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Welcome to this, the November edition of FORUM Magazine. This is the first in which I have the privilege of being Editor. I have now been in post six weeks and am looking forward to promoting the positive messages of EUFOR. Remember, the content of EUFOR Forum is only as good as the material we receive from you the reader both within HQ and in the LOT Houses.

Externally, the Press Office has soaked up the furor of the Political scene which has seen the EUFOR Mission being extended until 2009.

European Defence Ministers met in Brussels in early November, which they decided that given the ongoing political turmoil within the country, EUFOR should remain in BiH.

That said it took the

In this edition, we have selected an article from each month throughout 2008, so that EUFOR personnel recently arrived in theatre and those seasoned veterans can see the events throughout the year.

As the Christmas period approaches and with it the imminent arrival of COM EUFOR, from the Press Office, may we wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Peace Implementation Council (PIC) which sat during late November, a unanimous decision to extend the Office of Higher Representative (OHR) for a further year in BiH. With that came the extension of the UN Mandate for EUFOR to remain within BiH. The Defence Ministers will look again at the way ahead with EUFOR in March 2009.



New Deputy Commander for EUFOR



EUFOR has a new Deputy Commander (DCOM). Brigadier General Carlos Díaz del Río took over his duties from the outgoing DCOM Brigadier General Roberto D'Alessandro, who departed after six months in BiH. We wish DCOM every success during his tenure. He has already been active within EUFOR visiting LOT Houses throughout the month. More on Page 6.

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December

New Headquarters Personnel for EUFOR IPU

On 14th December 2007 at Butmir Camp, EUFOR held a formal ceremony to mark the Full Operational Capability of the enhanced Integrated Police Unit (IPU) Headquarters. This HQ



has received staff from the European Gendarmerie Force (EGF). The EGF is a multinational initiative of Dutch, French, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish Police Forces with military status.

Its aim is to reinforce International Community capabilities on police missions. Next to the five EGF Member States already mentioned Hungary, Romania and Turkey also participate in the IPU by providing manpower and equipment essential to conducting IPU tasks.

January

EUFOR in Grief

On Saturday 12th January 2008 at around 1200 Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) Mi17 Helicopter that was returning home at the end of mission crashed approximately six miles from Skopje near the village of Blace. On board the aircraft were eleven FYROM crew and passengers who were all killed. They were all members of the FYROM contingent who had completed their tour in EUFOR. The helicopter launched from the EUFOR base in Camp Butmir



at 0930 and was close to its destination. EUFOR extends its condolences to the friends and family of those who were on board and we regret any loss of life.

February

EUFOR Candlemass Service

On Friday 1st February an ecumenical service for all Christian faiths was held at Camp Butmir. This was the first time that EUFOR has conducted such a service and was the culmination of a week of global Catholic and Orthodox services.



March

Oldest Marines Corps in the worlds celebrates 471st birthday

The Spanish Contingent celebrated the Spanish Marines Corps Anniversary in Camp Butmir on the last week of February. This Corps, established in 1537, is the oldest Marine Corps in the world. The celebration lasted for three days in which Spanish Marines developed sports events and a Military Parade.



April

EUFOR PIFWC Operations

On Thursday 27th March 2008a PIFWC search was held in Pale at the homes of three families suspected of being involved with the Radovan Karadzic support network. A week later, on Wednesday 2 April, a PIFWC search was held in Krupac at the home of Dragan Draskovic, suspected of being a part of the same support network. These were the first search operations for a few months.



May

Winners of the EUFOR

School Competition Travel to Slovenia

During June and July 2008 EUFOR carried out a nationwide secondary school competition in Bosnia-Herzegovina, with the theme 'Bosnia-Herzegovina on the path to European Union'. The children had to develop a community project. Winners of the project attended a ceremony in Sarajevo, where they were informed of their prizes, which included a trip to Slovenia.



June

Bienvenue à Bruxelles - EU Open Day

Thousands of people walked through the sanctums of the



European Union (EU) in Brussels in a single day during the EU Open Day on 7th June 2008. On this day the EU Council and the EU Commission opened the doors to their buildings, offices and conference rooms. The aim was to show to the public not only where the repre-

sentatives of the EU are working, but also what they are working on.

EUFOR was present with an information stand during the Open Day to provide firsthand information on the work of our troops in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

July

Radovan Karadzic Arrested

Bosnian Serb war crimes suspect Radovan Karadzic, one of the world's most wanted men, has been arrested in Serbia after more than a decade on the run. The Bosnian Serb wartime political leader disappeared in 1996.



After the arrest of Radovan Karadzic on 21st July, The Commander of EUFOR welcomed the news of the arrest of war crimes fugitive Radovan Karadzic by Serbian authorities. The Commander said "this moment was significant for justice, for BiH, the wider Balkans and International Community. I

also recognise the constructive steps taken by the new Serbian government".

