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EUFOR Cup 2011 kicks off



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Foreword by Lt Col Gerhard Schweiger, EUFOR Press Office Chief

A new Communication Organization for Future Challenges

In November the United Nations Security Council authorized another one year mandate extension for EUFOR. The Council of the European Union has made political conclusions. The superior echelons will deliver the adapted concepts and EUFOR will continue to contribute to safety and security in BiH. Along with all measures to ensure this, people in this country need to be confident in this ongoing international commitment too. It is a challenge to efficiently communicate this.



only a benefit for the leadership of EUFOR, but for each and every actor on every level of EUFOR. Professionally executed projects and campaigns like EUFOR Football Cup, EUFOR School Competition or Mine Awareness Campaign, performed by the current Information Operations branch became more and more self-sustainable. These are impressive mass mobilizing factors, which were supporting EUFOR's positive presence in public over the past years.

The next year will bring a significant change in the communication structure of EUFOR. A Public Affairs Office will be created by merging the current branches of Press Office and Information Operations. This will bring synergy in analysis, planning, performance and assessment of content and concepts for external and internal communication of EUFOR and concerning EUFOR. All objectives are determined by the European Union Communication Strategy on EUFOR ALTHEA, below one responsibility to Com EUFOR.

The brand of EUFOR is very well accepted by the entire population of this country. This is not

EUFOR's relations to the other communicating actors from the International Community in BiH, especially to those from the European Union, are very well developed. This will open opportunities for comprehensive efforts for progress for BiH.

As the outgoing Chief Press Office I'm confident that my successor will find the new Public Affairs Office a sufficient instrument to further meet EUFOR's and Com EUFOR's endeavors.

Finally I personally want to thank all supporters of the Press Office during my tour. I was blessed to meet great people here!

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Dear readers of EUFOR Forum
Time has passed very quickly for my predecessor. After about three and a half months working as MEDIA ANALYST in EUFOR Headquarter he has to leave and make place for me, his successor.

My name is Hermann STEINKOGLER and as with Mjr DEUTINGER, I am a member of the Austrian Armed Forces. In Austria I am appointed as the Officer of operative communication and as the alternate Press Information Officer in the 4 th Mechanized Infantry

Brigade in Upper Austria. Therefore I am very happy for the chance to gain experience in the Press Office of EUFOR Headquarter.

Of course I will follow up the professional job of Mjr DEUTINGER. So, if you have any interesting ideas or funny stories please do not hesitate to contact us in the Press Office. We will support you with our photographer and our proofreading /editing skills if needed.

This edition of EUFORUM is again only an overview of some EUFOR activities, exercises and additional stories. However I want to call attention to the interesting report about the 3rd EUFOR CUP. The large attendance of 83 girls-teams and 247 boys-teams speaks for itself. Additionally the reports about the field training exercise of the RECCE Platoon, the Physical Security Course provided by the Swiss MTT and all the other interesting articles show the high intensity of action in the AOR of EUFOR.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition; and remember: "Don't be shy and let us know about your story!"



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Football Cup



The 3rd EUFOR CUP kicked off in style with the first qualifying event being held in Brčko District on the 10th and 11th October 2011. This year has seen EUFOR introducing a girls

event which has, surprisingly, attracted 83 girls school teams across BiH. The girls teams are in addition to the record breaking 247 boys teams. This is, by far, the largest event of its kind

in BiH. The girls event, on this scale and nationwide, is new and both male and female teachers were full of praise for this new initiative.

The first afternoon saw eight girls teams battling it out for one qualifying place at the Sarajevo finals at the end of November. The standards were very mixed but a clear factor was how much the girls enjoyed this opportunity. The first school to win and qualify was from the 4. Primary school Brčko. By coincidence it was the boys from this school who won the first EUFOR Cup in 2009. The boys were invited along to attend the opening ceremony and kick off the first game of the day.





On the second day the boys kicked off in attempt to secure two places for finals in Sarajevo. There were some outstanding games with very strong competition and several players who clearly have the potential to pursue a professional football career. First to qualify were the outstanding team from the Primary school Sutjeska – Modriča. This school finished third overall last year and looks to have an even stronger side this year. They were joined later in the day by the boys from the 7th Primary school Gornji Rahić.

The first days soon attracted a variety of media attention from TV, print and especially the internet. The FACEBOOK group has 'kicked off and video will begin to appear on YOUTUBE to-



wards the weekend. A search on the internet for EUFOR CUP 2011 will point you in the right direction.



