

# THE Blue Beret

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## VISIT OF PROFESSOR HAN SUNG-JOO SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL



**T**he newly appointed Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Professor Han Sung-Joo, visited Cyprus from 25 to 30 June to familiarize himself with the situation in Cyprus. Together with the Deputy Special Representative and Chief of Mission, Mr Gustave Feissel, he twice met the leaders of the two communities, Mr Clerides and Mr Denktash. He also met with the leaders of the main political parties as well as representatives of the business community and the trade unions of both sides.

At Headquarters, the Chief of Staff briefed Professor Han on the UNFICYP operation. In addition, UN Flight gave him a bird's-eye view of the Buffer Zone, which was complemented by a line tour in Nicosia organized by Sector Two, as well as stops in Dherinia and Pyla in Sector Four. The Special Representative concluded his five-day visit with a bicomunal press conference at the Ledra Palace Hotel.

*"It has been a fruitful visit", he said to the media, "and I am not leaving disappointed. One should not expect a magic formula; what is needed is a great deal of patience and cooperation, both inside and outside Cyprus. Not only is a solution necessary, but it needs*



From the left: Mr Gustave Feissel, Professor Han Sung-Joo and Mr Waldemar Rokoszewski, the UNFICYP Spokesman

*to be found as soon as possible. In this context, procedure and timing of the efforts are just as important as the substance and nature of a solution".*

Following his visit to Cyprus, Professor Han and Mr Feissel travelled to Athens, Ankara, Moscow, Brussels, Dublin, Paris, London and eventually New York and Washington DC. While in New York, Professor Han briefed the Security Council members on his recently completed visits.

## VISIT OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL SIR ALEX HARLEY KBE CB TO SECTOR TWO

**L**ieutenant General Sir Alex Harley KBE CB, who is the Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff (Commitments) of the British Army, was the first official visitor to 39th Regiment Royal Artillery since their arrival in Sector Two. During his visit to UNFICYP, he paid a courtesy call on the Chief of Mission, Mr Gustave Feissel.

As the last Commander British Forces in Cyprus, General Harley knows the island well, but was interested to be taken on the "Green Line Tour" through the City and 176 Battery's Area of Responsibility and then on to Kingston and 132 Battery's Area of Responsibility. Of particular interest to the General was St Joseph's School, by Paphos Gate, where his sister was a student as a young girl.



General Harley overlooking St Joseph's School

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# The Blue Beret



## EDITORIAL

As the Force's in-house journal, the Blue Beret attempts to document as many UNFICYP events as possible, and acts as yet another historical record of UN operations in Cyprus. Highlighted on the front and inside covers of this edition is the arrival of Professor Han Sung-Joo, the new Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Cyprus.

In this issue of the Blue Beret, we would also like to extol the efforts made by members of UNFICYP in their attempts to carry out their tasks in accordance with their mission. Duties can sometimes appear repetitive and monotonous, and for this reason, Sectors/Units go to great lengths to ensure that inter-UNFICYP physical fitness and military skills competitions are arranged. It is not easy to train when temperatures rise to over 40 degrees Celsius, yet time and time again, readers will have noticed articles which portray the attempts of members of UNFICYP to keep themselves militarily fit to the highest degree, whatever the season.

The Blue Beret staff would like to take this opportunity to encourage readers to submit articles, either directly to this office or through their Unit Press Officer, regarding any form of activity, on or off duty. Page 8 denotes the UNFICYP Summer Gala which drew a considerable amount of money for charitable purposes and portrays the undisputed success of the occasion. These bicomunal events are highly encouraged and appreciated, and are a fitting testimony to the diligence and efforts of those involved. Well done!

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## UN FLIGHT - ARGAIR



**The Pilot:** All Argentinian pilots are career officers who have finished the four-year course in the Air Force Academy. They then stay on for a further year in the Academy as an Alférez (2nd Lt) until they complete the Military Pilot's Course, obtaining their "wings".

Those pilots who choose to fly helicopters are assigned to the VIIth Air Brigade to take the Helicopter Pilot's Course (HPC). This is a one-year course and is divided into basic/advanced/high performance training, formation, night flights, navigation and an introduction to air-to-ground and air-to-air firing. Once the HPC is completed, they become Operational Pilots NLC (Not Licenced for Combat), and begin initial training on tactical flight, air-to-air combat and firing. After they complete one year as a "wing-man" and pass the examination, they qualify as Operational Pilots (LC) (Licenced for Combat).

All pilots gain experience through the pilot exchange programmes and courses abroad, flying different helicopters and comparing tactics.

### The Officers

**Capt Jaime Luis Antich** is 2IC and Ops Offr, UN Flt. He passed the HPC in 1985 and since then has flown the Hughes 500, Bell UH-1H/212 IFR, Sikorsky S-61R and the CH-47 Chinook. He was commissioned to the Argentine Navy where he flew the Sikorsky SH-3 Sea King. Capt Antich holds a diploma in Human and Public Relations and a Master's degree in Business Administration. He is 33 and single.

