At 11.00 hours on 11 November, people across the world stood still in silence to remember those lost in wars and conflicts. The significance of the time and day was the anniversary of the moment the Armistice was signed in 1918 at the end of World War One. It is seen as a fitting tribute to those killed or injured in the service of their country.

The two-minute silence was first observed in 1919. Sir Percy Fitzpatrick, the father of a British soldier killed in France in 1917, wrote to the UK government to suggest that a silence should be observed to remember those who had sacrificed their lives for their countries. Sir Percy had been impressed by a one-minute silence in his local church in South Africa in 1916 after the names of casualties had been read out and thought that this should be extended across the nations. King George V agreed and a request for the silence was disseminated throughout the country via the media. A commemorative ceremony was held every year up until 1938. After 1945, people decided it would be more appropriate to hold the ceremony on a Sunday. Since then, the second Sunday of November has been known as Remembrance Sunday. If 11 November falls on a day other than a Sunday, a two-minute silence is observed twice.

At Wayne’s Keep, the Military Cemetery in Sector 2, the British and Dutch held a ceremony on Sunday 14 November. Veterans from previous conflicts arrived and mixed with those serving today to remember those who could not be there. A service was conducted by Reverend P J McCormack and Reverend F Duivenvoorde, the Sector 2 Chaplains.

It would have been impossible to remain unmoved by the occasion, in front of the memorial, surrounded by crosses marking out the graves of those fallen over the years. The band of the Royal Logistic Corps provided the musical accompaniment for the hymns. The bugler sounded “The Last Post” as everyone observed the silence, watched by the sentries on a local observation post.

Wreaths were laid by Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Greece, India, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Russian Federation, UK and US. Additional wreaths were laid by the Cyprus Veterans’ Association, Royal Air Force Association, Royal British Legion and the Special Forces’ Association.

After the service, Sector 2 laid on a curry lunch at Wolseley Barracks, providing an opportunity for veterans to meet up with old comrades, and for younger members of the gathering to sit amazed and humbled by the stories these men and women had to tell.

CROWD CONTROL TRAINING FOR THE NEW SECTOR 2 SOLDIERS

Early November saw United Nations Training Advisory Team UNTAT deploy to Tern Hill, Shropshire, UK, to provide UNICYP training for the new Sector 2 personnel - both British and Dutch.

On the team were two members of UNICPOL - Sgt Darryl Jeffrey and myself. We’re both defensive skills instructors at the Australian Federal Police College, and it was our job to train our new military colleagues in crowd control and defensive skills - civilian police style.

The programme was divided into two phases. The first consisted of theory and demonstration. This took place in a converted aircraft hangar at Tern Hill, with the final exercise being held outdoors in the sort of wet, grey weather that Britain is so good at providing in November.

Still, the weather did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of the role players. In the true spirit of “If you’re going to do a job, then do it well,” the demonstrating crowd literally “threw” themselves into their role with much gusto and determination.

Rising to the challenge with equal determination were those in the line who refused to give up and responded with great vigour. Thankfully, due to the high degree of professionalism and control by the individual section commanders, there were no serious injuries and everyone appeared to enjoy themselves very much, as well as developing their skills in tolerance in a crowd control situation.

The training focused on fostering restraint and cultural awareness, which in a peacekeeping role is extremely important. All the trainees were very receptive to this, and I was impressed by the way in which they conducted themselves throughout the course.
In March, UNFICYP launched a new experiment: the publication of a fortnightly magazine for all personnel. This new-look Blue Beret has, over the past nine months, featured hundreds of articles and photos by people from all over UNFICYP.

We, the editorial team, would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to the Blue Beret newspaper.

We would also like to announce that this is the last Blue Beret you will read in newspaper format. At the beginning of next year, UNFICYP will welcome the dawn of the next millennium with a new magazine.

We are aware that many of you, particularly those of you who are only here in Cyprus for a short time, like to have souvenirs to take home with you. The new Blue Beret will provide you with pictures commemorating events such as medal parades and national days. But it will also contain pages of news and sports, interviews with members of the Force, cartoons, and articles focussing on the day-to-day realities of life with UNFICYP.