Visits to HQ

Major General Bernhard Bair, the Commander of EUFOR welcomed His Excellency Dr Ismet Yilmaz, Minister of Defence of the Republic of Turkey to Camp Butmir on 6th November.



In an Office Call COM EUFOR informed Dr Yilmaz on EUFOR's activities in delivering the overarching European Security and Defence Policy mission in BiH and also discussed recent training delivered by EUFOR personnel to the Armed Forces BiH as part of the Capacity Building and Training task.

COM EUFOR also briefed the Minister on the functions that military personnel from Turkey carry out in the mission. Turkish personnel are currently employed in an extensive variety of roles within EUFOR including the Command of the Regional Coordination Centre in Zenica and the manning of eight EUFOR Liaison Observation Team Houses in BiH. In addition they fill Headquarters posts, provide a Turkish Company within the Multi-National Battalion and support the Integrated Police Unit.

COM EUFOR praised the high standards and professionalism of all the Turkish troops serving in EUFOR. Turkey is the second largest troop contributing nation to Operation Althea. General Bair then concluded the visit by thanking Dr Yilmaz for Turkey's ongoing support to Operation Althea.

The Minister then went to celebrate Eid-ul-Adha with the Turkish contingent in EUFOR.

DCOM EUFOR visits Ammunition Storage Site



Brigadier General Zoltán Gulyás, DCOM EUFOR visited the Ammunition Storage Site of the Armed Forces of BiH in Koslovac on 11 October 2011. He was accompanied by the Chief of External Cooperation Division, Colonel Krasimir Dzhurov and the Chief of Joint Military Affairs Branch, Colonel Franz Sitzwohl.

He was briefed on recent activity at the facility and the means of handling and storing ammunition at the site. He also had the opportunity to meet with the Turkish Verification Unit, who were carrying out an inspection on site. In addition Brigadier General Gulyás was informed about the current issues involved in the storage of ammunition, the transportation and destroying of munitions throughout BiH.

He also inspected the store rooms so he could get



a first hand impression of ammunition storage in BiH. At the end of the visit, the General expressed his appreciation to the EUFOR and AF BiH personnel involved in ammunition storage for their professional work.

COM EUFOR Visits RCC West



On 10th October 2011, COM EUFOR, Major General Bernhard Bair, paid a visit to Regional Coordination Center (RCC) West in Banja Luka. He was greeted by Chief RCC West, Lt Col Tjeerdsma. Also present were the Chief Information and Analysis Division, Colonel Phelan; Chief LOT Desk, Lt Col Van Arnhem; Chief RCC Center, Lt Col Dervisoglu; Chief RCC East, Lt Col Blasch; and Chief RCC South, Lt Col Salata.

During the visit COM EUFOR received a brief from the Chief RCC West on the work of the LOT personnel in the RCC West area and the very good relations that the EUFOR personnel have with the local community. A discussion took place on the work and challenges faced by the team in this area of responsibility.

COM EUFOR expressed his thanks to all the officers and soldiers of the RCC West for such a professional attitude and all their hard work.