August

New Commander for EUFOR Multi-National Battalion

EUFOR conducted a Change of Command ceremony to mark the handover of command within the Multi-National Battalion (MNB) at Camp Butmir on 16th August. Lieutenant Colonel Joaquín Peñuelas González handed over command to Lieutenant Colonel José Manuel Estévez Payeras after four months of command. During this time he has overseen a number of key events, the most noticeable

being 'Exercise Thunderstorm' in August when the MNB took part in a joint exercise with the Integrated Police Unit (IPU), which fully tested and demonstrated the capabilities of these EUFOR assets.



September

EUFOR Concludes Inspections of Ammunition and Weapon Storage Sites

Earlier this year, AFBiH became the lead organisation for the inspection and management of ASS and WSS in BiH. However, EUFOR continued to undertake in conjunction with AFBiH a 100%



inspection of the sites. On the 12th September this was successfully concluded and marks further progress as EUFOR transfers another function to the AFBiH.

October

The Dutch State Secretary of Defence Delegation Visits Dutch LOT Houses

The Dutch State Secretary of Defence, Jack de Vries, together with Dutch Deputy Director Operations CDRE Reefman, started an official visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina on 5th October.



The main purpose of the State Secretary of

Defence delegation's visit was to discuss distinctions and events in the RCC1 area of responsibility (AOR) and especially about the opinion of the people in Bosnia and Herzegovina about the presence of EUFOR.

On 6th October, they visited Camp Butmir in Sarajevo where the State Secretary attended the medal parade from the Dutch contingent in HQ.

COM EUFOR Official Visit to FYROM

EUFOR Commander Major General Ignacio Martin Villalain has concluded a two day official visit to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on 11th November.

The official visit was devoted to the official ceremony in awarding the posthumous European Security Defence Policy Service Medals to the families of the soldiers who lost their lives in a helicopter crash near Skopje after completing a tour of EUFOR duty in January 2008

Major General Villalain, Commander EUFOR stated:

“It is an honour for me to attend this cere-



mony today and to present medals to the families of the brave Macedonian soldiers. On behalf of everyone involved in Operation ALTHEA, I assure you that their deaths have not been in vain. The memorial stone in Camp Butmir, Sarajevo will always be a testament to their contribution to the mission

and a reminder to all of their sacrifice.

I thank the Minister of the Defence and the Chief of General Staff of the Army for the kind invitation to this ceremony. I also thank you for your ongoing contribution to Operation ALTHEA. This continued support bears testament to the sacrifice made by the soldiers we are honoring today and is appreciated by all within EUFOR.”

The ceremony took place in front of the Ministry of Defence and the General Staff Building. The Minister of Defence, The Chief of General Staff of the Army General and former Wing Commander LTC Kire Kolevski to EUFOR ALTHEA were in attendance.

New Deputy Commander for EUFOR

As of 4th November 2008, EUFOR has a new Deputy Commander (DCOM). Brigadier General Carlos Díaz del Río took over his duties from the outgoing DCOM Brigadier General Roberto D’Alessandro, who departed after six months in BiH.

Brigadier General Roberto D’Alessandro on his departure said: “I am honoured to have served as DCOM EUFOR for the past six months. It has been an enriching experience both professionally and personally. The professionalism and the unique support and cooperation of the staff of



EUFOR HQ have been crucial to me to reach the goals of my job. Finally, my appreciation for the close cooperation established

between EUFOR and the AFBiH, which is another step for the complete stabilization of the county.”

Brigadier General Carlos Díaz del Río has previously worked in Land Operation Centre at Army HQ, Madrid, attended Senior Course at NATO Defence College, Rome and assigned to the NATO Striking Fleet Atlantic Norfolk, Virginia embarked on board USS Mount Whitney as ACOS CJ9 (CIMIC). More recently, he was appointed Chief of the Army National Planning Centre (CEPOEN). He is very much looking forward to serving in BiH and is keen to reinforce the message that EUFOR remains a force for good and is work-

ing together with the population and Armed Forces of BiH, in bringing the country closer to the European Union.

Visit to COM EUFOR October 2008



Carabinieri visit



ICTY Mr Serge Brammertz



German minister of defence



New HOM EUPM



Chilenian Ambassador



OSCE HoM ambassador Gary D. Robbins



Portuguese General Cabrita visit

AFBIH Training



After a hard-working week, AFBIH troops learnt techniques and procedures such as house searching and buildings in the most secure way or skills about Crow Riot Control (CRC) in hostile situations.

The final exercise took place on the 21st November in Camp Butmir, at IPU training

area, consisting of a CRC exercise. AFBIH troops had to dare with a furious mass of manifestants and dissolve them to help other platoons from IPU and MNBN to secure a house and take hostages out and move them to safe location.

After this demonstration, all authorities

enjoyed an exposition where every IPU platoon showed its operative material, weapons, uniforms, etc. AFBIH troops could also ask in detail about the use of some materials after IPU Commander's speech where he remarked about the great joint effort made by the troops and the high level performance.

