GOODBYE TO THE
BRITISH ARMY AIR CORPS

HELLO TO THE
ARGENTINIAN AIR FORCE
The UNFICYP Flight Army Air Corps, originally known as the Force Aviation Flight, became operational on 27 March 1964. At that time, there were two Austers (MK9) and two Sioux AHI helicopters in support of UNFICYP. In 1965, 21 Flight Army Air Corps assumed the task, and early in 1966, 4th Air Observation Troop of the Royal Artillery took over. On 1 August 1966, the deployment was regularised and UNFICYP Flight Army Air Corps adopted its present name.

Before the troubles in 1974, the Flight’s main tasks were to resupply the Kyrenia Range OPs and liaison flying between the dispersed contingents. Since then, operations have been concentrated mainly on flights within the Buffer Zone, including observation, reconnaissance, liaison, movement of men and material, CASEVACs. MEDEVACs and also such diverse tasks as humanitarian, ecological, search and rescue and assistance with fire fighting.

The Flight was originally located in Jubilee Camp in an old RCT hangar, quickly named “the slum” by the soldiers! However, it moved to its current location at the south eastern end of Nicosia International Airport in April 1974. This is where the three Gazelle AH1 helicopters, which have been in service with UNFICYP since 10 August 1988, when they replaced the ageing Alouette helicopters, have been housed.

The Flight operated with a total strength of 19 men and women - four pilots, eight ground crew and seven technicians. On 18 June 1994, the UNFICYP COS announced that Flight was to be replaced by a new Argentinian Flight of two Hughes 500D helicopters. Therefore, on 30 September 1994, UNFICYP Flight Army Air Corps was disbanded and the Army Air Corps flag lowered after 30 years, six months and four days in Cyprus - in the service of peace.
LIFE AT ST DAVID’S CAMP
BY VARIOUS SCRIBES

CSMTP

SSgt Thomson is responsible for the Accommodation and Cleaning stores, and the Gas account. He is also employed as the Camp Sergeant Major, as well as being BOMS for H Bty, and is ably assisted by Cpl Thompson (attached from 216 Para Sqn) at SDC, and LBdr Pike at LPH.

When the Stores account was taken over, it was discovered that a few problems existed. For instance: putting all the stores in logical order and making sure that the furniture was all in one store, and in true storeman fashion, all the blankets were neatly stacked on shelves. With the help of Cpl Gray, the stores are now presentable. The Gas account is a different story, mainly because of the different type of threads fitted to the bottles, not Italian and French. This has now been sorted out, and hopefully, all future problems will be little ones.

QMS Department

The QMS Department is responsible to Sector Two for all stores, buildings, rationing, and repairs. Our life here can be quite hectic at times, especially when we are preparing for events such as a medal parade! The clothing store is run by LBdr Brooks and assisted by Sgt Cook, who is also responsible for the daily Dhoji run for the western end of Sector Two.

Sgt Breman is responsible for the UN stores, which includes all the fridges, air conditioning units and cookers, and he is also the liaison with Sarks for the TVs and videos in SDC. In basic terms, he is the odd job man of the stores.

Bdr Morgan is responsible for the G-1098 stores (equipment table account), as well as looking after the Ammunition and Expense accounts. He also has to look after 17 B不知道 (of which 12 are pregnant), and 30 goldfish which he had to sign for. All pets are doing well! Bdr Morgan is also becoming an expert rat catcher: only the other day, he managed to trap a rat (11 inches long) in his store and kill it in support of all the department, on the administration side of life, is Bdr Hunt, whose many late nights at work have brought the department through the very testing time of establishing itself out in Cyprus. Bdr Hunt is now assisted by Petra, who is not only a good typist, but is easy on the eye and a great morale booster to the men!

Rations

Sgt Lloyd, who is the Ration Clerk and Storeman, works with the Master Chef, WOII (SOMS) Daniel. They work at St David’s do for the next day. Ration accounting is a six day week, with the seventh day on duty, so if any problems arise on the sixth day, the officers are on call for the seventh.