**Capt Daniel Martin Russo** completed his HPC in Dec 87 and was assigned to the IInd Tactical Squadron, working as an HPC instructor for three years and as Flight Inspector for two years. He is also a Flight Maintenance Pilot. He was commissioned to the Peruvian Air Force where he flew the Russian Mil Mi-24 Hind. Capt Russo studied Political Sciences. He is 32 and married to Claudia.

**1/Lt Eduardo Raúl Giménez** is the Aircraft Maintenance Officer in UN Flt, and qualified as an

Aeronautical Engineer in 1989. Assigned to the VIIth Air Brigade, he acted as the Hughes System Maintenance Chief, Maintenance Squadron Chief, Quality Control Department Chief and recently was posted as the Maintenance Chief of the presidential helicopters. He also undertook training on the S-70 Black Hawk in 1995. 1/Lt Giménez holds a Masters degree in Business Administration, is 32 and single.

**1/Lt Fernando Patricio Valentich** obtained his wings in 1989, and was an Instructor for one year in the NCO's School. Assigned to the VIIth Air Brigade in Dec 90, he passed the HPC in 1992 and was then assigned to the IInd Tactical Squadron. 1/Lt Valentich is 29 and is married to Paola. They have two children, María Belén (4) and the "Bandido" Lucas (2).

**Lt Favricio Javier Tejada:** obtained his wings in 1992 as a Military Pilot. Assigned to the

**The Aeronautical Engineer:** After four years in the Air Force Academy, the Technical Officer studies for three additional years in the AFA Aeronautical Engineering School to qualify as an Engineer. Here they select their speciality as an Aeronautical, Electronic or Systems Engineer.

When the Technical Officer receives his diploma, he joins the VIIth Air Brigade and is assigned to one of the different squadrons within the 7th Technical Group. He continually updates his training through various periodical courses.

**The Technician:** After three years as a Corporal in the NCO's School, the technician arrives at the VIIth Air Brigade with general knowledge on aircraft. In the Unit, he receives instruction on the specific characteristics of helicopters.

There are a number of qualifications to be gained in the NCO's School, such as engine and aircraft technicians, system technicians, air instruments, communications and electronic specialists.

VIIth Air Brigade in Dec 92, he finished the HPC in Mar 95 and was assigned to the IInd Tactical Squadron. He is 27 and is married to Mónica. They have one son, Ezequiel (1).

**Lt Alejandro José Tumino** joined the Air Force in 1987 and, after flying the Beechcraft B-45 Mentor and Embraer EMB-312 Tucano, passed the Military Pilot's Course in 1992. Assigned to the VIIth Air Brigade in Dec 92, he finished the HPC in Mar 95 and was assigned to the IInd Tactical Squadron. He is 29 and married to Andrea.

**Lt Pablo Christian Ribnikar** joined the Air Force in 1987 and, after flying the Beechcraft B-45 Mentor and Embraer EMB-312 Tucano, passed the Military Pilot's Course in 1992. Assigned to the VIIth Air Brigade in Dec 92, he finished the HPC in Mar 95 and was assigned to the IInd Tactical Squadron. He is 26, married to Ingrid and they have one son, Tomás (two months).

### The NCOs

**WO2 Raúl Roberto Fernández** was assigned to the VIIth Air Brigade (7th Technical Group) in Dec 70. In 1978, he undertook a course on the Chinook and then participated in the South Atlantic Conflict in 1982, for which he received the Congress Medal. WO2 Fernández is 44 and is married to Elizabeth. They have one son, Raúl (5).

**WO3 Roberto Cuevas** was assigned to the VIIth Air Brigade in Dec 78, attached to the Hughes maintenance service. Five years later, he was deployed to the Bell maintenance service for six years, after which he transferred to the Main Inspection Hughes Service (300 hours). In 1991, he completed a course on the Allison Engine System. He is 38 and is married to Patricia. They have three children, Roberto (13), Matias (12) and Nahuel (5).

**WO3 Carlos Gomez** joined the Air Force in 1977. He was assigned to the National Space Investigation Committee, where he completed courses on Electronic, Telemetric and Remote Sensors, working with NASA and ESA on the LANDSAT satellite. He is 37 and is married to Alcira. They have two children, Gustavo (14) and Cintia (10).

**WO3 Julio Clemoveky** was assigned to the VIIth Air Brigade in 1980. In 1982, he completed the parachuting and ECCO (Combat Control Team) courses. During 1984/5, 85/6, 86/7, 87/8

and 93/4, he participated in the Antarctica's Campaigns. WO3 Clemoveky is 37 and married to Patricia. They have two children, Gabriel (9) and Valeria (7).

**SSgt Carlos Omar Luna** joined the Air Force in 1980 at the NCO's School in Córdoba. His first assignment was in the VIIIth Air Brigade, where he filled the post of Troop Instructor, and in 1989, he was re-assigned to the VIIth Air Brigade. In 1993, he took the Load Masters course, and in 1995 the Air Traffic Controller's course. He is 32 and is married to Celia.