But if Blue Beret 2000 is to work, we need your support. If you have any ideas or views about what you would like to see in the Blue Beret (bearing in mind that it is a UN publication!) please contact the PI Office at UNFICYP HQ, extension 4409.

Sarah Russell
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EDITORIAL

In marzo, UNFICYP lanzó un nuevo experimento: la publicación de un diario para todo el personal. Esta nueva imagen de BB, ha presentado a lo largo de los últimos nueve meses cientos de artículos y fotos de personal a lo largo de toda la misión.

A nosotros, el equipo editor, nos gustaría aprovechar esta oportunidad para agradecer a todos aquellos que han contribuido con el diario BB. También nos gustaría anunciarles que éste es el último ejemplar de BB que leerán en formato diario. Al iniciar el próximo año, UNFICYP dará la bienvenida al próximo milenio con una nueva revista.

Queremos avisarles a muchos de ustedes, particularmente a aquellos que sólo están en Chipre por poco tiempo, que pueden llevarse un souvenir a casa. La nueva BB trae forrado con eventos importantes como las entregas de medallas y la conmemoración de las fechas nacionales. También contendrá páginas de noticias, deportes, reportajes a los miembros de la fuerza, chistes y artículos dedicados a la actividades diarias de UNFICYP.

Para que BB 2000 funcione bien, necesitamos de su apoyo. Si tienen alguna idea o te gustaría opinar acerca de lo que querías ver en BB (teniendo en cuenta que es una publicación de NUN), llamenos a la oficina de prensa en el HQ de UNFICYP, interno 4409.

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Wir wissen das viele von ihnen, besonders jene die nur für kurze Zeit bei UNFICYP in Chipre sind, ein Souvenir mit nach Hause nehmen wollen. Das neue Blue Beret wird sie an viele Veranstaltungen wie die Medal Parades, Nationalfeiertagen etc. mit vielen Bildern erinnern, aber es wird auch Artikel über Sportveranstaltungen, Nachrichten, Interviews mit UNFICYP Angehörigen und über alltägliches enthalten.

Wenn das Blue Beret 2000 gut funktionieren soll hoffen wir auf ihre Unterstützung. Wenn sie irgendwelche Ideen oder Ansichten für diese neue Form des Blue Beret haben, kontaktieren sie bitte das Press Office, Nebenstelle 4409.

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BB TIPS:
HAZARDOUS ITEMS

When you pack to go home at the end of your tour, remember that there are certain items you will not be allowed to take with you. Some because of customs regulations, other items because of flight safety regulations. For a complete list, you can ring the Force Air Safety Officer at extension 4794, or Mr Richard Dellar of the Traffic Unit at extension 4456.

The following banned items are those most commonly found on UN personnel returning to their home countries:

Matches
Ammunition
Hair spray
Cigarette lighters
Lighter fluids
WD-40
Carbon dioxide cartridges
Oxygen tanks (scuba or medical)
Knives with a blade length exceeding 10.2cm - particularly switchblades

Don't put dangerous items in your luggage

Wanneer je je tas inpakt, klaar om aan het einde van je uitzending naar huis te vertrekken, denk er dan aan dat je sommige artikelen niet mag inpakken. Sommige in verband met douaneplichtingen. Andere in verband met vliegveiligheidsbepalingen. Voor een volledige lijst kun je je wenden tot de Force Air Safety Officer op nummer 4794, of tot Mr Richard Dellar op nummer 4456.

Van de artikelen die bij vertrekkend VN-personeel worden gevonden, zijn de volgende de meest voorkomende:

Lucifer
Munitie
Deodorant verstuivers
Koolstofdioxide patronen
Propaan tanks
Oplosmiddelen
Brandbare vloeistoffen
Messen langer dan 10.2cm, met name valsmesjes
HELLO AND GOODBYE AT SECTOR 1

LT COL A R CATUZZI: NEW CO SECTOR 1

El 16 de noviembre se produjo la entrega y recepción del Sector 1 por parte de la FT Argentina 13 a la FT 14.

En una emotiva ceremonia el Tte. Cnel Mujica, luego de pronunciar un año como Comandante del Sector 1, hizo entrega del comando al nuevo Comandante, Tte. Cnel. Catuzzi.