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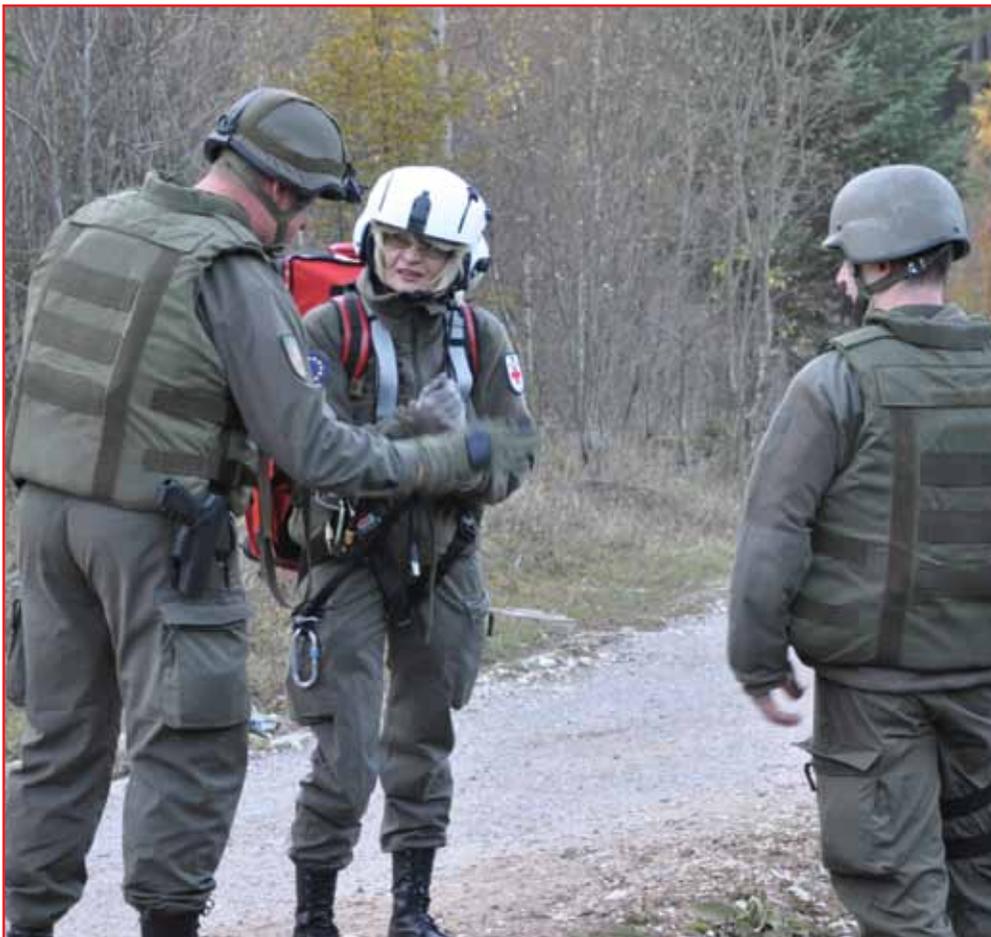
Brigadier General Zoltan GULYÁS, the Deputy Commander of EUFOR welcomed Major General Gorancho KOTESKI, Chief of the General Staff of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to Camp Butmir on 16th November 2011.



In an Office Call, DCOM EUFOR briefed the General about EUFOR's role as the military component of the overarching European Security and Defence Policy mission in BiH. They also discussed a wide range of issues including the current political situation in BiH and the wider Balkan region.

Brigadier General Zoltan Gulyás also highlighted the important contribution that the personnel from the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia make to the mission and praised the professionalism of those serving within EUFOR. The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia personnel serving in Camp Butmir include Doctors and Nurses working in the Camp's medical facility. He went on to thank the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia for their previous and continuing support to EUFOR, Op Althea.

Field training exercise of the RECCE Platoon



On the 2nd of November the Austrian RECCE platoon of MNBN conducted a special field training exercise, concerning the topics: mine awareness training, self and buddy aid and MEDEVAC.

The exercise took place in the area of the TREBEVIC near SARAJEVO. Because of the delicate mine situation in the whole country the threat of a potential mine accident, especially outside the camp, is very high. Due to that a consequent training is necessary to learn how to act appropriately in a such an awkward situation.



The exercise started with a traffic accident. Because of high speed, a car left the road and 3 soldiers were injured, 1 of them badly. The car stopped in a minefield. A group of the RECCE platoon, which was on patrol, found the car and had to solve this dangerous situation. After mine searching around the car (supervised by the Austrian EOD Team), the soldiers immediately started the recovery measures. Simultaneously another member of the group reported the position and called for MEDEVAC. After a few minutes the medical team arrived

at the spot and ensured appropriate medical treatment. The most seriously injured soldier was rescued by helicopter, the other by ambulance. Finally, after having successfully handled all of the

upcoming challenges, the platoon commander discussed the relevant points in an after action review.

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Physical Security Course provided by Swiss MTT

After the successful conclusion of the Theoretical Basic Ammunition Course (TBAC) as the first training activity of Armed Forces of BiH (AFBiH) members within FE 2.1.6.1 Weapons and Ammunition Storage Management, the EUFOR Swiss led Mobile Training Team (MTT) executed the Physical Security Course (PSC). The MTT has been under command of Colonel Prasenjit Chaudhuri of the Swiss Army. To use the training opportunity for the AFBiH to the fullest extent possible, the MTT has brought highly experienced Instructors in the field of Physical security, technical security systems and Explosive Ordnance Destruction (EOD).

The aim of the course was the same as during TBAC, which is to fit the Physical Security module to AFBiH needs and subsequent hand over to AFBiH. The Joint Staff of AFBiH had nominated 20 highly motivated officers and NCOs with extensive experience and insatiable hunger for new knowledge. Those course attendees not only helped to fit the physical security module to the needs of the AFBiH but also prepared it for their own use as they will be the teachers of the course in its second Iteration next year with MTT members in coaching positions only.