MT Department

The MT at SDC is run by Bdr Andy Pelling. There are five drivers who work under him. They are LBdr Jim Talbot, Gnr Danny Daniels, Graham O’Hare, Mac Michael and Tag Miller. It’s been hard work since we arrived, trying to fit all the details in as well as carrying out gate duties and duty drivers. Our standing details include the Med run to Dhekelia, which goes out from LPH daily at 0800 hrs, and the North Wind Patrol, a humanitarian detail in northern Cyprus which is every other Tuesday. Running pat was from Ady A to every Saturday and Sunday, Line Tours on Tuesdays and Thursdays and numerous runs to the airports, all hours, take up nearly all the working week.

The MT section has done well learning all the routes around the island, especially learning their way around Nicosia, without much help from the local drivers, as Bdr Pelling found out on his first detail.

LCP/M (Mac) McManamon and LCP/D (Dusty) Miller checking the vehicle battery charge on one of the ambulances

you have a hand or two to spare, your assistance will be most helpful to the Master Chef and Sgt Lloyd. It would not be a pleasant experience with any of your fruit when you receive it, ask the Master Chef why. When he took over the ration accounts it went very well, except for the large debt left by 2 RTR as their going away present, which hopefully will soon be written off.

The BC looks on with delight as the 2IC, Maj Robinson, is encouraged to take a swim.

name but a few. This was successfully accomplished, the ban on drinks at the top of the high board circumvented by walking along the underside of it. The day was completed by ensuring that everyone experienced the delights of the pool, apart from the CO who had the good sense to leave shortly before the Regimental Sergeant Major and a passing Hungarian UNMO were launched into the water.

The Regiment’s football team, which won the UN Football Competition, owed at least some of its success to several high quality players from BHQ, WO2 (BSAS) has already departed, SSGt Norman Maxwell’s biding pace and the amazing elbow-stopping nose of Capt Stuart Skeates all played vital parts.

Military fitness training has also continued with 30 members of the Battery recently taking part in a Buffer Zone Combat Fitness Test over 13 km, carrying approximately 40lbs in under 1 hour 45 minutes.

Members of Battery Headquarters have also accompanied C Troop’s Section based at King’s on several of their patrols. The Battery Clerk has not emerged from behind the computer since encountering, on one of these patrols, a “huge, vicious-looking snake” that slithered between his maps.

Finally, the Battery is pleased to announce that another form of patrolling has been successfully tested, with Lt Gary Wilkinson and 2Lt Paul Hallet riding two ex-race horses through the Buffer Zone.

After a 30 year gap as a peace-keeping Force in Cyprus, Mercer’s Troup has found themselves back on the island. As with any new unit familiarizing itself with the ground and personalities of the opposing forces, the pace of life has been busy. The period has also seen the Battery resolve a higher than average number of incidents during its first few weeks. As well as dealing with OPFOR incidents, both of the Battery’s Troops have had their fire fighting skills tested. Major fires have occurred around the Pedious River on the outskirts of Nicosia and the area immediately to the west of the UNPA, the Troops being able to fight off the well co-ordinated deployment of individuals from across Sector Two and the Force Reserve in order to bring the blaze under control.

An interesting and unique feature of the tour has been the opportunity for members of the Battery to take on their turn as amateur chefs at the Battery’s mess houses. Rumours abound that the quality is better than back in the UK, and that SSgt “Odhid” Cody’s goulash would grace even the finest of London’s restaurants.

Despite having only about 10 days in which to accustomisation, the Battery put up an impressive performance in the 10km Fama-gusta Well run with 10 members of the Battery running, four of whom were in the top 10. Of particular note were Lt Croxton, Sgt Michael Kelly, LBdr Juss’ Ward and Gnr ‘Geordie’ Armstrong.

BOOM BOOM, BOOM BOOM’! On further investigation the suspect heavy doors were turned out to be nothing more sinister than the bass drum of a military band!

Capt Skeates with everything to hand, including a cup of tea and combat pencil sharpener!
IT'S A KNOCKOUT COMPETITION

The BRITCON Warrant Officers' & Sergeants' Mess held a very successful four-side Knockout Competition on 16 August. The following teams took part:

WO's & Sgts' Mess teams A and B
WO's & Sgts' Mess ladies team

Austrian Element of the Force Reserve
Austrian Chaplains team
Sector Two
Australian Civilian Police
Hib Club.

Everyone had an excellent evening, a little more strenuous than they were probably anticipating, but what did they expect when the events were thought up by WO1 Parkin and Sgt O'Hanlon?

