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MESSAGE FOR UNITED NATIONS DAY

BY THE
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BOUTROS BOUTROS-GHALI

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United Nations Day has become a universally recognized time for celebration and reflection on the state of the world.



Today we all live in a global context. Societies which once felt able to stand alone, now see themselves interlocked with others. The great goals of peace, development and democracy increasingly are understood to require greater multilateral effort.

Without peace, nothing is possible. Without development, societies cannot look forward to the future. Without democracy, progress will not rest securely on a foundation of popular participation and commitment.

In the coming year, the United Nations calls upon the peoples and governments of the world to take charge of the development effort. This year, we shall review progress on the agreements reached at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development held at Rio de Janeiro in 1992. We shall also continue to implement the decisions reached at the World Conference on Human Rights, held at Vienna in 1993.

At the World Summit for Social Development, to be held in Copenhagen in 1994, we meet to find solutions to the development crisis faced by all nations, rich and poor. At the fourth International Conference on Women, to be held in Beijing in September 1995, we meet to discuss the special role of women in development.

This year, as we prepare for the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations, let us recall the opening words of the charter: "We, the peoples of the United Nations.....". We - all of us - are the United Nations. The United Nations is now, and increasingly will be, what we choose to make of it.

Knowledge about the United Nations is thus ever-more important for people everywhere. With the active commitment of people, the United Nations can continue to play its indispensable role for peace and security, social and economic progress, and global human development.

Let us take up the challenge of the next fifty years. It is in our power to use the United Nations as a force for fundamental transformation to a world of peace and enduring prosperity.

Let this day be the starting point for taking your United Nations on the road to the future

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Cypriot leaders
and UNFICYP
Chief of Mission
by Sgt Joe Relihan

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EDITORIAL

United Nations Day this year marks the 49th anniversary of the founding of the organization.

The membership, which numbered 51 back in 1945, has now grown to 184. A core strength of the organization is that it draws legitimacy not from any small group of states, but rather from the broad international community practically on a universal basis.

As the size of its membership has grown, so has the organization been mandated by the member states to carry out an even greater range of activities. Beyond the well-known work in the field of peace and security, there is hardly one aspect of modern international life that is not affected by the United Nations. Did you know, for example, that the regulations which govern air and sea traffic, as well as postal communications around the world, were worked out and standardized within the United Nations system? It is, in a sense due, therefore, to international cooperation, conducted through the United Nations, that we ourselves, as well as our mail, get safely from one part of the world to another.

Even so, the most visible aspects of the United Nations work here in Cyprus is in peace-keeping and peace-making. The peace-keepers of UNFICYP have, through the years, discharged well the functions mandated to them by the Security Council on behalf of international community. Recently, we have seen also a redoubling of the peace-making effort in the search for a negotiated settlement of the Cyprus problem.

With United Nations Day, it is fitting to recall that our work here in Cyprus forms part of a much broader endeavour to promote the inspired vision of the United Nations Charter for a better world.

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STOP PRESS - AUSTCIVPOL ARTICLE

by Sgt Kathy Roach



INTRODUCTION

On 9 July 1994, seven members comprising the 41st AUSTCIVPOL Cyprus Contingent arrived on the island for a six-month tour of duty. The members were brought together from three different States of Australia, and they represent a cross section of the duties of the Australian Federal Police.

Sgt Tony Prior is a 29-year-old detective who has worked in Sydney for all his police service. His most recent duties were in the Drug Response Branch. Tony is married and is a part-time university student, expecting to complete his Economic's degree in 1995. His interests include soccer, swimming and waterskiing. Tony is currently the Sports Officer for the Contingent.

Stn Sgt Rod West is 35 years old and has over 15 years policing experience. Rod is a detective and has worked in several areas including armed robbery, the drug squad and internal investigations. Rod's most recent position in Canberra was Sergeant in Charge, Special Operations Team anti-terrorist unit. Rod's interests include his wife and three children, rugby league, cricket and golf. Rod is the PMC for the Contingent.

