MUSIC AND MONUMENTS SET SCENE FOR MEDAL PARADE

By Captain Andreas Vas

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

35 members of the Mehrbach 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 Pieschnegger, provided an excellent demonstration of discipline and training. The programme, which included a performance by the Mehrbach Band, delighted all guests, as well as members of the local community who had gathered to watch the proceedings with interest.

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 Mehrbach Band playing several popular Austrian collections, including "Großer Zapfenstreich", a passage of music often played at military events.

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

Oberstleutnant Helmut Pieschnegger selbst kommandierte die ausgerückte Truppe und die Soldaten des Sektor 4 haben bei der Parade einen professionellen Eindruck in Sachen Exzitendienst hinterlassen. Das Programm wurde von der Musikkapelle Mehmbach aus Osterreich ausgestaltet und die anwesenden Gäste, darunter auch Vertreter der lokalen Behörden, erfreut.


Im Anschluß daran wurde im Othello Tower, einer weiteren interessanten historischen Sehenswürdigkeit in Famagusta ein Empfang gegeben. Wie schon üblich zeichneten sich die Kneche mit einem excellenten Buffet aus und die Musikkapelle trug mit beliebter österreichischer 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 is useless; it will not last; there is where they should be. Now put foundations under them.
- Henry David Thoreau

EDITORIAL


BB TIPS: SOME RULES FOR SAFE DRIVING

1. Do not assume that you will be given the right of way. The other driver may not be willing to grant it.
2. Do not overtake on a hill or bend where you cannot see to complete the manoeuvre. Back up until it’s safe, slow down.
3. Know and obey all traffic signs and signals.
4. When approaching junctions, crossings or parked vehicles, slow down and look for other hazards.
5. When leaving a parked position, check oncoming traffic and signals. Check the mirrors and the blind spots.
6. Your 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.
7. Be extra careful when there are cyclists or scooters on the road. Do not follow them too closely and watch that blind spot, because there is every chance they will be in it.
9. When reversing, get someone to guide you. If this is not possible, get out and check, or even stop the vehicle before moving.
10. Good drivers do more than comply with the law. They consider the other driver’s mutual advantage. The life you may save could be your own. And remember, DON’T DRINK AND DRIVE.
11. No supposing the car will be left deserted. The other driver could be a maniac, if not careful.
12. No supposing to other vehicles in a loma or curva donde no pueda encontrar la maniobra. Espere hasta que sea seguro.
13. Conozca y obedezca todos los avisos y señales viales.
14. Cuando se aproxima a cruces de caminos, peatones cruces, distancias, disminuya la velocidad y preste atencion a los riesgos.
15. Al salir de en estacionamiento, observe la direccion del tráfico y las señales. Controle los ángulos morteros utilizando un espejo retrovisor.
16. Año tras año, "conducir a velocidades superiores a las determinadas para el camino" 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 expuesto a accidentes cuando hay ciclistas o motociclistas en la ruta. No los siga demasiado cerca y controle los ángulos morteros, ya que eventualmente estarán en ellos.

8. Inspeccione su vehículo antes de usarlo. La seguridad en la carretera, no solo debe ser el objetivo, también los demás usuarios de la carretera, como los usuarios de bicicletas, motociclistas o peatones.
9. Cuando retroceda, hágalo guiado por alguien. Si esto no es posible, descienda del vehículo y controle la zona en la que se toma el recorrido.
10. Los buenos conductores hacen más que cumplir con la ley. Se considera al otro conductor como su socio para su seguridad y la de sus hijos que a la vida que pueda salvar puede ser la suya.

UNIDA ALCOHOL SI VA A MANEJAR.

The Blue Beret
16 September 1999
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 Assembly, set up in 1945 under the United Nations Charter, is the United Nations main deliberative body. It is to consider a wide range of issues, including matters of peace and security, economic and social development, human rights, and international law.

For this session, the Chief of Mission, Dame Ann Hercus, traveled to New York to be 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 substantive 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 simple majority, with each Member State having one vote.

PEACE-BELL CEREMONY
Secretary-General Kofi Annan officially launched the International Year for the Peace-Bell in a Head-quarters ceremony on Tuesday, 14 September.

The launch of the International Year, proclaimed by the United Nations for the year 2001, is based on the initiative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), which 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 which embody the essence of violence and promotion practices of non-violence through education, dialogue and cooperation. The 2001-2010 was proclaimed the International Year for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World.

1. Neben Ihnen nicht an, daß Sie als Rechtshänderin freie Fahrt haben.
2. Der andere Fahrer gewöhnt es Ihnen vielleicht nicht.
5. Benützen Sie einen Einweiser, falls Sie zurückziehen müssen. Wenn Sie keinen Beifahrer haben, steigen Sie aus und überprüfen Sie zuerst um das Krz bevor Sie zurückziehen.