Presidió la formación el Comandante de UNIFCYP, General Divagana de Vergara y estuvieron presentes las planas mayores entrantes y salientes e integrantes de las distintas Unidades de sector.

En una breve alusión, el Comandante saliente hizo un repaso de las actividades realizadas durante su gestión e invitó a los integrantes de la nueva FT a mantener el alto nivel operativo alcanzado.

Una vez finalizada la misma llegó el momento de la despedida y con ella la alegre y emotiva reunión con los seres queridos en Argentina, pero a la vez la tristeza de dejar esta hermosa isla en la cual la FT 13 pasó agradablemente el tiempo trabajando junto a diferentes miembros de la UN y la población.

La FT 14 agradece a todos sus amigos de las UN deseándoles a todos paz y prosperidad para las próximas Vacaciones y Año Nuevo.

Por su parte, la FT 14 agradece la afectuosa bienvenida dispensada y espera poder servir bajo los mandatos de la UNIFCYP con el mismo nivel y responsabilidad de los que nos precedieron.

AND THE BAND PLAYED ON

Children at War

Small arms kill two million kids

In the past ten years, small arms (revolvers, sub-machine guns, grenades, anti-personnel mines, etc) have killed two million children and disabled at least another four million worldwide.

According to UNICEF, small arms have been the weapons of choice in 46 out of the 49 conflicts that have broken out since 1990. In these conflicts, twelve million children have lost their homes and one million have been separated from their parents.

Child soldiers

Even more sobering: during the past decade more than 300,000 children have participated in more than 30 armed conflicts around the world. The conflict in Sierra Leone, for example, is estimated to have involved over 15,000 under-18s. Children have also fought in Afghanistan, Cambodia, Sri Lanka and many other places.

Children usually end up fighting because they have to. Their parents, driven by hunger and poverty, force or sell them for duty to relieve pressure on the family’s resources. Or they may simply be abducted. In Uganda, where a Kalashnikov costs the same price as a chicken, the Lord’s Resistance Army has taken at least 5,000 children since 1995.

What is the UN doing?

This summer, the Security Council unanimously adopted a resolution condemning the targeting of children in situations of conflict, including killing, maiming, sexual violence, and recruitment.

UNICEF is running a campaign to disrupt, demobilise, rehabilitate, and reintegrate children away from the violence of conflict. As part of that campaign, an exhibition, “Taking aim at small arms” is currently on display in New York and will be on international tour in January 2000.
BRIEF OUTLINE OF UN PEACEKEEPING MISSIONS CURRENTLY IN OPERATION

UNTSO
June 1948 - present
UN Truce Supervision Organisation
Security Council calls for halt in Arab-Israeli war and establishes first UN peacekeeping operation. UNTSO military observers remain in region to monitor ceasefires, supervise armistice agreements, prevent isolated incidents from escalating and assist subsequent peacekeeping operations.

UNMOGIP
January 1949 - present
UN Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan

UNDOF
June 1974 - present
UN Disengagement Observer Force
Unrest on the Golan Heights after 1973 war is replaced by agreed disengagement of Israeli and Syrian forces. Security Council establishes UNDOF to supervise implementation of agreement and maintain ceasefire.

UNFICYP
March 1964 - present
UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus
Security Council sets up UNFICYP in 1964 to prevent further fighting between Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities and to contribute to maintenance of law and order and a return to normal conditions. Turkish military intervention on heels of 1974 coup by members of Greek Cypriot National Guard leaves island divided. UNFICYP remains to supervise ceasefire lines, maintain buffer zone and undertake humanitarian activities.

UNFICYP (replaced UNOGIL, the UN Observation Group in Lebanon, June 1988 - Dec 1998)

MINURSO
September 1991 - present
UN Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara
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UNOMIG
August 1993 - present
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UNMOP
March 1995 - present
UN Preventive Deployment Force
UNPREDEP replaces UNPROFOR in former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Monitors developments in areas along borders with Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and Albania which could undermine country's stability, and promotes inter-ethnic dialogue within country.

UNMIBH
December 1995 - present
UN Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina
In December 1995, General Framework Agreement is signed, UNPROFOR withdraws and NATO-led force (IFOR) is deployed. UNMIBH helps implement Agreement by coordinating UN activities related to humanitarian relief, demining, human rights, elections and rehabilitation of infrastructure. UNMIBH cooperates with IFOR and its successor SFOR. UNMIBH's Police Task Force monitors law enforcement.

