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Out and About in Sector One



CASEVAC

ANNIVERSARY OF GEN SAN MARTIN'S DEATH



On 17 August, the Argentinians of Sector One remembered the 145th anniversary of Gen Don José de San Martín's death. In his memory, ARGCON decided to rename Skouriotissa Camp as "Gen San Martin Camp" on 25 May 1995.

Born in Argentina on 25 February 1778, Gen Martin is remembered for his struggle against Spanish rule in the cause of freedom for the Argentinians. For his actions, he is known in Argentina as the "Father of our Country".

PARTY IN SAN MARTIN CAMP

Sector One recently arranged a dinner party in San Martin Camp to offer hospitality to a number of people from Nicosia, Linou and nearby locations who cooperate closely with the Argentinian Contingent. Sector One's Band and a disc jockey provided entertainment for the evening, which was considered a great success.



On 19 September, a CASEVAC exercise was carried out in the area of UN 25, consisting of a patient diagnosed as having fractures to the skull and suffering from a haemorrhage. The exercise team was led by Maj Bayón and assisted by Maj Sorgenti, Capt Kitayima and 1/Lt De Natale who rushed to UN 25. Having made the diagnosis, a successful helicopter evacuation to the UNPA was concluded in a total of 15 minutes. This was a very useful exercise which allowed the correct procedures for a CASEVAC operation to be practised and checked.



PEÑA FOLKLORICA



On 27 August, an Argentinian "Peña Folklorica" took place in San Martin Camp. This traditional gathering is characterized by singers and musical groups, in addition to the telling of jokes and, of course, the circulation of good Argentinian wine! This gathering usually takes place in ARGCON after the sun sets, when all participants gather around a bonfire, young and old alike.



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FRONT COVER:

UNITED NATIONS OPEN HOUSE

BY CPL JOHN DALY

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DECLARATION ON THE OCCASION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

The following is an extract from the declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its current session:

Fifty years ago, the United Nations was born out of the sufferings caused by the Second World War. The determination, enshrined in the Charters of the United Nations, "to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war" is as vital today as it was fifty years ago.

The United Nations has been tested by conflict, humanitarian crisis and turbulent change, yet it has survived and played an important role in preventing another global conflict and has achieved much for people all over the world. It has helped to shape the very structure of relations between nations in the modern age.

At this time, following the end of the cold war, and as the end of the century approaches, we must create new opportunities for peace, development, democracy and cooperation. The speed and extent of change in today's world point to a future of great complexity and challenge and to a sharp increase in the level of expectations of the United Nations.

Our resolve on this historic occasion is clear. The commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary must be seized as an opportunity to redirect it to greater service to humankind, especially to those who are suffering and are deeply deprived. This is the practical and moral challenge of our time.

It is widely acknowledged that the work of the United Nations will be the more successful if it is supported by all concerned parties as well as by the international community. We will welcome and facilitate such support.

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Lunch is served!



Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot dancers on the stage together ...



... and the bicomunal audience joins in

OVER 5,000 GREEK CYPRIOTS AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS JOIN UNFICYP IN CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

by Mrs Miriam Taylor

It is one thing to hear how the United Nations throughout its 50 years of existence has remained the world's principal mechanism for international peace, constantly struggling to fulfil the hopes and dreams of its founders. It is another to actually be there when things happen.

The UNFICYP Bicomunal Open House event, organised to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the United Nations, proved to be a truly joyous opportunity to promote the spirit of cooperation and friendship between the two Cypriot communities. Between 5,000 and 6,000 Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots attended, making this event the largest bicomunal gathering in more than 20 years.

In his message to the gathering, the Chief of Mission stated clearly that: *"The men and women of the United Nations in Cyprus join me in welcoming you to this Open House in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the United Nations. We hope that the children and adults of both communities will have a pleasant afternoon together at the Ledra Palace Hotel. All Contingents and Units of UNFICYP have assisted in this Open House programme. We also thank the companies and individuals who have contributed in support of this occasion."*

The organisation of the event has taken a great deal of preparing by a large number of UNFICYP personnel, both military and civilian. UNFICYP is rich in many things, but it is especially rich in dedicated men and women who devoted considerable time and effort in both the preparation and implementation of the Bicomunal Open House.