1. Soha ne légy biztos benne hogy megadják az úton a neked járó elhelyezést. Lehetőséges hogy egyéb vezetők nem hajlandók elismerni azt.
2. Soha ne előzzen dombon felfelé, vagy kanyarban, ahol nem látható a talaj.
3. Ismerd és hajd utánoz a közlekedés zavartól és jelzések utasításait.
4. Ha csomóponton, útkeresztúti lehet, parkoló autóhoz közelítse lassítsa le és figyelj az egyéb lehetséges vezetékekre is.
5. Mielőtt parkolást tennének előtt kecsesőzd a forgalomba ellenőrizd a megjövő forgalom és jellegek elváltozását. Ellenőrizd a tükörjeit és a holt-terékeit is.
6. Évről-évre a "Nem az útviszonyoknak" megfelelő szépségét elkövet a legtöbb balesetet. Te vagy felelős az utasaid és a körülvésett közlekedők biztonságáért Ezért lassíts le és figyelj az útvonalokat.

- Légy különösen figyelmes ha az úton kerekpárosok vagy kismotorosok közlekednek. Ne kövesd őket túl közelről és minden esetben ellenőrizd a holt-teréket, mert nagy az esély, hogy éppen ott vannak.

ban találod.

- Találóképpen várj meg valakit, hogy irányítson. Ha ez nem lehetséges szállj ki és ellenőrizd körbe az autót mielőtt tolnádnál.

- A jó vezető többet tesz a szabályok betartásával. Légy figyelmes a többi vezetővel szemben a kölcsönös "siker" érdekében. Az alát ismét az útvezetés, és a keménykölcsönös vevők és a felvett balesetek.
REAL LIFE

MASTER DRIVER GORMAN: “YOUR SAFETY IS MY CONCERN”

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 EMPU-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.

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

POLYGLOT

By Major Paul Kokken

"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:

"Práctico y estudio mis idiomas. De vez en cuando, 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." 

By Major Roberto Paleco

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 photograph and CYP.

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 instructor's course 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 Argentine 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 Magaz (a faithful of the previous Commander, Rodolfo Magaz, who presented himself as the man on the right for the best paratrooper). After that, 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?

In 1978, the Comandante de la Brigada Aéreotransportada IV, General de Brigada Rodolfo Mujica (padre del actual Comandante del Sector I), entregó 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... así, naturalmente, su querido Regimiento de Infantería de Paracaidistas 17, el de la izquierda como 2º. Lefo y el de la derecha como Encargado de una Compañía... ¿necesita más ayuda?

Actualmente ambos integran el Contingente Argentino en UNIFCYC.

Si usted forma parte del sector I y todavía no lo descubrió, tal vez necesita consultar a un ocultista.

El hombre a la izquierda es el Comandante del Sector I, Teniente Coronel Mujica y el del lado derecho, el Suboficial Mayor Valera.

Lo dejó, ésta 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 no recordaría al realista?

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 I, 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."
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 Light 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

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.

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
ITEMS FOR SALE

CARS FOR SALE

Pet Azkon 1.6 RH 1985, 4- door, blue, good condition, 1.300 d/f price. Call Elena (02) 7911(0 or 5200235)
(b) Tiga, blue, 5-speed manual, 50,000 km, diesel, white, d/f 1.400, Tel: Lt Hitz on 022767.

Toyota Corona 1.6, white, 1992, low mileage - 44,235 km, excellent shape inside and out, £2,000 d/f for immediate sale. Tel: CM’s office 02 (02) 864402.

Moski Lancer, 1994, a/c, 2,400 d/f. Contact SSgt Vao (02) 864666.

Pet Rito, white, 80 good condition, £250. Call Peter VAO on (02) 1812269.

Moski Pajero GLS, 2800 Turbo Intercooler, green, 1994, 165,000 k/m, £7,500 d/f. Call Stan (02) 664362.

BMW Z3, 1996, 5-speed, a/c, radio/cassette, purchase April 2000, 2 new years, new battery and recently serviced. £700 d/f Tel: Sgt Ashley Thorp on (02) 667680.

Mercedes 220, 1995, one-owner, full service record, lhd, 185,000 k/m. £1,000. Tel: (02) 620640.

Brandt Prelude Sports, EX, 291, 2.0 litre engine, new tyres, excellent condition, d/f 11,000. £1,600. Tel: (02) 866681.

Mede 323, blue, 1300 cc, 1990, £1,00 O NO. Tel: 664280.

Honda Prelude 1300cc, £1,000.

Three-piece suite (3-2-1), good condition, £250. Call Sean (02) 864515 or (02) 646364.

Toyota Landcruiser Driving Set. 62 ft track, 2 cars, controllers, transformer and all other accessories. Excellent condition and boxed as new. £35. Tel: Barry on (02) 390900 (b), 390510 (e). Tel: CM’s office.

Wanted

Items for a jubilee sale, to be held on Sunday 19 Sep 99, to raise money for the CKS and abandoned monkeys. Anything saleable excepted. Please drop off at CM’s office.

WANTED

ITEMS FOR HIRE

HIRE ITEMS FOR SALE

The NICOSIA HIVE operates a comprehensive loan store. Items include: video/DVD, VCR, camcorder, MAX machine, child’s car seats, pushchairs, backpacks, high chair, travel cots, children’s toys and bikes, cool boxes, sunbathers, golf clubs, radio/cassette players, BBQ, etc. Call the HIVE to check availability.

