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FOREWORD TO UNIT HISTORY

History, consists in analysis of fact, so therefore the document here presented is simply a chronicle. It contains certain view points but cannot in any context claim to represent a study of the effects of the work of the 7TH INF GP. I claim, however, that it will be a necessary and valuable addition to archives and will certainly provide future researchers with a chronological outline of events.

In it's factual presentation, it unquestionably, gives a clear picture of the life, work and problems of a Unit engaged on a UN Mission in Cyprus.

Each appropriate event has been diligently recorded without bias, and the life of the unit since it's formation has been carefully and faithfully written.

It purports only to relate events as they occurred and in this respect it may lack real human interest. There were no opportunities for the compilers to indulge in extravagant eulogising and perhaps for me the "History" lacks something. I should like to see emerging from these ensuing pages a tribute to the work, loyalty, devotion to duty and sheer earnestness of all ranks of this Group. I acknowledge freely that our "historians" could not possibly approach their task in any other way. I am obliged however, and I welcome the opportunity to do so gladly; to place on permanent record my appreciation to all Officers, NCOs, and the many obscure soldiers of this Group who have worked under my command for the six months 28th Sept., 1966 - 28th March, '67. I congratulate them for a job well done and I sincerely thank all.

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I N T R O D U C T I O N

To label this narrative of the service of the 7th Infantry Group in Cyprus during it's six months life as "history" is perhaps a little pretentious.

When the history of the 1960's comes to be written it is certain that we will not be mentioned. That the United Nations operation in Cyprus will be accorded some space in the history of the time is certain. We have played a part in that operation. Let that be our justification for this chronicle of our brief may-fly-like existence.

By the time that this is published the members of the 7th Infantry Group will have dispersed, to resume their temporarily suspended loyalties to Corps, Unit, Command or Brigade. It would, however, be a pity if the lashings which bound us should be completely cast off. Experiences have been shared, new friendships made, new responsibilities undertaken, a new unit was conceived, born lived and has been put to rest.

Memories are very personal and each of us will have memories of Cyprus that are peculiarly his own. For some, Cyprus will have been the first experience of overseas soldiering, for others it will invite comparison with Africa. One hopes that all of us will remember the magic of the warm sea in Autumn and early Winter the orange groves of LEFKA and MORPHOU, the dramatic unveiling of the Turkish mountains with the cold weather in December, the first snow on the TROODOS, the cliff-hanging roads and above all the charm, courtesy and hospitality of the ordinary people of all communities.

We return with our gun-barrels still clean, no shots were fired at us, no shots were fired by us. We remember the words of our Commander-in-Chief in an address to a Unit about to leave for overseas. " He who fires the first shot has

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lost the war ". We took over a "difficult" district, one with many areas of close confrontation, with many bitter and bloody memories of recent fighting; an area which tested to the full the tact and patience, the sympathy and understanding and above all the firmness and resourcefulness of our soldiers. We hope we contributed something to the genuine esteem in which Irish soldiers are held by all communities in Cyprus.

We are proud to have been the first Irish unit serving overseas to receive a visit from the Minister for Defence and the Chief-of-Staff. The many receptions held in their honour were graced by the presence of their wives who endeared themselves to all of us by their friendliness and charm. We hope they retain many pleasant memories of their crowded days in Cyprus and the Holy Land.

The Irish reputation for hospitality was upheld at Christmas and St. Patrick's Day and at the many less elaborate dinners and luncheons which became a feature of the social life of UNFICYP. It is a fact that an "invitation to Xeros" was much prized at UNFICYP Headquarters. We tended at first to look at the complimentary remarks as so much "plamás" but were gradually convinced of their genuineness.

One of the great features of United Nations Service is the necessary military co-operation with armies of many countries. UNFICYP is composed of Canadian, British, Irish, Swedish, Danish and Finnish units. Auxiliary services were drawn from Australia, New Zealand and Austria. Without any exception we fitted in harmoniously and the value of such service in promoting international understanding and co-operation is inestimable. Without yielding to anyone in our pride of race we undoubtedly revised many ill and hastily formed judgements and we hope others did likewise. We soon lost that hint of arrogance and impatience which most people feel when confronted with someone else's problems. We realised that a settlement in Cyprus involved problems of race and religion, of national pride and prestige which as Irishmen we understood so well. One can too easily be cynical in assessing the value of our contrib-

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ution to the settlement of the "Cyprus question", too easily deride the significance of the medal we earned here. Every man who wears the blue and white ribbon can be proud of it and the part he played in earning it.

Many of the 7th. Infantry Group will serve overseas again, perhaps once more in Cyprus. Many of us must now "hang up our boots" and drink the "wine of memory". Of course we will meet again and when we do, "Ghaziveran, Ambelikou, the Kokkina Bridgehead, Lefka and Limnitis", will be in our mouths as "house-hold" words. Someone who remembers will sing or whistle "Kaimos" and open the flood-gates of reminiscences. Someone may remember Flecker and say

" I have seen old ships sail like swans asleep beyond the village
 that men still call Tyre,
With leaden age o'er-cargoed, dipping deep for Famagusta,
And the hidden sun that rings black Cyprus with a lake of fire".

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CHAPTER 1.

FORMATION OF UNIT

The Cavalry School, CTC, has played host to many formations before departure on overseas service. On 16 Sept., '66, it welcomed Group Headquarters of the newly formed 7th Infantry Group and willingly assisted in preparing for the Main Body's arrival on the 19th.

All Officers, on reporting, were introduced to O.C. 7th Infantry Group, Lt.Col. M.K.H. WILEY. The difficulties in billeting and catering for the Coys were minimised by the efficient co-operation and planning of Headquarters Staff, CTC.

The programme of training was aided by a spell of sunny weather not common on the "misty isle" and served as a hors d'oeuvres for the main course of Mediterranean sun to follow. A short Helicopter Course (ALLOUETTE 3) was arranged for all ranks at CTC which included a novel "ride" over hurdles at the Curragh Race Course. The 2 Rmt Airt Mre conducted a Hy Mor firing practice at the Glen of Imaal on Oct 4th and was attended by all available personnel. Group Officers were briefed by JMG Staff, Comdt. O'Sullivan (INT) and by Stiur Marc, Col. Stepleton on function of Arm'd Car Gp and characteristics of Panhard Arm'd Cars.

The Group paraded on 23rd September at Plunkett Barracks, were blessed by the Chaplain, Rev. Fr. Brophy, a review by An Taoiseach, Mr. Sean Lemass and "MARCH PAST" followed. The occasion is of special significance in so far as this was to be the last review by Mr. Lemass in his capacity as Taoiseach, as he resigned from Office shortly afterwards.

On September 24th a reception was given at Arus an Uachtarain for the Commanding Officer and Officers of the 7th Infantry Group. An tUachtaran spoke of the responsibility of the Group as a peace-keeping force in Cyprus and was confident that the high tradition of Irish troops serving overseas would be maintained. During an informal discussion with some of the Officers he expressed a wish that he was young enough to go off with us.

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The Advance Party (See NNEX 'B') left Dublin Airport for Cyprus on 23rd September and was followed by the Main Body on 8th / 12th October. YUGOSLAV Airlines executed the airlift using DC 6 B, Conqair and Caravelle aircraft. The flight, by all accounts, was a most enjoyable one, the highlight for many being the wonderful view of the River Danube as it turned and twisted it's way through the countryside below.

Flying over the Mediterranean we came upon the most exciting picture of all. Below was a sun-scorched Island of rugged grandeur and fertile plain. It was difficult to visualise such an apparent haven of peace and tranquility as a country torn apart by civil strife. This was CYPRUS.

The 7th Infantry Group became operational on the 10th October, 1966, at 2400 hours.

LOCAL SITUATION

a. KOKKINA Bridgehead:

This Tk Cyp Bridgehead is very small. The actual cease-fire line being about 5 miles in length, in the form of a half circle around KOKKINA village. The Tk Cyps occupy well constructed defensive positions on the high ground around KOKKINA and marked by UN cease-fire line painted on rocks and trees. The Tk Cyp force at KOKKINA consists of approximately 200 fighters, well disciplined with approx. 50 on duty by day and 90 by night. Their arms consist of Mk 4 Rifles, Sten guns, LMG, 3" and 60mm Mortars and a few V/Tk weapons. There is a very strict control of movement in or out of KOKKINA. There is a constant shortage of necessary commodities and much hardship is experienced by the refugees and villagers. The Red Crescent Organisation supply foodstuffs to KOKKINA weekly.

The Gk Nat Gd had 276 Bn plus a Coy of 256 Bn (both below strength) surrounding the Bridgehead. They occupied several camps behind the Bridgehead and maintained a line of defence positions in a larger semi-circle outside the Tk Cyp

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one. This line was also marked by a UN cease-fire line across which the Gk Cyps had agreed NOT to go. Besides small arms, LMG, Mortars and Anti-tank guns, there is one Battery of 25 pdrs in position 3 to 5 miles in rear of Bridgehead.

Between the two cease-fire lines there was a "no-man's land" varying in width from 400 yards to one mile. The Bridgehead was the scene of the main fighting in JG '64. Before the fighting the Bridgehead was much larger. The Gk Cyp forces succeeded in pushing it in and would have possibly eliminated it had the Turkish Air Force not intervened. It was a very tense area, both sides maintain a complete ban on movement in and out, in fact only UN and serious Medical cases amongst civilians had freedom of movement in this locality.

b. LIMNITIS Bridgehead:

The Bridgehead of LIMNITIS is six miles EAST of KOKKINA and distinct from it. The outer perimeter is 9 miles long, surrounding the villages of LIMNITIS, XEROVOUNOS and MAHIDES. While there is a shortage of some commodities in this area, both the Tk Cyp refugees and villagers are reasonably well off. H. is based on the Turkish Information Office on the outskirts of LIMNITIS Village. The Tk Cyp fighters occupy posns on the hill surrounding LIMNITIS and the opposing NG posns, in some cases, are only approximately 300 yards from them. The present population of LIMNITIS Area is approximately 3,000 of which about 800 are refugees. Since early November '66 when a new NPT GD Comdr took over very few incidents of a serious nature have occurred in this area. A UN-TK CYP agreement exists whereby GK CYPs are allowed to use the LIMNITIS Road during hours of daylight.

The Tk Cyp force consisting of approximately 200 full-time fighters appeared to be organised into 4 Companys and a HQ. Each Coy consists of about 50 fighters and apparently had the responsibility for a specific area of the Bridgehead.

The fighters appeared to be well trained and disciplined and were armed with Mk 4 Rifles, LMG, MMG and a few recoil/Tk weapons and 60 mm mortars.

The 256 NG Bn had one Coy on the WEST flank of LIMNITIS Bridgehead. The 261 NG Bn had one Coy on the WEST flank and one Coy on the SOUTHERN flank with similar fire support to the NG force at KOKKINA.

c. LEFKA Area:

The Tk Cyp Enclaves in this area consisted of the large Tk Cyp enclave of LEFKA and numerous smaller enclaves as follows:-

AMBELIKOU, PERISTERON TRI, ANGOLEMI,

ELEA, GH'ZIVERAN and KALOKHORIO (Mixed).

Both Civil and Military authority in this area were based on a Committee Organisation. LEFKA is the most prosperous town in the area and with a population of 6,000 it had approximately 500 fighters. GH'ZIVERAN is situated in a fertile farming area but local community had trouble in farming their land near NG coastal installations. With approximately 70 fighters in this village there were normally 15 fighters on duty by day and 25 by night. AMBELIKOU is a small, poor village renowned for its toughness and like GH'ZIVERAN was one of the most sensitive spots in our area. It had a population of approximately 600 with approximately 60 fighters of guerilla-band type with 20 doing duty by day and 30 by night. The other villages in this area (listed above) were organised on similar basis to AMBELIKOU. These rarely create any trouble for UN.

The 266 NG Bn in XEROS and 236 NG Bn in PENDAYIA (both up to strength) supported by Bty of 25 pdrs, AA wpsn Mortars and Anti-tank weapons surrounded the Tk Cyp Enclaves on all sides.

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MILITARY DISPOSITIONS IN CYPRUS

1. F M GUST A Zone - SWEDCON
 2. LEFKA District - IRCON
 3. KYRENI A District - CANCON
 4. NICOSIA EAST District - FINCON
 5. NICOSIA WEST District - DANCON
 6. LIMASSOL Zone - BRITCON
 7. AUSTRIAN FLD HOSPITAL - NICOSIA WEST District
- (SEE ANNEX 'E' FOR MAPS)

MISSION 7 INF GROUP

The 7th Infantry Group in implementation of H. UNFICYP Mission will keep the peace in LEFKA and assist in bringing back normal conditions of living in the District, (ANNEX 'A' appendix 1).

DEPLOYMENT OF 7 INF GP

a. The LEFKA District was divided into three sub-unit areas on 10th Oct., '66 and 7th Inf Gp was deployed as follows:-

1. LEFKA Area - A Coy (-)
2. LIMNITIS Area - Armd Car Gp (+ Pl A Coy
(+ Hy Mor Pl)
3. KOKKINA - B Coy

b. On 14th Feb., '67 the 7th Inf Gp was deployed as follows:-

1. LEFKA Area - B Coy (-)
2. LIMNITIS Area - Armd Car Gp (+ Pl B Coy
(+ Hy Mor Pl)
3. KOKKINA - A Coy
4. GP H., HQ Coy (- Hy Mor Pl) located at XEROS.

SUB-UNIT TASKS

a. A Coy (Minus one Pl)

1. Keep the peace and assist in the return to normal living conditions in it's area.
2. Encourage travel without escort in the area.
3. Provide accurate and timely information on all

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3. happenings, military and economic, in the area.
4. Man OPs as per ANNEX 'D' Appendix 1 and such additional posts as the situation may demand.
5. Liaise with UN troops NICOSIA WEST District.

b. B Coy

1. Maintain observation over cease-fire line KOKKINA Bridgehead.
2. Keep the peace and assist in the return to normal living conditions.
3. Liaise with UN troops LIMASSOL Zone.
4. Encourage travel without escort in the area.
5. Inspect all UN vehicles entering and leaving Bridgehead at OP 4 (MANSOURA) and check arms carried.
6. Be prepared to assist in the escort of food supplies into KOKKINA including RED CRESCENT Convoys.
7. Provide timely and accurate information on all happenings, military and economic, in the area.
8. Man OPs as per ANNEX 'D' Appendix 1 and such additional posts as the situation may demand.

c. Armd Car Gp (+ 1 Pl A Coy and Hy Mor Tp)

1. Keep the peace and assist in the return to normal living conditions.
2. Continue to encourage travel without escort in the area.
3. Provide accurate and timely information on all happenings, military and economic, in the area.
4. Man OPS as per ANNEX 'D' Appendix 1 and such additional posts the situation may demand.
5. Liaise with A and B Coys.

d. HQ Coy (- Hy Mor Tp)

1. Administer and maintain the 7th Infantry Group.
2. Be prepared to provide patrols in rear areas as the situation demands.

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3. Provide Res Pl for 7th Infantry Group.

UNCIVPOL

Method of Operation:

Deployed in LEFKA District and will operate in direct support LEFKA DISTRICT. The duties of UNCIVPOL will be divided between UNIFORMED and INQUIRY Branches.

1. Tasks - UNIFORM Branch:

- a. Man UN Posts in sensitive areas.
- b. Carry out patrols.
- c. Observe searches by CYPOL at roadblocks and checkpoints.
- d. Liaise with CYPOL and the TK CYP Police.
- e. Provide escorts as required by LEFKA District H.

2. Tasks- INQUIRY Branch:

- a. Inquire into incidents where Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriot Communities are involved.
- b. Make special inquiries as necessary in conjunction with CYPOL and/or TK CYP Police.
- c. Deal with inquiries relating to missing persons.
- d. Carry out surveys, observations, and make assessments of special nature.

3. UNCIVPOL SITREP.

- a. Will be submitted at 1700 hrs daily to HQ 7 Inf Gp.
- b. UNCIVPOL will report all incidents by the quickest means in keeping with Security Classification, to HQ 7 Inf Gp.
- c. UNCIVPOL will liaise daily with District H.
- d. Duplication of UNCIVPOL and MILITARY Police duties will be avoided. In the allotment of duties the nature of the tasks will be taken into account.

4. GENERAL.

The services of UNCIVPOL in LEFKA District were provided by the AUSTRALIAN Police and very close liaison and co-operation existed between this element and ourselves.

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CHAPTER 21OPERATIONS "A"- 7TH INF GROUP

7th Infantry Group assumed Operational responsibility in LEFKA District at 2400B hours on the 10th OCT., 1966.

The situation at this time was relatively quiet. The aftermath of the blowing up of the APLIKI and KAFFIZES Dams was still with us but at this stage it was mainly a problem for the Engineer Officer.

Another problem which we found ourselves with, on taking over responsibility, was the laying of Booby Traps in the area of PERISTERONARI. Major Easterby, a British explosives expert, inspected this area and found no further Booby Traps, but because of the terrain in the area and its extent, could not guarantee that further Booby Traps did not exist.

Now, having given you an outline of the two major problems which we had on taking over, I will endeavour to give you a small idea of the day to day operations of the 7th Infantry Gp.

First of all applications for evacuations from the Turkish village of KOKKINA came in at a steady rate of about three per week all during the six months.

KOKKINA, as you have read in an earlier Chapter, is a small Turkish Enclave which is almost completely blockaded and it has little or no medical facilities. Sick people have got to be evacuated to either LEFKA or NICOSIA Hospitals and clearance for these evacuations are arranged through UN with the Government of Cyprus. In urgent cases patients have been brought out in UN ambulances and clearances are not required in these cases. Urgent evacuations have also been arranged by UN helicopters.

Another routine task which we were required to perform was the provision of escorts to Turkish Cypriots to

harvest their crops on land which originally belonged to them but now forms part of "No-Man's Land".

All shots fired by either community had to be reported and investigated. A large number of these were classed as accidental discharges or very often they were fired as a result of boredom on the part of the Sentries. A number of serious outbreaks did occur mainly at PERISTERONARI which is an area of close confrontation in the LEFKA Area.

Tension between the two communities began to build up in this area on about the 4th December, 1966, due to the fact that GREEK NAT GD were using a compressor to improve their positions there. They refused to stop digging and the Turkish Fighters opened fire on the 8th Dec., wounding one GREEK Nat Gd soldier in the leg. NAT GD did not return fire on this date but on the following day when the Turkish Fighters continued to fire, NAT GD then returned the fire. Sporadic exchanges of fire occurred during the next three days until UN intervention, through negotiation, had effected a settlement. During this shooting a total of approximately 400 rounds had been fired from Rifles and Machine-guns with only one casualty being reported - that of the NAT GD soldier mentioned earlier.

Investigations later revealed that the Turkish Cypriot leaders in LEFKA were willing to accept responsibility for this outbreak of shooting and informed local UN that the fighters responsible for it would be severely punished.

No other serious outbreaks occurred during our six months tour but very often there were threats of shooting from one community as a result of some provocative action of the other but happily UN negotiation was enough to avert these threats. Another problem which arose during the period NOV-DEC '66 was the complete renovation of three slit trenches on the seaward side of GHAZIVERAN, which you will have seen is an isolated Turkish village on the XEROS-NICOSIA road. The renovation of these trenches by the Turks

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gave them relatively strong positions from which they could threaten the rear of the NAT GD's shore defences and also threaten the main XEROS-NICOSIA road. The latter threat being the one which caused most concern to the NAT GD authorities.

Meetings took place between Lt.Col. HANLEY and Col. MILTIADOUS, OC 2/3 TAC GPs, NAT GD, on the 11th Nov., '66 and also with Lt.Col. GREGORIOU, OC 2 TAC GP, NAT GD, which resulted only in the NAT GD Commanders reiterating their previous complaints about the building of the controversial Turkish bunkers.

On the 17th Nov., a meeting took place between Brig-Gen. HARBOTTLE, Chief-of-Staff, UNFICYP, and Col. MILTIADOUS which produced no more tangible result than the previous meetings only to show that Col. MILTIADOUS had passed the whole question to the General Staff of the NAT GD and that they would not be satisfied with any lesser solution than the complete destruction of the bunkers. During all of this time the Turkish Cypriots continued to improve the bunkers.

Also on the 17th November, Brig-Gen. HARBOTTLE and Lt.Col. HANLEY met Mr. FEDAI AZIZ, a member of the Turkish Leadership in LEFKA, to discuss the problem. The meeting produced no result other than the fact that Mr. FEDAI promised to discuss the problem with the other members of the Leadership and to let the Chief-of-Staff know the result of their discussion. He condoned the action of the GHAZIVERAN villagers by quoting isolated incidents of physical violence by NAT GD soldiers on Turkish Cypriot shepherds but these were not accepted by the C.O.S. as sufficient reason to build bunkers in GHAZIVERAN, the existence of which could only result in a major outbreak of Inter-Communal strife, if the NAT GD threats were carried out.

At 0900 hours, 19th November, UN placed a sentry on each of the bunkers to ensure that Turks did not occupy them during the hours of daylight. It was at this time proposed that the UN

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sentries would occupy the bunker area during daylight hours. At 1800 hours on the 19th November, Lt.Col. HANLEY received an order from the Chief-of-Staff, which was passed in Irish from Captain J. O'Reilly, UNFICYP H. to Lt.Col. Hanley, to the effect that in view of recent NAT GD threats a 24 hour standing patrol should occupy the bunker area. The patrol was to be established as soon as possible and at latest before first light on 20th Nov. UN patrol was established at 2145 hours on 19th Nov., on the bunker area and a Stand-by Force of two Panhard Armoured Cars with 20 O/ranks in three APCs was established at XEROS Camp, with orders to be prepared to move into the area at 15 minutes notice, if required. This Stand-by Force was dismissed on the 21st November, though the patrol on the bunker area was continued.

After UN presence on the bunker area had been established the situation grew less tense though it was still the subject of repeated complaints by NAT GD Commanders. The most serious of these complaints came on the 17th January 1967, when General GRIVAS threatened to close the bunkers by force. The Group Reserve was again alerted at XEROS Camp and were on a 10 minute Stand-by. They were dismissed on 21st January, 1967 after the immediate threat of violence receded.

About this date Turkish Cypriots began interfering with Greek freedom of movement in KOPHINO, a Turkish village in FAMAGUSTA ZONE. It is a road junction of the main NICOSIA-FAMAGUSTA-LARNACA roads and this incident was to develop into a very serious problem. General GRIVAS used this as an example of Turkish intentions to restrict freedom of movement and reiterated his demands to have the bunkers at GHAZIVERAN destroyed.

The Group Reserve was again alerted on the 12th March 1967, as a result of an incident in which a UN post in KOPHINO was attacked by Tk Cyps and the entire UN Force was alerted in case of further attacks. Our main interest was again fear of incidents at GHAZIVERAN which happily did not develop. The Group Reserve was

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dismissed on the 13th March, 1967.

On the 25th November, 1966, a Turkish Cypriot of the village of AMBELIKOU was very seriously injured as a result of being a victim of a Booby Trap incident. The incident took place when the man, a shepherd, went to collect water from a well. The booby trap was placed beneath a bucket beside the well. When the man moved the bucket the explosive went off. The man was then removed to the C.M.C. Hospital at PENDAYIA, where he received blood transfusions. The donors being 13 members of the IRISH Contingent.

Capt. Kelly, Ordnance Officer, 7th Inf Gp, and Maj. Easterby, explosives expert SBA, made an inspection of the area and declared it to be free of any further booby traps. The injured man died of his wounds in PENDAYIA Hospital on the 26th November, 66. As a result of his death Turkish animosity towards the Greeks increased in the village but no further incidents resulted from this.

On the 25th November, 1966 the NAT GD complained that the Turks had moved forward the White stones which mark the Cease-fire-Line at KOKKINA. A survey of the Cease-fire-Line was undertaken by Officers of the Heavy Mortar Troop and when completed on the 3rd of March '67 it was found that the stones had been moved forward along a frontage of some 500 yards and that in places they had been moved forward up to 70 yards.

When the Turks were informed of this, and when told that the stones would be moved back by the UN, they demanded that the Greek Cease-fire-Line be surveyed. The stones were then moved back and a survey of the Greek CFL was begun.

These are the more important problems which faced us during our tour of duty here. The solution of these and their peaceful settlement must be due, in no small way, to the willingness of Leaders of both Communities in our District to arrive at an amicable solution to almost all problems.

Our contact, operationally wise, with other

Contingents is worthy of mention here. Operations Conventions were held at various locations during our tour. They were held monthly, though on two occasions, when they were to be held at our Headquarters, they had to be cancelled because of the Operational Commitments of other Zones and Districts.

Conventions attended by the Operations Officers of our Group were held at H₂ DANCON, HQ SWEDCON, and H₂ BRITCON. All of these were valuable as it gave the Operations Staff of each Zone an opportunity of meeting their counter-parts and discussing current problems. They were also highly enjoyable as social occasions.

Another source of contact which we had with other Contingents was through Radio exercises which were run on the UNFICYP Command Net on an island basis. These were designed to give Operations Staff in all Zones an opportunity to refresh their knowledge of Radio procedures and also to familiarise them with the difficulties of conversing with somebody whose normal spoken language is other than English.

Many Senior Officers from UNFICYP H₂ were briefed by our Operations Staff during visits to the District. These briefings gave us an opportunity of meeting many of our superiors and "opposite numbers" at UNFICYO H₂ which eased our task when any problems which had to be discussed arose at various stages during our tour.

OPERATIONS "B" - 7TH INF GP.

The function of Operations "B" on the Gp mission was to collect information pertaining to the movement, dispositions, strengths and activities of NAT CD and Tk Gyp fighters. To a lesser degree it was responsible for obtaining information pertaining to the Greek National Contingent and Turkish National Contingent. When this information was obtained it was recorded and analysed and subsequently forwarded to UNFICYP HQ in the form

of a Daily INFSUM (Information Summary). As our period of duty was relatively quiet many of these INFSUMs were "NTR" because there were no significant activities from the OPS "B" angle. These "NTR" INFSUMs not only applied to this District. Because of little or no activity of significant importance in various other Zones and Districts they frequently found themselves submitting "NTR" Daily INFSUMs. The system of submitting these Daily INFSUMs was discontinued from the 20th February, 1967, because of these facts. INFSUMs were submitted Weekly as and from the 20th Feb., '67 and covered the period from 1800B on Monday to 1800B the following Monday. This system, while only in its infancy during our tour, which was then drawing to a close, enabled the OPS (B) Officer to analyse a pattern of events over a week and thus be in a position to make a more specific comment. The system in no way prevented OPS (B) from forwarding any information he considered important as this was, as usual, submitted without delay. A lesser important factor about this change to the weekly system was that it effected major economics in paper, envelopes and type print.

The agencies used for the collection of information were :-

- a. Sentries on OP duties.
- b. Mobile patrols -very limited because of transport shortage.
- c. MT drivers on usual journeys.
- d. Military Police on routine duties.
- e. UNCIVPOL.
- f. Visits by OPS(B) to NAT GD and TK CYPs.
- g. All troops of 7th Infantry Gp.

It is important to note that during this period regular Cavalry patrols were NOT used. Air recce was NOT permitted because of an agreement between UNFICYP Hq and NAT GD Hq. Because of this and the lack of transport for regular patrols, many areas could NOT be covered regularly thus a complete picture of NAT GD activities outside confrontation areas was difficult to obtain. The standard

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of reporting varied from sub-unit to sub-unit and from person to person but generally significant events were reported promptly if sometimes a little hazely.

The Maps as issued to UN, while fairly accurate, were rather badly laid out and most difficult to read particularly when it was necessary to pin point NAT GD or TK CYP positions. Many entirely new roads and some improved roads have been constructed since the start of hostilities in December 1963 and as the Maps were drafted in 1960 these roads do NOT appear on the Maps. To add to these difficulties some roads have been little used since 1963 and these have greatly deteriorated. Consequently, it is only by continuous recce that the best routes, from place to place, can be located, the Maps, as at present issued, being misleading. In the Winter months the traffic potential of all but main roads decreased enormously and resulted in a completed change of plans for servicing some OPs and plans for other Contingencies, i.e. BACKFIRE.

In general the standard of reporting from OPs was good, and as the reporting of incidents and shots was standardised from the lowest to the highest level, mistakes on apparent lack of information in the report could usually be rectified quickly.

The general policy of OPS(B) both at UNFICYP Hq and at Unit level was to obtain information non-aggressively, i.e. by contact with both sides, Aggressive means, such as tailing convoys, photography and use of force to pass prohibited areas, was frowned upon. Because of this a gift of the gab and a good background knowledge of the Island's history and the Greek and Turkish history was an asset to any potential OPS(B) officer.

STAFF

Every effort was made to get the OPS NCO Staff away from the office and out on patrols or as observers to Coy areas. However, these efforts had only limited success because of the small number of NCOs on the Staff and the correspondingly high incidence of duty. Apropos the Staff it is essential that all

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the NCOs are proficient at typing, teleprinting and map-reading, and that an NCO who is proficient at making sketches and traces be available on the OPS staff.

GENERAL

As regards my dealings with the NAT GD I would like to place on record that at all times I was dealt with in a courteous and efficient manner, this, despite the fact, that they knew what appointment I held. Dealings with the Turks were also conducted courteously but they were less outspoken and generally it was more difficult to get them to "open up" and discuss the Military situation.

OPERATIONS "E" - 7TH INF GP.

Operations "Economic" formed a very important part of UN's work in LEFKA District during period of 7 Infantry Group's service there. When 7th Inf Gp assumed control in LEFKA District the following major Economic problems remained unsolved :-

- a. Refugee problems particularly those pertaining to KOKKINA Enclave.
- b. Re-activation of AMBELIKOU Lime Kiln.
- c. Reduction of restricted list as applied to TK/CYPS in LEFKA District.
- d. Obtaining return of private mail facilities to whole LEFKA District.
- e. Obtaining increased Medical cover from Tk/Cyp leadership in NICOSIA for Tk Cyp population in LEFKA District.
- f. Repair of APLIKI Dam.
- g. Solving of Irrigation water dispute in ANGOLEMI.

During period of 7th Inf Gp's service in LEFKA District UN succeeded in improving the living conditions of refugees in KOKKINA through successful negotiation for extra tentage, provision of materials for latrines, and are currently engaged in negotiations to improve water supply both for drinking and irrigation. Negotiations for re-opening of AMBELIKOU Lime

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Kiln were held both at local level and at UN HQ and are still continuing.

Clearances for many restricted items negotiated with success at local level and with D.O. NICOSIA. However, there were many instances when, despite persistent negotiations by UN, certain restricted items especially building materials were not allowed to be supplied to TK CYPs in the District.

Mail facilities for LEFKA town were granted. This was a big break-through. The system devised is operating well. Mail facilities for outlying villages is still being negotiated by UN.

Medical facilities have been improved as a result of UN pressure particularly the equipment at LEFKA Hospital. A lot still remains to be done to improve the Medical cover of Tk Cyp population. An increase in Doctor strength is very necessary. UN constantly pointed out this fact to Tk Cyp leadership in NICOSIA.

The repair of APLIKI Dam in time to catch the flood waters from TROODOS was accomplished after much negotiations and disappointments. The irrigation dispute in ANGOLEMI area was only partly solved. ELEA paid their share of water rent but ANGOLEMI refused to pay. This refusal on part of ANGOLEMI may have repercussions during dry season. No new major problem, which arose during period of 7th Inf Gp's operational role in LEFKA District, remains unsolved.

Listed hereunder are principal incidents of Economic nature which took place while 7th Inf Gp was operational in LEFKA District :-

RELIEF

a. Weekly Red Crescent convoy of Tk Cyp vehicles carrying essential supplies to KOKKINA were safely dispatched with only a few incidents of minor nature occurring. This was accomplished through liaison between Coy Comdr KATO PYRGOS, OPS Sec 7 Inf Gp, CYPOL, UNCIVPOL, OPS 'E', UNFICYP H., TK CYP Leadership, NICOSIA, and GK CYP leadership, NICOSIA.

b. A dispute over return of empties on 10th Nov., 1966, was

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resolved through intervention of UN Coy Comdr at KATO PYRGOS and OPS "E", UNFICYP Hq.

- c. On 14th Dec., after persistent negotiations by UN, clearance was obtained from D.O. for one truck load of straw per month to be sent from LIMNITIS to KOKKINA.
- d. On 12th Jan., a truck load of oranges and fire-wood from LIMNITIS was not allowed to enter KOKKINA by CYPOL. This truck was in excess of concession already granted to send two trucks weekly with fuel and fruit to KOKKINA. UN negotiation on this matter with D.O. met with refusal. On 12th Feb., a similar request involving a truck load of fruit was granted.
- e. On 15/16th January, UN convoy of 21 trucks carrying Red Crescent supplies was delivered to LEFKA District. 20 trucks to warehouse in LEFKA and one truck to KOKKINA. This operation was very satisfactory. CYPOL carried out one superficial check on convoy at ASTROMERITIS check-point. From ASTROMERITIS trucks were escorted by UN to destinations. The smooth running of this operation was the result of good pre-planning and liaison between OPS Sec, 7 Inf Gp, OPS "E", UNFICYP Hq, UNCIVPOL, CYPOL, Gk Cyp Leadership, NICOSIA, and Tk Cyp leadership in NICOSIA and LEFKA.

COMMERCIAL SHIPMENTS

KOKKINA excepted commercial shipments and marketing of unrestricted items presented no problems. Tk Cyps sent fruit and vegetables regularly to market in NICOSIA and to exporters in FAMAGUSTA and LIMASSOL. There were occasional complaints of searches at CYPOL check-points. These were given to UNCIVPOL to investigate and in most cases the complaints were substantiated.

FOOD

There were no complaints of food shortage in the District.

HOUSING

No success achieved by UN at all levels in negotiating clearances for building materials to LEFKA District. Improvement in housing situation was brought about through provision of tentage to KOKKINA and due to illegal cutting of trees and procurement of cement by Tk Cyps in other areas particularly in LIMNITIS and LEFKA town.

- a. On 30th Sep., '66 all 85 tents supplied by us erected in KOKKINA.
- b. On 4th Nov., '66 clearance obtained for 85 floors for tents in KOKKINA. Delivery of these to KOKKINA commenced 20th Jan., '67 in batches of 20 per week with Red Crescent convoy.
- c. 11th Nov., '66. Clearance obtained for dispatch of 30 tents to KOKKINA. These tents supplied by U.K.
- d. 9th Dec., '66. Housing for 12 families completed by Tk Cyps in area 1 mile West of LIMNITIS.
- e. 29th Dec., '66. Complaints by Tk Cyps of looting of houses in MANSOURA village. CIVPOL investigated and found that most of the houses in MANSOURA were badly damaged but found no evidence of fresh looting or damage.
- f. UN repeatedly warned Cyp Government that housing situation of Tk Cyp population must deteriorate in present circumstances.

CLOTHING.

With the exception of shortage of bedding in KOKKINA there was no complaints of clothing shortage in area. Local resources and Red Crescent supplies were adequate. Clearance obtained by UN to dispatch large consignment of bedding to KOKKINA on 25th November, 1966.

EMPLOYMENT.

The villages of KOKKINA and AMBELIKOU have virtually no remunerative employment for their man-power and are completely dependant on relief cheques. This is a big source of discontent to the villagers. During October, '66 Local UN Coy Comdr in LEFKA

negotiated with both sides re re-opening of AMBELIKOU Lime Kiln which formerly employed 70 men from the village. These negotiations were not successful. Negotiations by OPS "E", UNFICYP, so far have not met with any success. The re-activation of AMBELIKOU Lime Kiln is included in package deal being negotiated with Cyp Government for re-activation of factories in Green Line area of NICOSIA.

AGRICULTURE

The general agricultural situation in District can now be described as satisfactory. This is mainly due to favourable weather conditions over last six months and to UN's presence in District. There were various disputes of agricultural nature between the two Communities during period but ⁱⁿ most cases timely intervention by UN averted escalation of situation.

DAMS

Through UN negotiation work commenced on repair of KAFFIZES Dam on 18th Oct., '66, and was completed October 24th.