Visit by COS EUFOR Brigadier General Wundrak to LOT Dobož and LOT Zavidovici

On Saturday 1st of November COS EUFOR visited LOT DOBOJ and LOT ZAVIDOVICI. First he was welcomed by Major Bahmurat AKGÜN (RCC 5 Chief) and Major Mariusz FALCZYNSKI (LOT DOBOJ Commander). After the welcome coffee and the presentation of the LOT personnel, he was briefed about the current situation,

activities and important issues in AOR of LOT DOBOJ. Then he took a tour in and around the LOT house. COS EUFOR ate lunch with LOT members. Later on, along with RCC-5 Chief the delegation headed to LOT ZAVIDOVICI. There, he was welcomed by Major Selim OKTAY (LOT



ZAVIDOVICI Com). After a brief tour in the LOT House, he was given a briefing about the current situation, activities and important issues in LOT ZAVIDOVICI's AOR. Before departure, he thanked the LOT members for the briefing. He said he was pleased to be in LOT ZAVIDOVICI and wished success for the future mission of LOT personnel.



COS EUFOR Visits LOT Drvar

*OF-1 (RNLMP) Verhoef P.
OR-9 (RNLAf) Raets A.P.H.*

On 22nd November, the COS EUFOR Brigadier General Joachim Wundrak visited LOT Drvar together with his ADC, 1st Lt Leder.

They were accompanied by Chief LOT DESK and also Dutch SNR, LTC Honing, and Assistant Coordinator RCC 1 capt den Boer.

After arriving in the LOT house, the delegation was welcomed by the LOT personnel with coffee, tea and still warm, home-made apple pie with whipped cream. The pie was enjoyed very much by everyone, especially by the General.

The OC of LOT house Drvar, capt Schepers, briefed the general and his attendance about the current situation in the Area

of Responsibility (AOR) of LOT Drvar. The AOR covers the northern part of Canton 10 and includes the municipalities of Drvar, Glamoc and Bosansko Grahovo.

COS EUFOR was particularly interested in the education system, the Local Police and politics in the mentioned municipalities and how we, the LOT personnel, thought about these issues.

During the lunch, the COS asked LOT Drvar about the school competition. In our experience, we stated that this is a good initiative in e.g. Sarajevo, Banja Luca, Tuzla, Zenica or Livno. In the AOR of LOT Drvar the few schools present, support the school competition, but their priorities are at a



Photos: OR-9 (RNLAf) Leenders P.J.A.M.M.

more basic level. They are in need of a good school building, with windows that are not broken, a proper heating system and a running water supply system.

After the lunch, COS EUFOR with his attendance and LOT personnel and Jelena, one of the interpreters of the LOT house, left for a tour through out the city of Drvar by car. Along the way Jelena told the General about the history, economics and the reconstruction of Drvar. After a short stop at the cultural centre, which is under construction, the former train station and the still devastated hospital were also seen by the General. The tour went through the centre of Drvar to Tito's Cave. At the scene Jelena explained the history of Tito's cave to the General.

Before leaving, COS EUFOR told the LOT team Drvar that he got a good impression of the poor region and the poverty and that this visit was an eye opener. Despite the fact that he knows about the poor situation in this region, he was impressed by the sight of all still visible devastations, 13 years after the war ended.

At the end, the OC LOT house Drvar and his team thanked the COS EUFOR and his attendance for their visit and wished them success during their mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

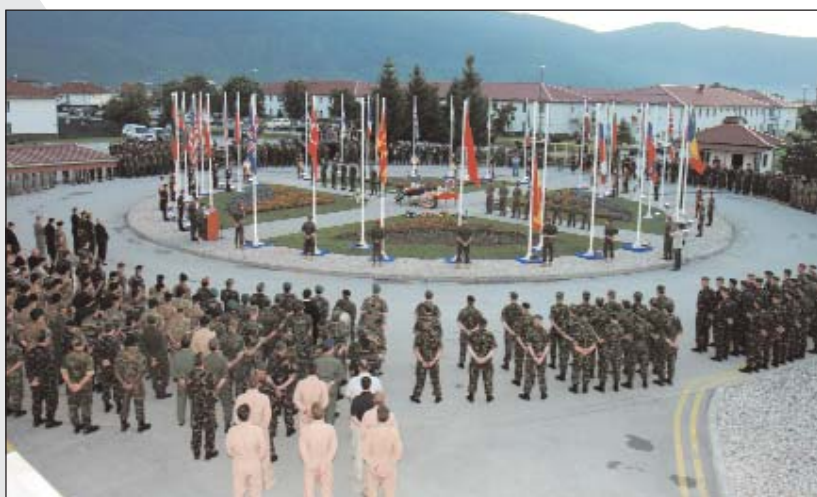


Visit By EUFOR Commander Major General Villalain to Teslic LOT

On Wednesday 29th October COM EUFOR visited LOT Teslic together with his MA, Lieutenant Colonel Klaumann. He was welcomed by Major Bahmurat Akgün (RCC 5 Chief) and all LOT personnel. After the welcome coffee, he was briefed about the current situation, activities and important issues in AOR of LOT. Then he took a tour

in and around the LOT house. After then COM EUFOR and his attendance ate lunch with LOT members. The visit ended on the helicopter landing site in Teslic. Before departure, he thanked the LOT members for the briefing and lunch. He expressed that he was pleased to be in Teslic and wished success for the future mission of LOT personnel.

