - Greek marbles that travelled to London?
  - King of the jungle
  - Naughty
  - I, myself
  - Female pig
  - Dance associated with Vienna
  - Liberated
  - Former Yugoslavian president
  - Argument
  - Close
  - Private vehicle
  - Region of the British Isles
  - Smell
  - Metal container
  - Cypriot harbour, known for its castle
  - Orthographic magical formula
- Down:**
- United Nations peace-keeping operation
  - A cat is said to have . . . . lives
  - Proposals
  - Sacred image, especially in Eastern Orthodox Church
  - Scottish city
  - Capital of Northern Ireland
  - Poke gently with the elbow
  - City directly linked with UN (3, 4)
  - The Wizard of
  - Frozen water
  - Thick, black, sticky liquid
  - Austrian region
  - Decays
  - Offence, wickedness
  - Plunge rapidly into liquid
  - Single, undivided



## BLUE BERET TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

- Which country contributed two Force Commanders to UNFICYP?
  - India
  - Peru
  - Argentina
- Which country contributed two SRSGs to Cyprus?
  - Mexico
  - Chile
  - Peru

ANSWERS TO BB 03



Answers: 1 a, 2 a and b



**CANADIANS CELEBRATE REMEMBRANCE DAY**