Work commenced on repair of APLIKI Dam on 24th Oct. New sluice gate ordered from U.K. to arrive 15th Feb. On 29th Dec., Tk Cyp Leadership in LEFKA stated that water works Department had informed them that new sluice gate would not arrive until April, '67. Un negotiated to have temporary gate provided. On 3rd Jan., Dir. Water Development Board informed Force Engineer that temporary gate would be installed in 14 days. Dam inspected by Force Engineer 19th Jan. Water Dept. informed Force Engineer that temporary gate would cost £100. This is considered by Cyp Government as unwarranted waste of money in view of the fact that new gate costing £250 would be available in April, '67, and that it was now proposed to insert steel plug as temporary measure. On 9th Feb., Dam closed. Slight leak from main gate which Engineers state natural silting will stop. 22nd Feb., dam full, water flowing over spillway at top of Dam. Difficult as result to say if Dam is still leaking. Local UN are watching situation.

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HARVESTING

- a. 6th Oct. Harvesting of olives in "No-man's-Land" carried out in AMBELIKOU under UN supervision. Agreement reached re Olive harvesting in KOKKINA.
- b. 27th Oct. Gk Cyps did NOT permit olive harvesting by Tk Cyps in LIMNITIS beyond a point 300 yards forward of Green Line in LIMNITIS valley and 700 yards forward of Green Line in KATO PYRGOS valley. UN negotiated in vain to extend the above limits. Gk Cyps in KOKKINA stopped harvesting operations of Tk Cyps in retaliation for renewed digging by Tk Cyps. There were many such incidents in various places in District where renewed digging and strengthening of positions had adverse effect on economic negotiations.
- c. During week-ending 10th November, ploughing commenced in all areas as a result of appreciable rainfall. Lemon harvesting also commenced in GHAZIVERAN and LEFKA.
- d. On 17th Nov., local UN provided escort for Tk Cyps ploughing in SELEMANI village. Gk Cyps allowed to complete harvesting in "No-man's-Land" in KOKKINA as result of UN negotiations. As result of grazing dispute in GHAZIVERAN UN provided escort to Tk Cyp shepherds grazing their flocks in disputed area.
- e. 8th Dec. Potato crop in District harvested without incident. Tk Cyps in LIMNITIS opened LIMNITIS River Dams accompanied by UN observers.
- f. 4th Dec. Water supply to Tk Cyp village of XEROVOUNOS cut off. Local UN discovered break in pipe and effected repairs to it on 7th Dec. In the interval, drinking water supplied to village via UN water truck.
- g. 15th Dec. Tk Cyps refused permission to Gk Cyps to cultivate lands in LIMNITIS valley and Gk Cyps refused permission to Tk Cyps to cultivate lands in "No-man's-land" of KOKKINA.
- h. Cold winds in mid December caused £15,000 worth of damage to orange groves in LEFKA. Hail and Frost in mid Jan., '67 caused

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considerable damage to Banana crop in KATO PYRGOS, LIMNITIS and XEROS.

- i. 2 Feb., '67. Clearance obtained for 20 bags fertiliser to be sent to KOKKINA. Clearance was refused for lead weights to be sent to KOKKINA and application for irrigation pipes for same area was shelved by D.O. for time being.
- j. 23rd Feb. Recent weather conditions favourable for growth of cereal crops and provision of good grazing for livestock. Tk Cyps in KOKKINA again requested permission to cultivate fruit trees in "No-man's-land" area.
- k. There were a number of incidents of seizure of livestock by Gk Cyps from Tk Cyps and vice versa. Local UN and UNCIVPOL were successful in negotiating their return in almost all cases. There were numerous disputes of agricultural nature between both Communities where quick action by Local UN at Sec.Pl and Coy level resolved the disputes on the spot.

MATERIALS.

- a. In general, efforts by UN to obtain clearance for items on restricted list were long and tedious. In particular efforts to clear building and road repair materials were in most cases unsuccessful.
- b. 3rd Nov. UN made strong protest to Tk Cyp leadership in LIMNITIS who were found illegally cutting trees in XEROVOUNOS forest.
- c. Agreement reached for normal private mail facilities to be provided to LEFKA town.
- d. 8th Dec. Tk Cyp in LIMNITIS cut telephone poles carrying UN line. UN made strong protest to Tk Cyp leadership in LIMNITIS and requested that poles be replaced or paid for. This request was not complied with.
- e. Clearance obtained by UN for supply of 12 marble slabs to complete latrine facilities in KOKKINA. On 5th Jan these slabs were confiscated by CYPOL at FAMAGUSTA Gate. UN

protested and secured their release and dispatch to KOKKINA on 20th Jan.

23rd Feb. Clearance for roofing materials for 10 additional latrines in KOKKINA submitted to D.O. Attached to application was recommendation of CMC who visited KOKKINA on 7th Feb.

1 Mar. Clearance for materials for erection of water tank in KOKKINA submitted to D.O. together with recommendation of Engineer Offr IRCON who visited area on 23rd Feb.

Clearance for numerous other items cleared by negotiation with local CYPOL. All items going to KOKKINA however had to be cleared with District Officer, NICOSIA.

EDUCATION

5th Oct. Secondary School opened in LIMNITIS. Accommodation for 76 students. Application for boys from KOKKINA to attend Secondary school in LIMNITIS or LEFKA refused. Girls from KOKKINA allowed to attend Secondary School in NICOSIA.

Clearance obtained by UN after long negotiation for small supply of chemicals to be sent from NICOSIA to LEFKA School. Phosphorous and Mercury were NOT cleared.

Examination papers and Diplomas delivered by UN to schools in District on numerous occasions.

FUEL

The obtaining of supply of Deisil fuel for tractors was a recurring problem, throughout period. UN, by hard negotiations with D.O., was quite successful in obtaining reasonable quantities. Again here the military situation was important. Whenever there was increased digging or strengthening of positions by Tk Cyps in a particular area, it had an adverse effect on negotiations and in some cases the supply of Deisil was completely cut off as a result.

24th Nov. Supply of lubricating and engine oil going to KOKKINA was confiscated by CYPOL. After UN negotiation the

supply was released and allowed entry to KOKKINA. On 10th Dec., supply of Deisil fuel to GHAZIVERAN cut off. It was allowed into village on 23rd Dec after persistent UN negotiation with District Officer.

- c. 16th Dec. Clearance obtained for 6 gas cylinders for cookers to be sent to KOKKINA.

HEALTH

a. Evacuations to Tk Cyp hospitals in LEFKA and NICOSIA were recurring problem. Constant pressure was kept on Tk Cyp leadership to increase the Medical cover of the Tk Cyp community in LEFKA District. This has NOT improved very much during period of 7th Inf Gp's operations.

b. Requests for evacuation of medical patients to LEFKA or NICOSIA were in all cases expeditiously dealt with by OPS 7 Inf Gp HQ, working in close liaison with UNCIVPOL and OPS "E", H₂ UNFICYP. Occasionally there were frustrating delays caused by slowness of District Officer's decision being transmitted to CYPOL. In all cases where delays occurred UN protested.

c. 10th Nov. UN cleared through Customs and delivered to LEFKA Hospital operating table and X-Ray equipment. On 12th Jan., ancilliary medical equipment cleared for transport from NICOSIA to LEFKA Hospital.

d. Clearance was obtained in October, '66 for material to erect 10 latrines in KOKKINA. On 24th Feb., clearance for materials to cover 10 additional latrines requested from D.C. On 1st Mar., '67, clearance for materials to erect 5,000 gallon concrete water tank requested of District Officer.

e. The general health of Tk Cyp population is good, despite, in some cases poor living conditions. It is imperative, however, that Doctor strength in LEFKA Hospital be increased soonest.

f. The general policy adapted by UN was for UN Medical Officer to evacuate patients to Hospital and NOT enter Dr-patient

relationship as otherwise normalisation of situation would be hindered.

CO-OPERATION

- a. In dealing with various problems of economic nature which occurred in LEFKA District during period of 7th Inf Gp's operational role there, good co-operation and team-work between staff and line was evident. There was close co-operation between OPS"E",HQ UNFICYP and OPS, 7 Inf Gp and also between OPS,7 Inf Gp and all Coy Comdrs and UNCIVPOL. The Australian Police were very co-operative and played a big part in smoothing out a lot of problems particularly those involving personnel clearances and cases of theft and assault between the two communities.
- b. The good working relationship which OPS "E",HQ UN and 7th Inf Gp had with CYPOL, the District Officer, NICOSIA and local TK CYP leadership contributed also to solving a lot of economic problems.
- c. The economic situation improved during period but a lot of major problems still remain to be solved before normalisation of situation is achieved.

The more important ones are :-

1. Drastic reduction of restricted list.
2. Re-activation of Industry.
3. Granting of normal private mail facilities to all LEFKA District.
4. Granting of freedom of movement through KOKKINA by Tk Cyp leadership there.
5. Granting of complete Medical cover to Tk Cyp population by Tk Cyp leadership in NICOSIA.
6. Removal of CYPOL check-points at MANSOURA, XEROS and ASTROMERITIS.

CHAPTER 3

Owing to the nature of our Mission; which it may be said, was Military in conception and diplomatic in execution, we had much contact with other Contingents serving with UNFICYP and with the different ethnic groups living in Cyprus. This led to the difficulty of distinguishing a purely social function from a gathering, with all the outward aspects of a social occasion, but in the line of duty. As a result of this it is nearly impossible to select a particular function or meeting and say that it was of one kind or another.

As one would expect, the main responsibility in this regard fell to Lt. Col. M. K. Hanley, our Group Commander. However, he was ably assisted, when the need arose, by our Second-in-Command, Comdt. F. Neill, and other Group Officers. Throughout our six months in Cyprus, we welcomed almost all members of HQ UNFICYP Staff, and many members of the other National Contingents on the Island, among whom we gained some very good friends (See ANNEX 'M'). On occasions we had visits from members of the Gk Cyp National Guard to XEROS and KATO PYRGOS, while Tk Cyps visited our Camps in LEFKA and LIMNITES and relations were very cordial, as they were with members of the British Army from the Sovereign Base Areas. However, when the Irish members of UNFICYP HQ Staff called there was always a special welcome extended.

FORCE COMMANDER'S VISIT.

The Force Commander, Lt. Gen. M. E. Martola, visited us on three occasions. On Wednesday, 25th Oct., '66, he was entertained to lunch at XEROS where he made the acquaintance of the Officers of the then newly settled-in Group. Without exception, we were all much impressed by the General whose distinguished war record is well known to all. He returned a second time on Thursday 3rd Nov., '66, when he inspected a Guard of Honour, drawn from HQ Company, under the command of Lt. F. G. McKeivitt. The General congratulated the Guard and expressed

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interest, particularly in the Colour Party of Sgt. T. Penkert, Cpl. R. Mulvey and Cpl. T. Browne, and the Unit Pipe Band under Sgt. P. Tobin. On his third visit, the Force Commander presented us with the UN Medal in the Service of Peace. This was on Thursday, 9th. February, 1967, on which occasion he spoke very highly of the work of the Irish Troops in the service of UN since June, 1960.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

UNFICYP Chief-of-Staff and Apostolic Delegate.

The Chief-of-Staff of UNFICYP, Brigadier I. N. Harbottle, visited the Group on Thursday, 17th. November, 1966, while on the previous evening the Rt. Rev. Fr. Flaviano Randon, O.F.M. was a guest at dinner in the Officers' Mess (HQ).

The Chief-of-Staff inspected a Guard of Honour under the command of Lt. B. McGuire. Military honours were rendered and the Brigadier, while inspecting the Guard of Honour took the opportunity of acquainting himself with many of the N.C.Os. and Men on parade. Brigadier Harbottle afterwards visited areas of operational interest in the District and returned for lunch at the Officers Mess. On a subsequent visit on the 16th, February, 1967 the Brigadier was conducted on a tour of some OPs in the Lefka District.

Rt. Rev. Fr. Flaviano Randon, O.F.M. is the Apostolic Delegate in Cyprus and it was indeed an honour that he consented to visit the Group Officers for dinner and afterwards to address them on the subject of "The Catholic Church in Cyprus." His lecture was more of an informal talk and it proved most absorbing and instructive. Rev. Fr. Flaviano made a return visit in January and gave a lecture and slide show on the Holy Land. This was of particular interest to the Group personnel who were later to visit the Holy Place.

Minister for Defence and Chief-of-Staff - 5 day visit.

The Minister for Defence, Mr. Michael Hilliard, T.D. and the Chief-of-Staff, Lieut Gen. Sean Mac Eoin, who were accompanied by their wives and the

Secretary of the Department of Defence, Mr. Stephen Kearney, arrived at NICOSIA Airport on Monday, 23rd January, from Ireland to visit the Irish Contingent serving with UNFICYP. The Party were met at the Airport by the Force Commander, Gen. A.E. Martolo, the UN Secretary General's Special Representative, Mr. P.P. Spinelli, the UNFICYP Chief-of-Staff, Brigadier M.N. Harbottle, the Irish Contingent Commander, Lt. Col. M.K. Hanley, the Cyprus Defence Ministry Director-General, Mr. Anastasiou and the Cyprus Government Chief of Protocol, Mr. Pelechiou.

On Tuesday the Party was officially received by the Force Commander at UNFICYP HQ and was briefed by the Chief-of-Staff. They then went to meet the National Council of Ministers of the Cyprus Government and also, before noon, had an interview with the President of Cyprus, His Beatitude, Archbishop MAKARIOS, at the Presidential Palace. In the afternoon the Irish Party met the Vice-President, Dr. Fazil Kutchuk and the Leaders of the Turkish Cypriot community.

The Minister and his Party lunched at the Ledra Palace Hotel with the Force Commander and the Special Representative of the Secretary General, Mr. P.P. Spinelli. In the evening the Party attended a reception given in the Acropole Hotel by Mr. P. Beirne, Chief Administrative Officer of UNFICYP.

On Wednesday the Party travelled to LEFKA District. Having inspected the Guard of Honour, the Minister inspected Headquarters Camp at XEROS and then proceeded by Helicopter to KATO PYRGOS (B Coy). After Lunch the Minister and Chief-of-Staff visited some of the outlying Observation Posts and inspected 'A' Coy Camp in LEFKA on his return flight. At a Dinner in XEROS, District Headquarters, on Wednesday, the Minister expressed his sincere thanks for the Irish welcome he had received, said how genuinely impressed he was by the Irish military standard on the Island and how happy he was to be "amongst my own".

On Thursday, the Chief-of-Staff, General MacEoin visited LIMNITIS and KOKKINA Camps and returned to be present at a reception given by the Minister at the Ledra Palace Hotel that night. The reception was attended by high-ranking UN officials and by Mr. Cleridis and other Cypriot Government leaders. On his return from Jerusalem in February the Minister held a reception for the Turk Cypriot Leadership in the Saray Hotel, NICOSIA, attended by the Vice-President, Dr. Kutchuk.

On Friday the Party visited the Irish Leave Centre at FAMAGUSTA and went to see the ancient ruined City of SALAMIS (2000BC). The British Sovereign Base of DHEKELIA and then to LARNACA. On Saturday, 25th January the Party left for Jerusalem to meet Irish Officers serving with the UN Truce Supervision Organisation (UNTSO).

Letter from Chief-of Staff, Lt. Gen Sean Mac Eoin, dated 8th Feb., 1967

" Dear Kevin,

I want to thank you and the members of your Unit for the kindness and hospitality shown to us during our visit to Cyprus. Everywhere we went we were met with a spirit of welcome and goodwill which made our trip a memorable one for all of us.

To you personally we owe a special debt of gratitude for your untiring attention and for the preparations you had made to ensure that our stay was so pleasant and informative. We now have a much clearer picture of the difficulties facing you and your Unit and of the competent and successful manner in which they are being overcome. It is obvious that you have an efficient and united Unit under your control which will maintain the proud record of service overseas set by your predecessors.

I would ask you to pass on to all members of the 7th Infantry Group my sincere appreciation for their kindness and hospitality during our most enjoyable visit. I wish them well in their exacting work and look forward to meeting them again on their return home."

Letter from Mr. Stephen Kearney, Secretary of Department for
Defence, dated the 16th. February, 1967.

" A Chaoimhín, a Chara,

Gabhaim buíochas leat as do leitir den

6ú Feabhra.

Tá mé fós ag teacht chugam féin tar éis na cuairte sin. Ach b'fhiú é agus tá áthas orm go raibh an seans agam bheith páirteach ann. Bhí mé bródúil riamh as an Arm seo againn-se ach ar an ócáid sin bhí mé thar a bheith bródúil. Tá mé fíor-bhuíoch duitse agus do chuid oifigeach as an méid a dhein sibh ar ár son agus as an fáiltiú iongantach a chuir sibh romhainn.

Faoi choimirce Dé sibh uilig. "

R.T.E VISITS.

Radio Telefís Éireann made two visits to Cyprus, the first in October and the second early in December.

The first T.V. Team availed of the opportunity of travelling to and fro with the Rotation of Contingents and came to prepare a half-hour programme recording the work of Irish soldiers in Cyprus and the general back-ground of their environment. It is more than two years since Irish T.V. covered the subject - the last T.V. Team arrived shortly after the the setting up of UNFICYP and the arrival in Famagusta of the 40th. (Irish) Battalion. At that time the emphasis was on the reporting of the situation and the job of Irish troops which was real news at home then. This team, however, realising that the public are now much better informed on these matters, concentrated on a more human interest coverage of life in Cyprus - the personal reactions of a number of Irish soldiers and the daily routine of their lives here. The team was led by Mr. Sean Deignan, whose appearance and easy style was well known to

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Irish T.V. viewers. Mr. Billy St. Leger was the photographer. His reputation in the field of photography is a high one and no one who has seen his painstaking methods would be surprised at this. Mr. Bol Bell, so appropriately named, was the sound expert and is regarded as a top technician in this field. The Team was accompanied by Comdt. Kit. Woods, a former AMPIO with UNFICYP, and at that time Army Press Officer at home. The R.T.E. Team which arrived in December was completely different in personnel and their job was to prepare a programme about the Irish in CYPRUS and JERUSALEM(U.N.T.S.O.), to be shown on Christmas Day. The team was composed of Adron Walsh(Producer), Captain John Skehan(R.O.interviewer), Miss. Oona Kavanagh(Production assistant), Will Warmah(Cameraman) and Pat Hayes(Sound). The objective- to record the Contingent at work and play- was an ambitious one to tackle in the time(six weeks) but they managed to fulfil their assignment as fully as was possible. The team were loud in praise of the co-operation and hospitality they received in each location visited. A special Concert was put on at short notice the day following their arrival, so they could assess the talent on view and it turned out to be a most enjoyable function. The Group Choir, conducted by Lt. Paddy Murphy, singing Christmas carols, was filmed next day with some of the other artistes. Having recorded Christmas messages from the principal Political personalities on the Island, and having filmed some scenic sequences of Cyprus, the team departed for Jerusalem by Air where they featured families of Irish Officers serving with UNTSO. The crowded filming schedule in Cyprus was helped considerably by the smooth programming of Comdt. Pat McGann(Press Officer UN HQ).

Of course all the traffic was not one way, as our hospitality was rewarded a hundred fold. In all there were sixty invitations of a formal nature extended to Lt. Col. Henley, which is an average of one every three days approximately. In addition there were invitations of a less formal nature, which brought the

total to more than one hundred. Naturally the Group Commander could not attend all of these functions, the Second-in-Command, Comdt. F. Neill, and the Company Commanders represented him on some occasions.

CHAPTER 4.IRISH CHRISTMAS IN CYPRUS

The 7th Infantry Group left no stone unturned in preparing for Christmas. Decorations were hung in Messes and Canteens. Cribbs and Christmas trees were erected, programmes for parties and entertainments were planned and arrangements for all the traditional festivities that go with the greatest of Christian feasts were made.

Naturally for men separated from their families at such a time, the season, in spite of all our efforts, was tinged with a shade of loneliness. This feeling was referred to by the Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. M. K. Hanley, in his recorded message sent on tape to Ireland. In it he said that our relatives at home could be consoled by the thought that their sacrifice of separation was helping to bring our modern world nearer to the Christian ideal of peace on earth to men of good will. Such slight nostalgia being admitted however, the men of the Group were determined to celebrate the Feast in the old traditional ways and to make it the best ever "away from home" Christmas.

Midnight Masses were celebrated at Xeros and Limnitis Camps and at other centres at Christmas morning. At all these services carols were sung by the Group Choir. The Christmas of turkey, ham and plum pudding were partaken of and Officers, as the custom goes, served on the men at the table. Later all ranks took part in games and competitions. The organising of Christmas Day parties and sing-songs ensured banishment of dull care. Those on duty in lonely outposts were catered for and on being relieved were similarly entertained on St. Stephen's Day.

Irish Officers and men serving with UN HQ were cordially invited to be guests of the Unit on Christmas Day, and a meal get together resulted. As this season, by its nature, is a time for spreading happiness to all children, each Irish Camp

entertained local Cypriot children to parties, gifts from Santa, films and refreshments.

On Christmas Day the Officer Commanding, 7 Infantry Group and his Staff visited all the Company locations at Dinner-time. The fare served in all instances proved once again how competent and imaginative our army cooks can be, particularly for the big occasion. On St. Stephen's Day the Officer Commanding, accompanied by Capt. M. Kelly, visited all OPs in the District by Helicopter.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGES

President' Message:

Message received by Lt.Gen. Sean Mac Eoin:

"Ba mhaith liom dá gcuirfheá mo bhéin agus mo dhea ghuidhe i gcóir na Féile Beannaithe in n-iúil do gach ball de na Fórsaí Gosanta agus go h-áirithe chuir na n-Oifigi agus fir atá ar seirbhís shiochána leis na Naisiún Aontuithe sa Cipir agus an Mheadhan Oirthir.

Nollaig shona shiochánta go raibh agaibh go léir faoi bhuan choimrí Dé "

Ó Eamonn de Bhaléra - Uachtarán na h-Éireann.

An t-Aire Cosanta:

Christmas message of An t-Aire Cosanta to members of 7 Grúps Coisithe with the United Nations Force in Cyprus:

" It is a pleasure for me to-day to speak to you, members of the Irish Defence Forces serving in Cyprus, in order to convey to you my very best wishes for a happy Christmas. In sending you this greeting I am, I know, conveying also the good wishes of the Irish people in general and particularly of your relatives and friends here at home who will miss you most of all during this Festive Season. As I said to you on your departure from Ireland, the Irish people are proud of the achievements of their troops serving

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with the United Nations. We are proud, in particular, of the measure of your success in maintaining the peace and of the honour and respect that you have thereby brought upon your country. Your task is a difficult one but we know that you will continue to apply yourselves diligently to your work in the cause of peace. Most of all we are confident that in your work with the Cypriot people you will always foster the tradition of service which has been established over the years by Irish Units serving overseas with United Nations Forces.

Once again may I wish you every blessing in this Holy Season".

Force Commander:

" It is now almost three years since the United Nations Force in Cyprus arrived on the Island. During this period many thousands of men have served in the Force and returned home after their six months tour of duty, In spite of the rapid and continuous change-over of units and contingents, I have been very pleased to see the excellent friendship and comradeship which exists between the various contingents of this International Force.

Your role as a peace-keeping Force is one which requires tact, skill and patience and the fact that the Secretary General, U Thant, in his successive reports to the Security Council has warmly praised the work of UNFICYP, is a fine tribute to the excellent work of the Force.

I would like to thank personally all members of the Force for the excellent work you have done throughout the past year. Every one of you has done his utmost to live up to the ideals of the United Nations, often under trying and difficult circumstances, in helping to maintain peace on the Island.

Christmas is the season above others, when we look forward to being with our families and friends. For most of you serving with the Force this is not possible, but you are away from home in the service of peace. To all of you and your families at

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home I wish a Happy Christmas and a successful New Year".

INTER-DENOMINATIONAL SERVICE

An Interdenominational Service was held at St. Columba's Church, NICOSIA, on Monday, December 19th. 7 Infantry Groups were asked to supply a Choir to join the other Contingents in singing their National Christmas carols. The Service started at 1500 hours with an opening address by Lt. Gen. Martola, Force Commander, and continued for approximately three-quarters of an hour.

Notwithstanding the fact that the different Contingents presented a tremendous spectacle by their presence alone, it was a most impressive ceremony and something which elevated the souls of all present, regardless of religion. To see the Chaplains of all Units and creeds grouped together; the soldiers in their respective groups, the Commanders and Civil Dignitaries at the head of the Assembly, could not help but effect the hearts of everybody present and to those privileged enough to be present that day, it will doubtlessly remain one of the most Holy and moving ceremonies of their lives.

It was a simple service, but gloriously effective; Lt. Gen. Martola, standing proud in front giving his Christmas message, the individual speakers who read relevant extracts from the Gospel in their native tongues; the Contingent Choirs with Christmas Carols also in their native languages and finally the whole assembly singing "Silent Night", ended what was in fact a spiritually uplifting moment in history.

It is of interest to note that the Irish Choir was highly praised for its performance at the Service and consequently on Christmas Day the recording of "Dia Dé Bheatha a Naoidhe" was played over Cyprus Radio.

Choir Members - SEE ANNEX "L".

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CONCERTS

A number of very successful Group Concerts were held at Hq over the period. The impromptu concert arranged for the benefit of our R.T.E. visitors and the Christmas concert provided top class entertainment for the Group personnel and for many who travelled from UN Hq, NICOSIA. The popularity of 7 Inf Group entertainment is attributable in the main to the unqualified success of the opening concert on Tuesday, November 15th.

It was run on a competitive basis, each Company producing its own section of the programme, prizes being awarded for the best production, best individual and best sketch. The talent was so good and the standard so high that the evening's entertainment was rated top-class by all who had experience of such shows. The large attendance present forgot the trials of the storm outside and indeed all their operative cares and the night passed too swiftly. The only worried section of the audience was the panel of adjudicators whose task was indeed unenviable. After agonising appraisal the prizes were awarded as follows:-

Best Production-"B" Company (Producer: Lt. Tony Egar)

Best Group -"B" Company, consisting of Cpls Jim Kennedy, Buddy Weston, Ptes Joe Bowes, Christy O'Donovan, Noel Sheehy, Bill Monaghan, Noel Murray, Henry Caulfield, Jim Cox and Paddy Bluett. The M.C. was Sgt. Christy Grogan. Best individual was Cpl. Dan Donnelly "A" Coy. Best Sketch-"A" Company.

PARTIES

It is not necessary to write at length on the numerous parties and "get to-gether" organised by the Companies and at Group Hq. Perhaps, successful parties such as the opening of "A" Company, NCOs' Mess at Lefka, opening of new Mens' Canteen Hq Coy, New Year's Eve and Christmas Day parties at Xeros were memorable occasions as representatives from other Contingents helped to create a spirited Irish night with an international flavour.

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On the 3rd January, 1967, a party was held by the Group Officers in the "SEAGULL" Restaurant, Xeros, Over 200 guests, representatives of all Contingents serving with UNFICYP, attended. (SEE ANNEX "M".) The party started at 2000 hours and the guests were received in a most spectacular fashion by the Group's Pipe Band playing lively martial airs outside the main entrance, where Lt. Col. M.K. Hanley welcomed them. An Irish Cabaret was arranged from talent within the Group, followed by a buffet supper and dancing. It was voted as a most rewarding night by all.

ST PATRICK' DAY

The 7th Infantry Group celebrated their National Holiday in a truly traditional way. A consignment of Shamrock was sent from Ireland and at a special ceremony at XEROS Camp it was blessed and distributed to a representative parade. The Force Commander, Lt. Gen. A.E. Martola, UN Sec. Gen. Special Rep. Rev Fr. Flaviano Randon and UN Financial Adviser in Cyprus, Mr. P. O'Beirne, were present at the morning ceremonies. Lt. Col. Hanley presented Shamrock to the Force Commander and to his distinguished guests, after which Lt. Gen. Martola addressed the parade. High Mass was celebrated by Fr. Flaviano and assisted by Fr. Neville, Sub-Deacon, Fr. Kelly, M.C. and Fr. Joachim, O.F.M. The Mass was celebrated in the open under threatening but benevolent storm clouds and was sung by the Group Choir.

MORPHOU was the scene of a memorable evenings sport, particularly for Greek Cypriots and UN personnel witnessing an exhibition of Hurling and Gaelic Football for the first time. Despite unfavourable playing conditions a thoroughly exciting and sporting fare was served, in both codes. East LEFKA (A Coy and ICA Coy) beating West LEFKA (B Coy and HQ Coy) in Hurling with the Football honours going to B Coy and HQ Coy. With the Tri-colour gently fluttering on a hill overlooking the pitch, the Group Pipe Band playing the National Anthem and 30 proud men standing to attention with hurleys by their sides, it was difficult to believe that this was Cyprus and not Ireland.

was followed by buffet supper which catered for 250 guests. A lively Canadian jazz combo provided the dance music from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. The highlight of the evening's entertainment was undoubtedly the Irish Caberet which catered for all tastes, with an exhibition of Irish dancing, bag-pipe and accordeon airs, followed by rousing rebel songs, that stirred the vocal cords of all present.

C.O.'s DINNER AND PRESENTATION.

The Commanding Officer, 7th. Infantry Group gave a special farewell dinner to his officers and Irish officers of H. UNFICYP on Sunday 19th. March at Officers Mess Lefka (B Coy). In his after dinner speech, Lt. Col. Hanley thanked his officers collectively and individually for manner in which work was conducted during the period, and expressed his sincere thanks for the co-operation and loyalty extended to him at all times.

Comdt. Neill, on behalf of the Group officers thanked Lt. Col. Hanley for the understanding and gentlemanly approach which he had adopted towards all ranks of the 7th. Infantry Group since it's formation and concluded by presenting him with a Filigree Silver Bowl and Set.

CHAPTER 5

YOUTH and EXPERIENCE

Of the 503 all ranks of the 7th Infantry Group a total of 323 have never served overseas before. This means that the balance, or about 35½% have either been in Cyprus before or are veterans of the Congo operation. Just over half of the Officers have had previous UN service although only five, including both chaplains, have been in Cyprus previously. Of the returnees the most impressive record is that of Cpl. Denis Deasy who served his fourth term in Cyprus, in addition to having served in the Congo. Cpl. Deasy was a wireless operator with the Signal platoon. He served in Cyprus with the first Irish Contingent of UNFICYP, the 40th Bn, and also with the 4th and 5th Infantry Groups. He hails from Dunmanway, Co. Cork.

Cpl. Deasy's record is only just ahead of a number of other "old sweats" in the Group. In H. Coy the Group Orderly Room Sergeant, Sgt. John Daly, is here for the third time while Bandsman Mick Halligan and Driver Pte. Francis O'Brien have also been here twice before. "A" Coy had quite a number of Cyprus "veterans" - Sgt. Michael Ryan and Pte. Frank Foran completed their third tour with the 7th Infantry Group. "B" Coy can number no less than ten who have five or more trips abroad behind them. Cpls Andrew Doyle, Denis Wynne, John Spillane, Arthur Parker and Pte. Thomas Dorney were in Cyprus for the third time. In Limnitis (Armed Car Group) a similar pattern existed - Coy-Sgt. Desmond Nolan, Fitter Sgt. John Hayes and Cpls Edward Irwin and John McAlister, all with two previous terms in Cyprus - led quite a large group of veterans. The Group, then, was, in sporting parlance, a nice blend of youth and experience.

LEAVE CENTRE

Each member of the Contingent is entitled to 14 days leave during his tour of duty with UNFICYP, but up to the inception

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of the 7th Infantry Group there were no facilities for the other ranks to avail of this leave except for their Holy Land tours. As only about 150 of the 500 strong Unit avail of these tours, the problem of giving the balance of the Unit a break and a change of environment occupied the Group from the start. Other Contingents provide Leave Centres in Cyprus, Lebanon, Egypt, etc, for their men as a national responsibility. For instance, Canadian soldiers may spend a week of their leave in a hotel in Famagusta and another week in Beirut all free of charge. The possibility of providing something similar for our men on this Island was investigated and discarded as being too costly. Then the possibility of renting suitable accommodation and organising our own Leave Centre was investigated and we were successful in obtaining very satisfactory accommodation in Famagusta. This town was selected as being the most popular resort in Cyprus from the men's point of view. The building, consisting of four apartments, was rented for NCOs and Men and an adjacent bungalow was rented for Officers. One of the men's apartments was converted into a lounge and dining-room, while the other three apartments were furnished as sleeping quarters. A Staff of six, comprising a Superintendent, two cooks, two Military Policemen and a Medical NCO was provided by the Group, and 25 guests were accommodated each week. The charge per man was £2.10.0 for one week. This charge just met the rent, electricity, gas charges, extra food over the ration scale, hire of T.V. etc. (SEE ANNEX "4").

The Centre was opened on the 1st January 67 and proved to be most popular with all ranks. It provided relaxation, change of environment, good food for men who had been engaged in tedious, confined and tiring work in OPs and Camps since October. In all, 200 men availed of the Leave Centre i.e. 40% of the Group. There were no incidents of misconduct over the period, and this is due in no small way to the efficient and capable resident Staff - who were highly complimented by the Minister for Defence,

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Mr. Hilliard, and Chief-of-Staff, Lt. Gen Seán Mac Eoin, during their visit to the Leave Centre in January.

HOLY LAND TOURS

Tours to the Holy Land have been a feature of service in Cyprus for Irish soldiers. The 7th Infantry Group was no exception and there was a brisk demand for tour bookings. The tours, arranged through a local Travel Agency, were booked on an all-in basis. Each touring party-consisting of 20 to 30 all ranks-departed from Nicosia Airport on a Tuesday, returning the following Monday. Three days were spent in Jerusalem and three in Beirut. From the time of departure at Nicosia Airport until their return, the party was looked after in the matter of assistance through each Airport, taxis, hotel accommodation, buses for transport to places of interest and every other requirement that a traveller pilgrim needs.

The Group Touring Committee, under the chairmanship of the Second-in-Command, Comdt. F.P. Neill, issued a Circular for display in Messes and Canteens and for issue to each person travelling. This document was a help in covering such matters as advise about buying souvenirs, what to avoid in eating and drinking, details of various currencies which would be met and rates of insurance. (SEE ANNEX "O").

The tour, by all accounts, was a never-to-be forgotten experience. How wonderful it was to walk the path of the Lord at Via Dolorosa, Garden of Gethsemane, Mount of Olives, and at Bethlehem where He was born, and to see such Biblical and Holy Places as Jericho, River Jordan and the Dead Sea, which for all was a new and exciting happening. The tour of Beirut included a most interesting day at Baalbeck where some of the most extensive Roman ruins are to be seen. The remains of the three Temples, Bacchus, Venus and Jupiter are still in remarkable shape considering the passage of time, and one could not but marvel at the obvious architectural skill and sense of design that existed 2000 years ago. Perhaps the highlight of the tour was the visit to the

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SPORT

In any peace-keeping operation sport plays a big part in maintaining a high standard of morale. Each Company organised its own sport (See CHAPTER 6), because sport on a Group basis was limited due to incidence of duty and availability of suitable pitches. A number of Soccer matches, both at Company and Group level were organised however, against local Turk and Greek Cypriot teams which helped to maintain good relations. The most popular game of all was Volley-Ball. A closely contested Group League was organised and eventually won by "A" Coy with HQ Coy as runners-up. Such was the interest in this "all ages" sport that new courts were set out at LEFKA and XEROS. The "old timers", not to be outdone, organised a veterans' competition. The lower qualifying age limit for these teams was thirty-five, so that it was understandable that the tempo of the play was somewhat "Largo" (slow and dignified) - as reported by a weekly UN paper.

The Group Rugby team, with Capt. Cormac Bunyan, as Manager, had a most successful season and on most week-ends commencing late October, they travelled to play against stiff opposition in DHEKELIA, AKROTIRI and EPISKOPI, FOUR-MILE-POINT and NICOSIA. The most important and coveted Rugby Competition on the Island is the Annual Seven-a-side Tournament at DHEKELIA. The Group had two teams entered and the "A" team, despite some fancied opposition from sides such as the Royal Engineers, 9th Signal Regiment, Yorks and Lanes Regiment, Nomads, etc., returned victorious. The winning team consisted of Capt. Claude Carroll, Lt. Sean Duggan, Lt. Tony Egar, Lt. Paul Quirke, Lt. Peter Archbold, Lt. Freddie Swords and Mr. Paddy Bishop. They were each presented with a very handsome tankard, for their efforts. Four members of the team were honoured by selection on an UNFICYP team which travelled to KUWAIT.

Despite the unsuitability of pitches a number of Gaelic Football matches were organised. On St. Patrick's Day both Gaelic Football and Hurling Exhibition matches were played at

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MORPHOU and were praised by many seeing our National Games for the first time. Two Road Racing Inter-Coy Competitions proved most popular, from which a Group team was selected to compete in an Island Rally organised by SWEDCON at FAMAGUSTA. In addition to above, sports such as Basket-ball, Golf and Tennis helped to keep Group members fit and active.

