THE HUMANITARIAN CELL
HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES IN UNFICYP
by Maj J R Charlesworth RTR

“So what exactly do you do?” I have lost count of the number of times I have heard that question in the last few months. As yet, I don’t believe that I have given a full and honest answer. Maybe now is the time to come clean and dispel the myth of the Humanitarian Cell. The qualities needed to become a successful ‘Humanitarian’ are many and varied. However, the main attributes looked for when selecting an officer for team were tolerance, compassion and a sense of diplomacy and tact. The men chosen were WO2 Fisher, SSgt Thornton and Sgt Longmox. I leave it to those of you who know them to judge as to whether or not they fit the bill.

We arrived in Cyprus on 1 December 1993, all of us is except WO2 Fisher, who arrived one week earlier with the pre advance party (the latter reminds me that he is a ‘veteran’ of the island). As with everyone, the learning curve was steep during the handover period. We learnt that there are two basic aspects to the job: humanitarian and economic. After the 1974 events, significant numbers of people moved from the north to the south and vice versa: nearly 200,000 Greek and Turkish Cypriots were involved in this movement. However, there were still groups in both parts of the island, with about 500 Greek Cypriots and 200 Maronites still living in the north and 300 Turks in the south.

It is a task of the Humanitarian Cell to go into the northern parts of the island and deliver food, medicine, butane gas and some clothing to the Maronites and some elderly Greek Cypriot citizens. These supplies are provided by the Government of Cyprus. As well as delivering this aid, we ensure that these groups are being fairly treated. We are escorted on these patrols by a Turkish Cypriot police inspector, Inspector Nati, with whom the job would be proportionately more difficult.

Since the Buffer Zone, the area of land between the two 1974 Cease Fire Lines, makes up about 3% of the land mass of the island, it is important that as much normal life and business as possible is allowed to carry on. Sgt Longmox, from the west country, naturally enough looks after the farmers in the 2 RTR Sector, and SSgt Thornton the business in the city of Nicosia. Anyone wanting to farm or open a business in the Buffer Zone must be allowed to carry on the Humanitarian officer of land or property ownership, and we must be certain that there is no operational or security risk by allowing access. Once this is considered, it is natural that ‘business’ is discussed of an evening, over a meal and a bottle or two of beer, and it seems to be the local custom that decisions are not rushed into!

The natural split of responsibilities between city and farming, Thornton and Longmox, is working well. SSgt Thornton has an affinity for the ‘deal’ and bartering comes naturally. Sgt Longmox, on the other hand, is able to chew on a piece of straw and chat to local farmers until the goats come home!

WO2 Fisher delves into both aspects of the job, and, since memories not to lock his keys in the bathroom, is sure that he will be seen out and about much more!

One member of the team whom I have not yet mentioned is Capt Starling, an Austrian Officer posted to Cyprus for a year as a Military Observer. Not only has his local knowledge proved to be invaluable, but he has shown himself well up to the task of coping with Tankie SNCOs, the British sense of humour and, of course, the myriad of unusual tasks presented.

Contrary to popular belief, the Humanitarian job is not all beer and kebabs. We have had the odd moments of crisis: rivers overflowing and threatening to wash away the Patrol Truck; mysterious rubbish dumping in the Buffer Zone; farmers illegally rebuilding pieces of real estate, goats and sheep straying where they shouldn’t, the office computer catching a virus and Capt Starling redesigning the front of his Jeep (although he claims that he was just a passenger). All of the above combine to make the job in the Humanitarian Cell one of the best in the Sector.

There is very little on a day-to-day basis of a routine or mundane nature. We are able to see the direct results of our work, by it taking supplies to the Maronites in the north, arranging family meetings or allowing a farmer to farm a piece of previously unoccupied land. Now we are nearing the end of our tour, there is a very real sense of achievement amongst the ‘H’ Team. I hope that I have gone some way to answering the question at the beginning of the article... although it would be an unwise man who gives away all his secrets!