The outright winners were the Australians, who were well out in front of everyone - but what else do they do in Aussie land but swim?

Who's holding the joker then?

This one means business!

SANTUARIO - "THE AUSSIE PERSPECTIVE"

by Pol Sgt Dave Ayers

Despite rigorous training and the intimidating scrutiny of Laurence Durrell's "Bitter Lemons", once I had actually arrived on the island, it suddenly dawned on me that perhaps the theory does not quite compare with the realities and quirks of UN life in Cyprus. You need to build a picture of brave UN troops doing an "Alas" impression and, in the odd few days off, sleeping over donkey droppings whilst they beheld the locals and shop for pottery and copper, drinking their "cachito" or "coca kahve" under the Cyprus tree, calling out a cheery "Kalaman" to all those within earshot. Maybe the odd exam in the barracks - allegedly attended, of course, so as not to cause offense to ancient morals and sensibilities passed on from generation to generation, schooled whilst cooking halloumi and crushing olives. Not so, says this cynical correspondent. There are greater perils and hazards on this island that man has never faced before! In the three short months I have been here, I have been exiled to the basement at the sight of a toilet. I have been paratroopers run from fear of yet another night in Ayla Napa (which has since been renamed "No Nicolas..."). And I've also seen the disturbing effect war-hardened men by the mere words "last orders, please". Yes, readers, nothing quite prepares you for a tour in UNIFOCY. I feel it is my duty to Australians who come after me to receive a few words of fathetly advice (or so I swear). As such, I enclose an extract from our new training manual.

EXTERNA HAZARDS

Departing home: Once you have announced to the mess that you have been accepted for Cyprus, whatever you do, eat huge quantities of humble pie before leaving. This can prove emotionally and financially very rewarding. One veteran who failed to do so has recently spent $1,100 on the pleasure of rowing over the phone, followed by the purchase of a gold bracelet as an additional sweetener. Yes, readers, no matter what gut-wrenching, nauseous feeling it engenders, you should even take the kids out and do the washing-up on your last day at home. The sacrifice is well worthwhile.

Your car: Leave your wife a series of longer dippocks to keep reaching the oil for six months. Inflate your tyres to 10psi, so that they will be the usual 10psi by the time you get home.

Your house: Put up a " Beware of the dog " sign. Disconnect the phone. See "departing home" and take the spark plug out of your mower. Better to return to a jungle than a mower with no blades, petrol in the oil tank and all in the petrol tank. Whatever you do, hide all paint brushes and decorating materials.

Departing work: The day before you leave work, check the lease, roster and place all your outstanding correspondence and files into the in-basket of the most obnoxious bloke who is on leave with the promise that you'll buy him a beer on your return. (A quick calculation reveals that 40 hours' work for the price of a beer may well be very good value - there may even be a tax deduction there somewhere).

INTERNAL HAZARDS

Irish: Only come out at night, have been blessed with two livers, and can sing and play music like angels. Extreme caution must be used when socialising with them, as they tend to wrestle you to the ground and pour black, creamy fluid between your lips at every given opportunity. If you have trouble with the accent, don't worry, as they will elope you in the ribs when it is time to laugh or answer.

British: Most unusual: there seems to be two types. One is a distinctly refined chap, usually without a chin, who tends to drink something called G and T and is often seen with a cravat and an MG. Tends to socialise with Fionas and Marjorie. Finds colonials rather quaint. The other is a cross between prehistoric man and Paul Gascoigne - very witty, but will bash you if you do not laugh at his jokes. Often heard at 10.00 pm, "calling an ancient crying cry "ere we go, 'ere we go'.

Australians: Have only one ambition in life, and that is to be obeyed at all times without question. They have a very simple philosophy which is quite easy to understand: they love guns, yodelling, beer and Ayla Napa. They make particularly good MP's, as they have an enviable method of positive assertion.

Argentinians: Great diplomats, soccer players and chefs. Can make beans on toast a gastronomic extravaganza. Perfect hosts and Gentlemen. Have the uncanny ability to do anything with nothing. Caution to personnel on accompanied postings: do not take your wives or daughters within 10 miles of an Argentinian bar.