EUFOR: The Way Ahead



The Security Council of the United Nations has adopted Resolution 1845 on 20 November 2008. UNSCR 1845 welcomes the EU's intention to maintain an EU military operation to Bosnia and Herzegovina from November 2008; and authorizes the continuation of the multinational stabilization force (EUFOR) for a further period of 12 months.

Previously, on 31 October was issued the joint report "EU's policy in Bosnia and Herzegovina: the way ahead" by Javier Solana, EU High Representative for the CESP, and Olli Rehn, EU Commissioner for Enlargement.

The joint report reads that Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) is a potential candidate country with its own unique challenges. A tailor-made strategy and strong international engagement, including active and comprehensive use of all EU's tools and mechanisms, will be necessary to keep it moving forward steadily towards the European Union. The report outlines a comprehensive strategy for a reinforced European engagement, welcoming the Stabilisation and Association Agreement (SAA) that BiH signed with the EU on 16 June 2008.

The EU strategy includes:

1. A reinforced EU engagement in BiH
2. Planning for a reinforced EU Special Representative to reflect the situation on the ground by mid 2009.
3. A new UN Security Council Resolution to end the OHR and HR's mandate and deal with the issue of residual authorities deriving from Dayton/Paris Peace Agreement.
4. Maintaining a strong International Community engagement in support of BiH's future.
5. Active and comprehensive use of all the EU's tools and mechanisms available. The European Partnership and the SAA implementation should be drivers of reform. The evolution of the ESDP operations should take political developments into account.
6. Constitutional reform is neither a requirement for OHR closure nor for BiH's further journey towards the EU. Nevertheless, the constitutional framework must evolve to ensure effective state structures capable of delivering on EU integration. The EU can support constitutional reform with expertise and funds, but the process must be led by BiH

In the wake of this strategy, the role of EUFOR may be adapted taking political developments into account.



iGeoSIT- the Interim Geo-Spatial Intelligence Tool

In recent years the demand on up-to-date digital information across all levels of command has grown rapidly and is expected to rise even more e.g. in the context of planned NATO ISAF expansion. Specifically, the need for digital geodata (e.g. satellite images) and geoproducts (e.g. maps) has increased, as various systems (e.g. C2) require them in order to be operational. Providing timely, customized and accurate Geospatial Intelligence to a



growing community of cross command and cross domain users has changed the requirements on the geospatial information itself as well as on the way this information is disseminated.

NC3A developed iGeoSIT as an easy-to-use web and Java-based Geo Information System (GIS), with high availability to the user via a standard web browser. It provides up-to-date digital topographic mapping and satellite images which can be combined with overlay objects provided by different branches and collected by IAD Geo Section to show such things as minefields, RCC AND LOT Houses, medical facilities, RFI, border crossing points, weapon and ammunition storage sites, shooting ranges, roads and helicopter landing sites etc. The web-service based architecture allows staff of the field theater HQs to use these network enabled services.

The capability is installed in KFOR, EUFOR and ISAF HQs including some Multi-National Brigades/Task Forces. Overlay data from several branches are in

use. This spectrum of overlay data is a key success factor for iGeoSIT and network centric Geospatial Intelligence in general. iGeoSIT server installations are available on mission secret networks.

In EUFOR HQ any user having an account in the EUFOR secret network can access iGeoSIT clients in order to achieve situational awareness within a given theater. In theater, iGeoSIT is used by all branches for a wide variety of tasks. It is becoming the first tool fully enabling

EUFOR HQ staff to share and disseminate data.

Training courses are regularly provided by IAD every 1 or 2 months.