With the overarching aim to develop a training module for



guard and intervention forces on weapons and ammunition storage sites which are adapted to AFBiH needs and can be taken over by AFBiH, the MTT has chosen several subjects to fulfill its purpose. First of all, the legal framework and organization of guard service was taught to prepare a background and a solid base for the following topics. Subsequently, the patrol and systematic control duties were addressed to cover storage site surveillance and possible breach of security discovery procedures. Also to facilitate efficient and seamless access to and from a storage site, the In- and out-processing procedures including identification control of persons and thorough vehicle checks have been explained and practically trained. Finally, the intervention techniques for lethal and non-lethal weapons use were the logical next step to be elaborated for acquiring abilities to counter an unauthorized intrusion on a storage site.

As a sign of significance of the Force Element Weapons and Ammunition Storage Management capacity building of the AFBiH, Swiss Ambassador H. E. Dr. André Schaller and military attaches from Austria, Switzerland, Croatia, Spain and Romania visited the PSC during its live shooting exercise in Mošćanica on 21st September 2011. The AFBiH was represented by Brigadier General Tepšić, the Deputy Commander of the Operation Command of the AFBiH showing the continuing commitment of AFBiH in building its capabilities. BG Tepšić was obviously impressed by the presentation and admitted the need for the AFBiH guard procedures update to international standards and praised the Swiss MTT for helping the AFBiH in getting there.

Finally, the Physical Security Course concluded with a final exam and a certificate hand-over ceremony was held on 23rd September. To show their support and continuing commitment, Ambassador of Switzerland H.E. Dr. André Schaller and representatives of Joint Staff and Operational and Support Commands were present at the ceremony. The course certificates of attendance were presented to students by Colonel Prasenjit Chaudhuri.

Greek Mobile Training Team

Greece and Poland are providing Armoured/ Armoured Infantry Training to the Armed Forces of BiH (AFBiH). The Greek Mobile Training Team (MTT) arrived in September and after a number of coordinating meetings, it was agreed that the training would start on the 26th September 2011. The training was conducted at the Combat Training Centre (CTC), located in Manjaca, in the area of Banja Luka.

On the 26th September, an Opening Ceremony took place at the CTC. The ceremony was attended by Captain Georgios Papaioannou, Subject Matter Expert for Armoured /Armoured Infantry Training. Captain Ilias Giannakis MTT member and Lt Col Slavko Vinaji, AFBiH Opposition Forces Battalion Commander were also present.

Training topics included Armoured Personnel Carrier M113 crew course, Armoured Personnel Carrier M113 1st level maintenance, Organization of Battalion Headquarters, Organization of Battalion Command Post, Situation Estimation – Deci-



sion Making Process and Operational Preparation.

The units of the AFBiH involved in the training are from the Combat Training Centre / Opposition Forces Battalion (CTC/OPFOR Bn), the Armoured Battalion located in Tuzla and the 6th Logistic Battalion located in Banja Luka

Once again, MTTs are demonstrating EUFOR's commitment to Capacity Building and Training of the AFBiH.

OF-2 Georgios Papaioannou
Hellenic Army

CBTD Chief visits Manjaca

On the 26th of October 2011, the Capacity Building and Training Division (CBTD) Chief, Col Hayri Kaymaz, visited the Combat Training Centre (CTC), which is located in Manjaca. Two Mobile Training Teams (MTT), one from Greece and one from Poland, are now in the theatre providing training concerning Armoured/ Armoured Infantry. The GRC MTT provides training concerning Staff Officers and Armored Personnel Carrier M 113 and the POL MTT concerning Main Battle Tank M 84.

The CBTD Chief had the opportunity to see the MTT members in action. He discussed with the Subject Matter Expert (SME), the MTT commanders



and the trainees and everyone confirmed that some obstacles may exist, but they are working together in order to accomplish the goals that were established from the beginning.

Afterwards, a short meeting took place with the following participants: CBTD Chief Col Kaymaz, Operational Tactical Training (OTT) Branch Chief Lt

Col Zandarski, CTC Com Lt Col Zmajevic, Opposition Forces Bn Com Lt Col Vinaj and SME Cpt Papaioannou. The main topics of this meeting were the training quality provided by the MTTs and future plans. It was agreed that the trainees are highly motivated and the training was evaluated as very useful and important for the personnel of Armed Forces of BiH (AF BiH).