At 11:00 am on 22 October, the organisers were putting the final touches to the preparation of this most important event in UNFICYP for this year's celebration, when the first groups of participants began to arrive. Soon the Ledra Palace was flooded with people.



The selection of the Ledra Palace as the venue of this important event has greatly contributed to its success. This magnificent hotel, which was opened in the heart of Nicosia in 1949 and succeeded over the years in establishing itself as a centre of tourism for both local and overseas visitors, has in recent years changed its functions as the major meeting point for direct contact between the communities in Cyprus. The Hotel's history and reputation holds some pride within the hearts of the local population, and it has a special status.

The fine autumn weather and greenery of the surroundings within the Ledra Palace Hotel gardens was an additional bonus to all participants. The variety of food included asada and empanadas from Argentina, and goulash from Austria. There were also hamburgers and hot dogs available, and an abundant supply of cool drinks.

The children's activities catered for both the very young and the older age groups, and included donkey rides, the cycle proficiency course, crazy golf, the bouncy castle, the dunking pool, the stocks, rides in APCs and a number of stands organised by individual Units. Of course, there was also amusement for the grown-ups, mainly provided by the Argentinian and Austrian Bands.

However undoubtedly, the most popular entertainment proved once again to be the performance by the local music and dance groups from both communities. Once the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot dancers and singers began their performances, it seemed only natural that people would join in altogether in a common spirit.

In all, it was a most entertaining day and, judging from the number of people from all communities who attended, it can be classified as a great success.



Oh boy, ice-cream!



Greek Cypriot girls performing traditional dances



Turkish Cypriot children getting ready for the show



MARCHING - SHOOTING - SWIMMING SECTOR FOUR'S LINE TOUR TRIATHLON

On 1 August 1995, the Force Commander, Brig Gen A Vartiainen, accompanied by his Adjutant, paid a visit to 2 Coy, Sector Four. Regular, routine line checks do take place in the Sector, however this was a line tour with a difference, since it also included a programme of physical training.

Lt Col Eder, Maj Kraus, Maj Mayer, Maj Poscharnig and 1/Lt Lanzer welcomed their guests from Nicosia at Camp Marie Therese with a small breakfast at 6.00am and then prepared themselves for the march.

This started at the beginning of the Dherinia Line, heading for UN 146 on the coast via UN 140, UN 142 and CP 10. A distance of 12 km was covered, and it is said that a certain high ranking officer (no names mentioned) started at a considerable speed and kept this up to the end, to the dismay of the other participants. To top this, it was also reported that



The Force Commander prepares to set off

this officer was so successful at the pistol shooting station (gaining 76 out of a possible 80 points), that it took him quite a while to realize what he had achieved!

The third part of the "triathlon" was the easiest. At OP 146, which some say has the best view of all the OPs in Sector Four, the exhausted soldiers had a refreshing swim in the sea, followed by a barbecue to replenish the reserves! The visit ended at 1330 hours.



Sharp shooting at its best!



Happy smiles at the end of the march

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN DELEGATION VISITS CYPRUS

Between 13-22 August, a delegation of eight Austrian and Hungarian officers visited the Austrian Contingent in Sector Four. The preparations for an integration of one Hungarian platoon in the Austrian Battalion in November was the main topic.

The Louroujina pocket, which is in the western area of Sector Four, will be handed over to this platoon in November. The Hungarian officers were briefed at their future location on the operational and logistic situation, line tours were conducted and current problems were discussed.

Both the Austrian and the Hungarian officers were satisfied with the visit.