**Sgt Hugo Montero** assigned to the VIIth Air Brigade in Dec 86, attached to the Hughes maintenance service (7 Technical Group) as Structure Specialist. Sgt Montero is 28 and single.

**Sgt Juan Rosa** joined the Air Force in 1984 and was assigned to the Air Force HQ in 1987. Re-assigned to the VIIth Air Brigade in 1988, he was attached to the Bell maintenance service, participating in the Antarctica Campaign in 1987/88. He completed the Maintenance Lycoming PT6 Engine Course, after which he was assigned to the Presidential Helicopter Squadron. Sgt Rosa is 28 and married to Norma. They have three children, Luis (12), Andrea (6) and Juan José (2).

**Sgt Carlos Palacios** was assigned to the VIIth Air Brigade in 1990, attached to the Hughes

maintenance service. He completed the Allison C-18/C-20/C20B engines course. Sgt Palacios is 26 and married to Patricia. They have one daughter, Marisol (10 months).

**Sgt Gustavo Serrano** was assigned to the VIIth Air Brigade in 1990. He is the radio specialist and completed the course in the Navigation and Firing System of Mirage III. He was commissioned to the Sikorsky Company on the electronic, instrumental and electrical systems of the UH-60 Black Hawk (1994). Sgt Serrano is 28 and married to Sandra. They have two children, Angel (6) and Sabrina (18 months).

**Sgt Walter García** joined the Air Force in 1988 at the NCO's School in Córdoba. He was assigned to the VIIth Air Brigade in 1991, attached to the Hughes maintenance service. He completed the Fire Crew course and the Crash Aircraft Rescue course. Sgt García is 26 and single.

**Sgt Carlos Javier Aghem** joined the Air Force in 1988 in the NCO's School in Córdoba. He was assigned to the VIIth Air Brigade in 1991, attached to the Hughes maintenance service. Sgt Aghem is 24 and single.

**Sgt Armando Aragon** joined the Air Force in 1990 and was assigned to the VIIth Air Brigade in 1992. He is a Systems Technician. He is 22 and married to Patricia. They have one daughter, Micaela (2).





## AUSCON SOLDIERS ON TOP OF MOUNT HERMON

by Capt S Perr

The headline may sound surprising to our readers, nevertheless it is true. Between 19 and 24 June, 15 soldiers from UNFICYP's Austrian Contingent, including one Hungarian comrade, travelled to the Golan Heights in Syria where UNDOF/AUSBATT (United Nations Disengagement Observer Force/Austrian Battalion) is based. There were two reasons for this visit: first for operational purposes, and second for familiarization of living and working conditions.



Maj Kraus, followed by WO I Korosec and Cpl Trummer

On arrival, we were briefed on the mission, the operational tasks and the terrain at different positions in the Buffer Zone. In UNDOF, this is called the AOS (Area of Separation) between the A-side (Israel) and the B-side (Syria). In the AOS, no military personnel or equipment of either of the opposing forces may be deployed, however it may be used for civilian purposes (e.g. farming and housing areas) by the Syrians.



FPM Schwarzenberger, trying to hitch a lift to Mount Hermon

Following the Yom Kippur War and the ensuing cease fire, the deployment of UN troops started and was completed on 19 June 1974. Nowadays, there are two infantry battalions from Austria and Poland and two supply units from Canada and Japan stationed there. The Austrian Camp is in



AUSCON participants of the AUSBATT March

Faouar, where the HQ is also located. AUSBATT has three Coys in the AOS and, compared with Sector Four's area of responsibility in Cyprus, there is a big difference in the high alpine region of the Hermon mountain range where duties vary according to the landscape and weather conditions.

The second reason for the visit was for the three AUSCON teams to take part in the AUSBATT two-day march. Competitors came from Austria, Canada, Japan and Poland: 40 teams with 168 participants in total, of whom 140 finally managed to finish. It commenced on Saturday from the ghost town of Quneitra (900 m above sea level) to POS 10 (1300 m asl) along the 21 km patrol track.

Then on Sunday, a distance of 24 km was covered from POS 10 to Mt Hermon (2816 m asl) with an overall variation in altitude of nearly 2000 m. The second day was even harder, because of the high alpine mountain conditions with steep, stony paths and intense radiation from the sun.

The three AUSCON teams, headed by Maj Kraus, WO II Vieider and WO II Aichmayr respectively, all completed the march. It was an excellent exercise, and everyone left well satisfied with the experience gained. AUSCON is most grateful to AUSBATT for their briefings, their hospitality, and for the first-class organisation of the whole event.



LCpl Jank (left) with WO II Vieider, lamenting over his "lost sole"!



## THE BUFFER ZONE TRIATHLON

In an area where normal activities include the conduct of foot and vehicle patrols, and where fishermen are observed close to the Maritime Security Line, the fourth AUSCON Triathlon was held, with participation not only by members of Sector Four, but also from ARGCON and AUSTCIVPOL. The event took place in the area of the Dherinia Line, starting at UN 146 close to the sea.