In conclusion, the above-mentioned visit was an excellent opportunity to affirm the good cooperation between EUFOR and AF BiH in order to achieve the best training results.

The power of Language



On Saturday, 1st October 2011, members of the Slovenian Contingent, who are working in the National Support Element (NSE), EUFOR and NATO HQ in coordination and cooperation with the Slovenian Embassy in Sarajevo, NATO HQ Sa and EUFOR HQ, organized a reception and meeting with Bosnian children who attend the classes of Slovenian language as a second language. We have hosted 38 youngsters from Kakanj, Tuzla and Sarajevo.

There are many different reasons why children choose Slovenian as an additional language to learn. Most of the children have roots in Slovenia. Senior National Representative of the Slovenian Contingent, Colonel Miran Rožanec was the first who addressed the children with

his speech and congratulations followed by the Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia, His Excellency Andrej Grasselli and NATO HQ Sa, Brigadier General Gary E. Huffman.

His Excellency Andrej Grasselli explained that the children are taught the Slovenian language as part of their normal lessons and on Saturdays. This activity is supported by the Ministry of Education and Sports of the Republic of Slovenia, but the main supporters of the children and the learning process are their parents. Even though in most cases their parents don't speak Slovenian with the children at home, the knowledge and language skills that these children demonstrated during their visit were very good if not excellent in some cases. It

was stressed by the Ambassador, how important is for young people to learn as much as possible about Slovenia. For that reason the Republic of Slovenia will also organize regular visit for the children to Slovenia. The visit to Camp Butmir also gave the children a chance to see firsthand what EUFOR soldiers do in BiH. The children had a chance to meet Slovenian and Austrian soldiers and were informed about all aspects of life in Camp Butmir. The Ambassador also said that he is very happy that the children can get the opportunity to see the NATO organization as well

Brigadier General Gary E. Huffman stressed that NATO is a military organization which focuses on the protection of human rights, economic and cultural de-

velopment and responsible governing and society development as well. He said that learning and knowledge of foreign languages enables the discovery of culture in different nations, who speak that language. NATO is an organization in which each of participating members develops their own cultural behaviours whilst at the same time work together. The meeting started with a reception at CJ-10. The young guests were addressed by Senior National Representative of the Slovenian Contingent, Colonel Miran Rožanec, Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia, His Excellency Andrej Grasselli and NATO HQ Sa, Brigadier General Gary E. Huffman.

The group from Tuzla first visited the Austrian Helicopter Unit, which is responsible for helicopter transport and a variety of other tasks. At the same time the other children took part in a short cultural program in CJ-10. After this the groups talked with the Slovenian Officers who are working in NATO and EUFOR about the challenges of working in the Military and the humanitarian task in the area of BiH.

After rotation of all the groups, we invited the children to DFAC for lunch. After that the children showed the soldiers a short cultural program to brighten up their Saturday afternoon.

All of the visitors were very happy about the visit. They all wished to come again some time in future, maybe even more of them. This is clearly demonstrated by the letter from their teacher, Melita Osmanagic.



We hope that we make soldiers happy and brought a part of their homeland to their military live with our presentation.

At 15.00 PM, when meeting was over, the children with full hands of gifts (bulletins, pins, T-shirts, hats, CDs, memory sticks with Slovenian music), we departed to our homes. Children were impressed by the visit and also attached by the hospitality of soldiers, so some of them already told a wish to become soldiers as well.

As a teacher I'm very satisfied because of the fact that children could see the new thematic field of interest, enrich their language with many new words. The most important of all was the fact that children could see that the word soldier does not necessarily mean only war and bad time, but also to be a soldier could mean peace and security. And the most of all that people wearing uniforms are also human with the heart full of love.

In front of children and in my own name, I have to say a big thanks to all the Slovenia boys of Slovenian military unit and wish them always to be soldiers of peace, happy and lucky for many more years.

Melita Osmanagić



COM EUFOR Visits LOT Livno

On 30th September 2011, COM EUFOR, Major General Bernhard Bair, paid a visit to Liaison and Observation Team (LOT) house in Livno. This LOT house is staffed by members of the Dutch Armed Forces.

During the visit COM EUFOR received a brief from the LOT Chief on the work of the LOT personnel and the very good relations that the EUFOR personnel have with the local community. A discussion took place on the work and challenges faced by the team in this area of responsibility. General



Bair also toured the LOT House and met the local staff who support the Dutch military staff.