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CAMP COMMAND
UP AND RUNNING
by Commandant J Cummins

As reported by script and photograph, Camp Command has arrived and taken up duty in UNIFICYP. We, for a unit so small, 16 all ranks plus two attached to the Fox HQ, have a considerable task and challenge before us. To be honest, our first week in the UNPA was long, unsettling, slightly unnerving and very disorientating, despite the attempt by our pathfinder, Capt Liam O’Carroll, to get us orientated and briefed.

This, of course, is normal with any individual or unit being introduced to a new task and area. However, after week two, we were well focussed and “champing at the bit”, so to speak, to be started.

L/S Nugent checking Force Reserve weapons.

they completed their briefings... There was one exception, however. It was Flight. No, they were not prepared to let us fly their helicopters, but they have since looked to “lift” our types!

Now for our tasks. They are accommodation of all ranks in BBC; responsibility for all accommodation in the UNPA (less BRP property); fuel (gas) repairs; renovations; laundry; furnishings.

RSM S McKenna, the Sgt Major for Blue Beret Camp

At this point, I would like to thank everyone who briefed us for their patience and professionalism. Some, needless to say, saw us return and intrude on their line more than others, and these we would especially like to thank for their advice, open door policy and friendliness.

“What is Camp Command’s task?” one may well ask. The answer is, “everything”. While we sincerely thank everyone for their briefing, etc. as mentioned above, all of them were also only too willing to hand us tasks for our attention before

Sgt Ronnie Howe and Cpl Christy Feeney, preparing for the hot weather.

bar management in the International Mess; pest control (human and insect); garrison cleanliness; garrison discipline, weapons and ammo storage; concessionaires accommodation; all recreation and welfare activities in the UNPA and the organisation of UNIFICYP’s sporting and military competitions. I have omitted a few other tasks that have not definitely been handed on to us as yet.

By the way, as you read this magazine today, did you know that one of our members has a major input to the Blue Beret? He is, of course, the Force Photographer, Sgt Stephen Talbot. You see, we are everywhere!

COMS Charlie Loughman, the BBC Quartermaster.

To most members of UNIFICYP, the Army Air Corps contingent is probably seen as just another asset that the Force has at its disposal to monitor and maintain the status quo along the Buffer Zone. However, behind the routine of daily flight tasking which contingent members see, our small Flight of only 19 men is as busy as any other unit in UNIFICYP.

The Force Commander being given a demonstration of the Gazelle helicopter underslung load capability.

As well as helping the contingents on the line with their VIP visits by flying liaison and Buffer Zone familiarization trips, we also host our own VIPs and senior officers. In the past few weeks, we have been visited by the Director Army Air Corps, Maj Gen SW St J Lyte, and we have also presented an Aviation Awareness Day to the Force Commander and other UNIFOCY officials. 19 April saw us hosting the Ops Officers’ Conference. This may not sound much, but with only 19 men and up to five flying tasks a day to carry out, it keeps us on our toes. In addition, we provide one aircraft and duty crew on 45 minutes’ notice to move every day of the year.

The Flight OC, Maj Tim Sharp, being prepared for a good soaking on his birthday. Despite rumours to the contrary, he is not yet 50!

I shall finish with a few facts and figures you might find interesting:

- For every hour’s flight, it takes 3.7 hours’ work on the aircraft.
- The three aircraft use a total of 12,000 litres of fuel a month.
- The Force flies 1,080 hours a year.
- The Gazelle helicopter is cleared to operate up to 14,000 feet above sea level.

So remember, next time you see a Gazelle flying by, there is more to flying than meets the eye!

Happy landings!

SSgt Colin Whitley and members of the Flight celebrate his reaching 2,000 flying hours.
EASTER AT AUSCON - A RELIGIOUS REVIEW

This year, Passion Week was celebrated by AUSCON with a number of events in order to enable as many soldiers and their relatives as possible to participate.