Stn Sgt Brian McGahey is a 43-year-old, who joined the police force in 1972. He has served in uniformed policing throughout his career, and spent the past two years as a supervisor at the beat squad in the central business area of Canberra. He is a money and insignia collector. Brian is currently the Bar Manager for the Contingent.



Sgt Tony Prior, Stn Sgt Rod West, Stn Sgt Lindsay Griffith, Sgt Kathy Roach, Stn Sgt Brian McGahey, Sgt Damian Reeves and Sgt Des O'Dwyer.

Sgt Kathy Roach is a 29-year-old detective from Sydney, New South Wales. She has spent the majority of her police service working in both surveillance and drug areas. Kathy is married and is studying part-time at university for her degree in Economics. Her interests include photography, sport and travel.

Stn Sgt Lindsay Griffith is 39 years old and hails from Canberra. Prior to Cyprus, Lindsay was a uniformed Sergeant at Woden Community Police Station. Lindsay has 20 years community policing experience and has been a member of the Operations Support Group mainly involved in crowd control. His hobbies include involvement in all children's sports, in particular rugby league. Lindsay is currently the 'money man', also known as the Treasurer for the Australian Mess.

Sgt Damian Reeves is a 29-year-old from Melbourne, Victoria. He has spent the majority of his police service working in the Drug Operations Division where he is a keen detective who enjoys the 'chase' of police work. Damian is married to an Irish lass and they have four daughters, with a fifth child due in December. He enjoys woodwork, bushwalking and skydiving. Damian is the Entertainment Officer for the Contingent.

Sgt Des O'Dwyer is 35 years of age with 15 years community policing experience. Des was a uniformed patrol officer at Tuggeranong Police Station in Canberra prior to his deployment to Cyprus. He is married with two children. His interests include rugby league, cricket and swimming. Des is located at Linou in Sector One, and is currently learning Spanish.

SAVE THE POOL PARTY

by Damian Reeves

On 9 Sept 94, the combined Messes of the UNPA, all under the supervision of the FOWO, organised a light-hearted pool competition of games and a BBQ to raise money for the upkeep of the UNPA pool. Over 100 people attended, and about £132 was raised. The MP's Mess arranged the advertising and tickets,

BRITCON took care of the music, the Irish prepared the food and the Australians organised the pool games and competition. Each Mess donated a prize for the games. Unfortunately, the Aussies again won the pool events...

A great night was had by all, and many thanks go to all those who attended.



The FOWO and the organising committee

VISIT OF MR DEMPSEY TD



From the left: Mr John Daly, Lt Col J Cummins, Mr N Dempsey TD, Brig Gen A Vartiainen, Brig Gen P Nowlan and Col Powell OBE

The Minister of State at the Department of Defence in Ireland, Mr Noel Dempsey TD, visited UNFICYP HQ on 29 September 1994, accompanied by Brig Gen P Nowlan, the Asst Chief of Staff of the Irish Defence Forces. The Minister made official calls on the Chief of Mission, Mr G Feissel, and the Force Commander, Brig Gen A Vartiainen, and was briefed on UNFICYP by the COS, Col J Powell OBE.

In the course of his visit, the Minister met all 25 members of the Irish Contingent currently serving in Cyprus. His visit, though short, was deemed to be useful and a manifestation of Ireland's continued interest in UNFICYP.

TRIANGULAR SWIMMING GALA sponsored by Isostar

by Capt E O'Hara

On 22 September 1994, a Triangular Swimming Gala was held in the UNPA Swimming Pool. Participating were teams from UNFICYP, the WSBA and ESBA. The winner of this event was the ESBA with the strong backing of RAF personnel. UNFICYP came a very respectable second.

On completion of the Swimming Gala, a Water Polo Tournament was held, also won by the ESBA.

The day was considered a great success, and congratulations are extended to the successful team. Many thanks also go to Isostar, the sole sponsor of the event.

The UNFICYP Force Commander among some happy faces from the SBA



Come on, follow me and keep up!