Future Commander of the Hungarian Unit, Lt Col Antal Ughy (left) with Austrian Sector Commander, Lt Col Ernst Eder



HANDOVER OF X-RAY EQUIPMENT IN THE KARPAS

by Sgt David Korak

On Thursday 24 August 95, the Humanitarian Officer from Sector Four officially presented an X-ray machine to the Rizokarpasso Medical Centre. In attendance were Mr Andreas Chrysostomou, the Deputy District Officer of Famagusta, Mr Mustafa Tamer, the District Inspector for the Karpas area, a TCPE escort and a photographer from Kibris newspaper.

UNFICYP was represented by Comdt Padraic O'Callaghan and SSA Sarah Sharpe, both from the



Maj Auer, Dr Sonay, Mr Chrysostomou, WOII Tichy and Mr Tamer



Dr Sonay with WOII Tichy

Humanitarian Branch, HQ UNFICYP, the Humanitarian Officer from Sector Four, Maj Auer, and Sgt Korak from LP Karpas. The equipment was assembled by WOII Tichy from AUSCON's Medical Centre, and it was handed over to a most grateful Dr Sonay, the local doctor, who is delighted that she can now provide much better treatment for residents in the Karpas region.

THE AUSTRIAN SHOW EXPRESS

The Austrian Show Express is a musical group which has been in existence since May 1995 when three AUSCON personnel, who are also musicians in Austria, got together and decided to create a band.

Keyboard player WOI Walter Pressler is the band leader. This is his thirteenth tour in Cyprus. He has also served five times in the Golan Heights and once in Iran. When Walter learned to play the guitar, it was the first step in his long career as a musician. He has played for a number of groups in Austria, but finally had to stop, due to numerous tours abroad with the United Nations. During the last few years, he has specialized on the keyboard and the saxophone. He also sings and plays as a solo entertainer at weddings and parties in Austria. Walter's opinion is that: "founding the Austrian Show Express was a great idea, as Robert and Fritz are excellent fellow musicians. However, groups such as ours are like shooting stars - they usually disappear after a duration of eight months".

The guitarist in the band is WOII Fritz Pölzl, who is in Cyprus for his second tour (the first time was during 1980/81 as Commander of the Othello tower position in Famagusta). He was the leader of

his own band in Austria from 1968 to 1971. His comments were: "It took me a while to get re-accustomed to musical life, but the last few months I will never forget. I have always enjoyed entertaining people with music".



Robert Kadis, Walter Pressler and Fritz Pölzl in action!

The third member of the band, Cpl Robert Kadis, is on his third tour with UNFICYP, and has played the accordion for seven years. He is very enthusiastic about folk-music, especially the Styrian "Oberkrainers", and he is a member of the accordion club "ACM Montfort", which gives musical performances both in Austria and abroad.



UNFICYP FOOTBALL CHALLENGES

BRITCON (UNFICYP) VERSUS IRISHBATT (UNIFIL) RUGBY GAME

Report and photographs by Cpl John Daly

They may not have won this year's rugby World Cup, but the spirit of the "fighting Irish" brought them victory during what has now become one of the highlights of the UNFICYP sporting calendar, the annual UNFICYP versus UNIFIL Rugby Match.



An IRISHBATT or BRITCON ball?

This challenging and exciting event brought together in a friendly spirit UNFICYP's BRITCON team and UNIFIL's IRISHBATT team, Ireland's Infantry Battalion serving with the UN Interim Force in South Lebanon. This time around, it was the 77th IRISHBATT's opportunity to compete against their UN rivals at UNFICYP Headquarters in Nicosia on 30 Sep.

A late afternoon start saw both teams eager to tread some turf. The kickoff whistle started the adrenalin flowing and provided spectators and supporters with all the action, skill and excitement of any Triple Crown match.



Pte Steve Dinneen scores for IRISHBATT

Half time arrived with neither team scoring, but all was soon to change in the second half with several strong pushes by IRISHBATT near the BRITCON line. As the light began to fade, Pte Steve Dinneen took advantage of IRISHBATT's advance and scored the opening try, putting IRISHBATT into the lead. With a strong wind playing havoc with the ball, Cpl Declan O'Connor missed the conversion, but went on a short time later to score from a penalty, putting IRISHBATT ahead with 8 points. Several strong runs by BRITCON in the closing minutes of the game almost succeeded in a try, only to be deprived of scoring by the IRISHBATT defence.