On Holy Thursday the cleansing of the feet ceremony took place at the Austrian Club in the Headquarters in Nicosia. Following that, the traditional Holy Thursday meal (spinach with roast potatoes) was served. Easter Candle: Chaplain Krepper explaining the meaning of "Alpha" and "Omega".

All these events, celebrated as field masses, gave an opportunity to all participants to ponder on nature and the origins of mankind. It was a chance to celebrate Easter in an unusual fashion, thus gaining a different impression of one of the most important Christian holidays.

Veneration of the Cross, made and decorated in Camp Izay

On Good Friday, the "Veneration of the Cross" took place in Camp Berger, followed by two Easter vigils on Easter Saturday in Camp Izay, Athienou and in Ayia Marina near Dhekelia.

As the highlight of the Holy Week, a service took place at sunrise on Easter Sunday in the ancient basilica of Campasopetra in the ruins of Salamis. The series of Christian holidays ended with another service in Ayios Neophytos near Troulli on Easter Monday.

A long felt wish of Chaplain Krepper comes true: Resurrection service at sunrise in Salamis

MUCH WORK FOR SECTOR FOUR'S LINE SECTION

Due to the desolate state of the telephone lines in Camp Duke Leopold V, the line section of Sector Four's Signal Platoon has been very busy renewing them, thus preparing and facilitating the installation of a completely new exchange system.

A large number of lines had to be changed and, in addition, all subscribers to the system were to be provided with new electronic telephones.

Cpl M Unterweger at his sometimes dangerous work.

THE FORCE COMMANDER VISITS SECTOR FOUR

On Thursday 24 March, the Force Commander visited Sector Four. After his arrival at Camp Duke Leopold V in Famagusta, the Sector's Headquarters, Maj Gen Minenhane was given a briefing by the SOO, Maj P Pocher and the SHO, Maj G Schweiger, on on-going incidents and the humanitarian situation in Sector Four. He was then offered the compulsory "Apfelstrudel" (apple pie) and coffee in the CDL Medical Centre.

The next station was IRGIPC/10's Famagusta Detachment. Following that, the Force Commander was, for the first time, given a briefing on the fenced city of Varosha on top of OPT A-16 in the city centre between OPs A-15 and A-30, where the few people who have the chance to visit this area are usually taken.

Finally, Maj Gen Minenhane paid a visit to the world- (or at least UNIFCYP-) famous OP A-28, Sector Four's "beach resort", where in the process of tasting Austrian culinary highlights such as Kaiser- schmarrn and Goldfassl Beer, the secrets of the Maritime Security Line were disclosed to him.

At 1400 hrs, the FC left Sector Four by helicopter, after what we hope was a successful and satisfactory tour.

"HIS MAJESTY, THE EMPEROR OF ATHENION", HAS GONE

From 8 to 15 March, AUSCON had their first rotation this year. Among those leaving were two officers, well known even beyond the sector boundaries. Maj HL Reisinger, Ops Info and the Unit PIO, and Maj JM ZPC???? Hohenbu?hel, the SHO. Both had the name of being reliable officers, with a well developed sense of humour.

Maj Hohenbühel, who has served with UNIFCYP for no less than 20 months, was presented with a gigantic box containing a small but very useful gift. Unfortunately, it is impossible to give further details, as a total news ban has been imposed on this issue.

Maj Reisinger, who was crowned "Emperor of Athienou" in August 1993, held his last official reception - and then abdicated! To facilitate the continuation of his numerous night-long campaigns, he was presented with "CIVILIZATION", a computer game he used to play - for training purposes of course!

The gaps in Sector Four have already been filled. The newly arrived officers are confidently looking forward to their interesting tasks in the next eight to twelve months.

Maj H Reisinger in full dress. The "Emperor of Athienou" at his last official reception.
On Wednesday 4 May 1994, the soldiers of the 2nd Royal Tank Regiment were presented with their United Nations medals by the UNFICYP Force Commander, Major General Michael F Minehana, the Resident Representative of the Secretary General, Mr. Gustave Feissel, the acting British High Commissioner, Mr. Colin Jennings, and Air Commodore Tony McKeon, CBE, AFC, RAF, Chief of Staff, HQ SFC.