DISCO FOR HIRE

The UNPA WOS’ & Sps’ (The 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 available and separate arrangements should be made with either DJ regarding fees. (The two DJs should be made through the PMC, WO2 Miller on (02) 359760 ext 1550, 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, barbeque and plenty of games. Contact Pam at (02) 359112 for more details.

PROPERTY TO LET

Two large luxury 265 sqm 4- bedroom units in Doncaster East, off Portman Road, dominica, one of which has separate 1-bedroom flat, bbq and fantastic 200 sqm rooftop terrace. Both have a/c, c/h, satellite dish, modern fitted kitchen. Tel: (03) 551498 or (09) 6106466

Fully-furnished flat in Ayios Dometios (close to UNPA), ¥300. Tel Angelia at (02) 865248.

New house (second storey) in Nicosia. Fully furnished, 3-bedrooms (one with private bath). A/c and c/h + private parking. Tel (09) 471476 or (09) 6616824.

3-bedroom ground floor house, fully furnished in Ayios Pavlos (close to UNPA). Solar water heater and c/h. Tel: (02) 686423.

Two minutes walk to the beach. Amathus (Limassol) area, one-bedroom flat, fully furnished with TV, CD player, parking, common gardens, tennis court and swimming pool. £15 per week, all other facilities. Call between 15:00-19:00 hrs. No agents please. Tel: (02) 468623.

2-bedroom fully furnished a/c apartment near UNPA, ¥300. Phone (02) 866520 or Evrova (09) 610992.

FACILITIES

WHY DON’T U.NETWORK@THE HIVE?

The next meeting after the summer break takes place on Wednesday 29 September at 9:00 o’clock in the HIVE.

Come along and exchange information with a friendly group of spouses from UNFICYP and diplomatic missions. More info at (02) 3593191.

NICOSIA LIBRARY

The NICOSIA Library, 23 Sycaro Road, UNPA. Tel (02) 467253. Also books available in stock. For the new entrance, please follow the arrows round the building.

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

Book search and reservation service.

Language cassettes and books on long-term loan.

Many music cassettes and books on tape.

Videos now available on loan.


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 announced.

SERVICES

NICOSIA HIVE NEWS

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

The NICOSIA HIVE is open for information and advice and sometimes 21 Sycaro Road, UNPA (within the Married Quarters area) or at your hotel. The Coordinator is Karen McCormack.

All nationalities are welcome! Opening Times: Mon-Wed-Fri, 0930-1530 and 1700-1900 hrs.

Help is wanted. If you have some free time, we are looking for help at the NICOSIA HIVE. For more details, call Karen on (02) 3593191.

BEAUTY TREATMENTS by Niki Nikis will be at the NICOSIA HIVE on Thursday 30 September. A wide range of facials, manucures, pedicures and waxing treatments available. For appoint- ments or more information, call Niki on (02) 776647. Niki has been with the NICOSIA HIVE on (02) 3593136...

GREEK LESSONS start again on Wednesday 29 September at the HIVE, 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Cost: €20 for a course of 10 lessons.

SANDRA’S HAIR FASHIONS

Sandra’s Hair Fashions is situated at 21 Sycaro Road on the Married Quarters Park. Open Mon-Fri between 0900-1800 hrs. Tel: (02) 7766454.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Qualified and experienced teacher available to teach English to small groups or on a one-to-one basis. Tel: (02) 727921.

EVENING BABYSITTING and ASSISTING AT PARTIES

Lady available for evening baby-sitting and assisting at drinks/dinner parties. Tel Marlene on (02) 392602 after 1600 hrs.

MAURE BABY SITTER Reliable, mature baby-sitter available for baby-sitting. Tel: (02) 623850 after 1600 hrs.

UK-TRAINED SEAMSTRESS available for alterations, zip replacements, costume making, etc. A qualified and very reliable creative home fabric decorator. Contact Stella on (02) 3919252.

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AT LAST - A GAME OF FOOTBALL

By Major Roberto Palea

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 Lefkara municipality, Mr Mehmet Zafer, we finally got to play their local team in a game in the local stadium.

Lefkara 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 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 and Sgt Luis Campos scored a goal and the game became more exciting - and amusing. Both our goalkeeper, Lt Victor Piornio, and Lefkara’s goalkeeper, stopped the score from rising until Aydante 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 Dat Heilhus

The flair and finesse of the Dutch and the aggression and passion of the British 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 Dikkella 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 ISSU 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 minutes 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 signaled 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.

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 British challenged the Dutch to a games evening involving the more traditional bar competition.

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 as a demon to secure his victory in the pool competition: Brits 2, Dutch 0.

Table tennis proved to be not quite as easy as expected. Lance Corporal Frith 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 register 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 dominoes. 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.

DENTED PRIDE AND PUZZLED MIND

By Gunner Roddy Crash

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 Crash reports: “It’s a 3 August, the day of my first Cyprus Walkabout training. Five mates from 20 Commando Battery, and UNCIIPOL secretary Dianna Bridger, a keen orienteer, 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 Gurney, who was 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?”