It was a classic Triathlon which included swimming (500m), cycling on the patrol track between UN 146 and the SBA frontier and back (22 km) and finally running (5.2 km). As can be seen from the photograph (left), the competition got off to a cool start in the sea, but cycling in the heat and on the dusty patrol track was hard for everyone. Those who were not exhausted by this feat used up the remainder of their energy on the run, and were just happy to see the Finishing Line.

In the end, 22 competitors managed to complete the Triathlon. The fastest times were as follows. Juniors: LCpl Martin Fischer in 1 hr, 14 mins, 53 secs (overall winner), Seniors I: Maj Robert Kraus in 1 hr, 20 mins, 51 secs and Seniors II: WO I Johann Wöchl and WO I Karl Lovse in 1 hr, 15 mins and 39 secs.

The barbecue and the cool, refreshing drinks which followed were yet another part of this enjoyable event.



## MAN'S BEST FRIEND



As the saying goes, man's best friend is his dog. Unfortunately, this does not always apply in Cyprus, particularly within the Buffer Zone where on occasion the dog has become man's worst enemy. Large numbers of wild and semi-wild bondhu dogs roam freely throughout the Buffer Zone, taking full advantage of the remoteness of this relatively uninhabited area. They live in packs, scavenging for food close to areas of human population. They come in all shapes and sizes, from the cute and cuddly Cyprus poodle, to the large, vicious mongrel, often crossbred with German Shepherds and Rottweilers. They are all dangerous and should not be approached.

Children and family pets are most at risk, not only from attack by these dogs, but by the diseases they carry, the most common of which is Echinococcus, a very small parasite that lives in the small intestine. One parasite is capable of producing 700 eggs a day, and it is these

eggs which pollute the infected dogs' surroundings. Infection in humans is caused mainly by the consumption of contaminated food or direct contact with an infected dog. Once swallowed, the eggs hatch in the small intestine and the parasites spread through the bloodstream, causing cysts in the body's tissue. The liver and lungs are also affected.

It is imperative, therefore, that these wild dogs be destroyed. All sightings in the UNPA should be reported to the Military Police whose responsibility it is to destroy the animals. Sightings within the Buffer Zone should be reported to the relevant Sector HQ. During the month of July, an intensive campaign was carried out in an attempt to greatly reduce the bondhu dog population.

Finally, all dog owners are reminded that they should NOT allow their dogs out unsupervised. Any dogs found without a collar and identification tag may be destroyed.





## THE UNFICYP SUMMER GALA



On Wednesday 19 June, the UNFICYP Families Social and Welfare Committee, greatly assisted by all the Sectors, HQ BRITCON and Camp Command, and in particular Ms Gabriella Phillipou, successfully organised a Summer Gala for all the communities on the island. It was a tremendous success, and all those who came and joined in thoroughly enjoyed themselves. There was something for everyone, from the oldest to the youngest.



*Happy children - happy faces!*

The event was not only well attended by a wide range of people from both within and outside the UN, but was also enthusiastically attended by a large number of performers and contributors.

Entertainment was provided by all the sectors as well as local groups, schools and organisations on both sides of the island. It included traditional Greek and Turkish singing and dancing performed by local children, face painting, children's donkey and pony rides, a children's fashion show, children's entertainment and music with an international flavour to reflect the "United Nations" atmosphere.



*Turkish Cypriot children performing by the UNPA pool*



*Ops Branch's One Armed Bandit!*

One of the more amusing and noticeable stands was a "Human One Armed Bandit" with officers from the Operations Branch at Headquarters UNFICYP. This provided not only plenty of fun and laughter, but also plenty of cash for the charities which were to benefit from the Gala.

The charitable aspect of the Gala brought many generous offers from local companies, hotels and restaurants to donate prizes for the Grand Raffle. Over 70 prizes were on offer, ranging from a cruise to the Holy Land to photo frames and writing sets. The financial rewards from the Gala amounted to a remarkable figure of C£2,300.00 which will be donated to a number of charities on both sides of the island.