UNPA PLAYGROUP

There was much activity at Hillcrest Playgroup UNPA (BRITCON)



Janet with a happy Oliver Blake!

on 19 September, as it was reopened by Mrs Janet O'Toole and Mrs Mary McKenna. Janet is a qualified general and children's nurse, and Mary has completed a PPA course. Both ladies have much experience in the care of children. The children were delighted and happy with all the wonderful toys and equipment and, as to be expected, some were a little tearful on the first day.

The programme at the playgroup is designed to provide each child with various experiences, both individually and as a group. The activities include music, art and craft,



Mary with an unhappy little Amelia Pearce... and

imaginative play, development in speaking skills, use of colour charts and some outdoor games.

7 PARACHUTE REGIMENT, ROYAL HORSE ARTILLERY

THE R AND R CELL

Originally, the R and R cell was to be staffed by Capt McNeil, WO1 (ASM) Campbell, SSgt Ruddle and SSgt Parkin. However, the ASM was side loaded to the vitally important Health and Safety cell. The R and R cell was up and running two months prior to deployment to Cyprus. This was to ensure that SSgts Ruddle and Parkin had time to organise Capt McNeil's floor based filing system. In true military fashion, our numbers have now been reduced and our workload increased.

With the two SSgts now at the helm, we continue to find ourselves busy booking flights, cruises, accommodation, car hire and performing a multitude of other tasks, made much easier without the assistance of an Officer. To date, 432 flights have been booked, on and off the Island. Of these, 431 have changed their plans at least once, the first prize for indecision going to Sgt Barry with six flight changes. Sgt Barry topped this by cancelling his final choice. Cruises are proving a popular option with close to 100 booked so far. Top prize on cruise indecision goes to

Capt Bramble with three changes to date. The R and R cell also run seven hire cars at a discounted rate, which have proved very popular with the lower paid Staff Officers.

Some of the more unpleasant jobs have involved travelling the island's holiday and negotiating "special UN prices" with the Hotel Managers. This can be quite tricky when competing with the European travel companies. In addition, all the beaches had to be checked out, with Nissi beach having been done several times. How else can we advise our customers on a particular resort?



Two of the R and R cell, wondering why the third isn't in uniform...

On a serious note, we feel that the job we do is as important as any other in Sector Two. The soldier does not have to concern himself with making various holiday arrangements: a quick visit to the the office is all that is generally required. We have arranged some very detailed itineraries for those wishing to see something of the island. Unlike previous R and R cells, we do our work on an island-wide basis. This creates more work, but is worth the effort to ensure that all personnel have the opportunity to experience some of the more hidden delights that Cyprus has to offer.

The R and R period continues right up to the middle of November. A handover is being prepared for the next Regiment to enable them to slip smoothly into the Christmas period. Short notice flights are constantly being made, and the car hire option runs to the end of November. These and many other facilities are provided for all Sector Two personnel. All inquiries during the working day should be directed to the LPH - after dark, then your guess is as good as ours!

OPS/INFO

On 09 Sept 94, two members of the Sector One Ops/Info team were presented with commemorative UN plaques by Maj Paul Scott-Masson (right), SO2 Ops/Info, on their departure from the island.

Lt (Navy) Carlos Kammerath (centre) was one of the first ARGCON members to join the Sector One Ops/Info team

and completed a one year tour. Capt Julio Belfi (left) was part of the second contingent, and has completed a six-month tour.

The UNFICYP Ops/Info sections are truly multi-national, comprising of personnel from Argentina, Austria, Britain and Canada.



MPs ON SECURITY EXERCISE

by Sgt C Leeson

Wednesday 28 September started early for the MP Element with all hands on deck for an 0500 hrs briefing. The reason was the "shocking" news that the UNPA was about to be invaded by 'terrorists' (enthusiastically played by members of Sector Four). With the briefing out of the way, the MP Element and the Force Reserve got going with the task of securing the UNPA. This consisted of check-points at all sensitive locations and roving patrols throughout the area.

First blood went to the 'terrorists' when they succeeded in planting a 'bomb' at the MP HQ. This necessitated the HQ's evacuation and closing of the Old Airport Road. Their jubilation was



Yes Sir, you've passed your MOT test!