The Medal Parade was conducted in the car park of the once popular five star Ledra Palace Hotel. This is the first time a British Unit has used this venue for such an event in 20 years of service to the UN in Cyprus.

The Ledra Palace Hotel was built after World War II, and was opened for use in 1949. It was named after the ancient town of Ledra, near which it was built. An extension of the north side of the Hotel was completed just before the events in 1974, and ironically, these rooms were first used by the UN. During the fighting, the hotel was occupied by some 380 civilians and a platoon of National Guardsmen.

After some fierce fighting, the Canadian UN troops managed to secure a cease-fire, and retained the hotel in what is now the Buffer Zone between the National Guard and Turkish Forces.

Some 200 multi-national guests sat down to watch the parade, which saw 150 soldiers from the Regiment together with the Band of the 2nd Royal Tank Regiment and a Piper from our sister Regiment, 1 RTR, perform. As was expected, the parade, although simple by Guards' standards, proved to be a well-rehearsed success, much to the credit of the Regimental Sergeant Major, WO1 (RSM) DJ Lacome, and his host of helpers.

It was a truly auspicious occasion, enjoyed by spectators and participants alike, which marked the final month of our commitment to UNFICYP. On that happy note, and on behalf of the Commanding Officer, Lt Col Stephen White MBE, we, the 2nd Royal Tank Regiment, would like to thank all our UNFICYP friends and neighbours for their camaraderie and kindness.

We wish you well and bid you a fond farewell.

Fear Naught
After a month or so, agreement was finally reached. Naturally, there were details to sort out - like insurance coverage, how to attach UN MEDEVAC signs to the ambulances, the process for AUSTCIVPOL to escort the ambulances and similar matters.

Finally, in late January of this year, the first MEDEVAC exercise was conducted. An exercise scenario was developed and pre-tested prior to its taking place. At the commencement, the Greek Cypriot ambulance arrived at the Checkpoint with a patient suffering from a heart attack (actually, it was the very lively Sgt Christine Radley from AUSTCIVPOL). The AUSTCIVPOL escort arrived in the form of Sgt George Argenti. Appropriate details were gained by Sgt Argenti, the UN MEDEVAC signs were attached and the original number plates covered up. All of this, of course, was monitored by the CHO, whose camera was very active.

As the escort approached the South Leda Checkpoint, a sense of apprehension was felt.

Would the ambulance be allowed to proceed? Clearly for the Cypriot Police staff at this Checkpoint, this was an event quite outside their previous experiences. After a short delay, the UN escort and Turkish Cypriot ambulance were able to proceed, and a short time later, it arrived at the Nicosia General Hospital.

The staff at the Hospital responded well to this event, and the patient was safely transferred into the Casualty Section. It was a most unusual sight to see the different ambulances parked outside this area. Naturally, it aroused quite a lot of interest by other hospital staff and members of the public. The local media made an appearance and recorded the event.

The patient, Sgt Christine Radley, in very good hands!

session took place shortly after that. The first live MEDEVAC adopting the new procedures occurred the following day. It was an elderly male from Nizokarpaso, who was suffering from a broken and badly infected leg. The MEDEVAC proceeded without difficulty, and a sense of relief could be felt at the successful conclusion of the first genuine case.

Since the first such exercise, there have been eight MEDEVACs with patients ranging from a premature baby, a teenage female to elderly folk. The process has become almost routine for AUSTCIVPOL members.

Plans are now under way to extend the MEDEVAC service, which hopefully will enable the free flow of ambulances from both north and south through the Leda Checkpoint.

The success of this process is largely due to innovative thought, a determination to succeed, good co-operation from the various elements within UNFICYP, and, of course, the co-operation of both sides.