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UN CIVILIAN POLICE SUPPORT GROUP
January 1998 - present
After the withdrawal of UNTAES (the UN Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium), the Security Council deploys the Group to continue monitoring the performance of the Croatian police in the Dubrave region, particularly with respect to the return of displaced persons.

MINURCA
April 1998 - present
UN Mission in the Central African Republic
In 1996, Central African Republic is shaken by mutinies in army. In January 1997, after four African presidents mediate truce, parties sign Bangui Agreements, and inter-African force (MSAB) deploys to monitor implementation. MINURCA takes over from MISAB to assist in maintaining security and stability, monitor final disposition of weapons retrieved in disarmament exercise and provide advice on restructuring national police and on election plans.

UNOMIL
July 1998 - present
UN Observer Mission in Sierra Leone
Ongoing unrest culminates in May 1997 military coup overthrowing democratically elected government. Subsequent intervention by Economic Community of West African States and its peacekeeping force restores elected government in March 1998. UNOMIL is set up to monitor the country's military and security situation, and disarmament and demobilisation in secure areas.
Military Policeman No 3

By Lt Stephanie Gran-Ficq

Goulash - Babgyëyas

Ingredients:
- 2kg stewing beef, cubed
- 1kg smoked ham (pork)
- 1kg carrots, cubed
- 3 large cloves of garlic
- 500g dry red (kidney) beans
- 200g onions, sliced
- 1 bunch parsley, chopped
- 3 tomatoes, chopped
- 3 green peppers, chopped
- 1 egg
- 200g flour
- Salt/ black pepper/red pepper/bay leaf/caraway seeds
- oil

Preparation:
- Soak the beans for eight hours in water.
- Heat oil in a large pan, add onions and stir until browned, then add the red pepper and a little water (¼ glass). Add the cubed beef, together with the green peppers and tomatoes (and extra water, if necessary). Leave to simmer for approximately two hours. In another pan, cover the ham with water, add the bay leaves, garlic, one onion and salt, bring to the boil and allow to simmer until the ham is done (about two hours). Then remove ham from the pan and allow to cool.

Meanwhile, mix the egg, flour and salt to a paste (casipeke) and form into small balls (½ cm diameter) with your hands.
- Take the liquid from the cooked ham and mix into the pot of beef stew.
- Finally, add the red beans to the pot and continue to simmer for approximately one hour.
- Cut the cooked ham and carrots into cubes and put them in the pot, together with the caraway seeds, black pepper and bay leaves.
- Ten minutes before serving, add the casipeke balls and parsley. Serve with bread and hot pepper.

by Soltan in his favourite place - the kitchen

62nd Australian Contingent arrives

By Sgt Michelle Lomas-Travers

Mid-November saw the arrival of a new Australian Contingent. The 62nd contingent consists of 10 members who have already commenced duty throughout the seven police stations throughout the island.

Several members have taken leading roles including Supt Steve Polden and Supt Andy Bassett. Supt Polden is the new UN Liaison Officer (Police) who was also in Cyprus in 1996, and Supt Andy Bassett has taken the position of team leader in Sector 1. Both members are long serving officers with the Australian Federal Police.

Like the rest of the contingent, all members have had to adapt to UN civilian policing rather quickly, due to the recent rallies and because of the hunting season that is currently in full swing.

This is the last UNCPOL change-over for this century, and all members are looking forward to entering the new millennium in Cyprus.

The Dutch Live It Up in Sector 2

Just before the Dutch soldiers of the 13 Air Defence Battery rotate back to the Netherlands, they invited their peacekeeping colleagues and families to join them in their farewell party. For two evenings in a row, to ensure all soldiers serving on the green line would attend, there was music, dance and laughter.

By now, their international friends know exactly what the Dutch mean by a "Dutch treat".
IMPROVED LANGUAGE SKILLS EASES INTEGRATION

By Capt. Alberto Reyes

Participation in the course was totally voluntary and soldiers used their free time so that classes didn't get in the way of their duties. Their five-month commitment to the course (which is a very challenging one), and their willingness to give up their leisure time, is a source of great pride to their Argentinean military colleagues. We applaud them for their efforts - and hope they will keep practising their new language skills when they get home to Argentina.