*Folk dancing by the Greek Cypriot dance group*

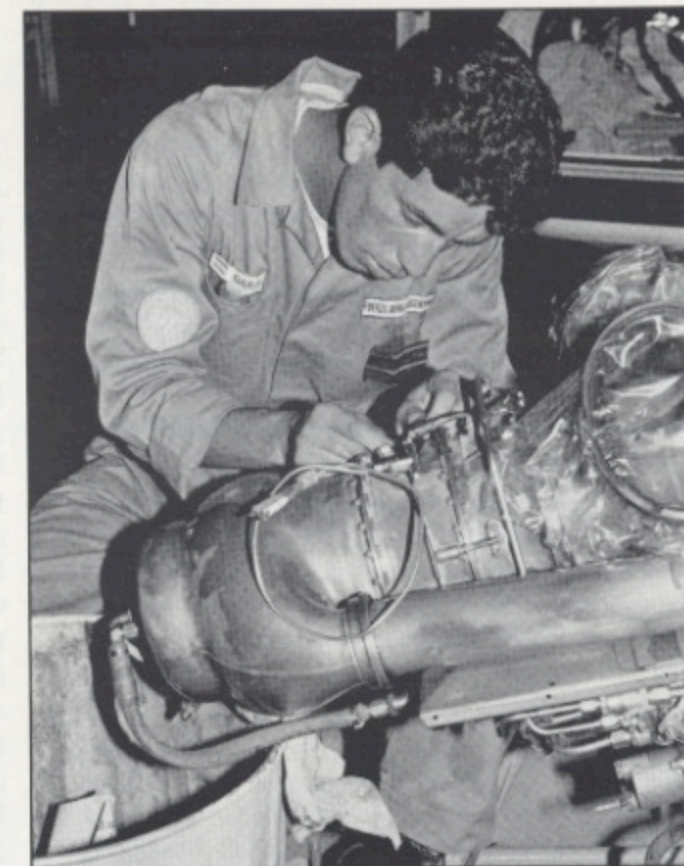
The atmosphere at the Gala was harmonious and warm with some touching scenes of reunions between friends, and a genuine feeling of camaraderie between both communities. No one could doubt that these and other similar bicomunal events should be organised more often.

## OVERALL INSPECTION OF UN FLT HELICOPTERS (MD 500)

The technical inspections carried out on the MD (McDonnell-Douglas) 500 under FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) regulations are each 25 hours, 100 hours and 300 hours. The schedule time is one day, two days and two weeks respectively. The last inspection is the most time-consuming and the most expensive, due to the checking of all the structural components of the helicopter's air-frame such as blades, rotor head, tail rotor, transmission, engine, landing gear, electric harness, gear boxes, instruments, etc. This inspection is the time when the helicopter is completely disassembled and can be upgraded with additional equipment.

To carry out the inspection, UN Flight has a well-trained crew of 11 technicians and one aeronautical engineer, all of whom have a lot of experience working on the MD 500. We also have the assistance of an American FAA inspector, who certifies that the aircraft complies with airworthiness regulations.

Last but not least, the helicopter is extensively flown in order to check the proper functioning of all components and flying qualities by the flight test pilot.



*Sgt Walter García, working on the helicopter's engine*

## VISIT OF HIS LORDSHIP, THE BISHOP OF GALWAY

The Irish Contingent had a very special visitor on Wednesday 26 June - the Bishop of Galway, His Lordship James McLoughlin, who was accompanied by Monsignor Raymond Field, Head Chaplain to the Defence Forces and himself a veteran of overseas service.

The Bishop, a native of Galway City in Ireland and a former Professor of Greek for 11 years in St Mary College, Galway, travelled through Israel, Syria and into Lebanon visiting Irish troops serving with the United Nations. Bishop McLoughlin was briefed at HQ UNFICYP

before visiting the Irish Contingent.

He was given a guided tour of the island and its many historic sites, before returning to the UNPA to hold services for Irish servicemen and their families in St Barnabas Church. He also held an open mass for all UN personnel.

The Bishop greeted everyone personally and showed great interest in all spheres of the UN mission in Cyprus. His visit was particularly welcome, as so many of the small Irish Contingent with UNFICYP are from the west of Ireland.



*From the left: the Bishop of Galway, Lt Col P O'Callaghan (SIO), Comdt J Tolan (OC Camp Command) and Monsignor R Field*



## THE UNFICYP JOINT OPERATIONS CENTRE (JOC)

By Capt E Szenasi

### THE "SOP" STORY - BUT IF YOU FIND IT BORING, READ THE "REAL" STORY!

The JOC is permanently manned by a Duty Officer (DO) and a Duty Radio Operator (DRO). There are three permanent Duty Officers and four Duty Radio Operators.

There is a permanent Senior Duty Officer who is the SO2 Ops (Cur & Trg) (Staff Officer 2 Operations, Current & Training). He does not man the JOC, but is on call 24 hours a day. One of his main tasks is OC (Officer Commanding) of the JOC.

The purpose of the JOC is to deal with a variety of operational matters on a 24-hour basis. Reports from the sectors are sent to the JOC where they are analyzed and put into the Headquarters database, and the necessary action taken accordingly. There is a two-way information flow between all of the UNFICYP sectors/units and the JOC.

The JOC was not, of course, established for the sole purpose of passing information. For example, when a serious incident occurs, the senior JOC staff may be required to work together on duty. Also, in addition to manning the JOC, the DOs have a number of operational tasks to perform on a regular basis.

The Duty Officers provide an early morning brief on a daily basis in order to update the Headquarters staff with current main events on the island. All relevant information is available in the files and in the computer.

### THE "REAL" STORY - INTRODUCTION OF THE DUTY PERSONNEL

The SDO is Maj Marcello Rozas Garay from Argentina, who is a field artilleryman. He is married with three children, and his hobbies include running, football, "reports and sketches".