Dusk arrived and the final whistle blew, leaving IRISHBATT the winners again this year with a final score of 8:0. Both teams took advantage of a social evening in the Hibernia Club to discuss the game, and the hope that the two UN teams will meet again next year.

HELP! CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH

On Sunday 24 September, 14 members of 29 Cdo Regt RA were invited to play a football match versus the Help! Orphanage in Kyrenia. The idea for the football match came from AQMS Kelly at his meeting with the organisers of the charity last August. The Orphanage had recently received a donated football strip from the village of "Bishop's Waltham" in England, and this match was designed for the inauguration of their new strip and the newly renovated football pitch.

On our arrival, the children were keen to start with the first five-a-side match. The first two matches were a combined 29 Cde Regt and Help! Team, with both matches played to a good standard and keenly contested.

Prior to the main match of the afternoon, the teams enjoyed a BBQ provided by 29 Cdo Regt and the Help! Organisation. After lunch, it was time for the 'match of the day', with a six-a-side team from 29 Cde Regt versus the main team of the orphanage playing for trophies donated by the Regiment. With the press and local TV filming the match, the orphanage were soon 3 goals up

within the first 10 minutes and continued this way during a very hard battle with the final score 11-7 to the orphanage. After the match, a small prize-giving ceremony took place with the trophies donated by the Regiment being awarded to the winners.

Thanks go to all who helped make this a very successful day for the orphans, and especially the men of 29 Cdo Regt who gave up their own time and donated towards the trophies. A closer link has now been established with the Help! organisation and Sector Two's Humanitarian Cell with a view to holding further events.



A pre-match photo!



29 Commando Regiment Coast to Coast Cycle Challenge



The Coast to Coast Cycle Challenge has been "kindly" left by the Queen's Royal Lancers on their departure from Sector Two in June 1995. The two cyclists of the QRL completed the 226km route in 15 hours, 20 minutes, and the gauntlet was down for 29 Cdo Regt RA to take up the challenge.

A team of eight cyclists and two support vehicles departed Wolseley Barracks on Thursday 14 September to arrive at OP 08 ARGCON in preparation for the following day's ride. The challenge began at first light, 0530 hours, on Friday 15 September, with all cyclists keen to "eat up the mileage" of the mountainous terrain in the Argentinian Sector. The first 40km were particularly tortuous, with steep climbs and equally steep descents - the teams suffering with one notable crash. By mid morning, they had broken the back of the mountains and were now enjoying, some more than others, the ride towards Sector Two. The team were greeted at all the manned Argentinian OPs with friendly smiles and liquid refreshments, all of which helped on the cycle ride towards Sector Two.



The first crash of the day!

After 7½ hours of riding and just behind our planned schedule, the team - now reduced from eight to five - arrived for a well deserved 10-minute stop at the

LPH. After a light lunch of fruit and a refreshing 'cup of tea', the five cyclists continued on the ride through the City and into the east of Sector Two. The team then entered the Australian Sector and were soon approaching Pyla and the area north of the Sovereign Base Area of Dhekelia, unfortunately dropping two more cyclists.



The team of eight cyclists prior to departure at OP 08

The remaining three members of the team each had their own moments of 'hitting the wall' over the next few hours as fatigue and dehydration began to set in. The 15km of road north of Dhekelia again provided a rest from the stony tracks and lifted the team's spirits as they continued to complete the challenge by arriving at OP 146 at 18.41 hours. The total time for the challenge, including stops, was 13 hours, 11 minutes, beating the previous time by 2 hours, 9 minutes.

The team's thanks go to all the supporting staff who endured the journey of 226km at 10km per hour in the vehicles, and to the members of ARGCON and AUSCON who provided invaluable help with both guides and support. The gauntlet is now down for the next unit to take up the challenge!



COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE AT ST COLOMBA CHURCH, UNPA



The 50th anniversary of the end of WW II and VJ Day were marked by a commemorative service at St Colomba Church on Sunday 20 August 1995.