El pasado 19 de noviembre de 1999, finalizó el Curso de Inglés, que durante cinco meses de su misión en UNIFICYP, tomaron 21 hombres pertenecientes a la MFR y uno de la FPM.

Dicho curso se desarrolló entre los meses de abril y noviembre, con la finalidad de proporcionar al personal argentino la posibilidad de integrarse personal y profesionalmente, con sus compañeros de tareas de otras nacionalesidades y a su vez, prepararlos para rendir el examen de inglés, de nivel 2, en el Instituto de Idiomas del Ejército Argentino, así como el examen de inglés oficial de la Fuerza aérea.

Fire! Fire! Fire!

A recent fire in a room at Ortona Troop is a timely reminder to us all how easy it is for a fire to break out. Fortunately, the sense of urgency was high when a fire broke out in a room at the 9th Scots Guards' accommodation blocks. The fire started in a wardrobe, and quickly spread to the ceiling, causing significant damage to the room.

A shrewd fire officer, Mr. Nadeem, was quick to respond to the emergency. He immediately evacuated the room, ensuring the safety of all occupants. The fire was put out without any injuries, and the damage was limited to the affected room.

Letter that brought death

The smell of gas lingered in the little cottage when Inspector Carter arrived at the sleepy village of Melsbury. "No doubt that John Hayes killed himself," said the local sergeant, glancing down at the sheet-covered corpse. "No doubt he tried to escape from the police office, but the doors were locked."

"But why, either - we found this letter in his right hand," Carter looked at the message scrawled in green ink on the torn exercise-book page. It accused the dead man of having a police record and threatened to expose him. "There's been a plague of those last six months," the sergeant explained. "Some of the accusations were pretty wild, but this was right enough - I checked with Scotland Yard records.

"Before he came to teach here, Hayes served a short sentence for theft... but that was over 30 years ago, and he's been a model citizen ever since."

From the dead schoolmaster's wife, Carter learned that the letter had arrived with the afternoon post. "I was on my way out shopping," she explained. "John was deathly pale - in the hall, reading something. I asked what was wrong, but he just went into his study. When I came home, he was dead."

From the wastepaper basket, Sergeant Graham extracted an envelope. "Green ink - same letter, sir," he said, having been informed by the local post office at 2 pm today."

Violet Manning, the postmistress, was a thin, grey-haired woman who remembered the envelope well. "When I saw it, I knew poor Mr. Hayes must be going to get one of those nasty letters... green ink, you see Inspector. There must have been 20 of them through here in the last few months, and they all turned out the same."

But Ms Manning could tell them little about the letter that had been delivered to John Hayes. "It must have been posted before 1.30 pm - that's the collection time in the Mill Lane box. It arrived here about 2 pm and went out on the afternoon local delivery." But although Mill Lane was a lonely place, Ms Manning did turn out to have a theory. "I'm something of an amateur detective," she confessed. "So a lot of people who received letters wanted me to read them. They were rather amused about these secrets from past - and they weren't all true." But who could have found out about Colonel Mercer's little romance, or poor Mr. Hayes's brush with the law long ago, or Ms Sainsbury's curious past? "The prime suspect," she confided to Carter, "was Mrs Carrington, the wife of the local doctor who had died about six months previously. She could have read his files and found out almost everything about people in the village," said Ms Manning. "What's more, she comes in to buy exercise books every so often, and last time she was here, I happened to notice that her right hand was stained with green ink."

When Graham heard that the widow lived in Mill Lane, even his sceptical eyebrow lifted half an inch. But Carter had other ideas. "I think we'll ask Ms Manning a few more questions," he said softly. "It's my bet that she wore all those letters."

Why did Inspector Carter say that? (Solution can be found on page 7 of this issue)
The Blue Beret

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CARS FOR SALE
Honda Civic 1993-94, 1,500 cc, 16 valve, manual. ... locking, duty paid, £3,700 ONO.
Tel: (02) 778860 or 777218.

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Roller 600, metallic green, 4-door saloon, low 
km, excellent condition, £6,500, duty paid, £10,000 ono.
Tel: (02) 86450.