COM EUFOR expressed his thanks to the Dutch officers and

soldiers for such a professional attitude and all their hard work. He was very pleased to see that this Dutch team was operating very effectively.

COM EUFOR Visits LOT Teslic

On 19th September 2011, COM EUFOR, Major General Bernhard Bair, paid a visit to Liaison and Observation Team (LOT) house in Teslic. This LOT house is staffed by members of the Polish Armed Forces.

During the visit COM EUFOR received a brief from the LOT Chief on the work of the LOT personnel and the very good relations that the EUFOR personnel have with the local community. A discussion took place on the work and challenges



faced by the team in this area of responsibility. General Bair also toured the LOT House and met the local staff who support the Polish military staff.

COM EUFOR expressed his thanks to the Polish officers and soldiers for such a professional attitude and all their hard work. He was very pleased to see that this Polish team was operating very effectively.

Geoff Hancocks – Camp Butmir Fire Chief

Geoff previously served for 34 years in the United Kingdom - Royal Air Force (RAF) Fire & Rescue Service before leaving in October 2010. He then went to work as the NATO Fire 'Subject Matter Expert' (SME) at Kandahar Airbase, before arriving here in late May 2011, to take over the Camp Butmir Fire Dept. Geoff has served on numerous missions such as New Zealand, Falkland Islands, Saudi Arabia, Kosovo, Iraq, and Afghanistan. He has had a very varied military career which has included being selected as the Recruit Training Squadron Warrant Officer (OR9) at the RAF's Recruit Training School for non commissioned personnel. Geoff has also instructed at the RAF's Leadership Academy where he delivered and facilitated Leadership & Management. Geoff's final assignment in the RAF was as the School Warrant Officer and Officer Commanding Force Development at the Defence Fire Training and Development Centre.

Geoff's ambition here at Camp Butmir is to ensure the continued fire safety and fire safety education of all military and civilian personnel who work and live here. This will be done by completing practical fire and rescue training exercises in all buildings, where practicable. The Camp Butmir Fire Dept has 28 Bosnian Local Civilian Hired (LCH) personnel, with 6 person-



nel on duty 24/7 - 365 days a year. The Camp Butmir Fire Dept has three dedicated fire appliances; they are the Gloster Meteor (aka TONY) Crash Fire Rescue vehicle which carries 3000 litres of water and 400 litres of foam concentrate, and is used to cover all helicopter operations. The Mercedes Rosenbauer vehicle carries 4000 litres of water and is used to cover all structural type fires. The Volvo Fl6-14 is a 'dual purpose' vehicle which carries 1800 litres of water and 160 litres of foam concentrate, and can be utilised for either task in the event that any of the vehicles becomes unserviceable. The Fire Dept also has 2 'command' type vehicles and a technical vehicle which is used to transport specialist rescue equipment and additional hazmat items.

Geoff is married to Sally, who lives in the UK at their home in Norwich in the South East of England. He has two children, Scott (24) and Ellis (19). His favourite sport is football, and he is an avid Manchester United fan. Geoff, in his younger days, represented and captained the England FA X1 on 3 separate occasions, as well playing and captaining both the Royal Air Force and British Armed Forces Football Associations over a 13 year period. He has also played semi-professional football in both the UK and Europe (Germany & Holland). Finally, Geoff has also worked with the Queens Park Rangers Football Club, where he delivered team building and motivational techniques, as well as setting up their pre-season training camps in Scotland.

Dear Readers,

My name is Stefania Teodora Voloseniuc, I am an OF-1 in the Romanian Armed Forces and I'm serving in the HQ EUFOR as a Logistic Movements Officer until April 2012. I was born in 1984 in a beautiful town called Vatra Dornei, which is located in the northern part of Romania. My military career started as a Military Police Platoon Leader and continued as a Transportation Platoon Commander and more recently as a Transcoy Commander. This is my first mission here in BiH and I'm very glad to find out that all the international personnel are very well trained and eager to share their experience in order to contribute to the peacekeeping environment in BiH.

When I am off-duty I enjoy sightseeing, practicing any kind of sport, reading magazines and books, listening to my favorite music and when



plain how these may help you during your mission in BiH.

To conclude, enjoy your stay here if you have just started your tour and keep an eye out for my article's about my role as the Movements Officer and the route-books for BiH. Finally for those who are at the end of their tour I wish them all the best and hope you return back to your family healthy and safely!

possible dancing salsa.