The Service was conducted by the Revd Ray Hayter who is padre to the British Contingent, and was similar to the Service held outside Buckingham Palace in London which was attended by the Queen. Special services of thanksgiving were held throughout the British Commonwealth to pay tribute to those who fought for justice and freedom in the Far East and to remember those who died.

The Rev Hayter outside St Colomba Church





SAFE DRIVING IN CYPRUS

by the Force Provost Marshal



Time and time again, the same complaints are made by drivers following a traffic accident: "I don't know what happened. I just skidded off the road".

The average motorist is not as well acquainted with the road surface types and conditions as he should be. It is useless to complain about a slippery surface after a skid has occurred. A good driver is the one who looks well ahead, recognizes any change on road surface conditions and then applies a correct level of braking, acceleration and steering so that the maximum road holding is always achieved.

When clean and dry, the surfaces of most properly made up roads are fairly good for road holding. In wet weather, they may become slippery, particularly here in Cyprus during a brief shower following the long spells of dry weather. The presence of oily, moist, muddy patches or wet dry leaves, dry loose dust or gravel, etc can cause tyres to lose adhesion. In addition to the ordinary road surfaces we are all used to back home, a lot of us whilst serving in Cyprus do most of our driving on the patrol tracks, constructed of all sorts of loose stone chippings, gravel and tarmac in serious states of repair.

Most roads have a surface of asphalt or other compounds which may have a dressing of stones or chips. These surfaces have a comparatively high non-skid value. However, in time, especially when subjected to the extreme temperatures we may have in Cyprus, they take on a polished appearance and lose some of the non-skid properties. Concrete road surfaces usually have good non-skid value, but are apt to hold surface water, creating a slippery surface which is not always seen until it is too late.

Wear and tear to your vehicle should be reduced so far as practicable by keeping a good look out for potholes, projecting manhole covers, sunken gullies and any materials or dropped objects that are likely to damage the tyres. To avoid such damage, the course of your vehicle may have to be altered slightly, if this can be done without inconvenience to other road users. If they cannot be avoided, speed must be reduced so that rough ground is transversed slowly, thus maintaining stability and reducing to a minimum the shock to the vehicle.

Remember - speed costs lives!

THE UN MPs TAKE TO THE WATER

Between 7 to 12 August 1995, ten UN personnel completed the British Sub-Aqua Club Novice I and II diving courses, organised by the Force Provost Marshal, WO2 TR Trafford BEM, with assistance from the staff at the Cyprus Joint Services Adventure Training Centre (CJSATC) Dhekelia.

The courses were open to five personnel from HQ UNPA and five from Sector Two. Two members



What about a parachute?
The FPM leads the way

from the MP Elm attended, namely Sgt Sue Ashton from the Special Investigation Section and Sgt Chris Hartl from the Police Detachment. The aim of the course was to train the students to be competent in the safe and correct use of aqualung equipment in sheltered water, this being provided by the excellent facility of the UN pool, followed by an introduction to open water diving in the Dhekelia area.

Not only were there practical lessons on the use of the equipment, but considerable time was spent completing the theory. Sue and Chris, together with the remaining course participants, all successfully passed the Novice I, Practical and Theory tests, which then allowed all to complete the Novice II on the final day. This required two open water dives to be completed, together with various drills and rescue techniques being practised, again all successfully passed.

To mark the end of the course, the customary "Beer and BBQ" was held at CJSATC. It is understood that the majority of the course members have been bitten by the diving bug and have completed a number of dives and signed up for the next level, that being the qualification of sports diver.



Sue Ashton and crew after the dive



AUSTCIVPOL IN SECTOR ONE

One of the Australian Civilian Police (AUSTCIVPOL) tasks in Cyprus is to provide Civilian Police support for ARGCON in Sector One. Three AUSTCIVPOL members, Station Sergeant Dean Portway and Sergeants Rick McQualter and Allen Williams, are based in a house within the small village of Linou, about 3 kilometres south of Skouriotissa.