Mitsubishi Galant saloon (red), 1983, very good condition (many extras), duty paid, £4,700 incl. tools, etc. £1,000. Tel: 43- 664-330-27.81 (Alex) or (03) 8233732.

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OTHER ITEMS FOR SALE

Gold Star TV: 60", Hoover washing machine: £150. Tel: (02) 864500.

Small white table: £6, two brown coffee tables: £3 each. Billiard table (3 years old): £400. Tel: (02) 778860.

For sale: please below, contact Shane Smith on (02) 684956.
- 4-piece bar, black (2 wall units, bar with wooden top with 5 lights, 5 stools) + 1 large and 2 small black tables with chairs all for £50.
- Tel: (02) 684954 anytime.
- Queen-size bed, white incl. (matching bedside tables, large dressing table with mirror and stool).
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- Bunk beds (Danish made, with built-in shelves and attractors and £245. Double bed (Danish-made), wooden) with two mattresses and side Electric heater: £15. Tel: (09) 607007 or (04) 642568.
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- Towing service (0750-590 or 531-940) after 1600.

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Motorcycle Helmet for female rider. Please call (09) 8522414.

HIRE ITEMS FOR REHIRE ITEMS FOR HIRE

The NICOSIA HIVE offers a wide range of hire items. Items available are: VAX machine, child’s car seats, pushchairs, backpacks, high chair, cots, children’s toys and bikes, cool boxes, sun loungers, golf, furnished, if preferred, BBQ, etc. Call the HIVE to check availability.

DISCO FOR HIRE

The UNPA Wos’ & Sgs’ 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 must be booked and paid for beforehand. Any bookings should be made with either DJ regarding fees. Bookings for the disco must be made through the PMC. WOS2011 on (02) 539706 ext 126 (W) at least seven days in advance.

HAVING A PARTY?

The Youth Club is now available for hire. Facilities including new disco equipment and lights, barbecue and plenty of space. Contact Pat on (02) 539112 for more details.

PROPERTY TO LET

Flat in Strovolos, 3 bedrooms, 2 WC’s, large sitting area, verandahs, c/h, a/c and storage space, £290. Tel: (09) 443422.
Flat in Malaka, beautifully presented, nice big room with all a/c, 2 large kitchen with electric oven, etc, 2 garages, c/h and solar water heater. £250. Tel: (02) 781477 any time.

House in Anthisous, fully equipped kitchen, c/h and a/c in every room. 10 mins from UNPA. £450. Call (02) 382098 after 7:00 pm.

FACILITIES

WHY DON’T U.NETWORK AT THE

The next meeting will take place on Wed 8 Dec at 10.00 am in the NICOSIA Library.

Come along for a cup of coffee and exchange information with a friendly group of spouses from UNIFCYP and diplomatic missions. More info at (02) 591933 or (02) 489852.

THE NICOSIA LIBRARY

is located at 23 Sycamore Road, UNPA. Tel: (02) 359117.

A new selection of books, audio tapes, videos and CDs have arrived. Language courses available on long-term loans.

STOP PRESS: The NICOSIA HIVE Library now has Internet access. Find out more about this project, or simply search for news and information in cyberspace.

Library hours
Monday to Friday: 1000-1300 and 1500-1700
Saturday: 1000-1300

NEW ENVIRONMENTAL DAY

On Monday 29 November, it is proposed that all members of UNIFCYP citizens’ community and staff will meet at the entrance of UNIFCYP HQ at 1530 hours for an afternoon “swEEP” of the camp area to pick up and remove all rubbish.

Everyone will be provided with a plastic bag and gloves and personnel are asked to ensure they are dressed appropriately for the occasion.

KEEP the UNPA clean!

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE BY AUSTRIAN MILITARY ORCHESTRA

A choir from Corinthia is visiting Cyprus on Fri 3 Dec and will present their Austrian Christmas songs. Gluehwien and apfelstrudel will be served.

Place: All Ranks Club, UNPA.
Time: 2000 hours.

Catered.

All UNIFCYP civilian, military and police personnel and their families are welcome.

CHURCH SERVICES

SERVICES AT ST COLEMA’S

Church, UNPA: Anglican

12:00 at St. Colema’s Church, UNPA.