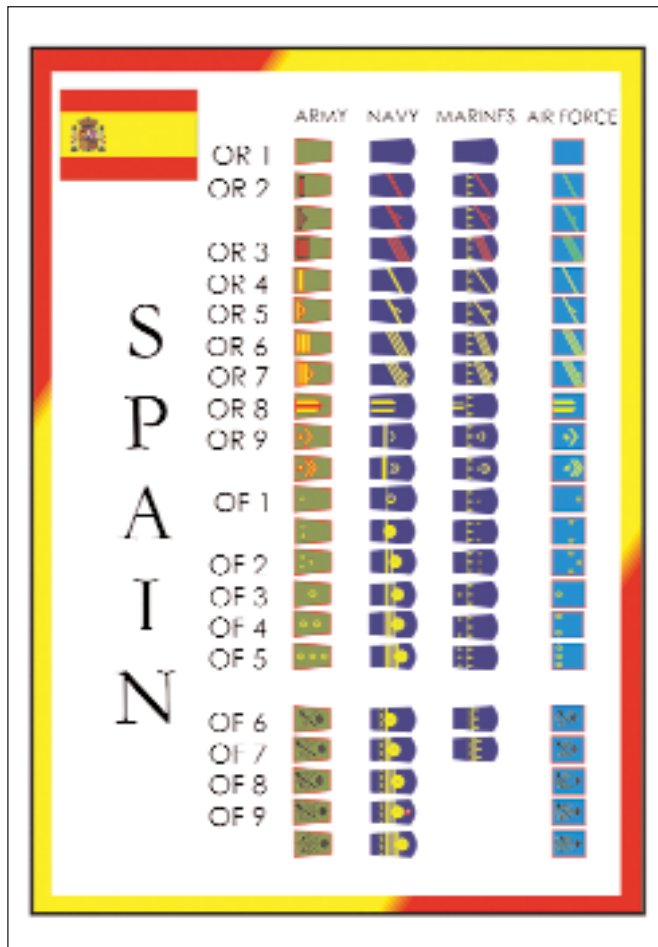
iGeoSIT has proven to be a powerful Geospatial Intelligence tool providing the HQ staff with access to various data from different sources displayed as overlays on topographic map or satellite images. The success of iGeoSIT in the operational theaters (KFOR, EUFOR, and ISAF) has resulted in mak-

ing it available to the whole NATO command structure via NS LAN. iGeoSIT is used in the SDC at SHAPE during the daily morning Command Group meetings to monitor the relevant theaters. Future enhancements will include Blue Force tracking and dynamic MET data integration as requested by Chief J2 and JOC Director KFOR. The lessons learnt during the build up, deployment and operation of iGeoSIT are directly fed in as requirements to NATO's Future Core GIS.

5th Nassirya Anniversary

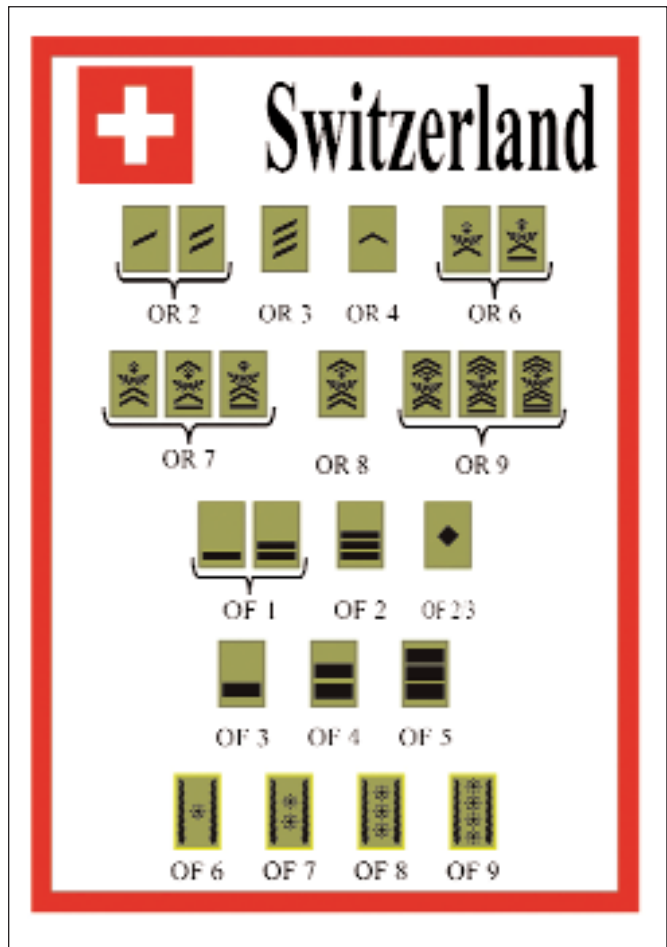
On 12th November in Camp Butmir there was a celebration of the 5th anniversary of terrorist attack at Nassiriya (Iraq) where 19 Italians, both soldiers and civilians, died. The EUFOR Italian contingent wants to remember those men.