Nobody, but nobody, gets away with it!

short-lived, however, as the evil-doers responsible were quickly apprehended and delivered to justice! Throughout the morning, the cat and mouse contest continued, with disappointed 'terrorists' falling into the clutches of the good guys at regular intervals.

The next coup was scored when a bomb was planted at the UNPA radio room, requiring the

evacuation of all surrounding buildings. This was a Pyrrhic victory, however, as the tide had now turned, and remaining groups of terrorists were quickly rounded up and incarcerated.

The last act was a disturbing report that all terrorists had succeeded in infiltrating the Austrian Mess, where they had taken possession of a large amount of (well deserved) refreshments! Taking their cue from the bad guys, the MP Element quickly retired to the MP Lounge on stand down. After all, doing good is thirsty work!



A vigilant guard.



ARSENAL V OMONIA

by Sgt Smyth

On 15 September, personnel from the UN Military Police Element and the Royal Military Police, under the control of the FPM, carried out crowd control and security duties at the Arsenal v Omonia soccer match held at the Makarios Stadium in Nicosia. This was obviously a major undertaking for such a small unit, requiring the participation of all members of the Military Police Element. Extensive briefings and meetings with the Cypriot Police and football officials were held prior to the match so that everyone

would know exactly what they had to do and how to do it.

The Military Police were responsible for a section of the Stadium stand which had been set aside for the exclusive use of UNFICYP personnel and troops from the Sovereign Base Areas, together with spectators from Arsenal's official supporters club.

Following the match, there was a debriefing and an opportunity for the hard-working MPs to partake of some "liquid" refreshment. Appreciation for the professional



Bob and Mario making route signs for the military enclosure.

manner in which the MPs carried out their duties was expressed from various agencies.

THE ARGENTINIAN AIR FORCE IS HERE!

by Maj Oscar Bergia, Argentine Air Force

On 15 September 1994 at 4.00 pm, a Hercules C-130 (LV-APW) arrived at Larnaca Airport from Argentina. It carried a very special cargo: two Hughes MD500 helicopters with their Commanders, Maj Grazziani and Capt Muller, together with the helicopter group made up of six officers and 10 NCOs.

A few hours were needed to unload the equipment and allow the helicopters to make their first flight into the Cypriot skies. Escorted by a British Gazelle, our helicopters arrived at the UNPA on 19 September at 0900 hours, being received by the UNFICYP Force Commander and CO ARGCON.

Since that moment, the whole group dedicated its time and efforts to theoretical and practical instruction provided by personnel



The outgoing British AAC Flight and the incoming Argentine Air Force.

of the AAC. Despite the short but efficient handover, our pilots and support personnel managed to assume operational control on 30 September, the first flight departing at 0730 hours with an observation task for Sector Four.

In this way, silently but competently, a group of men from the Argentine Air Force have begun their UNFICYP activities with every confidence of carrying out their mission.

ARGENTINA'S ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF REVIEWS UN TROOPS



VISIT OF ARGENTINIAN MARINE COMMANDANT

by Lt A Di Tella, Argentine Navy

On 26 September, the Argentinean Contingent received a visit from Rear Admiral José Heredia, Commandant of the Marine Corps (Argentine Navy). During his three-day stay, he travelled to all camps within Sector One, and naturally, he took a special interest in the marines stationed in Cyprus.

Lt Eduardo Nieto (C Coy Cdr) received him, together with other marines from HQ (Skouriotissa) and Sp (Xeros) Coys at the Box Factory. Rear Admiral Heredia was most impressed with the work being performed by the Argentinean soldiers in UNFICYP.

→ Rear Admiral Heredia, Lt Cdr Villaverde, Lt (N) Nieto and Lt Cdr Panichini being briefed at OP B-24.

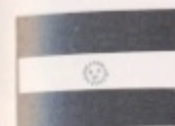


Feissel, and the Force Commander, Brig Gen Ahti Vartiainen. During his visit, he toured Sector One and was provided with line tours and briefings along the Argentinean area of responsibility.



On 12 Oct 94, Argentina's Army Chief of Staff arrived in Cyprus on a three-day flying visit to inspect the country's troops in UNFICYP.