The AUSTCIVPOL station has been located within many different areas in Sector One over the last few years - Peristerona, Skouriotissa and then, in November 1993, they were moved to their current location at Linou.



Stn Sgt Portway, Sgt Williams and Sgt McQualter

The AUSTCIVPOL members are tasked to provide support for ARGCON any time of the day or night in any area of Sector One. Their patrol zone encompasses an area stretching from UN OP 45, just west of the UNPA, to UN OP 01, that is just west of the Kokkina Enclave. This is nearly one half of the UN Buffer Zone on the island!

AUSTCIVPOL have two main tracks that they use to patrol their area of responsibility - Track 100 and

Track 200. Track 200 covers the area from the UNPA to the Lefka Road, and then Track 100 from the Lefka Road to Kato Pyrgos. A benefit of working in Sector One is the varied scenery you see while patrolling Track 100. However, due to the perilous nature of this track, a number of fatalities have occurred involving UN personnel.



Hunters in the BZ being given directions by AUSTCIVPOL

The tasks requested of AUSTCIVPOL by the ARGCON element range from finding lost or stolen stock, investigating serious incidents involving civilians within the BZ, helping to preserve the integrity of the BZ during the hunting season, and carrying out investigations into any reported desertions of military personnel from either side. The tasks are varied and no one day is ever the same, with some days commencing early in the morning and continuing late into the night.

The AUSTCIVPOL presence in Sector One is of some considerable importance, and they strive to ensure that any request made receives the fullest possible support, be it from ARGCON personnel or the civilians who live and work within the Buffer Zone.

THE KANGAROO CLUB

The official renaming of the Aussie Mess was celebrated on Saturday 2 September 1995. A karaoke and talent quest was organised for the evening. The winning prize, a weekend for two at a five-star hotel in Limassol, was donated to AUSTCIVPOL through the R & R Cell by Thomas Cook Travel.

Three judges were nominated: Comd Harry Dales, Stn Sgt Allison Barrett and WO1 Ian Mullen.

After two hours of talent, the winning prize was presented to Caroline from the Shamrock for her superb rendition of Bette Midler's "The Rose".

After the talent quest, it was down to the most important part of the evening, when Comd Dales officially renamed the Aussie Mess as the Kangaroo Club.

The party then continued with others showing their talent on the karaoke and, at the same time,



Comd Dales renames the Aussie Club

drinking the bar dry! A good night was had by all.



PERSONALITIES AROUND HQ UNFICYP



**LIEUTENANT COLONEL NP PARKER,
ARMY AIR CORPS
CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER, HQ UNFICYP**



Lt Col Nick Parker was born in 1950 and was educated at Kings School, Gloucester. Commissioned into the Royal Artillery from Sandhurst in 1971, he served with two Regiments in the UK, Germany, Northern Ireland and Denmark until 1975, when he attended the Army Pilots Course.

He passed the course in 1976 and was awarded his wings by his father who, as Commander Army Air Corps UKLF, had been one of the four founding officers of the Corps in 1957. His first flying tour was with 3 Commando Brigade Air Squadron Royal Marines, where he earned his Green Beret in 1977. Several operational tours in Northern Ireland and deployments on board ship occurred before his posting to Germany as Adjutant of 1 Regiment Army Air Corps. A short tour as a Lynx Flight Commander in Soest followed in 1982, before he was posted to Northern Ireland as Commander Search Cell for two years.

Promoted to Major in 1984 to command 658 Squadron Army Corps, which supported 5 Airborne Brigade, he deployed with his Squadron to the South Atlantic, Germany, Kenya and throughout the UK. His first staff appointment was as SO2 G3 Ops/Air with the NORTHAG before being selected

as the first Army Aviator to instruct at the All Arms Tactics Course in Warminster in 1989.

Promoted to Lt Colonel in 1990, he was posted as the British Liaison Officer to the US Army Aviation Centre at Fort Rucker in Alabama, USA. He earned his US Army Senior Aviator Wings during this tour.