Canadians: Every Canadian is called Bob. Appear to be easy-going, until you mistake them for Americans - you only do this once! They love to slip you on the back - usually when one has taken a sip of beer forced on you by an Irishman. Have major influence in the international Mess - note: Squirrel brand peanut butter which, wisely, none of them eat. Decky at Karaoke nights, when they have a tendency to make up their own words, or sing out-of-tune sea shanties.

Films: It is believed that they are somewhere on the island, but have never had a confirmed sighting. It is rumoured they frequent hot, damp places and can attack with a looper without warning. Many have claimed to have seen this species, but have been ridiculed as they have made the claim after a visit to the Officers' Mess.

Other Australians: Have been described by the Force Padre as gifted, saucy, debonair and an example to all.

On a last note, if you require any further "on the job" training, please contact me in my branch office, third stool from the right in the Aussie Mess, any Saturday night!
**NEWS FROM SECTOR ONE**

**VISITS TO SECTOR ONE**

by Capt Julio Belfi

Mr José María Valentin Outegui and Col Jorge Mainori.

On 2 July 1994, the Argentinian Ambassador in Israel, Mr José María Valentin Outegui, together with the Army and Air Force officers attached to the Argentinian Embassy in Israel, Col Jorge Mainori and Air Force Col Marcos Martinez, visited ARGCON. After a briefing in Skouriotissa Camp, they made a line tour and then visited D-38, D-26, D-12 and Kokkina Camp where they enjoyed a barbecue.

On 27 July, Col Hernan Florencio Olmos, the Argentinian Military Attaché in Egypt, was received in ARGCON’s HQ by the CO, Lt Col JM Durante, and was offered the traditional “asadó”, prepared by ARGCON’s cook.

**SCALE MODEL IN PATROL BASE D-26**

by 1/Lt Luis Cabanillas

2Lt Echagüe and six drivers stand under their work of art.

A new shelter of corrugated iron was completed on 10 June 1994, thereby protecting all the vehicles of Sector One’s Transport Platoon against the sun and rain. This shelter covers an area of 220m², is 5m high and provides protection for up to 12 trucks.

This construction was made entirely by the Platoon’s drivers, under the supervision of the Engineer Platoon. Although it only took a few hours to construct, it took 50 days to complete because the drivers did everything in their spare time.

In spite of the fact that the drivers are not professional builders, this was an excellent example of the Platoon’s workmanship and goodwill.

**OP D-38’s NEWS**

by Lt Fernando Pietrubelli

Cpl Juan Manuel Estebanion

On 18 July, in Area 40 (D-38), a new 220v electric engine was installed. After a long and productive life, the old Peter Lister generator broke down. Our Ordnance Platoon replaced it in a few hours with a new one.

In addition, WOII Schofield built a shelter for the new Peter Lister, this time with a Wilson base. This generator currently provides the hospitals and the OP building with electricity for up to eight hours.

We hope it lasts, at least until our successors arrive!

**ARGCON’S NEW SHELTER IN THE TRANSPORT PLATOON**

by 2Lt Luis Echagüe

2Lt Echagüe and six drivers stand under their work of art.

**THE ARGCON MEDAL PARADE**

by Lt (N) Carlos Kammerath

Lt Col Durante presenting medals to Alfa Coy.

2Lt Echagüe, the flag bearer.

Mr Feisell presents SSgt Amaya with his UN medal.

On Friday 19 August 1994, the members of the Argentinian Contingent were presented with their United Nations medals by the Chief of Mission, Mr Gustave Feisell, the Acting Force Commander, Col John Powell OBE, the CO ARGCON, Lt Col Juan M Durante and the 2ic, Lt Col Rodolfo Mujica.

Once again, the Medal Parade was conducted at the front of Skouriotissa Camp in a very Cypriot village atmosphere. Some 170 multi-national guests honoured the ceremony with their presence and watched approximately 200 soldiers march on to the music of the Royal Irish Rangers band. After the medal presentation, it was time for the “vets”, those who have served for a second period in UNFICYP, to receive their silver numbers.

Finally, Mr Feisell addressed the troops with very emotional words. The event finished with a dinner, a fine occasion to thank all our friends for their support and friendship since the very first moment that the Argentinian Contingent arrived in Cyprus.

Guests honouring the parade.