DO1 is Capt Berndt Wesiak from Austria. He is a militiaman and is married with one child. His hobbies are sailing and flying.

DO2 is Capt Jorge Raul Migliavaca from Argentina. He is a signals officer and is married. His hobby is amateur radio.

DO3 is Capt Endre Szenasi from Hungary. He is a field artilleryman, and he's single - and lonely. His hobbies include photography and developing devastating computer problems!

DRO1 is MCpl Thomas Rabl from a support regiment in Austria. He is single and likes diving and squash.

DRO2, LBdr John Anderton from 39 Regt RA, is qualified in advanced signals and basic guns. His hobbies include any kind of fitness exercise.

DRO3, LBdr Louise Jefferson from 39 Regt RA, is qualified as an advanced soundranger, basic surveyor and basic signaller. She is single, and her hobbies include squash, tennis and hockey.

DRO4, LBdr Lorraine Ford from 39 Regt RA, is an advanced soundranger and advanced surveyor. Lorraine is single, and her hobbies include badminton, swimming and cycling.

### THERE ARE SOME "MAGIC RULES" IN THE JOC

1. Some people enjoy the place so much that they frequently spend their spare time there (the Spokesman is a real nuisance...)
2. Some people are magnets for events: their log sheets are always full, whilst others are always empty.
3. There is no such thing as an accurate report - only problems undiscovered before the morning briefing.
4. Fingerprints on the viewfoils must be avoided at all costs, especially when they are not actually fingerprints but only a number of tiny scratches which simply look like fingerprints. (One clever method of achieving this is to put a "foggy" foil on the original....)
5. Handwriting must be childish - otherwise it is considered "illegible".
6. It is obligatory for some of the equipment to be occasionally out of order - it doesn't matter if it is the computer, copying machine or door bell.
7. A Duty Officer, amongst a thousand and one real and imaginary mistakes, can be the cause of two major problems, emphasized by certain senior officers:
  - a. Not asking questions from the sectors and therefore not correcting the reports, which is "unacceptable".
  - b. Asking questions from the sectors, thus scaring them from submitting further reports. This is more than likely to result in the sectors starting a cover-up operation for the passage of information to the HQ. This is against the main rules of the Headquarters and is obviously "unacceptable".
8. The JOC is the best, and most efficient, place on the island - even though some officials may deny this.



Maj Garay



Capt Wesiak



Capt Migliavaca



Capt Szenasi



LBdr Jefferson



LBdr Anderton



MCpl Rabl



LBdr Ford

## CANADIAN CONTINGENT: CHANGE OF COMMAND

On 28 June, Capt Mike Beauvais handed over command of CANCON to Capt Perry Gray in a brief ceremony in front of the International Mess.

Capt Beauvais and his family are returning to Canada where Mike will be serving as an instructor at Canadian Forces Base Borden, which is located about 100 km north of Toronto, Ontario. The Base is one of the largest military training facilities in Canada, and Capt Beauvais will be instructing on a variety of basic and advanced training courses for the next few years.

Capt Gray is reporting from National Defence Headquarters where he was a staff officer involved in national and international operations. This included a two-year tour providing support to Canadian military forces assigned to UNPROFOR.



Capt Gray (left) taking over from Capt Beauvais

## FINNISH CONTINGENT'S MEDAL PARADE AND DEFENCE FORCES FLAG DAY

On 4 June 1996 at 1100 hours, there was a wreath-laying ceremony at Kykko Camp, UNPA. This event was followed by a Finnish Medal Parade which was held at the Officers' Club. UN medals and silver numerals were presented to the FC, Brig Gen Vartiainen, Maj Jaakkola and WOI Perttula.

From left to right: WOI Perttula, Staff Asst to the Force Commander, Mrs M Perttula, Maj J Jaakkola, Finnish Contingent Commander, Mrs K Jaakkola, Mr Demosthenis Severis, Consul General for Finland, Mr M Vanttaja, Chief Procurement Officer, Mr H Hamalainen, Claims Officer, Mrs M Lammi, Mr Risto Lammi, Vice Consul for Finland, Mrs D Severis and HE Ambassador to Finland, Mr A Tanner





## AUSTRIAN ARMY MUSEUM VISITS SECTOR FOUR

The Austrian Army Museum is located in Vienna in a bright, old building in the third district, and has on display a wide range of interesting and unique show pieces, particularly from the Habsburg era. Anyone who happens to be in Vienna should not miss a visit to this Museum. However, there is nothing good that cannot be improved upon...

That is why scientific consultants from the Museum came to Cyprus for a tour of Sector Four's area in the hope of finding old and interesting pieces worthy of display in a new department of the Museum, representing the history of the Austrian Armed Forces in UN peace-keeping missions. Col J Prikovitsch and Capt A Steiger were successful in their efforts, and at the end of their one week visit, much had been discovered.



But can anyone tell why Capt Steiger (see above) was balancing high up on the Venetian Wall in Famagusta, and what exactly was he trying to find there??