**THE MOWAG APC**

The MOWAG Armoured Personnel Carrier, which has been used by the Argentine Army since the 1970s, has proven its reliability in such missions as reconnaissance, scouting and fire support. It also has excellent results on different kinds of terrain in our country, such as the Andes Mountains, the Patagonia South Desert and the Pampa Plain.

Amongst its features are flexibility and speed (max 100 kph). This version has a three-man crew (driver, radio operator and gunner) and can provide transportation for a four-man team. Missiles or 20mm/35mm guns can be fitted.

The MOWAG is amphibious and can pass over vertical obstacles of 0.60m high, through trenches of 2.31m and up a 60% gradient. The autonomy is 503 km.

The MOWAG APC

The MOWAG is an efficient APC for the deployment of UNFICYP's Reserve Platoons, wherever and whenever they may be required to improve the capabilities of peace-keeping troops in Cyprus.

ForcE COMMANDer'S TACTICAL CONFERENCE IN SECTOR ONE

by Lt (Navy) Carlos Kammerath

The Force Commander's Tactical Conference was hosted by Sector One on 11 March 1994. It started at Skoutoussia Camp with a briefing concerning some of the most important issues in UNFICYP.

The Sector activity involved the APCs which the unit brought from Argentina. ARGON provides UNFICYP with the French made MOWAG 4X4A and the French made Panhard. Instructors, Lt(Amy) Roberto dello Russo and Lt(Navy) Leonardo Maurizio, were responsible for providing detailed and thorough technical briefings.

Unfortunately, due to heavy rain, a driving course for the soldiers attending the Conference was cancelled. However, they were all able to take the Advanced Armour Crash Course, and passed with outstanding marks.

Attendees of the FC's Tactical Conference.

Fortunately, it was possible to organize a patrolling ride to the Lefka Road. The COS showed a great deal of excitement and we successfully drove a MOWAG - at a prudent speed of course!

Finally, the Tactical Conference finished with a gourmet lunch at Viking Camp.
AYIA NAPA DETACHMENT UN MP ELEMENT (BAYWATCH II)

by Sgt M Beasley

Fri 1 Apr 94 (symbolic) saw the opening of the Ayia Napa Detachment of the UN MP Element (Baywatch II). The Detachment is located at 99 Tefkrou Anthia Street, which runs parallel to the main promenade of Nissi Ave and is about half a kilometre from Nissi Beach. The duty room is contactable by telephone on (03) 721240, and, if not manned, a message can be left on the answering machine. If the detachment is unmanned and your query is urgent or you require immediate Military Police assistance, the UN MP duty room at Nicosia (tel: 02 359666) should be contacted and they will task the Ayia Napa patrol by radio.

The incumbents of this much-sought-after post for 1994 are Det Commander WO2 Mark Sakopanik from Austria and Sgt Mark Beasley from BRITCOM. They are assisted by a man from the Nicosia Police, a local high-profile patrol of the town area during night-time. At weekends, there is also a joint patrol over Ayia Napa by the RMP Dhekelia and UN MPs. As is common with all Military Police units, the role of this Detachment is not only the maintenance of discipline and the prevention of crime by UNFICYP personnel in the Ayia Napa area, but also to assist and offer aid to any member of the Force. To this end, no service man (or woman, of course) should hesitate to contact us if they encounter any problems.

When in a place such as Ayia Napa, they are very much in the public eye, and, as such, they should act in such a manner so as not to reflect the Force in a bad light. Drivers of all Force vehicles should ensure that they are properly parked and secured at all times whilst in the Ayia Napa area. One of the roles of the UN MP in Ayia Napa is to carry out routine checks on all Force vehicles.

And on that serious note, we will take our leave, the staff of the Ayia Napa Detachment look forward to meeting you - under pleasant circumstances of course!

Sgt Mark Beasley

The Det Commander, WO2 Mark Sakopanik, with the latest in detection pinatas.