OLYMPIAN STROLLERS

The highest point in Cyprus is Mount OLYMPUS (6,403 feet). From Xeros Camp one can look at it's dominating height some 15 miles away, as the crow flies. One week-end in Nov., two members of the Group, Comdt. Michael Gill and Capt. Jack Devereux, decided to get to grips with the mountain and walk to the top. In the last cross-country stage of the walk they were joined by. Supt. John O'Connor and Sergt. Larry Tracey of the Australian Police. The walk was recorded in the "Blue Beret"

" The selected route which none of them had seen or travelled before, led along narrow goat-tracks, down the awkward beds of dried up streams, and over wooded rocky slopes which led forever upward. At one stage the party found themselves climbing a series of steep ladders in order to find a way through to their goal. The route rose from 2,000 feet to 6,400 feet over the ten miles. The party stopped for ten minutes every hour in order to check their position and catch their breath. Not only is map-reading itself a tricky business in unfamiliar, hilly terrain, but also the concentration required to lift oneself vertically through an average of 450 feet in every mile of rough country traversed in warm weather, demands intense effort".

January saw Olympus snow-covered and Winter Sports began. The two "Strollers" broke some new ground for 7th Infantry Gp by hiring skis and equipment from the British Leave Centre in TROODOS and launching themselves on "the expert slope" with exhilarating and amusing results. Others quickly followed the pathfinders and Capt. Bunyan, Comdt Ryan, Fr. Neville, Lt. Murphy, Capt. Kelleher and Pte Bourke of Transport tackled this exciting sport, new to most

of us, who, having once experienced it will never forget the heady atmosphere of the great snow-covered pine forest and the glimpses of the blue sea and brown hills ringing MORPHOU Bay far below.

BLESSING AND PRESENTATION OF UNIT FLAG.

The 7th Infantry Group Flag was blessed and presented to the Unit in a short but impressive ceremony at XEROS Camp, on 31st Oct., '66. After the presentation the flag was paraded at XEROS, LEFKA, LIMNITIS and KATO PYRGOS Camps. At XEROS, where compliments had been paid, the Commanding Officer, Lt.Col. M.K. Hanley, addressed the parade. He spoke in Irish and English and stressed the importance of the Unit Flag as a symbol of loyalty and unity. He said he hoped that no action of any individual of the Group would cause the slightest stain of dishonour on the Unit flag. The flag was then blessed by the Chaplain, Rev. Fr. Neville, and was presented by the Commanding Officer to the Colour Party in the charge of Sgt. Tom Penkert. This part of the ceremony was conducted by the playing of the National Anthem by the Unit Pipe Band under the direction of Sgt. Paddy Tobin. The parade Comdr at XEROS was Comdt. Frank Neill.

The Colour Party and Band then proceeded to the other Camps at LEFKA, LIMNITIS and KATO PYRGOS. The ceremony in each Camp consisted of the Salute to the Flag by the personnel of Camp drawn up in two ranks, parading the Flag, marching off the Flag and the playing of the National Anthem. The Company Commander concerned, commanded the parade at each location.

PRESENTATION OF UN MEDALS

The Force Commander, Lt.Gen. A.E. Martola, formally presented UN Service Medals to the 7th Infantry Group at a representative parade at XEROS on Thursday the 9th Feb., '67. The General landed by helicopter at LEFKA, was met by Lt.P.D. Murphy, (his Aide for the day) and proceeded by road to HQ Camp. The parade, which was commanded by the Group Commander, was formed up in hollow square formation and was made up of representatives from

each of the Contingent sub-units who were qualified to receive the Medal. The Unit Pipe Band under, the direction of Sgt. P. Tobin, attended and played National airs during the presentation. Before performing the ceremony of presenting a Medal to each man on parade, General Martola addressed the troops as follows :-

" It is a great pleasure for me to visit the Irish Contingent serving with the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus. You are now half way through your tour here and I would like to express my most grateful and sincere thanks and appreciation to all of you for the excellent work you have done. Many times the work has been hard for you, serving as you do under great pressure and in arduous circumstances, but showing great patience and endurance of a highly military standard you have at all times remained firm and steadfast. You have carried out your work in a really excellent manner. It is a great honour for me to present you to-day with the United Nations Cyprus Medal."

PRESENTATION TO FORCE COMMANDER

After Lunch in the Officers' Mess, Gen. Martola accepted a replica of the statue of Cu Chulain which was presented to him by Lt. Col. Hanley, as a memento of the occasion. It was explained to the General that the original statue stands in the G.P.O. Dublin and is the work of an Irish Sculptor, Mr. Oliver Sheppard. The legend of the heroic exploits of Cu Chulain was told and the General was obviously impressed by the statuette and its significance.

WEATHER

The weather prospects for the Winter Season were of vital interest to the 7th Infantry Group, all of whom were under canvas and many of whom had to spend long periods in lonely exposed positions. The Table (ANNEX "P") compiled from figures kindly produced from the statistics of the Meteorological Office, R. A. F. NICOSIA. All are based on readings over a 15 year period

(1945-1960) except those of sunshine in Column 4, which are based on the last five years. The mean Max on Min Temperatures (See ANNEX "P") are based on each 24 hour period, so that it can be taken that mid-day temperatures are well over the figures given, because night temperatures can drop down to freezing-point, particularly in JANUARY and FEBRUARY. For purpose of comparison the distributed rainfall per year in Ireland is 40 inches, nearly four times that of Cyprus during the rainy season. The average Winter temperature at home is 40 degrees and in Summer it is 60 to 70 degrees.

In short, the cold rainy weather which we had during most of the six months was very similar to the weather which Ireland was experiencing during the same period.

'A' COY, 7 INF GPFLIGHT AND FIRST IMPRESSIONS

The airlift was by Caravelle/DC 6 - the advance party consisting of ten all ranks and the remainder arriving in the period 8/12 Oct. '66. All agreed that the Yugoslav airline was efficient but most found it difficult to adjust to the continental type of foods served. The first impressions of the island were of a barren, sunbaked, mountainous, ill kept island, but luckily most of these impressions were dispelled with the coming of winter and its attendant vegetation. The camp is situated SOUTH of LEFKA town. The company is accommodated under canvas except for the dining hall and cookhouse which are permanent buildings. It is pleasantly laid out and affords a pleasing view of the sea on the NORTH and an equally pleasing view of the TROODOS mountains on the SOUTH. The camp is supplied with water from the town mains supply but sanitation is by field trench. There is hot water for showers and ample washing facilities. The camp area is small (approx 1 acre) and the layout is good, the planner leaving many olive and misc. trees within the camp boundary.

EXTENT OF AREA

'A' Coy occupied the EAST of the LEFKA DISTRICT and is approx 17 sq. miles in area. It is bounded on the NORTH by a portion of MORPHOU bay; on the EAST by MORPHOU - PERISTERONARI - SARANDI; on the SOUTH by TROODOS and on the WEST by KYKKO, KAMBOS, KAMBOS VALLEY due NORTH to the sea.

TOPOGRAPHY

The area is mainly mountainous and rugged with the exception of the NORTH-EAST (MORPHOU DISTRICT) which is flat and fertile. The mountainous area contains some areas of exceptional scenic beauty namely - TROODOS which in winter is a famous skiing resort and in summer a refuge from the blistering heat. The Valleys of the TROODOS range are dotted with picturesque villages such as - NIKOS - KALPANAYIOTIS - PEDHOULAS - EVERYKHOU. The principal town in the area, LEFKA, is situated approx four miles inland

and at a height of 400 feet which offers a wonderful view of the MEDITERRANEAN.

POPULATION.

The majority of the people in the NORTH live in the LEFKA - XEROS area, while for the remainder, people tend to live in villages bordering the fertile valleys. The community in this area is split in two main groups, GK/CYPS X TK/CYPS ratio 5/1 with a small European - American community in the CMC (CYPRUS MINES CORP).

This rich copper mine is centered in the SKOURIOTISSA area which is less than two miles from our UN camp in LEFKA.

ANTIQUITIES.

- a. Soli Theatre. Dates from Greco Roman times - 200 A.D. stands on the site of an ancient village, remains of which still exist. Village dates back to 400 B.C. Both village and Theatre were discovered in 1928 by the Swedish - Cypriot archeological team. The theatre itself has been restored in places to its original grandeur, and much of the ancient architectural work and design still remains to be seen. A small museum on the site boasts of many pieces of pottery dating back as far as 800 B.C., while items of ^{the} classical 400 B.C. period abound. Remains of skeletons of this period are also on display.
- b. Kykkio Monastery. Founded in the 11th century and is the centre of the Greek Orthodox Church in the area. HQ EOKA ? in 1960 - 1964. It contains many treasures of former Abbots and religious hierarchy.
- c. The SKOUTIOTISSA Mine dates back to Roman Times.

POLITICAL AND MILITARY EVENTS SINCE INDEPENDENCE.

The TK/CYP enclave of LEFKA and surrounding villages of AMBELIKOU - GHAZIVERAN - PERISTERONARI - ELEA - ANGOLEMI and KALOKHORI were the main objectives of the GK/CYPS in the 1964 outbreak of fighting. The town of LEFKA and for the main part all of these villages are still in TK/CYPS hands. In all cases the villages are surrounded by GK/CYP Forces and it would appear that the TK/CYPs could NOT have held out in 1964 had the TURKISH air force NOT intervened.

AGRICULTURE. Crops are mainly fruits and cereals. Main fruits are oranges, lemons, grape fruit, melons, apples, grapes and bananas. LEFKA is noted for its oranges. The cereal crops are mostly potatoes and barley. Olive trees are plentiful in our entire area.

INDUSTRIAL AND MINING ACTIVITIES. Apart from Home Industries (e.g. lace, curing and handicrafts) the only major industry is mining. The CMC, mining copper and associated products accounts for all the mining in this area.

RELATIONS WITH CIVILIAN POPULATION. Our Company enjoys exceptionally good relations with both communities. As a result, many invitations to social events are extended to our unit. Both communities are noted for their wonderful hospitality.

COMPANY TASKS.

These consists for the main part in occupying four (4) OPs - namely AMBELIKOU, LIMEKILN, PERISTERONARI, and GHAZIVERAN - and patrols and escorts.

a. Ambelikou. This OP is situated on the summit of AMBELIKOU hill which is 1000 feet above sea level. As a result of its situation it has the most commanding view by far of all OPs in 'A' Coy area. It surveys the flat plain stretching EAST of XEROS - LEFKA, the AMBELIKOU valley, the mountain ridge round LIMEKILN area and the area between AMBELIKOU and the village of GALLINI on to the coast. Its main function therefore is reporting of unusual movements, shots or explosions etc seen or heard in the area. The only incidents this OP handles directly are those occurring between AMBELIKOU and GALLINI, sometimes visiting AMBELIKOU village if necessary. As a result of this, this OP has a quieter time than the others in the Coy area. They normally have NO direct contact with TK/CYP or GK/CYP soldiers as there are NO defensive posns from either side in the immediate vicinity.

b. Limekiln. OP 58, or LIMEKILN as it is called by virtue of the now disused TK/CYP Limekiln on the site, it is situated on the NORTHERN slopes of a hill overlooking the small isolated TK/CYP village of AMBELIKOU, the site of OP II. Further up the hill approx

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. Limekiln (Cont'd)

00 yards away and dominating the OP are the GK/CYP lines, while the GK/CYP lines are approx 300 yards down the hill. Our compliment at the OP consists of two NCO's and 5 men who are normally rotated every fortnight. Incidents in its area consists of the odd shot or an occasional accusation by one side that the other is improving its position. Every evening, however, as soon as darkness has fallen, each side entertains the other by calling out their various attributes as soldiers, or adventures with the femme fatale of area. Sometimes they tire of this and serenade the other with Greek or Turkish National songs, each side taking its turn in strict order. This generally continues until dawn and serves to keep our chaps on their toes. One of the problems of the area are the TK/CYP shepherds who wander with their herds all over the mountains, regardless of boundaries or no mans land, much to the annoyance of the GK/CYPs. However, after much talking to both sides, the situation irons itself out and the OP returns to its usual tranquil atmosphere.

. Peristeronari. OP 57, GR R591641, is generally pronounced with the centre 'E' missing. Bordering LEFKA town on the EASTERN side is a ridge of hills known as AKINTOU. These hills slope down to a very rich and fertile valley (TK/CYP). At the far side of this valley the terrain rises again to a more dominating piece of ground known as PERISTERONARI HILL. The furthest TK/CYP community in the LEFKA TK/CYP district is a tiny village called GENGIS KOY GR R586643 at the bottom of PERISTERONARI hill. At the top of the hill and overlooking the AKINTOU valley is an extended row of GK/CYP machine-gun bunkers, ensuring that the TK/CYPs do NOT move any further EAST than GENGIS KOY. As PERISTERONARI hill slopes down to the AKINTOU valley, just overlooking GENGIS KOY, it juts out into a sort of step-like piece of land. On this the UN OP is situated. Militarily speaking the GK/CYPs have all the advantages in this area.

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c. Peristeronari. (Cont'd)

- (1) Only their forward machine gun bunkers are visible to the TK CYPs, otherwise complete concealment.
- (2) The GK CYPs have a new road built on the rear of PERISTERONARI hill (E) which gives them a supply line to the 236 Bn HQ at PENDAYIA and the GK CYP section at KALOKHORIO village.
- (3) Apart from having unlimited depth rear of their F.D.Ls, their strengths, positions and equipment are unknown to the TK CYPs.

On the other hand the TK CYPs in the AKINTOU valley and GENGIS KOY area are completely exposed.

- (1) All of the village of GENHGIS KOY while being in the open, is within 500 yards of the GK CYP F.D.Ls.
- (2) The village itself is almost entirely built of mud houses and would be of only token resistance to mortar shelling.
- (3) The 3 miles between GENGIS KOY and the TK CYP quarter of KALOKHORIO GR R598626, is valley land and apart from a cluster of three TK CYPs positions on the side of AKINTOU facing PERISTERONARI, any link between these two TK CYP communities could quite easily be eradicated by GK CYP fire power.

However, were the GK CYPs to attempt to take LEFKA, from the EASTERN side, the village of GENGIS KOY and the TK CYP valley of AKINTOU to the TK CYPs in KALOKHORIO would undoubtedly provide a stumbling block for the GK CYPs though it is doubtful if an advance would be delayed for very long. Our UN post consists of 1 NCO and 6 men. Their main tasks are:-

- (1) To provide protection for TK CYPs in valley area.
- (2) To observe any forward movement by either GK CYPs or TK CYPs.
- (3) Reporting shots, fortifications, disturbances, aircraft etc.

Almost two years ago the UN occupied the high ground on PERISTERONARI but the GK CYPs took over this area and the UN moved down to a lower position. At this time (Nov. 1966) this area is quite peaceful but in the event of a GK CYP advance on LEFKA, this EASTERN boundary of the TK CYP LEFKA enclave appears from a military point

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of view quite vulnerable and it could be an area of immense activity.

d. Ghaziveran. GHAZIVERAN (OP 60) is situated on the main NICOSIA-XEROS road at the village of GHAZIVERAN. There were 2 OPs here. The main OP called GHAZI station was a disused house. The other OP was situated on the side of the road EAST of GHAZIVERAN. Two NCOs and eight men manned this post, with one man always manning the road OP. These men were usually rotated every fortnight. During the month of November duties were heavy because of trouble on the NORTH side of GHAZIVERAN which bordered the NAT GD restricted area on the coast. The main job here was to watch the movement into the area on the NICOSIA road. Along with ^{the} this/post was called upon to supply escorts for the villagers working in the surrounding fields. This area was also constantly patrolled. Shooting or other such incidents were immediately investigated by the two NCO's at the post. This area caused a lot of trouble during the term of duty in CYPRUS of 7th Inf Gp.

e. Patrols. Every day patrols visited all OPs and trouble spots in the area. Twice per week outlying villages in the area were patrolled and once weekly a patrol went to the SOUTHERN end of the area.

f. Escorts. These were necessary when GK CYP and TK CYP workers had to go into the opposing areas. In some cases animals and goods had to be escorted.

g. General. We always tried to allow the TK CYPs and the GK CYPs to solve their own problems and only intervene^d when their own efforts had been unsuccessful.

Having arrived in glorious weather and enjoyed it for almost two months, it started to deteriorate rapidly in early December. It began to rain more frequently, and the nights turned very chilly. By mid-December the weather was becoming more 'Irish' every day, with dark clouds covering the sky and piercing winds blowing from the high mountains in the South. During the evenings, the oil heaters hardly sufficed in the draughty tents. Even though the camp area

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had been spread liberally with gravel, the mud gradually rose above it due to the frequent heavy showers of rain, and made walking a most uncomfortable business. Early in January, the mountains of Troodos became snow capped, giving a very picturesque panorama to the south. By this time the temperature had dropped below freezing point at nighttime, and did not rise much above 35 to 40 degrees F. during the day. In mid January there was a light snowfall in the camp, the first for many years according to the locals.

However by the end of January and the beginning of February, the temperature began to rise, and the sun was seen more often. The month of February went out in a blaze of sunshine, and, as 'A' Coy had by then moved to Kato Pyrgos, it was appreciated by all.

Christmas. Christmas for 'A' Company in LEFKA was well planned in advance. A week before Christmas Day a large prominent tree in the centre of the camp was decorated with coloured lights. As the camp was on a small hill, these lights could be seen for quiet some distance along it's various approaches after dark. From the same tree Christmas Carols were broadcast nightly from a well camouflaged loudspeaker. Religious arrangements were adequate, there being Mass in camp for all, while men were brought in from the OP's to attend. Christmas dinner, of course, was the main attraction of the day and in this the cooking staff excelled themselves. The meal was attended by the Company Commander, and was served in the usual tradition by the Company Officers.

As regards functions outside the camp, the various Greek Cypriot National Guard Battalions in 'A' Company operational area invited Officers of 'A' Company, as well as officers from the other companies in the Irish Contingent, to a dinner in the 'Seagull' in Keros. Presentations were made to the Group Commander by the National Guard and the Group Commander later returned the compliments.

Throughout this period, many a voice was raised in song and merriment and helped to make Christmas 1966 thoroughly enjoyable for one and all. Parties were held for approx 160 children in Ghaziveran, and

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for approx 90 children in Ambelikou. The group Pipe Band paraded and rendered National Airs at both of these parties and was thoroughly enjoyed by young and old alike. A Volley ball game preceeded each party and perhaps the highlight of the day was a Turkish Cartoon film drawn specially from Nicosia Turkish quarter for the occasion.

Films of Ireland were also shown. The lack of electricity in Ambelikou presented a problem, but this was overcome with the co-operation of the C.M.C. Skouriotissa, who generously loaned a Generator and an Output Regulator for the occasion. Similiar parties were held in LEFKA, ELEA and KALOKHORIO. Generally all parties were a great success, and a noteworthy observation is that all children, big and small, behaved at all times in a courteous disciplined manner.

Changing of Location. Early in February came the news that 'A' and 'B' Companies were to exchange Coy loactions, and for the next week, the camp was alive with the operation of getting everything ready for the big move. Advance parties, both operational and administrative, went from one camp to the other and were briefed onx all that went on. Eventually the move was completed and the job of settleing in got under way. This mainly took in the explobing of the nearby hills and beaches. There was also, of course, the business of getting to know the operational area, and GK CYP and TK CYP personalities in the area. Within a short time we began to feel quiet at home in our new location. The arrival of good weather was welcomed by everyone, especially due to the closeness of a fine sandy beach to the camp. The only disadvantage was the twisting winding roads one had to travel to Xeros before proceeding to Nicosia or anywhere else in Cyprus.

Sport. Sport in 'A' Company flourished as soon as the humidity of the first couple of months on the island gave way to the chills of approaching winter. Various inter-company leagues in Soccer and Volley-ball were set in motion. 'A' Company proved to be very

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successful in Volley-ball, winning the group league outright. Several Soccer matches were also played with local TK CYP teams, and again the Company fared quite well, beating on several occasions the team from GHAZIVERAN and also LEFKA Freedom Fighter teams.

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'B' COMPANY, 7TH INF GP.

The main body of 'B' Company was airlifted to Cyprus between the 8th and 12th of October. They were fortunate in that they were conveyed in a Caravelle Jet, the journey of 2,400 miles taking only 8 hours including a stop in Belgrade of 1½ hours.

The Main Camp of 'B' Company was at KATO PYRGOS, 1 mile West of KATO PYRGOS village. All administration and supply is worked from here. There was also a camp in KOKKINA - Strength - 2 Offrs and 20 O/Ranks. Both camps were beside the seaside. In KATO PYRGOS sleeping accommodation consisted of 6 man tents while in KOKKINA sleeping quarters was in a Nissen Hut which is very comfortable and cool and was ideal for wet weather.

'B' Company's task was to maintain observation over the cease-fire line at KOKKINA beachhead. This task was fulfilled by the manning of 6 day and night OPs and one night OP (i.e. OP 5). In all there were seven OPs, three of which were situated in No-Man's Land between Greek and Turk cease-fire lines. Other tasks included the supervision and observation of harvesting and assisting in the return of normal living conditions of the peoples.

'B' Company was responsible for an operational area of approx 40 sq. miles. This area took the form of a triangle having three villages for the three points of the triangle. KATO PYRGOS - MOSPHILERI - PAKHY AMMOS. Within this triangle at the base was the real nerve centre of operations, namely, the KOKKINA beachhead.

The nature of the terrain in which 'B' Company operated was one of a hill followed by a valley. The average height of these hills was 700 ft above sea level. The terrain, though not beautiful, was impressively ragged and relatively barren. Rivers were non-existent except during heavy rain fall in winter when the waters from the hills combined and flowed into the sea.

The population of KOKKINA is 1200 which includes 117 from the village of MANSOWRA. Mansowra village is now deserted, having been deserted in August, 1964 during the civil strife. Mansowra

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is now in the possession of the GK/CYPs who have set up OPs in the village. The KOKKINA beach head is completely surrounded by 2 Battalions of National Guard Troops, with Headquarters in Kato Pyrgos and Paky Ammos.

Antiquities seemed to be scarce in Kokkina. To date only one has been seen, which was a large erathenware jug believed to be over three hundred years old. But it is known that several of these existed which are more ancient and beautiful.

After the civil strife in 1964, the TK/CYPs were driven back into Kokkina. The area is defended by about 200 Freedom Fighters. All males over the age of 15 automatically become Freedom Fighters and wear a light blue uniform. They man their OPs by day and night. It seemed that their posts were more heavily defended by day than by night. Their tour of duty is one of three months on OP duty. How do the people of Kokkina exist? The land is not nearly productive enough or large enough in the area to support its 1,200 inhabitants. The meat they eat is obtained either from fowl, cattle, sheep or goats. Barley is grown in winter only on soil which is a combination of sand and stones. Potatoes are also grown and the seed for these is imported from Ireland so we can say that the potatoes must be good. Fruit growing is the only crop which requires the least labour and time. However most of the trees which bear the fruits are situated in No-Man's-Land and have to be harvested on specific days under the strict supervision of UN. The breeding of livestock is a problem one feels, and there are only two bulls in Kokkina itself. Cows are not prized possessions because their milk yield is almost negligible, and they are only valued for their meat. Goats and sheep are numerous in Kokkina but are of poor quality to those seen inland. Tomatoes and bananas are also found in Kokkina but the quality again is poor. The only agricultural machinery the people of Kokkina have is one tractor and one plough. The most common way of cultivating the earth is by oxen and wooden plough.

There are several useful reference points in Kokkina which can be attributed directly to the civil strife which took place there.

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One mile West of the village itself in No-Man's-Land lies an armoured car. This was abandoned in August 1964 by GK/CYPs when the Turkish Air Force bombed Greek positions at Kokkina. In Mansoura on the shore lies a cargo ship which marks the beginning of the cease-fire line. In Kokkina village there is a list of Freedom Fighters killed in 1964 and west of OP 1 lies a headstone and grave of a GK/CYP killed by Turkish bombs dropped in 1964. So it can be seen from this that both sides have great respect and honour for their fighters.

The people of Kokkina are existing under severe hardships but after 2½ years, they seem to have adjusted themselves to this. They live in mud cabins, tents and caves cut off from the rest of the island but seem to have grown accustomed to these new conditions and hardships.

Each OP, with the exception of OPs 5 and 6, are manned by 2 NCO's and 4 Men. Duration of Individual observation - two hours by day and two by night. The OPs are close to Greek and Turk positions (one hundred yards - five hundred yards) and are under all round observation. All OPs are accessible by MT except OP 7 which is serviced by a mule. Rations and Canteen are drawn in KATO PYRGOS (main camp) are are distributed to each OP daily before 10.00 hours. Water supply in OP 6 (Kokkina) was maintained by a water car which was filled twice daily. Each OP was supplied with field glasses, torches, telephone, 41 set and tilly lamps. The tour of duty on OPs lasted for a fortnight. Strength on OPs at any given time was two (2) platoons (+). The majority of NCO's and men look forward to their tour of duty in the hills. All OPs report on the hour every hour by day and every half hour by night to Kokkina Camp Signal Unit. Facilities for sports in the 'B' Company area were the best within the companies and Arm'd Car Gp. Besides volleyball, basketball, darts and skittles, a five-a-side soccer pitch and a pitch and putt course were laid out on the beach at KATO PYRGOS. The percentage of swimmers in the company was high, many having learned since coming to the island.

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Complaints and requests made by TK/CYPs in Kokkina were discussed with a representative of the community and interpreter in that village. To discuss complaints or requests with GK/CYPs one either goes to PAKHY AMMOS or MOSPHILERI where there is a Greek officer available. 90 per cent of requests and/or complaints are settled at the lowest level and any situation where negotiations prove futile, which are few, are passed on to higher authority on both sides.

What are the difficulties encountered during discussions? In Kokkina on the Turkish side discussion and agreement are made easier because of two factors -

- (i) There is no language problem and consequently talks are more friendly and understandable.
- (ii) The representative there is very settled and has more experience and is quite used to discussing problems, many of which occur from time to time.

On the other hand Greek Officers in PAKHY AMMOS and MOSPHILERI are only Cadets and reservists who serve only up to one year in any given place. Consequently their knowledge of local problems is not quite as intimate as that of the Turks in Kokkina. Added to that is the language problem, which makes understanding and conciliation more difficult and requires more time and far more patience.

But nevertheless agreement can be reached nine times out of ten by understanding and patience which are the two qualities which help most in the returning to normal living conditions of the people.

The month of December came and with it came frequent wet, cold days which were characteristic of the following two months of our service in KATO PYRGOS. This inclement weather was offset by the fact that firstly, we were now in our third month and secondly, that this was the month of traditional peace and goodwill. Christmas Day was fast approaching and the cooks were seen to be quite active in the preparation of Christmas Cakes, Puddings and other festive goodies. Unfortunately the entire company was unable to have Christmas dinner together as we would have wished, because of our two camps in KATO PYRGOS and KOKKINA. This problem was solved by having two Christmas dinners - one for the personnel in KATO PYRGOS on Christmas Day itself

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and the other on St. Stephen's Day for personnel in KOKKINA and the
Ops. New Years Eve and New Year's Day were also celebrated in a
fitting manner, all ranks acknowledging the fact that we had now
reached the half-way mark of our tour of duty.

At this date also the Famagusta Leave Centre was opened and since
then, a good percentage of the company paid a visit to 'Famagusta
by the Sea'. Reports received indicated that all enjoyed their
weeks stay and consequently there was no shortage of applicants. The
New Year also brought the news of the intending visit of our Minister
for Defence and Chief of Staff. This event marked another milestone
and point of progress on our tour of duty.

Plans and preparations for the Minister's visit were duly drawn up
and everybody went about his task with great enthusiasm and spirit.
On the 22nd January, 3 days before the arrival of the Minister, the
company suffered a bad stroke of luck when our Coy Sgt was taken ill.
Sgt O'Neill was removed from KATO PYRGOS at 0815 hrs to B.M.H.

by HELIKOPTER suffering from acute abdominal pains where he
underwent an operation and has since made a speedy and satisfactory
recovery.

The Minister for Defence and Chief of Staff arrived at KATO PYRGOS
at 1245 hrs on 25th January and were received by the Company Comdr.,
Lt Col Carroll. After inspecting the Guard and the Camp itself, they
were guests for lunch at the Officers' Mess. After lunch they
proceeded by helicopter to OP 3, our most dominating and highest OP,
where they were briefed on the operational tasks of 'B' Company.
The following day, 26th January, the Chief of Staff visited Kokkina
Camp, from which all the OPs of 'B' Company are serviced and manned.
The visit of the Minister and the Chief of Staff to 'B' Company area
was a highly pleasant and successful one to which all ranks contributed
generously.

Meanwhile, the pilgrimages to the Holy Land had commenced on the 14th
January and continued until the last tour on 21st February. 36
members of the company availed of this chance to visit the Holy Land
and all agreed that it was most enjoyable and more than worth the
outlay of £30.

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On the 8th February the group O/C threw out an unexpected reverse pass which 'B' Company gathered gratefully, kicked ahead to LEFKA, gaining considerable ground and leaving the opposition (A Coy) under constant heavy pressure for the remainder of the game.

This marked the beginning of the rotation of A and B Companies.

The Movement Order appeared in Routine Orders stating that both Coys were to be operational in their new areas by 1500 hrs on Tuesday 14th February. So hastily we bade farewell to our many friends in our old area of responsibility and began preparations for the movement to our new area of LEFKA. The movement was initiated on Friday 11th by the movement of one rifle platoon (+) to our new OPs in LEFKA. This was followed in the succeeding days of Saturday, Sunday and Monday by Company Hqrs and the 2 remaining platoons. By 1100 hours on 14 February we became fully operational in LEFKA, manning the camp and the four outlying OPs. In the rotation we lost one rifle platoon to the ICA Coy in LIMNITIS and 'A' Company regained their rifle platoon back from the ICA Company.

The question most asked of us is "Do you prefer your new area to your old area". Making a quick estimate it is easy to give a decision.

Factors in Favour of LEFKA

- (1) Number of OPs = 4 - 6 in KATO PYRGOS.
- (2) Proximity of XEROS Hqrs - adm and Supply.
- (3) Accessibility of OPs by Transport.
- (4) One Main Camp - KATO PYRGOS and KOKKINA in 'A' Coy.
- (5) More pleasant surroundings and atmosphere.
- (6) Availability of Soccer Pitch and Basketball Pitch.

Factors in favour of KATO PYRGOS.

There is only one and that is the proximity of the sea when the weather is fine. Outside of this LEFKA outscores KATO PYRGOS in every other respect.

Generally speaking all ranks welcomed the change of scenery and have now settled down in camp and the OPs quite contentedly knowing that the company benefited in every respect due to the rotation.

The personnel are at the moment preoccupied by the purchase of "Mingies" and business is reported as "brisk". Our next events will be our Coy dinner and Platoon outings which should be completed by the middle of March.

"ICA" COY.

Armd Car Gp, as part of the 7th Inf Group, formed up on 16 Sept., '66. On 27th Sept., '66 elements of Gp Advance Party left for Cyprus and by the 12th Oct., '66, Armd Car Gp, 7th Inf Gp, was fully operational.

A terse military statement, crackling with efficiency, it effectively hides the many small difficulties involved in such an operation - difficulties are always forgotten in the flush of successful completion. Our own story began on a sharp over-cast Sunday at 1400 hrs when we flew out of Dublin Airport. We left behind us the first grey bite in the air, and as the YUGOSLAV DC-6 moved out to the runway, I think there was a collective lifting of spirits at the thought of leaving an Irish twilight winter behind. There were seventy of us on the aircraft, crushed together on cramped seating and attended to by frozen-faced hostesses. The ordeal of droning boredom which we were about to face would last for thirteen hours, broken only by a two hour respite in a provincial airport in YUGOSLAVIA,

LJUBLJIANA, Northern YUGOSLAVIA, our first glimpse of life behind Churchill's Iron Curtain. The privilege was accepted with the usual professional indifference of the regular soldier. We casually sampled the beer in the airport lounge, judged it fair, and with philosophical resignation, climbed back on board our aircraft for the last leg of the flight. The sun set in the clouds behind us.

NICOSIA Airport welcomed us at three o'clock in the morning. After the long quiet hours of flying through the night, our aircraft had become a drowsy cocoon, and now we emerged into the cold fresh air, half stunned by the sudden onrush of noises, the babble of international voices, the glare of arc lamps, trucks

roaring away with luggage. Somebody materialised with a convoy of transport for us; we scrambled on board, mumbling confusion as kit-bags were sorted in the darkness; more shouting and gesticulating between officials. The trucks started up one by one, a swelling chorus of panting engines the sudden sweet smell of petrol. Suddenly the revving reached a crescendo and the convoy jerkily moved off. We had arrived in Cyprus. Later, on the chilly dark morning that we arrived, in Nicosia, our convoy deposited us into the LIMNITIS enclave, where we ^{were} eventually joined by the Heavy Mortar Troop and No. 3 Platoon "A" Coy. These three totally diverse elements of Infantry, Cavalry and Artillery, fused, and became one unit under the industrial sounding title of "ICA" Company.

LIMNITIS is a quiet remote backwater on the pot-holed single lane road which dodges around the coastal hills of North-Western Cyprus. It might be loosely described as a village since it admittedly contains a couple of cafes and about two dozen houses - all strung out along a mile of road. It boasts a Primary School, a harbour without pier or boats, and a farming co-op. The village and the area surrounding it, the Turkish held - they call it YESILIRMAK - and it is one of the few places on the island where they hold an enclave opening out on to the sea. The area held, measures roughly $2\frac{1}{2}$ by $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles. The population of the enclave is 1,680 counting all souls, and it is entirely Turkish. In normal times, this figure would be far smaller, but refugees have swollen the numbers. This is a rural district and agricultural products are the main source of income. The land is barren, and poverty is obvious. The Limnitis river, which is seasonal - carrying water only at intervals during the winter - runs out to sea through the centre of the enclave, and it is here that the only real farmland can be found. This consists of a very small but very fertile alluvium strip on each side of the river bed, extending inland for about one mile. This small area produces most of the exportable fruit, such as oranges, lemons, peanuts, bananas and thus, most of the cash income for the community. Rising steeply from the river bed on each side,

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are high barren little hills, which, ten miles further inland, become the foothills of the TROODOS mountains. It is on these hills that the Turks have dug in forming a defensive line with their backs to the fertile valley. On the Turkish perimeter, each hill is capped with its own bunker position; each hill faces an identical hill capped with an identical Greek dug-out. Each ridge is pock-marked by a line of machine gun positions, fox-holes, bunkers and with the Turks being steadily pushed back into the sea, before a UN truce halted the fighting and froze the lines into their present position.

But now the war has almost been forgotten, buried under the tone of memoranda from conferences and peace negotiations, which on reflection, is as effective a way, as any other. Tension has been tuned down to such an extent that now, during daylight hours the perimeter is un-manned on both sides, except for a handful of silent ever watchful sentries.

In this area, the 7th Irish Infantry Gp has deployed a Coy which in turn has five small Observation Posts around the perimeter for the purpose of maintaining the cease-fire.

Dominating the road leading into LIMNITIS is a high, Turkish held hill. Eight hundred yards across the valley in one direction, and one thousand yards across in a slightly different direction, lie two ridges occupied by the Greek Cypriot National Guard. On the valley floor near the base of the Turkish hill, and roughly in the potential line of fire between the opposing forces, it is an uneasy collection of dusty brown tents. This is Camp Knockanure, the main Camp for ICA Coy. We rely, for our safety, if shooting breaks out, on the dubious protection of the UN Flag which hangs limply from a flag-pole near the main entrance. Dubious, one imagines, since mortars can be notoriously inaccurate and mortar bombs are colour-blind.

There are roughly seventy men in this Camp at any one time living in primitive comfort. The principal disadvantage of living under canvas is the fact that one is living under canvas. In the still heat of mid-day the whole Camp becomes dry and dusty. The

brown tents absorb the heat from the sun like sponges and become stuffy ovens, the air inside them thick and heavy even with the flaps open. The nights are cold and the thin canvas retains nothing from the daylight scorching. We have one NISSEN hut which contains the NCOs' Mess and Canteen. It is cool and well ventilated, providing the unique luxury in the Camp of a solid building. It also houses the Bar which panders to our National weakness, and assists in the maintenance of a detached attitude. The daylight hours are crowded with routine but inescapable jobs -guard duties, vehicle maintenance, cooking, re-supply of OPs- all the countless petty matters which are involved in running a military community. Darkness comes quickly at about five o'clock in the evening; we mark it with our main meal of the day. After dinner there is a slack hour or two. This is a quiet period, letters are written, letters are re-read, and men, not reflective by nature, remember their homes. There is not a great deal to do at night; the village with its two shabby coffee-houses, has nothing to offer, and entertainment and recreation must be found within the Camp. There is Television - that great god of suburban life- which opens at seven o'clock and shows American features with Greek sub-titles. They are all there, the Fugitive, Avengers, Defenders, Perry Mason. Television will eradicate cultures more subtly and effectively than we think, and soon, national differences will be as irrelevant as religious ones are now. We also have films, three nights per week, and every Monday there is a Bingo session. These are simple diversions but they help, along with the letters, to relieve the monotony.