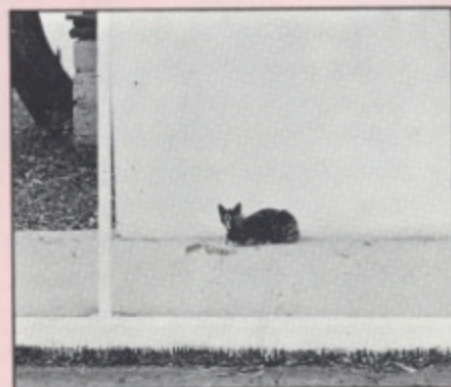
### THE GUARDHOUSE CAT

The main camp of AUSCON is Camp Duke Leopold V (CDL V) in Famagusta. Although it is old, the living conditions there are quite good, due mainly to our engineers who constantly try to improve the camp. Thus, some cats have chosen the area around different messes and accommodation buildings for their "main place of residence".

Some soldiers like this, some don't. I myself do, because I like animals and find it interesting to observe them. For instance, most cats stay together in groups. However, there is one cat which goes its own way, and always stays alone in the area of the guardhouse at the main gate. That is why she is called the "guardhouse cat". She is very clever, because staying alone means she doesn't fight with other cats, and she also gets all the attention from the soldiers on duty at the gate.

The cat even seems to have adopted some military behavioural patterns. When the guard leaves the house to open the gate, the cat sometimes follows him

quickly, sitting close to his feet and watching carefully those who pass by. Lately, the main gate was closed for a couple of days for repair. The soldiers changed to another gate, but the cat stayed in her domicile until her friends returned. During that time, I took some pictures of her, waiting patiently for old companions.



### OLD CITY RUN QUIZ

Readers will remember from the July edition of the Blue Beret that a "competition with a difference" dominated the centre pages! Although many entries were received, there were only three correct answers with the following combinations:

A/2  
B/3  
C/1  
D/5  
E/4

As it happened, all winners were from the Garay family, in the following order: first came Santiago, followed by Manuel and then Susana Rozas Garay. A photograph of the winners and their prizes will be published in next month's Blue Beret.

All articles by Capt S Perr



## AUSTCIVPOL 48TH CONTINGENT



AUSTCIVPOL 48th Contingent members arrived in Cyprus on 18 April 1996 for a six-month tour.

They replace the 46th Contingent members, who have left for home with fond memories of friendships formed in UNFICYP's multi-national mission.

### S/Sgt Bert Kuijpers

joined the Police Force in 1971 after six years of Army Service in Australia, Vietnam and Malaya. He has served in all areas of police work including 12½ years in the CID. S/Sgt Kuijpers was designated a Detective in 1977 and was promoted to the rank of Detective Sergeant in 1982. He served with the UN in Cyprus in 1989, Cambodia in 1991/92 and Mozambique in 1994.



### Sgt Denis Apps

is 34 and married to Linda. He joined the AFP in 1984 and has worked in Canberra in Legal Services, Communications, Diplomatic and Consulate Security Branch and General Duties. In 1990 he became a pursuit motorcyclist, and later a pursuit driver in the Central Traffic Branch, where he worked prior to his arrival in Cyprus.



### Sgt Denise Cosgrove

joined the AFP in 1987. She is a detective and has worked in both Sydney and Brisbane in General and Major Fraud, Drug Operations Branch, Surveillance, Airport Branch and Criminal Assets Investigations. Currently



she is completing a BA through Griffith University, majoring in Police Studies and Psychology.

### Sgt Peter Crozier

is 28 years old and single. He joined the AFP in 1987. He is a designated detective having worked both nationally and in community policing areas of the AFP. His hobbies include rugby and golf.



### Sgt David Hall

is 28 years of age and single. He joined the AFP in 1987 and has worked in Canberra in general duties and juvenile aid. Sgt Hall served in Cyprus previously in 1991. He is a part-time member of the Police Rescue Squad, and his hobbies include scuba diving and cooking.



### Sgt David McCarthy

is 28 years of age and married to Kate. He has been in the AFP for 10 years and has worked in Canberra for eight years in Community Policing, CIB and the Bomb Squad. Sgt McCarthy has also performed duties nationally in Fraud and Drug Squads. He served in Cyprus in 1991, and his hobbies include camping, travelling, rugby and flying model aircraft.



### Sgt Bruce Hayward

is 45 years of age and married with three children. He has been in the AFP for 20 years and has worked in Canberra in General Duties, CIB and VIP Protection. His hobbies include fresh water fishing, swimming and football.



### Sgt Andrew McClelland

has been a police officer since 1979 when he joined the Royal Ulster Constabulary in Northern Ireland. In 1987, Sgt McClelland emigrated to Australia and joined the AFP. He is currently stationed as a detective in Sydney and has worked mostly in the Drug Operations Division. His wife Louise and baby son Conor have recently joined him in Cyprus.