Lt Gen Martin Antonio Balza met the Chief of Mission, Mr Gustave



NEW CO ARGCON LT COL FERNANDO ALBERTO ISTURIZ



Lt Col Isturiz was born in 1949 and joined the Military Academy in 1965, being commissioned as a 2nd Lt (Infantry) in 1969 and appointed as Pl Leader with the 6th Infantry Regt "Gral Viamonte". As a junior officer, he was appointed to other infantry units and to the Military Academy.

He took part in the South Atlantic Conflict (1982) as S-3, 25th Infantry Regt. He attended the Staff Officer's Course at the Superior Army College in 1984, after which he was appointed to HQ, 2nd Army Corps. He also attended the Command and Staff Course at the Brazilian Army Command and Staff College.

Lt Col Isturiz was then posted as Adj to the Deputy COS, Army General Staff. At the Superior Army College, he was the Chief of Group and Professor of General Tactics, and some years later, upon returning to the College, he took over as Chief of the Tactical Area.

He commanded the 37th Infantry Regt "Coronel Fontana", and during the present year he has been attending the Superior Armed Services Course at the Joint General Staff. This was interrupted when he was posted as CO, 3rd Argentine Task Force, UNFICYP.

Lt Col Isturiz is a military parachutist and he has



also been honoured as a Brazilian military parachutist. He was presented with the "Congress Medal" as a South Atlantic Conflict Vet, and was awarded by the Brazilian Army with the "Medalla del Pacificador".

Lt Col Isturiz is married to Monica, and is the father of five daughters and two sons, aged from 21 to 3 (although he says he intends to match the figures!).

A DAY WITH A DIFFERENCE

by WOII M Moya (Army)

In Skouriotissa Camp, the day seemed to be warm - but different. The arrangements for the Medal Parade, and our own expectations for the event, made it distinctive. But the difference, although we didn't realise it at the time, would be marked by a situation out of our control - at least for a length of time.

Suddenly, a fire, which originated in the Petra Valley, spread quickly and caught the attention of those of us who happened to be around. We were naturally concerned about the destiny of our Headquarters! First, the fire alarm sirens sounded, and Sector One personnel rushed to accomplish their tasks, as per UNFICYP's fire fighting procedures. Time literally flew,



ARGCON men in action.



A view of the fire near ARGCON's HQ at Skouriotissa Camp.

and the situation became more critical as huge flames and dense smoke columns rose into the skies, illustrating a very sinister picture. The wind, which fought against the efforts of Greek Cypriot and WBSA Fire Brigades, Civil Defence and the ARGCON men, framed what seemed to be the following logical step: the evacuation of what had become our second home, Skouriotissa Camp.

The Chaplain, Father Perrupato, gave us strength by praying to our Lady, the Virgin of Lujan. Eventually, all the hard work put in by the fire fighters (especially the hydrant helicopters from the WBSA) paid off, and personnel from Sector One attended our "day with a difference" - the second ARGCON Medal Parade.

THE "PINKI'S" HAVE ARRIVED IN AUSCON



by SSgt Karl Füsselberger

Last July a rotation took place in Sector Four. With two lifts on 5 July and 13 July, 120 AUSCON personnel changed. After a few weeks of becoming accustomed to the climate, they now carry out their duties in a very professional manner.



Pte Hagmeier at his workbench

WO II Grundner, a Carinthian armorer, is in charge of all weapons and ammunition in the Battalion. He also engraves memorial plates and supports the supply NCO, WO I Pinecits, when shooting events come up. WO I Pinecits is a keen sportsman as well, being very skilled in the triathlon. He succeeded in attaining third place in the swimming competition in his branch.



Maj Hufner, the new COO AUSCON.

Pte Hagmeier, a 20-year-old Upper Austrian locksmith, serves with UNFICYP for the first time in the Engineers' Platoon. Next door, LCpl Girsch is an important support to the engineering section. He was brought up in

Lower Austria and is also on his first tour with UNFICYP. He is interested in motorcross, and competes regularly in Austria.