Games, as one might expect, are very popular particularly those such as Volley-Ball which need only simple skills and require little in the way of equipment. The Beach is only five minutes away by Land Rover, but surprisingly enough swimming is not popular. The Irish, in spite of, or perhaps because of being an Island Race, never took too kindly to swimming in the area. Maybe we get enough of water with the rain. Every week or so, a bus tour is organised by Gp H₂ to some part of the island. These are extremely

successful in more ways than one, but mainly because they provide the only real chance that men have of getting away from the backwoods surroundings of LIMNITIS, and of spending a few hours among the crowds of a large town. Interludes such as these, even if they last for only half a day, can mean a great deal.

The peace-keeping work of ICA Coy is carried out by the OPs which are strung out around the perimeter in the "no-man's land" between the opposing forces. There are five of them in all - FOXTROT, KILO, INDIA, JULIET and HOTEL. Between them, they can observe almost every square foot of the perimeter- if they have the inclination to do so. The idea in this is simple, every OP has a sentry on constant observation duty. His job is to report any unusual activity, no matter how slight, which might occur on either side. The OPs are the eyes and ears for the Coy, who it is hoped, can deal with potential trouble at its beginnings. In this way, such warlike activities as the digging of trenches and the shaking of grimy fists, or mysterious things that are heard going bump in the night are instantly reported to the Duty Officer in LIMNITIS. It is a tedious business with nothing really important ever happening, and it is here that the main problem lies, the prevention of laxity creeping into the dull routine of OP duties.

We have now been here for six weeks. The newness has worn off us and we have got over our sunburn. The Camp, after the chaos of taking over, has slipped back again into a steady routine. We are seasoning nicely as peace-keeping veterans and we are ready for the winter months ahead.

The November days idled on -quiet, warm and sunny-around around us, the scorched hills and the wide flat Mediterranean. We basked in the heat, wrote letters about the weather to brethren, held in the cold, windy grip of Winter at home. The pundits who have served with previous groups preached warning about the months to come. They were half listened to. There was some talk of winterising the Camp. One week the weather became sticky and warm, clouds banked up on the horizon. Later that week, a shower of rain fell and somebody said that it looked like more rain. The cloud -

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burst itself came on Saturday. It arrived with alarming suddenness, a few preliminary rumblings of thunder, a great piled mass of cloud rushed over the sky, blocking the sun, darkening the bright afternoon. Then amidst the scurry to snatch towels and laundry from tent ropes, the first heavy drops of rain, the first rustle of cold breeze, the Camp crouched and waited. The Thunder storm lasted for forty-five minutes. It was a torrential downpour, so heavy on the hard, dry earth that the splashes of the raindrops formed a blanket of mist six inches high on the ground. It was genuinely frightening, with sheets of lightning almost beside us followed instantly by great tearing crashes of thunder. Faces pale and anxious, half-curious, peered out through tent flaps at the metal water tower- the highest structure in the Camp- but it remained untouched. The storm went as quickly as it had come. One minute wind and rain, the next, a sudden stillness and dripping water. Gradually, we emerged to inspect the saturated Camp. We discovered that the NCOs' Mess and Canteen were sited in the path of a stream which only manifested itself during heavy rain, drying up immediately afterwards. Both Mess and Canteen now had a two-inch layer of mud and silt on the floor. The first scattered curses rose on the clean, empty air.

During the days following this experience, the Camp burst into a round of feverish activity. An intricate network of drains was laid out, the offending stream which had flowed through the Canteen was diverted by a "Dam", an impressive affair made of clay and corrugated iron. Half a dozen self-appointed engineers led by the Coy-Sergeant plotted the possible courses of new streams and drains were dug to channel them. When it was finished, we felt that if all the monsoon clouds of Asia came to empty their burden on Limnitis Camp the resulting flood of water would have been instantly channelled away by our drainage, to do its damage elsewhere, probably further down in the Turkish village. As it happened, it did not rain again for weeks and even then, only in soft steady showers. As Christmas approached, the temperature

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began to drop, particularly at night. Days became wet and cloudy, sometimes two or three in a row. In between, there were periods of sunshine, and swimming was possible, but nobody wore shorts any

The routine jobs of peace-keeping went on, mounting guards, changing OPs, every two weeks and escort duties. One night in December, a Section of Armoured Cars was called out. Trouble had been brewing all that day in "A" Coy area with the Turks digging new positions and the Greeks threatening to attack if the UN did not move in, and now the cars were needed. In Limnitis Camp, a great flurry of haste, shouts in the dark, ammunition loaded on to cars by the light of flashlamps, the banging of hatches and away they went, the high-pitched whine of the Panhard fading away into the distance. The few onlookers drifted back to the Canteen for another beer.

The Panhards came back a day later, crews vaguely disappointed, the trouble apparently, had been negotiated to a stand-still by the UN. This was to happen intermittenly during our tour here - the sudden turn-out, the dramatic dash to XEROS and then the anti-climax of waiting while the "incident" petered out to nothing. Another flash trouble spot dampened at its origins. In Limnitis itself, incidents are like epidemics, they come in rashes. For days and weeks, everything is quiet and then the first report of Greeks building a new position, almost immediately, the Turks in childish retaliation, commence digging on their side. The Greeks, who in the meantime have been persuaded to stop digging, now produce a Bren gun and threaten to fire at the Turks and so it goes on, some times for days, then another lull for a week or so. An incident can come in any form, usually ~~trivial~~, sometimes ludicrous. Like the evening, for example, that a donkey belonging to an ancient Turk wandered across the Green Line and disappeared behind a Greek-held ridge. A UN officer was informed, and full of pious hope, set off to re-capture the animal which had been described to him in halting English as a "she-donkey". But, in the meantime, the

old man, who would not wait, started off across the valley towards the Greek lines, crying vengeance against all Grecks. For the UN officer, the complexion of the whole affair had now changed completely. One single shot, fired by a frightened young conscript could instantly turn the farce into a tragedy. So the quick drive to the Greek Command post. The slow, careful explanation through an interpreter with indifferent English, of what had happened. The request that the Greek front position be informed of the situation and told not to fire. The Commander was non-committal. His soldiers would never fire on an unarmed man. Yes, replied the UN officer, but would he pass on the information anyhow. The Greek Commander replied that he would attend to the matter. The UN officer pointed out that it was important that the matter be dealt with right away. Finally it was agreed that instructions would be passed. When the UN officer eventually arrived back at the Green Line, he discovered that, shortly after he had left for the Command Post, the old man had been persuaded by his own people to turn back. Later the donkey had wandered back into the Turkish area under her own volition and everyone except the UN had long since gone home. The UN officer returned to Camp and had his tea.

And so it goes on-days of endless complaints and long nights, wet and cold. Christmas came and went; it was a wild joyous alcoholic binge. Now it is February and "going home" looms up on the horizon of our minds, still distant but dominating our thoughts nevertheless. It is a sure sign that the end is near when people begin to say to each other "well, it's the last time you'll catch me here".

HQ COMPANY.

One of the biggest events in the last couple of months was the celebration of Christmas. Shortly before the big day a Choir from the Unit took part in an inter-denominational Service in St. Columbas Church, NICOSIA. Their singing of an Irish Christmas Hymn was excellent. On Christmas Eve night Midnight Mass

was celebrated in the Camp Church (Marquee) which had been specially decorated for the occasion. The Choir again added greatly to the solemnity of the occasion with their fine rendering of Hymns. The Messes and Dining-halls were well decorated for the festive season. Our cooks produced an excellent Christmas dinner in the Cookhouse which was served by the Officers according to tradition. A Concert with Company talent and films added to the gaiety of the occasion.

Our flight from Ireland by Adria Airlines (YUGOSLAV), was quite smooth and comfortable. The Advance Party which should have landed at Ljubljana on the way was diverted to Zegreb due to fog. The remainder of the Coy came in packets on nearly every Chalk. Without doubt the flight over Aegean Sea and the Greek Islands was very beautiful. The warm weather and the long summer had parched everything and we thought Cyprus looked very brown and barren when we came in over it and landed at NICOSIA.

XEROS, the small town beside the sea is home for Group HQ and HQ Company. It is situated beside the large CYPRUS MINING COMPANY PLANT and has a little port for export of the Ore concentrate. The population is Greek Cypriot and a unit of the National Guard is stationed in the vicinity. Good relations existed between us and the local populace and all ranks found their way around the locality very quickly.

Our Camp was as comfortable as it was possible to make a tented Camp. The only permanent structures are the Officers' Mess (Bungalow), C.O's House and the NCO's Mess-cum Dining hall and cookhouse. The Bungalows are given rent free by CMC (Cyprus Mines Corporation). The latter is a galvanised Nissen type structure. In addition to Group HQ the HQ Company has Tpt, Engr, Ord, Med, Sig, A and Q Platoons. The Company provides services for the entire Group and also administers, and provides regimental duties for XEROS Camp. Recreation and welfare are prime concern. T.V. and indoor games which include Bingo, Films three nights a week, an occasional Concert. Outdoor games; basketball, volleyball, soccer
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and Rugby were well catered for. Officer Committees existed for each type of recreation. Minor annoyance in our Camp was the continuous noise and occasional dust from CMC who are so close to us or perhaps it is we who were too close to them. In any event our first six weeks here was very happy and it continued so throughout the period.

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"A" BRANCH

1. Defence Platoon - UNFICYP HQ

HQ UNFICYP is NOT provided with a Defence Platoon. In the past this duty had been carried out by KYRENIA District (CANCON). As and from the 10th October, '66 the Defence Platoon was supplied by each District/Zone in rotation. The tour of duty was for one week, commencing at 1100 hrs on Monday and continuing until the old Defence Pl was relieved by the new Pl on the following Monday.

<u>Strength:</u>	<u>Sgts.</u>	<u>Cpls.</u>	<u>Ptes.</u>
	2	2	12
	(English speaking)		
	and 1 waiting man.		

2. The Defence Platoon was provided by IRCON during the following periods:-

a.	31 Oct 66	-	7 Nov 66
b.	12 Dec 66	-	19 Dec 66
c.	6 Feb 67	-	13 Feb 67
d.	6 Mar 67	-	13 Mar 67

3. The standard of dress and drill, and deportment of personnel of IRCON was of the highest order on each tour of duty and was the subject of favourable comments by military and civilian personnel at UNFICYP HQ.

4. Morale: A high standard of morale obtained throughout the Group during its tour of duty. All ranks displayed patience and endurance of the highest military standard, even though serving under great pressure and in arduous circumstances. Such steadfastness to the terms of the UN Charter is in itself a tribute to all ranks of the Unit.

5. Repatriations: Repatriations to Ireland were authorised

on the following grounds:-

a. MEDICAL.	b. COMPASSIONATE.	c. DISCIPLINARY.
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"Q" BRANCH

1. Mobilisation:

No major problems were experienced during the mobilisation of the Group at the Currigh in September 66. All clothing, weapons etc., were issued prior to departure for Cyprus.

2. Take-over:

Handover from the 6th Infantry Group was most satisfactory in both National and UN accounts. However, due to operational commitments the 6th Inf Gp were unable to implement winterisation programme, especially the replacement of tentage. This made it necessary for this Group to replace over half the tentage.

3. Clothing:

- a. All ranks brought at least one National uniform and Greatcoat to Cyprus. These were very necessary during the winter period.
- b. White Uniforms: The quality of this item was found to be sub-standard. In all cases the garments shrunk considerably in the laundry.
- c. Protective clothing: The uniform issued was considered most unsatisfactory and compared unfavourably with issues to other Units (these are generally a home issue)
- d. Laundry: An excellent laundry service was provided for all items of clothing. Dry cleaning facilities were also available.
- e. Boot Repairs: A very satisfactory service was provided.
- f. Ordnance: Very few problems were experienced in this account. All weapons and instruments were inspected by the Ordnance Officer during the period.

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g. Barrack Services:

- a. Delph-Cutlery: The above were supplied from Ireland and the position was satisfactory except in the case of Cups and Saucers. Sufficient quantities of these items were not sent out and consequently a grave shortage was experienced.
- b. Furniture: All supplied from UN stores. All furniture was in short supply and this fact made for very uncomfortable conditions in the tents. Some extra furniture was obtained by the Group but only a small proportion of its minimum requirements.
- c. Supplies of all other items of Bk Services were Satisfactory.

5. Rations:

All ranks were rationed on the British scale. With a few reservations this is considered to be an excellent scale. Meat ration of 8 oz (frozen) with an alternative on some days of 4 oz (frozen) plus 4 oz (tinned) is small compared with the home ration of 12 ounces. The butter ration of $\frac{1}{2}$ oz per day has to be supplemented by underdrawing complete rations to the value of the butter required. Otherwise the scale compares very favourably with our home scale.

6. Accommodation:

This has been in the main "Tented" and during the fairly harsh winter has NOT been satisfactory. Big improvements were made by the Group in securing permanent buildings for Officers and NCOs Messes at Lefka, Limnitis and Kato Pyrgos.

7. General: "Q" matters went smoothly during the period and no big problems arose. The "Q" Staff was excellent and carried out their jobs in a most satisfactory manner.

ENGINEER PLATOON.

The Engineer establishment of the 7th Infantry Group consisted of one Officer and nine o/Ranks and comprised of the following tradesmen:-

3 carpenters, 3 electricians, 2 fitters and 1 plumber.

The Engineer Officer was Comdt. Michael Ryan and the Senior NCO was Coy-Sergeant Kevin McLoughlin.

Tasks:

Initially the work of the Engineer section was to maintain existing essential services at all Camps and OPs and carry out whatever maintenance was required, and at the same time to put into operation a programme of winterisation in all areas. This programme was carried out by Group personnel satisfactorily but at the same time conditions in most Camps were not considered very satisfactory and requests were made to higher authority for materials to improve the overall situation. These requests were eventually met and permission for the purchase of materials, and the employment of civilian tradesmen to supplement the Engineer personnel, granted.

A great amount of maintenance and new work was carried out during the period and was still in progress at the end of the Group's tour of duty.

Maintenance Tasks:

These consisted of numerous minor works, painting of Messes and Canteens, repairs to existing corrugated buildings, filling of new windows and doors at OPs, construction of Confessional boxes and Alters, rewiring of tents, installation of new electrical fittings, repairs and improvements to water supply systems, showers, washbasins, new hot water supplies, new sentryboxes and repairs to old, new urinals and repairs to old, new latrines and improvements to existing structures, provision of new armouries, erection of flag-poles, overhaul of electric generators and a vast number of other jobs. On an average 120 maintenance tasks of the above nature were carried out monthly during the period.

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New Works:

Further to those which have been classified as maintenance, a number of permanent structures were erected during the period. These consisted of corrugated iron huts approximately 60 feet by 20 feet, at Lefka, Limnitis and Katy Pyrgos, for use as Officers Messes and generally consisted of one large ante-room, one large dining-room, kitchen and Officers' quarters. These Messes were fully fitted with fluorescent lighting, power points, hot and cold water and toilet accommodation. The internal decoration was left to the choice of the individual Company Commanders. Three further structures for use as NCOs' Messes, in the same Camps, were also constructed and the accommodation of each varied to suit the individual camp requirements. A new Mens' Canteen was erected at Xeros Camp, complete with modern bar and this left room to extend the existing dining accommodation. This extension of dining accommodation also served to increase the recreational facilities, i.e. showing of films etc. Representations from the Engineer Officer to Cyprus Mines Corporation succeeded in the obtaining of an extra bungalow for Officer accommodation at Xeros Camp. For officers who could not be accommodated in this bungalow complete tents were made available, some of these with running water.

Equipment:

The equipment on location to the Engineer personnel consisted of two 7.5 Kva lighting sets from Ireland and two Meadows 27.5 Kva generators on hire from the British Forces. These lighting sets generally gave fairly good service. The two Irish lighting sets were overhauled by IRCON engineers and made nearly 100% serviceable for handover to the 8th Infantry Group. The British lighting sets had to be repaired on a couple of occasions by REME personnel. They have, however, been in continuous operation with Irish contingents for a long period and their replacement in a further few months is considered advisable.

The balance of engineer equipment consisted of the individual tradesmens' kits and were a personal issue to each tradesman.

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A number of small items were on location to IRCON from Ireland. These consisted of field levels, pumps, dynamo-exploder and test set. Generally the equipment was considered adequate but spares for the lighting sets considered desirable- a list of spares was forwarded to S/Inlr and the Force Engineer officer, UNFICYP, early in February '67- and tenders were being sought in Ireland for these parts around that period. Efforts to procure items in Cyprus were unsuccessful.

Operational:

Prior to the arrival of the 7th Infantry Group in Cyprus, water supplies to the Turkish villages of Ambelikou and Lefka had been cut by explosions in the mountain ranges. Two Irrigation Dams had also been damaged and these areas were without irrigation or drinking water. Engineer personnel of the 6th Infantry Group had restored supplies of drinking water to Ambelikou and engineer personnel of the 7th Inf Group assisted 6th Inf Group on their arrival in Cyprus in restoring drinking water supplies to Lefka village. Repairs to Kaffizes Dam were carried out by Water Works Department, Nicosia, assisted by 7th Inf Group engineer personnel and by November 1966, this Dam was operational. The working parties on this job consisted of both Greek and Turkish Cypriots and complete harmony existed between them. IRCON personnel, Greek Cypriote and Turk Cyps were entertained daily to dinner in Lefka village by Chief Inspector Kevas of Lefka.

The Apliki Dam took a bit longer to repair but repairs were substantially completed by February, '67. By the 10th February the Dam was full. Some minor work had then to be done to stop a leak at the bottom of a sluice gate. The same parties who worked on Koffiges Dam worked harmoniously at Apliki. Engineer personnel were also called upon during their tour of duty to repair pipe lines supplying water to the Turkish village at Xerovounos. This they successfully did. On another occasion they were asked to check an area for booby-traps and also to check culverts for bore-hole charges. Disputes between Turk and Gk Cyps re water wells and

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other engineer requirements were investigated and recommendations made to UN II .

Inspections:

The Continent Engineer was also called upon to make a detailed inspection of Camp Apple Leaf for the Force Commander.

Engineer Personnel.

Comdt. Michael Ryan.	-	Continent Engineer
C/S Kevin McLoughlin.	-	Fitter
Sgt. Edward O'Carroll.	-	Carpenter
Sgt. Anthony Philpott.	-	Plumber
Cpl. Brian Copeland .	-	Fitter
Cpl. Jack Velle.	-	Carpenter
Cpl. Patrick Culleton.	-	Carpenter
Pte. Dermot O'Brien.	-	Electrician
Pte. Thomas Cashman.	-	Electrician
Pte. Peader Donnelly.	-	Electrician.

The Engineer Section of the 7th Infantry Group may feel justly proud of the way they carried out all their duties.

MP SECTION.

1. The complete MP Section was located at Keros Camp, during the period.
2. The following MP services were provided:-
 - a. Officer of Provost Marshal, LEFKA District.
 - b. 24 hour accident detail, LEFKA District.
 - c. Main Gate, Check point at Keros Camp. (24 hrs daily)
 - d. Documentation checks on UN vehicles with the LEFKA Dist.
 - e. Static and Mobile speed checks, within the Lefke District.
 - f. Mobile disciplinary checks on troops of IRCCF when on local leave at LIMASSOL, KYRENIA, NICOSIA and at the LEFKE Centre at FINGU T .
3. The MP Section performed MP duty at a reception given to the Irish Minister for Defence and Chief-of-Staff of the Irish Army at the LEFKA P L CB Hotel and the GARRY Hotel in NICOSIA .

4. The MP Section carried out occasional checks on directional traffic signs and kept them in a serviceable condition.
5. The Section carried out protection duty at the Helicopter Pad at Xeros Camp.
6. Pay escorts were provided by the Section to CMC Mines from their Hqrs at Skouriotissa to the Mines at Mavrovouni and Xeros and the CMC Hospital at Pendayia. Weekly pay escorts were also provided for the 7th Infantry Gp to Nicosia.
7. The Section relieved the Australian CIVPOL of their duty at Astromeritis Check-point during the presentation of UN Medals to their element at Kakopetria and on another occasion when they were "snowbound" at their Hqrs.
8. In addition to the duties mentioned above the Section also assisted the SIU in carrying out investigations with the Group. Apart from SIU investigations the Section carried out all other investigations within the Group.

MEDICAL PLATOON.

Composition and Deployment

The Medical Platoon (See ANNEX "A") assembled at P'unkett Bks., Curragh Camp, on the activation of the 7th Infantry Gp on 19th Sept., '66. Preliminary work entailed checking of medical documents, completion of precessing and refresher instruction of Company personnel in First Aid, Hygiene and Sanitation matters. Platoon was deployed amongst the "Chalks" for move Cyprus. Comdt. O'Shea and Coy-Sgt Leahy travelled with the Advance Party on September 28/29th '66. "Take-over" from Medical Platoon, 6th Infantry Group was completed by the time the "Main Body" of the 7th Inf Gp arrived. Medical Officer, 6th Inf Gp briefed incoming M.Os, introduced them to local Cypriot personalities and explained procedures, SOP and otherwise. Platoon became operational with the rest of the Group on 10th October, 1966. It was deployed as follows:-

XEROS	<u>LEFKA</u>	<u>LIMNITIS</u>	<u>KATO PYRGOS & KOKKINA</u>
Comdt. O'Shea.	Sgt. Whiteley	Cpl. Sullivan.	Capt. Carroll.
C/S Leahy	Pte. Mooney.	Pte. Carolan.	Sgt. Sweeney.
Cpl. Synnott.			Pte. Cunningham.
Pte. King.			Pte. Lawlor.
Sgt. Christie.			Pte. Whelan.

FAMAGUSTA LEAVE CENTRE. - One NCO in Rotation.

SUPs and TPT.

A comprehensive supply of drugs etc., was sent out from Base Medical Stores with the Platoon and balance of stocks remaining from 6th Group were taken over. Supplies were adequate for estimated needs.

Transport available on take-over from 6th Group was:-

Ambulance, 4 berth, 3 tonner - 1

Landrover -fitted for stretched - 2

The 3 ton ambulance and one landrover FFS were retained at HQ Camp, Xeros and the second landrover FFS was sent to the Camp at Kato Pyrgos. Subsequently, it was considered that the 3 ton ambulance was too unwieldy and cumbersome to use on the roads in the District WEST and SOUTH/WEST of Xeros. Representations were made to have this vehicle replaced by a landrover(or landrovers) FFS. To date this change has not been effected.

Employment:

Employment of the Platoon amongst the Companies of the Group was routine, i.e. Sick parades, medical inspections, hygiene and Sanitation supervision and first-aid duties. In addition some attention was given to the treatment of emergencies amongst the Cypriot communities. This work, particularly amongst the Turk Cyp community was greatly reduced when UNFICYP CMO advised strict adherence to instruction and the limiting of services to emergencies only. Casualty evacuations of Cypriot cases were effected by helicopter ex Kokkina, ex Lefka and ex Kato Pyrgos. On one occasion ex each place. Routine casualty evacuation was by

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road ex these locations. On occasions UN transport was used but generally the community's own transport was employed.

HOSPITALS

Hospitals available for UN personnel in LEFKA District were :-

- AUSTRIAN FIELD HOSPITAL - Normal
- B M H, DHEKELIA - Special cases
- C M C, PENDAYIA. - Officers(special circumstances)

Specialist consultants and treatments were available at these hospitals and Laboratory and Pathology services were also available on request. Cypriots were sent to PENDAYIA, LEFKA (Turk), NICOSIA General (Greek or NICOSIA (Turkish), as appropriate.

Little or no difficulty was experienced when SOP was followed in seeking "clearance" for these cases through the rival areas. Three difficult cases which needed urgent evacuation were helicopted as per SOP Instruction. At all times the utmost help and co-operation was afforded by the Hospitals mentioned. Relations with the local Cypriot communities proved quite cordial and in Tk Cyp areas in particular, the members of the Medical Pln were able to render considerable medical assistance. They helped by attending to minor ailments and accidents, casualty evacuations and also in expediting the provision of equipment and materials, e.g the X-Ray and surgical equipment for LEFKA Tk Cyp Hospital and the new sanitary installations at KOKKINA. Both Greek and Turk Cyp communities were assisted by the donation of upwards of 32 pints of blood during the stay of the 7th Infantry Group in the LEFKA District.

CONCLUSION

The personnel of the Medical Platoon, due to the varied nature of their work and the many problems with which they were faced in the course of their duties, must have gained valuable experience.

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Sgt. Whiteley and Pte. Lawlor completed a short (6 day) course in Field sanitation Installations at Hygiene Wing, BMH Dhekelia, in November. All Medical NCOs attended a course in heli-evacuation using Stoker Litter, at AAC HQ Nicosia, in January.

MT PLATOON.

The MT Platoon of the 7th Infantry Group with its establishment of 1 Capt, 8 NCOs, 19 Ptes and 41 landrovers, 10 Bedford 3 ton trucks, 1 APC, 1 ambulance, has operated very successfully since the formation of the Group. The total mileage covered by unit vehicles was 550,000, the bulk of which was put up Landrovers. Petrol used to do this mileage was 48,000 gallons. Accident figures for the mileage at 13 was very good being an average of one accident for 30,000 miles. The accident figure should really read three times less as three were of such a minor nature - 2 dogs killed, and one landrover in collision with a private private car, no damage to either. The true accident miles relation then would be one in every 40,000 miles.

Driving standards of the unit were very high. Considering the conditions of the roads and other traffic hazards it is to the credit of the unit that there were not more accidents. It is essential that only really first class drivers be used in Cyprus. The roads which wind up and down mountains are often unsurfaced or have very narrow broken surfaces with drops on one side of hundreds of feet. Only experienced drivers should be used in Cyprus. There are no similar conditions in Ireland for training drivers but great care and attention should be given to this very important aspect of unit operations. One person only was injured in a Unit accident- not seriously- and only two vehicles were seriously damaged.

Great credit indeed is due to the Workshops staff who worked long hours to keep the vehicles rolling, General conditions ensured that there would be plenty of repairs to be carried out and the unit fitters certainly rose to the occasion.

Spares were slow at first but the provision of a stock eliminated this problem.

Landrovers were found to be an excellent vehicle for the conditions, However, the Unit would need six more LWB vehicles and 4 more trucks. This would ease the problem of overworking both vehicles and drivers. The driver establishment should be increased by 4.

Finally, a tribute must be paid to the Company Sergeant, C/S John Peelo who played such an important part in keeping the Platoon operating so successfully. He was always available to help out whenever the need arose and did all he could to ensure the successful operation of this Platoon.

WELFARE.

Due to the location of the 7th Infantry Group in the Lefka District-which is in the mountainous NORTH WEST of the Island- the task of maintaining a high level of morale was a difficult one but very successful. Shortage of suitable playing pitches greatly restricted the range of sports, but nevertheless, this obstacle was overcome in many cases. Every avenue in the entertainment field was opened to keep the morale high. The establishment of the first ever Irish Leave Centre and the continuation of Holy Land tours proved to be unqualified successes (See Chapter 5 for Sport, Leave Centre and Holy Land tours).

Entertainment: In addition to out-door sports an intensive programme of entertainments was undertaken from the start (See Chapter 4 for Concerts, Parties etc.). Each Company had a film show three nights per week which proved popular and were well attended. The high cost of film rental, which exceeded £100 per month, was a severe financial drain.

Island tours: These were organised to enable members of the Co to explore Cyprus. Buses were hired and paid for by the travellers.

These tours were arranged, as a rule, during the warmer months of October and November.

Whist Drives, Dart competitions and Bingo sessions were arranged in each Camp, on non-film nights as a rule.

The supply of welfare equipment was generally adequate and suitable. Difficulty was experienced with :-

Dart boards - These should be of superior quality - less costly in the long run - and should be available to all OPs, Guardrooms, NCOs Messes and Canteens.

Rings: These should be HEAVY and of good quality. Most games are played out-of-doors and the slightest breeze renders the game unplayable with LIGHT rings.

Playing cards: The wear and tear of playing cards due to usage and perspiration is considerable. They are essential in OPs, Guardrooms, NCOs Messes and Mens canteens. A fair estimate for a Group is 400 packs.

Canteen supplies were adequate and always available on demand. Prices were comparable to those of other Contingents and in certain cases better - 35 MM Colour film being far cheaper with us. Many items were sold at cost price and in general a very satisfactory service was provided.

ORDNANCE

Tentage: Types of tentage on charge - Tents Store, Mugs Double (180 lbs and 160 lbs). While permanent buildings would be more desirable, nevertheless the type of tents used gave good accommodation and there are sufficient on charge to meet requirements. Store tents are used mainly for Messes, Churches and Storage accommodation. The most popular type for living accommodation is the tents Mugs modified. It comprises two roof ends outer, two roof ends inner, three wall ends, one upright, wall poles, pins and bracing lines. The area is approximately 324 sq feet and four

persons can be housed comfortably. For winterisation the wall ends are hung from the outer roof. This prevents the outside air from circulating between the outer and inner roofs, thus helping to give a warmer tent. Filled sandbags are placed on the wall hessian on the inside to make the tent draughtproof. In summer the filled sandbags are removed and the walls hung from the inner roof. The outside air now circulates between the two roofs and helps to keep the tent cool. Hire charges for tents are based on a life of two years. How long the tents do, in fact, last is difficult to state. Changing goes on almost continuously during the winter period when the heavy rains are quick to expose flaws. So far, during the 7th Inf Gp period, over one hundred tents (assorted) have been replaced.

Workshops: Staff consists of one Sgt Armament Artificer, 1 Sgt Armourer and 2 Cpl armourers. Their chief duties are to frequently inspect and repair all the armament and small arms of the Group to ensure that they are maintained at the highest standard of servcibility. As the weapons have seldom been fired, this is a comparatively easy task and consequently they are in the main employed in Workshops. All are experienced Welders and Brazers and are called upon to perform many varied tasks. Some of the items of equipment repaired included Refrigerators, M 37 Hydra, Diesel and Gas cookers, Tilly lamps, oil heaters, jerrycans, hurricane lamps. Miscellaneous items dealt with by the Group included a Hot plate for H; cookhouse, a set of basketball rings, mirror holders for landrovers and repairs to Sprayers insecticide. Seven M37 cookers were converted to gas. This type of cooker is the main stay of the Group. Of Canadian manufacture it is petrol fired. As maintenance and operation presented some difficulty as well -it's fire hazard (petrol fired), it was decided to convert the majority of the burners in use to gas. For the converted gas type the numbers of working parts is reduced by half, maintenance is practically nil and operation is simple. A further advantage is, the gas is cheap and easy to obtain on the Island. A few petrol operated burners have been retained for use in an emergency.

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SIGNALS

The Signal Platoon, 7th Infantry Group, took over the communications tasks of the Group at 2400 hrs, 10th Oct., 1966.

From the very start the Platoon found it very easy to settle into its role. This was due to the fact that quite a few of the operators, the Line Sgt and the Sgt Radio Mechanic, had served in Cyprus before and were very familiar with the lay-out of the Group and with the equipment in use in the Comcen at Gp H.

Wrls Comn.

Wrls Comn was provided between the Gp H and UNFICYP H in NICOSIA. Both VHF and HF was used. The VHF Net was island wide and this was possible by use of a re-broadcast relay situated on Mount OLYMPUS. This system was most effective and no difficulties were experienced at anytime. If for any reason the re-broadcast on Mount OLYMPUS became unserviceable the HF Net was used but it was generally found that CW working was more satisfactory on this Net.

A Group ^{HF net} was also established and worked very satisfactorily on Voice except during severe electrical storms when CW had to be employed. This Net was rarely used as there was Line comn to all Coys.

The Coys in turn had their own VHF nets using A41 sets. Due to the nature of the countryside in which the Coys were located i.e. mountainous, no difficulties were ever experienced on these nets and VHF wrls comn was always available to all OPs in the Coy areas. These nets were used quite frequently as the lines to all OPs were not raised on poles and consequently often suffered at the feet and mouths of goats and sheep and at the hands of inquisitive shepherds and youngsters.

Line Comn

There was line comn to UNFICYP HQ from Gp H using one direct line, two exchange lines and teleprinter. A second direct line was installed during February and telephone communication was

nearly always possible although delays were experienced if the direct lines were out.

It was found that the lines to the Coys were very worn and the insulation completely worn off in some places. A programme of replacing all the old line was quickly undertaken and consequently little difficulty was experienced during the very wet months of December and January.

The Coy lines to OPs were laid on trees and bushes and on the ground and a certain amount of difficulty was experienced with these. All breaks however were quickly repaired by the Signal Detachment with the Coys and the lines have now been raised on poles.

Films

Film shows were provided at the five locations of the Group three times each week and the varied programmes helped to pass away the long winter nights in this remote part of the island.

CHAPLAINS

The District was divided between the Group's two Chaplains. Rev. Thomas Kelly, CF, Dún Uí Mhaoiliosa, Gaillimh, and Rev. Ronald Neville, CF, Collins Barracks, Dublin, one taking the XEROS/LEFKA area and the other KATO PYRGOS/LIMNITIS area. They rotated after certain periods.

Six Masses were celebrated each Sunday and Holiday, with two Masses on week-days. The chaplain led the public recitation of the Rosary each evening in the five main Camps. Facilities for Confessions were provided regularly. Midnight Masses were celebrated on Christmas Night at XEROS and LIMNITIS Camp with Carol singing provided by the Group Choir.

On St. Patrick's Day Solemn High Mass was celebrated by the Apostolic Delegate, Very Rev. Fr. Flavino, O.F.M. at XEROS Camp, assisted by the Unit chaplains. Shamrock was blessed and

distributed to the troops before all Masses. The Mass was sung by the Group Choir.

NOMINAL ROLL 7 INFANTRY GROUP - UNFICYP.

SER. NO.	RANK	NAME		APPT.	PARENT UNIT.
0.492I	Lt.Col.	Hanley	M.K.	OC	4th.Bde HQ.
0.4974	Comdt.	Neill	F.P.	2IC	AHQ
0.7I38	Capt.	Egan	J.B.	Ops Offr.	AHQ
0.736I	Capt.	Bunyan	J.C.	Adj.	I FAR.
0.706I	Capt.	Scanlon	P.	QM.	I7 Bn.
0.7457	Capt.	Hume	A.	Int.Offr.	I8 Bn.
0.630I	Capt.	McEvoy	P.J.	Wel.Offr.	S/Command HQ.
0.5234	Comdt.	Gill	M.N.	Legal Offr.	S/Command HQ.
0.8026	Lt.	McGuire	B.T.	Asst.Ops Offr.	I Bn.
0.7845	Lt.	Murphy	P.D.	Asst.Int Offr.	2 Fld S&T.
0.6607	Comdt.	O'Donovan	D.J.	OC HQ Coy	I9 Bn.
0.6229	Capt.	Devereux	J.J.	MP Offr.	6 Fld MPC.
0.7864	Capt.	Kelly	T.M.	Ord Offr.	2 Garr AOC.
0.7530	Comdt.	Ryan	M.A.	Engr Offr	2 Fld Engr.
0.6882	Capt.	O'Connell	P.J.	Tech St.Offr.	5 Mtr.Scd.
0.8036	Lt.	McKevitt	F.G.	Asst Adj.	ASM.
0.7992	Lt.	Carroll	M.	Asst QM	I Gnr AOC.
0.7474	Capt.	Sheridan	N.C.	TP Comd	2 FAR
0.8042	Lt.	Johnston	D.G.	Sec Comd	4 FAR.
0.8090	2/Lt.	Nott	W.A.	Sec Comd	2 FAR.
0.7772	Capt.	Staunton	G.B.	Sig Offr	Depot Sigs.
0.7572	Capt.	Kelleher	P.A.	TPT.Offr	4 Fld S&T.
0.6745	Comdt.	O'Shea	H.P.J.	M.O.	Depot AMC.
0.8I20	Capt.	Carroll	C.T.	M.O.	I Hosp Coy.
	Rev.Fr.	Neville	R.	C.F.	
	Rev.Fr.	Kelly	T.	C.F.	
0.6637	Comdt.	O'Donovan	D.K.	OC A Coy	6 Bdge HQ.
0.7492	Capt.	Watters	J.J.	2IC A Coy	9 Bn.
0.7965	Lt.	Hayes	W.J.	Pl Comd	2 Bn.
0.7974	Lt.	Murray	J.P.	Pl Comd	5 Bn.
0.8052	Lt.	Mullowney	A.J.	Pl Comd	PIT.
0.80I5	Lt.	Duggan	J.F.	Pl Comd	2 Bn.
0.7073	Comdt.	Carroll	T.P.	OC B Coy	I2 Bn.