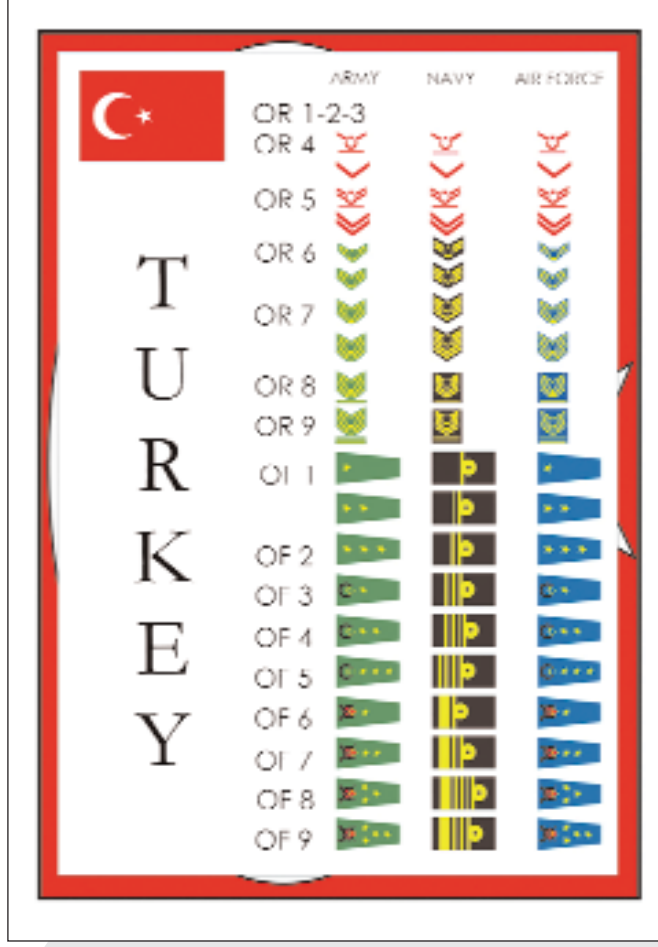
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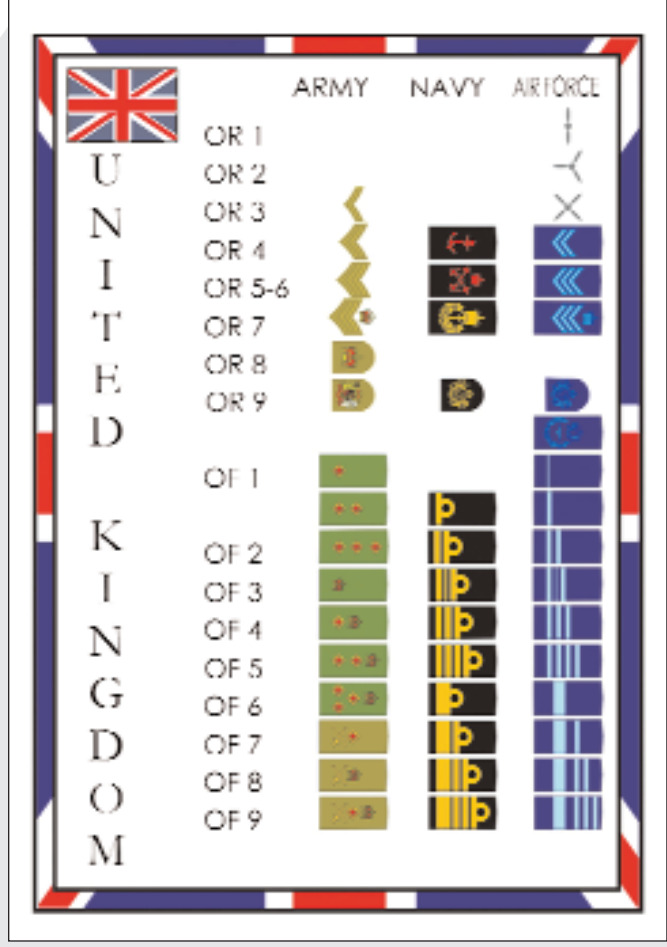
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New Chief IAD visits RCC4 and LOT Tuzla

On 6th of November new Chief IAD, Colonel Francesco Ippoliti, paid his first official visit to RCC4 and the Austrian LOT House in Tuzla. The visit started in front of RCC4-House in Gornje Dubrave where he was introduced to RCC4 personnel.

During welcome coffee was served with a very well sorted arrangement of cakes, RCC4 members informed Colonel

Ippoliti on their personal experiences within EUFOR/ALTHEA and also on previous missions abroad.

Up in the Ops-room Chief RCC4 briefed the new Chief IAD very detailed on RCC4's Area of Responsibility (AOR), organisation and current incidents/concerns. Also ongoing issues, e.g. the security, political and economic situation were discussed most comprehensive.



Very pleased with RCC4 personnel's activities Colonel Ippoliti, accompanied by Chief RCC4, left for LOT Tuzla. During the trip on a spot up on the southern slope of Tuzla's surrounding hills, the delegation stopped and LtCol Seidl showed them the most important sites of Tuzla.

As Chief IAD showed up in front of LOT Tuzla, the commander, Major

Michael Spiwak reported his team to Colonel Ippoliti and an introduction to LOT Tuzla's personnel followed.

After a self prepared lunch (mozzarella on tomatoes, spaghetti with parmesan and self made cake and coffee) Colonel Ippoliti was briefed about the overall situation within the whole AOR of Tuzla and Lukavac. During the briefing also a very open and interesting discussion on various topics (political, security, economical and social situation) took place.

The visit of new Chief IAD was also a very good chance for RCC4 and LOT Tuzla to get a feedback about the daily business and the opinion of the superior command. Chief IAD mentioned several times that he is really impressed about the engagement of the whole personnel and he really enjoyed seeing the positive lightening and feeling the positive energy of RCC and LOT personnel.