In the medical section we have Cpl Schwager, 26 years of age, who is a medical assistant from Carinthia. He does a lot of sport, including body building and skiing. LCpl Anger, 23 years old and the proud father of a son named Benjamin, is a nurse in a Viennese hospital and, in his spare time, he is part of the voluntary Red Cross ambulance staff.



Sgt Leitner checking a radio set.

In Operations, a new branch head has taken over. Maj Hufner from Salzburg is married to Gaby, and has two boys aged 13 and seven. During rare moments of time off, he enjoys playing tennis, climbing and skiing, and he is also a ski instructor.



WO II Grundner working on a machine gun.

PS: The term "pinkies" refers to the newcomers who go pink easily in the sun...



Cpl Schwager and LCpl Anger prepare the ambulance for a start at short notice.

AUSCON LIFE GUARD COURSE IN NICOSIA



by 1/Lt Köstner

Adventure training was conducted in the UNPA under the command of 2ic Perm FR PI, 1/Lt Köstner. During a 3-day course, all the skills that a lifeguard needs were taught to the 20 participants. 15 of them reached the silver medal and five of them the bronze.

The following are the highlights of the adventure training programme: search and rescue, first aid and rescuing a person at a distance of over 50 metres fully dressed were the most difficult skills which had to be mastered. First aid matters are, of course, very important, and now to resuscitate a human being was exercised on a dummy. Not only AUSCON soldiers but also five personnel from the Perm FR PI succeeded in passing this strict exam.



Back row: Cpl Kastler, MCpl Wallner, Sgt Schaffer, Chaplain Hatzmann, Cpl Purkathofer and 1/Lt Köstner. Front row: Cpl Gailer, LCpl Benesch, MCpl Karlsbolk, Maj Vazquez, LCpl Hoidn and LCpl Rosenberger.



Rescue techniques being tested.



Georg Hruza, Anna Hruza and Bernard Riedlberger.

FAREWELL TO HUNCON

by 1/Lt B Wesiak

On Sunday 14 August, Hungary's contribution of two United Nations Military Observers to AUSCON came to an end.

Maj Antal Ughy and Maj Endre Udvardy served with Sector Four's Ops Branch for one year, giving both us and themselves the chance to experience how cooperation - and communication - must have once worked in the Austro-Hungarian empire!

They really loved "buffer zoning" - unless they were "obstacled" by the consequences of one of the extraordinary parties they used to organise for their Austrian comrades, the world- (or at least Central Europe-) famous "4 Hs", ie the Hungarian Happy Half Hours.

Everybody who has ever been to one of these "4 Hs" knows how long half an hour can be in Hungary and will, surely, miss them.

However, Antal and Endre were not only good for off-duty (whatever this might be in a hard mission such as UNFICYP) activities; they really contributed



The COO/AUSCON, Maj Hufner, hands over presents to Maj Ughy and Maj Udvardy

a lot to Sector Four's operational and humanitarian work.

They were simply the best two Hungarian UNMOs ever serving with AUSCON.



AUSCON MEMORIAL DAY AT GOSHI

by WO1 W Müller

On 14 Aug 1974, three Austrian soldiers - Lt Izay, Sgt Decome and Cpl Isak, were killed in action by a Turkish air force attack. An annual memorial service has been held ever since at Goshi, near Athienou. For some years, the Battalion has made unsuccessful attempts to get the relatives of the three soldiers to Cyprus. This year, however, the parents of Lt Izay and the widow as well as the two brothers of Cpl Isak, made the long journey to Cyprus to visit the place where their beloved ones died in the service of peace. The Welfare SNCO of AUSCON and witness to the 1974 events, WO1 W Müller, took care of these special guests.

The celebrations started on 13 Aug in Athienou where the visitors were briefed by the OC 1 Coy, Maj Wallner, on current tasks in AUSCON. They later visited the Medical Centre in Athienou, where the widow of Cpl Isak, Mrs Ulrike

Isak, renamed the Medical Centre as "Isak House".

After a short speech by DCO/AUSCON, Maj Eder, the Medical Crew provided a very delicious barbecue. A lot of discussion took place, with everybody enjoying the pleasant atmosphere.