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SERVICE NO. RANK NAME PARENT UNIT.

GROUP HEADQUARTERS

75444 BSM Jackson W. 6 Bn.

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

78524 C/S Cousins J. 4 Fld Sigs.

79939 CQMS Mullins T. GTD

809795 Cpl. Manning T. McKee Bks Coy.

814048 Cpl. Browne T. McKee Bks Coy.

"A" PLATOON.

75376 Sgt Lloyd W 3 Garr MPC.

88217 Sgt Tobin P 3 Bn

75481 Sgt Daly J 4 Bde HQ

97043 Sgt Mullins J W/Command HQ

809039 Sgt Daly P HQ Obs Corps

803570 Sgt Roche M 2 Bn

804853 Sgt Egan P McKee Bks Coy

97518 Sgt Donnelly P 3 Bn

90868 Sgt. Hayden D Depot MPC.

81399 Sgt. Fleming J Depot MPC.

76598 Sgt. O'Donnell M 4 Garr MPC.

90117 Sgt O'Neill J McKee Bks Coy.

93597 Sgt. Beehan J 3 Bn

803571 Sgt Kearney C 3 Bn

805223 Cpl. Moore T 3 Bn.

812447 Cpl. McLernon A Depot AOC.

98216 Cpl. Prince M Air Corps

96549 Cpl. Curtis G 2 Garr MPC.

811451 Cpl. McCabe P 2 Garr MPC.

804680 Cpl. Hanley J 3 Garr MPC.

812569 Cpl. Kelly P.J. 4 Garr MPC.

811888 Cpl. Leeson M Depot MPC.

808967 Cpl. Livingstone T. Depot MPC.

88276 Cpl. Reilly E Depot MPC.

808227 Cpl. Deegan B 3 Bn.

813002 Pte. Holligan M 3 Bn

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SER. NO.	RANK	NAME		APPT	PARENT UNIT.
0.6954	Capt $\frac{1}{2}$	O'Grady	E.F.	2 IC B Coy	I3 Bn.
0.8040	Lt.	Eger	T.	PL Comd	I Fld S&T.
0.8088	2/Lt	Quirke	P.N.	PL Comd	4 Bn.
0.8145	2/Lt	Swords	F.J.	PL Comd	I2 Bn.
0.8090	2/Lt	Archbold	P.J.	PL Comd	I2 Bn
0.6877	Comdt	Delaney	J.B.	OC IC Coy	I Mtr Sgd
0.6774	Capt;.	O'Neill	E	2IC IC Coy	I.H..
0.7954	Lt.	Cooke	P.L.	Tech Offr	4 Mtr Sgd
0.7960	Lt.&	Cotter	F	Sec Comd	Depot Cav.
0.8156	2/Lt.	McCann	B.P.	Sec Comd	2 Mtr.Sgd.

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SERVICE NO.	RANK	NAME		PARENT UNIT.
807067	Pte	Hickey	A	3 Bn.
8I3620	Pte	Merum	J	3 Bn.
8I4566	Pte.	O'Brien	J	3 Bn.
8I6098	Pte	Phillips	A	3 Bn.
8I300I	Pte.	Sheridan	T.	3 Bn.
8I30I2	Pte.	O'Brien	F	3 Bn.
8II337	Pte.	Murphy	V	3 Bn.
8I327I	Pte	Kelly	J	6 Bn.
<u>"Q" PLATOON.</u>				
847I5	BQMS	Kelly	J	Air Corps
84322	CQMS	O'Hara	J.J.	I6 Bn.
76590	CQMS	Moren	A	Mil College.
93695	Cpl.	Hanly	W	I Garr AOC.
805928	Sgt	Eaton	J	2 Garr AOC
96387	Sgt	Penkert	T	3 Garr AOC.
8I373	Sgt	Walsh	P	6 Bn
87230	C/S	McLoughlin	K.C.	4 FLD COE.
99880	Sgt	O'Carroll	E	I Fld COE
8I3437	Sgt	Philpott	A	3 Maint COE
8I4I35	Sgt	Donnelly	J	6 Bn.
93422	Sgt	Ronayne	W	Mil. College
8I2060	Pte.	Smullen	D.C.	4 Garr AOC.
809590	Cpl.	Hend	J	I Garr AOC.
809600	Cpl.	O'Brien	B	3 Garr AOC.
93796	Cpl.	Hannon	T	3 Mt. Sqd.
765I0	Sgt.	Roche	P	4 FAR
804535	Cpl.	Byrne	T	Depot ACE
9299I	Cpl.	Bearson	J	Depot S&T
8I3409	Cpl.	Copeland	B	I Fld ACE
8I3I04	Cpl.	Culleton	P	I Fld ACE
809603	Cpl.	Veale	J	4 FLD COE
88600	Cpl.	Lowler	C	Depot MPC.
808395	Pte.	Curren	C	3 Bn.

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SERVICE NO.	RANK	NAME		PARENT UNIT.
80944I	Pte	O'Murchadha	J.J.	I Bn.
8I0300	Pte	White	P	HQ CTC
8I4584	Pte	Behan	J	GTD
8I5I3I	Pte	Fox	G	2 FAR
8I3I26	Pte	O'Brien	M	I Fld ACE
8I09II	Pte	Donnelly	P	2 Fld ACE
8I090I	Pte	Cashman	T	2 Fld ACE
8I5836	Pte	Keogh	A	Depot Arty.
806390	Sgt	O'Neill	A	2 FAR
8I3338	Sgt	Moore	J	2 FAR
8I4474	Cpl	Keys	J	2 FAR
8I43II	Cpl	Codd	N	2 FAR
8I430I	Cpl	O'Flanagan	D	2 FAR
8I6566	Gnr	Hyland	M	2 FAR
8I4I96	Gnr	Bredish	W	2 FAR
8I5695	Gnr	Stafford	A	2 FAR
8I582I	Gnr	Sweeney	C	2 FAR
9659I	Gnr	Douglas	E	2 FAR
8I5I35	Cpl	Cosgrove	N	2 FAR
8I5776	Gnr	O'Brien	E	2 FAR
804I03	Gnr	McKenna	J	2 FAR
8II997	Gnr	Murphy	J	2 FAR
8II047	Sgt	O'Reilly	J	2 FAR
8I6585	Gnr	O'Rourke	P	2 FAR
8I6257	Gnr	Hempsey	J	2 FAR
8I48I0	Gnr	Henderson	C	2 FAR
8I60I7	Cpl	Taylor	R	2 FAR
8I48I0	Gnr	Brown	J	2 FAR
8I6533	Gnr	Whelan	M	2 FAR
8I5854	Gnr	Finn	L	2 FAR
8I5866	Cpl	Connors	M	2 FAR
8I5968	Gnr	Devlin	M	2 FAR

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SERVICE NO. RANK NAME PARENT UNIT.

8I5794 Gnr Roche M 2 FAR

8I2I65 Gnr Reilly A 2 FAR

SIGNAL PLATOON.

8I2I75 Cpl Hickey J I Fld Sigs

407883 C/S Cambell T Depot Sigs

772I0 Sgt Williams F 2 Fld Sigs

8III37 Cpl Lacey M Depot Sigs

8099I9 Sgt McNulty T 4 Fld Sigs

8I5895 Sgmn Fennell M 2 Fld Sigs

8I5873 Cpl Buckley D 4 Fld Sigs

8I2436 Sgm Densy D I Fld Sigs

8II604 Sgm Mulvey M 4 Fld Sigs

809565 Cpl Grotton W Depot Sigs

8I6686 Sgm Carroll A 2 Fld Sigs

8I4405 Sgm Duggan M I Fld Sigs

8I58II Sgm McEvoy W 4 Fld Sigs

8I6I25 Sgm Boner W 2 Fld Sigs

8I6I57 Sgm Buckley W 2 Fld Sigs

8I2292 Sgm Harrington A Depot Sigs

8I6I98 Sgm O'Shea J 2 Fld Sigs

8I5539 Sgm Homill M Depot Sigs

805624 Sgm Cullen P 4 Fld Sigs

TRANSPORT PLATOON.

407262 C/S Peelo J 2 Fld S&T

89740 Sgt O'Reilly K 4 Fld S&T

809726 Cpl Moore L Depot S&T

80730I Cpl McNally P 6 Bn

8029I9 Cpl Harmon J Depot S&T

805955 Cpl Ryan P 3 Fld S&T

95225 Cpl Walsh J 2 Fld S&T

409428 Sgt Ryan W 4 Fld S&T

8I6299 Pte Reidy C 4 Fld S&T

8I479I Pte Ferrell T 4 Fld S&T

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SERVICE NO.	RANK	NAME		PARENT UNIT
8I4974	Pte	Elliott	P	4 Fld S&T.
8I35I8	Pte	Mullen	T	4 Fld S&T
8I396I	Pte	Conway	B	5 Fld S&T
8I368I	Pte	Ahern	J	2 Gorr S&T
8II708	Pte	McNeill	R	II Fld S&T
8096I9	Pte	Hardy	J	2 Gorr S&T
80I827	Pte	McCormock	W	Depot S&T
8I5996	Pte	Burke	E	I Fld S&T
802769	Pte	Mulryon	W	I Fld S&T
8I5478	Pte	Warren	J	3 Fld S&T
94334	Pte	Browne	E	3 Gorr S&T
8II294	Pte	Mulryon	F	3 Gorr S&T
806I45	Pte	Curren	G	2 Gorr S&T
80428I	Pte	Moore L		2 Gorr S&T
806444	Pte	Lyster	N	2 Gorr S&T
8I34II	Pte	Doyle	J	2 Fld S&T
8II929	Pte	Govern	P	3 Gorr S&T.

MEDICAL PLATOON.

8830I	Sgt	Leahy	J	I Hosp AMC.
87587	Sgt	Christie	J	I Hosp AMC
423I80	Sgt	Sweeney	D	4 Hosp AMC.
805234	Sgt	Whitely	A	Depot AMC
8II720	Cpl.	Sinnott	M	Depot AMC.
804646	Cpl.	O'Sullivan	P	Depot AMC.
8026I8	Pte	Carolan	C	2 Hosp AMC.
95663	Pte	Whelan	J	2 Hosp AMC.
8I0557	Pte	Cunningham		3 Hosp AMC
8I5I95	Pte	King	T	I Hosp AMC.
8I3792	Pte	Lowlor	P	3 Hosp AMC.
8I5723	Pte	Mooney	J.	2 Hosp AMC.

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SERVICE NO.	RANK	NAME		PARENT UNIT.
<u>"A" COMPANY.</u>				
<u>COY HQ.</u>				
9I405	C/S	O'Shoughnessy	C	CTD(E)
83756	CQMS	O'Donnell	R	5 Bn
8I0I48	Cpl	Geraghty	K	2 Bn.
800474	A/Man	Kenny	J	Air Corps
802336	Cpl.	O'Reilly	P	2 Bn.
8II779	Sgm	Welsh	E	2 Fld Sigs
8I2957	Cpl.	Hunt	G	2 FAR
8II759	Cpl.	Chester	P	Clancy Bks Coy.
9I69I	Pte	Walsh	W	2 Fld S&T
8I5098	Pte	McHugh	J	CTD(E).
809500	A/Man	Weldon	G	Air Corps
94284	Pte	Hynes	K	Clancy Bks Coy
8I5856	Pte	Hynes	M	2 Garr S&T
806362	Pte	Ferrell	J	9 Bn.
8I5726	Sgm	McCrary	H	4 Fld Sigs
8I6I58	Sgm	Synnott	J	2 Fld Sigs
8I3830	Sgm	Wykes	W	4 Fld Sigs
803658	Pte	O'Brien	W	20 Bn.
<u>NO. I PLATOON.</u>				
8I20I2	Sgt	Ryan	M	2 Bn.
8I6577	Tpr	Hutchinson	J	2 Mot Sqd
403667	Cpl.	Tighe	G	2I Bn
807402	Cpl.	O'Mahoney	P	9 Bn.
8I574I	Pte	Byrne	M	2 Bn.
8I6576	Pte	Richards	M	2 Bn.
8I2874	Pte	Duggan	A	2 Bn.
8I6353	Pte	Newport	E	2 Bn.
8I5738	Pte	D ly	D	2 Bn.
8I5448	Pte	Walsh	P	2 Bn.
8I6452	Pte	H-yes	J	2 Bn.

SERVICE NO.	RANK	NAME		PARENT UNIT.
8I5860	Pte	Flood	T	2 Bn
807679	Cpl.	Genockey	T	2 Bn.
8I056I	Cpl.	Francis	T	7 Bn.
8I5994	Pte	Gregory	E	2 Bn.
8I6386	Pte	Sinnott	L	2 Bn.
8I5061	Pte	Tunncliffe	H	2 Bn.
8I6524	Pte	Keaveney	P	2 Bn.
8I4840	Pte	Mohon	P	2 Bn.
8I6387	Pte	Moorehouse	J	2 Bn.
8I5823	Pte	Brady	A	2 Bn.
8I5790	Pte	Doyle	T	2 Bn.
9I936	Cpl.	White	G	CTD(E).
807I59	Cpl.	McCarton	P	2 Mot Sgd.
8I6747	Pte	Dowling	M	2 Bn.
809647	Pte	McGarrity	B	5 Bn.
8I5553	Pte	Burke	P	6 Bdge HQ
803569	Pte	McMarlowe	J	2 Bn.
8I5760	Pte	Phelan	J	McKee Bks Coy.
80I594	Pte	Devine	M	7 Bn.
8I5736	Pte	Abbott	D	McKee Bks Coy
8I2924	Pte	Stanford	M	6 F.R.

NO.2 PLATCON.

99803	Sgt	McGrath	D	CTD(E).
8I5532	Sgm	Dwyer	J	5 Bn.
97666	Sgt	Scott	J	CTD(E).
8II749	Cpl.	Benson	F	5 Bn.
8I6285	Pte	Bolger	A	5 Bn.
8I65I9	Pte	Donnelly	B	2 Fld S&T.
8I2489	Pte	Mullen	J.	5 Bn.
8I54I9	Pte	Fleming	T	5 Bn.
8I4658	Pte	Keogh	P	5 Bn.
8I6232	Pte	Higgins	P	5 Bn.

SERVICE NO.	RANK	NAME		PARENT UNIT
434720	Pte	Grincell	T	6 Bdge HQ.
8I5739	Cpl.	Bradley	J	5 Bn.
80I660	Cpl.	Delaney	A	5 Bn.
809625	Pte	Gregory	S	8 Bn.
8I2886	Pte	O'Sullivan	J	5 Bn.
8I5326	Pte	Whitson	B	5 Bn.
8I6755	Pte	Egan	C.	5 Bn.
86000	Pte	O'Brien	J	5 Bn.
8I39II	Pte	McQuaid	C	5 Bn.
8I5227	Pte	Brown	A	E/Cmd HQ
80738I	Pte	McGroth	E	9 Bn.
8I6565	Cpl.	Guerin	P	CTD(E).
86776	Cpl.	McHugh	J	IO Bn.
8I6567	Pte	Hoey	J	Base/W/Shops S&T
8I4667	Pte	Purcell	E	2 Garr AOC
8I6065	Pte	Doherty	B	CTD(E).
8I6068	Pte	Gerahgty	M	CTD(E).
8I6357	Tpr	Barcoe	M	2 Mor Scd.
80674I	Pte	Braddish	J	2 Fld ACE.
8I6I7I	Pte	Lawlor	W	CTD(E)
803300	Pte	McKene	M	HQ 6 Bdge.

NO. 3 PLATOON.

89436	Sgt.	O'Driscoll	J	3 Bn.
8I5759	Sgm	McDonald	M	Depot Sigs
80502I	Sgt	Murphy	M	A. A. School.
436I24	Cpl.	Furlong	J.	Depot Arty.
8I5I88	Pte	O'Shea	W	Depot ACE.
8I2644	Pte	McGann	P	McKee Bks Coy.
8I50I4	Pte	McDonald	E	4 Mtr Scd
8I5654	Pte	Kinsella	W	Depot Sigs
8I4096	Pte	Carr	F	I AA Regt
8I4949	Pte	Doyle	J	3 Bn
80II36	Pte	Bohon	W	Depot ACE

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SERVICE NO.	RANK	NAME		PARENT UNIT.
98I ^L 5	Cpl.	Kelly	T	GTD.
8I0607	Cpl	Nolan	E	I Gorr AOC.
8I5650	Pte	Querney	P	HQ CTC
8I5840	Pte	Byrne	P	GTD.
803II7	Pte	Devereux	C	Mil Coll.
90476	Pte	Hughes	L	Mil Coll.
8I0II9	Pte	Tynon	P	Mil Coll.
8I2I92	Pte	Dempsey	J	3 Bn.
8I ^L 556	Pte.	Bannon	T	3 Bn.
8I0734	Cpl.	Pender	J	3 Bn.
8I ^L 854	Cpl	Regan	P	I AA Regt.
8I ^L I80	Pte	Hughes	J	HQ CTC
8I4940	Pte	Mills	B	HQ CTC
8I5I76	Pte	Lockman	S	Depot S&T
8I4768	Pte	Dwane	J	Depot S&T.
8I4862	Pte	Byrne	J	Depot S&T
8I4865	Pte	O'Toole	J	Depot S&T
8I3564	Pte	Dowling	P	Depot Sigs
8I4I78	Pte	Flood	P	3 Bn.

SUPPORT PLATOON.

8I0689	Sgt	Flynn	J	CTD(E).
8I6220	Tpr	Walsh	J	2 Mot Sed.
8I2004	Cpl.	Skehan	M	2 Bn.
8I5962	Cpl.	Butler	P	2 Bn.
8I55I3	Pte	Dillon	J	2 Bn.
8I672I	Tpr	Fehy	M	2 Mot Sed
8I6249	Tpr	Gibson	R	2 Mot Sed.
8I6 ^L 53	Pte	Rafter	M	2 Mot Sed
809736	Sgt	Lynch	J.	2 Bn.
8I2I70	Cpl.	Cromwell	E	7 Bn
96863	Cpl.	Donnelly	D	8 Bn.
8I4835	Pte	Byrne	J	2 Bn ¹ / ₂

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SERVICE NO.	RANK	NAME		PARENT UNIT.
8I5966	Pte	O'Rourke	J	2 Bn.
8I5778	Pte	Roche	J	2 Bn.
8I294I	Pte	Somers	G	5 Bn.
8I2074	Pte	Foran	C	5 Bn.
8I2243	Pte	O'Hara	P	5 Bn.
8I0I70	Pte	Quinn	J	5 Bn.
808942	Pte	Hoyes	P	2 Mot Sgd
8I6222	Pte	Canning	M	2 Mot Sgd.

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COY HQ.

86632	C/S	Neill	P	I2 Bn.
4I0265	CQMS	Hoyes	J	S/Comm HQ.
99858	Sgt	O'Donnell	P	I Bdge HQ
806492	Pte	Doyle	A	CTD(S)½
94558	Cpl.	Jordan	T	I Fld S&T.
8I3603	Cpl.	Kilmartin	B	I Fls Sigs
804I40	Cpl.	Shaw	F	4 Fld Sigs
89002	Cpl	Freeney	M	I2 Bn.
98400	Pte	Bowes	J	CTD(S).
8I4522	Pte	Hanlon	J	CTD(S)
8I2065	Pte	Sheehan	L	CTD(S).
86865	Pte	Quirke	W	CTD(S).
8I3536	Pte	Redford	C	4 Bn.
96057	Pte	Wall	P	I3 Bn.
8II9I0	Pte	Coulfield	H	I Fld Sigs
8I5I45	Pte	Cleary	J	I Fld Sigs
8I586I	Pte	Kavanaugh	J	2 Fld Sigs
804I90	Pte	Hoyes	A	I2 Bn.

NO. 4 PLATOON.

II0760	Sgt	Brophy	M	4 Bn.
8II29I	Sgm	Madden	J	I Fld Sigs
809339	Cpl.	Hickey	J	4 Bn.
8I4796	Cpl.	Drohan	P	4 Bn.

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SERVICE NO.	RANK	NAME		PARENT UNIT.
8I6395	Pte	O'Sullivan	H	4 Bn.
8I6668	Pte	O'Leary	J	4 Bn.
8I5546	Pte	Scannon	W	4 Bn.
8I6239	Pte	Tansley	R	4 Bn.
8I6715	Pte	O'Rourke	J	4 Bn.
8I5423	Pte	Kiely	C	4 Bn.
8I6708	Pte	O'Neill	K	4 Bn.
8I3865	Pte	O'Mahoney	D	I Mot Sd.
88887	Cpl.	Wilmot	J	CDA(S)
8I6I54	Cpl.	Fitzgerald	T	4 Bn.
806825	Pte	Boland	D	4 Bn.
8I6759	Pte	O'Grady	J	4 Bn.
8I6I4I	Pte	Coffey	N	4 Bn.
8I5884	Pte	Moynihan	T	4 Bn.
8I5988	Pte	Cox	J	4 Bn.
8I6632	Pte	O'Leary	C	4 Bn.
808620	Pte	Chambers	M	4 Bn.
8I5623	Pte	Hogan	T	I Mot Sd.
8I2465	Cpl.	Homan	T	4 Bn.
8I5008	Cpl.	O'Regan	E	4 Bn.
8I5443	Pte	Mulcahy	P	4 Bn.
8I5965	Pte	Slowey	T	4 Bn.
8I5206	Pte	Harry	F	4 Bn.
8I5887	Pte	Murphy	E	4 Bn.
8I5204	Pte	O'Brien	S	4 Bn.
8I67I2	Pte	Reynolds	P	4 Bn.
8I5633	Pte	Howard	J	I Mot Sd.
435980	Sgt	Morris	D	I Mot Sd.
8I6274	Pte	Sweeney	P	4 Bn.
809260	Cpl.	Spillane	J	4 Bn.
8I0I33	Cpl.	Daly	P	I3 Bn.
8I6547	Pte	Bluett	P	4 Bn.
8I6I73	Pte	Cleary	E	4 Bn.

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SERVICE NO.	RANK	NAME		PARENT UNIT.
8I6237	Pte	Coleman	E	4 Bn.
8I6408	Pte	Murray	P	4 Bn.
8I583I	Pte	Walsh	P	S/Comm HQ
8I64I3	Pte	McGuane	J	4 Bn.
8I6904	Pte	McCarthy	C	4 Bn.
8I5062	Pte	Howard	D	I Mot Sgd.
808706	Cpl	Phelan	W	S/Comm HQ
80687I	Cpl	Weston	M	I Bdge HQ
8I6275	Pte	Reynolds	M	I Fld COE
8I2908	Pte	Mockler	P	I Fld COE
8I3678	Pte	Neville	M	I Fld COE
8I3857	Pte	Hawkins	L	I Fld COE
8I3890	Pte	McGrath	M	I Fld Coe
8I5630	Pte	Ronan	D	I Mot Sgd
802295	Col	Griffin	B	CDA(S)
8II4IO	Cpl	Daly	J	II Bn
8I6254	Pte	Harrington	P	CDA(S)
8I6085	Pte	Kennelly	J	CDA(S)
8I5673	Pte	Brennan	M	4 Bn.
8I6208	Pte	Mulreedy	C	CDA(S)
809336	Pte	O'Meara	M	I Bdge HQ
8I6206	Pte X	Whelan	T	CDA(S)
8I6224	Pte	Berrett	J	CDA(S)
8I5567	Pte	Irwin	P	I Mot Sgd.

NO.6 PLATOON.

75388	Sgt	Leigh	M	22 Bn.
88I52	Pte	McInerney	J	I2 Bn.
9760I	Cpl	Kiely	J	22 Bn
9030I	Col.	O'Donnell	P	I2 Bn.
8I5668	Pte	Reen	G	I2 Bn.
8I49I6	Pte	Dore J		I2 Bn.
8I5797	Pte	Kelly	J	I2 Bn
8I603I	Pte	Holly	M	I2 Bn.

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SERVICE NO.	RANK	NAME		PARENT UNIT.
8I3386	Pte	MCMerlowe	W	I2 Bn.
8I5694	Pte	O'Donovan	C	I2 Bn.
8I64I5	Pte	O'Connell	P	I2 Bn.
800586	Pte	Fennessy	P	I2 Bn.
804926	Cpl.	Parker	A	I2 Bn.
80925I	Cpl.	Boyle	J	I5 Bn.
8I6230	Pte	O'Mahoney	J	I2 Bn.
8I5928	Pte	Sheeey	N	I2 Bn.
8I5979	Pte	Hogan	M	I2 Bn.
8I6I75	Pte	Sheehan	J	I2 Bn.
8I5575	Pte	Askins	E	I2 Bn.
809239	Pte	Hogan	J	I2 Bn.
8I6536	Pte	Donnelly	T	I2 Bn.
8I4075	Pte	Ryan	C.	I5 Bn.
808336	Cpl.	Sheehan	M	I2 Bn.
8I3849	Cpl.	Denmond	N	I4 Bn.
8I4933	Pte	Lynch	A	I2 Bn.
98532	Pte	Smith	W	I2 Bn.
8I47II	Pte	O'Connor	P	I2 Bn.
8I6289	Pte	Sweetman	P	I2 Bn.
8I3683	Pte	Murray	N.	I2 Bn.
8II870	Pte	Mooney	S	4 Bn.
807894	Pte	Morgan	P	I2 Bn.
803628	Pte	Gavin	M	3 FAR

SUPPORT PLATOON.

434440	Sgt	Gregan	C	I2 Bn.
99239	Pte	Walsh	W	I2 Bn.
90070	Cpl	Shannon	J	I2 Bn.
82930	Cpl	Kennedy	J	I2 Bn.
8I6378	Pte	Curren	M	I2 Bn.
8I5333	Pte	Fogarty	J	I2 Bn.
8I52IO	Pte	Corbett	M	I2 Bn.

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SERVICE NO. RANK NAME PARENT UNIT

8I6360	Pte	Neill	P	I2 Bn.
98420	Cpl	Murphy	N	I2 Bn.
8I283I	Cpl.	Ryan	C	I2 Bn.
9I960	Cpl.	Wynne	D	I2 Bn.
8I6090	Pte	Dorney	T	I2 Bn.
8I684I	Pte	O'Brien	J	I2 Bn
9I45I	Pte	Hawkins	L	I2 Bn.
804567	Pte	Monaghan	W	I Fld. COE.
8I4I59	Pte	Morrissey	G	I2 Bn.
8I4829	Pte	Morrissey	W	I2 Bn.
8I2839	Pte	O'Connell	S	I2 Bn.
8I6I90	Pte	Donney	P	I2 Bn.

ARMED CAR GROUP.

86525	C/S	Nolan	D	I Armd C/Sqd.
86328	CQMS	Mohoney	J	I Mot Sgd
96I45	Sgt	Geary	C	4 Mot Sda
805959	Cpl.	O'Sullivan	S	I Tank Sgd.
8II93I	Cpl.	Hoyes	J	4 Mot Sgd.
8II937	Cpl.	Lucey	W	I Armd C/Sqd.
80I69I	Tpr	Lynch	E	2 Mot Sgd
87968	Cpl.	O'Neill	T	3 Mot Sgd
8I4I77	Cpl.	Gleeson	T	I Tank Sgd
807I02	Cpl.	Irwin	E	I Tank Sgd
85803	Sgt	Potts	M	Depot ACE
8I5656	Tpr	O'Mohoney	A	I Mot Sgd
8I6295	Tpr	Wright	R	2 Mot Sgd
8I2863	Tpr	Breen	D	2 Mot Sgd.
92590	Sgt	Byrne	J	Depot Cav.
8I4026	Cpl	Mullins	O	4 Mot Sgd
8I22 I0	Tpr	O'Brien	P	I Mot Sgd
8090 56	Tpr	Dawson	J	4 Mot Sgd
8I4732	Tpr	Earle	J	2 Mot Sgd.

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SERVICE NO.	RANK	NAME		PARENT UNIT.
8I0336	Sgt	Lynch	D	Depot Coy.
8I4926	Cpl	King	W	2 Mot Sqd
8I4730	Cpl	Cooper	J	2 Mot Sqd
807I39	Tpr	Culhane	J	4 Mot Sqd
8I4072	Tpr	Jeffers	E	4 Mot Sqd
8I2273	Tpr	Doran	F	2 Mot Sqd
99747	Sgt	Poble	E	4 Mot Sqd
8I4I86	Cpl.	McAlister	J	I Tank Sqd
8I308I	Tpr	Hoyes	J	4 Mot Sqd
8I5060	Tpr	Povey	W	2 Mot Sqd
8I6309	Tpr	Aspell	R	2 Mot Sqd
88343	Sgt	Power	T	I Tank Sqd
8I4832	Cpl	Donovan	W	2 Mot Sqd
8I2456	Cpl	Wefer	P	2 Mot Sqd
8I63I0	Tpr	Delaney	J	2 Mot Sqd
8I6528	Tpr	Mooney	J	2 Mot Sqd
8I6304	Tpr	Buggy	M	2 Mot Sqd.

NOTE: 4228I4 BQMS Forde M joined the Unit on I7/II/66 as replacement for BQMS Kelly J who was repatriated on compassionate grounds
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ANNX 'B' TO UNIT HISTORY
7TH INFANTRY GROUP

ADVANCE PARTY - 7TH INFANTRY GROUP

0.4921	Lt.Col.	H.K. Hanley	0.7864	Capt.	T.M. Kelly
0.7073	Comdt.	T.P. Carroll	0.7572	Capt.	P.A. Kelleher
0.6877	Comdt.	J.R. Delaney	0.6301	Capt.	P.J. McEvoy
0.5234	Comdt.	M.W. Gill	0.6882	Capt.	P.J. O'Connell
0.6637	Comdt.	D.K. O'Donovan	0.7061	Capt.	P. Scanlon
0.6607	Comdt.	D.J. O'Donovan	0.7474	Capt.	N.C. Sheridan
0.6745	Comdt.	H.P. O'Shea	0.7772	Capt.	G.B. Staunton
0.7530	Comdt.	H.A. Ryan	0.7954	Lt.	P.L. Cooke
0.7138	Capt.	J.B. Egan	0.8036	Lt.	F.G. McKeivitt
0.7457	Capt.	A. Hume	0.	C.F.	R. Neville

92597	Sgt.	Behan, J.	97043	Sgt.	Mullins, J.
814048	Cpl.	Browne, T.	98420	Cpl.	Murphy, N.
110760	Sgt.	Brophy, M.	805021	Sgt.	Murphy, M.
815962	Cpl.	Butler, P.	99803	Sgt.	McGrath, D.
815873	Cpl.	Buckley, D.	87230	C/S.	McLoughlin, K.
407883	C/S.	Campbell, T.	807301	Cpl.	McNally, P.
814730	Cpl.	Cooper, J.	809919	Sgt.	McNulty, T.
809039	Sgt.	Daly, P.	90301	Cpl.	O'Donnell, P.
814135	Sgt.	Donnelly, J.	84322	CQMS.	O'Hara, J.
806492	Pte.	Doyle, A.	87968	Cpl.	O'Neill, T.
805928	Sgt.	Eaton, J.	89740	Sgt.	O'Reilly, K.
814974	Pte.	Elliott, P.D.	802336	Cpl.	O'Reilly, P.
806362	Pte.	Farrell, J.	804926	Cpl.	Parker, A.
96145	Sgt.	Geary, C.	407262	C/S.	Peelo, J.
812175	Cpl.	Hickey, J.	88343	Sgt.	Power, T.
815567	Cpl.	Irwin, E.	75610	Sgt.	Roche, P.
94558	Cpl.	Jordan, T.	93422	Sgt.	Ronayne, W.
803571	Sgt.	Kearney, C.	812012	Sgt.	Ryan, M.
800474	Pte.	Kenny, O.	90117	Sgt.	Russell, J.
813603	Cpl.	Kilmartin, B.	97666	Sgt.	Scott, J.W.
88301	Sgt.	Leahy, J.	90070	Cpl.	Shannon, J.
75388	Sgt.	Leigh, M.	812060	Pte.	Smullen, D.
815762	Pte.	Maher, C.	805959	Cpl.	Sullivan, S.
86328	CQMS.	Mahoney, J.	96057	Pte.	Wall, P.
905223	Cpl.	Moore, T.	806871	Cpl.	Weston, M.
813338	Sgt.	Moore, J.	811779	Pte.	Welsh, E.
76590	CQMS.	Moran, A.	88887	Cpl.	Wilmot, J.

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LIMNITIS ROAD AGREEMENT

The following are the revised terms of the agreement drawn up originally on the 6th MAY, '65, at YESILIRMAK(LIMNITIS) between 7C Arnd Car Gp, 6th INF GP, in conjunction with OC 6th INF GP, and TK/CYP Leaders YESILIRMAK(LIMNITIS) area.

1. The area through which the Route passes will be recognised as being controlled by TK CYPs.
2. Persons, except the UN, passing along the road will NOT wear uniform, carry a weapon, speak, wave or gesture.
3. No photographs will be taken.
4. No pamphlets, leaflets or other form of propaganda will be distributed along the route.
5. A speed limit of 20 mph will not be exceeded through the villages of YESILIRMAK(LIMNITIS) and GUNEBAKEN(AMADHIES). Normal road speeds through the remainder of the route.
6. No vehicles will normally stop between points of entry and exit.
7. Unescorted vehicles may move along the route at any time between the hours of 0500 and 1830 hrs daily.(Effective from 18.11.'66).
8. One UN escorted convoy in each direction may travel along the route as follows:-
 - a. At 1830 hrs from WEST to EAST.
 - b. At 1930 hrs from EAST to WEST (Effective from 18.11.'66).
9. Between entrance and exit points of the enclave, UN will patrol, observe and supervise the free flow of traffic, and guarantee the security of the area.
10. Standing Tk CYP observers will be placed along the route at agreed points to supervise the free flow of traffic.

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- 11. If any of the terms herein are contravened, the vehicle may be stopped by either UN or Tk Cyp Observers. No enquiry will be undertaken until the arrival of a UN Officer and Tk Cyp Leader. An enquiry will then be made under the control of the UN Officer present. This enquiry will also be made in the case of a vehicle stopping through a mechanical breakdown.
- 12. In exceptional circumstances, e.g. National Calamity, accidents involving serious injury etc, special permission will be granted to travel along the route outside the hours mentioned in para.7 and 8. In such cases UN vehicles escort will be provided.
- 13. Approximately 10 vehicles including 5 goods carrying vehicles will be halted by UN once per week at a location mutually agreed on, and the UN will ensure that the terms of this agreement are being observed. In accordance with the terms of this Road Agreement the TK CYP Leaders will notify the UN Commander, LIMNITIS Camp, of the date, time and place at which this inspection is required to be carried out. The result of this investigation will be forwarded to Tk CYP Leaders in writing.
- 14. Members of the Greck National Army will not be permitted to travel along the route.
- 15. Vehicles suspected of contravening any of the rules of this agreement will be stopped and a check conducted by UNCIVPOL under a UN Officer with one of the TK CYP Leaders as Observer. The above check will take place in the vicinity of the UN Camp at YESILIRMAK(LIMNITIS) or at AMADHIES Check-point.
- 16. Any or all of the terms of this agreement may be revised at any time by either TK CYP Leaders at YESILIRMAK(LIMNITIS) or UN, and in any event this agreement will be revised in the light of experience gained, on 12 Feb., 1967.

Agreed and Signed this 15th day of NOVEMBER, 1966.
 at YESILIRMAK(LIMNITIS)

 TURKISH LEADERSHIP.

Signed J. Delaney. COMDT
 UN COMDR, LIMNITIS CAMP.

AUTHENTICATED E. O'Neill. CAPT.
 2 i/C. LIMNITIS CAMP.

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APPENDIX 1 TO ANNEX "C"
UNIT HISTORY, 7TH INF GROUP.