EUFOR Moving Cinema Project in Zenica

EUFOR MOVING CINEMA PROJECT was conducted on 19th November 2008 in NEMILA PRIMARY SCHOOL (Camil Sijaric) in ZENICA.

- In this activity, TURKISH LOT ZENICA organized EUFOR MOVING CINEMA project by making the necessary preparations for the activity. The activity took place in the School Gymnasium and the NEMILA PRIMARY SCHOOL's principal and teachers also attended the activity.

- INFO OPS personnel from EUFOR HQ came to school about 1200 hours. After installing the projector, they handed out leaflets to students.

- The screening started, after students came and took their place. There were

approximately one hundred fifty (150) (ages from 7 to 13 years old) students for the screening. The participation was very high.

- The Moving Cinema is a useful tool to educate kids about mine threat and other explosives (UXOs). The goal of such education is to familiarize children with the dangers



the mines pose, Minefield Signs and recognizing places that are dangerous to play around. It is foreseen that for a long time, mine threat will be present in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and a continuous mine risk education is a must in order to avoid potential mine and UXO victims.

- Although the number of mine victims is decreasing day by day, the awareness of mine threat should always be high. The students were eager to participate in this screening and the school principal and teachers were very cooperative towards EUFOR personnel.

- Finally, after the screening, beverages and snacks which were prepared by LOT personnel were enjoyed by the students.

Commonwealth Act of Remembrance – Camp Butmir

A combined Act of Remembrance was held by the Canadian and UK contingents today at Butmir Camp. The ceremony was attended by all UK and Canadian forces personnel and their families based in Camp Butmir and also included guests from the UK and Canadian Embassies, EUPM and other members of NHQ Sarajevo who wished to pay their respects. Each year British Forces gather, wherever they are, in order to remember those comrades who have fallen whilst in service. Often known as the Poppy Parade as British troops wear the Poppy between the first and 11th of November as a symbol of those who have fallen.



Canadian military contingents, who also provided a representative and a small section of UK Police who are working for the European Union Police Mission. After the ceremony the UK and Canadian personnel then had a lunch in the UK Contingent bar.

Whilst only seventeen UK military personnel serve in Bosnia and Herzegovina, they continue to work in a variety of key positions in the EUFOR ALTHEA, NATO Headquarters and The Peace Support Operations Training Centre. All three services (The Royal Navy, the Army and The Royal Air Force) are represented here today.

The ceremony included the traditional two minutes silence at 11 o'clock exactly. The British Ambassador, Mr Michael Tatham, and the Canadian Ambassador, Mr David Hutchins, laid wreaths on behalf of Her Majesty's governments. This was followed by wreaths from the UK and

Medal Parade in Camp Butmir

On the 28st of October, a Medal Parade was held in Camp Butmir Gym. EUFOR personnel was awarded the ALTHEA medal by the then DCOM EUFOR, BG Roberto D'Alessandro.



Spanish Contingent Open the New Course of the Cervantes Program

On the 31st of October, the Spanish Contingent has celebrated the opening ceremony of the new Spanish course in Trebinje. The event was attended by MNBN Commander LTC Estevez Payeras.

This program is carried out in the cities of Mostar, Trebinje and Bileca in order to teach Spanish to the local people.

During the ceremony people received the attendance certificates of the last course, and MNBN Commander encouraged to the people to still studying Spanish.



German Defence Minister Meets COM EUFOR

On Tuesday 28th October, the German Defence Minister Franz Joseph Jung visited the Commander EUFOR, Major General Villalain at EUFOR HQ. During the visit, the Minister spoke to the Commander on matters relating to EUFOR activity, and more broad ranging issues. The Minister also paid a call on Brigadier General Joachim Wundrak COS EUFOR. The visit also gave the Minister an opportunity to meet some of the German EUFOR contingent for an



informal meal and an open forum, of which there are currently 138 serving at Camp Butmir.

Major General Villalain said, “This has been a useful opportunity to discuss with the Minister our on going tasks, main objectives and a general overview of the important role EUFOR is continuing to play in BiH.”

The Minister said, “I am extremely pleased to have had the opportunity to speak to both General Villain and the

German EUFOR contingent for an German EUFOR contingent.”

National Days

Poland



Hungary



Turkey



MWA Events for December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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Photo Corner

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Octavian and Maria Marchidanu.



By Isabel Manzano Vecino

Resolution 819

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French-Polish movie 'Resolution 819' about the 1995 Srebrenica events took the top award at this year's Rome Film Festival.

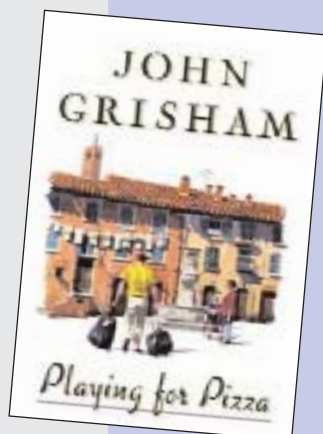
The top prize, The Golden Marc'Aurelio Audience Award for Best film, worth 75,000 euros, was awarded to 'Resolution 819' after a voting by the tens of thousands of people who attended the 10-day festival, where 150 films were screened.