In the evening of Sunday 14 Aug, the actual Memorial Service took place at Goshi. Following the inspection of the guard of honour, CO AUSCON, Lt Col Kloss, gave



The memorial place at Goshi.



Maj Wallner, OIC 1/Coy, with relatives of Cpl Isak and Lt Izay and Capt Zach, 2IC 1/Coy.



NEW RECEPTIONIST AT HQ UNFICYP

The new receptionist at HQ UNFICYP is Mrs Jenny Hart. Jenny arrived in Cyprus in June this year accompanying her husband Peter, who also works in the Headquarters, on a two year posting. She has two daughters, Gemma who is 13 and living here, and Laura, aged 10, who is at school in England.

Jenny has accompanied her husband on all his previous postings in England, Northern Ireland and, most recently, Rheindahlen in Germany. She is a keen horsewoman who also enjoys reading, writing and, now that she has the right weather, lying on the beach!



Maj Eder and Mrs U Isak rename the Medical Centre "Isak House".

food for thought to the guests and the soldiers present. Thereafter a wreath, dedicated to the dead comrades, was laid. Following the traditional song "Ich hatt einen Kameraden", performed on the trumpet by the OC 2 Coy, Maj Wallig, the ceremony ended.



The whole group in front of OPT AS-01

PFRE PERSONNEL "KISS" (KEEP IN SUPER SHAPE!)

by 1/Lt G Köstner



Since the latest physical challenge for members of the PFRE (Permanent Force Reserve), the British-organised Battle Fitness Test (which was reported on in the September issue of the Blue Beret by WO1 Nobby Clarke) was quickly over and done with, 2ic PFRE decided it was high time for another go!

On this occasion, it was decided that there was a need for more versatility in physical training. That is why the PFRE, along with volunteers from all over UNFICYP, embarked on the tough fitness testing for the Austrian sports badge (shown right), otherwise known as "OSTA", which consists of:

- swimming
- long jump
- shot putting
- sprinting and
- endurance (1,000m swim or 5,000m run, optional)

This fitness test is passed at O (ordinary) or A (advanced) level, depending on the results achieved.

Out of 41 personnel from five contingents, only 30 managed to pass, which shows that the test is by no means plain sailing. Those who per-



MCpl Kelenc gives WO1 Abarza the benefit of his "muscle" experience.

severed took great pride in receiving their well-deserved badges from the 2ic PFRE.

During the goulasch and beer served later, people were wondering what the Argentinian contribution to the PFRE's fitness was going to be...

Some of the A level passes:
1/Lt Köstner, Sgt O'Hanlon, Sgt Howe, MCpl Steiner and MCpl Raab.



UNFICYP 2 - UNIFIL 2

Photos by
Sgt J Relihan

On Sunday 2 October, UNFICYP played the 75 Inf Bn (Irish) UNIFIL team in a soccer match at the UNPA playing fields. The 75 Inf Bn are currently the UNIFIL league and cup winners.



The UNIFIL Soccer Team



The UNFICYP Soccer Team

Two games were played by the Irish whilst in Cyprus. The photographs show the two teams who played out a competitive, skilful and entertaining game before a sizeable crowd.



MEDAL PARADE IN PYLA

by Garda Tom Cleary

Photos by
Sgt J Relihan

On Friday 7 October 1994, the IRCIVPOL Medal Parade took place. It was a unique occasion since it was the first UNFICYP Medal Parade to be held in the mixed village of Pyla.



Ch Supt Ginty, Commander IRCIVPOL, with the Camp Command Sgt Maj John MacDonagh and Insp Terry McGinn.

The event was staged at the local football ground, with the reception being held at the IRCIVPOL Headquarters in Pyla. Two members of IRCIVPOL were presented with the United Nations medal, and



Members of IRCIVPOL and local residents in the streets of Pyla.



The medals/numerals recipients.

the remaining ten members on parade received their No 2 numeral.

The event was attended not only by members and guests of UNFICYP, but also by representatives from both the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities resident in Pyla.