HAND-OUT TO GK/CYPS

1. A speed of 15 mph will NOT be exceeded through the villages of LIMNITIS and AMADHIES. White lines will indicate the entrances and exits of the villages. Normal road speeds apply to the remainder of the route.
 2. No leaflets, pamphlets or other forms of propaganda material will be distributed along the route.
 3. Persons, except UN, will NOT wear uniform, carry arms or ammunition, speak, wave or gesture.
 4. No photographs will be taken.
 5. No vehicle will be permitted to stop between the points of entry and exit except in the case of mechanical failure.
 6. Unrestricted travel along the route is permitted between the hours of 0430 and 1900 hours daily.
 7. One escorted convoy will travel from WEST to EAST at 1900 hours and one escorted convoy from EAST to WEST at 2000 hours.
 8. If any of the above terms are contravened, your vehicle may be halted and an enquiry undertaken by a United Nations Officer. While awaiting the arrival of the UN Officer, do NOT move your vehicle or speak to anyone until the UN Officer arrives to investigate.
 9. Please read these terms carefully. Your co-operation is earnestly requested.
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11. Adv Gp HQ will be set up prior to conc of GP.

<u>Composn:</u>	Gp O/C	SM	Sgt Storeman
	Gp 2 i/c	BQMS	Cpl Storeman
	Gp Adjnt	Coy Sgt	2 Cpls Clerks
		(HQ Coy)	
	Gp QM	CQMS(HQ Coy)	
	O/C HQ Coy	Ord Rm Sgt	2 drivers

12. Coord Instrs

a. Timings - Provisional

16 Sep	-	Adv Gp HQ opens at CTC
16 Sep	-	Armd C Gp conc at CTC
19 Sep	-	Gp HQ and HQ Coy assemble at CTC
19 Sep	-	Cond Adv Parties report to CTC
21 Sep	-	Conc of Gp at CTC
28 Sep	-	Adv Party move to CYPRUS
3 Oct	-	Activation of Gp
8 Oct	-	Gp moves to CYPRUS.

b. OIC CTC will allot accn for conc of Gp.

c. Each Command will be responsible for mov of tps, incl adv parties to CTC.

d. Each Command and CTC will be responsible, in conjunction with Corps Directors concerned, for trg and adm preparatⁿ & preparations, prior to assembly at CTC, of pers supplied.

e. Liaison S P70 and OIC CTC will each provide a liaison officer to report daily to OC 7 Inf Gp from 16 Sep.

f. Gp Adv Party

- (1) Pers will be detailed in accordance with PROVISIONAL list to be issued by S P70.
- (2) Cond - Gp Cond.
- (3) Provisionally prepared to move to CYPRUS 28 Sep.

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13. See Annxs to Tables of Estabs 7 Inf Gp.

14. See instructions/orders issued by A Adn and A Crn.

15. 7 Inf Gp will publish ROs with effect from date of activation.

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16. OC 7 Inf Gp will open at CTC 16 Sep.

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 (C.E. Shortall)
 S P70

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INDHAIL:

	<u>Coip</u>		<u>Coip</u>
CF	1	OIC Ceann O	10
A Adn	1	OIC Ceann D	10
CFC	1	OIC Ceann I	10
A Crn	1	OIC CTC	10
S Trn	1	Cft Col Mil	2
S Fais	1	OCSC	1
S Airt	1	OIC Aer Chor	2
S Mar	1	OIC Cor Breath	1
S Inlr	1	OIC 6 Inf Gp	4
S Cori	1	OIC 7 Inf Gp	3
S Ord	6		
S S7I	1		
SCLA	1		
SSCA	1		
SPA & PM	1		

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ANNEX "D" UNIT HISTORY
7 INF GP.
APPX 2.RESTRICTED.UNITED NATIONS FORCE IN CYPRUS.LOCATION STATEMENT (LOGSTAT).

TO: HQ UNFICYP

FROM: HQ LEFKA DISTRICT.

LOCSTAT (FORECAST) AS AT 31/2400 B OCTOBER 1966:

SER NO.	UNIT SUBUNIT	MAP REF.	LOCATION	STRENGTH		REMARKS
				OFFS	ORS	
1.	HQ 7 Inf GP & HQ COY	R 564 618	Xeros	21	123	Total I44 includes I Chaplain
2.	7 Inf Gp A Coy HQ	R 502 614	Lefka	6	74	
3.	OP 57	R 590 641	Perister- onari	-	6	
4.	OP 58	R 531 618	Limekiln	-	6	
5.	OP II	R 528 633	Ambelikou	-	6	
6.	OP 60	R 613 608	Ghaziveran	-	8	TOTAL = 106
7.	7 Inf Gp B Coy HQ	R 405 708	KATO PYRGOS	6	74	
8.	OP I	R 342 692	Ayia Anna	-	6	
9.	OP 2	R 349 688	Ayia Yeoryios	-	6	
10.	OP 3	R 365 692	Mosphileri	-	6	
11.	OP 4	R 300 705	Ayia Theodoros	-	6	
12.	OP 5	R 368 707	Mansoura	-	6	
13.	OP 6	R 355 696	Kokkina	2	26	
14.	OP 7	R 366 704	Kokkina	-	6	Total+I44
15.	7 Inf Gp -HQ Armd Car Gp & Hy Mor Tp	R 476 681	Limnitis	8	61	Incls. I Chaplain.
16.	Road Patrol	-	Lim-Foxtrot	-	-	

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SER NO	UNIT SUB-UNIT	MAP REF	LOCATION	STRENGTH		REMARKS
				OFFS	ORS	
I7	OP Juliet	R 450 660	Selemoni	-	6	
I8	OP India	R 466 658	Xerovouna	-	6	
I9	OP Kilo	R 485 691	Ayios Nikolaos	-	6	
20	OP Hotel	R 477 660	Loutros	-	6	
2I	Check-point Limnitis	R 482 681	Limnitis	-	5	
22	Check-point Foxtrot	R 447 682	-	-	5	Total=107

7 Infantry Group - Total Strength = 504.

Signed _____ Capt.
Arthur Hume

OPS(B) Offr. 7 Infantry Group.

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Rng P70,
CCA,
Geata na Pairce,
Baile Atha Cliath.

C.S. 98/19
28. 7.66.

OO No. 7/66

SIT

1. The Government has authorised the preparation of a replacement Unit for 6 Inf Gp.

MISSION

2. Oglaiigh na hEireann will org and equip a mil force for service in Cyprus.

EXECUTION

3. Gen Outline: PROVISIONALLY the mil force will be :
 - a. Org as an Inf Gp.
 - b. Designated 7 Inf Gp.
 - c. Activated on and from 3 Oct., 1966.
 - d. Prepared to move to CYPRUS on or about 8 Oct 1966.
4. Org: In accordance with provisional Tables of Estab issued by Rng P70. It will consist of Gp HQ and HQ Coy, two Inf Coys Gps and one Armd C Gp.
5. Ceann O will raise A Coy Group (-).
6. Ceann D will raise B Coy Group.
7. CTC will raise one rifle pl "A" Coy.
8. Cor Mar will raise Armd C Gp.
9. Rng P70 will coord the raising of Gp HQ and HQ Coy.
 - a. Pers will be supplied by each Command and CTC.
 - b. Br A Adn, in conjunction with SPA, & PM will raise A Pl.
 - c. Br A Crn, in conjunction with S Inlr and S Ord will raise Q Pl.
 - d. S Airt, S Cori, S S7I, SCLA, in conjunction with Commands and CTC, will raise their own elements.
10. Nov: S P70 will ctl and coord mov of Gp to CYPRUS. A mov will be org from staffs supplied by CCA and CC Ceann O.

- b. Element will return through DUBLIN AIRPORT where customs and Department of Agriculture requirements will be complied with.
- c. Timings of aircraft - later.
- d. ~~Personnel~~^{Personnel}, baggage and cargo will move by T to CLANCY BKS as directed by A Crn.
- e. Personnel will be processed at CLANCY BARRACKS on arrival along normal lines laid down by A Crn and A Adn.
- f. Personnel will move to home stas as soon as possible and as directed by A Crn.
- g. Ctl.
 - (1) At DUBLIN AIRPORT by Rng P70 staff assisted by Staffs from Br A Adn and Br A Crn and Ceann O as directed.
 - (2) At CLANCY BKS by CC Ceann O assisted by staffs from Br A Adn and Br A Crn as directed.
 - (3) Ceann O will provide 3 o/rs from CPA for t/c ctl and gen ctl at DUBLIN AIRPORT.
- h. Liaison; See para 2 4 f.

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Move of adv element 7 Inf Gp to CYPRUS.

- a. Accn in event of delay - as instructed by A Crn.
- b. Feeding arrangements in DUBLIN (if necessary) as instructed by A Crn.

Repatriation of adv elements 6 Inf Gp.

- a. In processing procedures as laid down by A Adn and A Crn.
- b. Clothing, Eqpt, Pers Ord, Stores, Feeding as laid down by A Crn.
- c. Med as laid down by A Adn.
- d. Ceann O will arrange overnight accn as necessary for tps unable to move to home stas.

COINS.

CCA CP at DUBLIN AIRPORT during actual move of tps.

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C.E.Shortall.

S P70.

ACK.

Distr; as per O/O No.7/66.

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Rng P70
CCA.

15 M Fomh 66.

OO No 8 /66.

Map: Sheet I6 Dublin $\frac{1}{2}$ m = 1 mile.

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1. No change from OO No 7/66.

MISSION:

2. Adv elements of 7 Inf Gp will move to CYPRUS and adv elements of 6 Inf Gp will return to IRELAND.

EXECUTION.

3. Gen Outline.

a. Mov pf adv elements 7 Inf Gp:-

(1) Mov by MT from CTC to DUBLIN AIRPORT.

(2) Airlift from DUBL N AIRPORT to CYPRUS planned for 28 M Fomh 66.

b. Repatriation of adv elements of 6 Inf Gp:-

(1) Mov from CYPRUS to DUBLIN AIRPORT.

(2) Deplane at DUBLIN AIRPORT and mov to CLANCY BARRACKS.

c. It is assumed that the same ac as at 3a will be used

4. Mov of adv elements 7 Inf Gp.

a. Composition of elements as nominated by A Adn.

b. Personnel and baggage will mov by MT from CTC to DUBLIN AIRPORT as directed by A Crn.

c. TIMINGS of ac - later.

d. Troops will be available at NORTH TERMINAL DUBLIN AIRPORT at ETD - 45 mins.

e. Personnel manifest will be issued by A Adn.

f. Liaison with ac crew and DUBLIN AIRPORT will be provided by OC Aer Chor.

g. Ctls: Rng P70 will coord, assisted by staffs from BF A Adn, Br A Crn and Ceann O as directed. Ceann O will provide 3 o/rs from CPA for t/c and gen ctl at DUBLIN AIRPORT.

5. Return of Adv elements of 6 Inf Gp.

a. Composition of elements as nominate by OC 6 Inf Gp - details later.

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HISTORY 7 INF GP.

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Rng p70

CCA,

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I9 M Fomh 66.

(No Change from VOs)

No. IO/I966.

Sheet I6 Dublin $\frac{1}{2}$ in to I Mile.

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7 Inf Gp is at present conc in CURRAGH.

MISSION

7 Inf Gp will move to CYPRUS by airlift from DUBLIN AIRPORT during Week ending I5 D Fomh I966.

EXECUTION

Opn Outline: The mov will be carried out in two phases.

- a. Phase I: Mov by MT from CTC to DUBLIN AIRPORT.
- b. Phase 2: Airlift from Dublin Airport to NICOSIA.

Phase I: 7 Inf Gp pers and stores will move direct from CTC and DUBLIN by MT to DUBLIN AIRPORT.

- a. See Mov O issued by A Crn
- b. See instrs (allocation of pers to ac) issued by A Adn.
- c. See instrs (allocation, storage and loading of stores to ac) issued by A Crn.
- d. See Airloading Tables issued bu A Crn in respect of b and c.

Phase 2: 7 Inf Gp pers and stores will emplane at DUBLIN AIRPORT for airlift to CYPRUS.

- a. See ETD.
- b. See instrs (allocation of pers to ac by chalks) issued by A Adn.
- c. See instrs (allocation, storage and loading of stores to ac) issued by A CRN.
- d. See Air Loading Tables issued by A Crn in respect of b and c.

COORD INSTRS:

a. Timings

Phase 2 - Pers to be conc at DUBLIN AIRPORT 30 mins before ETD.
Baggage to be at DUBLIN AIRPORT 2 Hours before ETD.

b. ETDs: See schedule to be issued later.

c. Mov Ctl:

- (1) A CCA CP operated byS P70 will be set up in a caravan near NORTH TERMINAL BUILDING DUBLIN AIRPORT to ctl this Op.
- (2) Br A Adn, Br A Crn, and CC Ceann O will supply offrs as required to cp in conjunction with CCA CP at DUBLIN AIRPORT.

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d. Ctl of MF Movs Mov of chalks from CTC will be in accordance with orders to be issued by A Crn.

e. Ctl of CHalks:

(1) At CTC by offr from CTC.

(2) At Dublin Airport by offr from Br A Adn.

(3) Responsibility for discipline of unit pers will rest throughout op with unit officers.

f. Order of March;

(1) HQ Staff UNFICYP.

(2) Sub-Units from each:

A Coy
B Coy
Cav Gp
HQ Coy.

(3) Order of march designed to facilitate smooth mov into MISSION locs.

(4) For details see mov manifests.

g. Liaison:

(1) OIC Aer Chor will provide staff to coord and liaise with CCA.

(2) OIC Aer Chor will liaise where necessary with DUBLIN Airport.

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6. Accn. Alternative accn in the event of delay at DUBLIN AIRPORT will be made available by CC Ceann O in accordance with A Crn instrs.

7. Feeding. In accordance with instrs issued by A Crn, if required.

8. Adm Pers; Extra Mil police as arranged between S P70 and CC Ceann O will be provided for duty in DUBLIN AIRPORT. Commands, CTC and Aer Chor will sup adm pers as directed by A Adn, A Crn and S P70.

9. TC and Ctl of Civs

a. Moves; PM will org in accordance with instrs issued by A Crn.

b. DUBLIN AIRPORT; PM will liaise with Dublin Airport management and org in accordance with instrs issued by A Adn.

c. S Fais will arrange for Radio and Press announcements to state that facilities will NOT be available for relatives and others to meet tps at DUBLIN AIRPORT.

d. OIC CTC will arrange to facilitate relatives and friends to meet tps at CTC.

10. Gp Stores;

a. Will be conc at McKEE BARRACKS in accordance with instrs of A Crn.

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b. Moy. See instrs issued by A Crn.

COMNS:

- II. CC 7 Inf Gp at CTC remains open until last day of airlift.
- I2. CCA CP DUBLIN AIRPORT will open 2 hours before first ETD.
- I3. CCA CP comns:

Line comns: To be installed by Ceann O as directed by S P70.

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S P70.

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CF	I	OIC Ceann O	I7-26
A Adn	2	OIC Ceann D	27-36
CFC	3	OIC Ceann I	37-46
S P70	4	OIC CTC	47-56
S Trn	5	Ceannfort Mil Col	57-59
S Fais	7	OIC Aer Chor	60-61
S Airt	8	OIC Chor Breath	63
S Mar	9	CCSC	62
S Inlr	10	OIC 6 Inf Gp	64-65
S Cori	11	OIC 7 Inf Gp	66-70
S Ord	12-13	Comhad	71-74
SCLA	15		
SS7I	14		
SPA & PM	16		

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APPENDIX 1 TO ANNEX 'D'
TO UNIT HISTORY
7TH INFANTRY GROUP.

7th Inf Group,
 LEFKA District,
CYPRUS.

OO No. 1 (To confirm VO)

Maps Cyprus Edition - 1,50,000 Sheets 4,5,8 and 0.
 1,250,000 Cyprus.

SITUATION

1. 7th Inf Group will relieve 6th Inf Group and will be deployed in the LEFKA DISTRICT.

MISSION

2. 7th Inf Group in implementation of HQ UNFICYP mission will keep the peace in LEFKA and assist in bringing back normal conditions of living in the District.

EXECUTION

3. General Outline

- a. LEFKA District will be divided into three sub-unit areas
 - (1) LEFKA Area - A Coy (-)
 - (2) LIMNITIS Area - Armd Car Cp (+)
 - (3) KOKKINA - B Coy
 - (4) HQ coy will be located at XEROS
- b. Sub-Unit Comdrs will maintain close liaison with both Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot leaders and will be responsible for the investigation of incidents in their own areas and the easing of local tensions when they arise.

4. A Coy (Linus 1 Pl)

- a. Loc: As per ANNEX "A".
- b. Tasks:
 - (1) Keep the peace and assist in the return to normal living conditions in its area.
 - (2) Encourage travel without escort in the area.
 - (3) Provide accurate and timely information on all happenings, military and economic, in the area.
 - (4) Man OPs as per ANNEX "A" and "B" and such additional posts as the sit may demand.
 - (5) Liaise with UN Troops NICOSIA WEST District.

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5. B Coy

a. Loc: As per ANNEX "A".

b. Tasks

- (1) Maintain observations over cease-fire line KOKKINA BRIDGEHEAD.
- (2) Keep the peace and assist in the return to normal living conditions.
- (3) Liaise with UN Troops LIASSOL Zone.
- (4) Encourage travel without escort in the area.
- (5) Inspect all UN vehs entering and leaving BRIDGEHEAD at OP 4(MANSOURA) and check arms carried.
- (6) Be prepared to assist in the escort of food supplies into KOKKINA including RED CRESCENT convoys.
- (7) Provide accurate and timely information on all happenings, military and economic, in the area.
- (8) Man OPs as per ANNEX "A" and "B" and such additional posts as the sit may demand.

6. Armd Car Group (+ One Pl A Coy and Hy Nor Tp)

a. Loc - AS PER ANNEX "A"

b. Tasks

- (1) Keep the peace and assist in the return to normal living conditions.
- (2) Continue to encourage travel without escort in the area.
- (3) Provide accurate and timely information on all happenings, military and economic, in the area.
- (4) Man OPs as per ANNEX "A" and "B" and such additional posts as the sit may demand.
- (5) Liaise with "A" and "B" Coys.

7. HQ Coy (- Hy Nor Tp)

a. Loc As per ANNEX "A".

b. Tasks

- (1) Administer and maintain the 7th Inf Group.
- (2) Be prepared to provide patrols in Rear Areas if the sit demands.
- (3) Provide Res Pl for 7th Inf Gp.

8. UNCIVPOL

- a. Method of operation: Deployed in LEFKA District and will operate in direct support LEFKA DISTRICT. The duties of UNCIVPOL will be divided between Uniformed and Inquiry Branches.

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b. Tasks

(1) UNIFORM BRANCH

- a. Man UN Posts in sensitive areas.
- b. Carry out Patrols.
- c. Observe searches by Cyp Pol at road blocks and check-points.
- d. Liaise with CYPOL and TK CYP Police.
- e. Provide escorts as required by LEFKA DISTRICT HQ.

(2) Inquiry Branch

- a. Inquire into incidents where Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriot Communities are involved.
- b. Make special inquiries as necessary in conjunction with CYPOL and/or TK CYP Police.
- c. Deal with inquiries relating to missing persons.
- d. Carry out surveys, observations, and make assessments of special nature.

(3) UNCIVPOL SITREP

- a. Will be submitted at 1700 hrs daily to HQ 7th Inf Gp.
- b. UNCIVPOL will report all incidents by the quickest means in keeping with Security Classification, to HQ 7th Inf Gp.
- c. UNCIVPOL will liaise daily with District HQ.
- d. Duplication of UNCIVPOL and MILITARY Police duties will be avoided. In the allotment of duties the nature of the tasks will be taken into account.

9. Coord instrs.

- a. Group becomes operational 102400B.
- b. Orders
Orders for each sub-unit will be produced and signed by sub-unit Comd.
- c. Hand-over LEFKA DISTRICT - See ANNEX "C".
- d. Reporting - ANNEX "D"
 - (1) Incidents will be reported by fastest possible means in keeping with Security Classification.
 - (2) Incidents reported will be submitted in accordance with format issued.
 - (3) Times of Reporting
 - a. Incidents as they occur.
 - b. Sub-Unit SITREP - Daily to 1500B to arrive at District HQ NOT later than 1600B. Format ANNEX "E".

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<u>Distribution:</u>	<u>Copy No.</u>
CC 7 Inf Gp.	1
2 i/c 7 Inf Gp.	2
CC A Coy	3
CC B Coy	4
CC Armd Car Gp	5
CC HQ Coy	6
CC Hy Mor Tp	7
UNCIVPOL	8
OFS A UNFICYP	9
OFS B UNFICYP	10
Limassol Zone	11
Limassol Zone(PAPHOS)	12
Kyrenia District	13
Nicosia Dist (EAST)	14
Nicosia Dist (WEST)	15
Fanagusta Zone	16
Sif Offr 7 Inf Gp.	17
Med Offr " "	18
Irish LO, UNFICYP.	19

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LEFKA DISTRICT

LOCSTAT AS AT 112400Z OCT., 1966.

UNIT/SUB-UNIT	NAP REF	PLACE	NCO	SEN	REMARKS
Gp HQ 7 Inf Gp and HQ Coy	R564648	XEROS	66	49	19 Offrs 115 O/Rks 1 Chaplain Total: 135
HQ A Coy	R582614	LEFKA	20	56	
CP 57	R592638	PERISTERONARI	2	4	
CP 58	R534618	LINEKILN	2	4	
CP 11	R528633	AMBELIKOU	2	5	
CP 60	R643688	GHAZIVERAN	2	6	Total: 108
HQ Armd Car & Hy Nor Pl A Coy	R476681	LIMNITIS	28	33	8 Offrs 99 O/Rks 1 Chaplain
ROAD PATROL		LINN-FOXTROT	1	3	
CP JULIET	R450660	SELEMANI	2	4	
CP INDIA	R466658	XEROVOUNO	2	4	
CP KILO	R485681	AY NIKOLOSIS	2	4	
CP HOTEL	R477660	LOUTRAS	2	4	
CHECK-POINT LIMNITIS	R482681	LIMNITIS	1	4	
CHECK-POINT FOXTROT	R447682		1	4	Total: 108
HQ B Coy	R368704	KATO PYRGOS	23	61	8 Offrs
CP 1	R342692	AYIA ANNA	2	4	140 O/Rks
CP 2	R349633	AYIA YERYIOS	2	4	
CP 3	R365692	MOSPHILERI	2	4	
CP 4	R380705	AY THEODOROS	2	4	
CP 5	R368707	MANSOURA	1	3	Night only
CP 6	R355696	KOKKINA	2	20	
CP LILA	R366704		2	4	Total: 148

LEFKA DISTRICT TOTAL STRENGTH: 499

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1. 7th Infantry Group will assume operational ctl of LEFKA DISTRICT 102400B.
2. RECCE PARTIES
Move under ctl Sub-Unit Comdrs 10 Oct 1966.
3. OCCUPATION OF OPs and CHECK-POINTS.
A and B Coys and Armd Car parties in Posn by 101200B.
4. COMPOSN OF OPs and CHECK-POINTS.
ANNEX "B" to O.O. 1.
5. TPT
 - a. A COY
Use own tpt.
 - b. B COY
Use own tpt.
 - c. ARMD CAR GP.
1000 hours, Helicopter to airlift parties to OPs JULIET, INDIA, HOTEL and KILO. Use own tpt for other journeys.

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INCIDENT REPORT PRO-FORM

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1. Normally reports of incidents and other significant happenings are passed to a superior headquarters by telephone. This pro-forma is intended to save time. Its use should enable all essential information to be passed in a minimum of time and should avoid unnecessary questioning. It is NOT intended to replace the log at UNIT HQ level but should be used as a guide when recording information in the log.
2. All offrs and N.C.Os should be briefed on this formx of reporting.
- 3.

REPORTED FROM	TIME OF INCIDENT	PLACE	INSTIGATORS	EVENT	REACTION	UN FOLLOW-UP/ REMARKS.
a	b	c	d	e*	f	g h

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4. NOTES:
- Coln C Para 3. If possible give nearest reference point and grid reference.
 - Coln d Para 3. Give complete identification e.g Nat Gd., Cyp Police, Gk Cyp Civilians, Tk Cyp Fighters etc.
 - Coln e Para 3. If report not received from UN source, state here who did report it.
 - Coln f Para 3. State here reaction of one community at actions of the other.
 - Coln g Para 3. If possible state here time at which following report (if any) is likely to be available. If digging is not observed or reported by the other side state whether is provocative or protective.

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DAILY SITREP

1. Period _____ Date/Time Group B _____

2. General Situation

3. Incidents (Note: Incidents already reported otherwise will be confirmed here)

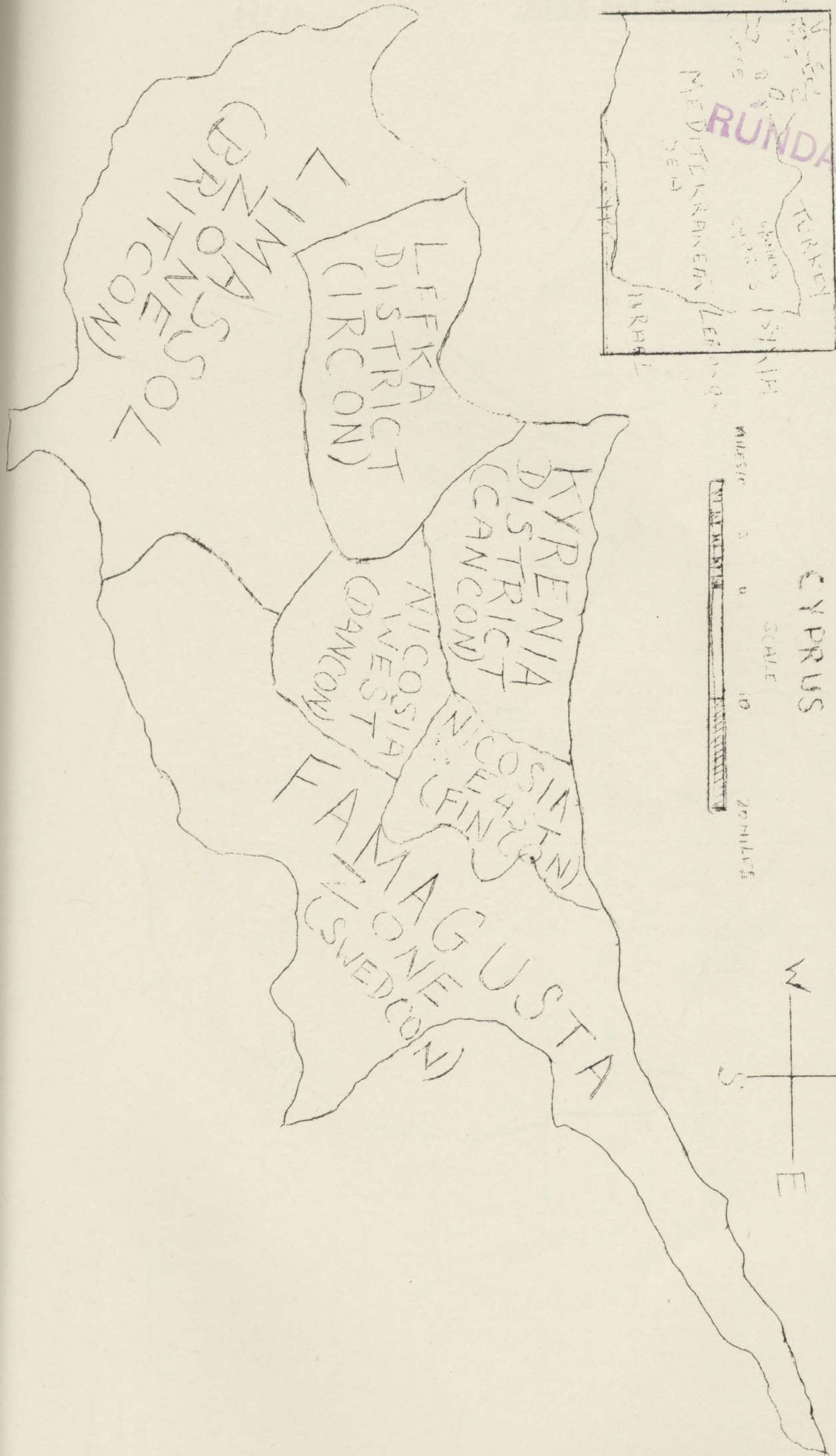
4. Comments on Incidents

5. Own Troops.

OC, SUB-UNIT.

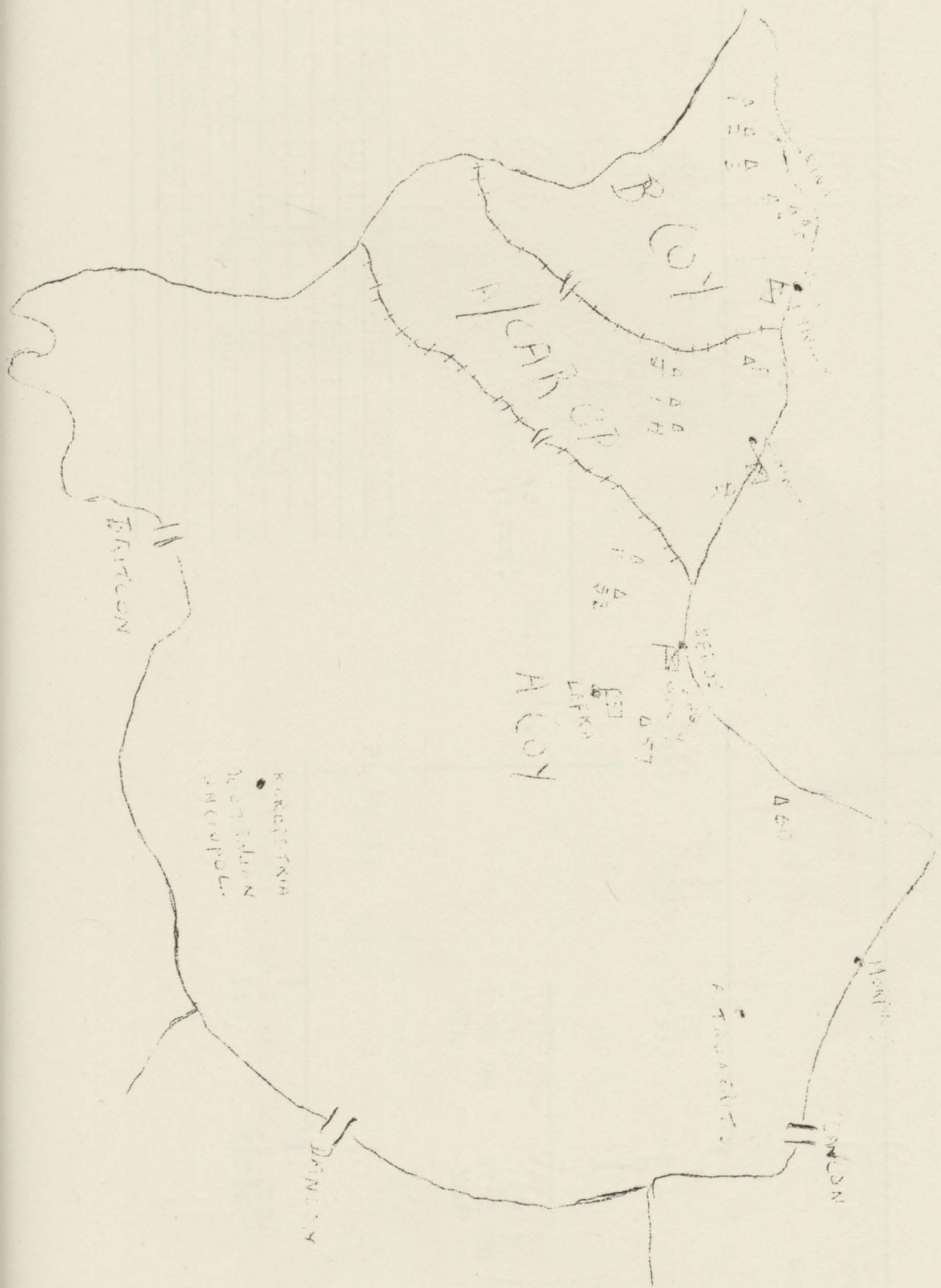
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- DISTR. Bdy
- COY Bdy
- DN OPS
- PRINCIPAL TOWNS
- SEA UNIT

ORGANISATION - 7 INFANTRY GROUP.

ANNEX "F" TO UNIT HISTORY
7 INFANTRY GROUP.

GP HQ

(II)

H COY

COY HQ (9)

" " COY

Coy HQ (20)

"B" COY

Coy HQ (20)

ACR GP

(42)

PL PL SIGS PL MED TPT HY MOR TP
PL PL
(36) (33) (20) (1) (28) (29)

I PL 2 P1 3 P1 Sup P1.
(33) (33) (33) (21)

No.1 Sec.

No.2 Sec.

No.3 Sec.

No.4 Sec.

No.1 Sec
4x120 MM Mor. No.2 Sec.

1/3k Sec (6)
2x84 MM 1/3k Mor Sec (12)
2x81 MM Mor
AS PER " " COY

8 X Panther
4/Cars.

PL HQ (3)

No.1 Sec (10) No.2 Sec (10) No.3 Sec (10).

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SUB-UNIT	OFFERS	NCOS	PTES	TOT L.
GP HQ	10	1	-	11
H COY	15	85	70	169
" " COY	6	35	99	140
"B" COY	6	35	99	140
ACR GP	5	21	16	42
TOTAL	41	177	284	502
TOTAL ALL RANKS				502
Attached - Chaplains				2
GRAND TOTAL				504

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EST. BATTALION GP.

7 INFANTRY GROUP.

PROVISIONAL BATTALION ARMAMENT TABLE.

I. GROUP HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

a. GROUP HEADQUARTERS.

I Lieut.-Colonel	-	I FN 9 mm Browning.
I Comdt.	-	I FN 9 mm Browning
5 Cpts	-	5 FN 9 mm Browning
2 Lieuts	-	2 FN 9 mm Browning.
I Battalion S.M.	-	I Gustaf SMG.

b. HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

Company Headquarters.

I Comdt.	-	1 FN 9 mm Browning.
4 Cpts	-	4 FN 9 MM Browning.
I Coy Sgt	-	I FN Rifle
I Coy MS	-	I FN Rifle
I Cpl Clerk	-	I Bren LMG
I Cpl Storeman	-	I FN Rifle.

"A" PLATOON.

I Lieut	-	I FN 9 mm Browning.
I Coy Sgt	-	I FN Rifle
I Sgt - Band	-	I FN Rifle
4 Sgts - Clerks	-	3 FN Rifles and I Bren LMG.
2 Sgts - Intelligence	-	2 FN Rifles
3 Sgts - Police	-	3 Gustaf SMG
I Sgt - Officers Mess	-	I FN Rifle
I Sgt - Post	-	I FN Rifle
3 Cpls - Band	-	3 FN Rifles
I Cpl - Clerk	-	I Bren LMG
I Cpl - Intelligence	-	I FN Rifle
7 Cpls - Police	7 FN 9 mm Browning	
10 Ptes - Band	-	10 FN Rifles.

" " PLATOON.

I Lieut.	-	I FN 9 mm Browning
I Battalion QMS	-	I Gustaf SMG
2 Coy QMS	-	2 FN Rifles
I Sgt-Armourer	-	I FN Rifle
I Sgt - Amn examiner	-	I FN Rifle.
I Sgt - Armament Artificer	-	I FN Rifle
I Sgt - Cook	-	I FN Rifle
3 Sgts - Engr Technician	-	3 FN Rifles
I Sgt - Storeman	-	I FN Rifle
I Sgt - Storeman/Driver	-	I Gustaf SMG
I Sgt - Tent repairer	-	I FN Rifle
2 Cpls - Armourer	-	2 FN Rifles
I Cpl - Clerk	-	I Bren LMG
3 Cpls - Cook	-	3 FN Rifles
3 Cpls - Engr Technician	-	3 FN Rifles
I Cpl Storeman/Driver	-	I FN Rifle
I Pte - Barber	-	I Bren LMG
4 Ptes Cooks	-	4 FN Rifles
3 Ptes - Engr Technician	-	3 FN Rifles
I Pte - Tailor	-	1 Bren LMG.

SIGNAL PLATOON.