On the other side of the coin, personnel should be aware that (God forbid) get into any trouble. The reason for this is that due to the legalities of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1986 (which the British are governed by), no other Force MPs can normally interview British soldiers under caution. However, they can still deal with them in every other aspect of their work, from taking statements to arrests.

As well as dealing with the daily occurrences within Cyprus (those who don't quite warrant SIS investigation), the Force handles the myriad of enquiries that are forwarded from RMP units in the UK and BAdR which need statements to be taken. However, they can still deal with them in every other aspect of their work, from taking statements to arrests.

There has recently been a reduction in the number of BRITCOM MPs within the UN MP Element. So much so that there are now no British MPs working on the daily shift patrols. Due to this reduction, a re-organisation has taken place within the unit and a Unit Investigation Element (UIE) has been formed. The UIE is situated next to the Police Station, and is manned during office hours by Sgt Chris Leeson RMP.

The main role of the UIE is to provide a reactive BRITCOM MP capability, excluding the Ayia Napa area, which is covered by Sgt Beasley RMP at Ayia Napa Detachment. A deal with British UN personnel who

NEW INVESTIGATION OFFICE

Wayne’s Keep Centenaph at dawn:
Sgt Chris Leeson reading Binyan's lines.

Following the service, the Contingent welcomed guests to a "Gunfire Breakfast" at the International Mess, where the traditional shots of Burschel Rum were served in the breakfast coffee, as was served to the paratroopers and Kiwis prior to the landing at Gallipoli.

At 7.30 am, the Australian and New Zealand flags were raised at Australian House, and Police Overseas Service Medals were presented by HE Mr Edward Stevens to Cmdr Harry Dales, Sgt Sgts Dale Brown and Anne Delia and Sgts Bruce Harris, Alan Le-Lavre, Brett Poole and Christine Radley.

A special ANZAC day Commemoration Service was organized by the Australian High Commission at St Paul’s Anglican Cathedral in Nicosia. The officiating Chaplain was the Right Reverend John Brown, the Bishop of Cyprus and the Gulf. The service was well attended and a moving address by HE Mr Edward Stevens was given. The guest party, consisting of Stn Sgt Paul Spiers and Sgts Bruce Harris and Tony Pethbridge, provided a fitting dignity to the occasion. The Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Bugler-Major MacLoed. Of course, the informal celebrations in the afternoon were a big success and very enjoyable, thanks to all the efforts of many members of the Contingent, especially Grant Schultz, Anne Brooks, Dean Manning and Lynne Drake, now famous for her original recipe “ANZAC biscuits. An “emotional” game of “two-up” was presided over by an equaly “tired and emotional” Mess President, Paul Spier.

In Australia, ANZAC day means many things to different people. Having experienced only 200 years of non-aboriginal settlement, Australia is now the homeland for people whose ancestry comes from many nations around the world, including countries that fought against Australians in various wars. Yet, blame and accustation is not part of the feeling of this day: a true bonding and acknowledgement of the many contributions of all runs deeply throughout the celebration.

Once again, the correct balance of commemoration and celebration was maintained, providing a fitting tribute to those who gave their lives for freedom.

Binyan’s Lines

From the left: HE Mr Edward Stevens, Mr Tony Christodoulou, Maj Gen Michael Minchane and Cmdr Harry Dales.

May 1994

25 APRIL 1994 - ANZAC DAY

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them."
IRCIVPOL NEWS

THE FIRST 21/C DEPARTS

Wednesday 20th April saw the departure of Superintendent James Noonan, 21/C of IRCIVPOL, on completion of his six months tour of duty with UNFICYP.

Jim departed with mixed feelings - happy to be going home, but sad at leaving behind so many new friends. As with all the other members of the IRCIVPOL Contingent, this was his first tour of duty with the UN. As it was also the first IRCIVPOL Contingent to be deployed with UNFICYP, Jim can be very proud of his pioneering role and the rapid and efficient manner in which the unit deployed and became operational.