In 1992, he took command of 3 Regiment Army Air Corps in Soest, Germany. The Regiment shortly afterwards moved back to the UK, re-equipped with new helicopters, and re-ordered to become an Airmobile Aviation Battlegroup within 24 Airmobile Brigade.

He is married to Ann and has two daughters: the eldest is studying art at university in London and the youngest is studying music as her main subject at school.



**LIEUTENANT COLONEL JULIO BROUWER DE KONING
COMMANDER OFFICER
UNFICYP FLIGHT**



Lt Col Julio Brouwer de Koning was born in Ascasubi Village in the province of Cordoba, Argentina, in 1947. He completed the Air Force Military College in 1972 and, during his career, he flew the following helicopters: Hughes 500, UH-1H/Bell 212, Sikorsky (S61N/S61R) and Chinook (CH-47C), accumulating almost 4,000 hours of flight.

On promotion to the rank of Major, he took command of an air squadron and took part in the South Atlantic Conflict as a Chinook Pilot.

Lt Col Brouwer de Koning is married to Maria Cristina. They have two daughters and three sons.



PERSONALITIES AROUND SECTOR ONE



SECOND IN COMMAND, SECTOR ONE



The Commanding Officer of Sector One will continue to be Lt Col Hernán Garay, who arrived in UNFICYP as Commander ARGCON 4. However, the new 2ic of ARGCON 5 is Lt Col Daniel A Oneto.

Lt Col Oneto was born in 1954 and joined the Army in



1970. He is a Ranger and Military Parachutist, and has taken part in the South Atlantic Conflict (1982) in the Special Units Section. In 1992, he was assigned to UNPROFOR in the former Yugoslavia.

Lt Col Oneto is married to Mabel, and they have four children.



WOMEN IN ARGCON 5



The recruiting of women into the Argentinian Armed Forces is nothing new to ARGCON - in this Unit, there are two of them! In this issue, we report on the first one who is 1/Lt Claudia De Natale, born on 20 September 1962 in Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina.

Claudia went to medical school in Buenos Aires National University. She graduated as a doctor in 1989, and



subsequently specialized in internal medicine. In 1990, she joined the Army and has served in some of the principal Army Hospitals. Within this environment, she participated in the first campaign against AIDS carried out by our Forces and in various health campaigns on the Argentinian frontiers.

Claudia is single, and her hobbies include pottery and needlework.



THE FIRST BRAZILIANS IN UNFICYP



Invited by the Argentinian Army Commander, Gen Martin Balza, two Brazilian men are currently attached to the Argentinian Contingent in UNFICYP. They are Capt Rodrigo Espinola Araujo and SSgt Fernando Teixeira.

Capt Espinola was born in 1964 at Curitiba City in the State of Paraná. He joined the Military Academy in 1983 and has undertaken the following courses: Cavalry Officer, Basic Parachutist, Jungle Operations and the Captain's School. He has gained UN experience in Salvador (ONUSAL) as a Military Observer from August 94 to June 95.

Capt Espinola is married to Valeria and they have two children.

The second Brazilian to serve in UNFICYP is SSgt Teixeira, who was born in 1954 in Recreio City in the State of Minas Gerais. He joined the Brazilian Army in 1973 and is a military



Capt Espinola (left) with SSgt Teixeira

nurse, attached to the Health Corps of the Brazilian Army. SSgt Teixeira has a very important hobby - he is an inventor, and over the past few years, he has gained many prizes for his inventions in the medical world.

SSgt Teixeira is married to Regina, and they have three children.



UNITED NATIONS SPECIALIZED AND RELATED AGENCIES: PART THREE

by Mrs Miriam Taylor

In Part Three of its review on UN Specialized and Related Agencies, the Blue Beret covers UNIDO, FAO and UNESCO. We hope our readers have enjoyed these articles, and welcome any comments they may have.

14. United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)



14.1 History of Establishment. UNIDO was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1966 as an organ to promote and accelerate the industrialization of the developing countries and to coordinate United Nations activities in this field. UNIDO became a fully autonomous specialized agency on 1 January 1986.