Sunday worship: 09:00 hrs.

All welcome.

Sector 2 Padre’s Office (LTP) tel: 762201.

Briton Chaplain: Padre Philip McCormack

RC Chapel: Rev Fr Basil McCormack (02) 724106

Dutch Chapel: Padre Frank Dyusenwervoort

BRITISH TRAINED SEAMSTREES

Specialists in dressmaking for formal occasions, ball gowns, wedding dresses and suits, also alterations and repairs. Mrs Chris Broad. 28 Vaizziont Street, Ayios Dometios, close to UNPA, near Astra garage. Tel: (02) 773306.

MISCELLANEOUS

BRATCON YOUTH CLUB

The Club is open aged between 8-16 and want to meet other young people from within the UNIFCYP and international community. BRAT- CON is the place to go. We are open on Friday nights from 7:00 to 9:30 pm at St Michael’s school in the UNPA. Our club is run by volunteers. We do everything from parties to playing our own pantomime. We are also open to the Internet so that members can “chat” to people from all over the world.

Come along and make some new friends. For further information, contact either Colin on (02) 590930 or Kath on (02) 590916, or better still, come along to one of our club nights.

Membership is £2 per term or £5 for 4 nights.

Annually. Subs - 50c for members and 75c for visitors.

Catch the Criminal: Only two people - apart from the few police - could have known the contents of the letter John Hayes received (the visual clue) - the schoolmaster and the writer. So that firmly incriminates Miss Manning.

The YMCA is announcing its new hours.

Now open from 08:00 to 14:00 and 16:00 to 21:00 hours.

Now adding burgers and chips to the menu.

NB: We are always 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.

The new UNIFCYP Christmas Cards will be on sale from 1 Dec. Call in at the Public Information office and buy any cards to view and buy. £2.00 for 10 cards.
BLUE BERET SPORTS SECTION

Welsh Gunners win the Cyprus Rugby League

By Capt Vicki Walker

Behind the scenes in Sector 2 there’s one group of soldiers that’s spent any free time it could get rugby training. Other people may have been disappearing off to sample the delights of beaches and discos, but this lot has had its eyes firmly fixed on the UNPFA sports pitches, forcing itself through sessions of hard, intensive training that tested the commitment and fitness of the whole squad.

In an ideal world, hard work is always rewarded, and over the past few weeks the Welsh Gunners’ rugby team has indeed reaped a fair few dividends.

The Welsh Gunners had entered the Cyprus League. This was a competition, held over a period of two months, between five British teams on the island. These were the Episkopi Eagles (chosen from a pool of around 1,500 soldiers from Episkopi Garrison), the Akrotiri Firs and Seconds (around 1,000 soldiers to choose from), the Dhekelia Griffins (around 1,000 soldiers to choose from) and the Welsh Dragon (soldiers selected from a pool of 240). The Gunners are firm believers in the adage ‘Quality not Quantity’ when it comes to rugby selection.

The first game of the season was a tense battle against the Eagles that left the Gunners with a 19-18 win. The closeness of the result meant that training was again stepped up. By the next game, the team had reached the form that was to carry it through all the way. A victory by 55-7 was closely followed by another of 77-7 showing that the Dragons were a formidable side. Astonished spectators looked on at previously unbeaten sides crumbled before them.

The League culminated last week with the final match between the Dragons and the Akrotiri Seconds. Everyone was out to prove their worth in a battle that was, admittedly, somewhat one-sided but which allowed each and every player from the Gunners an opportunity to show just what he was made of.

From the very start, the Dragons dominated the pitch, matching fast, accurate passes with perfect tackles and an unbreakable defence, littering the game with bursts of inspirational moves. Minutes to go and skipper SSgt Ned Kelly took the ball over the line to complete his hat-trick and take 22nd Regiment to its first century on the rugby pitch.

This is just the beginning. The Dragons are now looking to returning to those left behind in England and repeating the remainder of the rugby team with a view to becoming Army Champions.

The power of the dragon.