I Capt	-	I FN 9 mm Browning.
I Sgt - Linesman	-	I FN Rifle
3 Sgts - Operators Wrls and Line	-	3 FN Rifles.
I Sgt - Radio Mechanic	-	I FN Rifle.
4 Cpls - Operators Wrls and Line	-	3 FN Rifles.
I Cpl - Radio Mechanic	-	I FN Rifle.
8 Ptes - Operators Wrls and Line	-	8 FN Rifles
I Pte - Storeman	-	I FN Rifle.

TRANSPORT PLATOON.

I Capt.	-	I FN 9 mm Browning.
I Sgt - Driver MT	-	I Gustaf SMG
I Sgt - Fitter	-	I FN Rifle
3 Cpls - Drivers MT	-	3 Gustaf SMG.
2 Cpl. - Fitters MT	-	2 FN Rifles.
I Cpl - Storeman/Driver	-	I Bren LMG.
17 Bds - Drivers M.T.	-	17 Gustaf LMG.
2 Ptes - Fitters MT	-	2 FN Rifles.

NOTE: Two 84 mm ATK Recoilless Rifles are held at H. Coy.
Personnel to form two ATK Sub Sections will be nominated
by OC H. Coy.

120 mm HEAVY MORTAR TROOP.

Troop HQ:

I Capt. Troop Comdr	-	I FN 9 mm Browning.
I Sgt - Troop	-	I FN Rifle
I Sgt - Penciller	-	I FN Rifle.
I Cpl - Penciller GPO	-	I FN Rifle.
I Cpl - Signaller	-	I FN Rifle
I Cpl - Storeman	-	I Bren LMG
I Gnr - Penciller	-	I FN Rifle.
3 Gnrs - Signallers	-	3 FN Rifles
I Gnr - Cook	-	I FN Rifle.

No. 1 Section.

I Lieut - Sec Comdr	-	I FN 9 mm Browning.
2 Sgts - Gun Numbers	-	2 FN Rifles.
6 Gnrs - Gun Numbers	-	6 FN Rifles.

No. 2 Section.

I Lieut - Sec Comdr	-	I FN 9 mm Browning.
2 Sgts - Gun Numbers	-	2 FN Rifles
6 Gnrs - Gun Numbers	-	6 FN Rifles

NOTE: Staff will issue the following tables:-

Mortar parts and accessories.

Ancillary Equipment

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SUMMARY GROUP HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

WEAPONS	BATTALION HEADQUARTERS	COMPANY HEADQUARTERS	" " PL TOCN.	" " PL TOCN.	SIGNAL PL TOCN	TRANSPORT PLATOON	MEDICAL PL TOCN	120 mm Heavy Mortar Troop.	TOT.
AUTO RIFLES	-	3	23	26	18	5	-	25	100
ST F SMGS	1	-	3	2	-	21	-	-	27
Bren LMGs	-	1	2	4	1	1	-	1	10
7.62 mm VTK Rifles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
9 mm Browning	9	5	8	1	1	1	-	3	28
120 mm mor	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4

2 COMPANY GROUP.

1. COMPANY HEADQUARTERS.

I Comdt - Coy Commander	-	I FN 9 mm Browning
I Capt	-	I FN 9 mm Browning.
I Coy Sgt	-	I FN Rifle
I Coy MG	-	I FN Rifle
I Cpl - Clerk	-	I Bren LMG
I Cpl - Cook	-	I FN Rifle
I Cpl - Drivers MT	-	I Gustaf SMG
I Cpl -Operator Wrls and Line	-	I FN Rifle
I Cpl - Signaller	-	I FN Rifle
I Cpl - Storeman/Driver	-	I Gustaf SMG
4 Ptes - Cooks	-	4 FN Rifles (1 Energa)
2 Ptes - Drivers MT	-	2 Gustaf SMG
3 Ptes - Operators Wrls and Line	-	3 FN Rifles
I Pte - Storeman/Driver	-	I Gustaf SMG

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RIFLE PLATOON.

PLATOON HEADQUARTERS.

I Lieut		I Gustaf SMG
I Sgt	-	I FN Rifle
I Pte - Signaller	-	I FN Rifle (Energæ).

THREE RIFLE SECTIONS (EACH).

I Cpl - Sec Comdr	-	I FN Rifle
I Pte - No 1 Rifleman	-	I FN Rifle (Energæ)
I Pte - No 2 Rifleman	-	I FN Rifle
I Pte - No 3 Rifleman	-	I FN Rifle
I Pte - No 4 Rifleman	-	I FN Rifle
I Pte - No 5 Rifleman	-	I FN Rifle (ENERGÆ)
I Pte - Rifle/Driver	-	I FN Rifle.
I Cpl - 2i/c and LMG No	-	I Gustaf SMG
I Pte - No.1 LMG	-	I Bren LMG
I Pte - No 2 LMG	-	I FN Rifle.

SUPPORT PLATOON.

PLATOON HEADQUARTERS.

I Lieut	-	I Gustaf SMG
I Sgt - Platoon	-	I FN Rifle
I Pte - Signaller	-	I FN Rifle.

81 MM MORTAR SECTION.

I Sgt - i/c Section	-	I FN Rifle
2 Cpls - 81 mm Mortar	-	2 FN Rifles
2 Ptes - No.1 Mortarman	-	2 FN Rifles.
2 Ptes - No.2 Mortarman	-	2 FN Rifles
2 Ptes - No.3 Mortarman	-	2 FN Rifles (Energæ)
2 Ptes - No.4 Mortarman	-	2 FN Rifles.
I Pte - Signaller	-	I FN Rifle.

84 MM ANTI-TANK SECTION.

2 Sub-Sections (Each).

I Cpl. - i/c Anti-Tank No	-	I FN Rifle
I Pte - No.1 Gunner	-	IX84 ATK Rifle & I Gustaf SMG
I Pte - No.2 Gunner	-	I FN Rifle.

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SUMMARY - COY GP.

SUB-UNIT	Brens LMG	Gustaf SMG	FN Rifles	Medium Machine Guns	60 MM Mortars	81 MM Mors	84 T Rifles	9 MM Brs.
1st Platoon HQ	-	1	2	2+	-	-	-	4
Rifle Section	(1)	(1)	(8)	-	-	-	-	-
2nd Rifle Section	3	3	24	-	-	-	-	-
3rd Rifle Platoon	3	4	26	-	-	-	-	-
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4th Platoon HQ	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
5th Mor Section	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-
6th MK Section	-	2	4	-	-	-	2	-
7th SP PLATOON	-	3	18	-	-	2	2	-
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8th Rifle Platoons	9	12	78	-	-	-	-	-
9th Platoon	-	3	18	-	-	2	2	-
10th Platoon	1	5	12	-	-	-	-	2
Total Coy Gp	10	20	108	2	-	2	2	2

* Two Vickers MMG are allotted to each Coy Gp. Personnel from Rifle Platoon will be nominated as gun numbers.

ARMoured C R GROUP.

1. GROUP HEADQUARTERS.

I Comdt	-	I FN 9 mm Browning
I Capt	-	I FN 9 mm Browning
I Lieut	-	I FN 9 mm Browning
I Coy Sgt	-	I FN Rifle
I Coy MS	-	I FN Rifle
2 Sgts - Fitters	-	2 FN Rifles
I Sgt - Comdr Arm C	-	I FN 9 mm Browning
I Cpl - Cook	-	I FN Rifle
2 Cpls - Drivers APC	-	2 FN 9 MM Browning
I Cpl - Gunner-Operators	-	I FN 9 mm Browning
I Tpr - Cook	-	I FN Rifle
I Tpr - Driver V/Car	-	I FN 9 mm Browning
I Tpr - Driver MT	-	I FN Rifle
I Tpr - Storeman/Driver	-	I FN Rifle

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ARMoured CAR SECTIONS.

Nos 1 and 3 Armoured Car Sections.

2 Lieuts - Section Commander	-	2 FN 9 mm Browning.
2 Sgts - Commander Armd C	-	2 FN 9 mm Browning.
2 Cpls - Gunner Operator	-	2 FN 9 mm Browning.
4 Tprs - A Car Drivers	-	4 FN 9 mm Browning.
2 Tprs - Gunners operators	-	2 FN 9 MM Browning.

Nos 2 & 4 Armoured Car Sections.

2 Sgts - Section Commanders	-	2 FN 9 mm Browning.
2 Cpls - Commanders Armd C	-	2 FN 9 mm Browning.
2 Cpls - Gunner Operators	-	2 FN 9 mm Browning.
4 Tprs - Drivers Armd C	-	4 FN 9 mm Browning.
2 Tprs - Gunners Operators	-	2 FN 9 mm Browning.

SUMMARY ARMoured CAR GROUP.

SUB-UNIT	BREN LMG	GUSTAF SMG	FN RIFLES	84mm ATK Rifles	7.62 MG	60mm Mors	FN 9mm Browning.
Nos 1&3 Secs	-	-	-	-	8	4	12
Nos 2&4 Secs	-	-	-	-	8	4	12
Group HQ	-	-	10	-	-	-	8
TOTAL GROUP	-	-	10	-	16	8	32

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SUMMARY - INFANTRY GROUP.

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UNIT	120 MM Mor	Bren Cans	M3. MMF	FN Rifles	84mm TK Rif.	MMGS	60MM MORS.	81 MM Mors	FN MM Crown.
Coy Gp (Rifle Pls)	-	(10)	(20)	(108)	(2)	-	-	(2)	(2)
Coy Gps	-	20	40	216	4	-	-	4	4
H. & H. Coy	4	10	27	100	2	-	-	-	28
Car Gp	-	-	-	10	-	16 (7.62)	8	-	32
L COMBAT	4	30	67	326	6	16 (7.62)	8	4	64
L RESERVE	-	4	12	50	2	4 (Inf)	-	1	2
TOTAL	4	34	79	376	8	4 (inf) 16+ (7.62)	8	5	66

= VMG (2 per Coy Gp.)

+ 7.62 MG.

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7 INFANTRY GROUP.

AMMUNITION ALLOTMENT.

WEAPON		FIRST LINE	SECOND LINE	
<u>ENERG</u>	a. Ballistite	4	8)	per energa
	b. Energy Grenade	3	6)	Man.
<u>LMG</u>	a. .303 Ball	1,500	3,000	per weapon
	b. .303 tracer	300	600	" "
<u>VMMG</u>	a. .303 B-11	2,500	4,500	" "
	b. .303 tracer	225	450	" "
<u>GUSTAF SMG</u>	9 MM	216	450	" "
<u>FN RIFLE</u>	7.62 MM	100	200	" "
<u>84 MM ATKA</u>	a. HE T	15	30	" "
	b. HE	15	30	" "
<u>WEAVER LT. PISTOL</u>				
	a. Ctges White	8	16	" "
	b. " Red	8	16	" "
	c. " Green	8	16	" "
<u>81 MM Mortar</u>				
	a. 14 Lb HE	30	60	" "
	b. 7 Lb HE	80	160	" "
	c. Smoke	30	60	" "
<u>WEAVER DES:</u>	a. No. 36	10	20	Per Rifle Co. See annex for Dp Distr.
	b. Smoke		600	Op Reserve
<u>MMG (7.62)</u>	a. 7.62 B-11	1,900	3,800	Per weapon.
<u>60MM MORTAR:</u>				
	a. HE	100	200	" "
	b. Smoke	25	50	" "
<u>FN 9 mm BROWNING.</u>		52	104	" "
<u>120 MM MORT R</u>	HE	100		" "

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ANNEX E ESTABLISHMENT INF GP.

7 INFANTRY GROUP.
ARMORED CAR GROUP

EQUIPMENT TABLE - ARMORED CAR SECTIONS.

NO 1 & 3 ARMORED CAR SECTIONS						NO 2 & @ ARMORED CAR SECTIONS					
SECTION COMMANDER	COMMANDERS (SGT)	DRIVER A.C.R.	GUNNER OPERATORS 2 CPLS & 2 TPRS	ON EACH .6 R	SEC. COMDRS.	COMDRS (CPL & DRIVER)	DRIVER .CAR	GUNNER OP.	ON EACH .CAR	TOTAL .CAR SECS.	
MMC 7.62	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	16	
60 mm Mor	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	8	
FN 9 MM Browning	2	2	4	4	-	2	2	4	4	24	
Gustaf SMG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Wrls sets No. N/VRC10	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	8	
Wrls sets No. N/GRC 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	
Binoculars	2	2	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	8	
Compass Prismatic	2	2	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	8	
Map Cases	2	2	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	8	
Protractors	2	2	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	8	
Romers	2	2	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	8	
Torches Complete	2	2	4	4	-	2	2	4	4	24	
Watches	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	4	8	

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7 INFANTRY GROUP.
ARMoured C R GROUP.

EQUIPMENT TABLE - ARMoured C R SECTIONS.

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<u>NO 1 & 3 ARMoured C R SECTIONS</u>					<u>NO 2 & 4 ARMoured C R SECTIONS.</u>				
<u>Sec Ccmdr</u>	<u>Comdr (Sgt)</u>	<u>Driver A.Car</u>	<u>Gunners Ops. 2 Cpls & 2 Tprs</u>	<u>On Each A.Car</u>	<u>Sec Comdr</u>	<u>Comdr (Cpl) & Driver</u>	<u>Gunner OP</u>	<u>On Each A.Car</u>	<u>Total A.Car Section.</u>
Verrey Light Pistols	-	-	-	I	-	-	-	I	8
Cutters Wire	-	-	-	I	-	-	-	I	8
MMG 7.62	-	-	-	3,800	-	-	-	3,800	30,400
9 mm Gustaf SMG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FN 9 mm Browning	10 ⁴	10 ⁴	208	208	-	10 ⁴	10 ⁴	208	208
60 MM Mortar HE	-	-	-	40	-	-	-	40	320
Smoke	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	13	104
Verrey Light Pistol Cartridges - Red	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	8	64
Illum.	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	8	64
Green	-	-	-	8	9	-	-	8	64

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7 INFANTRY GROUP.

INFANTRY PLATOON ORGANISATION.

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I Lieut	:	Pl Comdr
I Sgt	;	Pl Sgt
I Pte	:	Signaller

<u>No.1 Section</u>	<u>No.2 Section</u>	<u>No.3 Section</u>
Sec Comdr - Cpl.	Sec Comdr - Cpl.	Sec Comdr - Cpl.
No.1 Rifleman - Pte	No.1 Rifleman -Pte	No.1. Rifleman - Pte.
No.2 Rifleman - Pte	No.2 Rifleman -Pte	No.2 Rifleman -Pte.
No.3 Rifleman - Pte	No.3 Rifleman -Pte	No.3 Rifleman -Pte.
No.4 Rifleman - Pte	No.4 Rifleman -Pte.	No.4 Rifleman - Pte
No.5 Rifleman - Pte	No.5 Rifleman -Pte.	No.5 Rifleman - Pte.
No.6 Rifleman - Driver Pte.	No.6 Rifleman-Drv Pte.	No.6 Rifleman-Pte Drv.
Sec 2 i/c Bren Gp - Cpl.	Sec 2 I/C - Cpl.	Sec 2 i/c - Cpl.
No.1 LMG - Pte.	No.1 LMG - Pte.	No.1 LMG -Pte
No.2 LMG - Pte	No.2 LMG - Pte	No.2 LMG - Pte.

<u>SUB-UNIT</u>	<u>Cffr</u>	<u>Sgts</u>	<u>Cpls</u>	<u>Ptes</u>	<u>Total</u>
L HQ	I	I	-	I	3
No.1 Section	-	-	2	8	10
No.2 Section	-	-	2	8	10
No.3 Section	-	-	2	8	10
TOTAL PL	I	I	6	25	33

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7 INFANTRY GROUP.

SUPPORT PLATOON ORGANISATION TABLE.

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PL HQ

I C PT	-	Pl Comdr
I Sgt	-	Pl Sgt
I Pte	-	Signaller

81 MM MOR SECT.

TK
SEC

<u>SEC HQ</u>	<u>NO.1 SUB SEC.</u>	<u>No.2 SUB SEC</u>
I Sgt i/c	I Cpl i/c	I Cpl i/c
I Pte - Signaller	I Pte - No.1 Mor Man	I Pte - No.1 Mor Man
	I Pte - No.2 Mor Man	I Pte - No.2 Mor Man
	I Pte - No.3 Mor Man	I Pte - No.3 Mor Man
	I Pte - No.4 Mor Man	I Pte - No.4 Mor Man

<u>No.1 TK Sub Sec</u>	<u>No.2 TK Sub Sec</u>
I Cpl i/c	I Cpl i/c
I Pte - No.1 TK Men	I Pte - No.1 TK Men
I Pte - No.2 TK Men	I Pte - No.2 TK Men.

SUMMARY

SUB-UNIT	Offrs	Sgts	Cpls	Ptes	Total
PL HQ	1	1	-	1	3
81 MM Mor Sec	-	1	2	9	12
81 MM TK Sec	-	-	2	4	6
TOTALS	1	2	4	14	21

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81 MM MOR SEC - ORG AND EMP T TABLE.

MOR SEC HQ

SEC COMD - SGT
SIGN LLER - PTE.

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NO.1 Mor Sub Sec	No.2 Mor Sub Sec	Arm Gp.
Sub Sec Comdr-Cpl.	Sub Sec Comd - Cpl.	No.1 Arm Man
No.1 Mor Men - Pte	No.1 Mor Men - Pte	Pte.
No.2 Mor Men - Pte	No.2 Mor Men - Pte	No.2 Arm Man
No.3 Mor Men - Pte	No.3 Mor Men - Pte	Pte.

Note: Arm men pull the sec arm cart during movement. In action they serve as mor men and are trained in all mor duties. No.1 is part of No.1 Mor Sub Sec and No.2 is part of No.2 Mor Sub Sec.

ORGANIZATION.

PERSONNEL	MOR SEC.				TOTAL MOR SEC
	SEC HQ	NO.1. SUB SEC	NO.2 SUB SEC	ARM GP.	
<u>SGTS.</u>					
Sec Sgt	I	-	-	-	I
PLS	-	I	I	-	2
PLS: Sgr	I	-	-	-	I
anner/Ordy	-	-	-	-	-
Men	-	3	3	-	6
Men +	-	-	-	2	2
TOTAL PTES	I	3	3	2	9
TOTAL MOR SEC	2	4	4	2	12

+ Also trained as mor men.

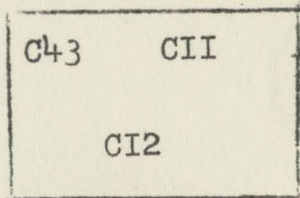
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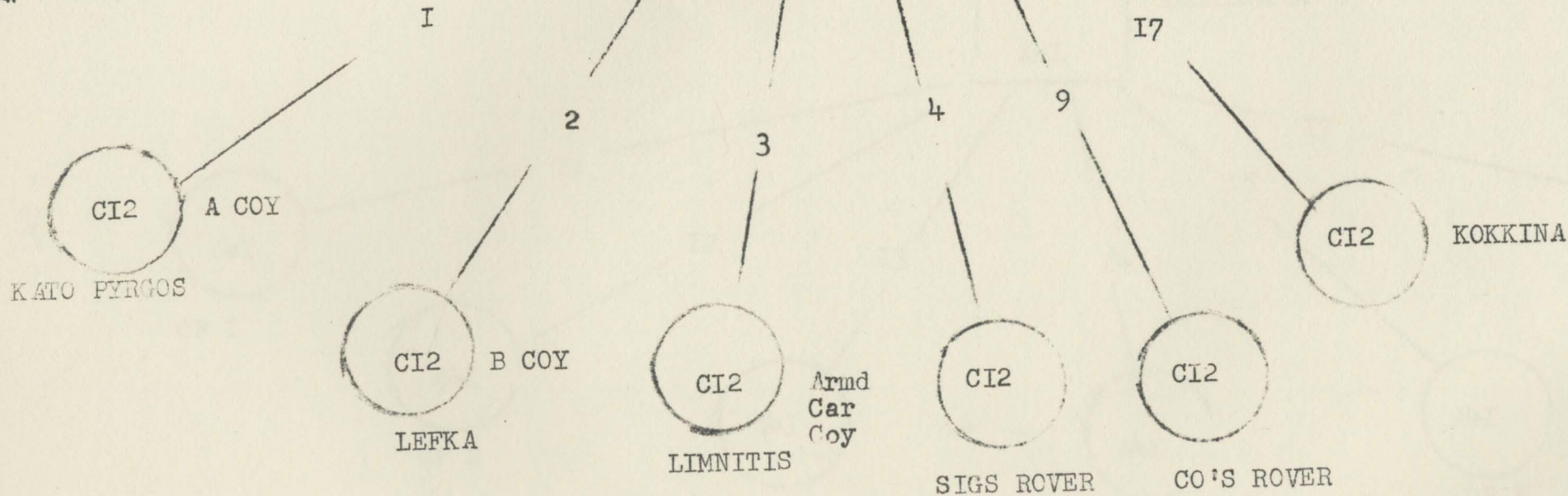
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GP NET

8	C9	CIO	8I	CIO
7	C9	CIO	7I	CIO
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5	C9	CIO	5I	CIO

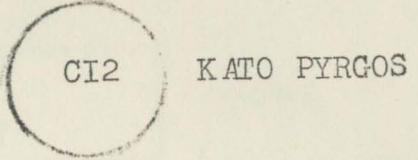


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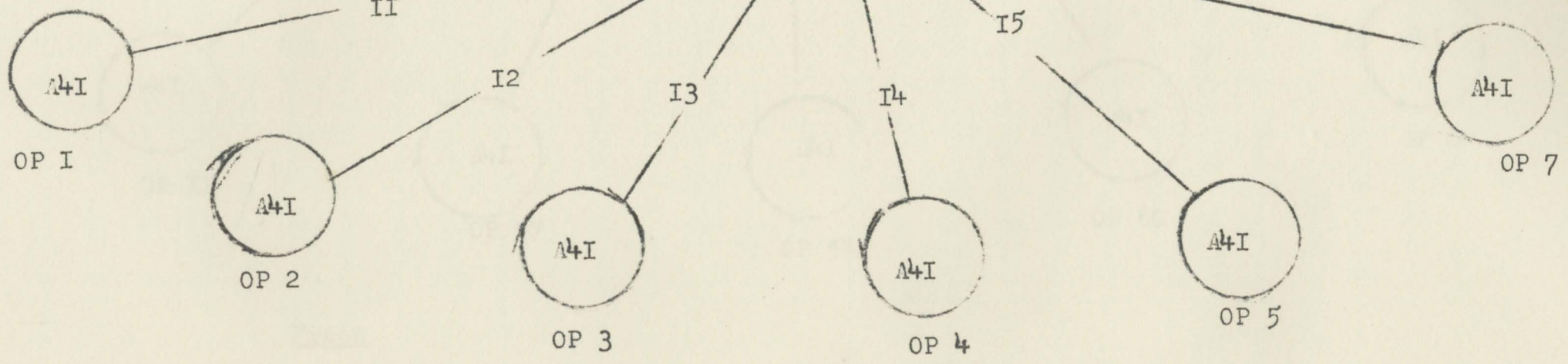
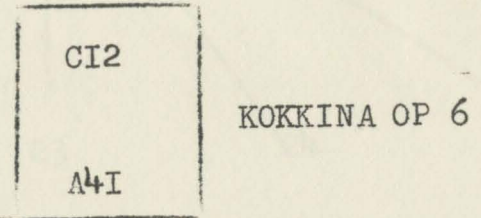
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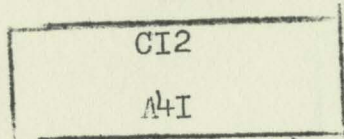
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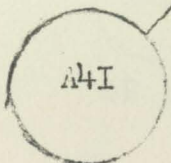
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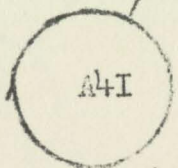
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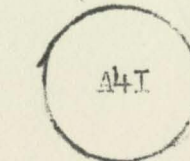
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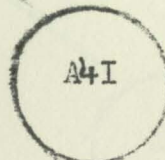
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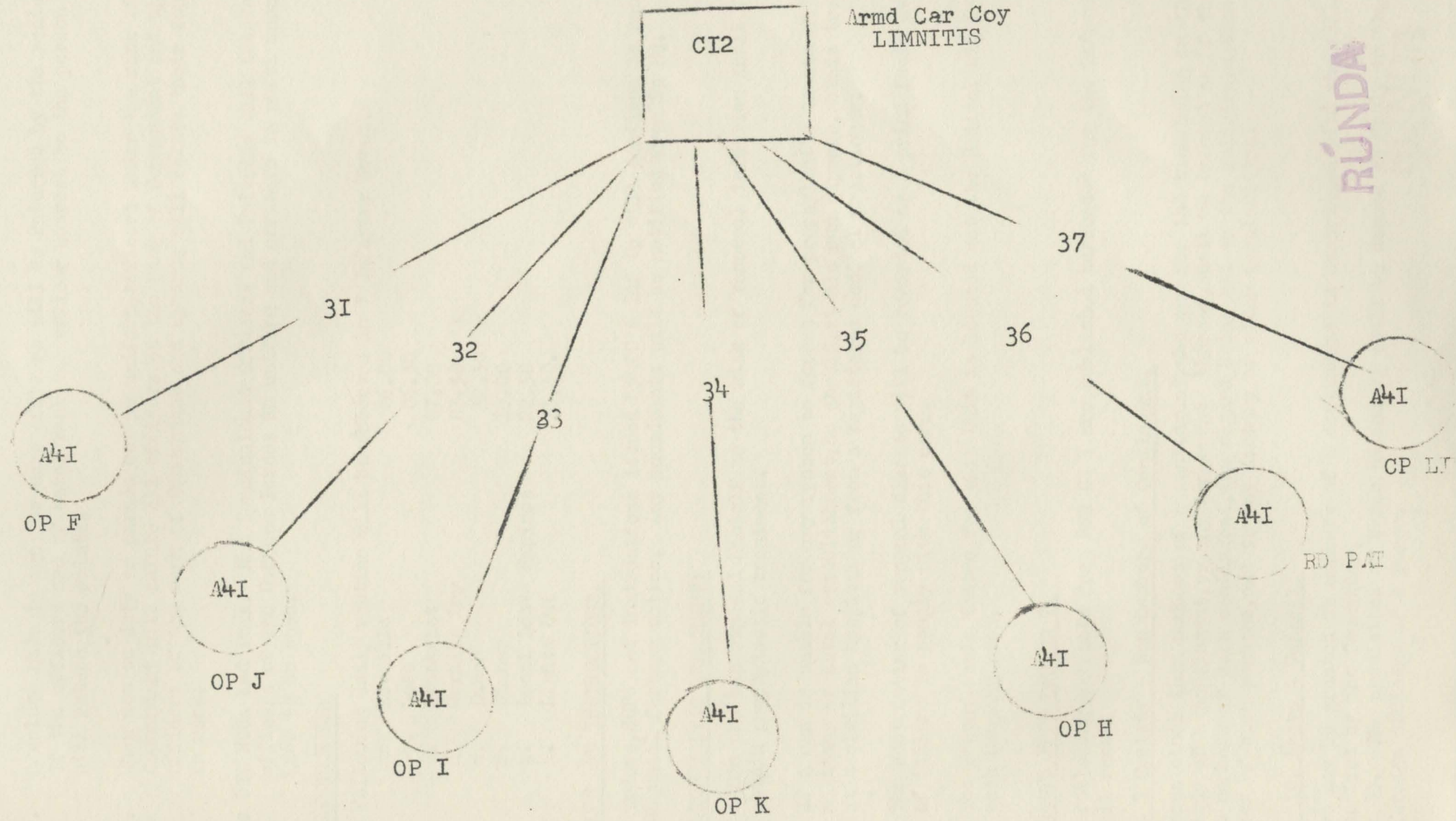
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EXTRACTS FROM UNFICYP SCPs IN R.Os.

1. SALUTES:

Paras 59 and 6I of DFR A.7 are published hereunder for information of all ranks.

- 59(a) Officers will salute their seniors before addressing them on duty or on parade.
- (b). A salute made to two or more officers will be returned by the senior only. If the officers are of equal rank, the officer nearest to the person saluting will return the salute.
- (c). When not on duty or parade but in uniform, officers under the rank of Commandant will salute all officers of the rank of Commandant and upwards. Officers of the rank of Commandant and upwards will salute their superiors in rank.

Para 6I, NCOs and Ptes. Non Commissioned Officers and Privates will salute all officers of the Defence Forces in uniform and officers in mufti whom they know to be such.

2. DAILY ROUTINE:

The following daily routine will be observed in 7 Infantry Group.

a. Reveille	06.00
b. Mass	06.30
c. Breakfast	07.00
d. Working Day	07.30
e. Lunch	12.30
f. Dinner	18.00
g. Local Leave Expires	22.30
h. Lights Out	23.30.

3. ORDERS AND INSTRUCTIONS.

All Orders, SOPs and Instructions issued by OC 6 Inf Gp will continue to remain in force until further notice. Any amendments will be notified from Gp HQ.

VD PROPHYLACTIC TREATMENT:

- a. A Man who has exposed himself to the risk of venereal infection shall forthwith obtain prophylactic treatment.
- b. If a man is unable for any reason to report for prophylactic treatment to a military or naval establishment, he should, at his own expense, obtain treatment at a civilian hospital or from a registered medical practitioner.
- c. The contracting of venereal disease will be regarded as a prima facie evidence of failure to comply with this para.
- d. The Prophylactic Centre for this Unit is located at the Medical Aid Post in each Company area.

EXTRACTS FROM DFR CS 7.

The following extracts from DFR CS 7 are published hereunder for the information of all ranks.

Para 9 Custody - Non members of Contingent.

Persons other than members of a contingent, who are for the time being in the custody of a contingent, or any component thereof, shall be treated as if they were members of such contingent, due regard being had to the religion, nationality or sex of such persons, and to any dietary or other peculiarities.

Para 10. Leave - General.

Leave may be granted to members of a contingent in accordance with the scale authorised by the Commander.

Para 33. The provisions of Paras 59 and 6I shall be deemed to apply to the saluting of foreign officers of a Force.

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The following extracts from UN SOPs are published hereunder for the information of all ranks.

PARA 602 - SECURITY - GENERAL:

Successful security can only be achieved when it becomes the personal daily concern of every member of UNFICYP. This entails the education of all ranks in the importance of maintaining proper security measures and reporting any breaches of security regulations. Education is the foundation of good security.

PARA 614 - SECURITY OF MATERIAL:

Arrangements for the protection of material and establishments are the responsibility of those into whose charge they are committed. Such protection is afforded by efficient guards, adequate physical obstructions, rigid control of access and by careful supervision of all employees. Visitors to military depots or stores and especially those concerned with armaments, ammunition, or explosives will be strictly controlled.

PARA 615 - SECURITY OF PERSONNEL:

Security of personnel must be ensured in the following ways:

- a. Protection of members of the Force against subversion.
- b. Security clearance of military personnel and civilians attached to the Force before they are allowed access to classified information.

PARA 618 - PRESS:

Members of the press are not to be allowed to enter camp areas without the consent of the Commanding Officer.

PARA 619 - CONVERSATION:

It must be always be considered that there is a risk of conversations on classified subjects being overheard. It is an offence for any member of the UN Forces to talk carelessly; any incidents heard are to be reported at once. Particular care is to be taken when talking to members of either community on the island.

PARA 620 - TROOPS ON DUTY:

- a. Uniform is to be worn by all military personnel outside UNFICYP Camps and the R.F NICOSIA complex.
- b. Weapons are to be carried only as detailed below:
 - (1) Members of UNFICYP are always to carry personal arms and ammunition when performing operational duties.
 - (2) Members of UNFICYP engaged in routine administrative duties by day or by night are not normally required to be armed unless so ordered by Zone/District Commanders in special circumstances.
 - (3) Recreational parties by day (including drivers of recreational transport) are not to be in possession of arms or ammunition. If there is any real chance that weapons might be required by UN troops during recreational journeys, such journeys should not be authorised.
 - (4) Members of UNFICYP walking out singly or in casual groups when off duty are on no account to be armed.
- c. Personnel on foot or travelling in vehicles should be in groups of not less than two when weapons are carried or when travelling through areas designated by Zone/District Commanders as unsafe.
- d. Sentries are not to be posted singly at night, except if posts are established within the Unit location.

PARA 621 - TROOPS OFF DUTY:

Off duty restrictions are covered in Personnel Instructions No.9.

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PRIVATE PHOTOGRAPHY - PROHIBITED LIST OF OBJECTS:

- I. Members of the Force are expressly forbidden to take private photographs of the following objects.
2. Objects in all Zones and Districts:
 - a. Personnel, equipment, vehicles, camps, posts or installations belonging to the Greek Cypriot National Guard, Turkish Cypriot Fighters, Greek and Turkish National Contingents.
 - b. Restricted areas, both inland and coastal.
 - c. Any area when there is confrontation between the Greek and Turkish Cypriots including anywhere near the Green Line.
 - d. CYPOL Posts.
 - e. Coastal Defences.
 - f. AA Defences.
 - g. Prisons and Fire Stations.
 - h. Harbours and Dock Installations.
 - j. Police Stations.
 - k. Shipping, both mercantile Marine and Naval.
 - l. Greek or Turkish Cypriot civilians, unless permission has first been obtained.
3. Objects notified by HQ Zones/Districts (Not incl above).
 - a. Area of Nicosia (East and West Nicosia Districts)
 1. Any Turkish Cypriot area including the Kyrenia Road, unless permission has first been obtained from the appropriate Zone/District HQ.
 2. Any part of the airfield, equipment or aircraft at RAF NICOSIA, unless permission has first been obtained from RAF Authorities.
 - b. Famagusta Zone:

The coastal strip taken from the beachor sea between Hotel Grecian, Grid Reference S 596I to SE 10 Kilometres, Grid Reference S 6554.
 - c. Limassol District:

Keo Factory and Castle in Limassol town.
4. Doubtful Cases;
 - a. In cases where an individual is in any doubt as to whether a photograph may be taken, it is his personal responsibility to use common sense and obtain permission beforehand from the nearest Turkish or Greek Cypriot authority as appropriate.
 - b. Personnel should also beware of accidentally featuring prohibited objects in the background of any part of an otherwise legitimate photograph.

SMUGGLING.

1. Members of UNFICYP are at all times to avoid giving the least appearance of favouring either the Greek or the Turkish community.
2. Members of UNFICYP are not, under any circumstances, to transport goods of any description by any means to, at the request of, or on behalf of, a Greek, Greek Cypriot, Turk or Turkish Cypriot, except by special authorisation, by specific items, of HQ UNFICYP.

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CUSTOM DUTY:

The duty free importation of consumable goods such as tobacco, beer, spirits and other items of small value for re-sale in service institutes, is by agreement with the Cyprus Government. This concession is conditional upon the goods so imported being for the exclusive use of members of the Force. It is therefore illegal for any member of the Force to sell, exchange, give away or otherwise dispose of duty free goods. Offenders are liable to severe punishment, and abuses may result in the concessions being withdrawn.

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Monday	24 Oct 66	Col. Hald, C.M.G.	All Camps	Lunch Xeros
Tuesday	25 Oct 66	General Martels.	Xeros	Lunch
Wednesday	26 Oct 66	Lt. Col. Egan (1st A.M.P.) and 3 others.	Xeros	Lunch
Thursday	27 Oct 66	Lt. Col. Stanger, Chief 1003 Offs.	Xeros	Lunch
Friday	28 Oct 66	Col. O. Reuth and Wife. (M.D. Austria Field Hosp.)	Xeros	Dinner
Thursday	3 Nov 66	Gen. Martels and Wife.	All Camps	Lunch Xeros.
Friday	11 Nov 66	Mr. P. Bairne	Xeros	Lunch
Tuesday	15 Nov 66	Six Greek Officers	Xeros	Dinner
Wednesday	16 Nov 66	Fr. Fliviano (Talk)	Xeros	Dinner
Thursday	17 Nov 66	Brig. M. Harbottle	Xeros	Lunch
Monday	21 Nov 66	Lt. Col. R.B. M'viner (S.B.S.)	Xeros	Dinner
Monday	28 Nov 66	Lt. Col. Stanger and Wife.	Xeros	Lunch
Friday	2 Dec 66	Lt. Col. Wythe (C30)	Lofka	Lunch
Tuesday	6 Dec 66	Lt. Col. Stanger and Lt. Col. Clark (replacement)	Xeros	Lunch
Sunday	11 Dec 66	Lt. Col. M'viner, wife and 2 daughters.	Xeros	Lunch
Friday	13 Jan 67	Fr. Fliviano.	Xeros	
Wednesday	25 Jan 67	Minister & Party	All Camps	Dinner Xeros
Thursday	26 Jan 67	Chief-of-Staff, Lt. Gen. S. Mac Poin.	Xeros	
Thursday	9 Feb 67	Gen. Martels.	Xeros (Madal Parade)	
Monday	13 Feb 67	Lt. Col. Adolph and replacement.	Xeros	Lunch
Thursday	15 Feb 67	Mr. & Mrs O'Bairne, Fr. Barry, Mr. & Mrs Hunt, Capt. O'Bailey, Capt. McCarthy.	Xeros	Dinner

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IMPORTANT VISITORS TO IRCON.

