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

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THE 1994 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY

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

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

THE YEAR’S MOTTO

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

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united family is widely acknowledged as the best guarantee against social and cultural degradation, as well as a plague of violence, drug and organised crime. Ideally, families form an oasis of caring in a competitive world; they look after family members who are very young, elderly, ill or disabled. It is also within families that tolerance must be practised and learned as a precondition for cross-cultural and inter-racial understanding in the greater society.

To underscore this, the United Nations General Assembly, in its Resolution 44/132, proclaimed 1994 as the “International Year of the Family” with the theme of:

Family: Resources and Responsibilities in a Changing World

and

“Building the Smallest Democracy at the Heart of Society”

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

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

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

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

Families Housing Welfare Service (FHWS)

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

- Married Couple’s welfare, assistance, and administration.
- Welfare counselling or referral to an appropriate agency such as the Army Welfare Assistant, guidance, or advice.
- Airmen’s Families Association.
- Motivation, control and coordination of families, community and youth activities.

Other Agencies

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

Families Officer

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

Conclusion

Service families are a breed of their own. They have to get on with life under trying conditions, and they are very successful in carrying this out. Things have got better and the time to improve the quality of life of servicemen and women’s families. If they do have problems, then they have many representatives and agencies to turn to.
**THE THEOLOGICAL ASPECT OF THE FAMILY**

by Father Pedro Candida, Chaplain, Argentine Army

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

by Cpl Raoul Cabañas, Argentine Army

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

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

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

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**THE "COYA" FAMILY**

by Pte José Luis Gutierrez, Argentine Navy (Marines)

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

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

However, there is one day every year when families get together - 1st August. On this day, they "feed" the mother of the family. The "Pachamama" ("motherland" in Quechua language) is a day of abundant cooking, when relatives and friends are invited and share the festivities. Guests also offer food, beverages and tobacco to the Pachamama in return: this is in the hope of good health, abundant harvest and maintaining family relations.

Other celebrations where families get together are Christmas, New Year's Eve, The Gaucho Market and the Carnivals.

It would be a pity for the youth of today, the descendents of the Coyas, to forget the traditions of their ancestors, since inside each of us, there is a unique spirit: the Coya soul.
THE AUSTRIANS AND NATURE

A RACE FOR LIFE

by Maj Herbert Steinbüchel

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

But who were the participants in this "race for life"? We were waiting for turtles, or, more precisely, loggerheads (caretta caretta) to hatch. We knew that hundreds of them were about to leave their nests and stream into the sea.

The turtles try to creep to the sea.

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

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

A STEP FORWARD - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

by Maj Herbert Steinbüchel

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

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

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

Maj Steinbüchel briefs kitchen staff and local workers on the present system. We since the average AUSCON soldier gains 1 kg of weight per month, due to the excellent quality of food in the camp; we sincerely hope that the same will apply to the animals in the future. They really need it!

THE BUNGEE CONNECTION

by SSgt Karl Füsselberger

2nd Platoon, 1 Coy, Athienou

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

At OP AS-21, we meet Sgt Ziervogl, who is on his third tour with UNFICYP. After serving eight months in the Quartmaster's section, he moved to Athienou. Also located there is Cpl Leopold Klepatsh, who changed from a butcher in civilian life to a peace-keeper. Pte Albert Holbauer, a pastry-cook, has served four months on the line, and will move to Famagusta this month to strengthen the kitchen crew there.

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

2ND PLATOON, 1 COY, ATHIENOU

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

Patrol in the "Happy Valley": Cpl Klubock (left) and Cpl Kronholzer

Patrol Base AS-21

Cpl Füsselberger on guard in Athienou

When you ring AUSCON, you may first speak to MCpl Werner Fitzinger. He is not only a very skilled COMMCMEN operator, he also has a very exciting hobby. This 23-year-old from St Johann-Pongau is currently on his first tour with UNFICYP. In civilian life he is an electrician, but his leisure time is spent snowboarding and bungee jumping.

His first jump was in Austria during a visit to a local festival. He found it very uncomfortable, but after his fifth jump, he discovered that he liked the feeling of "free falling" very much (difficult to believe for this writer!). In Cyprus, bungee jumping is very popular, and
Elements of 7 Para RHA were able to conduct some essential national training at RAF Akrotiri on Thursday 17 November. Despite the best efforts of the weather, which flooded the original drop zone, over 180 parachute descents were achieved with the new low level parachute onto the salt lake in front of Akrotiri village.

As a precaution against distracted drivers causing accidents in Akrotiri village, the Sovereign Base Area police closed the approach road to RAF Akrotiri each time the aircraft passed over the drop zone. Although the aircraft did have to abort one sortie when it was struck by a bird(!) at the end of the day, in warm autumn sunshine, all participants and spectators walked away without injury or incident, having successfully achieved all of the intended aims.

**CANCON NOTES**

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

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

The families were only slightly less adventurous, in that they took to the sea for a day as aspiring pirates aboard the good ship Barbarossa. The original plan was to have the diving operations on day one done from the same ship the families were on, but there was a slight miscommunication within the civilian organisation (the ‘Cyprus factor’?). As a result, that ship was unavailable and the two groups were forced to sail separately. Nonetheless, a good time was had by all.