The Band of the Royal Irish Regiment.

Col J Powell, presenting the UN medal to the Marines.

At the NCOs’ Mess.
IT’S HARD TO DRIVE A WATER TRUCK

by SSgt Karl Fusselberger

A very important assignment in great demand in the Transport Platoon is the water truck driver. In one way, the job is fairly independent because the boss is usually miles away! However, this post holds a lot of responsibility. All the HQ Coy and 2 Coy personnel obtain their water supply in these trucks which are currently driven by LCpl

Fred Tanzer and LCpl Thomas Nemeth.

And they are indeed very busy men! If you want to contact them, you have to get up very early - before they start the so-called “Big Tour” at 0530 hrs. Three times a week they start in Camp Duke Leopard with unloading the truck. It must be filled during the night, because if any fire service action is required, the drivers must be ready at short notice.

First they drive to Varosha and Dherinia to refill the truck and start to supply OPs on the Dherinia Line, ending at the Pylos Platoon. The water tanks in the camp contain 120,000 litres, and there is a need for 40,000-60,000 litres per day. On many occasions, patience is required when there is no electricity in Varosha and the boys have to go to Dherinia to get their water. The mileage per day is between 150 to 200 kms. So if they do their job well, then they can finish in 24 hours!

One of the three drivers is always on standby to cover extra work, like taking part in Cop Woodpecker or any additional water requirements.

CANCUN ROTATION - ARRIVING JUST IN TIME TO LEAVE!

by Capt BE Hamilton

The CANCUN rotation of summer ‘94 is now over and the new members and their families are comfortably settled in. Unfortunately, shortly after their arrival, the rumour of a complete Canadian withdrawal from UNFICYP by the end of 1994 was confirmed.

In the meantime, however, all ranks and families are making the most of their remaining time in Cyprus. The new CANCUN Commander is Maj Bob Parsons, the FE, and Maj Bob Black is the new SD2 Ops (Policy and Plans). Capt Jeff Willis has taken over as a JOC duty officer, while Capt Brian Hamilton is the new SD3 Ops Info Officer. It’s true, the two new Captains selected prove that not all Canadians are named “Bob”!

CANCUN remains one of the best policed contingents with the replacement of its four military policemen. Now out patrolling a street near you are Sgts Eve Gaudreau, Jerry Grenier, Glen Perron and Bob Taras. Roundup up the team are the two old hands providing the continuity, namely WO Jack McDonald in Pers/Logs and Sgt George Houston in Ops Info.

As a final note, CANCUN will most definitely host an

THE QUARTERMASTER’S SECTION

by SSgt Karl Fusselberger

The QM’s Section forms a very essential part of AUSCON, being responsible for catering, clothing, salaries and quartering equipment.

The AUSCON Quartermaster, Maj Dietman Fottisch, is currently serving his first tour with UNFICYP. He is a very busy man, not only advising the CO on all the above matters, but also being personally responsible for a variety of tasks from dealing with local banks over liaison with HQ UNFICYP, down to working out the monthly menu in cooperation with AUSCON’s SMO.

The AUSCON Kitchen Crew:


Back row: LCpl Eska, WOI Holzner, SSgt Warlitsch and WOI Raich.

WOI Holzner is the Master Chef, who works together with WOI Reich, SSgt Warlitsch, MCpl Zimmer, Cpl Wallenstein, Cpl Hudmant, LCpl Stern and LCpl Eska in three shifts to provide a constant, perfect service. Not only do they cater for all personnel of CDL Y, but also for many functions - including the ones at far away places like HQ UNFICYP!

WOI Stammerlin handing out clothing to Pte Hauser.

BEER AND GOULASH SOUP

Sponsored by Austrian Companies for AUSCON

Two leading food companies, Brau AG-Zipfer (beer) and Knorr (soup), recently supported Austrian personnel working in the Buffer Zone to stand the heat of this summer more easily.

Three barrels of Zipfer beer and 25 large cans of Knorr soup were sent from Austria free of charge and were distributed to the different coy. This is further proof of the integration between the Austrian Armed Forces and the Austrian economy.