I would like to mention that in future editions of this magazine I will be explaining in more detail the work I do on the mission this includes explaining the route-books which my branch produces. These are produced in cooperation with Geo Section and I will ex-

Flags of EUFOR

The flag of Austria has three equal horizontal bands of red (top), white, and red. The Austrian triband is the second-oldest flag in use at least since 1230, after the Danish flag (which has been in use since 1219.

According to legend, the flag was already invented by Duke Leopold V of Austria as a consequence of his fighting during the Siege of Acre. After a fierce battle, his white surcoat was completely drenched in blood. When he removed his belt, the cloth underneath was untouched by it, revealing the combination of red-white-red. So taken was he by this singular sight that he adopted the colors and scheme

as his banner. The incident was already documented about 1260, though it is highly unlikely.

Since the days of Rudolph of Habsburg and the 1283 Treaty of Rheinfelden, the combination of red-white-red was widely considered to be the Austrian (later also Inner Austrian) colours used by the ruling Habsburg dynasty. However, the national flag (in a modern sense) of the Austrian Habsburg Monarchy, like the later Austrian Empire and the Cisleithanian part of Austria-Hungary until 1918, was black-yellow. These were the family colours of the Imperial House of Habsburg, and were themselves



in part derived from the banner of the Holy Roman Empire.

Beginning in the reign of Emperor Joseph II, the Austrian, later Austro-Hungarian Navy used a Naval Ensign (Marineflagge) based on the red-white-red colours, and augmented with a shield of similar colours. Both of these flags became obsolete with Austria-Hungary's dissolution in 1918, and the newly formed rump state of German Austria adopted the red-white-red triband as its national flag.

Pixi the British Bulldog

Hi everybody my name is Pixi and I am a British Bulldog and I currently live in Poland with my family.

The Bulldog is a very old breed of dog and my ancestors were bred for baiting. This was a sport very popular in England hundreds of years ago involving dogs fighting with various animals.

As you can guess from my name this included Bulls!!

However today Bulldogs are friendly family pets with a nice smile as you can see from my photo. Nowadays I prefer to play basket ball and have fun with my family.

The Bulldog is also popularly used to represent England or



the United Kingdom. The Bulldog breed is the official mascot of the United States Marine Corps and many bases have their own mascot on base.

I would love to hear about other pets in EUFOR – please let the Press Office know!!

Pixi

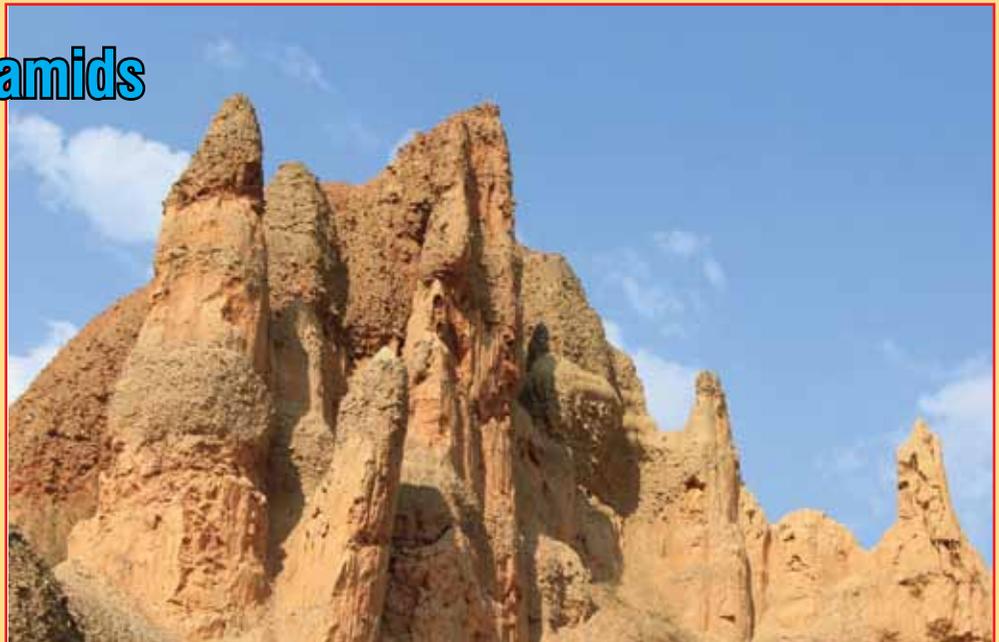


Foca Sand Pyramids

Having travelled extensively around Bosnia and Herzegovina over the past four months I have seen some wonderful sights. However one of the strangest was the Foca Sand Pyramids which can be seen in the photo.