It was the first time the top prize at any film festival has been awarded by popular vote.

Directed by Italy's Giacomo Battiato, the TV drama takes its name from United Nations Resolution 819 guaranteeing the safety and protection of Srebrenica's Bosniak population after Bosnia and Herzegovina's independence.



Playing for Pizza - John Grisham



In *Playing for Pizza*, Rick Dockery is a third-string quarterback for the Cleveland Browns, and when he's forced to play during a playoff game, he blows it big time. Enraged fans chase him out of town. The only football team interested in him now is the Parma Panthers. That's Parma, Italy. In Italy, Dockery finds teammates who play for the fun of it, and Italy's charms - its food, wine, and a certain female opera singer - draw him in.

He even gets the chance to lead his new team to the Italian Super Bowl, if he can avoid disaster again. John Grisham's novel has received mostly positive reviews with the Boston Globe saying, "Grisham has connected with a deeply satisfying story of an athlete finding redemption. What could have been a painful exile for a disgraced American quarterback becomes a delightfully unexpected homecoming."

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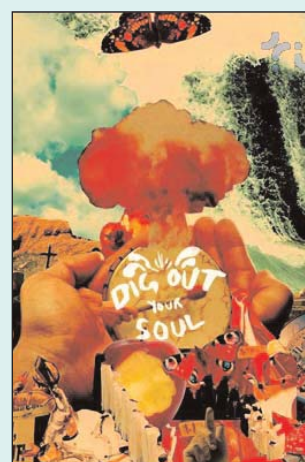
Dig Out Your Soul - Oasis

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As you'd expect the album's packed with the Sex-Pistols-play-the-White-Album material we love 'em for. The Fab-Four-alike game continues with (Get Off Your) High Horse Lady as Give Peace A Chance; the intro to Dear Prudence making up the coda to The Turning; and apparently love is a "magical mystery" in The Shock Of The Lightning.

Liam's songs now give him the opportunity to do the 'sensitive' thing that his brother usually reserves for himself. Both I'm Outta Time and closer, Soldier On may be ostensibly Lennon homages, but they're the equal of anything else here. *Dig Out Your Soul* has a huge

sound. As reported by the siblings, it is "rockin'". Zak Starkey's drums pound in fine neanderthal style; the guitars crunch and feed back; the barre chords pummel; and Liam's voice still does that sneer that conveys that whatever we may think, he's not remotely bothered.



Soldier in the Spotlight

My name is Isabel Manzano Vecino, I'm an artillery Private from Spanish Army and here I'm EUFOR Press Office Photographer and also COM EUFOR Combat camera.

I arrived here on the 11th of March 2008, and I didn't have so much time to prepare the trip and everything because I only knew I was coming here with one week in advance. Everything was such fast that I only had time to relax and think about what I was going to find here when I was in the plane...

I was a little nervous, this was my first mission abroad, and I had a lot of questions, and the first one was when I arrived at the airport, "what should I do now? I'm alone in an airport, in a city I don't know and I don't have any phone number to contact Camp Butmir.... I was alone in the airport, nobody came to pick me up, but thankfully, after some calls to Spain I was picked up, taken to the Base and it begun my mission....

The following day I begun to work at Press Office, I was a little lost, everything was new for me, lots of names, branches, sections, places I should go and I didn't know where were they and the worst thing was that I didn't have anybody to take over from, I had to learn by myself, but fortunately, at the Press Office I've found a great team that helped me anytime I needed it, giving me the most suitable advice in any situation and sharing my joy with every new success

This job here has gave me the great opportunity to take a lot of pictures of a wide variety of situations the majority of them good like Office calls, medal parades, runs, ceremonies, CRC training exercises, that



I really like, national day's parties and lots of events that have let me meet a lot of fantastic people of different nationalities that, in daily life, I wouldn't have met. Although some of them have gone back home we keep in contact and maybe I would go to visit some of them in Italy when I get my holidays after finishing mission.

Not all situations to take pictures were funny, I still remember how hard and sad was working in everything related to the tragical heli crash were Spanish and german soldiers died, I knew two of them and it was so difficult working on those moments, but the only thing I could do was working as better as I could to give honour to them in

my personal way.

I love meeting interesting people, traveling, learning other cultures and languages and that is why, I can say that I like this mission, In Spain I don't have boyfriend, husband or children that, for sure, if I have had, would have kept me at home with them. Due to the international environment, this mission has given me the chance not only to practice and improve my English, but also to begin learning a little other languages such as Italian or French, knowing lots of wonderful places in Bosnia, get in contact with local people and learn a little about them.

Undoubtfully, if I have the chance to come back here again or go on other mission abroad, I will take it, and also I'm going to try going on comission to Florence, Strasburg or Venice, in my opinion this kind of experiences makes you grow as a person and give high value to what we have at home, I could never forget my time here In Bosnia Herzegovina.