CETINKAYA WINS FAMAGUSTA RUN

By Capt Andreas Vas

A group of 113 runners from ten different countries flooded the dry moat around the old Famagusta city wall on 20 November. A total of 104 men and nine women sprinted to finish the three laps of 3.5 kilometres each. A slightly uphill track with rubble and dents and about one kilometre of tarmac meant that this was far from easy task. But thanks to the ‘drinks provided by the organising sector (4), the runners were able to keep going.

In a repeat of his last year’s performance, Ersoy Cetinkaya was first home finishing in a stunning 35 minutes and 50 seconds. Two more islanders followed before the first UNIFCYP soldier reported back in. Proudly Austrian Sergeant Gerald Hat claimed the first prize in the over-40 category as the only one of the under-40 UNIFCYP competitors.

Julie Martin had been determined to win and was not to be denied. She dehydrated forced her to give up – in sight of the finish line. Dutch Sergeant Linda de Jager balanced her race better and went for gold. Janet Forrest, meanwhile, clearly believes in the Olympic idea that taking part is more important than winning. She took a little bit more time to fully enjoy the historical surroundings, walking the course in just over 90 minutes and coming in to time to choose between delicious Austrian goulash or a tasty dish of pasta.

The mayor of Famagusta and visiting Brigadier General Höller both assisted Lt Col Helmut Flieschmann in the prizegiving event. Although failure technology had delayed the start of the run, the same technology worked perfectly at the end and enabled each runner to get a list of results before taking up the weekend routine again.

RESULTS:
Men over 40: 1st: Sgt Gerald Hat, 2nd: WO2 Johann Feller, 3rd: Rundolf Chrzan
Women: 1st: Sgt Linda de Jager, 2nd: Ms Diana Bridger, 3rd: Sggt Zita Vasko

RUN THE LINE ’99

One of the competitors on his way to beat 29 Cdo Battery RA’ record time

Over the weekend of 20/21 November 1999, eight soldiers from the UK’s 20 Commando Battery, Royal Artillery who are currently serving with UNIFCYP’s Mobile Force Reserve ran the complete length of the Buffer Zone for charity.

They were helped along by a multi-national support team, and covered 217 kilometres in 16 hours, 5 minutes and 54 seconds, beating the record by 2 hours.

The run over, the real hard work begins, with runners and support team collecting their sponsor money.

A word of thanks from all runners goes out to all the UN observation posts who fed and watered them as they passed by. A special thank-you must go to OP 146 for the offer of Schnapps (rather than water) at the end of the run.

The runners hope to raise between CYP 800 and CYP 1,000. All donations can be dropped in at the MFR office at the UNPFA.

RUNNING CALENDAR

28 November 1999, Cyprus Aphrodite Half Marathon, Cyprus Maria Sports Centre, Paphos. The start will be at 10.00AM while the 5km Fun Run will start at 10.05. Cash prizes. Entry fee: CYP 7,00.

Further information can be obtained from the Cyprus Health Runners Club, PO Box 28167, Sgvovalos 2001, Nicosia, Cyprus. Tel: (02) 429655 Fax: (02) 429655 email: runclub@spidernet.com.cy or www.cylink.com.cy/halfmarathon.

Application forms must be in by 15 November 1999.

2 and 3 December 1999, Cyprus Challenge Half Marathon 1999. Start and finish on 2 December, will be at the Rodon Mount Hotel, Agios. The start on December will be at the square of Lefkara Village. The finish will be at Varvara Village.

Further information can be obtained from the Cyprus Challenge Half Marathon, PO Box 10963, 3340 Larnaca, Nicosia. Tel: (02) 370936, Fax: (02) 37034, e-mail: skakour@spidernet.com.cy

5 December 1999, Kolossi Marathon Half Marathon and 10km race. More information can be obtained from Kolossi Marathon, PO Box 12003, 2340 Lakatamia, Nicosia. Tel: (02) 370936, Fax: (02) 37034, e-mail: skakour@spidernet.com.cy

12 December 1999, 6th International Kalavera Half-Marathon and 4km Race. Three Seas Hotel near the Lighthouse at Perivolia, Larnaca. The start will be at 10.00 AM for both races. Entry fee for the half marathon is CYP 220.00. There is no entry fee for the 4km race. Registration up to 06.30am on 12 December.

Further information available at Cyprus Runners’ Club, tel: (03) 414411, (02) 333462, (02) 701264, Fax: (02) 420809.