After the presentations, the recipients and guests were led



View from Turkish Cypriot coffee shop facing HQ IRCIVPOL.

through the picturesque streets of the village to the reception area by the band of the Royal Irish Regiment, under Cpl Tosh, the Drum Major, which made the event an even greater success.

After the reception, the



Garda John MacDonald with Panicos, a local Pyla resident.

band continued their fine display of music for the people of Pyla, playing in the village square a selection of military marches.



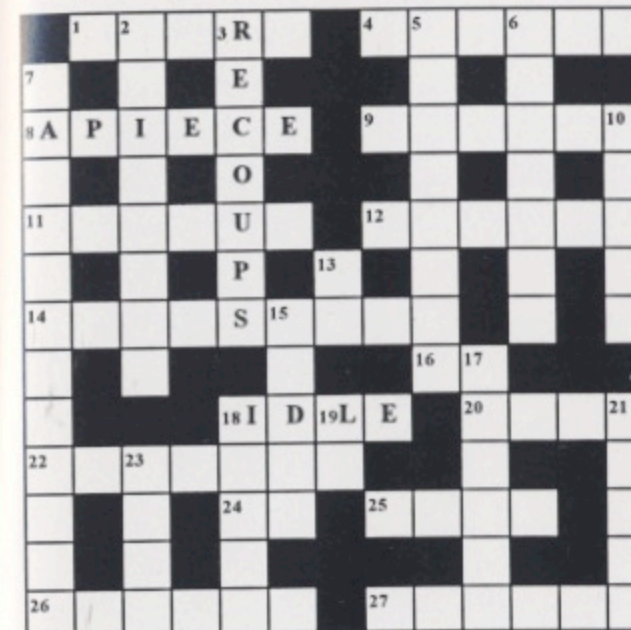
The band of the RIR, parading through the streets of Pyla.

THE BLUE BERET FUN AND TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE PAGE

CROSSWORD PUZZLE: BB No 03

We regret the printing error which was spotted after the circulation of the last magazine, and which possibly caused a certain amount of confusion. We hope that the extra copies which were distributed around the Headquarters and the various contingents reached you in time to enable you all to participate! The lucky winner of BB No 02 was Sgt Andreas Graml from Sector Four, who is invited to collect his prize from the Spokesman's office.

We have been encouraged by the responses we received and, therefore, the Blue Beret staff are proceeding with the third crossword in the series. This month, 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 **20 November 1994.**



Clues:

Across:

1. A tale
4. International organisation established to assist children's welfare
8. By or for each article or each person
9. City of the Parthanon
11. Football division
12. American currency
14. Former name of the region where Ethiopia is located
16. London Council
18. Not active or in use
20. The biggest contemporary world-wide health fear
22. Known for its Green Line
24. 7 down's appointment
25. Initials of a Christian organisation (male)
26. Surname of a well-known English astronomer whose name is associated with a comet
27. UNFICYP Contingent which once served in Cyprus

Down:

2. Former Indian UNFICYP Force Commander
3. Recovers financial losses
5. Common to a whole nation
6. Former UN Secretary General
7. Name of current UNFICYP personality (4:8)
10. Air-raid warning
13. Initials of the organisation we serve with
15. Country in Asia
17. Contingent of UNFICYP which recently significantly reduced its numerical strength
18. The point in question
19. Initials of a city within California
21. The devil
23. Shout, cry out



BLUE BERET TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

1. Which of the following languages is not an official UN language?
a. Chinese e. Arabic
b. English f. French
c. Italian g. Spanish
d. Russian
2. How many members does the UN Security Council have?
a. 10
b. 12
c. 15

ANSWERS TO BB 02



SECTOR TWO WEDDING

Photo by
Sgt J Relihan

Gunner Jonathan Rose from 7 Para, RHA married his sweetheart Jacqueline on 1 October 1994. The adoring look in his eyes confirms the age-old saying that "all brides are beautiful".



He said "Well, that's the formalities out of the way. Now it's time for the fun and games..."

She said: "If you think that washing dishes and cleaning the house is fun and games, then you are quite right, darling!"