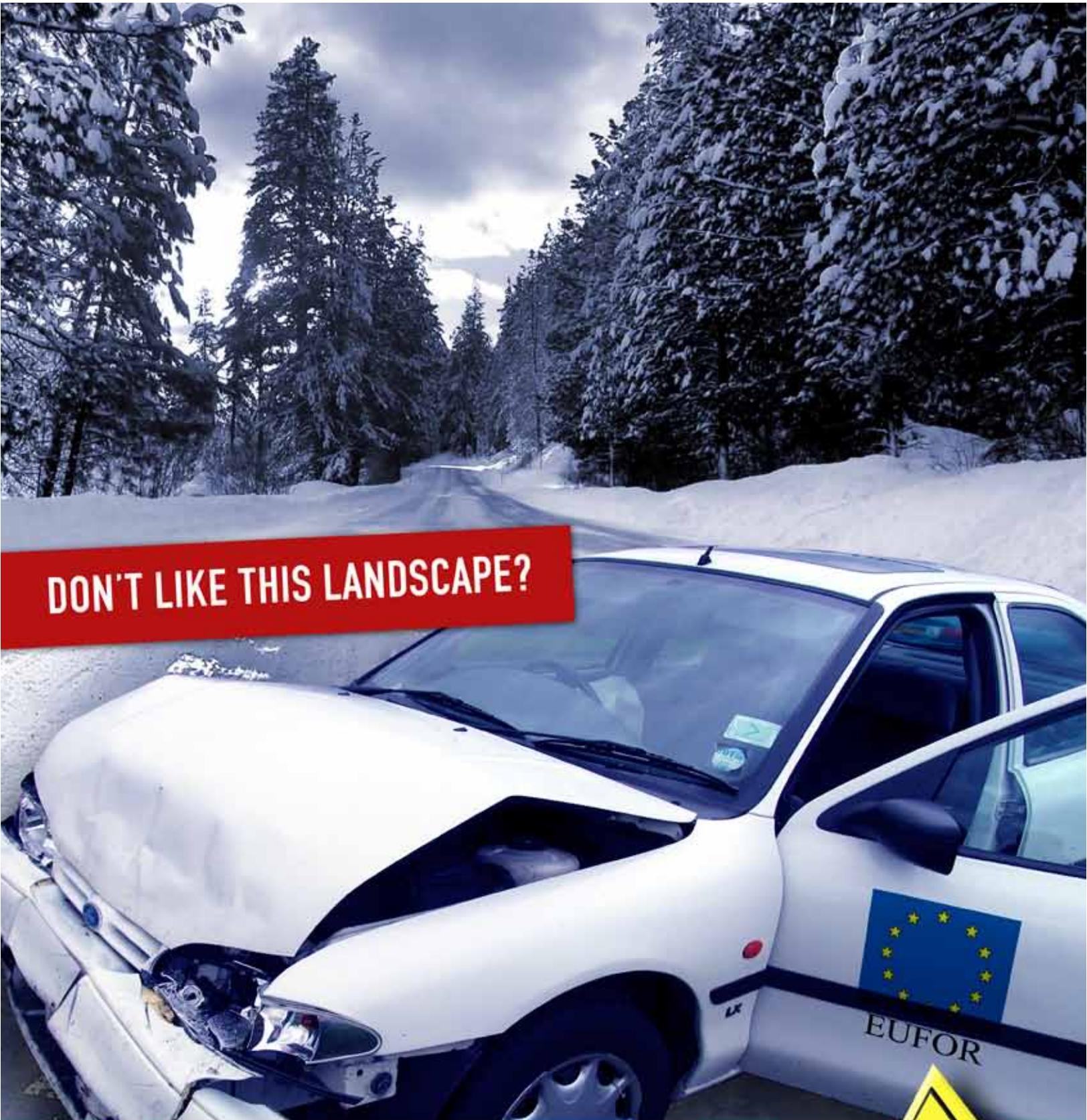
This natural phenomenon can be found approximately 10 Km west of Foca in the surrounding hills.

I believe the Pyramids were formed by wind and weather eroding the landscape and exposing the sand/soil be-



low. The most impressive aspect of the Pyramids is the optical illusion they create when photographed. From some an-

gles the photographs can look like pictures of large mountains however in reality they are only a few metres high.



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