### Sgt Dale Widders

is 29 years of age and not yet married. He joined the AFP in 1987, and has worked in Sydney as a Detective, predominantly in the Drug Operations Division. He has also undertaken duties in the Criminal Intelligence Branch. Prior to arriving in Cyprus, Sgt Widders was seconded to the Commission of Inquiry into the Seaview Air Disaster.







## RESERVE EXERCISE IN SECTOR ONE



On 25 June, an exercise took place in Sector One in which reserves from all Sectors within UNFICYP, including the Permanent Force Reserve and elements of AUSTCIVPOL, were involved.



Sector Four personnel on the hot, dusty march in the BZ

This exercise took place in the Buffer Zone between UN 20 and UN 21. It began with a march on difficult terrain over a total distance of 5 km, during which several events took place which demanded a lot of effort on behalf of the participants.



Lt Fernandez, tending to the wounded of Sector Two's reserve

Exercises commenced with an air MEDEVAC involving helicopters from UN Flight evacuating the wounded from Sectors Two and Four. Once



Sector Two reserves and AUSTCIVPOL containing a "demo"

this had been completed, the march continued, however not long after, all Sector reserves were involved in containing a simulated demonstration where rioters attempted to enter the Buffer Zone.

Once the "demonstrators" had been evicted from the Buffer Zone, the exercise continued with a minefield. The exercise participants therefore had



An Argentinian soldier climbing down the mountain face

to descend from a height by rope in order to continue along the designated route.

At midday, the last event took place which involved a shooting exercise in an abandoned mine, with all reserves finishing in good form. Sector One's Supply Coy then provided most welcome refreshments.

### TALKING OF MILITARY SKILLS....

An all-island Photographic Competition and exhibition, organised by the Ayios Nikolaos Photo Society, took place recently. Sector Four's Press Officer, Capt Siegfried Perr, took part in this event and submitted three of his favourite photographs.



The photograph shown above, which won the title of Best Action Photo, depicts the Austrian team taking part in the UNFICYP Military Skills Competition. On 28 June, Capt Perr was awarded his prize at the Mercury Theatre in Ayios Nikolaos. Congratulations!

## THE ARGENTINIAN NATIONAL DAY

BY LT COL GUSTAVO CALVI

According to the UN calendar, the Argentinian National Day is scheduled for 25 May. In fact, the real date which is celebrated annually in Argentina is 9 July.

The history behind this important anniversary goes back to the early nineteenth century. In Argentina, as in most of Spanish America, the independence movement was precipitated mainly by Napoleon's intervention in Spain, beginning in 1808. On May 25, 1810, an autonomous government was set up in Buenos Aires to administer the viceroyalty of La Plata in the name of Ferdinand VII, pending his reinstatement. The so-called May Revolution was not staged against the Spanish Crown, but rather against Spanish power, administered at the time by King José Bonaparte (brother of Napoleon), who banished and imprisoned the former Kings of Spain, Ferdinand VII and Carlos IV.

Because of the illegitimacy of the Government set up by the invaders, the people of what was then known as the United Provinces of the River Plate made an historic decision. Having been influenced by the French Revolution, the US War of Independence and, in general, by the American free thinkers, they decided to liberate themselves from all foreign power, installing the first patriotic government approved by the majority of the local population.

The Spanish reacted immediately, triggering the War of Independence which lasted from 1810 to 1817, at the end of which Spanish power in the colonies was completely eliminated.

Whilst liberty was being established throughout the country, a meeting was held on 31 January 1813, during which the elected deputies approved the following declarations:

1. To give freedom to all people born in the territory as from that date onwards.
2. To abolish slavery.
3. To approve the national anthem, the national flag and the coat of arms.
4. To install a democratic government.
5. To suppress titles of nobility.

6. To establish the first Military Academy.

On 9 July 1816, Congress gathered in the Northern Province of Tucumán and formally declared the independence of the territories of the United Province of the River Plate. The Constitution was approved much later by the General Assembly on 18 April 1853.

National consolidation was achieved following the Confederation Wars, the war against the Brazilian Empire and the action taken against the blockade attempt by the Anglo/French coalition on 20 November 1845, after both powers had accepted Argentinian sovereignty over its territories.



### ARGENTINIAN JOURNALIST VISITS SECTOR ONE



Lt (Navy) Cattardi, briefing Mr Vega on his responsibilities in UN 42

Between 18 and 20 June, Mr Alfredo Vega, a journalist from Argentina, visited Sector One. Mr Vega attended the ARGCON medal parades in General San Martín and in General Roca Camps, and was also present at the ceremony on 20 June in Admiral Brown Camp where the Argentinian Flag Day was celebrated.

Mr Vega was briefed by the UNFICYP Spokesman in the Headquarters, and was then taken on a tour of Nicosia, followed by a line tour to Charlie Coy and various areas of responsibility within Sector One.





# THE UNFICYP GALA

Photo by Sgt Bobbie Lipsett



DR JOHN OKORO, THE MILITARY PRIEST IN THE AUSTRIAN CONTINGENT,  
PLAYING THE DRUMS AT THE UNFICYP GALA