**THE “ALMOST CLOSE-OUT”**

Especially attentive readers will recall from the last CANCON article that the impending closing-out of the Canadian Contingent was announced to occur on 15 December 1994. Well, UNIFCYP isn’t getting rid of all of the Canadians after all, because two positions will be retained (presumably the jobs were so bad the UN couldn’t give them away?). So, CANCON divers (from left to right): Capt Brian Hamilton, Sgt Eve Gaudreau, civilian boat operator, Sgt Glen Perren and civilian dive assistant.

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

**11 NOVEMBER: REMEMBERING THE PRICE OF PEACE**

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

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**FC’S VISIT TO SECTOR FOUR**

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Where is the FC?

Photos by Sgt J Relihan

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Personnel from Camp Lay. From the left; Capt Zaz, WO1 Cibukka, Sgt Zahourek (greeting the FC) and MGp Steiner.
ADVENTURE TRAINING
by Capt Owen Adams

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

Splashdown: LBdr Wade makes his entry

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

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

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

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

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

ADMN NCO: Bdr Elliot became the UN scrounger and was occasionally seen ferreting around the Garrison.

When responsibility for Sector Two was handed from 2 RTR to 7 Para RHA, the transaction introduced into the Sector one of the most irresistible forces known to the services. This does not refer to the patrolling policy of the airborne gunner, but rather to the charity collecting drive of WO2 (SOMS) Daniels, the Master Chief of 7 RHA. His determination to raise money for charity led directly to the Sector Open Day, and when he harnessed the indomitable talents of Gabriella Philippou from the UNPA Housing Section, the result was inevitable. The opportunity to introduce a bi-communal theme was too good to miss and, therefore, the organisation of the day was vested in the Humanitarian Branch of Sector Two.

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

The Open Day raised approximately £1,500.00, which has already been donated largely to the Anti Cancer Society and a school for children with special needs in Kyrenia.

Greek Cypriot singers performing for the Open Day.

The Turkish Cypriot wedding dance.

The Indian High Commission presenting exotic cuisine.

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

Local children hit the surf, courtesy of AUSTCHIPOL.

The Sector Open Day was woven around the Royal Artillery Band who were in Nicosia to support the Medal Parade, and featured the delights of Cypriot folk dancing from both sections of the community. The pleasure that was so obviously gained by the dancers and spectators alike, and the sheer novelty of the occasion, made the effort to get them together really worthwhile. The various stalls and side-shows were a combination of volunteers from the UN community and local tradespeople who were giving their profits to charity.

Special mention should be made of Mr Hadjiodromou, without whose generosity far less money would have been raised, the ladies of the UNPA who manned the cake stall, the Indian Embassy staff and a representative handicraft stall from the Turkish Cypriot side.
FAREWELL TO THE SUPPLY DETACHMENT THE ROYAL LOGISTICS CORPS

by 1/Lt G Köster

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

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

The Supply Detachment was commanded by Maj Fred Bowes, with WO1 Jim Brechin as second in command. The other members of the military team were Sgt Carl Baylis, responsible for all accounting matters relating to both stores and POL, Sgt Steve Williams, responsible for all storage matters, and LCpl "Mac" MacHale, who was the UNPA POL operator and who also advised units on the line about POL storage and safety matters.

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

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

NEW CHIEF HUMANITARIAN OFFICER

LT COL JOHANNES HOHENGÜBCHL, LL D

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

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

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

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

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

HANDBOVER OF UNPA FIRE OFFICER

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

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

CROSSWORD PUZZLE: BB No 04

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

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

Clues:

Across:
1. South American City (6, 5)
7. Finish of the tin under the pew? (4)
8. It reduces many a cook to tears (3)
10. Greek marbles that travelled to London? (6)
11. King of the jungle (3)
13. Naughty (4)
14. I, myself (6)
15. Female pig (9)
17. Dance associated with Vienna (8)
18. Liberated (6)
19. Former Yugoslavian president (10)
22. Argument (7)
23. Cloud (4)
26. Private vehicle (6)
27. Region of the British Isles (5)
29. Sneeze (5)
32. Metal container (7)
33. Cryptic harbour, known for its castle (7)
34. Orthographical magical formula (12)

Down:
2. United Nations peace-keeping operation (10)
3. A cat is said to have ... lives (9)
4. Proposals (6)
5. Sacred image, especially in Eastern Orthodox Church (6)
6. Scottish city (4)
7. Capital of Northern Ireland (7)
9. Poke gently with the elbow (8)
12. Commonly coined with UN (6, 4)
16. The Wizard of (5)
20. Frozen water (8)
21. Thick, black, sticky liquid (7)
24. Austrian region (9)
26. Decay Force (7)
28. Offence, wickedness (8)
30. Plunge impulsively into liquid (6)
31. Single, undivided (9)

ANSWERS TO BB 03

1. Which country contributed two Force Commanders to UNIFCYP?
   a. India
   b. Peru
   c. Argentina

2. Which country contributed two SRSGs to Cyprus?
   a. Mexico
   b. Chile
   c. Peru