Capt S Perk hands over Zipfer beer and Knorr soup to the Coy Comd, 1 Coy, Maj M Waliner.
THE BRITCON MEDAL PARADE

by Capt Justin van der Pant

photos by Sgt Joe Relihan

At 1830 hours on Monday 19 September, 7 Parachute Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery, led by the Royal Artillery Band, marched onto parade at Wolseley Barracks.

As the sun set and a full moon appeared, 136 men from the Regiment awaited the arrival of the Force Commander, Brig Gen Anli Vartellaneous, and the Deputy British High Commissioner, Mr Colin Jennings. After a brief inspection, accompanied by music from the RA Band, the medals were presented by two prominent guests, Maj Gen AGH Harley, CB, OBE, and Brig Mike Raworth. Again, such classics as the theme from “A Bridge Too Far” were played by the Band, particularly relevant with the 50th Anniversary of the Arnhem landings being celebrated only the day before.

The parade marched past with the Force Commander taking the salute, and then moved under the two 105mm light guns before leaving the arena which was created by using hand painted screens.

The band and flag lowering party then marched back on and the sunset ceremony concluded with the regimental flag and national flags of the UNIFCYP contributing nations being lowered to the tune of “Sunset”. Celebrations quickly followed with a VIP cocktail party before the all ranks BBQ started on the patio of the Ledra Palace Hotel. It was undoubtedly a very successful parade, though tragically, all our thoughts are with 2L1 Tom Rayner, who fell accidentally on the night of the parade from a third floor window, and is now recovering in hospital in London.

PERMANENT FORCE RESERVE

by Sgt Maj Nobby Clarke

At 0600 hours on Tuesday 14 July, the Permanent Force Reserve paraded. Was it another fire call-out? Or perhaps another siege of the Ledra Palace Hotel? No, this time, the troop was parading for something which was invigorating, refreshing and loved by all - a “BFT”!

For our multi-national readers and runners, a brief explanation is necessary. The BFT, the Basic Fitness Test, is - as the name implies - the minimum physical requirement for the British Army which all soldiers must attain. It consists of a 1.2 miles (2.5 km) run/walk as a squad, followed by 1.5 miles (2.5km) where one attempts to fly, like sugar off a shovel, as personal pride is now at stake.

This occasion was special - not for the 30 BRITCON personnel who were there, at their own insistence, for the sheer “pleasure” of the occasion, but for our comrades - the 12 ARGCON and 11 AUSCON personnel who were attempting to gain the coveted “pass” certificate. Stretching, yawning, groaning and moaning being completed and all under starter’s orders, we were off.

The first circuit was run as a squad, albeit at a gentle pace, revealing a few chinks in the Perm FR armour. Some members of the squad appeared to be flagging and dropping back. No names, no pack drill, but would the troop commander, Capt Neale McArdle, find his second breath? During the second lap, he did manage to do so, but unfortunately, others didn’t. 30 BRITCON ran (1 failed); 8 ARGCON ran (all passed, but one hid under the bed [get you next time, Romerool]) and 9 AUSCON ran with 4 failing.

However all was not lost for those who failed. The following week, everyone passed. ARGCON and AUSCON were happy, and BRITCON was so inspired that they immediately volunteered for a 15 km road race on 31 July - and promptly went into secret training (down in Ayia Napa). The 31st dawned and the Perm FR were there - 7 BRITCON personnel ran and all completed the run, each gaining a medalion. It appears that, regardless of the temperatures, fitness is here to stay!
SPILLS SIGNALS TROOP, 7 PARA RHA
by Bdr ‘Taff’ Topps
Signals Troop, "H" Para Bty (Ramsay’s Troop) RHA, is located at the Ledra/Wolseley Barracks complex in Nicosia.

The primary task of the Troop is the manning of the Joint Operations Centre of Sector Two and the exchange. We are also responsible for repair and maintenance of all the signals equipment, and for liaison between the Royal Signals Line Detachment and the Cyprus Telecommunications Authority during the 20th anniversary demonstrations. We are now firmly set in the routine, with members of the Troop disappearing here and there on their R & R and adventurous training. All this is a far cry from our role as Airborne Gunners, but the Signals Troop have adapted well to this new role.

Bdr ‘Taff’ Topps “I’ll have a pizza with ham and mushrooms, please”.

