

The Bulletproof Flag

Canadian Peacekeeping Forces and the War in Cyprus

How a small UN Force changed the concept of peacekeeping forever

Brigadier General Clay Beattie

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- *...Canadian Paratroopers evacuated hundreds of civilians and scores of embassies and residences in Nicosia to safety as a shooting war raged around them.
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