We wish Jim well on his return to "normality" back home. Thanks for the memories.

Inspector Mike Hoare.

NEW ARRIVALS AT IRCIVPOL

February saw the arrival of two new members of the IRCIVPOL Contingent, Sergeant Terry McGinn and Officer Michael Kelly. Terry is based in Famagusta, while Michael is based in Athienou.

Terry joined the police force in 1982 and has served as a patrol officer and in the anti-terrorist section as a member of a surveillance team. He successfully underwent a surveillance course with the FBI.

Prior to her arrival in Cyprus, Terry was a member of a working party within the Irish Police Force investigating equal opportunities, a subject she feels very strongly about. It is expected that she will be promoted to the rank of Inspector in May.

Michael's hobbies include athletics and cooking, and she is endeavouring to learn the game of golf.

Michael (right) joined the force in 1982, and has spent all his service to date in the border division of Louth. He has undergone specialist training in firearms, narcotics and communications.

Michael is single (so far) and is a keen all-round sportsman, having played for the force team in the European Police Championships in Malmo, Sweden in 1988. Cycling is another of his interests, and he has taken part in numerous long-distance cycling events, usually in an effort to collect funds for charity.

The UN team, left to right: Lt Col Augustine Luna, Lt Col Juan Durante, Lt Col Carlos Simonini and Maj Paul Scott-Masson.

The game was attended by Maj Gen Alex Harley, Commander British Forces Cyprus, and Maj Gen Michael Minihane, UNFICYP Force Commander. The game was well attended by at least 200 spectators, who also enjoyed the usual complimentary teas and the cockatils.

Col Juan Durante played a hard game and put his very powerful and long shots to good use. The ball was lifted on many occasions by the UN team, in particular Lt Col Carlos Simonini and Lt Cmdr Augustine Luna. However, the CPA team played a fine game. This was a hard fought game from previous matches. Overall, the game was well attended by at least 200 spectators, who also enjoyed the usual complimentary teas and the cockatils.

Lt Col Carlos Simonini (UN) fighting for the ball with Mr John Gamp, CPA.

Two more abbreviations for you to inwardly digest and file away in that well known "file 13" - read on. A few weeks ago, the Humanitarian Team from Sector Two volunteered for the task of moving a 72-year-old English lady from Kyrenia to Nicotia. Mrs Kathleen Pike had lived in Kyrenia for the past 20 years, and, due to ill health, had decided to up sticks and move down to Nicotia so that she could be near her daughter, who is married to a Greek Cypriot.

At 0900 hrs on 17 February, Capt Starling, WO2 Fisher and two "press gang" volunteer drivers from Cpl Norquay and Tpr Smith - set off for Mrs Pike's home in Kyrenia. We arrived intact, on time and ready to undertake the operation with military precision (Pickfords take note). There were also three Turkish Cypriots and a friend of Mrs Pike's who helped, including one who insisted on calling everyone "darling": "Well done, Andy darling", "just move that darling chair, will you darling?". The loading was complete by 1030 hrs, and Mrs Pike bade farewell to her home of 20 years, now empty.

The convoy headed south for the Ledra Checkpoint. On arrival, the vehicles were subjected to a cursory search by the border officials. After about an hour of negotiating by Capt Starling and "greatcoat on off and on several times, we were allowed to proceed to southern Nicotia.

At Kathleen's new home, the unloading was completed swiftly and without breakages - no thanks to Capt 'Don't give up your day job' Starling. The result: one very happy lady, if she had gone through the business of cross-loading all the furniture at the border, this would have added more stress to what was already a traumatic experience.

As a result of this day's humanitarian activity, two new businesses have been issued permits to work from within the Buffer Zone:

"Fisher's Furniture Removals" and "Starling's Sofa Shelters" (a division of the well-known Austrian firm "Schnelllichsten Haushaufen".)

Best prices quoted, honest gnu.

**FFR and SSS by WO2 A Fisher**

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The Standard Party marches on parade