14.2 Aims and Activities. The organization is the United Nations system's central coordinating body in industrial development. It encourages and assists developing countries to promote and accelerate their industrialization, and it coordinates, initiates and follows up United Nations activities to this end. It contributes to cooperation between industrialized and developing countries in accelerating world industrial development by: providing a forum for contacts, consultations and negotiations; encouraging investment promotion activities; and promoting and facilitating the transfer of technology to and between developing countries.

14.3 Administration and Headquarters. The principal organs of UNIDO are: the General Conference, which determines the guiding principles, approves the budget and adopts conventions and agreements; the 53-member Industrial Development Board, which reviews Conference-approved programmes and makes recommendations; and the 27-member Programme and Budget Committee. UNIDO's Headquarters is in Vienna, Austria.

15. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)



15.1 History of Establishment. FAO was founded in Quebec City on 16 October 1945. Since 1981, that date has been observed annually as World Food Day.

15.2 Aims and Activities. The aims of FAO are to raise levels of nutrition and standards of living; to improve the production, processing, marketing and distribution of all food and agricultural products from farms, forests and fisheries; to promote rural development and improve the living conditions of rural populations; and, by these means, to eliminate hunger. FAO promotes investment in agriculture, better soil and water

management, improved yields of crops and livestock, the transfer of technology and the development of agricultural research in developing countries. Special FAO programmes help countries prepare for emergency food situations and provide relief when necessary. Other programmes aim at improving seed production and distribution in developing countries and assisting countries in the supply and use of fertilizers.

15.3 Administration and Headquarters. The General Conference of FAO, composed of all 160 member nations, meets every other year to determine the policy and approve the budget and work programme of FAO. The Council, consisting of 49 member nations elected by the Conference, serves as the governing body of FAO between sessions of the Conference. FAO's Headquarters is in Rome, Italy.

16. United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)



16.1 History of Establishment. The constitution of UNESCO was prepared by a conference convened in London in 1945. UNESCO came into being on 4 November 1946.

16.2 Aims and Activities. UNESCO's primary aim is to contribute to peace and security in the world by promoting collaboration among nations through education, science, culture and communication. To realize these aims, UNESCO expands and guides education so as to enable the people of every country to take their own development in hand more effectively; helps in establishing scientific and technological foundations leading to improved management of the environment and better use of natural resources; encourages national cultural values and the preservation of cultural heritage so as to derive the maximum advantage from modernization without the loss of cultural identity and diversity; develops communication for a free flow and a wider and better balanced dissemination of information, without any obstacle to freedom of expression; and promotes the social sciences as instruments for the realization of human rights, justice and peace.

16.3 Administration and Headquarters. The General Conference of UNESCO, composed of representatives of the 166 member countries, meets biennially to decide the policy, programme and budget of the organization. The Executive Board, consisting of 51 members elected by the General Conference, meets twice a year and is responsible for supervising the programme adopted by the Conference. UNESCO's Headquarters is in Paris, France.



THE UNFICYP SHOOTING COMPETITION

Photos by Cpl John Daly



Sector Two on the pistol range



The FC presenting Sector Four with the Falling Plates Trophy



At your target in front ... Fire!



Sector Four examining their targets during the pistol shoot

The UNFICYP Shooting Competition took place in the UNPA on 4 October 1995. As always, the overall standard of shooting was very good, with teams from Sector One, Sector Two, Sector Four, the Permanent Force Reserve, UN Flight and the UN MP Element taking part. However at the end of the day, the Austrians came out on top with an excellent display of marksmanship, claiming victory for the Rifle, Pistol and Falling Plates Competitions.

The Force Commander presented the winners with their prizes, and congratulated all who took part.



Take your positions ... Sector One in action



Cpl Helmut Strebl, happy after receiving the trophy for the Rifle Competition



Go, Go, Go Sector Two on the run



OPEN HOUSE: A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

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Boating in the pool



Ready, aim, fire!



Swing high, swing low



Goal!



Bullseye!



Hi Ho Silver!



Easy does it



Full house

Going down ...