Once we had taken over from the Signals Troop of 2RTR, we quickly settled down to a shift routine. The first few weeks were extremely busy with a never ending flow of faxes and a hectic time on the exchange. On the JOC side, one of the busiest times was in June during the fire which spread from B-29 to the UNPA in which we coordinated the firefighting efforts. In July, most members of the Troop had a welcomed break from the confines of the JOC and took part in operations in the Buffer Zone.

Sgt Potter guarding the Sig’s Store.

Now a bit about the lads. The Troop Commander, WO2 (SMS) Jimmy Harper, in between dealing with the Line Det and CYTA, is running the Regimental Bingo, which is proving to be very popular (£££). Sgt JJ Potter has found himself busy commanding various Quarter Guards for distinguished visitors and touring local breweries! SSGt Walker (our rear link Sgt) thinks he’s in paradise with so many Landrover TD1’s to play with. Bdr Peter Greenwood joined us in mid-July after recovering from the injury he sustained playing football back in the UK. Bdr Gary Laing and Gnr Paul Tink, when not on stag, can be found in Ayia Napa, returning with tales of Scandinavian Goddesses (I think notl). Bdr ‘Burtie’ Burton spends all his money on phone cards to ring his fiancee back on the Isle of White, while our ex Life Guard, Gnr ‘Scouse’ Mahoney, spends his time helping out at the stables. Last but not least, there’s Gnr Jimmy Griggs, our Regimental DJ, Stac, who was last heard doing some mixing on the local radio station, Radio One.

This month we bid farewell to two of our members. Gnr Paul Tink is returning to the UK for the Army Boxing Team and we wish him the best of luck - also to Sgt JJ Walker who is posted back to 216 Para Sig Sgn. At the same time, we welcome his replacement, Sgt Cave, also from 216: we hope he enjoys his stay with the Regiment.

“Don’t tell me you’ve dropped another spanner, Sgt Walker”.

THE BLUE BERET FUN AND TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE PAGE

This page is aimed at helping Blue Beret readers to improve their knowledge on matters related to UNFICYP and the UN organization in general. I hope you find the Blue Beret Fun and Test Your Knowledge page useful.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE: BB No 02
This is your second chance! Since no correct answer to the first crossword, BB No 01, was received, the offer of a bottle of stabilising transparent liquid, highly recommended and kindly donated by the UNFICYP Spokesman, still stands. It will be presented to the first all correct entry to be drawn out of the Editor’s top helmet! Solutions to arrive at the Spokesman’s office, c/o Aast Editor, HQ UNFICYP not later than Monday 31 October 1994.

Clues:
Across:

1. One of HQ UNFICYP’s main branches
2. SISGO for Cyprus
3. In the direction towards
4. United Nations Secretary General
5. Popular game in Russia
6. Above, covering
7. Female wizard
8. Town of Uganda, mainly known for its airport
9. Member of a wandering race
10. Continue living in the same place
11. You walk up this when you marry in church
12. Fundamental, elementary
13. Polite, become infected
14. Sea surrounding Cyprus

Down:
1. United Nations Agency
2. Ship in which Noah and his family took refuge
3. International Civil Aviation Organization
4. Symbolize or stand for
5. Performs in a play
6. Bearded, covered with hair
7. Pencils, short stockings
8. Single, univiled
9. Grants someone temporary use of
10. Follow order
11. Worked as a model
12. Light sailing vessel
13. Place in specified position, solidify
14. Quick moving, nimble
15. Knock unconscious
16. Introducing an alternative

THE BLUE BERET TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

1. Which of the following UNFICYP Force Commanders is not from India?
   a. Gcn KS Thimayya (Jul 64-Dec 65)
   b. LGN IAE Martola (May 66-Dec 69)
   c. LGN DP Prem Chand (Dec 69-Dec 76)

2. Which of the following UNFICYP Force Commanders is not from Ireland?
   a. Maj Gen M Minehan (April 81-Jul 94)
   b. Maj Gen JJ Quinlan (Dec 76-Feb 81)
   c. Brig AJ Wilson (Dec 65-May 66)

ANSWERS TO BB 01

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SMIS - the morning after the night before...
A FRIENDLY HANDSHAKE

RSM Carlos Omar Haas (Argentina) in a friendly handshake with RSM Stan Wilmot (Britain) at the ARGCON Medal Parade.