<u>D Y</u>	<u>D T E</u>	<u>VISITOR</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Thursday	20 Oct 66	Col. Neild, C.M.O.	All Camps	Lunch Xeros
Tuesday	25 Oct 66	General Martola.	Xeros	Lunch
Wednesday	26 Oct 66	Lt. Col. Egan (1st R.W.F.) and 3 others.	Xeros	Lunch
Thursday	27 Oct 66	Lt. Col. Stanyar, Chief LOGS Offr.	Xeros	Lunch
Friday	28 Oct 66	Col. O. Reuth and Wife. (M.D. Austrian Fld Hosp.)	Xeros	Dinner
Thursday	3 Nov 66	Gen. Martola and Aide.	All Camps	Lunch Xeros.
Friday	11 Nov 66	Mr. P. Beirne	Xeros	Lunch
Tuesday	15 Nov 66	Six Greek Officers	Xeros	Dinner
Wednesday	16 Nov 66	Fr. Flaviano (Talk)	Xeros	Dinner
Thursday	17 Nov 66	Brig. M. Herbottle	Xeros	Lunch
Monday	21 Nov 66	Lt. Col. R.B. Maviner (S.B.A.)	Xeros	Dinner
Monday 28	28 Nov 66	Lt. Col. Stanyar and Wife.	Xeros	Lunch
Friday	2 Dec 66	Lt. Col. Wythe (CSO)	Lefka	Lunch
Tuesday	6 Dec 66	Lt. Col. Stanyar and Lt. Col. Clark (replacement)	Xeros	Lunch
Sunday	11 Dec 66	Lt. Col. Maviner, wife and 2 daughters.	Xeros	Lunch
Friday	13 Jan 67	Fr. Flaviano.	Xeros	-
Wednesday	25 Jan 67	Minister & Party	All Camps	Dinner Xeros
Thursday	26 Jan 67	Chief-of-Staff, Lt. Gen. S. Mac Eoin.	Xeros	-
Thursday	9 Feb 67	Gen. Martola.	Xeros (Medal Parade)	-
Monday	13 Feb 67	Lt. Col. Adolph and replacement.	Xeros	Lunch
Thursday	16 Feb 67	Mr. & Mrs O'Beirne, Fr. Beaty, Mr. & Mrs Hunt, Capt. O'Reilly, Capt. McCarthy.	Xeros	Dinner

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APPENDIX 1 TO ANNEX "J"
UNIT HISTORY
7TH INFANTRY GROUP.

VISIT BY SENIOR ORDNANCE OFFICER 20 Oct 66.

1. Further to my visit of 20 Oct '66, the following is a resumé of points raised :

a. Bedsteads NFC

Unit demand IRCON 7/4 qty 25. To be upgraded to "RED STAR" (an urgent requirement).

b. Batteries Torch 1.5 V 6135-99-910-1101.

Unit demand 26 dtd 14 Oct 66 qty 576.
Reduced to qty 122.
Re-submit a demand to me for qty 300 as soon as possible. Issue will be arranged. Please advise me the average length of life of the batteries to enable accurate forecasts to be given to the Provision Officer, Dhekelia.

c. Line Hydrated

Unit demand 23 dtd 14 Oct 66 qty 168 lbs. Ord Depot have been requested to treat as an urgent issue.

d. Hire Schedule

It is appreciated that the current copy has just been received, kindly let me have your observations soonest.

e. M.37 Stoves(Kato Pyrgos)

I have, through the good offices of the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps Detachment, been able to arrange release of qty 1 on long term loan. M 7 should liaise with Capt. Rogers, RCOG, for collection.

f. Additional Tentage(Kato Pyrgos Sgts' Mess)

Submit demand (AFG 982E) with supporting justification to LOGS A2 this HQ.

g. Ammo Storage

A formal request has been made for the Ammo Inspector to visit and advise on type of field storage at all locations. He will also arrange inspection of the suspect ammo at Linnitis.

h. Spray Insecticide Spares

It is requested that details of demands which were not met are forwarded.

i. Surplus Non-Perishable Rations

It was observed that quantities of non-perishable rations are being accumulated. These should be back-loaded to the Ord Det UNFICYP for re-distribution within other Contingents. Separate instructions are being issued on this matter.

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j. Gas Stove -Main Officers' Mess, XEROS

The matter has been referred to CIO for his approval and hire of a domestic Gas Cooker.

k. Issue Clothing (UN)

A complaint was raised about the issue of Trousers(UN). An investigation has been made. Result as follows:-

SIZE	DEMANDED BY QM 6 INF GP	ISSUED
UN Small	280	Nil (No stock)
Medium	400	680
Large	200	200
X Large	100	100
XX Large	40	40

Perhaps you will advise if there is now a problem on the tailoring.

1. Road Tracking-Linnitis

A request has been made through Engineer Branch for a quantity of Sonerfield Track to be issued to enable replacement of unserviceable at Linnitis.

2. Dependent on the queries raised on the Hire Schedule, I propose to visit the QM at Xeros and the remaining Coy at Lofka on Tuesday, 8 Nov.

3. Very many thanks for your kind hospitality.

(J.K.Head)
Major
for Brigadier
Chief of Staff.

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NOTES ON CERTAIN FINANCIAL AND OTHER ASPECTS OF
SERVICE IN UNFICYP.

OFFICERS

1. Personnel of the Permanent Defence Force volunteering for service with 7 Grúp Coisithe which will form part of the Irish Contingent of the International United Nations Force in CYPRUS (UNFICYP) must be willing to serve with the contingent for a period of six months. It must be clearly understood, however, that the Government is not committed to maintaining 7 Grúp Coisithe with UNFICYP for longer than approximately two months even if it should be necessary to keep a United Nations Force in Cyprus after the expiration of that period. In this connection however, attention is directed to paragraph 4 hereunder.

2. Officers serving in UNFICYP will be paid special allowance as follows:-

(A) Overseas Allowance at the following rates:-

	<u>Single</u>	<u>Married</u>
Cornal	36/3	51/3
Leftenant-Chornal	36/3	51/3
Cernnfort	36/3	51/3
Captain	26/3	41/3
Leftenant	26/3	41/3
Dara-Leftenant	26/3	41/3

Overseas allowance will be credited to the Officers' Bank Accounts in the same way as their pay will be credited.

(B) Local Service Allowance ("Per Diem allowance") at a daily rate of 9/3d irrespective of rank.

Local service allowance will be paid in local currency. Personnel will not normally be permitted to let any part of this allowance remain as a credit in their pay accounts.

The local service allowance applies only to personnel of the contingent serving with UNFICYP including personnel on UN /....Contd.

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Headquarters Staff in Cyprus, and is not to be regarded as a precedent for the payment of such an allowance by the Irish Government on any future occasion.

3. Personnel will be eligible for overseas allowance and local service allowance for the period of their service with UNFICYP, including the date of their departure from Ireland and the date of their return.

4. If 7 Grúpa Coisithe is withdrawn by the Government after less than three months (91) days from the date of departure from Ireland (including dates of departure and return) the above-mentioned allowances will be paid on the basis of 91 days to personnel who have had full service. Personnel who joined the contingent after the arrival of the Main Body of 7 Grúpa Coisithe in Cyprus or who were repatriated for any reason (including medical) other than the withdrawal of the contingent will be paid the allowances only for the actual period of their service with UNFICYP.

5. The local service allowance ("per diem allowance") mentioned at 2(B) above will be paid by the Irish Government on the distinct understanding that no allowance of this nature will be paid by the United Nations. Should such an allowance be paid by the United Nations no local service allowance will be paid by the Irish Government.

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ANNEX "K" TO
UNIT HISTORY
7th INFANTRY GP.

RATES OF COMPENSATION IN THE EVENT OF THE
DEATH OR DISABLEMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE
PERMANENT DEFENCE FORCE ON UN SERVICE
IN CYPRUS.

Ex-gratia compensation at the following rates will be payable in the event of the death or disablement of members of the Permanent Defence Force arising from service with the United Nations Force in CYPRUS.

- (i) £3,500 to the dependants of married and £2,000 to the dependants of single men who were killed while serving with the United Nations Force in Cyprus or died of wounds, attributable to such service, within four years of the date of the wounds, or died in Cyprus as a result of disease attributable to such service or died within four years after return from Cyprus as a result of disease attributable to such service;
- (ii) £1,000 in the event of a 100% disablement attributable to service, with proportionately smaller sums for lesser degrees of disablement;
- (iii) £750 in the event of a 100% disablement caused by disease aggravated by service, with proportionately smaller sums for lesser degrees of disablement.

The above sums will be paid, without distinction as to rank, in addition to the statutory benefits payable under the Army Pensions' Acts.

The reckonable degree of disablement for the purpose of the award of a lump sum shall be that assessed by the Army Pensions Board on the applicant's first medical examination and not on any subsequent re-examination. A claim in respect of a wound must be made within a year after discharge and in respect of a disease within eight years after discharge. The minimum degree of disablement necessary to qualify for a lump sum is :-

- a. 50% in the case of disease attributable to service
- b. 80% in the case of disease aggravated by service
and
- c. 20% in the case of a wound attributable to service.

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GROUP CHOIR - NICOSIA CHURCH SERVICE.

CIVILIAN.

Lieut. Egar - Conductor.

B.S.M Jackson W - HQ Coy.

Sgt. Kearney C. - H. Coy.

Sgt. Ronayne W - H. Coy.

C. MS O'Donnell R - A Coy.

Sgt. Ryan M. - A Coy.

Cpl. McCarton - A Coy.

Cpl. Geraghty K - A Coy.

Pte. Lawlor - A Coy.

Pte. Geraghty - A Coy.

MILITARY.

Tpr. Fahy - A Coy

Sgt. Geary - Armd Car Gp.

Cpl. O'Neill - Armd Car Gp.

Pte. Hughes - Armd Car Gp

Pte. Mills - Armd Car Gp

Cpl. Weston - B Coy

Pte. Bluett - B Coy

Pte. Cox - B Coy

Pte. Caulfield - B Coy.

Pte. Murray - B Coy.

Pte. Donovan - B Coy.

Pte. Sheehy - B Coy

Pte. Bowes - B Coy

Pte. Monaghan - B Coy.

PRIVATE.

Col. & Mrs. Parker (US Military Attache)

Mrs. C. Thornton,

Col. & Mrs. Mariner

Mr. & Mrs. G. R. Parker.

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V.I.P. GUEST LIST - CHRISTMAS PARTY -
SEAGULL RESTAURANT - XEROS.

CIVILIAN.

CYPRUS:

Mr. & Mrs. P. Beirne.

AMERICAN:

Mr. & Mrs. Lou Moreno-Verdin.

AUSTRALIAN:

Australian - Supt. J. O'Connor.

DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

Canadian Defence Adviser

- Lt. Col. W. D. Little, MC CD.

British High Commissioner

- Sir David Hunt, KCMG OBE.

British Defence Adviser

- Col. A. W. D. Lewis, OBE MC.

President Rep. of UN Development Programme

- Mr. & Mrs. Hald.

MILITARY.

FINNISH:

Lieut. Gen. Martola & Aide.

Brig. Harbottle.

Col. Adolphe.

BRITISH:

CO. - Black Watch - Lt. Col. E. W. Nicholl.

CO. - A Sqn 5 Innis DG Maj. & Mrs. Swindells.

DANISH:

CO. - Lt. Col. & Mrs. J. J. Ladegard-Nekkelsen.

SWEDISH:

CO & 2 i/C. - Lt. Col. B. Stjernfeldt.

Lt. Col. O. Hessler.

FINNISH:

CO - Col. & Mrs. O Nuutilainen.

CANADIAN:

Contingent Comdr. - Col. W. W. Turner. OD.

CO. RCR - Lt. Col. P. A. Labelle CD

CO. Fort Garry Horse Maj. C. G. Kitchen.

AUSTRIAN:

CO - Col. O. Renth MD. MS.

PRIVATE.

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BRITISH BASE AREAS.

- DEPUTY COMMANDER - Brig. E.B.G. Davies - Scourfield. CBE.MC.
- OC, BMH. & ADMS. - Col. S.E. Large.
- OC 2 Royal Anglian - Lt. Col. A.J. Hycraft.
- Matron BMH. - Lt. Col. A. Looran AERC. QUARANC.
- OC RAF - Fl. Lt. D.E.A. Rees.

GREEKS.

- Col. Miltiadous.
- Lt. Col. Grigoriou.
- Lt. Col. Nickoliades.
- Lt. Col. Demetriades.
- Lt. Col. Constantanou.
- Lt. Col. Georgiou.
- Lt. Gen. Prokos.

Mr. T. Martangano.

Maj. D.A. Hallsworth. - C.O.O.

Lt. Col. S.H. Clarke - C.L.O.

No change.

"1" Pl. Sgt. Tent Repairer NCT required on Adv. Party. Could travel with B/ Pers Chalk 3.

MT Pl. Delete 2 Cpl Fitters and 2 Pte Fitters and substitute 4 Pte Drvs MT. There is a greater need for MT Drvs in Cyprus early in a tour of duty than fitters so that Drvs can become familiar with roads and gen lfc conditions before arrival of main body.

Six Pl. No change.

Med Pl. No change.

Armed Car Gp. No change.

"a" Coy.

a. Delete "Sgt" and substitute "Pl Comdr". This is considered necessary in view of the fact that LCPA sub-unit area covers 2/3 rds of Contingent District and requires greater time for familiarisation.

b. Delete "Sgt "Q" Duties" and substitute C.M.S. It is the opinion of present Coy Comdr that this NCC is essential in the Adv Party.

"B" Coy. Delete "Sgt "Q" Duties" and substitute C.M.S. Otherwise no change.

MAIN BODY:

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2. Gp HQ Legal Officer - travel chalk 7 - instead of w/Dps - Adv Party.

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Annex N to Unit
History, 7 Infantry
Group.

RECOMMENDATIONS - ROTATION 7/8 INF GPS.

" Our Reference 7 GP/A/46.

Headquarters,
7 Infantry Group,
Xeros,
Republic of Cyprus.

10 February, 1967.

SP70.

Rotation : 7/8 Inf Gp.

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Your CS 98/19 of 20 Eanair, '67 refers.

Herunder recommendations in respect of above.

ADV PARTY.

- I. Gp Hq. Delete "Legal Officer" and substitute "Asst Ops Offr." The inclusion of a Legal Officer in the Adv Party is NOT necessary. It is desirable that Asst Ops Offr be included so as to ensure greater continuity in the operational sphere.
2. Hq Coy. No change.
3. A Pl. No change.
4. Hy Mor Tp. No change.
5. "Q" Pl. Sgt. Tent Repairer NOT required on Adv. Party. Could travel with Hq Pers Chalk 3.
6. MT Pl. Delete 2 Cpl Fitters and 2 Pte Fitters and substitute 4 Pte Drvs MT. There is a greater need for MT Drvs in Cyprus early in a tour of duty than fitters so that drvs can become familiar with roads and gen tfc conditions before arrival of main body.
7. Sig Pl. No change.
8. Med Pl. No change.
9. Armd Car Gp. No change.
10. "A" Coy.
 - a. Delete "Sgt" and substitute "Pl Comdr". This is considered necessary in view of the fact that LEFKA sub-unit area covers 2/3 rds of Contingent District and requires greater time for familiarisation.
 - b. Delete "Sgt "Q" Duties" and substitute CQMS. It is the opinion of present Coy Comdrs that this NCO is essential in the Adv Party.
- II. "B" Coy. Delete "Sgt "Q" Duties" and substitute CQMS. Otherwise no change.

MAIN BODY:

- I2. Gp Hq. Legal Officer - travel chalk 7 - instead of A/Ops -Adv Party.

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I3. HQ Coy: Pers of Chalk I should travel in Chalk 3. The reason is to ensure that sufficient OP pers will arrive Chalks I and 2 to ensure a smooth operational take-over.

I4. A COY (LEFKA)

a. Sufficient pers Rifle Pl (26) to be incl in Chalk I for reasons as stated at para I3 above. This Pl (-) to be detached to LIMNITIS Area on arrival in Cyprus. Balance of this Pl(4) to travel in Chalk 3.

I5. B Coy.

En Cpl Clerk (Chalk 7) in Coy HQ Pers Chalk 2.

I6. In view of redeployment of 7 Inf Gp as outlined in OO No.2 of 7 Inf Gp dated 7 Feb 67 it should be noted that above recommendations are based on the assumption that "A" Coy 8 Inf Gp will replace B Coy,7 Inf Gp at LEFKA and that B Coy,8 Inf Gp will replace A Coy,7 Inf Gp at KATO PYRGOS.

1. That best Ops Offr travel in Adv Party.
2. That 2 Pk Drvs MT be incl in HQ Pl Adv Party. 1 Cpl & 2 Pk Drvs were added to HQ Pl Adv Party. One Pk Drv added to Adv Party of each Rifle Coy.

3. That Pl Comd be incl in A Coy Adv Party.
4. That Cpl be incl in Rifle Coy Adv Party.
5. That R. Party of Chalk (M.C.O h-Ainlighe)

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6. The following recommendations were agreed to:-
deployment of 7 Inf Gp as follows:-

- a. A Coy 8 Inf Gp to LEFKA.
- b. B Coy 8 Inf Gp to KATO PYRGOS.
- 9. Proposed Adv Party 8 Inf Gp.
 - a. Pl include Sgt Tent Repairer.
 - b. 1 Pk Pl add Cpl, MT Drv & 2 Pk Drvs MT.
 - c. A Coy Adv Party add Pk Drv.
 - d. B Coy Adv Party add Pk Drv.

Amount overall to :-
19 officers - 60 Pk Drvs - 24 Pk Drvs
Replacements 8, 12, 12, 12

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Our Reference 7GP/A/46.

Headquarters,
7 Infantry Group (IRCON)
Xeros.
Republic of Cyprus.

27 February, 1967.

OC, HQ Coy,
OC, A Coy,
OC, B Coy,
OC, A/Car Gp.

Rotation 7/8 Inf Gp,

Hereunder extract from CS/98/I9 dated the 21 Feb 67 from SP70 re above. The following recommendations by OC, 7 Inf Gp re composition Advance Party 8 Inf Gp were NOT agreed to:-

1. That Asst Ops Offr travel in Adv Party.
2. The 4 Pte Drvs MT be incl in MT Pl Adv Party. 1 Cpl & 2 Pte MT Drvs was added to Tpt Pl Adv Party. One Pte Drv added to Adv Party of each Rifle Coy.
3. That Pl Comd be inc in A Coy Adv Party.
4. That CQMS be incl in Rifle Coy Adv Party.
5. That HQ Pers of Chalk I travel in Chalk 3.
6. That Rifle Pl (26) Chalk 3 be included in Chalk I.
7. That Cpl. Clerk (B) Coy travel in Chalk 2.
8. The following recommendations were agreed to:- Initial deployment of 8 Inf Gp be as follows:-
 - a. A Coy 8 Inf Gp to LEFKA.
 - b. B Coy 8 Inf Gp to KATO PYRGOS.
9. Provisional Adv Party 8 Inf Gp.
 - a. Pl delete Sgt Tent Repairer.
 - b. Tpt Pl add Cpl. MT Drv & 2 Ptes Drvs MT.
 - c. A Coy Adv Party add Pte Rifleman dvr.
 - d. B Coy Adv Party add Pte Rifleman dvr.

Amend overall to :-

I9 officers - 60 NCOs - 21 Ptes + 1 C.F. (IOI)
Replacements HQ UNFICYP Staff 13.

Please Ack.

(J.C. Bunyan) Capt.

Adjutant, 7 Infantry Group (IRCON).

Copy to each S.O. 7 Inf Gp.

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HOLY LAND TOURS.
Information Summary.

GENERAL.

Tours of the HOLY LAND and LEBANON have been organised for personnel of 7 Infantry Group and IRCON per HQ UNFICYP.

I. SEQUENCE AND PROGRAMME.

a. Sequence of Tours.

- Tour No.1. Tue 17 Jan to Mon 22 Jan.
- Tour No 2. Tues 24 Jan to Mon 30 Jan.
- Tour No 2 A Tue 31 Jan to Mon 6 Feb
- Tour No 3 Tue 14 Feb to Mon 20 Feb
- Tour No 4 Tue 21 Feb to Mon 28 Feb.

b. Programme:

(I) Outline

Tuesday	Travelling Day
Wednesday	Touring Jerusalem.
Thursday	Touring Jerusalem.
Friday A.M.	do
Friday P.M.	Travel to Beirut.
Saturday	Touring Beirut.
Sunday	do.
Monday A.M.	Free.
Monday P.M.	Return to Nicosia.

Itinerary.

See leaflets issued by Travel agency and Appendix "A" attd.

Flight Info.

(ii) NICOSIA /BEIRUT	ME 264
BEIRUT/JERUSALEM	ME 314
JERUSALEM/BEIRUT	ME 311
BEIRUT/NICOSIA	ME 263.

(iii) Time Table:

Report to Nicosia Airport	1150 hrs.
Depart Nicosia	1250 hrs.
Arrive Beirut	1340 hrs.
Depart Beirut	1450 hrs.
Arrive Jerusalem	1530 hrs.
Depart Jerusalem	0910 hrs.
Arrive Beirut	1000 hrs.
Depart Beirut	1700 hrs
Arrive Beirut	1755 hrs.

(iv) Baggage Allowance 44 lbs (22 kilos).

2. Transport. Transport for conveying personnel to and from Nicosia Airport will be organise and co-ordinated by Gp HQ for each Tour.

3. Accommodation

a. JERUSLAEM

- (i) Officers - Sheppards.
- (ii) O/Rks - Mount of Olives.

b. BEIRUT

- (i) Officers - Cedarlands Hotel.
 - (ii) NCOs and Ptes Triumph Hotel
- Two persons each room.

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- (ii) Cheques from Officer of 7 Infantry Group must be submitted to Capt. McEvoy NOT later than Thursday preceeding date of departure of tour.
- b. (i) NCOs and Ptes will be paid credits requisitioned less £28 - 5 - 6 which will be paid over to travel agency by Capt. P. McEvoy. Disbursement of balance will be arranged by Unit Cashier with paying Officers, in sterling.
- (ii) Procurement of sterling may cost 25 mils per £1, Bank Charges.

10. Convertability.

- a. Lebanon - £1 sterling = 8.4 Lebanese £s.
 b. Jordan - £1 sterling = £1 Jordanese.
 c. Syria - £1 sterling = £9.4 Syrian £s.
 d. Cypriot currency is NOT always readily negotiable in Jordan and Beirut. When it is accepted, it may cost up to 50 mils per £1 exchange.
 e. Sterling or US dollars should be carried for convenience.

II. General Information.

- a. Swimming: In Dead Sea, it is rather a novelty. Charge 2/- togs may be hired. The guide will warn you not to dive into the water, not to allow it into your eyes and finally NOT to swallow any - heed his advise - enter water slowly and swim only on your back.
- b. Beitour Bazaar: This is well worth a visit. Market and shopping centre are located nearby. A trolley bus for 4d will get you there from the hotel.
- c. Beirut Free Airport. Has shops where goods may be purchased duty free e.g. cameras, watches, transistor radios and the like. However, recent experience has proved that except for radios, prices are rather high for a duty free shop. The opportunity only exists while in transit so purchases must be made on way home.
- d. Taxis. Fares in Beirut are not expensive. Red Plated Taxi cost 5/- to any locality. service taxi (Red and Black Plate) cost 1/6 you may have to share this type of taxi with others.
- e. Bus: - is very cheap - only 4d.
- f. Spending money: On souinners, refreshments etc., should be planned and controlled on a daily basis to ensure that all is NOT spent in first few days. Sufficient money should be reserved for final 2½ days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
- g. Buying. Do NOT buy souinners on your own. You will do much better in groups of three or four - even when all together in one shop and remember, bargain hard. The following were regarded as "good buys" by previous groups.
- ERUSALEM: Olivewood carvings (Rosary 1/ Missal 10/ Cribs £1)
 Inlaid trinket box (£4 to £5) Cross on stand in olivewood (10/ 14 Stations) Carved camels (3 or less)
 Small trinket box (£1) Mother of pearl Bethlehem Star (15/-)
- BEIRUT. Necklaces, Ear Rings, Gold, Transistors.
- BAALBECK. Brass ash trays.
- h. Drink. In previous tours some people took drink with them, this is risky as it could be confiscated, but if you do bring drink confine drinking to your room - it is very offensive to the Hotel Management to bring it into the bar.
- j. Drinks at meals. You may be asked by the waiter at your table if you would like a drink, if you accept you will have to bear the costs yourself.
- k. Fruit. DO NOT EAT UNWASHED FRUIT ANYWHERE. The consequences are most unpleasant.
- l. Meals. You are entitled to three meals per day. If you have any extra you must bear the cost yourself. The meals supplied are in any case quite adequate.

12. Queries regarding the tours should be referred to Capt. P. McEvoy, Welfare Officer, 7 Inf Gp (IRCON).

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HOLY LAND TOURS - ITINERARY.

Tours whilst in Jerusalem.

Tuesday- First Day. P.M. Arrive Jerusalem

Wednesday-Second Day: 8.00 a.m. Drive to Mount Zion to see Palace of High Priest Caiphas (St. Peter in Galicante) and the Prison of Christ. Then continue to Bethelhem. On the way view Mt. Herodium. Pass by Rachel's Tomb, view Shepherd's Field. In Bethelhem visit the Basilica of the Nativity, the Grotto, the Manger the Milk Grotto etc.....
14.30 p.m. Tour in the old City of Jerusalem, visit the Church of the Flagellation, Pilate's Palace and Judgment Hall, walk along the Via Dolorosa (Way of the Cross) to Calvary and the Holy Sepulchre. Step into the Russian Excavations to see the Old City Wall in the time of Christ.

Thursday: Third Day: A.M. Drive to the Mount of Olives to visit the place of the Ascension from where 40 days after His Resurrection Christ ascended into Heaven. Also visit the Church of the Pater Noster, where Christ taught His disciples the Lord's Prayer. The Lord's Prayer can be seen xxx written in 45 languages. From the Mount of Olives go down to the Garden of Gethsamane to visit the Basilica of the Agony (Church of All Nations) where the rock of the Agony can be seen in the centre of the Basilica. Also visit the Tomb of the Blessed Virgin and Grotto of Gethsemane. Continue the tour in the Old City visiting the Church of St. Anne and the Pool of Bethesda, Sister of Zion. Continue to the Temple Area, Mosque El Aska, Wailing Wall etc.....

FRIDAY. Fourth Day: 8.30 A.M. Drive to Bethany, visiting the Tomb of Lazarus and the Church built on recent excavations. Continue to Jericho passing the Good Samaritan Inn. In Jericho visit Elisha's Fountain and view Mount Temptation. Drive to Omayad Palace (Kars Hishim) and the Jordan River. Continue to Dead Sea. Return to Jerusalem for lunch.
P.M. Leisure.

Tours whilst in Beirut.

Saturday: Fifth Day. 10.00 a.m. Arrive at Beirut from Jerusalem, reception and transfer from Airport to Hotel. Lunch at Hotel. Balance of a.m. free on city sightseeing tours.
P.M. 14.00 hours, visit Byblos (Gebeil) the oldest city of the world, the sacred city of Adonis and the principal city of Phoenicia. Visit the Crusaders Castle, the Roman and Phoenician Temples, the Tombs of the Kings of Byblos with the most important of them all the Sarcophagus of King Ahiram of the XI century B.C. In the centre of Byblos ruins stands the Roman Theatre.
Return to Beirut.

Sunday: Sixth Day. After Mass and breakfast drive to Baalbeck, passing through the summer resorts of Lebanon, Alley Bhamdoun and Sefar. takes you to the fantastic Temple City of the Sun on which Roman Emperors lavished great treasures in honour of BAAL. Visit the Roman Temples of Bacchus, Jupiter and Venus. Lunch on way. Outings cease.

Sunday: Seventh Day. A.M. At leisure.
P.M. Take off - 17.00 hours.
Arrive Nicosia - 18.00 hrs.

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DRESS:

- a. All ranks wear best "WHITES" with shoes on the outward journey to to JERUSALEM and returning to NICOSIA. Uniform or civilians may be worn in JORDAN and LEBANON. Civilian shirts may be worn with civilian slacks (whites). Uniform shirts may be worn in place of civilian shirts if rank markings and flashes are removed, but white civilian shirts are preferable.
- b. Kit required. Civilian slacks, two civilian shirts, 2 prs socks, 2 prs shoes (if available), pyjamas, pillover, 2 singlets, 2 under-pants, towel and toilet accessories should be carried.

Passports: NOT needed for these tours. UN ID CARD MUST BE CARRIED.

Travel Agency:

a. Tours are organised through:- Thornton & Pengelley, Homer Ave., Nicosia. Tele No. 2315-2188 (Office).

- b. Cable address of Tours:
 - (i) JERUSALEM - ALBINATOUR.
 - (ii) BEIRUT - PANARAB.

c. Couriers and Guides:

- (i) Agency representative will be in attendance at airports.
- (ii) A guide appointed by the Travel Agency will conduct each tour. When touring the Holy Land shrines and other places of interest, it is imperative to keep in touch with him. DO NOT STRAGGLE. When he has completed each visit, adequate time will be allowed for photography and purchasing of souvenirs. The cost of gratuities and entrance fees are included in the cost of the tours.
- (iii) Always ask the guide if it is in order to take a particular photograph - many Arabs are sensitive about having their photograph taken and often there is a military ban on photography.

Control.

- a. An officer i/c and N.C.O i/c are appointed for each tour. They will be provided with personal copies of their tour manifest, to be carried by them on the tour.
- b. Should a party decide to divide at any time - particularly on free days - an RV and time should be set up by the officer or NCO i/c party and strictly adhered to. The hotel is a suitable RV.

8. Tour and Insurance Charges.

a. Tour:

- (i) Officers £29 - 10 - 0
- (ii) ORS £28 - 0 - 0.
- (iii) No other fees are payable.

b. Insurance.

- (i) For the sum of £3,500 - 18/3
- (ii) For the sum of £1,000 - 5/6
- (iii) Duration of cover - 1 Week.
- (iv) Higher cover can be provided on demand.
- (v) Insurance is effected with : General Accident - Nicosia.

9. Payment of Charges:

- a. (i) Officers may pay cost of tour and insurance by cheque payable to Thornton & Pengelley through Welfare Officer NOT later than Thursday preceeding date of departure of

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AVERAGE WEATHER CHART.

Month	Mean Temp Degrees Fahr Max Min	Mean Rainfall Inches	Mean Sunshine Hours	Mean Rainless Days	Mean Days of Fog	Mean days of Thunder	Daylight on Ist. Month Time of Sun Up	Time of Sundown.
October	80.1. 57.8	.8	8.9	27.5	.4	3	0543	1732
November	71.1 51.9	1.4	7.9	23	1.1	3.7	0609	1654
December	61.2 45.4	3.6	5.5	18	1.7	2.5	0637	1636
January	57.8 42.1	2.5	6.1	17	1.2	3	0656	1646
February	58.7 41.8	2	6.1	17	1.1.	1.8	0647	1715
March	63.2 43.8	1.5	8.2	22	1.4	1.9	0617	1744

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ANNEX "Q" TO UNIT HISTORY
7th INFANTRY GROUP.

IRISH LEAVE CENTRE

FAMAGUSTA

INFORMATION SUMMARY

1. With the kind permission of the Commanding Officer, A Leave Centre for Irish officers and men will be established in Famagusta with effect from 31 Dec 1966.
2. A block of four flats occupying one building have been leased at No.s 11,13,15 and 17 Komitinis St., for other ranks, while an adjacent apartment for officers has been leased at No.5.
3. It is intended to operate No.15 as Kitchen, Dining Rooms, and Lounge for the Centre, while the other apartments will provide sleeping accommodation.
4. A maximum of 20 guests will be accommodated each week. The weeks will operate from Saturday (leaving Xeros at 1200 hrs) to Saturday (leaving Famagusta approx 1530 hrs.)
5. The charge will be £2 -10-0 per week, with full board. The charge is necessary to cover rent, insurance, food supplements, gas electricity, TV rentals, etc etc. Expenses have been cut to a minimum and the charge only barely covers the above costs.
6. Guests will appreciate that this is a communal effort and, while all cooking, etc, will be carried out by a resident staff, the guests themselves will be responsible for the cleanliness and tidiness of their own particular sleeping quarters.
7. Restrictions will be kept to a minimum, but there are certain requirements and regulations that will have to be observed. The broad outlines of these are :-
 1. Behaviour and deportment must be at all times the very best. Excessive noise, shouting and any other behaviour which interferes with, or could give offence to, the other guests will not be tolerated.
 2. No intoxicating liquor will be taken into the Centre. Ladies are not permitted on the premises. Duty free cigarettes will be on sale in the Centre.
 3. Uniform will be worn at all times. White uniforms or green National uniform (with Irish and UN Unit flash) may be worn with blue berets. Uniform should at all times be clean, tidy and properly pressed.
 4. Breaches of these regulations will lead to the immediate return, of the individual or individuals, to duty. No refund of the charge will be made in cases of this nature.
8. The following meal hours and outline will operate :-

<u>BREAKFAST</u>	Light - Fruitjuice, Flakes, tea and toast with optional fry.	0845 to 1000 hrs.
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<u>Morning Tea or Coffee</u>	-	1100 to 1115 hrs.
<u>Lunch</u> (Light lunch - variable)		1300 to 1400 hrs.
<u>Afternoon tea</u>	-	1600 to 1630 hrs.
<u>DINNER (4 course)</u>	-	1800 to 1900 hrs.

9. Mail may be directed from Companies to Famagusta.
10. Medical attention will be available at the Centre.
11. The Church in Famagusta is approximately 15 minutes walk from the Centre, while the beach is about 50 yds away. The centre is beside a bus route and is approx 5 minutes walk from the centre of the city.
12. As rent etc, has to be paid in advance, a deposit of £1 is payable immediately by anyone wishing to avail of the centre. The balance will have to be paid before taking up residence, and in any case before the 28th. January.
13. Accommodation may be increased at a later stage if there is a demand for it.
14. Personnel availing of this facility should do so with the fullest intention of co-operating to make the first Irish Leave Centre a resounding success. They should conduct themselves in a manner calculated to keep the good name of the Contingent at it's present high level.
15. Further information may be obtained from Comdt. Neill, Group 2 i/c., Capt. Devereux, Centre Manager, or Sgt. Ryna, Hq Coy, Centre Superintendent.

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NOMINAL ROLL OF PERSONNEL REPATRIATED BEFORE END OF TOUR OF DUTY.

NUMBER	RANK	NAME		COY	DATE OF REPAT.	REASON.
8I056I	Cpl	Francis	J	A	10/10/66	Compassionate
847I5	BjMS	Kelly	J	Hq	17/10/66	Do
99747	Sgt	Poole	E	A/Car	15/11/66	Disciplinary
80I69I	A/Cpl.	Lynch	E	A/Car	15/11/66	Disciplinary
0.7845	Lt.	Murphy	P	Hq	7/12/66	Compassionate
8I5866	Cpl.	Connors	M	Hq	11/12/66	Disciplinary
8I6686	A/Cpl	Carroll	A	Hq	12/12/66	Compassionate
8I6579	Pte.	Donnelly	B	A	3/1/67	Compassionate
8I674I	Pte	Braddish	J	A	19/1/67	Compassionate.
772I0	Sgt	Williams	F	Hq	15/1/67	Medical.
8I2847	Pte	Duggan	A	A	20/1/67	Compassionate
807067	Pte	Hickey	A	Hq	17/2/67	Disciplinary
86332	C/S	Neill	P	B	20/2/67	Medical
8I582I	Pte	Sweeney	C	Hq	26/2/67	Medical
96387	Sgt	Penkert	T		17/2/67	Compassionate.

NOTE: 0.7845 Lt. Murphy P rejoined UNFICYP on 19/12/66